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COMMUNICATION

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

When entering into the contests on Field Day every man on the 1911 teams 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 present 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, 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 sophomore year the class should not smoke class pipes. After the second year all hard feelings are supposed to be at an end and the committee decided that any class, whether winning or losing Field Day, may smoke class pipes after that year. But no class losing both Field Days shall at any time smoke such pipes on Rogers steps. 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 settle such matters does not devolve upon me to say, but I am most firm in my convictions that whatever else may be said in regard to my class it must be admitted that 1911 can prove good losers as well as hard fighters.

Don R. Stevens 1911.

At the 1910 class meeting, Monday, the date of the class dinner was announced for Friday, Dec. 18. It was announced that the election of the 1910 Junior Prom Committee was to take place immediately.

Nominations for the committee close Friday, Dec. 11, at 4 P. M., at the cage.

1908 HOLDS REUNION

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tion at which the following men will speak:—

Dr. Maclaurin, the president-elect, Dr. A. A. Noyes, acting president, Dean Burton, Hon. E. S. Draper 1878, Dr. R. S. Woodward, president of Carnegie Institute of Washington, and Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Forester of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A few details of the reunion in June were also planned.

The following member of the class of 1908 were elected to the Reunion Committee:—

H. A. Rapelye, R. P. Wyler, T. S. Reid, H. S. Osborne, and H. T. Gerrish; to the Construction Committee:— T. S. Reid, H. T. Gerrish, and R. P. Wyler.

Bowdoin beat Technology out for second place in the New England Intercollegiate meet last spring because of Tech's weakness in the weight events. Coach Kanaly wants to put especial attention on this matter and if the physically big men of the Institute will come out and train with some sort of consistency there is no reason why Tech should not be as strong as any other college in the conference in these events. Training is now being carried on daily in the lot in front of Lowell. All men who have performed with the weights are urged to come out and give what points they can to the new men.

The track team is particularly in need of new men here on account of the loss of Fred Moore and W. Morrison. Nisbet 1909, is the only good discus thrower who has appeared in some time. There are men at the Institute who could probably beat him if they would only get out and try. Coach Kanaly does not care if a man has to start at the beginning, in fact there is a distinct advantage in ignorance of some of these events as it permits of getting a recruit started right. Candidates need not get into track clothes for this practice. This training should provide each class with contestants for the indoor championship meet which will be held in the Gym on the eighth of January.

MILLS IS CAPTAIN

Leonard O. Mills 1910, was elected captain of the cross-country team for 1909. 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 member of this year's team who has won his "T" and will be back. Risdale Ellis 1909, who was captain of the team this year, proved an ideal leader and will furnish Mills a worthy example. L. O. Mills has 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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