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In Charge of This Issue

S. H. Caldwell.....Charles Rich

Monday, February 19, 1923

FACULTY ACTION NEEDED

SEVERAL weeks ago the Senior Class voted on the question of wearing caps and gowns for graduation. The vote was favorable but hardly decisive, both because of the small majority and because less than half of the class expressed their opinions. The matter certainly cannot be left in this state, with many men declaring their intention to attend commencement in their regular clothes no matter what the majority decides.

It seems that the next move is up to the faculty, which body alone has the power to force all graduates to wear caps and gowns at commencement. The question was up for their consideration late last spring, but was voted down, chiefly because there was little time to make the change, and there had been practically no previous discussion. There is a strong hope that the faculty will decide favorably if the question is presented in the right light, and they are given time enough to discuss the matter thoroughly.

INTROSPECTION AND SUCCESS

A PROFESSOR once lecturing to his class stated that if he could give his students a detached point of view on themselves and allow them to see themselves in the future, he would be amply justified if he did no other thing.

What he meant, the psychologists would explain, is that he wanted to give his class the subjective experiences of a number of years without having them actually pass through that time. He wanted to gage their equipment for life, by what they will need in the future and not by what they now think they need.

Of course, the professor's idea is a simple one looking at it in the abstract, but how many of us have really tried to peer ahead into the future and then examine ourselves in the light of what we have found. We agree with the professor yet somehow never get to the point of acting on the thought, it remains a thought as the years glide by, perhaps leaving us behind.

For a case in point, instructors at the Institute alive to the less obvious responsibilities of their profession, have repeatedly berated their students on the complete lack of ability shown to express themselves with even engineering coherence. When asked a question the student mechanically fumbles for a pencil, or weakly attempts an explanation such as "it is—well you see—ah—for example." He is fumbling completely in the dark. Many students of ability will recognize themselves here, yet how many have consciously made any efforts towards correction. Surely the student

needs little imagination to predict a day when his career may have reached a crisis and when a project which is to be his making is to be "but across." A board of directors' table with a dozen skeptical men, a hot nervous engineer who is floundering about in the English language while his career, as visualized on the faces of his listeners, is slipping away from him. Surely there is a deep element of tragedy about this man who has the ability and the idea and yet is unable to "sell himself" to the users of them.

Being absorbed in science, Technology students have often failed to round off many other faults that will be found to be bars to their progress. Each man knows his faults better than anyone else, it would be idle for anyone to attempt to tell him how to correct them. As he goes out into life, he will find a cold-blooded atmosphere where people will be less inclined to even tell him of his faults. The obvious solution then is, while young and able to change, to get a careful introspection, a clear knowledge of one's shortcomings and a true engineer's determination to make the elimination of them a matter of duty and pride.

The World's Affairs

National

Feb. 17. The British debt settlement bill was passed by a vote of 70 to 13 in the Senate, and is expected to be sent to President Harding early next week. Although two amendments have been made to the bill in the Senate, it is assured that they will be immediately accepted by the House.

Feb. 17. President Harding has declared himself against an embargo on coal to Canada. As a result of the shortage of anthracite in Massachusetts and New York, there is a demand for an embargo from these sections.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

It is doubtless not material proper to the columns of a distinctly Institute activity such as THE TECH to criticize what is essentially an off campus publication, but may I utilize a mite of your space to compliment the author of Voo Doo on their latest issue. The Hart, Schaffner & Marx advertisement right where the book parts is a satire on humor in general too delicious to be unpraised and it shines out doubly bright due to the complete sterility of the surrounding pages. May I only add that in both Aesop and La Fontaine there may be found references to a certain goose—I realize the opportunity offered here for sarcasm of a type—and certain golden eggs.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) John E. Burchard 2d, 1923.

HEAR PROF. DRISKO ON ILLUMINATION METHODS

The second of the public Popular Science Lectures offered by the Institute was given yesterday afternoon, February 18, at 4 o'clock.

Professor W. J. Drisko of the Department of Physics spoke on "Illuminants and Illumination" illustrating his lecture with several brilliant and novel experiments. The study of proper methods of illumination is coming to be recognized as one of great importance and the lecture should prove of much popular interest. Professor Drisko is an authority on the subject and in charge of the course of Illumination at Technology.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

OFFICIAL

Professor Rogers announces that there will be no lecture in G. S. 41, Contemporary Drama, on Tuesday, February 20.

UNDERGRADUATE

The night editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is L. E. Fogg '24, telephone University 7077. All matters concerning the issue are referred to him.

Men desiring a copy of Mr. Nash's pamphlet, "The Golden Rule in Business" may obtain same from table in the T. C. A. office.

