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## EDITORIAL ON ATHLETICS AROUSES CO-ED INTEREST

Consensus of Opinion Points to Early Participation by Bates in the More Mild Sports. Many Practical Difficulties Must be Overcome.

There are many things that influence the type of athletics of the college girl; it may be intensive or superficial, it may be inter-mural or intercollegiate, it may be both or neither, as decided by funds, time, desire of the students, and primarily, faculty leanings and decisions. As a result the average college has decided upon a developmental and corrective program, making athletics a means to an end, rather than an end in itself.

The greatest objections that physical educators have is illustrated in the high-schools where the girls have no physical examination and the undivided attention of the physical director is given to the chosen team which goes into competition with a "do-or-die" spirit that disregards the social values of the game, being merely a battle to be won at any cost. The centralization of interest in a small group and give every girl a chance to play the game. Such objections are groundless at Bates where physical and medical exams, as well as motor-ability tests eliminate such dangers.

Dean Pope well-expressed the viewpoint of physical educators in saying, "I do not feel a superwoman physically should be the aim of educational institutions; among its aims should be a system whereby every woman will be brought to the highest point of physical efficiency possible for her. All sports should be selected with a view to the (Continued on Page Three)

## President Gray Visits J. B. Hall

Discussion Waxes Warm as Varying Topics are Considered

President Gray made a visit at John Bertram Hall late Sunday night for a long council about the welfare of most everything in general; from unlimited cuts to beans at the commons. When he arrived there was a rush to room thirteen, official headquarters of the Hall, and every one made ready for a long serious session. Several uproars of laughter interrupted it, however; for "Prexie" was "one of the boys". Goody's giant corn pipe was the beginning of the fun.

President Gray started the ball rolling by the question: "What's on your mind fellows?" He brought up the plan of unlimited cuts. A vote showed that a majority favored the system. On the subject of chapel, all believed that it should be compulsory; but several suggestions were made for improvement of its services; among them were more music and more outside speakers. In regard to the present program, Prexie said that usually speakers in chapel receive all the attention they deserve.

The discussion on the commons was based on concrete evidence. A large sample of the tomato goulash served for supper was on exhibit. "Prexie" examined it with suspicious scrutiny and said that he liked that sort of stuff but others thought that it was hardly useful for eating purposes.

Another concrete example of evidence was the below normal temperature of the rooms which had been prevailing for the preceding twenty-four hours. "Prexie" allowed that he would kick like a steer if he had to live in a cold room.

The last subject to come up was concerned with legal advice in regards to strangers entering to search the rooms. No serious entanglements resulted, however.

The session broke up the day after it began and "Prexie" promised to come again.

## SPECIAL CHAPEL PROGRAM TUES.

The annual Christmas Service of the college choir is to be held next Tuesday morning in Chapel.

The program for this service consists of:

1. Violin duet.
2. Pastoral Symphony from the Messiah.
3. Choir selections.
  - A. Holy Night.
  - B. In excelsis Gloria. (An old French Noll).
  - C. Come Near Ye Nations Watson
4. A vocal solo.
5. Vocal Quartet.

"There Dwelt in Old Judea" by Griggs.

## Deputation Team Goes on Season's First Trip

There are on our campus many athletic teams which seem to be an important factor in college life and which gain much recognition; but yet, there is another team which is very important, and, although it does not gain as much of our attention as the athletic teams, it deserves its proportional share of honor. This is the Deputation Team.

For the benefit of those who do not understand what this team is, it might be well to say that it consists of a group of young men who are interested in the work of the church. These young men go to the churches in the neighboring towns, where they spend the week-end. The first day, group conferences are held, followed by a social in the evening. The team conducts the church services on Sunday, returning to the campus Monday morning.

A meeting of the team was held Tuesday evening with "Doc" Finnie and the members who are to go to Monmouth this week end were selected.

## Will Give Xmas Pageant Sunday

Florence Hancock Directs Cast of 20 Players

Under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s a pageant of the nativity written by Mildred Emily Cooke and entitled "The Adoration of the Kings" will be presented in the college chapel next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The cast contains about 20 persons including Prof. and Mrs. Harms in the roles of Joseph and the Madonna.

Miss Florence Hancock is director of the pageant and Miss Marion Brown has charge of the costumes. The college choir will sing two anthems under the direction of Prof. Seldon Crafts. At the service a collection will be taken for the Armenian relief fund.

## DEAN POPE MAKES SERIES OF TALKS TO SENIOR GIRLS

Thursday evening Dean Pope spoke to the senior women on the topic "Personality with reference to obtaining a position after graduation". Dean Pope wished the women to realize, as they will soon be seeking positions for next fall, the importance of a pleasant personality, in reference to business.

Katherine Thomas, in charge of the meeting, explained that, because of her long experience in personnel work in Washington, Dean Pope is well-fitted to speak on the subject.

Tonight, Dean Pope will give a second lecture "How to write a letter of application" explaining just what a desirable letter of application should contain.

Last year Dean Pope gave similar lectures to the graduating women, which proved so valuable that the present senior girls persuaded her to speak again.

## Freshmen Elect Class Officers

Samuel Kilbourne to Head Class. Muriel Beckman Vice-President

The Freshman elections were completed last week. The plan followed was slightly different from those of previous years and worked very successfully. The Student Council president, Jim Baker, called the class together early in the week for nominations for each office. A list was posted and an opportunity was presented for discussion of the merits of the nominees. Some signs of electioneering were in evidence and competition was keener than in previous elections.

The vote was cast on Friday and Saturday, members being elected by a majority vote. The list of officers is: Kilbourne, president; Beckman, vice-president; Adams, treasurer; Parsons, secretary.

Kilbourne, the newly elected president, was a member of the Freshman football team this fall and is working for a place on the track team during the winter. He won renown at the Freshman initiation by the way in which he stood for what he believed to be right. The seniors taught him a lesson, it will be remembered, but he apparently still has ideas of his own and ought to be a competent leader for 1930.

The other officers are all prominent and well liked members of the class and should be able to work together for a successful year.

## DEBATING NOTES

Five men are to spend their Christmas "vacation" at Bates, preparing for debates which are to take place directly after the holidays.

