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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE
S. H. Hemenway, R. L. Kaufman
Tuesday, October 26, 1921

CLASS TEAMS

An engineer admires some delicate mechanical contrivance because he realizes the skill which went into its construction. The layman regards it with approbation because it pleases the eye or is useful to him. A critic of sport enjoys a contest on the gridiron or diamond when the players are adept and the play brilliant. The average football or baseball fan derives the fullest pleasure from a game when a keen partisan spirit is present. Without the partisan spirit little more than an indifferent enjoyment is attainable. Partisan spirit gives pleasure even when skill on the part of the players is lacking.

Consideration of this and other reasons should win for class teams hearty support. Furthermore, the establishment of teams in the upper as well as lower classes might with benefit be taken into serious account. All students at Technology would hail with joy the advent of varsity football or baseball here. The class team is the fertile soil in which varsity organizations might easily take root. It is the class team in which varsity material is to be found. Regularly scheduled inter-class contests would furnish the incipient enthusiasm necessary to the establishment of varsity teams. Remembering that "Great oaks from little acorns grow," class teams offer the greatest hope for varsity sport.

Aside from this hope which class teams give, there are other benefits which can not be overlooked. Inter-class games would mean, because of the partisan spirit, more enjoyment to Technology students than a game between "big" teams of other colleges where it makes little difference which side wins. If the student would not consider it below his dignity to attend a contest between classes, and could so far forget himself as to do a little cheering, things would be fine! Another point in favor of such teams is the fact that a considerable number of students, who can at present enter into no athletics, would be able to participate. No long and arduous training would be required. Under present conditions, a player, no matter how proficient, must drop out of the game after his freshman year. This, too, would be remedied.

Inter-class boxing tournaments have been tried at Technology with little success. Boxing is a matter of skill alone, and a great degree of skill is not to be found among college amateurs. There is, however, every possibility that inter-class games in the major sports would succeed. They cater to our partisan spirit and do not require extreme training. Class teams are to be desired in at least those sports in which the Institute is represented by no varsity team.

THE MUSICAL CLUBS' DANCE

The Musical Clubs are giving a dance in the main hall of Walker tonight. In doing this they are making a new departure—a function given by

an activity for its own members. In other colleges it has long been the custom for the school organizations to run affairs of this kind but it seems that similar groups at Technology have either lacked the inclination or the initiative to do anything of this sort up to the present time.

The Musical Clubs cannot be too highly commended for their spirit in this matter and it is to be hoped that the other activities will be quick to profit by their splendid example. Technology is notably at fault in the lack of facilities which she offers to her students to meet and know each other outside of their classes. Now this idea as acted on by the Musical Clubs certainly offers an ideal solution to this extremely important problem. It would be worth a hundred times the small amount of time and trouble that it entails.

There is no question as to the attitude of the student body as a whole toward these dances. Even "the brown-baggers" probably have the desire down in their hearts to enjoy life and meet their fellows like anyone else but the great difficulty is that someone has to take the first step in everything. The ones on whom this responsibility rests are the leaders in the student life. They are to be found almost entirely in the various activities.

The best way for them to "start the ball rolling" is by working through their respective organizations. In this way they will not only be performing a valuable service to those students who are not interested in activities but they will also be helping the majority of men who are. For there are a large percentage of men who work on the various school papers or play on one of the athletic teams, who rarely attend a dance or social function of any sort because they are not closely enough connected to the source of it to be able to pull them out of the rut in which they have been existing. The opportune moment has come to remedy this state of affairs. The Musical Clubs have taken the lead and it is the plain duty of the other activities to follow.



The Lounger was much pleased to receive a letter from a former member of the 'Stute in Hartford. This dignitary contributes some of his worldly wisdom as to how to repair a dress suit. If the most worthy Senior has any Einstein time laying around the house he may solve the problem as follows:

"Get on a system of reference S'' with the whisk broom, return to a system of reference S, at the exact moment he will find himself removing said clothes after the Junior Prom of last year. And here comes in the brush!

