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THE TECH wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. H. I. Pearl, '10, to the News Staff.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

I have through some five years so heartily enjoyed the spirit of relaxation and good fun mutually appreciated by the fellows assembled before convocation and the teachers who also attended, that I should like to raise a question, suggested by the last convocation: How far may we reasonably go in our hilarity? It seems to me there are extremes which we should all willingly recognize and avoid. Toward three such sorts of excess I think we have come dangerously near; and I should like, through your columns, to ask the fellows to consider whether or not they feel in agreement.

We want, I'm sure, in the matter of noise, "to draw the line somewhere." It seems to me a reasonable line would be confining ourselves to such sounds as human hands and voices will produce—in whatever piquant variety a fellow or group of fellows may devise. The introduction of horns or conches only provokes, of course, the next man to "go one better," and it is hard to see where we shall stop, short of steam sirens or blank cartridges.

I feel, also, that it is really discourteous and inconsiderate to greet every lady who enters, with a yell—intentionally, perhaps, of approval, but, in sound, infuriated to a frenzy that would make Apaches blush. Girl students may understand the convention; but other women guests not so familiar with a queer habit, find such applause extremely disconcerting and even annoying.

Finally, should we not refrain from throwing objects about the room? A light card scaled some distance through the air may, in its wholly unmanageable course, do real damage; and a card even slightly heavy might put out a fellow's eye.

To sacrifice the genuine humor of much of the convocation demonstrations would be a distinct loss to the pleasant informality of Tech life—something, I think, too well worth while to pervert into mere "rough-house."

Sincerely,
H. L. SEAVER.

The Institute Committee, being the official undergraduate governing body, and agreeing heartily with the above communication, has passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS: At the last convocation there were many evidences of ungentlemanliness such as the use of horns and bells, the throwing of missiles, hissing, and undue demonstrations at the appearance of ladies at the door,

RESOLVED: That hereafter all demonstrations shall be made only by the use of the hands or mouth, eliminating the use of all horns, bells, whistles, etc.

That the throwing of any kind of objects or missiles be strictly prohibited.

That hissing be prohibited.
That ladies be treated with the respect due them.

That the members of the Institute Committee be marshals to enforce the above regulations at any and all convocations.

For the Institute Committee,
LAWRENCE ALLEN.
B. E. HUTCHINSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

The writer of the Communication concerning the "mystery" (?) of the manager of the Fencing Team has tried to make a tempest in a tea-pot. Perhaps he does not know that the by-laws of the M. I. T. A. A. provide that members of different sports shall nominate their respective managers, and their appointment is subject to the approval of the M. I. T. A. A., and

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