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APPRECIATED EFFORTS

WE wish to express our appreciation of the keen interest which the ladies of the Student Hospitality Committee have shown in their conduct of the Emma Rogers Room during the winter months. Their plan of keeping the room open during Junior Week is most considerate and is greatly appreciated by the men having guests here at that time. It is regrettable that the association with the families of the faculty is enjoyed by such a small minority when it is open to all. These ladies have done a great deal to increase the social life of the Institute through teas and in chaperoning Technology dances. They could accomplish even more if they got greater cooperation from the students.

FRESHMEN DRILL AGAIN

WITH the advent of Spring the freshmen are being initiated into that delightful pastime, freshman drill. An excellent thing is this drill, for it not only teaches the mysteries of warfare as experienced in the field, but it brings to the attention of the easy going the fact that all is not play at the Institute. What is a better method of putting a certain seriousness into the souls of those who would take life as a joke, than tearing around the parade ground for an hour or so?

Discipline is a thing which most American college students lack to an alarming degree and there is no doubt that a certain amount of army drill with real officers such as we have here at Technology is the very best remedy for the trouble.

TALK SHOULD RIVAL WOOD'S

STUDENTS at the Institute should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. C. S. Bookwalter of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation tomorrow evening in North Hall, Walker. Mr. Bookwalter comes here under the auspices of the combined professional societies. The subject of his talk will be "Machine Design, Installation, and Testing," but we are assured that he will divulge to his listeners a few of the tricks that he so successfully employed with his own corporation when he had charge of 12,000 laborers and maintained an exceptionally low labor turnover. The labor problem is one that is ever pressing forward in the life and work of an engineer and tomorrow night's speaker is said to possess some very valuable ideas on the subject.

Our correspondent with the Braves informs us that Horace Ford is making a fine showing in the infield. Write your own head.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR C. E. SOCIETY OFFICERS

Nominations for officers of the Civil Engineering society for the year 1920-1921 will be open until April 28. They must be turned in at the headquarters of the Civil Engineering Department. The officers to be elected are a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, and a member of the executive committee. These men must be chosen from the class of '21. A secretary, an assistant treasurer, and two members

of the executive committee will be chosen from the class of '22. The nominations must be in writing and signed by at least ten men. No member shall be nominated for more than one office excepting that of executive committee.

The election will take place on May 5 and the results will be announced at the annual banquet of the society which will be held at the Boston City Club on May 6 at 6.15 o'clock.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

May I have the privilege of a few inches of space in your columns to express the disfavor with which many of my colleagues look upon the so-called "feature" which THE TECH has resumed.

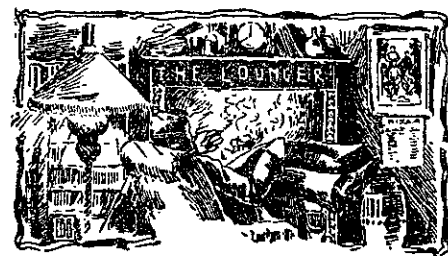
The Institute has certainly reached a critical stage when elections are questioned, library books vanish, and men are taken to task for underhand work at examinations, but to think that there is someone calling himself a true Technologist, who can, behind the mask of an incognito, make shameful and unwarranted attacks,—that is the culminating disgrace.

The "Lounger," to whom I refer, is as you have said "a fairly mature man," but do you realize his great change in the 32 years since he first began? Permit me, as a close friend of your misguided humorist, to call your attention to the fact that he is no longer awed by the word "Faculty," having met its members on the occasion of so many restive reunions since he was an undergraduate that he looks upon his almost libelous statements merely as friendly jibes.

Why not limit the scope of the "Lounger's" work to conversational editorials or to maintaining a humorous column—as I know him, he is well fitted for either—but don't let him introduce into your columns the "yellow" type of story in which it can be stated with impunity that Technology lacks an appreciative Faculty!

In closing, I should like to request others among the Alumni and especially the Faculty to express their views upon this subject. I also wish to congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on the general excellence of your publication. The "Eastman Edition" was a splendid piece of work, and each succeeding paper is even more interesting. Here's to continued success.

Very truly yours,
Epaminondas



The Lounger scowled. It was a black penetrating scowl that pierced the gloom of the den. He shifted his position in the leathery embrace of his favorite armchair and scowled again. The April breezes whistled tunelessly through the closed shutters and the log fire burst momentarily into flame, and then died out. The heavy pungent odor of Random Hit tobacco, the Lounger's favorite pipe food, penetrated the room, and the fluffy clouds of smoke made grotesque figures as they ascended ceiling-ward.

But why the scowl? No, it was not reflection upon his F in thermodynamics, nor was it born of the thought that the estimate of his personal budget for Junior Week was in excess of one hundred good old dollars. No, 'twas neither of these thoughts but something more momentous. And he scowled again.

He had been sitting here for hours it seemed. The great hall clock struck one. Before him lay black despair, the thought of the dismal failure that would greet him on the morrow when he appeared at the office of THE TECH empty handed, with no material for the next issue.

