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### IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

Hartwell Fleming '21 ..... C. B. Barton, Jr. '21

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 1919

### OUR ATHLETIC CO-EDS

**T**HAT there should be an athletic field and a gymnasium for the use of the students at the Institute is taken, naturally enough, as a matter of course. However, in our efforts to provide recreation for the majority, we seem to have forgotten some; namely the co-eds. Perhaps we have assumed that feminine frailness required no exercise, or perhaps we ungallantly forgot. The result remains however.

We understand that Cleofan has set out to remedy the condition by asking for the use of the gymnasium in Walker for one afternoon a week and, after obtaining the approval of Mr. Kanaly, are laying siege to the Dean.

Already, the rifle range has been reserved for their use once a week, and we see no reason for refusing an additional privilege provided that enough of our fair co-students desire it. Who knows but that at no remote date, Technology may be represented by a basketball team of fair engineers?

### STUDENTS FROM OTHER COLLEGES

**T**HROUGH the courtesy of Miss Hewins of the Dean's office, and at the instance of THE TECH, a list has been prepared of all new students from other colleges and universities. The list has been arranged so that a student may look up his former college in an alphabetical list and find there the names of all other students transferring this year. It has been posted on the main bulletin board opposite the bursar's office where it may be readily consulted. Two hundred and forty-one colleges are included in this list, a fact which gives an indication of the broad territory the enrollment of the Institute covers.

### WE CELEBRATE

**T**HE TECH starts its thirty-ninth year of continuous news service with a record that affords great satisfaction to all those connected with the publication. The loyalty of the staff has made such a record possible in spite of the many obstacles which confronted it during the war and the period of unrest which has followed. The most earnest efforts on the part of everyone in every department, from the newest "cub" reporter to the general manager, are all that have brought such a record within our reach. At our thirty-eighth mile stone, the past is bright and the future of the TECH even brighter.

### ORGANIC LABORATORY TOO SMALL

The Organic Chemistry laboratory in room 4-440 was found to be too small to accommodate the large number registered in the course this year. Room 8-412 was quickly fitted out, however, and the overflow was given desks in there Thursday afternoon.

Nearly all of those taking Organic Chemistry are in Chemical Engineering. The second year class in that course last spring numbered 120, and the instructing staff expected and could accommodate that many, but, instead, they were obliged to make room for the 135 extra who applied. This they did and things are now going smoothly.

### COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

At the request of one of your editors, I am issuing this statement in regard to the sale of Tech Night tickets. The purpose of this article is to enlighten anyone who still feels that an illegal sale of the said tickets was carried on or that anyone was done an injustice.

The reasons that so many tickets were sold previous to the opening of the box office are as follows. First, at the request of the class of 1918, sanctioned by the Institute Committee, a block of forty-one seats in the front of the theater on the right was reserved for them. This took out eight rows from the front of the house. Second, the first two rows were reserved for Field Day officials and senior class officers. It seems only fair that men who have given much of their time for the past three years to the Institute, outside of their regular work, should receive some recognition. Third, the officers of the remaining classes were all taken care of in regard to seats, which meant that sixteen more seats were not available for sale. Lastly, the committee in charge of Tech Night was composed of four members, and it is only fair to assume that these men, who cut many of their classes for the period of this work, and gave up many of their pleasures for the interests of the student body at large, should have first choice of seats before the general sale began. Also as pointed out in a previous communication, the first four men in line bought a hundred seats or more, and it stands to reason that with such a sale, men farther down in the line would be unable to purchase seats in the extreme front of the orchestra.

No attempt was made to recognize fraternities or the various committees and organizations connected with the Institute, for if this practice was once begun the question of where to draw the line would have been a hard thing to settle.

If there is anybody in the Institute who feels that for the privilege of picking out his seats prior to the general sale, he would be willing to serve on the committee, I am sure that I speak for the committee for this year, and say that he is welcome to the job. This task, run at its best, is bound to bring forth criticism, for everyone cannot be in the bald-headed row. The committee tried to deal with every one squarely, and believes that any one who looks at the matter in a broad-minded manner will be of the same opinion.

Sincerely yours,  
KENNETH F. AKERS '20.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Among the many disastrous effects of the continued rain, must be reckoned the delay in the tennis tournament. Many matches have been arranged, only to find the courts soaked and the rain still falling. Of course the natural result of delay would be to lose the game by default. However if the final matches were won through lack of competition there would be no satisfaction in winning, and probably no letters would be given out.

Certain players appear to be dissatisfied with the tournament because some men have not been defaulted for failure to play within a certain time. The reason for the latter's continuance is because the weather prevented any matches being played, and an extra period was naturally granted. In every case, however, all the men who had failed to play or none of them, were disqualified (with two exceptions, which were made on account of sickness.)

But taking the rain into consideration, and also the setting back of the clocks, which prevents all playing after school hours, we can consider ourselves lucky to be so near the end of the tournament.

(Signed)  
LAWRENCE W. TROWBRIDGE,  
Manager.

### CLASS OF 1918 MEETS TOMORROW

The Class of 1918 will hold a meeting tomorrow November 19, at one o'clock in room 10-250.

### THE TECH CELEBRATES ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

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tute, and to maintain a friendly spirit among them, breaking down the ancient barriers of class and department." This aim is still maintained as faithfully as when the first copy appeared, except that the management has endeavored to enlarge its scope, by taking in the Institute at large and furthering in every way possible the ideals expressed by President Rogers.

At first THE TECH was published bi-weekly, containing news of the various classes and courses, verse, stories and occasional articles on engineering subjects. The paper filled a long-felt want, and grew steadily in interest and quality. To keep pace with the rapid growth of the Institute the paper was published weekly beginning with the year 1892. The increased amount of news necessi-

tated a corresponding reduction in the purely literary matter and thus the publication assumed the make-up of a news sheet, rather than a periodical.

Yet it was not until the fall of 1904 that it became a real newspaper, published three times a week. This proved to be very popular and contained live items of interest to Technology and served further to bind the undergraduates more firmly together by publishing notices of all class and Institute activities. In September, 1909, another important innovation was made, for the paper was changed to a daily enjoying a circulation of 1000 copies in the year 1912. This however, proved to be too big a burden for students with such a limited amount of spare time as is consistent with Institute requirements, and so THE TECH resumed tri-weekly publication until the outbreak of the war.

When the Institute year closed in 1917, the undergraduates had uppermost in their minds the part they would play in the winning of the war. In spite of the repeated advice of the faculty to return and complete their studies, many joined the ranks of the army and navy, while others entered the industries essential to winning the war. There was need of some form of communication between the Institute at Cambridge and the students scattered all over the United States. It was for this purpose of maintaining a system of "liaison" that it was decided to publish THE TECH throughout the summer months, and the paper has been printed continuously, for the past three years. So successful was this innovation that the Alumni Association and the Washington Bureau decided to use THE TECH as their official organ. Steps were taken to expand the organization of the paper to fit it for task of supplying Technology Alumni with Technology news twice a week. As a result THE TECH now enjoys a circulation of over 5000 copies and is the only college journal published throughout the entire year.

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