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AN IDEA FOR TECH.

In answer to an inquiry regarding the system under which the news staff of the Pennsylvania is run, the following letter has been received from Robert L. Lowe, 1908, editor-in-chief. This inquiry was made because THE TECH has felt for some years that such a system might be instituted at the Institute to great advantage. A large number of candidates would come out for the News Staff, THE TECH would benefit not only from being able to have a large number of men working, but also from being able to get the best men in the Freshman Class on the editorial staff, and the best men themselves would get practical education in the use of English. THE TECH hopes that a plan such as is outlined in Mr. Lowe's letter can be adopted at the Institute.

Mr. Lowe said in part:—"First let me say that the system as indicated by the editorial to which you refer was subsequently modified due to force of circumstances. When the rule making it obligatory for all candidates to take our course in Newspaper Writing was put into effect it was found that so few freshmen could adjust their rosters to the hour at which that course is given that the number of candidates was materially decreased. That is to say that while last year we had forty candidates at the opening of the season, this year we had but eight.

"The system now employed is this: A course entitled "Newspaper Writing" is given in the English Department by Professor Cornelius Weygandt, who spent several years in active newspaper work in this city. The work in this course counts toward a degree. All candidates are advised to take the course and the work done by them for the paper is accepted by Prof. Weygandt as an equivalent for his requirements. Thus we add an inducement to men to become candidates.

"This plan has worked very well and our number of candidates is now about normal. The best of them are taking the newspaper course and receiving credit from the faculty for their work on the paper.

This method can hardly be called a system, as you can see. The plans originally laid proved impractical, as you can see they would under the circumstances."

OFFERS TWO PRIZES.

THE TECH offers two prizes of five dollars each for drawings for its inserts in Technique 1909. One drawing is to be a full-page frame for the picture of the Board of Editors, with a space left also for the names. The other is to be a head for the page which contains the list of members of the staff. It is desirable that both designs should be as expressive as possible of the fact that they are illustrating the page assigned to a newspaper. All drawings must be in the hands of the Managing Editor by Saturday, Dec. 21. This condition is positive, and, if no drawings are in, time will NOT be extended. THE TECH also reserves the right to decline to accept all of the drawings if none are acceptable. Further information may be secured from the Managing Editor.

POSTERS A DISGRACE.

"Indiscriminate conglomeration" styles perfectly the posters in the various Institute buildings. Not only are the regular posters of irregular size and shape, but there are numerous posters painted

in a sloppy manner on wrapping paper, cheap card board and writing paper.

As a visitor enters Rogers a most startling sight greets him. A fringe of wrapping paper, inked with pink or blue, hangs from various bulletin boards. The blackboard is covered with signs announcing all kinds of meetings in all sorts of ways. Worse even is the bulletin at the head of the first flight of stairs.

What should be done is to assign to each organization a distinctive poster. Every poster should have printed at the top the name of the organization. This should include the classes as well as the clubs and other organizations. This is already done by the Track Team, Fencing Team, Cross Country Team, THE TECH, and others.

There should also be assigned places for posters, also some sort of rule in regard to the placing of posters. The track management has considerable difficulty in keeping posters in place during the fall season, the posters being removed by other organizations to secure the tracks. The track posters were thrown on the floor and swept up by the janitor.

Rules in regard to posters should be formulated at once by the Institute Committee.

FENCING CLUB ORGANIZED TODAY.

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be started among the candidates for the team, and a varsity squad be picked at the end of each month. The money raised for the development of the team can be used to partially pay for the instruction of these men.

If this procedure is instituted there will be working from now until the intercollegiate meet the six best candidates. Coach Fournon advises that this is the only way Technology can make any kind of a showing against the other colleges. Also under this plan, at the end of each month there will be an opportunity for other candidates to displace the men on the varsity squad.

The outlook for the Fencing Team, bright at the opening with numerous candidates, has been gloomy in the past few weeks. The number of men out have decreased from thirteen to six. However, in the past two days there has been a change for the better. Wednesday there were thirteen men practicing and a number have renewed their club memberships.

Turner, who had experience on the Princeton team and was a member of the Tech team last year, has announced his intention to come out this year.

This makes the outlook for a strong team much brighter. Captain Loring has been working daily since the opening of school with Grubnau. Lange has been working hard and is in good shape while there are several very promising new candidates working.

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