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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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WANTED—OPINIONS

THAT Technology students should be proctored like prep school pupils in their final examinations has always seemed an injustice. The communications which the Tech is receiving on the subject indicates that the undergraduates sense this injustice and are asking for an explanation of its continuance. Why should they be policed and proctored while other colleges have found the honor system so eminently successful?

There is little doubt that the proctor system is unfair to the students. To have a number of men threading their way in and out among the desks, peering over the shoulders of those being examined, always suspicion personified, is anything but conducive to concentration. Often the proctors are instructors from a department entirely foreign to the subject in hand, unable to cope with any questions the students may ask.

It is significant that these instructors relish their position no more than the students. They detest the idea of spying on another man's work. It might be said further that these men who are constantly in touch with the students do not find it necessary to police their classrooms during a quiz. One department has given its men a two hour test to complete at home. If these members of the Faculty, who know us so well, are willing to treat the undergraduates as gentlemen, why does the Faculty at large delegate them to the position of irresponsible youngsters during the hardest ordeal of the term?

The majority of Technology students are honest. The majority of them are men of character. The foundations of an honor system are already laid in the classroom tests, and could easily be expanded to the examination system of the whole Institute. The students feel the distrust that is implied on the day of the Final. The instructing staff dislikes the impression that it is responsible for this state of affairs. What, then, stands in the way of a thorough-going honor system, mutually and openly understood and enforced by Faculty and undergraduates?

The establishment of an honor system at Technology is of far reaching importance. It must not be entered into lightly or without a full appreciation of the difficulties to be overcome and the advantages to be gained. THE TECH will welcome all opinions and suggestions on the subject.

TECH TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of Milton A. Loucks '18 to the position of Treasurer, and Oswald Cammann, Jr. '20 the position of Assistant Treasurer.

POSSIBLE TO REGISTER SOON

The summer term begins Monday, July 7 and ends the 30th of August. Registration material will be ready in time for the men to register during the last part of the present term. However, it will be possible to register any

time up to the day on which classes of the subject to be taken meet. Classes for the junior freshmen will be held on July 7. Entrance examinations will be held September 27-30. The present term will end Saturday, June 14 and will be followed by the usual week of examinations.

PUNCHE BY PROFS

Who says there's no place around the Institute that seems like home? Wait till you get through and get a job out in the wilds. Then you'll look back and remember the old place and begin saving for a contribution to the Alumni Fund.

Take the worst that can happen. Suppose you are sitting in the Dean's office, waiting your turn for a swigging. It's dry and warm, and all your friends are round you, in a sympathetic mood. And the lecture when you get it, will be good. There is something to look forward to at any rate.

Suppose some day you get a job with the paper company at Berlin, N. H. You stop about all winter in the snow, with nothing to look forward to except the coming of the Chautauqua in July. I'll say you are going to look back with pleasure even on the Dean's office.

I'll say there are plenty of places here that will seem like home. And there is going to be one more. That is the new library at the Walker Memorial. Not a high-brow library, I'm sorry to say, but just a place where you can go in and forget your troubles. It will be something like what Henry James called the Great Good Place.

Do you know who selects libraries usually? Not private libraries, but those that you and I, as average citizens, are allowed to use? They are selected by committees of Representative Men and, worse than that, of Representative Women. What they look out for chiefly is that the average citizen who goes in there doesn't have too much fun and that he doesn't get any dangerous ideas. Of course there are some recent books, but you and I can't get them. They are being read either by the librarian's friends or by the regular patrons, who are on the step in the morning when the janitor unlocks the door.

Now in this Great Good Place of ours, there will be all the recent books—the things people are talking about. There will be novels—detective stories especially—recent poetry and plays, if you care for that. There will be books on outdoor life and sport, on travel, especially in the States and South America. There will be books on the more human aspects of business, because after all that is the biggest romance we have in this country. All the more recent books on newspaper writing will be there. There will be books on political and social questions. The fact that a book is too expensive for you and me to buy doesn't shut it out, because we are spending at once almost enough to pay an instructor's salary for two years, and there will be plenty left to keep the list up to date. The Institute has never had anything like this before. It is like a piece of another world dropped in here by mistake.

