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The next regular issue of The Tech will appear on January 1.

The Tech extends to all its heartiest wishes for a happy, wholesome Christmas.

School closes tonight. Catch the next train for home, whether it be Bangor, Maine, or Chicago, Illinois.

Leave all your books behind and don't think of study again until you strike the Institute next Thursday, ready for another stretch of hard work. Forget your Woods and Bailey, freshmen; sophomore, quit your worry over Physics; and upper-classmen, banish all dread thoughts of Dynamo-Electric Machinery or Structures! Forget the petty inconveniences of Tech's cramped position, the hard work you have done, and tell the folks instead what a big, fine place the Institute is. Be a big-hearted optimist for one week!

Hang up your stocking as you used to do on Christmas eve and join in the good old games with your brothers and sisters. Skate, coast, and fish through the ice. Get out those old snowshoes and take long tramps across country. Live the outdoor life with an open heart and a mind free from care. Drop your reading of books; read for a week the Great Outdoors, the woods, the fields, and the sky.

Then come back here next Thursday with ruddy cheeks and a great big rosy smile, backed by a keen determination to dig in and work for another month. Once more, a Merry Christmas!

It was the stated purpose of the committee on the point system of office holding, to base the ratings not on the honor of the position held, but rather on the amount of time and personal attention supposed to be required of the office holder.

Why then are members of a Tech Show chorus rated at five points, while members of the Institute Committee are rated at seven? Members of the chorus are required to spend regularly three afternoons a week at rehearsals, while so far this year the Institute Committee has held three meetings.

Why are the principals in a Tech Show, who have all the work of a chorus with the added responsibility of having to know their lines and stage business to the highest possible degree of perfection—why are these rated at six points, while the president of the M. I. T. A. A.—a very high sounding title—is rated at eight points, his duties being to preside over the bi-monthly meetings of that association and to act as an occasional intermediary between the Athletic Association and the Advisory Council?

Why are the presidents of the freshman and sophomore classes, with their innocent responsibilities of conducting class meetings held spasmodically throughout the year, and of representing their class, ex-officio, on the above mentioned Institute Committee, rated in the same class with the overworked members of the Senior Portfolio Committee, the Technique board, and the editorial and business staffs of The Tech?

Why are the leaders of the several musical clubs, who must spend two afternoons a week throughout the year whipping a crew of indifferently good musicians into a presentable group of entertainers, beside having to spend one or more nights a week on the numerous musical club trips—why are they credited with six points while eight are given to the presidents of the professional societies who are supposed to arrange a list of entertainments and to procure speakers for the monthly or bi-monthly meetings?

The committee on the point system has probably endeavored to sprinkle their points in the proper order. There has, nevertheless, been a tendency to rate several of the high-sounding titles too high, while many of the minor offices which in reality require a large amount of time and attention are rated too low.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

Sophomores Appoint Managers of Baseball and Basket Ball Teams

At a meeting of the sophomore class directors, held Monday afternoon, the appointment of T. F. McLaughlin as manager of the 1911 baseball team was confirmed. McLaughlin was captain of the team last spring, and played a consistent game during the whole season.

The basketball team was officially recognized as a regular class team and W. H. Hildebrand was appointed manager. T. B. Parker is captain. The team will probably be picked from the following men, but more candidates are desired:—T. P. Parker (Capt.), R. E. Shatz, G. E. Livingston, R. G. Macpherson, H. D. Williams, T. W. Metcalf, G. E. Hodge, D. R. Stevens, S. B. Copeland, C. H. Harrington.

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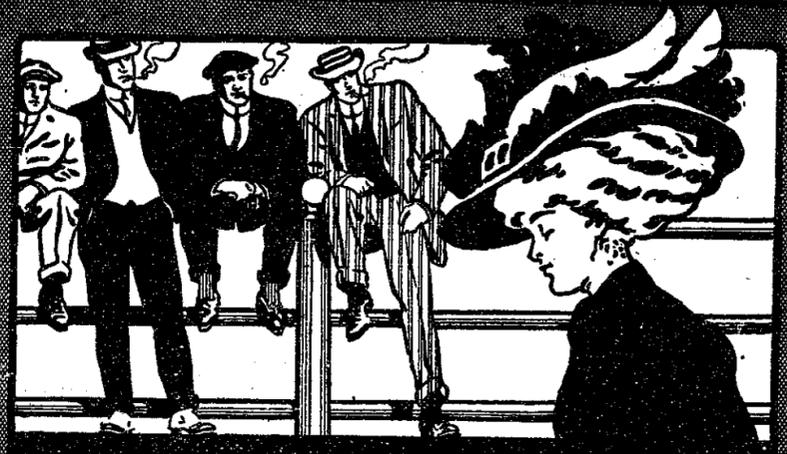
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