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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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SLEEP

IN casting about for a subject for editorial comment we can find none more pertinent than sleep. It is an excellent topic, for sleep is an activity which needs additional support. Though essential it is apparently unrecognized by the authorities. No provision is made for it in the curriculum; no time is allowed for it in the allocation of hours. It is indeed sadly amiss that the necessity for it is not clearly seen by the powers that be and THE TECH'S duty to champion its cause is plain.

The glee with which all individuals lie down to sleep is hardly complimentary to the world. They rejoice to escape from its irksome tasks and myriad annoyances by seeking refuge in the Lethe of repose. Every night the earth's populace gladly forsakes its native planet. There must be something wrong with this world that everybody gets tired of it in some sixteen hours. Or there must be something powerfully attractive about sleep to draw all mankind away from earthly interests. And again it is singular that man who clings so tenaciously to life should lay himself down so happily to death's counterfeit. The conclusion is inexorable that sleep must be marvelously appealing.

It seems a pity that here at Technology opportunities for indulgence in this delightful pastime are so limited. It is a hardship to dwell in the midst of a city of people who enjoy at least eight hours of sleep every night and be denied that pleasure. To see others rise from their beds like Antaeus from the earth when one is just finishing the Applied or Triple E after a diligent night is Tantalus. The cruel omission of time for sleep from Technology courses creates a desperate need for an interpolation or amendment to the tabular view reserving a few hours each week for this purpose. Formal recognition by the Faculty of sleep as an all-year sport and not a mere vacation pastime and effective measures for its institution here at Technology are imperative. Assignments of home work should be recalculated and this time of a basis of 24 hours to the calendar day. We plead for these reforms that we may have opportunity to enjoy participation in the world's favorite form of relaxation, something that strengthens all that breathe and renders possible the renewed labors of each day, Sleep.

WHY NOT "THE TECHNOLOGY BRIDGE?"

MANY people have wondered why the bridge which forms the main approach to Technology is called "The Harvard Bridge." Whether this name was acquired by christening or by custom is uncertain but it is without doubt an inappropriate one for the structure. If the edifice is to be named after an institution of learning, why should it be one which is two miles away rather than one which is in the immediate neighborhood? It is true that Harvard existed previous to the Institute, but has not Technology done enough for the community to warrant its name being given to the bridge which is at its very doors? The most suitable name would be "The Technology Bridge" and it is hoped that in the future it may be so designated.

RADIO SOCIETY DINES 400 "HAMS"

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Barth, radio engineer for the Wireless Specialty Company; Drs. A. E. Kenelly and V. Bush, and Mr. F. S. Dellenbaugh, Jr., of the Electrical Engineering department.

SIDELIGHTS

Among the guests were Irving Vermilya, "HAA," who does a long shift at a commercial transatlantic

GIVES HUMOROUS READINGS

On Thursday evening of this week, at 6.45, in the library of Walker Memorial, Mr. Copithorne of the English Department will read from the works of Kenneth Grahame, Mark Twain and Charles Dickens. The entire program is of a humorous character.

station at Marion and then works his own station while off duty.

H. H. Maxim '22 was an ardent listener throughout the evening. His father, H. P. Maxim '86, is the "granddaddy" of the amateur wireless.

The Radio MenU consisted of Harmonic Appetizer: QRM de WBF; Roast de T. O. M.; Tubes (Croaked); Counterpoise; Bakelite Slabs; Grid Leeks; Quenched Milk; Pan Cakes, Non Inductive; Rectified Chelsea Mud.

Representatives from Laconia, N.H.; Portland, Me.; Springfield, Radio Association; Essex County Radio Association; Brookline Radio Club; Mystic Valley Radio Club; Worcester County Radio Club; Everett Radio Association; Dartmouth College Radio Club and the Bridgeport Radio Club were present.

The officers of the M. I. T. Radio Society are H. R. Kurth '21, president; C. A. Clarke '21, vice-president; F. D. Webster '22, secretary; and A. F. Shaw '22, treasurer.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Is it fair that an undergraduate publication should be put out by a secret society which holds its meetings behind closed doors and to which outsiders can only be admitted as a member by going through an initiation? Just such a state of affairs exists right now with Voo Doo. Under the heading of the first page for the last two issues there appears the sentence "Published by the Woop-Garoo Society."

Whether such a society is honorary, secret, or at times open to the public, it should not have the power to put out an Institute publication. There is no society at the Institute to which men are elected by competition and this is no exception.

Voo Doo, although run and managed by a clique of Woops, is represented on the Institute Committee. It is obviously wrong but they have got away with it. Action should be taken at once to see that Voo Doo is published by the undergraduate body and not by a secret society. Such a publication should be open to all men of the Institute who care to compete and assurance should be given these men that they are not bossed by set of gentlemen who meet behind closed doors.

It is to be clearly understood that it is not our purpose to kill the Woop-Garoo Society but instead to point out the absolute scandalous manner of a secret society running an undergraduate activity, represented on the Institute Committee, and above all to get away with it before our eyes.

