

HOLT AND BEMIS TIED IN HARRIER ELECTION

TWO CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS EACH GET 4 VOTES SO CHOICE RESTS WITH EXECUTIVE BOARD

According to the judgment of the cross country team as expressed in its election Friday afternoon there are two of its members equally well fitted to be next year's harrier leader. Eight letter men voted to determine which one among them should have the honor of being Bob Hendrie's successor and the result was a tie, four votes each going to Gubby Holt and Frank Bemis. Under the old ruling, Manager Swartz would have cast the deciding vote but the new A. A. rule places the settlement of a tie before the Executive Committee of the M. I. T. A. A. for final action.

Both of the candidates won their straight "T" this fall in cross country. Bemis captained the freshman hill and dalers last fall while Holt was a "cTe" man on Elmer Sannorn's Varsity outfit.

Frank is known officially as Frank Warren Bemis, Jr., '25, and his excuse for being at the Institute is to make a mining engineer of himself. If mining has any connection to distance running he needn't worry about getting his degree for the longer the route the better he likes it. Last fall, as the best frosh runner wearing the Cardinal and Gray and this season as the consistent third scoring man on the Engineer Varsity, his one handicap has been lack of starting speed. Endurance he has always had in excess but the ability to get away with the first bunch at the start has been mighty difficult for him to acquire, though his performance in the big intercollegiate at Van Cortlandt Park proves that he is acquiring it.

Bemis Best on Long Runs

Frank could probably run ten miles just about as fast as he can six and that doesn't mean that he loafs either as anybody who ever tried to keep up with him can testify. It is simply that until recently he has not gone out from the gun fast enough and having fallen into the ruck at the start it has been just that much harder for him to pull up before the finish with the staying power for which he is noted. This coming from behind at the end type of race featured his running against Cornell when he was fifth though far back at the half way mark, 2nd in the triangular run where his sixth place was won in the last stages of the contest. In New York, however, he succeeded in changing his tactics with the result that he was in the leading groups all the way and crossed the line in twelfth position right on the heels of the veteran Elmer Sanborn.

Holt's Improvement Steady

Guild Richardson Holt '24, is a name unknown at the track house but if you translate it "Gubby" every Engineer from Senior to frosh knows the man

whose smile makes the nickname famous. Gubby is a Course XIII man, and once again we don't see what a nifty runner wants to waste his talents on a ship for, though it may be he only intends to build 'em and expects to use his speed in beating competitors to the job. In that case it's different.

Gubby made his debut in cross country in the fall of 1920 when he succeeded, though not without difficulty, in winning a place on the freshman team. At no time then was his work phenomenal but always it was steady and marked by the determined effort he has ever since put into his running. The next year when he competed for a Varsity berth there was a noticeable difference in Gubby's work. He was several notches higher on the scale than the preceding season and he won his place and his "cTe" on the team Elmer Sanborn captained.

Big Advance This Fall

After that performance Coach Kanaly naturally expected Holt to improve still more by this fall and he did but the big change came during the actual competitive season. Little by little, but always gaining and holding the ground he gained, Gubby picked up his stride from race to race until in the I. C. A. A. A. championships he closed his record by what was easily the best race of his career and the one which won him his "T." To rise from the seventh man on the team, which was Gubby's place in the Cornell clash, to fourth scoring man in the national championships, when winning fourth meant running the kind of a race he did at Van Cortlandt, is no slight achievement.

With two such possible leaders to choose from it is no wonder the harriers found themselves at a loss to decide, and it looks like the toughest kind of a job for the Executive Committee of the A. A. whose duty it is to settle the matter. The men who were eligible to vote and took part in the election were: Captain Hendrie, Elmer Sanborn, Frank Bemis, Gubby Holt, Leo Poore, Roger Parkinson, Bud Robertson, and Bill Keplinger.

Mike Hoar Again Doffs Mothballs and Plans Return Race with Nap

Genial Groundkeeper Sure that He Can Reverse Field Day Long Distance Result in 50 Yard Run

"Who told you I'm going to run again, huh?" Mike Hoar feigned surprised that his secret was "out."

"Oh, that fella?" He thought for a moment. Then, "Yes, it's true, I can't believe that Boutelier is better than I am so I'm going to try again."

"Now don't say I'm offering any alibies; Boutelier beat me fair and square on Field Day. But there must have been some reason for my defeat; I'm going to find my fault and beat him this next time."

Mike was not cold, and he knew it; the track house was too warm. But nevertheless he blew on his hands vigorously, then wandered away into his dreams. Perhaps he was thinking of a coming victory—who knows? He was asked "A penny for your thoughts, Mike"—and he took the penny but only grinned in return.

So take it for what it is worth—Mike's thoughts were happy enough to bring a grin to his face. Conclusion: he knows he's going to win.

Dame Rumor has it that side bets of no mean magnitude have been posted and students already acquainted with the plans are placing their money freely.

"We aren't sure yet when the race will come off," said Mike in answer to a query. "So far Boutelier and I are only training carefully; after the opening of the term we will hold time trials every few days, and some Saturday when there is a good crowd on hand we will formally race."

