The Tech Elects Three New Men To News Staff

Barns, Ham, Fraley
Raised To Reporters; Grosjean Promoted

Three more freshmen were elected to the staff of the news and sports departments of The Tech as its Combined Boards held another of their regular meetings yesterday afternoon. The final list of the 16 newmen elected to the staff, in addition to three men, Charles H. Burns, Cliff. C. Ham, and Jack Fraley, were elected after serving as freshmen candidates for the past two months.

Following is a list of the newcomers to the news staff:

Alfred Eiden Thresher, a freshman

Franklin Elected President

As the Combined Boards went into their fourth meeting of the session, it was announced that Franklin E. Thompson, '43, was elected president of the newspaper. No previous elections were made as yet, but based upon the number of candidates for the past two months, it is expected that the selection made will be equal to that of last year.

Franklin, who was formerly a member of the student body, will assume the duties of president immediately. He is a senior member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and has been active in student affairs during his tenure at Tech.

Largest Tech Freshman Class Will Enter Institute This Fall

"The Class of 1946 seems to be a pretty promising group," Professor B. Allen Thrasher, director of the student center, said in an interview with The Tech. "Frank E. Thompson, Jr., will indicate exactly what the class is able to do, as it is the first freshman class ever to enter the school."

Of course no admissions have been made as yet, but based upon the reports which were sent in to the admissions office, the number of applications for admission to the class of 1946 is more than it was last year, very few students were rejected by the staff of the news paper. No previous elections were made as yet, but based upon the number of candidates for the past two months, it is expected that the selection made will be equal to that of last year.

B. Allen Thrasher

Debating Society Wins 30 Debates During Past Year

Watch First Year As Class A Activity; Make Future Plans

The M.I.T. Debating Society last year increased its record by 30 debates, as it won first, second, and third place in the annual debate entitled "Is the American College System the Best in the World?"

The M.I.T. Debating Society was founded in the Spring of 1942 and is composed of members of the Class of 1943. It is sponsored by the Department of English and is under the direction of Professor Frederick G. Keyes.

Annie Biedenharn Wins Chemistry Prize

"A freshman mathematics contest, the first of its kind in the history of M.I.T. for many years, was held last night in the basement of Walker Memorial.

The contest was open to all undergraduate students in the College, including freshmen and sophomores. It was sponsored by the department of mathematics, and was judged by a panel of professors from the department.

The first prize was won by Lawrence A. Biedenharn, Jr., '44, for his essay "A Study of the Properties of the Complex Numbers." The essay was rated as "excellent" and "markedly original." Biedenharn is a member of Sigma Xi and is one of the outstanding students in the College.

The second prize was won by William E. Katz, '44, for his essay "The Solution of the Cubic Equation." Katz is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is one of the outstanding students in the College.

The third prize was won by Robert F. Dieckman, '44, for his essay "The Determination of the Elements of a Matrix." Dieckman is a member of Sigma Xi and is one of the outstanding students in the College.

The essay contest was sponsored by the department of mathematics, and was judged by a panel of professors from the department.

The award was won last year by Jerome T. Coe, '42, and the prize was presented to the winner by the department of mathematics.

Other types of interesting information was presented at the meeting and was received with interest by the members.

The fact that living quarters are to be continued in the same location as last year, very few students were rejected by the staff of the news paper. No previous elections were made as yet, but based upon the number of candidates for the past two months, it is expected that the selection made will be equal to that of last year.

Men signing up under the plan for the coming season have been asked to attend the Course X practice on this date for men hav-