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A CASE OF INEFFICIENCY

It is an unfortunate state of affairs when Technology men are so busy preparing to run the engineering world on an efficient basis there is no time left over for them to attend to the immediate affairs about the Institute. It is quite probable that in the matter of careless administration of their affairs Technology undergraduates are no more lax than those of other colleges, but that is no excuse.

The most recent and glaring instance concerns the disposal of the appropriation for a hockey rink on the tennis courts. Nearly \$100, \$98 to be exact, has been spent in cleaning snow from the surface of the courts and flooding them, to obtain a net result of less than a week's practice.

Recognizing the lack of training facilities for the freshman hockey candidates the M. I. T. A. A. voted some \$400 early in January to be used to build an outdoor rink which could be used mainly by the 1926 team but also on occasion by the Varsity. Portable plank walls to the height of four feet were to surround the tennis courts which, when flooded, were to make a good outdoor rink.

The lumber for the rink is now in the carpenter shop but the portable walls are not expected to be ready for use in time to be of service this season. \$300 has been spent for the necessary timber, and total labor costs will amount to \$150 more. That is \$50 more than the A. A. estimate but reasonable enough if it had brought results. It hasn't.

It is plain that something is wrong. The efficiency which is the boast of the engineering world should have had the freshman hockey candidates practicing on their own rink within a week or so after the money was provided for the project. Instead of that a month has passed and the waste of \$98 is very nearly all that has been accomplished.

FIVE MEN PROMOTED TO RANK OF CADET CAPTAIN

The following five men have been promoted to the rank of cadet captain in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, by order of Colonel Frederick W. Phisterer, head of the Military Science Department at the Institute: R. L. Hershey '23, C. A. C.; P. C. Smith '23, Signal Corps; H. H. Flather '23, Ordnance; F. B. Stevens '23, Aero Service; and G. E. Barnes '23, Engineers.

The World's Affairs

Foreign

Feb. 10. The German Charge d'Affairs at Paris today handed the French Government a note which re-resented the action of the French for refusing to consider the terms of the last German note requesting a new discussion of the reparations question.

The French and Belgian allies also presented a note to the German government, stating that no more visits of representatives of that government to the occupied territory would be allowed. The decision followed Chancellor Cuno's visit, whose obvious purpose was to excite the populace to further resistance.

Feb. 10. Foreign warships in Smyrna Harbor have received additional warnings to depart. Although the Turks have begun laying mines in the Harbor, there has been no firing. The action of the Turkish officials in deferring the closing of Smyrna Harbor, is regarded in Washington as an indication that there may be no hostilities.

Feb. 10. The Proposal of Lord Robert Cecil, the temporary disarmament committee of the League of Nations, to establish an international army to be used against any aggressive state, aroused a heated discussion. M. Viviani of France, and Signor Schaner of Italy, declared the time was not ripe for such a project, and urged that it be given to the military committee for further study.

Feb. 10. President Balthasar Brum, of Uruguay, made public today a plan for an association of all American countries, both sovereign and dependent. The plan which purposes to promote greater friendship among the American states, will be laid before the Pan-American Congress at Santiago, Chile, next month.

National

Feb. 11. The bill giving Congressional sanction to the debt funding plan, was passed by the House, Friday, by a large majority, and yesterday was formally reported to the Senate by the finance committee. Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee, will attempt to bring up the bill the middle of this week. However, the Ship Subsidy bill is being debated in the Senate, and there is some doubt whether the Debt Funding bill can displace it.

Feb. 10. The Ship Subsidy bill is meeting strong opposition in the Senate, and numerous radical amendments are being proposed. There is some fear among the Senators in favor of the bill that if it is set aside to permit action on the debt funding plan, that there will be little hope of its ultimate passage.

Feb. 10. The Interstate Commerce Commission granted today the application of the Southern Pacific Railroad to retain its control over the lines of the Central Pacific. Last year the Supreme Court handed down the decision that the merger of the two railroads was a combination in restraint of trade. The present action of the Commission was based upon the belief that the union of the two roads was for the best interests of the territory in which they operate.

Feb. 10. Professor William Conrad Roentgen, scientific investigator, and discoverer of the Roentgen Rays, died today in Munich.

CHORALS FIRST CONCERT OF SEASON IN WALKER

The first concert of the season was held by the Choral Society before an audience of about 100 people in Walker last Saturday at 2:30. Mr. Robert Isensee and Mrs. Clara Leavitt, soloists, were features of the program, and were well applauded. The concert lasted for about three quarters of an hour. Mr. Stephen Townsend was present to conduct the program.

The next concert is planned for the early part of May at Jordan Hall.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

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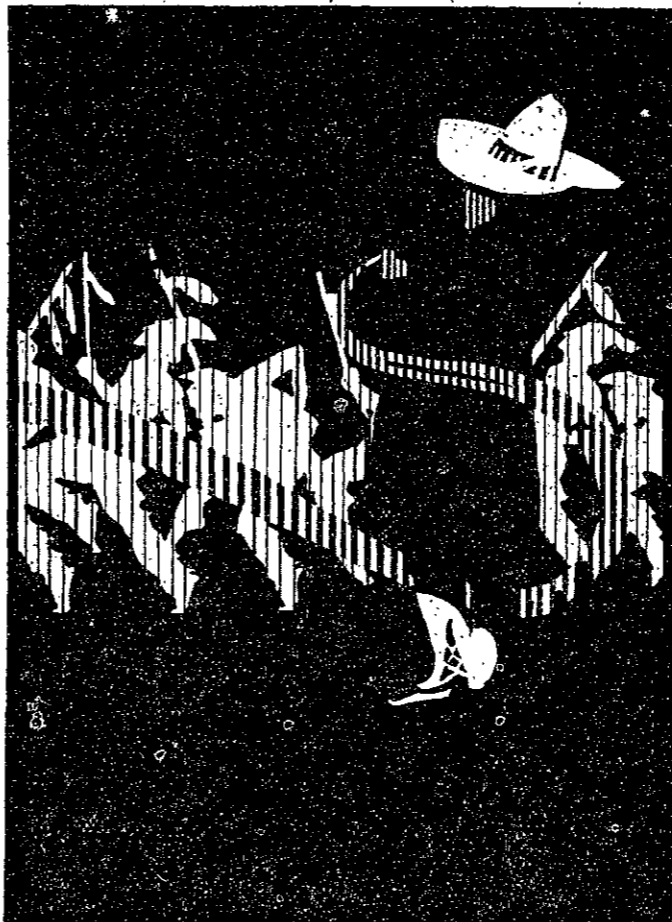
The final lecture on the Slide Rule will be held in Room 10-250 on next Thursday, at 4 o'clock. It will consist of an exhibition and explanation of various types of Slide Rules—straight, circular, spiral, cylindrical, and so forth.

