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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE
E. W. Reynolds.....H. G. Burt

Monday, January 30, 1922

THE MORALITY OF CRIBBING

Among all the difficult problems to be faced by the individual at any collegiate institution; problems which must be solved by the individual himself, cribbing is perhaps the most unpleasant. It is a persistent and constant source of difficulty and ease of accomplishment makes it all the more difficult to combat. It would be the blindest boast to assert that there is no cribbing at Technology, but only the most hopeless pessimist would say that it is a common practice. Unpleasant as the subject is, it must be viewed fairly, and met with open eyes.

When a course is uninteresting, and in relation to other courses is unimportant, when the student sees no benefit to be derived from spending time in preparation for quizzes which are regarded only in the light of necessary evils, the temptation to pass by cribbing is great. It is severe to condemn any man who peers over his neighbor's shoulder or at an unobtrusive cuff as inherently dishonest. But if the question is viewed in a strictly moral sense, a man who uses unauthorized aid must be censured for grave weakness. Every quiz comes not only as a test of knowledge, but also as a test of character.

The undergraduate, falling heir to the weaknesses of the flesh, does not always look at the question in this light. Men for whom he has the highest regard are often found to crib. Sad to say they often make a joke of it, and boast of their accomplishments. It is regarded as a clever exploit. Unfortunate and misplaced boast! No gentleman can be proud of petty cribbing. The foundation of the exultation is invariably shame, and its purpose to find support and consolation for a questioning conscience.

To the young man beginning his career at the Institute the pitfalls are legion. He has not the perspective to realize the effect of petty dishonesty. It is human to seek the path of least resistance, and unless he has had unusual experience in meeting and deciding the question of strict integrity, it is only too easy for him to fall into the bad habit of cheating. He is exposed at an early date to the department of Military Science where honesty in quizzes becomes a joke, and expert cribbing is the order of the day. Finding the net results as expressed in grades very satisfactory the path to H's becomes smooth in other courses. Here lies the gravest danger. Incidents multiply, and the habit of viewing his own dishonesty with complacency gets easier as time goes on.

The responsibility of the instructor in this question is never greater than with those men who are at the beginning of their higher education. In the engineering professions, integrity is taken as a matter of course, and is a point of pride. The subject matter amassed in the brain of the student does not result in education. Learning is a valuable acquisition, but is of small value if the student has not learned that the true motive of education is the formation of character. Too many instructors either lose sight of this motive, or take honesty as a matter of course, having forgotten the time when they were faced with the decision.

No amount of lecturing or preaching can make an honest man. Each individual must decide for himself as the incident arises. If he keeps the true motive of education always in mind, there is only one way to solve the dilemma, and the satisfaction of good grades can never equal the satisfaction of knowing in his own heart that he has thrown over a chance to crib.

POPULARITY OF CONFERENCE IDEA PROVEN BY ATTENDANTS

The conference form of meeting for professional societies proved popular when inaugurated by the Aero Society on Friday night. Following short talks by Air Service officers on airplane motors, the members of the society engaged in an informal discussion which continued over an hour. The "Aero Dugout" was filled to capacity.

Major McDonnell explained the theory of the gas engine, enumerating the events of the various cycles and diagraming the construction of the internal combustion engine.

Different Engines Discused

The principal advantages of the various types of engines in the "dugout" were outlined by Captain Wright, the ability of the rotary engine to be flown without previously being warmed up, and the compactness of the radial type being touched upon.

The Aero Society plans to hold similar conferences every two weeks in addition to one or two smokers a term. The scene of the next conference will probably be the Wind Tunnel.

START FRATERNITY BASKETBALL TOMORROW

The inter-fraternity basketball season starts tomorrow. J. W. Streider '22, manager of the Lamda Chi Alpha team, is in charge of the three leagues, which include the eleven fraternity teams. The leagues are the Beacon, Cambridge, and Commonwealth.

The Beacon league includes the Sigma Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Upsilon, and Kappa Sigma fraternity teams. The Cambridge league includes the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Beta Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, and Theta Delta Chi teams. Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, and Lambda Chi Alpha teams compose the Commonwealth league.

