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COLLEGE SPIRIT

A MORE hackneyed expression and one more misinterpreted and misapplied does not exist. In its original and true sense it expressed a feeling that was fine, devotion and loyalty to one's college, a respect for her traditions, and a sincere desire to serve her.

To the outsider, the wearing of ties which announce their approach from afar and of vests of like description; gay parties in which obvious defiance of the famous Mr. Volstead and his no less famous amendment to the original Bill of Rights seems to be the principal object; antics best classified as "prep school tricks" are all manifestations of what he contemptuously terms "college spirit."

We do not hold that our own haberdashery is above criticism or that we have never gazed upon the world through rose-colored glasses, but we do maintain that the only proper excuse is the natural exuberance of the remnant of the youthful spirit the grind has left us or the reaction of a strenuous struggle with a slide rule.

We speak of patriotism and of love of one's country; college spirit is akin to patriotism and implies a love for one's college. The same spirit that carried the American soldier through the Argonne for the glory of his country carries many a football player through a game for the glory of his college. Service is its basis. The desire and the will of a man to make his college what he firmly believes it is—the best—can and will make it so.

Believe that M. I. T. is the finest school in the country—and then make it so, that all others will share your belief. Devote yourself to her service; you will put her at the top where she belongs, and in so doing you will acquire for yourself one of the greatest things which may be derived from college—a true college spirit.

TECHNOLOGY EPISCOPAL CLUB TO MEET SUNDAY

A meeting of the Technology Episcopal Club will be held next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Faculty and Alumni Room of Walker. As important business will be taken up, all the members are urged to be present.

Recently the club sent a delegate to the conference of the New England division of the National Student Council of the Episcopal Church. This council was held at Hartford and was attended by 60 delegates from 24 of the colleges in New England. The report of the local delegate will be heard at the meeting Sunday.

The World's Affairs

Foreign

Feb. 14. More than a dozen train loads of coal left the Ruhr district today bound for France, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland. The municipality of Gelsenkirchen has refused to pay the 100,000 marks (\$36) as a fine for the wounding of two French gendarmes by the German constabulary. The French plan severe penalties because of the sabotage of telegraph and telephone lines, and because of the refusal of the populace to permit the requisition of motor cars. More aggressive policies are being pursued by both the Germans and French.

Feb. 14. Allied warships are still at Smyra Harbor, and the Turks have made no move to force their withdrawal. It is reported that Mohammed VI is raising an army of Mohammedans to combat the forces of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, who is claimed to be opposing the real interests of Islam.

National

Feb. 14. It is estimated that three quarters of a million of tenant farmers have left the South because of the terrible conditions in which they live. Ramshackle, one-room cabins with leaky roofs, scanty clothing, no lights of any kind, and often times no food, are the causes which are forcing the poorer class of agricultural workers to seek employment as wage earners.

Feb. 14. Efforts to establish an embargo on coal to Canada are being opposed by the Pennsylvania Coal Commission. The commission claims that an agreement was entered into with Canada last year to supply the Dominion on the same basis as sections of the United States.

CHAUNCY HALL CONCERT WILL BE BROADCASTED

A broadcasting of a concert by the Chauncy Hall Club Orchestra will be made Saturday evening by the Shepard Stores. This concert was to have been given on February 3 but was postponed because of its interference with some opera broadcasting which was later put on schedule.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

During the past two days my attention has been more or less continuously directed to an article appearing in your issue of Feb. 12, entitled "Flying Course is Offered Students." An almost endless stream of applicants has besieged me with inquiries as to the nature of the course, and has impressed upon me forcibly the fact that your article was likely to convey to a hasty reader the impression, which I am sure you had no intention of giving, that the flying school which the Atlantic Airways has announced its intention of operating is some sort of an Institute activity and that I personally am in some way connected with it.

I must disavow any such connection, both for myself and for the Institute. My remarks to your reporter were entirely general in their nature, dealing with the present status of commercial flying and aeronautical engineering and my ideas as to their probable development, and had nothing to do with flying instruction. Students at the Institute who wish to learn to fly are of course at liberty to attend a flying school at their own expense. The Institute has nothing to do with that. The Institute has not given a flying course in the past and is not likely to do so in the future, and it would be incorrect to infer that the school announced for operation at Boston has any more relation to the course in aeronautical engineering here than have any other of the numerous similar schools which have been in operation in various parts of the United States for a number of years. (Signed) EDWARD P. WARNER.

ATTEND TO COLDS EARLY ADVISES MEDICAL DEPT.

Over one hundred cases per day are now being treated by the Institute Medical Department, the larger part of which are for colds and the complications caused by neglected colds. The Department urges that all students who contract slight colds report at once for treatment as most colds may be easily checked if attended to the first day. Delayed treatment, the Department says, is responsible for the majority of the more serious illnesses.

