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INSTITUTE COMMITTEE APPROVES LEGISLATION
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tee itself had handled about \$29,000. The balance for this year was around \$1600, which, together with a balance left over from last year of about \$3400, gives a total surplus at present of approximately \$5000.

A ripple of amusement greeted that part of the report of the Student Friendship Fund Committee which stated that it was believed that the poor results were due in part to the nearness of the date of the drive to the Junior Prom. The report was accepted. W. W. Quarles, Jr., '24, president of the T. C. A., announced the Silver Bay conference.

The Choral Society was ratified as an undergraduate activity after its constitution had been read to the Committee. The elections of the officers of the Mechanical Engineering Society, Corporation XV, the Aeronautical Engineering Society, and the Cosmopolitan Club were ratified. The elections to the management of Tech Show 1924 were also ratified, while the acceptance of the new officers of the Chemical Society was held over because the Point System Committee had not received notice of them.

T. C. A. Plans Conference to Start off Next Year

The first meeting of the new T. C. A. Cabinet was held last Wednesday. C. M. Phelps '24, was elected Cabinet Representative to the T. C. A. Executive Committee. A decision was reached to hold a setting-up conference at the beginning of the fall term. At this conference the work for 1924-25 will be planned in detail.

TECH SHOW SCENARIO WRITERS HOLD MEETING
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It is also essential that the plot be humorous. This is best accomplished by having an inherently humorous situation and allowing the dialogue to develop from this. Another important point is to have at least two separate plots going on at the same time. This is to allow the audience a rest between the more serious parts of the play.

Four Men Will Judge
The other speaker was Prof. R. E. Rogers. He discussed the points on which the play would be chosen. It is the book that is important, not necessarily the scenario. He further stated what was expected in a scenario. It should be in the form of short scenes which describe the action. This does not mean a short story.

As to scenery, the management will probably reject any book which has more than two sets, on the grounds of expense. This does not prevent a prologue which would have no particular set.

The judges of the scenarios and those who will give hints on the development of plot will be: E. P. Dunne '24, R. P. Price '25, Prof. R. E. Rogers, and the coach of next year's show who has not yet been chosen.

Notices and Announcements

OFFICIAL

CIVIL SERVICE TALK
At the request of the Division of Industrial Co-operation and Research a representative of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. H. E. Morgan, will give a talk on the Civil Service in room 10-250 next Friday at 4.

MOVIES ON PAINTS
A motion picture, "The Finishing Touch," will be exhibited in room 5-330 today from 4 to 5. It is given in connection with a short lecture by Mr. W. E. Kerrish of Wadsworth, Howland and Co. The subject matter deals with the preparation and application of paints.

SECOND YEAR STUDENTS IN METALLURGY
Second year students in Metallurgy, and any other second year men interested in taking this course, are asked to meet in Dr. Waterhouse's office, room 8-309, Tuesday afternoon, May 22d, at 4 for a short conference.

CLASS OF 1923
Members of the class of 1923 wishing themes and reports written by them in courses in English and History may obtain them at the department headquarters, room 2-285 on
Mondays from 12:00—1:00
Wednesdays from 12:00—1:00
Fridays from 12:00—1:00
Saturdays from 10:00—12:00

UNDERGRADUATE

OUTING CLUB
Horseback ride will be held this week end. All interested watch the bulletin boards for further information.

SIGNAL BATTALION
Trips will be taken tomorrow and Tuesday to the Western Union Central Office. Parties will leave the Main Lobby at 1:30. All desiring to go should sign up at the bulletin board opposite room 10-100 or see Capt. Clayton.

Dances

LAST DORM DANCE
Of the season will come on Friday, May 25, at 8:30. It is formal and will last until 1. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Committee or the Dorm Superintendent for \$3.

MENORAH SOCIETY
Dance will be held in north hall, Walker, tomorrow at 8. Tickets may be obtained from the officers of the society at \$2 per couple.

Meetings

SIGNAL BATTALION
Meeting will be held in room 3-213 on Wednesday, May 23, at 4. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. All Sophomores should attend.

FACULTY CLUB LADIES' NIGHT
Last meeting of year May 21, in north hall of Walker at 8. Prof. J. R. Jack will give a talk illustrated with Autochromes.

TECHNOLOGY CHORAL SOCIETY
Rehearsal will be held Monday, at 7:30, in room 10-250. Members are requested to bring copies of the Tech Song Book.

T. C. A.
The last meeting of the Bible Study class will be held today at 5:10 at the Mount Vernon Church, Denton Massey '23, will lead. Everyone is welcome.

Honor Among Thieves
By Y. C. Ingraham '26

May a lower-classman speak?
Heated argument does not lead to sound judgment, ever. All this prejudiced discussion of the Honor System with its exchange of personalities is leading nowhere. Here are views of a Rogers man; I hope they may be fairly representative of the lower-classmen.

Presumably, men come to Technology primarily for the purpose of self-improvement and education. Presumably, we undergraduates here are working toward the attainment of our diploma as the certificate of duty well done, and are glad that it has to be earned and cannot be bought. Exceptions are the men who are here, not particularly because they care anything about self-improvement but because their fathers have sent them here.

Generally speaking this defines that class of students that have less of real earnestness in their work here than the rest of the school, and I think that this also defines the class of students who are inclined to crib their way along, and in the end to literally steal their diplomas. These are the parasites upon the fair name of Technology, giving nothing to her, sapping her vitality. These will never reflect credit to their alma mater, but on the contrary their very ordinariness will steadily and insidiously pull down her high standing. An educational institution is judged by the works and the character of the alumni thereof.

