EUROLY ON THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL

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The President's Report to Institute Committee points up many problems for which solutions yet to be found. Among these we select two which are of a critical nature.

The logical introduction of students onto certain Faculty committees which concern themselves totally with the delineation of student policy has unfortunately been abruptly rejected by the faculty committee on Undergraduate Policy. That any committee can construct a policy affecting undergraduates without having a voice in the selection of the faculty to negotiate with undergraduates and under graduate opinion appears to us patently absurd.

Institution Council should rejuvenate this effort to admit students to faculty committees as advisors and means of re- muneration. But this is not a task to be done by pressure of legislation: Inasmuch here must build a wall over which undergraduates the house's antipathy to this idea by sheer weight of logic.

Another field in which we have intense interest is that with which the Restrictive Clause Committee concerns itself. This year's committee has submitted a sterile, nothing-nothing report on the matter of racial and religious discrimination in the Institute's fraternities. It is to be hoped that the new committee will take more forceful cognizance of the fact that ours is supposed to be a democracy, society and all inconsistencies within the society's system should be removed—as one woman to remove a cancer.

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In the most vital display of good will that the Institute could possibly offer, the administration has agreed to the abolition of compulsory committee for freshmen and for Baker residents. Although the final approval for the action of the Dormitory Development Committee is still forthcoming, it would appear that the formality is merely superficial.

Probably no action of the administration—save perhaps lowering the tuition—could be more beneficial to intra-Institute relations, no single deed more powerful evidence of the fact that student sentiment is considered ultimately influential. The only unfortunate circumstance in the whole matter is that the completion was not forecast a couple of years ago—that we might have been spared the suffering of others.