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H. C. Gayley '22.....L. S. Champion '23

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"ON WITH THE DANCE—"

JUNIOR Week is the Technology man's opportunity to prove to the world, which in most cases proves to be some sprightly miss from Wellesley or Smith or Vassar, that he is human.

He starts in by dragging her over to the great court on Thursday afternoon where he leaves her to the merciless line of one or two of his fraternity brothers while he proceeds to show her that he is the bravest man in the world. A half hour of the fiercest kind of scrambling in a vain effort to reach the top of Reggie Smithwick's castle on the pebbles convinces her, well, if not that he is the bravest man in the world, then surely that he will not have anything to sell Max Keezer for a little while at any rate.

If he is not too seriously disabled by the post meridian melee, he proceeds to display his knowledge of the art of Terpsichore in the evening at the Somerset, not before, however, he has listened with bored mien to several selections from the combined musical clubs. During the concert he will point out as personal friends all the school celebrities with explanation of where each one bought his Junior Week hair cut.

As the program draws out through Chopinsky's "Dirge to the Ephesians" and Rubenstein's latest offering to the kingdom of jazz, conversation turns to the length of the program and how they both want to dance. After dancing a half hour they both wished the musical clubs would play some more.

But anyway Friday they have a chance to see the athletes in action. Not a tea-hound among them, he proudly explains to her. Every one of them bound on his word of honor to be in bed by 10 o'clock. Then he mumbles something, half loud, which in harmony with half a hundred other such mumbles, proves to have been a "regular M. I. T." for somebody or other.

But then Friday night,—Prom, the piece de resistance of the weak, so to say. And withal another opportunity to disprove the theory that Technology men are possessed of two left feet, as the Lounger would put it.

And right here let us predict that no engineering school in the country turns out as many high class exponents of the light fantastic toe as Technology. Tripping lightly about the laboratory day in and day out they acquire as slippery a sole as Donald Brian ever shook through the Merry Widow when he was in his prime.

The reception at Walker Saturday afternoon will be the Prom's demi-tasse while the part of the after-dinner cigar is ably filled by Tech Show. The chorus girls smoke cigarettes more realistically than any aggregation of 40 under 20 since last year's Tech Show.

But please girls, when you write us and tell us you enjoyed the "Week," please say, "and you ARE human after all."

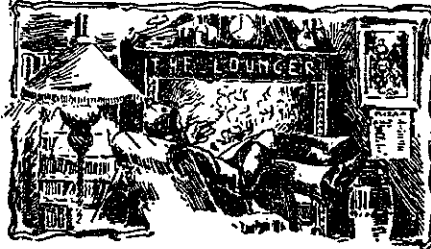
COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Someone has said that America's keen interest in athletic games is the basis for the fair play of her citizenry. In the spirit of fair play, will you kindly extend to me the courtesy of a reply in your columns to Mr. Main's letter on A. A. R., published in your March 18 issue?

Mr. Main questions the accuracy of statements but does not give the source. A. A. E. has grown so rapidly that a statement of growth one month is materially changed in another. If the time element is not taken into consideration in quoting such statements, obviously incongruity will result.

Graduates of M. I. T. have rather a leading hand in shaping policies and operation of this Association. Our President, Dr. F. H. Newell, our incoming President, Mr. L. K. Sherman, the Chairman of our Committee on Employment, Mr. George C. D. Lenth, the Chairman of our Committee on Salaries of Engineers in Public Service, Mr. A. N. Johnson, of our Committee on Engineering Education, Prof. Frederic Bass of the University of Minnesota—the list might be extended considerably—are among the M. I. T. men who are giving most unselfishly and liberally of their time for



The Lounger is wont to consider Junior Prom the best thing Technology does.

The professors are always preaching "breadth of view" as a requisite for a complete criticism of life. Some of the views at Prom fulfill this requisite better than any course in General Suffering that was ever invented.

The Lounger attends Prom every year to drink in this breadth of view. He thinks he gets it best from a Mechanical Engineer who spends his days over a drawing board in machine design and his nights under the lighted lamp—but not the lighted a la Boheme.

Bent and broken by his efforts with the 6-H pencil, he presents a miserable spectacle in a ball room. Voo Doo has called him the "athletic dancer." Formosa suggests he isn't as bad as all that but he'd do better if he would take his rubbers off.

