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Crew Readies For 1st Meet
Season Starts On April 25

Since early in February Tech's varsity and Freshman crews have been working indoors to achieve some degree of conditioning before the beginning of outdoor practice. A little over a week ago, however, they "hit" the cold and wind swept Charles for the first time this season. This marked the beginning of many greeting noises which will lead to the first race against Harvard and Boston University on Saturday, April 26.

Prospects

Spirits are high among Coach Jim McIlhenny's busy and right worried squads. Many returning letteers fill both groups. The "heavies" are led by experienced seniors, Charles P. Bunt- schak '53 and Charles O. Palmer '54, besides having released from the freshmen crew that came within feet of being first in the nation two years ago. Third year letterman Richard S. Lindstrom '53 and a newcomer, George G. Conway '54, are also adding their spark to the battle for varsity seats. The 150-pound crews, under the leadership of Captains Nicholas W. Fast, '53, are presently seriously challenging their heavier rivals.

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Beaver Barks

Your favorite Tony Longklamm has landed on a close, at least for the Beaver quizzed. It has been a long, hard season and our team did not give up on expectations, finishing the year with a rather disappointing record of one win and 16 defeats.

In pressure packed season, the Engineers clicked off brilliant plays with regularity. For once there was no "I saw him first" battle on the team with Kenneth V. Christie '54 and Stanley J. Shilensky '53 both hitting doubles. The two backcourt men, Paul Van Alstyne '53 and Captain Russell Kidder '52, show promise of becoming two of the best players seen on the Beavers in years. The Beavers showed a well-balanced squad in pressure games.

However, once the season started, it was no good for the Institute curators. The opener at Trinity was a good game, and the Beavers looked like a classy team—for the first half. After the intermission, when the boys came out for the second half, they looked like a bunch of high schoolers, as the Hilltoppers cruised them 29-7 in the third period to build up an insurmountable lead. But this was only the beginning.

The game that most of us have re- marked upon this basketball season, has come to a close with the defeat of the season, against American International. This was the game in which Russ Kidder showed one of his finest games of real brilliance. He could make no mistake, and with the final gun he had 13 field goals and two foul shots making the final score 58-53. Records of 26 points to pace the Beaver's Top 10. The team fell apart in the closing minutes of the annual game with Stevens Tech, and ended a 40-6 defeat by decision by blowing a 15 point lead in the final period of the Bierwien quietist.

The season progressed with the Engineers giving one poor performance after another. The biggest slip was against Wernert Tech, as the Engineers went down to a 90-57 defeat. In pre-game estimates, the Wernert squad was no more than five points better than the Tech team. Toward the close of the season, the team from the University of Massa-