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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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THE HARVARD TECHNOLOGY BREAK

It is time something were done to correct the misunderstandings which are constantly arising between the Harvard and Technology track managements. Such friction as has recently occurred arouses an attitude of hostility always to be avoided among good sportsmen. We would suggest an investigation by the Athletic Advisory Council to ascertain who is at fault. If the fault be with the Technology management the trouble should be corrected, and if it be with Harvard the proper authorities there should be asked to see that existing conditions are changed. It is a matter which can evidently be remedied. If more formality, including written agreements, were insisted upon by the Technology management friction about entries at the last minute would be avoided.

We would consider it very unfortunate if athletic relations were discontinued, but such feeling as now exists, degrades good sportsmanship.

We are glad to hear that four new tennis courts are to be built in the spring. A great interest in tennis has been manifested at the Institute despite the rather poor facilities. The additional courts will enable more men to enjoy this form of exercise and recreation.

There appears in another column of this issue a communication voicing the sentiments of four Technology men. The loyalty to the Institute which prompted such action on the part of the authors is commendable. The expressed "surprise and chagrin," combined with an apparently complete ignorance of the facts in the matter, while regrettable is excusable.

In order to clear matters up a bit and enlighten the writers of the communication, we are glad indeed to acquaint them with the following facts: The news columns of THE TECH are reserved for news—a statement of facts. We are not aware of having expressed our opinion of the judge's decision and would indeed be obliged to the combined authors if they can point out to us a printed statement of our own feelings regarding this matter. We have been unable to discover alibis for Technology's defeat in our account of either the swimming races or the track meet referred to. Certainly, our statement that the Yale swimmers outclassed the Institute mermen cannot be construed as an alibi.

While loyalty to Technology is, in itself, an admirable attribute, there are other qualities, such as a sense of judgment and a knowledge of the facts one attempts to discuss, which are equally desirable.

FACULTY PASS RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF DR. MACLAURIN

At a recent meeting of the Faculty the following resolutions on the death of President Maclaurin were passed:

"For the third time in the history of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, its Faculty is called upon to mourn the loss of a President suddenly removed by death, Richard Cockburn Maclaurin, like his distinguished predecessors William Barton Rogers and Francis Amasa Walker, has died in the very midst of self-sacrificing labors on behalf of the institute.

"Born in Scotland of distinguished ancestry; educated in New Zealand and in England; distinguished as an investigator, and expert in Mathematical Physics and in the Law; acquainted by extensive travel with many and widely separated parts of the habitable globe; President Maclaurin was a man of extraordinary breadth, academic experience and distinction, as well as a rare combination of a man of culture, a man of science and a man of the world.

"Dr. Maclaurin had no soon accepted the Presidency of the Institute than he made a thorough study of its history and saturated himself with its spirit and traditions. He recognized immediately its popular place and mission in the field of education, and gave himself unreservedly to its upbuilding and development. He found it endowed with a reputation for labor and achievement, and with an able and enthusiastic body of teachers, students and alumni, but inadequately housed and imperfectly equipped. He quickly perceived its importance and its possibilities of increasing usefulness in a scientific and industrial age, and to its proper maintenance and development he straightway devoted all his powers of mind and body.

"By his close attention to the history of the Institute, by his courage in the face of obstacles, and especially by his unremitting labors on its behalf, Dr. Maclaurin soon made

himself virtually an Institute man. His loyalty to the Institute and to its spirit was complete. His efforts on its behalf, covering ten trying years, his absorption in its welfare, his absolute sacrifice of himself to its service, culminating in his death in the very hour of his triumph,—all these taken together constitute the highest tribute which could possibly be paid by any officer to any institution.

"President Maclaurin had already made for himself an international reputation as a leader in modern education. His advice was sought by academic authorities from Europe to Australasia, and he looked forward with eager anticipation to a far greater development of the Institute in educational leadership and to its far larger service to mankind. Recognizing the high place of science in modern life and education, the potential fruitfulness of a close partnership between science and industry, and the importance of the applications of scientific knowledge to the conduct of human life, he was fully persuaded of the validity of the Institute's method of training, and of its ideals of breadth and thoroughness as a means of attaining these ends.