"Used vigorously, and some more, from then till now, there will be no moth eggs; and being no moth eggs, there will be no moths; and being no moths, there will be no holes. Q. E. D." This is all very simple probably to one who can integrate Pdv.

The Lounger has heard the manager of Walker Cafeteria talking about installing turnstiles in the main dining room. The idea of this being to prevent the committee on Appropriations from getting free lunches. The Lounger does not know whether this is the same group as that which borrows books from Mrs. King, but this work should not go on. The other day fifteen men constituted the membership of the Committee, and the sooner they turn in their resignations the better it will be for the honor system now in vogue in the Cafeteria. If any of the students are so bankrupt that they can not pay for their food then they had better get a job and earn the cash. The management has done much to increase the efficiency of the service, including the changing of Sphagetti milanaise to a less conspicuous place on the menu, but when a certain group of students relieve them of about ten iron men a day, it is hard to keep prices down.

Fifty men reported for polo practice at Cornell. They plan to enter the tournament with Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Penn and Norwich; also it is probable that they will have a couple of games with West Point before the tournament starts. They hope for better luck this year than last, as they have last year's experience.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH: Dear Sir:—

The long-heralded "Frosh No." of the Voo Doo has stepped into the limelight and made its bow. It was awaited with anticipation. It is received with satisfaction by some and with disappointment by others.

There is no doubt that in its way it has served some as the means of passing an hour on the steps in front of the lobby without dozing over why Q = A (W + AE) and it is equally certain that the lecture notes in Freshman Chemistry will be more scanty than usual for a day or two. But what impression will be left in a week?

Credit is due to the editor who selects the cuts from the other college papers. But why does not the art editor co-operate? Where did he get this proclivity for spreading the female figure so profusely through the pages? It is a type of humor which appears to a variety of man whom it is earnestly to be hoped is in the minority at Tech. For example, what excuse is there for such a picture as the bathing beauty on Tremont street? (Not being a Bostonian, I cannot be accused of disliking to see one of the main thoroughfares of the sacred city ridiculed.) Or another example is the sea-shore scene. Its only possible excuse is that it is well drawn. Other instances are obvious.

Anticipating an answer "Well, what of it. It amuses most of the undergraduates" there are three good reasons for objecting to the class of humor the Voo Doo upholds so strongly. First, how many men want to buy an extra copy of this "Frosh No." to send home or elsewhere? Not as many surely as if the pictures mentioned above were omitted. And yet this is one of the ways that circulation is increased and the publication gains a wider reputation. Secondly, what impression is created of the type of man at Tech on somebody knowing little of the Institute when he sees a copy of the Voo Doo like this last number. Perhaps the question is best answered by another. What would your employer think of you if he walked up beside your desk and saw you absorbed in "La Vie Parisienne." It would be grossly unfair to give the impression that the Voo Doo and "La Vie Parisienne" were on the same plane, but the latter has merely carried to an extreme under the leniency of the moral code of another country what the Voo Doo is sponsoring in a smaller way.

The last reason relates to the moral obligation of a publication. It seems a pity that the magazine which represents a school of coming engineers—a class of men who have always been considered as more than usually hardy—should be filled with a lot of material which is teetering on the fence between decency and indecency. How much better impression would be created and how much better would be the effect if the Voo Doo would substitute something truly manly. Nor does it have to be uninteresting or stupid because it does not savor of a girl and music show without the music.

(Signed) HARVEY L. WILLIAMS '22.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

May I take this opportunity to say how much I thoroughly enjoyed the editorial on disarmament in Wednesday's TECH. Please convey to the writer my sincere congratulations. Besides being written in excellent English, it was very thoughtful, and showed a keen appreciation of international affairs, and particularly, of the thoughts and activities of diplomats.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) MURRAY P. HARWOOD, Department of Biology and Public Health.