"Beat him? Well, I wouldn't be coming out of retirement if I wasn't sure I could lead. We will race fifty yards, and I will be conceded a few yards, not more than ten."

Two Chinese Track Candidates Possess All-around Ability

The two Chinese students who were mentioned at the Advisory Council meeting Monday night as all-around stars in track athletics are Chung Wu Chen and Chao Han Shih. Both are new men at the Institute this year, but are registered with the class of 1924. At present these two men are not practicing regularly, but if past records count for anything, they would help greatly in putting the Institute at the top of the list in track this year.

Chen trained in China and turned in some mighty good performances over there. In competition, he has done 11 feet 4 inches in the pole vault, has thrown the discus 107 feet, the javelin, 127 feet, and has tossed the 12 pound shot 39 feet. His performance in the pole vault is worthy of special notice, as the Engineer team is weak in this event. A vault of 11 feet 4 inches would be sufficient to cop a place in some meets and with this performance in the past, we could hope for even better ones in the future.

Shih, from the appearance of his past record, seems to be the better all-around man of the two. He has turned in good times in the dashes, and high hurdles, thrown the javelin and discus better than an average distance, and has done quite well in both the high and in the broad jump. His performances are as follows: 100 yd., 10:2; 220 yd., 23:2; high hurdles, 17:2; discus, 107 ft.; javelin, 134 ft.; 12 lb. shot, 42 ft.; 16 lb. shot, 37 ft.; high jump, 5 feet 8 inches; broad jump, 20 feet 7 inches.

With two men who have made such records as these in our midst, the Institute ought to have the benefit of their ability by having them take part in Institute athletics. With the team in need of material, these new men would help greatly in developing a winning combination for the coming season, if they are eligible to compete for Technology this spring.



GUBBY HOLT, above, received four of the votes cast for cross country captain by members of the squad last Friday afternoon. He was given a "T" by discretionary award for exceptional improvement. Starting with a small amount of running ability Holt has by consistent plugging made himself the fourth scoring harrier. He ran a splendid race in the I. C. A. A. A. contest.

FRANK BEMIS, left, was voted for by the other four members of the Technology cross country squad in the captain election last Friday. He is a Sophomore and has been consistently the third Engineer scorer. Frank has never done less than expected of him and frequently he has come through very close to the top. He finished twelfth in the Intercollegiate, right behind Sanborn.

Executive Committee Decides This Afternoon

The Executive Committee of the M. I. T. A. A. will meet this afternoon to vote on the cross country election, which resulted in a tie between Frank Bemis and Guild Holt. This is the first case that has come before the committee under this new ruling, made last year. Formerly the manager cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

There are five members of the committee so another tie will be impossible. Those who will vote are: Joe Nowell, president; Doc Smith, vice-president; Cub Hubbard, secretary; Win Coolidge, treasurer; and Andy Kellogg, publicity manager.

Sport Remarks

Some time ago Professor Dellenbaugh asked that some of the electrical and mechanical experts here at the Institute hand in a couple of suggestions on a device which would automatically indicate when a crew of eight men on rowing machines were in time, and who was out when they were not. There have been no answers. There were two reasons for the Professor's request, if we guess correctly, in the first place the plans would actually be of value and in the second place the men who wiggled their brains on the matter could not help becoming slightly interested in sport at the Institute. At least they would know there was such a thing as a crew at Technology. Athletics here should have the most perfect technical devices of any institution in the world—let's be on our way. As a starter, suppose the civils pipe up with a couple of really good plans for the elimination of the ponds from the tennis courts.

While plunging might be declared of little value in improving the physical shape of the stout parties who usually indulge in it, the recent decision of the intercollegiate swimming conference to drop it from the official program of meets is bound to meet more or less opposition. It is true that, aside from his legs, the plunger gives his muscles little real work, but let anyone who thinks that training is not required try holding his breath for sixty seconds, immediately after jumping off the dock with every bit of push he can put into it.

The event always added an amount of humor and variety to the program, which is sure to be missed. Rotundity is an almost universal attribute of plungers, and rotundity, particularly attired in a silk, glove fit, bathing suit is apt to cavort quite amusingly.



With four stars to his credit, Bob Hendrie is confronted with the problem of how he is going to wear them all. Such a constellation amounts to quite a little and it is feared that on a man of Bob's size, it may, interfere with his running by placing such a weight on him as to make him round-shouldered.

Speaking seriously, however, we recognize the brilliancy of Bob Hendrie's performances which have put him on a level with the best athletes Technology has ever had wearing the Cardinal and Gray and wish him luck in the winning of the fifth star which will set him up in a class by himself. His achievements are all the more notable when we consider the fact that before he entered the Institute Bob was utterly ignorant of track athletics. Hendrie is entirely a "home product" and credit for his phenomenal success is due wholly to his own hard work and the training of Coach Kanaly.

All the track men will have an opportunity to get in some drill during exams. The track house will be kept open, and any one who so desires can chase away the tired feeling resulting from boning for a few hours for an exam, by dashing around the track several times.

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