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DOWNING THE FRESHMAN ROMPERS

THE official opening of Technology next week marks the adding of yet another numeral to the ever growing list of classes to pass through it. Those of us to whom the Institute is nothing new may not be agitated to so high a fever of ecstasy at the thought of beginning another long year of work and study. To the freshman, however, Technology and its life are something new and fascinating, cold and mechanical as though they may at first appear. The step between high school or preparatory school and the Institute is a long one, and the freshman who is slow to appreciate this fact is at a disadvantage and in danger of falling by the wayside.

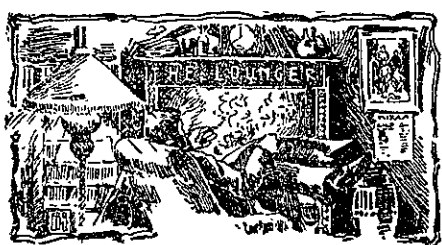
There is no mollicoddling, no sympathy toward the weakling manifested within our atmosphere. Instead, the law of the survival of the fittest holds sway. Applied to the freshman, it is sudden and extensive in the exercise of its scope. He is assumed to be a man and is treated like one. He is made to depend entirely upon his own initiative. Being away from the home environment for the first time in many cases, the shock is great and the transition repugnant for a while. But the result in the end atones in full measure for the harshness of the method, and with it comes a full realization of just what Technology means.

One thing can none the less be changed in our scheme of initiating the freshman to our midst. At least the older ones of us have made friends during our time here, and we enjoy the sensation of renewing these every time we shake hands with someone we meet in the corridors. The freshman, however, does not enjoy this privilege. In many cases he comes to Technology wholly unacquainted with anyone in the classes above him. Perhaps it is for his benefit that such be the case, for if he wants friends, he is forced to learn the art of making them. But at least we can introduce him to Technology itself and acquaint him with some of our institutions. We can help him feel more at home, and that he is welcome. And as a happy reaction to the seriousness of his work here, we can show him that there really is a social life here among us, of which he has probably not heard because it is not so widely advertised as Technology's reputation for demanding work.

'93 STARTS THE BALL ROLLING

TECHNOLOGY'S dream of new dormitories is beginning to be a realization. The Class of '93 has come forth with the first donation toward the proposed dormitories. At the reunion held last June, the Class voted one hundred thousand dollars toward the erection of at least one dormitory unit, with the proviso that the work be started some time near the first of September. The Corporation accepted the proviso and one unit to accommodate eighty men is now under the process of construction. It is estimated the cost of construction will be somewhat in excess of the sum voted, in which case the difference will be made up by the Corporation itself.

The Class of '93 has manifested a spirit of loyalty and at the same time one of action, which well merits it the congratulations of all of Technology. It is but one more exemplification of what a true and well organized Alumni can do, and proves once again that the Alumni are the closest friends the student body have.



The Lounge wonders whether the rest of you Technologists received the same peculiar thrill that he did when you viewed again the grim whiteness of Technology's factory-like walls? A summer, no matter whether it be spent in a machine shop or in white knickers on a golf course is a change and a recreation. And like the small boy who once again swings his grammar school books from the end of his leather strap and starts off reluctantly for another year of his hateful education, we return. The resounding walls and the cold corridors again speak to us of stresses and strains and sleepy-eyed professors. And yet we do not dislike the return.

The old friends are here and quite a few of the ones that we had thought to lose last June. They are sunburnt and healthy looking and they all remark that "it is hell to be back." But that, of course, is collegiate etiquette. The one man who really speaks from his heart is the summer school student. He says "isn't it hell to be here?" and he means it.

And many new pictures will decorate the bureau of the stronger. Numerous will be the love sick swain and copious will be the special deliveries that are sent out. We of the harder heart must prepare to listen sympathetically to the roommate's latest wanderings in that funny field of romance. This, however, should quickly wear off. Dangerous are the summer moons and fantastically

sweatered summer girls, but fortunately fast is the recuperation.

Walker is rapidly assuming the hurried business atmosphere of the always important activity man. From the oratorical politician to the flustered team manager they are all returning and not even a summer's vacation seems to have taken away from them their seriousness. The clicking of typewriters is fast waking "Pop" Stedman from his summer lethargy, and the Institute Committee office seems to be deserted as usual.

Yes, and the professors are back with us, too. Already they are correcting condition exams. May an optimism creep into their marks in as strong a manner as the sun crept into their complexions. Dean Talbot is back after a six months' vacation and his healthy looks belie a kind heart for freshmen. It is good to see him with us again, and to see the Dean's office humming with activity. With the President, the Dean and the Assistant Dean away at one time this summer the Lounge watched with interest the Dean's stenographer run the Institute.

