THE TECH
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A BETTER TECH NIGHT

The Institute Committee’s approval of the plan for a change in the formal registration of the student is in sympathy with the new policy of paying more attention to undergraduate functions at Technology. Besides the Field Day which precedes it, and the All Tech smoker which is not as much an All-Tech affair as it could be hoped the Tech Night fun is the only time all classes have an opportunity to mingle with each other in a fashion so common at most colleges but so accidentally absent here.

A large percentage of the interest at the Institute are either graduates or at least transfers from other schools who have “left their flags” and care little about the lighter side of college life. But as long as Technology is mainly an undergraduate school some consideration should be given to those who are attending at the Institute, the only college they will ever know. To do this it is not necessary to manage an all-night horse-play but the functions which are held should be such as would make the faculty and students of Tech as possible.

The slack way of running Tech Night in the past has not met this requirement. The attendances at the theatre was too individual, there being no means of knowing how many could have been so much better. But the aftermath was worse. With the excitement of the day the enthusiasm of the students for the shows some after the show celebration was inevitable. If Technology provided none the men took it on their own backs, but the end were attempts to supply the lack and without guides they were ineffective.

The victory last on in Field following a week in full strength from the theatre would fill the bill much better. With such an entertainment the men could have satisfied his desires for a real celebration yet the results would not be so likely to make Boston papers use flare headlines the next morning.

INELIGIBLE BUT WILLING

One of the outstanding points of the intercollegiate track meet was the number of entries from candidates ineligible to compete. Second place in the mile, the quarter, and a majority of the running events was filled by men who will not have a chance to represent Technology this spring. While it is true that one reason for these successes was natural ability, the largest factor was the constant training that these new athletes have at Institute without realizing it.

With some of the thrill of real combat in prospect, with nothing but a long grind of training and time trials ahead, these men have always taken more interest in the track than many squad coaches who have the opportunity and ability to become big pro winners.

Technology faces the hardest schedule in years this spring, speed and endurance alike. A close match leads up to the New England Intercollegiates, the test that is expected to call forth the best efforts of every student in track and field.

If all the men on the squad, who are vitally interested in Tech, will devote just as much attention to themselves with the same tenacity that these other athletes, forced by the rules to consider themselves outsiders, have known then and only then there is a fair chance that the New England cup will en route to as permanently on May 19.

Train as Pilots After Graduation
Aviation Advance R. O. T. C. Fits Men for Observers
By Captain W. B. Wright, Jr.

All students of the Institute especially are eligible to carry on in the Aviation Service Advance R. O. T. C. who have had a fresh, chemistry, military science, agriculture, or mathematics. Just a few days after graduation, the student will report to the United States Army, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and will receive instruction and training in military and aviation work. The student will be held for service as a Pilot or Observer during the year following his reported.

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