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THE CLASS FUND

It is intensely gratifying to note the concrete benefits now in evidence as a direct result of the changes effected by the committee on the revision of the Student Tax. These advantages are especially noticeable as regards the reapportionment of the Class Fund.

It had long been apparent to even the most casual observer that in this respect at least, while the tax was theoretically advantageous, it was certainly not functioning efficiently in practice. Fortunately for all concerned, the inevitable storm of censure which ensued contained some few grains of that oft-named but seldom encountered quality, constructive criticism and, like the proverbial leaven, it was sufficient for the whole.

Even the most sceptical of critics must now be forced to admit the success of the campaign, for the facts of the case will not be gainsaid. The Senior Party, the Sophomore and freshman Smokers, all including entertainment and refreshments in their attractive programs, are being offered to the members of the respective classes absolutely gratis; a financial undertaking it would have been impossible to duplicate under the provisions of the old tax.

The undergraduate body undoubtedly owes a debt of gratitude to the men who sacrificed their time and devoted their energies to the solution of this student dilemma. The magnitude of this obligation will only be realized when the importance of class functions is seen as a means of building up that "esprit de corps" without which Alma Mater is a meaningless term and college life a myth.

The World's Affairs

Foreign

Feb. 1. The occupied region of Germany was placed under martial rule by the French today. Hereafter no shipments of coal will be permitted to leave the Ruhr for other parts of Germany.

Belgium and France have prepared what is virtually an ultimatum demanding for the last time that Germany fulfill the obligations of the Versailles treaty. In event of a refusal on the part of Germany, the two nations will put into operation more rigorous measures.

In the meantime the cost of occupation makes itself felt in French industrial circles and is beginning to affect living conditions, so that there is an insistent demand for strong action coming from the French public.

Feb. 1. The Council of the League of Nations, meeting at Paris, is about to call a conference for the reduction and limitation of navies of all the non-signatories of the Washington Conference.

Jan. 31. American terms for the funding of the British debt were accepted by the British cabinet yesterday. The action was well received by the press and public. The government is pursuing a policy of deflation of its currency in an effort to raise the exchange value of the pound, since the interest on the debt is to be paid on a dollar basis.

Feb. 1. Although the allied nations have made almost unlimited concessions to Turkey, Ismet Pasha still withholds his signature from the treaty. The latest covenant which has been offered to Pasha contains no provision limiting the size of the Turkish forces in Thrace, and agrees to subject foreigners to Turkish judicial control after five years. The war indemnity due to the allies is reduced to 15,000,000 Turkish pounds gold.

The allies do insist, however, that the Mosul question be submitted to the League of Nations, and ask that foreign councillors be attached to Turkish courts.

France, in opposition to the other powers, offers to carry on separate negotiations with Turkey, in the event that the conference fails.

Feb. 1. Premier Kato of Japan is threatened with replacement as head of the Japanese cabinet. It is charged that Kato's foreign minister, Uchida, has followed a weak policy at Washington, in China, and in Siberia, thereby endangering the country's prestige.

National

Feb. 1. A memorandum received at Washington from the Panama government claims that jurisdiction in the Canal zone was not granted to the United States in the Taft agreement. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Canal, only, were provided for, the memorandum states.

Feb. 1. Under the supervision of Secretary of War Weeks, the War Department has been engaged in establishing a closer relation with the large manufacturers of the country. Efforts have been made to determine what would be the demands on different industries in the event of a future conflict.

Feb. 1. A Senate committee has been appointed to thoroughly investigate and outline plans for reforestation in the United States. The problem is believed to be one of the most acute the country is facing.

Feb. 1. Senator John Bagwell, general manager of the Great Northern Railway, who was kidnapped in Ireland by the irregular forces last Tuesday, has been freed, it was announced this afternoon.

On the basis of the earning of the first nine months of the fiscal year, it is expected that the Westinghouse Electric Company will show a profit of \$12,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year, March 31. The company now holds a \$7,000,000 contract to supply the material for the electrification of 144 miles of Chicago railways.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Night Editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is S. H. Caldwell '25, telephone Copley 4649-R. All matters concerning the issue are referred to him.

The Lutheran Students Club will hold its second meeting tonight in the Faculty and Alumni room.

Course VI and Its Alumni

By Prof. D. C. Jackson

The electrical engineering course at the Institute is like the other engineering courses in the first year, and quite correspondent to the mechanical engineering course in the second year. Then it enters its independent path in three options, one being the straight Course VI, another being the manufacturing option called VI-A, and the third being the electrical communications option. The straight Course VI is for those who wish to go into electrical engineering but have not yet chosen a special bent to follow, and also for those who are able and desirous of following a rather rigorous course of study in certain branches of engineering even though they may not expect to follow the profession after graduation. The objects of the other two options correspond with their names.

