INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

DISEUSES VACATIONS

Plan of Faculty to Abolish Junior Week Was Not Approved.

The question of changing the system of vacations at the Institute was discussed in the Institute Committee at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The Faculty Calendar Committee has been considering the desirability of dropping the Junior Week vacation in order to make the second term exactly fifteen weeks long, and the Institute Committee was asked to give its opinion on the proposed change. The Faculty proposed that the activities of Junior Week be transferred to the mid-year vacation. The Institute Committee passed a resolution expressing itself as against the proposed plan, because the men in the various activities would be too busy with their studies for the examinations that they would not be able to prepare for the examinations for the mid-year vacation. The Committee proposed as a remedy for the problem that Junior Week be made just seven days long, and that another week be added to the school year.

The Committee then took action toward arranging for a better conduct of the Field Day Night celebration. Some of the members believed that it is obvious that the managers of the Boston Mothers are not usually willing to have Field Day, Department performances in their houses. The Institute Committee should undertake to regulate the conduct of the students at these performances. A motion was passed declaring the Committee to be unable to vote for officers.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Play Somerville Monday—Train Will Leave Friday at 11.45.

The Freshman Football Team goes to the campus on Campus Day to play the Somerville High School eleven. The Institute in the 1914 season captured the team showing a good win in a practice game with the freshmen last Thursday, and he has every hope of defeating Somerville.

The admission will be twenty-five cents, and complimentary tickets will be issued to the members of the team by Mr. Atkins at 1 o'clock at the Union.

FRESHMAN RELAY

Twenty-Five Men Out for Practice—More Needed.

With weather conditions most unfavorable, the Freshman Relay Squad is daily practicing at the Field in preparation for the Preliminary Triumphant on October 30th. About 25 men are out for the team, but Coach Kanaly still believes there is much new material available if the men would only come out. Manager Friend is confident, however, that with the material he has and with the interest they have shown, there is a short of a victory can be expected.

PRESIDENT MACLAURIN

BACK FROM EUROPE

Head of the Institute Returns On Laconia—Boat Four Days Overdue.

President MacLaurn, with his wife and son, arrived in Boston at thirteen on the U. S. S. Laconia last Tuesday, but was delayed by heavy fog, this delay caused Dr. MacLaurn to miss the Corporation meeting last Wednesday.

While in Europe President MacLaurn spent most of his time in the Austrian Tyrol, but he also visited Switzerland, Germany, France and England. While in Munich, Germany, Dr. MacLaurn in reference to the new Technical Museum said: "This building is being built by that German Government at a cost of three million dollars. President MacLaurn and his family made the trip this year primarily for rest, and state that they feel well repaid for the time spent.

SENIOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Senior Class officers are due today at 1 o'clock. Nominations are in order for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two members of the Executive Committee, two members of the Institute Committee, and two members of the Athletic Association. It is hoped that there will be at least three nominations for each office. These nominations must be signed by ten "paid up" members of the class and are to be left at the Cage for the Election Committee. The ballots for the election will be on Tuesday, October 14th, and the polls will close October 21st.

HARE AND HOUNDS

RUN AT HYDE PARK

Leave Back Bay At 2.14 For Easy Course—Full Attendance Is Expected.

This afternoon the Hare and Hound Club will leave Back Bay at 2.14 for Hyde Park, where the second run of the season will be held. Coach Kanaly wants it understood that the run will be held except under unusually bad weather conditions. The run will start from the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A. and cover a circuit of two miles of running. There will probably be one good hill on the course, but otherwise it will be comparatively easy. The latter fact will make the trip enjoyable to the freshmen and others who have not done much training in this kind of running.

Coach Kanaly will go along as usual. The return trip can be made on the 5.26 from Hyde Park reach Union. Some important business is to be transacted and all members be asked to vote for officers.

COOSMOPOLITAN CLUB

HOLDS RECEPTION

More Needed To Make Up A Good Squad.

Fairly good practice was held today by the Sophomore tug-of-war team, but there is still room for improvement. Not nearly enough men are out for the team; at least twenty more are needed. The fact that a man was not on last year's team should not hold him back from coming out for the 1916 team. There are more than 25 good men in the class, and all of them are badly needed. The next practice of the team will be held at the Gym next Tuesday, the 16th, at 4 P. M.

WEATHER

For Boston and vicinity: Saturday unsettled; probably followed by showers, east to south winds, increase.

CALENDAR

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low pressure regions, but the idea of
weather forecasting by observation
of sun-spots is doubtless new to
some of us. The current issue of the
Technical World Magazine contains
an article by Prof. J. S. Richard of
the Santa Clara, California, in which he
states that he is prepared to fore-
cast coming storms by observation
of the sun-spots from the
University Observatory. He has made a
number of and extensive study of these
mysterious dark spots on the sun for a
period of over six years, and he an-
ounces as the result of his investiga-
tions that invariably when a spot
reaches a certain location on the sun's
surface a storm, or at least a severe
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