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## SCHOOL TEAM IS WINNER OF ROBINSON DEBATE IN AUDITORIUM

### Splendid Performance is Poorly Attended

#### INTERESTING ARGUMENTS

Last Saturday evening in George Washington Auditorium the annual Robinson Prize Debate was held. The subject was "Resolved: That College Board Entrance Examinations should be abolished" and was debated upon in an extremely interesting and clever way.

Mr. Leonard, presiding, first gave a brief history of the contest and announced the judges. He then introduced Buek, the first speaker for the affirmative on the Philo team.

As first speaker for the affirmative, Buek defined the question as interpreted by himself and his colleagues. He showed how one small group sets the scholastic standards for the entire country and, in doing so, narrows down the various courses to a certain amount of cut and dried work which greatly encourages cramming.

Coburn, the first speaker for the school team on the negative, said that the College Board Examinations maintained a definite scholastic standard. Examinations, he said, tested the student's ability to think quickly and make quick decisions. To pass a College Board Examination, it is necessary for the student to have his knowledge of the subject on tap and ready for instant reference. He said that in this way the College Board Examinations develop self-reliance and the ability to think quickly, two very valuable assets in later life. In concluding, Coburn showed that the College Board Examinations were compiled by a number of eminent authorities and were designed to test accurately the student's mental ability.

C. K. Howard, the second speaker on the affirmative, told how the College Board Examinations made all studies over-standardized and restricted the necessary depth and scope the work should have. Foreign languages, he said, were made into short courses covering a certain amount of cut and dried material and not a habit as they should be. College Board Examinations make the average college preparatory school's curriculum narrow and foolish and do not give the high school student a fair chance, as his courses are more practical and cannot include a certain amount of almost useless material. In this way, he said, many high school students are refused the privilege of a college education to make way for preparatory school students who have been drilled on a certain amount of material.

Hoag, as second speaker for the negative, attacked three probable plans to take the place of the present system. The first of these was the intelligence test which has shown itself not to be a reliable, complete or accurate method of determining a candidate's ability to do college work. Examination by the individual college was the second plan the speaker discussed. This plan makes it extremely inconvenient for the candidate to take the examinations and to prepare for the different types of work required by the different institutions. The third plan he mentioned was the certificate plan which gives the college a poor type of student and in no way proves this student fit for college work.

Rill, the third speaker on the affirmative, asked whether it was more important to get or to stay in

## Calendar For This Week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15  
2:30 Baseball—Harvard Freshmen  
2:15 Tennis—Harvard Freshmen  
SATURDAY, MAY 18  
2:30 Baseball—Dartmouth Freshmen  
2:00 Track—Dartmouth Freshmen  
2:15 Tennis—M. I. T. Freshmen  
2:30 Golf—Harvard Freshmen

## TENNIS TEAM TO PLAY HARVARD '32 TODAY

### Team Much Improved by Changes in Line-up

#### POND TO PLAY

The tennis team is in for a hard fight against the Harvard Freshmen this afternoon. Every one of the matches will be hotly contested and Andover will have to fight for a victory. The Harvard Second team, which beat Andover 7-1, has been defeated at the hands of the Freshmen 8-1. Nevertheless, as a proof that the team is steadily improving, witness the victory over the M. I. T. Freshmen last Saturday by a score of 6-3. Our adversaries only conquered the latter team at 7-2 themselves, winning only one more match than the Blue. The fact that Pond, who has been ineligible up to this point, is now ready to compete will further contribute to a greatly desired win over these strong opponents. Pond will probably play as either No. 1 or 2 man on the team.

There is a great deal of doubt as to who will play on the Blue team, but either Paine or Pond will probably fill the first position with the other in No. 2. Evans will be the third man, McWilliams accordingly moving down to fourth place. All of these men have excellent chances of winning if they are in good shape for the meet. Smith and Neff will probably fill fifth and sixth positions respectively. Thus by the addition of Pond to the team all lower positions profit by gaining the man previously just above them.

In the doubles Paine and McWilliams will undoubtedly pair together as usual. Pond and Neff have been playing together lately and they will probably form the second doubles team. At the present the next best team seems to be Roorbach and Buek but they may yet be beaten. The tennis prospects are beginning to brighten, so that, starting with the meet this afternoon, Andover should emerge victorious from her contests more often than she has done so far this year.

