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WAIT UNTIL JUNE

IT seems impossible to effectively bury the cap and gown question. Earnest efforts to the contrary it continues to pop up its head when least expected. However, it was once settled and this is too late a date to revive the ghost of the dispute.

Leaving out of the matter the merits of the case, already hopelessly obscured in clouds of argument, one fact alone remains pre-eminent, a decision has been reached. Right or wrong it should be adhered to. "Lost causes" are notorious die-hards and this one may still have its last laugh in June as its exponents threaten. Surely if they are correct no one will begrudge it to them then, but at present the case is closed.

A TECHNOLOGY SONG RECORD

THE Institute is in the midst of what may be termed, an "activities boom." The repairs on the old boat-house, the new gymnasium, the proposed plan for activities in Walker Memorial and numerous others are all encouraging examples of what may be expected along similar lines in the future. Not only is this animation manifesting itself in student activities but also among the Alumni as was shown by their splendid support of Tech Show '23 on its recent successful tour.

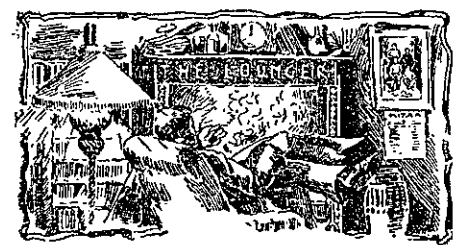
In view of the present active interest in student affairs, the time could not be more appropriate to voice a plea for a victrola record of Technology's songs. Such a venture has been successfully undertaken at a number of large universities, filling a real demand of both students and Alumni.

The proposal should particularly appeal to technical students who, after graduation, are often completely cut off from their former classmates due to the demands of their profession.

Victrolas are in common enough use today to make such a record of real value as a souvenir of college days, and doubly valuable to the Tech man whose stock of such souvenirs is largely limited.

THE Managing Board of The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the following elections:

- Publicity Department: Publicity Manager—Warner Lumbard '24. Staff—F. W. Gratz '26, Max Sandfield '25, C. M. Flynn '25, Samuel Glaser '25, A. D. Phelps '25. News Staff: F. E. Anderson '26, and W. F. McCornack '26.



The Lounger had sank back into the luxurious felt of his antique arm-chair and had exhaled his first puff of combusted tobacco. The smoke was yet in the air before him as a dense cloud, tumbling around itself and gradually wending its way upward. He was preparing to enter one of those deep moods of spasmodic thinking which are so essential to the production of a real live column for the morrow.

The usual problem spelt itself out like the handwriting on the wall in the days of yore. What to write on? And then with an unmanly spontaneity of explosive violence the door burst open and in rushed a student from a class in Ec33, hair dishevelled and eyes distorted.

From what the Lounger could gather after extended efforts to reduce the agitated nervous system of the excited youth to a group of well controlled and orderly molecules complying in every respect with Newton's First Law of Motion, it appears that a new era is upon us. Someone has unearthed a cheese mine out in a small town in Michigan.

The Lounger has not been able to ascertain the kind of cheese discovered. It may be Roguefort or Leader kranz. But our notorious professor who so invariably saved his father from falling victim to the Wall Street cannibals has appeared on the scene all wrapt up in himself and the usual quantity of tin foil.

From these somewhat untranslatable facts, the Lounger has figured it out that it all simmers down to one little consideration. Technology at last has a mouse baity professor on its list of expletives. To quote him self, he is "the whole cheese."

If the top floor of Walker is to be tampered with, why not do it right? The Lounger suggests that the roof be levelled off so as to afford ample room for airplane landings and parking space for baby zeppelins in the years to come. If activity heads must be late, why not reduce their lateness to a minimum?

INTERCOLLEGIATES

Coeds Barred from Show Cast

Activity for the production of the annual spring show at Syracuse University has ceased following a ruling forbidding women to take part in the production. This rule has been in operation for many years and a movement has been started to allow coeds to act in the play hereafter.

Chemical Students Form Suicide Club

The Suicide Club is the latest society to organize at the University of Illinois with its membership limited to four men. All the members are working at daily danger to life and limb on chemical experiments which are either poisonous or highly combustible.

Faculties Range from Thousand to Two

In a recent census of college faculties, a wide range in the number of instructors was found. The University of Minnesota had the most with a faculty numbering 1250. Coe College of Cedar Rapids was second with 1200 instructors. The smallest faculty was that found in Beaver College, Beaver, Penn., with two instructors and a student body of 273. The Institute has a body of instructors numbering more than 350.

PLAY DIRECTORY

- BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Opera. COLONIAL: "Merry Widow." Revival of old favorite. COPLEY: "Disraeli." Well done. Henry Jewett Players. HOLLIS: "Lightin'." Comedy that has run long enough to vote but is ripening in its old age. PLYMOUTH: "Just Married." Some were and some were not. Lots of fun. T. JAMES: "Turn to The Right." Boston Stock Company. SELWYN: "The Fool." Channing Pollock has made his life easy by writing it. Labor, church, politics and box office. SHUBERT: "Greenwich Village Follies." Music not much but the rest is wonderful. TREMONT: "Jerry." Filene show. WILBUR: "To the Ladies." Helen Hayes is very good.

Faculty Policing Not An Evil

Honesty and the Honor System

By C. J. Oberwarth '24

Now that the agitation for the Honor System at Technology is approaching a climax, I wonder if we are letting logic be our guide or are we being carried away by the glory of the word "honor" and the arguments of the champions of this system command by the power of that word. I have heard little or nothing as to the faults of the Honor System, and yet the only purely logical consideration must be one in which every phase of the question is thoroughly analyzed.

Understand that I do not doubt the sincerity of those who favor the honor system. It is the system itself about which my doubts have been centered.

