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## TECH NIGHT UPHELD

TECH Night has been for years the one occasion during the year for practically the whole of Technology to get together, forget their mental woes and worries, their slide rules and their relatives, and have one colossal good time. It is the kind of occasion the composer of the words of the Stein Song seemed to have in mind when he wrote the familiar phrase, "when good fellows get together." Added to the pervading atmosphere of good fellowship is always the exuberance which effervesces from the jubilant spirits of the victors of Field Day. So great is the abundance of enthusiasm that even the vanquished cast aside their dejection and join in the revelry, vowing to avenge themselves a year hence if the opportunity is still open to them.

Last year enthusiasm was allowed to go a bit too far, especially after the performance at the theatre was over, and after the events which took place at the corner of Exeter and Boylston Streets, it was suggested by some that Tech Night be abolished altogether and one of Technology's most cherished institutions be thus abandoned. Such a move or even the thought of it is to be deprecated. Unfortunately perhaps, Technology is situated within the limits of a great metropolis and not in a small, irresponsible country town where the peace is not so liable to be disturbed. But the authorities of Boston are not so reprehensible as to prohibit our celebrations altogether, so long as order is preserved and the fantasies of the many individuals in the crowd are restrained from asserting themselves.

There is to be a Tech Night this year, and as a means of discouraging mob violence, the committee in charge has arranged with the authorities to have a parade from the theatre to Tech Field, where a barbecue will be held to occupy the men for the rest of the evening. This is a novel idea. Those not acquainted with the ceremonies which attend a barbecue have a revelation in store for them. And there will be this advantage: if some semblance of disorder should appear, it is better that it should occur within Technology's own boundaries than within the focus of Boston's public censure. It is expected the students will appreciate the nature of the circumstances and act accordingly.

## SOPHS—SHOW SOME SPIRIT!

WHAT happened at Andover last Saturday gives one a pretty good idea of the spirit of the Sophomore class. Fifteen men went to Andover out of a squad of twenty-eight. For the men that went too much can not be said of their gameness and willingness to fight. Hopelessly outclassed, they did their best, and were badly beaten.

Among the thirteen men who stayed away, including over half of the regular lineup, some have sent in excuses. Most did not think even an excuse necessary. A glance at the excuses is far from convincing. They are contemptuous.

Where is your pride—Sophs? Sending that team to Andover was nearer murder than sport. Half of the team, to say nothing of the rest of the class, show utter indifference as to the class of teams turned out. There were but four substitutes for the whole game. Hardly a man on the Andover squad played in the game more than five minutes at a time. One Sophomore played the last three minutes of the game out of his head. He was suffering from concussion with no one to take his place.

That is not football, Sophs. Your men have not gotten out and worked and trained. You have not stood back of them and encouraged them. A few have shown fight—the number is pitifully small. It would be far better that football should cease at Technology than continue with the lack of spirit now shown.

## NAVY DAY ANNIVERSARY OF ROOSEVELTS BIRTH

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Herbert Hoover points out in a letter to Mr. Denby that our navy is necessary as a sea police to protect commerce. He says "the enterprise and initiative of our merchants in establishing their trade and the launching of their ships rests in great measure in their confidence that this police power exists and that it will continue."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., states in a letter that "it (the navy) is the right arm of our State Department, and translates our national pronouncements from empty words into statements that must be given the most serious consideration by all."

Mayor J. M. Curley of Boston has issued a proclamation urging the

people to observe the day. He also outlines what Boston and Massachusetts have done for the navy in the past and the benefits they have received from it.

### Ex-Presidents Support Navy

The following are what some of the prominent men of the nation have had to say about the navy from time to time:

"The United States Navy is the surest guarantor of peace which this country possesses."—Theodore Roosevelt.

"A powerful Navy we have always regarded as our proper and natural means of defense."—Woodrow Wilson.

"Perhaps the day will come when nations will employ no armed forces. Until such a day comes we shall find our assurance in a navy of the first rank."—Warren Harding.

"The Navy is the first line of defense, it is desirable that the highest efficiency in men and material be maintained."—Calvin Coolidge.

## CLASS BANNERS AND WHY

The All-Technology Smoker gave the new men at the Institute their first glimpse of the various class banners, the oldest of which dates back to 1868. The custom of having each class represented by a set of colors is likewise followed by our neighbor Harvard and many other colleges and universities. The first four classes to graduate from the college may be classed as fortunate, as they alone had the opportunity of choosing their own colors. The custom was then established of having each class adopt the colors of the class four years before it.