These are some of the things you won't find there:

There will be no Engineering there. There will be no Culture. And there will be no War.

That's the reason you will go there to escape your troubles.

I anticipate that the books you find there will violate every Principle of English Composition and every Cannon of Literary Taste.

The books are going in now. Come in and look them over. Do it now. The books are clean now. How long they stay so will depend upon the proportion of readers who are accustomed to wash their hands before they read.

PROFESSOR A. T. ROBINSON.

INSTITUTE GRADUATES BRAVE ATLANTIC IN NAVAL PLANES

Commander H. C. Richardson, one of the pilots of the NC-3 which was long reported as missing in its trans-Atlantic flight is a Technology man and a member of the class of 1906. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1901 and entered the Institute in 1902. While at Technology he took the course in naval architecture, also some post graduate work in warship design.

Ensign Charles J. McCarthy '16 also of Technology, was a member of the crew of the NC-1, of trans-Atlantic flight fame, when she made the first two legs of her journey as far as Newfoundland. Ensign McCarthy travelled as the representative of the bureau of at the Curtiss Plant at Garden City, he was selected to make the trip to Treconstruction and repairs and as he had supervised the construction of the NC-1 passey. McCarthy was a member of the Catholic Club and the Civil Engineering Society at Technology. After graduation, he returned and spent a year as assistant in civil engineering and on leaving the Institute went into airplane work.

MANY ATTEND FIRST SMOKER OF AERO CLUB

Professor Wilson Discusses Engineering — Dean Burton and Professor Peabody Present General Features of Aerial

BOXING BOUT A FEATURE

The long heralded smoker of the new Aeronautical Engineering society took place last night in the Walker Memorial, with a large number of men attending. The membership of the society at present numbers upwards of ninety, and most of the regular members attended, as well as many interested outsiders. The officers state that they are greatly pleased with the outcome of the meeting, and are planning for a similar event within the next two weeks.

The North Dining room was reserved for the evening and was attractively decorated with several wind tunnel models of airplanes which were loaned to the society through the kindness of Professor Peabody. A short business meeting, at which officers for the ensuing year were elected, was the first feature of the meeting. When this business had been transacted, Professor Peabody, who has had charge of all aeronautical work here gave an outline of the future possibilities of aviation in the United States, and while being unable to say anything definite about the new aeronautical course at the Institute, gave the men to understand that every effort was being made to carry this project through.

Professor Wilson of the Physics Department, who was the principal speaker of the evening, talked in a very interesting and yet untechnical manner on the general principles of aeronautical engineering. He gave the men many of whom have not yet had the opportunity to thoroughly master the rudiments of the subject, a clear and concise explanation of the various problems which confront the modern aeronautical engineer. He not only discussed the engineering features of airplane construction, but also dwelt on the principles of the modern internal combustion engine.

Following Professor Wilson's talk, apple pie and ice cream was served to the men, and while they ate a boxing bout was staged for their benefit. Owing to the fact that one of the contestants for the 158 pound championship had severely injured his hand, the actual bout for the cup did not take place as announced. However, through the kindness of the boxing management, an exhibition bout was given.

The outcome of the elections will be published in the next issue of THE TECH due to the fact that the present issue went to press at the time of the meeting.

MR. MARKS RESIGNS POSITION AS INSTRUCTOR IN ENGLISH

Percy Marks, instructor in English at Technology for the last four years, has resigned and will sever his connections with the Institute at the close of the school term in June.

Mr. Marks' resignation has already been accepted by President MacLaurin. Leaving here in June, he does not know what his plans will be and is not at all sure that he will continue in the teaching profession. His going will be deeply felt here at the Institute for he was popular not alone as an instructor, but also as one interested in student activities. He is perhaps best known through his connections with Tech Show or which he, with Professor Rogers, has been faculty advisor for the last three years.

Mr. Marks is a Californian. His home is in Ukiah in that state. He was graduated at the University of California in 1912 with the degree of A.B. He got his Master's degree at Harvard in February, 1914 after having been there one year.

