MURDOCK IS '41 PRESIDENT; COLE AND REESE Elected Heads of Lower Classes

General Referendum Will Be Voted Upon By Classes May 14

Single Vote Margin Passes Motion Last Night

By the slimmest margin of one vote a motion to hold a general referendum on the objects and policies of the academic year was passed at the regular Institute meeting last night.

The committee which undertook the investigation concluded that the referendum vote should be held to determine the wishes of Delta, Beacon Key, Beaver Club and Quadrangle Club members as to whether they could be recognized as the only societies representing the lower classes.

Referendum Data Set Last evening was passed setting the date of the referendum as May 14, 1940, the last day before the two Beaver Diller groups and their candidates will be named. This action was taken to prevent students from being able to vote twice on the referendum.

William B. Arbucke, '47, Chairman of the lower class committee, announced that a copy of the committee's policy or motion matter will be sent to all members and will be posted in the Main Lobby of the institute.

The chairman also introduced at a meeting to oppose and secure the ratification of the T.H.C. Handbook. He said that the handbook must be tabled for two weeks to allow the discussion of certain events in the Walker Memorial Conference Monday evening. (Continued on page 2)

Two Math Exams To Be Conducted 
Sophomores And Freshmen Eligible To Enter Competition

Two competitive mathematics exams, open to both Sophomores and Freshmen, will be held in the Walker Memorial Conference Monday evening. The exams are the 50-point Problem Exam and the 15-point quiz after the spring vacation.

Eligible To Enter

These men, chosen from the upper class, will be the first in the line of specific standards for bacterial diseases.

Secretory Veils Walker Dance Tonight At 8

Surprising Entertainment For Assembly Hall Is Promised TO STAGE PROMENADE

Crowned with an air of secrecy, surprise and glamour, the Miss America Walker Assembly Ball, held in the Walker Memorial Conference Monday evening, was opened by the Miss America Walker Assembly Ball committee.

They are the first prize in each division. The total dinner meeting in its history on Monday night, April 15 at 8:30 in the upper floor of the Graduate House.

The three men chosen by the members of the Walker Foundation for admission to the Walker Memorial Conference were named as follows:

Robert W.Keith, '42; Bernard A. Wilcox, '42; Russell A. Thomas, Jr., '41. For secretary, Wil- liam L. Hill, '42; Russell A. Thomas, Jr., '41, and William Colgan, Jr., '41; for treasurer, Richard T. Merrick, '41; Robert W. Koenig, '42; Bernard A. Greene, '42.

Senior Takes Straton Prize

Mr. W. A. Murray, President of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, will hold the second annual dinner meeting in its history on Monday, April 15 at 8:30 in the upper floor of the Graduate House.

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Near-Record Turnout Marks Class Voting; Many Contests Close

Senior Class President

John H. Norwood was elected president of the Class of 1941 last Wednesday after a spirited bid for the leadership of the fourteen-member group.

Eleni Elects To Tau Beta Pi

An important election was held in the Walker Memorial Conference Monday evening.

A new Tau Beta Pi charter was issued to the University of Richmond, College of William and Mary, at a meeting in Colonial Kitchen at 7:45 Tuesday, April 15. Those elected are William Rubush, Frank L. Lauckhammer, Arthur L. Farrell and John D. Wong.

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HONORARY SHAKESPEARE

To be or not to be an honorary society, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous non-members, or to take refuge in peaceable measures, and by subtleties remain. Pains in peaceable measures always have been and still are. They are a result of the human desire for praise. They serve to give this praise, and at the same time to restrict it to a small group. This restriction gives the members the feeling that they are getting a personal type of praise and makes them feel much better about the whole thing.

The school will soon vote on whether or not such clubs may call themselves honorary, and whether or not they may claim to be the personages of any particular class. This voting is going to be like tilling against a windmill. You may kill one of the blades, but its successor is more than likely to slap you on the nethermost regions. The classes will vote. If what are now known as "honorary" societies lose their "honor," they will nevertheless remain. If the clubs let them call themselves anything they wish, they will still remain. We don't know but that this entire subject is really quite futile in the first place.

