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ADVOCATES OF FREE SPEECH?

WITHIN the last week, petitions were placed on the bulletin boards by men opposed to the Mason Bill, with the intention of sending the documents to Congress when signed. The petitions were torn down by some ignoramuses who either have not lived in this country long enough to learn the meaning of the words "law and order" or are too thick-skulled.

This action is the more surprising since we are so emphatically told that one of the first things the new Irish Republic stands for is freedom of speech. What do we say of people whose actions are diametrically opposed to the principles they flaunt?

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUDENT TAX

MANY of the undergraduates are ignorant of the purpose and functions of the student tax. It is not generally realized that this payment is for a direct benefit received by the student himself.

The tax this year is apportioned as follows: Institute Committee \$0.17, class dues \$0.73, athletics \$2.50, Walker Memorial \$4.00, health insurance \$1.00, reserve and contingent fund \$0.60, total \$9.00. The first items are self-explanatory, being payments for the support of student activities. Walker Memorial receives \$4.00 per year, in return for which a well kept building is maintained with library and all facilities for amusement. One of the most important items is that of health insurance, which affords the privilege of free medical attention at Dr. Rockwell's office at the Institute. The last item is a reserve to meet incidentals which cannot be classed under one of the other heads.

Scholarship students are exempt from the tax but all others below the class of 1920 are required to make this payment. We all know that benefits cannot be obtained without some sacrifice. Therefore we should willingly pay the student tax with the firm belief that it is payment for full value received.

ELECT NEW TREASURER AT RECENT CABINET MEETING

A. W. Norton '21, Resigns to Accept Position on Voo Doo

At a cabinet meeting of the T. C. A. a few days ago, I. D. Jakobson '21, was elected treasurer of that organization to fill the vacancy left by A. W. Norton '21, who resigned to accept the position of business manager on the Voo Doo. At the same time \$75 was voted from the treasury to take care of the expense of the employment bureau during the summer.

It was also decided that the T. C. A. should stand all the expense of the book exchange to take effect at the beginning of summer school. Hereafter a charge of five cents on the dollar of the selling price has been made. About \$700 worth of books have been sold this year by the association. At this rate a saving of at least \$35 will be made by the students as a whole. The reason given for this step is that they wished to make all services of the organization free of charge. This was the only one that any charge has been made for, as the expense employment bureau and other departments have been paid by the T. C. A.

Jobs for twenty-five men were obtained on the B. & A. Sunday, bringing the total up to 375. This was the fifth Sunday that men have worked on the railroad, the numbers for the different days being: 60, 102, 96, 82, 25

respectively.

Frank Lord '21, was elected representative from Technology on the committee of the Young People's Society of the First Unitarian Church. Each school in the city has a representative on the committee and they will attempt to form a society like that at the Mount Vernon and First Baptist churches.

FORMING GOLF TEAM

In response to a call for candidates for the golf team, more than 25 men have signified their intention of coming out for the team and it is expected that this number will increase.

Those instrumental in the movement have issued the call for candidates at this time so that plans for organization may be discussed and that the team may get away with an early start. This is the first time that plans for a golf team have been acted upon. It is a problem as to just when and where the candidates will be able to practice but it is more than likely that this obstacle will be overcome by the opening of the team.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Advisory Council on Athletics—Meeting at the Engineers' Club Friday at 7:30 o'clock.

COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.
May 27, 1920.

Mr. R. P. Bigelow, Librarian,
Mass. Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication, with THE TECH enclosed, calling my attention to the editorial on page 2 in reference to the sign-board on parkway. Whatever has been pasted on that sign-board has been done by the soldiers themselves.

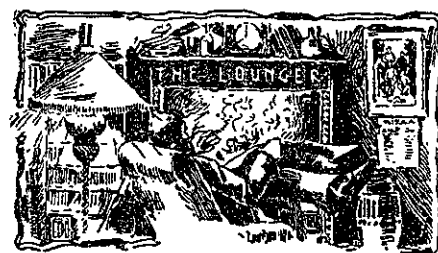
I will refer your communication and also paper to the proper authority and feel that some action will be taken that will be satisfactory to all concerned. Believing that we are all interested in beautifying the entrance into Cambridge, I can assure you that we will adopt the proper procedure.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD W. QUINN
Mayor.

INSTITUTE RIFLE CLUB CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS

Officers for next year were chosen at a recent meeting of the Rifle Club. G. E. Dean '22, of Dalton, Pennsylvania, was selected to fill the office of president. L. J. Powers, Jr., '22 of Springfield, who is a member of Theta Xi, and a member of this year's team, was elected vice-president. V. E. Whitman '22 of Washington, District of Columbia, is secretary, while S. I. Burgess '23 who is a member of Theta Chi fraternity, was chosen treasurer. In the position of manager of the team is P. M. Johnson '21 of Portland, Maine, who won the silver cup for the highest score this year.