Ralph Blagdon '28, and John Davis '28, are to meet men from Leland Stanford University, Berkeley, California on January 5 in the Bates Chapel. They are to take the negative of "Resolved: that we have more to fear than to hope from science".

The other team, consisting of Fred Googins '27, Charles Guptill '28 and Oswald Brown '28, are to study the negative of "Resolved: that the jury system should be abolished". They will meet the University of Pennsylvania on January 7 or 8, and probably Columbia University at New York on the other date.

## INTERMURAL CARNIVAL IS TO BE HELD AT BATES FEB. 12

Association Promulgates Rules which are to be Used at Each of the Carnivals. Arthur Brown of Bates is Elected Secretary Winter Sports Union.

**NEW MEMBERS PUBLISHING BOARD**

Pres., Walter Ulmer '28; Vice Pres., Stillman Hobbs '28; Sec., Martha Coombs '28; Treas., Prof. R. R. N. Gould; Men's Undergraduate Representative, Lewis Foster '28; Women's Undergraduate Representative, Helen Abbott '28; Faculty Representatives, Mrs. Blanche Roberts, Mr. Russell McGown.

## Classes Battle for Championship

Varied Program Provides Competition for all the Students

In keeping with the extensive "Athletics-for-all" program outlined by Athletic Director Cutts, for the coming winter, a two day interclass track meet will be held in the cage this week end. Owing to the lack of time, only two intra-mural events have been scheduled, but they, the tug of war and the inter-dormitory relay race, are expected to bring out a record number of non-track team contestants.

The Wells Sporting Goods Co. has kindly offered a championship banner to the class winning the greatest number of points in the two-day program. The rosters of each class are requested to group themselves in the corners of the Athletic Building as follows: N. W., Seniors; S. E., Juniors; N. E., Sophomores; S. W., Freshmen.

- The program:
- Field Events. Dec. 10. 3.30 P. M.
  - Shot put 35 pound weight
  - Broad jump Discus throw
  - Track and Field Events. Dec. 11. 2.15 P. M.
  - 40 yard dash. Trials. (First two qualify.)
  - Mile run. Start East Side, finish West side. 10 1/4 laps.
  - 40 yard dash. Finals.
  - 45 yard high hurdles. Trials. (First two qualify.)
  - 300 yard run. Start East side, finish South side. 1 1/4 laps.
  - 45 yard high hurdle. Finals.
  - Tug. of war. 20 men on team. Sen. v. Jun., Soph. v. Fresh., winners in finals. Two minute pull each match.
  - 600 yard run. Start East side, finish West side. 3 1/2 laps.
  - 40 yard low hurdle. Trials. (First two qualify.)
  - Interdormitory relay. 6 men to a team, each man running one lap. (E. Par., W. Par., J. B., R. W., Off-campus. All track men barred.)
  - 40 yard low hurdle. Finals.

## Googins and Wills Attend Conference

Representatives of practically all the eastern colleges gathered at Wesleyan University on Dec. 3, 4 and 5 for a conference which was termed an Intercollegiate Parley on American College Education. Two delegates from each college, the president of the senior class and the editor of the college paper, were invited. Allison Wills and Fred Googins represented Bates.

Men prominent in various phases of college work were the leaders of the discussions. Robert Frost, the famous New England poet and an Amherst professor led a discussion on "The Manumitted Student." The present all absorbing question of intercollegiate athletics was ably handled by Ernest A. Wilkins, the dean of Chicago University. "What the college students want most" was discussed by George A. Coe of Columbia University, the author of "What Ails Our Youth." Other matters considered were "The College Man's Philosophy" and the nature of a college curriculum. An address on the value of American colleges was given by William T. Foster, the director of the Pollock Foundation for Economic Research. Bishop Francis J. McConnell, author of the 1919 Steel Stocks Report spoke about the value of a college education as a humanizing factor in industry.

At a recent meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Winter Sports Union, the following officers were elected: President, C. R. Parker of Maine; Vice-President, E. H. Rollins of Colby; Secretary, Arthur Brown of Bates; Treasurer, N. L. Green of Bowdoin.

The following dates for the winter sports events were decided upon: Maine Inter-mural Carnival Feb. 5; State Intercollegiate Carnival, Feb. 11, at Brunswick; Bates Inter-mural Carnival, Feb. 12.

A schedule which was to be followed in all the carnivals was promulgated. At every carnival there shall be a seven mile ski cross country race, a two mile cross country race on snow shoes and a snowshoe dash of 220 yards. These three events are to be run off in the morning. The other events are to be a ski jump, ski proficiency, ski mile, and a ski-snowshoe relay race, which shall not be for points. It was further decided that the ski mile race should be mostly down hill.

A method of scoring was decided upon. The first place was to count 5, the second place 3, and the third place 1. Each team that visits is to pay its own transportation and be entertained at the expense of the host college.

For the State Carnival at Brunswick all of the eligibility requirements that affect all forms of collegiate athletics shall obtain in respect to the competitors in this carnival. All other State Carnivals are to be open or free from eligibility requirements.

## Police Pay Visit to John Bertram

Wild Goose Chase by the Lewiston Officers Proves Futile

John Bertram Hall was assailed Saturday afternoon by two innocent, stalwart looking plain clothes men escorted by "Bob" McDonald. They proceeded to invade each room and to examine its contents, making the appearance of insurance inspectors; but nothing was in immediate danger of combustion.

On the contrary they found articles that they considered foreign to the normal contents of certain rooms and proceeded to confiscate them. They discovered more than they could carry of what they wanted and so, instead of calling the fire company, they required the assistance of a few of the occupants of the rooms. They also required the presence of some of these assistants, for a suspicious reason, at a centrally located station in the city (not a gas station). Nothing momentous developed except that the invaders discovered that they had apparently disregarded the rights of Upright, normal citizens of the United States of America by searching property without a warrant. Although the officers of the law seemed to have incriminated themselves, those offended did not bother to take action against them.

The beginning of the story was in the disappearance of certain, distracting, paraphernalia commonly found on most city streets. But the officials, doubtless with good intentions, failed to take cognizance of the fact that Bates' students have been, undividedly, so absorbed in their studies and the galaxy of student activities, that the disappearance of such scene-marring articles could not possibly have entered their heads. Of course some things fall to them, perhaps by chance.

