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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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SHOW YOUR BUTTON

THERE are not enough red buttons in evidence in the classrooms and corridors of the Institute. Too many men are shirking their responsibilities and shifting to the shoulders of others the task of keeping Technology at the head of all engineering schools. Too many men are failing to grasp the full significance of the prominent position now occupied by their school the finest of its kind in the world.

What is the duty of the undergraduate toward Technology? How does the Endowment Fund affect the man whose future is, at the best, an uncertainty? Let us see if this campaign demands the interest of the man who has not yet converted his engineering knowledge into cash.

A Technology education is an investment. Every undergraduate invests money and time and expects the returns to justify this expenditure. The prestige that a degree from the Institute gives a man in the engineering world forms a large part of those returns. A degree carries with it this prestige because Technology is known internationally as the finest of engineering institutions. Should the Institute lose its present high place among engineering schools, the returns on the investment of the undergraduate would diminish appreciably. He would be the loser.

The preliminary list of subscribers to the Endowment Fund is to be published Saturday, December 6. It should be the pride of every individual and activity society to see its name among those who are insuring their own future as well as the future of Technology.

IN REGARD TO COMMUNICATIONS

THE letters to the editor of THE TECH are in a large measure indicative of the interest which the readers of the paper and the student body in general take in undergraduate affairs. While we are in no way responsible for the opinion or facts expressed in a communication we do register our disapproval of the slanderous remarks and misstatements of facts included in a series of letters signed by "Endowment," and contrary to the expectations of the writer, published in our columns. Editorial custom requires us to withhold the writer's name if he so desires but we should like to see a student, who resorts to personal remarks in his letters be man enough to let his name appear after his communication.

THE HONOR SYSTEM FACES FAILURE

SINCE the inauguration of the new-circulation system of THE TECH, the paper has lost a considerable amount of money. This is due either to copies being taken and not paid for, or money stolen from the boxes.

The men should make an effort to remedy this trouble, for the idea of circulating THE TECH on the honor system is very convenient. If, however, this forgetfulness persists it is doubtful whether the system can be continued.

"ENDOWMENT" TAKE NOTICE

LEST our readers are laboring under the same delusion as "Endowment" seems to be, the Managing Board of THE TECH is proud to announce that they are 100 per cent subscribed and that the various departments are well on the way to the 100 per cent mark.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

The Editor-in-Chief must have the name of the writer of the communication signed "A Friend of the Dances" before the letter can be published. The writer's name will be withheld if so desired.

Musical Clubs

Try-outs for specialty acts for the Combined Musical Clubs will be held Tuesday, December 9, at 4.00 in Smith Hall, room 10-250. All candidates must report at that time.

DRENNAN LECTURES TO AERO SOCIETY

Students Hear About Training
Of Cadets in Aeronautics and
See Demonstrations of Flying
On the Screen.

ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE AIDED

One of the most enjoyable smokers of the term was held by the Aero Club in the Walker Memorial last Tuesday evening. The speakers, Lt. Col. Green, Col. Maybach, and Lt. Col. Drennan, talked to the club on various phases of aeronautics and the lecture of the latter was illustrated by moving pictures.

During the evening the drive for the Endowment Fund was aided. The society had representatives at the door and everybody who entered either wore a red button or had one sold to him. Before the evening was over, one hundred per cent of the members of the club who were present at the smoker had subscribed.

A. L. Morse '21, president of the Aero Club, opened the smoker by reading a letter to the society from the Massachusetts Aero Club inviting the Technology society to a meeting at the Boston City Club next Friday night. Morse then introduced Lt. Col. Green, who spoke on "Adjustment of Fire from Air Craft." During his talk Col. Green said that warfare by means of air craft did not have a chance to show itself off to the best advantage in the late war.

Col. Maybach spoke on "Air Service as a Special Department in Warfare."

Lt. Col. Drennan spoke at length on the training of students in aeronautics. He described the exercises they have to take and the subjects they have to study and accompanied his talk with moving pictures.

MAKE LAST TRIP

Interesting Plant Explored by
Members of Radio Society.

The Radio Society concluded the term's activities with two interesting visits to the laboratories of the American Radio and Research Corporation on yesterday and Tuesday. J. A. Proctor '11, chief radio engineer, conducted the visitors through the various departments of the plant. At present the buildings are inadequate for the volume of business, but a large factory is under construction on the premises.

The Radio Society has recently achieved considerable success with its sending apparatus, having been in communication with Trenton, N. J., and Troy, N. Y.

