THE TECH

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THE CLASS SHOULD DECIDE.

The Governing Board of the Senior class some weeks ago appointed a Class Day Election committee and Planning committee whose duty it should be to prepare the ballots for the Class Day elections and, in general, to outline the policy which should be followed by the class, both in the elections and in the various functions at the end of the year. This committee decided to recommend that the old form of Class Day elections be abolished. This method of election has been to make the man receiving the highest number of votes first marshal, and the committee in making its recommendations felt that such an election was due to chance as much as to popularity, and that in any event it did not follow that a first marshal so elected would necessarily fill all the qualifications of the office, some of which are rather exacting.

The committee had two alternative plans in mind. One was to vote for twenty-five men as usual for the Class Day committee, and in addition to place a double cross after the name of the man who appeared to be best qualified to perform the duties usually discharged by the first marshal.

This method has the obvious advantage over the old one that it makes the class think about its choice, that it is a real election, and that it does not award a very important office to the man in whose hand the largest speaking acquaintance resides.

The other plan was to vote for twenty-five for the Class Day committee and then to take a ballot of the class on the three or five men that stood highest in the first ballot. The man receiving the highest vote on the second ballot would be first marshal. This method has the advantage of bringing in the element of competition between at least two or three of the best men in the class.

This follows the spirit of the method used at Harvard, where nominations are made for the first three or four, and the selection of the first three or four is made by a vote of the class. It has, however, the disadvantage that even among the first five men on the first ballot there may not be a man suited to be first marshal. Such was the opinion of the Class Day committee last year, at least, for the first ballot. This method was employed last year, at least, for the first ballot, and the committee had decided to reject the recommendation of their committee and adhere to the old scheme.

Now with these two alternative plans in view, either of which seems to form a more logical and a more representative way of choosing one of the most important officials of the Senior class, the governing board decided to reject the recommendation of their committee and adhere to the old scheme. If the Class of 1916 wishes to avoid any such heated agitation as occurred last year; if they are at all desirous that future classes shall avoid it; and if they think that the selection of first marshal should not be so much a matter of chance as it has formerly been, the governing board must reconsider what seems to have been a rather ill-considered action. In a matter so important it would certainly be desirable to get the opinion of the class in the form of communications before a final definite action is taken.

MUSICAL CLUBS

Names Of Men Expected To Make The Trip Announced.

The names of the men on the musical clubs who will in all probability make the annual mid-year tour have been announced. The members of the clubs whose names appear below are the ones expected to go on the trip, although the list is subject to changes and additions. These men should see E. M. Woodward, the treasurer, as soon as possible:


CREW PROSPECTS

In a very short time a call will be made for crew candidates. There will be no preliminary indoor work owing to the lack of facilities, but outdoor practice will commence as soon after the first of April as the weather permits. Class crews will be organized which will compete with each other. There will be a man to the use of these shells, and each vessel will be picked and rates arranged with other colleges.

The Institute owns two four-oared shells and one eight, which are now stored in the B. A. A. Boat House. Membership in the Boat Club entitles a man to the use of these shells, and the captain of the crew which puts him in the show'bot and indoors of the B. A. A. Boat House.

FACULTY NOTICE

Mr. Green's class in report writing will meet Friday, January 14.

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