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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

John M. Keck.....Edwin M. Goldsmith, Jr.

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES' DANCES

THE most obvious function of the Professional Societies is to give their members a broader view of their branch of the engineering profession, through meetings at which outside speakers prominent in the technical or business world discuss subjects of general interest. These societies moreover can play another equally important role in bringing the members together and promoting closer fellowship. The Civil Engineering Society dance next week is a case in point. It is a fine way to bring the members together informally and entirely unprofessionally, and as THE TECH points out from time to time the more non-technical activities a man can work in, the more he will get out of the Institute. The idea of the professional society dance is one that should be encouraged, but with its approbation THE TECH must utter a word of caution: let such dances remain in fact professional society dances, with the object of bringing the members more together, and not be open to the Institute at large; for then they would become essentially money-making schemes, and would lose their whole point.

THE T. C. A. MUSICALE

THE attendance at the four o'clock musicale given in room 10-250 last Wednesday, shows a gratifying interest in music on the part of the undergraduates. There are quite a few men who have neither the time nor the money to attend concerts at Symphony Hall, but would appreciate an opportunity to listen for an hour some afternoon to pieces by the great composers. Furthermore, there would be an undoubted benefit in making good music more available to the students, in giving them a chance to develop a taste for it. It would be well for the Technology Christian Association through its social department, to arrange for similar musicales to be given every few weeks during the year.

BULLETINS FOR THE ARCHITECTS

SEPARATED from the rest of the Institute by a broad river and a long walk through the Back Bay, but nevertheless an integral and important part of it, the students of the Architectural department in the old Rogers building, take as active an interest as anyone in the affairs of the Institute, but their specialized work keeps them away from the bulletin boards which carry the announcements of activities. There are bulletin boards in Rogers to be sure, but there seems to be a tendency on the part of those posting notices to forget it, with the result that the architects are needlessly isolated from the affairs of the Institute. It would not be a great deal of trouble for those in charge of the publicity of activities to see that notices are posted over there as well as in the main buildings and it is only fair to those whose work is across the river that this step should be taken.

EPISCOPAL CLUB TO HEAR PILOT

Rev. Byrle J. Osborne will address the next meeting of the Episcopal Club. He was an aviation pilot during the war and is the president of the Aero Club of Massachusetts. He is a young man, very much interested in college men and their affairs. He has addressed past meetings of the club and was very well received by the members. His services have also been engaged to lead the bible class recently formed by the club.

CORPORATION XV TO SEE MANUFACTURE OF COTTON

The Boston Manufacturing Company, Waltham, Mass., is the goal of a trip by Corporation XV next Friday afternoon. This trip will afford an opportunity to see the various steps in the manufacture of cotton cloth from the raw product. The trip is limited to the first 20 men signing up at the Professional Societies' bulletin board. It is likely that additional trips will be arranged if the interest in this one warrants them.

Alumni Notes

AMERICANS FARE WELL

Harold V. Fay '14 has recently returned from a five years' absence in China, Russia, and other countries in the Far East. He went to Nanking, China, soon after graduation to teach in the Nanking University. When the American forces went to Siberia, Mr. Fay joined them and remained with them until they returned to the United States. Together with a companion he went on to Russia as an American correspondent.

Mr. Fay has gained a wide knowledge of conditions in Russia under the Soviet Government. His opinions of the "Reds" is not totally in accord with that of other travellers. He says that Americans fare well in Russia, and in Siberia, they are very popular, as America has done a great deal for Siberia in sending aid to the people. He adds, "I found fine order throughout Russia, but the city populations are underfed. The Soviets are pretty solid politically, but economically they are unsound."

PERCY GRIFFIN '84

Percy Griffin '84 architect of the firm of Griffin and Wynkoop of New York City, died of pneumonia after a week's illness. Besides pursuing the course in architecture at the Institute, Mr. Griffin studied under H. H. Richardson, a Boston architect. He designed many public buildings in New York, Virginia and other parts of the country. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Architectural League of New York.

SIZE OF STUDENT BODY NOT TO BE REGULATED VERY SOON

Present Three Term System Will Continue Next Year

The rumors of two terms for the Institute are unfounded, according to Professor H. W. Tyler '84, head of the department of mathematics. The faculty is not considering abolishing condition examinations, either, so he says.

When asked concerning the regulation of the size of future classes entering the Institute he answered as follows: "The recent rapid growth of the Institute was very unfortunate, but nothing can be judged from it as the causes of it are only temporary. The S. A. T. C. is largely responsible for the increase and when the class which entered in the S. A. T. C. graduates, the size of the undergraduate body will probably decrease to a normal of about 2500." He personally prefers a small enrollment of about 2000, this does not mean however that he favors reducing the present size of Technology. The real concern of the committee on entrance is not to regulate the number of men entering from high and preparatory schools, as this has remained normal, but they are concerned with the requirements for men transferring into the Institute after one or two years in another college. If restrictions should be made, they would chiefly affect these transfer students or those men taking examinations with two or more conditions.

Since the state contract with the Institute comes to an end soon, Professor Tyler's views on the possibility of a state university are of interest. He does not regard it probable that the state will start a university in the near future, and he went on to say that even though the state should start a university, if it did not do it by investing at least two million dollars a year, such an institution would in no wise affect the size of the student body of Technology. The Institute will hold its present number enrolled as long as it maintains its present high standing. Other members of the faculty consulted on this matter expressed the same or similar views on the possibility of a state university and its effect on the Institute.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

All Varsity Riflemen will be expected on the range tomorrow and Thursday afternoon without fail.

All members of the Hockey team who are entitled to vote, will meet Wednesday, March 30, at 12 o'clock in room 4-131 for the election of a captain.

The T. C. A. Employment Bureau wishing to bring its files up to date, requests all students looking for spare-time work during the third term to register with the Bureau at once, or if already registered, to come in and fill out the schedule cards for the third term.

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T. C. A. CALLS MEN

Candidates for 1921 Handbook Staff Will Meet Friday

A competition for the staff of the 1921 Handbook starts on Friday of this week with a meeting of the candidates in the T. C. A. office at 5 o'clock. Editor-in-chief L. S. Vadner '22, managing editor A. J. Browning '22, and business manager Bernard Gasser '22 will speak to the candidates. There is need especially for Sophomores and freshmen in both the editorial and business sections of the staff.

The advisability of having the printing and binding of the handbook done by separate firms will be investigated by the candidates and also the nature of the binding, whether leather or a substitute. For those who desire to get into the advertising work there is still room for more men in this section of the business manager's department.

The results of a questionnaire sent to members of the T. C. A. cabinet and to heads of activities concerning the 1921 Handbook, have been compiled and as a result a changed handbook may be expected this fall.

MINING DEPARTMENT TO GIVE RECEPTION

Students in the Department of Mining and Geology have received invitations from the departmental instructing staff to an informal reception to be held in the Emma Rogers room on Thursday evening, March 31, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

It has been the custom of the Mining Department to give an annual social party to afford an opportunity for the students and instructors to become acquainted on a different plane than that of the lecture room and laboratory. Last year practically the entire student body of the Mining Department turned out.

CHEMICALS VISIT WALTER BAKER CHOCOLATE PLANT

The Chemical Society will visit the plant of the Walter Baker Chocolate Company Thursday and Friday of this week. The men will meet in the main lobby at 1:30 o'clock to leave for Milton. The trip each day is limited to 30 men, so those desiring to go are advised to sign up on the bulletin board by Dr. Talbot's office at an early date.

The company manufactures cocoa and chocolate products from bean at this plant, so the trip will afford an opportunity to become acquainted with the entire process of this industry.

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