ENDOWMENT FUND DIRECTOR ADDRESSES SENIOR CLASS

1920 Dinner Held in North Hall of
Walker Memorial

"The success of the Undergraduate Endowment Fund will be one of the deciding factors in meeting 'Mr. Smith's' offer," was the declaration made by Merton L. Emerson '04, Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, before over 200 Seniors at their class dinner, held in the north hall of the Walker Memorial last Tuesday evening.

The dinner started at 6:15 o'clock with a class cheer, lead by R. H. Gee, who was in charge of entertainment. Following the dinner, Norris G. Abbott, class president, acting as toast master, introduced F. D. Gage '21, who sang a few songs, in one of which he made a particular success by inserting the names of different members of the senior class.

Mr. Emerson told a little of the condition of undergraduate activities while he was a student at Technology, and spoke of the lack of co-ordination between the different activities in those days and of the advantages and importance of student government.

FRESHMEN LEAD FUND, WHILE SENIORS GAIN

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section over 100 per cent solid. Twenty-one men in section nine subscribed \$1200. The second section to subscribe 100 per cent was section two, of which Phillips Wilder '23, is section chairman.

Givers' List Closes Tomorrow

It was announced yesterday at the Endowment Fund office, room 3-205, that a preliminary list of "Givers," grouped by classes—the names in each class to be in alphabetical order with no individual amounts stated—would be published in the near future. This list will contain the name of every "giver" to the fund, no matter what he has given and no matter whether he is an Alumnus or an undergraduate, or has no Technology connections. The only names which will be included in this list are those of men whose subscription cards are in at room 3-205 before noon tomorrow.

Button Supply in Fund Office

The button supply is on hand in room 3-205, which is directly opposite Dr. MacLaurin's office and any man wishing to subscribe to the fund may exchange his subscription card there for a red button.

The Fund Committee has announced that it expects all solicitors to get all subscription cards to their office before noon tomorrow in order that percentages may be as large as possible. They have also stated that they expect nothing less than 100 per cent undergraduate subscription and a total of at least \$150,000 before January 1, 1920.

The preliminary list of "Givers" will also include the names, with no amounts stated, of all fraternities whose undergraduate members are 100 per cent subscribed. The method of checking this up will be by means of the official rosters of the fraternities as submitted for insertion in Technique 1921. The Technique Board has stated that a number of fraternities have not turned in their copy but it is expected that all Chapters will have their copy in sometime today or before 10.00 o'clock tomorrow morning. In the case of any fraternity which does not submit this copy to Technique before this time, the Fund Committee has announced that it will not be responsible if said chapter's name is omitted from the 100 per cent roll.

Outside Subscriptions Mounting Up
During the last few days the fund office has received several large subscriptions obtained by different undergraduates from parents, relatives or in. During the last few SHRED UP interested friends and in several cases the amounts have been large. Any outside subscription obtained by an undergraduate will be credited to his class on the "Get" side of the campaign.

ALL SCENARIOS IN

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better material to pick from. Some of the books were written by individuals, three were worked up by two men as joint producers and one author declined to sign his name and wishes to be known as "Anonymous." The following individuals handed in scenarios: Leonard J. Siff '22, Kenneth Akers '20, Bernhard Gasser '22, J. C. Patty '22, M. V. Hamburger '21, R. T. Pender '20, C. C. Carven '21, T. C. M. Davidson '21, K. C. Kingsley '23, C. Tattersfield '20, W. T. Hedlund '20, H. F. Stose '21, H. J. Sugrue '23, and "Anonymous." Those who handed in books conjointly are: M. Johnson '22 and F. H. Untiedt '22, A. S. M. Kreeger '20 and E. Underhill '22, R. T. Pender '20 and E. P. Molloy '21.

The men who are reading the books and who will decide on the chosen one are the members of the managing board, and in case of disagreement, the final authorities are the general and stage managers and Professor Rogers of the English department. The show will probably be chosen within a week, and the author will be notified as soon as a decision is made. The name or names of the responsible party will be announced at the Tech Show smoker in January, and after that date all who wish to get back their rejected scenarios can do so. It is possible that ideas may be shifted from one play to another, and in case this is done, due credit will be given to each author.

All of the plots offered were of the musical comedy type, although, according to Publicity Manager Lee, some savored of the burlesque. In some cases complete books with lyrics were handed in, in other cases outlined general plots were offered, and in still others only unexpended ideas showed up. Any men who handed in lyrics with their books have been asked to enter them in the lyric contest to start soon.



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