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A CASE FOR AUTHORITY

THE interest manifest over the Honor System is now great enough to warrant some authoritative information which at present seems to be wholly lacking. The most salient feature of all that has been discussed under the name Honor System has been the lack of agreement as to what an Honor System should be.

It must be obvious that no system of government, of regulation or coordination between free human beings can succeed without an adequate sentiment to further it. Likewise, once a sentiment is existent any system that conflicts with it, will fall by its own weight to be replaced by one consistent with popular feeling.

There is undoubtedly a great deal of pure sentiment already aroused; sentiment that has not been dampened by hectic bargaining over strait-laced "systems." To give recognition to this sentiment and ensure that political log-rolling does not destroy it, the Institute Committee ought to feel an official and moral duty.

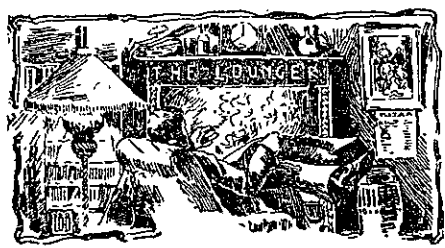
The excuse of a lack of time will not hold with the new body, and the men about to assume office will have an opportunity of displaying, in considering an important issue, the authority vested in them. A matter as momentous as the adaption or rejection of an Honor System is not one for isolated groups at Technology, it should be the concern of the Institute Committee for the whole student body.

HONESTY BETTER THAN BOOKS

ONE would not expect to encounter petit larceny at Technology. We would hate to think that any of our classmates are not above pilfering the contents of the lockers around the Institute. It is hard to believe that a man who can go to Technology could stoop to common thievery; and we console ourselves that the responsibility for the numerous recent thefts from lockers must rest on someone from outside.

But the indications point toward student complicity in the events which have forced the Institute to hire guards for the locker rooms, and the Cambridge police to hunt for purloined drawing sets in the pawn-shops. Such occurrences are a discredit to the name of the school and the men in it. They must be so thoroughly condemned by student opinion that the commission of a theft will become too hazardous to attempt.

The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the election of R. L. Dietzold '25, to the position of Features Editor on the Associate Board, and of H. J. Ryan '26, to the position of news writer.



This idea of Progress is all bunk as the Lounger sees it. After the Civil War there was an organization formed to keep the negroes away from the polls at election time. That was seventy years ago. Now the same idea apparently exists in almost its original form here at Technology. The Lounger refers to the unfortunate circumstances which accompanied the annual class elections last Tuesday.

It wasn't that the men in charge of the ballot boxes overslept and so didn't arrive until late. It was rather that the ballots themselves overslept. And when they did come it looked as though some of them had gotten up via the tritely referred to wrong side of the bed. The proof readers hadn't proved anything, unless it was that Juniors were running for Sophomore offices and vice versa. They succeeded, nevertheless, in making the ballots vote-proof at least.

The Lounger does not imply that the defect was premeditated. He merely applies his derogatory criticism to the scientifically inefficient and cumbersome way in which the committee in charge of the events failed to have things ready beforehand.

Now is the chance for politics. The logical move is for some friendly can-

didate who split the vote Tuesday to say he is disgusted, withdraw from the race, and the concentrated vote will do the trick at a new election. The Lounger is worried. No matter what is done, somebody is going to kick. Somebody is sure to raise the cry "Politics." This is not for the good of our institution.

Still, there seems to be only one way to remove the trouble. Look at national Prohibition, for example. The Wets will always claim a referendum would have defeated the Volstead Act of Congress, but they were not given the chance of proving it. Had they been given the chance and been defeated they would have had no comeback. And so the Lounger feels the solution of Tuesday's elections is to have them over again.

The idea is a novel one of running the photo of a high school youth as the picture of the newly elected President of the Senior Class. Buster Brown collars are out of date now, or the Lounger wouldn't have noticed anything wrong.

Now that Harvard's freshman crew has beaten the varsity, the Lounger doesn't expect it to be long before we shall see our freshmen wearing caps and gowns, and our Seniors out drilling in the non-uniform uniforms of the present freshman class. But then, Tech isn't Harvard and so there may yet be hope.

B. A. Degree Valueless

"The Bachelor of Arts degree doesn't mean anything nowadays; it merely indicates that the possessor has passed 20 courses and has spent four years of residence at a college, "is the recent remark of Dr. E. C. Barker, professor at the University of Texas. Dr. Barker did not, however, have any comments to make upon the Bachelor of Science degree.

Lack Endurance in Contests Can Technology Continue to Meet First Class College Opponents?

Dr. John A. Rockwell '96

Is it possible for those of us who are directing the athletic policies of the Institute to persuade the uninterested and indifferent student to broaden his interpretation of a college education by acknowledging the accepted wisdom of combining simultaneously physical and mental development?

