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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

E. M. Goldsmith Jr. J. W. Gundling

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1921

THE POINT SYSTEM

TO protect men interested in activities from overburdening themselves to the point of academic mortality, the solons of the Institute devised the Point System. Under the wing of the Institute Committee, a sub-committee was established to limit the activities of individuals by attaching a value in points to the various positions in the undergraduate organizations. This system was admirably designed and guards efficiently against a common evil of school activities for under its administration, ambition cannot overleap itself. However, the best plan in the world cannot succeed unless it is thoroughly carried out.

There has been unquestionable neglect of duty on the part of the Point System Committee in the past. Individual cases have come to our attention of men carrying a greatly excessive number of points. One man indeed had burdened himself with as many as 29. Cases were common of men with 19 or 20 points to their credit. These men are undoubtedly capable men and perhaps they have not suffered from thus loading themselves to the limit, but the principle is admittedly wrong and measures have already been taken to provide against this unwise practice. The system has failed insofar as the Committee has neglected to check up the number of points carried by the school's prominent men.

In the recent TECH elections we had an evidence of the Committee's activity in the disqualification under the Point System of one of the men elected to a position on the Board. In view of the number of men allowed through negligence to carry an unlimited number of

points, this sporadic activity individuals concerned. The system as it stands on paper is in-seems to work hardships on the dubitably wise and necessary. However, to derive full benefit from it, it is essential that it be administered not only conscientiously but consistently. It is easy for men as busy as Tech students to procrastinate extra curricular duties and the offense is, therefore, venial. Nevertheless, we hope to see the Point System Committee more active, energetic, and inquisitive in its functions.

A HYMN FOR TECHNOLOGY

AMONG other things, Tech is a unique among colleges for the fact that it has no college anthem. It has a song very sacred in the Stein Song, but no solemn hymn of loyalty and devotion. This lack has been felt and many men have been heard to express a real need for such a song. A school of such Spartan strength which does so much to cast and forge the characters of its students would unquestionably form a noble and inspiring subject for an ode set to music.

It seems that an opportunity for introducing such a song lies well within the province of Tech Show. Every year many clever song hits are brought forward at the annual play. Normally these songs, though very pleasing at the moment, are in the popular style and therefore ephemeral and transient in the minds of the student body. Could a great college hymn be written and well sung in the course of the play next year? There seems but little question that it would abide in the Institute long after the memory of its individual author had faded to oblivion. It would be a real service to Tech to give her sons

an anthem properly expressing some measure of their regard for their Alma Mater.

Now that next year's Tech Show is an early stage of creation, we hope that this idea of writing a lasting song will be conceived in the minds of the playwrights who are beginning next year's production. Certainly they can hope to win no honor greater than that of composing what may become Tech's great song. In doing so, they may escape the oblivion into which Tech Shows of the past have fallen. In supplying this want of an anthem, they may leave behind them a live and honorable memory of themselves as authors of a splendid song. Here is a need which presents a challenge to all those who have the power of performing this service; we hope the call will not remain unanswered.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH: In a recent issue of THE TECH there appeared a communication from Stuart Nixon regarding the new society connected with the Musical Clubs and the similarity of the same to "The Masque." The new society is an honorary society composed of men who are members of the Musical Clubs Association having had a long term of service with the Clubs and who because of this connection are in a capacity to act in an advisory capacity to the management of that organization. The function of the new society will be "service" for the better interests on the Musical Clubs and it is hoped that the members will be brought together in a closer knit group.

I hope that this communication will explain to the student body and others the purpose of the new society and that it will be successful in accomplishing said purpose. R. C. RUNDLETT

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

All Men Interested in Cross-Country and distance running meet at the track house, Friday May 13th, 12 to 12:30, and 1 to 1:30.

RECEIVE TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT NICHOLS

In reply to a telegram of congratulation sent to President-elect Nichols of the Institute by the Cosmopolitan Club, the following has been received: "Mr. A. H. Rodriguez,

"Upon my return to Cleveland after a ten days' absence, I find your delightful telegram of greeting from the Cosmopolitan Club of the Institute, which gives me much pleasure and satisfaction.

"At your earliest opportunity, please thank the members of the Club in my behalf for their kind courtesy. I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting the members of the Cosmopolitan Club and the other organizations of Institute undergraduates, and of working with them next year. "Ernest Fox Nichols."

REVIEWS TRAINING CAMPS

The May issue of The Tech Engineering News was put on sale Wednesday. The cover was a rotogravure of a 349 mm. gun in action. W. H. Irwin '21 and V. N. Kruse '21, wrote the feature article on "The Training Camp for Reserve Officers." Many other stories of both scientific and general interest were also printed, making up a well rounded issue.

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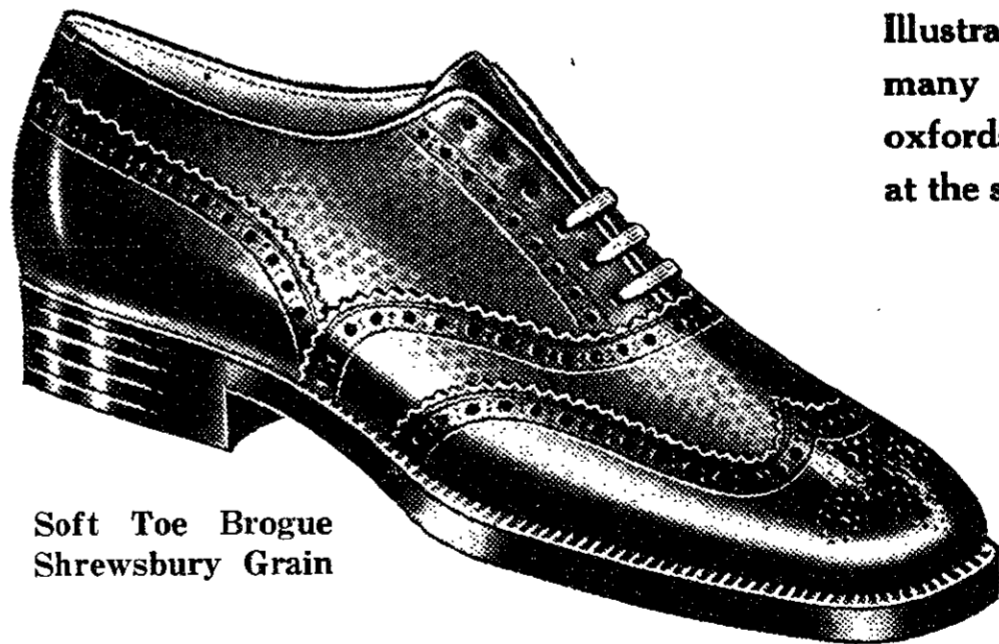
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