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JUNIOR WEEK

JUNIOR WEEK is coming! Every year we forget for a few days the stresses and strains of work, and have a good time. And it should be so, for no man can be fit for study, who does not give himself some relaxation. Our time is spent too much in concentrated effort, and too little in other lines than studies. We need a Junior Week, and not only that, but dances, which bring association with girls, to give us the polish and smoothing off which is essential.

Life without pleasure would be empty. The happy man is the man who accomplishes things. Junior Week furnishes us with a few days of pleasure and good times, after which, we can turn with a smile in our hearts, to the work for next term.

In Junior Week, three days of hectic carefree life, three days with the one and only girl, three days crammed with dances, shows, and still more dances, we have the one big splash in nine months of hard work. It is the bright spot in the whole year, the goal of our activities. What more can any Technology man desire? How many can stifle the urge within them, and stay away? Darn few, we hope.

In the outside world, Technology men are known (by reputation) as a hard working, deep thinking lot, industrious as the beaver, our mascot. But even beavers take a splash once in a while. Everyone of us, deep down inside, enjoys a good show, a good dance, and a good time. We may be trying for a B. S., but we are only human after all.

Junior Week is coming. The time of all times in the Institute year is but two days off! Although there has been a departure from the usual custom by holding it during vacation week, our enthusiasm has not diminished. The overwhelming demand for Junior Prom signups and Tech Show tickets indicates our desires. We can feel certain that our fair guests will leave with a lasting impression of a wonderful time. From the opening gun of Technique Rush to the last wail of the saxophone at the Junior Prom, it is going to be the best Junior Week ever staged. So let's drop off our mantle of care and make our motto: "Out for a good time."

TECHNIQUE RUSH

THURSDAY morning sees a reversion to type on the part of several of America's most staid undergraduates. Reverently laying aside the T-square and the slide-rule, Technology students engage in an organized riot. It is a bare-handed battle with one's kind, a primeval struggle untrammelled by rules and refinements, in which these acolytes of learning tear at each other like anthropoid apes. The veneer of civilization is soon rubbed off in the melee and the primordial lust of conquest fires again the savagest passions. And stout fellows are cast down and strong men beat to death. And a splendid sight it is to see Tech's apemen join in fierce simiam combat and, like Odysseus, drink delight of battle with their peers.

But in this gorillas sport we find one trace of the centuries of civilization. For our ancestors in the good old arboreal days, the prize was a comely mate, or even a goodly cocoanut; for us, it is only a book. Only a book? Yes, but what a book. A review of the years events, photos, write-ups, drawings, jokes, a mass of facts presented in an attractive form, are all contained within its covers. It is the product of several months of toil by the Technique Board, a prize well worth fighting for.

Our forbears, the great apes, would have found a book useful only at short range as a playful missile and not worth a growl, much less a mortal combat. In that particular we are advanced beyond the cousins we keep in Zoological Gardens. We have reached the stage in which we fight for books and all that they represent with the utter ferocity of bull-apes contending for a mate. The desire of knowledge has seized our natures with the strength of an animal instinct and has become a ruling passion. The girls who attend Technique Rush cannot be insensible to this change. Instead of being the bone of contention as in the olden times they must content themselves with the role of mere onlooker while the strong men battle with their strength and cunning for a book. How symbolic of the progress of mankind is the Technique Rush! Woman, the antediluvian prize, stands expectantly by and sees the modern ape-man struggling for a new possession, the embodiment of wisdom, of learning, and of light.

Alumni Notes

DAVID KAUFMAN '23
ALUMNI EDITOR

Dr. George E. Hale '90, honored by England, director of the Mount Wilson Astronomical Observatory, Pasadena, California, has been awarded the Actonian prize by the Royal Institution of Great Britain in recognition of his work in studying the solar phenomena.

Regarded by many as America's leading solar physicist, Dr. Hale has been awarded several coveted medals and honored by many foreign and national societies and by the Universities of Yale, Manchester, Oxford, and Cambridge. The Astronomical Society of France twice granted him the Janssen medal for important astronomical discoveries. While at Technology he interested himself in physics and during the summer following his sophomore year he established a private physical laboratory in Chicago, known as the Kenwood Observatory and carried on a protracted study of solar phenomena. His invention of the spectroheliograph for photographing prominences around the sun opened up a new field of research.

