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COMBINING ALL CHARITY DRIVES

CHARITIES usually select autumn as the most logical time in which to carry on their campaigns for raising money. The school year is now well under way and it will not be long before the loyal cohorts of first one organization and then another will take their posts in the Main Lobby and beseech us to contribute to their support. When viewed in a certain light, every cause is worthy, some causes more than others, so that it is very difficult to discriminate and allow one campaign and not another. Yet this annual attack on the student's pocket book is both inconvenient and annoying. As long as a campaign is in progress there is a nervousness exhibited by everyone and a tendency to keeping aloof from the Main Lobby.

It is not that the students do not want to help out the various causes. It is the fact that there are so many of them which make their pleas at different times during the year. Some of the so-called drives are administered efficiently. Others are not, and when they fall short of their goals, are prolonged for another week. This is another source of annoyance. Last year the T. C. A. decided to limit its campaigning to one week, the decision met with instantaneous student approval, and the sum attained was proof that it is wasteful to spread a campaign over a number of weeks when it can be made far more effective by constraining it within the bounds of a week. On the other hand, the Red Cross drive last year was run in a haphazard manner and the sum contributed a disgrace to the magnanimity of the students of Technology.

Why not eliminate the inconvenience to the students, save the canvassers the expenditure of much time and otherwise wasted energy, and at the same time secure a maximum efficiency of effort by having one combined drive once a year for the T. C. A., Red Cross, Student Friendship Fund, and possibly any other organization which might seek to secure financial support from the students of Technology, this drive to have a definite time limit and be so organized as to reach every student? In past years, some students have contributed to one cause, and others to another. Never have all of them given to any one, unless it was the T. C. A., which is more or less conceded to be a purely Technology institution and to fulfill several essential needs. Furthermore, by having such a combined drive run by men who are prominent and well known at the Institute the percentage of men failing to contribute anything at all would be minimized. So that the total amount collected should not necessarily fall below the combined sums of the heretofore separately held drives, in spite of the fact that a man who had given five dollars to each separately would no doubt hesitate at giving fifteen dollars to them collectively.

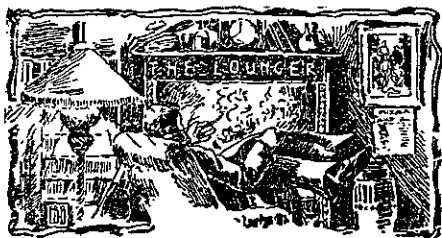
The national Red Cross drive begins in a few weeks. Whatever, if anything, is done in the nature of the plan suggested ought to be done now. There is little doubt that the students will voice their approval of the scheme. The heads of the various charities should express their viewpoint on the matter.

WAKE UP, YE FIELD DAY SOPHS!

WITH Field Day only a little over three weeks away it is starting to observe that there are scarcely enough Sophomore candidates to make up teams in football and tug-of-war. Granting this situation to continue, competition for positions will certainly be reduced to a minimum and the coaches will be under a great responsibility in making any equitable selection of men for those places.

We are now commencing our third week of school and it is well past the ordinary time to begin an active participation in class and school functions. There is little reason for such a laxity as the Class of '26 is showing toward the support of a Field Day program. It is not only the prestige of that class that will suffer, for although it exists as a unit, it must be in greater sense representative of Technology's undergraduate attitude.

Fortunately this is not a post examination of Field Day and there is still time to enter into the spirit of the affair, and still time to train; but no moment can be wasted and no man should deliberate as to his ability to make the team. There is only one qualification that is necessary for the tryouts and that is a willingness to compete for positions and to cooperate for the success of the class. The Sophomores cannot afford to lose this year and suffer the humiliation of not having their numerals inscribed on the Field Day Cup.



"Fair Harvard" and "Old Nassau" may be songs that send the thrills of youth through the followers of the crimson and the orange and black, but for creating a spirit of good fellowship "The Stein Song" has yet to find its equal. At least such are the Lounger's opinions. True "The Stein Song" does not mention the word Technology or blubber about the beauties of the cardinal and the grey. Its real appeal lies in the atmosphere that it creates for Technology men. At atmosphere of college days and carefreeness and the foolishness of youth that would drink until sunrise. A Technology Rubaiyat without the pessimism of Omar Kalyam.

The Lounger has fresh in his mind the effect of the song at the All Technology Smoker last Thursday evening. It was rather discouraging that the song was not better known, but even as it was sung it was a fitting end to a successful smoker. It was "a bigger and better" smoker than the Lounger has ever participated in. Even the speeches could be listened to. The Dean told jokes that really brought spontaneous laughter and "Doc" Rowe presented the same wax mustached smoothness that is always his. It is beyond the Lounger how that man does it. His tongue runneth like a golden stream and his wit can even down the bubblings of our inestimable friends, the Assistant Dean and Eric Hodgins. The Lounger has always had the warmest of feelings for Doctor Rowe since one grey afternoon when the Doc fed him Richmond Straight Cuts. It is too bad that the Doctor cannot follow his cigarettes when choosing his trousers.

The most startling part of the speeches, to the Lounger, lay in George Parker's description of activities. He announced that the T. E. N. had Schellmatized its office and had published a 200-page book on office management. T. E. N. is the most reportingest activity that the Lounger has ever had the pleasure of running across. A purchase of a new desk brings out a twelve-page report, changing a stenographer from a blond to a brunette must have cost at least twenty sheets, and now a 200-page book on office management. Heaven forbid! We shall expect to see the floor marked off with white lines and basket ball rules in force to keep the management in their territory. Ash trays will be in an arm's length of any portion of the office and candidates will undoubtedly be instructed to ask the general manager at stated intervals whether they may give him a cigarette. The Lounger wonders whether T. E. N. ever is original outside of its reports.

