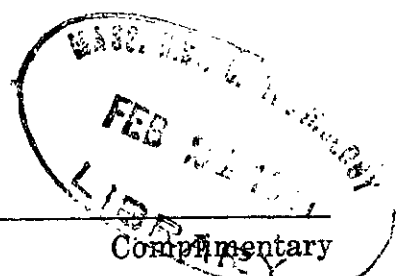


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CAMBRIDGE, MASS., TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1940

691 RECEIVE DEGREES TODAY

Gift of \$100,000 From A.P. Sloan Announced

Institute Receives Rockefeller Grant For Biology Research

A \$100,000 gift to the Institute from Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., for construction of a large addition to the airplane engine laboratory to expand research for national defense, was announced last night at the Alumni banquet held in the Hotel Statler on the tenth anniversary of Dr. Karl T. Compton's inauguration as president of the Institute.

At the same time, Dr. Compton disclosed a grant of \$200,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for starting a program of education and research in biological engineering, which will be in the Institute's department of Biology and Public Health.

National Defense Aid

Discussing cooperation of the Institute in the country's huge program for national defense, Dr. Compton said: "With war become so highly technical and mechanized, our contribution can be more significant than ever before in the training of technicians, in the selection of men for important technical or administrative posts, and in the conduct of research and development projects."

Mr. Sloan, donor of the new fund, is a member of the class of 1895, and in 1929 gave the Institute its

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Alumni Discuss News Channels

Jewett; Furay; Morton Explain Techniques Of Communication

World channels of communications through which news and opinion flow over land, under the sea, and in the air, was the subject of the national symposium on communication, the theme of this year's Alumni Day reunion yesterday.

The keynote of the symposium was set in an address by Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the Technology Alumni Association, president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and one of the most distinguished scientists in the field of communications.

Furay Speaks

James H. Furay, vice-president of the United Press, spoke on "Behind the Scenes in the World of News Gathering", giving particular emphasis to the techniques employed in the rapid and accurate dispatch of war news to American newspaper readers.

Alfred H. Morton, vice-president in charge of television of the National Broadcasting Company and former European manager of the Radio Corporation of America, discussed "The Role of Radio in World Affairs." He told of the human and technical facilities employed in radio for the distribution of various types of programs and the interchange of information in peace and war on an international scale.

Apparatus Shown

Radio apparatus and transoceanic cable equipment, the latest devices for transmission of press photographs by wire, machines or facsimile reproduction by wire and radio, and one for typesetting by wire were also shown. The exhibition also included apparatus for voice recording, instruments used in aerial navigation, and equipment employed in the new frequency modulated radio system.

Pres. Compton To Hold Reception Today

The President's reception this afternoon, which up to this year, has been solely for the graduates and their guests, has been extended this year to include all alumni who may be present this week. It will take place from four to six in Walker Memorial.

Refreshments will be served to the guests at the reception, and music will be provided for dancing. Heads of the various courses will be present. Parents and guests of the graduates, as well as alumni and the graduates themselves, are cordially invited.

The laboratories of the Institute will be open for inspection this afternoon from two until four for the benefit of the guests.

Duke Ellington Plays For 1940

Senior Ball Starts At Nine Tonight In Hotel Bradford

The Class of 1940 will climax its celebration of Senior Week with the Senior Week Ball tonight in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Bradford. Duke Ellington and his Orchestra are supplying the music for dancing.

The affair, a dinner dance, will start at 9 P.M. and last until 2 A.M. Tables will be placed around the ballroom, and dinner is to be served to the Seniors and their guests at 10 P.M.

Chaperones Named

Chaperones for the dance include President and Mrs. Karl T. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Rhind, Professor and Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton, Professor and Mrs. James R. Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel McL. Sage.

Symphony Hall was filled to capacity last Saturday night for the annual "Tech Night at the Pops." The program by the orchestra included classical and modern numbers. The M.I.T. Glee Club sang a group of numbers, two of them accompanied by the orchestra.

Tea Dance Yesterday

The tea dance for the Seniors and their guests yesterday afternoon in Morss Hall of Walker Memorial lasted from five until seven. Refreshments were served. Bob Williams' Orchestra provided the music.

