

THE TECH

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FOR FAIR BALLOT.

Advocates of the caucus system of election say that there is always danger in an election where men are chosen on a general ballot; that in the larger courses any one man has a wider acquaintanceship and thus has a better chance at election than a man from a small course. This is a natural state of affairs. According to the laws of chance, desirable men are more numerous in the large courses and anyway a large course for fair representation should have more men on the committee than a small course. In addition, if a man, even from a small course, is not known among a number of his classmates after four years at Tech, he probably has not shown much energy in any branch of student affairs.

In the last nominations for senior portfolio, men from the small courses showed no special zeal to be given an opportunity to show what they could do for their class. Work on the portfolio is known to be particularly arduous while a place on the Class Day Committee does not mean hard work. Membership on this committee is largely an honorary position; a recognition of service to the class. At present we see a number of men who want honor and recognition of service when they have not rendered the service.

Of course in some cases men nominated by the caucuses are men who have been of marked service. That this service has sometimes been along inconspicuous lines makes it no less worthy. A president of a professional society is in a place where he can do as good or better work for true Technology ideals than a member of a prom committee. This sort of work, however, has practically always been recognized in the past and no doubt will be in the future. Questions as to who have done most for the Institute and who are the worthiest men in the class are naturally questions which no one man nor one group of men are in a position to finally decide. The decision must be left to the whole class and can only be reached fairly by the whole class in an open ballot.

COMMUNICATION.

The undersigned members of Course IV of the class of 1908, while expressing their hearty interest in any fair method to secure proportionate representation of the courses on the Class Day committee and their strong belief that the most efficient, most representative and best known men of the class, irrespective of their courses, should be placed on the committee, wish to place themselves on record as emphatically opposed to the questionable "political methods" being employed in the election of the committee by certain members of the class to secure the defeat of the most efficient and best known men and the election of men not so well known nor so representative of the class.

(Signed) W. Fred Dolke, Maurice P. Meade, Edgar I. Williams, Russell G. Crane, Frank J. Robinson, R. J. Batchelder, H. S. Hazen, J. R. Tabor, H. H. Bentley, Stiles O. Clements, Chester C. Ford, Kurt Vonnegut, J. R. Thorn-dike, H. J. Kuehne, C. H. Preston, F. W. Sharman, R. Kibbey, Chester A. Brown.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE.

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hands and select the pictures themselves as all work must be down to the engravers by Monday, March 23.

Owing to the fact that the book is sold at cost price, only the number signed for can be printed. After April 1st the first form will have gone to press, and no more books can be ordered. Any person, club, or society wishing a Portfolio, and not being able to see a member of the committee should leave name and address at the Cage.

SOPHOMORE BASEBALL.

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the short stop position and R. Jones and Arkell from the outfield.

Outdoor work will begin just as soon as the weather allows and some indoor battery work has already been done. Within a week or two, however, the team should be able to begin work at the field.

Louis Jacoby 1909 has been engaged to coach the team. Jacoby played on the nine at Texas University for four years and captained it the last season. He also played summer ball at different times and is a man of first class ability on the diamond.

Some new men have indicated their intention of coming out as candidates for the team. They are Horne, who will try for the position of pitcher. Harrison for that of catcher, and French and Huckins, candidates for the infield.

The schedule for the season follows:

- April 11, Malden High at Malden.
- April 14, Rindge Manual Training at the Field.
- April 18, Lowell Textile at Lowell.
- April 22, Stone School at the Field.
- April 25, Thayer Academy at Braintree.
- April 27, Brookline High at the Field.
- April 29, Roxbury High at the Field.
- May 2, Bridgewater Normal at Bridge-water.
- May 6, Tech Freshmen at the Field.
- May 9, Highland Military Academy at Worcester.
- May 13, Milton Academy at Milton.
- May 16, Highland Military Academy at the Field.
- May 18, Tech Freshmen at the Field.
- May 20, Mechanic Arts High at the Field.

FOR FAIR COURSE.

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general feeling that a certain group of men had been running the affairs of the class ever since freshman year and that too much stress had been laid on things they have done at the very beginning rather than their ability to handle later problems. A lot of capable men had never been given a fair chance to show what they could do. He felt that the men in the small courses in the past two years had been practically forgotten and that they could not be intelligently chosen by outsiders who did not know them, whereas the men in each course knew each other well and were best qualified to suggest who might be best for the work. He had not pledged his vote and did not believe many other men had. He believed that the method of caucuses was the best way to secure a good committee. He did not understand that the movement was in any way directed against fraternities.

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