## ANDOVER POLO TEAM LOSES TO DANVERS

### Clark and Lasater Star for Blue

On Tuesday afternoon the Andover Polo team had its first game. Mr. Phillips, who is coaching the team, has done very well with chiefly inexperienced men. In this game the Andover men faced the Danvers Riding Club and were defeated by a score of four to three in a very tense game. The field set off for the sport was in good condition; however, it was a trifle small for play between two four men teams; as a result, the play was very compact. Although An-

## MANY CHANGES IN LINEUP OF BLUE NINE WHICH FACES HARVARD CUBS

### Kimball, Losee, and Mettler at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

#### KING AT SHORTSTOP

This afternoon the Blue baseball team will meet Harvard Fresh in what is expected to be a very good game. Of late, there have been many changes wrought in the Andover line-up because of the recent rating. The infield receives most of the shifts that have resulted. Kimball will move over to first and Jackson will go into the outfield. (King will probably play). At second there is to be a change, and Losee, who has just become eligible, is to fill that position. He is very fast on his feet, and his hitting is not hard but very consistent. It is hoped that he will remove all the previous anxiety concerning that important corner of the infield. The pitcher, as yet, is not certain.

This contest may be considered a very accurate indication as to what may be expected in the Exeter game. The opponents have played many of the teams that we have met, and have done so with a greater degree of success. But because of the changes, Andover need have no immediate fears. Harvard has defeated Worcester quite decisively this year. St. John's Prep, also came away from a contest with them decisively defeated.

The Harvard batting is the strongest point in their make-up. In the recent game in which they defeated Exeter, the batting was a constant threat to the Red and Gray. The infield in the past has shown themselves to be very steady, and they have a reputation for making few errors. The outfield is a strong group of batsmen who are usually effective with their weapons. Their batteries, although good, are not as outstanding as the rest of the players.

The Andover line-up is in no sense of the word certain, but it will probably be somewhat like the following:

ANDOVER	HARVARD
Brown or Trevel, ps. p.	White or Devens
Rogers, c.	c. Sheldon
Kimball, 1 st.	1 st., Fincke
Losee, 2nd.	2nd., Mays
Mettler, 3rd.	3rd., Wood
King, ss.	ss., Vogel
Batchelder, rf.	rf., Des Roches
Allen, cf.	cf., Sprague
Jackson, lf.	lf., Lupien

#### PHILLIPIANA

Every year a group of prizes is awarded in the field of Journalism and Letters known as the Pulitzer prizes. To win one of these awards in a chosen field is an outstanding achievement for any American. The best American novel of the year, the best American play, the outstanding history, the leading biography, and the finest American book of verse are chosen. Journalistic prizes are given for the best example of a reporter's work, the best correspondence, the most striking editorial, the best cartoon, and also an award is made to the paper giving the most disinterested and meritorious public service.

Besides these aforementioned prizes, a large group of scholarships is given. Among these is a scholarship of \$1500 for the most talented and deserving student of music in America. The winner this year is an old Andover graduate—Carl Bricken. The award provides for rather extensive European study and is a splendid opportunity for the young student to gain invaluable learning and experience.

## Potter Prize Notice

One of the more interesting contests of the year is the Potter Prize Contest, which is open to all seniors who are eligible for diplomas. One thing which helps to make the contest appealing is the fact that the competition is allowed to pick his own subject for the essay, provided that it meets with the approval of his English teacher. The essay, of no certain length, must be handed in to the instructor in English of each individual entrant by May 25.

## BASEBALL TEAM DEFEATS CUSHING ACADEMY 10-3

### Hitting Stronger and Fewer Errors

#### BROACA PITCHES

The Andover baseball team made a remarkable come-back last Saturday by trouncing the Cushing team with a score of 10 to 3. So far the team has seemed rather unsuccessful, but it appears as though they are fast returning to a victorious stride. Very few errors were made, and Andover's batting was excellent, however, Cushing in no part of the game was able to bunch their hits because of Broaca's superb pitching. The Cushing team was somewhat handicapped in that their star pitcher, Roberts, had injured his arm and was not able to pitch throughout the entire game. Broaca was in perfect form, keeping the Cushing batters guessing, and made seven strike-outs. He walked no one, whereas five were walked by Roberts and Lippe. Batchelder, who hit a splendid triple, and Jackson were the most reliable batters and contributed towards Andover's victory.

The fifth was Andover's best inning and resulted in five runs. Two more were brought in in the first, two in the second and one in the sixth inning, which brought the total to ten runs. Cushing made two runs in the fourth and one in the seventh inning, these three comprising their total.