The student who wishes to secure the best foundation for an engineering career must accumulate a knowledge of the laws of nature and their interrelations, train his ability to reason about them effectually, and seek with initiative, self-reliance and ambition the ways of harnessing them to useful purposes. The electrical engineering course was established with these principles in mind, and the principle is still among our important working bases in carrying on the instruction.

Laboratory Important in Course

The pamphlet of 1882 announcing the establishment of the course as Physics-B, i. e. Physics with special reference to electrical engineering, makes this interesting statement:

"An endeavor will be made to give students pursuing this course a knowledge of the theory of electricity sufficiently extensive to prepare them for all ordinary electrical work, and which shall serve as a foundation for more advanced study. They will receive instruction in the physical laboratory in the various methods of electrical testing. Special instruction regarding land and submarine telegraphy, the telephone, electric lighting, and the electrical transmission of power will be given, and the study of acoustics will also be required in view of the art of telephony."

Of course, with these ideals in view, the laboratories always have been considered a preeminent part of the means of instruction, for in the laboratories initiative, self-reliance and originality may be stirred as in no other school environment,—the student in them may be incited to stand on his own feet intellectually, to "do and dare," to a degree unthought of in lecture and quiz. However, the editor has not asked for an article on philosophies of teaching, but expressed a wish for one touching the history and influence of the electrical engineering course, and the editor must be obeyed.

Has Many Prominent Graduates

Established in 1882 as an offshoot of the Physics department, the electrical engineering course was not assigned to a separate department till a good many years after, but it graduated its first class in 1885, with two degrees granted. It started well, for of this (Continued on Page 3)

AT THE THEATRES

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Chicago Opera Company. Last week.

COLONIAL: "The Bunch and Judy." The Astaire's and the Dooley's. Last week.

HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." Dry humor concerning divorce.

PARK: "Robin Hood." Douglas Fairbanks in a "super-play" of old English legends.

PLYMOUTH: "Just Married." Vivian Martin in breezy comedy on ship-board.

SELWYN: "The Guilty One." Pauline Frederick in drama.

SHUBERT: "Passing Show of 1922." Snappy revue. Last week.

STATE: "My American Wife." Gloria Swanson.

TREMONT: "Molly Darling." Jack Donahue's the whole show. Last week.

WILBUR: "The Bat." Still the best mystery play.

'IRENE WYCHERLY' OPENS AT THE COPLEY THEATRE

"Irene Wycherly" was played for the first time in Boston at the Copley Theater on Monday night. This play is of English life and of a rather distressing type.

Irene Wycherly is a young woman who is married to Phillip Wycherly, the son of nobility. She left him several years before the start of the play because of his relations with other women and his cruel treatment to herself. She is a very likeable gentlewoman but her husband has not kept to the primrose path. He finally meets with an accident and the ensuing scenes take place during his convalescence.

The players were almost without exception well situated to their parts but Miss Willard as the heroine did some very excellent work. Her part called for considerable variety of emotion and she was able to convey this to her audience. Mr. Chesterton, as her friend, was not as ardent a wooer as we would have wished.

As to the possibility of such a situation we will not argue but it is very distressing to think that perhaps such wanton immorality goes on constantly among the "better class."

MOLLIE FULLER AT KEITHS

Although quite rivaled by the famous record orchestra, the California Ramblers, the popular old time star Mollie Fuller is the headliner at Keiths this week. Her act, which brings both laughter and sadness, is accompanied by acts featuring Aileen Stanley, who sings for phonograph records, Barbetta, the tight rope walker and trapeze artist, the Four Camerons in their comedy farce, "Like Father Like Son," and other attractions.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:—

I have heard the story of how the Senior class, the flower of the Institute at the present time, comported itself at the recent discussion on caps and gowns. A number of the cold, logical arguments for and against the subject did credit to the highly trained engineers who advanced them. For my own part, I don't care whether this class graduates in gowns or B. V. D.'s and I'm not sure whether the rest of the Alumni do either, but if they vote to inaugurate this custom for the childish selfish policy (as they seem to believe) of impressing the world in general and the alumni in particular and themselves above all with the superiority of the Class of 1923, they are not fit men to receive a diploma from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It seems unfortunate that any class should elect for its officers men who will cast aside the dignity and fairness which should be theirs by this time and, disregarding parliamentary rules, indulge in personal sarcasm against men who rise to advance opinions which differ with their own. Let the Class of 1923 consider that they will be measured by the same standard as all other men when they go out from the Institute and that the last question the world will ask of them will be, "Did you wear a cap and gown at your graduation?" L. B. LAIRD '22

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Next week, under the auspices of the T. C. A. Mr. Arthur Nash will give a series of addresses on "The Golden Rule in Industry." Since Mr. Nash has his critics as well as his admirers, I wish it to be understood that the Technology Christian Association is merely giving the student body an opportunity to hear what Mr. Nash has to say, and takes no side in any controversy which may exist. RICHARD H. FRAZIER '23.



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