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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

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Monday, November 7, 1921

VARSITY FOOTBALL ADVISABLE

At this, the biggest time of the sport year, when varsity football teams of all caliber are clashing all over the country, there is hardly a man at Technology who does not ask himself the question, "Why haven't we a varsity football team at Technology?" Thus the question comes up every year, rooted in a belief that varsity football would not only be a real asset to Technology but also that it could be put into practical operation.

To a great many men who would really like to see varsity football played at Technology the question of adequate time for practice seems to be a stumbling block. I do not think that this should be the case. As more than seventy per cent of the student body is free from class room work at 4 o'clock, practice could be from 4 o'clock until dark, a period of about an hour and twenty minutes. A good snappy practice of an hour and twenty minutes every day, under a good coach, should be adequate to put out a first-class varsity football team. A short intensive practice is considered by a number of coaches, in this country, to be superior to a long grueling practice, which overworks the men and leaves them "stale." The varsity football squads of both the United States Naval and Military Academies have only an hour of practice each day. These institutions nearly always have very good teams.

It has often been said by Technology graduates, that the average Technology man does not make as good an executive as the Yale or Princeton man, although his technical training is better. We are repeatedly told by Technology alumni, that it is only by continually touching elbows with our fellow students, in a spirit of co-operation and good fellowship that we acquire the qualities necessary for the man who is to control men.

It is not hard to see that varsity football would unite us as no other activity could; would broaden the outlook of the average Technology man and help greatly to supply the elements which would make him a better "mixer." All the Technology Alumni realize what varsity football would do for Technology and that if the student body would show a real interest in its promotion, its advent would be attained.

As to the actual cost of financing varsity football, Dr. E. P. Rowe, secretary of the advisory council on athletics, estimated that about five thousand dollars would be necessary to meet all football expenses during the first year. It would be advisable to have a large grand stand for spectators, but until varsity football should be established on a firm basis, the present stands, with some enlargements, might be made to do. A loan from the alumni would make possible the first year or two of football. After that time, varsity football would not only be self-supporting but would be a great source of income.

LIAISON

There should be closer connection than exists between the books added to the Walker Gymnasium Library and the books wanted by the men who use the library. This statement is made without any intention of criticizing the selection of books to be found there. It would be hard to pick an equal number of volumes that meet more thoroughly the demand for information and entertainment put upon them than these do. They show that they have been bought in an intelligent manner and with a view to the tastes of the men who read them. But it would be an aid and inspiration in making additions if there were some way of selecting a group of books especially desired by the student body. The titles of such books could easily be compiled on a set of cards or in a journal kept in the library room, where any one might enter his wishes concerning the addition of books. By means of this record the next purchase of books could be made to include such as are most likely to be used.

It is not by any means suggested that only books requested should be added to the library. It is unquestionable that many books which are there now and are of great use would not be asked for unless specially suggested. But it is equally certain that the general trend of the purchases of new books can be profitably guided by some indicator which will show just what books are most to the taste of the men who use the library. And the simplest way of finding out the books in demand is the installation of a record in which men may freely ask for the books they want.

TECH NIGHT

The chairman and committee in charge of Tech Night are to be very highly congratulated on the way the entire performance was run. The absence of unpleasant incidents which have been so noticeable at other Tech Nights is indeed commendable.

The people in the cast and chorus showed a remarkably fine spirit in the way they reacted to the atmosphere of the occasion. We sincerely hope that future Tech Night committees will profit by the example set at last Friday's performance.

Business Brightens— For the Undertaker

To the most ignoble ruffian, editor of that despicable collection of typographical errors, Technique: Greetings:

"To fight is to pray" as one of your reprehensible heelers once misquoted. After a perusal of your dastardly challenge the benevolence of our magnanimous souls forces us to notify your degenerate gang of debilitated drones that we, virtuous and respectable TECHITES all, intend to unite in prayer on Wednesday next, in order that the more energetic of your slothful crew may have sufficient time to engage proper conveyance for themselves and comrades to their respective hospitals and morgues. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this—the impenetrable dullness and natural inability of the aforementioned challengers makes necessary such a warning in all humanity.

However, before crushing into the ooze of eternal oblivion our altogether ridiculous antagonists, we are obliged to present one immutable demand that you keep your indescribably degenerate personages out of the sight of our pure and undefiled warriors in order that our contempt for such degenerate stuff may not cause us to utterly annihilate you even before the night set for your destruction.

Furthermore, allow us to advise that you caution all to hold back the pestilential torrent of oaths so customary to your "men." Let them rather seek deep into their brown bags, and amuse themselves with slide rule and log table until such time as we see fit to show them up as the negligible increments that they are.

Condescendingly yours,
A. J. BROWNING,
General Manager of THE TECH.

Fifty-one per cent. of the students of Washington State earn all of their expenses, according to an investigation by the alumni secretary. Only seventeen per cent. of the men students get along without any outside work. It is stated that ninety per cent. of the hired domestic service in the homes of the college town is done by college students.

Intercollegiate Notes

Professor Lough of N. Y. U. is at work revising the system of marking used at that university. He is working on the basis that a teacher's mood will influence the grade he gives the particular paper he is marking. Also, some instructors generally mark lower or higher than others. He plans a system whereby if the grades of a certain instructor in any department seem to average lower than the marks of the other ones in the department, he will be requested to take notice. This also works both ways, an instructor who marks too high being also notified of the fact.

Ohio State has a "French House," where the students who are taking French may live. In it, only French is spoken at all times. Washington State, and Middlebury College also have these unique establishments. The Middlebury College French School is one of the foremost in the country, a degree of M. A. being given there by the French Government.

