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ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

TODAY'S issue of THE TECH is devoted especially to the interests of the activities at Technology. The general managers of these activities have written articles for the express purpose of telling the freshmen just what their organization stands for, what it does, and what are the opportunities for new men on it. The freshman should therefore examine the various articles with a close scrutiny and then pause to reflect upon them. There is some kind of activity for every type of man here at the Institute. The freshman should look them all over carefully before deciding which he shall go out for.

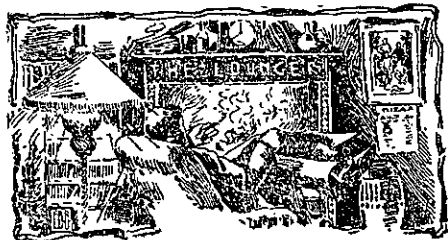
To the new men the importance of going out for an activity and the prominence the activities play in Technology life cannot be too greatly emphasized. They constitute the nucleus of the social life at Technology. Aside from the recreation and the break from the monotony of the regular curriculum of study which they afford, there is the opportunity of meeting the important men of the Institute and of formulating many valuable acquaintances. A man can never have too many friends, nor does every one possess the adroitness with which to make friends easily. For these latter men in particular activities are of immeasurable benefit. Then too, the necessity created of drawing a line of demarcation somewhere between the time spent upon studies and that spent upon activities is one which eventually teaches a man to divide his time between work and play to his best advantage—something which everyone cannot do. Technology is not so hard to get thru if one studies every single night without any form of recreation, but the result is good neither for the mind nor the body. Good health is the first requisite for good work.

Having chosen the activity for which he is going to work, the freshman should go out for it immediately. The old maxim of "never put off until tomorrow what you can do today" still holds true. In the case of the freshman there is often a little of backwardness or bashfulness, or possibly of fear, which causes him to delay entering an office until finally his original intentions have been totally defeated. This is easiest to overcome at the very beginning. Furthermore, in a field wherein competition is the watchword, an early start means an advantage over the man who delays.

This year the formal calls for candidates which have hitherto been the rule have been abolished. The articles in this paper today mark the official openings of competitions and the various activity offices will be open during the remainder of the week. Don't delay, freshmen! Report today and get a head start on the other fellow.

HELLO DEAN!

IT is indeed good to have Dean Talbot back with us at the start of another year of our mental worries. At the time of his departure early in the third term of last year everyone was acquainted with the fact that he was going away. Vacation and the pleasures of summer have deleterious effects upon the memory. So it is not surprising to have our friends express surprise at hearing that the Dean is with us again for the simple reason that they had forgotten he had gone away. Certainly we are all glad to have him back. He is the real friend of every one of the student body—something for which the freshmen who have received advice from him will vouch for. Without his presence an essential element of Technology is lacking.



There could hardly have been chosen a more expressive term for the season of fraternity bidding than "rushing." It is all one big rush. Meet the freshmen at the train, drag them back to the house, feed them that chicken dinner that so mysteriously changes into pork chops a week later, sing them your fraternity songs, and—try to talk to them. The conversation will all depend on the rushes sophistication. If he is one of those dark haired, knicker-clad, loud tied and tongued effects of swagger you may be comfortably sure he has just left a large prep school and the correct line of chatter is to inform him of the long list of bootleggers your more wayward brethren have discovered. If you but start this your part is done and you may sit back and let your mind wander over how you are going to work 223 into your schedule as he talks, rambling on from one drunk party that he has participated in to a still drunker debauch.

However, if your man is of large build, trips over the rug as he enters, and talks in the short sentenced, slangy—shall we call it English?—of his kind then you have an athlete. God help you if you don't know his school won the high school championship of eastern Siberia last year, but you may yet save yourself and your fraternity if you mention that Harvard has the

best coaching system in the country. He will bear the weight of the conversation from then on.

Then there is the sleek haired, soft eyed lizard whose only mental vibration is caused by the name, "Woman." If you know no bobbed haired females or if your rushing curriculum embraces no dances or "tea fights" you might as well send him along to the next house. Besides, he couldn't keep a pin on if you gave him one.

And so one could go on "ad infinitum" with the delightful types of our freshmen adolescences. But there is one sticker, and he will be the worry of your busy life. He is the "quiet" man, who sees a lot, hears a lot, but of his home town, the course he is taking, what he thinks of Technology, and says very little. You ask him the name you will receive short three-worded answers. Finally you will be forced to sink into the moral degeneracy of a stammered denunciation of Harvard in respect to the virtues of Technology. You will say good-bye to him with a thankful heart and put him down as a dumb-bell. He is the man that you should pledge—but you won't.

But, freshmen, you are also the goats in this delightful season of rushing. Fraternity life is not all "honeysuckle and roses," nor will you be warming the seats of a stage box during all of your scholastic career. Let them but once put that fatal button on you and all is over. You will be informed that the grass needs cutting and that freshmen are created solely to answer telephone bells. Before you take this final step be sure and ask for a look at the cellar. Not in order to investigate the bootleg stock but to see how many misfit brethren have been secreted be-

hind the furnace. This is important and should not be overlooked.

