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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

William K. Taft '22.....Lucian Jenness '22

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1920

WELCOME TO ELIHU THOMSON

THE TECH speaks for the entire student body in voicing a hearty welcome to the Institute's temporary president, Elihu Thomson. We deem it an honor indeed for a man of Dr. Thomson's calibre, engrossed as he is in scientific research, to give up part of his time for us, and a distinct tribute to the quality of Technology as an educational institution. It is to be regretted that his tenure of the administrative office is only a temporary one.

THE JUNIOR PROM

OWING to the very large number of men in the freshmen and Sophomore classes who desire to go to Junior Prom this year a new idea has been inaugurated. The original plan was to have four hundred couples at the regular Junior Prom but as the signups went almost immediately after being put on sale with the result that only about three hundred Juniors and Seniors got them while the freshmen and Sophomores got the rest, it was decided to have a separate prom for the freshmen.

The final arrangement is to have a prom run by the Junior Prom committee in two sections, "A" for the Juniors and Seniors, and "B" for the freshmen and Sophomores. The latter prom will be held at the Somerset and will be identical to the regular Prom. In this way everyone will be taken care of, thus eliminating the possibility of any hard feeling that might have arisen under the old method.

Those freshmen and Sophomores who have failed to turn in their original Prom signups by Monday night will be obliged to miss the dance. This idea of running the Prom in two sections is the only solution of a somewhat difficult problem, and those men who are not willing to help the committee along by heeding the new ruling have only themselves to thank if they lose out.

A BOOST FOR TECHNOLOGY ATHLETICS

The new Technology Athletic Club will be the bond between teams and student body whose lack has been one of our greatest weaknesses. Because of our heavy curriculum we can not enter into intercollegiate athletics as fully as do general universities and, as a result, less interest is shown in those sports in which we do participate. Aside from this, however, our machinery of government has been unfortunate in not having an athletic association composed of a large part of the student body.

The new organization cannot help but increase the attendance at contests. Membership will include provision for seats in a reserved section and later, in all probability, participation in the management of athletic affairs. The club will also provide for proper and uniform advertising of contests in place of the present haphazard arrangement. It is the duty as well as the privilege of every student to join and support the Athletic Club and bring Technology to its proper place in intercollegiate athletics.

Headline in Boston Globe: "Kisses Safest After Dark Says Doc." Wellesley papers please copy.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

The following may be a repetition of what has already been said in your columns regarding the construction of Dormitories. Nevertheless, it is an all important feature in the future development of Technology and the old and new Alumni, in the majority are fully aware of its advantages.

Technology made a wonderful advancement when Doctor Maclaurin moved us to the Cambridge Site and immediately a spirit that was latent at the old Technology took root and has had a remarkable growth.

We must go further. Technology should house all its students eventually in Community Centers, either in Dormitories or Fraternity Houses. This must of necessity be a gradual development but valuable time should not be wasted.

How many of our older Alumni who say? "What I missed most of all at Technology was meeting the boys and their companionship after the grind of the day." There are thousands of them. Who are Technology's most loyal Alumni, those who commute or those who come from a distance? Contributions to the Endowment Fund will answer that question.

It should be, and I hope is, the aim of the Corporation to build sufficient housing capacity so that in the very near future it will be compulsory for students to live at least their last two years in the Technology Community. For so doing they will be better representatives of a "Technology Product."

(Signed) L. L. McGrady '17.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Recent columns of THE TECH have bristled with eloquent malignment of the character of the student who removes books from the reading room of Walker Memorial. In full consciousness of connivance at crime I beg to express sympathy with this depraved student.

I ask you, what virile specimen of red-blooded young manhood would in the midst of devouring Conrad's "Victory" during the half-hour before supper-time, calmly look at his watch, place the blue volume on the shelf beside "Youth" and slink off to fish-cakes-and-beans in Roxbury, leaving Lena languishing in the arms of the villain Ricardo until lunch-time on Monday. There may be men who could do this. Did not Nero fiddle while Rome burned? But in such characters, we admire their self-composure rather than their chivalry.

Nay, rather would he of mighty and daring deeds carry Lena cautiously to a place of safety and by the warm glow of his own home Mazda burn the midnight ampers until the faithful heroine was free from the clutches of the sleek "secretary." Meanwhile "Applied Mechanics" reposes sweetly at the bottom of said student's brown Boston bag.

And "Victory"? Well, perhaps he cautiously and guardedly returns it to his shelf the next morning. Or perhaps it lies buried under tabular views and old copies of the Voo Doo until the land-lady finds it in the spring house-cleaning.

Few Tech men would deliberately and maliciously steal a book. Most of us intend to be honest, provided we find it at convenient. Therefore, why not let us borrow books from Walker under open and straightforward registration, just as we borrow books from the other libraries of the Institute. Issue them on short time, jog us up when we forget to return them. Fine us if you must, if necessary, hire a clerk to handle these details. It would be worth while.

