PROLOGUE
CLASS OF 1948

Following an established custom, The Tech extends a welcome to incoming freshman, to College Transfers, and to new graduate students.

The College Transfers and the graduate students will find that the Institute differs from that at most other schools and colleges. For them, however, the gap between their former existence and the life they begin Monday will not be great. They will have accustomed themselves to freedom in the management of their daily lives, to less rigorous control in the classroom, and to the loss of the comforts of home. In general, they will be less bewildered, with the noise and certainty which comes from maturity in years and from experience.

The freshman, however, comes to Technology often from a family which ministers only to his comforts. He will find that here he is merely one of 3000 students. He will feel alone at first, but contact with his fellow students in extracurricular activities, will bring him friends. In addition, he will be absorbed for some time in adjusting himself to the demands of the Technology curriculum.

There are men at the Institute who feel that they have come here to learn a trade, and any subject not directly concerned with this pursuit they disdain as diversion. The freshman must guard against this feeling, for here he should receive an education as well as a professional training. If he feels that his program is heavy, he should realize that industry today demands not only well-trained men, but men who have a good cultural background. And he must, because professional success also entails dealing with others, he should not forget that Technology, in addition to being a place for men to work, is also a place for men to play and thus to learn to work with others.

NEW GYMNASIUM
ON ITS WAY

Happy indeed should be the whole body student who realizes that finally there will be some actual work started on the new athletic equipment that Technology needs so much. To those who have worked days, weeks, and months that are gradually adding up to years, the task has been grueling and unending. This is their first small reward.

Starting the glorious drive was encouraging at first, this belief that the money would not come pouring in the dogged drive was begun. Attempt after attempt was made to convince the alumni of the need for new athletic facilities, but never has the handicap of the Recession been overcome.

The drive is not over. There is still a long way to go. The new equipment that is being installed is merely the prologue of what we hope will be a huge program of construction, helping in its mure way to bring the support of alumni who have hung back.

Through the kindness of those men who have worked and played here before us, we can enjoy better facilities for keeping and obtaining good health as well as good education. Unless more of these men soon see the advantages they can offer, the project will have to wait till we who are students can afford to subscribe the remaining funds.

ARCHITECTS

A LINE RETURNED

For the first time since these new buildings split the Institute between the first shocking realization that the money would not come pouring in the dogged drive was begun. Attempt after attempt was made to convince the alumni of the need for new athletic facilities, but never has the handicap of the Recession been overcome.

One seldom hears any mention of the past ten years when Technology had little more than a centralization with a University with each department jealously snipping at each other. By hard work and intelligent planning, many petty differences have been put aside increasing the efficiency of the Institute and raising the standards and reputations of all the departments in union.

This year our Architectural School joins our Engineering School for more efficiencies in classes, buildings, administration, and spirit. Just as there is now no distinction between Chemists and Electrical Engineers, there must soon be none between architect and engineer.

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