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## FIRST OUTING CLUB CIRCUS PROVES A HUGE SUCCESS

Make Barnum and Bailey's Outfit look Tough Compared with Bigger, Better, Busier all star Entertainment. Everything There but Peanut Shells!

It is Circus Night, 7.30, January 15 at the Clifton D. Gray Athletic Building.

"This way to the side shows! Only a dime! Step right up and see the freaks! Don't feed the animals they're in training!" McGoldrick, Campbell, Hopkins, and Torrey are holding forth near their respective shows. If you can take your eyes from the attractive balloon sellers, Betty Stevens, Marge Jewell, and Pam Leighton, you follow the barker's call around the tent. Mme. Zybska, fortune teller of a large gypsy tribe, tells by the cards that you'll be lucky. You prove it when Florence Kyes and Bateston Stoddard fail to guess your weight and you win a box of candy. If your luck still holds, you win another box at the Wheel of Fortune. By this time, Mme. Zybska's luck has worn out, and you enter the tent of Fatima, the Crystal Gazer, to find out why. From there you visit the animals in training. You try to slip them your candy but it doesn't work. You have to eat it yourself.

The bally-hoo man leads you on to the freaks, the Siamese twins, recently imported from Laconia, N. H. and the human fire-eater breathing forth frightful flame-producing liquids. Mme. Roze, palmist, next attracts you because you see Daigle, the African Dodger ahead and you'd like to win a cigar. She says you won't and you do. Score one for you! When you finally tear yourself away from the candy booth, you look in on the Charleston Family. Everyone is doing it. Grandma and Grandpa, Bertha Raatikainen and Hovey Barnaby; Dad and Mother, Beth Kidings and "Wardy" Wardwell; and son and daughter, Oswald Brown and Doris Clason show they sure can do the Charleston.

With a more subdued air, you enter the august presence of Prof. Romanoff, own cousin to the Russian duke and the greatest living reader of hand. (Continued on Page 3, Column 5)

## Frosh Hockey Men Win from Cony High

Cogan's Playing Features For Yearlings. Final Score is 6-2

The freshman hockey team opened its schedule Thursday afternoon with a 1-1 dead lock with the Bliss College outfit. The outcome was somewhat of a surprise since the business school boys were not expected to make much of a showing against the yearlings, who are rated as one of the best freshman teams in history. But led by the Fournier brothers, Bert and Tony, they withstood the onrushes of Counts, Secor and Cogan. All the scoring was done in the last period with darkness rapidly approaching. Bliss scored first when Bert Fournier took a pass from his brother and snapped the puck into the net. A few minutes later Cogan and Secor worked the puck up the ice and Secor scored the tying point.

On Tuesday afternoon Coach Thompson's crew defeated Cony High School 6-2. The frosh, showing great improvement over the previous week, were on the offensive most of the time and only the fine work of the Cony defense prevented a higher score. Cogan's work was the feature of the game.

## ROGER WILLIAMS HAS SLEIGH RIDE

A delightful sleigh ride was enjoyed by the boys of Roger Williams and their friends last Tuesday evening. Leaving about five o'clock, the party went to Minot's Corner where supper was served. They returned shortly after ten o'clock. The party was chaperoned by Miss Mildred Francis and Professor Anders Myhrman. There were 41 present.

MIRROR GROUPS FOR SATURDAY P.M.	
Women's A. A.	1.15
Seniority	1.30
Ramsdell Scientific	1.45
Women's Politics	2.00
Band	2.15

## Admit New Men to Varsity Club

All Candidates Given a Rightful Share in Secret Ceremony

The Varsity Club held its first initiation of the year on Tuesday, January 18th at which ten men who have earned varsity letters were given admission to the organization. The initiation which was started last Saturday at the Outing Club Circus was capably handled by President Cyril Ward and it is quite certain that no candidate was given cause to feel slighted.

Those men who received a varsity B for the first time were: Baseball, A. Black '27, B. Peck '27; Football, B. Peck '27, A. Black '27, R. Diehl '27, J. Mossman '27, S. Snell '29, R. Nilsson '29; Track, H. Hopkins '27, P. Chesley '29; Hockey, E. Goody '27; Tennis, E. Kilbride '27.

The initiates were forced to go through the various and secret trials and after deep consideration on the part of the members of the club, the candidates were at last given entrance into the organization.

After the initiation refreshments were served and a short meeting of the club was held. Several matters of importance were brought up among which was that of a Bobcat Memorial.

