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## AN EXTENSION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

IN THE occupancy of the new dormitories on Charles River Road, another important step has been taken in the readjustment of student conditions at the New Technology. Architecturally beautiful, modern in every respect, and perfectly appointed for comfort and service, the dormitories are at last a real entity. Aside from their beauty and utility, the most interesting fact about the dormitories is the method of self-government proposed by the Institute Committee and heartily endorsed by the Dean. According to information compiled by the alumni committee, in no similar institution is there so much authority accorded the occupants and so little assumed by the college officials. Except for a few very general regulations the discipline is entirely in the hands of a representative student committee.

The faith that the students are well able to meet their own problems and to work out their own solutions is based on the past record of Technology undergraduates. The success of such a system has become a real tradition. The origin and the position occupied by such organizations as the Institute Committee, the Point System Committee, the Finance Committee, are by no means insignificant. These student committees have always enjoyed the confidence of the Dean and of the Faculty and can show a record of almost perfect unanimity between the student body and the Faculty.

A great deal of the success of this co-operation has arisen from the far-seeing and broad-minded vision of Dean Burton. The other party involved, the students themselves, has always justified its investiture of responsibility. And in the case of the newly-formed dormitory committee, we have full faith that this body of men, sensible to changing conditions from time to time, will act thoughtfully and thoroughly for the welfare of the Institute.

## COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:  
There has probably never been a time when so much depended upon the relations of the employer and his men to each other—when a slight change in the attitude of one toward the other could make a difference so great as it can today. Throughout the world, working men are coming to have a realization of their rights, and, above all, of their strength, which is bringing up every day situations that have never had to be met before. The Institute cannot, in classroom and laboratory, provide for any considerable contact between the students and men like those with whom and over whom the former will work after graduation. These facts, therefore, should make worthy of note the call that is going out this week for men who, under the direction of the T. C. A., will give one noon hour a week to teaching English, arithmetic, and the elements of hygiene to classes of workmen in nearby factories.

Participating in work of this kind will give the men who will take part in it an insight into the lives and minds of those whom they teach, and into the conditions under which they work, which it would be hard to get elsewhere, and which may well prove of real value in the future. As a means of learning not only how to handle men, but how to know them, its importance cannot be overemphasized, and it is the earnest hope of those who are organizing this branch of the Industrial Service movement at Technology that it will receive the support that it already has in many of the country's Universities.

Any men who are free from Institute work from 12 to 2 any day during the week, and will give the first hour of that time for work of this kind, may obtain further information at the T. C. A. office, Room 3-203, at any time.  
H. M. GUILBERT '18.

## SWIMMING TEAM PRACTICE

### Excellent Material Among New Candidates

Last Friday forty-five men reported for swimming practice at the Boston Y. M. C. A. pool. Time trials were taken for each man in the twenty-five yard dash, and the results showed that there was material for an excellent team. Several of the men were able to cover the distance in less than thirteen seconds, which promises a team which will be strong in the dashes. After the time trials the men were made to practise starts.

An arrangement has been made with the Y. M. C. A. whereby it will not be necessary for the candidates for the team to be a member of either the Boston Y. M. C. A. or the T. C. A. until the team has been selected. A fee of only ten cents will be charged for each swim until that time.

The next practice will be held in the Boston Y. M. C. A. pool at 5 o'clock today. New men intending to come out should report for practice as soon as possible because the first cut in the number of candidates for the team will probably be made within ten days. Men interested in water polo should also come out for practice. The department of Physical Training has decided to let freshmen substitute swimming for gym, provided they report at the pool regularly every week. Freshmen will be allowed to practise with the team throughout the year, and will be allowed to compete in dual meets if they make the team, but not in the Intercollegiates.

## N. E. I. C. CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

Men who will act as scorers at the N. E. I. C. cross-country run next Saturday at Franklin Park course at 11 A. M. are asked to leave their names at the Field.

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## RIFLE CLUB

The Technology Rifle Club has again issued a call for candidates. At present only eighty men have reported for the club and it is hoped by the management that the number will reach one hundred at this call. Any member of the club can compete for a place on the team and also for the qualifying buttons of the National Rifle Association. The officers of the club wish to impress upon those having a desire to join the club that no previous experience is required and that there is room for everyone who wishes to learn to shoot.

The team will make its regular trips to the range this week but in the very near future these trips will have to be given up as the weather is becoming too cold and the light bad. The management is at present looking for a suitable indoor range, and it is possible that the use of the Armory will be obtained or that the basement of the dormitory will be fitted up as a range. The Rifle Club will hold a smoker within the next few weeks; all members or prospective members are invited. The membership dues are a dollar and a half a year and one dollar initiation fee, and guns and ammunition are furnished free by the Federal government.

## INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

A course of lectures on gas gasoline and oil engines (252) will be given by Professor Riley on Thursdays and Fridays at 4:10 P. M., commencing Nov. 16, in Room 3-470. This course is open without registration to students who have completed any of the Institute's courses in Heat Engineering, or who have had equivalent training.

No text books will be required, but the following are recommended. A few copies are carried in stock at the Old Corner Book Store, Bromfield Street, Boston.

1. The Gas, Petrol and Oil Engine, Clerk and Burls. (Volume II only.) An expensive book, but the best on the subject.
2. Internal Combustion Engines, Streeter.
3. High Power Gas Engines, Durbell. Published by Van Nostrand, 1914.
4. Land and Marine Diesel Engines, Bremner and Richardson. Published by Lippincott, 1915.

## WANDERING GREEKS

All fraternitv men now at Technology who are not affiliated with a chapter of the Institute are requested to leave their names and the name of their fraternity and college in the Technique Office in the basement of Building I. This information should be addressed to H. M. Blank '18.



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