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ACTIVITIES HELP

THE activity man in college today is the normal student. He may not wear a Phi Beta Kappa key but neither is he to be classed with the utter failures. His scholastic work is not neglected but rather aided by a broader outlet gained through human relationships.

Dean Clark of the University of Illinois in a report on student activities quotes figures which prove this fact. He says: "Of twenty men who made the lowest average of the year not one was engaged in any organized activity which could have affected his scholarship in any way. The same was true of the twenty men who had the highest scholastic average."

"The loafer had given himself over to uninterrupted leisure, and the grind was interested in nothing and in nobody but his books. Each one got what he was working for. The students who participated in activities in and about college maintained good grades and had in addition a varied experience and contact with people and things."

We shall go further than Dean Clark; we think that the loafer and the grind should be held in contempt by everybody. They don't pay their dues; in other words they are in debt to their Alma Mater and to the other fellows who keep up their institution in the front rank.

They remind us of the man who tries to sneak away when his regiment has been ordered to attack, but comes back when the work is done, only too willing to share the honor won by the others' efforts.

The same fellow who goes in for activities will be some day an active member of the Alumni, for the same reason that he feels that he owes it to his college. The man who thinks that paying tuition and passing examinations is all that Technology requires of him is greatly mistaken. He misses one of the most important sides of college life, that opportunity to learn how to mingle with other fellows and take responsibilities.

To use Dean Clark's own words again: "The student who is working hard in any undergraduate activity generally has the feeling that he is not doing this for his own honor and credit but for the good of the college. The fact that he thinks he is giving up something for the institution and contributing something to it, almost always develops in him a sentiment

that is of immense good." Only in such a way can the undergraduate prepare himself for life as it really is.

WANTED: A LOUNGE

THE removal of the lounge from building 2 to building 5 has caused considerable inconvenience to students who bring their lunches. The majority of the lockers are situated near building 2, and the logical place for the lounge would be in that vicinity. At present it is necessary either to walk out of the way to building 5 or else stand in a crowded locker room. The locker rooms are not exactly adapted for this purpose; they are dark, and despite the effort of the janitors, they often are dirty and scarcely inviting places to eat one's lunch.

With the rapid growth of the Institute it has been difficult to find room for all the needs. The Physics department of course must be given preference over the lounge in the possession of the former basement room.

There is, however, an urgent need for a convenient lounge. A clean well-lighted room for this purpose would certainly improve conditions. The proposed alterations for the third floor of Walker Memorial, if carried out, would be a direct solution of this problem. This would provide adequate space for comfortable lounges and smoking rooms.

Until this change is made, however, a temporary room could be fitted at a slight expense. The difficulty is to find the necessary space. As advocates of modern ideas of sanitation we should remedy the existing conditions. After having obtained a centrally located lounge, steps should be taken to have it kept clean, which is a matter for co-operation on the part of the student body.

The Staff of The Tech sincerely regret the loss of a classmate and fellow worker, R. S. Sammond '26, who died early yesterday morning after a short illness.

COMMUNICATION

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

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I noticed, in your issue of March 26, 1923, an editorial entitled "AN ITEM OF CONCERN," which speaks of the swimming team and its performance this past season. It speaks of mysteries which shroud the disasters which have occurred during the season. It states that the Swimming Team does not infuse in its men the fighting spirit necessary to success. The fighting spirit is there, but the success is sadly lacking, and why?

Let me give a few facts. Swimming training and practices start about the middle of November and continue until the last of March. Practices are held three times a week in the Boston Y. M. C. A. pool, where we are granted full use of the pool only one hour a day. All events can not possibly have justice done them in so short a period. At the beginning of the season we consider one hundred a good turnout. Of these probably only thirty are good material. These thirty continue to come to practices until the men to make the first trip are picked, and then those of the thirty who were not picked quit altogether. That leaves but fifteen men out of which to pick a team each meet, and naturally the same men must be picked every time, as there are no others. Most, and I might say too many, of the meets are away from home. The team leaves Friday for most of these trips, arriving dead tired just before the meet starts, and then is expected to win. The fellows, who stick with a team meeting opponents which outclass them by far, deserve credit, especially when they have to practice three times a week at a special hour and give up Saturdays and Sundays to trips. The trips are sometimes nice, but all the joy is lost when Saturday's classes in P. E. E. or APPLIED have to be cut. It is tough work and requires a lot of figuring and thinking to swim and keep up in your studies at the same time. When a man does get down and out from too much work, he knows there is no second team to fill in, so he hangs along and goes from bad to worse, and then is missing or worthless at the Intercollegiate when he should be at his best.

No, the trouble with the Swimming Team is not lack of fighting spirit, but lack of Undergraduate support. You can not get results with but fifteen stickers and fifty rooters, and we rarely get fifty rooters at a home meet.

EARL C. PALMER,

Course XIII Teaches Many Arts

By Prof. J. R. Jack

Head of the Course in Naval Architecture

Course XIII, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, is comparatively young in the Institute, having begun as an option in Mechanical Engineering and later developed until it became a separate course under Professor C. H. Peabody '77, to whom is due the honor of having built it up.

Trains Naval Officers

The high standard which it achieved is obvious from the fact that the U. S. Government decided to send the members of its Construction Corps to the Institute for their professional training.