## ENTRE NOUS

The regular meeting of Entre Nous was held in the Rand Hall Gymnasium Monday evening, December 6. President Jeanette Cutts presiding. After the usual business had been transacted, a very pleasing program was given. A piano solo, "Simple Aveu", by Frances Thorne, was played by Louise Bassett. This was followed by a mock class, the parts being taken by the following girls: Olive Hill, Dorothy Small, Grace Hatch, Helen McCaughey, Frances Johnson, Dorothy Hanseom, Charlotte Jewett, Elizabeth Woods, Althea Foster, and Gladys Young. The concluding number of the program was an interesting guessing game, in which all participated.

## NEWELL F. TOWNSEND

Word has been received of the death of Newell F. Townsend, Bates 1926, at Dotham, Ala., Dec. 4, of typhoid fever. Mr. Townsend was sent to that State by the Sunday School Extension Society last summer, and it was there that he contracted the disease.

He was employed in field work under the Congregational Missionary Society in Dale, Geneva, Henry and Barbor Counties.

In college he was a member of the band all four years; Prize Speaking 2; Cosmos Club 4; and member of Deputation Team.

Mr. Townsend was always held in high esteem among the faculty and his fellow students. As quoted from 1926 Mirror:

"It is said that some men are born good natured, others acquire it, while others have it thrust upon them.

Surely Newell must belong to the first class, because ever since we have known him, he has been a good natured sort of chap. Newell has shown himself to be a capable scholar"

## Debate Australian Team next Thursday

Section to be Reserved for Bates Students

The Australian Debate is to be held at City Hall, at 8 P. M. on Thursday, December 16. Fred Googins '27, Charles Guptill '28 and Oswald Brown '28 are to take the negative of "Resolved: that democracy has proved a failure." They are to present an entirely new case from that given at the Cambridge Debate in Portland on the question "Resolved: that democracy is a mistaken ideal."

There are to be no reserved seats at City Hall next Thursday, but good sections will be reserved for students and faculty. An admission fee of fifty cents is to be charged.

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## EDITORIALS

### NEWELL TOWNSEND

The recent news of the death of Newell Townsend '26, comes to all as a great shock. So soon as come a break in the ranks of the class of 1926. Newell made many friends during his four years here and he is remembered as an earnest and devoted student. Those who came to know him intimately will remember his friendship and sincerity of purpose in life. He had chosen a noble calling. We, the undergraduate body, join with the faculty and alumni in expressing our sorrow for the loss of one whose friendship and life will be keenly missed.

### ADIEU

For the last time the present Student Board has the pleasure of editing the Student. During the past year we have endeavored to produce a paper worthy of your approval. We have aimed to include news of importance and interest. As the time to give up our work approaches we are more conscious than ever of the many mistakes which have been made. Were we to continue we might profit by them and accomplish several improvements.

The old order changeth however, and to the New we must look for improvements. As we tried to profit by the mistakes of our predecessors, so may the new board profit by ours. To the members of the new Student Board we extend congratulations and best wishes for a successful year.

### REFLECTIONS

The following are a few ideas expressed at the Intercollegiate Parley recently held at Wesleyan. The editors and Senior class presidents from most of the New England colleges and universities were in attendance.)

More Freedom! The manumitted student was the theme of the remarks of Robert Frost who spoke at the parley. That the history of education reveals a long process of "freeing students" was the opening remark of the poet. The trouble with students today is that not enough of them are putting two and two together themselves. They have been trained to study, assimilate, and reproduce the works of others in a class. Students should be freed from this prevailing idea in col-

leges and given more opportunity to think and be original in their ideas and work.

"The way to study," remarked the poet, with somewhat of a twinkle in his eyes, "is not with a book open in front of you. Study with it behind you." This isn't quite the same idea of some people, that the way to study is without any book at all.

What do college students want? Everything. That was about what we gathered from a discussion upon this topic. There was a united sentiment, however, that there were too many compulsory features in college today. Students have their course mapped out for them too much. If they are to be "cultured" they must take a spattering of this and they must have a bit of the other. A philosophy professor can't conceive of a college man who hasn't studied philosophy. A language professor insists that students must have a knowledge of his subject. And so the battle of the "interior" progresses.

Lindsay, a former student of Oxford and international debater of renown, was heard to remark, "I can't understand how any professor can compel a student to attend his lectures. At Oxford we selected the lectures and classes that we enjoyed. If a professor couldn't make his subject interesting we just didn't go." There is some food for reflection in this thought. We are frank and bold enough to remark that if such a system were adopted here that the students would not be the only ones who might find themselves alone sometime.

Doctor Bode, speaking of "A College Man's Philosophy of Life" said that thirty years ago the student looked at the Universe subjectively but that today he looked at it objectively. He also declared that we can only interpret the past in the light of present day discoveries.

In commenting on "Intercollegiate Athletics" Dr. Earnest Wilkins, of Chicago University said, "the greatest evil was the distortion of values in the minds of students, alumni, and administration officials." He declared that the football season resulted in a lowering of the standards of scholarship.

We noticed with considerable interest the following news item which appeared in the last issue of Boston University News: "Now that the debating team has carried off the hypothetical intercollegiate championship of the United States and Great Britain—" In no way do we desire to detract from the prominent position in which Boston University debating teams find themselves. It occurs to us that their use of the word "hypothetical" championship is a fine use of the word. We wonder what is the condition involved in their argument. To the front, debaters! Find the fallacy and win the five dollars!

### SODALITAS LATINA

Sodalitas Latina was held Tuesday evening, December 7, in Rand Reception Room. This was a celebration of the Roman Christmas feast, the Saturnalia. An interesting feature of the evening was the special table in the dining room decorated in keeping with the Saturnalia. Prof. and Mrs. Fred Knapp were guests.

Following the dinner an interesting program was carried out around the open fire. Hester Ordway gave glimpses of "The Roman Day", Amanda Poore of "The Roman House", Lucille Toothaker of the "Roman Dress". All the joys of the Saturnalia were told in a fascinating sketch by Mary Geary.