Degrees Are Given To Thirteen Women

Thirteen women students received degrees in science, engineering, and architecture at the graduation ceremonies held this morning in Symphony Hall. Two were awarded the Doctorate, five Master's degree, and six, Bachelor's degree.

The two recipients of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry were Miss Sarah R. Millman and Miss Jane L. Hastings. Miss Millman held the Ellen Richard Memorial Fellowship for two years.

Five Get Master's Degrees

The degree of Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering was awarded to Miss Margaret Whitcomb, and that of Master of Science in Mathematics to Miss Domina Spencer. In the School of Architecture, degrees of Master in City Planning went to Mrs. Jane R. Steiner and Mrs. Flora C. Stephenson, and the degree of Master in Architecture to Miss Lois W. Worley.

The following women students at

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Prentis Scores Collectivism In Commencement Address; Conant Urges Aid For Allies

Conant Tells of Job of Scientists In Maintaining Our Democracy

"What type of free society can withstand the challenge of a powerful totalitarian state?" asked President James Bryant Conant of Harvard in the baccalaureate address he delivered at Walker Memorial Sunday afternoon.

"I believe this country should give immediate and effective aid to the Allies," stated Conant in his opening paragraphs. "But I do not propose to discuss . . . any problems dealing with the immediate future in this address."

Dr. Conant then went on to trace the structure of society as it developed through the generations. Speaking to the graduating class he said, "You, gentlemen, have been educated in the sciences. As scientists, you have a special stake in a democratic form of government . . . a special stake in sustaining the pioneer."

"Shall Remain Free"

He closed with the belief that as long as America can keep its restless appetite for "the horizon", "we shall remain both powerful and free."

Dr. Conant was chief speaker at the baccalaureate. The Reverend Carl Heath Kopf of Mount Vernon Church led the religious ceremonies and President Karl T. Compton read the scriptures. The Glee Club presented "Divine Praise" by Bortniansky.

Building Course Made Department

Prof. Walter C. Voss Remains As Head Of New Unit

The old course in Building Engineering and Construction has been newly established in a department of its own. Professor Edward L. Moreland, Dean of Engineering, announced. The program of the department will be based on the one previously given in the department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering.

Appointed as head of the new department is Professor Walter C. Voss, who has previously been in charge of the course. Associated with him on the staff will be Professor Dean Peabody, Jr., Professor Howard R. Staley and Mr. Albert G. Dietz.

Builders Need Leaders

In regard to the purpose of the department Professor Voss said: "The building industry, which despite antiquated techniques is second only to agriculture in magnitude of operations, is acutely in need of technically trained leaders, who can recognize its shortcomings and apply themselves to the solution of problems created by outworn traditions, inefficient methods and lack of vision."

"To meet the challenge which the integration of this vast industry presents, the Institute's new department of building engineering and construction has as its objective the training of men in subjects basic to the engineering design and construction of buildings."

Dr. James Conant



Courtesy Harvard Crimson
Guest Speaker at Baccalaureate Services.

Register Of Alumni Available In Room 3-107

The 1940 Register of Former Students of the Institute is now available at the Records Office, Room 3-107, at a price of \$1.00.

The new register, listing the names, addresses, and present occupations of thirty thousand Institute graduates, was compiled under the direction of Mr. Donald P. Severance, assistant to the Registrar. The book contains an alphabetical register of living former students, alphabetical register of deceased former students, class register of living former students, geographical register, and a complete directory of members of the corporation and staff since the founding of the Institute.

Two New Sailboats Named Yesterday

The latest additions to the fleet of the M.I.T. Nautical Association, two new 110-class sail boats, were christened yesterday afternoon at the Sailing Pavilion. The boats, named the "Morss" and the "Schell", were christened by Miss Eleanor Morss and Miss Esther Schell.

Immediately preceding the ceremony, Dr. Karl T. Compton spoke, mentioning the part played by Professor Erwin H. Schell, '12, and the late Henry A. Morss, '93, in the development of sailing at the Institute, and outlined the growth of sailing activity here.