## MANY FAVOR ADOPTION NEW PLAN

Mention of Segregation of Offices Arouses Student Opinion

SOME FEEL THAT OFFICES GO TO THOSE DESERVING THEM

Tentative System Already Proposed by Student Council Committee

(Spec. Art. by Ed. Carlson. '28) Since the first meeting of the Bates Student Assembly, held recently in Chapel, student opinion on various subjects has assumed significant proportions and has led to a great deal of speculation concerning matters which have hitherto disturbed the thoughts of only a few.

Perhaps the most important question brought up in that first meeting is the matter of extra-curricular activities and of a possible system of limitation relative to the number of offices any one student be allowed to hold. The question has been raised because of the fact that a clause in the rule-book, definitely specifying the number of offices one undergraduate may hold, has been only loosely observed, if at all. The pith of the question is this: is it fair to the individual student, and to the student body as a whole, that a large percentage of important offices in campus activities should be held by a comparatively small number of students? Do we impose upon a man's time when we elect him to several important offices; ought a man to decline holding more than one important position in campus organizations? Would it be wise to limit the number of offices a student may hold in a college the size of Bates?

Student opinion on these questions is widely divided. Many hold that it is unfair, both to the individual and to the student body as a whole, that one student should be allowed to hold more than one or two major offices. Others argue that the offices are awarded to men who deserve them and are competent; that they are not awarded through favoritism or "drag". If a man holds several offices, it is because he has been tried and found trustworthy and capable.

Those favoring both sides have sound and convincing arguments. The matter is not one to be settled by a

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## Bobcats Win in Exhibition Game

Bates Comes from Behind to Take Fray from Bowdoin 6-5

As the bell rang down the curtain on the Bates-Bowdoin hockey game last Tuesday at Brunswick a very sorry looking bear crept back to its den to complete its hibernation. A 6-5 victory for the Garnet was largely due to the teamwork and superior condition of the Bobcat skaters. Foster, White, and Lane ran wild and submerged the Bowdoin team beneath a storm of goals in the last period. Although the game was only an exhibition, it revealed the superiority of the Bates offense.

Bates got off to a bad start by allowing Bowdoin to score three times before they got started. Thayer dropped in two of the counters while Tiemer added the third one. The Bobcats found themselves in the first part of the second period when Foster and White both scored on pretty shots. Bowdoin made it 4-2 when Ward dropped in another from a hectic scrimmage. The third period was very definitely a Bates' picnic. Captain Cole of Bowdoin made the score 5-2 and then the fireworks began. Foster skated rings around the Brunswick team and dropped in another for Bates. Shortly afterwards, he exhibited his ability as a contortionist by making a pretty pass to White which the latter neatly caged. At this point a Bowdoin man was so imprudent as to take a swing at Foster and was put off the ice. Foster kept his temper and kept the ice.

With only a short time to play Al Lane came through with a goal from scrimmage that was the tying counter. With only two minutes to play Foster sent a liner for the cage from mid ice. It scored and was the winning count.

Foster and Lane were the outstanding stars of the game and Foster's checking was a great help in stemming the Bowdoin offense.

The Summary:

<b>BATES</b>	<b>BOWDOIN</b>
White, lw	rw, Ward
Foster, c	c, Tiemer
Lane, rw	lw, Thayer
Malia, ld	rd, Cole
Osgood, rd	ld, Forsythe
Palmer, g	g, Lord
Goals made by Tiemer, Thayer 2, Ward, Foster 3, White 2, Cole, Lane.	

## Relay Team in First Race February 5th.

Triangular Meet with N. H. and Mass. Aggies is First Contest

On February 5th the Bates Relay team enters its first intercollegiate competition of the year in a triangular race between Bates, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Aggies at the B. A. A. games. There is a large squad out for track this year and to all appearances there will be keen competition for places on the relays. Coach Jenkins is contemplating sending both a mile and a two mile team to Boston, in which case quite a squad of Bates men would make the trip. Although the loss of Jimmy Baker is felt, especially in relay work, there will be a number of veterans trying for the positions. Wakely, Oviatt, Wills, Brown, and Wardwell are the experienced men while Adams, Chesley, and Richardson are the most notable additions to the promising material. Royal Adams of the Sophomore class is clearly the find of the year. He is strong and with a little experience will be right up with the best of them.

Bates has been victorious for many years at the B. A. A. and everyone is looking for a continuation of her winning streak. Several trials have been held and everything seems to indicate that a strong team will be organized to represent the Garnet.

The indoor schedule is a strenuous one and should put the men in excellent condition for the spring competition. Meets with Colby, Maine, and Northeastern are on the list and should be productive of some admirable performances. These meets will last up to the time when the Pennsylvania Relays take the center of the stage.

