MORE PLUM ISLAND

By next Wednesday, unless student opinion is strongly opposed, Institute Committee will have successfully pulled the teeth out of last year’s motion to ban off-campus balls. At Wednesday’s meeting, a motion by Ashon C. St. Croix of the ’55 to rescind the motion passed last year regarding rides and other forms of off-campus ballasting was amended by Sherman Uchill of the ’56 and Gary K. Oppen of the ’57 to provide that the Institute Committee would initiate action if the person hazed reported it to the committee, or if personal injury resulted. The amended motion failed to pass by one vote, thus preventing the original motion of last year from becoming a complete failure, but they will fail to serve the purpose intended.

The great majority of students here, sadly enough, consider it a low form of “squeezing” to inform a responsible person that they have been “taken for a ride” or even that they have been injured during the course of this activity. Not all students are as isolated at the school, as it now stands, is completely ineffective in curbing freshman hazarding. Freshmen will still be taken out before their quizes, they will still be subjected to injury and harsh treatment, they will still come down with virus pneumonia after a night on Plum Island; in the semi-nude, and, in short, they will still be subject to all the harsh and unfair treatment that original Inaccom motion was designed to stop.

This year’s Institute Committee has demonstrated by this motion, which appears destined to pass at a special meeting next Wednesday,affle that they have neither the courage nor the strength of conviction of their predecessors. It may be that a few enlightened members will fight this new proposal to the end, in which case the I.C.C. will have achieved its purpose.

THE GREAT J. P. SWINDLE

In two weeks there will be a formal dance at the Hotel Statler which is commonly referred to as the Junior Prom. The front tables at this dance will be operated primarily by seniors, sophomores, and even freshmen and other oriches. The juniors, meanwhile, will be located in the dark corners behind the potted palms, and out in the hall.

A year ago the Class of 1956 elected a Junior Prom Commit-
tee. This Committee was entrusted with the duties of securing a good band for this dance, and of ensuring that the junior class received special preference in the matter of tickets and location.

This committee, headed by Oliver Johns ’56, has succeeded admirably in the first of its goals with the Sextet-Pinegan orchestra being signed to play. However, they have only partially reached their second objective. It is quite true that, under the old Law, the junior class does not have the right to a ball, as long as they are the ones to haze, rather than to be hazed.

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