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AN EARLY START IS NECESSARY

A SPLENDID expression of the spirit of an enthusiastic alumnus is contained in the letter from Harvey S. Benson which appears in this issue. It is men like this that deserve all the loyal support which undergraduates can give the Institute. Technology has a track team which is making a name for itself, and Frank Kanaly is one of the ranking coaches of the country. He can, however, work only with such material as comes to him. If any man has a spark of ability let him come out now and develop it.

An early start will give us a team which will be well under way at the beginning of a difficult schedule. If you can run, jump, or heave the weights, don't stop to talk about it, but get into your togs now and report at the track house.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS WANTED?

WITH all of Technology's many student, social, and professional organizations booming along on an augmented post-war basis, it is a sad state of affairs when one of the largest of the group and formerly one of the most energetic of these societies suddenly lapses into a condition of comparative inactivity such that only about ten per cent of its "active" members warrant the name, and even this group refuses to listen to other members who advocate changes intended for the club's benefit.

This seems to be the condition of the Cosmopolitan Club, whose juvenile squabbles would not be worthy of further notice were not the Club such an important factor in the social life of the many foreign students attending the Institute. Something is indeed radically wrong with an activity which last year increased its membership to almost two hundred members and which now averages about twenty men at a meeting. Chapters of this same organization in other colleges and universities have found their work most entertaining and valuable, while Technology, with representatives of forty foreign nations, fails to provide sufficient inducements to these men to instill in them an interest in a society formed solely for their benefit.

The lack of interest of the members of the club is due apparently to the change in policy adopted by the new officers, which has been recently attacked by several communications. The detrimental feature of this policy, as pointed out by Mr. Sawamura and answered by the president of the club, is the latter's announcement that purely social functions would be practically discontinued in favor of trips to manufacturing plants in the vicinity of Cambridge. This program, though it may find favor in the minds of the few men who have attended the trips, cannot be continued when by far the biggest majority of the members refuse to take any further interest in the actions of their colleagues.

While other activities have held numerous affairs which have been well attended, the Cosmopolitan Club made two poorly-supported trips and finally, within four weeks of the end of the term, held a brief dinner meeting at which Mr. Sawamura's ideas were rudely and unwillingly received, and then tabled because of the lack of a quorum.

This is a deplorable attitude on the part of foreigners who are wont to criticize American politeness, and students who feel that they must form a separate society of their own although they lack either the tact or the executive ability to administer their organization to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is not conducive to the welfare of the club for members to walk out of a meeting when they find the ideas of a fellow member contrary to theirs; this indicates snobbery or the existence of cliques, things that have never been tolerated at Technology. Every person has the privilege to state his opinion, and it is not more than common decency which requires others to listen.

Mr. Sawamura has indicated many reasons why the club should alter its program and foster international friendship and co-operation by social functions. Certainly it is true that an organization of its nature can do more good in other lines of work than that which is generally accepted as the prerogative of the professional societies, to which members of the Cosmopolitan Club can belong if they wish. Some indication of the truth of this statement is found in the fact that the club was very popular last year when its many dances and social affairs gave it high standing among the extra-curricular activities.

It is to be hoped that the entire club will take immediate action on the proposed amendments which Mr. Sawamura claims have the support of many members of the Faculty, before it becomes necessary for the Institute Committee to conduct an investigation, action which would confirm the already prevalent opinion that the Cosmopolitan Club is incapable of handling its own affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Your spring schedule for the Track Team has just come to my attention and I wonder if the undergraduates really appreciate their golden opportunity this year? By appreciation I do not mean an increase of inspiring conversation, but rather a marked activity in training and a corresponding increase in number of candidates. As a past track team manager, I speak feelingly when I pronounce this year's schedule the best and hardest I've known in the 12 years I've followed the Institute athletics, and as a past runner, I realize perfectly the unusual opportunity this schedule offers.

At this particular season, no doubt, there is a good number of men out for the relay team—and more power to them—but are the candidates for the other events on the job, too, as they should be?

When spring comes and everyone wants to be outdoors, many candidates will appear, but to wait till then is folly and will necessarily weaken the team terribly. Such action is equivalent to loafing through a course and then cramming for exams. Now is the time to start and get into real condition well in advance of outdoor work. Work lost can never be made up.

To meet this schedule properly, every man should start now—today—and work hard, faithfully, and with that persistence that marks he-men and develops true form and the strength to win.

