

Tech Night at the Columbia.

Boston's theatres have seen many "Tech Nights," but none of them, in attendance or enthusiasm, have equalled last Saturday at the Columbia. It was a howling—or shall we say cheering—success from the beginning, at least from a student standpoint. The members of the theatrical company seemed to enjoy it, but they figured as supernumeraries rather than as principals in the evening's affair.

Fun started at the rise of the curtain by a "we are happy" yell. This state of existence was evidently the keynote for the evening, for no one disputed the statement. As to the performance itself, it was good in parts. Which particular part is a matter of personal opinion, but the dancing was not affected by the noise, hence it was the part least interrupted. A good part of the show was omitted—we understand it was because the students could do better than the theatrical company, who did not wish to feel like amateurs.

The customary procedure of making the actors remove their hats was the first move. The next was advising and prompting the various members of the company.

It was a noughty-six night as well as day. The final of the first act, in which the members of the chorus waved '06 flags, was certainly a great stunt. This was followed by having the leader of the orchestra use one of these flags as a baton. The climax came when, on a large Tech flag, '06 numerals came down with the drop curtain at the end of the show.

"Tech Night" was a great old time, capping a great day, and we hope that the spirit of fun and good-natured rivalry will hold for future Tech affairs.

Communications.

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A statement that the Senior Class of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was unanimously in favor of the "honor system," appeared in a Boston daily. I do not know who was responsible for that assertion, but it is, to say the least, rash and premature.

A committee of Seniors was appointed by the Institute Committee, presumably for the purpose of investigating in a broad manner the pros and cons of the "honor system," and to report their results. It looks as if the Committee themselves decided the "honor system" to be the best for Tech, and then went deliberately ahead to force their opinion upon the Class.

Would it not be more in a spirit of fairness for the committee to give in to THE TECH the experience of all colleges in which the system has been tried? Let us hear about the results obtained at the University of Vermont, for example. Give the poor working as well as the good, and let the class decide whether circumstances at Tech would be conducive to the one or the other.

Possibly the one-sided reports contain all the data at the hands of the committee, but there can be no excuse for the character of the circular given each of us to sign. This circular is so worded that *you vote for the "honor system," or you do not vote at all.* Naturally there were no opposing votes. But how can this be said to express the will of the Class?

I am not criticising the members of this committee, for all of whom I have the highest respect personally, but I do condemn their methods. They savor too much of the "party machine."

There is no inconsiderable body of Seniors who would see this problem settled by the Class applying the perverse experiences of colleges as well as the favorable to the conditions at Tech. M. H. SCHWARTZ, '04.