ALUMNI NOTES

Sanford Willis '15 and B. O. Tyler '16 have recently returned from a trip abroad where they were reviewing the industrial situation in ceramics for the United States Tariff Commission.

Willis was added to the staff of the Tariff Commission in 1919 to conduct industrial surveys of several metal and mineral industries. Shortly after starting this work he was given charge of the ceramics department of the commission, as he has had previous experience in that industry.

Last winter the Tariff Commission chose Willis and Tyler to review the industrial conditions in Europe, and early this year they sailed abroad. Willis relates that they scuttled through dirty pottery factories in the midland counties in England during the first week in that country. When they came to Belgium they were hospitably welcomed by the manufacturers of Brussels and were able to see the little country from one end to the other without hardship. From Belgium the men hurried on to southern France to look over the situation in

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there. At Limoges they were well entertained by a Harvard man.

Willis and Tyler then continued their journey on to Berlin. Willis advises that people touring through Germany should travel as packless as possible as there are customs officials every 20 miles east of the Rhine. By the time the journey is completed there is little left in your trunk, he adds. They were welcomed by an official of the Tariff Commission in Berlin who made it possible for them to tour Germany from one end to the other, from Hamburg to Nuremburg and east to Silesia. Willis relates they had a good opportunity to review the pottery industry in Germany. Although they are not working on as large a scale as before the war, yet the conditions were on the average more comfortable than in many other places.

Czecho-Slovakia was their next stopping place. They visited Carlsbad and Prague. At the latter city they were received by the president of the republic who entertained them royally. Their route led them through Vinna, Warsaw, Banzig, then back to Berlin and London. He finds that a pair of oxen could drag a Broadway limited much faster than the average Polish immigrant train moves.

R. O. T. C. ENGINEER UNIT WILL HOLD SMOKER IN WALKER

The Engineer Unit of the R. O. T. C. holds its first smoker of the year in the north hall of the Walker Memorial at 7:30 tonight.

The program, as planned, includes speeches by Colonel Wildurr Willing of the Corps of Engineers and Major W. H. Lanagan also of the Corps of Engineers. Colonel Willing, as Corps Engineer of fortifications and military works in the New England area is expected to base his subject on his particular branch of the service. Major Lanagan, office Chief of Engineers at Washington is also reported to have something of interest for members of the unit.

The invited guests from the Faculty are, Professor C. M. Spofford of the Civil Engineering Department, Professor E. F. Miller of the Mechanical Engineering Department and Professor Dwight Porter of the Civil and Sanitary Engineering Department.

Music for the entertainment will be furnished by the Engineer Unit Orchestra and refreshments will be served.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Tech Show Orchestra will rehearse every Tuesday and Thursday in the north hall of Walker Memorial at 5 o'clock.

Candidates for the Tech Show are needed in all departments. Report any day, at the Tech Show office, room 301, Walker Memorial, at 5 o'clock.

The Tech Show Orchestra needs a saxophone player, a xylophone player and a bass player. Men are asked to report at the Tech Show office, room 301, Walker Memorial, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 o'clock.

The British Empire Club will hold a dinner in the Faculty dining room of the Walker Memorial on Friday, October 28, at 6:30 o'clock.

Relay Trials for freshmen and Sophomores will be held under daylight conditions. Men should come out only on day assigned for them. Those interested will report at the track house between 3 and 6 o'clock. Freshmen on Wednesday, October 26, and Sophomores on Thursday, October 27.

Meeting of the freshman class today, Tuesday, and Thursday at 5 o'clock in room 10-250.

All freshmen who wish to substitute fencing for the required physical training must register with Coach Kanaly in room 335, Walker Memorial, before noon, November 3.

Candidates for Freshman Assistant Fencing Manager should report to the fencing manager in the A. A. office or in the gymnasium between 4 and 5 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

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