Larger Than Dinghies

The new boats are 24 feet long, with a beam of 4 feet 2 inches, a draft of 2 feet 9 inches, and a sail area of 110 square feet. They are ballasted with 300 pounds of iron in the keel, giving a total weight of 960 pounds. The "Morss" is grey with red trimming, and the "Schell" is red with grey trimming.

The new boats each of which has a nautical speedometer, are somewhat more difficult to sail than the dinghies, and are mainly for the use of the more experienced sailors at Technology.

Henning Prentis Explains Position Of Trained Men In Nation's Work

Unless the American people awaken they will "be overcome by the creeping collectivism that already has begun to paralyze the wellsprings of individual initiative," Henning W. Prentis, Jr., warned in his commencement address to the Class of 1940 at the Institute's seventy-third graduation exercises in Boston's Symphony Hall today.

Nearly 2,000 members of the families and guests of the Class of 1940 attended the graduation ceremony of the Institute's largest class in several years. President Karl T. Compton awarded 710 degrees to 691 candidates, 19 of whom received both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Of the 468 bachelor's degrees, nine were Bachelor of Architecture; three, Bachelor of Architecture in City Planning; and 456, Bachelor of Science. Of the Bachelors of Science, 79 were awarded to graduates of the School of Science and 377 to graduates of the School of Engineering.

242 Advanced Degrees

The advanced degrees included 25 Doctors of Philosophy, 16 Doctors of Science, 13 Masters in Architecture, four Masters in City Planning, and 184 Masters of Science. In addition four certificates in public health were

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Class of 1940 Enters Alumni

DuPont Is Fifty Year Speaker At Class Day

The graduating class of 1940 was officially initiated into the Alumni Association with appropriate ceremonies of both a serious and humorous nature at the Class Day exercises held yesterday afternoon on the lawn of Lowell Court.

The program was formally begun by James S. Rumsey, '40, Chairman of Senior Week, with an address in which he welcomed the alumni, guests and Seniors. Rumsey has been in charge of all phases of Senior Week.

DuPont Is Fifty-Year Speaker

Pierre S. DuPont, representing the Class of 1890, in the traditional fifty-year address, discussed the times his class has lived through, and reminisced the four years he spent at Technology. In a bit of constructive criticism, Mr. DuPont suggested that cocktail bars be constructed at strategic locations in the buildings. Speaking to the Senior Class in behalf of his classmates he ended his talk by humorously stating the Senior, "about to die, we salute you!"

Acting-president of the graduating class, David Morgenthaler, then presented the traditional ten inch replica of the Senior Class ring to John B. Murdock, '41, president of the incoming Senior Class. This ring has always been passed from class to class as a symbolic gesture.

Young Represents Class of '15

A big hand was given Louis N. Young of the Class of 1915, when he

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country. It may be but the Trojan horse to enter the Troy of our rights.

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P.S. Better no hats than the modern feminine chapeaux.

Science and Defense

Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Scientific Advisory Board which President Roosevelt appointed in 1933 to offer counsel to the Government in handling its various problems, lets it be known that his board has not been asleep this past year as the storms of war have rolled up and burst over Europe. The Advisory Board, he explains, has been working in close collaboration with officials of both the army and navy for more than a twelvemonth to insure that the latest findings of science shall be readily available for the reinforcement of our national defenses.

This is heartening news, for it means quite specifically that the American genius in science does not have to start from scratch to catch up with developments abroad. It is also a vindication of one remark made yesterday by the President himself in his powerful message on defense. It gives public notice that in innumerable directions, without fanfare and without publicity, the best scientific brains of the nation have been summoned, long since, to proffer their knowledge to the safety of our hemisphere.

Those who fancy that nations preferring to follow the tenets of democratic government are, ipso facto, incompetent and slovenly, might do well to digest this announcement. For it signifies that vigilance is an operative reality.

—The Boston Globe, May 17, 1940

THE READER SPEAKS

May 20, 1940

The Editor
M.I.T. "The Tech"
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

We are tired of women's crowning folly. We are tired of frowsy queens of the streets. We are tired of the affectations of would-be glamour girls who toss their tangled locks and expect men to swoon at the sight. We believe that silken snares that sway in the breeze are sickening snarls of hair—just hair.