Examinations have always seemed to the Lounger like so much wasted time. For three hours the worried student writes facts in a blue book, or as near to the facts as he can guess them, for the supposed enlightenment of a professor.

The Lounger has always refused to submit himself to the taking of examinations, contending that his professors know Newton's four laws and Gay Lussac's Rhapsody to the Muses far better than he does himself, so what might be the use of his wasting those three hours telling men what they already know.

Furthermore the whole scheme is fraught with the grave possibility that the professor may be misled by some wild-minded student who informs him that Hooke's law had something to do with the back of a woman's dress. The instructor might commit the serious mistake at some time or other of believing the student—and what then? Hooke might sue him for alimony or libel.

It's really quite insulting to the professors who are compelled to read the books, this examination system. For a student to blankly tell his superior that potassium cyanide makes an excellent soda water lowers the low estimation the revered Faculty already has of the undergraduates.

The examiners usually advise their classes before examination time to go to bed early the night before the test and come in with a clear head. One year, before he stopped taking exams, the Lounger tried this and succeeded in coming in with a clear head but met his Waterloo when he discovered his head was clear of information as well as of vague ideas.

Another favorite piece of advice is to read each question thoroughly before answering it. This is extraneous. The student has as much chance of answering it then as he did as though he had not read it at all.

And then, finally, the whole scheme is not democratic. It compels the students to absorb knowledge before the quizzes and in their greed for the almighty "know" they are likely to overstep their rightful bounds and take from this Institute of ours a share of information greater than their due. And then what is posterity?

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And so the Lounger is not taking examinations,—instead he is taking his leave for the summer, (despite the grief of lazy night editors who must work the harder to be worth their keep).

The Lounger's summer work will consist of aiding Prohibition by consuming every drop of the precious fluid he can locate, and insuring that the old order of things will change next March 4 through personal canvass of his friends among the presidential candidates.

CALIFORNIANS BREAK UP TILL NEXT YEAR

D. D. Spoor '22 Unanimously Chosen to Lead Club

The California Club closed its activities for the year, last Thursday night, at the Riverbank Court, with dinner, election of officers, and two after-dinner speeches by Major Howard F. Clark '12 and Mr. Rufus Steele. Both the speakers were Californians and, naturally, the subjects of their talks pertained indirectly to their home state.

Major Clark, professor of Military Science, and recently a member of the California State Railroad Commission, spoke on the tactical situation of California in case of invasion, its possibilities as a field for war maneuvers, and its present system of defence.

Mr. Steele, who has for some time been connected with the Saturday Evening Post and, during the war, was in charge of the production of motion pictures by the Signal Corps, based his topic upon the fact that the engineer must have a liberal allotment of "brains and guts," neither of which, alone, being sufficient to bring success. He illustrated this thought with many tales of California's first engineers, those in the mining days, and those, who, through their wonderful grit and foresight, made possible the first railroad over the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Following the talks, came the election of officers and Dale D. Spoor, '22, was unanimously chosen to lead the Club in its activities for the coming year. Kenneth C. Kingsley '22, was elected treasurer, and Sydney G. Walton '23, secretary.

The business of the evening included the report of the dance committee by A. L. Moch, '21. Ex-President J. W. Kendall '21, discussed the plans for the reception of new students arriving next fall from California. He stated that if anyone in the Institute knows of any westerner, who anticipates coming to Technol-

ogy next fall, the California Club would like to have his name and address, so that the club might aid him in settling into the ways of Boston and the Institute.

REMOVE PROTESTS

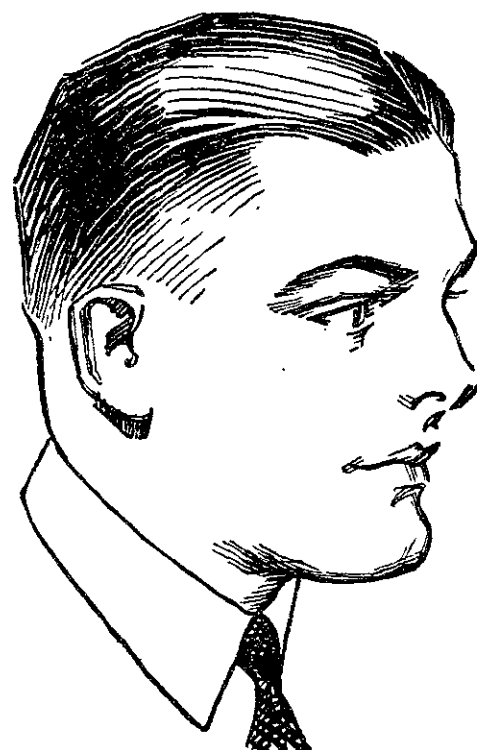
Petitions to Massachusetts Senators and Congressmen, protesting against any formal expression of opinion by Congress on Irish affairs, were posted on the bulletin boards last Friday by a student committee. Signatures of Massachusetts citizens were asked for and about 100 secured before the protest was removed because fifteen of the twenty-five posters was torn down.

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