A Latin play "Saturnalia" was given, also. The cast was:

Geta, most clever of the servants, Elizabeth Eaton  
Bellus, most beautiful servant, Ella Hultgren  
L. Calpurnius, master, Shirley Gilbert  
Hector, greatest of the servants, Lucille Hicks

Boadix, cook, Florence Hancock  
Prof. Knapp gave a short talk on the benefits of Greek to Latin teachers, the reading of Pliny to High School students to create interest; modern "made" Latin profitable in High Schools; college requirements in Latin; and the value of "The Classical Investigation". Then followed an open discussion on problems of Latin teachers.

## Intercollegiate News

B. A. LANDMAN, Editor

### MORE COLLEGIATE COMMENT

Here's Prexy with the Big Guns! In no less radical a magazine than "The World Tomorrow" appears the name of Clifton Daggett Gray, President of Bates College, 1926—along with Woodrow Wilson, Abraham Lincoln, Pilsudski, and the no less prominent Mussolini with their respective views on Dictatorship and Democracy. Here is his statement, for the benefit of the few who by chance have failed to read it. "If we are to escape bondage of the mind, we must hold fast to the great American tradition of political liberty. This means freedom of opinion and unhindered public discussion. Have we a Bolshevik among us? Let us provide a Hyde Park or Boston Common for him in every city. It is only pent-up propaganda that possesses explosive possibilities." Not so worse, eh?

Freshmen Rules for the Whole of Us. The following rules were posted recently by the faculty of a small college in Kansas for the regulation of Student morals: "No dresses shall be worn to college which are shorter than six inches below the knee." I would like to add at this point that these rules are not endorsed by the writer of this column.

"Use or possession of lip-sticks or rouge on school campus is prohibited." "Wearing of belts by boys is prohibited, their use to be supplanted by suspenders."

Colby Follows Us! "The Colby Echo" takes cognizance of the fact that our President strolled into Parker for a bull session and the writer dropped the remark "that they do not suggest a presidential visitation into the cloistered depths of Hedman, but it's an idea". Colby may yet follow in our footsteps.

Do you believe it? Bowdoin and Tufts are to try to decide in a debate to be held soon whether the most of the undergraduates in our colleges and universities are wasting their time. Perhaps some of us are; it's not for me to say.

Here's another use for Ollie Cutts' proverbial Ivory Soap. Ivory Soap sculpturing has taken the men's dormitories by storm at Antioch College. Models of nymphs and aesthetes are done in mezzo relievo (Is that correct Prof. Britan? I really think I could drag on, with such an extensive knowledge of sculptural terms.) with a cleansing material as a medium. Here's an excellent opportunity for the Fine Arts students to put their academic knowledge into actual practice.

New Debating Advertisement at the University of Maine! During the debate on the Eighteenth Amendment at the University of Maine it is rumored that "there will be high powered exhibits on display, which should interest the male students" (I don't know why they necessarily pick on the male members of the student body—this is my own interpolation). No samples will be given away, however. Aye, there's the rub!

Harvard Too Has Eating Problems. The problem has become so intense that the "Harvard Crimson" has offered a prize of \$50 for the best essay on the solution of the gastronomic question.

News from the Cambridge Debaters. Our friends Herklots, Fordham, and Hutcheson, the Cambridge debaters who debated Bates this fall, defeated George Washington University on the negative of the proposition, Resolved: That this House opposes the growing tendency of government to invade the rights of individuals.

Prohibition and Prexy. "Flask toting, like the use of lip-sticks is rare in this neck of the woods."

President Gray does not believe that the younger generation is a whit worse than his own. This was taken from the Literary Digest for July 10, 1926, page 45, line 6 and on.

Our friends across the Atlantic were not quite so fortunate in the debate against B. U. on the interesting proposition, Resolved: That this House regrets the prominent part played by advertising in modern life.

HERTZOG, '04, PRESENTS COLLEGE WITH RARE COIN. This is a head from "The Lafayette". If Mr. Hertzog has any more of the rarer coin, I am sure that our Bursar would find it not unacceptable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! There will be an important meeting of all the readers of this column in the telephone booth of West Parker Hall. Plans will be undertaken to get a larger number of students to read this column. Our motto will be: FORTY READERS BY XMAS! I realize that this will be a difficult task, but I trust that all four of you will be present at the above-mentioned meeting.  
Thank you,  
Arland Jenkins

## Winter Arrives in Dead Earnest

### Overshoes, Snowshoes and Wet Shoes, Oh Dear!

We're in for another winter! One look out the window Sunday night made any such iteration ridiculous. And now, for the next six or eight months, or even, perhaps, ten months, we are destined to wear those symbols of a Maine winter, the "zyspers" and the "baa-baa"—no, there isn't any use rubbing it in. Everyone is fully conscious of the fact and appreciates his misfortune. That was a good start, though. If only everything could start the way winter started last Monday morning we'd have some fast little college on our hands.

Arising to the occasion, everyone resignedly unearthed last year's overshoes and toque and fared forth to breakfast. To find the snow a foot deep on the level was not so bad; but to try to follow the walk and get off into a gutter fully up to the hips—"Aye! There's the rub." The snow plow did eventually get around, in time so that there was no excuse for not going to classes, and to classes we went. And then, if you had worn overshoes your feet were uncomfortably warm and a sizable puddle of water formed around your feet or, if you didn't wear your overshoes, that same puddle of water formed, this time inside. But that is one of the penalties of winter!

As if a big snow storm wasn't enough, the coldest day of the year was piled right on top of that. None of the usual strollers were noticed on that day. Even the classroom was not proof against this cold snap. Although no one froze his ears while he was listening to a lecture, it was not at all difficult to see one's breath like the cloud of steam from a tea kettle. One class—the rest were not so fortunate—was dismissed after fifteen minutes of attempting to heat the room by other methods than recourse to the radiator. The other classes shivered on. But that is another of the penalties of winter!

Winter is here! And for the bunch who enjoy it, we suppose we ought to be glad. They're in their element now. Snowshoes and skis are fast appearing. It's fine if you can enjoy it, but otherwise it's unpleasant, to put it mildly. However, there is one consolation; all that snow that fell Monday can't fall again. That much of winter is behind us, any way.