The schedule follows:

Tuesday, January 31—Sigma Chi vs. Kappa Sigma; Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Delta Upsilon.

Thursday, February 2—Delta Kappa Epsilon vs. Delta Tau Delta; Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

Tuesday, February 7—Phi Beta Epsilon vs. Theta Delta Chi.

NOTICES
FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Night Editor in Charge of the next issue of THE TECH is A. B. Alland, Brookline 4176R. All matters concerning the issue should be referred to him.

Tech Show Orchestra practice will be held in the north hall of Walker Memorial, Friday, at 5 o'clock.

The Technique Electoral Committee will meet today at 4 oclock in room 10-275.

All Shifters will have a Grand Lodge Meeting in room 10-250 at 5 o'clock today.

Choral Society Meeting in room 5-330, Tuesday, January 31, at 5 o'clock.

Hearing the word Pynhass used rather contemptuously by some upperclassmen the other day, The Lounger, not being well acquainted with the colloquial language of the day, decided to investigate. Half a morning's search failed to reveal any clew. In the laboratory where they are constantly smashing up 6 x 8's and crushing cement pillars, there was, or were, no Pynhass; in the maze of pipes and blowers and suckers of the steam laboratory there was nothing that seemed to fit the denomination; amid the short circuited galvanometers and burnt-out ammeters of the soph electrical lab. there was no Pynhass. What then was a Pynhass? The Lounger, in despair, walked through the hall to building 2.

Then a peculiar sight greeted his eyes, something he had undoubtedly seen many times before but had never thought to examine. A strange unkempt individual came down the corridor, a cigarette in his mouth, an armful of books under his arm, and his eyes on the floor. Huge convex glasses protected his eyes from the light of day. A slide rule protruded from one pocket, a Lefax from the other. His hair was not combed, his shoes were dirty, and The Lounger could not help wondering if he had brushed his teeth. Onward he shambled and passed into the distance. The Lounger muttered to himself, "Can this be a Tech student? He seems to know his way from one place to another, here, but he has no word of greeting for his friends. Perhaps he has none." The Lounger tried to imagine this youthful spectre addressing a board of directors, taking charge of a gang of workmen, or selling a committee on a big engineering proposition. The whole thing seemed so ridiculous, however, that he gave it up with a smile.

At the corner by the telephone booth, The Lounger found a couple of his friends. "Do you know who that derelict was that just passed?" he inquired. "Oh, that Pynhass; why he is just ———," but The Lounger had heard enough. He ran joyfully to his room, took out his instruments, and followed Pynhass to its very elements. His interpretation—it may have been right or wrong, but it seemed to fit—was that it was a term indicating one of the "Poor Yaps Not Having Any School Spirit," and so pleased was he with this discovery that he drank a pint of Cliquot to "the conversion of the Pynhass."

Scanning his TECH on Thursday evening, The Lounger ran a cursory eye over the calendar, not expecting to find anything there, of course, but hoping to discover something with which to divert his weary mind on Friday evening. Suddenly he came to attention with a jolt, and a shudder of horror racked his frame. Friday evening indeed presented a dilemma: Winter Concert, to which he had invited the girl, and the Harvard hockey game, where he had faithfully pledged himself to take the next best of his varied acquaintance. Dismissing the first unjust thought—that THE TECH might be in error—he applied himself diligently to the solution of the problem. Far into the night he argued the pros and cons of the question, to the detriment of peace of mind and a new permanent wave, and in the cold light of Friday's dawn he was no nearer the solution although the carpet was worn through with his pacing and great handfuls of hair bestrewed his room.

All the long day Friday he continued an aimless debate, forgetting classes and nourishment, until he sank exhausted upon his downy couch. Here Saturday's dawn found his pale and all-but-lifeless body, the problem solved by elimination, but with the sad result that there were two angry women after his scalp. The Lounger will be only too glad to offer as a prize one book of tickets to the Walker Memorial Dining Service to the undergraduate who can present the best way out of his trouble. Records of personal experience in similar case will be especially acceptable.

LOCOMOTIVE SHOP OF B. & M. WILL BE VISITED BY M. E. S.

