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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE
H. L. Bond, L. B. Leighton

Monday, December 5, 1921

THE HUMAN ELEMENT

The human element in industry is spoken of quite often at Technology. All matters pertaining to industry deserve consideration in an engineering school. Yet, there is a very evident disregard for something which is of more vital concern: the human element in education. Technical students are as human as students of the arts, and there is no reason why attention should not be given to the aspect of their nature which demands more than the constant inculcation of the contents of text books. Nevertheless, there is a disregard for this human element which is vaguely observed by the entering student, and which impresses itself more and more upon him as time goes on. It may be argued that this state of affairs tends toward efficiency. Still Columbia University, where a quite opposite condition prevails, has seldom been accused of inefficient work. It is not any definite policy which is at fault. The trouble lies in a lack of interest on the part of many members of the faculty and results largely from the avowed purpose to "treat the students as men, not as boys." "Men" are not inhuman, however. There are the cases where encouragement is needed and absolute discouragement is given; where indifference to the student's trials is shown when a few minutes of clarifying explanation would set things to running smoothly again; where no attempt is made by a lecturer to make his discourse interesting when a slight amount of added effort would make the oft-recurring lecture hour something less to be dreaded. The instructor who tells a man that he has no possible chance of passing a course should, perhaps, be praised for his frankness. But he is doing an injury to the student. Unless the fellow has reached the stage where a failure, more or less, is of little import to him, the knowledge of the hopelessness of any further work can-

not but have a bad effect on his other course. A few minutes spent in pointing out the man's weakness would have inestimably greater benefit. Even if there is no chance of his passing, telling him so does no good. It may be a first "offense." It is erroneously assumed by many instructors that it is possible for every student who is interested in his work to give earnest attention during an entire lecture hour, despite the fact that the lecture may be an uninteresting recitation of more uninteresting statements. Only too often, the student cannot be blamed if his mind wanders to distant regions. Unless the sole purpose of the lecturer is to say his little piece and get off the stage, he ought to attempt to make his lectures more than the mere relation of scientific data.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:
Last Monday afternoon marked the third deplorable instance within a month of uninspired and lifeless cheering and singing of our Alma Mater at Technology gatherings. "Tech is Hell." However, along with a number of other aspirants I hope to step from the frying pan to the fire next year and a waning Tech spirit is not a pleasant memory. About a year ago in a communication published in these columns we were asked whether or not the three "Technologies" had been erased from "the regular M. I. T." It was again omitted Monday. Since when has the freshman become an authority on pipe smoking? I can name numerous institutions where this luxury is not even allowed to freshmen. I need not recall other instances, they are too painful, but who is the "Tech Man" who cannot master a few songs and cheers?
C. W. GREENING '22.

To the Editor of THE TECH:
As the would-be artist who created the Voo Doo poster picturing a Chinaman with a queue, I feel that a very humble apology is due to any Chinese students who took offense at the drawing. I have had the fortune to travel a little and know what it is to be a foreigner, and I hope never to be accused of causing friction between foreigners and natives. Every American student knows how hard-working, conscientious and clever, the average Chinese student is; we need only to look around us here at Technology to verify this statement. How a cartoon portraying a smiling Chinaman to illustrate the slogan "Get the Voo Doo Smile" could in any way lessen the truth of this fact is beyond estimation. In the first place our friends seem to be misled into believing that this picture is to be a cover. It was merely one of the many posters to announce the coming of the last issue. As for the queue, why, every would-be artist needs all the help he can get to make his picture real. Without the queue no one would have recognized the cartoon as that of a smiling Chinaman. Why did we draw a Chinaman? Simply because we don't want them to miss out on the Voo Doo Smile. If our friends perchance saw any of the other posters, they undoubtedly noticed that we have shown no partiality towards them; numerous others have been misrepresented, and no one more often or as badly as the American himself. A cartoon is an exaggeration of the characteristics of a man—not a display of his shortcomings. Again we most humbly apologize and sincerely hope that the writers of the recent communication and any others who believe likewise will reflect and look upon the drawing in the spirit of mutual good will rather than friendly razzing.
A. W. K. BILLINGS, JR., '24.
Voo Doo Publicity Manager.

