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LET'S BOOST SWIMMING AS A BATES SPORT!

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## THE LITTLE THEATRE MOVEMENT AT BATES

The Little Theatre movement came as a direct answer to an urgent demand for artistic and worth while drama. At first a mere protest against commercialism in the theatre, it has become a dominant educational factor in our cultural life. Today little theatres can be found all over the United States: in the city slums, on college campuses, at state normal schools, in the many towns that dot our Western prairies. It is with the dramatic movement in the colleges that we are primarily interested. Outstanding little theatre groups are functioning at Harvard, Oberlin, University of North Carolina, University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin. An interest in the newer aspects of the drama has also been shown from time to time at Amherst, Dartmouth, Tufts, Williams, Clark and other eastern colleges.

Bates is the pioneer college in the state of Maine to establish a little theatre group—the members of which are encouraged to write, produce and act out their own plays in a typical little theatre especially equipped for that purpose. As an organization of students, interested in the newer forms of the drama, the English 4a Players are the outgrowth of a class in the writing and appreciation of drama given by Professor A. Craig Baird of the English department. In May 1922 the first program consisting of two original plays written by members of the group was given and every detail of the productions was handled by the students under the direction of Professor Baird and Prof. G. M. Robinson of the Public Speaking department. The good work was continued at the Bates Summer Session 1922 when three typical little theatre plays were put on.

In December 1922 the **Players** altho as yet unorganized, made a second attempt to awaken an interest in the one act play and gave a program that will long be remembered.

Thru the co-operation of the student body, the faculty and the community, it is hoped that the English 4a Players will be given the support and encouragement that is so essential if a venture of that type that they are sponsoring is to succeed. As a progressive center where the cultural and educational aspects of the little theatre movement are recognized and matured, Bates may well feel that she is making one more contribution to the intellectual and moral life of the community, the state, and the nation.

## SPOFFORD CLUB TO GIVE PLAYS

Original Dramas to be  
Presented April 20

The presentation of plays for Spofford Night, which comes April 20, has recently been announced. Rehearsals are already in full swing and the Spoffordites promise a real treat for all hands.

The first to be presented is a two-act drama: "Carel Learns," written by Erwin Canham '25 and Kenneth Conner '26, both of Auburn. Mr. Canham was a member of the debating team that defeated Oxford, in the International debate held in City Hall, Lewiston last fall, and is known both locally and abroad as a logical and fluent speaker.

Another one-act play also will be staged on the same evening, written by Miss Theodora Barentzen '23, under the name of "The Honor of the Sex."

The casts are as follows:

<b>"Carel Learns"</b>	
Rev. Carel Cash	Walter V. Gavigan '24
Sylvia McLean	Theodora Barentzen '23
Police Com'r Newton Harlmen	Erwin Canham '25
Miss Martha Harimen	Gladys Hasty '25
Anna	Grace Goddard '25
Rev. Israel Goodwin	Herbert Carroll '23

Mortimer Dinnywyddie Seabright, Federal Prohibition Director	Lloyd Hatheway '23
Harry Fahn, assistant	Kenneth Conner '25
<b>"The Honor of the Sex"</b>	
Constance Fielding	Alice Jesseman '23
Jane Raleigh, her friend	Grace Goddard '25
Dick, her brother	Herbert Carroll '23
Bob Martin, his chum	Erwin Canham '25
Father	Carl Purinton '23
Mother	Gladys Hasty '23
Maid	Amy Blaisdell '23

## CLASS DAY SPEAKERS

As They Were Elected By  
Senior Class

The results of the election, held by the Senior Class for the purpose of electing Class Day speakers, were as follows:—

Chaplain	Harold Burdon
Oration	Carl Purinton
History	Marjorie Pillsbury
Address to Undergraduates	James Hamlin
Address to Halls—Campus	Gertrude Lombard
Prophecy for Women	Helen Hoyt
Prophecy for Men	Kenneth Leathers
Farewell Address	Edward Roberts
Pipe Oration	Wesley Hilbourne

**FRESHMAN PRIZE SPEAKING**  
Beginning at 7:40 Friday the Freshmen begin their tryouts for the prize speaking division. The trials will continue thru Saturday and Monday.

