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CLEAN POLITICS RESTS WITH JUNIORS

FAILURE and the cry of dirty politics will be the outcome of the referendum to be taken among the Junior Class tomorrow if only a small proportion of the Class takes an active interest in the voting. A majority of the class must express a definite opinion on the question of a reelection for Senior officers, or the result will be devoid of meaning and of no practical use.

The whole issue of reelections has been regarded by many with a suspicion of tainted politics. Whether such an attitude be justified or not, it is always more or less prevalent with circumstances similar in nature to those which have been created by the original Senior elections. It can only be extinguished by a very heavy vote, both in the referendum tomorrow and the new elections, if the latter should be decided on favorably.

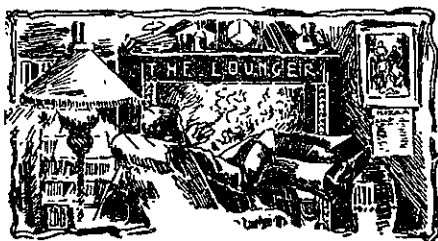
The Juniors have the integrity of Technology's democratic government in their hands. Its entire future, as well as the possibilities of further use of the referendum as a practical instrument in obtaining student opinion, depend on the number of 1924 men who cast their opinions tomorrow. In this instance at least, the Juniors should regard their privilege of voting as a duty, as contrasted with a mere right. A duty not only to themselves, but to the honor of Technology.

DEFENDING A CHALLENGED PRINCIPLE

THOSE of the Faculty who are of Professor Jackson's frame of mind should get the idea out of their heads that the only function of activities is to put additional work on a man. Moreover, they should not regard activities as in competition with the regular curriculum of studies. They are supplementary to it.

We take issue with Professor Jackson on the question of time devoted to studying. Granted that the work assigned should be done, does it not behoove the engineer to increase the efficiency of his thinking by doing it in a minimum of time, provided, of course, the quality of his work does not deteriorate? From our point of view, at least, the scientific method of thinking as learned only through four years of intensive mental training is of more importance than the actual knowledge we gather.

Professor Jackson seems to leave out the human side of the issue entirely. This is not unnatural as a view-point characteristic of those engaged in deep scientific research. But dynamos and electrons are not the only things we must study to achieve recognition. We must study men as well. Not only the best, but the only method by which this can be accomplished is through activities. The extent of our class-room acquaintances is practically nil. The friendships we form with others engaged in activity work are numberless and of immeasurable value.



The Faculty are weeping for us. They are disgusted with us. They are sorry for our ignorance. They have even resorted to praying for us as a final method of effecting another Renaissance in our misshapen and ill-clipped domes. (For we who patronize the Coop barbers pay for our dividends with hairs,—half, part, or all.) But such sympathetic romance on the part of our professors is abnormal. So the Lounger has conducted a little investigation to explain such reaction.

It seems we are narrow minded. Or at least not broad minded, if that's any different. Else why should a poor professor's life insurance policy be menaced and his body threatened with emersion in the dusky Charles just because he paints pictures of "aesthetic beauty" during an otherwise non-interesting lecture? The Lounger has been informed that what happened Monday, though it presumably had nothing to do with the Royal Nymphs of Venus.

But that's the least of it. After the preliminary razzing which naturally followed, this professor burst forth in violent eruption like a real dependable volcano, and pathetically complained of the fact that Tech men laugh at beautiful phrases. All he needed was a handkerchief, a few salty tears, and with a few red neckties in evidence the scene might have readily been mistaken for a Harvard courtroom.

The class had paid the price of listening to him for three minutes, he said, but they had learned something about aesthetic beauty and the mother tongue.

Now the Lounger is broad minded and he will not be classed as a narrow dunce. To be frank, he considers himself broader than the Faculty. For he's at least willing to pronounce it

Ark-and-Saw instead of Arc-Cans-U.S. And if "Sophie" Tucker takes exception to this issue, just tell a son of St. Louis that he comes from St. Loueee.

As the Lounger was saying, he is broad minded. And yet it is almost too much to have a conservative professor get up and radically state that there is excessive air space between the cells of a piece of ordinary wood, which accounts for the fact that Blockheads can give so much hot air.

The Lounger may possess hot air, but he's no blockhead. And just to get back, he suggests that the immense clouds of dust in the room in which afore-mentioned professor exhibits much human pathos are without doubt due to the dissemination of the sawdust seeds from the pod of said professor's skull.

However, there's no ill-feeling, and the Lounger knows the Faculty like to cool off by occasional "sleigh rides" just as well as he does. Only he just happens to be in the driver's seat now, that's all. In the end, the professor is right and the Lounger agrees with him. It is remorseful to hear so many "ain't" 's around an institution of so high a type of learning. But as far as aesthetic goes, the Lounger knows most of us would rather make it anaesthetic, have our teeth pulled, and be done with it.

B. U. Dispenses with Prof.

B. U. has succeeded in evolving the ideal instructorless course. Prof. Groves' class in sociology, arriving at school to learn that the worthy professor was stalled in a snowdrift, proceeded to illustrate the theory, widely held by students in our own Physics department, that instructors in general are negative quantities.

The sociology class was held as usual, two of its members officiating, pending the professor's arrival. The deleterious effects of tea dancing on the health of the younger set and other equally important topics were deliberated. Ten o'clock found the future lawyers highly elated over their demonstration that the function of professorship is an obsolete and groundless tradition.

