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Is the Junior Prom for all classes or for the men of the two upper classes and graduates? In other colleges the junior dance is limited to juniors, the senior dance to the seniors.

A dance organized by one class and kept within it would be much more enjoyable, less formal, and increase the spirit of class unity. Under the present system the attendance is made up of a few freshmen, rather more sophomores, and the majority juniors, of course.

As for the financial success of such a policy, it would seem as if a smaller dance might be as much of a success as a larger one.

Moreover, would such a policy cause a decrease in attendance. At other colleges, as has been said, the junior class supports it. They even support it almost unanimously. Colleges smaller than the Institute have successful dances, socially and financially.

Another less radical change, but none the less beneficial would be the limitation to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. What the freshman or sophomore is not allowed to do the junior will be eager to do.

The Prom for the upper classes.
The military ball for all.

What has happened to the professional societies? Are they asleep, dormant, or extinct? The professional societies of the Institute are a very important factor in undergraduate life and surely the officers of these societies are not doing their respective duties if they do not provide an interesting and instructive program. The Architectural and Biological societies are very much awake but the contrary can truthfully be said of most of the others. The Mechanical Engineering society has done little all the year, the program of the Civil Engineering Society has been far from satisfactory and it seems an age since the Mining Engineering Society has been heard from.

Is the honor of discovering the North Pole with its accompanying scientific achievement sufficient to entitle a man to the rank of Rear Admiral? The bill making Commander Robert E. Peary a Rear Admiral found little resistance through the Senate. All opposition in the House, thus far, appears to come from the navy—the Committee on Naval Affairs. Can it be that the men who remained behind in actual service are of the opinion that the scientific feat of reaching the apex of the earth is not to be considered worthy of equal recognition to their own work in active service? This is the question now before the House.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Tech:

In view of the fact that the last time the members of the Class of 1913 "started something" they got into serious difficulty with the upper classmen, you may be interested in the latest move of the freshmen. There seems to be a tradition here that a freshman class shall run into more or less debt and stay there as long as its creditors will allow it to. This year's first year class has been no exception to the rule and has incurred a heavy debt, partly through rather lavish expenditures previous to Field Day and partly through the strange unwillingness of many of its members to pay their just and honorable dues.

It is with the idea in mind of inducing those men who haven't yet realized the fact that they have a duty before

them to part with one of their greenbacks, that the latest rapid-fire, "Fight-It-Out-on-This-Line-if-It-Takes-All-Summer" campaign has been inaugurated.

The campaign will be remarkable not so much for any originality as for its doggedness, pertinacity and persistence. It is whispered about that even Bursar Rand, who lately announced his wish to be considered a member of the class, may be approached with a view to something or other. The class officers are determined not to give in until every dollar of the present indebtedness is paid, and some put by for future use.

Very respectfully yours,
H. T. BIRCHARD, 1913.

HORNET'S NEST

"Who!" whistled Billikin as the door slammed. "It's good to be in. Listen to the young caucus up stairs. Dick and Cad must be at it again on Sigma Xi."

"Hey, you fellows, what are you scrapping about anyway? I'll bet an E. M. F. cocktail, you don't know what you're talking about? What is Sigma Xi?"

"What's an E. M. F. cocktail first, old man?"

"An E. M. F. cocktail is malted milk with a prune in it." Bill always was a remarkably good dodger and once more he escaped.

"No, but seriously. Dick here thinks it's some kind of fraternity and Cad is just as sure it's another Phi Beta Kappa. Now I've been talking to Vaulter Gay about it and he says it isn't either. It's a good deal like our Osiris society except that whereas scholarship is never considered as entitling a man to that, with Sigma Xi it is the chief if not the only requisite. He says they don't necessarily elect the men of highest rating but rather those men who by their general attitude show a keen interest in any kind of scientific work. That's where it's different from this Pa Ate a Pie society. That's like an undergraduate Phi Beta Kappa consisting of the man who stood one in his class at the end of the third semester, etc. I don't think the Dean would seriously contemplate any such fool scheme for a minute. No sir! what he's after is some method of bringing the men who are really credits to their respective courses together so that they can get the corners knocked off and learn what their associates in other courses are doing and develop a knowledge of the educational side of the Institute which may later on be of service to them."

"Well, why not make the professional societies honorary and hold joint meetings or form some local society of our own."

"For the same reason. It will do our fellows good to get some of the conceit knocked out of them by running up against some men from other places who are just as on the job as they are themselves. Another thing is that nearly all our graduate students are Sigma Xi's and more coming all the time. There ought to be some place where those fellows could drop right in and feel at home right away with men of their own caliber. It would make them good Tech men sooner and that's what we need."

"Billikin's been taking something stronger than E. M. F.'s to get as eloquent as all that," put in Dick; "let's make him drink his E. M. F., he's won it."

But Billi had gone.

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