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TAKING THE "KID" OUT OF KIDNAP

SEVEN Sophomores at Williams have been indefinitely suspended by the Dean of that college as a result of their attempt to capture the officers of the freshman class and prevent their participation in the annual underclass tug-of-war. This should be of special interest to Technology men because the events of Field Day just a week ago today are still the topics of numerous conversations.

Williams may be considered as one of America's typical colleges. Technology is not usually regarded as one of these typical institutions, due perhaps to its partiality toward work and study. This point is made clearer when it is remembered that the usual excuse for there being no Institute football team is that the students "have not enough time." We do not wish this conception, however, to be misconstrued as supporting the opinion of many newspapers that the average college is solely a place for an athlete to make a name for himself.

The mere kidnapping of class officers by members of another class is no new idea and we are not shocked by the affair at Williams. We are wondering, however, what the authorities at that college would say if they knew some of our freshman class only last week raided a Sophomore banquet and tried to capture the Sophomore president. Conduct unbecoming an engineer? Yet the majority of Tech men would feel disappointed if something aside from the regular Field Day events did not occur. Nothing which would incur physical damage should be employed, to be sure.

So long as there is no malicious intent and the kidnapped officers are later returned or given a chance to return of themselves, we see no harm in such events. One more reason, incidentally, why we should appreciate the broad view with which the authorities tolerate some of our actions. For we act like other college men ourselves and sin just as much against rules.

COURSE X AND HONOR

THE Course X Honor System Committee is to be superseded by a student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The code of ethics which this latter organization has adopted is of nation-wide repute and noted for its rigidity. Last spring a movement was on foot to establish an honor system at Technology, but interest in the subject seemed to drop with the coming of the summer vacation. This change in the system of Course X will no doubt arouse new interest in the subject.

The Course X Honor Committee has suffered a great deal through adverse criticism, mostly to the effect that it was a group of tin gods masquerading as stool pigeons. Many have thought this Committee to be working for a cause destined to lose. It is expected the new organization will arouse the men's personal pride in their profession, mould their spirit together, and prevent such an attitude.

To create a high integrity for this local chapter it is necessary that men be elected from a standpoint of character rather than mere social standing. Clothes may do a lot toward making a man, but the code of ethics of an individual does not necessarily depend upon his being garbed in a high collar and smooth suit. The men of Course X must exercise discretion, in selecting the men to represent them. The new organization should be able to start a new idea of pride in one's profession at Technology. After all a man's professional reputation is what makes him a success in the business world.

FREE SPEECH

NOT infrequently we detect a muffled but audible cry from the student body of other colleges indicating that they are being led toward a narrow path of thought and expression. They apparently believe, and with good reason, that they are moulded according to perfectly conventional standards, that they are seeing only a one-sided solution to current problems, and that a faculty exercising such a paternalistic attitude is guilty of fostering possible misconceptions.

There is sufficient evidence to indicate that Technology students cannot truly make similar assertions. When it is the policy of this Institution to invite and encourage men with such diversified interests as Charles M. Schwab, and the radical socialist, Paul Blanshard, our contention is proved.

We are more fortunate in this respect than the students of many other colleges, and far more so than many realize, but it frequently takes an outsider to point out to us the privileges which we enjoy and accept as commonplace.

THE COMBINED DRIVE

By C. M. PHELPS '24

People at Technology are now turning over in their minds the facts concerning the oncoming Combined Drive which commences here Monday. All know they will be asked to contribute to the campaign and the first question is, "For what purpose is the money used?" and "Why should I contribute?" Many of us already know why we, as individuals, should give and also where the money we give will be used. The majority, however, are not thoroughly acquainted with the real reasons why they should give.

We all remember previous drives at Technology, when many were asked to donate several times during the year, without all the reasons and facts concerning the beneficiaries being made clear. This year there are to be two new features carried out in conducting these drives. First, the three are to be combined into one short week of campaigning. Second, the policy of the campaigners is to use every possible means to point out to the student body and others at Technology, the advantages and benefits of the causes to which they are donating. In this way the undesirable features of Charity Drives will be eliminated. There will be only one and no one will be asked to give something they know little or nothing about.