Twenty-five years of evolution in athletic management find Technology today in the unique position of providing its students maximum advantages for physical and cultural growth without diverting them from a rigorous scholastic program. The problem confronting the Advisory Council after its inception in 1897 has been the development from a system of chaotic athletic independence to an athletic policy which will bring to the men the physical benefits to be derived from systematic training combined with the character building influence of competition, which, at the same time, will not conflict with the academic requirements of the Institute.

Teams Lacking in Stamina

For the Technology environment is not one which is well suited to athletics per se. A characteristic phase of a large majority of our teams ever since 1895 has been their inability to complete the contest with sustained effort because of their inferior condition, due in a large measure to imperfect and incomplete training hours and competitive work-outs. A single exception is to be found in the track team. It has often been noted, however, that throughout the earlier periods, our teams make creditable showings against their opponents, but as the contest goes on their lack of condition becomes apparent.

A curriculum which fills the entire day from 9 to 5 o'clock with laboratory periods and the like, making inevitable much night-studying and late hours, precludes the possibility of very strict training. The individual often comes to his athletic schedule in such poor physical and mental condition that his chance of ever attaining championship calibre is seriously limited.

Interest in Athletics Small

The scholastic requirements of the school make it difficult to interest men in athletics for their own good. In the academic institutions we find athletics emphasized, made almost a business, and insured a widespread interest by a wealth of tradition and clan feeling. Then arises this very vital question: With our handicap, is it too much to expect our men to compete with the superior teams of these athletically inclined colleges?

This problem is important; the solution will be characteristic of Technology ideals. To compete with A1 teams—is this a policy which should be championed by the Alumni Council? Or should we limit ourselves to smaller colleges where the contest would be more even and probably just as inter-



Dr. Rockwell, After His Graduation

Doctor Rockwell, chairman of the Advisory Council on Athletics, has long been influential in the athletic affairs of the Institute, and is one of our most interested and active alumni. During his undergraduate career he served as athletic editor of Technique '96, and wore the T in both track and football.

In 1894 he played left halfback in every varsity football game during the year, meeting West Point, Amherst, Worcester Polytech, Brown, and Harvard. In that year also, his first place in the quarter and second in the half mile contributed to Technology's victory at the N. E. I. C. A. A. games at Worcester, making us champions of New England. He was the anchor man of the relay team which was victorious in the B. A. A. games of 1894 and 1895.

esting? Or even, bearing in mind that we are in athletics for the sport's sake, for the boys' own good, why not abandon intercollegiate athletics entirely and confine ourselves to intramural and interfraternity sports?

In this frame of mind, I ran across Walter Camp, eminent former coach of Yale's football teams, at Atlantic City a month or so ago and described at some length our athletic situation. His response was prompt and emphatic.

In an early issue, Dr. Rockwell will give the answer of Walter Camp, well-known athletic authority, to the questions he has propounded.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

Lawyers Adopt Honor System

With more than 90 per cent of the student body of the School of Law at the University of Buffalo voting in favor of the Honor System, it is expected to be adopted soon. A committee has been formed to draw up plans to do away with all proctoring at exams. Although the idea is new at the Law School, it was immediately acted on by the undergraduates.

Offer Cup to Best Co-ed

A silver loving cup will be awarded to the best all around girl at the University of Texas following the custom set by other colleges, at Rice Institute, Baylor University, and Miami University. Proficiency in school work and standing in activities will be considered. The winner will have the cup for one year when it will be awarded to the winner of the following year.

Themes in Third Dimension

Five hundred c. c. or more of theme will be one of the future requirements in English compositions in order to be strictly up-to-date. Following the feat of Professor Clark of Columbia who computed the volume of themes written by freshmen at the University, this new means of measuring the depth and quantity of themes has been instituted. He has also published a book containing a list of topics for use in themes. (E. H. students take notice.)

Freshman Suspended

The Freshman Discipline Committee of Yale has suspended a member of that class for a violation of the Honor System. The name of the offender was not made public and the editorial columns of the Yale News comments unfavorably on this action. It does not advise nationwide publicity but recommends announcement of the name at chapel.

PLAY DIRECTORY

- COLONIAL: "Minnie An' Me." Mitzl. Natural and Supernatural. SHUBERT: "Bombo." Al Jolson in a new jumble of his, by him, for him. COPLEY: "The Lucky One." A. A. Milne's psychological play of family life. PLYMOUTH: "The Monster." Joseph Gaites presents a new mystery play. WILBUR: "Sun Showers." Musical comedy foolishness but good enough to be worthy successor to Helen Hayes. TREMONT TEMPLE: "Hunting Big Game in Africa." Movies which don't appear to be faked. ST. JAMES: "Sinners." Good acting, especially the music.

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