The Course XV men are the best dancers at Technology. Ask some of them. They'll tell you they are. They are personally acquainted with all the waitresses at the Colonial and can call Leo Reisman by his front monicker.

The picture of the dance that the Lounger was brought up to idealize portrayed the couple sweeping about the varnished surface, the male of the species whispering sweet nothings in her ear. Junior Prom shattered this ideal into as many fragments as there were Course X men on the Class Day committee after that first election.

In the first place, they usually sweep the floor literally at some time or other during the evening. When a man had learned to dance on Thursday and goes to Prom on Friday it isn't any wonder that the floor rises up and jabs him in the back of his head at least once between 9 and four.

In the second place there will be no sweet nothings whispered at this year's Prom. The boys will all be busy advancing alibies for not taking the girl of their choice to Tech Show.

If what Formosa told the Lounger is true, there are about 1500 sorely disappointed embryo engineers at Tech. Their disappointment dates back to the distribution of tickets by the Tech Show management.

Formosa says some of the boys allege the distribution was carried on something like this:

H-rb Sm-th" John Jones wants two for the mat. Who the h--- is he, John?"

J-hn—"Damfino. Here's the wastebasket."

Incidentally THE TECH reaped more popularity around the Institute last week than ever before in its history. With the aforementioned 1500 absolutely on the outs with Show, some brilliant night editor conceived the idea of imitating Hearst's "Give 'em what they want" policy and called the show, in no small headline, "PASTY."

The Lounger does not think that it will be quite that bad. He thinks, and Formosa agrees with him, that the editor overdid it a bit in his choice of adjectives.

A big sale of THE TECH at Prom is assured as a result of the extreme popularity of the rag, gained last week. The youths will be seeking another opportunity to convince their females that the show, being "PASTY," will not be worth seeing anyway.

the betterment of the profession through the instrumentality of A. A. E.

We invite any engineer to verify any statement sent out from headquarters of A. A. E. We will pay the expense of such investigator—if it is found that any statement of fact is in error. If found correct, the investigator will bear his own expense.

Some statements are based on fact, some on opinion. The above are facts. For anyone to say which society is the greater or greatest, is a matter largely of opinion. If technical achievement is the basis of greatness, then this honor belongs to one of the national technical societies; if the standard is service in the non-technical, the business or human side, then the credit belongs to A. A. E.

We have no quarrel with the technical societies. They have done splendid work in the technical field and in this we are trying to support them, asking them to support us in the non-technical field. Engineering Council and A. A. E. are working harmoniously. Council supported A. A. E. in an effective and magnanimous manner in our railroad salary case before the U. S. Railroad Administration. A. A. E. has supported Council in furthering a national Department of Public Works and has been credited by a prominent member of that Association with doing more toward it than any other national society.

A. A. E. believes in the young man. We want to help him get ahead in his life work and we want his virility and enthusiasm. Instead of our 2,000 student members, as we now have, we want all of the thirty or forty thousand students in engineering as members.

Mr. Main's correspondent may not have seen our statement on trade unionism in the profession, copy which we enclose. We should like to discuss this subject with either Mr. Main or his correspondent in open forum with the students and graduates of M. I. T. as audience and judges. The principles of A. A. E. are sound to the core and are being so recognized by more and more of the leading engineers.

Mr. Main's correspondent casts aspersions and shows some bitterness. Are those the attributes of justice and fairness? Is it a sin and a "bait" for A. A. E. to get the engineer a living wage? Should we be too proud to give attention to what we earn when the organized mechanic is paid more? Once the United States was too proud to fight, but the mistake was discovered. Might we hope that these gentlemen who now oppose A. A. E. through misunderstanding investigate fully and charitably? The enthusiasm of youth may take strong claims and has and will make mistakes. But with our watchwords—Service, Fellowship, Cooperation—we will not go far astray. We invite Mr. Main and his correspondent to join us and help guide the ship.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) C. E. DRAYER,
Secretary.

