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THE RIGHT TO ENJOY IT

A FLOOR so crowded with couples that dancing ceased to become a pleasure and almost approached the nature of a hazardous ordeal has been the chief fault found with the Junior Prom in recent years. Regularly the committee has promised to limit the attendance but just as regularly some slip has occurred. This time, it at least appears to be different.

The committee placed the limit at 500 couples and present indications point that they will stay well within that number, being if anything nearer to 450. This is certainly desirable. The Prom is essentially for the members of the Junior class with the next option going to the Seniors. It is their function and overcrowding should not be allowed to detract from their enjoyment of it.

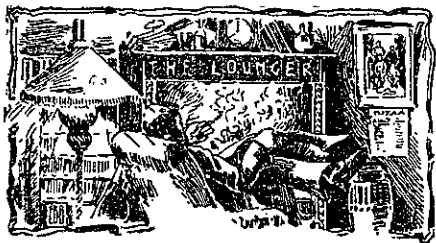
Last year it was necessary to open the Palm Room at the Copley Plaza for dancing after midnight. That split up the party into two groups and largely spoiled the effect. With the limitations now imposed that will be done away with. On this point, certainly, the way seems clear for a better Prom than Technology men have enjoyed for several years and the committee deserves commendation for their stand in the matter.

INTERCLASS BASEBALL

C LASS baseball gets under way this afternoon with the Juniors and Sophomores opening the season. The four classes all have teams and a cup will be awarded by the Advisory Council to the winner of the series played to decide the championship of the Institute. Similar interclass competition proved highly successful with the crews last fall. It is regrettable that it was not feasible to continue it in basketball, but the dormitory and fraternity leagues somewhat filled the gap.

Intramural athletics are very important to sports at Technology. More men are enabled to benefit by taking part and it is not vital to put in the immense amount of time training that makes a varsity football team impossible at the Institute. The incentive of competition is not eliminated, yet the prohibitive requirements of specialized training are removed. Moreover, it serves as a preparatory school for the varsity in those sports which have one. Crew this spring is much the better for the work the class eights put in last fall.

Technology has no varsity baseball squad and it is easily debatable that one is desirable. The scheme of interclass competition is a good one, however, and may also furnish an answer to this question. Baseball has been steadily on the rise at the Institute since the class of 1924 organized a nine in its freshman year. If sufficient interest is aroused a varsity team will naturally result. Whether it does or not, class teams should flourish and the policy of Technology should be to support this latest addition to intramural athletics.



Ernie Hits On All Six

Phillippe Takes Notes for Future Reference

It was with great interest that the Lounger read in the columns of this paper the other day of a plan to bring the Senior Picnic liner up the mighty Charles to Walker's large pier. What an inspiration! If such a thing could be done the problems of a gym, dorms, and a tank would be solved. Yes, even crowded Walker would be a thing of the past.

The United States Shipping Board has several nice boats that are now lying idle in several ports. One of these could be procured at a nominal cost and anchored off the Institute grounds. Uncle Horace and several other dealers in high finance might put up the necessary capital for the venture, and would receive a very liberal return on their investment. The societies and clubs would be willing to rent the upper deck at various times for dinners and dances, like the old good ship "Jack O'Lantern," the proceeds from this paying maintenance charges and then some.

As to what would be done with the rest of the boat if it were a large one. It could be equipped with a gymnasium and swimming pool, settling two of the present perplexities. The staterooms could be used for dorms, unless the students would get too sea-sick to study. Then the activities could use the offices and lounges. Perhaps the dining rooms would then be needed to care for those who would be unable to get accommodations at Ye Walker. The Lounger submits this recommendation for its true economical value.

If the plans for producing a Tech record materialize, the Lounger believes that some of the students may even learn some of the songs. At least they'll learn that there are Tech songs.

The complexities of modern society have given a new twist to an old bugbear, the eternal triangle is now the husband, the wife, and the car. At least it's something like that that Ernest Truex has got on his mind in "Six Cylinder Love." According to his version the purchase of a new car is more damaging to wedded bliss than the entrance upon the scene of the old time vampire.

"Remember, dear, that monkeying with Adam's rib produced the first talking machine," is one of the first retorts which are supposed to convey to the audience the beginning of the masculine revolt. Phillippe often wondered how the former henpeck was able to rise and assert himself in histrionic style but Ernest is so convincing he believes it can be done. Being popular, the play comes out quite happily, disappointingly so in these days of seeking a kick where there isn't any, and the end finds everyone including the audience smiling.