## "UNCLE JOHNNY'S" BOOK COLLECTION OPEN TO STUDENTS

3000 Volumes Presented  
To College

Mrs. Roberts and her assistants have completed the cataloging of "Uncle Johnny's" book collection, which was presented to the college library some time ago by Professor Stanton's nephew, Walter I. Woodman, of Newton, Massachusetts.

This collection which consists of some three thousand selected volumes, is now located in the Language Seminar Room of Coram Library. With the anticipated increase in endowment, the library will be enlarged and it is planned to reserve a special room for the Stanton Collection.

This latest addition to the library marks the second notable contribution to the college from the estate of the late Professor Stanton. All local lovers of nature are well acquainted with the professor's wonderful bird collection located on the third floor of the Carnegie Science building. And now comes a contribution that will be appreciated fully as much, by the lovers of the world's great literature.

In looking over the many volumes one has another opportunity of realizing to what an extent Uncle Johnny loved the bird world, for a goodly share of the books have to do with the birds he loved so much. Second to these is the remarkable set of biographies, hinting at a love of the study of those men who contributed great things to the world. Then, there are the art books, beautifully bound in morocco, and which give a wide study of the best in art. Fiction by the standard authors is not lacking, showing unmistakably, that Professor Stanton did not allow his mind to be wholly absorbed in his Greek and Latin but enjoyed tales of romance, adventure, and heroism.

There is also a most interesting collection of scrap books. Scattered throughout these are newspaper clippings of every description, which vouch for the professor's wide range of interest. Twenty remarkable volumes on the drama will serve to give one a new glance into the world of the stage. And these are not all.

Students would do well not to lose much time in making a visit to this study room and looking over for themselves Uncle Johnny Stanton's library. The books may be taken out now under the general library regulations.

## VARSITY LETTER MEN

Will meet in Chase Hall, Monday evening March 26, at 7:00 o'clock sharp. Don't fail to show up.

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## WOODCOCK'S RADIO COURSE VERY POPULAR

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And Thursday

At last! The ideal class has been originated. Mr. Karl S. Woodcock is its inventor and the class will be perhaps the most popular one on the campus. It is a class in the theory and practise of radio. There will be no attendance records kept, no laboratory fees collected and, incidentally, no college credit given. The class will meet in the Physics Lecture Room, 25, Carnegie Science Hall, every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 o'clock P. M.

At the requests of several students Mr. Woodcock began the class which held its first meeting Tuesday March 12. The fact that so many students are now owners of radio sets and that many more have signified their intention to build a set is sufficient reason to believe that the class will be a unique and popular one.

The course as outlined by Mr. Woodcock promises to be interesting both to those who wish to build a set as well as those who wish to get merely some fundamental idea as to the workings of the radio.

For those interested solely in a general knowledge of the subject, the "Why?" of the radio will be discussed. Questions will be answered and a general conception of the new and popular fad will be given.

Those who are desirous of taking up the subject more in detail will be instructed in the mechanics of the radio, with special emphasis laid on the making of various priced sets. Such parts as the condensers and inductances will be made in class and their mechanism explained. Considerable time will be spent on the thermionic vacuum tube and its action as a detector, amplifier and oscillator will be explained. Both telephony and telegraphy will be studied. Mr. Woodcock will give advice as to the kind of set to build and the expense of the various sets.

Mr. Woodcock is especially fitted to give radio instruction, having taken courses in radio while pursuing his graduate work at the University of Chicago.

## INTER-COLLEGIATE COMPETITION

One of the strongest arguments for inter-collegiate competition is the development of a high brand of sportsmanship not only among the players but in the college as a group. Tradition is built up.

