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THE NEED OF A NEW TRADITION

THE dearth of college spirit at Technology is rooted in the aloofness of the individual student. A strong cohesive friendliness is one of the bases of under-graduate enthusiasm and without that element strongly present active support of college activities and athletics by the entire institution is impossible. Technology men are divided rigidly into courses and the average man has a very small circle of acquaintanceship. There is nothing to draw him into contact with many of his fellows, with men of other courses, with a decent proportion of the student body. Each man stands apart, feeling no tie of common interest, no bond of mutual enthusiasm. The individuals seem like particles which must be integrated together to form a live student body. An influence potent in overcoming this personal isolation and disinterestedness is found in college traditions. The active type of custom which requires the performance of some annual rite or ceremony is a dynamic force in the production of college spirit because it brings all men into association with one another in a common endeavor and engenders cohering friendship between all students of the same institution.

Technology today is in sad wont of traditions which will bind her sons together and imbue them with a large spirit of loyalty to the Institute and its endeavors. Field Day is excellent but it does not reach far enough in its appeal and effect. Junior Week is only for the love-lorn and the opulent. Another occasion is needed which will cause the whole student body to assemble and to take part. It must have sufficient universality of appeal to catch the interest of every man in the Institute. It has been suggested that the annual circus or carnival be made traditional at Tech, and that on this occasion the various fraternities, clubs, societies and student organizations attend in costume and contribute some "stunt" to a general program. If all the men of the fraternities and dormitories, of the clubs, and of the societies could be drawn together in a fete, vying with each other in humorous or bizarre costumes, and joining in a common revel as Tech men, we would have a tradition which would give mirth and pleasure to the students and keen nascent college spirit to all Technology. An assembly en masque in the great court to which Technology is drawn, three thousand strong, by its love of fun and laughter could be the means of charging every man with enthusiasm ad loyalty and making him a force steady and powerful in the support of all his college undertakes. Essayons!

THE TECH is in receipt of a statement, signed by the officers, 17 members of the entertainment committee, and 36 members of the Cosmopolitan Club, concerning the recent editorial comment on the club, in which the following alleged facts are pointed out:

The average attendance at the three meetings of the club this year was 110. Referring to the "change in policy adopted by the new officers," it is stated that this change, if it be such, has been adopted by the officers only with the consent of the entertainment committee and the members at large. It is further pointed out that the two communications attacking this policy have come from the same man.

To explain the statement that "by far the biggest majority of the members refuse to take any further interest in the action of their colleagues," it is said that the trips are not intended for large numbers but are designed to bring small groups into close contact. The president, it is alleged, did not state that purely social functions would be practically discontinued in favor of trips to manufacturing plants, but declared at the last meeting that the trips were intended to supplement and not to supplant purely social functions.

Refuting the statement that "Mr. Sawamura's ideas were rudely and unwillingly received, and then tabled because of a lack of a quorum," it is said that Mr. Sawamura had asked, a few days beforehand, to speak to the club at the last meeting, when he was told that the program had already been arranged, but that he would have the same right as any other member to speak when the business had been disposed of. Accordingly it is alleged that he began about half past eight to deliver "an almost unintelligible address" on "The Need of a Cosmopolitan Club at the Institute," in which he made no mention of trips. As it had been announced that the meeting would last until eight o'clock, and as there was a dance downstairs, many of those present went out, until no quorum was left; it is further stated that they did not leave because they disagreed with Mr. Sawamura's opinions.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In your issue of February 23, I chanced to notice an item headed: "Flunkers Have Chance to Make Up English Credit".

Allow me to say that Advanced English Composition E-59, and Committee Reports and Discussion E-55, are not being repeated next term for the purpose indicated in the heading quoted above. They are to be offered as General Studies, and I think it most unfortunate in view of this fact, that they should be stigmatized as "Courses for Flunkers". It is quite possible that some men may so take them, but they were certainly not intended for that purpose primarily by the Committee on Courses of Instruction of which I happen to be the Chairman.

C. H. WARREN.

Alumni Notes

HENRY A. JOHNSON '12

Henry A. Johnson, '12, president and founder of the H. A. Johnson Company, died at his home in Boston after several weeks illness.

Mr. Johnson was a member of course II at the Institute and after graduation he worked as a mechanical engineer in Newburyport, Mass. When the war broke out he enlisted his services and was made master gauge expert in the ordnance department. Later he was made chief inspector testing engineer of the three inch Stokes Mortar. He also carried on research work in determining the quality of the iron for hand grenades.

Shortly after the war he became general superintendent of the Bush Electrical Company, Cleveland, Ohio.