It is my belief that we are about to grab something that we don't want. There isn't one of us that doesn't know of a case where a man has purchased goods he really did not desire, simply because the salesman believed so thoroughly in his role that he temporarily instilled that belief into the buyer.

The chief trouble with the honor system is that it does not work. No wonder that Mr. Burchard comes forward with a fervent plea that we should not call "this other thing" the "Student Honor System." The latter is impossible.

By "this other thing" he refers to the system as it actually works out when put into operation and calls it the "Student Proctor System," unquestionably a more fitting name.

Cannot Sign Up For Honesty

We must realize first of all that we cannot make a man of honor out of a dishonest man by making him sign a pledge. Under the Proctor System those who have always been honest at heart will continue to be so and vice versa. There will be no remedy for existing dishonesty.

The conditions under which the Proctor System will function most successfully are the ones we have in the Architectural Department. When they are applied to a group of people working in harmony toward a common goal, a group so small that every man is closely connected and known by every other, the thought of being "shown up" as a cheat is a more powerful hindrance to those who might cheat, than the desire to "get by" is a temptation.

Will Not Report a Friend

Those are the most favorable conditions. There is one great drawback now, however, that is the weakness of the entire structure upon which both the ideal "Honor System" and the practical Proctor System are based;—the placing of every man under obligation to report a classmate whom they might see breaking the rules. Where the Proctor System is applied under the most favorable conditions, among men who are close to being real friends there will be less tendency to adhere to the forced obligation of reporting officers and the whole structure will come tumbling down.

No Solution Yet

Such is the nature of the Proctor System at Rogers. As far as I have seen or heard, we have not gone one

HELEN JOLTS PHILLIPPE

The other night Phillippe dug himself out of the moth balls and the cedar chest and went down to the Wilbur to look upon Helen Hayes in the royal razz "To the Ladies."

To show that we are not partial or biased we will say that we greatly enjoyed it in spite of the injury to our pride. Helen sure has the most delightful southern accent, it would melt the heart of a cow.

But as to our injured pride. The plot portrays the advance of a young fellow through the assistance of his wife. That is all right but in the last scene you are given to understand that all the springs behind the wheels of industry are the meetings of the Tuesday morning tea parties.

This is rank deception. How can any self-respecting young playwright produce such bunk. (If they have a little inside dope they must keep it dark or the exalted position of the male of the species is in danger.)

As they grow they may learn that such things do not pay. And again how can a producer think it will get across or was it the unseen hand that made him stage it. Heaven forbid!

But the merits of the dialogue are many. The banquet scene is very typical. All the types of speakers are present and do their darndest with excellent results. The scenes in the home of the young newlyweds are wonderful but you can't help wondering if anyone could be as dumb as He is or as bright and southern as She is. The last act in the office picks the high spots from big business but we will denounce it because our pride was injured severely. In fact we're going to be a bachelor, perhaps.

It is interesting to note that Southern Blonds Preferred has advanced steadily on the local exchange beginning last Monday.

step toward solving the honor problem. There are just as many breaches of the rules as before, and worse than that, it is being done under the cloak of the Honor System.

Yet I, for one, am glad to see that friendship rules above the Proctor System, another reason why "this thing" cannot be called by its old name. One of the many definitions for honor is, "A nice sense of what is right." That certainly is not reporting a friend.

Convince a Man of Error

The man who has cheated is the man to make the report to in order to convince him of his error—not to a group of men who sit in judgment and, when finding him guilty, expose him. Personally, I have grown up with the feeling that to report a friend for a fault I may discover is a dishonorable act, and shows a greater lack of character and humanistic sympathy than any other thing a man could do. If, in voting on the subject, every man who voted "yes" was required to sign a statement that he would report even his best friend, for any infraction of the best of them would vote "no." We find then, upon close examination, that the very foundation of the Honor System is its greatest weakness.

It seems almost beyond hope that a successful honor system could be devised without containing that provision, but otherwise I hope it will never be adopted by Technology. Nothing could be more wonderful than a 100% honor system, for there would then be no occasion for reporting anyone. Unfortunately, however, we are dealing, not with perfect people, but with mere humans in whom honor is a greatly varying factor.

Strengthen Present System

Until we can find something more remedial than the Proctor System we should, in my estimation, limit our changes to a strengthening of the present system. There is no better way of making a man honest than by not giving him the chance to be otherwise. If a student, who might cheat if the opportunity appeared, realizes that it is impossible to crib in an exam he is more likely to learn the subject before hand, with the result that he has not only "played square" but has actually passed a hard exam with a clear conscience. Such a man will then continue to employ that method.

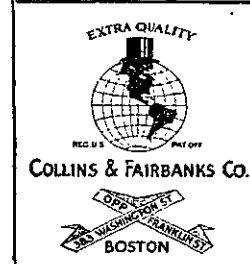
Watch All to Protect All

We pay out money in the form of taxes for the maintenance of a police force whose duty it is to protect us all by watching all of us. The principal function of the police is to keep anyone from committing a crime, now for arresting them after the crimes are committed. The former is just exactly the basis of the present system at Technology, while the Proctor system would be established upon the basis of the latter.

Faculty Supervision No Insult

The chief objection to the plan now in use seems to be that our individual honesty is questioned by the ever present and watchful faculty. This is a condition that can no more be avoided nor is it any more humiliating than the presence of the police about the streets. Long experience has shown that we cannot do without them and all must come under their surveillance if crime is to be suppressed.

Let us remember that once this so called honor system has been adopted by the entire school, we will be forced to continue under it almost indefinitely. To abolish it afterward would mean unbearable public humiliation by giving the false conception that we had proved ourselves incapable of honor, while in reality the comparatively small amount of dishonesty at Technology is very evident and extremely gratifying.



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