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Sport Notes

JOHN HOOPER, Editor

Our attention is centered just at present, upon the Penn Relays. Bates has always performed gloriously at these games. It is always pleasing to a Bates man's vanity to have someone from any of the larger colleges enthuse over the five successive championships credited to a little college "down in Maine"—and to be able to wiggle his ears in glee and jauntily exclaim—"Look me over, I'm from Bates, the place where Chet Jenkins and his royal relay racers hang their hats when they ain't out tying the can to the championship hopes of other colleges and universities."

It is not a well-oiled machine, as in former years, that is sporting the Garnet at Philly tomorrow. Nor is there an Archibald on this year's quartet. But there are four men with fighting hearts and intestinal fortitude who can be banked on to run the best they know how. The boys believe in themselves and Coach Jenkins is confident that the thrill of maintaining so glorious a reputation as Bates enjoys at the Penn Games will act as a proper incentive to the quartet in tomorrow's races.

With only two hours between the mile relay and the longer four mile event, a victory in the latter hardly seems probable—though highly possible. Wills and possibly Wakely, in doubling up in these two events, are facing a bitter assignment. Wills, a racing machine anyway, can be depended upon—but Wakely, a newcomer to the racing game and only a youngster, is very much of a gamble. A win in Class C, with its exuberant and nervous thrills, would carry him through a good mile. He has it in him. Wardwell and Brown will rate with the second and third runners on any of the four mile outfits. Ward is also making the trip and should be in shape for a fast mile if the strain of the quarter proves too much for Wakely. However, a win in this event would surprise even the most ardent Bates supporter.

Art Sager and his pet spear are getting along very nicely together. In the cold breeze of last Friday and all bundled up in his fleece lined and a three days growth, Art hurled the painted stick through 180 feet of balmy air. Just wait till he gets warmed up.

Did you ever hear of a more appropriate name for a Marathon runner than that of the new world champion plunger, Jacky Miles of Nova Scotia? Wonder if he's a sister to the much advertised "Latta".

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Open Forum

Concerning the Lothario and the Co-ed. An epic of "Strange" and "homely" women—not Two in One.

Pop Gunn likes the Bible; let him read this.—A long time ago a supposedly wise man said, "The lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is sweeter than oil." The rest is warning. Evidently the youth of Solomon's day had a liking for strange women. The Bates Lothario probably doesn't know it, and most certainly would deny it, but he is very Biblical in this respect. So are we all. There is something in that "strange" that attracts us; it is the ideal just over the horizon, the far off vision that lets our imagination have full swing.

Joseph Conrad said, "Always precious like old love, always desirable like a strange woman." So the Lothario seeks this far off ideal and finds it in Auburn or on upper Main Street. And why not? They are farther away than the campus.

The co-eds are not strange to us. That is, not collectively, though we might mention—but won't.—Anyway, Rand Hall is too near for strangeness; we see it every day. There isn't the thrill of new lands and new scenes. If we lived in Auburn—but we don't. Did the Lothario say 9.30 as opposed to eleven or ten as opposed to 1.30? That explains a lot.

Then who was it that said co-eds were homely? We hope they are—we certainly do! Our friend Webster says—"Homely—kind, homelike, stirring the heart." So maybe that wasn't a slam at all. It means they are homelike—our kind. Of course we want to get away from home for these four years but home is the place we always come back to. Wandering presupposes a starting place and strangeness, something that is known and loved, something "homely."

So, if we find a townie that suits us, she must be our kind, like a co-ed but with the over the hill glamour. She must fit!

But why the fuss, anyway? It isn't where a girl lives but what she has in her stocking and in her head. Its brains and looks and friendliness and when we find these, we don't care if her address is Frye Street or Holland Street.

We are a kind of dumb bunch ourselves. Why not admit that its the

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girl, not the name she's called by, and that our real grievance is against rules, not individuals.

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