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SOW FOR OTHERS TO REAP

TOMORROW the election controversy comes before the Institute Committee for final settlement. To the Junior class, more than to any other, that settlement is highly important. Their officers will be the leaders of Technology's student government for the ensuing year and it is imperative that the class as a whole be solidly behind those officers. No question arising from the choice of those officers can be allowed to place them under a cloud before they really begin.

It is indisputable that there is dissatisfaction with the recent elections. Two petitions have been denied and a third larger one is now being circulated, expressing the opinion of the signers that the balloting results were not truly representative. The chief cause of complaint is the late opening of the polls which cost a number their vote. Especially was this true of the Rogers men who were prevented by classes from returning after they had waited uselessly to vote that morning.

If the apathy common to democratic bodies was great enough so that the disfranchised ones did not care, no consideration need be had for them, but when they do demand their rights it is folly to deny them. The successful administration of Institute government requires, if not actual cooperation from the students, at least their acquiescence.

To ratify the elections in the face of opposition would be either ignoring or trying to overrule what should be conciliated. A Senior government has the power to do this but the Juniors will suffer for it. If the Institute Committee sows discontent tomorrow its unfortunate successor will reap the multiplied fruits next year.

NOT A MATTER FOR COURSES

THERE is some opposition to Institute Committee action on an Honor System, based on the premise that the matter is outside of the Committee's sphere. It is not generally known, but three years ago an Honor System resolution for the entire school was introduced in the Committee and voted down simply because members felt that it would not "work."

Admittedly if Institute Committee action would be directed towards the end suggested three years ago, the opponents of placing the decision before it may be justified. But if it is felt that the matter is entirely outside the interest of the Committee, such opposition is wrongly viewed and should be revised. The Committee is an Institute governing and legislative body. As such is vitally interested in all things reflecting on the name of the Institute and student conduct and welfare. An Honor System is associated with all the requisites of Committee interest.

Since the Honor System has been tried out on the plan of course units, allowing each course to have its separate governing body, and since the men in the same courses are more likely to be interested in course welfare, it would seem that the development of an Honor System would best be followed through on the course unit plan. But even here, Institute Committee interest is advisable.

In the Committee are the leaders of the professional societies and so the men who are most directly interested in their course welfare. Any discussion of an Honor System in the Committee would provide a splendid background through which the leaders of the professional societies could base their actions. Such discussion would enlighten the leaders of Institute activities, help them to think clearly on the Honor System question, and perhaps come to an agreement as to the best way in which the course systems could be operated.

There is plenty of time for the matter to be worked out thoroughly and thoughtfully, sentiment canvassed, and information as to other systems to be accumulated. A new body is about to assume its duties and its members will find a real task confronting them, requiring work and faith in ideals. The Institute Committee of the class of 1924 has the opportunity of accomplishment that can mark its history with achievement instead of a mere record of meetings.

SENIORS; WAKE UP

WITH the Richard's Cup race only three days off the Senior class is without a crew. Is thesis work so pressing that at least eight of those men who have been rowing cannot get out for a couple of practice periods and whip into shape before Saturday? The contest doesn't call for great technique. Skilled oarsmen are ineligible as members of regular Institute crews, 1926 being represented by the second freshman shell.

A little manifestation of the kind of spirit that put a 1923 nine in the contest for the Advisory Council Cup could put a Senior eight on the river; one that would have a good chance of winning if the past performance of its men count for anything. 1923 has done good work for interclass athletics, it would be unfortunate to enter a blank for its last mark in the record. Get a crew out there and fight.

Chinese Students Strike

Strikes in the colleges of China have become of common occurrence. They have no definite purpose but are simply held to assert the authority of the student. One strike broke out because a professor refused to dismiss his class at the request of one of the students. A more serious strike occurred at the Soochow University where one of the men refused to wear his gym uniform and a sympathetic strike was called by the rest of the undergraduates.

Ability Creates Fund

The executive ability and knowledge of electricity of Professor Lear of the electrical engineering department of the University of North Carolina enabled the organization of a loan fund for engineering students. Professor Lear, with the aid of some of the students, did the electrical wiring of the buildings being put up at the University at a saving of \$5000, consequently this money has been set aside as a loan fund.



Ever since the Lounger's best scandal sniffer went around to call on the Senior Class President last winter the swords have been crossed. The squabble was unpremeditated, of course. But Fate so deigned it that the time was shortly after noon of a glorious Saturday. The Lounger's scout merely wanted an interview, but he had a tough job getting it. Naturally class officers must have their beauty sleep. And in spite of the 44-hour law at Tech, and the fact that both breakfast and lunch had been sacrificed, the Lounger's scout had to resort to a battering ram, demolish the door, and so gain admittance to the celestial N-204.

