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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE
J. Magee, Jr.....R. E. Rubins

Monday, October 17, 1921

The Editor says:

Many of us are now wondering whether to call Frank Coach Kanaly or Professor Kanaly.

ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER

Broadly speaking, students at Technology may be classified as of two distinct and well differentiated groups There is one class, all too numerous perhaps, whose advent to the Institute was apparently occasioned by a deep and irresistable desire to unravel such things as the mystery surrounding the effect of catalysis upon the production of tetramethalammonium hydroxide, or to cherish deep within their mental classification lists the exact value of Avogadro's constant.

To this class the All-Technology Smoker held Friday evening, in the main hall of Walker, probably meant little or nothing, serving in no way to disentangle their differential equations, or to lucidify their contemplatons on entropy.

But to that large and ever-increasing class whose advent to Technology was occasioned by something deeper than a desire for the mere acquisition of the minute yet indispensable impedimenta of scientific engineering, whose ideals tend, not to the pursuits of the grind, but to the achievement of some destiny in the world of men and of affairs, to these men the All-Technology Smoper presented an opportunity which they could ill afford to ignore.

The spirit which characterizes Technology has been described, and not altogether without reason, as Spartan. An institution devoted, as Tech is, to the stimulation and propagation of scientific research, can hardly afford to indulge in the school-boy type of sentimentalism so characterized of many schools and colleges. Yet it is the spirit that makes the school no less than the man, and he who goes forth from Tech unimbued with its spirit of dynamic resourcefulness, that passion of scientific truth for truth's sake, though he be wiser than a Steinmetz or an Edison in things technical, yet he will have not the kernel, but the husk, of an education.

The All-Technology Smoker, inaugurating the scholastic activities of the year, presented on unparalleled opportunity not only to the new men but to the older men who have been more or less remiss in this respect in the past, to identify themselves definitely with the active life of Technology.

At the smoker one obtained not only a broad and synthesized outlook upon the various activities which constitute the social life of the Institute, but took the first step to a clearer understanding of that spirit which is so peculiarly identified with Tech, a spirit which is potent, not in the production of the grind but in the development of a well rounded, resourceful human personality.

FOUR YEARS' PHYSICAL TRAINING

All of us who entered the Institute as freshmen remember, possibly with unpleasant clarity, the two afternoons a week during most of the first year that we were compelled to hie ourselves up to the gym for an hour of gymnastic exercise under the patient direction of Mr. Kanaly. All of us do not remember, however, the effect those two hours each week had upon our physical condition throughout that year. Unfortunately, the human body will not tolerate a partiality toward mental work. However capable the brain may be, it will not attain any degree of efficiency unless the rest of the system be exercised proportionately. At most other institutions, where scholastic work is not concentrated and there is plenty of spare time for athletics, this consideration can be overlooked; but here at the Institute the curriculum seems to have influenced student life enough to eliminate any general physical recreation whatsoever. With no appreciation of these facts, we heaved a deep sigh when the course was finished, consigned it to the worries of the incoming freshmen, and considered ourselves all set for the academic work ahead of us. An epidemic of staleness was the result.

It is now our disagreable but dutiful task to inflict upon ourselves a required four-year course in physical training—disagreable because nobody likes to be told how to do such a childish thing as exercise, dutiful because it is being demonstrated that the majority of us will not exercise unless we are told to. It has been suggested that the Department of Military Science undertake to develop work of this kind as a phase of the instruction it is now giving. Of course, the advisability of such a step can better be determined by the proper authorities; but the idea of making the training as useful as possible seems at first hand to be a good one. As is now the case in the freshman gym course, candidates for the various athletic teams should be exempted from further exercise. We have in this connection, incidentally, strong probability of more material and better teams. But these details can be evolved later. The important consideration is the undeniable need for the course and the desirability of having it received in the right spirit. Engineering is a strenuous profession. It behooves us to condition ourselves for the practice of it while at the same time we can obviate the necessity of trying to crowd knowledge into a sluggish head.

Several large universities and prominent technical schools already have a four-year physical training requirement in their curriculum. The incorporation of one at M. I. T., therefore, could not be considered something new, although its inception among the students would be remarkable.

The Lounger believes that the smoker Friday was one of the best which has been held in Walker. From the time the gang first began to pitch Mrs. King's checkers around until the last words of our new Dean the whole crowd seemed to have a good time. The most satisfying cigarettes were voted to be the five thousand purchased by THE TECH. However, after the startling exposure of the ham sandwiches in THE TECH, the committee decided that it would be unwise to carry out their orignal idea of patronizing the ham trust.

