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THURSDAY, MAR 3, 1910

The freshman class has just elected "Fritz" Barrett president for the rest of the college year, to succeed L. C. Simpson, who has left college.

This election appears to us to be the example which will make plausible the plan which we will propose and which eventually will have to come; that is, of electing the president of the class after the mid-year examinations.

Formerly there was a "prep" class, which organized the incoming freshmen, and out of whose ranks there came a freshman president. Now the "preps" are no more. Next fall there will assemble here a large freshman class, without the guiding influence of old men on the ground, to organize and shape them into the spirited, changed, ads who go out to battle for their

class so soon after their arrival. To so many of them the new world around them brings greater responsibility, and the desire to act as freely as they think. Thus the election of a "prep" to the freshman president sometimes worked the wrong way. There may have been, and no doubt were better men, unknown at the time, in the newly arrived men. But the trouble lay in the impossibility of finding the right man among the new men, to guarantee the wisdom of the class' selection.

Therefore, it is apparent that next year the new system should be in effect. A temporary chairman, elected for the first semester, should be chosen in the fall and the president should be elected after the mid-year examinations. The chairman would have the chance to prove himself the man for the job, and at the same time there would be the element of competition that would make the class feel that they were getting the best guidance that it was possible to obtain. The presidency of the freshman class should be considered as too great an honor to be awarded simply on a speech of presentation, or appearances, as is possible under the present system.

The Council should take up this matter, look into the methods at Penn, Syracuse, and other universities and colleges where the system of mid-year elections is practiced, and present the matter to the two upper classes for action as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, let us all think of the possibilities of the plan, with regard to the result it will have on the new men and on the college in general.

Prof. Cornell will be here again. Welcome news. How well we remember his visit last year and the spirit of song he left with us. Campus singing is one of the finest traditions a college can have and we should develop it to its fullest extent. With the beautiful spring upon us and the long summer evenings ahead of us we all naturally feel like singing and what is better than gathering out on the campus and "letting ourselves out?" Let us become enthusiastic while Prof. Cornell is here and learn how to sing.

The Press Club.

Last Friday evening about eighteen members of the Press Club assembled in the Engineering club room for an informal smoker, which has been postponed for some time. Professor Kinsloe who was formerly the Associated Press representative here, gave some interesting points for the distribution of news, and Prof. Agee talked about the aid the Press Club could give the College along the lines of its extension work.

Plans are made for an active campaign of publicity this spring. Photographs of different parts of the campus and of our laboratories are being taken to accompany the articles. It is strongly urged that all the county clubs elect representatives to the Press club to aid in accomplishing a systematic and successful campaign.

Senior Class Meeting.

All seniors are urged to come out for the meeting in room 20 Engineering Building at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. H. Roswell Bates will be the speaker.

An announcement is received from the secretary of the freshman class that F. W. Gellhaus '13, a member of last fall's football squad, is dead from an attack of typhoid fever.