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Some dissatisfaction has been expressed because the sophomore committee in charge of the elections has thought it best to put off the announcement of the results until the dinner Tuesday night. It is true that with a little co-operation on the part of the committees on election and dinner the time could have been made much shorter, and also, from the standpoint of curiosity of course it is pretty hard on the class, still it is equally hard on the nominees and if they can stand it without objecting certainly all others should.

From a practical standpoint the delay is harmless. The dinner is the last work of the present administration and there is no other very pressing issue. At that function and in the presence of the class it will announce the new regime and resign to it. The objectors should put up a little with such a slight discomfort and allow thing to proceed harmoniously as they have been arranged.

COMMUNICATION

There is a growing feeling in almost all colleges that too many branches of sport are cultivated. At the Institute, athletic as well as social and fraternity interests have increased very rapidly during the past decade, but the athletic spirit must not be spread over too wide an area.

It would seem as though it were time to put in the pruning knife and everywhere there is the feeling that if there is one branch of sport that can be spared, it is basket ball, although it is a question locally whether fencing and hockey should not be equally considered as sappers.

In all three of these sports here, there is not only almost an entire lack of class spirit, but of varsity spirit as well. Basket ball games are very sparsely attended at the gymnasium. At this season of tainly made a good showing in this line, the year one sees regularly in the papers, notices that one college after another is dropping basket ball, and it looks as though, primarily, if a collegiate league cannot be supported, the sport should die of its own weight.

At Tecnology, tennis certainly stands, next to the track and cross-country sports, more pre-eminent than anything else and the Institute has certainly also is fairly well supported and in this sport as well as in tennis, the local associations only ask from the Athletic Association payment of the annual dues to the intercollegiate associations to which they belong. Fencing, on the contrary, asks not only that rather heavy annual dues be paid but that expenses of delegates to New York, and of the teams at intercollegiate matches be met by the Athletic Association.

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sports alive is the incentive based upon a remote chance that some year it might happen that so extraordinary a showing should be made by a team that the advisory council could be prevailed upon to award the members of a team right to wear the insignia permanently. This seems a slight reason for maintaining at the Institute sports which certainly sap strength from more important and essential branches of athletics.

GIFT FOR TUG-OF-WAR

Through the courtesy of Professor Park, an apparatus has been devised for the tug-of-war teams to pull against for practise.

The device will probably be in place in the rear of the gymnasium on Monday, and should serve as an incentive for more energetic and trained work on the part of the teams.

FATHER WALSH SPEAKS

Father Walsh will speak before the Catholic Club Tuesday night on the Missionary Spirit. He will deal chiefly with the missionary spirit in the Orient. The pictures he will describe of the sufferings and deaths of the people engaged in the Far East are almost beyond comprehension. As head of the Society of Propagation of the Faith, he is well able to give the club an interesting and authentic talk.

The meeting will be held at 8 P.M. at the Union and it is hoped that everyone will come.

News has been received of the death at Lincoln, Neb., of Isaiah S. P. Weeks 1871, chief engineer of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri River. Mr. Weeks was born in 1847 at Nantucket. After graduation from the civil engineering course at the Institute he went west, and spent most of the remainder of his life there. Over 3,000 miles of line of the Burlington system were built under his direct supervision.

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