

THERE IS frequently much complaining on the part of students because of the abundance of "red tape" used by the university authorities. It is said there is no need of it and that it is a regular nuisance. Who should one have to go to Prof. Card and then to the gardener before he can get plants or flowers? Why should the Chancellor, Prof. Barbour and several others have to be interviewed before one can get a little piece of bunting?

If the thoughts of the gardener or Prof. Barbour could only be interpreted when the plants and bunting fail to get back after several days absence, the explanation of the whole matter would be very clear. If students were ideal men and women, there would be no need of "red tape." It has been customary for students to get plants for receptions and programs, promising to return them immediately. When the program is over the plants are neglected. No one looks after them. The responsibility can not be located, and the gardener has to come for them.

This has been repeated many times until the patience of the authorities is nearly exhausted. About the only way to locate responsibility is to have one or two students sign a paper to the effect that they will see that the property gets back in good shape and at once. If students will not do the proper thing they should be restricted. The only way the university has to protect itself, is by these restrictions.

It is about time the barbarous mode of voting at class elections, oratorical "scraps," etc., be abolished by our students. We have no use in our time for such a primitive method. It is ridiculous to hear a man yell out before four or five hundred students his preferred candidates, especially if for a good reason he wishes to "scratch the ticket." This always causes a ripple of laughter when it is thought that some one is getting a little "roast." At any rate it causes unpleasantness for all concerned.

After the oratorical election many queries of the following sort could be heard: "Say, B., what did you scratch my name for?" Now maybe it is nobody's business but Mr. B.'s own that such and such an individual's name was scratched. He may have had good reasons for doing it which it would be hard to explain to his acquaintance, but which, nevertheless, cannot be made to be understood.

Students should see that the mode of voting should be provided for in the new constitution to the Athletic Association. It is just as true here as anywhere else—one of the chief objects of the Australian system is the secret ballot—"rotten politics" is just as apt to creep in as not.

Why not have each one, as his name is called, walk up and deposit his ballot? It is not necessary that he should write his name on it either. There is too much chance of railroading through a "cooked ticket" in the present system. Before every

election held the voters are button-holed and given no rest until they promise to vote one way or the other. If we cannot prevent this evil, we can at least lessen it.

Let us see that a mode of voting is adopted which is at least modern and which will take away some of the odious work of the "college politician."

THERE should be no complaint on the part of the cadets against purchasing duck trousers. The price is low enough and nobody is going to be "guyed" if he wear them to class. When the thermometer is 100 degrees in the shade, and the dust six inches deep next summer at camp, then will the cadets rise up and call the "Lieut." blessed for introducing duck trousers.

It is to be regretted that the sophomore class had a scrap over the election of the Sombrero board. It was not the "barbs and frats" this time but seemed more of a personal fight. It is to be hoped that the opposing factions will forget their trouble and join in making the Junior Annual a success next year.

THE Hesperian has asked the journalism class to furnish some articles on the functions of a college paper." It is about time they were asking somebody how to run a paper.

It is not the coat that makes the man—it is the vest and trousers. \* \* \* Bud Marine must be quite a man.

AND now we will expect some bright sophomore to say "a wide ex-pants of white duck."

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