The office floor campaign for obtaining candidates was quite successful Thursday evening. Free food and smokes were present in every office, and how the men did pile in. One little Jap wandered into THE TECH office with his arms full of literature and his mouth crowded with lolly-pops. "What you givin' out here?" he demanded. He was presented with some chocolate bars and a copy of last year's Prom issue. "All free, all free?" he inquired. He was informed that they were. A long grin broke his yellow countenance. "Yes, everything free tonight, me take everything I find," he proudly boasted. Then his eye caught a picture of the Prom committee in the rotogravure section he had been given. "Ha, ha, who these men, who this funny face here?" he giggled. Down came his finger on the face of Bill Robinson, who had put on a sickly sweet face for the picture. The Jap was told in firm tones that it was the President of the Senior class. His face dropped a few degrees, but quickly beamed again. "Oh, yes, Robinson, he

look funny in those funny clothes. Me know him, had locker next him, last year, me vote for him."

It might well have been Nip Marsh, or a Boston election for that matter.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

Harvard Frosh Demand Meat

About ninety Harvard freshmen signed a petition the other day demanding some other main dish than eggs for breakfast. The '27 men will carry the fight against eggs to a bitter end.

Erect Aerodynamic Laboratory

The University of Toronto has added to its equipment an aerodynamic laboratory. This laboratory contains as its main piece of apparatus the only wind channel in Canada.

The Heights Reflects

The Heights, the official news organ of Boston College, connects the word progress with the name Technology in mentioning the new dormitory now being constructed. With an attempt at irony it continues under the same head to say that "The M.I.T. Musical Club" is reputed as being a superior college musical club, but ask the Boston public for a justification of this reputation.

Yale Sophs Pay Fine

As an outcome of the notorious riot in which the men of 1926 took part last spring the Yale Student Council has placed a tax of seventy-five cents on each member of the class, and in addition is requiring all Sophomores to sign a promise to be good boys and not get rough. The pledge is a promise of good behavior and orderly conduct on the streets of New Haven.

BELGIAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS COMING HERE

Included in twenty-one Belgian scholarship students just arrived in New York on the S. S. Belgenland are two men, Joseph Goosens of Brussels and Albert Lecron of Ghent University who are coming to the Institute. Goosens will study chemistry and Lecron is planning to take a course in traction electricity.

All expenses of the students are being paid by the Commission for the Relief of Belgium Educational Foundation, which is headed by Herbert Hoover. This organization was founded as successor to the Belgium Relief Commission to administer the balances remaining from the Relief Commission's funds. In addition to establishing these scholarships the Foundation has made endowments to the universities of Brussels, Ghent, Liege, Louvain, the School of Mines at Mons, and the Higher Colonial School at Antwerp.

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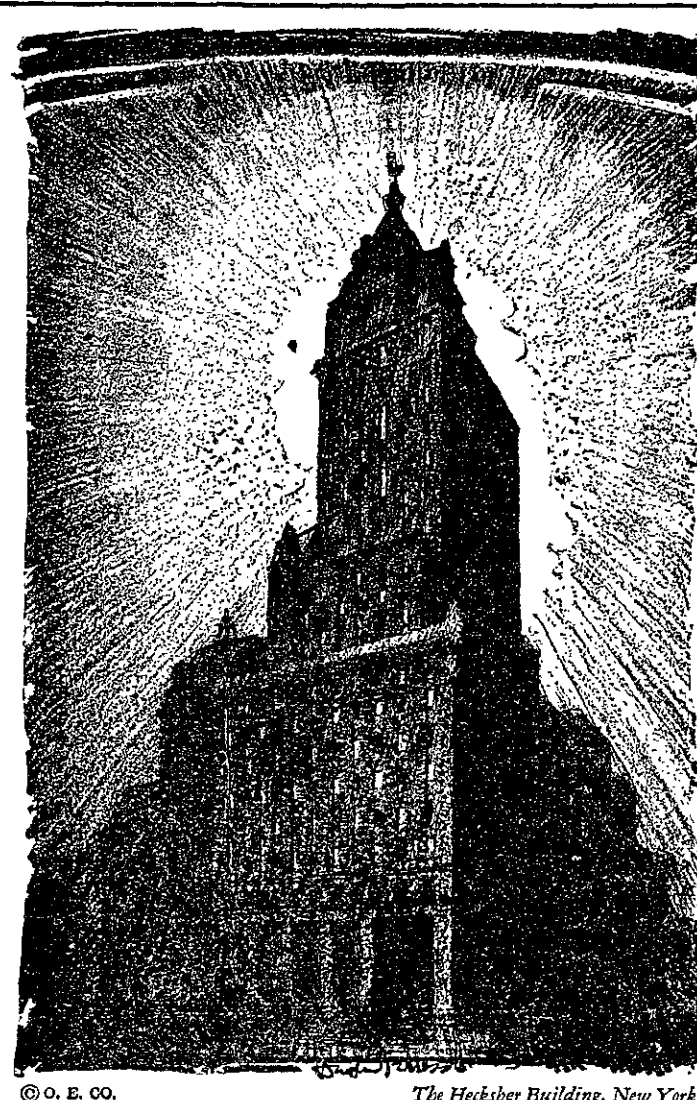
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