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THE laws which govern the lunch room are in some respects most peculiar ones. A fellow rushes in, turns over a chair to secure a seat for himself, and then proceeds to the counter to obtain his lunch. In very busy times it is very possible that he is unable to be waited upon for fully twenty minutes, and during all that time a score or more students stand up and eat their lunch at the counter in the midst of the crowd just because they seem to respect the selfish motive which caused the above-mentioned chair to be turned up against the table. No man should recognize in another the right to reserve a seat for himself when the lunch room is crowded. "First come, first served" should govern the affairs of the counter alone. With regard to the chairs at the tables, the rule (if a rule is necessary) should be, "first served, first seated." All seats are free in the lunch room, and everybody should feel perfectly at liberty to take any unoccupied seat.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

Replying to the communication in the issue of THE TECH dated March 16th, I wish to state why the M. I. T. A. C. is a member of the New England Association of the A. A. M. rather than of the N. E. Intercollegiate A. A.

The idea of joining the N. E. I. A. A. is not a new one. It has been discussed at length by the Executive Committee of the M. I. T. A. C., but no application was made to join the N. E. I. A. A. for the following reason. The N. E. Intercollegiate field day—their annual outdoor meeting—is always held at the end of May. The annual examinations of the Institute continue during the last two weeks of May, during which time it is out of the question to train for athletics. In fact, it has so happened that the N. E. I. field day has been held during the very same time as our examinations here. This, I think, is sufficient reason for our not joining the Intercollegiate Association so long as the existing arrangements continue. If the annual outdoor meeting was held three weeks earlier, or perhaps two weeks later, our competing with the New England colleges might be feasible. But is it possible to have the date of this meeting fixed? No; it is impossible, and for this reason. Many of the competitors from Amherst, Dartmouth, Williams, Wesleyan, etc., enter in the Mott-Haven games of May 30th, and none of them would be willing to get into training three weeks earlier or keep in training two weeks longer in order that Technology could compete with them.

If he who wrote the communication referred to can suggest a way out of the difficulty, the M. I. T. A. C. Executive Committee and the Institute at large would undoubtedly be pleased to hear it.

Now as to why Technology is a member of the N. E. A. A. U. while none of the other colleges are. The M. I. T. A. C. has held games, both closed and open, for fourteen years, and their open meetings have done much to develeop athletics, and have always been considered one of the athletic features of the year. Consequently, when the N. E. A. A. U. was formed, Technology was considered especially fit to become a member, which we did, and have belonged ever since.

If we were not a member of the Athletic Union, it would be necessary to file an application to be allowed to hold games whenever we wished to do so, stating what the prizes were to be, going through many tedious formalities. Furthermore, a fee has to be paid for having the games registered. If these requirements are not adhered to, all those who compete at the meeting become disqualified.

Then, again, if we were not a member of the Athletic Union, our athletes would not be allowed to compete at the championship meeting.

Other colleges have not joined as yet, because they do not hold open games to such an extent as we do, principally because their main attention is centered in their intercollegiate games. Even if they wished to do so, it would be in violation of the intercollegiate constitution; so this alone is sufficient to prevent.

It is to be regretted that Technology cannot compete with the other New England colleges, but it certainly seems impracticable at present. If an indoor intercollegiate championship meeting were held some time during the winter, Technology could and would enter, and would be sure to do creditably.

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