

The Fire Inspector's Visit

Mr. W. C. Tucker, deputy state fire marshal, was on the campus recently and in company with Mr. Chas. Parker from the local fire department, spent an entire day with us visiting various buildings on the campus, and carefully inspecting them from basement to garret. At the close of the day Mr. Tucker made several specific recommendations to help in eliminating fire hazards, all of which have been conveyed direct to the departments concerned. He made other general recommendations applying to all departments and buildings.

1. Long, worn and frayed extension cords should be eliminated; extension cords should not be used in place of permanent wiring; where necessary they should be of good quality, preferably encased in rubber, and should not be wound around supports, tied in knots, hung over nails, or have nails driven through them.
2. Loose waste paper, excelsior, oily rags and the like must not be allowed to accumulate.
3. Each department head must see to it that all members of his department know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, as well as how to use it, in case of fire.
4. Each department head, as a further precaution, should decide what material or equipment under his care is most important and should be gotten out of the building first, in case of a serious fire. Employees should be assigned definite duties to be carried out in case of such an emergency. The Anatomy department is already so organized.
5. Naturally, all employees of the University will be on the alert at all times to question any condition which might develop into a fire hazard. In addition, a fire-warden is to be appointed in each building, whose duty will be to see that present fire hazards, as pointed out by Mr. Tucker, are eliminated, and that no others are allowed to develop.

Mr. Tucker plans to return to the campus again soon, and hopes to bring along a film demonstrating the proper technique in using a fire extinguisher.

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