

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPROVES COACH CONNOR'S PLAN OF HANDICAP MEETS

MANY HANDICAP MEETS FAVORED BY DR. CONNOR

Dr. A. W. Rowe '01 Receives a Letter From Track Coach Broaching Scheme

ALL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR CUP COMPETITIONS

Plan Will Create Competitive Interest in Number of Students

In explanation of his plan for a large number of handicap meets throughout the year, Dr. T. J. Connor, track coach, sent the following letter to Dr. A. W. Rowe '01, Secretary of the Advisory Council on Athletics.

Dear Sir:—For the purpose of creating competitive interest and aiding the physical welfare of many students who, perhaps, because of their physical limitations, will never succeed in becoming serious contenders for places on the varsity team, I would like to have cups or other suitable prizes offered for competition under the following tentative conditions:

1. **Eligibility.**—All students of the Institute including those eligible for varsity teams shall be eligible for competition.
2. **Prizes.**—No prize shall be awarded unless competed for at least ten times.
3. **Events.**—
 1. Sprints (40 yds. to 220 yds.)
 2. Middle distance (300 yds. to 1320 yds.)
 3. Long distance (one to three miles).
 4. High jump.
 5. Broad jump.
 6. Pole vault.
 7. Javelin.
 8. Discus.
 9. Shot-put (16 lbs.)
 10. Hammer (16 lbs.)
 11. 35 lb. weight.
 12. Hurdles (45 yds. to 220 yds.)
4. **Handicaps.**—All handicaps shall be based on the best performance turned in by the individual during the season.
 - a. If "A" has done 31 feet in the shot-put and "B" has done 30 feet, "B's" handicap will be one foot. If, however, in the next meet, "A" does 31.4 feet and "B" does 30.5 feet, "B's" handicap will become 9 feet. There shall be no handicap limit. (This section is the crux of the affair since it is apparent that the veriest rookie will have an equal chance to score.)
5. **Scoring.**—There shall be five places scored in each event. The points shall be five for first place, and four, three, two and one for the other places.
6. **Officials.**—Officials shall be under the management of the track manager who after the second meet, shall assign an assistant to direct each succeeding meet.
7. **The winner** shall be the individual who has obtained at the end of the series the highest total points in each event.

It is obvious that this method of awarding prizes will work an injustice on the star competitors who have approached their limit of performance. Yet it is equally obvious that the awards will be to the men who show the most consistent improvement in their respective events.

The list of events stresses the field events, but it is in just these events that the Institute is woefully weak.

The 35 lb. weight is added because first it is an event in the indoor I. C. A. A. A. A., it serves as a training school for hammer throwers, and third, it creates an event for big men who do not possess the necessary speed for hammer throwers.

Doubtless, there are flaws in this preliminary survey. However, the experience and the greater knowledge of local conditions possessed by the committee will, I hope, bring forth constructive changes.—Very sincerely

T. J. CONNOR
Coach of Track.

Speaking of handicap meets Mike Hoar, the notorious Institute professional, has so far this fall refrained from competition. The much mooted question around the track house is whether Mike has lost confidence in his ability to estimate the necessary handicap or whether the doughty Irishman has decided to retire on his income.

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favor of securing the services of Coach Dean, former mentor at Brookline High School. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The award of "cTe" was given to three members of the cross country squad. For performances on the squad this fall A. F. Fricker '25, W. B. Duffey '25 and W. F. Rooney '26 are all eligible for this insignia. F. S. Hungerford '24 was awarded a "T" with crossed oars for exceptional work during his managership of crew.

Field Day Colors Decided

The much mooted question of jerseys for the Field Day teams has finally been answered. For a number of years arguments pro and con have been brought forth as to whether a class should keep jerseys of the same color for two years, alternate classes having cardinal and gray, or whether the freshmen each year should be decked in gray and the Sophomores wear cardinal. Last night the latter of the two views was decided upon. Hereafter the succession of incoming and second year classes will be set at rest as to the colors under which they will fight.

No Decision on Frosh Rifle

The Military Science Department has offered to improve the rifle range and supply the team with the necessary training and equipment. In return the freshman rifle team was to be taken into the unit and called a R. O. T. C. team. The only disadvantage of this arrangement is that some men, otherwise eligible for the team, would be prevented from competing because of not belonging to the unit. No decision one way or the other could be arrived at, the manager being instructed to continue cooperating with the Military until a definite arrangement could be effected.

Dr. Rowe, Dr. Rockwell, Mr. Benton and Mr. Worcester were present representing the graduate members of the Council, George Swartz, B. J. Fletcher, W. H. Manning and J. W. Cannon were the undergraduate members present. In addition many team captains and managers attended to present their side of the questions that came up.

THIRD VARSITY TO RACE WITH B. U. TOMORROW

Boston University First Team Meets Harrier's Over 3 Mile Course

CAPTAIN ROBERTSON HEADS FAST SQUAD

A second and third varsity cross country team have been formed from the varsity squad and runs have been scheduled for both teams this week. The second varsity will compete in the A. A. U. championship run Saturday at Franklin Park while the third team will run tomorrow against the B. U. harriers at Belmont.

With such a large number of men out for cross country, Coach Connor is trying to provide competition for as many runners as possible, hence these additional meets have been scheduled. Besides giving added experience in competitive running the races will be a good opportunity for a man to advance his varsity standing.

Third Team Has Strength

The team that meets B. U. tomorrow has some promising runners. Robertson (Capt.), Myrick, Wills, Symonds, Davidson and Piephie make up the squad that will run at Belmont. Robertson is a varsity man of last year, while Symonds and Davidson ran in the Cornell meet this season. The University team will be composed of first string men and hence the team that Coach Connor picked can be considered on a par with B. U.'s best runners. Robertson ran in every varsity race that the Engineers competed in last season and is running pretty close to the same form he showed last year. The first varsity has such a wealth of good material that those who were not among the leaders of the harrier pack last season have to show improvement to keep their varsity rating. The run will be over the three mile freshman course at Belmont as the majority of the runners have not been through the long distance yet.