For example: Harvard, Yale and Princeton are deadly rivals on the gridiron. So are the four Maine colleges. Yet when the student groups of two of these institutions face each other in the Stadium or elsewhere, the best sportsmanship prevails. Each group tries to outdo the other in sportsmanship, which after all, is only courtesy.

—Tufts News.

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## WHY NOT HAVE SWIMMING TEAM HERE AT BATES?

Proposition Put Forth  
By "Student"

Our college curriculum is not composed entirely of books and the many social functions. Athletic training forms a large and distinctive feature of our program. We encounter rivalry and competition which is an important element in the formation of a cultured individual.

To many this athletic training is found in football, baseball, track, or basketball. However, there are a great number of persons who find themselves incapable of taking an active part on the cinders, or on the gridiron, or on the diamond, whereas they might have some other speciality where they might make themselves conspicuous. We have lately read a plea in **The Student** for a college rifle team, and this time the subject of a college swimming team is being forwarded. We need more sports here at Bates, more representative sports that will reach the entire student body. A swimming team is one step towards the solution of the problem.

Altho swimming is not a recognized sport at Bowdoin, Bowdoin has a swimming team. Last week, in a thrilling dual meet with the Auburn Y. M. C. A. team, they managed to defeat the "Y" team by a 26-24 score. It was something new for Auburn, and the tank-room was packed with spectators, eager to get their first glimpse of a swimming meet. Bowdoin hopes soon that she will be able to put a recognized team into the tank.

Practically every college has its swimming team. You, who read the papers, know this. At Wesleyan it is the most popular sport. And, in the meanwhile, Bates is going to stand-by idle. Fellows, don't you really want a swimming team? Wouldn't you like to see your college represented in the water as well as on the land?

The Auburn Y. M. C. A. would be an ideal place for us to have our meets until our new gymnasium is realized. You may say "Wait until we get our new gym," but why wait? Let's get a jump on the gym, and be already when we do get it.

The college rifle team has been met with unanimous approval by the fellows, but as many have also expressed their desires for a swimming team. So let's get together and push these two projects thru: a rifle team and a swimming team.

## WHAT THEY'RE DOING OFF CAMPUS

Miss Marion Chaffin '24 is attending classes again after having had scarlet fever. Miss Dorothy Clarke '25 expects to be back soon.

Basketball training for the co-eds is once more over. In spite of all the remarks from the other side of the campus we believe we are well repaid for our efforts. Keeping training for the off campus students is a bit more strenuous than for those on campus. To be able to look into the face of a cream pie or home made cake several times a day and not yield to temptation is surely the test of one's will power.

Every one will be glad to hear that Miss Helen Murray ex '24 is much improved in health.

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## THE SMALL COLLEGE

From time to time, in the public press, one runs across articles relating to the comparative value of the large and small colleges. Of course, both have their place to fill in the educational circles of America, but we are particularly fond of the small college.

We noted, some time ago, the following interesting comment in the editorial columns of the New York Herald:

"There are things a small college can give that a larger institution can not. A more intimate contact between students and faculty is possible, and when a college can command the services of men of high character and ability that contact is a privilege which youth later estimates at its true value.

"It is also in favor of the small college that some boys respond to its stimulus more readily than they do to that of the great university. To the small colleges occasionally come boys who tried the university first and who found themselves unhappy there and without direction. The small college often restores their confidence."

The question as to whether or not the doors of Bowdoin should be opened to a larger number of students has recently been aired by our Brunswick friends. The decision has been in favor of the small college. This is as it should be.

When a similar question is brought up at Bates may the small college win!

## BACK THE WINTER SPORT PROGRAM

The present head of the Bates Outing Club is actively engaged in stirring up interest among the Maine colleges for the furtherance of winter sports. So far, the intercollegiate activities along these lines have not been under as close supervision as the other athletic programs.

