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THE CLASS OFFICERS.

The office of Senior President, while carrying with it perhaps the greatest honor that can come to an undergraduate, is far from being an honorary position. The Senior President represents far more than the Senior Class. As president of the Institute Committee and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Institute, he is chief executive of the undergraduate body, and as such should be well versed in the traditions of the Institute and of undergraduate life. Unlike the Editor-in-Chief of Technique, whose success or failure is known throughout the Institute, the moment his book is published, the Senior President may prove a glorious success or a complete failure, and the chances are that only those few undergraduates who are most intimately connected with Institute affairs will ever know about it. How all-important it is, that the Senior Executive shall be a man who has within himself the ambition and the power to make good where the incentive of public opinion is not felt.

The Senior Secretary has the most highly specialized job of any officer that the undergraduates elect. His is a life office; his work consists of keeping a record of his classmates and, in general, attending to all the affairs of the class after graduation. The chief requisite for such a position is a personal and active interest in the members of the class and a reputation for painstaking and business-like methods.

The Junior President is primarily the social light of the class. It is he who is chairman of the Prom Committee, and it is his brain that must plan out a successful program and his personal appearance that must bear the critical inspection of the guests at the Prom. Further, it must be remembered that the Junior President is for one month President of the Institute Committee the following fall, and upon his aggressiveness will depend the manner in which the Institute takes up its work at the beginning of the year.

The Sophomore President's chief work lies in the successful conduct of the Technique Electoral Committee, of which he is chairman. Under him are perhaps the twenty-five busiest men in the class, and he alone is responsible for the rapidity with which the business is carried on. This, together with his responsibility for placing the next year's freshman class properly on its feet, requires that the Sophomore President be an executive of the first order.

The Treasurer of the three classes have approximately the same duties to perform. Aggressiveness is the primary requisite, for it is a creditable percentage of dues to be collected, it means practically a man to man census of the whole class.

The offices of Vice-President and Secretary in the Junior class are largely honorary, and little else is required than that the person holding these offices should be in good standing at the Institute and have the high regard of their fellow classmates.

The importance of the office of member of the Institute Committee is hard to overestimate. When it is realized that, exclusive of class presidents, nearly one-third the members of the most influential body in the Institute are chosen from the four undergraduate classes, it well behoves every vote to exercise particular care and deliberation in his decision. Election to membership in the student governing board should be made, not on the grounds of popularity and personal affability, but because of an intimate knowledge of Institute affairs from the student point of view and a willingness to express his ideas freely and ably in the Institute Committee meetings.

The representatives on the Athletic Association should have a good knowledge of athletes, for it is with them that the recommendations for wearing Institute insignia originate. The Executive Committees are, with the president, the directors of the class, and it is they who determine how the class funds shall be spent.

The list of the activities in which the various nominees for office have participated should be of invaluable assistance to those who do not happen to know the nominees personally. A careful study of the work these activities have involved and the training the different offices require ought to equip every undergraduate with the will and the knowledge to cast a successful ballot at the polls on Friday. The only qualification for voting is payment of class dues, and in the Senior Class this is also required for participation in the affairs of Class Day.

EXPERIENCE is a good school, but that ain't any excuse for always stayin' in the same class. When you're done tryin' out the "pretty fair" smokes, try VELVET, the smoothest.

NOVEL CLASS SMOKER HELD BY SOPHOMORES

Members Of Class Furnish The Evening's Entertainment At Unique Event.

The Sophomore Smoker which was held last Friday evening in the Union brought out a large attendance. President Lorenz spoke of the spirit shown last year by the class in preparing for Field Day and called upon the men to continue in the same way this year. Manager Ricketts and Captain Burton of the Track team were the next speakers and both urged that more candidates come out for practice. Up to the present time there have been only about twenty-seven men out for this event. Manager Millikan of the football team spoke briefly of the prospects for a winning team this year and said that more candidates were needed. C. W. Loomis, '16, who was chairman of the 1918 class when they entered the Institute, pointed out that the reason 1917 lost field day was that they tried to win on their reputations. He advised the Sophomores to avoid the same mistake.

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