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ELECT GILMAN, FOSSETT, ASCH, COLLINS AS CLASS PRESIDENTS

REVAMPED VARSITY CREW STRENGTHENS BEAVER PROSPECTS

Mowatt and Lucke Come Up From Jayvees, To Round Out Heavier Boat

LAWRENCE LEADS JAYVEES

Tomorrow afternoon at 2.45 o'clock, the first of four crews will swing into place on the starting line in the races with Harvard. The freshman heavy boat will be the entry in the first race, and will be followed by the varsity 150's, the jayvees, and finally, the varsity heavies. These races will start at half-hour intervals.

Since the last week's race, the varsity boat has undergone some radical changes, which in the opinion of all the men, and the coach, will make a great difference in its power and standing qualities.

Cook Stroking Varsity

Cook will stroke the eight, having been changed from No. 6 position, which he rowed last Saturday. He stroked his freshman boat, and two years ago stroked the varsity at the Annapolis races. Lucke, who started the week with a promotion from the jayvees at No. 7, will take position in seat three, while Mowatt, who was stroking the jayvees, and who made a similar change at the first of the week will be moved from stroke to No. 6.

Completing the lineup will be Pleasants at bow, Hapgood, who has been placed on the varsity, No. 2; Lucke, No. 3; Regan No. 4; Miller, No. 5; Mowatt, No. 6; Glenn, No. 7, and Cook, stroke.

Changes Mark Big Improvement

These changes in the boat have been worked up until the men are now secure and at home in their new seats, and in a fast time trial Wednesday evening, definite improvement was shown giving evidence of the success of the changes.

Lawrence will add his strength to the jayvee boat at stroke, using the experience that his long rowing career has given him. Torbitt, Roulston, Nashner, Valentine, Murdock, Bromley, and Wing, will be the order of the men ahead him in the shell,

Harvard Suffers From Weather

Harvard has not produced the crew this year that she has had in the past, although the present aggregation is a contender to be reckoned with. The Crimsonites have had the same adverse weather conditions to contend with that have held up the Beavers, so there is not so much to be feared from the insufficient conditioning of the Institute crews, as if they were making a trip south again.

Arrangements are being made to broadcast the starts of the races at the Dorclan tea dance, in Walker Memorial, in order to allow the dancers to get out on the Drive in time to see the finishes.

Indications all point toward the event of four very close and fast races, particularly after the two freshman victories last week, and the recent strengthening of the varsity crews. Following are the lineups of the varsity 150-lb. crew, and the freshman heavies:

150's Balboni, bow Kirkpatrick, 2 Walsh, 3 Frank, 4 Anderson, 5 Tower, 6 Priggen, 7 Bearse, stroke Stein, cox

Freshmen bow, Packard 3, Daley 4, Johnstone 5, Wood, D. B. 6, Killian 7, Sherman cox, Houpert year next.



DONALD B. GILMAN '32



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COMMITTEE WILL PAY SHOW LOSS FROM FUND

Hal Bemis

Names of those elected to class offices at the elections held Wednesday were announced at the Institute Committee meet-2, Bixby ing yesterday at 5 o'clock. In addition to these announcements, which are elsewhere on this page, several other releases were made, among which were the defraying of the Tech Show deficit, the elections to "Masque," formation of a track club, and stroke, Selliman the last call for Walker Memorial dates for anyone in dramatics in the Junior Class

To cover the deficit incurred by the Tech Show it was announced that the deficit amounting to \$1,238.11, which is now held by the Institute, be defrayed by a special requisition from the reserve fund of the Institute Committee.

Kenneth Finlayson

Robert Ebenbach '34 and John B. Dunning '34 were elected to membership in "Masque," the honorary dramatic society. Where formerly only the general manager of Dramashop was eligible for the presidency, the office is now open to or the fourth year of Course IV.

THREE OUT OF FOUR PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS **RETURN TO POSITION**

Voting Results Not Given Because of Constitution

Because of a constitutional provision governing the acts of the Elections Committee with which Edward D. Stevens, Jr. '32, was unacquainted, THE TECH was unable to announce the results of elections as promised in Tuesday's

After saying Monday night that he would release the elections results as soon as the votes were counted, Stevens found that he would be unable to do so before they were approved by the Institute Committee. As soon as the names of the successful candidates were announced, they were posted as a bulletin at THE TECH newsroom.

Dr. Davis Presents Trend of Arguments On Modern Science

May Issue of Technology Review Contains Interesting Contraversy

In answer to George Gissing's stateis taught in the Great Learning."