## GOLF TEAM DEFEATS WORCESTER ACADEMY

### Sweeps All Matches Easily

The Andover Golf team registered another easy victory, Saturday afternoon at the Andover Country Club, when it overwhelmed the golfing representatives of Worcester Academy to the tune of seven matches to nothing.

Captain Couch and Ellis of the home team shot the best golf of the afternoon, both going around in 71, an excellent score for so early in the year. The only members of the visiting team who were able to put up much of a fight in their matches were Cooledge and Cushman, number one and two men respectively. All of the Andover squad played splendidly and deserve a great deal of credit for their exceptional showing.

The summary:  
Couch (A) defeated Cooledge (W) 3-2  
Ellis (A) defeated Cushman (W) 2-1  
Goldberger (A) defeated Kimbrough (W) 4-3  
Lawrence (A) defeated Marting (W) 8-7  
Hayes (A) defeated Fleming (W) 8-7  
Couch and Ellis defeated Cooledge and Cushman 6-5  
Goldberger and Lawrence defeated Kimbrough and Marting 5-4

## ANDOVER WINS HARVARD INTERSCHOLASTIC FOR NINTH TIME

### Finishes 18 Points Ahead of Nearest Rival

#### MOORE TAKES TWO FIRSTS

Last Saturday for the ninth successive year Andover won first place in the Harvard Interscholastic track meet with the remarkable score of 57 7-12 points. Roxbury School was second with 40 3-4 points, largely because of Crowley, who alone scored eighteen points for his school. Worcester, whom Andover will meet in track on May 25, came in third with 39 points, and Exeter was fourth with 26. This is the only meet in which Andover and Exeter can easily be compared, and, if the results prove anything, Andover seemingly ought to come out on top on June 1.

E. P. Moore was Andover's only athlete who won first place in two events, gaining firsts in both the broad jump and the high jump. McDougall, in excellent form, threw the hammer one hundred and fifty four feet to win first place in this event for the Blue. All of Andover's entries, five in number, tied either for first or second in the pole vault in which event Andover earned ten points. French ran a very fast half-mile but was beaten by a foot for second place by a Worcester man. The winner, Bloor of Newark Prep, ran the distance in 1 min. 58 4-5 sec. which ties the record. Although Pew secured only third in the quarter and Duchesne fifth in the mile, both deserve much praise, for the winners of both events were exceptionally good. In fact, the mile was run in 4 m 30 2-5 s. Keesling was beaten by an Exeter man by three feet in the javelin, himself having thrown it 157 feet. Brunner and Captain Houston were also double place winners, although neither got a first. The former took third in the hammer and fifth in the discus, and the latter won fourth place in the javelin and discus. Osborne was beaten in the 220-yard dash by Kollmeyer of Exeter in the last five yards, after he had won his heat easily. C. W. Williamson also had bad luck for he came in third in the 120-yard high hurdles, after winning his heat.

#### CLUB BASEBALL

In a heavy hitting game the Romans again came out on top beating the Greeks 6-5. The Romans took the field first, with Smith as pitcher. After passing the first two men in succession he was replaced by Rugg who finished up the game for him. The Greeks started out with two runs in the first inning. When the Romans came to bat they soon evened up the score and then with Foreman on third Jones hit a three bagger.

At the beginning of the second Rugg missed a pop fly. McClellan, for the Greeks, hit a would-be three bagger but slid out on third and the second inning ended with the score 5-2 in the Greeks' favor. In the next, Kettle made a hit for two bases and soon afterwards made a beautiful slide home. In the fourth Rugg hit four three bases and later came home. At three-thirty, the score stood 5-5 and it was decided to play another inning. The Greeks failed to score. With Kettle on third Foreman hit a two bagger and the victory fell to the Romans.

The Gauls beat the Saxons which makes the Gauls and Romans tie for first.

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**COMMUNICATION**

There is one thing which seems to have missed the eagle eye of the press. It is about that long-standing and familiar subject, the "all-out". Perhaps this is due in a good measure to the prevalent opinion that this subject would be distasteful to the professors, but this is not likely to be so, since all professors are human, and most of them remember that they once were boys.

