HONORARY SHAKESPEARE

To be or not to be an honorary society, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous non-members, or to take refuge in pacific measures, and by subterfuges remain. For some societies always have been and still are. They are a result of the human desire for praise. They serve to give this praise, and at the same time to restrict it to a smaller group. This restriction gives rise to the members the feeling that they are getting a particular type of praise and makes them feel much better about the whole thing. The school will soon vote on whether or not such classes may call themselves honorary, and whether or not they may claim to be the personages of any particular class. This voting is going to be like filing against a windmill. You may try one of the blades, but its successor is more than likely to slip you on the nethermost regions. The classes will vote. If what are now known as "honorary" societies lose their "honor," they will nevertheless remain. If the classes let them call themselves anything they wish, they will still remain. We don't know but that this entire subject is really quite futile in the first place.

The most practical solution we've heard yet is that those people who believe the present system is not truly representative form their own society. Then all groups will be happy.

But what it really comes down to is that no matter what you call it, an honorary society would smell as sweet by any other name.

KEY TROUBLES

Beaver Key ran into a little more trouble than its brother honorary societies last night, when the Institute Committee refused to approve changes in its constitution. The athletic honorary, although recognizing that its setup to manage intramural sports in the best possible manner, did not go far enough in correcting the faults. The changes made in the method of electing members merely altered the situations they did not cure it. Men chosen for membership would still be picked from activities; they would still have only a secondary interest in intramural athletics.

Intramural sports are an important part of Technology's extra-curricular life, important enough to warrant a separate managing agency whose members are interested primarily in fostering and bettering these organizations. No other method of running the intramural system would be completely satisfactory, for no other method would secure the men necessary for proper administration.

We do not mean, however, that Beaver Key should be dissolved. A definite place exists for an athletic honorary society composed of men directly connected with varsity athletics; although not for a society which is only half-equipped for the management of intramural sports.

PEACE IN 1940

At yesterday's Peace Day meeting two students spoke about their ideas on how we can best preserve peace for the United States. They were followed by a lively discussion among the students present.

But the majority of the student body still seems to be skeptical of this problem which confronts the United States today, and will continue so for many years to come. The general attitude is defeatist in nature. "What's the use of talking or thinking about how we can keep out of war; it does not mean anything what we have to do now." This is not only a wrong but also a very dangerous approach. If we, and consequently all college students, do not think and form opinions on such important questions as peace or war, who will? If we are supposed to have a good mind, shun the problem, a few propagandists will find it easy to "make" public opinion.

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