great majority, idly wondering what it is all about, are
simply waiting for the end of the hour.

Some of our best instructors, at least from the stu-
dents' standpoint, assign the next lesson without any
other preface, and devote the whole hour to the lesson
of the day.

Yours truly, '98.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

The proposed amendments to the Class-day elec-
tion scheme by L. D. Gardner, in a recent TECH., does
not seem to me at all satisfactory. It takes Article
III., which is admirably arranged and easily trans-
lated, and turns it into a flimsy affair with several con-
structions.

In the first place it says, "All candidates for Class-
day offices shall be considered candidates for the
Class-day Committee, but it stops here without a pro-
vision that a man cannot be voted for for both offices.
Is it not natural that the friends of a man would
vote for him for both offices, so that if he lost
one he might gain the other? And if his friends
were in the majority would he not be elected to both
offices? Still further, would not the election then be
thrown into the Executive Committee? If the above
disadvantage were removed by a provision that one
man cannot be voted for for two offices, then we
would be confronted by the fact that it would be
almost impossible for the defeated man for an office
to be elected to the Committee. For as most votes
are close the defeated man has available to vote for
him a little over half the class. Will this majority vote
for him for the Committee? I believe not, for this
majority is made up of men of the opposite party (we
cannot deny that there are parties) and would cast
their votes for party men for the Committee.

Mr. Gardner says, "As it now stands, five or six of
the best men of the class who are defeated candidates
have no participation in the Class-day exercises. I am
afraid he has forgotten that the five or six of the best
men and the two hundred members of the Class form a
very important and necessary part of the exercises and
that the officers and committee are simply representa-
tives. And is it not necessary that there be in the
audience some men capable of understanding the pro-
found wisdom of our honored historian? It seems so.
Thus is shown the function of the defeated candidates,
quite a large number, when you consider that the
whole of the Class were candidates.

Personally I would advise the following classes to
adopt the scheme as it stands without a change.

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