In the near future the Freshmen have a meet with the Portland High team and there will be additional interest in such an encounter inasmuch as "Mac" Corey is coaching the high school team.

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## BATES LOSES CLOSE GAME TO FAST MASS. AGGIES TEAM

Final Goal is Scored by Aggie in Second Extra Period Bates West Point Game Cancelled Because of Snow.

**THE POP CONCERT**  
A Pop Concert will be given by the Bates Orphic Society Saturday night at 7.30 in Chase Hall. Tables may be engaged for couples who desire them. Candy and ice cream will be sold, and music for dancing will be furnished by the regular orchestra. The admission will be 35c.

## Co-ed Debating Team Announced

The announcement of the women's debate with Radcliffe, made in last week's Student, can now be supplemented by the information that the team will be composed of Yvonne Langlois '29, Lillian Giles '28, and Eugenia Southard '29. The proposition will be Resolved: That co-education in American colleges and universities is preferable to segregation.

## Seniors Rally to Victory over Sophs in Final Contest

The final game of volley ball, played between the Seniors and Sophomores, the winners of the interclass games, was held last week. The volley ball season being very short, only three games are played, Seniors with Juniors and Sophomores with Freshmen, the two winning teams to contest for the championship. The Senior girls demonstrated the superior ability of their class by winning two out of the three periods.

The members of the senior team were: Belle Hobbs, Corinne Lord, Isabel Shorey, Bertha Jack, Ruth Chesley, Arline Johnson, Gertrude Campbell, and Lillian Stevens, captain. The sophomore team was composed of: Stella Bornstein, Doris David, Priscilla Lunderville, Winnie Saunders, Florence Kyes, Mary Pike, Hazel Blanchard, Ruth Skelton, and Mary Finn, captain.

On the same afternoon the senior baseball team was victorious over the juniors in a close and exciting game. A score of 9-8 at the end of the first half of the seventh period, in favor of the seniors decided the victory amid the glare of electric lights and cheers of the masculine element of '27. Charlotte Haynes pitching for Seniors and Eunice Tibbets, champion twirler for '28 kept good control on the ball passing but few to first. The two homers were scored by Canham '27 and Tibbets '28. A score of pretty hits were landed and tricky flies caught by both sides, showing much improvement over the previous games, with good control maintained despite a charged atmosphere.

The Baseball championship means the possession thus far of all interclass honors, by the senior class. The players were, Seniors: Nat Benson, Gwen Wood, Dorothy Williams, Grace Hussey, Charlotte Haynes, Ruth Canham, Eleanor Seeber, Captain, and Julia Anderson; Juniors: Eunice Tibbets, Marge Jewell, Mig Morris, Pam Leighton, Elva Duncan, Amelia Wood, Betty Stevens, Clara Parnell, Bud Ryder, and Annie Freeman.

## OPEN MEETING AT MACFARLANE CLUB

Macfarlane will have its annual "opera" meeting next Monday evening at seven o'clock in Rand Hall Reception Room. All students and faculty as well as outside friends are invited to hear Dr. A. N. Leonard speak on the Wagnerian opera, "The Flying Dutchman".

To illustrate the music, there will be selections from this composition played on the Virola. A sextette of girls of the Club will sing the "Spinning Chorus", and the soprano aria, "Senta's Ballad", will be sung by Isabelle Jones.

The members of Deutscher Verein are especially invited.

The Bates Hockey team met defeat at the hands of the Massachusetts Aggie sextet at Amherst January 13th, only after a bitter struggle that lasted through two overtime periods. The captain of the Aggie team skated through the Bates defense and scored the deciding goal after the second overtime period had been under way for about two minutes.

In the middle of the first period the Massachusetts right wing slipped the puck into the Bates cage for the first score of the game. Early in the second period Captain Lane evened the score with a clever goal and the third period ended with the score tied. The overtime periods were fast and furious affairs. Things looked a bit doubtful for Bates when Foster and White were put off the ice at the same time. The battle was carried to the Bates cage but the Aggies were unable to score. Finally in the second overtime period, Captain Forrest of the Massachusetts team broke through and shot the deciding goal.

Because of the fierce storm that swept the East last Saturday, the Bates-West Point game was cancelled. The entire plebe class was called out to sweep the rink but the task was an impossible one. Because of the Bowdoin game Tuesday a stop-over by the team was impossible although such was the suggestion of the Military Academy.