President Tarr reports encouraging progress. This is a most noteworthy effort and one that will bear much fruit. The proposed conference cannot help but clear the atmosphere and establish the winter sport program on a sure foundation of cooperation and sportsmanship.

It is up to the Bates students to back President Tarr to the limit and give the program whole hearted support.

Bates is leading the way!

The college is indebted to Walter I. Woodman for the Stanton collection of books, which is now open to the public. Mr. Woodman's gift is a splendid addition to the Bates library and one that will be appreciated by all lovers of books.

The girls' basketball series has been full of real thrills. The co-eds have many fine athletes among them who would go great in intercollegiate athletics with other girls' teams. Why not give them a chance?

Boost the swimming team idea!

## JOTTINGS

A COLUMN OF COMMENT

With June only a few months away, the Seniors are beginning to collect material for their theses. How big that word used to sound to us, before we came to college. Now it doesn't seem to have the same fringe of meaning. In the good old days it would send a shiver up our spine but now we have become accustomed to it just as we have to "semesters," "socials," and "Sophomores." Having seen two classes of Seniors fuss and cram and spend the last few hours of the last semester attempting to digest a multitude of facts at a gulp—and after hours at their desks behind locked doors at last emerge, theses in hand, victorious!—Why should we worry? Those who have gone before us have proven that it can be done in two weeks—yes in two short weeks. And yet we are prone to be critical—for two years have made us analytic of the situation. We therefore ask from the standpoint of efficiency and scholarship is it best to write up one's thesis for a degree in such a hasty and haphazard manner? Why leave all of the work until the last lap of the Senior year? Isn't it a good idea to have the subject of one's thesis in mind as early as Junior year and start right in then collecting, digesting and thinking over data. Perhaps if we did this we would arrive at more original view points than most of us exhibit in our graduation thesis and we would not be tempted to be such book parrots. Extensive research is not expected of one working for the A. B. or B. S. degrees but individual, original treatment of subject matter should be required. A thesis should be something more than a paraphrase on what Gibbon has said on the decline of the Roman Empire or Casimir Funk has written on Vitamines. One cannot think thru and around a subject in two weeks and thought above all things should characterize a college thesis. It should be a consensus of what we have acquired thru majoring in a subject and should mean something.

That the students here at Bates are interested in Forestry and are learning a great deal about it, is evident to anyone who visits Doctor Tubbs' class which meets three afternoons a week in the geology room. Forestry, as Doctor Tubbs teaches it, is truly a living science. Thru lectures and classroom discussions the pupils are gaining a real insight into the problems which our country is facing and are at the same time being initiated into a new world of facts which are of economic and cultural importance. To the thirty-five students enrolled in the course, henceforth a tree will be something more than a mere tufted stump replete with branches or leaves growing by the dusty roadside, for as the days slip by they are attaining to the insight that Joyce Kilmer so beautifully expressed in his little poem "Trees." The textbook work in Dr. Tubbs course in Forestry is supplemented and vitalized by individual reports and readings relating to the present day aspects of Forestry and great enthusiasm is being shown by the students who are all doing research work and studying the life history of some particular tree. Later on, when the warm days come, the class will do field work and study the living specimens singly and in groups. On Monday of this past week Raymond E. Rendall M. F. manager of the Bates Forest at Alfred, Maine lectured to the class on The Scope of Forestry. Mr. Rendall has had a wealth of practical experience and will be welcomed by members of the class when he returns to give two more lectures at future dates.

Here is a rather telling point made in a play "The World We Live In," now running in New York: "Some of us imagine we are misunderstood, when the trouble is we are understood by others and not by ourselves."

"And so," read Bess from her book, "they were married and lived happily ever after."

"They did!" exclaimed Mary, eagerly. "Oh, Bess, does it say what kind of a car he bought?"

Richmond Times—Despatch

## OPEN FORUM

This column is for the free expression of opinion on the part of all readers of the Bates Student. Views expressed herein are not, necessarily, those upheld by the editorial policy of this paper.

