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CURRENT EVENTS

TOO often it is heard from within and without that Technology men take little interest in the affairs of their city, state, and nation. It is an established fact that many a graduate, though well trained from the standpoint of engineering, cannot properly fill his place in the community.

There is a reason for this. The requirements in any school of engineering are rigid; time is a limited quantity. On the other hand, it is absurd to say that there is not a half hour every day available for the perusal of the news and editorial columns of the daily paper.

Not only is it a duty, but a real pleasure to be well versed in the events of national interest. There is also an element of distinction connected with it. All men admire and respect those who can discuss intelligently the policies which public opinion moulds. They are looked upon as leaders and enjoy a position which is truly enviable.

Either a discussion in the classroom of political, social and economic subjects which are now before the nation or a series of reports based on outside reading would greatly facilitate the undergraduate in familiarizing himself with matters of public concern. Surely it is as necessary for every man to be as well acquainted with the events of his own day as it is for him to know the history of fifty years ago.

ATHLETIC MAINTENANCE

IT must be very gratifying to both undergraduates and alumni who are interested in such matters, to note the recent activity which has manifested itself towards the better maintenance of Technology athletics. The improvements made on the old boat house and the work now in progress on the new gymnasium are encouraging examples of what may be accomplished along similar lines in other branches of athletic activity.

In view of the above facts, the time could not be more appropriate to call once more to mind those hoary-headed Institute bug-bears, the deplorable condition of the track and the aquatic nature of our tennis courts. Such specimens of poor surfacing and improper drainage would reflect little credit on any institution professing the slightest interest in athletics, but how much more inexcusable is their existence at a technical school where the imperfect application of engineering principles should be considered almost a sacrilege. It is urgently hoped that this sad state of affairs will be remedied before the present surge of activity has spent itself.

The Technology of Thirty Years Ago

By Professor W. T. Hall '95

Some time ago when trying to sing "On Rogers Steps" and "Our Jolly Old Seat of Stone" I could not help thinking how different things were today than they were when I was a student and when the Rogers Building was the best known part of Technology and the Rogers steps were the favorite loafing place and "rendezvous" of all Tech men.

Thirty years ago, there was to be sure the "new" Walker Building, the Engineering Buildings on Trinity Place, the shops on Garrison St. and the gymnasium on Exeter St., but most Bostonians did not even recognize these as a part of Technology. As late as 1893 the Walker Building was pointed out to a stranger as the Children's Hospital.

President's Door Always Open

Besides the historic Rogers Steps and the stone seats at the top there were things inside that were different in the old days. As one entered, on the right was a "cage" kept by "the bird" where students used to check their books and caps. On the left was the office of the President and the "old Grad" will always remember how the door was usually open and that President Francis A. Walker in his welcoming address to Freshmen invited them to come and see him at any time when his door was open.

There was another address that used to be made to Freshmen by Professor Sedgwick. Among other things, Dr. Sedgwick told us the value of an occasional loafing spell. He told us how wrong it was to try to work every minute and never stop to dream.

In the basement of Rogers, there used to be the chemical laboratory. In the course of time objection was raised to the disinfecting odors that arose from the laboratory and the chemists were sent over to the top of Walker where they remained till Technology moved to Cambridge. In the Chemical Laboratory was dear old Mrs. Stinson. For many years she issued chemical apparatus to all students in chemistry, she bound up their wounds, listened to their tales of woe and never forgot their names. She believed everything and loved everybody. She was a mother to every Tech man. If she had had her way every student would have been given a high grade and every assistant would have been made a Professor.

Mrs. King Had Lunch Room

Later, when she was older and the work became too heavy, Elsie Schroeter came to help her with her work and she also served the Institute most faithfully.

In the basement of Rogers and afterwards in Engineering C was the famous Technology Lunch Room which was managed by Mrs. King. This lunch room served such appetizing food that it came to be recognized as the best place to eat in the city of Boston. Mrs. King's idea was that Technology students were the best students in the world and deserved the very best of food. She considered that it would be a disgrace for the lunch room to make any money and saw no reason why the Bursar should worry if the receipts did not pay the bills. The lunch room became so popular at one time that many Back Bay physicians had to be told that they could not be accommodated.

Not the least known among the landmarks of the old Technology was "The Chapel." It was an ivy-covered struc-

ture on the opposite side of Boylston St. Many students did not know where some of the Technology buildings were but every Tech son knew where the Chapel was. Here many of the boys were in regular attendance and for some of them it was a common practice to visit Chapel whenever they got a good result in the Chemical Laboratory.

Tells of Old Cane Rushes

In later years when the Girls' Latin School moved into the Old Chauncy Hall building, Metcalf's used to be nearly as popular and between lectures there were always fifteen or twenty Tech men drinking milk and egg shakes.