At last the Lounger has found some useful details for the Frosh wielders of the mighty Springfield. While they have not been visible of late due to the inability of the air service to find a way of heating the air on the parade ground, their education has been progressing rapidly. Soon they will become acquainted with an engineering feature of the lanky species, hear some Putty stories, and learn the law of Penny-ante. After this their education and edification will be complete. The service which the Lounger suggests for them after this work is outlined below. First due to the many robberies that are occurring daily by bandits, and due to the fact that Uncle will soon begin to reap in many cubits of filthy lucre, drop-forged and otherwise, Company A will see that



no such interferences will take place. For this purpose they will be armed with the G. P. F. Engineer Trench Mortar Howitzer which is guaranteed to injure no one. Any one who is hurt can get his money back so the Lounger has heard. Secondly, Company D will form the body guard of the Wellesley hounds as they set forth to lay their tribute at the shrine of the mighty inn. It will not be necessary for this detail to remain on duty until the return of the 10:00 train as the gang will be bankrupt by that time. Of a different nature is the duty of Company C. It is to distribute itself at the stands of THE TECH to be sure that all persons obtaining a copy of the Lounger either have a gray card or else dispose of half a car face in the box. Company D will have charge of the enforcing of the State laws. This includes the no swimming law in the canal of Building 3 the Sniques Rougues' Gallery act, the instructors' Blue Card Law and such other acts of legislation as the Corporation XV directors may pass.

Hermione Drops us a Line

Dear Daddy Lounger:
I know that you are such a sweet old fogey that you will let us tell the community what the Tek Koeds are doing in the literary line. We are going to start a paper the cost of which is to be one cent an hour for each hour, including overtime of 0 preparation courses, of the Tech year. We shall hang out for the present in Madge's dive on the third floor of building ten. All junk must be in the hands of the receiver before Max calls in the morning. We shall attempt to decipher all names on communications, but will not be responsible if we fail. Advertising will be at cut rates if you have a mileage book. We shall offer 36 miles of waste line for 16 cents. We shall undertake and oversee the work of remodeling the Hoo Doo to conform with our idea of proper literature for young gentlemen to send to young ladies. Meetings for the exchange of gossip will be held in the Lenox Grill. Knowing how you fail for good looking girls I am,
Hermione,
Waiting for a date.

Intercollegiate Notes

The University of Toronto recently conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Lord Byng, the newly appointed Governor General of Canada. Lord Byng arrived at the university in the forenoon and was met by the President and several members of the staff and escorted on a short tour of the buildings before being welcomed in the Convocation Hall by 450 returned ex-service men. The ceremony was attended by the Board of Governors of the university, members of the Senate and of the Governor's staff. His excellency was presented with the degree of LL.D. by Sir Robert Falconer.

Send College News by Wireless
The East trails behind the West, at least in one respect. The Pacific Intercollegiate Press Association is now using wireless to transmit messages from school to school in the Pacific coast region. The messages are relayed from state to state. Those of the middle West are considering doing this, also.

Girls Wear Knickers on Campus
Knickers have been adopted as the prevailing style for young ladies at the University of Wisconsin.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Candidates for the Publicity Department of the M. I. T. A. report to C. G. Williams '22, publicity manager, in the M. I. T. A. office at 5 o'clock today. All men intending to try out for the cast of Tech Show should indicate their intention of doing so by reporting to room 4-370 between 3 and 4 o'clock, as tryouts are concluded today. Announcements concerning the chorus tryouts will be made on the main bulletin board. All men who wish to keep in touch with the Tech Show tryouts should do so by means of the Tech Show bulletin board in the main lobby. Ex-service men who served in the 2nd Division in France will have a special and important meeting tomorrow at 8 o'clock in the Army and Navy Club at 10 Park Square. The regular business meeting of the Advisory Council on Athletics will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 1921, at the Engineers' Club, 2 Commonwealth Avenue, at 7:30 o'clock. The Lynn Concert of the Musical Clubs will be held tonight. Members are requested to be at the North Station in time to take the train which leaves for Lynn at 7:05 o'clock. The Executive Committee and Section Leaders of the Class of 1924 will meet in 10-275 today at 4 o'clock.