The Mechanical Engineering Society will run a trip on next Wednesday to the Locomotive Repair Shop of the Boston and Maine Railroad at North Billerica, Mass. The place of meeting is to be at the North Station Information office at 8:05 oclock on next Wednesday morning. Men wishing to go will sign-up on the Combined Professional Societies Board in the main corridor.

SOCIETIES SEE MOVIES AT JOINT MEETING THURSDAY

There will be a joint meeting of the Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering Societies and Corporation XV on next Thursday in room 5-330 at 4 o'clock. The main feature of the meeting is to be the showing of movies of the Caribou Power Development Company. A lecture given by Mr. Northrup of the Stone and Webster Corporation will supplement the pictures.

NATIONAL FRATERNITY INSTALLS NEW CHAPTER

Phi Mu Delta Initiates Members of Former Adelphi Club

Phi Mu Delta, a national fraternity, held an initiation last Friday night at Riverbank Court, which was the occasion of the Adelphi Club of Technology being installed as the Nu Delta chapter.

The installation and the banquet which followed was attended by 55 members representing the Nu Alpha chapter at Connecticut State, the Nu Beta chapter at New Hampshire State, the Nu Delta chapter and alumni from different chapters of Technology. Due to a serious tieup of trains on the Vermont division the members of the Nu Gamma chapter of the University of Vermont were unable to attend the installation.

During the banquet which followed the initiation Bob Wilson a former member of the class of 1923 of the Institute acting as toastmaster served to keep the assembled members in a state of continual laughter with his clever speeches of introduction. The principal speakers of the evening were several alumni and Edson Bailey, national president, who outlined in brief the history of the fraternity and advised the new chapter as to its progress in the future.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

Columbia Will Have New Field

Plans have been completed and made public for the new Columbia stadium, to be built in the 26-acre plot bounded by Broadway, 218th Street and the Harlem Ship Canal.

Three new stadiums are called for in the plans. The largest and most imposing of these will be the football amphitheatre, which will have a minimum seating capacity of 56,000 and will be constructed in the shape of a great flat saucer. North of this stadium will be the baseball diamond, which will be surrounded by grandstands with a seating capacity of 7,000. The track stadium, to the northeast of the diamond, will contain a circular quarter-mile cinder track and a field for the various field events. The stands at this field will seat 10,000.

Lehigh Holds Unique Shoot

A faculty shooting tournament was held during the holidays on the college range at Lehigh. The event was a unique handicapping affair; each entrant fixing his own handicap, and in the event of his combined scores running over the hundred mark, two points were subtracted for each one by which his score exceeded one hundred. The winner was a good judge of his ability as his score totaled an even hundred.

Smith Offers New Fellowships

Six fellowships, of $500 each, have been established at Smith College. They are open to woman graduates of any college, and are awarded annually. The holders are required to render assistance in instruction, not to exceed six hours a week, in the department in which they are working. Appointments are not restricted as to departments.

Add To Penn Relay Events

Two new college relay championships—a 440-yard and an 880-yard event—will be added to this year's program of the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival to be held April 28 and 29 at Philadelphia. In the 440-yard race each man will run 110 yards and in the 880-yard relay each man will take 220 yards.

AT THE THEATRES

HOLLIS: "The Dream Maker." William Gillette in a thriller.

ST. JAMES: "Adam &Eva." Plot gets humor from fall of idle rich.

PLYMOUTH: "Dog Love." William Hodge, last week.

WILBUR: "Red Pepper." McIntyre and Heath in a grown up minstrel show.

MAJESTIC: Shubert vaudeville.

SELWYN: "Back Pay." Helen MacKellar in daring play of sin.

SHUBERT: "Irene." A clean cut musical comedy.

TREMONT: "Orphans of the Storm." Griffith's latest.

KEITH'S: All-star vaudeville.

COPLEY: "The Cassillis Engagement." Jewett Players in Engish comedy.

COLONIAL: "Tip Top." Fred Stone with a new bag of tricks.

SYMPHONY HALL: Jan. 31, at 8:15. Second Boston recital by Erika Morini, great violin genius.

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