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E. H. Long '25

ONLY A HOLIDAY?

IN the early days of the Colonies, Thanksgiving was proclaimed as a religious holiday which was to be spent in giving thanks for the multitude of blessings that had been received during the preceeding year. Later on the day lost much of its religious significance and came to be a day of national rejoicing. However, to the student Thanksgiving is merely one more occasion for a short breathing space in ten long weeks of hard studying.

Is it not strange that instead of using Thanksgiving as the day on which to acclaim the blessings of all other days, we usually spend those other days acclaiming Thanksgiving, and then when it comes we do not even except it from our hours of mental drudgery? Are we so pressed with work that we must use Thanksgiving to catch up in the subjects in which we feel ourselves slipping?

Again, are we so imbued with thoughts of our stomach that we remember Thanksgiving only by the gobbling and feathered symbol of a sweet-meated turkey? Beautiful traditions are too rare to be so grossly neglected, so improvidently forgotten. Thanksgiving, like Washington's cherry tree, is a valuable part of American education, a cherished example of American ideals and symbolic of American custom. Let us not be unmindful of the good we received.

Every student has something to be thankful for, if nothing else than that he has thus far been spared from the sweeping effects of a Vote Ten.

THE TECHNOLOGY R.O.T.C.

IN striking contrast to the position it once occupied as the laughing stock of the student body, the Military Science Department now is held in high repute and commands the respect of everyone connected with Technology. The numbers of Sophomores and Juniors who sign up for one or another of the advanced units are clearly indicative of the present attitude of the students toward the Department.

Aside from improvements in organization and rearrangements in the program schedules of some of the units, it is safe to say that the uniforms now worn by men in the advanced units have done more than anything else to effect this change of attitude on the part of the student body. The Department acted wisely in requiring the men to wear their uniforms to class in order to receive credit for their attendance. As in anything similar, there may have been grumbling at first, but the order had its effects. Wearing a uniform once a week soon becomes but a habit, and as soon as this habit is formed, the men actually take pride in wearing the uniform, as they should. Furthermore, any man who is not willing to wear his uniform should not sign up for the advanced course in the first place. For in the Army, discipline and obedience are the watchwords and individual whims are not tolerated.

The appointment of Student Officers has also done much to augment the interest of the men. Aside from the experience given these officers, the move has added the student personality to the ordinary task of instruction.

There is still time for Juniors to sign up during the present term for one of the advanced units. Men who are still undecided should not delay further. One very encouraging fact is that the number of men who turn down their commissions upon graduation is steadily decreasing. This shows that the men are going into the R.O.T.C. because they think it is worth while and not solely for the financial remuneration involved.

The Department of Military Science and Tactics has progressed very extensively in the past few years. The students should bear this in mind and remember as well that the Department has a real proposition to offer. It is encouraging to think that so many Tech men enroll in the R.O.T.C. when some other colleges have had to consider abolishing their units because enough men would not sign up.

MARQUETTE HONORS SOUSA

John Philip Sousa, world renowned band director, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of music by Marquette University on November 16. At the same time a concert was given by him at which South Dakota and Marquette football teams were the guests of honor.

HARVARD STUDENTS MAKE INTELLIGENT MOB

The famous English actor, Sir John Martin-Harvey, now playing at the Boston Opera House described the group of 200 Harvard men used in the mob scene of "Oedipus Rex" as a "very intelligent mob from Harvard."



B. L. FEAGIN '24 SHOWS PROMISE

By C. F. Lyman

The playing of B. L. Feagin at the Plymouth concert of the M. I. T. Musical Clubs last Friday evening deserved, most certainly, special mention in THE TECH'S columns for Mr. Feagin proved himself a delightful surprise.



B. L. FEAGIN '24

The Lounger is not going to dispute the claim of the Rogers man to mental superiority over his brother Technologist. He merely wishes to point out that the Rogers man is perhaps Technology's furthest developed type of collegian. We have had forced upon us of late many types of college man. The Harvard stadium has been the direct cause of it. We have seen the collegiate attitude of Dartmouth men, the outstanding college dress of Yale, the fighting loyalty of Brown men. Perhaps we have noticed outstanding in these types the strong desire of each man to be as much as possible in dress and thought like his fellow classman. They all seem desirous of being patterned from the same mold, of burying their originality and personality under the cloak of collegiate uniformity.

The Rogers man is not collegiate in his dress, but he is very much so in his thinking. The average architect assumes his attitude of mental superiority and finer appreciation, of bohemianism and futurism, not particularly because his personality forces him into such an attitude but because his companions subtly instruct him that such an attitude is correct. He assumes what might be called a "collegiate aestheticism." He preaches of freedom and breadth of thought when that idea itself was forced upon him as the correct doctrine. He sizes up the rest of Technology as only interesting while operating a slide rule, with no apparent attempt to become acquainted with them. Exclusiveness is perhaps indicative of high social standing, but also of narrow mindedness.

Two weeks ago the Lounger mentioned in his column the various types of men that one bumps into in the corridors of Technology. Perfectly properly he included the Rogers man in his category. The result was a communication from one of these well known architects. The Lounger is printing it below because he thinks it typifies the average Rogers man in a much better manner than his feeble pen could.

TO THE LOUNGER—

Your article on the "Rogers Man" is amusing. It hits the spot, so to speak, but why confess such a weakness of the "Tech man" as lack of mentality. Here's the way your article struck me as I read:—

And the Rogers man is with us. He does not believe he is with us (we are exclusive) but on that we have fooled him. He bends himself over a drawing table for most of the day (6 P.M. daily) and has dreams about towering structures and nightmares about free verse (rather, he actually *thinks*, at least once in a while). He will read you the most incoherent literature (that is a horrible confession—as though literature were incoherent) and pretend to despise your mentality (how can a human being blame him after the first part of this sentence) when you admit total blankness, (too true). His long hair may not disclose him (you will find more of that at the "factory"), but his sarcasm is easily distinguished. (It seems greatly needed; from the substance of this article.)

In closing, will add, that you seem to acknowledge that the "Rogers Man" has most of the "mentality" and I must say that I agree with you. If the average man would exercise his dormant soul a little it would help "our" Technology morale a great deal. Yours for a better Technology—

"A Rogers Man."

But the Lounger likes Rogers men. He wishes that the Technology men in Cambridge could acquire a little of the viewpoint of the Rogers man, and the reciprocal would certainly not hurt our architects.

Play Directory

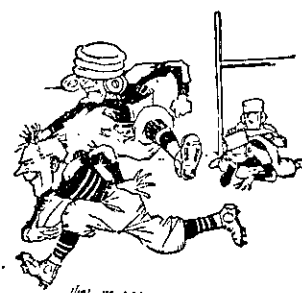
BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: "Oedipus Rex." Sir John Martin-Harvey.
COLONIAL: "George White's Scandals." Revue.
COPLEY: "I'll Leave It to You." Jewett Players.
HOLLIS: "So This Is London." Cohan comedy.
MAJESTIC: "Dew Drop Inn." James Barton comedian.
PLYMOUTH: "The Love Child." From the French.
S. JAMES: "Shavings." Cape Cod comedy.
SELWYN: "Two Fellows and a Girl." Love a la Cohan.
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