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Friday, February 8, 1907.

This year's plans for Tech Show do not seem to be more ambitious than those of last year, but on the whole this appears to be Tech Show, the best policy, for the Show is a stupendous undertaking and the addition of any more performances would probably prove to be "the last straw." THE TECH is pleased to hear that the Show will again go to Providence. The reception given the performance by the Rhode Islanders and the jolly good time that the men had while on the trip will never be forgotten by those who went with the Show.

The Show is run primarily to give the men of the Institute a chance to "rub elbows." It is proverbial now that a man will never find such good, honest friends as he finds in his Tech Show work. Along with this consideration is that of the good time which the cast of the Show has, both during the rehearsals and at the performances. The men who have taken part will not need to be urged to be on hand for the first rehearsal, for they have the "Tech Show Germ" and couldn't stay away if they tried. The new men are, however, urged to take part in the Show, either in the cast or on the management. Everyone has an equal chance and a new man will be taken every-time if he shows himself a better worker than the old. Here's success to Tech Show 1907!

At the recent Alumni dinner, Major Briggs recommended that five dollars be added to the tuition fee as an assessment on each student for cable.

The Advisory Council has long recognized the need of some regular income, on which they could base their expenditures each year. Tech Show has furnished a considerable portion of the money but the profits of the different shows vary so much that the Advisory Council one year finds itself with a surplus and the next a deficit. As Major Briggs himself says,

Tech Show is not primarily in the field as a money-making scheme. Profits have always been a secondary consideration, and it is not wise under any condition to push the Show for more money. THE TECH appreciates Major Briggs' plea for a regular income, but believes, however, that the plan which he has recommended is impracticable.

In the first place, the plan is entirely out of line with the traditions of the Institute. It has always been the custom here to have the one fee—a fee which covers all expenses, excepting, of course, laboratory breakage, books, etc. Other colleges have a fee for this thing, another for that thing, and so on; but the Institute's \$250 covers all expenses. In the second place, not every man at Tech can afford to give up \$5.00 every year for the support of something in which he probably has no interest. Tech is not a school of rich men; the man without a surplus of money predominates and it is this man that must be considered. Again, the Institute has never officially recognized athletics and this plan would directly violate the policy of allowing the students, with the aid of the Alumni, to handle their own athletic affairs.

However, THE TECH welcomes Major Briggs' plan, because it is a step in advance. A regular income for the support of athletics is an urgent necessity and it is to be hoped that in the near future some plan may be evolved, by which the Advisory Council will be assured of a certain, regular income each year. Until such a plan is found, sport at the Institute will never be run on that consistent policy, which is an important factor in athletic success.

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