still Republican

Indications of Straw Poll

With the returns from the fraternities and the dormitories in The Tech straw vote complete, there seems to be enough evidence to make a relatively accurate estimate of the outcome of the whole vote at the Institute.

The fraternities lean for Landon by a vote of about three to one with the dormitories going Republican by about three to two. The average of the two makes the total returns at the present time about two to one for Landon.

It is not likely that the commuters' vote will alter that average a great deal. Whether the average among the Faculty will be different or not cannot be judged with certainty at this time. However, the Faculty vote will be small enough not to effect the whole a great deal.

Could we say that "as goes Technology, so goes the nation," it would be gratifying in no small measure, but, as we have observed in the last straw vote and other voter surveys, such cannot be the case. It might be more logical, upon the past observances, to say that "as goes the nation, it would be gratifying in no small measure," that the program includes social as well as educational betterment is a direct refutation of the vote in the fraternities and in the dormitories in The Tech straw vote. The Tech straw vote was made to end propaganda, we would at the same time be ending freedom of the press which this country has long been staunchly in favor of since the time of the founding of the first colonies.

The only solution for the dilemma is for everyone to realize that all printed matter on politics has a certain element of propaganda contained in it, some to a greater and some to a lesser extent. Having realized this, he should sift thoroughly all that he reads before he forms an opinion or even attempts to do so. Even then he cannot avoid having an opinion based partly on false ballyhoo. Even so, he is better off than he would be if the presses were controlled by the government itself just because then there would be the same tendency toward false publicity.

We must realize that we shall never reach an ideal state of fair presentation of the issues. We must be content with the nearest approach to it and at the same time maintain our long fought for standards of freedom of the press and freedom of speech.

LET'S DO IT RIGHT

Let us examine for a moment the various organizations which are affected. First the groups which will make use of a new gymnasium.

Some groups (obviously athletic) include basketball, boxing, fencing, gym, compulsory physical training, and wrestling. Other sports are either out of doors or have their own buildings.

Secondly the groups which will make use of an auditorium. These are the Combined Musical Clubs (including glee, banjo, the M. I. T. Orchestra, etc.), the Science Aeronautic Society, the Technology Union, the M. S. Band, the Drama shop, dance groups, and miscellaneous groups which wish to hold mass meetings.

In addition to these is the Drama Club (Faculty, not student, but none the less to be considered).

This listing would seem to give preference to the auditorium users, but because of some of the groups will make use of the auditorium only for rehearsal purposes, the cases for auditorium and gymnasium are equally meritorious on a basis of use.

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