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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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FATE OF JUNIOR WEEK IN THE BALANCE

ONE of Technology's most cherished traditions is in grave danger of losing the high place it now occupies among the many social events given by colleges throughout the country. The success of Junior Week depends very largely upon the date set for it, by the Institute Committee which in turn depends upon the decision of the faculty committee in conference with the student committee next Thursday. Should the faculty agree to declare the Friday and Saturday preceeding April 19th holidays, the future of this important function is assured. If, on the other hand, this request of the Institute Committee be refused, serious obstacles will confront its success. The March recess has been suggested as a possible period in case of such an emergency, but the combined facts that condition examinations are held during this week and this period falls in Lent would certainly detract from the traditional success of this celebration.

WAKE UP! STUDENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

IN business today extended publicity is the factor that more than any other brings success. Yet so far the committee in charge of the student campaign of the Technology Endowment Fund has neglected countless opportunities for bringing the drive before the persons most interested in its outcome. Just at the time when the Institute, after strenuous government work, has proved itself to be the leading technical school in the world, it faces the extremity of getting immediate help, or closing shop. The undergraduates, most vitally affected of all, not only fail to realize the serious condition but it is almost impossible to arouse any enthusiasm in them about the campaign.

It is true that thermometers have been installed in the main lobby, circular letters mailed to all students and that the subscribers wear red buttons, but where is the spirit of healthy enthusiasm and rivalry so necessary to the success of any drive? Although the student body has been crammed full of facts by the Endowment Fund Committee and by THE TECH, the personal appeal has been lacking. The one fact that should provide food for thought among all undergraduate class officers is that the two graduate classes of 1918 and 1919 represented at the Institute, the majority of whose members are scattered over the four corners of the earth have been reached by individual appeals to a far reater extent that the undergraduate classes, comparatively easy to reach.

This points only to one thing, that the Classes of '20, '21, '21, and '23 lack the traditional unity and spirit of former classes and the sooner the leaders of these classes start to inculcate those qualities in their respective classess the greater will be the success of the campaign. It so happens that success or failure depends on the committee rather than the class officers but the latter should shoulder their responsibilities also.

Time is short and the undergraduate endowment fund committee must not be satisfied to rely on the appeal to reason to put across the drive. They must stir up the class officers and solicitors to see the undergraduates personally and tell them the need of their school, how their alumni are solving the problem of insuring Technology's future, what their part is, and how they are to play it, and they must be told in a fashion that allows no ignorance, and brooks no evasion.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Thank you for printing my communication in last Tuesday's issue. I also thank your communicant of last Friday for agreeing with me in the statement that the Endowment Fund is not receiving the proper support. He is thoroughly right. Furthermore by the looks of the percentages and the total amount on the thermometers in the Main Lobby the Institute Committee's machinery is still suffering from a lack of lubrication (or shall I say a lack of heat).

This seems to be the only point on which Mr. Ball does agree with me. He is evidently closely connected with THE TECH for he seems to think that I have made a vicious attack on that most estimable newspaper and its staff. What I was trying to do as I said was to get some others vitally interested in the Endowment Fund drive and as I did not think that THE TECH was doing its part I simply stated so.

I also said that I desired to preserve my anonymous title of "ENDOWMENT" since, if my name were published a number of people would spend all of their spare moments trying to show me personally where in I am wrong. Evidently this is exactly what Mr. Ball wants to do. As I stated last Tuesday I have already subscribed to the Fund and hence Mr. Ball can better aid the Fund by getting after someone who has not subscribed.

May I also take this opportunity to ask whether THE TECH board, the Show board, the Technique Board, or the Editors of the Voodoo, or the board of any other single activity are personally 100% subscribed on this Fund? Also what steps has the Institute Committee taken to personally solicit every student during the next two weeks before exams? Results are what count right now and no matter what THE TECH has printed on its front, back or intermediate pages, one thing is certain and that is that less than 10% of the undergraduate body are wearing red buttons.

ENDOWMENT

FRENCH ARMY OFFICERS PAY VISIT TO INSTITUTE

Two French army officers, Lieutenant George Raterarix and Lieutenant Maurice Thomas, who have been cited for bravery, paid the Institute a visit on Friday. After having been shown through the various laboratories and buildings they appeared very enthusiastic over methods and equipment used here.

Lieutenant Thomas stated that during the war he met a number of men from the Institute and had heard much about it. During his stay, he is located at the City Club and would like very much to meet any of his former acquaintances.

PROF. SEDGWICK ARGUES FOR ROCKING CHAIRS FOR JAPAN

Professor W. T. Sedgwick of the department of biology and public health delivered a lecture at a public health convention in Springfield on November 22. His talk was for the most part a eulogy on the rocking chair, a favorite rest in America, but practically a stranger in Japan. Professor Sedgwick argued that if the Japanese used rocking chairs they might live longer, and resemble America more in this respect.

FEW TECHNIQUE 1919 ON SALE

Since a large number of the members of the Classes of 1918 and 1919 were unable to subscribe to Technique 1919 the supply has long been exhausted. Technique 1920 has announced that it has a few second hand copies of the edition which it will dispose of at reasonable prices. The 1920 board has asked those desiring copies to leave word at the Technique office as early as possible.

MOVIES GIVEN IN WALKER

On Wednesday evening, December 3, at 7.30, freshman Military Science movies will be given in the main hall of Walker Memorial for the second time this term. The first time the fundamental movements of close order drill were thrown on the screen but next Wednesday the pictures will deal with map-reading. The pictures will be shown again Thursday evening at the same time for the benefit of those who may be unable to attend the Wednesday performance. All men registered in freshman Military Science are required to attend one of these two lectures in order to avoid being given a mark of "D" at the end of the term.

SHOW MEN MUST REPORT

It is very important that candidates for the Business Department of Tech Show should report at the Show office on the first possible evening at 5 o'clock.

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