

# READING ROOM FOR FROSH IN ARTS BUILDING

## May Have One Established in New Structure

### SOLVE PROBLEM

#### Difficulties of the English Readings are now being Solved at Library

There is every probability that the new Arts Building will have a special reading room set aside for freshmen it was announced last night at the Redpath Library. This comes as the suggested solution for a problem which for the past few years has been of growing significance at the library in connection with the English readings which the first year must do for the course in English 2.

A new system recently worked out at the library whereby first year students desiring to get their books for English readings secure them in the alcove in the southern wall of the library has been declared as a most satisfactory solution as far as the actual distribution of the readings is concerned.

"But it does not solve the ever-increasing congestion in the reading room," it was stated. "By establishing this new room in the Arts Building it will mean the complete relief of the congestion and would in general make the distribution of the books much easier."

It was further stated that the system which has just been put into force is doing away with a great deal of confusion which has hitherto been experienced around the desk, at which members of the University Book Club, professors, senior students and the general public are served. Here too the mail must be sorted out and general routine attended to so that in the past, the additional trouble of looking after the readings for the first year was an exceedingly heavy task.

When the course was first inaugurated books were placed in the shelves around the reading room, but first year students experienced a great deal of difficulty in finding the works they desired since in many instances the title of the book did not indicate its contents. Books were, also, frequently put back in the wrong place and valuable tomes often disappeared.

It was then decided to have the volumes placed behind the desk. This saw the beginning of the system which was carried through until the recent change went into effect. It had been hoped to have all the reference books placed in that room which is at present reserved for the faculty, but on account of the necessary additions to the staff of the library that this would have entailed, the finance committee was unable to favor this project.

#### Special Hours

Last year it was decided to allow the books out for 24 hours but this was still as unsatisfactory as before inasmuch as the work still fell upon those who attend the main desk in the library.

In the alcove where all the readings are now available for the first year students the hours have been fixed so that books are given out from 9 to 12.30 o'clock, and from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. Although 5 o'clock is the closing hour when books are given out any person who takes a book out

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