The pole was extremely successful with 40 percent of the class of 1981 participating. The final tally was 372-63 in favor of the traditional stick-chewing beaver.

Ms. Ullman was convinced that this was such a significant expression of dissent regarding the committee’s decision, but only after attempts to disregard the poll with accusations of insincerity. The committee is now moving on with the design of the ring using the class’s choice of what the beaver should be. In discussing this issue with Mr. Firester and others, I recall stating that Ms. Ullman probably cast across worse than she realized in her attempt to discredit the poll. I used the same beaver for both versions in an attempt to set up a “control situation,” with just the tree and twigs being the differences for consideration. The descriptions “actual” and “inaccurate,” when applied to initial renditions of art’s concepts as compared to the final rings, have practically no meaning, and I fail to see the justification in calling my “revisions” any more “inaccurate” than those hastily procured from the ring company. I am sure that a poster with those two versions would reveal the same result—

that the class just does not want the tree. By the way, the actual vote turned out to be 752 (seventy-two) to 63 (tree)—a very impressive turnout for any one-day, Lobby 7 poll!

Which brings me to my last point. I would just like to mention, for the record, that a good deal of effort was expended to try to inform sophomores in the frats and East Campus area of the existence of the survey and the importance of voting. Personally, all floors of East Campus on Thursday night, got through to all but two of them, talked to a few sophomores on each floor and asked them to tell the rest of the sophomores on their floor about the survey. Everyone I talked to was very congenial, and agreed to spread the word, regardless of which opinion they held personally. Similar calls were made to Senior House and fraternities, although unfortunately with less successful numbers of actual calls “gotten through.” All in all, we managed to contact East Campus, 15 frats, WILG, Random Hall, Bexley, and two floors of Senior House before Friday morning. Also, in addition to notices in The Tech, posters were hung at east entrances to the main buildings and Walker, in hopes of remaining people to vote and of catching those who hadn’t heard of the poll earlier. The major purpose of the survey was to get the opinions of as many sophomores as possible—we certainly did not want to ignore anybody. The response was large enough to cause the Ring Committee to reconsider their initial findings, which was also one of the objectives of the poll.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who voted or got involved in some way or another for your interest and support.

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