The astonishing list of Seniors who hesitate to present their faces to the class photographer, seems to mark Ninety-Four with unaccustomed modesty. Without reviewing the old subject of class support, it may still be said that the members of the class indicate most surprisingly their lack of interest in class projects, and show an indifference to the work of the Photograph Committee which, if realized before that body was organized, would have been obstacles in the way of its work which few would have cared to confront. The project of a class portfolio is one of the best that has sprung into existence at Technology, and one well worthy of being perpetuated; but if Ninety-Four is so slow to recognize the benefits of such a scheme, and so delinquent in placing itself on record as an innovator in Institute methods, as the recent list indicates, the matter had best not be attempted. Although the pressure of thesis work is increasing from day to day, it still seems possible to steal a few brief minutes to present a pleasant physiognomy to the photographic manipulator who appreciates the society of Seniors so well. More remarkable perhaps is the extreme reluctance which the Instructors have shown to giving their encouragement to the plan. Their smiling faces seldom fail to greet us when recitation is at hand, and perchance a more sprightly interest in matters outside the dull routine of work might prove of reciprocal benefit in the class room. It is to be hoped that the photographic snarl will be soon unraveled by the same unthinking men who have brought about present complications.

Of more harmonious nature has been the advent of a new “Technique” board, even before the existing board has ventured its production on waiting Technology. For several years it has been the Lounger’s unpleasant task to record the disgraceful successes of ticket producers and political wire-pullers, and to regret that a “Technique” board was not elected without an annual round of contention, hard feeling, and criticism. This year the rampant talk which has served to mark individuals of other boards, has not appeared, and passing disagreements have been settled in a more orderly fashion. The Lounger is not prepared to state that this condition of affairs is due to the presence of a representative of the gentler sex on the hitherto turbulent board, though it is whispered that that side of the house has duly asserted its predictions, and has powers of fascination for more than one brave Ninety-six representative. Whatever the cause, the results indicate that the men elected are representative of the class and qualified for their positions. Even so then we have a competent board ready to occupy the place so long held by the Juniors as soon as the praises which are to greet the coming annual, cease to be heard in the land.

The Lounger is also gratified to learn the precise amount of time which each man who faithfully performs his duty will henceforth spend upon his daily tasks. No longer will it be a matter of debate with the trembling student whether to grind a little more, or to go out and give himself up to the relaxations in which the heart of man delights; for now a simple glance at the comprehensive schedule will tell him whether he has studied enough for one evening or not. This pleasing document will inform him that after he has spent in earnest, faithful study the hours up to about ten o’clock, the rest of the evening will be all his own in which to go to concerts, theatre, or to practice other diversions. The reflection that this convenient table has been compiled from the standpoint of our amiable but hardworking friend, the average student, will not serve, the Lounger thinks, to raise this estimable personage in the eyes of his fellow-creatures. However, the otherwise cheerless aspect of the schedule presents one redeeming feature; for, at the very end, modestly concealed in small type, appears an announcement that in Fourth year subjects instructors may use their discretion as to the amount of time of preparation they will require. The Lounger anticipates that a liberal interpretation of this clause will permit instructors in all years to see that their requirements during Junior Week are properly altered.

The Lounger’s sympathy is with the corps de ballet of the French plays, and he bespeaks for them a cordial reception to-morrow night; for in addition to their arduous labors of rehearsal and the humiliation of barring tender lips to the fierce March breezes, they have had to undergo serious discomfort in training down to the necessary twenty-four inches. A severe diet having proved incapable of compassing this, it is understood that several of the corps were compelled to secure the necessary reduction through temporary loans from their mothers and sisters.