Steps should be taken at once to put the Woop-Garoo Society where it rightfully belongs.

WINTER DEAN '21.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Permit me to call your attention to an article appearing in last Friday's TECH under the heading of "A New Class Day Scandal Averted" in which the writer professes to expose the unworthy plans of several members of the Senior class, whom he accuses of attempting to effect a political organization at a meeting of Seniors of Courses II and XV. The plans were frustrated he concludes, by the action of the meeting itself.

As it is far from the object of this communication to cast any suspicions on the worthy intentions or the honesty of your writer, it must be assumed that he did not attend the meeting in question and was not particularly well informed through other channels as to what occurred. It is unfortunate, feeling as he must have that something should be reported, that he was not present as otherwise he might have avoided printing what amounted to an utter misrepresentation of the facts and of the motives of those chiefly concerned.

In order that he and perhaps some of his readers may not continue to labor under the illusions I should like to state that at no time was it my intention nor to the best of my knowledge the intentions of the others concerned, to organize a political coup such as he charges. Indeed it was for the purpose of frustrating just such action on the part of certain large groups that the meeting was called.

Of the various means suggested to cope with the situation the one finally adopted long before the meeting was held was the one proposed there, namely that organizing for the purpose of controlling elections should be condemned and that in view of the system of balloting any such action on the part of other courses could be most effectively met by a large and representative vote from courses not so organized. A motion was made to this effect and carried without dissent.

HENRY N. HALLETT '21.

To the Editor of THE TECH:—

Had the man who wrote a certain article in the last TECH taken a little more time to search out the underlying causes of the action taken by Courses II and XV in "Averting Class Day Scandal," he would have been able to write a much more interesting, complete, and valuable account of the whole proceeding. In describing such an incident in the history of our undergraduate life care should be taken to set forth the causes as well as the effects, the reasoning employed as well as the conclusions reached, in such a matter as that under discussion, in order that all may read and make it unnecessary to have troublesome repetition in the future.

First, it should by all means be stated in fairness to the courses involved as well as to the leaders who assumed responsibility, that the purpose of the mass meeting called rather hastily on Wednesday, was by no means to organize the courses blindly into a political scramble. The cause, indeed, for the whole action was an aggressive move of this nature on the part of another Course,

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heretofore not mentioned. Since similar action by this Course had not been unknown or without effect in the past, it was felt by very many members of other courses, earnestly desirous of seeing fair-play and the best results in the coming elections, that some decisive step should be taken, even to the extent of fighting with the same weapons. Various means were considered for combating the unionized element, and a mass meeting was called for the purpose of setting forth the conclusions finally reached by the leaders, namely that organization should be regarded as undesirable.

Two wrongs do not make a right; nor does any unwise action on the part of a second and third course, correct what was possibly the same for a first. It is not the purpose of this communication to judge or even criticize the first action taken. Indeed it is quite too early in the game of using the Hare System of voting to state that best results can be obtained either by one or another method. It is certain, nevertheless, that class organizations for the purpose of elections are troublesome, likely to misuse by selfish politicians, and conducive to a spirit of hostility among courses at the Institute, which is anything but exemplary of the finest Tech spirit. These points therefore, the leaders were prepared to present at the meeting in question, whereupon it decided to refrain from all forms of organization whatsoever, as regards the two Courses in question. Any course organization which attempted to make mechanical the entire voting of the members of the course was felt to be unnecessary and unwise, as well as highly impracticable, and it was in fact definitely decided that as far as the influences of Courses II and XV could be made to reach, the intrinsic fairness of the Hare System would not be impeached. It is to be hoped that the results as set forth in the TECH may not stop with "averting" the so-called "new" Class Day Scandal, but may be regarded by those seeking guidance in the future as a step toward its elimination altogether.

L. W. CONANT '21.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In view of various statements which have been made during the past month relative to the failure of Mr. Maconi to fulfill the duties of Treasurer of the T. A. C. in a satisfactory manner, the Finance Committee deems it advisable to issue this statement at this time: After a thorough investigation of the books and records of the T. A. C. it has been found that Mr. Maconi has adequately fulfilled the duties of Treasurer of the T. A. C., as specified in the Constitution of that organization.

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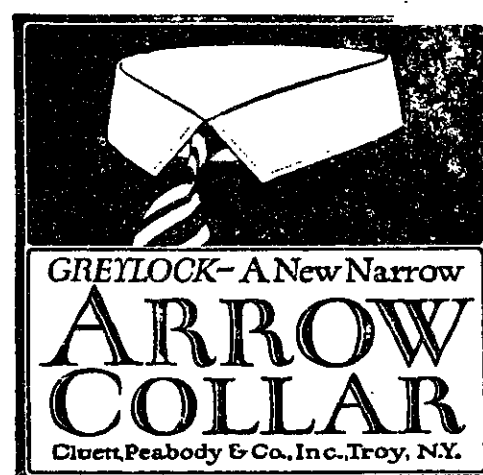
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