UNDERGRADUATE

The Night Editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is G. F. Ashworth '24, telephone Winchester 609-J. All matters pertaining to the issue are referred to him.

Electrical Engineering Society. Mr. W. S. Murray will be the speaker at the next meeting in room 10-250 on Friday evening, March 2, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Murray is connected with the firm of Murray and Flood, Consulting Engineers of New York and has been actively engaged in the Power Survey for New York State. The Committee hopes to have Professor D. C. Jackson present also.

Poster for Tech Show 1923



SPEAKERS DISCUSS CAPS AND GOWNS AT MEETING

Decision Awarded to Negative by Club

The question of whether or not caps and gowns should be worn at the graduation exercises of the Institute was debated by the Speakers' Club at their regular meeting Tuesday. The affirmative, which was represented by F. F. Lange '23, H. Y. Hsu '23, and Frederick Kench '23, brought out that caps and gowns are valuable because of their effect upon the graduate, not upon the audience. They are desirable, not as display, but as a means of impressing the graduating class with the dignity of the occasion.

E. H. Miller '23, H. W. Dexter '23, and L. T. Coleman '24, argued for the negative, which admitted that an impressive graduation ceremony was desirable, but denied that caps and gowns were the means of obtaining it. A Technology graduate is too mature to be impressed by a mere show of dignity in costume. What is needed in the ceremony is sincerity; if that is there, the exercises can't help being impressive. Caps and gowns are traditional for scholars; for practical men like engineers, the reverse is true. The expense must also be considered—after graduation a gown isn't good for much of anything.

By vote of the club at the conclusion of the debate, the decision was given to the negative.

AT THE THEATRES

COLONIAL: "The Perfect Fool." Ed Wynn is the whole show and provides lots of fun.

COPLEY: "The Truth About Blayds." Jewett Players do an English drama very well.

HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." An expert liar gives some dry humor.

KEITH'S: Ben Bernie and his orchestra head the bill.

MAJESTIC: Vaudeville and the "Blushing Bride."

PLYMOUTH: "Just Married." Comedy on shipboard with a mix up as to wives, etc.

ST. JAMES: "A Prince There Was." The Boston Stock Co. in a Cohan comedy.

SELWYN: "The Fool." A play that is causing some stir in New York.

SHUBERT: "Naughty Diana." Rather suggestive comedy on an old pattern.

TREMONT: "The French Doll." Irene Bordoni gives a few songs and looks attractive.

WILBUR: "The Bat." The last week of this mystery show.

FRESHMEN GIVEN CLASS NUMERALS AT SMOKER

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Hopton, R. T. Bete, D. W. Crawford, E. J. McCabe, K. G. Cove, Captain, William Kalker, Manager, and C. S. Payzant, counter; Football team: R. E. Harrison, W. H. Callahan, A. B. Brand, E. J. McGrew, J. E. Deignan, F. M. Gorsuch, W. D. Johnson, Ernie duPont, D. L. Reed, W. M. Walworth, P. V. Jewell, C. M. Manning, J. L. Isert, C. W. Meytrott, B. J. Berman, C. A. Bianchi, Captain, and L. J. Darmstadt, manager.

Assistant Dean H. E. Lobdell '17 next spoke on "Publications," giving a brief summary of the history of the undergraduate publications of Technology. After refreshments were served, a vaudeville act was staged by Scott and Bayrd, who appeared as darkey bell boys. Several piano solos followed, played by Mr. C. F. Lyman, of the English and History Department.

CHEMICALS SEE UNITED DRUG PILL MACHINES

Friday afternoon the Chemical Society went through the Boston plant of the United Drug Company, and were shown how all the pill machines and other apparatus was operated to obtain standard products. The tour was personally conducted by N. C. Earl, director of laboratories.

The men who made the trip aver that the visit to the perfume department last gave them a good "scent-off." The Boston plant occupies about 12 buildings and employs approximately 3500 people.

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LATIN-AMERICANS START ON SERIES OF LECTURES

"Brazil, Its Resources and People" will be the subject of the lecture to be given by Guimaraes Atahualpa '23, in room 10-250 tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is the first of the series of lectures planned by the Latin-American Club for this term.

The lecture will be illustrated with slides in order to bring particular attention to the mountains of iron, mines of precious metals, vast forests, and other resources with which South America abounds.

The lectures are planned to give the students and Faculty an idea of the work and aims of the club, and all members of the Institute are invited.

ORIENTAL DANCER TO ENTERTAIN COSMO CLUB

A feature of the Cosmopolitan Club informal dance that is set for February 23, will be oriental dancing for the entertainment. Morcy Pearl's orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets are already on sale at the Coop, Walker and in the main lobby.

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