BIL HAINES

THE PASSING OF A LANDMARK

I was with a feeling of deep regret that April 29 marked the last day of the life of Bill Haines as Head Coach of rowing at Technology. Bill, for fourteen years put everything he had into coaching Technology oarsmen, and has not only succeeded in turning out rowers, but what is far more important, he has built up rowing as a sport from its original two crews into an athletic organization which is participated in by more than 100 students annually.

And perhaps even more important than the record of the last forty years, the results which his crews have, Bill has established Technology as a technical university, as represented through his influence, as a producer of great athletes, and through his influence on sportsmen, whether on the winner's or loser's side.

Everyone at Technology who has known Bill Haines will regret his leaving. He has commanded the utmost respect from his charges, yet never has he made himself aloof. He will leave behind him an indelible impression as a perfect gentleman and sportsman, an impression which time and more successful seasons under new blood will have difficulty in erasing. He has always been willing to coach varsity oarsmen and freshmen novice alike, his aim as coach to teach as many men the finer points of the game, and to give them life-long indulging in a healthy recreation.

His influence will be missed here at Technology rowing. His passing from the American inter-collegiate scene marks the departure of the last of the old-time rowing men, a rowing era, the rowing fraternity will view this departure. Every year now the creeping of the years will bring about a situation under which his men have worked. Everyone knows of the trying situation of enforcement, unreasonable regulations that must be met, rowing or no rowing, a situation that seems to be training difficult and cuts short practice hours and, in fact, a situation that would be an obstacle to any coach.

The rumor is that Bill Haines, probably of the Washington school, seems but the inevitable passing of age, a situation which will probably be well versed in the rowing style which experience seems to indicate is the most successful, and in control of college rowing. He will probably have a better chance to put a winning M. I. T. crew on the Charles.

If the Technology rowing club, winning crew, without sacrificing its eligibility requirements and its unique "amateur" standing, the benefits would be great. A successful season would without doubt encourage more men to come out for the sport, and not too far in the dim future we might see a squad of five or six heavy varsity crews, instead of only the Varsity and J. C.

Bill Haines deserves the respect and admiration of the entire Institute for his fifteen years of loyal and patient service. His record is one of frequent discouraging results. Everyone joins us, we are sure, in expressing gratitude for the service he has done Technology.

BEAVER CLUB RECOGNITION

SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

A SUGGESTION on Beaver Club recognition should be taken up at this Thursday's lecture meeting. The last issue of The Tech discussed the manner in which the club has ceased to maintain in practice its official position. The Junior Honorary Society ... "chosen from the activities highlights of the Beaver society." The problem is properly one for the Institute Committee to settle, since the official status of the club is tied up with the Institute. As The Tech pointed out last week, each year's choice of members of the Beaver Club shows conclusively that the club has become practically the private property of a few fraternities. It is certainly not representative of the Junior Class.

The Institute Committee should force the club either to reorganize on a representative basis or to give up its present pretense of being more than it is. This can be done by withdrawing recognition from the club. The present members will thus have to reconsider the club and conduct fall elections on a basis different from that of the present one. The club does this it will merit re-recognition by the Institute Committee. If the present members are unwilling to change, the Institute will probably see the club will become a fraternity social organization without the higher significance implied in its present title.

Too many organizations at Technology go unnoticed and unknown and frequently are subordinated to the ambitions of the Club. The Institute Committee would do well to reassess the situation. The Beaver Club is an outstanding example and a more important one than most. It should mark the first step in the clarification, and Thursday is the time to begin.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"A college is a fairly serious business, or they don't call it that anymore.�jas University of Wisconsin's President Clarence Addison Dyk stra knows college students. "Presumably a college deals in character building, academic discipline and culture. Yet a lot of them are being taught. In sad, true, local, radio and news real publicity as an accurate portrayal of college life, we should indeed be deeply concerned if they were being taught anything else."

"College men are nice—except those at Yale for war. They're always on several occasions and they were perfectly fine in public. Of course, strip-teaser, bars her mind to a Daily Pennsylvanian reporter.

"I don't see any value in this plan for students. I really don't know where it's going to go for a technical education."