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.
- ST. JAMES: "Cornered." Boston Stock Co.
- 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: "Six Cylinder Love." Ernest Truex in high powered romance.
- WILBUR: "To the Ladies." Helen Hayes is very good.

Trained to Build and Fight

The Work of the Engineer R.O.T.C.

By Lieut. D. A. D. Ogden



A Variety of Burdens Go to Make up a Ponton Bridge—Bridge building across Accotink Bay by the R. O. T. C. at Camp Humphreys last summer.

Men in all major courses in the Institute are eligible to enter the Engineer Unit advanced course. Its purpose (of the advanced course) is to train the members of the unit, so that, on graduation, they will possess the military knowledge requisite for a commissioned officer. This training will allow them to obtain, their 2nd lieutenant commission in the Engineer section of the Officers Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States.

In general terms, it may be said that the Corps of Engineers is responsible for all construction in the theater of operations in time of war, except signal communications for the use of troops, and, in time of peace, for the general engineering work of the Army, with the exception of certain building operations on Army Posts carried on by the Quartermaster Corps.

This work includes the building in war time, of all barracks, hospitals, bakeries, laundries, bridges, shops, hangars, store houses, docks and landing wharves; construction, maintenance, and operation of standard and narrow gauge railroads, high-roads,



No Damage but Plenty of Smoke—Tech Unit blowing mine craters at Camp Humphreys

railway yards; installation and operation of water supplies, sewage disposal plants, heating plants, saw-mills, and refrigerating plants; operation of electric light, gas, and power plants, as well as shops for the erection and repair of railway machinery and rolling stock; mapping, surveying, photography, cinematography, pertaining to terrestrial observation; map reproduction and distribution to the army at large.

The advanced course of the Engineer Unit includes Junior and Senior years, covering such instruction as is calculated to give a working knowledge of the duties of a second lieutenant of Engineers with combat troops. The engineering education obtained in the student's regular course gives him the necessary training for his work should he be assigned to special work, not with combat troops.

Summer Camp at Camp Devens

The first year includes instruction in the details of field fortification; explosives and their handling; roads; bridges; topography; hippology; and tactics. The second year includes general construction, water supply, seacoast fortifications, wharves and piers, and Engineer organization, with field training problems.

The members of the Unit have been organized into a student chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers, an organization having posts in all the large cities of the United States. This society is designed to unite military and civilian Engineers in a closer fellowship with the ultimate object of furthering national preparedness. Smokers and other varieties of entertainment form part of the school activities of the chapter. One large dance is held each year, usually in May.

Summer camp this year will be held at Camp Devens, with all the Infantry and Cavalry R. O. T. C. Units in New England. Lieut. Col. L. R. Holden, Inf., will command the combined camp. Camp Devens is located near Ayer, Massachusetts, in the heart of

the celebrated "Wenatchee" fruit belt, and is about four miles from the famous Groton School and Groton Inn.

Motor transportation will be provided for use of the students on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays, for the purpose of leaving camp or attending activities. Civilian clothes may be worn when leaving camp on "off" days, or over the week ends.

Each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday is granted as a holiday. There will be good opportunity for riding, swimming, and athletics, while the Liberty Theatre provides movie and vaudeville. Arrangements have already been made to concentrate especially great efforts toward having a good mess and excellent "chow."

Practice Work at Camp

Camp instruction will cover the practical application of the Engineering subjects covered at Tech. While the training schedule has not been definitely arranged for the coming summer, it is expected to follow closely the one used last summer, which included bridge construction, handling and use of explosives, tactics, field fortifications, reconnaissance, sketching, horsemanship, ponton bridges, and at least one week of gallery, rifle, and pistol practice with opportunity to qualify in the Army marksmanship course with pistol and rifle.

Men going to camp this summer are advised to take with them their toilet articles, towels, underclothes, socks, athletic equipment, musical instruments, cameras, swimming suits, and a civilian suit to wear, if desired. Editor's Note: The above is the first of a series of articles by the officers of the various R. O. T. C. Units at Technology explaining the work of their corps in the Army of the United States. The second will follow at an early date.

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