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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

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THE SENIOR CLASS SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE

THE example set by the Senior class in holding a class dinner and smoker next Tuesday evening is an admirable one. There should be more such affairs, wherein men of the same class would be brought into closer contact with their fellows, to form closer acquaintances and incidentally a better class spirit.

A class dinner or smoker is one of the few ways in which men of the same class in different courses are able to know and become known by other men. Our school has not the athletic activities which tend to knit the student body into a firm spirited unit; but in our comparatively new location, we have the possibility of building up a firmer class and school spirit than has existed heretofore. The Senior class is naturally the leading class,—they have cast the die. Carry on, Juniors, Sophomores, and freshmen!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BOXING?

AN engineer's efficiency is his pride. The efficiency of a Tech man is more than a pride; it is a hobby. One requisite of an efficient life is recreative diversion. With too many students, no compulsory athletics means no diversion at all. In spite of the many opportunities open to the upper classman, the necessary leavening of the Institute grind by physical play is lacking in the lives of most. In the list of recreative sports, boxing has long been known as one of the most beneficial—physically and morally.

Boxing is popularly known as the "manly sport" and the qualities which a man must possess in order to take part in the sport fully justify the name. It is a sport requiring a minimum amount of time and practically no expense. It develops a keen eye, a steady hand and a courageous heart.

BEWARE OF THIEVES

THIS rather unusual sign may be seen hanging on the coat rack of the main library. The reason for such a startling warning, is that several Institute men have had their coats stolen while they were in the library. However, this is not the only place that is afflicted with petty larceny. For a considerable time the lockers in the room back of the gym have made annual contributions to some person or persons operating around the Institute.

It is almost certain that these thefts are made by professionals who find no difficulty in passing as Institute men, and can thus gain access to all the buildings. The matter has assumed such serious proportions that stringent measures should be taken to apprehend these thieves and punish them to the full extent of the law, thus making examples of them to discourage persons with similar tendencies.

HE Managing Board of THE TECH is pleased to announce the election of Oswald Cammann Jr., '20 to the position of Circulation Manager.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:
I believe, as does the author of the communication concerning the Endowment Fund Drive which appeared in the last issue of THE TECH, that the Drive is not receiving the support that it should, but I would like to point out that this is through no fault of THE TECH. It is difficult to do this without seeming disloyal to

the cause of Drive so I will emphasize at the beginning that it is his attack on THE TECH, only, which I am criticizing.

The mysterious author says that occasionally he has seen, on the back page of THE TECH, articles concerning the Endowment Fund Drive. If he is so unobservant as to never have gathered it before, I will point out to him that it is customary for newspapers to put important articles on

the front page. If he will allow me to refer him to that page I am sure that in the future he will find more matter concerning subjects as important as the one in hand.

The writer said he did not suppose that his communication would be published since he was opposed to the personal methods of the Editors of THE TECH. He hoped that it would at least be handed over to the heelers to be laughed at before it was thrown in the wastebasket. This lack of knowledge of the customs of THE TECH makes absolutely superfluous his opening statement, which told us that he is a new student at the Institute.

In accusing THE TECH of not supporting the Endowment Fund Drive the man who chooses to call himself "Endowment" shows that he is so uninterested that he does not take the trouble to read the stories which come out in every issue. He is not acquainted with the fact that THE TECH was the first paper in the country to publish the story of "Mr. Smith's" offer. It is evidently news to him that the publicity headquarters for the drive located at the Institute and that everything the men in charge have wanted published has gone in THE TECH. He is not aware of the fact that in order to do away with any possible chance of mistake, THE TECH is taking precautions at considerable trouble. The copy of all Endowment Fund stories is taken to the publicity office for correction and after the type has been set up the galley proof is sent to the office that it may again be checked over.

If our mysterious "Endowment," or anyone, still believes that THE TECH has not, from the beginning, shown the keenest of interest in, and given its heartiest support to the Endowment Fund drive I sincerely hope that I shall have the opportunity and pleasure of breaking his illusions.

(Signed)

CHARLES G. BALL '22.

SERVICE CONTRACT IS GREAT SUCCESS

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Briefly stated, the Technology Plan of Education, as it is called, consists of the Institute being retained in a consultant capacity, on an annual salary basis, by the various industries. In return for the fee Technology agrees to permit the corporations retaining her to make use of the Institute's extensive library, files and plant and to consult with the members of her staff and faculty on problems pertaining to the business of the company. In addition the Institute will place at the disposal of these industries a record of her alumni which is likely to be of value to them, will advise and assist the various companies in obtaining information as to where special knowledge and experience may be obtained, and will give them the first opportunity of securing the services of Technology men.

Technology's plan is based on the principle of reciprocity. The nation's strength lies in the nation's industries and the industries depend upon the technical schools for their leaders. To quote Matthew C. Brush '01, president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation: "Not therefore on the basis of charity, sympathy or philanthropy, should individuals or companies assist in the maintenance of the Institute, but for the purely selfish reason of maintaining their respective businesses at a high commercial and profitable standard."

