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PROPER ADMINISTRATION  
FRESHMAN RULES

DECISION of the Freshman Council to permit the purchase of a new freshman tie is decisively encouraging. It is a step toward the elimination of freshmanism, a group interested in their value to the freshman, and an improvement over government by small junior rule.

Wearing of the freshman tie is at once a mark of distinction, and a practical means of distinguishing the freshman class from the mass of the students in the Institute. It stands for the pride natural in a man admitted to an institute supreme in the matter of classes held, and it also stands for the associations he makes in identifying himself with his class.

Creation of this bond among the members of the freshman class is perhaps the most important function of the freshman tie, and it is in the interest of the Freshman Council to see that it does demonstrable results. Through its display, every freshman comes to recognize his classes, and to carry on his heart a spirit of kinship toward the class.

The Class of 1940 will—in the space of less than three years—be the generation that will exercise influence directing all of Technology's undergraduate affairs. The freshman tie now is doing its part in assuring that there will be well enough acquainted with the Institute, secure in the confidence, to carry this responsibility creditably.

Recognition by the entire class of this true significance of the freshman tie should be all that is needed to insure that they will cooperate unanimously.

OVERCONFIDENCE  
TIME TO DECIDE NOW

With the Americas acclaiming Roosevelt's peace message, and editors and commentators prophetically predicting the end of American entanglements, the people of our country must guard against overconfidence, against a feeling of complacent security; for the poor deuded radicals so rapidly appraising the specter of European entanglements, the fight seems to be passing us by, we must have regard for the insidious ways in which our complacency can bring disadvantages can take advantage of overconfidence.

It was not until our martial barriers to war had been torn down that the spirit of propaganda that we abandoned our neutrality and entered the World War. Since that time, many men, including priests, who advocated patriotism and who thought the lives of the Americans who died well secured, have since admitted that sympathies and passions, aroused by prejudiced propaganda led them to praise a crime in the sight of God. They were moved by fear, not by love; and through them; they knew, as we know, of the difficulty of remaining firm and unbiased when the interests and their countries interests were involved.

Hope, if any, of our resisting the deluding influence of the many mell, including priests, who advised pat-

paganda that we abandoned our neutrality and the deluding influence of our social and other interests, the zeal that lies in each one of us—in my ability and your ability to pick our path now, before our view-

nels are warped and we lose our sense of information, and to stick to that path once it is chosen.

OPEN FORUM

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Editor’s Note—We would be led to believe by the above letter that all is well in respect to the past, present, and future of baseball and that the Tech team could not possibly function as a unit. We feel the necessity of warning the student body of the present lack of interest in the game and the requirement of the M. I. T. A. A. that there must be an awakening of interest, especially among the student body.

The spirit of the entire squad for the three years has been excellent. Had it not then, the team would have lasted as long and the present group would not be demanding recognition again this year. Every successful team has been placed there by the effort of the student body. The M. I. T. A. A. had hard to discourage the move.

Our team was at all times expected to pay our own expenses. And yet the group continues to work. Can this team be accused of lacking the spirit that makes a team?

It is true that so large a percentage of the game has been won by the base stealers. It is, perhaps, the number one place here. It must be realized that base-

stolen must be given the opportunity to come off. But by instinct we have trained and we have trained the students to come off. We have a big way to go. And if there is a big way, we are going to try to keep that. Now we go to theies.

Revised Tuesday, December 11, 1938  
38 Independent Team

The King of England customarily does little more than attend state receptions, speak on state occasions, receive his courtesies at Court, attend Church, and follow the advice of the Prime Minister. For the King to express public and independent ideas on national affairs was unheard of.

But after the accession of Edward VII

Reviews and Previews

OPERA REVIEW—The Russians opened their December season Thursday afternoon with a performance of Richard Strauss' "Arabella." It was presented in the Auditorium Thursday evening with an ambassad

ing the work of Schubert and no audience capacity that we did not begin to feel that we were addressing our topic to our two-place trainer. We have heard our audience and we have heard our "Fables" is still the only person who has ever had the audience aroused.

He pushed them out into the box with a sign that read, "We have packed with chairs—thirty-six ties, and all of them.

FRESHMAN RULES

METHODOLOGIC—The Charge of the Light Brigade thunders across the screen in the segment of the film with which we were presented with and without the audience.

JOHN B. MOUNT OF THE ACADEMY

LOWE'S STATE AND OPERAHOUSE—The "King's Speech," which was presented this week, is the last of the Jack Benny series. It is a new work by the Royal Opera House. The menu is of interest.

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