"Science and the Purpose of Life" is the presents all the timeworn arguments against science and refutes them with the time-matured thoughts of the philosopher Confucious, and draws his own conclusions

Article to the Young Man

For the young men in particular, and everyone in general, Willis R. Whitney '90 has written a vivid description of the "kick" and rewards that may be gotten out of pure research. He begins his story with the assertion that the receptivity of man equals the square of the age differential, therefore he directs his paper toward the younger, more receptive man.

Mr. Whitney uses as an example his own experiences in electrical insulation research with the General Electric Company and tells of his work in such an interesting manner that the yearning for such work wells up in the mind of the reader.

Harold L. Hazen '24, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, gives an enlightening history of the development of mathematical machines. Also the new integrating machine comes in for its share W. L. W. of attention.

HOLD SPRING DANCE **CONCERT TONIGHT**

Closing their season at Walker Memorial, the Combined Musical Clubs will give their last formal function tonight at 8.30 o'clock in the form of their Annual Spring Concert and Dance. The Concert will last until 10 o'clock, and dancing will follow, continuing until 3 o'clock. Matrons for the dance are Mrs. James R. Jack, Mrs. William T. Hall, and Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton.

AMENDMENT ON **ELECTIONEERING** FAILS TO PASS

503 To 450 Vote Does Not Give Required Two-Thirds Majority

'34 CHANGES PRESIDENT

To the accompaniment of one of the largest turnouts in recent years, the students of the Institute voted to return three out of our of the class presidents to their respective offices in the elections last Wednesday. Running unopposed, Donald B. Gilman, was named permanent president of the Class of 1932. Richard L. Fossett, who has held the presidency of the Iunior Class since February, becomes president of the Senior Class of next year. Edward L. Asch became president of the Sophomore Class and Edward J. Collins is continued in office as president of the freshman class for another year.

Voting on the referendum question, which went before the student body as the result of a petition, was very close. In the final count the action of the Institute ment, "I hate and fear 'science' because of Committee in refusing to change the my convictions that, for long to come, if present by-law controlling electioneering not forever, it will be the remorseless was upheld. The actual vote on this quesenemy of mankind," Dr. Tenney L. tion was reported by the Elections Com-Davis '13 in the May issue of The Tech- mittee as 503 in support of the present nology Review contributes a refutation. status and 450 against. The percentage of He bases his arguments on the teachings this vote which was due to the peculiar of Confucious, replying "To know what is wording of the referendum is indeterfirst and what is last will lead near to what | minate, but the concensus of opinion is that there were many votes, cast both for and against, which were actually intended title of Mr. Davis' article, and in it, he to be counters for the other side of the argument.

Gilman President Two Years

Entering the Institute from Quincy High School, Gilman first became prominent as the captain of both the track and cross-country teams in his freshman year and later won a major letter in these sports. In his Sophomore year, he was elected vice-president of his class, following this with the presidency as a Junior. Re-election as a Senior gave him the major office in his class for two years running. He is a member of Beaver Club and Beaver Key and of Theta Chi fraternity. Opposed by but one man, Clarence M.

Chase, for the past year secretary of the Institute Committee, was elected permanent secretary of the Class of 1932. Chase also is a member of the Theta Chi frater-

Richard L. Fossett was re-elected president of the Class of 1933, gaining a large majority over his two competitors. Fossett prepared for the Institute at Albany Academy and entered as a freshman in Course VI. During the present year he served as chairman of the Junior Prom Committee. He is the present track manager and served as manager of Field Dav last year. Among his activities are Beaver Key Society, Beaver Club, Tau Beta Pi in his Junior year, and Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Herbert M. Larrabec, Jr. was elected vice-president. George O. Henning was chosen secretary, and Charles P. Britton was picked as treasurer. Charles C. Bell was re-elected to the Institute Committee. He prepared at Chauncy Hall School. entered as a freshman in Course XV, and rowed on the freshman crew. He served

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DEAD?

THE men of Technology have spoken, and electioneering for class offices is a dead issue. The action of the Institute Committee in defeating a motion to permit electioneering, except at the polls, is sustained by more than a majority of the students who voted on the referendum.

Proponents of change have the burden of proof on their side, and apparently the advantages of electioneering as advanced, were outweighed in the minds of the students by its possible bad effects. The liberal interpretation of the section relating to elections by the Elections Committee, even to the extent of leaving the nominations open for two days after the constitutionally-appointed time is regarded as sufficient. The mass meetings which were little more than gatherings where candidate could meet brother candidate, and the publishing of biographical material, acquaint the voters with their nominees.

