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communication

In defense of the Institute Committee, I consider it fair to make some statement concerning their action in refusing class pipes to 1911. Although it has never been officially recognized as a rule that the winning class of Field Day should get class pipes, this has long been taken as a matter of course. Otherwise freshmen classes harefore might have procured pipes and smoked them whenever and wherever they had the hard-ship. Moreover, in preparation for Field Day class pipes have always been mentioned as one of the fruits of victory.

When entering into the contents on Field Day every man on the 1911 freshmen class realized that he was fighting, among other things, for the right of his class to smoke class pipes.

After the defeat of Field Day the majority of the members of the class felt, and took it as an understood fact, that they ought not to smoke class pipes. There were many who naturally regretted this and at a meeting of the class directors the latter decided to pre-vent the matter to the Institute Committee.

Accordingly at the next meeting of this committee the class of 1911, through its own representatives, asked that this custom be defined once and for all, so that feeling that the Institute Committee was the proper body before which to bring such a question.

The committee at first was not in favor of settling the matter, but when they understood that class of 1911 wished them to define the custom they gave as their decision that during their four years the class should not smoke class pipes. After the second new men feeling had supposed to be a at an end and the committee determined that any class, whether winning or losing Field Day, may smoke class pipes for the year, but no class losing both Field Days shall at any time smoke such pipes on Institute grounds.

This was the decision which the Institute Committee reluctantly gave at the request of a losing class, believing that if any custom of the kind was to be preserved that this would be a fair one.

The sophomore class is most certainly NOT allowing itself to be "bluffed" by a few students, who have not the authority to do so. Whether the Institute Committee has power to act in such matters does not devolve upon me. I wish them to define the custom they wish them to define and give what points they can to the Institute Committee.

Leonard O. Mills, 1910, was elected captain of the cross-country team for 1910. Mills will without doubt be the backbone of the team next year as he is the (fastest long distance) runner left at the Institute and is the only mem-ber of this year's team who has won a "T" and will be back. Risdale Mills, 1909, who was captain of the team from 1907-1908, proved his value. If it was not for Mills a worthy example.

L. O. Mills is speed and nerve and with the material that he has shown up this fall he will be able to get a first rate team together.

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