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### RED BLOOD TO FILL A CUP

THE cup for which our athletes have been striving for the past six years is at last within final reach. For each of these six years Technology's best track men have spent their energies that the much coveted trophy should ultimately become our permanent possession. For these same six years they have been successful in their attempts. The tie of last year's New England Intercollegiate Meet was no exception. Technology's title to the cup was retained, and her five-year unbroken line of victories was not sacrificed.

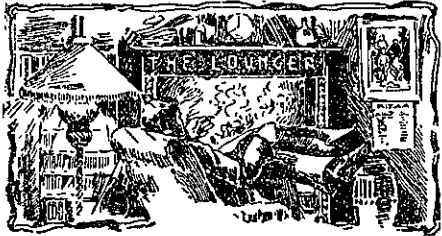
Tomorrow will witness the final test. Victory means final possession of the cup. More than that, it means that the efforts spent by Technology's representatives in the last six meets have not been in vain. Defeat, on the other hand, will render null the results of their struggles. It will mean the beginning over again of what has been so nearly completed, the winning of six successive victories.

The athletes realize the situation. They know what is expected of them and will try to even exceed this expectation. Any man who is too indisposed to support them with his cheering tomorrow is a slacker. He will root for a baseball team because it bears the name of his home city. He memorizes the names of the players from the newspaper columns. He may never have seen the team in action before. Yet he rises to his feet and shouts at every hit and spectacular play. What is it, then, that restrains him from cheering for his classmates? Out on the field tomorrow, Everyone! Don't let it be known that you are a living statue, whose spirit is dead.

### A CLEAN ELECTION SLATE

THE first referendum at Technology in recent years has been held. As a result, the Junior Class has decided that it shall have a new election for Senior Officers. The old issue must now be entirely forgotten. No matter who may have won or lost in the old elections no Junior should be influenced by such a consideration. It is the votes of those who did not cast ballots two weeks ago which should determine the outcome of the doubt. These men should let only their mind influence them in their choice of candidates. Theoretically, at least, they should vote for the man for whom they intended voting in the original elections, had they had the opportunity of doing so.

It is not for The Tech to take sides in class politics. It can only impress upon those who must choose between two or more candidates, what an important power they have in their hands. A new election has been decided upon. It is now up to every Junior to show his interest in the integrity of his class by voting, and voting wisely when the polls are opened for the second time.



"Baths,  
Baths,  
That's what we want,  
That's what we'll get,  
And we won't pipe down  
Until we are wet.  
So baths,  
Baths,  
Please, sirs, give us our baths."

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How different from the days of old. The Lounger remembers when he used to run from a cake of soap like from a Limburger cheese. And now our juvenile frosh DEMAND showers. W may as well expect the Technology As association for the Furtherance of Scouring, The Amalgamated Soap and Beel Suds League, and similar organizations to champion the rights of the 1926 sea-trout in our midst.

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If the freshmen must have their annual dips once in a while why don't they commandeer the rowing machines in the gym, take them out in the river, and see if they can imitate the performance of the Senior Crew last week? They don't have to put their feet through the bottom of the shell. So long as it breaks in half, they can be pleased at having excited Doc Rowe to repeat himself, "Another \$200 gone to Hell and Hack."

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Which reminds the Lounger it is nautical custom for the captain to go down with his ship. But the Senior captain couldn't balance himself on the keel and was thrown into the water in spite of his pleas to the others, "Don't give up the ship." On the other hand, the ship gave them up, so what could they do?

"Women and children first," they say. As there were no co-eds on the cruiser the Seniors didn't need to worry. But what will happen when the frosh try it, all being yet of the cod-dieable age?

And yet, the frosh aren't the worst possibility. Think of the Institute Committee about to sink. Women or children first. They qualify as both. It would only be a question of how quick the Committee could get out after the leak was sprung.

Heroes! The Lounger thrills at the thought of seeing Old Kid Investigator, the champion of square heads and other chivalrous causes, trying to keep his nose above water by resting his jaw on the elephant ear of one Brer Rabbit, otherwise known as "Bunny," of bug-house fable fame. A splash, a submerged fist fight, a death-grapple—silence ensues, and The Tech goes on for ever. Amen!

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If only the Institute Committee could row! Ever since their efforts to oust the Lounger he has been earnestly seeking a chance to torpedo them. Yet he realizes he hasn't a chance,—that way, at least. If they're made of cork they'd bottle him up. If they're made of canvass they'll float like other water wings inflated with air. In either case, they won't sink. The Lounger condemns them to Nuxated Iron and hopes they rust to death.

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The traditional time for the donning of the straw has come and gone—but where are the hats? Spring is here and, according to our freshman army, it has melted into summer. It won't be long before we cool our marching (Napoleon!) with real home-made ice cream. And it won't be so very long before we are again stumping our toes on the Harvard bridge in a wintery blast.

Get your hat now; wear it out by September, and save your calendar-like classmates the trouble of smashing it for you when the season is over.

