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BE A GOOD CITIZEN

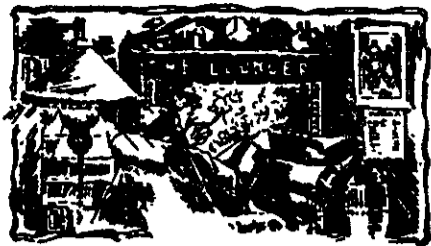
AT NO COLLEGE is the charge of government more sweepingly reposed in the hands of the students themselves than at Technology. Here the ruling power is invested by the Faculty in the student Institute Committee, whose function is "to keep in touch with every branch of student life for purposes of investigation and constructive criticism." The Committee is a truly representative assembly, to which all questions regarding the conduct of student affairs are referred. It apportions funds to the indigent activities; its standing committees effectively control details; it has entire charge of the center of student social life—the forthcoming Walker Memorial. It is a respected power and court of appeal.

The general student body should know by this time that the meetings of the Institute Committee are public meetings. If this were not so, the very purpose for which that representative body was created would be defeated. As it is, any student has the liberty to address the Committee on any item of communal interest. Simply because functionaries are elected as representatives of a particular group or activity does not mean that casting a vote for such a representative ends the matter as far as the voter is concerned. As in civic or municipal affairs the voters should themselves take an active interest in the work of the council.

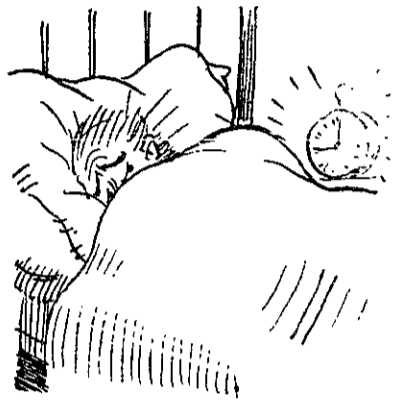
Unless the students who consider themselves good citizens of our little universe, give the attention that should be given to the actions of their Committee, they must indeed be considered passive and dispirited. The parliamentary room is 1-190. The convenient hour of 5 P. M. is set for the conclaves. All students are invited to attend the committee meetings and all should make the meeting a part of their regular schedule.

THOSE LOST MAGAZINES

BEFORE our transfer to the hither side of the Charles, the students were provided with a considerable selection of current periodicals, delivered then to the Union at Trinity Place. Since moving, however, the supply of magazines appears to be suspended; the present gathering rooms for students have not accumulated a desideratum in the way of periodical literature; and the fate of the subscriptions formerly delivered at the Union is a mystery. Why not add to the homelike appearance of 1-175 through the medium of a few magazines? When this improvement is effected, perhaps a further supply of tables to hold them may suggest itself, and sighs for the old Union will become less frequent.



The Lounger's all-pervading gaze has not lost sight of the fact that the Musical Clubs have farsightedly installed an alarm-clock in their office; nor, however he may seem to have ignored the little circumstance, was its significance at all lost upon him. It is not every activity which, like our galaxy of melody-purveyors, has the wisdom to provide the means of waking from the blissful torpor which enlightened Nature saves for work-tormented souls. Soon, as the corridor-wafted bursts of songs presage, the chrysalis of the Musical Clubs is destined to burst (from the effect, perhaps, of the musical strains), and after the debut in the fog-partitioned air of Boston, the "nymph" as the biologist has it—or more simply, the fully developed bug—weary wings



its westward flight that its blissful braying may permeate and electrify the musical world as far as Chicago's coral strand. This sudden and phoenix-like development of a harmonious ensemble out of the ashes of past Winter Concerts calls to the social expert's mind the equally arresting matriculation of the "flapper" who, as the introspective novelist relates and the Circassian queen of the movies portrays, bewilderingly blossoms into the siren full-blown. And the simile which The Lounger has just been unwise enough to use calls up to him the image of a certain horn in the Orchestra, a memory whose potency hurls him out of his musical frame of mind while yet in full blast.

Many and great are the visitations of despair upon the Junior student. Today as always, the irruption of a set of statistics blanks, in the midst of the sea of unfinished reports and problems isolating the upperclassmen from the outer world, caps an admittedly overworked climax. Now into the bloodshot eye of the 'Eighteen man creeps a speculative glance, as he regards his erstwhile friend and companion—what "most" can he fasten upon him? And the once trusting and gullible object of the new scrutiny returns a look of deep distrust—may not this "faux friend" destroy forever his honest slumbers by labelling him the Class Goat? It is the strongest test that class solidarity can stand, except possibly the upheavals of the baneful era of class dues collections; and from now on the tense and melodramatic atmosphere of suspicion will only relax in the vast general sigh of relief which greets Technique. Pandora's box of the student who longs, yet fears, to see himself "from the outside."

OLD CLOTHES COLLECTION

T. C. A. to Hold Campaign as Stated in Previous Issue

In the last issue of The Tech it was stated that owing to the fact that the sanction of the Institute Committee had not been received in regard to the Old Clothes Collection, that the campaign would not be held. It was, however, decided that the old clothes, books and periodicals may be left in the T. C. A. office. The committee which has arranged for this campaign wishes to emphasize the fact that the condition of the clothes is of least importance. It is probable that most everyone has some old clothes which he would gladly give in order thereby to provide necessities of life to some less fortunate person.

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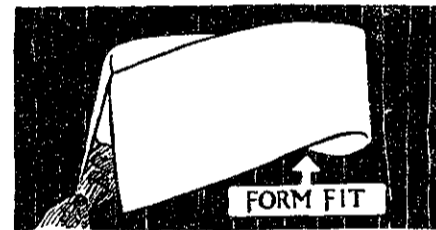
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