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HONOR DICTATES

THE knowledge that an Honor System is now actually functioning at Technology, having already exercised its official powers in trying a case, will undoubtedly interest those persons who have been consistently striving for its establishment at the Institute.

Although the Course X meeting Monday, before which the case was heard, was properly shrouded in mystery, there is no doubt but that the Honor System Committee has gone through all of its functions at least once. A man has been apprehended cheating, the matter reported, the man tried and evidently a verdict has been found.

But this evidence of the Course X method, although gratifying to the members of the Course, gives little solace to the men who must still be examined under the suspicious eye of a dutiful proctor. The stir of abhorrence of that system, once we see that it is easily done away with, would at once dictate that men in other courses demand that they too be granted the right to exercise their honor. It would dictate that they also have the right to remove from their midst the men whom they find consistently devoid of honor.

There is still ample opportunity for Honor Systems to be established in other courses, to apply to June examinations. The Honor System is in the wind, its coming is inevitable and once it has been gained it will never be relinquished. It is up to the leaders of student organizations at Technology to either realize its inevitability and promote its installation or to admit they are helplessly supine and step out of the way for men of more virility.

ALUMNI LOYALTY

THE alumni clubs of New York and Hartford have shown a spirit well worthy of praise. Their efforts in making a success of the recent performances of Tech Show in those cities ought not go unnoticed. Likewise, they have clearly manifested their attitude in providing the warm reception given the members of Course XV on their annual spring tour.

It is plainly evident that Technology has a real, honest to goodness alumni, whose spirit is yet within the

corridors of the Institute and whose interest in present undergraduate life is young and keen. The success of the show in the cities mentioned was virtually in the hands of the alumni, and they proved willing and sincere workers. The members of Course XV were impressed with the fact that there really are Tech men in the world outside who are willing to help the newly graduated engineer. Further, that these men are ready to put the lessons of hard experience at his disposal.

The whole-heartedness of the alumni should not be minimized or neglected. Their activities may well serve as a standard for present undergraduates, upon whom will depend the perpetuation of the spirit these men are manifesting.

The World's Affairs

Foreign
 Mar. 27. France plans to seize all raw materials originally intended for use in the reconstruction of the devastated areas.

Mar. 27. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, noted French actress, died in Paris, today.

National
 Mar. 26. Because of French reservations to the Washington Treaty and the disagreement between America and England over our right to increase the range of battleship guns, it is the opinion of many senators that the whole question will have to be reopened.

Mar. 27. Communism first and his country afterward was the attitude of C. E. Rutherford, as brought out by cross examination in the Foster trial today.

COMMUNICATION

Letters over 200 Words May Be Excluded Due to Lack of Space

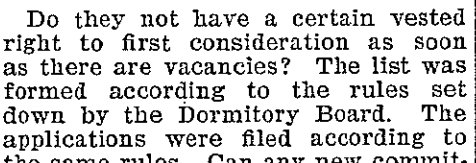
The Editor of The Tech:
 A few weeks ago, the new Dormitory Committee passed a set of rules regulating the assignment of rooms in the dormitories. As I understand these rules, not more than 25 per cent of the dormitory rooms can be assigned to one class, so that freshmen may have a better chance to obtain a room than they have now.

Without questioning the wisdom of this change—those who voted for it had much better information on the subject than I can have—I should like to consider the justice of putting the new rules into effect immediately. According to Mr. H. S. Ford, there are about 400 applications for dormitory rooms filed in his office. The men who had filed these applications two or three years ago were prevented from obtaining a room then by the old rules.

Do they not have a certain vested right to first consideration as soon as there are vacancies? The list was formed according to the rules set down by the Dormitory Board. The applications were filed according to the same rules. Can any new committee justly abrogate the rights of the men who, after fulfilling all requirements, have a right to expect admission to the dormitories?

I understand that the new rules were passed to take care of the future increase of the dormitory accommodations. Would it not be equally wise and much more just to promulgate them as soon as the new dormitories are ready for use, instead of tearing up the present waiting list and cancelling the rights of those who are on it now?

A. R. GRUENBERG '24



The Lounger couldn't help being affected by those warm and balmy days last week, and so he was inspired to bring forth the following bit of biased phraseology:—

"O Spring is coming, Spring is here, No more dark days, no more beer; No more chance to see one's breath—Soaked with alcohol to death. No more slush with feet to squash, No ice water with which to wash; No more chance to get the Flu To cure with hot prescriptions true.

"No icy streets on which to skid, For old felt hat a new straw lid; No need to shovel tons of coal With Satan's aid as ultimate goal; No more snow to chap the face, As fast across the bridge we race; No more chance for cold sleigh rides,—Cynic, mean, obdurate chides.