The summary of the Bates-Mass. Aggie game follows:

<b>BATES</b>	<b>M. A. C.</b>
White, Landman, rw	lw, Forrest, Nash
Foster, c	c, Fresse
Lane, lw	rw, Swan
Malia, ld	rd, Abrahamson
Osgood, Thomas, rd	ld, Farwell
Palmer, g	g, Galanie

## Second Student Assembly Held

Many Topics Discussed by Various Speakers

The Student Council conducted a very successful Student Chapel Assembly last Wednesday with James Baker '27 presiding. Many items of importance were discussed. Alice Aikins '27 told about her recent experiences at the student conference in Milwaukee. Professor Crafts spoke about a lack of interest in the girl's glee club, and made an appeal for first honors in reorganizing the boy's glee club. He also spoke of the Pop Concert to be held in place of the dance at Chase Hall next Saturday night.

As caretaker of the Outing Club material, Paul Chesley, '29, asked for recognition of his office hours and complained of too many telephone calls from co-eds. He mentioned his office hours as from 1-1.30 P.M. every day, with Sunday as an exception.

Emery Goody '27, manager of the hockey squad, explained the schedule and congratulated the men of the Freshman Class for their co-operation in removing snow from the rink. He expressed a desire for better attendance at the games.

Arthur Brown '27, chairman of Student Assembly Committee, expressed his appreciation of the value of these semi-monthly meetings and said that all notices to be announced or discussed should be handed to him on the Tuesday preceding an Assembly.

## Dean Nixon of Bowdoin Speaks at Chase Hall

Dean Paul Nixon of Bowdoin College was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Phil Hellenic and Sodalitas Latina Clubs, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, in Chase Hall. Marion Brown, president of the Phil Hellenic Club presided.

A piano solo by Ruth Patterson, and a vocal solo by Elva Duncan, accompanied on the piano by Hester Ordway, were enjoyed at the beginning of the meeting.

Katharine Tubbs introduced the speaker of the evening, whose subject was "Martial and the Modern Epigram." Dean Nixon read parts of two chapters from his latest book on the Antiquity of Wit. His selections kept the audience in a humorous mood and were much enjoyed by all.



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## BATES ACQUIRES A CURFEW

Certain members of the Senior class, having become afflicted with a social urge, resolved to disport themselves in a decorous Senior party at Chase Hall. In due course of time the petition for permission to hold such an affair came under the surveillance of the Faculty Committee on Social Functions and was granted with the condition that the ceremonies should conclude by ten o'clock!

We do not presume to say that social communion concluding at eleven is any more festive than that held from seven-thirty to ten. Of course, one must necessarily go to an affair coming shortly after dinner with less gastric repose than he enjoys an hour or so later. Then there is something indefinably vulgar about rushing to social intercourse with the taste of pie and cheese still in one's mouth. Both these circumstances have their subtle influence on the quality of the urbanity upon which the success of every soiree depends. Little wonder that the Senior class dignity is offended.

But more significant than all this is the futility of any faculty passing rules for the sake of rules. Whatever may be the purpose of this administrative edict, it is manifestly artificial. These Seniors who have thus fallen prey to faculty flapdoodle will, presumably, be next year beyond the guidance of the Bates College Rule Book. Their conduct will then be governed largely by convention and the dictates of their own consciences. True, a New York curfew law closes night clubs at 3 A.M. True, the inhabitants of sunny Italy must regulate their hours of pleasure according to the standards set by Il Duce. But aside from these instances, no metropolitan theatre, opera, or concert hall opens at 7:30 or closes at 10. No orderly bridge party observes such juvenile hours. And, to return to the collegiate field, no worth-while talk session, more commonly distinguished by the name of a certain domestic animal, adjourns two hours before the witching hour. Yet such practices of society are ignored by those who would toll the curfew bell at Bates. That is why we term the action artificial.

To our mind, rules are in themselves valuable in indirect ratio to their abundance. They do little to promote the *esprit de corps* of any institution. We submit that there is greater work to be done by college faculties than quibbling over the hour when a student function shall be dismissed.

## THE MILLION DOLLAR PLAY

The *Student* comes forth a trifle belatedly to congratulate the cast, coach, and staff of the plutocratically named Million Dollar Play. The performance this year reflected the same effort, the same painstaking attention as to detail, and the same nice interpretation of parts which has been wont to characterize all of these annual productions.

We think special mention should be made of the members of the understudy cast. These earnest Thespians returned to college during Christmas vacation with the members of the regular cast, rehearsed daily even as did those who finally appeared in the production, and then on the night of the performance were forced to recline back-stage, languishing with their art, while others claimed the plaudits of the public.

