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THE SMOKER TONIGHT.

The importance of the New Technology and the consequent dedication festivity, now June seems suddenly above the head of our average Institute student. Such a state of affairs is, so far as the writer is concerned, the result of the rigorous Technology curriculum and not to the cumulative inertia of fifty years. With respect to the matter of the celebration itself, the important phase under careful consideration is present that of student participation in the dedication.

There is little doubt about the ultimate success, and to the student the Technology man after he realizes the moment of the situation. But to obtain results for his alumnae, and also for himself, an organization must be perfected. Preliminary steps to this end have been taken by the undergraduates committee acting with the joint sanction of the Alumni Association and of the Institute Committee. This committee held a suspended mass meeting tomorrow evening in both floors of the Union, at which time a unified effort will be made to secure the confidence and enthusiasm of the entire student body. Actual plans and details will be announced later. President Maclaurin will be present and will present an important aspect of the NEW TECHNOLOGY, and a start is to be made in registering men who will stay on for the June affair.

The significance of this meeting prompts The Tech to again urge the attention of every Technology man to the cause.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

In your last issue appeared a remarkable specimen of the epistolary art, under the caption of "The Lounger," relating to the committee's prejudice against the Technology Gymnasium. This transparent person, written under assumed initials and from an equally fictitious address, nevertheless occasions to the underground committee meetings to crusade against what he seems to consider is an individual prejudice of the committee. From a careful study of the foregoing he must have gained the impression that he has a devout fear of two things—men and solvents—and that the assumed existence of these things on the gymnasium floor constitutes a public menace.

The Gymnasium, the previous communique may be aware, is not only well aired and in winter kept at a temperate low enough to kill the hardest germ, but is also thoroughly swept after each day's work. A further fact, probably unknown to "A. W. K," through lack of investigation, is that for those who fear danger from the exercises, commodious showers are placed contiguous to the Gym floor. As to solvents, the only thing in the nature which "A. W. K." need fear is one of bone lodging dent body.

The Lounger is glad to hear from his friend, the Editor of The Tech, that the publication of the highly interesting communication of the committee of Tuesday was to have produced the desired effect in today's communication. Now, an excellent proof has been furnished that the undergraduates are not asleep, as the Lounger has had to the floor and the Lounger requests that all future communications directly addressing him be addressed to him and not to the Editor-in-Chief. The letter, although an excellent piece of correspondence, sometimes has peculiar views which conflict with those of the Lounger.

But to return to the point. The Lounger realized perfectly before he published the communication of the committee; that no dangerous conditions existed in the Gym. In fact, the whole building shows a marked advance over the one in which the Lounger hilariously dusted the floor some years ago. Frank Kinnan is more sensitive to the cleanliness of the Gym than the Lounger's freshman acquaintances are about the order of their private parts. The floor is swept daily, all sanitary features, such as expectation, are tabooed: and no one to the Lounger's knowledge has suffered the slightest ill effect from the dust of the floor. The Lounger suspects, too, that the communication in question perhaps was intended as a gentle hint that the freshmen would see the hardwood floor introduced for floor exercises at the New Institute.

It is always satisfactory to see the public opinion drooped out into the current of public opinion. The Lounger is glad to express his appreciation of the manner in which the students are aiding in decapitating this hygienic bugaboo.

FACULTY NOTICE

Beginning the week of March 27, drills will be held on Wednesday only, for two hours. The Monday and Tuesday hours will be omitted.

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