From the hearty contribution of the Delta Taus to the affair the Lounger would recommend that they run a smoker of their own as it would be an assured success. When they can rake up a jazz band like the one they have they should do something more worth while than serenading the Dorms when everyone else is busy composing a letter to his girl. The East and West boxers should be able to put any other combination out of business. The Lounger thinks that if the committee members put as much effort into this work as they do into lugging home carload lots of smokes after the smoker that there could not be a better smoker run. No one was bored by the excessive amount of talk which is something that can be said of very few gatherings.

The indoor tennis on the balcony suggests a possible use for tennis balls when the courts are being used for swimming or Frosh wading lessons. Mrs. King suggests that this winter the court might be flooded and used for skating, thus saving running over to Boston for practice. We all know that it would hold the water all right We would appreciate other such suggestions in regard to the pond on the other side. Some one has suggested stocking it with fish.

MAYOR THANKS INSTITUTE FOR ITS COOPERATION

In appreciation of the co-operation shown by the Institute last Wednesday in helping the City of Cambridge celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary, a letter has been received from the mayor. Over 300 ex-service men at the Institute participated in the parade held on the holiday, and the reviewing stand was placed on Charles River Road facing the Technology buildings.

The letter received is as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Cambridge Massachusetts
October 14, 1921
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of Cambridge as a City is over and the celebration has exceeded our fondest expectations. We recognize how materially the presence of your organization in the parade added to the occasion. I have heard from officials and spectators, everywhere, words of commendation and praise of your efforts to make the parade what it was, the best ever held in Cambridge.

Will you please convey to the members of your organization my deep appreciation of their efforts and how grateful all our people are because of their presence with us on this occasion.

Very Sincerely yours,
(Signed) EDWARD W. QUINN,
Mayor.

ALUMNI NOTES

Charles W. Whitley '91, vice-president of the American Smelting and Refining Company and in charge of the company's plants throughout the country, died at the St. Luke's Hospital, New York, after returning a short time ago from a four weeks' trip to Mexico.

After graduating from Technology Mr. Whitley was for a time engineer for the Chicago City Railways. Then he went to Helena, Montana, to be engaged by the Montana Power Company and later he was transfered to the American Smelting and Refining Company. In 1919 he was made vice-president and was called to New York. He was a member of the Bankers' Club, the Sleepy Hollow Club, the Engineers' Club, and American Institute of Mining Engineering.

He is survived by hs wife, two sons, and two daughters.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

A list of the 125 upperclassmen heading the waiting list for T. C. A. Handbooks has been posted in the main lobby and the men named may secure their Handbooks by calling at the T. C. A. office between 1.30 and 2 o'clock or 4.30 and 5 o'clock any day this week. However, Handbooks will be held for them until Thursday at 4.30, after which time they will be given to anyone on the waitng list calling for one.

All candidates for Golf Team report in Room 10-275, Monday, Oct. 17, at 5 o'clock.

The first trip of the year for Corporation XV will be to the Waltham Watch works on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. There will be two groups each limited to 30 men, one for Tuesday and one for Wednesday. Sign up on the poster on the bulletin board. The trip will leave from the lobby at 2 o'clock.

There will be two vacancies for sophomore assistant managers of the rifle team, which are to be filled by competition. Candidates may report today at the M. I. T. A. A. office between 12 and 2 o'clock.

Directory Cards from which copy for the Student Directory is made, have not been made out by all the students. These should be filed in the Information Office at once.

Unless the students co-operate in filing their addresses promptly, the Directory of Students cannot be published in time to make it of service. File your directory card now.

WOMEN HOLD TEA FOR CO-EDS

The Women's Association held a welcoming tea to the undergraduate women Friday afternoon in the Emma Rogers room. The guests of honor were Mrs. E. F. Nichols. Mrs. H. P. Talbot, Mrs. A. E. Little, Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mrs. E. B. Wilson and Mrs. Edward Cunningham.

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Conference in Yonkers

A. L. Johnson '22 left Thursday afternoon and W. M. Ross and C. W. Pipkin, left Friday to attend the Middle Atlantic and New England Field Conference of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at Yonkers, New York. It is the first time a joint conference has been held by these organizations. This is the fall conference and will be followed in the spring by another meeting when officers will be elected to plan for the next year's work.

COLLEGE WOMEN MEET

The Technology Women's Association was represented at a meeting of the Boston Branch of the American Association of College Women held at the Walnut Hill School Saturday afternoon. Dean Ada Comstock of Smith College, president of the Association, was the principal speaker, and talked on subjects concerning the development of the Association.

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