It must be admitted by all concerned, however, that the wording of the referendum was a clever, even if unintentional, piece of confusion. Doubtless there were many unable to comprehend the meaning of the paragraph as written. Perhaps if the wording had been a little more to the point, or if an explanatory statement telling the significance of a check in either square was added, results would have been different. Nevertheless, the students have voted. The entire matter is settled — electioneering has been killed, officially if not actually.

"RED FYE"

WHILE the question of Prohibition has long been a cause for discussion and promises to be as troublesome as ever to the political parties, as far as the undergraduate of the American college or university is concerned, the question receives scant if any consideration. The control of intoxicants is of little concern to him, for liquor is available to all. His personal stand on the matter of drinking is entirely one of personal preference and is not complicated, in the usual case at any rate, by questions of morals.

There is a Federal law to some effect regarding intoxicants, but the ruling is so poorly enforced and receives such poor public support that the student feels no compunction about breaking it. There is no stigma attached to becoming a lawbreaker when everyone does it. A ruling which the public so generally disregards can have little restraint on the student.

Of course, we're still young and cannot remember distinctly the days of pre-Prohibition, but from what we have been able to find out, it was possible for students to obtain liquor, along with everyone else, and they did. That is, those who cared to drink, did. Those who did not care for it, did not. The very same is true today. The undergraduate who wants to drink can and does do so. Those who do not drink let it alone, and there is a fairly large portion of the student population which does not drink.

It seems to us that even in the short time we have been able to observe conditions in high school and college, the attitude toward drinking has changed. At one time there was the sentiment that everyone should drink, and the man who did not was looked down upon. The present attitude is that the man who does not drink does so because of personal preference, and his own judgment on the matter is final. The man who does drink is not regarded as a hardened sinner, nor is the man who does not regarded as a lily-white angel. The question is settled entirely on personal taste, and this personal taste is respected.

The "Red-Eye" situation in colleges and universities may be summed up as this: a certain percentage of college men have always drunk and a certain percentage still do; Prohibition has little effect on college drinking; whether one drinks or not is a matter of personal preference, and one's choice is respected; we have little concern over the perennial, if not continual, discussion

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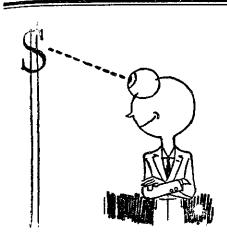
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UNOFFICIAL BALL TEAM IS FORMED

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Arrange Schedule

Several enthusiasts of the national the favorites for this meet. game, headed by Schneider, worked untiringly during the past few weeks to organize such a squad. A tentative schedule, including games with Tufts and Boston University, has been arranged, with the first contest due to come in about a week.

Today a list of the prospective squad, picked from the various interclass teams, will be posted on the bulletin board opposite the Cashier's Office. The first practice session will be held this afternoon.

Infield Men Needed Manager Schneider stated that the

Alligators, who will be led by John W. Leslie '32, present Senior interclass manager, are in dire need of good infield material. Any prospective candidates are asked to leave their names on the list opposite the Cashier's Office, or to get in touch with one of the two above-men-

TRACK MEN FACE **STRONG BOWDOIN TEAM TOMORROW**

Maine Team Is Slight Favorite; **Bell Expected To Win** Both Dashes

FRESHMEN MEET ANDOVER

Coach Oscar Hedlund's track squad will open their season officially tomorrow afternoon when they face Bowdoin's welltrained and experienced team on the local at 2 o'clock sharp. Due to the fact that Bowdoin finished in second place in the New England Intercollegiates one year ago, most experts have rated them as

Coach Hedlund feels that if a few of his runners can climb just one place higher in their events the Institute team will have a good chance of coming out victorious. Bowdoin's squad has been strengthened by the addition of some outstanding freshmen, freshmen at this school being permitted to engage in varsity athletics after their first semester.

First Bowdoin Meet in Years This is Technology's first meet with Bowdoin in several years. The reason for

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having this meet rather than sending a squad to the Penn Relays which also take place this week is that it will give the entire squad a chance to participate instead of just a few of the outstanding

Judging by his recent performances, Dick Bell should pick up quite a few points in the dashes. Jack Kearns' twomile run last Saturday has installed him as one of the favorites in this event. In the field events Wrigley and Robertson especially are expected to show up well. Wrigley has developed into one of the best broad-jumpers ever turned out by Coach Hedlund while Robertson holds the field. The first event is scheduled to start | New England Championship in the javelin

Freshmen Meet Andover

While the varsity is struggling with Bowdoin the freshman squad will travel to Andover to meet one of the strongest preparatory school teams in New England. Andover handed the freshmen a decisive beating last fall but with their added experience and training they are expected to give the prep school a much stiffer battle tomorrow.

