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The Tech regrets to announce the resignation of Walter Herman Hildebrandt, 1911, from the position of Athletic editor. Donald Nichols Frazier 1911, has been elected circulation manager, with the rating of an assistant business manager: Gerald Mary Keel 1912 has been appointed to the news staff.

Now that the vigor and ready countenances have proved financially successful at the Union, would it not be good policy to install a soda fountain?

No provision has been made financially successful at the Union, would it not be good policy to install a soda fountain?

The problem of an attractive poster is shown by the striking cards which announce the Junior Dinner. A list of colors on the bulletin boards not only gives a reliance effect but gains a more careful consideration from those whom it concerns.

In the new chef making good—chickens, vegetables and other things—yet, but he probably will when he has time. It’s up to you, Mr. Chef. The argument brought up for the Union at the beginning of the year that the quality of meals higher and the prices lower than the neighboring restaurants is in jeopardy.

Less than half the sophomore class is entitled to vote at the coming Technique Electoral Committee election. Non-participation of two is, in the largest number of cases, the reason. On the make-up of this committee of twenty-five depends the success or the failure of the Union to be continued next year by the senior class, a majority of the class is eligible to election. See that your name is on the list.

The communication following suggests the substitution of the cafeteria or "help yourself" system for the present arrangement in the Union. Although this new scheme might prove popular and perhaps more economical, these are too many accompanying faults of jarring at the start and of fiduciary incompetence in the two or three hundred coming at all at the same time, to warrant its substitution.

In criticizing the Union it is not a question of the plan, but of the systematiser of whatever plan is adopted. Those managing any business cannot possibly succeed if they design their schemes to use up their energies in lengthy debates. Also, complete organisation can be reached as long as the weekly reports fail to show up any defects, which may be accumulating and which may assume alarming proportions at the end of the three months. It is not the plan but how the plan is worked.

COMMUNICATION

Editor-in-Chief of The Tech:

Dear Sir,

Granted that the service of the Union dining-room is not ideal in every particular and that there is much room for improvement. I beg leave to submit the following suggestion to readers of The Tech. Why not substitute the "catering" style of service in place of our present waiter and lunch counter system?

Under such a system a committee counter would extend along one side of the room, on which would be spread out in full view the various edibles. Patrons entering the room would pick up a tray and pass in single file down in line in front of the counter and select that food which appealed to them, being served by attendants stationed behind the counter. At the further end of the counter would be located a person or persons to review the contents of each tray and pass out checks for the amount purchased. The bearers of the tray would then seat themselves at the different tables. The counter would be stationed at the door as at present, receiving payment for the checks as the people leave the room.

According to the report of a downtown restaurant of this type, fifty people can be served in fifteen minutes. The adoption of this plan would relieve the congestion of the room at twelve and one o'clock, by permitting people to be served quietly and without the commission of waiters passing back and forth. The food is in plain sight on the counters and people may see beforehand what is to be had and thus be much better satisfied. From an economic standpoint, the division of labor is much more perfect and the expenses of many waiters materially reduced. The speedy service will probably be even more greatly appreciated by late-comers to breakfast.

The advantages of such a system are apparent and I trust worthy of consideration by all members of the institution.

Very truly yours,

G. B. Finnegar, 1911.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has thus given us our beloved administrators, those Edward Livingstone and George E. Livingston was held in great esteem by all his classmates and friends in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; be it therefore resolved, That the class of 1911 has held a sterling member and a loyal one; and be it further resolved, That the class of 1911 extend their heartfelt sympathies to the deceased in their hour of grief; and be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in Thé Tech and in the minutes of the class of 1911.

G. B. Finnegar, 1911.

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