RELIGION DISCUSSED IN SPEAKERS CLUB DEBATE

Members Advance Many Novel Doctrines at Recent Meeting

Religious issues formed the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Speakers Club last Tuesday evening. Many unusual beliefs were expounded and subjected to the fire of criticism in the informal discussion which occupied the greater part of the evening.

The doctrine of reincarnation was discussed from the standpoint of a scientist by the president of the club, F. R. Shaw '24. Atheistic arguments were presented by A. M. Kallet '24, who found no reason for believing that the soul existed after death. Henry Shore '24, defended the theological attitude, and pointed out the danger of materialism overshadowing the higher things of life at a scientific school like Technology.

"Popularity" Subject of Lesson

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the club, J. G. Tribull '23, H. B. Gray '23, and E. H. Miller '23, were admitted to membership. The next meeting of the club will be held tomorrow in the Faculty and Alumni room, Walker Memorial.

Mr. H. P. Cahill gave his customary lesson in public speaking, taking for his subject, "Popularity," which he says is made, not born.

STUDENT FUND DRIVE STARTS NEXT MONDAY

The coming drive for the Student Friendship Fund was the subject under discussion at a meeting of the intra-mural committee held Tuesday, February 13, in the Institute Committee office. A committee is to be appointed to carry on this drive, which it has been suggested is to take place during the week of February 26. The object of the drive is to obtain contributions toward the fund for the relief of students in the universities of Russia and Central Europe.

Last year a sum of \$600 was contributed at the Institute, and the committee hopes that this year, the amount will be exceeded. The money will be toward the procuring of books, clothing, food, and laboratory equipment for the students in the devastated areas of Europe.

CIVILS VISIT PLANT OF AMOSKEAG COMPANY

Seventy-one members of the Civil Engineering Society were the guests of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company last Friday afternoon. Arriving at the plant about noon the members of the society were just in time to see the water wheels being put into motion after having been shut down for the lunch hour. After this they were conducted through the plant by Messrs. Hobbs, Voss, Kendall, and Merrill who are the managers in the Electrical, Mechanical and Power Departments.

After the trip was completed, members of the society were the guests of the Company at a luncheon. The party was under the supervision of Professor H. K. Barrows '95, and W. A. Liddell '16, of the Civil Engineering Department.

MINNESOTA CLUB TO SUSPEND ACTIVITIES

Officers of the Minnesota Club announce that, due to the lack of interest displayed by its members, the club is to be disbanded.

Organized but a few months ago this organization has made repeated efforts to arouse the interest of the Minnesota men but has never succeeded in gaining more than half-hearted support. A club dinner was scheduled for last Monday but such a small percentage of the members signed up that the meeting was called off and disbanding agreed upon.

"BLOSSOM TIME" SHOWING AT BOSTON OPERA HOUSE

"Blossom Time" is at the Opera House for a two weeks' run. This is the second time that Boston has seen this offering as it was at the Wilbur Theatre before going to New York.

The play is supposed to portray part of the life of Franz Schubert, the composer, and many of his melodies are used in the music. It is not the usual extravagant musical type but rather a delightful play with better than the average music.

The various players do well for the most part but some of the voices do not seem quite adequate for the sometimes difficult music. There is some fairly good humor but it is essentially an almost pathetic love story told in part in music.

TECHNOLOGY GOOD WILL CANDIDATE NOW FIFTH

Canvass Made at Institute Thursday—Miss Pierce Has 15,319 Votes

With a total of 15,319 votes, Miss Marjorie Pierce '22, Technology's Good Will candidate, is now fifth in the Boston election. An active campaign for Miss Pierce started at the Institute Thursday. Fifteen girls were in the corridors to solicit votes from students.

The aid of all the fraternities is also being sought. Several fraternities have already pledged votes for Miss Pierce. The Boston Society of Architects, the Boston Architectural Club, the M. I. T. Women's Association, and the Boston Women's Club are all giving Miss Pierce their support. The high school in Watertown from which Miss Pierce came has also been enlisted.

The Good Will election ends February 28. If a total of 100,000 votes are received, the candidate having the largest number of votes will be elected. 180,000 votes will elect the two highest candidates, and for each additional 60,000 the next candidate in order will be chosen. The delegates chosen will go to France in the spring.

MENORAHS MEET WITH EMERSON COLLEGE GIRLS

Members of the Technology Menorah Society come together for the second time this term in the form of a joint meeting with the Menorah Society of Emerson College, a girls' college of Boston, in the north hall of Walker tomorrow at 7:30 o'clock.

For the speaker of the evening the society has asked Dr. Alexander Brin, Editor of "The Jewish Advocate" of Boston. Dr. Brin is to choose as his subject, "Problems Confronting American Jewry."

The Emerson College girls, who are to have Mrs. Barnett as matron, intend to present one or two musical and humorous sketches of their own for the Technology men.

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