Communication

To the Editor of The Tech:

Several weeks ago the Institute Committee announced that the sophomore class could not have class pipes. There is a question in my mind as to whether the Institute Committee obtained the authority to make such a statement. Some of the students of the Institute think that it is the custom for only the class winning Field Day to get class pipes. So far as I can ascertain, there has been only one other class that lost Field Day both years. Customs are not formed by the example of one body. Repetition is very necessary. Since once class failed to win Field Day, the following, and perhaps did not get pipes, it does not follow that subsequent classes losing both Field Days are bound to suffer the loss of class pipes. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the custom of giving the class pipes originated in Tech as it originated in other institutions of learning. The students who smoked decided to have pipes with class numbers, regardless of whether there existed anything of the nature of Field Day. They obtained class pipes, simply because their attachment to their class led them to do so, and perhaps, because they hoped to have some class relic after graduation. It will certainly seem a shame if this acceptable custom of class belonging to class. Many students of Tech will be greatly pleased with "Fatimas."