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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

E. S. Gray, G. Y. Anderson

Monday, October 2, 1922

TO THE FRESHMEN

TRACING its origin back at least to the times of Aristotle and Socrates, when colleges consisting of little more than the shade of a handy tree, is a custom observed each year by every college newspaper. This custom is the welcoming of the neophytes at the beginning of the year. Just what it accomplishes is a question of opinion, but THE TECH must follow the tradition. And so we bid you Freshmen, you members of the Class of 1926, a welcome. Although the annual advent of a new freshman class is in the class of automatic events, we nevertheless each time feel a spirit of happiness surge through us as we see the play re-enacted. In the Class of 1926, your class, Freshmen, are athletes, grinds, politicians, men of high ability, perhaps a genius or two. Problems of many sorts will arise which you will have to solve. Student life here at Technology is not altogether a machine process. We hope you will take part in athletics, that you will come out for some activity, that you will take an interest in the politics of your class. And use a little bit of your time to keep in touch with the rest of the world. There are some eight hundred of you, perhaps. Some of you will "flunk" out, others will resign, some will leave for financial reasons, and some to change the calibre of their education.

But through all these changes of your four years we hope you will get a little clearer idea of what Life really is, a little better idea of how you can be of service to your fellow man.

In your four years here we should like to have you turn out to be the best, the most loyal, the most talented class in the history of the Institute. As a matter of fact, probably you will not be much different from other classes, with no particular qualities to be remembered for or against you. But just now when you are starting out it ought to be pleasant to feel that the rest of the Institute is watching you with interest and hope.

And so once more, men of the Class of 1926, we are glad to see you here, and we hope that you succeed both at the Institute and in after life in proportion to the honest effort you put forth.

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

AS we return to the Institute after the summer's absence we perceive, with a sinking sensation, that the inevitable has happened. The unrestricted use of the book shelves in the library by students and visitors has been stopped. Henceforth books may be procured only upon application to the attendants, and we must forego the proud boast that anyone could browse among the shelves of one of the best engineering libraries in existence.

That a more accurate check can be kept upon the books under the new system is self evident. That the installation of such a system was necessitated by the abuse of privileges granted in the past is none the less regrettable. No matter at whose door the blame should be laid, the misuse and holding of books over indefinite periods is absolutely inexcusable. It is to the masses, not the individual, that a library must cater.

Whereas the closing of the shelves may inconvenience many, if the former abuses are thereby eliminated, it may become a blessing in disguise.

THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the following elections: To be News Editor, R. E. Dorr '24; to be Assistant Advertising Managers, A. M. Worthington '25, H. C. Richards '25, Shedd Vandenberg '25.

ALUMNI NOTES

William B. Poland '90, was among the passengers sailing recently on the Maurentia to Jugoslavia. There he will assume his duties as consulting engineer for American business interests who are planning to build a railway system joining Belgrade, the capital of Jugoslavia to the Adriatic ports of this kingdom. Several years time will be consumed in this task.

Mr. Poland was born in West Point and graduated Course I, winning a scholarship in advanced engineering subjects. He became an engineer in the United States River and Harbor Service and was inspector of wrecking in the Boston-Long Island district. He later devoted several years to railway construction work. He became general manager and chief engineer of the Alaska Central Railway which was recently completed by the Government. He was at one time Consulting Engineer for the J. G. White & Co., Inc., of New York.

NOTICES

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Night Editor in charge of the next issue will be Ingram Lee, telephone B. B. 0449. All matters concerning the issue are referred to him.

The T. C. A. Book Exchange makes a call for the books of first and second years.

A meeting of the Junior Managers of Tech Show will be held in the Show office today at 5 o'clock.

Freshman mass meeting to be held on Thursday at 4 o'clock in room 10-250.

General meeting of all members of staff and candidates of THE TECH held in Faculty and Alumni room tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

Junior managers of freshman Field Day teams will meet in room 10-267 at 5 o'clock tomorrow.

Sophomore Football candidates are asked by Coach Walt Metcalf, to report on Tech Field at 4 o'clock tomorrow in their togs.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

It seems advisable at this time for the benefit of the new students and the Institute in general to give some information regarding the Rushing Rules Conference.

As a result of an agreement entered into last spring, ten fraternities will not pledge freshmen until January. This agreement was drawn up by a conference formed of representatives of the different houses.

