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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1916

OUR OBLIGATION TO THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

IT IS A MATTER of great satisfaction to The Tech that the English Department has been able to form a special section in first year English for the freshmen working on the paper. Such an undertaking, occurring at the middle of a term, has involved a lot of work for the Department for the ultimate results of which The Tech is most grateful. We would also express at this time our appreciation for the efforts of those members of the Faculty who have attempted to readjust the schedules of freshmen who desire to enter the class but who have encountered conflicts at the hours selected as causing least confusion.

The formation of this class has not arisen from a selfish motive on the part of The Tech; nor does it represent favoritism. The Tech does not exist for itself. Its existence on the contrary, depends upon the affairs of the Institute and the activities of the student body. In so far as it is able to serve these ends the paper is of use. In whatever way the standards of The Tech may be improved we sincerely believe the undergraduate body will be benefited.

NO ADVICE

ADVISING a freshman how to vote is a thankless task. And very properly it is so. Even the mild insinuations of what to look for in the candidates for the various offices is a bit out of order. The average first year man knows very little of the ability of any of the nominees. He is very fortunate if he even casually knows a majority of the aspirants for class honors. The choice should be made, as it will be made, on the basis of popularity.

STATISTICS CLASS

The class in statistics, which meets on Friday from 10 to 12 o'clock, will take a trip to the Babson Statistical Organization at Wellesley Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Professor Shugrue has requested that the members of the class who are going, report to him, in order that he may get a twenty-five trip ticket, which will make the cost of a single ticket thirteen cents one way, the regular price for single fare being twenty-seven cents.

The train leaves Trinity Place at 2.09 o'clock.

The following members of the class are expected to make the trip: Blanchard, Collins, Damon, Miss Fraser, Gay, Hinkley, Howard P., Howard A., Howe, Keeler, Kingsbury, Litchfield, Lord, Infkin, MacLeod, Mannelian, Rollins, Marshall, Patten, Smith, Strang, Wilson.

FACULTY NOTICE

Professor Pearson's reading will continue, the next reading being held in Room 2-296 between 7.00 and 8.00 o'clock on Tuesday, November 21.

Walter Humphreys,
Registrar.

SECOND CHESS ROUND

It was decided at the meeting of the Chess Club last Saturday afternoon to run a second round in the Novice Tournament between the six players attaining the highest scores in the first round, eliminating those with scores less than sixty per cent on the first ten games. Those playing in the second round are:

Player	Pct. won
Stehle	.900
Kahn	.800
Cyr	.700
Wilson	.700
Levinson	.600
Vanderstucken	.600

Total scores made in the first round of ten games and the second of five will determine the Novice cup winner. Friday, November 17, a match of ten boards will be played at Harvard and several of the Novice tournament players will play on the team at that time.

ORCHESTRA NOTICE

The M. I. T. Orchestra will rehearse today under the direction of Coach Howard. The violin section is to meet at 4.15 and the entire orchestra will rehearse at 5.05 o'clock.



Cross-country and the like energy-consuming occupations are, as the densest reader immediately grasps, far outside the curriculum of the fortunate devotee of Loungeristic philosophy. Inured to the bumps and hollows spread over the common run of existence, the exponent of Loungeraticination does not permit himself to be drawn into even the most tempting of steeplechases, whether of the nature of contests in peripheral velocity or merely in intellectual spontaneity. The Lounger is, in short, not one of those who seek to bring the initials of their Alma Mater or the digits of their class into prominence by wearing them across their own proudly swelling lung-cavities (as for himself, The Lounger has ordered that his several sequential classes at the Institute be carved deep into the sarcophagus which he, with characteristic forethought, has at hand for inevitable, if not immediate, use). From afar and moved by a mingling of wonder, worship and pity, The Lounger views the straining efforts of those who on foot try to deserve arrest for speeding in this day of automobiles. Even as the Amerind combined respect for Nature with the worship of the harmlessly insane, so The Lounger regards the record runner with a sort of superstitious reverence. He reads about their unbelievable exploits on the six-mile course, sighs deeply, and bestrides his tried and trusty Ford for an afternoon spin. And when he overheard the statement, occurring apparently in the course of a hot argument about athletic matters, that "the best Technology men were not in the running," he broke into the argument with unaccustomed brusqueness and demanded an explanation of this apparent attack on his tutelary idols, the M. I. T. greyhounds. The sad truth—what Sumner (or was it Douglas) called the "irrepressible conflict," was soon made clear to him.



It seemed that the speedsters so stricken were so, not through any failure of locomotive power or unwillingness to take the field, but because of what the Harvard Lampoon henceforth may editorially call the Dogmatic Decree of the Pileated Prof.—that is, under threat of ban, banishment and penal (or pencil) servitude, these above-sympathized with attended their pet aversion, Class, while their teammates ran bereft. In corollary of the proposition "He who runs may read," we have now the pedagogical dictum that he who reads may not run. Symptoms of civil war are at The Lounger's present writing rapidly developing, though it is a question whether in the resultant conflict the battle will be to the strong, any more than the race to the swift.

PROFESSOR CRAM LECTURES.

Talks On "Christian Architecture" At Lowell Institute.

Under the auspices of the Lowell Institute, Professor Cram is giving a course of lectures under the general title of "Christian Architecture from Charlemagne to Henry VIII." These lectures are given in Huntington Hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Admission is by ticket only, and the entire supply has already been given out by the Curator of the Lowell Institute. Next Friday the lecture will be on "Growth of the Gothic Spirit," on Tuesday, Nov. 21, the subject will be "The Full Flower of the Middle Ages," and on Friday, Nov. 24, "The Decadence and the New Paganism." Three lectures of the course have already been given and each has been well attended.

M. I. T. GEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The second meeting for the year 1916-1917 will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, 1916, at 4.15 P. M. in Room 4-345.

The following subjects will be informally presented for discussion:

"Reviews," H. W. Shimer.
"Notes on Concepcion del Oro—Mazapil District, Zacatecas, Mexico," by J. G. Barry.

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