Slowly the clouds of smoke curled and eddied. The mist cleared from his brain, and he seemed to see before him the outline of the "Mystic Trio." Why had he not thought of them before? All day he had been seeing them throughout the halls of the Institute, and many the conjectures which he had heard concerning them.

The Lounger himself had smiled a knowing smile on hearing these comments, for had he not been told the significance of the mysterious letters, "P P P," and the date April 30, which had appeared simultaneously on all the bulletin boards? Aha, he knew, and a cunning smile curled his lips.

Parties, Picnics, Proms,—perhaps, Oh, but he knew better. Politics, Presidents, Prohibition,—possibly. But, nay, not so. Professors, Pupils, Parents,—perchance. No, not that eternal triangle. But should he be the one to analyze this unknown for the bewildered student body; should he, or should he not?

His pipe had long since gone out. The crackle of the fire had diminished until now there was the glow of but one tiny ember. And as he watched, this ember too was snuffed out and inky blackness prevailed, a blackness suggestive of secrecy. Here was his inspiration, he would leave his readers Puzzled, Perplexed, and Pondering.

ACADEMIA MEETS TOMORROW

The program committee of Academia has announced the plans for the coming month and has formulated them for the rest of the term. This term the meetings will be held on Wednesdays as well as Fridays, the first taking place tomorrow.

At this meeting A. J. Fassitt Jr., who has lectured in the past to third year students on the negro question, will speak on that subject. Mr. Fassitt will deal with the social aspect and the negro's attitude. The society has abandoned its policy of holding open meetings and hereafter only members will be admitted to the meetings.

On Friday, April 30, Mr. Copithorne of the instructing staff will speak on "Anti-Semitism." This meeting, as well as the one which takes place tomorrow, will begin at 4 o'clock.

HARVARD PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS INSTITUTE STAFF

Will Speak of First Days of Technology at Meeting Tonight

The Faculty Club will meet in the north hall of the Walker tonight at 6.30 o'clock to hear C. W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University. President Eliot is the only surviving member of the first faculty of Technology.

The subject which the speaker has chosen is "Reminiscences of Early Days at the Institute and of President Rogers." President Eliot became a professor of chemistry at Technology in 1865 and President of Harvard in 1869. An attendance of from 50 to 75 is expected at the meeting including several retired members of the faculty.

UNITARIANS ORGANIZE

A Technology Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League was the result of the supper held at the Unity House last Friday evening for the Unitarian students of Technology. The speakers of the evening were Mr. W. L. Barnard, Office Secretary of Unity House; Dr. C. E. Park of the First Church, Boston; Mr. E. G. Adams, a vice-president of Unity House and Prof. Pearson of the English Department.

After the speaking, it was decided that a chapter should be formed at Technology. A constitution was adopted in which it is stated that the dues shall be one dollar and a half a year, and that there shall be three meetings annually. The meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday of each term. The officers elected are as follows:—president, R. H. Smithwick '21; vice-president, R. F. Mann '22; secretary, G. W. Heathman '22; treasurer, C. P. Clapp '23; executive committee, A. E. Fowler Jr. '22, C. P. Davis '21, and W. B. Purinton '22. There are 23 charter members of the chapter.

Alumni Notes

COLLINS '18—NICHOLS

As a recent luncheon at their Brookline home, Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Nichols announced the engagement of their daughter, Maxine Harriet, to E. P. Collins '18. Miss Nichols is at present attending Miss Wheelock's School. Collins entered the Institute in his freshman year and was a member of the Chemical Society and of Masque. He was vice-president of his class in the Senior year and wrote music for the Tech Show for three years. He also belonged to the Musical clubs for three years and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

BALFOUR '19—HUNTER

Word has just been received of the marriage of Marshall C. Balfour '19, to Miss Margaret Hunter of Macon, Go. Mr. Balfour is a member of the Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity and was very active in student affairs while in the Institute. He belongs to Orisis and Beaver and while in school worked on THE TECH, Technique, and was an officer of the M. I. T. A. A. The couple has left for Switzerland where Mr. Balfour will assume the duties of a Major in the Red Cross.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

The Emma Rogers Room will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons for the use of students and their friends under the auspices of the Student Hospitality Committee.

Technique Signups may be redeemed today in the main lobby from 12 o'clock until 3 as a last opportunity.

Get-Together Club meets at Smoker in Grill Room tonight at 7.30 o'clock.

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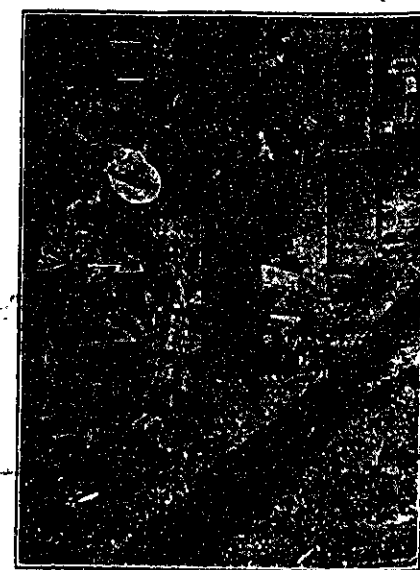
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