"Becoming a citizen of the United States by choice rather than by accident of birth, Dr. Maclaurin threw himself wholeheartedly into the great struggle of the war. He gladly turned over to the service of the Nation all the various resources of the Institute in its new buildings and location, and he had the reward of seeing that service hailed everywhere as unsurpassed. When the call came to him to go to Washington, he responded without hesitation, and freely gave of his energy and of his wisdom to a difficult undertaking.

"We tender to Mrs. Maclaurin and to his children our heartfelt sympathy, and we are proud to feel that we were permitted to share with them his extraordinary power of affectionate devotion."

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

We were surprised and chagrined while reading the account of the Yale-Technology Swimming Meet and of the Harvard-Technology Dual Track Meet in the issue of THE TECH for Tuesday, February 17, 1920, to see the "alibis" put forward for the non-success of some of Technology's star performers.

It is usually the custom among gentlemen to abide by the decision of the referee even though that decision may seem unfair to many of the spectators. To criticize this decision, or one's opponent after the event is over, is, in our opinion, and to use a slang phrase, "small town stuff."

To publish such criticism in the pages of a periodical representing the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is a "faux pas" of the worst order.

We are proud of Technology and recognize no superior among the colleges of the country. We therefore feel indignant to see her spirit cheapened in this manner.

Very truly yours,
 Granville B. Smith '18,
 Herbert W. Best '19,
 Townsend Ludington '23,
 Vladimir Dixon '21.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Freshman Song—All men writing music or lyrics for freshman banquet will meet in room 10-267 at 5.00 o'clock Monday.

Freshman Publicity Committee—Those on the committee selling sign-ups for the freshman banquet will meet Saturday in room 10-267 at 1.00 o'clock.

Voo Doo Out Monday—Due to a delay in the shipment of the covers the Feminine Number of Voo Doo will not be issued until Monday, March 1.

Chemistry Lecture—Professor R. E. Wilson will speak in room 10-250 to-day at 4.05 o'clock on "The Langmuir Atomic and the Periodic System."

Faculty Tea—There will be no tea in the Emma Rogers Room on Tuesday, March 2, owing to the regular tea of the Technology Matrons on that date.

Electrical Engineers—Electrical engineering students at the Institute are invited to attend the February meeting of the Illuminating Engineering Society tonight at 8.00 o'clock at the Engineers' Club, corner Arlington and Commonwealth Ave. Dr. Howard Lynn of the Weisbach Co., Gloucester, N. J., will speak on "The Fundamentals of Illumination."

REAL TECHNOLOGY SPIRIT DEFINED BY PRES. MACLAURIN

Every college has some of that thing which it calls "College Spirit." To some it means ambition in athletics and to others it means social standing. Real "Technology Spirit" is defined by our late President in a speech to the Alumni at a banquet in New York City on January 18, 1913. He said in part, "The greatest asset of Technology must always be the spirit of the school, the genuine desire to do things well by mastering the principles of their action. A Technology man is the real thing," as a great captain of industry has said. There is nothing showy about him. He forges ahead by solid achievement, and does not expect anything really great to be done otherwise than by industry and the mastery of the facts of the situation. His institution is pre-eminently a useful and a practical one, but from the days of Rogers downward no efforts have been spared to avoid the snares that lurk in the term "practical." No narrow view must ever be entertained as to the functions of the Institute's training.

"The aim must always be at the inculcation of scientific principles and the scientific spirit. Practical methods must always be employed as much as possible, but mainly because by the use of such methods men learn more eagerly and understand more thoroughly what they actually learn. Always it must be the principles that is sought to be impressed on the students, to eliminate the practice would be to rob the principle of its vividness and reality and make it educationally "dead." This insistence on the importance of spirit, of principle, of method, is now and always must remain at the very heart of Technology.

MID-YEAR PROM OF GYM AND WRESTLING TEAMS POSTPONED

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adverse weather conditions would make the attendance of out-of-town guests impossible. The Prom has therefore been indefinitely postponed, and further announcements will be made later. Tickets may be redeemed any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 5.00 and 6.00 o'clock in the wrestling room in Walker.

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