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TECHNIQUE 1918

IN ACCORDANCE with the iron-clad rule, the subscription list for Technique will close tonight at six o'clock. The thousand mark was easily reached in the energetic campaign that has been carried on since the first of the term. The canvass was productive of more complete returns than obtained by the 1917 Board which last year set a new standard in efficient management. The thoroughness of the work and the businesslike method of procedure should call forth the approval of the student body. Now that the financial success is secure and the Board has no drawback from this source, the details that mean artistic perfection may have the undivided attention of the editors.

Year by year the annual publication of the Junior class has been improved in quality of content. The book has taken a foremost place in the field of similar volumes among American colleges and admirably justifies its existence. It is the record of student activities that is handed down through the decades. It is the Technology "Who's Who" and compendium of events. On the seventeenth of April the absorbing feature of the day's celebration as a part of Junior Week will be the appearance of Technique 1918, after the customary "Rush" has provided its particular spectacle. A certain sense of loss is going to dwell with those who fail to subscribe. That the students realize the value of the publication and its importance as a keepsake seems evident from the fact that the edition has already been oversubscribed.

AS TO TENNIS

IT SEEMS that the editorial comment on the tennis situation, referred to by today's communicant, has served to bring out some valuable facts regarding the progress of the sport. The gratifyingly large number of students desiring that courts be built for Institute use speaks considerably in favor of their construction. However, we must disclaim what seems to have been the interpretation put upon our remarks—any attempt to belittle the status of the game at Technology. Our purpose was to aid in clearing up and making better known the merits of the issue, which, in fact, today's letter goes far to explain.

PACK AND PADDLE

TECHNOLOGY has many clubs which have widely varied interests to suit the most fastidious or self-loving student, but no common society here deserves more heartfelt support than the Pack and Paddle. Formed with the aim to interest the harried student in subjects of nature, the club will surely thrive if the organizers will continue to invent means to induce its supporters to "pack" on many of the satisfying trails of the near-by New England country. The presentation of speakers of the calibre and experience of Mr. W. L. Underwood will no doubt have an added effect in furthering the establishment of a wholesome taste for the out-of-door life.

The Technology student is, perhaps, too limited in his exercise, and any opportunity to join in a tramping expedition, or to hear one described, should not be overlooked by those who have any inclination to be out in the open. Dartmouth has perhaps the best inducement for men to gain health in conjunction with learning that any college has to offer, and while we may approach the perfection she has reached in but small measure, any effort along these lines should not go unappreciated. And the Pack and Paddle Club has a favorable chance to make good.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech.  
 Dear Sir:—

In the Monday issue of The Tech, I noticed a short editorial which advised against quick and hasty action by tennis enthusiasts who want tennis courts built on the Institute grounds. This editorial would give place to the idea that this plan has not been considered thoroughly. This is not the case.

During the first part of the winter, Professor Warren and I had several conferences about this matter, considering the plan from all angles. We wrote to the Harvard authorities and received from them the data on Harvard courts. Several other conferences took place, as Kaler '18 and Major Cole were also interested in the plan. I understand the Advisory Council on Athletics approved the plan.

Wednesday afternoon Professor Warren, Kaler, and myself saw Bursar Ford about this matter. He was a little skeptical about the success of the plan and told us to determine the sentiment of the student body and if they would use the courts if built.

Already nearly two hundred men have signified their approval of the plan and said they would use the courts. We have given papers to men in the different sections of the dormitories, as well as to men in the different courses and freshman sections, who will circulate them around and secure further names. In this way, we feel that the sentiment of the student body is being well sounded.

I am writing this to give the student body the correct information on this matter and to refute the implication in the editorial that the backers of this movement are acting too hastily and without the proper consideration of the matter.

WIRT F. KIMBALL '19.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech.  
 Dear Sir:—

Recent communicants to your columns in regard to the matter of granting insignia, seem to be agitated because of the fact that I choose to keep my identity secret by means of a pseudonym. This is rather childish to my way of thinking. Let them concern themselves with the point at issue. It would be of no assistance to them to learn who I am unless they desire to inflict some corporal punishment. Would it still all such clamor if I stated that I am six feet two inches high, work in a steel factory every summer, and am amateur heavyweight champion of Aberdeen, Maine? If so, I would gladly acknowledge such qualifications, merely to keep them to the issue under discussion—the right manner in which to grant the varsity insignia.

In my last letter I stated I was a friend of the minor sports. But I would like to take this opportunity to explain a little about the career of the track team. In the last ten years competing with practically all the colleges of the New England Intercollegiate Association, the track team has lost only two dual meets. In the words of one of your communicants, "what team can show such a line of victories?" I am sure that in this case, his team cannot. Running against Dartmouth at the B. A. A. Indoor Games, Technology has won seven of the nine contests—a very worthy record indeed, when one considers that track is a big major sport at Dartmouth.

Furthermore, the Technology team has always been one of the fastest. A few years ago, Technology had an intercollegiate championship relay team, defeating the pick of the East at the New York Athletic Club's Indoor Games. The track team competes against the major teams of other institutions, and when she achieves good performances is indeed entitled to more praise than any of our minor teams, who, bolstered by the fact that they are in an institution where their ranks are not depleted by the calls of many major teams, compete against the minor teams of other colleges. Let it be understood that I am not knocking our minor teams, but simply calling to their attention the ideal conditions under which they thrive.

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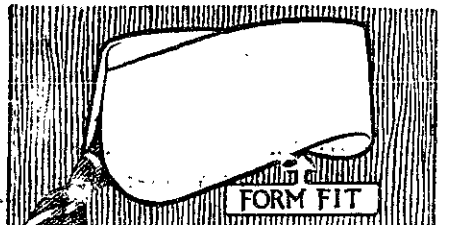
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