The most practical solution we've heard yet is that those people who believe the present system is not truly representative form their own society. Then all groups will be happy.

But what it really comes down to is that no matter what you call it, an honorary society would smell as sweet by any other name.

KEY TROUBLES

Beaver Key ran into a little more trouble than its brother honorary societies last night, when the Institute Committee refused to approve changes in its constitution.

The athletic honorary, although recognizing its setup to manage intramural sports in the best possible manner, did not go far enough in correcting the faults. The changes made in the method of electing members merely altered the situations they did not cure it. Men chosen for membership would still be picked from activities; they would still have only a secondary interest in intramural athletics.

Intramural sports are an important part of Technology's extra-curricular life, important enough to warrant a separate managing agency whose members are interested primarily in fostering and bettering these concerns. No other method of running the intramural system would be completely satisfactory, for no other method would secure the men necessary for proper administration.

We do not mean, however, that Beaver Key should be dissolved. A definite place exists for an athletic honorary society composed of men directly connected with intramural sports, although not for a society which is only half-equipped for the management of intramural sports.

PEACE IN 1940

At yesterday's Peace Day meeting two students spoke about their ideas on how we can best preserve peace for the United States. They were followed by a lively discussion among the students present.

But the majority of the student body still seems to be apathetic to this problem which confronts the United States today, and will continue for many years to come. The general attitude is defeatest in nature. "What's the sense of talking or thinking about how we can keep out of war; it does not mean anything what we have to fight about in any case."

This is not only a wrong but also a very dangerous approach. If we, and consequently all college students, do not think and form opinions on such important questions as peace or war, who will? If we, who are supposed to have a good mind, shun the problem, a few propagandists will find it much easier to "make" public opinion.

It takes intelligent, sincere, and articulate honest people to preserve our form of government and peace for this country. We have to keep informed and use our brains so that we can combat propaganda and make intelligent decisions on vital questions. The Technology Peace Federation has done much to keep the students informed but the students themselves must use their brains.

The individual is a right when he says that he cannot change the policy of the United States. That would be dictatorship. But as a member of a large group of intelligent citizens he can have a voice in the formulation of policy if he is willing to try. That is democracy.

AFTER ELECTIONS

Noteworthy and praiseworthy was the class spirit shown by the freshmen at the recent elections. When 100 out of a class of 135 turn out at the polls, the newcomers have certainly entered into the ways of the Institute with a vengeance.

Only when such an interested attitude is shown by all undergraduates can we get a student government which stands for something. Only when the students keep up their interest in the affairs of government can we have a true student administration.

Some new Institute Committee will take over. It will be composed of new men and of veterans. A goodly number of these members will have been seized by the recent elections. The veterans should remember that they have placed them there, and at the same time wash their hands of the entire affair now that elections are over.

The Institute Committee is the students' government. The students should trust that; the new members should learn that; the veteran members should recollect that;
United States Health Service Head Lectures
Dr. Thomas Parran Talks On Nation's Health And Nutrition
SPONSORED ANNUALLY
Dr. Thomas Parran, associate general counsel of the United States Public Health Service, was the speaker at the annual W. H. Thompson Bridge Lecture held yesterday afternoon at 5:30 P.M. in Mountainside Hall. Dr. Parran, in his talk entitled “Nutrition and the Nation’s Health,” discussed the problem of health in the United States, and methods which might be employed to achieve such a state of affairs. He reminded that the principal causes of unsatisfactory nutrition is that in a similar kife brought about by the lack of purchasing power for food, fixed food prices, and poor planning of diets.

National Diet Inadequacy
The lecturer also said, “More than 40 percent of the people of the country are on getting a diet adequate for maintaining health and vigor. The foods of which we as a nation are on are not having an apparent surplus are close in which the national dietary is deficient—grains, and milk products, fruits, green vegetables, and meat.”

The Sedgwick Memorial Lectureship was established for the purpose of commemorating the services of William Thomsen Sedgwick to the cause of biology and Public Health. The lecture is given in honor of the Department of Biology of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, founded by him.

