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## THE PRICE OF FROLIC

THE Finance Committee, in considering the advisability of advancing the price of tickets for the Junior Prom should seriously endeavor to with-hold to the former fee for admission. The increase would certainly affect those for whom the pleasure of attending such an event means some personal sacrifice. Furthermore, it is a question whether the vote in favor of the increase taken at the recent class smoker was, or was not, representative—did not the raucous "ayes" drown out the soft-lipped "nos"?

The Committee has reported unfavorably upon the proposal to bring up the cost of Technique, yet there were many good reasons why the year-book should cost more to produce. Undoubtedly the managers of the Prom are startled by many added expenses imposed by hotel managers, and wish to be protected. A thorough investigation, with a view to preventing unnecessary expenditures, must be made by the Finance lords before any imposition is made upon the supporters of the ballroom event of the year.

## A USE FOR VELLUM

IS THE martial spirit giving evidence of its existence at Technology? It is. The step of the Technology Regiment is quickened: the augmented Engineer Corps presents the aspect of a beehive of industry during the practice hours; and those undertaking the work on board the U. S. S. Virginia at the Navy Yard are enthusiastic after the preliminary instruction last Monday.

But one thing remains to be done to put the Institute squarely in its chosen niche. It is known that colleges all over the country have cast the die that puts them on record as supporting the college militaristic movement. All of the larger universities have sent their representatives to the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. In those colleges where action has been deferred the voting is now going on. At Technology the sentiment is, from all appearances, strongly in favor of the preparedness campaign, but the formal vote of the student body has not yet been taken. The time is now ripe to call for that vote.

The history that is now in the making should contain the fact that Technology was numbered among the patriotic institutions that without hesitation expressed a written approval of President Wilson's leadership.

Tech Show for 1917 is slowly assuming definite form and the spirit shown thus far at the smoker and preliminary trials has been excellent. The vigor of the rehearsals now in progress leads us to the conclusion that "Not a Chance" will belie its name, and that it will properly fulfill the anticipations of those who follow the work of this activity.

The death of Professor Peters takes from the ranks a man who had the lovable characteristics which make the teacher so dear to those whom he instructs. His was an active life and one that leaves much to posterity. His departure from this life is to us the loss of one who "liked the students and was liked by the students."

The incorporation of the Senior Portfolio Section into the volume of Technique, has enhanced the value of the year-book tenfold. To have Seniors fail to present an informal photograph is to make the book of less worth to the man who makes the omission and to that man's friends. An opportunity to complete the section is given to those who have not lived up to the requirements. Let the late ones take advantage of the last chance.

## COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech,

Dear Sir:—I am a friend of minor sports. My communication of last Saturday had their welfare at heart as well as that of the track team. The point of issue is not whether one team has one good season and therefore is the "only" team, as one communicant would have us believe, or whether the "T" should be surmounted by an integral sign, but whether we cannot reach some means by which we may distinguish between the insignia of a minor and a major team.

The history of the granting of insignia is interesting in itself. Years ago we had all the major teams, football, baseball and track. The hard curriculum was too great a handicap however and track alone survived—since it was not dependent on team play but rather individual effort. About ten years ago we had an intercollegiate championship hockey team. The privilege of wearing the "T" was granted to them and the Advisory Council also made the reward open to teams in the future if they won two-thirds of their games. Another time in the past we won the New England Intercollegiate Tennis Championship. The "T" was afterwards awarded for a duplication of this feat. Five years ago our wrestling team made a clean sweep of all the college teams in the East. The privilege of wearing the "T" by future wrestlers was then given that team. Now in the exuberance of its youth we have another team knocking for admittance to the ranks of "wearers of the T."

The basis on which all the team finally were given the privilege of winning the coveted "T" was determined by the Advisory Council along the following lines:—the track team was used as the basis of comparison. When a member of a team or some team won an athletic contest equal in rank to the winning of a similar event by a member of the track team for which a "T" would be awarded, the man or team in question would gain the letter. Track was the major sport. It is such today and the "T" is awarded along the same basis.

With such a situation what do we have? The hockey team, year after year, faithfully strives to uphold the athletic honor of the Institute. Due to the peculiar conditions at our Institution, it is practically impossible for them to have more than a moderate success as far as the number of victories are concerned. After their season of hard work, all they get for their labors is the "h.T." Under the plan as outlined last Friday, it would be possible for these men to win their minor sport "T" by simply playing in two-thirds of the games, instead of winning two-thirds. Is there any injustice to this plan? To my mind there is neither any loss of dignity for the letter because it has been gained fairly under the conditions imposed. At present there is a lack of interest in hockey, one reason for which I believe is due to the fact that the only practicable way that the team can obtain their letter now is by an act of "athletic charity" on the part of the Advisory Council.

The wrestling team is struggling along under a very heavy handicap at the present. To my mind in order to give them a "T," the Council will have to stretch the point a trifle. Which is preferable—the lowering of the standard of the letter or the granting of a minor sport letter to a much larger number of men?

It is very natural under the present plan that the Council should try to give a few "Ts" to each sport after its season's work. With the exception of the track team, they usually have to lower the standard of the letter some years to do this. It is necessary that they give such letters to keep up the interest in the sport. Isn't it much better that a minor sport letter be given without any lowering of the standard and with the possibility of granting a larger number?

Due to the criticism of the shape of letter as outlined I submit the following idea: Have the major team letter a gray six-inch "T" on a red sweater, while the minor sports would have the five-inch red "T" on a gray sweater. There also might be an added provision that if any of the minor teams distinguished themselves brilliantly during the season, that there might be an award of the major letter.

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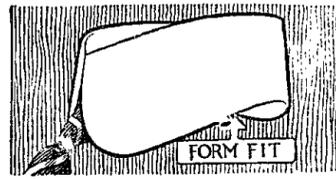
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