

or three of the Greek leaders, and possibly from the mere love of a fight when the gauntlet of opposition was cast at their feet, the Independents united and elected almost their entire ticket. If nothing else, it taught this lesson, that disagreeable personalities never help a cause. This year, however, things promise no such interesting developments; everything points to a quiet election, one in which the personalities of the various candidates will be a larger factor in determining the successful aspirants to office. Yet the competition will be keen. Perhaps the greatest fight will be centered on the candidates for President and for the athletic Council.

There is one thing which should excite the eternal abhorrence of every fair and clean minded student; that is the policy which always a few of our embryo politicians have of attempting to trade in votes. They will come at a person something like this: "Such and such a fraternity has promised to support our candidates if we in turn will give our votes to their candidate." Political knavery! Such things smack of machine politics which we should fight to the last. If a man wants to use his influence in persuading his companions to vote for a certain candidate, well and good; but the attempt to trade votes is a farce on the right to vote, and an insult to the self-respect of a thinking and principled student. It is not only knavery; it is foolishness to bargain in something that cannot be delivered. When the students come away from the polls they will have registered their votes according to their ideas of the opposing candidates, their likes and dislikes—the hopes of the would-be politicians have gone glimmering.

A good deal of excitement, though subdued, is prevalent during the days closest to the election. But after all is over and the votes are counted, things become as they were before; light antagonisms, hastily formed, are forgotten; everybody again becomes everybody's friend and the unfortunate candidates accept their defeat philosophically and smile.

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