Here is something worthy of the serious consideration of every undergraduate. The parasites are few, but their influence is out of all proportion to their numbers. One such can undo more good than many honest men can do for the Institute. The good is to be prized; it is what has made Technology; and it is what will uphold her forever, or the lack of it that will bring her tumbling down. What is true of the past holds also for the future.

Now the question resolves itself into this: Can the greatest ultimate good for the Institute come from continuation of the present proctor system or from inauguration of an honor system?

Can the proctor system, which is in itself an invitation to a man to cheat if he can get away with it, sort out the fit from the unfit? Proctors, having no personal knowledge of the men, are but as near-sighted shepherds; a docile goat looks like a sheep to them while the sheep themselves know, and are not in position to speak.

Since we have studied self-government, is it not the student body's utmost concern what shall be the future of Technology? Should we not be looking ahead to the time when our grandsons will say with pride "Granddad graduated from Boston Tech in 1925," or without pride will hold their tongues and say nothing at all?

Does the student body believe, knowing that there are men in the Institute who are weekly and quarterly literally stealing their diplomas, under the proctor system, that all is well and as it should be? Does the student body reflect that all through their lives these men will rebound everlastingly to the discredit of Technology and of all the engineering professions?

Since we have student self-government, why not complete that self-government by adding thereto the vital right to expel from our midst one whom we recognize as an undesirable character. The present proctor system invites them to crib, as it invites us all to crib, if we can get away with it. Unintentionally, unwittingly, it teaches that the crime is not in the sin but in getting caught at it. The Honor System at Rogers invites us to turn in an honest piece of work, to see how well we can do unaided. By its very nature it teaches that the crime is in the sin, in the man's own heart a crime against himself.

These are the suggestions compared which the two systems make to the student's mind. Such suggestions cannot but have their effect upon the man, moulding his very character during this formative period of his life. So I like to call it the Honor System; the very name carries with it that suggestion which tends to build up and elevate the ethical and moral standards of the student. In spite of Mr. Burchard's crabbed objection I think there has been coined a better name.

Mr. Oberwarth, I doubt not in all sincerity, holds that a man's honor prevents him from taking any steps to report or punish in any way a friend. He would, ergo, report only his enemies, and not wishing for any enemies would consistently fail and refuse to make complaint against any student. His honor would keep him from it. This is a queer kind of honor, and far less prevalent than Mr. Oberwarth believes. It is called honor among thieves, and it works this way: Rufus, who plans to rob the Deacon's henroost, will not tell the constable that his neighbor Rastus stole the Squire's turkey-gobbler, since Rastus would retaliate later by telling on him. Rufus's honor would keep him from telling! Honor among thieves. A man, having given aid to a friend in examination will not tell it, for he himself is equally guilty.

Honor among thieves! That should have been the title to Mr. Oberwarth's letter. But such questionable honor as this cannot long remain hidden from the student body. Any such viciously-unprincipled clique as he anticipates must soon be expelled by the student body from itself, for there is not room in the professions for such men. The future of the engineering professions depends solely upon the character of the men who enter the field. It should be our duty to prevent undesirables from entering it.

The Honor System is but one phase of student self-government. We are ready for it, and for the sake of the future let us lose no time in establishing it and conscientiously following it. Its success will depend upon the conscientious observance of it by the student body. That will mean the elimination of its undesirable elements, and a brighter and more glorious future for Technology and her alumni forever.

VI-A GRADS WILL BE DINNER GUESTS

Arrange for Bus Transportation for Men at Institute Who Attend

The graduates of Course VI-A who are through with school this June will act as guests at a banquet on next Tuesday given by the Seniors and undergraduates of the course and the General Electric Company at Lynn. The feast will be the occasion not for a serious farewell but for a general, good-time-get-together for all men connected with Course VI-A.

The committee in charge has arranged for auto bus transportation, at a nominal cost to the riders, for those who are now at the Institute or are working in Boston. The bus, leaving from in front of Building 10 at 4:45 o'clock, will arrive at the General Electric River Works shortly before the hour set for the banquet, which is 5:30 o'clock. Those preferring the use of certain of the public utilities may find the following directions helpful.

The Lynn car which goes out of Scollay Square subway runs right past the River Works. Upon getting off at the Main Gate, Building 45, in which the banquet will take place, will be found on the right hand side of the gate, and since it is the only one through which you can enter you can't go wrong.

If you prefer to go by narrow gauge, take the ferry from Rowe's Wharf to East Boston. Get off the narrow gauge at West Lynn and take the only street going west perpendicular to the tracks; turn to the left at the first set of street car tracks and follow them to the main gate of the River Works.

It is essential that all those intending to go should sign up with their class representative as it is necessary to know for how many men to provide.

Dr. Walsh Talks to Math Club
Last night, the Math Club held its last meeting of the year. Dr. J. L. Walsh of Harvard, and Lieutenant Hinds '23, spoke. The topic on which Dr. Walsh spoke was "A Generalization of Evolutes." His talk was purely technical in nature, dealing with advanced and abstract mathematics.

Lieutenant Hinds' speech concerned the mathematics of artillery. Where there is a hill, there is a spot where artillery, firing from behind it, cannot land shells. Machine guns, therefore, have to be used. The speaker told of an original plan of his own, whereby the territory could be placed under fire more quickly than heretofore.

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