Editor of THE TECH,

I cannot let the statement in your highly complimentary reference to my career, as it appears in THE TECH on page 6 of the issue of April 9th, where it is stated, "He is credited with the construction of the first practical dynamo, etc.," go without contradiction. Some people, ignorant of dynamo history, might not know that practical dynamos were used in lighthouses years before I was born; but there is no need to spread false information. I am certainly not a party to that or any other exaggerated statement. The newspapers, often admittedly with good intention or unwittingly, publish statements without submitting them to the one most concerned, for approval as to correctness in facts. One cannot even know the extent of such publication, or even its very existence, until too late to correct it, and moreover, the tax on time, to make the disclaimers called for or the corrections needed, is so great as to forbid the undertaking itself. Except for some slight errors, the article you publish is in the main true; and I thank you for your kind consideration. The fault is not yours, but is inherent to the source from which you have drawn, as is evident.

Very truly yours

ELIHU THOMSON.

C. W. ELIOT OF HARVARD SPEAKS TO FACULTY CLUB

At the meeting and dinner of the Faculty Club in Walker last Tuesday evening, at which 62 members were present, Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard and the only surviving member of the faculty of the Institute of the year 1865, spoke on "Reminiscences of the Early Days at the Institute and of President Rogers." Professor Richards '68 and Professor Cross '70 also spoke of their early experiences at the Institute.

Brown University — Brown, Dartmouth, and Williams are going to have a triangular debate on April 30. The negative teams will in each case debate at home.

Alumni Notes

SAYS HE IS NOT DEAD

W. T. Schaurte '14, say that the report that he had been killed in action was greatly exaggerated and that he is as much alive as ever. At present Schaurte is general manager of the Reinsche Schrauben and Mustern, fabrick at Neus a Rhein, Germany.

FORMS NEW COMPANY

R. H. Tuttle '14, announces the formation of the Tuttle, Whitney and Co. for the practice of public accounting and industrial engineering with headquarters at Minneapolis. Mr. Tuttle is a course IV man and has been located in Boston until recently.

WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Eugene L. MacDonald '13, who has been working on the highway "situation" in Florida, has given up that work and is now with the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit. Mr. MacDonald is a graduate of course I and was formerly employed as a civil engineer with the New York Public Service Commission.

CROSS '13 WRITES FROM SPAIN

In a letter lately received from Richard B. Cross '13 who, for the past year, has been working for the Aluminum Company of America, in Spain and Portugal, he states that there are large fields open in those countries for engineers and that a large amount of industrial development is now being made by American concerns especially in water power development. He describes life there as being "interesting."

HARRY H. SAYLOR '01 APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF SALES SERVICE

Harry H. Saylor '01, who for many years has been the editor of "Country Life in America," has resigned that position and is now Director of Sales Service for the Atlas Advertising Agency. Mr. Saylor is a graduate of Course IV, and has been actively engaged in editorial work since leaving the Institute. He was very active in student affairs and was Editor-in-Chief of THE TECH, Vol. XX.

KANEZO GOTO '11 HEADS JAPANESE ORDANCE INTERESTS

Kanezo Goto '11 of the Navy Department in Tokio has recently arrived in New York to assume the position as Chief Inspector of Machinery and Ordnance for the Japanese Navy for two years.

Goto came to the Institute to study under the interests of the Japanese Navy and graduated from Course II, Mechanical Engineering.

S. B. TUELL BECOMES MANAGER

Samuel B. Tuell '03, formerly with the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation is now manager of the Houghton County Electric Light Co., Houghton, Mich. He graduated from Course VI and has gained extensive engineering experience in this connection with the Stone & Webster organization, having been employed at Key West, Porto Rico and other places. He was at Pawtucket, R. I. and was later placed in charge of the utility work at Hog Island, later entering the office of vice-president.

DIRECTOR OF NEWARK COLLEGE

Allen R. Cullimore '07, Dean of engineering at Delaware College has resigned to become director of the Newark Technology College at Newark, N. J. From April, 1918 to June, 1919, Dean Cullimore served as a Major in the army in rehabilitation work. He graduated from the Institute as a civil engineer and for four years previous to going to Delaware in 1916, was Dean of engineering at the Toledo, Ohio, University, Newark College, where he goes as director, has between 700 and 800 engineering students enrolled.

GERARD SWOPE '95 RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Gerard Swope '95, former Vice-President of the Western Electric Co. has just been awarded a Distinguished Service Medal by Secretary of War Baker for his work during the war under Major-General Goethals, with whom he was associated as Assistant Director of Purchase, Storage and Traffic. He was largely concerned in planning and executing the reorganization of the Army Supply Service which was concentrated in the department of which General Goethals was head. Mr. Swope is, at present, President of the International General Electric Co., at New York City.