Not so many years ago, two or three to be more precise, the "all-out" was still a regular institution, an important part of the school tradition. Now it seems to have disappeared for any attempt at imitating such gathering has been done by boys whose House-Prize were absent and has been quickly quelled by some neighboring instructor or else they have wasted their wind in vain on carefully guarded boys. This business of an "all-out" does not seem to be such a terribly criminal act that it is necessary to

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abolish it. The mob-spirit is an emotion natural to any boy, and, under the present conditions, the poor Prep has to bear the brunt of the upper classman's feelings after an athletic victory or in the still existing, but rapidly deteriorating "Prep Parade". It does seem that if Andover has survived for one hundred and fifty years with an occasional "all-out" the abolition of this institution will not serve much to add to the longevity of the school. Among numerous other contests, now extinct, there were the class tugs-of-war. These used to be keenly contested battles, but they have apparently, at some time, met someone's disapproval. Perhaps nothing can be done about this, but it would be well to remember the old adage that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy".  
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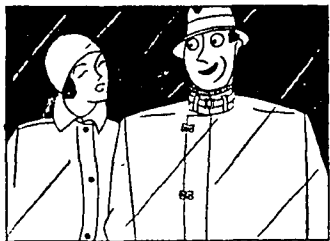
**POLO TEAM LOSES**

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Andover's three points came from a handicap, the team threatened Danvers's goal many times which nearly resulted in points. The play for the first part of the game was in Danvers's territory, but they improved in the latter part, and their teamwork was quite good. For Andover N. Clark and T. Lasater played the best polo and were backed with good teamwork which many times put an end to Danvers's charges down the field. Not many were present at the game representing the student body, but judging from the interest taken in the play their enthusiasm was great, and a large number is expected to be at the next game.

Although Andover entered the last period with one point in the lead of Danvers, the score was soon tied after an exciting run down the field. With the score tied the play was very close, and neither team gained supremacy until Danvers started playing better, and threatened Andover continually, and within the last few minutes A. Mason, Jr. made the winning point.

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college. Strict mathematical marking, he said, makes a student nervous and overlooks the student's general ability. He also showed how unfair and inaccurate the present method of marking is and how a mere mathematical figure may prevent a student from going to college. The speaker approved of the certificate plan and said that it brought out the student's general ability. He concluded by saying that it was more important to be able to do college work than to be able to pass a few examinations.

Inglis, the last speaker for the negative, discussed in detail a plan put forward by Dr. J. G. Lester of the Hill School. Dr. Lester's plan is an elaborate system of psychological tests designed to rate the student's all-round ability. The speaker showed how inaccurate these might be and how complex the system was. He mentioned the fact that even Dr. Lester himself did not think we were ready for the plan.

After this final speech the debaters were given ten minutes to prepare the rebuttals.

Coburn, giving the rebuttal for the negative, refuted the argument that the examination papers were inaccurately and unfairly read and said that if there was any doubt the paper was reread several times. He said that all recognized subjects were examined upon by the College Board and that the brilliant student had a chance to get high marks and thus distinguish himself. College Board Examinations,

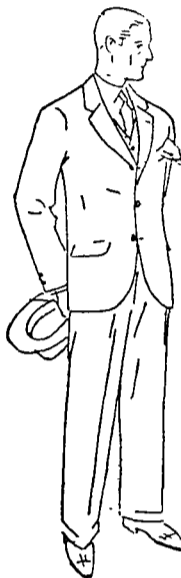
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he said, keep out the unfit high school students and give the colleges the type of students they want.

Rill gave the rebuttal for the affirmative. He again showed that the examination was merely a snapshot of the student's work and was of no practical value. Quick thinking, he brought out, is not fostered by examinations.

The decision went to the negative side taken by the school team composed of Inglis, Hoag, and Coburn, with Wood as alternate. The Philo team was composed of Rill, C. K. Howard and Buek, with Sheldon as alternate.

The judges were: Rev. Charles W. Henry, Mr. Irving Southworth and Dr. Claude M. Fuess, all of Andover.

Of the Annual Philo-Forum Debates, which before 1902 were distinct from the Robinson Prize Debates, and which continued until 1914, Forum won thirteen and Philo ten. Of the Annual Philo-School Debates, the first of which was held in 1915, Philo has won seven and the School six. As a result of this last school victory, the series is now a tie, with seven decisions for each side.

F. Weiker and J. Stewart, P. A. '27, and Kieselhorst, P. A. '26, scored points for Yale last Saturday when Pennsylvania defeated the Elis by a small margin. Weiker took third place in the discuss. Stewart took third in the hammer, and Kieselhorst won both the 220-yard low hurdles and the 100-yard dash.

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