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

The Y. W. C. A. meeting this week was given over to an Open Forum. The purpose was to finish a discussion already begun upon in last week's meeting. Some of the problems which have been discussed are those in regard to excessive noise in chapel, the duties of the college girl to her studies versus extra-curricula, and the real meaning of the word "religion". Lillian Stevens was the leader, and Alice Aikens acted as discussion leader.

This was the last regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. for the year 1926, as next Wednesday evening comes the annual Y. W. Bazaar and on Sunday afternoon is the Christmas Pageant in the chapel.

## REPRESENT BATES AT BANGOR CONF.

Eleven from Bates attended the Student Volunteer Conference held at Bangor last Saturday and Sunday. Florence Burke '27, is President of the Maine Union and Ruth Moore '28, is the representative of the western division.

The program of the conference opened Friday evening with a banquet. Meetings and discussions were held Saturday and Sunday. The keynote of the conference was "living the abundant life".

The speakers were Milton Stauffer, a Secretary of the Student Volunteer movement; J. Kingsley Birge, Secretary of the American board; Paul Alden; Miss Ruby Phillips; and Dr. Lincoln of Bowdoin.

The delegates included John Scammon, Edwin Goldsworthy, Richard Frye, George Roy, Florence Burke, Esther Sanborn, Edna Douglas, Hazel Blanchard and Bertha Looke.

## ELECT OFFICERS IN MEN'S DORMS

Officers for each of the men's dormitories have been chosen for the year. West Parker: President, James H. Hawes; V. Pres., Ralph M. Dow; Sec. Treas., Harold R. Duffin.

East Parker: President, Henry P. Hopkins; V. Pres., Gilbert E. Adams; Sec. Treas., James D. Preble.

Roger Williams: President, John H. Scammon; V. Pres., Norman Pratt; Sec., Fred E. Hanscom; Treas., Edwin A. Goldsworthy.

John Bertram Hall: President, Harry W. Snow; V. Pres., John P. Sutton; Sec., Glenn C. Andrews; Treas., Cornelius Turner, Jr.

## Running'em Ragged

KOSHIMI YAMAGIWA, Editor

Friend Harold Smith has just blown in, beaming with the news that Wendall Tetley has made a 141 string in bowling; that El Small has rung up a ten string in billiards. Harold is enthusiastic, is all for an interdorm tournament in bowling, billiards, ping-pong, bridge, horseshoes! He would have Athletic Director Cutts manage the whole affair, award nickel-plated silver cups to the high-scoring dormitories, paste blue ribbons on the shanks of the best qualified competitors.

Irate Roommate has just tossed him out, threatening to wrap a horseshoe around his neck. But, we reflect, Harold's idea is fundamentally sound: how relieving it would be were some of these I-love-me boys put to a proof of their supposed abilities. We doubt, for instance, if the guy next door ever won more than two games of hop-scotch.

December waneeth into winter vacation, and still the basketball court is a nonentity. Coach Cutts promises, however, that the interdorm and interclass games will be held no matter what happens, that arrangements will be made for the use of the Armory if the locker building is not finished by January.

The success enjoyed by the Fresh-Soph track meet is a worthy tribute to the founder of the new athletic building. Bates enjoys, for the first time in her history, winter training facilities excelled at no other college in New England. Ample room for both track and field events, a spacious gallery for spectators, both natural and artificial lighting, excellent heating and ventilating systems—the new athletic building is certainly a material addition to the college.

The athletic office announces that the faculty committee on curricula is conducting an investigation of the college class schedule with an eye on all possible arrangements that will secure and insure maximum usage of the new athletic plant. Some progress is expected from the fact that the schedules of Bates women include fewer laboratory courses than those of Bates men.

Jumping on to specific performances made during Saturday's meet, we note first of all the good work of Wood '29 and Hubbard '30. Both men accounted for one-third of their teams totals. Royal Adams '29, won two middle distance runs, and is regarded as a comer. Long distance men showing excellent form were Cushing '30, Lind, '30, and Chesley '29. Kilbourne '30 in the hurdles, and Coutts '30 in the dashes were two other men who performed creditably.

The interclass track meet of to-day and to-morrow will bring forth the keenest of competition. The mile event, whose entries number such stars as Wills, Wardwell, Brown, Chesley, Cushing, and Lind, will be worth cutting classes—if there were classes—to see.

It is a far cry to the Spring and the baseball season, but the recent announcement of the schedule brings to mind the fact that the next Bates varsity will include an exceptional number of good men. Besides the Small brothers, there are Palmer, Osgood, Chick, Peck, Ray, Jimmie Cole, Al Wiseman, Marston, and a host of others.

## Hold Second of "Y" Box Parties

### Painless Extraction of Cash Proves to be Very Successful

Because the Milwaukee Conference is near at hand and a large amount of money is needed, various means have been used to secure it. For this purpose, Russell M. McGown has given two box parties. The first was held Tuesday, November 30. The party was made up of 14 couples including only juniors and seniors. Each girl brought enough lunch for two and the boxes were auctioned off to the boys. The highest one went at \$2.50 to Edgar Wood who had a tough fight to get Bert's box. During the lunch, the stunts which each box included were acted out. The first part of the evening, games were played; the last part, the guests played cards. The "Y" raised \$12 at this party.

The second party was also made up of 14 couples, all freshmen. The highest price was \$3.00, paid by Dick Hutchinson. It was quite a hilarious party. Games were played and movies were acted out. "Brown of Harvard" and the "Quarterback" were the movies chosen. The football games, played with a huge rubber ball, became so thrilling that a great catastrophe ensued—the ball burst! Games were played all evening and there were no cards as before. \$15 was added to the fund.

## CHRISTEN INDOOR ATHLETIC BLDG. BY FROSH-SOPH MEET

Sophomores Easily Capture Third Interclass Contest. Edgar Wood is Highest Point Winner. First Indoor Meet Brings Out Much Promising Material.