### ON FRATERNITIES AT BATES

1005 Nevada St. Urbana, Illinois,

Dear President Gray:—

I have recently heard that the question of admitting fraternities at Bates is under consideration. As a deeply interested alumnus I should like to give expression to the serious conviction that to admit them would be a deplorable mistake.

For many years I have been connected with universities where fraternities exist. For five years I was on the faculty, and most of that time chairman of the committee on student activities, at an institution of moderate size where Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, and Beta Theta Pi originated, and where I suppose that fraternity life is in most respects at as high a level as anywhere in this country. About thirteen years ago—after coming here—I was initiated into one of the best of the fraternities, Delta Upsilon—the only instance that has come under my observation in which a faculty-man has been made a regular member of a national fraternity. I think that I know the advantages and the disadvantages connected with the presence of Greek letter societies.

If they are admitted at Bates the result will be that men with plenty of money, except in comparatively rare instances when some visible objection exists, will become fraternity men, while men with scanty funds, if "bid," will usually feel obliged to decline election to membership, and after a few years will rarely be invited to join the fraternities. This result will be mitigated if fraternity houses are kept out, but that is a policy difficult to maintain. In any case the college will be stratified and non-fraternity men, and the thorough democracy which has been a glory of Bates, and the chief reason for her existence will be seriously impaired.

In the second place, the existence of fraternities proves to be an almost insurmountable obstacle to thoroughly vigorous and successful life of literary societies. No one intends this result. But experience has abundantly shown that the decadence of the literary societies may be expected if fraternities are introduced.

The supremacy of Bates in debate would be affected by the decadence of the literary societies, and by the fact which I am about to mention.

In the third place, fraternities, if introduced, will have a powerful influence in defining for the student body what constitutes success as a college man, and any kind of intellectual activity or achievement will not rank first in this standard of success. A college spirit which defines ideals of personality and scholarship and makes them socially powerful is the greatest asset of a college. To allow fraternities to introduce a social power which will define and enforce standards of an immature and instinctive sort.

The fact that while a professor I have been initiated into a fraternity, that I have three sons who are fraternity men, and that for years in a university where a student council existed I was the one faculty man annually elected by the students to sit with the student council, may be taken as evidence that I am not out of sympathy with the student point of view. And from that point of view, as sometimes expressed by students themselves, all of the considerations which I have mentioned appear worthy of consideration.

In an institution where fraternities exist one should enter heartily into their life and help to make the most of their advantages and to minimize their disadvantages. But in an institution where they do not exist he should, in my judgment, oppose their introduction. In an institution having nine thousand students and no men's dormitories, where there are more than a hundred fraternities and sororities, many of them with houses worth from thirty to seventy-five thousand dollars, it might be absurd to advocate the abolition of fraternities, (though in one state having such a university their abolition by law has been advo-

## SPORT NOTES

JOHN F. O'CONNOR, Editor

Did you enjoy the interclass games?

Sorry we had to go to press before the results could be obtained for publication.

How about that rifle team? Has Mr. Woodward's plea been in vain? From the comment it has stirred up, we think not.

Does that article on a swimming team interest you? If you lack speed in the water, a good endurance test may be more to your taste. How about Water Polo?

If you have any athletic ability, don't fail to support your college baseball and track team. If you have, prepare to support them when they go on the field.

Athletic competition is at a standstill at present, but it is less than a month to the first baseball game on schedule, and slightly over a month to the Penn Relay Carnival.

It's none too soon to start saving your pennies for the intercollegiate track meet at Orono. The catalogue credits Bates with 578 students so there is no reason why at least 500 would be too many to expect to back up "Cyk" McGinley and his team.

About the time baseball and track get in full swing, Arthur Scott will have his men taking their spring football practice.

And "Eddie" Roberts will be raising a racket with his tennis team.

Then it won't be so hard to fill this column.



