UNANIMOUS, BUT HASTY

With impetuous students unanimous in their "hope against hope," a petition requesting the inclusion of January 2nd in the list of holidays was turned in by the faculty. About seven hundred men have already placed their signatures on petitions and cards. The one student body, unthinking as it is in such cases, should not signify its affirmative desire in this matter.

If the petition is understood, it is understood on the day immediately following New Years. It is necessary that those who live in distant parts of the country leave home before any of the New Year festivities begin. Even those who live nearby must forget holidays with any hope of fulfiling the promise they may have to be back on school time. Why shouldn't they wait an extra day or two?

On the "con" side of the argument, there are a number of important considerations. The program for the school term is made months in advance and any departure necessitates that numerous changes in the curriculum be made. After making allowance for the various legal holidays and Field Day, the Christmas holidays, midterm recess and Spring vacation, there remains a school year of approximately one hundred eighty days. Courses are made out with this as a basis, and if the one vacation is lengthened, some other must suffer.

This year is the eighth of a series, and introduces several irregularities. School began this fall later than usual, and Graduation Day is not until June 10th. There is no possibility of a satisfactory year's work. Various changes incident to the shift would immediately make such a move imperative.

Obviously it is easy to get student signers for this petition. Also it is very probable that a petition signed by 2000 men would be accepted by the By-Laws Committee. It is highly probable that the student body, unthinking as it is in such cases, should not signify its affirmative desire in this matter.

Whatever is done must be done quickly. The next regular meeting of the faculty will be December 15th, which will be too late for any action to be taken on the petition. It should either be presented to the President or the Secretary of the Faculty, and a special meeting of the faculty will probably be called to consider it.

While there is doubt that the petition will bring favorable action from the faculty, it would seem that no unanimous expression of student opinion should certainly be considered. However, if there is a sincere objection to the 2000 men, the holidays are arranged at present, it would be well to institute action against next year's calendar.

"LET NOT THAT RIGHT HAND KNOW" While obeying a principle, firmly established in the minds of today's youth, of making decisions without adequate regard for the opinions of the powers that be, Technology undergraduates have found themselves in trouble this fall. However, they have learned a lesson, and perhaps they are still as self-sufficient.

Affairs at the Institute must be carried on by the students themselves, and will therefore be decided by the student boards and faculty councils. It was with charg that the In- stitute had to fall back upon itself that the approval of other bodies before these actions become effective. The student boards and faculty councils, as a body, should reconsider the proposal and perhaps come to a decision through a conference with the student body at large.

It has often been pointed out that a manager of whatever activity merely accepts an obligation for a year—his policies must be developed and enforced. With this thought in mind, let the Athletic Association weigh carefully the votes as decided, and see that they contribute to the management awards, and points for the Glove Fight on Field Day.

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