The annual track meet between the Freshman and Sophomore classes christened the new Clifton Dagget Gray Athletic Building last Saturday afternoon. It was the first time that the new structure had been used, and it fulfilled all expectations. There is plenty of room for the 45 yard dash and the short low and high hurdle races. A very close score had been predicted but the Sophomore team, led by its versatile captain, Edgar A. Wood, kicked over the dope bucket and spilled its carefully concocted contents hither and yon. Strength in the field events and second and third places in long distance races piled up an impressive number of points for the Sophomores early in the meet. The final point score was 60-38.

Capt. Wood of the Sophomore team was the high point man of the meet. He won first places in the high jump, high hurdles, and shot put and placed in two other events, scoring a total of nineteen points.

Hubbard, '30, was the man who gathered the next largest number of points. He scored first places in the broad jump and the discus and a third place in the high jump.

Adams, '29 won the 300 and 600 yard dashes easily and in fine time. Giroux, '29, appears to be the best prospect that Bates has had for some time in the pole vault. He cleared the bar in good form at ten feet with scarcely any practice. Cushing and Lind of the Freshman team displayed good form in the long runs; the former won the mile and the latter took first place in the 1000 yard run.

The summary follows:  
45 yard dash, Trial heats. 1st heat: Won by Luce '29; second, A. Cole '29; third, Adams '29. Time 5 sees.

Second heat: Won by Wood '29; second, Hinekley '30; third, J. Cole '29. Time 5 sees.

Third heat: Won by Coutts '30; second, Young '29; third, Hubbard '30. Time 5 sees.

Final heats: Won by Coutts '30; second, A. Cole '29; third, Wood '29. Time 5 sees.

Mile Run: Won by Cushing '30; second, Chesley '29; third, Riley '29. Time 4.58 (4-5)

Pole vault: Won by Giroux '29; second, Paul '29; third, Coutts '30. Height 10 feet.

Shot Put: Won by Wood '29; second, Anthony '29; third, Watkins '30. Distance 35.5.

300 yard dash: 1st heat—Won by Adams '29; second, A. Cole '29. 2nd heat—Won by Coutts '30; second Card '30. 3rd heat—Won by J. Cole '29; second, Lovelace '30.

Final heat—Won by Adams, second A. Cole and J. Cole, all '29. Time 3.6 (1-5).

45 yard high hurdles—Won by Wood '29; second, Kilbourne '30; third, Paul '30. Time, 6.4 sees.

600 yard dash—Won by Adams; second, Costello '30; third, Kilbourne '30. Time, 1.24 (3-5).

1000 yard run—Won by Lind '30; second, Chesley '29; third, Cushing '30. Time 2.42 (9-10).

Broad Jump—Won by Hubbard '30; second, Paul '29; third, Knowlton '30. Distance, 19 feet.

High Jump—Won by Wood '29; second tie between Paul '29, Whittier '30, and Hubbard '30. Height, 5 feet 4 in.

Discus—Won by Hubbard '30; second, Wood '29; third, Anthony '29. Distance, 104 feet.

## Outing Club Has Much Equipment

Chesley to Have Charge of Loaning Material to Members.

The Bates Outing Club is ready for the winter. A large amount of equipment is on hand consisting of skis, snowshoes and toboggans. These are to be loaned to members of the Outing Club upon request.

The material is in charge of Paul Chesley, and those wishing to borrow must communicate with him. Any of it may be kept for twenty-four hours and must be returned at the end of that time.

The Outing Club is planning an active program of winter sports, and there are many events which are sure to appeal to the members. The annual carnival is to be the feature of the winter season.

## Editorial on Athletics Arouses Co-ed Interest (Continued from Page 1)

development of the individual student. I am in favor of interclass contests, because the individual participant has been studied by the coach, who is alert in noticing the physical reaction of each. Undue strain is reduced to a minimum. If the contests were intercollegiate you would have a selected group chosen for superstrength, animated by the desire for college approval, and stimulated beyond the point natural for a woman's physique.

On the practical side of the question, there are not the funds or staff sufficient for such development; the present department could not possibly carry a heavier load.

No physical educator of any prestige advocates intercollegiate athletics for women and since physical education for women is acknowledged to have developed along more educational lines than that of men (speaking generally), I see no reason for jeopardizing a movement which now has the confidence of those interested in developing all-round womanhood.

Prexy, laughingly, gave his opinion on the question, in a rather Aristotelian way, in that, altho he doesn't know as there's any particular harm in such competition still he considers it inadvisable. He is for the promotion of intermural sports but believes that the men can supply all the gladiatorial exhibitions necessary in the Bates curriculum and he certainly doesn't favor the idea of female gladiators. Prexy feels that the fellows can afford the necessary competition with other colleges and represent Bates sufficiently in outside athletics.

Of course there are two sides to the question, it wouldn't be Bates if there were not. Thus far the greatest objections to the proposition are: first, intercollegiate competition would mean concentration of development within a small group; second, it would mean that a desire to win for Bates, would stimulate beyond a normal point; third, lack of funds.

The opinion of the Junior and Senior girls as represented by Nat Benson and Betty Murray seems to answer the three great objections "Should intercollegiate athletics for women ever become a possibility at Bates, intermural contests should not cease; if it were a case of subordination of one to the other the interclass contests are preferable. However, each year a varsity team is chosen from the combined hockey teams, why could this team not engage with Colby or Maine, if financially possible."

The argument eliminates two of the objections and the result of a study by various physicians as compiled by Stewart, in the A. P. E. Review, reveals that interscholastic competition properly supervised, (as such competition at Bates would certainly be), is advantageous.

"On the other hand," continued Nat and Betty, "if it is financially impossible, and considered even under the best of conditions as disadvantageous to the individual, we feel that tennis or archery competition is neither strenuous nor expensive. We do not wish to detract finances from the men, realizing that of course the men can best represent Bates athletically and yet we feel that to give tennis or archery a trial would in no way involve material financial difficulty."

No sophomore seemed to care enough about the issue to argue the question, while the prevalent freshman belief was, that it is their place to receive rather than to give opinions.