He stood by her,  
She stood by him;  
His arm was long,  
Her waist was slim;  
You guess of course  
What happened then?  
(Girls will be girls,  
Men will be men!)  
Since love is sweet,  
And life is young,  
No wonder they  
Together clung.  
And tho we hate  
This tale to mar;  
They clung to straps  
In a crammed street-car.

Ex.

As one of the local citizens was heard to remark: "No matter how hungry my horse may be, he won't eat a bit."

I often stop to wonder  
At fate's peculiar ways,  
For it seems that all our famous men  
Were born on holidays.

"That's more crust than I can stand," said the man in the one-arm restaurant as he pushed his apple pie to one side.

Now I lay me down to rest,  
Before I take tomorrow's test,  
If I should die before I wake,  
Thank God, I'll have no test to take.

Ex.

"One of them city fellows tried to sell me the Woolworth building."

"What did you say?"

"I said, 'All right, young fellow, wrap it up!'"—Judge.

ated) but the reasons against their introduction in a college where they do not exist appear to me convincing.

I hope that such a letter as this will not seem like an unwarrantable intrusion, but that it will be attributed to the sincere interest in my alma mater by which it is in reality prompted.

With heartiest good wishes,

Very truly yours,

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#### JUNIOR AND SENIOR GIRLS ARE VICTORS

Although the basket-ball games were rather late in being played off this year, there was an unusual amount of interest shown Tuesday afternoon when the interclass series started. Each team was backed by a large cheering section. The Juniors defeated the Freshmen by a score of 11-6 in the first game of the afternoon. The score got to the close point of 7-6 at one time but Vivian Milliken, right forward on the Junior team, came to the rescue with two more baskets.

1924  
C. Barratt L. G. B. Wright L. G.  
M. Ulman R. G. M. Lombard R. G.  
D. Lamb C S. Benson C  
M. Stevens S C V. Ames S C  
V. Milliken R. F. Capt. Hanscom R. F.  
Capt. Bannister L. F. R. Heald L. F.

In the first half of the game E. Powers substituted for C. Barratt. Referee Miss Davis, score-keeper, Nellie Milliken, time keeper Marion Chick.

In the second game of the afternoon the Seniors defeated the Sophomores by a score of 22-12.

1923  
E. Roberts L. G. D. Hoyt L. G.  
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N. Whiting S. C. B. Jordan S. C.  
H. Hoyt R. F. A. Gordon R. F.  
G. Lombard L. F. M. Riley L. F.  
Referee, Dean Niles, score keeper, Ruth Barber.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The annual banquet and business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Wednesday evening in Fiske dining hall. The very delightful dinner was served amidst decorations of the Y. W. colors. Nominations for the officers of next June were then voted upon. The reports of the several committees, and the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were accepted. Adjournment of the meeting was signaled by the singing of—"Follow the Gleam."

The Misses Marcia Wallingford and Bertha Mayberry '23 recently entertained a group of friends at a luncheon and card party at Room 4, Rand Hall. Those enjoying their hospitality were Norine Whiting, Mabel Plummer, Hazel Prescott, Alta Harris, and Theodora Barentzen.

#### ENTRE NOUS

Entre Nous met in Rand Hall gymnasium Thursday evening March 15. A short business meeting was held after which the following program was presented:

- Scene from Penrod Lois Sawyer, Eleanor Smith and Erma Andrews
- Instrumental Trio Katherine Worthley, Wilma Carl and Ruth Flanders
- Scene from The Courtship of Miles Standish Betty Stiekney and Sally Benson
- Irish Jig Caroline Stackpole and Erma Andrews
- Scene from Uncle Tom's Cabin Aurelia Griffin, Ruth Chesley, Aurelia Wentworth and Ruth Heald
- Scene from As You Like It Eleanor Sturgis, Elizabeth Smally and Marion Hall
- Instrumental Trio Katherine Worthley, Wilma Carl and Ruth Flanders
- Refreshments were served.

It is hoped that more town girls will attend the next meeting which is scheduled for April 2. Entre Nous is for all Freshmen girls—not just the ones who live in the dorms. Do come!