The grudge was thus precipitated. The Lounger even backed up the Senior President in his fight for caps and gowns, but no amends were forthcoming. Vengeance alone was written against his Majesty. And now it has come. Sic semper tyrannis, and the Lounger is a despot.

The Tech is to be investigated. But fear not, gentle reader. It is not The Tech's internal organism which is desired. It is the Lounger's. No mention has yet been made of this intention on the part of his adversary. But the whole affair is a cleverly devised scheme to discover who the Lounger is in the English nomenclature of Christian names, and what he looks like in the carcass of a human being. Everyone knows who the Managing Board are. Their names appear every day. But no one has thus far solved the mystery of the Lounger. It is only fair that the Lounger's readers be informed of this contemptuous and deceptive plan to effect his dissolution.

Investigations, however, are what the Lounger likes. They give him plenty of publicity, and they never succeed in their purpose anyway. The more the merrier. It's hard finding something to talk about three times a week, and investigations always are the sources of much live material for the Lounger's pen, or rather typewriter, to disclose to the Technological world. Hence he welcomes the combat, smudges his shining sword with some of the old oil, and steps ecstatically into the fray. The Tech may not defend him, but he will defend The Tech. Vive Tarzan!

Few colleges there are who can boast of a President who is willing to challenge their Economics Departments for the championship, playing of the role of old Doc Morpheus, in a lecture. Some day when the Institute is standardized, the Lounger expects to see it turning out trained engineers as fast as Brother Henry distributes the pestial Fords. "There's more power to them!"

The Chief Mogul of Technique told the Lounger a pretty little story yesterday about how he keeps all his sails so well pressed. It seems the managers of Braves Field forgot to wipe off the wet paint on some of their bleacher seats a few weeks ago. But Tech men are reciprocal, and so said managers were made to come across with the price of a perfectly good press. And incidentally, the Mogul got two complimentary tickets for any day during the remainder of the baseball season. There's nothing like the old scientific efficiency! Such are fashions. A certain mathematics professor please take note.

Seek College Talent in Various Fields

Undergraduate ability and ideas are being looked up to in many different fields. Contests are being held and substantial prizes awarded to the student body at all the colleges.

The latest competition is a scenario contest conducted by the Universal Pictures Corporation. Students in all colleges are eligible to compete for the Laemmle Scholarship as it is called. The prize to be awarded is at least \$1500 for the individual winner and \$1000 to his college. The Corporation also reserves the option to buy all other scenarios submitted at not less than \$500 each.

Baseball Represented Too

Seeking to sound college opinion on the prohibition question, the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association has offered a cash prize of \$1000 for the best essay submitted by an undergraduate on the subject "The World Movement Against Alcoholism."

Not to be outdone by the non-athletic contests, the St. Louis club of the American League has offered college baseball players a prize of \$7500 and a one-year contract with the club. Three requirements will be necessary for consideration: baseball ability, scholarship, and character.

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Honor System Better in Prison than College

The Honor System in colleges has recently been attacked by Professor Cooley of the department of sociology of the University of Michigan when he stated that inmates of a penitentiary respond to its use more favorably than students at a university.

Professor Cooley gives the following comparison of the two institutions.

"Any honor system depends for success upon the control of individuals by the public opinion of a group which heartily accepts the standard of honor in question. Inmates of a prison, being more closely associated with one another than students in a classroom; having, moreover, a definite group interest in the observance of the standard of honor (since their privileges are bound up with it); and not being distracted as students are, by outside interests, are more likely to feel responsible to such a standard and enforce responsibility upon their associates.

Students Not Interested

"The majority of students will act honorably themselves but are not enough interested to bring pressure to bear upon the majority who need such pressure."

He also believes that colleges which do not offer a variety of subjects and courses of instruction are more suited for the honor system than those which be more successful at engineering and scientific schools than at colleges of liberal arts.

PLAY DIRECTORY

SHUBERT: "Bombo." Al Jolson in a new jumble of his, by him, for him.
COPLEY: "The Lucky One." A. A. Milne's psychological play of family life.
PLYMOUTH: "The Monster." Joseph Gaites presents a new mystery play.
MAJESTIC: "Moscow Art Theatre." Gorky and Tolstoy. Really worth while.
HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." One flash has lasted 20 weeks and still makes noise.
SELWYN: "The Fool." Like lots of fools it finds Boston a good place.
TREMONT: "Molly Darling." Boston papers call it a revival—but not religious.

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