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John Milton DeBell

THE all-important result of the class elections is the selection of John Milton DeBell for the office of Senior President. The choice of an Editor-in-Chief of Technique to take up the work of the Senior Presidency has always been the mark of exceptional ability. The important position held by such distinguished men at Technology, both as students and as graduates, may be recalled by the mention of the names of such Senior Presidents as Stevens '11, of Kebbon '12 and, in our own times, of Dorrance in 1914.

In the election of DeBell the Class of 1917 has performed an obvious duty. The superior qualities of the man have manifested themselves from the very start of his Institute career. To recall his many activities is to recite what already is common knowledge. Undoubtedly his most conspicuous achievement was Technique 1917, a notable addition to a series of great year-books. Equally important, though less conspicuous, was DeBell's editorial work on The Tech during his first two years.

DeBell's scholastic attainments are not so well known as his success in undergraduate affairs. It is a fact, however, that over two-thirds of his grades have been "C." And he is taking Course X (not IV or XV).

The class of 1917 has every reason to feel proud of this very able man they have elected as their President. The opportunities this year for constructive progress are greater than ever before. With a man of DeBell's vision and power at the wheel the class can well realize that undergraduate policies will be moulded in a simple and substantial manner.

SHOW COMPETITIONS

Sophomore Business Competition Starts Thursday

The Sophomore competition for Assistant Business Manager of the Tech Show will start Thursday, October 26, when all men interested will meet Manager Hutchings '18 at a place and time to be announced in Wednesday's issue of The Tech. The competition is open to members of the class of 1919 only. Two of the candidates will be chosen to fill the positions of First Assistant Business Manager for the 1917 Tech Show.

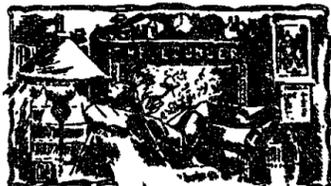
Freshmen desiring to compete for the position of freshman Assistant Publicity Manager of the Show will meet in Room 2-190 at 5.00 o'clock Wednesday. At this meeting the Publicity Manager will explain the duties of the position and will make the first assignments for the competition. The competition will be short and the successful candidate will probably be chosen before the Fall Smoker of the Show. If the work of the freshmen assistant is satisfactory he will be promoted to the position of Sophomore assistant at the end of the season, and will be made Publicity Manager of the Show in his Junior year. He then will be one of the four men considered for the office of General Manager of the 1920 Tech Show.

HUGHES VS. WILSON

The Hughes National College League has recently published a list of forty-two colleges and universities from which various number of alumni have been enrolled in the political cause. This league now has more than forty thousand graduates of colleges on its membership list with more enrollments coming in every day. Harvard leads the list with three thousand two hundred and ninety graduates, Technology holds eighth place with one thousand sixty-two members. The relative order after first place is as follows: Cornell, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Dartmouth, Columbia and M. I. T. The educational institutions whose graduates are enrolled in the league are not confined to the East as is shown by the fact that the University of California with three hundred and sixty-four graduates and the University of Michigan with eight hundred and fifty-three, are by no means at the bottom of the list.

FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

It has been decided to rank the eight leading players this spring according to their ability as shown in the fall tournament. This ranking may be changed by challenge. The man directly below in the rating may challenge the man above him, while anyone may challenge the eighth man. This will insure fairness to all. Players will not be ranked who do not play in the fall tournament.



Attendance at political rallies being the order of the day, The Lounger took occasion to stroll into the erstwhile Caf during the election mass meeting. He was quite carried away by the contagious enthusiasm of those present; since the last "regular M. I. T." he speaks in a very discreet whisper, and his experiments at the time in vocal music have left him capable of absorbing only liquid nourishment. The attendance, as The Lounger noted, was stupendous, and in fact must have included nearly all the candidates. The Lounger thinks all concerned should be congratulated on the tone of the meeting, which from Johnnie's famed hat to "Shorty" Carr's conduct of the music, was of the most elevated order.

Undoubtedly those who failed to turn up at the meeting missed a lesson in spontaneous enthusiasm which would have done their Technology career a world of good. Second only to the joyous yelps which rent the circumscribed air-space on the announcement of the new class presidents was the roar of applause that rose to greet the announcement of brand new prices for Tech Night seats. And had our country's chief executive been present when the straw vote results were announced, he no doubt would have abdicated at once rather than face the fate threatened by the tenor of the opinion among the Institute's fledgling economists. And by the way, they say that "Dud" Bell got the only Bull Moose vote cast in our miniature campaign for the United States President.

While he is on the subject of elections, The Lounger may as well say that in comparison with the votes of the former years he does not consider a turnout of from thirty-three to forty-four per cent of class ratings anything creditable to our new other-side-of-the-river Institute. He suspects that those comprising the "submerged sixty" neglected to show an election preference chiefly because, as the "alibi-mongers" have it, "they didn't know the candidates"; and when the knowledge is borne in on a Junior or Senior that he does not know his class after being with it two or three years, it is high time for the anchorite of this character to wake up and learn to mingle with his fellows.

E. E. SOCIETY EXCITER

A meeting of the Electricals will be held Thursday, October 26, from 7.15 to 9.00 o'clock, in Room 2-190. It will start promptly and be short and snappy. There are to be many radical changes this year; one of them being the abandonment of the old idea that a professional society should discuss only professional subjects. Talks will cover the whole of engineering from president to janitor, from consulting engineer to day laborer, and especial emphasis will be placed on the business and executive sides of the profession. Everybody from every course will be welcome.

The Massachusetts Agricultural College called out their cross-country team on Monday, October 2, having lost five of last year's men by graduation. Carpenter, the winner of the Aggies inter-class cross-country run last year, however, is eligible for the varsity. Carpenter together with some other 1919 men hope to bring the team up to its former strength.



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