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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

Robert Bamford.....R. E. Dorr

Thursday, February 9, 1922

LET US DANCE

There is one thing that the student at Technology feels he lost when he came here to study, and which makes students of other institutions thankful that their choice happily was not Technology: a severe lack of social life. Despite the fact that practically every student activity engages in social affairs to such an extent that there is always scheduled at least one dance per week, only a very small portion of the student body finds itself able to attend, mainly because, being connected with some particular organization, non-members either are not permitted to attend, or they do not wish to intrude in the social functions of any group to which they do not belong.

What is needed is an organization of social life here, by the student body as a whole, and not by any particular part of it. Last year, a number of very popular informal tea dances were given. There is no reason why these could not be continued this year, and popularized until a majority of the men take advantage of them. They could well be used to introduce our dignified, reserved, or bashful fellow students to the world outside Technology, a world whose existence some of them have forgotten since they came here. Perhaps periodical dinners could be practically arranged, and conducted in such a way that a man could not possibly leave it without having a large number of new acquaintances. Musical numbers, such as were given once or twice last year, would be very well received.

It matters little, however, just what form this social entertainment takes, so long as it is available. The Institute Committee could do the students a great service by making a start in some direction, or the Shifter organization, which includes practically all

the students, could greatly prove itself of use, and enhance its position here by arranging periodical entertainments of some sort. Once such a thing is started, it will be kept up by the hearty support of its beneficiaries, the students.

MORE PUBLICITY IN THE ENGINEERING FIELD

The recent achievement of The Tech Engineering News in introducing the current number of their publication has certainly been interesting. To a casual observer it was apparent that the "blind tiger" at the Information Office attracted the student body. The lighting effects and mechanical arrangements, for instance, seem founded on correct psychology of the average Technology student. For, as a general rule, it seems to be true that in spite of the amount of mechanical training of one sort or another we students get, we are not completely satiated, and a piece of machinery, especially if in action, has a mystical drawing power.

Extrapolation is always rather shaky work, and so we refrain from attempting to prophesy. But, nevertheless, if the art of applied publicity as practised by several of our more enterprising student organizations continues to develop as it has in the past few years, great things are in store for the future.

From mere pieces of cardboard poster work has progressed until we have a school of art of creditable achievements. Organizations for selling and distributing, though fluctuating with conditions, have in general grown more efficient as time passes.

Backed by all the resources of modern science, with an up-to-date plan of organization and sufficient time beforehand, there is almost nothing a student activity can not do in the way of publicity work. The fact that we students have recognized the advantages of proper publicity already in our start in the engineering field gives food for more thought on the part of the philosophically inclined.

ALUMNI NOTES

ALUMNI IN WASHINGTON ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

Sixty-five of the Washington, D. C. alumni of the Institute attended the annual meeting and banquet of the local society held on February 2 at the City Club. G. A. Ricker '86, president, and the speakers included John R. Freeman '76, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Brig. Gen. W. H. Bixby '73, former chief of the U. S. A. Corps of Engineers, and Dr. G. W. Field, a former professor at the Institute. Also seated at the head table were Brig. Gen. Logan Feland '95, U. S. Marine Corps, Capt. R. E. Bakenhus, U. S. N., and the officers of the society. The following officers were elected for next year: J. W. Clary '96, president; Starr Truscott '07, vice-president; F. W. Southworth '00, treasurer; G. A. Ricker '86, member of executive committee; and James A. Tobey '15, secretary.

WEEKLY LUNCHEONS HELD FOR ALUMNI AT WASHINGTON

The Washington Technology Society holds weekly lunches at the University Club, 15th and I Streets, every Tuesday at 12:15 o'clock. All alumni in the Capitol on those days are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICES

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Night Editor in Charge of the next issue of THE TECH is R. B. Bamford '24, tel. University 57077. All matters concerning the issue should be referred to him.

Choral Society Regular Weekly Meeting and Rehearsal will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in room 5-330.

Compasses are available and may be had by sending to the Engineer Supply office, Army Reserve Department, Columbus, Ohio. Price 1 dollar.

Freshman and Sophomore Candidates for assistant golf manager report in the M. I. T. A. A. office, Walker Memorial, at 5 o'clock tomorrow.

First Year Junior Grade Students in Descriptive Geometry are informed that Descriptive Geometry, D-171, will begin during the week of February 6.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:—

The other day there came into our possession the catalog of a girls college not far distant, and we inspected the booklet with interest. At the very first there was the list of lecturers for the year and their subjects. We ran our eyes down such subjects as "The Teaching of Music; The Poem and the Child; Washington the Unifier." They were a bit out of our line, although, of course, that is no condemnation.

But among these cultural subjects for the young ladies we found that one of the best-known, and incidentally best-liked, professors of the Institute was to speak, and that his subject was a technical or scientific discussion of certain phenomena of transient and steady states of electrical circuits. We have heard the same professor give that lecture here at the Institute, and we know we liked it and got some clearer ideas about the subject. Still it seems rather strange that any such material, even perhaps in diluted and modified form, could find foothold in a liberal arts college for girls. At least, however, we personally have a common ground on which to talk with young ladies from this particular college.