Men don't like women minus hats on the streets. We think women look well-dressed with hats, and silly without them. Nice hats are pretty, cute, dignified, poised, elegant, terrific, neat, engaging, proper, flirtatious, swell, and whatever adjective you like.

We believe, to get down to the eternal verities, that a sloppy woman, without a hat, and soiled scuffed shoes is a not-too-subtle pointer to a messy household.

We want to start a girlcott against girls who boycott hats. Hair is all right in its place, but its place for a pretty girl is under her hat.

Will you get in this campaign with us?

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Glendinning,
Editorial Chairman
The Dartmouth

P. S. You are at perfect liberty to use this letter if you wish.

Editor, The Tech,
Dear Sir:

The Institute Committee has attempted to justify its refusal to act on the recent referendum because of the small number of voters. The very apathy disclosed by the vote shows how little interested the students are in having these societies represent them. In fact it is surprising that three of the societies were not approved of when the light vote is considered. It cannot be denied that the students interested in having the societies represent them will be more likely to vote than the students who ignore the societies and those who consider the organizations as worthless.

The attempted correction was minor compared to the action that is needed but as "The Tech" points out that doesn't justify the Institute Committee for not "playing cricket" with the students. The referendum shows the opinion of the students who are interested and the honorable thing for the Institute Committee to do is to abide by their decision. Certainly there is no justification for believing that the non-voters are in favor of the status quo.

ALVIN GUTTAG, '40

Prentis Warns Lack of Vigilance May Bring Fascism

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awarded. Major General James A. Woodruff, commanding the First Corps Area, awarded 104 commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Other honors awarded at the exercises include the appointment of Ieoh Ming Pei and Walter White as fellows at the Institute, and two post-Doctor Research Fellowships, four Traveling Fellowships, eleven Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowships, sixteen special fellowships, and seven special prizes.

Prentis Names Four "R's"

Speaking on "Technically Trained Men in a Republic", Mr. Prentis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers and president of the Armstrong Cork Company, chose "receptivity, reflectiveness, resourcefulness and rectitude" as the text of his commencement address.

He discussed the lack of vigilance in the average American today, which might lead to fascism and said, "Private free enterprise—with reasonable umpiring by government to insure fair play—representative democracy, and civil and religious liberty are the three inseparable supports of personal freedom. They stand or fall together." Education that does not mold the moral sense of a human being as well as his reasoning powers is lethal poison to the individual and social dynamite to the body politic," the speaker also warned.

Compton Gives Farewell

Mr. Prentis was introduced by President Compton, whose own farewell message to the graduates was given

after the presentation of degrees. In his address Dr. Compton drew an analogy between himself and the "cleanup man" on a baseball team. He concluded with, "Now, as you cross the threshold from class room and laboratory to the world of affairs, remember to play the game for the good cause, to be a good team player, and to stop occasionally for fresh inspiration. Don't become cynical, but tackle this old world with confidence in your powers and ideals. Don't be discouraged or impatient if progress for you or for the world seems slow. Do your best, and Godspeed to you on your journey."

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They Go

Six hundred ninety-one received their degrees from the Institute today. Most of these graduates will go out into the world of business and industry. A few will continue in research and further study.

But all face a shaky future. With Europe in the grip of the bloodiest war in history, with women and children butchered in their steps by perverted scientific methods, those who receive their degrees today do so with the shadow of slaughter hanging over their heads.

These graduates are young, and as youths they make some of the finest cannon fodder the world has. These youths are trained to scientific methods, and as scientists they can bring either the shining advance of civilization or quicken its catastrophic downfall.

Pray God that the men who are leaving the Institute today are called upon neither to shed their blood, nor to pervert their minds for warfare. They want neither.

Instead let us hope that the history of the coming period will show our country at peace with the world, and that these graduates will be allowed to go forward in the paths of industry and science, ever seeking, ever progressing.

