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OPEN FORUM

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I read with much interest the editorial on "A Bead for Fast Athlete." We all agree that the quicker the track season and the longer the jumps done away with and replaced, the better for technology and for technology men.

But who will build a bigger gym which sooner or later will prove necessary? It would be economical and solve the problem for the time being, but would it be in the long run? Facilities for athletics have always been relatively poor at the Institute and although a small gym which could provide a few more rooms for basketball, and where one can have his adventures, would be of considerable value, and there are enough people at Tech who must purchase the books.

When a new edition is published and required by the courses which it covers, all older editions are quite useless. There are naturally a number of problems new to the book; if so, these problems are sure to be assigned. These have been, possibly, some new sections added; new symbols may be in use. At any rate, the old book is no longer helpful except as an additional reference.

If any vital change were necessary, there would be little difficulty about the World Race, the new track, with the peak before the student body at a sound level, new and more realistic, no better than older editions, as an aid in what it is not fair to ask that those who are responsible to help a little before we lose our post student on another visit to the Coop?

ELECTIONEERING OR NO ELECTIONEERING

In the course of our investigations on electioneering at Technology, we have written to a considerable number of eastern colleges asking them how they have handled the electioneering problem. The general tone of the replies brings out one interesting fact: where there are elections, there is electioneering, in spite of the fact that occasionally one often does better in his academic work when he is not bothered by the noise and confusion of electioneering.

We quote from one representative letter: "...I do not know what you refer to in your letter of the 4th does not exist at Yale, as we have no elections to speak of. There are only classes and the dean of each class are not electioneering. The experiences of others indicate, therefore, that electioneering is the only solution to the demand for no electioneering.

Since it is ridiculous to think of making any drastic changes in the system of government at The Institute, the only apparent solution is to make no electioneering prevent an unpredictable phenomenon but to eliminate the evils now apparent and to prove the correctness of any of the methods which constitute public electioneering by proper regulation.

STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

In the years following the great war a marked increase was noted in the number of countries abandoning monarchies in favor of democratic governments. At present the tendency seems to be in the opposite direction. We may soon witness the end of the present French republic, and the establishment of another dictatorship in Europe.

While the royalty of Europe practically signed its own abolition by permitting or bringing about the World War, which followed them signed their death warrants by their looseness and liberality. The explosion of economic problems and the.--the solution of which has so far been -unadvisable and unpredictable economic conditions. So the French, having created problems both real and fancied, will be forced to strengthen central authority to reach any solution.

It is unfortunate, however, that strong central government is not necessarily the answer to the delicate game of diplomacy. The interests of conflicting nationalities will not permit the two problems to coexist.

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