Goucher College, Baltimore, which has long been a "college without a campus" now has a "campus without a college," a new tract of land having been purchased in the suburbs of the city. The only problem now remaining to them is to coordinate the two and get the college on the campus. They plan to accomplish this within the next four years if possible.

One of the strange traditions of Knox College is the observance of "Rough Neck Week." At this time, which comes in the spring, all razors and cosmetics are given a vacation, and beards and shiny or complexionless skins are allowed to flourish to the maximum.

ALUMNI NOTES

DIRECTS VETERAN'S BUREAU

Arthur D. Dean '95, has been appointed assistant director of the Veterans' Bureau in charge of the Rehabilitation Division. Previous to his appointment Mr. Dean has held the chair of Vocational Training at Columbia University. For eight years he has been State Director of Vocational Education of the State of New York, in charge of all vocational schools aided by the state.

Mr. Dean obtained his experience in vocational work by actual contact with the shop men. He worked in stores and on farms and spent one year in a shoe factory as an ordinary laborer in order to get the workman's point of view. He recently completed a survey for the New York State prison. He served as a major in the war in charge of the reconstruction work in the United States army hospitals. An honorary degree was conferred upon him by the Alfred University.

Builds Up University

Thomas C. Atwood '97, is now engaged in designing and supervising the erection of new buildings for the University of North Carolina. Among the various facilities he is to add are a complete heating system, water supplies and sewage disposal systems. Mr. Atwood has large force of engineers under his direction, a few of whom are Tech men.

NOTICES

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The T. E. N. needs more men in all departments and new candidates have equal chances of making a position. All new candidates will meet in the T. E. N. office, Walker 27, Tuesday, November 8th, at 5 o'clock.

The first practice for the gym team will be held today from 5 to 6 o'clock in the Walker Gymnasium. Freshmen taking gym team work in place of physical training are required to attend.

Wives of Men Studying at the Institute are asked to bring their work and join the undersigned in the Emma Rogers Room, Wednesday afternoons in November, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock. The husbands are welcome for tea.

Mrs. Edward Cunningham
Mrs. John B. Christian
Mrs. James R. Jack
Mrs. Edward F. Miller
Mrs. Leonard M. Passano
Mrs. Wallace M. Ross

There will be a meeting of all section leaders of the freshman class at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the T. C. A. office, Walker.

A T. C. A. Cabinet meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the T. C. A. office, Walker.

A limited number of tickets for the Armistice Dance may be obtained in the main lobby this morning from 9 to 12 o'clock.

THE PIPE OF THE CENTURY

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POWER PLANTS VISITED

The Electrical Engineering Society will conduct two trips, tomorrow and Wednesday, to the South Boston Power Station and the Dewey Sub-station of the Boston Elevated Railway Company. These are the largest stations of the company now in operation and thus contain much interesting equipment. The letter of introduction calls the attention of all who are going, to the fact that the company will not be responsible for injury or loss of property while on the trip.

Men who have signed up for these trips will meet in the west end of the main lobby at 1:30 o'clock and receive directions before proceeding to the first station.

WILL VISIT BERGER PLANT

Under the auspices of the Civil Engineering Society a limited number of students will visit the Berger instrument works of Boston, makers of surveying and precision measuring instruments, this month.

E. H. McCreery '22, president of the society, believes that this is an exceptional opportunity for students taking surveying to learn the construction of transits. Announcement of the date of the trip will be made later.

AT THE THEATRES

TREMONT: "The Love Letter," 8:15. Somewhat romantic musical comedy with John Charles Thomas, late of "Apple Blossoms." To be reviewed in the next issue.

COLONIAL: "Two Little Girls in Blue," 8:15. The Fairbanks Twins and others return to please those who have seen them and those who have not. To be reviewed in the next issue.

HOLLIS: "Mary Rose," 8:15. Ruth Chatterton in Barrie's much-talked-of fantasy. To be reviewed in the next issue.

COPLEY: "A Woman of No Importance," 8:15. A satire by a genius replaces a comedy by a wit. To be reviewed in the next issue.

ARLINGTON: "Aida," 8:15. The ever-welcome favorite, sung in English at reasonable prices for those who know where to find a good thing.

WILBUR: "The Rose Girl," 8:15. An amusing musical comedy playing to crowded houses. Good music, good show.

SHUBERT: "The Passing Show of 1921," 8:00. A Winter Garden show of girls and music. One of the best of the "Passing Shows."

PLYMOUTH: "The Bad Man," 8:20. Holbrook Blinn comes from a long run in New York as a kind-hearted bad man of the prairies.

ST. JAMES: "Three Faces East," 8:15. A story of spies and the war. This play was well received at its previous Boston showing. Reviewed in Wednesday issue.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Two weeks beginning Monday, Nov. 7, the San Carlo Grand Opera Co. offers a series of 15 operas. Nov. 7, "Carmen," Nov. 8, "La Boheme."

KEITHS: Vaudeville. Babe Ruth heads the bill for the week. Reviewed Wednesday.

MAJESTIC: A mixed bill of Shubert vaudeville. Reviewed Wednesday.

FENWAY: "The Great Impersonation," James Kirkwood and Ann Forest take the leads in this great drama.

"The Poor Relation." Will Rogers in another of his big hits.

SELWYN: "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Mary keeps it in the family. To be reviewed shortly.

GLOBE: "The Three Musketeers." Doug moves, in truth he moves more than any other Frenchman we ever saw.



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