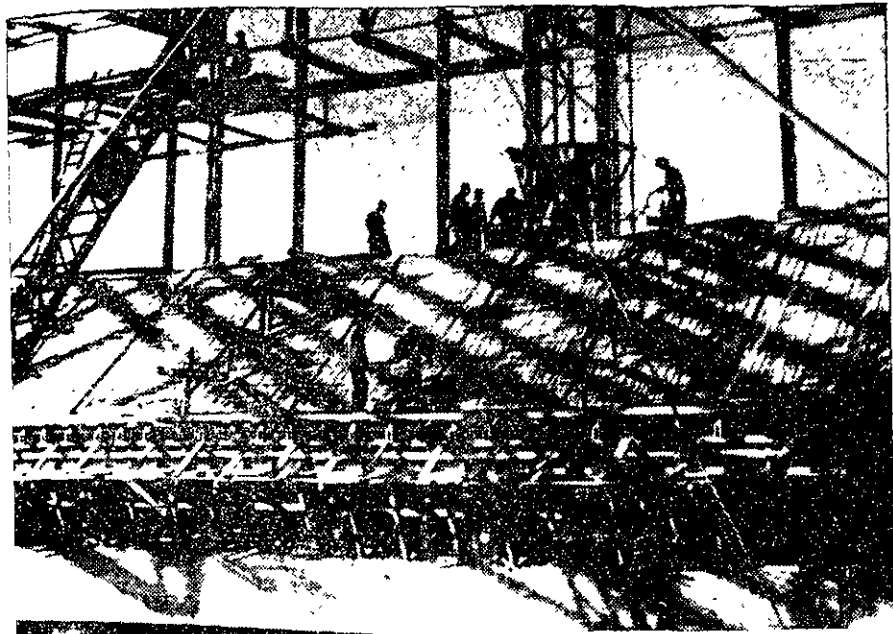
Fifth-Column Hats

So the Daily Dartmouth wants hats on women, does it? We frown upon the idea of starting "a girlcott against girls who boycott hats." We view it with alarm. In fact, we see in it a subversive, communistic, fascist, seditious, fifth-column movement to regiment the fair womanhood of these United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence guarantees to every American "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The Constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of expression. Are not these inalienable privileges of our forefathers compromised by this despicable campaign? If women are forced to wear hats, do they not lose their liberty and freedom of expression?

This attempt to regiment the fairer sex may be but the first step towards the establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship in our

New Swimming Pool Dedicated



Staff Photo

orkmen are shown above pouring concrete for the seat foundations in an early stage in the construction of the new swimming pool.

The Technology swimming pool, the latest addition to the Institute's expanding athletic facilities, was formally presented by Harry E. Worcester, president-elect of the Alumni Association, to President Karl T. Compton at a dedication ceremony at 4:15 yesterday afternoon. The program was held in conjunction with Alumni Day. Dr. Compton in turn passed the title to the building over to Joseph H. Peters, '41, president of the M.I.T.A.A., which is to be in charge of the new pool.

Nucleus of Unit

The pool building will form the nucleus of a complete unit planned to use all of Technology's indoor sports. Construction began during the summer of 1939 with the excavation of the site of the former outdoor track and playing field. It is expected that by the middle of July will see completion of the project. Built with contributions totaling \$9,000 from students, Alumni, and faculty, the pool unit will contain a standard intercollegiate swimming pool, 42 feet by 75 feet, and a shallow practice pool, 20 feet by 40 feet. Three hundred forty spectators can be accommodated in the bleachers along the north side.

Gigantic Sun Window

A feature of the building is the great window covering the entire south side. Careful sun studies by Technology's faculty have resulted in an orientation which will permit a maximum of light over the water surface during the winter months and a minimum during the summer. Heating coils in the ceiling and the pipes of the pool are placed so as to regulate air temperature for the spectators and to provide direct heat for the swimmers. Double glazing up to a height of ten feet along the large window will enable warm air to flow between the inner glass screen and the window itself and to temper the cold from the surface of the window.

Observation Window Provided

An underwater observation window enables coaches to watch their charges at close range. Stroboscopic pictures taken through this window will further her the new pool's benefit to the swimming program. Diving facilities are to be provided.