Among the festival occasions in the old days was the Freshman-Sophomore Cane Rush and the Freshman drill. In my office the other day was a '95 man who still remembers that his hands were on the cane when "time" was called during both his Freshman and Sophomore years. At one of these occasions the Freshmen hoisted their flag on the pole in the National League Ball Grounds and greased the pole liberally with lard. A brave Sophomore, however, borrowed climbing irons from a telephone man and climbed up through the grease to the top of the pole.

At the Freshman drill there were always Sophomores to applaud. It was a favorite trick for the Sophomores to issue counterfeit tickets and distribute them freely so that there were always enough girls to go around in the dance that followed the drill. Besides the counterfeit tickets, the Sophomores on one occasion also furnished a pair of game cocks and a greased pig. During the resulting excitement many people were able to get in who had been refused admission because of having counterfeit tickets. All this happened at the last prize drill that was ever held in the old Winslow's skating rink on Clarendon St.

Indoor Sports in Old Buildings

In the chemical laboratory at the top of the Walker Building the working benches were just far enough apart to make it interesting to run a hurdle race from one side of the building to the other. In 1894 the record was held by Dr. J. T. Dorrance who is now President of the Campbell Soup Co. He was several seconds faster than any one else in leaping from desk to desk.

One of the favorite pastimes in the Walker Building was to slide down the banisters. To stop this practice some one had the carpenter place little knobs half way up each banister and some of us slid down one night without knowing the obstructions were there but we never tried it again.

In the old catalogue of 30 years ago are the names of about 40 Professors. Professors Dewey, Tyler, Merrill, Talbot, Bartlett, Miller, Vogel and Bailey are still with us and they seem no older to me than they did 30 years ago. Among the assistants of that time are to be found the names of W. A. Johnston, C. F. Park and Ervin Kenison and among the students J. W. Phelan, S. C. Prescott, R. W. Lawrence, H. W. Gardner, H. K. Barrows and H. W. Hayward, but these men have all aged a bit.

It was a "95 Grind" who wrote the words of the old song:
O Tech, as I look back to thee,
My eyes are filled with tears,
I'll ne'er forget the place in which
I spent such happy years.

AT THE THEATRES

ARLINGTON: Harvey's "Greater Minstrels" will continue another week.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Russian Grand Opera Co. "Boris Godunoff," Monday Evening.

COLONIAL: "Scandals" offers a rendezvous for men who hate to go home.

COPLEY: "Pygmalion," Bernard Shaw's delightful comedy, starting Tuesday evening.

FENWAY: T. Meighan in "Manslaughter."

FINE ARTS: "Beggars' Opera." The gay old musical play.

HOLLIS: "Bull Dog Drummond," a British rival to "The Bat."

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KEITH'S: Vaudeville, headlining the famous international star, Elsie Janis.

MAJESTIC: "Say It With Laughs," by Marcelle Coreene Co., the fun makers.

PLYMOUTH: "The Dover Road," English comedy with Charles Cherry heading the original New York Co.

SELWYN: "Down to the Sea in Ships," Clifton's romantic and picturesque photo-play.

SHUBERT: "Daffy Dill," nimble footed girls and lots of jazz in a pretentious music girl comedy.

ST. JAMES: "Dulcy," the feather-brained wife, makes it hot for her husband. Gay comedy.

STATE: Gloria Swanson in "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew."

SYMPHONY HALL: Tues. Eve. Boston Symphony Orchestra in a concert for the benefit of its former conductor, Wilhelm Gericke.

TREMONT: "Captain Applejack" makes piracy seem respectable and funny.

TREMONT TEMPLE: Jackie Coogan in "Oliver Twist."

WILBUR: "The Bat" has no intention of giving up its mystery.

AERONAUTICALS PLAN TO HAVE MOTOR CONFERENCE

Mr. Warren Noble Speaker for the Occasion

An informal conference on the subject of "Motors" will be held by the Aeronautical Engineering Society next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the R. O. T. C. Air Service Dug-out, room 1-990.

Mr. Warren Noble will give a talk on "Internal Combustion Motors," with special reference to airplane motors. Leading types of American, English, French, Italian, and German airplane motors will be on exhibition at this conference, and will be informally discussed. All members of the Aeronautical Engineering Society and any others interested are cordially invited by the Society to be present at this conference.

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Choice of a Career

From the Yale News

THE NINETY-FOUR

Someone, probably an insurance agent, was quoted recently as saying that from the mass of one hundred college graduates one individual only rose to the Polo and butler class, perilously near the top of the financial ladder. Five others became comfortably off and found themselves after twenty years at the small yacht and chauffeur stage. The other ninety-four presumably congregate in the great section of the American people who drive their own Buicks to the golf club. In other words, dreaming about being a rich man is one thing, and making the grade is "something else again."

Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus.

The answer to the problem lies in the proper choice of a career.

Between now and Commencement we shall have something to offer on the subject of "Careers." Watch for the space with the Famous Signature.



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