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THE INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

EVERYONE has by this time heard or read something about the Intercollegiate Conference on Undergraduate Government which is to be held here in April. The idea of the committee in charge, composed of representatives of Cornell, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth and Technology, is to provide an opportunity for the interchange of ideas on the common problems of student government and the management of undergraduate activities. No system so far evolved is incapable of improvement. There is danger, however, that it may be accepted as the best possible and become an obstacle to progress unless those responsible for its administration keep in touch with others having similar problems. A realization of the mutual benefit to be derived from this contact has led to the arrangement of this conference. As an expression of an alumni view of its value, the following extract from an editorial of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin on the conference is worth quoting:

"The experience of those concerned with alumni activities has shown beyond question that stimulus and suggestion of the highest value are to be gained from intercourse with representatives of other universities: the meetings of the Association of Alumni Secretaries afford a significant case in point. Indeed it requires but a brief separation from the atmosphere of Cambridge to learn that in all manner of activities cooperation is far more profitable than isolation. The Harvard men who have accomplished most in the world at large, like the men of every other university, are precisely those who have not held themselves aloof, but have joined heartily and generously in every endeavor to serve a good cause."

The value of the discussion will depend in large measure on the preparation of those who take part in it. Realizing this, the Institute representatives with the cooperation of the instructor and students in English 33 are making a survey of every undergraduate activity, so that they may go to the conference with all the data at hand in concrete form for reference. Such an attitude will obviate the danger of the conference ending in fruitless argumentation. Indeed we may well be proud of the part that Technology is taking.

HOG ISLAND

FRIDAY, February 4, marked the official closing of Hog Island, the largest shipyard in the world. This event is of interest to Technology because the president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation graduated from this Institution and many other Technology men helped to make this great project successful.

During the career of this shipyard 122 ships were launched, the finest of their type now afloat.

At the ceremonies of the closing of the yard the president spoke in part as follows: "The total liquidation of Hog Island from the first day until the last, has amounted to \$550,000,000, and it is a remarkable fact that the entire project has been liquidated and is turned over to the Government without a single debt or bit of unfinished business. I believe that this is the first time in the history of the country that a project of even a fraction of the magnitude of this has been wound up in such excellent shape."

Few of us in this part of the country realize the gigantic proportions of the project of Hog Island and it is gratifying to feel that Technology played a part in the success of such an enterprise.

ARE YOU GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING?

A FEW days ago a foreign student of the Institute came to the office of THE TECH and gave us \$1.00. The reason for this action was one which reflects unfavorably upon the student body, because this student was making up for the dishonesty of his fellow men. He saw twenty men take copies of THE TECH without making the necessary deposit and he felt it was up to someone to make this loss good.

This affair is worthy of careful thought. The spirit shown by the foreign student was of the finest kind, but what of the spirit displayed by the other men? Their spirit was that of getting something for nothing, even if dishonesty played a part in the process. Are these men going to follow a dishonest course in after life? Dishonesty on a large scale begins by petty dishonesty.

It is hoped that a time will come when the student body of Technology will prove itself worthy of the confidence which the majority of people place in it.

GIVES READINGS

Mr. Copithorne Reads as Tribute to Former Students

A series of Thursday evening readings similar to those conducted last term will be held by Mr. M. R. Copithorne of the English Department for the remainder of the school year, as a tribute to the memory of William Eastman Jr. '18.

Eastman, who died in 1917 as a result of injuries received while starting an airplane motor at the School of Military Aeronautics at the Institute, was active in undergraduate activities and showed a strong interest in English literature.

The readings will be held in the library of Walker Memorial on Thursday evenings at 6.45 o'clock, and will last for about three quarters of an hour. The reading this week will include selections from the works of Dickens, Lord Dunsany and from Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford." Professor Pearson, who is helping the institution of this series of lectures, will preface Mr. Copithorne's reading by a few remarks.

H. S. BORDEN TALKS TO CIVILS

"Recent Developments in Concrete" is the subject of the lecture to be delivered by Lt. Col. H. C. Boyden before the Civil Engineering Society next Thursday afternoon. It will be given in 1-190 at 5 o'clock.

Col. Boyden is a representative of the Portland Cement Association and is sent here by them. He has had wide experience in handling concrete and the problems arising in its use.

FIFTEENS VISIT LYNN G. E.

Members of Corporation XV who signed up on the bulletin board in building 3 will meet tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock at track 2, North Station, to go to the Lynn General Works. The men will have supper at the works, when Mr. R. H. Rice, general manager of the plant will address them. They expect to return about 7:30 o'clock.

PLANS SLUSH FUND

Advisory Council Assures Teams of Support

At the meeting of the Advisory Council held Friday evening in the Engineers' Club, Dr. A. W. Rowe announced his plan to appeal to the Alumni in an attempt to raise money for the advisory council, the money to be used as a "slush fund for emergencies" and to be given out at times of need to the various teams to meet items that had unexpectedly arisen and for which the manager had not provided in his original budget.

Several classes have already answered the appeal as sent out by Dr. Rowe through Mr. Humphreys. Major Briggs, who was at the dinner that evening, guaranteed \$100 from the class of '21. The point was made that the money obtained in this way has nothing to do with the Boat Club plan which was erroneously mentioned in the Boston Sunday Herald. This is an entirely separate plan of which the details have not as yet been announced.

The Advisory Council also voted the award of "cTc" to C. J. McIntire '22, and also the "aTa" to W. B. Greenough, Jr., '23. The former was awarded his letter through his consistent performance of excellence during the past season and later won his letter in the interclass meet last year when he tied for a first place in the high jump. It was through an error in the manager's report that he had not previously received this award.

It was also decided that Brockmann, former tennis captain, will be eligible for competition in the coming tennis season.

All students in Course IV who have won prizes will be awarded a special medal by Professor Emerson. This medal is given by Professor Emerson and was designed by W. T. Aldrich '01.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Candidates for varsity and freshman crew will meet in room 10-250 tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

Wellesley Concert of the Combined Musical Clubs Friday evening will start at 7.30 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock.

The Technique Electoral Committee will not meet today due to the meeting held yesterday, but will meet next on Wednesday, from 5-6 o'clock.

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M. E. SOCIETY TRAVELS TO AMERICAN STEEL CO.

To accommodate those who could not go on the first trip to the American Steel & Wire Co. of Worcester, a second trip has been arranged. Those who signed up on the poster on the Combined Societies' bulletin board will be given preference in obtaining passes. The number going is limited to 60. Those going are asked to sign up in room 3-312 any day from 12.30 to 1.30 o'clock, or with any member of the trips committee and get their passes. A 10 per cent reduction in fare has been arranged. The trains will leave the South Station at 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

M. E. SOCIETY WILL HEAR WORCESTER PROF. THURSDAY

A talk on the efficiency of turbines already installed, will be given by Professor C. M. Allen of Worcester Polytechnical Institute February 17, in main hall, Walker. It will be the same as the one which was given at the Boston City Club to a gathering of engineers. Several reels of industrial moving pictures will be shown, while a Mutt and Jeff comedy is also on the bill. A five-piece M. E. Society orchestra will be present and help to give the affair a regular movie air. Smokes and eats will be served everyone is invited by the committee and a cover charge of 25 cents will be charged to non-members, tickets obtainable at room 3-312.