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## IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

G. H. Southard III.

## AS OTHERS SEE US

IN the Saturday Evening Post of November 13, 1920 is found a very interesting article entitled, "What a Man Loses in Going to College."

The author speaks to us straight from the shoulder and leaves no doubt as to his opinions. His criticism of the average college man is that he is a man in years but not in thought and actions. We are indicted on six counts, namely: indifference, vanity, egoism, argument, slang, and unreliability. According to the author we are of no use to the outside world until we gain a little common sense.

All of us who read this article and spend a small amount of time in thought cannot but agree with its author. He says that we are segregated, that we live in an artificial atmosphere, and that we do not come into sufficient contact with the world about us. We have the faults he ascribes to us because we are ignorant in a sense and are unable to view situations in a broad manner.

This is a matter which we can rectify to a large extent by ourselves. Let us think more and in a broader way. If we look for our faults ourselves we will find them as soon as anyone else. We will find that we have very little reason for vanity or egoism. A little training of ourselves by ourselves will do much toward improving indifference and unreliability. Let our object of doing good work be the benefit derived in after life rather than obtaining a passing mark. If we train ourselves to be punctual, to be men of our word, and to have things accomplished on time, we will soon find that we are considered reliable. One way that we can accomplish this is by working to a schedule, arising at a certain hour every day, arriving at classes on time, turning in our work when it is due and not several days late. We should endeavor to think, read, and talk about subjects of national, international, and business interest, realizing that we are a part of the world at large as well as our academic world. We should seize every opportunity to talk to business men, and men of the world at large, encouraging them to express their views and not burdening them with our chatter.

In short, let us take up another study at the Institute, the study of the outside world and what is occurring in it.

## DR. SUZZALLO

NO one who heard Dr. Suzzallo's talk on Tuesday can fail to have derived inspiration from his exposition of the Democratic Ideal and the true meaning and responsibility of leadership in a democracy. In these days it may often seem to many of us that democracy is, as it seemed to his European friend, a pyramid where the abilities of the few at the top are averaged down by the millions at the base to a dead level of mediocrity. His analogies clearly showed the falsity of this conception and pointed out that the true basis of democracy is the spirit of co-operation and alternate leadership where everyone is called on to use those talents which are his especially for the general good. The leader must not work for his own aggrandisement, but must be the interpreter of the aspirations of the multitude.

We wish to commend the student body upon their attendance at this convocation. The spirit displayed gave evidence that we are interested in such meetings, and that we appreciate the benefits to be obtained from them. We hope that more convocations will be held in the future.

## LEWIS SHEDLESKY '24

Funeral services for Lewis Shedlesky '24, were held Wednesday at the Agudas Achim Synagogue, Brockton, Mass., and interment made in the Pride of Brockton I. O. B. A. cemetery. The class of 1924 sent flowers. Shedlesky died suddenly Tuesday morning while studying in the lounge of building 2. Unsuccessful attempts were made by Dr. G. E. Morse with

a pulmotor to restore respiration. Dr. D. C. Dow of Cambridge, who made the autopsy, pronounced the death due to natural causes.

Shedlesky came to this country a few years ago from Russia, with his parents and attended Amherst College for one year before entering the Institute. He was especially brilliant in mathematics and under consideration for a scholarship.

## COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In an anonymous communication which appeared in your columns on Tuesday last, some person hiding behind the covers of your publication, with a nom de plume "Fair Play," made an attack upon the M. I. T. A. A. and certain of its members. The general sentiments of these statements was to the effect that the M. I. T. A. A. was contaminated with corrupt political methods, the same being used in the election of its officers and the managers of the various athletic teams. Furthermore, that in the administration of finances there was a recklessness which bordered onto frenzied finance. The seriousness of such charges as these cannot be overestimated inasmuch as the standing of the Athletic Association is jeopardized and it is a direct accusation of fraud and foul play against the elected representatives of the student body who supervise and control the athletic interests.

These charges have been made by a person who prefers to conceal his identity, either because he feels that more can be accomplished by underhand methods or because he is afraid of ridicule by the student body. Such procedure can only be condemned and his charges should be entirely ignored. In order to prevent any false delusions from giving rise to an unfavorable impression of the various organizations concerned, I wish to take this means to most emphatically deny the statements made in the above referred-to communication and I challenge that person who is apparently laboring under some misapprehension as to the circumstances to make himself known, to present his charges to the organizations he referred to and to demand an investigation by the Institute Committee.

ROLLIN F. OFFICER '21,  
 President, T. A. C.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

As Treasurer of the Institute Committee and Chairman of the Budget Committee, feeling the responsibility to the students as to the manner in which the Student Tax is expended, I wish to make the following statement. To my definite knowledge, absolutely none of the Student Tax money has been expended in any unjustifiable manner, as might have been insinuated in the previous issue of THE TECH. The books of the Treasurer and the files of the Budget Committee are open to inspection at any time, and an investigation will be welcome. It is hoped by those in charge of handling the undergraduate finances of the Institute to be able to publish at a later date interesting statistics of the manner in which our various activities are financed, and a graphic description of the ways in which our money is expended each year.

LAWRENCE W. CONANT,  
 Treas. Institute Committee.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In regard to the communication that appeared in the current issue of your paper I should like to call the writer's attention to one fact. That is that an unsigned communication is of the nature of an anonymous letter, and should be disregarded by the student body as such. If the writer is in any position to know whereof he writes his name on the end of said communication will carry weight. If he is not in such a position he has no right to write such a letter. Therefore I call on "Fair Play" to live up to his assumed name and inform the student body who he is. Sincerely,

WINTER DEAN '21.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In reference to the communication appearing in the last issue of THE TECH I wish to state that neither statements concerning the "slavish" use of the T. A. C. funds are in any capacity a true measure of the existing affairs but merely utterances without foundation or truth. Before any predetermined conclusion of facts are published would it not be fair to all to have the right to insist on careful use of criticism?

The funds of the T. A. C. are being carefully handled and are in no way involved in the \$200 "slush" fund referred to in the communication.

The house cleaning is in process and all members of the T. A. C. are invited to appear with their vacuum cleaners at room 3-312 Walker from 11-3 Thurs., Nov. 25, and inspect the accounts of the T. A. C.

FRANK MARCONI '21,  
 Treasurer T. A. C.

## NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Candidates for manager of basketball meet in M. I. T. A. A. office Monday at 4 o'clock.

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When questioned as to what recent productions he had been connected with, he hesitatingly admitted that he had not been doing much in the directing line lately. The explanation of this is that he served five years in the British Army. He held a Lieutenant's commission in the "Princess Pats." He was on the firing line for three years and four months. While in the service, he was called from France by royal command to appear at the Apollo and Saint James Theatres in London before the Royal Family at a benefit organized by her Royal Highness, Princess Patricia. He was the only British soldier thus honored by such a command.

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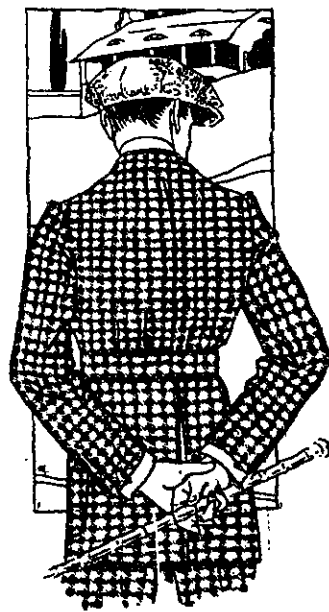
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