Students Get Degrees

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The Institute received bachelors' degrees: In Architecture, Miss Helen B. Baker and Miss Edith M. Cameron; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Miss Margaret T. Dienes; in Biology, Mrs. Anna Hull and Miss Miriam R. Keller; and in Mathematics, Miss Anne S. Pearson.

In addition to these academic degrees, certificates in Public Health were presented to Miss Elizabeth S. and Miss Catherine C. Hayes.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Young Speaks For Class of '15

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rose to speak, by the numerous members of the twenty-five year class who were present. Mr. Young, who is with the Gillette Manufacturing Company, reviewed all the professors and instructors who were common to both the Class of 1915 and the Class of 1890. It was noted by many of the Seniors that a number of those spry old-timers were still around to teach them also.

Following Mr. Young's talk, Morgenthauer, again representing the Graduating Class, presented the gift of his class to Dr. Compton, who accepted it on behalf of the Institute. The gift consisted of part of the class' donation in the newly organized Alumni Fund Drive.

'40 Initiated Into Alumni

Mr. Raymond S. Stevens, '17, officially received the graduating class into the folds of the Alumni Association after a burlesqued initiation of representatives of the various courses. Dressed up in various costumes the

Designed By Staff

The entire athletic center, of which the pool is the first unit to be built, has been designed by Lawrence B. Anderson, '30, and Herbert L. Beckwith, '26, members of the staff of the School of Architecture.

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representatives deposited articles symbolic of their courses into a "melting pot."

The history, achievements, and trials and tribulations of the Class of '40's four years here at Technology were reviewed in retrospect by Marshall P. Bearce, in the Beaver Oration. Bearce gave fitting tribute and thanks to the Institute staff, and in tribute to Dr. Compton stated, "All present have felt the inspiring leadership of Dr. Compton."

Dr. Frank B. Jewett, '03, president of the Alumni Association, then presented the Alumni Class Banner of the Class of '40 to David Morgenthauer, in the closing event on the program.

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Class Of 1923 Gives Money For Erection Of Swimming Pool Wall

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present Sloan Automotive Laboratory. He was prompted to make his new gift by a desire to help Technology increase at once the effectiveness of its contribution to the nation's program of aircraft design and production.

New Faculty Members

Among the group of distinguished scientists who will join the staff in the field of biological engineering as a result of the Rockefeller Foundation grant are: Dr. A. Szent-Gyorgi, 1937 Nobel prize winner; Dr. Ernest E. Lockhart, Byrd Expedition biochemist; Dr. John R. Loofbourow, research professor of Institutum Divi Thomae; and Professor E. Newton Harvey, of Princeton University.

Dr. Compton also reported that, during the year, \$670,600 had been received in gifts and bequests. Notable in this list was the gift of \$50,000 from the Charles Hayden Foundation for scholarships; \$98,261 additional to the Thomas Upham Fund for student aid; and \$34,750 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for postgraduate fellowships in business administration.

The class of 1923 has voted a special gift of \$10,000 to provide a garden wall in front of the Alumni Swimming Pool, which was to be omitted from the present construction through lack of funds.

Trackmen Show Up Well In Intercollegiates

Four varsity trackmen scored in the New England A.A.A. Championships at Springfield, May 25th, and turned in creditable performances at the Intercollegiate Championships at Harvard last Friday and Saturday.

At Springfield Lewis T. Jester, '41, captain-elect, was second only to New England champion Ed Dugger and ex-champion Ken Clapp in the 220-yard low hurdles; Judson C. Rhode, '40, ran a 4:26.8 mile for fourth place; Robert McBride, '42, was fourth in the 220-yard dash; and Richmond W. Wilson, '40, tied for second in the high jump. E. Dan Crosby, '40, was fifth in the two-mile, and Arnold S. Mengel, '41, qualified for the semi-final of the 220.

At Harvard Crosby was a good seventh in the two-mile, Rhode eighth in the mile, Wilson went out of the high jump at 6 ft. 1½ in., and Jester lost his heat in the 220 low hurdles by inches in Friday's rain.

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