SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Evolution was once a revolutionary term. Many great minds grappled with its Darwinian philosophy so brazenly suggested that man had been the result of changes that had taken place over a long period of time, nature gradually weeding out the undesirable characteristics.

An undergraduate sentiment which has been evolving for a long period of time crystallized last night when a motion was made before the Institute Committee to discontinue the Elections Committee as a committee of the Institute Committee. In its place would be substituted a committee that would be appointed for each election.

Actually the problem is whether or not the Elections Committee can justify itself as a Class A activity. On the whole we do not feel that it is. The committee functions but three times a year, and then only for very short periods of time. The extent of its labor usually consists of having petitions distributed, ballots printed, ballot boxes and booths set up, and votes counted. All this is routine work, the procedure of which is outlined in specific detail by the constitution. Consequently the committee forms no policy and displays no originality, merely following the rules blindly.

On the other hand, if the Elections Committee is dissolved, the problem of obtaining men to carry on the routine labor must be solved. Some arguments are presented that the existing committee with a seat on the Institute Committee as a plum is necessary to inveigle students to do the work. It seems to us to be an awful price to pay to get students to cooperate with The Tech in giving the students an effective voice in the organization and direction of student life.

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WE MUST DO OUR PART

Since we have been at war for only six days, the civilian situation has not yet become accustomed to the trials and demands that war imposes upon the individuals of the nation.

One of the main differences between war in the democracies and the totalitarian states is the fact that citizens in a democracy voluntarily give up certain of their rights to help the military cause. Understandably this change from peace to war is as abrupt one, for rumors are bound to fly thick and fast here at the Institute with the added responsibility of keeping the students informed. "With these privileges goes the added responsibility of their students the knowledge of the happenings of the war. While the spreading of rumor may not be covered by any particular provisions, and time is required here at the Institute with the added responsibility of keeping the students informed. "With these privileges goes the added responsibility of the spreading of rumor is another offense that constitutes a violation of the law. Although the letter of the law does not cover the discussion of research work and its participation being carried on here at the Institute under the spirit of the law. For the good of the nation and the Institute as a whole, each student should make a conscientious effort toward controlling his conversation concerning the vital things which he may be privileged to see. With these privileges goes the added responsibility of confidence.

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RUMORS are bound to fly thick and fast here at the Institute with the vast student and faculty population, but the wisest course is to disseminate any information until it has had official origin. There is no justification to take an individual's personal opinion and pass it on as official fact.

The Institute administration has promised that The Tech in giving the student body any information as soon as it arises. Unless information has been released to the student body publicly, nine chances out of ten the grapevine report will be unfounded rumor.

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