ENGLISH COMEDY WELL DONE

BY PHILLIPPE

This week the Jewett Players at the Copley are putting on a new English play which has never been shown in America before. It is written by a young author, Charles McEvoy, who was in the war.

The play is essentially English and deals with the people of the East End of London just after the war. The fact that it has a good deal to do with the war is rather against it for people are desirous of forgetting this fact when they go to the theater.

The plot is of a girl who is waiting for her man to come home from the war. The rest that goes on is rather to show her qualities than help out the story. The final curtain shows the couple reunited as would be expected.

The acting is better than usual. Some little sections seemed a bit overdone but it was good acting. Miss Willard took the leading part and did very well. The supporting cast was well chosen and did admirably. There is a great wealth of characterizations in the piece and they are admirably portrayed.

Training, Not Jobs, for Course VIa Men

By Professor W. H. Timbie

The Tech's announcement of the addition of Stone & Webster to the companies co-operating with the Electrical Engineering Department in the training of engineers for public utility has aroused renewed interest in the co-operative method of education. It also disclosed the fact that many of the Alumni as well as the undergraduate body are not familiar with the way Course VI-A operates. Some seem to think that when a company enters into the co-operative agreement about all they agree to do is to give a certain number of students whatever jobs are available in their plants during the co-operative periods. Nothing could be further from the truth.

All of the companies co-operating with the Electrical Engineering Department agree to put the students through a certain prescribed course of training with them. This course has been worked out by the company in conjunction with members of the Electrical Engineering Department, and represents what they believe to be the best possible course of training to prepare a young engineer to enter into that part of the electrical field which he has picked out. His work with the co-operating company is thus much more than a series of jobs. It is a constructive course of experience in the various departments of the company. The object of the engineering practice is to build up a co-ordinated course of experience in a manner sim-

ilar to that in which the various subjects in the Electrical Engineering Department build up a co-ordinated course in the Principles of Electrical Engineering.

Men Do Not Miss Theory

On another point there also seems to be some misunderstanding. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology does not believe in putting this engineering practice into the curriculum in the place of any theoretical work. Not only do the students in VI-A take the full course required of men in Course VI, but they take one full year more of theory. Along with this they also take two additional general studies, a course in Accounting and two courses in Electron Theory and apparatus. These courses are in addition to the regular Course VI studies. Thus the year and a half of Engineering Practice included in Course VI-A is given in addition to all regular theoretical work at the Institute and not at the expense of any of it.

The Institute believes that these two features are vital to the success of the course and desires to give them as much publicity as possible:

1. That the Engineering Practice obtained in the industry is a carefully planned and supervised course of engineering experience;
2. That this experience is given not at the expense of any of the theoretical work but in addition to it.

COMMUNICATION

Letters over 200 Words May Be Excluded Due to Lack of Space

To the Editor of The Tech:

A great deal of misunderstanding has arisen due to unfortunate complications in connection with the proposed banquet of the Class of 1926. The chairmen of the committees appointed to arrange for the banquet met last Sunday and it is their action that I would like to explain in this communication.

It has been the custom in previous years to finish the year of freshman activity with some social function and it was the intention of the class officers for this year to abide by the precedent. They realized the necessity of caution, however, lest their work be undone by the officers about to be elected, and no definite arrangements were made. Action was further delayed by the indecision of the class elections and progress was impossible until these elections were ratified on Thursday, May 10.

Due to the approaching examinations, the committee considered it extremely inadvisable to hold the banquet any later than next week and efforts were made to obtain speakers for the event on May 25. Due to previous engagements, the men thought desirable by the committee were unable to accept and this fact furnished a climax to the difficulties under which the committee was laboring. Accordingly, at their meeting last Sunday, the committee decided to postpone the freshman banquet to some time in the early part of next fall. No definite date was set but the evening before Field Day was mentioned as a possibility. Evidently, this time is desirable since it would furnish an excellent opportunity to arouse spirit for the interclass contests on the following day.

The committee feels that it is infinitely better to postpone the function than to hold a banquet which is only mediocre in quality.

(Signed) DAVID A. SHEPARD '26.

PLAY DIRECTORY

COLONIAL: "Minnie An' Me." Mitzi in a peculiar mixture of occult, etc.

COPLEY: "The Likes of 'er." Reviewed in this issue.

HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." Last week.

KEITH'S: Vaudeville headed by Van and Schenk.

MAJESTIC: Moscow Art Theater. Last week.

PLYMOUTH: "The Monster." Thrills and horrors that reduce you to pulp.

ST. JAMES: "The Brat." Boston Stock Company.

SELWYN: "The Fool." Religion with an eye on the box office.

SHUBERT: "Lady Butterfly." Reviewed soon.

SYMPHONY HALL: Pops every night.

TREMONT: "Molly Darling." Jack Donahue of the laughing feet. Last week.

WILBUR: "Sun Showers." Last week.

Increase Tuition Fee

Simultaneous announcements have been made at Dartmouth and Cornell raising the tuition fee \$50. At Cornell the fee in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Architecture, and Engineering, has been raised to \$300. This increase will take effect for the academic year of 1924-25. The increase at Dartmouth from \$250 to \$300 will also be effective in 1924.

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