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AN UTOPIAN ACTIVITY

THERE is a surprising absence of mention of technical schools and undergraduate activities in Sir Thomas More's "Utopia," and yet, there is hardly a past Editor-in-Chief of Technique who would not, if told that he was about to commence life anew in Utopia where he would become editor of some Utopian Technique, picture in his mind's eye myriads of candidates, all eager to do his bidding.

We need become neither highly philosophical nor distressingly analytical in seeking an explanation for such a phenomenon. Technique at present suffers, and doubtless always has, from a dearth of candidates. The reason is manifest: there are no editorial positions to work for and the business competitions evidently do not receive sufficient publicity.

Technique is in the peculiar position of being published by Juniors and under the name of the Junior Class, but of having to depend for a large part of its routine work and financial support upon the two lower classes. A man who aspires to activity honors does himself an injustice by going out for a position where there is no chance of future advancement, and yet that is the predicament in which the editorial competitors of Technique find themselves. Little wonder that there are too few of them!

The solution to the difficulty seems to involve making all positions on Technique competitive. The same amount of honor would attach to serving on the board as at present, the Junior Class would then know that its year book was in the hands of experienced editors, and Technique itself would be benefited by having more competitors and by being able to better organize its work.

A WORTHY EXPERIMENT

THE educational system undertaken by President Arthur E. Morgan of Antioch College, called the "Antioch Plan," is receiving wide publicity and educators are evidently recognizing that it is fraught with tremendous possibilities.

It is admittedly very much in the experimental stage, with a faculty to train and a student body to pick, and its road may be rough or indeed lead to disaster. But President Morgan has set a big ideal for himself and leaves no doubt as to his sincerity or the soundness and practicality of the methods with which he is striving to attain it. He may find it impossible to gain from it what he had hoped merely from the lack of a perfect method of pursuing it, but despite that the results of the trial may be far reaching.

Other schools of the progressive sort will be interested in the experiment all through its trial, students and parents of students will examine into the shortcomings of the aim of the institutions of their associations, and a general investigation into our colleges will cause new ideas to spring up and new plans for betterment to be advanced.

But the duty that remains to all is to look at the present plan with an open and sympathetic mind and be as ready to fit in the good features to our systems, as we will undoubtedly be to discard the useless and inapplicable features.

COMMITTEE CHOSEN FOR CATHOLIC CLUB DANCE

At a recent meeting of the officers of the Catholic Club the members of the committee in charge of the informal dance were appointed. The dance is to take place in the main hall of Walker Memorial, Friday evening, January 19, from 8 to 12 o'clock. Morey Pearl's orchestra will furnish the music.

The committee is as follows: E. J. Hanley '24, chairman; C. Wenz '23; C. F. Flynn '25, W. J. Mahoney '25, R. L. Donovan '26. The tickets for this dance are priced at \$2 per couple and may be obtained from the above committee or from the officers of the club.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

OFFICIAL General Studies

In order to have a better opportunity to meet those students either taking or contemplating taking some of the General Studies, Professor William Emerson will be in Room 3-115 on Tuesdays from 12 to 1 o'clock to answer questions or hear suggestions, or in any way facilitate the further effectiveness of these courses in their relation to Institute work.

Married students are asked to send their names and addresses to Miss Comstock, Publication Office, Room 3-115, so that a committee of the Technology matrons may invite the wives to an organization meeting and tea, on Tuesday, January 16, in the Emma Roger's room.

Students whose mothers are located in or near Boston during the college year are asked to send their names to the Publication Office also.

The tenth meeting of Course 5.94, "Recent Developments in Science," will be held on Friday, January 12, at 4 o'clock in room 10-250. Professor S. C. Prescott of the Department of Biology will speak on "Recent Developments in Fermentation."

UNDERGRADUATE

The night editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is J. P. Ramsey, Jr. Telephone, University 7029. All matters concerning the issue should be referred to him.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Prom Committee at 4 o'clock, Wednesday, January 10, in the Dormitory Reception Room.

Seniors are requested to return their Technique proofs to the photographer not later than Saturday, January 13, and to indicate their choice of the proofs.

Freshman section leaders will have a short meeting tomorrow at five o'clock in room 10-275 to consider plans for a freshman smoker.

Meetings Friday in 10-267, at 4 and 5 o'clock to consider plans for 1923 cross country. All interested please attend one of these meetings.

All men submitting designs for a Naval Architectural Society charm should not fail to hand them in today before 5 o'clock to Charles Shilowitz '23 in Room 5-420.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

GETTING BY

(From the Tulane Hullabaloo)

An eminent student of the mind has advanced the theory that only ten per cent of the male population of the world really think. This view seems rather harsh at first glance, but is plausible in the light of present conditions. Furthermore, the theory is exemplified on the Tulane Campus.

The average student drifts through his college life. He passively awaits orders and then performs the minimum of these mechanically. All thought of the good which can be derived from earnest performance is entirely foreign to his attitude of mind. No thought of the future governs his daily routine. His actions are in the present, his life in the present and his thought—well, he doesn't really think.

Man's aim in life seems to be "to get by." Very few of us have ideals to attain or goals to accomplish. We have seen others before us drift through college life, content to "get by," and we have seen them, achieving great things. And so we imitate. Not once do we realize that those who are doing great things now have previously failed under the "get by" doctrine. They regret their passive college lives and realize their mistakes in ignoring the advantages offered them.

Students of Tulane will have no such regrets if they will actively support the institutions of Tulane and every movement for good on the Campus. There are advantages offered us on every hand, and whole-hearted support is necessary for our welfare and the success of our institutions. Give a thought to the future, and then build in the present.

MONEY VERSUS SERVICE

(From the Daily Texan)

Out of a life of unselfish service to others, Judge John C. Townes, dean of the Law School, has fashioned the following homely, yet fundamental, philosophy: "I do not think that a man should go into any vocation that he cannot take pleasure in, neither do I think that money is of primary interest." The very simplicity of Judge Townes' thought may lead many to pass it by unnoticed and unheeded; and, yet, a man's life and the world's progress are governed by the kind and character of the work which a person does, and, especially, by the motive which animates his action.

The misfits and failures in life are accounted for by the fact that they are trying to do work which is unsuited to their ability and talent, and which also does not give them pleasure in its performance; that their vocation is drudgery to them. Men too often become doctors or lawyers or business men merely because their fathers before them followed these professions. To an even greater extent, the attraction of money-making and wealth amassing is drawing men and women from the more humanistic phases of life.

This modern influence of commercialism, in making rapid inroads into the colleges and universities, is having a marked effect on the aim and curriculum of higher education. The belief that the purpose of a college education is to fit one to enjoy a fuller and richer life of service to community and humanity is being supplanted to a considerable extent by the tendency to make education merely a tool for money-making. The growth in the importance of professional and technical schools is both proper and desirable, provided the primary purpose and ideal of specialized training is service,—not avarice.

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IT was a cynic who said: "Some men go to college. Other men study."

A slander! But yet there probably are college men whose bills for midnight oil are not large.

And there are men who left school in the lower grades who, along with a hard day's work, put in long hours of study—spurred on by a dream and a longing.

Look out for them.

The achievements of non-college men in business suggest an important fact. Success seems to depend, not so much on the place where a man studies, as on the earnestness of the student.

But, granting equal earnestness and ability, it is still true that the college man has the advantage.

Regular hours for study and lecture, the use of library and laboratory, the guidance of professors, contact with men of the same age and aspirations—all these will count in his favor, if he makes the most of them.

A big "if." The new year is a good time to start making it a reality.

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