Members of one sorority recently appeared on the campus dressed in knickerbockers, waist and jacket costumes. They attended classes, strolled about the campus and departed themselves in their usual seemly manner. General commendation was extended to them by the whole campus for the inauguration of the new and comfortable style.

"Cut Systems" in Girls' Colleges
At the conference of women's colleges which was held last week at Simmons, many items of interest were taken up relating to the life of the various institutions. Cut systems particularly held the attention of the delegates. Vassar is in the midst of a novel experiment in attendance, which they call "the privilege of voluntary attendance." Girls are required to hand in no excuses of absence, and only as a matter of courtesy do they need to explain absence to the professor. Connecticut college has a somewhat similar system, except that absence from one-third of the lectures automatically flunks a girl in that course. Most colleges, however, have strict cutting systems with various penalties for overcutting.

BOSTON STOCK COMPANY IN "COME OUT OF THE KITCHEN"

"Come Out of the Kitchen" is a play full of humor and pathos and an enchanting sweetness that lingers long in memory. It is Cinderella of the modern day played under the soft skies of Virginia, which somehow seem to conjure up pictures of lovers and music and tenderness and happiness. From the beginning we learn to like the four young Dangerfields who inherited the old Virginia home with its memories, past glories, and a heavy burden of debts and mortgages, the latter about to be foreclosed. Something must be done, and quickly; so they rent the place to a rich young man from the North, who stipulates that they must furnish with the house, a retinue of white servants. But white help is hard to find, so to save the day, or rather the old home, they themselves become the hired servants. Olivia, under the name of Jane Ellen and the guise of an Irish cook, is in the kitchen. Her sister, Elizabeth, becomes the house maid and the two brothers, Charles and Paul, are respectively the "boots" and the butler. The rich Northerner arrives, bringing guests with him, and the pseudo servants have many a struggle to hold their tempers at the treatment received from some of the guests. A delightful love story develops between Olivia and the new tenant, and the scenes in the kitchen are gloriously funny. It is only a word or a situation and the humor blends softly into pathos as the colors of a beautiful sunset blend into smiling landscapes.

AT THE THEATRES

COLONIAL: "Tip Top." Fred Stone. Advance good.
TREMONT: "Only 38." A comedy of New England. Sort of bringing up mother.
HOLLIS: 8:15. "Mr. Pim Passes By." Miss Crews stars in A. A. Milne's comedy.
PLYMOUTH: "The Bad Man." Holbrook Blinn as a businesslike bandit.
ST. JAMES: "Come Out of the Kitchen." Advance in this issue.
WILBUR: "The Nightcap." A comedy of murder. Good stuff.
SELWYN: 8:15. Thurston, the magician.
COPLEY: "Bunt Pulls the Strings." The return of an old favorite.
ARLINGTON: The Boston Society of Singers presents "Tales of Hoffman."
SYMPHONY HALL: Dec. 6, at 8:15. Cecelia Society will perform the "Damnation of Faust." Dec. 7, at 8:15. Piano recital by Rachmanoff. Benefit of Radcliffe College endowment.
MAJESTIC: 8:00. Nora Bayes will again entertain with her popular comic songs.
KEITH'S: 8:00. Alexander and the Leightner Girls top an all-star bill.
FENWAY: (Mon., Tues., Wed.) Eugene O'Brien in "Clay Dollars" and "The Invisible Power" with House Peters.

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