Davidson and Symonds have been showing consistent improvement this fall and should be right among the leaders at the finish line. Davidson was on the frosh team last year and made a very credible showing at the I. C. A. A. A.

STAN COOK TO CAPTAIN SQUAD IN BASKETBALL

Many Veterans on Hand to Report for First Practice

FIRST PRACTICE TO COME NEXT MONDAY

A host of veterans will be on hand when basketball practice starts next Monday. Stan Cook starts his second year as captain of the varsity squad. He is the only man wearing the straight "T" for basketball now at Tech. Davidson, Johnson, Eager and Sawyer, other veterans on hand to report, will make a berth on the first squad a hard one to keep. Miller, who scored most points on last year's team, has been lost by graduation.

Practically all basketball practice will be confined to the hanger. All varsity workouts will be held there and all but two of those of the freshmen. These will have to take place in the Walker Memorial gym.

Practice Starts Monday

Monday, when the first call for candidates will be issued, Coach Warren will be on hand to work with the varsity. Al Bretting, a former varsity player, will look out for the freshmen. Varsity practice will be held from 4 to 5 o'clock and that of the cubs from 5 to 6. A number of men have signified their intention of coming out. Close to a hundred are expected to report Monday.



STAN COOK '24 Captain of Basketball

Now that Field Day is over, the competition for Sophomore and freshman assistant managers has been reopened. A number of men are needed to take care of the various varsity and freshman squads.

Dances After Games

The custom of holding dances after home games will be continued. In the neighborhood of ten home games are scheduled. The Combined Musical Clubs orchestra officiating at all of them. The price for season tickets for all home games has been reduced to \$2.00. Admission to the dances will be extra, however.

Last year the team won 8 out of 14 games. The schedule this year is so tentative, but both victors and vanquished are represented on it. Among the former are Harvard, Brown, Vermont and New Hampshire. Those teams defeated last year that will again meet the Beavers include Tufts, Boston College, Clark and Northeastern, Rhode Island State, Stevens, Brooklyn Polytechnic, College of the City of New York and Dartmouth are new foes to the Engineer schedule.

Practically every man who has signed up and stayed out for cross country is running on one of the numerous varsity squads. As a method of developing men, Doc Connor's idea of having all the men run in competition is without a rival. Men that are slow to develop get out and stay out until their worth is recognized.

Doc Connor said that if he was asked for a list of the varsity squad he would have to turn in the names of about 35 men. The men on the squad are working for places all the time. If a man weakens in a meet the next contest will see another ready to take his place. It keeps everybody fighting, either to hold his place or to replace somebody above him.

Freshman Second String Harriers Run at Arlington

High School Meet Today Opens Season For Scrub Squad

The frosh cross country squad is having as busy a time this week as the varsity. Two runs are scheduled, the second team meets at Arlington High School harriers at Arlington today while the first string runners go to Worcester.

Arlington has a strong combination of harriers and the frosh will have to hustle to obtain the scoring positions. The first year runners who are entered in the race today have had very little opportunity to compete this fall and hence they will use this run in the nature of a practice race.

Gymnasts Get in Shape For Winter Meets

Team Fortunate With Large Number of Veterans on Hand

ROPE CLIMBING ADDED TO ENGINEER EVENTS

Although quite a few of the varsity men did not show up, the gym team got off on a flying start at the first practice of the season, held Monday night. A number of last year's men that reported spent the evening in polishing up on the old stunts and breaking in the new candidates. The system of training has been modified somewhat this year so as to give the new men a chance to find the apparatus for which they are best fitted. The candidates are given workouts in all the events under the instruction of varsity men and after about a week or more will specialize on the apparatus which they prefer.

The team is especially fortunate this year in having all but one of last year's team on the squad, besides a number of men who have worked with previous teams. Vicinus, captain of the last team, will be missed in the horse event, but his side kicker, Rollo Turner, is coming through in good form this term and is breaking in a few new men. Captain McCoy and Greg Shea will both work on the flying rings again this year, and it is expected that Thompson, who was forced to retire as captain of last year's team on account of strained wrists, will be with the squad again this year.

New Event Added

With the return of Max King and Kenyon, who was with the squad two years ago, the possibilities of some stiff competition on the high bar look especially good, and Ruiz on the parallels is expected to be a point winner again this year. The tumbling squad has both of last year's members back, George Anderson and Sam Caldwell, besides a number of new men who are keeping them busy unwinding the safety belt.

A new event has been added this year with the introduction of rope climbing. This opens quite an opportunity to new men who lack the skill to work on the apparatus, to make the regular team. Every man with some pep can pull himself to the top of the rope, and it takes only regular practice and plenty of it to put him into competitive form.

Tentative Schedule Outlined

Regular practice is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights at 5 o'clock. The management expects to retain Coach Hinks again this year.

A schedule has been prepared for this year which includes meets with Navy, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, and Yale, with Princeton and Army meets tentative. The team will also be entered in the Intercollegiate this year.

About 15 freshmen have reported so far, but the list is still open, although there will be no further opportunity to substitute gym team for regular candidates this term. It is urged that all freshmen who still wish to sign up should come out now and get in on the early practice and then substitute the work for "monkey drill" next term. If a sufficient number of first year men turn out, it is probable that a team would be formed and meets arranged for them.

Although the full varsity squad was not on hand Monday evening, most of the men who did report indicated their intention of eating at the training table.

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