His work at Harvard completed, he accepted the position of superintendent of education at the state infirmary at Tewksbury and remained there the rest of 1914. From Tewksbury he went to the English department at Brown University and from Brown came to Technology where, with the exception of a period of army service, starting last June and ending about Christmas time, he has remained since.

CORRECTION

THE TECH wishes to call its readers' attention to a mistake which appeared in the article referring to Mr. Lansingh's speech in the Rogers building to the War Service Auxiliary of Technology. This article said that Mr. Lansingh was introduced by Rev. Albers Lazenby, chairman of the War Service Committee of Technology. This should have read that Mr. J. W. Rolins presided at the meeting and introduced Mr. Lansingh.

Alumni Notes

MATTHEW C. BRUSH '01, made the following announcement on the occasion of a gigantic parade of shipyard workers in Philadelphia.

"Today's demonstration stands for all that is constructive and business-like in the conduct of the shipyards of the country. I am convinced from talking with Mr. Hurley that he is greatly gratified at the showing made and feels confident that it will be of substantial help to him in presenting his case before Congress.

"Personally, I am heartily proud of the showing made by what I consider the greatest shipbuilding team in the world, representing the greatest plant in the world—Hog Island. These men have done wonders, and have prepared, without interruption to the schedule of weekly launchings, five ships to be launched on Friday, May 30—the first time in history that five ships have been launched on one day at one shipbuilding plant. The launching of these five ships on this day will mean that Hog Island has launched 9 ships during May, and 34 ships in all. It will have delivered during May 8 ships, and have delivered a total of 22 ships, every one a perfect machine, made by men who for a great period of time worked under fearfully difficult conditions. The men are giving the management unqualified co-operation and help. It is a wonderful example of the right kind of team work between employer and employee."

The M. I. T. Women's Auxiliary has received a letter from a cousin of HADYN POTTER MAYERS '16, telling of his death at the front: "There have been so many conflicting reports about Hady that we still held some hopes up to November 1. On the night of July 31, Captain Mayers conducted a raiding party into No Man's Land. One of his men was wounded and fell into a ravine. Captain Mayers made an attempt to rescue this man, saw it was not easy, and the remaining men begged him not to go (but had you known him) his only thought seemed for this suffering boy, so he plunged after the boy and was mortally wounded in his attempt to help the suffering. His body fell into the hands of the Germans, and so far no trace can be found of it. To us, this seems very hard, and we wait eagerly for something better. All we know is this incident happened July 31, 1918, in the Vosges Mountains. Captain Mayers graduated from the San Antonio High School—also from the A. & M. College, College Station, and later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He passed the examinations, entered the Regular Army as a Second Lieutenant, was soon made First Lieutenant, and shortly a Captain, and went to France in April 1918, as Captain, 60th Infantry Regulars, 3rd Division. He entered the Army about two years before the War. Letters from France say that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which we will later get."

The engagement of Miss Mabel A. Clark, Mount Holyoke, '15, to EDWARD N. TAYLOR '13, a graduate in electrochemistry, has been announced.

ATTORNEY BAILEN TALKS BEFORE MENORAH SOCIETY

On Thursday evening, Mr. Samuel D. Bailen, prominent Boston attorney, spoke before the Technology Menorah Society on the subject of "Science and Religion." The talk was of the utmost interest, and was an analysis of the effect of scientific discoveries upon the different religions. At the close of the talk the speaker answered questions on the present status of religions.

This is the final meeting of the society this year, except for the elections, which will be held in the near future, and will be announced in THE TECH.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS WIN TWO PRIZES IN ARCHITECTURE

The winners of the prizes offered by the Boston Architectural Club for the best solutions of the problem, "A Reception Room in a State Department," have been announced. The third and fourth year students in the department of architecture at Harvard and Technology and the students at the Boston Architectural Club were the competitors. Two prizes, of fifty dollars each, were awarded to the two first named schools; one to a regular, the other to a special student. The successful competitors of Technology were Miss Constance Peters, special, and Mr. Walter Frazier, regular.

Mr. McGinnis, of the firm of McGinnis and Walsh, architects, and a member of the jury who judged the problems, gave a criticism of all the problems Tuesday afternoon in the exhibition room at Rogers Building. There was a large attendance of the students of the three schools.