

# THE TECH

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## POLITICS! POLITICS!

Either because of political atmosphere created by the coming national conventions, or because of the disturbing influence of Roosevelt as a leader of our national policies, politics and caucuses are frequent and, though carefully concealed, nevertheless evident in the class of 1908. Ward ten meets with Ward six, votes are swapped, and the ward bosses wax exceedingly strong. A deep rumbling is heard. What has the future in store?

A single political party has stepped out into the arena. What shall its campaign motto be to wave patriotically in the party wind? Shall it be "Give me liberty or give me death?" No; better, "Class Day without Course Representation is Tyranny!"

It matters not whether other worthy organizations are lacking for efficient men, but it does matter that on the Class Day Committee there be two seniors from each course regardless of the fact that some of these have never contributed to class spirit, treasury or enterprises. "Class Day without Course Representation is Tyranny!"

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors of The Tech.

Dear Sirs:—Referring to the editorial in Wednesday's Tech concerning the unwillingness of some of the professional societies to pay for the insertion of the list of their members in Technique, the writer of such an editorial would do well to procure reliable information on the subject before making such positive statements, for his "understanding" with regard to the Electrical Engineering Society is very much at fault.

The E. E. Society does not refuse to pay its bills and has paid for its insert in Technique 1908. The treasurer had no bill for the insert among the unpaid bills handed over at the beginning of the year in the files of the society, and the first and only bill received by the present officers was dated March 5, 1908, and paid March 9th.

We thank The Tech for the privilege of correcting this mistake and are willing to attribute the editorial and its suppositions regarding this society to a general dearth of news.

Signed, L. B. HEDGE, Pres.,  
W. E. BOOTH, Sec.-Treas.

## THE REASON.

We thank the officers of the Electrical Engineering Society for their generosity in attributing the editorial on "Debts to Technique" to nothing worse than a general dearth of news. Also it is a pleasure to hear that after four days deliberation, it finally settled up last year's bill.

The information on which the editorial was based is:—

In June, 1907, the Electrical Engineering Society was sent a bill for its insert in Technique 1908. It was not paid. In the fall of 1907 the matter was again taken up with no success.

About the first of March Mr. Webb called on President Hedge of the society to collect this bill already old. He was refused payment on the ground that the Society had not received any bill. Pres. Hedge wanted the bill before he would talk business. Also he claimed that the bill had been paid last year. Mr. Webb told him that unless the Society paid it was likely that its insert would not be printed in Technique 1909. For answer Pres. Hedge said that in such case he would not buy one of the books and intimated that there were a good many others who could be influenced against Technique. On the same day Mr. Allen, another representative of Technique, tried to collect the bill and met with refusal.

Later, on March third, the Society was approached again. On March fifth they received a bill.

At the time The Tech was issued Treasurer Adams of Technique had not yet received payment.

Because of the above facts it seemed perfectly fair to say: "It is understood that the Electrical Engineering Society balks at paying its debt."

## POLITICS RAMPANT IN SENIOR CLASS.

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feels himself a member of the class of 1907.

In Course I no caucus was held. Despite this fact three men were placed on the general ticket. They were Clifford H. Boylston, Herbert T. Gerish, and Leslie B. Ellis, none of whom knew that they were on the ticket until told of it by outsiders. They were indignant.

No caucus was held in Course IV but two men were on the ticket, W. Fred Dolke, and Edgar I. Williams. Neither of these men knew that they were on the ticket and both were emphatic in their desire not to be connected with it.

It is understood that this ticket will be made up in a final form and handed around to those who wish to vote in this manner, together with those men who have already pledged themselves in the various courses to support the ticket.

That there is an understanding between the Course VI seniors and those of Course V and X is positively known and there is some kind of understanding between these courses and the seniors of Course II. The making up of such a ticket has met with great opposition among Course I seniors and those of Course IV. In Course XIII it is known that there is a strong discussion over the support of such a ticket. Little is known about the arrangement among the Course III seniors.

It is said by the leaders in charge of the movement for course representation that the principle of the ticket is to put representatives from every course on the Class Day committee. Several others in the movement are making it a "drive" against secret societies.

The men taking part in this movement say that the class affairs have been in the hands of a few, that the leaders are non-representative, there being too many men from one or two courses on the committees and in offices.

On the other hand, those men who were chosen last fall in open election for the various class offices, together with a number of other men who know generally about class affairs, claim that the men who were elected so far this year have been the men who have done the most for the class in athletics and other matters.

A rabid discussion is now going on in the class over the principle of making up such a ticket, there being no course or society lines drawn among those against, while those for the ticket are working on the principle of course representation, and seem, at least in their plans, to draw certain society lines.

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