Track Team Will Race Tomorrow
With our two weeks remaining before our first 1941 spring meet as members of the track team, we are not only considering training but also planning for our first meet. Two events—the 300, 440, 450 yd., 1,500 yd., 120 low hurdles, 40 high hurdles, long jump, broad jump, shot put and javelin—will be scheduled to be run.

Coach Oscar Eldred has announced that workouts will be held every day for the next three weeks for both varsity and freshman athletes who are remaining on the track team during the remainder of the season.

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To DR. COMPTON
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Dr. Compton To Christen New Varsity Shell Today
Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Institute, will christen the new Pequot shell, recently given by the Institute Committee on Technology. The shell, now being used by the varsity, will be named the "Kaiser E. Holtmann" in recognition of Mr. Holtmann’s efforts in promoting the use of the Charles River Basin for varsity shelling. Dr. Compton is chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission and a graduate of Technology in the Class of 1904.

Large '42 Vote
The closest of all the class ballotting occurred in the election to student body. Walter H. Frankel, '42, won by an easy majority. Approximately 100 out of the 900 freshmen voted in the election. President of the Class of 1942, for Richard Childers. Thomas E. Fales, and John O’Hara tied by a few votes.

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THE TECH CALENDAR
FRIDAY, APRIL 12
5:00 P.M. Physical Society Meeting, Tour of Cadillac Laboratory—Professor H. S. Taylor.
6:00 P.M. Friday Council Meeting—Lilfield (East) Lounge.
7:00 P.M. Student Volunteers—Lilfield (East) Lounge.
8:00 P.M. Walker Auditorium—Ball—Morse (Main) Hall.
SATURDAY, APRIL 13
10:00 A.M. Mathematics—Costel, Friedman and Sohlymen—Room 2011.
12:00 P.M. Track Meet—Ole Miss—Bingfield Field.

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Page Three
He knew what they'd find in that old cowhide trunk

Young ideas might be surprising—but he knew the fortune that was paid the Hawkins when the railroad came through in '78 and how they never spent or hoarded a cent of it.

The old-time country editor was like that. He knew the county like the back of his hand, from the secret notions of the supervisors to the last thank-you-note on a dead-end road.

He knew every man, woman, and child and their Great-Aunt Nellie who ran off with the light-fingered agent. He knew the story of every yellow old recorder in the supermarket—what the boys were laughing at in the livery stable last Sunday. He knew what the news had of getting that cotton factory, and why the parsimonious would have a new tenant soon.

The people he wrote for were just as much an open book to him as the news he wrote for them. He wasn't being quizzical when he put the results of the school playground on page one, or filled the pages with country correspondence. That was meat and drink to the folks out in the R.F.D. route—far more important than the Boer War or even the Civil War. 

The people he wrote for were too close to be acted upon, but the old-time editor knew the folks in his county. That is the man who writes the country editor's job.

And if the editor was swamped, the reader was drowned. In self-defense, he learned to pick his way through and go through to the end, feeling that he was doing his newspaper, snatching a bit here and a bit there, to make sense to the average intelligent American. To set it against a fully competent background.

...To take all the week's news and make the picture make sense to the average intelligent American. To set it against a fully competent background, to write it vividly, compactly, forcefully... with full appreciation of the mind for which it is intended... with the touch of human understanding that brings people and events into moving, breathing life.

The Newsmagazine is written by experts, but news for experts. No story in TIME can go galloping off as a hobby; it must be paced steady and smoothly to the brisk stride of the whole magazine, whether the subject is world affairs or politics, or business or finance, or medicine, religion, or the arts.

That is why TIME is written by one man, who knows TIME readers at the old-time country editor knew the folks in his county. That is why the average TIME reader reads more than begins and goes through to the end, feeling that every line gives him something that he wants and needs and can use.

ECONOMICS, world politics, finance, industrial management, material resources, labor, social theory—they all began to matter somewhere. They got you into wars and strikes and hard times. Science began to matter, too—when the editor was swamped, the reader was drowned. In self-defense, he learned to pick his way through and go through to the end, feeling that he was doing his newspaper, snatching a bit here and a bit there, to make sense to the average intelligent American.

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