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ONLY ONE DRIVE THIS YEAR

THERE will be but one charity drive at Technology this year. This should cause the average student to utter a sigh of relief, especially when he is made acquainted with the news that the T. C. A., the Red Cross, and the Student Friendship campaigns were all scheduled to come in rapid succession within the puny ten weeks of the present term. Some men may dislike to part with a lump sum all at once which they had been accustomed to dividing into three parts, but there are a majority of other men who dislike far more to endure the entreaties, the applications, and possibly the embarrassments which are subsequences of any charity campaign for two whole months.

Perhaps the strongest argument which will actuate every man to contribute willingly to the combined drive this year is that, in accepting the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the idea, the Institute Committee has decreed that no other charity will be allowed to solicit funds on Institute property during the rest of the present school year. This is not only fair to the three organizations which have stipulated their willingness to combine their efforts, but it will give the Institute Committee a definite ruling to fall back on and thus save it much embarrassment at the time, whenever some additional cause seeks permission to canvass the student body. Furthermore, the combined drive will differ from the popularly known "community chest" in that all the funds collected will be distributed to the organizations participating, no sum being held in reserve for the benefit of any additional cause which may thereafter apply for permission to hold a drive. This will eliminate the possibility of having many small uncommendable causes seeking to devour the small fund which would otherwise be set aside.

The Institute Committee has done well to pass upon the scheme. Nor will many object to the method of apportioning the funds when collected, which was recommended by the special committee. The T. C. A. is entitled to its budget of two thousand dollars, as is proved by the support it received last year from the student body; and the comparative sums collected last year by the Red Cross and Student Friendship Fund justify an even division of all above this amount. It is now the duty of the committee in charge of the details of the drive to prepare a working organization of such high efficiency that when put into practical operation there will be no excuse for the drive's not being a success.

AFRAID OF THE BIRDIE?

IS it just plain youthful modesty, or averseness to posing for the anticipative sensitized plate of the ordinary photographer's camera, or is it mere laziness and abandonment of determination, which reasonably explains why more than half of the freshman class have failed to report to have their pictures taken for the Gray Book? Possibly the only reason any of us ever had our physiognomies reproduced for the identification cards which were a part of our first registration requirements was that the Registrar or some other higher authority demanded the procedure. But the pictures for the Gray Book are not intended to adorn the files of our registration office and perform the sole function of producing surface friction against the back of the cards next to them.

In all seriousness, the Gray Book will never be a success unless the freshmen get behind it and make it one. Primarily it must be complete and it cannot be complete until every freshman submits his photograph so that the rest of his class may know what he looks like. There is no excuse for delay. It is desired to have the book published as soon as possible, in fact by the end of this week. There is no time to lose. Snap to, frosh, and boost your own publication.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

U. S. Leads in Chemistry

In an interview with the Harvard Crimson Professor James W. McBain of the University of England stated that the United States leads the world in scientific progress. He spoke of the American laboratories as the greatest in the world. Professor McBain is making a lecture tour of the American universities.

Underclassmen to Have Advisors

Thirty professors have been appointed to act as faculty advisors to the freshmen at Princeton. The purpose of the "preceptorial system," as it is called, is

to help the student to appreciate his freedom and his responsibility to the best advantage to himself.

Dartmouth Stadium to be opened soon—The new stadium at Dartmouth which is to be a war memorial will be used for the first time November 3. The new athletic field provides for football, baseball, tennis, track and hockey.

New System at Columbia

Students entering the English, French, German and mathematics departments at Columbia University will be given special exams in each department, which will show what part of the subject the student is weak in. Special classes will then be arranged for the deficient students, and they will devote special time to the subjects in which they are behind.



The Lounger's head is in a whirl. Combined drives, barbecues, Japanese disasters, Tech Blotters, all mixed up with cigarette smoke. It was an interesting Institute Committee meeting. Long were the speeches and dumb were the arguments and still it was peppy. Long live Deacon Robinson and his cohorts of activity heads.

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This is all incoherent. The Lounger feels incoherent, he has been listening to incoherence. Shep Vogelgesang climbs to his feet and inquires whether Rogers is part of the Institute grounds, Nip Marsh likens a combined societies' enlistment drive to a charity campaign. Doug Elliot moves the question when there is no motion. Can you blame the Lounger? But the fact still stands that the meeting was worthwhile. A combined charity drive was given official sanction. The lowly student will have his pocket-book attacked but once a year. There should be hymns of praise re-echoing in the corridors.

At the very start of the meeting Doug Elliot put the committee to sleep with his report. Even the Lounger's warnings have not touched Doug. The report on The Tech Blotter was longer and better than any of Doug's prodigies. God bless the ambitious. But the Lounger has one triumph. Bill Robinson stood up during most of the meeting today. It was too bad that so many others wished to stand. Swartz and Marsh, Elliot and Swartz, Hosbach and Parker, persisted on standing up at the same time. These little repartees between distinguished individuals are interesting, but not during the process of a meeting. Enough respect should be shown the president to have not more than one man owning the floor at once.

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Many quaint characters posed before the committee yesterday. Nip Marsh in his sporty golf suit chewing a cigar and trying to gurgel the words of his report. Blond Fletcher combing his locks with one hand and making oratorical gestures with the other. George Parker glaring at the committee and training his voice for the main hall. Handsome, bashful, Archie Carouthers lacking only the cigar for true political atmosphere. Wally Ross, sitting, smiling, thinking, and keeping his mouth shut. Shep Vogelgesang reclining in artistic clumsiness on the floor. But the Lounger must conserve his supply for the next meeting.

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As yet the right explanation of the origin of "get down to brass tacks" has not been received by the Lounger. The first correct answer will receive five dollars of THE TECH'S hard earned money. It seems peculiar that no more of the Lounger's enemies have taken advantage of hitting him for five iron men. Perhaps the problem is too full of mental labor for them. The Lounger thought that he could ask of no more engineering quantity than "brass tacks."

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Ziegfeld's Follies." Lot of girls and color and all that have made them famous.

COPELEY: "Mr. Pim Passes By." Bright English comedy.

HOLLIS: "Thank U." Comedy of a parson's trials.

MAJESTIC: "The Covered Wagon." Last week.

KEITH'S: Julia Sanderson heads the bill.

PLYMOUTH: "The Cat and the Canary." Mystery play of average thrill.

ST. JAMES: "Rose Briar." Booth Tarkington.

SELWYN: "Running Wild." Last week of all-colored musical comedy.

SHUBERT: "Chauve Souris." Ballief and her Russian players, last week.

TREMONT: "Kild." Lenore Ulric at her best.

WILBUR: "Sally, Irene, and Mary." Musical comedy with Eddie Dowling.

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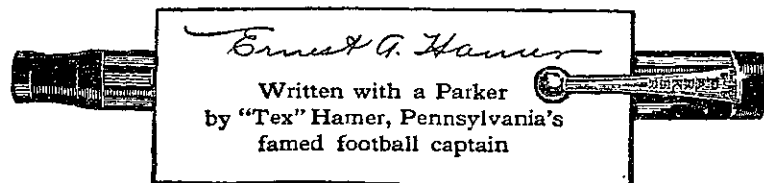


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