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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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THE SECRET

THERE was once a man who possessed the mysterious power of succeeding in everything he undertook. People thought he was a wizard for he appeared to have more than mortal powers. When he died he carried his secret with him, but that was not all. He made a prophecy: "Some day there shall arise a great institution to which the young men shall come from the four corners of the earth, there in a white city on the banks of a river facing the setting sun, to learn the secret which, until then, shall lie buried with me."

His prophecy came true. The great school was founded and the sons of Technology came from the ends of the earth to learn the great secret of success. It is natural that the young man who come to Technology should wonder what makes the school famous far and wide. They would find a shortcut to the secret. This they must learn from those who came from the little old school in Copley Square in days gone by. Observe them, and you will see that they are men who are stamped with the mark of men unafraid of hard work or difficult tasks,—men used to action and accustomed to getting results. They did not make knowledge alone the secret of their success. Being bound closely together in a small school they had the finish that comes to men who have rubbed shoulders with their fellow workers. Working together added another quality to knowledge gained by hard study, making men of a different type than the common lot. Faithful work on a committee or student activity fostered reliability and taught them the secret of doing things while they were yet amateurs. They knew their teachers as men, not merely as task masters. They appreciated that the friendships and acquaintances made while at college are one of the most valuable assets in after life; in fact, that was one of the reasons why they were there. It is largely through the interests and helpful advice of their friends that a large percentage of higher-than-the-average college men arrive at their success. We should realize these things more at the Institute where the fault of narrowness is pointed out as one of our most prominent failings; and utilize every opportunity to enlarge our circle of acquaintances. This is the secret of success.

At what time in the year is it hardest to work? In the spring-time! Now is the time you are put to the test. You came to Tech expecting difficulties, obstacles, to test your character and ability. Now you have them. Face the music!

THE TECH PUBLISHES ELECTIONS

As a result of the competitions now being held for the News Department of The Tech, we take pleasure in announcing the following elections which are the first of a series to be held between now and June.

Night Editor, Henry C. Gayley '22; News Board: Charles B. Barton, Jr. '21, William H. Irwin '21 and William H. Scott '22; News Staff: Hartwell Fleming '21 and Godfrey G. Kearful '22;

Sporting Staff: Charles G. Rudderham '22 and Arthur W. Skilling '21, Harold D. Moore, Photographic Assistant.

The Editorial Board announces the election of Edwin S. Burdell '20 to Assistant Editor, Frank M. Didisheim '22, Eric L. Etherington '20 and Henry C. Stillman '21 have been elected to the Editorial Staff.

We regret to announce the resignations of J. A. Buerkin from the Editorial Staff, and E. J. Allen from the Circulation Department.

PUNCHED BY P R O F S

In response to the criticism of the editorial policy of THE TECH concerning Tech Night which is expressed by a considerable number of the student body, Mr. Marks and Professor Rogers of the English Department have written the following punches.

Editor of THE TECH M. I. T. Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It is perhaps needless for me to say in response to your request for an expression of opinion on Tech Night, that I consider the conduct of some of the students an insult to Mr. Jolson and his company and a disgrace to the Institute. That the majority of the undergraduates were disgusted and ashamed was perfectly evident; that a minority thought that they were giving a wonderful exhibition of "Tech Spirit" was equally evident. The Institute will be judged by that minority.

All sorts of wild excuses are being promulgated. I heard one man express himself thus: "Oh, well, you know when a lot of college men get together you have to expect them to get drunk and raise hell." That may be true of Siwashian jerk-water colleges, but it is not true of the Institute. Some easy-going souls have characterized the affair as a lot of boys just having a good time. Now, it is perfectly true that boys will be boys; it is equally true that gentlemen will not be muckers; and that the audience Friday night held many Tech men who were also muckers. Plenty of undergraduates are blaming Mr. Jolson for getting angry. Just how much they expect a man to stand is not clear, and Mr. Jolson stood more than could reasonably have been expected, especially after the very fair proposition he made and the promise he received. I have heard the Tech Night Committee blamed. That is too absurd for comment. Everybody is uniting in yelling at the man who threw the flask on the stage. He deserves all the censure that he is getting, but there is no reason that he should be held responsible for all the muckerism exhibited. He just happened to get caught.