For all runners, jumpers and shot-putters we have fine facilities. The hurdles can develop indoors and be weeks ahead when the track opens. Discus men can work outdoors now and literally add feet to their throw.

In Frank Kanaly we have a remarkable coach of well-proved ability who has repeatedly done wonders with the material available but it does have to be available—remember he can't do the work for you.

The difference between starting now and when the team goes outdoors can easily make the difference in any man between scoring and being shut out—in other words, for all events between winning and losing the dual meets.

Perhaps we have no right to expect to beat Dartmouth and Harvard—but neither had we in Cross Country. Yet those two sweet victories were ours and there are two more in store if we earn them.

Tumble out! Stay out! Train hard! Fight hard and WIN!

Yours for a raging, tearing, fighting team that doesn't know when it's beaten because it can't be!

HARVEY S. BENSON '12

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I had the pleasure of attending the recent Hoover dinner at the Institute.

For my information may I ask if the manner of giving a "Regular M. I. T." has been changed? I had been taught that in giving the cheer for any particular person, class, etc., there was always one "Technology" after the last "Rah," for example:

M. I. T. Rah! Rah! Rah!
M. I. T. Rah! Rah! Rah!
M. I. T. Rah! Rah! Rah!

Technology.

Hoover, Hoover, Hoover.

At the dinner the "Technology" was omitted every time.

Perhaps the energetic cheer leaders were so occupied in carrying on their competition to determine which could make the most noise with his megaphone that they forgot the cheer. Or perhaps I am all wrong.

In any event I think the one who recklessly hurled his megaphone to floor each time should be declared the winner.

FREDERICK BERNARD '17

PHOSPHOROUS LETS THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

Phosphorous has let out a secret. He tells us that the number of the Voo Doo after the Prom issue will be designated as the Architect's number. This number will be similar to last year's issue of the same name. Most of the material will be contributed by the men in the Rogers building. The cuts will be the exceptional feature of this issue. The cover design is due February 21 and all other material must be in by March 7.

All material for the Prom number is in and is of exceptional quality. A forty-eight page issue is being planned. With a week left in which ads for this issue may get in, the men in the business department still have a chance to show the board that they are ready for higher positions.

A considerable amount of money disappeared from the office of the Voo Doo last week. Phosphorous assures us that he cannot afford losses like this and any information on the subject would be greatly appreciated.

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DR. H. G. FOSDICK SPEAKS TO 1400 YALE STUDENTS

(By E. I. N. A.)

Yale is now holding religious meetings under Dr. Harry G. Fosdick. Over 1400 students, the largest number ever attending a religious meeting at Yale, heard Dr. Fosdick give a lecture on the necessity of a true interpretation of life.

Seven athletes of the French Olympic teams, representing the leading colleges and universities of France, will compete in the University of Pennsylvania Carnival at Franklin Field in April.

Frieda Hempel sang at a joint concert with the Princeton Triangle Club.

The Richmond "Collegian", a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association, has taken the initiative in the forming of a southern association. This has received the support of the president of the Eastern Association. Invitations have been sent out to the leading colleges of the South to have them attend the conference at Richmond in April.

BOXING CAPTAIN WITHDRAWS FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

Technology's boxing team is missing its leader, Captain A. L. Addicks, who was forced to withdraw from active participation because of serious injuries to his nose. These are not the result of any single blow but rather of an accumulation of blows. He consulted a physician who told him he had better stop right away. His absence will be felt very keenly as it leaves a decided vacancy in the 125-pound class, and the chances of a championship team are considerably lessened. It is hoped that he may be able to get back into the game later in the season.

FLUNKERS HAVE CHANCE TO MAKE UP ENGLISH CREDIT

Two courses in English and History are to be repeated for those unfortunate who failed to pass. They are: E-59, Advanced English Composition, with Mr. Copithorne, and E-55, Committee Reports and Discussion with Professor Pearson.

Other courses offered by the English department include: E-53, Shakespeare, with Professor Aydelotte; E-57, Engineering Publicity, with Professor Robinson; E-50, American Literature, with Professor Rogers; H-53, Industrial History of the U. S., with Mr. Faulkner; Ec-62, Business and Patent Law; 1254, Organic Evolution, with Professor Shimer; 756, Sanitary Science and Public Health with Professor Prescott; 805, Sound and Music, with Dr. Barss.

The Civil Engineering Society is planning to run a dance the first or second week in April in the north hall and the faculty dining room

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and the officers are trying to find out whether the members will support the proposition.