### Offers Prize for "Goose Step"

The competition started by Upton Sinclair for the best review of his book, "The Goose Step" has just closed. The prize consisting of a complete set of his works is to be awarded to the under graduate in any college writing the best review of the novel. "The Goose Step" which deals with present conditions in colleges, aroused much comment, favorable and otherwise, when first published.

### GRANT HOLIDAY FOR TRIP

Classes at Columbia College were suspended last Saturday to allow the undergraduates to make the annual trip up the Hudson River to West Point. Ticket sales were slow due to the fact that all men going would have to cut classes.

### CO-OP COURSE IN BUSINESS

The enrollment of students in the new co-operative department of the School of Business Administration at the University of Texas has begun. Such a co-operative course is practically a novel idea in colleges and we may soon see Course XV-A corresponding to the existing VI-A.



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## Choral Society Moves For Better Music

As Reviewed by Transcript Critic

"Those who think it a pity that the old-time college glee club, with its simple minded repertory, should be altogether supplanted by the newer type of collegiate singing society braving even the intricacies of Palestrina, Milhaud, and Gustav Holst, should approve conditions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology." This is the way that the Transcript critic expressed it. The fact that the older sort of Glee Club continues along with Choral Society which is still an innovation shows that both popular and classical music are in favor among students.

The founding of this society was the starting point of a movement among the larger colleges of the country to form choirs for the purpose of mastering some of the higher and more serious things; which indicates the tendency to break away from jazz and popular nonsense.

The concert of last Monday evening summed up the progress made by the Choral society this last year. The organization is still in its infancy and has had to work with rough and untried material, but in spite of the disadvantages the recent concert was certainly of credit to Technology. The choir has been under the leadership of Mr. Stephen Townsend who has, with the aid of Professor H. G. Pearson, polished off a few of the rough edges and worked the material into a creditable shape.

In speaking of Mr. Townsend's work the critic says, "More than once during the evening he seemed as a

virtuoso playing upon a somewhat imperfect and intractable instrument, though there were moments, and many, when the choir sang with excellent effect." The manner in which the program was rendered goes to prove that men are capable of singing music of the high calibre which Mr. Townsend has started them on.

The ordinary male chorus pieces were presented with good spirit at least, while in several pieces the choir rose to meritorious height. Distinction was shown in some of the more difficult numbers as, Stanford's Sons of the Sea, "Drakes Drum," "Devon, O Devon," and "The Old Superb," which were sung with vigor.

In commenting on the voices the critic says, "The deeper voices seem of better quality than those of higher range; and when the latter were not forced into uncomfortable prominence, the body of tone was full and resonant. If there might well have been more subtlety of shading, at least there were fire and spirit in abundance."

The success of Monday's concert marks the first stride of the growth of this new activity, and shows the effort which both the leaders and the members have given it. With the advantage of tried voices to work upon, next season's choir has great possibilities and should firmly establish the Choral Society in the realm of music.

## COMMUNICATION

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

### To the Lounger:

I notice with regret that the Technique Board has omitted the name of one instructor in the C. E. Department who ought to be transferred to the Physics Department. His qualifications are:

1. Unusual interest in his subject, which he communicates to the class.
2. Very unusual ability to copy proofs, even most complicated ones, from a sheet of paper; whereby no questions are allowed about the steps and transformations.
3. No questions allowed on any problem not treated in the book.
4. No home problems returned.
5. Quizes returned only after numerous requests four or five weeks after date.

By a strange irony of fate, this gentleman is supposed to be teaching fourth year men a very watery subject, which he performs with all sorts of weird flows and lost heads. How happier would he be with the frosh, who don't ask embarrassing questions!

(Signed) Course I Senior.

### Dates Based on Grades

Freshman coeds at the University of Iowa are allowed to make dates according to their scholarship, in order to allow the poorer students more time to do their work. An average grade of 84% grants one date a week, while 92% is required to go out two nights a week.

## PLAY DIRECTORY

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

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.

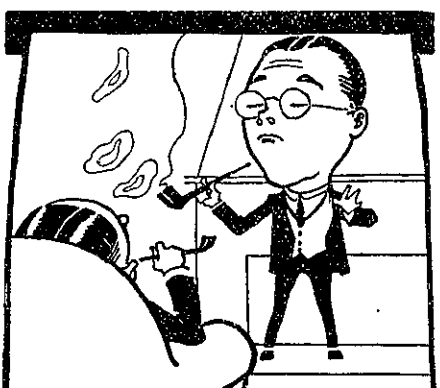
### Prohibit Smoking

Technology is not the only institution having difficulty with smoking in the corridors. A recent ruling at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University forbidding smoking in the halls and classrooms was met with disapproval by the student body. Already 25 undergraduates, both men and women, have signified their intentions of leaving the college.

The latest form of undergraduate publication has appeared at the University of Illinois with the purpose of supplying parents, relatives, and friends of the students with campus news. The paper appears weekly and has met with considerable popularity among its patrons.

### Constructs Golf Course

The interest evinced by the undergraduates at Wesleyan University has resulted in the recognition of golf as a varsity sport and the planning of a miniature golf course at the University. The physical education department is sponsoring golf, because it is one of the few sports that may be followed after graduation but advises proficiency in an other more strenuous sport, first.



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