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COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:
Dear Sir,—In your last issue there was a communication regarding the proposed uniform class constitution. The writer criticised the section of the constitution which reads: “The polls shall be opened at 8:00 and shall be closed at 6:00 P.M.” because he believed one day too short a period for balloting.

In reply, we wish to state a few arguments in favor of the procedure as proposed in the constitution. At the present time, one week is allowed for ballot, on each undergraduate election, and it is invariably found that a majority of the votes are cast on the final day of the election. According to the plan of election included in the new constitution, a certain day shall be set aside for the three upper classes, and polling places will probably be located at the Union and the Rogers Building. This last scheme will enable men to vote between recitations, and lack of time will be no excuse for failure to cast a ballot. The fact that the three upper classes hold their elections on the same day will insure greater publicity than has been obtained in the past, and in addition there will not be the same tendency to put off voting until the last moment, as has been the case under the present system. Since the candidates for offices must be nominated a week before the date set for the election, ample time will be given for consideration of the men to be elected.

One day elections have been found to be such a satisfactory method of choosing officers, such as those of the city, the state, and even the nation. The committee appointed to draw up the General Manager of the Show were affixed to these resolutions, thereby making them binding for all future Shows. The question of supporting athletes provoked some discussion, during which a letter from Major Briggs was read. Finally it was voted to turn over immediately to the Advisory Board of Athletes the sum of $659 and to have a committee appointed by the board to confer with Major Briggs, in order to see how far support by the Institute Committee is advisable, and how the money should be spent.

A third verse of “Take Me Back to Tech” was accepted. It was sent in by John R. Stevens, President 1911, from the Tech Club of Northern Ohio, and is as follows—

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, and X comes after G, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It was voted to have the Committee picture taken next Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 at Natan’s.

Although the majority broke the Tango Rule at the Illinois Junior Ball, no violations of the regulations were not announced. The music contains some of the late popular songs and one or two opera selections.

The state legislature has voted $400,000 for the support of the University of Pennsylvania.

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