T. C. A. Needs Student Support

The campaign is to be conducted for the Technology Christian Association, the Student Friendship Fund and the American Red Cross. The Christian Associations work here is known by a great many students. The organization is made up of undergraduates who have fundamentally in mind the purpose of rendering service to the student body. Also they have a further purpose of promoting the giving of service to outsiders by students. The service of the Employment Bureau is one which has been so useful to undergraduates, that some have found it possible to remain at Technology only because they are able to obtain employment through this Bureau. The Room Registry and the Book Exchange are two other departments where students have received exceptional advantage on account of the Association. Handbooks, with M. I. T. information are furnished yearly to all new men and many others already in the Institute. Bible Study groups are conducted for the students. The churches are furnished with names of students and their denominations. Entering freshmen are furnished with advisers by the Association. Meetings of a religious nature, securing attendance of a large percentage of the student body, are conducted annually. The outside work of the Association consists of furnishing Boys' Clubs with leaders; the sending of men to factories to teach English to foreigners; and the arranging of Deputation trips to High Schools and Y. M. C. A.'s in the vicinity of Boston.

The Technology Christian Association is for the entire student body and must be supported by the students in order to carry on.

Money Goes Far in Europe

The Student Friendship Fund is one which is raised only in the colleges and universities. It is administered to the countries of Central Europe which, as a result of the great war, have been left in an economic condition which is disastrous for the education of the people. Thousands of students, unable to combat the conditions which compel them to give up either studying or existing, have succumbed to the inevitable and have left all thoughts of education behind them. So great has been the withdrawal from the universities, that some assert that in 25 years Europe will be under the leadership of uneducated, ignorant men. In Europe \$5.00 will do the following: provide food for 100 students, buy two pairs of shoes, one suit of clothes, 40 scientific text-books, pay a Russian professor's salary for two months or one year's tuition for two students. No matter how small may be your donation, it will go a long way in Europe.

Drive Appeals to Three Things

The Red Cross is a national organization which raises money throughout the country to render a national service to those whose lives are in danger. First aid courses are conducted, nurses are trained and money is made available for the relief of ex-service men disabled in the war. Financial assistance

is given to any disasters in this country or abroad. Half a million dollars have been spent in this country for such purposes, for example, the fire in Berkeley, California. Ten million dollars was raised by the Red Cross for the Japanese disaster. The Association is now conducting its annual Roll Call. Make your Red Cross donations count for Technology by giving it to the Combined Drive.

A singular feature in regard to the Charity Drive of next week is that it gives the opportunity to express three very important feelings. Donation to the Technology Christian Association gives expression to your local patriotism or Technology spirit. The Red Cross relies on nation-wide support and calls upon your patriotism to your country. Finally, the Student Friendship Fund goes farther still, and calls upon your international friendship and your desire to assist and promote goodwill among countries not your own. Here then are three distinct appeals, the local, national and international. Certainly this is a broad appeal and the committee, therefore, feels justified in seeking liberal response.

CIVIL ENGINEERS SEE ROXBURY LEVEL PLANT

The transit and level factory of C. L. Berger and Sons, in Roxbury, was visited yesterday by twelve students under the auspices of the Civil Engineering Society. A similar trip is to be held this afternoon. It is open to every one interested, and will leave the lobby of Building 1, near room 1-163, at 1:30 o'clock.

This company makes all the instruments for the international boundary work of the government. They are also working at present on the manufacture of special precise levels for the government of Siam. All parts of the instruments, except the lenses, are made in the factory at Roxbury.

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BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: San Carlo Opera Company. Friday, Jewels of the Madonna; Saturday matinee, Carmen; Saturday evening, Il Trovatore.

COLONIAL: "The Merchant of Venice."

DAVID WARFIELD.

COPLEY: "The Double Life of Mr. Alfred Burton." Copley Players.

HOLLIS: "The Awful Truth." Ina Claire.

MAJESTIC: "Caroline." Operetta.

PLYMOUTH: "The Cat and the Canary."

Good mystery but weak ending.

ST. JAMES: "Not So Fast." Stock company.

SELWYN: "The Old Soak." Last week.

SHUBERT: "Mary Jane McKane." Good clean musical show.

TREMONT: "Kiki." Lenore Ulric.

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