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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

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CAPS AND GOWNS

IN the life of almost every individual there are certain times and occasions which serve to differentiate the successive stages of development and progress attending the career of the individual; which are both epilogues to that which is past, and preludes to the dawn of yet wider horizons.

Commencement Day is one of these occasions. Not without reason have traditions of dignity and solemnity enshrined this event in the heart of the scholastic world. Nor is it without reason that long after memories of the crowded mart and brilliant council table have faded into the Nirvana of the dull dead past, the mention of graduation day still evokes the quickened pulse and added brightness in the eye of the oldest Alumnus.

It is indeed an event to be remembered. An event to be conducted with all the dignity and honor appropriate to one of life's great moments. And it is for this reason that we commend to the earnest consideration of the Faculty, the proposal now before that body for academic dress on Commencement Day.

That the appearance of the Faculty in caps and gowns would be most appropriate to the spirit of Commencement Day is apparent. That the custom would be extended to include future graduating classes is to be sincerely hoped. And that such a tradition would add immeasurably to the importance, the dignity and the real significance of Commencement Day here at Technology, needs but be stated to be appreciated.

AS OTHERS VIEW IT

AT a meeting held at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute last month, representatives of Chemical Engineering colleges and men prominent in the chemical industry thoroughly investigated chemical engineering education in this country and made several recommendations concerning technical education. Engineering education has long been under fire. It has been criticized for narrowness of training, methods of instruction and numerous other things. At this conference, various objections were discussed and their merits considered by men who are in a position to know what is desirable in the training of an engineer. By including both professors and men from industry, the conference was permitted the advantage of a breadth of viewpoint seldom obtained.

It was recommended that, "It is desirable to avoid specialization by industries in the four year course in Chemical Engineering. When specialized training is offered the specialized subjects should preferably be segregated as post-graduate work." Prof. Lewis of Technology, who was at the

meeting, strongly urged graduate study as the only means of achieving professional success. A number of the profession have already recognized the necessary limitations of the four year course, and it seems but a matter of time before the engineering courses will be lengthened.

The ubiquitous question of more liberal education for engineers was answered by the recommendation, "a thorough grounding in English, a reading knowledge of some foreign language and a reasonable familiarity with English literature are essential to the adequate training of a chemical engineer." This will apply to other kinds of engineering as well. Toward the same end, it was advised that, "wherever possible, engineering studies should be preceded by three years of general college training, in which special emphasis should be given to mathematics, physics, chemistry, English, history and economics, with the idea of obtaining a broad foundation for their professional study, and of entering upon this study at a greater maturity and with presumable reduction in the time required for their professional courses." Such a pre-engineering course is required by Columbia University.

A course on "source of information" was also deemed advisable. Such a course is given by the department of Chemical Engineering at Technology, and other departments would do well to follow its example. A student can store away only a limited amount of information during his college study, and it is most important for him to know where other information may be found. There are numerous periodicals, handbooks and text books which contain information of some special type which is often needed by a practicing engineer, but unless he is able to find the book or periodical it is valueless to him.

SENIORS TO HAVE POLICE GUIDANCE THROUGH CITY (Continued from Page 1)

be ready before the meal is finished. Moving pictures will be taken of several of the events. A total of 425 tickets has been sold and any men who still desire to go may secure reservations from J. E. Sallaway '22.

Extra Pieces at The Prom

By vote of the Senior Week committee two extra pieces will be added to Bert Lowe's orchestra, making a total at 10. It is stated that absolutely no one will be admitted who has not his ticket. Under no circumstances will payments be accepted at the door.

To Meet Sunday at Rogers

Men who are planning to attend the Baccalaureate service at Trinity are to meet on the steps at Rogers at 3:45 o'clock Sunday, June 10. They will march in a body to the church where seats will be reserved at the front. Juniors have been secured as ushers and Bishop Lawrence of Boston is to speak. If there is sufficient interest shown by the Faculty, a section will also be reserved for them, the remainder of the church being open to the public.

Rehearsals Under Way

Rehearsals are under way for the various features of Class Day. Members of Courses Via and Xa are eligible for admission to these exercises as well as the men who are receiving their Bachelor's degrees. Although no statement to that effect is made on

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NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The second edition of Techniques have arrived, and all men who are on the waiting lists may have their copies by calling at the Technique office. The price is \$4. The office will be open from 4 until 6 o'clock every day. Only 100 more are available with 90 men on the list. Those who wish them had better call immediately, as some may be sent out as exchanges.

The regular business meeting of the Advisory Council on Athletics will be held on Tuesday, June 6, at the Engineers' Club, 2 Commonwealth Avenue, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Beta Club will hold an important meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon in room 10-200.

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Contemplating a quiet and perhaps beneficial holiday in view of the coming exams, the lounge refused many kind invitations to do this or that (even to going to Wellesley) and resigned himself to his books.

The morning passed uneventfully and more than the usual amount of work was accomplished. After a hasty bite for lunch the work was again summed even in more earnestness. The Lounge had not been at it long before the telephone rang, and after a few minutes conversation was impressed by an unknown voice that a "quorum" of his friends, among whom were several of the most famous men of the 'Stute, were held for bail at one of the most delightful suburban jails. (Names will be sent on request).

Being a little in doubt how badly they were sunk, the Lounge grabbed a bucket in one hand and a check-book in the other, and jumped into his "Rolls Noyce" and was on his way.



(YE LOUNGER)

As the roads were filled with more than the usual number of "women drivers," there was no chance to over-speed, and as the jail was not too far away, there was no time for the Lounge to forget what his errand was.

A sad sight greeted him as the keeper ushered him through the cold gray corridors to the cell-room. There behind the bars, with their hands buried in their faces, sat the "quorum." It was not long before the Lounge saw that it was the check-book and not the bucket that was needed. So as soon as the Bail Commissioner had returned from his holiday fishing trip papers and checks were passed back and forth, and the heavy time lock on big iron door was released. Needless to say there was the usual weeping, apologizing, and explaining as the "quorum" was set free and the Lounge received his due thanks.

It was reported that while the quorum were "cooling off" an alarm came in, which necessitated all the officers and the chief to depart from the station. Before leaving, however, the chief called on one of the quorum whom he happened to know was especially well fitted to act in his place, and securing



EVEN AS JUDGE TO JUDGE

him with a ball and chain left for the riot. The new chief did exceptionally well in his new job and his punishment was therefore lighter than it otherwise would have been.

Behind this there is just one motto,—can you guess it? No, it isn't the old familiar one "don't let your work interfere with your pleasure," but it is



this: "If you drive a car with an out-of-state license, don't get pinched at Revere Beach."

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PLYMOUTH: "Ladies Night." Last week of the questionable humor.

SELWYN: "Smooth as Silk." William Courtney's last week here.

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