#### IN HONOR OF AN AVERAGE MAN

The following article is reprinted from the editorial column of a recent issue of the *Boston Herald*:

"In college he had an average standing of B plus, but he failed to make Phi Beta Kappa.

On the gridiron he played four years with the scrubs, but he did not make the varsity.

In college he took part in all the important student activities, but he never was president of a club.

The war with Spain came while he was still in college; he volunteered. He took a postgraduate degree in medicine and entered the medical corps of the United States army. In the world

# COLLEGE BASEBALL SEVERELY CRITICIZED AS PLAYED TODAY

### More Careful Selection of Umpires Suggested by Prominent Sporting Writer

Intercollegiate baseball needs a more careful selection of umpires, and it needs these umpires regulated, endorsed, then backed to the limit by some strongly organized official body corresponding in its every function to the Central Board of Football Officials.

Ardent believers in baseball as the cleanest and finest of all outdoor games may be shocked to learn that the committee of college professors appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to investigate and comment upon the collegiate game recently stigmatized it as the most unsportsmanlike activity of the entire collegiate category.

The official professional mind revolted at the spectacle of the college pitcher, a clean, fine youngster of twenty years or so, being forced to stand alone and unsupported in the center of the diamond and take the jeers, the hooting, and sometimes the personal abuse hurled from bench and grandstand in order that the home team may profit by his discomfiture and sneak the winning run across.

As a brake to this sort of thing, the committee proposed a series of minor but worrisome penalties. A strike will be called upon the batter, if he or his team mates jeer the pitcher, according to the recommendations, and in case the defensive team opens fire on the batter in an unsportsmanlike manner, the batsman is to be credited with a ball, for each offense.

This program, it seems to me, misses the entire point in question. The real way to meet this evil is to define unmistakably the duties of the umpire, and to insist that he keep the contest on a plane consistent with the college code of sportmanship.

Only a few years back, lovers of the great game of the gridiron, realizing that the future of their sport was in the balance, began to pay especial attention to the class of men officiating in college football games. Under the sponsorship of the Central Board of Football Officials, the game has been lifted in a few years to an unchallengeable plane. All officials working the "big games" are thoroughly examined by this board before it gives them its official sanction, and once it has placed upon them the stamp of its approval, the organization backs them to the limit. A notable case occurred at Philadelphia last fall when Pennsylvania tried to discredit Dr. Eddie O'Brien because of a close decision he was forced to make in the Penn-Navy game. The Central Board backed Dr.

war he went to the aid of a wounded man and was killed. He was awarded the croix de guerre after his death.

To this man, Capt. David Thomas Hanson, Northwestern University unveiled a tablet a few weeks ago. In his tribute to this fine and faithful character the president of the university made the points recited above, how Hanson played football year after year without ever hearing his name at the end of a college cheer, how he "plugged away" at his studies without ever receiving a "high stand" award, how he simply did his duty always and everywhere.

He was an excellent example of the average man. There are a multitude of such men in this country. We respect them. We love them, just as Hanson was respected by his associates, "generous, persistent, self-sacrificing." If they get few cheers fortunately they do not look for cheers. They are average men; they are the firm foundation for our achievement as a nation. Think a moment over the significance of these lines placed at the bottom of Hanson's tablet by the alumni of his university: "He played four years on the scrub—he never quit."

O'Brien and forced Penn to accept him as referee the following Saturday as they had previously contracted to do. This co-operation allows a football official to "call 'em as he sees 'em" without fear or favor. He knew that he will be backed to the limit in case of argument.

But to consider the matter of personalities and general low sportsmanship on the college diamond, the causes originate in a slightly different quarter. It is allowed to color the sport simply because the majority of the college umpires are not familiar with the college code of sportmanship.

One of the professors at the N. C. A. A. meeting stated on the convention floor that in watching college baseball for thirty years, he had never seen but three college umpires who knew the difference between decent and abusive language. This may be a slight exaggeration, but the basic charge is true.