The civilian classes are taught the Science of Naval Architecture and the art of Ship Construction. "Naval Architecture" as an applied science dates back about a century. It is really a special branch of physics; the principles and mathematical processes being common to other branches of Physics.

Ship Complete Unit

"Ship Construction" is a very wide subject, probably wider than any other single human activity. When a ship leaves port for a voyage, she is a complete community in herself. She must be independent of outside assistance and supplies, so that in addition to having her own structure and machinery, she must have all the services of an ordinary town; such as, water supply, sanitary and cleansing departments, fire department, commissary department; and even the legal aspect of her voyage, both when at sea and in port, must be carefully considered, as it affects her taxation, and her liabilities to shippers, underwriters and Government departments.

Broad Scope of Studies

The student of naval architecture has consequently a broader outlook and is more adapted for taking up



PROF. JACK

The head of Technology's course in Naval Architecture engaged in his favorite hobby of photographing wild flowers. The professor is greatly interested in the subject of color photography.

other branches of industry than the student qualifying in a more restricted course.

In addition to the lecture hours, the students are given training in the special drawings and calculations appropriate to ships and their engines, and also are taught to make a model of a vessel to their own design, so that mind and hand are alike trained, in accordance with the Institute's motto, "Mens et Manus."

benefit of those students who could not pay as much as needed for a regular room. The Lounger would add three or four of the hand-pump fire extinguishers used in the Army. Pandemonium? But after the nightly battle and the subsequent flushing of the floors, the janitors wouldn't have any work to do at all. Here is productive idiotry.

The idea of applying the Honor System to the Faculty is ingenious. Perhaps some of the exams would be made up of reasonable questions in that case.

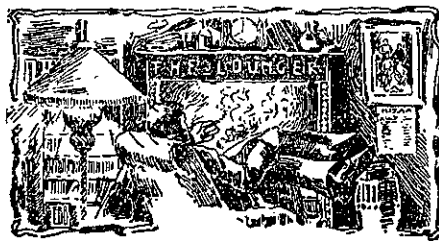
The World's Affairs

Foreign

March 29. Fifteen thousand German miners have gone on strike as a protest against the French occupation. They declare that they will not return to work until the French forces withdraw.

National

March 29. The Pan-American conference has put off discussion of questions relating to the Monroe Doctrine. March 29. The construction of a new radio terminal which it is declared will be the second largest in the United States, has been started near Miami, Fla. The plant will cost about \$230,000.



"SALUTES, SALUTES, Everywhere, And at the Co-Eds WINK."

This seems to be the principle established by the head of the Military Science Department. The Lounger receives this news with consternation. Is our atmosphere not already too full with the thought of war? Technology itself is a veritable battle. Of course, the salute is a military courtesy, and so is O. K. between the R. O. T. C. and the Army Officers. But this idea of saluting the heads of the various departments! Don't they humble us enough now with F's and dismissals? Don't they make out the routine of our fate and proclaim the rations on which we subsist? What more will they have? The Lounger's hand stays in his pocket.

Military courtesy prescribes that the Officer saluted return the salute. Are the president and dean to do this? The Lounger sympathizes with them. He suggests an artificial arm, actuated by a radiometer, so that when a human body approaches, the heat radiated will cause the arm to be automatically raised.

It was opined at the Alumni meeting that the fifth floor of the proposed new Dorms be made an open dormitory as in military barracks, for the

PLAY DIRECTORY

COLONIAL: "The Perfect Fool." Ed Wynne is it. COPLEY: "When Knights Were Bold." Good Comedy. HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." Better comedy. MAJESTIC: "Spice of 1922." Peppery review. PLYMOUTH: "Just Married." Bedroom fun on shipboard. ST. JAMES: "The Miracle Man." Cohan comedy. SELWYN: "The Fool." Religious theme, an improvement on the usual run. SHUBERT: "Greenwich Village Follies." Quite snappy in spots. TREMONT: "The Torch Bearers." Amateur theatricals.



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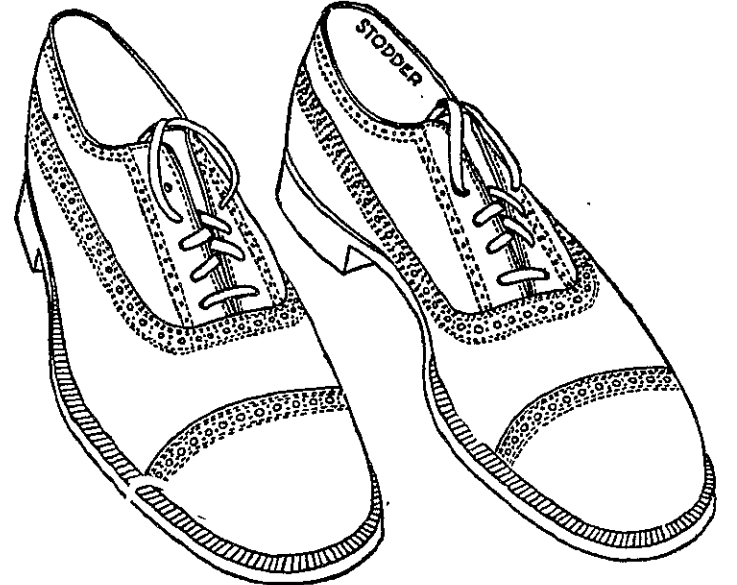
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