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This is the last lecture of the year and is open to upperclassmen and the Faculty.

THREE PRESIDENTS ARE RE-ELECTED

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as president of the Quadrangle Club, is serving his fourth year in the Institute Committee, and is a member of the Beaver Key Society, the Beaver Club, Waiker Club, and the Junior Prom Committee.

Lindsay is New Member

Lennox H. Lindsay, Jr., who was elected to the other Institute Committee position, is an entirely new man in office, not having served in any office before. He prepared at Ocean Falls High School Collins spent one year at Loyola Univerin British Columbia, Canada. Before coming to the Institute he went one year | Institute last fall. He was representative at the University of British Columbia, and in the 175-lb. class from New England to three years in the General Electric Apprentice School.

Asch Succeeds Humphreys

Edward L. Asch was elected to succeed Henry D. Humphreys as president of the Class of 1934. Asch, who comes from Freeport, Long Island, was a member of the freshman Field Day football team and captain of the freshman lacrosse team. He is a member of the varsity lacrosse team this year and has twice been elected assistant treasurer of the Musical Clubs.

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Robert M. Emery, who was re-elected to the Institute Committee, comes from Washington, D. C., and is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is a varsity coxswain and a member of the wrestling team. He is also on the staff of Voo Doo.

Richard Bell, Technology star sprinter, was also returned to the Institute Committee by his classmates. In his freshman year he was elected captain of his class track team. He is now president of the Beaver Club. He is a member of Chi Pi fraternity.

Collins Re-elected

Edward J. Collins, re-elected president of the Class of 1935, is a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School in Boston. sity of Baltimore before entering the o'clock. The start of the Harvard-Techthe National Intercollegiate Olympic Boxing Tryouts at Philadelphia this spring.

Bemis and Ballard '35 Institute Committeemen

Hal L. Bemis, Institute Committeemanelect from the Class of 1935, is a member of Delta Psi fraternity, comes from Wayne, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the freshman soccer team, the Glee Club, and the staff of THE TECH. He is also a member of the Quadrangle Club and the freshman Rules Committee.

John B. Ballard, who hails from Chuquicamata, Chile, is the other Institute Committee representative. He held that position last term as well. He is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and is enrolled in Course III-3. Previous to coming to the Institute, Ballard attended Phillips Exeter Academy. He is captain of the freshman soccer team, staff member of Technique, and member of the freshman Rules Committee.

MASQUE MEETING

There will be a meeting of Masque in the West Lounge of Walker Memorial at 5 o'clock tonight for the purpose of electing new members from Dramashop. All members of Masque are urged to be present.

Dances Arranged by Boat Club and Dorclan Saturday

Tea Dance By Dorclan During Crew Races Followed By Broadcast

As a part of the general celebration in connection with the Harvard-Technology crew-races tomorrow, the Boat Club is instituting the custom of holding informal dances in the evening, following all the races on the Charles. All money in excess of the cost of the dance is to be put into a fund along with that made on the dance held at the early part of the term. This fund will be used to send the freshman crews to the Poughkeepsie Regatta.

Dancing will begin at 8.30 o'clock to the music of the Techtonians Orchestra in the Main Hall of Walker Memorial.

Dorclan Tea Dance

Dorclan, honorary society of Dormitory upperclassmen, will give an open tea dance in the Main Hall of Walker Memorial, Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 nology crew races will be broadcast at the dance. Music will be furnished by the Pied Pipers of Putnam Manor. Subscription will be 75 cents per couple.

FLANDERS TO LEAD SWIMMING TEAM

Lewis H. Flanders, Jr. '33, was chosen to lead the Technology natators for the 1932-33 season at a banquet held at Walker Memorial, Wednesday night. Flanders has represented the Institute in the breast stroke and has turned in some excellent work.

Although Flanders does not hold any Institute records at present, he has already broken the record for the breast stroke. James E. Turner '33, captain this past year, is the present holder of that record, having broken it at a later date.

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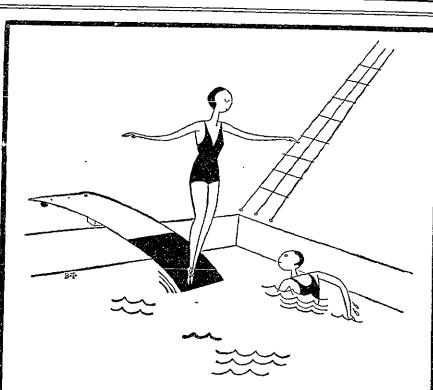
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