Consider football again for a moment. Practically every Central Board official is a college man, or a man who is familiar with the code at any rate. This is not true in the case of the average college umpire. They are usually graduates of the professional or the semi-professional baseball leagues, and more often than not, have never had occasion to watch the college way of doing things.

This is not an argument to the effect that a man who has not attended college doesn't understand the true meaning of sportmanship. Nor is it an argument that every college man is a true disciple of sportmanship.

But the fact remains that college men, handling college athletic contests, have been able to hold these contests to a higher plane than have men who have had no occasion to observe firsthand the college modus operandi.

The deduction is obvious. Interest college man, or men, at any rate, who understand the college code in college baseball from the official angle, back them with a strongly centralized body in order that they may be fearless in their decisions, insist that they maintain the splendid spirit of friendly rivalry that is supposed to characterize the real college contest, and assure them that nothing else will be tolerated. Only then will the objectionable features of the collegiate diamond game automatically right themselves naturally and easily.

William Cunningham—College Sports Editor of The Boston Post in "Intercollegiate Athletics."

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**CLASS OF 1924 ELECTS ITS IVY DAY SPEAKERS**

Juniors Hold Important Meeting

The Junior Class at an important meeting held last Monday noon elected the following speakers for Ivy Day: Samuel M. Graves, Toastmaster. William E. Young, Class Orator. Richard Stanley, Toast to Co-eds. Edward W. Raye, Toast to Faculty. Donald Rice, Toast to Athletes. Mildred Lincoln, Toast to Men. T. Randall Menneally, Presentation of Class Gifts. Elwin Wilson, Chaplain. Vera Eldridge, Class Prophecy.

**DUE RECOGNITION**

Bates-Oxford Debate is Still Center of Much Interest

It is no doubt true that Bates College has never done anything greater in the way of real publicity than the exchange debates with Oxford University. Bates paved the way for international collegiate debates. The other colleges on both sides of the Atlantic are following that lead.

Mention of the Bates-Oxford debate held in Lewiston last fall has found its way into the columns of the world's foremost journals. Perhaps no greater recognition was forthcoming than the following quotation from "THE LANDMARK," which is an international publication, recording, as it says, "The progress of the English-Speaking world." The article is as follows:

**INTERNATIONAL DEBATES**

Thanks to the courtesy of Professor Clifton D. Gray, President of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, we have received a very full and most interesting account of the debate which took place there towards the end of September, between the 'debating team' of that institution and the two representatives of Oxford University.

The subject was 'Should the United States join the League of Nations at once?' The Oxford men upheld the affirmative, the Bates men the negative; and though we may regret that the decision of the judges and of the audience also was in favor of the negative, we note that the question contained the words 'at once' and we think we may express the hope that if the wording had been less restricted as to time the result might have been different. The really notable thing about this debate is that it is the first international debate—as Dr. Gray pointed out in a letter to us—ever held on the American side of the Atlantic, and we can see nothing but good in such exchanges, as they give a magnificent opportunity for mutual understanding. Referring to the debate, Professor Gray writes:

'It is, of course, the direct outcome of the visit of Bates to Oxford a year ago. I wish it might be possible for other British universities to follow the example of Oxford in sending over from time to time debating teams to meet similar teams from our own colleges in discussion of topics in which England and America are mutually concerned. I am confident that such visits could be financed with little difficulty. Probably the best time of year for students in your universities would be the early fall, and if this suggestion makes any appeal to you I shall be glad to correspond with you later.'

We shall certainly not lose sight of this important matter.

**SENIOR DANCING PARTY**

On Friday night, March 16, the Rand Hall gym was the scene of a gay dancing party given by the Senior girls. The emblem of St. Patrick appeared on the paper napkins and the clever dance orders. Refreshments, or training rations as they really were, consisted of chocolate ice cream and orange sherbet.

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