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 should be referred to him.

A Technology Honor System

By Prof. Edward F. Miller

The student body at M. I. T. has demonstrated its ability to handle successfully matters pertaining to student government.

There is every reason to believe that the student body can, with the co-operation of the Faculty, devise an honor system which will be a decided improvement over the method now followed.

If there is any school where an honor system should work successfully, it is in a scientific school like Technology to which the Industries bring problems in research, these problems being in most cases confidential and to which proprietors of industrial concerns turn when seeking honest, reliable, well-trained chemists, engineers or scientists.

Some believe that an honor system has a possibility of success only in those schools where the men are housed in dormitories and consequently become well acquainted with one another. They also believe that the conditions at Technology are such that a Senior in one course may know but few of his classmates in other courses. This is no doubt true; the Seniors in any course, however, know intimately their classmates in that course; the Juniors, while they have less knowledge of one another, are fairly well acquainted; the Sophomores at the beginning of their second year are comparatively strangers.

I can see no reason why an honor system cannot be made to work successfully in the Senior and Junior classes. Student representatives, appointed one from each course for each class, constitute what may be called, for want of a better name, a "Student Faculty" which considers all cases brought to it and reports its action to the Faculty of the Institute which must officially confirm the recommendations made.

No honest man will object to signing a statement that he has neither given nor received help during an examination. The dishonest man who may have made use of a carefully prepared crib will not hesitate in signing such a statement.

To eliminate this sort of man who does not belong at Technology and to reform the man who may, in the excitement of an examination, have glanced over to his neighbor's paper, each student must agree to report any and all

cases of dishonorable work to that representative of his class serving on the Student Faculty.

Many students will object to pledging themselves to do this. The Honor System stands or falls according to the student action on this pledge. These same students who may object to reporting a classmate whom they see using a crib will, after graduation, have nothing to do with that man either professionally or socially.

A member of the Student Faculty, by giving fatherly or brotherly advice to a student reported to him for a minor offence, may save that student.

A boy often does not realize that by a dishonorable act in an examination, even though the act was not premeditated, he is ruining his own reputation among his classmates. Should that act be discovered by the Faculty and the boy dismissed from Technology, his reputation among his friends at home, as well as his classmates, is gone and it is likely that his parents will suffer as much as the boy.

The man who knows that you trust him is not likely to take advantage of the confidence placed in him, whereas the man who thinks you mistrust him may have no compunction in cheating you.

Should an honor system be put into operation at Technology the students who compose the Student Faculty or Governing Body, whatever it may be called, must realize that with authority goes responsibility and that the same rules which apply to one student must apply to another, regardless of his popularity or his position. EDW. F. MILLER

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ALUMNI NOTES

E. J. Shields '18 was recently awarded the Despradelle memorial prize for the best designs for a winter sports clubhouse. Shields is with the architectural firm of Coolidge and Shattuck. Albert Kruse '22 received honorable mention. The contest for this prize was open to architectural students of Harvard and Technology, and to members of the Boston architectural clubs.

J. A. Tobey '15, was elected president of the Washington Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the annual meeting held on January 20th. Mr. Tobey is the Washington representative of the National Health Council and is a lawyer as well as a sanitary engineer. He was prominent in activities at the Institute, having been a class officer, a member of the Institute Committee, one of the founders of the Tech Engineering Corps, and a member of the Senior Class Day Committee. Other officers elected include A. B. McDaniel '01, vice president; Carroll Bennick '09, secretary; W. C. Dean '00, treasurer; and J. W. Clary '06, member of the executive committee. An illustrated lecture on the Yosemite was given at the meeting by F. E. Matthes '05, of the United States Geological Survey.

AT THE THEATRES

"A PRINCE THERE WAS" PLAYING AT ST. JAMES

The very remarkable acting of the Boston Stock Company along with an attractive and interesting setting make a visit to "A Prince There Was" at the St. James this week a very pleasant one. The play, which presents a varied array of comedy and human interest, is based on principles of pure drama.

The scenes are laid in New York City where a well to do gentleman of leisure finds himself disgusted with life. His attitudes are quite changed, nevertheless, when he meets Comfort, an orphan who shows him the better way of living and who eventually wins for him a true sweetheart. The humorous parts are taken by Short, a self-imagined movie actor, and Gladys Prouty, both of whom are members of the slums and who prove to be vain rivals of the leading man and lady.

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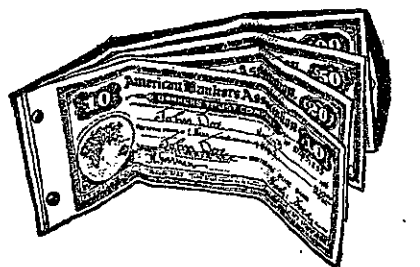
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