Also beware of being asked upstairs to "look over the house." You will suddenly find yourself in a room with a closed door and five of your well wishers facing you wearing nice smiles but determined looks. If your courage is not good and your will power not strong you are lost. They mean to put "the button" on you even if it means hours, verily days, to say nothing of starvation. They will be polite, oh so polite, and point out pretty pictures in Technique and inform you that he and he, and yes even he, "belongs to our chapter." And they will give you their history and their progress and their wonderful standing, all of which should be allowed to filter slowly into one ear after careful investigation has shown that a passage is perfectly clear for exit at the other ear. Yea, strong is the man that comes through such a situation unbuttoned. But these are only a few of the pitfalls that come before you dear freshman. A sense of humor will be a very effective weapon to carry with you, and will augment the frequency of the paddings you will experience.

The rushing season is certainly the rushing season, but please to remember that any job that is very much rushed is generally of very poor results.

FRESHMEN MEET FOR FIRST TIME TODAY

Today the freshman class will meet in 10-250 at one o'clock and be addressed by members of the faculty, who will extend a welcome to members of the first year class. The Dean, Professor Miller, and some one connected with athletics will tell the incoming men a little about the life at the Institute and lay forth the many opportunities offered in the various activities of the school.

The Dean will explain the functions of his office while Professor Miller will greet the new men on behalf of the faculty. The advantages and necessity of participating in some branch of athletics will be especially emphasized. Last year the meeting was well attended and Dean Talbot, Professor Miller and Coach Frank Kanaly talked to the new men. As this is the first chance the freshmen have to get together as a class, as it is to their advantage to have a good representation at the meeting today.

EARLE BATES '24 NOT TO RETURN THIS YEAR

Earle Bates, '24, the treasurer of the Institute Committee, is not returning to the Institute this fall, but will continue at the work he has been doing all summer. At the meeting of the Institute Committee next Thursday a treasurer will undoubtedly be elected to succeed him. Last year he was President of the Class of '24.

FIELD DAY RIVALS MEET JOINTLY AT HANGAR TOMORROW

In order that the Field Day teams may get a flying start there will be a meeting of all the various teams next Friday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Naval Hangar Gym. At this meeting the coaches will address the candidates for the teams. Since Field Day is set for such an early date this year, it is to be hoped that both classes will obtain an early start and settle down to the business in hand at once, in order that they may make as good showing as possible.

BIG INTEREST SHOWN BY TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI

Proof of the activity and vigour of Technology alumni organizations throughout the country is found in the schedule for the executive secretary of the Alumni Association, who is constantly besieged with requests to address gatherings of former Tech men. The office of executive secretary is held by O. B. Denison '11, who has recently returned from Ohio, where he was a guest at the Akron-Cleveland M.I.T. Outing last Saturday. The afternoon was spent on the farm of P. W. Litchfield '05, retiring member of the Corporation. Members of the Akron and Cleveland clubs hotly clashed for honors in golf and tennis at the Portage Country Club.

In the evening the combined clubs retired to the Hudson Club where they regaled themselves with an informal banquet and "dapper, dazzling, dimpled, lancing dames."

Mr. Denison is returning home via Baltimore, visiting the recently-formed Club there. September 20, 21, and 22 he spent in Providence visiting the Tech Club of Rhode Island. Travel for October includes trips to Alumni organizations at Lawrence, Mass., Portland, Maine, Manchester, N. H., Lowell, Mass., and Taunton, Mass.

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a long time, and so would the Technology branch, but for the objection of President MacLaurin, who believed it would not make for thrifty habits among the students. President Stratton, however, sees no objection to the practice, which accordingly has been instituted. No bond of any kind will be required to open an account, it is only necessary to show a Bur-sar's Card.

Dividend checks will be ready for distribution October 15.

To the class of '23 the Cooperative Society furnished 678 caps and gowns for graduation, approximately one-third of which were purchased, remainder being rented for graduation week only.

HARVARD REFORMS LAMPOON MORALS

President and Editor of "Life" Confers With President F. H. Nichols

Harvard has decided to keep to clean humor in its humorous publication, The Lampoon. This announcement followed a conference between President F. H. Nichols, C. D. Gibson and E. S. Martin. While at times during the past year the publication lapsed from the most aesthetic levels, it is Lampy's purpose in the future to avoid any such mistakes. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Martin, who are president and editor respectively of "Life," feel satisfied that the Lampoon has maintained a clean standard of humor and will press the "clean-up or bust policy." Hereafter it will take no half-way stand but be consistently clean.

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Ziegfeld Follies." Gallagher and Shean and the girls, etc.

COPLEY: "Caste." Henry Jewett Players.

HOLLIS: "Thank U." A comedy of a country minister with very good characterizations.

MAJESTIC: "The Covered Wagon." Movie of pioneer days.

PLYMOUTH: "The Cat and the Canary." Mystery play that is really good.

ST. JAMES: "Six Cylinder Love." A suburban comedy showing what a car can do for you.

SELWYN: "Runnin' Wild." All colored show with wonderful dancing and good patter.

SHUBERT: "Chauve Souris." Balliuff and his colleagues from the Bat Theater, Moscow.

TREMONT: "Loyalties." "Galsworthy" done by an English company.

WILBUR: "Sally, Irene and Mary." Girl and music show. Reviewed in next issue.

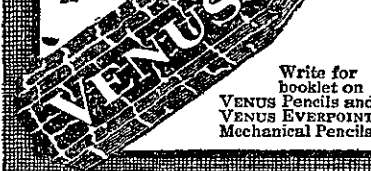
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