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HONOR AT TECHNOLOGY

STUDENT honor at this Institute is at present purely individual. The heterogeneity of the under-graduate mass and the utter lack of defined public opinion on this matter have caused each man to follow his own lights in regard to the honesty of his work. As there is no competition for prizes and academic honors it is easy to let the code of the individual govern in each separate case and to accept the wide variance in conduct which inevitably results from such indulgence. And we are unified in nothing save a general attitude of laissez faire towards the vital problem of school honor.

This indifference to the conduct of others and this evidence of responsibility for the standards of one's neighbors allows an evil to grow unchecked. When the man who has cheated in high school enters Technology is any influence brought to bear upon him to change his habits? When a man is tempted is he aided in resisting by the knowledge that his fellows are indifferent to his actions in all that pertains to class-room honor? The bulk of men here in the institution are above reproach in regard to honesty but these like Pontius Pilate seek to keep their own hands clean by washing them of the dishonesty of their associates. They become accessories in their neutrality.

The salient features of the honor question are the lack of a public opinion upholding a clarified standard, the indifference of good men who refuse to be their brother's keeper, and the resultant unchallenged dishonesty of a minority. It is not a case of calling Nineveh to repentance but of organizing the feelings of the vast majority into an active public opinion. But the difficulties of remedying the present situation are incalculably great unless concerted action is taken.

It seems a matter for the classes to settle for themselves. An admirable precedent could be established by the senior class in the formulation of a code of honor defining the forms of dishonesty and providing penalties for the dishonest. At West Point a slight breach of a rigid code of honor means expulsion by the cadets themselves. That is the extreme; a more temperate course would be to report any case of cheating to the class president, whose duty it would be to investigate. If any man were reported twice to his class president and if the reports were verified by the facts of the cases then the man should be asked to withdraw under the alternative of being reported to Institute authorities. Such an action by the senior class would find imitation by the lower classes and a code of honor which each entering class might adopt would be a gift of enduring good. Public opinion expressed in terms of penalties enforced is a rare legacy which some strong class should leave behind it to sustain a common standard of high honor at Technology.

RISE IN DORMITORY RATES

A NEW schedule of rates for rooms in the Dormitories has been issued recently. It shows an increase in price of about twenty per cent becoming effective on June 21, 1921. This will apply to all men who will reside in the dormitories, whether they are living there at present or not. To many of us, it probably seems peculiar that the Institute authorities should make such an increase at this time when living costs are on the decline. The logical thought in each man's mind would be that their action was unwarranted.

An analysis of the situation, however, indicates that their stand is justified. The rent in the dormitories has been the same since the beginning of the war, in spite of the fact that during that period living rates rose to a high level. It was intended to raise the price of rooms last year, when prices were at their peak, but on account of the sudden death of the late Dr. MacLaurin, with the ensuing change in the administration of the Institute, the matter was allowed to drop until this year. The income from the rent of rooms last year was so small in comparison with the cost of running the dormitories that the Administrative Committee decided to increase the rates.

The present average rate per man is four dollars a week. The new rate will increase it to five dollars a week, and this will still be smaller than the cost of rooming outside, which on the average, according to the most reliable information, is five and a half dollars a week. Students living in the dormitories have also the advantages of being on the Institute grounds, and within easy reach of their classrooms. There can therefore be no possible objection made to the new dormitory rates.

REDEEM SIGNUPSNo Books to be Given Out on
March 18 or 19

Technique signups will be redeemed in the main lobby from 12 till 2 o'clock beginning February 28. and will last till March 12. The booth will then be closed till April 9 when the redemption will be resumed. The price for redeeming these signups will be \$2.50 and no books will be given out immediately after the rush without redeemed signups. The rush this year is to be of an entirely new character as well as novel. No books will be given out March 18 or 19.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FROSH DANCE IN WALKER MEMORIALBert Lowe's Syncopators Furnish
Inspiration to 150 Couples

Walker Memorial last night was the scene of the 1924 formal dance which was attended by about 150 couples. Bert Lowe was on hand with his seven piece orchestra which played at the Williams Prom. Light refreshments were served at tables set under the balconies. The patronesses were Mrs. A. M. Bemis, Mrs. Edward Cunningham, and Mrs. H. P. Talbot.

BROWN PRESIDENT LECTURES

Dr. William H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University, will speak on "Collectivism in Religion" at a mass meeting for Boston College people to be held in the Unity House, 7 Park Square, next Sunday evening. The gathering was arranged by a committee composed of three representatives from each of the following: Technology, Boston University, Harvard, Tufts, Radcliffe and Simmons.

Tickets are free to all interested and may be secured at the T. C. A. office in Walker or from R. F. Mann '22 and C. P. Clapp '23.

STUDENT CLUB ENTERTAINS

The First Church Students Club is giving its first dance in the chapel of the church at the corner of Berkeley and Marlborough street, Boston, on Saturday evening, February 26. The dancing will last from 8 to 12 o'clock. Those who wish to attend this dance may obtain tickets at the T. C. A. office for 50 cents each.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Freshman baseball candidates should report in Walker gym. Monday afternoon between 4 and 5.30 o'clock.

John A. Allen of New York will show moving pictures this afternoon in room 10-250 under M. E. Society auspices, on "Methods of Fighting Oil and Fuel Blazes."

The service at Grace church, Dorchester Street, South Boston, will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday mornings instead of 10.30 as announced in last Friday's issue of THE TECH.

All Varsity Gun Club Men must report this afternoon and tomorrow to retain their positions. This rule is necessary to comply with the N. R. A. regulations.

College Night, under the auspices of the Unitarian Laymen's League and Young People's Religious Union, will be held at the Unity House, 7 Park square, Boston, February 27, at 7.45 o'clock.

Anyone who did not have an opportunity to buy a ticket to the recent Hoover dinner can make a contribution to the Hoover Fund by leaving check or money in the Technology Christian Association Office for I. D. Jakobson '21.

PRINTING PLANT AT TECHNOLOGY

THERE are quite a number of colleges which have been operating printing plants successfully. Why should not Technology have a printing plant of its own? The reasons for the need of such a plant are the high cost of commercial printing, the inconvenience attendant on taking work downtown, and also the inability of any printer to give the promptitude desired. An investigation of the cost of installing and operating a printing press at the Institute as well as the amount of work available, has been made by The Tech Engineering News, the results of which favor the establishment of such a plant.

The experience of other institutions leads us to believe that there is no underlying difficulty in establishing an undergraduate printing shop. It would solve the difficulties which the different activities have in regard to printing, and although new problems of management and finance would arise, they could be taken care of. As the business available is ample to put the plant on a paying basis, it seems highly advisable that a printing press be established at the Institute.

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1923 FOOTBALL TEAM ORGANIZES

Future difficulties in organizing the incoming freshman class are likely to be removed by a tentative plan drawn up by the club organized by the members of the 1923 football squad in a meeting last Wednesday night.

The organization of the club was formally founded at a banquet held in the faculty dining room of Walker Memorial last Wednesday evening. Dr. Rockwell was present and spoke to the members, commending them on their plan for organization of the freshmen classes. He explained why varsity football was practically an impossibility at Technology, showing the difficulties experienced by former Technology teams in getting the best men for the team out to practice and also the impossibility of getting the men into the proper physical condition to play football. Officers of the Club were elected as follows: W. Metcalf, President; W. Earle, Vice-President and C. A. Brantingham, Secretary-Treasurer.

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