He was honored by the American Academy of Science in 1902 with the Rumford medal, by the National Academy of Sciences in 1902 with the Draper medal, and by the Royal Astronomical Society in 1904 with a gold medal. Previous to taking charge of the Mount Wilson Observatory, Dr. Hale, was for ten years head of the great Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago.

HEADS "GUARANTY TRUST"

William C. Potter '97 has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Guaranty Trust Company, one of the largest banking houses in New York. He has withdrawn from connection with the Guggenheim Brothers and from the all executive activities with other enterprises.

Mr. Potter studied mining at the Institute. After completing his studies he was engaged for a number of years in mining operations in the west and in Mexico for the Guggenheim Exploration and Mining Company, and for the American Smelting and Refining Company. He became president of the Intercontinental Refining Company in 1911. During the war he held the post of Chief of the Equipment Division of the Army Aviation Corps at Washington. He was awarded the Distinguished Service medal and the Italian government recently decorated him as Commander of the Order of the Crown.

Former Tech show authors are placing Technology in the limelight in the theatrical world, when they turn their talents towards productions for the theatres of the "Gay White Way."

Thomas P. Robinson '99 an architect of Boston, has won the annual prize offered by Oliver Moresco, a theatrical producer of New York, to members of Harvard's class in playwriting, "47 Workshop." The winning play is "The Copy," a character comedy. The prize of \$500 carries with it a promise of a Broadway production within six months.

"I have always been interested in playwriting and I am fond of the theatre," says Mr. Robinson. He has written two plays, "The Hunchbuckle" and "The Rebound" and a number of articles relating to his profession, but no fiction.

Mr. Robinson is one of the designers of the firm of Derby and Robinson, architects of Boston. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and of The Boston Society of Architecture. He belongs to the Phi Beta Epsilon fraternity and to the Technology Club of N. Y.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

The Trinity Players will present "Under Cover" at Jordan Hall on March 18 at 8:00 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at Filene's and A. Shuman & Co. at \$5.00 and \$1.00.

Scholarship applications (except for Cambridge awards) for the coming school year, should be filed at the Registrar's Office before Saturday, May 7. Blanks may be obtained at Room 10-100.

Application on the required form for Cambridge scholarships must be filed in May or June.

The New Administration—

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Editor of The Tech: A perfectly plain girl, who has a new party dress and dances well, but is not much fun, would like to go to the prom with a man who hasn't anyone to take because he is a stranger here. "He must be tall," a very fine dancer, and either handsome or a great talker. References required. Apply early to avoid the rush, in your own handwriting, enclosing your dimensions and photograph, to

Katy Kockleshell
Radnor Hall, Cambridge

CHINESE COMMISSION PAYS VISIT TO TECHNOLOGY

Sent to Study Schools and Colleges in America

Technology was visited last week by the Chinese Educational Commission of the Province of Kiangsu, on a world tour of inspection. The Commission consists of six members, the chairman being H. L. Yuen, president of Nan-tsing College, Kiangsu, and the secretary Herman C. E. Liu of Columbia University. The other members are: C. F. Kea, president of the Second Provincial Normal College, Shanghai; N. T. Tsiang, principal of the Sixth Middle High School, Cheng-kiang; F. C. Wu, dean of the Fourth Teachers College, Kanking; C. S. Tsiang, member of the Educational Bureau, Nanking.

The party is making a tour of the leading educational institutions of the United States and Europe. Particular attention is given to the technical, agricultural, public and normal schools. On March 26 the group will sail for England.

The party was deeply appreciative of the courtesies extended them at the Institute, and Mr. Liu, the secretary, expressed the appreciation of the commission. Among other things he stated that China regarded M. I. T. as the foremost technical institution of the United States, this view being attested to by the large numbers of Chinese students who come here to study.

EXAMINATION FOR ARMY OFFICERS IS ANNOUNCED

The Department of Military Science announces that examinations are to be held April 25 to fill 2585 vacancies of First and Second Lieutenants in the Regular Army. Any student between 20 years, 10 months, and 29 years, 10 months, and who is a citizen of the United States, is eligible. Colonel Christian will give further information to anyone interested, at Room 3-310.

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