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HONOR SYSTEM
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... projected about ten years ago but was rejected by the faculty because the proposed plan of government was feared by many and there was not enough consideration given to the adoption by the students.

Two students and one instructor who have had experience in other colleges under an Honor System gave their reasons for favoring the adoption. Two colleges, one of 600 and the other of 1,000, had the proposition of adopting the Honor System placed before them, the students voted upon the measure, and the system was adopted. As a result more freedom was given the students. Being placed on their honor, they were permitted to be present during examinations. The system was inaugurated in all four classes of the freshman class. This proposed Technology Honor System would be a good thing. One of the most important objections offered against its adoption is the impossibility of getting fellows to give information about those who cheat. This excuse was one that was given here at Technology in which a student had not had all his analysis work done down street and handed it in to the Institute and had nevertheless received his degree. He had also on one occasion when acting as proctor during an examination noticed certain irregularities among the students. He said that in order to pass the eyes, he had to keep a success of the Honor System would have to come into the college first; that an "school spirit" is a vital part of any college. Any revolutionary change will have to be a radical one, and so it would be better to install the system in all four classes at once rather than to effect the change by degrees.

It was also suggested that the system should be in effect throughout the whole year instead of merely during examinations. Under such a ruling, a student would be expected to refrain from using work which had been done by another who had previously done it and might have it in the file. An objection to the adoption of the system by all four classes at once was that the change would be too radical and that it would have to become a sort of trial that could be effectively instituted throughout the school.

E. P. Brooks ’17 was the chief speaker before the negative side. He said that the Committee should decide to do what was right for the student body as a whole and not what was right for the student, but that he believed it would not work well at Technology. In his opinion, the majority of students do not need the honor system because there is little tendency to cheat, hence a large body would continue to be cheating. Further, it would not have enough backing from upper classes to be a success, for if only a portion of the school lived up to the ruling, the effectiveness of the system would be crippled.

Other objections which were raised were that an honor system could be invaluable during examinations if students were permitted to move about and were not to be allowed to converse; the lack of control for such a system by the student body; and the uncertainty about the conditions which will prevail at the New Technology.

After a lengthy discussion the motion to submit the adoption of the system to the vote by ballot was lost on the table and the meeting was adjourned until next Tuesday.

CHESS SEASON ENDS

The end of the chess season finds technology in virtually the same position in the Metropolitan League in which the team last year. First team played this year instead of eleven, Technical placing fourth, confounded with fifth in the previous year. The Autumn placed as follows: 1. Wells Memorial; 2. Harvard; 3. Mass. Inst. of Technology; 4. Bay State; 5. Day State.

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