Mrs. Nellie Milliken Wade, as a representative of the alumnae on the question, takes a rather non-committal attitude. Mrs. Wade rather favors giving one sport a trial for a year, of the group sports she would think hockey as the major sport at Bates, preferable. However she agrees with the seniors and juniors that individual competition as exercised in archery and tennis would remove the problem of expense as well as possible injury to the player. Mrs. Wade sees objections

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to the problem but feels that the advantage of promoting a feeling of acquaintance and friendly rivalry among the other colleges, as well as the added incentive to finer playing and the pure fun involved, warrant the plan a trial.

The standpoint of Miss Mildred Francis, as head of women's athletics at Bates is of vital interest in bringing a further explanation to the problem. Miss Francis states the case clearly.

"Even if there were not the hindrance of financial difficulty, involved by a greater staff, since educational and corrective training cannot be omitted, there would remain the fact that Bates is a member of the Woman's National Amateur Athletic Federation of America, the main policy of which is "no intercollegiate competition for women", on the stand that too great strain from high tension competition and undesirable features, such as gate-receipts and undue publicity result."

Miss Francis went on to say that hockey or basket-ball, the favored sports at Bates, as contemplated intercollegiate activities would be inadvisable as well as impracticable for a college of the size and location of Bates. Radcliffe alone, among the eastern colleges engages in such competition and then only because it has available competitors within the city. However, Miss Francis hopes that under the present system, altho probably not this year, the department will be entered in the "Newton Archery Association" and send representatives there, who altho Bates' representatives yet will be individual rather than intercollegiate competitors.

Both Miss Francis and Miss Bass feel that to include group sports, as hockey and basket-ball, would be impracticable at the present time due to reasons already stated.

Although intercollegiate tennis was tried about five years ago for women and discontinued, Miss Francis sees no reason why under proper arrangements and organization, it might not again be given consideration.

## Mrs. Gray Hostess to Soph. Girls at Sunday Lectures

Every Sunday afternoon, whether there is rain or shine, a large number of the Sophomore girls are seen wending their way to the home of Mrs. Gray for the weekly Sunday afternoon conference.

This year Mrs. Gray talks concerning the great men of Europe who were reformers of the Early Church. She aims, also, to give facts about their countries and their customs, and incidentally to give a description of her travels in Europe last summer. The lectures have been doubly interesting by the addition of stereopticon pictures.

The first week John Huss, a Bohemian reformer, was discussed; while the second Sunday the discussion concerned Martin Luther a great German reformer with pictures of his country, John Knox, a Scottish Protestant reformer, theologian, and historian was studied the third Sunday afternoon. There were also stereopticon pictures of Scotland's beautiful scenery.

The life of John Calvin, a French Protestant reformer, was enjoyed on the next Sunday, exquisite pictures of Switzerland being shown. Last week a general discussion on Europe was held intermixed with many details of Mrs. Gray's trip across, and the cities visited.

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## PERSONALS

Last Saturday, Lillian Stevens, Delbert Jakeman, Bunny Hammet, Victor Bowen, Grace Hussey, Everett Wood, Alice Aikens and Albert Boothby of Bowdoin, all hiked out to the Thornerag cabin. There, they enjoyed a Sunday dinner—the better for home cooking.

Greta Thompson '29 has been ill at the Rand Infirmary for several days, but we are glad to know, is now improving.

Probably the students are not the only ones on campus, anxiously awaiting the Christmas vacation. The profs, too, have their plans for the holidays. Professor Robinson will spend the vacation in New York. Dean Pope will be the guest of her family at home in Washington.

Professor Townsend too will go home Christmas to Cambridge.

Miss Mackinnon goes to Canada, and Miss Badger returns to Phillips. The McGowns are to spend Christmas with the family of Mrs. McGown.

Last Thursday, the waitresses in Rand dining room were photographed in their new red and white aprons. This fall, a new scheme has been introduced whereby all the waitresses dress in very attractive and uniform red and white aprons.

Corinne Lord spent last week-end at her home in South Portland.

Miss Doris Lunderville was the guest of her sister Pris. Lunderville several days this week at Frye St. House.

Thursday evening, Professor Townsend gave a very interesting lantern talk on Brittany in Carnegie Science Hall to those who have just finished reading the French book, "Recheur D'Islande." The setting of this story is in Brittany.

A delightful meeting of the Needle Club was held last week at the home of Mrs. Rowe. There was no special program, but an enjoyable afternoon was spent in sewing and chatting.

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**On The Carpet**

G. V. OSGOOD, Editor

**OBITUARY**

It is entirely fitting that one should write his own obituary. Few persons have the glorious opportunity. We have been favored. As our struggles for the year draw to a violent termination we leap upon this opportunity to present a review of our work for this past year and a half, to laud our successes and to bemoan or what is more diplomatic to forget our failures.

"On the Carpet" has opposed everything which could be classified as an attempt to civilize our college community. In fact "On the Carpet" has opposed everything, anyway, just from the very glory of the thing. We have discussed all vital campus problems from catfish to cow-boys with special emphasis upon co-eds. Co-eds have been approached from every angle, and we have been elated many times because we have been able to show them their proper place in the present Bates scheme of affairs.

Insidious tea dances were properly anathematized. By securing the co-operation of the Democratic Party of Parker Hall we were able to mitigate the baneful effects of such social functions. This year they have not been revived, and a pure type of masculinity has thus been assured—a Bates manhood unscathed by the vicious tea party.

Co-educators have been properly rebuked. Most of them have taken our advice and fought shy, but we fear for the future.

In that respect we feel that we have fought a game but losing fight.

Professors, likewise have been taken to tasks for minor infringements of Bates traditions. The great difficulty with taking a "Prof" to task is that he always has a come-back.

The same condition holds true in regard to the Library. For several weeks we were forced to sulk through the Library like a lone wolf first because we wrote an article on the vicious practice of charging two cents a day on overdo books, and, second, because we owed almost enough money to buy all the books on the library stacks. Although the pillars of Mr. Coram's edifice quivered and rocked from the impact of our words, the library and the system remain. Also our fines remain.

The Editor made three attempts to be literary this past season. Then very quietly, we gave up the ghost. No one seemed to know what it was all about, any more than we did. But some of those quoted books surely did have some fine-sounding names.

One of our greatest achievements was the obtaining of new beds for East Parker Hall. This year "Bob" MacDonald came bearing real gifts, and each night now the boys in Parker enjoy a long dreamless sleep.