In previous years it has been the custom of fraternities to meet men at the trains when they arrived in Boston and to entertain them at meals, theatres, dances and smokers. New men were pledged in this way.

The system which has been inaugurated plans to allow freshmen to attend to their duties at the Institute and to secure rooms without being rushed by the fraternities.

Due to the fact that the fraternities in the Conference will not rush during the first term, new students are advised to refrain from making a choice until the second term when they will have had a chance to judge every fraternity at Technology.

This period of no rushing is to be in effect during the summer vacation and the first term of the year. The Conference hopes that the plan will permit the new students to get completely settled at the Institute before diverting their attention to the fraternity question. The entertainment and rushing of freshmen will commence the first Thursday of the second term, January 4.

During this time of no rushing the fraternities who are members of the Conference will refrain from talking with new men especially regarding fraternity matters. The courtesies, however, required by relationship or previous acquaintance with new students are permitted.

In the cases of Institute activities where new men and fraternity men come into contact, intercourse will naturally be allowed for the purpose of carrying on the activity, but it is expected that neither the new student nor the fraternity man will speak in any way about fraternities.

All men who are coming to the Institute this fall for the first time are classified as new students. However, men who have graduated from other colleges or the U. S. Naval Academy or the U. S. Military Academy may be entertained and rushed after October 1. Transfer students who have not received college degrees and freshmen are not allowed to be rushed until after January 3.

Attention is called to the fact that any new student who breaks his pledge to a fraternity will be ineligible to membership in any other fraternity in the Conference until the following year.

Pamphlets containing the rushing rules with penalties and enforcement as well as the reasons for forming this organization have been sent to all new students who signified their intention to enter the Institute by August 1.

For those who have not received copies they may obtain the same by calling at the Information Office, room 10-100. Extracts of these rules are also in the T. C. A. handbook.

If any person desires more detailed information or explanation of any of the rules, he may obtain it by writing to the Rushing Rules Conference, Box 269, M. I. T., Cambridge, Massachusetts, enclosing his name and address.

Sincerely yours, THE RUSHING RULES CONFERENCE

THE OCTOBER T. E. N.

(Continued from Page 1) Of more direct interest to the Institute students and graduates are the article on Samuel Morse Felton, the railroad man, one of our most notable graduates, and the very interesting survey of Costa Rica by Edwin S. Burdell '20, representing the Bureau of Economic Research of a California Bank. Mr. Burdell was last year an instructor in the English department here. A new instructor this year in the same department, Mr. F. C. Lyman, is editorial counsellor for the national group of Engineering College Magazines Association, a live intercollegiate organization in which Assistant Dean Lobdell is also prominent. It looks rather as if this year, at least, the Technology magazine ought to be the tail that wags the dog. Certainly the present editorial board has every opportunity to impress its ideals and achievements on the other members of the association with a view to increasing the efficiency of the whole group.

One other article which calls for mention because it is, apparently, syndicated to all the magazines in the group, is a clever piece of "big navy" propaganda written by Lieut. Commander R. E. M. Emmett, U. S. N., and sponsored by Secretary Denby. It raises the question whether it is wisest to have highly controversial public questions treated by one of the interested parties in the dispute or by an impartial outsider. The magazine, the association as well, should be rather on its guard against lending its pages

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to ex-cathedra statements on public questions whether made by Capital or Labor, by the Navy or The League for Disarmament, by Prohibitionists or Antis. Otherwise it may find rough sledding with a public opinion as fluid and uncertain as ours is today.

The usual departments and the illustrations show careful editing and the desire to make a good-looking magazine. The little handbook passed round last week shows also a laudable desire to help the freshman where he needs help, and incidentally, to advertise the paper. All in all one looks for a lively, interesting and valuable series of issues from this year's board, and, if that be possible, an improvement over the excellent record of the past. R. E. R.

"TANGERINE" AT SHUBERT

"Tangerine," the musical comedy talk of New York town has been with us a number of weeks and still going strong.

As far as the regular glare and display of musical comedies go, it has all the requisites. But more than that it is exceptional—that is in nuptial arrangements. An island in the South Seas, where three unfortunate married men betake themselves with their divorced wives away from the rest of the insane world, is the center of attraction. There it is that women work, not the men, for they remain at home. The "gimme" type of wives are thoroughly cured after the novel experience.

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