Who can be expected to read the three volumes of "Tristram Shandy" during the interval between lunch hour and a two o'clock "pee-double-ee" lab? Who could become engulfed in "Don Quixote" in the fifteen minutes before wrestling practice. Only the old brown dressing gown and a long-stemmed pipe are fit companions for such treasured lore.

Walker houses a remarkably interesting collection of literature, a lasting taste for which is more broadening than a dozen courses of General Studies and Tech would do well to offer her students every possible facility to make friends with good reading.

(Signed) H. E. McKinstry '20.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Tea in Emma Rogers Room--Only three more teas will be given by the Student Hospitality Committee this year in the Emma Rogers Room. The last one will be held on April 13. Today tea will be served informally from 4 until 6 o'clock, and members of the Instructing Staff and all students are cordially welcomed by the hostesses, who are from the Departments of Architecture and Administration.

Interclass Basketball--The Juniors and Sophomores will play a basketball game tomorrow night in Walker

Alumni Notes

MAJOR FREDERICK WHEELER

Major Frederick Wheeler, U. S. A., retired, former instructor at Technology, died recently at his home in Stamford, Connecticut, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a native of Berlin, Wisconsin, and was appointed from that state to West Point, graduating in 1878.

Major Wheeler served in the fourth cavalry and in several Indian campaigns. He served in the Philippines in the Spanish war. He became connected with the Institute after his retirement from the army, and stayed on the staff of instructors five years. He made his home in Stamford in 1910; he is survived by his widow.

SANBORN '95

C. B. Sanborn, '95 was nominated recently by Governor Coolidge to be presiding justice of the district court of Northern Norfolk. After leaving Technology Mr. Sanborn took a four year course in the Harvard Law School and since his graduation has been practicing in Norwood. For the last sixteen years he has been associated with the firm of Sanborn & Squires.

ELBERT '09

The death of J. J. Elbert, '09 occurred on February 27 in Tuckahoe, N. Y. Mr. Elbert was a graduate of Course X, and served as an assistant in the laboratory of chemical engineering, after which for several years he studied in Germany at the University of Berlin. Returning with a degree of Ph.D. he became interested in the manufacture of waterproof fiber and was general manager of a plant in this industry in Worcester, Mass.

Dr. Elbert at the time of his death was in the employ of the American Cyanide Co., of New York. He leaves a wife and three children.

ALBEE '13

C. H. Albee, '13, chemist and general superintendent of the Rockland and Rockport Lime Corporation, died recently of influenza followed by bronchial pneumonia. At Technology he followed the course in chemical engineering and entered the services of the Rockland concern immediately upon his graduation. He was a member of the American Chemical Society. This coming June he would have been married to Miss Gladys Jones.

ROBERT N. TURNER '05

Robert N. Turner '05 died at his home in Arlington Tuesday, February 25. Mr. Turner left the Institute in 1903 to study law at Boston University and after his graduation served as Legislative counsel for Boston Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the organizers of the Republican League.

It was believed that Mr. Turner was convalescing after a three weeks' illness from pneumonia.

FINDING CHINA'S WEALTH

Professor F. C. Babee '07 has been put in charge of a movement recently organized in Changhai, China, for increasing the native industries and developing China's natural resources. The movement was organized by Shanghai patriotic societies with a preliminary budget of \$10,000 and will be carried on largely by men educated in the United States.

The Department of China's Research, which will ascertain as near as possible China's wealth in oils, ores and natural chemicals, will be carried on in connection with the science department of the Shanghai Baptist College which is under the direction of Professor Mabee. Another Technology man, Professor Ralph B. Kinnard '13, has just arrived in Shanghai to act as assistant to Professor Mabee and will be professor of physics at the Baptist college.

Gym at 7:30 o'clock. The Seniors will also play the freshmen.

Machine Drawing 213--Exercises in Machine Drawing 213, Course X third year, will be held in room 3-440 Sections one and two will meet on Wednesday from 2 to 4 o'clock and on Fridays from 3 to 5 o'clock. Sections three and four will meet on Thursday and Fridays from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Naval Arch Trip--A trip to the Charlestown Navy Yard will be made on Friday by the Naval Architecture Society. Only American citizens can be admitted and signups may be made in room 1-235 anytime before Friday. The members making the trip will leave Kendall square subway station at 1:30 o'clock.



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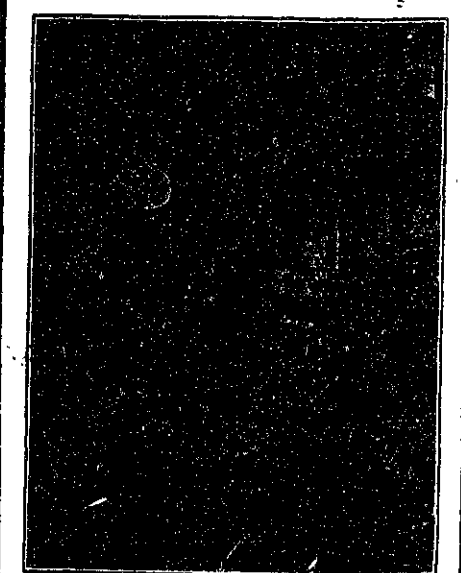


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