The whole thing comes down to this: we have this year in the Institute a distressing number of very cheap characters who want to make Tech into a "regular college," and who exhibit themselves as "regular college men" by coming to a public Institute function gloriously drunk. They throw beans, paper darts, cigarette boxes from the galleries; they give vent to various vulgar and obscene vocal noises whenever a chorus girl appears; they interrupt the actors with humor of their own. "Whacko" or whatever it was. "You know me, Al." "How about Twenty-Two?" Humor, brilliant humor! Tech spirit! College men! They indulge in audible remarks so vulgar that every man who brought some woman friend or relative left the theatre feeling that he had offered her a public insult. Then after the show they hang around the stage entrance in such numbers that the police have to interfere, and the management has to sneak the show girls out of another exit. What a "regular" college we are deteriorating into!

If this is college spirit, let's have none of it. If Tech Night means a public exhibition of Institute vulgarities, let Friday night be the last. If we cannot have student government without flag rushes, drunkenness, obscenity, the necessary locking of all unused rooms during a Walker Memorial dance, then let's have no more student government.

Now, I do not believe for one minute that student government has been a failure, but I do believe that unless the undergraduates can control themselves they must be controlled, and unless the decent majority very soon create an exceedingly strong sentiment against the mucker minority, drastic measure will have to be taken by someone. Remember, a score of muckers can shame a thousand gentlemen; half the number can disgrace an institute.

(Signed) Percy Marks.

The Editor of THE TECH: Sir:

I wish to endorse heartily every word of Mr. Marks' communication on the subject of Tech Night, and to add one more word.

It seems to me perfectly evident that if the Institute possessed a strong and respected Institute Committee headed by strong men who were on their job at the Opera House that evening, the affair need not have gone beyond the first signs of disorder. I have seen it happen in other colleges where a strong man possessed of high authority by undergraduate consent has by force of authority and personality more than once

nipped such an affair in the bud. But during this past year the upper classmen and particularly the Institute Committee seem content to lie back and let the spirit and behavior of the Institute be managed by a vulgar and mistaken minority of the two lower classes. Nothing can excuse the men who made the trouble Friday night. But for their being allowed tacitly to believe that they could get away with that sort of thing, the responsibility lies with the Institute committee and its chief officers. Yours truly,
Robert E. Rogers.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Editor of THE TECH Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are quite gratified that our equally unknown "I N' PENSE RIEN" floats legathically through half a column with our "paltry sophisms," which "while he cannot call them arguments" are nevertheless "based on sound premises". Furthermore, it is impossible to concede to any person who cannot distinguish between Virgil and the Bible the privilege of commenting sensibly on intrinsic honesty.

We reiterate that the fundamental evil which we are combating is the fact of scholastic dishonesty. It is unquestionably present in the student body of the Institute to an alarming degree? It permeates the class room exercises, the quizzes, the home work, even the final examinations.

There are two causes for this. The Faculty is inconsistent in its treatment of the Student Body. Work of little importance is done on the honor system, while rooms in which important examinations are held are guarded more closely than prison cells. In the second place, the Student Body does not admit the honor system which the Faculty takes for granted.

Habits of scholastic dishonesty during a man's college course tend to make him dependent on the work of others. It undermines his character, lowers his standards of honesty, innate or acquired, dulls his request for truth, in short, renders him unfit for his chosen profession, Engineering.

The remedy is self evident. Roll away the present quasi-honor system and adopt a rigid system of proctoring throughout the Institute. Or—let an honor system be definitely understood and mutually accepted by students and Faculty, to apply throughout.

In short, be consistent.

Very truly yours,

VERITAS

Editor of The Tech Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dear Sir:

I have read with great interest a letter which appeared in your columns on April 25 signed "Veritas." The more so since it is the first time I have seen a reference in a college paper to a subject which affects the interest of every college student so vitally, that is the matter of cheating in class rooms and in examinations. What overgrown delicacy deters student publications and the student body from dealing with this pressing matter! Surely there is no one thing as necessary to the complete success of any organization, any school or college, as absolute honesty.

Although I sympathize in the greatest possible measure with the motives which bid "Veritas" in writing his article, I am constrained to differ with him as to the causes contributing, and the remedy to be applied. "Veritas" has observed that there is cheating in class rooms and in examinations, regrets that the lowered morale attendant works to undermine the integrity of new students, and attributes the evil to the "present system of examinations," the laxness of instructors who do not continually spy upon their students but "nonchalantly observe one student copying from another student's work," and to the absence of proctors and strict supervision at examinations. Although "Veritas" does not suggest specifically any remedy for this state of affairs, I gather from the tone a powerful, spring, proctor system would be successful. He asks for measures of force and attacks the faculty because they have not taken them.

