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GET INTO AN ACTIVITY

WE can not impress the freshmen too strongly with the importance of getting started in some activity. The lack of college life at the Institute makes it doubly important that men enter into some form of school activity and realize from them the many benefits that are to be had. The Institute gives you technical training but doesn't do much to improve your personality and power of address and this is just what activities do. We sincerely hope that the brown bag club, whose ranks are already too full, will find few recruits among the new men. In addition it widens acquaintance with all that that may mean. Don't try to get into everything but pick the things which are most interesting to you and stick to them. Important positions in school activities will be filled in a short time by men entering now. They won't be held by members of the brown bag club but by men who had the interest, ambition, and initiative to start now.

WHY THE COLLEGES SHOULD SUPPORT THE RED CROSS

WHEN America went into the war hundreds of college men and women went into the Red Cross. The organization was, in fact, largely made up of college personnel, a small percentage being undergraduates and the majority Alumni unfit for active service who turned to the relief organizations. They went into it because it was constructive, because it gave them a chance to apply practically those ideals which are the ideals of America, and which the training they had received in college had taught them to honor and cherish.

Then the war ended, and many thought that the Red Cross would end too, but disease and suffering did not end with the war. Health and good citizenship are as important today as they were two years ago, so the Red Cross work goes on. It is the duty and privilege of every college Alumnus and student to aid the Red Cross in its after-war campaign for a healthier and happier America. The Annual Red Cross Roll Call will be held November 11 to 25. Ten million Americans joined or renewed their memberships last year. The Red Cross counts on its college friends to join again this year.

A WORD OF COMMENDATION

WE wish to commend most highly those of the Institute employees who were in close proximity to the tank of chlorine which exploded in the Institute buildings a few days ago. These men made every attempt to prevent the gas from spreading at the risk of being gassed themselves. They stuck to their post in face of danger and are worthy of the highest praise.

It will be interesting to know how the Institute is going to raise enough money to pay five dollar fines to men who were compelled to register late because their registration material wasn't ready. It is a poor rule which doesn't work both ways.

The Bursar and the Superintendent of Buildings are to be highly complimented for the many improvements which meet the eye of the returning student. The general neatness of the buildings and grounds is quite noticeable; especially is this true of the ground between Walker Memorial and the main buildings.

If the Charles river had been like some others we could name, the Technology folks would have been toughened to endure chlorine or any other gas without the necessity of masks.—The Boston Traveler

DIVIDE COURSE INTO TWO NEW OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Offer Classes in Hydraulics and Transportation Engineering

The work of the fourth year students in Course I will be divided beginning this term into two options. Option 1 in Hydraulics and Option 2 in Transportation Engineering.

Option 2 takes the place of the former option in Railroad Engineering and will be divided into two parts, (2a) Railways and (2b) Highways. It is required that each Senior taking Course I elect one of the above divisions of the Course.

The first term both parts of Option 2 will take Railway and Highway En-

gineering 124. A bulletin issued by the Institute on the new organization of Course I states that this subject will be "a course in engineering organization and duties, in construction methods and in estimates for cost of work below sub-grade. Preparation required is 120, 121, 222a, and 130.

Option 2 Divides in Second Term. The two parts of Option 2 will be divided during the second and third terms of the year only. The second term the group in Railways is scheduled for Railway Engineering 125 and Railway Design 126, while those taking Highways are booked for Testing of Highway Materials 131 and Chemistry of Road Materials 537a.

MANAGERS DISCUSS TECH SHOW SMOKER

Plans for Annual Gathering Are Well Under Way—Completed Scenarios Due in October 8 At Show Office

ALL STAFF MEMBERS RETURN

Yesterday afternoon the managers and assistant managers of Tech Show gathered to discuss the plans for the production this year. All of last year's staff have returned this fall so that the show will not be delayed due to lack of department heads. If there is no All Technology Smoker very soon, the management has decided to hold the Tech Show smoker. It may be possible that candidates for the various departments will be called before the smoker takes place. If this course of action is established, announcement of the fact will be made through the columns of THE TECH and by means of posters on the bulletin boards.

The management calls the attention of the men who wrote scenarios, last spring, to the fact that the finished manuscripts are due at the Tech Show office in Walker Memorial by 5 o'clock Friday, October 8. After the best of these has been selected, a second smoker will take place at which the winner will be announced. Immediately after this, competitions for parts will start. Last year the competition for parts did not begin until after the Christmas vacation, but as the show comes so much earlier this year, it is hoped that all the persons who make parts will be chosen by the time the Christmas vacation begins. Then the management will distribute to the men portfolios of the show, so that they may study them at home. The regular rehearsals will commence as soon as the second term starts in January.

Want Men For Departments

Men are asked to come out for positions in the business department, stage department, and the publicity department as soon as the call is made.

The men who are the first to report will be the first to obtain credits. For each piece of work done the candidate receives a definite amount of credit. Then when the competition comes to a close, the men who have the greatest number of points are assigned positions on the regular staff and stand chances of advancing to higher positions until in the Senior year, the position of general manager is open to the man who has proved to be most competent as head of one of the departments.

FROSH GIVEN BIBLES

New Students Also Will Get Copies of Handbook

The Advisory Board of the Technology Christian Association met for the first time last Wednesday, and the secretary, W. M. Ross, submitted his report. In it there is an account of the work which is at present being done by the association. In room 3-410 there were 25 men assisting students to register last week. The Central Library was taken over for freshman advisory work, new men were given information about rooms, and some of them were given their "bibles." Maps and room lists, which are of great assistance to new students, were to be had at the Emma Rogers room. The T. C. A. office specializes on book exchanges, employment and rooms.

During the week the Book Exchange sold a number of books, and it now has on hand \$475 to give back to men who owned the books. By a vote of the Executive Committee, there will be no five per cent. charge for the sale of a book, as there was last year. As this was the only department for which the T. C. A. made any charge for its services, it can now be said that all its services are rendered free.

Furnished Work Worth \$18,000

A great deal has been done to find rooms for the men, 850 letters having been sent to people who let rooms to Technology students last year. The Secretary states in his report that the greatest need at the Insti-

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Captains and Managers of all Institute teams are requested to meet at 5 in Walker today.

Track Candidates are asked by Coach Kanaly to meet daily from 2 till six at Tech Field.

tute at the present time is more dormitories.

In the Employment Department about 5 applications for work have been received. Last year work was found for students amounting to \$11,000, and summer work amounting to \$7000. As far as Mr. Ross could find out at the National Student Secretaries' Assembly at Lake Forest, Illinois, Technology has the largest undergraduate employment bureau of any institution.

The Association published about 1500 handbooks this year. It is intended that all freshmen and new students receive copies, and the remaining copies will be given to upperclassmen on application at the T. C. A. office.

COMBINED MUSICAL CLUBS ISSUE CALL FOR NEW MEN

Desires Candidates for Managing and Musical Positions

The management of the Combined Musical Clubs has already started its work for the season, and has issued a call for a large number of candidates for all departments. Trials for the Glee Club will be held in room 10-250, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week at 5 o'clock. Trials for the Mandolin and Banjo Clubs will be held in room 1-190 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 5 o'clock. The management also wants men who know anything at all about a mandola or a guitar.

The freshmen competition for freshmen managers will begin Thursday at 5 o'clock in the Musical Club's office. Five men will be chosen at Christmas

time, and a large number of competitors is expected.

A Sophomore competition will start on the same day at 4 o'clock, to fill vacancies caused by two men who left the Institute last year. Next year one of these men will become general manager of the Combined Clubs.

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