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USE THE LIBRARIES

WE may well be proud of our libraries, which represent a very complete compilation of scientific subjects. We are at liberty to consult volumes of the utmost value in special branches of applied science, the Theodore N. Vail collection of electrical engineering subjects, the Rogers geological library, the William Ripley Nichols assemblage of works on chemistry, being examples of the reference privileges that we may employ.

True enough, we have no separate building dedicated to the purpose of ready reference and quiet study—our system gives us the satisfaction of a decentralization that offers easy accessibility in the quarters of the various departments. And every student should know the positions of the libraries for study during vacant hours. Become acquainted with the libraries. Use them.

In this connection we beg to suggest that for the convenience of those students whose only free hour during the day is from one until two o'clock, certain of the reference rooms now closed during that period be left open. There is no good reason for locking such places at such an inopportune time.

HARMONY

THAT dormitory life is an established phase of the Institute's development is the forced conclusion of all who were present at the original and congenial smoker which celebrated the beginning of a true Technology community. From beginning to end the meeting was marked by the cosmopolitan good-fellowship evinced in the polyglot introduction and in one of the best renditions of concerted cheering and singing the Stein Song that affairs of this kind have ever provided. The frequent occurrence and success of such affairs as this bids fair to be a most practical outcome of all that the much-anticipated dormitory life gives promise of.

A COMPARISON

IN the editorial column of "The Pennsylvanian" for December 5, the following paragraph appeared:

"Only eighty-one of our fifteen hundred freshmen voted for their class officers yesterday—about five per cent of the entire class. It looks as if nobody voted but the freshmen who were nominated."

The thirty-one per cent vote of our own Freshman Class for its officers does not seem so small when compared to this.

NO CLOTHES COLLECTIONS

Due to error in the source of information, it was stated in Friday's Tech that under the auspices of the T. C. A. collections of old clothes would be made for the benefit of the needy, and that boxes for receipt of contributions would be placed about the Institute. The consent of the Institute Committee is necessary for the placing of boxes, and such sanction has not been extended.

TECHNIQUE STATISTICS

Statistic blanks will soon be mailed to the members of the Junior class, and in order to get the best possible results, the Technique management has decided to offer a volume of Technique 1918 to the man handing in the best set of answers. In Friday's Tech it was stated by mistake that statistic blanks had already been mailed. The managing board of Technique states that the questions will be mailed in a few days.

MINING MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

To Commence Transferring Equipment Today

The laboratories of mining engineering and metallurgy which were originally located in the basement of Rogers will be gradually moved to their capacious quarters in Building 8 by the Building Service, starting today.

The laboratories, which are designed to furnish students the means for the experimental study of operations carried on in sampling mining and ore-dressing, and of processes practiced in smelting, leaching electro-depositing, and in the mechanical as well as heat treatments of alloys and metals, include eight divisions: crushing and sampling, mining, concentration and plate amalgamation, lixivation, pan amalgamation and electro-deposition, roasting, converting and smelting, dry and wet assaying, heat treatment and the metallurgy of iron and steel. In the Crushing and Sampling Laboratory which has two rooms with an area of 1150 square feet on the first floor, the ores to be sampled are received in the basement and raised by means of an elevator. The rejected ore, after being used in sampling is sent through the floor into the basement where a storage, having a floor space of 2200 square feet, is provided. The Mining Laboratory, 1000 square feet of floor area, is provided with apparatus for the study of ventilating and lighting. The ore dressing is carried on in the Richards Laboratory which contains the necessary concentration appliances which are smaller than the natural size, but large enough to give satisfactory quantitative results.

MAY HAVE FENCING TEAM

If enough men show their interest in the sport, a fencing team will be organized at the Institute. At present there are five men at Technology who have had fencing experience, two of them having been Yale varsity men last year. Besides these the former manager of the foil team at Harvard is here, who, if he can be persuaded to come out, will materially add to the team's chances of securing good meets with other colleges.

Baeuer and Little, before their exhibition match at the dormitory smoker last night, discussed the sport at length and told of the benefits derived from it. "Not only does it strengthen the leg and back muscles as a whole, but promotes an erect carriage of the body and a strong wrist. Moreover, the game is highly interesting, requiring not brute brawn, but intelligent and instant action."

At the end of the bout five or six men signified their intention of joining the squad, which, if large enough, will probably practice right in Cambridge. All others who wish to come out, should sign their names to the fencing notice provided for that purpose at The Tech office in the basement of Building 1.

T. C. A. CALLS IN PLEDGES

A number of men who pledged money due Dec. 1 to the T. C. A. have not paid up. There will be collectors in all classes except the freshman class all this week so that everyone will have an opportunity to make good his pledge. The freshmen will have to come to the T. C. A. Office, as it was found inconvenient to have collectors in the freshman class. A table will be placed in the Caf Wednesday, where anyone who has not had a chance to remit may do so.



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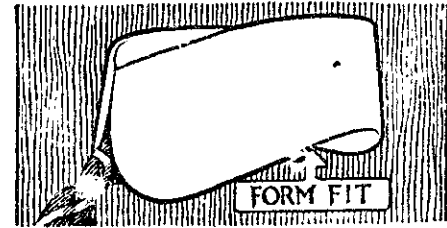
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