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The Underdog Has His Day

Like a snowball rolling from a hill—downward, faster, faster, bigger, bigger, rolled Jim Robinson into the senior class presidency in the recent campus elections. This victory heralds a new era in the history of Ohio State student politics. Jim’s election represents a triumph of ideals, not that of any one person or group of persons.

Jim Robinson is a senior in Chemical Engineering and ranks tops in just about everything. Although his scholastic record is nigh on to perfect, he’s definitely not the "Harvard" type which demands that his listener be a "dictionary dope" or Webster himself. Rather, his persuasiveness in speech is attributed to that faculty of choosing the right word at the opportune time. He is convincing because he knows what he is talking about. Truly, his personal attributes qualify him as the outstanding man for this office.

Jim has had considerable experience in leadership, being president of both Tau Beta Pi and Texnikoi. He believes in an aggressive organization, one that continuously expands in usefulness and service. Our new President is the student’s choice and as such will serve the whole campus. We firmly believe that if class officers are ever to prove their worth, it will be done under his leadership.

The All Campus Combine, which supported Jim for President, will ever be remembered as a phenomenal case of "spontaneous combustion". This mass of "combustible material" represented the thousands of forgotten majority whose cry for recognition has gone unheeded. This potent group has been present for years but lacked the necessary spark; the All Campus Combine furnished that spark. The fact that this party did not roll up complete or one-sided victory is a healthy sign. This proves that the A. C. C. is not a top heavy or loosely knit group, not a "flash-in-the-pan", but rather, a united and spirited organization which will continue to grow in quantity and quality. Based on high ideals and demanding character and ability of its leaders, its future is bright, its possibilities are limitless.

The storm warnings are up, the handwriting on the wall should be clear to the old parties on the campus. They cannot win by drawing within their shell and combining. This will result in a class war between fraternities and sororities on one hand against the independents on the other. Defeat will be their fate eventually. They must face the issue in terms of a far-sighted program of organization by leaving the door open for the entrance of independent groups into their party. For example, the A. C. C. is encouraging the participation of any organization, fraternities and sororities included, which holds the same ideals in common.

The Engineering College was proud to support the All Campus Combine and shall continue to give its wholehearted cooperation to it as long as the high standards and good character of this party are maintained.

We, the Engineers, feel that the policy of the All Campus Combine can be summed up best by President Robinson. "I hope that I may continue to serve the seniors with the ideals and principles set forth by the A. C. C. It is my wish that selection of cabinet members be made on the same basis of recognition as was used by the party in selecting candidates. The only difference lies in the fact that we now recognize no party lines".

Amen!