The Lounge nearly forgot. Of course, we have with us the freshmen. Poor misguided creatures, how the older and sophisticated ones look at them in pity. Four years and probably more ahead of them and they can laugh. But freshmen, laugh back. You have at least a clear record before you. That is more than most of them can say.

Well, we are all here and a prosperous, bright and snow-bitten year ahead of us. Let us make the usual first term resolutions—but let us try and keep them. Coal, coke or log fires—it matters little. The Double F and P are still rival suitors to our report cards. May the better symbol be the victory!

Particular attention paid to STUDENT ACCOUNTS

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NINETEEN ATTEND SILVER BAY MEET

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Technology's crew, and E. E. "Kitty" Kattwinkel '23, former General Manager of THE TECH, won the boat race in an aquatic meet held one afternoon. Greatwood was also a member of the committee in charge of the swimming meet, while W. H. Correale '24 was a member of the track committee. Seven Institute men entered the tennis tournament and a like number competed in the swimming meet.

The Technology baseball team was defeated in its only game by West Point, but it was the latter team that won the conference championship, so the defeat was not a disgrace to the Engineers. Five of the West Point conference team were members of the army varsity nine.

One of the chief events of the conference was stunt night. That night any school with a delegation of 20 or more was allowed to put on a stunt on the platform, so that the Institute was just barely ruled out on this with its nineteen men.

However, delegations of over ten could give their college yell and song, so that the Tech cheer and last year's Prize Song were given by the Institute men. Each delegation went to the meeting dressed in some sort of costume. Technology's was recognized as one of the best, the men wearing white robes, with red sashes and red paper hats with gray "T's" on them.

The following is a list of the delegates:

H. A. Barnby G. Prof. H. L. Bowman, W. H. Correale '24, R. L. Cory '26, J. M. Elksgourdagy '26, M. H. Finley '24, H. R. Greatwood '24, A. R. Gruenberg '24, F. L. Hall '24, E. E. Kattwinkel '23, D. W. Kendall '24, R. C. Kleinberger '23, J. C. Livingston '25, F. O. Pierson '26, W. W. Quarles, Jr. '24, George Riegl G. W. M. Ross, Teunis Schenck '26, H. O. Tappan '23.

T. C. A. LISTS 800 ROOMS FOR INSTITUTE

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spection were T. F. Bundy '24, H. R. Greatwood '24, A. R. Gruenberg '24, D. C. Hooper '26, C. A. Oliver '26, and R. C. Read '24.

Cambridge Rooms Cheaper

The prices of rooms this year average about the same as last although no definite figures are available on them as yet. Last year the average cost of a single room in Boston was \$7.63, with the prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$10.00. Double rooms averaged \$9.59, with \$7.00 as the bottom limit and \$15.00 as the top.

Rooms in Cambridge are cheaper, the average for a single room last year being \$5.37. The highest price charged in this locality was \$9.00 while the lowest was \$3.00. The lowest price on double rooms in Cambridge was \$5.00 and the highest \$13.50, while the average was \$8.08.

Another work of the T. C. A. to help the newcomers at the Institute has been the appointment of advisers for incoming freshmen. There are 128 of these men some one of whom will write to each of the 291 freshmen that had been admitted by September 1. They will enclose in the letter instructions to the freshmen how to get to the Institute.

The T. C. A. has also made arrangements with the Boston Elevated whereby its guards at North and South Stations, Park Street, and Mass. Ave. have been furnished with these cards so that they will be able to give good clearcut instructions to those wishing to come to Technology.

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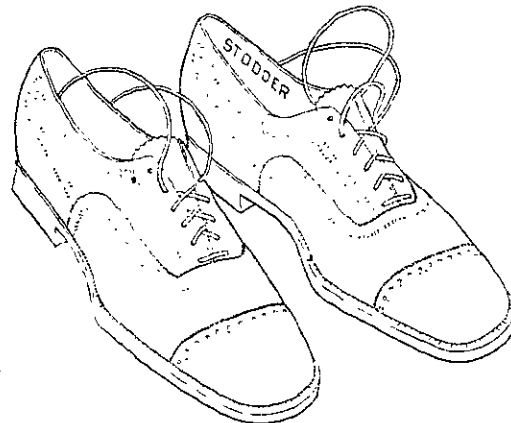
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