It is a fact of which we are lately becoming increasingly aware, that as the years of our technical training roll on, we are finding it harder and harder to talk to the young ladies from the neighboring colleges when we meet at gatherings of various sorts. We are having more trouble in finding mutual fields of talk. Comments on the weather or the music or the distinguished-looking gentleman in the corner are of extremely limited life. Of course we might make love to them, but even if we should gain the favor of one, we couldn't do it on a wholesale scale. But from now on, when we meet any students from this college we know that we can talk intelligibly with them.

While waiting for the Technique Rush to begin we can together deduce the differential equation for the mean free path of the contestants. While we stroll over to Walker to the Tea Dance that afternoon (that is if the Committee decides to hold one, which we hope they will) we can evaluate hyperbolic expressions for the cost of brewing the tea by magnetic hysteresis.

At last we have discovered a medium in which Technology upperclassmen can converse with a limited few of the contrary sex. But, remembering what Kipling says about those who kiss and tell, we are not breaking into print to crow about it.

The purpose of this letter, Mr. Editor, is to call the attention of a few of the Faculty to the possibility or desirability of "jazzing up" the General Study Plan. It is fine as far as it goes, but that is far too little. What are two terms of general study, a total of less than a hundred hours in four years, going to accomplish! Let's have some more. What if the Faculty does have to cut out something else. We would cheerfully exchange the whole of the time we spent on Descriptive Geometry, for instance, for a few crumbs of intellectual training. What if we in Course X don't learn the details of the analysis of limonite for silicate or of steel for vanadium. To be honest we don't know now, although we passed that course with a C.

Might it not be considered morally rather shady for the Faculty to take in a Freshman who comes here to be a college trained man of technical ability, who wants to be able to, and is entitled to, enjoy some of the finer things of life, to associate with men and women on planes other than business,—to take him in, extract money from him with great thoroughness and pious expression, and then turn him out in four or five years a mindless automaton, or with practically no idea of the better phases of life on this spheroid of ours, too discouraged to begin work again on his shattered ideal of what a man should strive for.

A COURSE X JUNIOR.

COPITHORNE READS TONIGHT

Mr. M. R. Copithorne of the English department will give another of his series of readings tonight at 6:45 o'clock in the library of Walker. He will read some selections from the works of J. M. Barrie.

FORM NEW R. O. T. C. UNIT

Plans for the establishment of a chemical warfare unit among the men in the Reserve Officers Training Corps are being made at the Institute with the approval of the General Staff, represented by General Clarence R. Edwards. Men who have had training in chemistry or chemical engineering will be eligible for the course. The course of studies includes offensive and defensive chemical warfare, the production of gas and its use, and the problems of gas masks. Enrollment will be made when the spring term begins.

PROFESSOR HERSEY ENGAGED TO CONNECTICUT AUTHORESS

Judge and Mrs. E. M. Warner of Putnam, Connecticut, have announced the engagement of Miss Frances L. Warner, their daughter, to Associate Professor M. D. Hersey '09, of the Physics department of Technology.

Miss Warner is a well known contributor to the Atlantic Monthly and other magazines and a member of the Boston Authors' Club. Her books are "Endicott and I" and "Pilgrim Trails." She and her sister, Miss Gertrude Warner, collaborated in publishing "Life's Minor Collisions." Miss Warner left a position as assistant professor of English at Wellesley to become a member of the editorial staff of the Atlantic Monthly.

Professor Hersey on Standards Bureau Professor Hersey organized the aeronautical instrument section at the U. S. Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C., in 1917, and during the war was sent to England, France and Italy on a special mission by the government.

He is a member of the Washington Academy of Sciences, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

DARTMOUTH CLUB DINNER DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The first dinner of the year was held last evening by the members of the Technology Dartmouth Club in the Faculty dining room of Walker. Mr. James R. Chandler, former president of the Boston Dartmouth Alumni Association, spoke. The affair was well attended as nearly all of the members were present.

ELECT INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE OFFICERS

At a meeting of the interfraternity conference held last Thursday, the following officers were elected to serve for the rest of the year: president H. C. Gayley '22; vice-president, W. C. Groce '23; treasurer, H. D. Nickle '23; secretary, S. F. Gordon '23; executive committee, Hall Kirkham '23; F. P. Squibb '23; and H. B. Keppel, Jr., '23.

AT THE THEATRES

ST. JAMES: "Just Suppose." The problems of a prince who comes to the United States and finds the girl he loves.

COPLEY: "The Cassilis Engagement." Triumphant comedy success. Everybody laughing.

SHUBERT: 8:15. "Red Pepper." Dancy, whirly, girly musical comedy.

HOLLIS: "The Dream Maker." Last week of William Gillette in a mixture of mirth and mystery.

SELWYN: "Back Pay." Helen MacKellar in a play of the price of sin.

COLONIAL: "Tip Top." Fred Stone in a good musical comedy of the better type.

KEITH'S: Vaudeville.

MAJESTIC: Vaudeville.

TREMONT: "Orphans of The Storm." Griffith's newest still continues to please.

FENWAY: "The Three Musketeers." Doug in his best.

WILBUR: "Liliom." Story of a rough neck's life on earth and in heaven.

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