I do not believe the faculty is to blame. Still less do I think they can help us in this matter, the difficulty lies with us, and the remedy must be found with us. Nor do I think it can be found in any mustard plaster to be slapped on the back of the trouble, any "Morrison's Pill" to be swallowed and done with. To change the manner of giving our examinations would be of little avail. No rule of force can of itself be successful when applied to intelligent, self respecting men. Do not expect that all Tech men will be made honest by a vote at a faculty meeting. No, the remedy is infinitely more difficult. We must change ourselves.

Perhaps in no community is public opinion such a power as in undergraduate life; nowhere is there such fear of doing something which "isn't done," the dread of making one's self conspicuous so great. Hitherto an indulgent student opinion has tolerated

cheating, would probably abet it by labeling any student who protested audibly against the practice as a "queer duck." But suppose this were not true. Suppose that student opinion censured to the highest possible degree all cheating (as I believe it does now with a good many, except that they are a little modest about showing it.) Suppose that ninety per cent of the members of this Institute made a resolution that any time they heard a man cheating they would give him a call down, a good big "bawling out". Where would cheating be then?
A Student.

Alumni Notes

C. P. ELDRED '12 head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta, Georgia, says in a letter to THE TECH: "I believe that you will be interested to learn that there are four Technology men teaching in this school. I have with me in this department Dr. D. R. HUXLEY '11 as Associate Prof. and Mr. E. L. SCHWARTZ '18 as Instructor. Mr. W. R. MACKAY '18 is acting as Instructor in the Physics Department. I am hoping that the additional Instructor required for the Electrical Engineering Department for next year will also be an Institute man."

The marriage of Miss Marion Hall to THEODORE MAIN '15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Main of Winchester, took place Tuesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Davis Hall, Winter Hill, Somerville.

Mr. Main enlisted in the Coast Artillery at the beginning of the war, transferring to the Twenty-sixth Division. He has just received his discharge after eighteen months' active service in France. He was graduated from Dartmouth in 1914, spending the next year at Technology, and is now connected with the Slater Mills at Webster, in which town Mr. and Mrs. Main will make their home.

N. T. CATLIN '18, Course XIII, B. S., sails for Shanghai early in May to take up shipbuilding with the Standard Oil Co.

THE TECH is in receipt of an statement from the firm of Patterson, Tele and Denis, certified public accountants, of 131 State street Boston, announcing the election of STANLEY G. H. FITCH '00 to partnership in the firm. Mr. Fitch was graduated from the Institute in Course X with the class of 1900, and after graduation he entered into accounting work, being made a certified public accountant. Mr. Fitch has been with the State street accountants for several years and the announcement of his partnership in the firm was a pleasant surprise to his many friends.

AUXILIARY REPORTS LATEST STATISTICS ON SERVICE LIST

According to the latest report from the M. I. T. War Service Auxiliary, the numbers of Technology men who figured in the war are as follows:

Men in service	2791
A. E. F.	2226
Aviation	476
Navy	533
Officers	2084
Amb. Red Cross, Etc.	61
(A. E. F.)	
Lt. Col or higher	93
Cited	53
Deaths	103

A study of these figures shows that Technology still holds her place as second only to West Point in the percentage of officers in the service. Seventy-five per cent of the Institute men in service have won their commissions.

LIST OF VISITORS AT PARIS BUREAU FROM APRIL 10 to 22

The following list of visitors at the Technology Bureau of the American University Union of Europe, in Paris, has been received by THE TECH:
April 10—M. H. Harrington '15; John G. Barry '07; Granville B. Smith '18.
April 11—S. M. Gunn '04 Leonard Stone '16; A. R. Brooks '17; Albert Wolter '15; Paul H. Buxton '16.
April 13—E. E. Dawson '14; John B. Woodward '18, Chas. W. Steese '08.
April 14—Ralph B. Bagby '16.
April 15—H. Loring Wirt '18; John H. Caton '08.
April 16—Edward Stuart '10; Norman B. Ames '17.
April 17—Donald B. Sanger '10; James F. Norris, Faculty.
April 18—Robert M. Phinney '01 Robert M. Allen '16, I. G. Hall, Jr. '18.
April 19—C. H. M. Roberts '07; Richard W. Logan '17.
April 20—Louis E. Robbe '05; Stanley H. Osborn '15; J. W. Barker '16; Rogers Lord '16, Charles H. Alden '00.
April 21—Huron D. Cortwell '19; McCeney Werlich '15; John H. Babbitt '17; Henry Leeb '15.
April 22—J. J. Hartly '13; Richard W. Logan '17, E. E. Dawson '14.