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ATTENTION FRESHMEN

THE Institute offers four-year courses in fifteen branches of science and engineering. After the Christmas vacation you first year men will be obliged to register your choice and in this connection should exercise thorough care in your selection.

Look into the future. It is infinitely more satisfactory to know that you are performing work that is congenial to your nature than to be bound to a subject in which your interest is lagging. Study the catalogue and weigh the relative value of the courses in your own estimation. Does chemistry have a stronger appeal than electrical engineering or is public health work your particular sphere? With the wide range of studies provided it is easy to make a costly mistake unless a serious effort is made to start on the right path. The departmental heads have appointed certain hours in which you may have any doubts clarified. Think the matter over!

THE ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER

EVERY loyal Technology adherent will appreciate the opportunity to take part in the simple exercises in honor of the man who founded this Institute. The laudable custom of holding an All-Technology smoker on "Founder's Day" took firm root a year ago this December seventh, when both floors at the Union bulged with an enthusiastic gathering of students, assembled to perpetuate the memory of William Barton Rogers. Tomorrow night the event will be repeated in the glorious new Institute that is the ultimate result of Doctor Rogers' unceasing work and sacrifice. The meeting in "Smith" Hall is dedicated to the Institute's creator; and as a yearly event bids fair to become one of Technology's most securely established traditions.

THE little article in the Journal describing the raising of the Bucentaur and showing a photograph of that vessel as "raised," stands as a model of accessory-before-the-fact modern journalism. Eye-witnesses say that the boat in question is just as snugly settled in four feet of water as she ever was.

WITH the extended Christmas vacation which our Faculty has been kind enough to give us, let us hope there will be more men home for the holidays and fewer cuts in near-holiday attendance.

TECH SHOW MUSIC

All men interested in writing music for the 1917 Tech Show will meet on Friday, December 8, at 5 o'clock in Room 1-156. I. B. McDaniel '17, the author of this year's Show, will be present to explain the kind of material wanted and to answer any questions on the subject. Lyrics for which music is to be written will be given out. In order that the composers may have time in which to develop their work, the music will not be called in until after the Christmas vacation.

All scores submitted will be judged by a disinterested committee composed of professional musicians, and the coaches of the Show.

CREW MEETING POSTPONED

Inasmuch as the Manager was unable to attend, the Crew meeting scheduled for Monday noon was postponed. Arrangements are being made to place rowing machines in the basement of one of the buildings. As work on these machines is necessary for winter training of the crew, all candidates should be present at the next meeting to make plans for such work. The time and place of the coming meeting will be announced in the Tech.



No sooner do those contentious Dormitory-dwellers evade one crisis of communal life without, bloodshed than another irreconcilable difficulty crops up full-armed, and strife begins anew. With the collapse of the rising hosts of revolt ament the Dorm. Rules, we have nevertheless the feud-raising question of "dance or smoker" to settle. This, in The Lounger's far-reaching opinion, resolves itself into a fundamental difference of aim between the Attached Beamers and the Stag Hibernators. According to the voice of rumor, the aspirants for gentler society have been defeated by the voluminous veto of the Great Ungirded. The character of the entertainment at the projected jollification is the next moot point. A prize-fight, it seems likely, will figure prominently; this The Lounger thinks might be supplemented or even replaced by a bull-fight with no loss of skill or grace. Traditions, it is said, are likely to be inaugurated in these first dormitories at the Institute, and if present examples indicate correctly they will be rather dynamic ones.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

Dear Sir:—It is not very often that I feel called upon to criticize The Tech or its management, but there are times when such action seems necessary.

Last year, as in previous years, it was very easy for subscribers as well as occasional buyers of The Tech to get a copy from the boys who were in Rogers the greater part of the morning. This year, however, the management announced that it would not be possible to deliver copies in the main entrance after 9 a. m. Those of us who come in shortly after nine found that we were obliged to take a morning walk to the office of The Tech to get our copy. We had no sooner become accustomed to this, however, than we were informed by those in the office that "they were not bothering with that any more," and that we would have to go to the "Co-op" or to the "Caf" to get our copy.

There being little choice between walking hundreds of yards of stone floors and crossing Massachusetts avenue, it rather occurs to me that this is hardly a fair way to handle the matter.

Little as it may be the case, the attitude certainly seems to me to be one of "We have got your money for your subscription, now you can look for your copy."

Is it not possible to have somebody stationed at some central point, such as the main entrance, where we can get our copies of The Tech whether at 8.59 a. m. or 9.01 a. m.?

Hoping this matter can be satisfactorily adjusted, and trusting that I have not taken too much of your valuable space, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. C. LeVine '18.

P. S. I have personally missed four or five copies because it was inconvenient for me to get them when they could be obtained, and at the specified place.

PROF. TALBOT ADVISES FRESHMEN

Students Requested to Consult Departmental Heads

Yesterday morning Professor Talbot addressed an assemblage of first year students who are taking advanced chemistry, in Smith Hall, on the choice of professional courses. He outlined the general features of the various departments, classifying those of civil, mechanical, and mining engineering as engineering courses, and those of physics, geology, and biology as scientific courses. He also stated that the choice of a course now is not irrevocable.

Notices giving a list of the fifteen courses, the departmental heads, and places and hours of consultation have been placed on the bulletin boards throughout the buildings, where freshmen subjects are taught.

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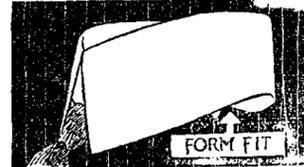
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