Honor For Both Faculty and Students
 A Discussion of the Course X Experiment
 By H. B. Gray '23

The experiment which Course X is trying is still in its embryo state and it is too early to draw any conclusions from their results. I am unacquainted with the results that have been obtained by our architect friends and I will leave the discussion of their system to those who have followed it. Personally I believe that under the best circumstances there is a good fighting chance for the success of an honor system here at Technology.

Honest Men Cheat
 I believe that ninety-nine men out of a hundred are fundamentally honest, and at the same time, I believe that ninety-nine men out of a hundred who graduate from Technology cheat at some time during their four years. It may be copying problems, it may be copying the reports or drawings of others, or it may be that more serious kind of cheating, the copying of examinations, but one way or the other, I think it is perfectly safe to say that nearly everyone here cheats at times.

Opinions may differ widely, but I believe that the above situation is due almost wholly to the failure of an honor system here at Technology, an honor system which is never discussed, but which exists, nevertheless.

Put Faculty on Honor
 Our schedules are made up of a certain number of subjects which are listed as 20-40 or 30-60 or something similar. Did you ever stop to consider just what these figures mean? They mean just this; that in department conference the schedule has been talked over and a certain number of hours assigned to each course. When a course is listed as 30-60, it means that there is to be three hours a week in class and six hours of outside preparation. And the professor in charge of that course is on his honor to give outside work only up to the limit of six hours a week for the average man.

When an instructor who is allowed one hour outside preparations asks for a problem or a report that requires six hours, that instructor is just as

much a cheat as the man who copies from another's paper. I suppose this instructor would be indignant if you told him that he was cheating. He would argue that it was all for your own good, unmindful of the fact that when he took twice as much time as he was allowed, he was taking that extra time either out of the man's recreation period or away from the course of another instructor whose work was just as important as his.

Crib with Clear Conscience
 I believe that this state of affairs is responsible to a large degree for the cheating that goes on among the students. If my schedule tells me that I have three hours' work for an evening and past experience tells me that it will take all night to do that three hours' work, then I, being human, am going to hunt up an old set of reports or problems and copy as far as I can. And the twinges of conscience are not going to hurt enough to spoil my sleep, either.

Appeals to Manhood
 I fully believe that the above is a brief summary of the greatest enemy the honor system has at Technology. Of course, there is a lot of stigma goes with the term, "Tattletale." Any of us would hesitate to report the transgressions of another, and if we found that someone was getting ahead of us by unfair methods, we would probably nurse our grievance for a long time before we reported it. But there is something fine and manly about being "on honor," a something that appeals to us, a something that would be the biggest possible force working for the success of the system. While it would undoubtedly fail in individual cases, there are undoubtedly many other cases where it would raise the standard that the man had set for himself.

For my own part I should like to see Technology try the system although I am well aware that the general sentiment is against it. I believe that this matter would have to be corrected before the system could ever have a chance of success and of course there are other difficulties that would have to be met. But these difficulties are not insurmountable.

Browns Offer Cash to Students

College baseball players will have the opportunity of competing for a prize of \$7,500 and a one-year contract with the St. Louis club of the American League. Three requirements are necessary for consideration; ability on the baseball diamond, scholarship, and character. The movement was fostered by George Sisler, former University of Michigan student.

Scorpion Emulates Filter Paper

The Scorpion, a four page publication to be published every two weeks, has appeared at the campus of the University of Wisconsin. The first number carried many articles criticizing various aspects of the university and its organizations. It is a political newspaper and does not print the names of its editors.

Optic Makes First Appearance

A new publication made its appearance at the University of Michigan called the "Michigan Optic." It is a 16-page rotogravure magazine devoted to pictures concerning college events. Such a publication is an innovation in that part of the country as the only other similar magazine is published at the University of California.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

Yale Frosh Riot Against Food

A riot in the Yale Commons was the recent outcome of the freshman class protest to the rule making it compulsory for them to eat there. About 500 members of the class took part in smashing the dishes and overturning the tables. At the height of the disturbance a sign bearing the picture of the skull and crossbones was hoisted with the inscription "This man ate at the Commons." The affair will be thoroughly investigated by the dean of freshmen.

Hairpin Admits Co-ed to Class

Although the doors of her 8 o'clock class were closed in her face, a co-ed at the McGill University was undismayed. Removing a hairpin from her coiffure, she poked it into the lock. Hearing the professor give a dissertation on the Honor System, she knew that the morning quiz was about to begin. She twisted the wire into the innermost depths of the lock, the combination worked and the triumphant co-ed entered the class. The useful hairpin had achieved another victory.

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