Also we aided in the downfall of that worker of evil, the Republican Party. Our platform was hailed as a true interpretation of logical, popular principles, and in answer to our challenge for an opposing platform, the Republican Party merely squawked and went into the oblivion it deserved.

Here and now we wish to congratulate the new Democratic Editor of the Student. Under his management we look for a vigorous, progressive year. We expect the new Editor to embody all that is just, all that is noble, all that is

beyond reproach. We expect him to champion the cause of the students against that every pernicious influence of the faculty—which, according to the accepted student opinion—is always wrong.

As for the new editor of "On the Carpet" or of some other such column with an equally brilliant caption, we leave a heritage consisting of the following priceless constituents.

1. Five congratulatory remarks more dear and more treasured than all else. (Three of the remarks were the result of mistaken identity. We were mistaken for the Intercollegiate Editor or some such.)

2. Our blessing which may or may not be worth the words. It all depends on the Editor to come.

3. One complete year, and one half year of perpetual battles with the Managing Editor. Total, one year and a half. We got the Managing Editor into condition anyway. He proved to be a good dash man.

4. Sixty-five expressions of wrath. Opinions have differed and certain individuals have not been at all backward in contesting our written opinions. We will the whole bunch to the next editor without feeling any great twinge of conscience.

5. Finally there is that priceless gift of two black eyes amassed in Parker Hall. We hand on the memory of both these "shiners" with reformed hope that the future editor can carry on all our traditions.

May the Editor of this column be endowed with great success in 1927.

With these sad and sentimental words we end our efforts with the brief, epigrammatic, original expressions "Merry Christmas" and, Good-by, Now!

**OPEN FORUM**

A lot of fellows here at Bates have done a lot of grumbling; personally, I don't care much for all the crabbing, but if I had to crab about something, I know what I'd crab about, and my grumble would be sincere and considerable. I'd grumble long and loud about the chapel services, and if the rest of the fellows didn't have the sort of respect for the formalism of our chapel, the grumble would burst into an eruption. Compulsory chapel suits me—it is just as edifying as compulsory classes. And for the sake of public opinion I can stand chapel six days a week, with numerous church services on the seventh day. But I want to do more than stand it; I want to get help and inspiration from it. Try and get it!

If we must yawn out the doxology, mumble the Lord's prayer, and roll our eyes up at the choir while they shout out the Gloria, why make it compulsory six days a week—not to mention the seventh. Nearly four years' experience (one is plenty) convinces me that no professor, with the time in which he (setting a good example) takes to prepare, can inspire any one person by a noble thought or an uplifting feeling six days in a week. If our depressing chapel service is a fair expression of our religious feeling—none of that religion for me!

Now this is the idea. Even a half respectable expression of Christianity can't possibly be produced six days a

week. It is possible **three days a week**. A well-planned, beautiful and inspiring service three days a week would reduce the evil to a minimum, and would be actually effective. Without doubt, a committee of the president, enor director, a professor, and two students, if they spend sufficient time and thought, can introduce a type of service which shall be thought-provoking and sufficiently expressive in true Christian feeling. Enough of the dead framework of religion six days a week! We want the real stuff three times a week. We are young and impressionable, but when you hit us with rubber balls, they simply bounce off. We want to be hit with a cannon ball.

While we are waiting for somebody to do something, let's discuss the thing and take a popular vote.

E. A. Goldsworthy '27

An editorial in the Student last week did our spirit good. Participation in Inter-Collegiate Athletics has always been an ambition of the girls who love sport. We were glad to discover a plea so well expressed in our behalf from the "Ed" side of the Campus. It is with a reluctance much like that which Johnny had when he admitted that his "Sister Polly was good looking, too", that we take up the other side of the question.

Interest would be high in intercollegiate athletics, especially with the apparent support of the men's side of the campus. There is no doubt on this point, but are there not some practical difficulties? Would intercollegiate athletics benefit us more than the present system?

Practical objections? Yes, a few—our Physical Education staff consists of two members. The aim of physical education at this time is to look after the general health of the group. The Department of Physical Education has supervision over every girls' physical development, including physical examination and follow-up work from her freshman through her senior year. The field includes coaching sports (two, at least, being in operation at the

same time, and often three) regular class gymnastic work, corrective classes and dancing—Every girl is taken care of actively until her senior year when Physical Education becomes elective. Consider the effect which coaching intercollegiate teams would have upon this broader field. It would seriously curtail their activities in other directions because of increased time that would be needed for developing Varsity teams, a very much smaller group compared to the larger group securing training and participation in sport at present.

Financially, we could not support independent coaches without demanding higher Athletic Association dues or without using some of the money now assigned to the men. Another financial consideration is that there are no colleges in our vicinity which offer intercollegiate competition, making long trips.

Consider sports themselves. The fact stated by the editorial that "practically all that are physically able are only too eager to obtain their stripes and letters" is very true. In each sport we have a first and second team which allows on the average of fifteen (and this is conservative) from each class to obtain the benefits of competition, fair play and sportsmanship in a sport. Should intercollegiate matches come into vogue, interest in class affairs would become a secondary consideration. Rivalry is keen among classes now, and a championship means a great deal. Second teams are honored as well as first, awards are

arranged so that, on the whole, the truly deserving are the "B" girls.

Would we be benefiting ourselves? It would be wonderful to extend a sporting hand to rival institutions. It would thrill. But would the thrill and higher benefit to the few, make up for the loss in activity to the remaining three quarters, then reduced to mere "rooters"?

In conclusion, it would be interesting to note the position of the colleges as a whole on the question of Intercollegiate Athletics. Statistics were gathered from questionnaires sent out to Physical Directors in the leading women's colleges and universities in the United States under the auspices of the W. N. A. A. F. The following results were obtained:

1. Intercollegiate athletics do not exist in the leading colleges of the United States, except in a very limited number of schools.

2. Of those who have had actual experience in intercollegiate athletics for Women, ninety-three per cent are opposed to it.

3. The schedules of this form of competition show only a limited number of contests for any one school, so that there is only a very little of even this type of competition entered upon, by the colleges that do support it.

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