The collection of banners at the Institute comprises fifty-eight banners, fifty-six of which are class banners and the other two the Institute and Alumni banners of cardinal gray with a seal and beaver respectively. The Class of '68, having first choice, chose black and red for their colors. The Class of '69 followed with yellow and black, '70 with gray and blue, while '71 closed the order with blue and yellow.

There is, at present, no way of knowing why these colors were chosen, but it is worthy of notice to follow these four combinations and note one possible significance. The Class of '68 might have felt that they were coming from the blackness of night into the red dawn of a new day. In '69's banner the day is bright with sunlight and then night comes with its austere blackness. In '70 the day breaks with a gray dawn due to President Rogers' illness, but with no serious developments the latter part of the day becomes the blueness of the sky. It remains blue in '71 with a golden sun shining till night comes again in '72. Thus this succession of black nights and bright days may have a greater significance for the Institute than those original Classes of '68 to '71 intended.

Following the order through, the Class of '24 has the same colors as that first Class of '68: black and red. The Class of '25 has yellow and black, '26 gray and blue, while '27 has blue and yellow.

## CONDITION IN EUROPE DISCUSSED AT DINNER

Over 80 presidents, deans and influential student representatives of colleges and preparatory schools from nearly every section of New England met last Saturday evening in the Faculty Dining Room of Walker for a dinner and a discussion to consider the situation in European University circles and the means of continuing the much needed assistance.

The gathering was held under the auspices of the Student Friendship Fund which since 1920 has been conducting an extensive program of relief for needy students in Central Europe, Russia and the Near East.

Dean H. P. Talbot '85 of the Institute presided. The speakers were: President H. N. MacCracken of Vassar College, who has recently visited many Central European Universities; Mr. G. R. Taylor of New York, who has been in Russia for the National Information Bureau, and Mr. R. T. Rich of Hingham, who has been working as Acting Executive Secretary of European Student Relief and returned from Europe only a few weeks ago.

## WENTWORTH TO TALK AT MINERS' SMOKER

H. A. Wentworth, vice-president of the American Zinc and Lead Smelting and Refining Company will address the Mining Engineering Society at their smoker Wednesday evening, October 24, at 7:30 o'clock in the west lounge, Walker Memorial.

Mr. Wentworth will speak on the subject of "Economics of Mining Management." His talk will be preceded by a short business meeting of the society. Free smokes will be served during the evening.

## MASQUE SKITS TO BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY

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ing will be in North Hall as usual. Any men who were not at the last meeting are urged to try to be present. Hereafter this Monday afternoon meeting will become a weekly feature. It is planned to get together and put out some excellent music and lyrics for the coming show. At the meeting last Monday it was found that some very good work had been done over the summer, but it is still necessary to have many more men who are actively interested in the work. Gavin Watson '24, chairman of the music committee, will talk to the men and attempt to help them out as much as possible.

### Coaches Already Chosen

Thursday afternoon sees the orchestra men meeting for the first time this year. Mr. C. A. Young, who coached this branch of the show last year, will again be present to tell the men just what has to be done. No instruments are needed at this initial meeting. Every man who is interested in playing in such an orchestra is urged to be present. In addition to taking the trip with the regular show, the orchestra gives several concerts around Boston.

The music and lyric writers should be present at the meeting of the orchestra men in order to get some idea of what is going on. Gavin Watson therefore wishes that all the music men be present.

The coaches for this year's Show have been chosen. In the training of the cast, Mr. R. L. Harlowe will again have charge of seeing that the men are ready to put on the production. Ballet will again be coached by Miss Virginia Tanner, while the orchestra management will be entrusted to Mr. C. A. Young. Mr. Harlowe, in addition to the cast, will have charge of the chorus.

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Foreign Students at Technology will be the guests of the Student Hospitality Committee on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock in the Trophy Room of Walker Memorial. The Committee has tried to obtain a complete list of the foreign students whose homes are outside of the United States, but in case any man has failed to receive an invitation he is requested to send his name to Mrs. R. P. Bigelow at 11 Park Street, Brookline.

Dean H. P. Talbot '85 will preside at the supper. Mr. Charles Hurrey of New York, who represents the Friendly Relations Committee for foreign students, is one of the speakers. The other one is Mr. W. L. Underwood, who will talk on "Hunting with the Camera."

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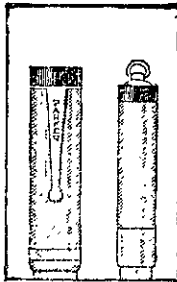
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