Carried to its conclusion, this plan would make of Technology the greatest consulting body in the world, since its range would cover practically every field of technical research. In other words industry would come to Technology instead of Technology going to industry.

MUSICALS PERFORM

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The program rendered last evening was as follows:

1. Take Me Back to Tech, Combined Clubs; 2. Colored Guards, Mandolin Club; 3. Cello Solo, C. L. Eskergian '21, W. B. Purinton '22, accompanist; 4. Goodbye, Glee Club; 5. NC-4 March, Banjo Club; 6. Specialty, F. Gage '21; 7. March Militaire, Mandolin Quartet; 8. A Wee Bit of Scotch, L. W. Conant '21; 9. A Tragic Tale, Glee Club; 10. Banjo Duet, Liety '22, Neiley '22; 11. Saxophone Quartet: Hamburger '21, Bolind '21, Rogers '21, Neiley '22; 12. Medley, Banjo Club; 13. Stein Song, Glee Club.

ORCHESTRA MEETS TODAY

There will be a meeting of the M. I. T. Orchestra today in Building 30, at 4.00 o'clock. This rehearsal will replace the usual Wednesday rehearsal.

THE TECH HOST TO HEADS OF PROMINENT ACTIVITIES

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tory of the paper, tracing it from its inception in 1881 as a weekly, through its career as a bi-weekly, a tri-weekly, and in 1911 a daily. He explained how financial problems had caused it to change to its present form as a semi-weekly, and said that the paper is now financially on its feet.

Capps pointed out that reporters of THE TECH had classes as well as other students, and if conflicts prevented their seeing the head of an activity they would interview any other officer. This has caused many errors in new articles, since the second man may not have the correct facts although he will not admit it to the newsmen. To prevent such errors all activities were asked to appoint one man to take charge of publicity; reporters could then be assigned to see this man and no one else.

Another source of error is due to the fact that the news staff of THE TECH is, at the beginning of the year, inexperienced. This is also true of other activities, yet it is possible for them to rectify their mistakes before their work is seen by the student body. In THE TECH, with but one day for revision of matter, mistakes are immediately evident. The activities were asked to present their complaints to the Board and to the Managing Editor, following the paper's policy of "If we please you tell others; if we don't, tell us."

It was announced that THE TECH had changed its printer at the beginning of the week. With the new system it is possible to publish stories which break late in the evening before issue, since the paper can be "made up" as late as 3.00 o'clock in the morning of the day of publication.

At the request of the Managing Editor, C. A. Clarke, '21, the activities agreed to send representatives to meetings of the heelers of THE TECH held Monday at 5.00 o'clock in the faculty room of Walker, in order to explain the organization and aims of the activities. In this way it is hoped to prevent errors due to the reporters' ignorance of the undergraduate activities. H. N. Landis '21 suggested sending to THE TECH corrected copies of the paper containing stories published with errors. This suggestion was very favorably received, and it was asked that such corrections be sent to the Managing or News Editors.

Before the meeting adjourned an organization chart was passed around to show the positions held by each man on the paper, and the relations of these positions to each other, and a general discussion followed, in which the activities were given an opportunity to clear up any questions concerning THE TECH and its policy.

Among those present were: H. E. Lobdell '17, P. N. Anderson '21, Percy Bugbee '20, P. T. Coffin '21, H. P. Field '21, H. N. Landis '21, J. R. Perkins '20, R. H. Smithwick '21, L. W. Rowbridge '21, and the following members of THE TECH: C. B. Capps '20, E. S. Burdell '20, C. A. Clarke '21, M. A. Loucks '19, R. A. St. Laurent '21, Oswald Cammann '20, H. C. Pratt '20, J. D. Rockefeller '20 and H. R. Kurth '21.

MOVIES TO FEATURE AT AERO SMOKER

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The design for the pin of the society has been submitted and approved. It consists of the insignia of the society in oxidized silver and red enamel, thus giving the Institute colors. Orders for the pins will be taken in the main lobby beginning Monday, December 1 from 12.00 to 2.00 o'clock. The price of the pin will be seventy-five cents.

A competition for the managing board of the society is now under way. Elections will be held December 18, and six men out of the 37 competitors will be chosen to the official board.

TO TAKE ORCHESTRA PICTURE

Manager R. L. Sumwalt '20, of the M. I. T. Orchestra announces that rehearsals will hereafter be held on Tuesday afternoons at 4.00 o'clock in building 30. He also states that a picture of the orchestra will be taken at Notman's Cambridge studio, 1286 Massachusetts Ave., at 11.00 o'clock tomorrow. The management is anxious to have all members report at this time with their instruments.

NEW CLASS BELLS RING OUT

For the past week students have been awakened from their daylight slumbers by the clang of the new call bells installed throughout the Institute. The gongs have been placed on every floor in the halls and in the laboratories and ring at five minutes before and after each hour, for the regular classes, and hourly from 7.25 to 10.35 o'clock for the Lowell school classes. The bells are controlled by the master clock in the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Power.

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