The Lounger stretched luxuriantly back in his armchair after lighting a pipeful of Arcadia mixture and threw the match lackadaisically but none the less accurately into the cuspidor, then gazed for a moment into the waves. He felt the crinkle of new paper under his elbow and was about to chase what he thought was another copy of Voo Doo into the whirlpool after the match when he remembered it might be Tuesday or Friday when Formosa unfailingly left THE TECH on the arm of the Lounger's chair. Formosa, unobtrusively helpful always, had folded the paper to the second page, knowing full well that his master took first delight in seeing where the editorial fancy might roam next, after that touching wail entitled "Let the Immigrant Come."

The Lounger's gaze wandered instinctively to the ten point double column of reading matter directly under the list of worthies. Could anything lend a more literary touch to the leader than the subtle reference in an off-hand manner to a character in a book? The Lounger was not quite sure whether it had been Jean Valjean or Babe Ruth or the hero mentioned who noticed the one-sided effect manning an oar, but he let it go, deciding to look it up later, which of course he forgot to do. It called to the Lounger's mind the memory of nights spent in blissful neglect of mechanism and mathematics, of which Goldsmith muttered, "This seems a science to which the meanest intellects are equal. I forget who it is that says, 'All men might understand mathematics if they would'". However mean the science might be, it could be mean indeed to those who did not apply themselves to it, as the Lounger himself can ruefully confess.

The Lounger must own—nay, almost boast—that the memories that have stayed with him longest since he left his beloved Alma Mater are not the hectic days spent in examination rooms, but the hectic nights that he spent over the composing stone in a room fetid with the odor of burnt gas and type metal of the linotype machines. For once he is more than in tune with the editorial policy of THE TECH.

Commenting on the statement that the "club was very popular last year, when its many dances and social affairs gave it high standing," it is stated that last year's activities consisted of but two dances and three meetings. Concerning the charge that the club is poorly administered, it is admitted that no organization is run to the satisfaction of all concerned, but the officers claim that they have satisfied 99 per cent.

HARVARD WINS GLEE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

(By E. I. N. A.)

Harvard won the Intercollegiate Glee Club contest in New York last Saturday night, beating the Dartmouth organization by only a few points. As this is the third time that the Harvard club has won the cup offered by the University Glee Club of New York, it now goes permanently to the Cambridge singers.

Columbia has taken definite steps, through its daily paper, the Spectator, to organize a drive for a \$2,000,000 stadium. The location of the structure has been chosen on the banks of the Hudson. Only a partial amount of the quota is needed to see the stadium begun.

Sir Philip Gibbs, the noted English war correspondent, spoke at Yale Tuesday on the subject: "What America Means to the World". This is the second of a series of lectures given under the auspices of the Dramatic Association.

The revision of the proposed constitution of the Cornell honor system has been completed and it will be presented to the student body for ratification or rejection. The constitution provides for one body to be known as the Cornell Honor Committee which shall have complete judicial power and whose decisions shall be final. It is hoped in this way to secure greater fairness and more unity of action.

LETTERS AWARDED ATHLETES WHO SHOWED THEIR ABILITY

Awards of T were made to Johnnie DuVernet, who has captained this year's hockey team, to Dan McNeil, last year's captain, and to Allen Addicks, former captain of boxing, as awards for special merit at a meeting of the Advisory Council on Athletics, Wednesday evening at the Engineers Club. The award of T H T was made to Neil McNeil '21, A. F. Taylor '22, W. Cauldwell '22, H. Nickle, and E. Delaney '21, members of the hockey team, and to E. W. Vilett, '22, manager.

In awarding the Ts to the two hockey men, the council expressed the opinion that in a sport as important as hockey, men of the caliber of DuVernet, and McNeil should be recognized in some such way as this, as a token of appreciation. Addicks of the boxing team, it was pointed out, had been the strongest single force in holding together the organization and in keeping up the spirit. Although compelled to withdraw due to injuries sustained in boxing, he has several times offered to fight notwithstanding these, and at Yale the sportmanlike conduct of the team under his guidance so impressed the faculty that it resulted in adopting an entirely different policy in regard to boxing.

A question was brought about the relay team, whose time on the Arena track was 3:47 over the mile. The time of 3:36 qualifies automatically for letters, and their has been some question as to the measurement of the mile. It was decided to postpone awards until it had been decided whether the mile was 11 laps, 87 yards, or 11 laps, 187 feet.

Budgets for teams were discussed, the question being raised as to whether a team which showed a profit at the end of the season might be allowed to keep the residue until the following season, instead of letting it return automatically to the general athletic funds. The proposal was not taken up, as figures show that the economical management of the teams at the Institute depends on the ability to pool all the resources, each team saving what it could, and receiving in return, the full backing of the other teams when a hard season brought a deficit. Thus no manager would incur either liabilities or assets from his predecessor. It was shown by figures that the 18 athletic teams at the Institute were run at a cost of less than one-fifth of that of many New England Colleges and Institutions doing the same work, and that a larger proportion of the student body competed in these than in a great many similar institutions.

NOTICES for Undergraduates

T. C. A. Bible Study Class will meet at 5 o'clock Tuesday in room 2-180. It will be led by Professor Haven.

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