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REVIEW of recent concert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., in the Boston Herald said in part: "Twenty-eight well-disciplined and attractively costumed young singers were led by Donald Bryant in a varied program at the Kresge Auditorium yesterday afternoon. The Columbus Boychoir . . . provided Greater Boston with a charming and colorful hour and a half of Sunday afternoon entertainment. The time-honored singing ability of boys and choral precision made for success in the sacred selections. Utmost clarity and perfect diction resulted in a fine realization of the interweaving melodies in motets by Randall Thompson, Lotti and Palestrina. Impersonality that brings about honest religious expression proved a welcome change from the ultra-refined shadings and nuance used by some adult virtuoso choirs in such compositions. The interpretations reflected credit on the musical director, Donald Bryant."

CAMP enrollment promises to reach capacity even sooner than last year's record date, June 1st, if first response to a letter of invitation sent to several hundred prospective campers is any indication. Sent on the same date each year, the letter brought seven applications in 1959 by the middle of March, nine last year and seventeen this year. Most of the recipients of the mailing were boys who have been auditioned during concert tours this year. Boys now in school and those in camp last summer also received letters.

BIRTHDAY of Woody Dixon, 11, was celebrated last Friday.

NEW STUDENT will join the school after the Easter recess. He is Richard Haley of Newfoundland, N.J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Haley. He is just nine years old and in the fourth grade.

CONTRACT has been signed with Decca Records for the production of an album of spirituals and folk songs, the recording to be made sometime before the end of the current school year, probably around May 1st.

CHOIR will appear at the Present Day Club next Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 and after Easter at Huntington, L.I., April 13th; George School, Pa., April 16th; Shippensburg, Pa., April 28th; New York Schoolmasters Club, New York City, May 13th, and at McCarter Theatre, Princeton, May 16th.

SPRING vacation will begin next Friday afternoon, March 24th, following the regular morning session of classes and rehearsal. It will end on Sunday, April 9th, before supper (5:45 p.m.).