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As in history whatever the weather, Field Day brings its sunned or sodden crowd, full of vocal, if somewhat local, interest and determined to enjoy itself to the last throat-lacerating shout; the fight, which freshman ever delights to wage against Soph and he likewise. And, as usual, we have a multitudinous miscellany of rumor clustering about the figures of the first and second year gladiators; the teams of both classes are sure to win and hopelessly lost in advance. Their captains, coaches and other undertaking accessories are confident or despondent according as one turns to the chances for winning or the necessity for more candidates. One fact, no matter what the result, can be counted upon; the teams are known to be well balanced, or, it might even be said, easily balanced (in the case of 'Tug-o'-War overbalanced is perhaps the better term). Let it be hoped that this will give us a less one-sided affair than that of last year, at any rate, so the spectators will not be tempted to intervene out of mere humanity. The Lounger wishes good luck to both sides!

And after Field Day, what? The freshmen look forward to their old enemy, Gym, though no one can at present tell what sort of structure is going to take the place of the disused car-barn of former years. Field, Armory,—in fact nearly every location except the Charles itself is proposed; and as for equipment we can only suppose that until a permanent establishment is fixed setting-up (or better, lying-down) exercises will be the "piece de resistance." Some time ago The Lounger heard with some surprise that the Walker Memorial, dedicated to student activities, would include a beautiful and well-equipped students' gym for use in the course, and lately the supplementary information penetrates his benumbed faculties that there will be not one, but two, such auditoria—one, it is supposed, for the use of the Faculty. When The Lounger was a wee, wee mite of yore—before even his freshman year, in fact—his parents were wont to wear him from his childish faith in Santa Claus by the concise method of presenting him exclusively with articles of the most routine usefulness at Christmas time. Even at an early stage in the development of his now famed logical stage, The Lounger dimly perceived here something inconsistent with the spirit of giving; and destruction of student air-castles seems, as regards the Me-



morial, to be fated. Far be it ever from The Lounger's intention to attribute any mere "routine usefulness" to this most ideal of all subjects; what he wishes to point out by way of parallel is the strange attraction which the ranks of Institute activities seem to have for all forms of life as soon as a magnificent housing like the projected Walker Memorial is provided for their (alleged) use. The promotion of Physical Training 25 to a full Institute undergraduate activity's standing has happened in a flash, and before the Institute Committee could even blink its astonishment at the transformation. As

a curricular subject. Gym would doubtless be entitled to one gymnasium in the Memorial; as an undergraduate activity it with some reason demands two. In The Lounger's opinion, it is most fortunate that the Dormitories are so unsuited in form for the accommodation of large classes; otherwise we might see them, too, become mere shells surrounding newly established Institute activities.

There are only two conclusions—either there is a lurking Ethiopian in the ligneous fuel-heap, or the description heretofore used for the Walker Memorial was based on premature confidence. Even The Lounger shrinks from deciding which is correct until the building itself rises somewhat further above the basement level than as yet it has.

CHESS NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Chess Club will be held tomorrow at 2.00 o'clock in the Civil Engineering Library. Members who have not finished their schedules of ten games may make arrangements to play off their matches at the meeting.

FACULTY NOTICE

The exercises of the Institute will be suspended, on Friday, Nov. 3, after 12 o'clock noon, for Field Day.

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SWIMMING TEAM

At the annual Fall meeting held in New York City, the Intercollegiate Swimming Association elected Technology to associate membership. The other new member taken in by the association was New York University.

Last year the Technology swimming team made an excellent record as it was undefeated during the entire season and it won meets with such strong teams as Harvard, Brown, and Wesleyan. All the members of last year's team are back, and Manager Gould, when interviewed by a reporter of The Tech, claimed there were excellent prospects for a team this year, for the class of 1920 has several good swimmers.

This year's schedule will probably be changed considerably, as teams belonging to the association will now be met, while there is a possibility of sending some men to the individual water carnival which will be held in the pool of the University of Pennsylvania on March 24.

There will be a meeting of all those interested in trying out for the Swimming Team on Monday, November 6, 1916, at 5.00 o'clock, in Room 2-290. Further particulars will appear in Monday's issue of The Tech.

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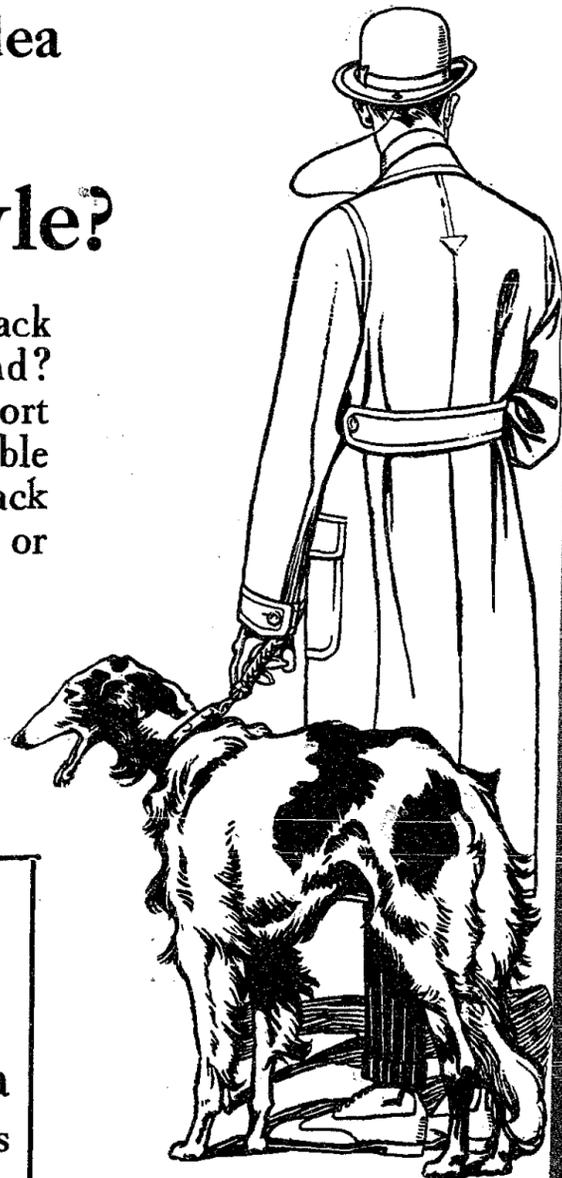
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