We think that the artistic success of this year's performance reflects even greater credit on the players in view of the mediocrity of their vehicle. It surely cannot be claimed that Mr. Milne, author of "The Dover Road", contributed greatly to the occasion thru his play. One looks vainly for a handful of persons who commend the piece; one looks even more vainly for a reason why anyone should. The characters were conventional, the plot almost obvious from the first, the situation fantastically unconvincing, and the third act a dispirited prolongation of the second. Finally the plot became wearied of itself, wandered off in the distance, and went to sleep. One inferred that the author himself became bored with his brain-child, struggled for an original conclusion, and then gave it up as a bad job.

We well appreciate the very real difficulties which attend the selection of a suitable play for a college performance. But we do think that the one play produced by the college each year, an event which commands much time, energy, and public attention, to say nothing of much really excellent dramatic talent, deserves to be of more conspicuous quality than the one presented this year.

## MANY FAVOR NEW PLAN

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moment's careless thought. Below are some arguments presented by students who hold some of the more important offices in campus activities, and who appreciate, because of actual experience, the significance of the final decision of the student body in this matter.

The president of one of the important women's organizations believes that some system of limitation of office-holding ought to be devised. Her opinion is that it is unfair to the individual student, no matter what his ability, to burden him with so many offices that he has to sacrifice his own valuable time to the detriment of his studies. She believes that since there are so many organizations on campus which take a goodly share of time from almost every member of the student body, it is expecting too much of any one student to permit him to hold an important office in more than one or two societies. Another argument against the present system—or lack of system—in her judgment, is the tendency of the small group of students holding a number of important offices to use their influence for keeping themselves and their friends in the line of succession. Once a student has gained the limelight—especially in a small college such as Bates—he is very sure of being kept there, and of being elected to office after office, whether or not he is more efficient than other equally well-qualified men, who, never having been tried, are kept in obscurity.

One of the college's leading athletes, himself the head of several campus organizations and an active participant in practically everything of importance that takes place in the life of the college, is in favor of the limitation system. He knows from experience that a man who holds down a position on two or three athletic teams has very little time at his disposal. And yet, as soon as an athlete has attained the limelight, he is immediately a marked man, and his name is proposed for office after office, whether he is known to have executive ability or not. Naturally, he considers himself highly honored, and prefers to sacrifice his time rather than to appear ungrateful by turning down an office which his fellow students, often merely because of personal liking, have offered him. If he fails to make a howling success of himself he is criticized—by those who have elected him, oftentimes—and the student body, the office-holder, and the office itself, are made to suffer. The fact that a man is a corking quarterback does not always mean that he will be equally corking as president or secretary of this and that.

Continuing his argument, this man says that through personal experience he knows that a student could be of much greater service to an organization if he held office in that organization and was not burdened with obligations to half a dozen others.

He believes that offices should be awarded on a basis of qualification—of work and time put in, and not simply handed out to Tom, Dick, and Willie because of athletic prowess. Those members of clubs who put in a great deal of time serving on committees deserve to be rewarded for their work just as surely as the athletes, debaters, and others who already have their share of honors.

The Student Council is already at work on a plan which may remedy the defects of the old system. The plan itself cannot be printed here due to the fact that the first draft must of necessity be flexible and experimental. Its principle, however, is that the awarding of offices should be based on a system of points, these points to be earned through service on committees and boards of the various organizations.

The proposed system of awarding points has been divided tentatively into four groups, points being awarded on a basis of the importance and responsibility attached to the office in question. The proposed groupings follow: Group One—Presidents of organizations requiring most executive ability and initiative; and editors-in-chief of college publications.

Group Two—Presidents and secretaries of organizations requiring a fair amount of time and effort; business managers of college publications.

Group Three—Class officers.

Group Four—Chairmen of important committees.

The above grouping is given merely tentatively, and as only one solution of the problem. Whether some such system will eventually go into effect on the Bates campus or not is for the student body to decide.

## Day of Prayer to be Postponed to Jan. 30

The day of prayer for Colleges which was to be observed on Thursday, January 20, is postponed until the last Sunday in the month, January 30. It was thought wiser at the faculty meeting last Monday, to postpone it until a later date. The meeting will be conducted in the afternoon as a regular vesper service.

## Tell the Bates News Bureau About Meetings

Miss Whitehouse, Director of the News Bureau, asks that the students telephone or bring to her office in Roger Williams Hall any college news that may come to their attention. Secretaries of the many societies will help a great deal by sending in their programs before the meetings. Reports of class meetings, contests, debates, parties, individual student activities, in fact anything about Bates College, its students, and faculty, will be welcome.

She states many reasons why the students should lend this aid, but we will only give three. One of the chief functions of the News Bureau is to get the college news into the newspapers, which is, of course, what we want. We are proud of our college and are anxious for the reading public to know what she is doing.

In the second place the students are working for an education and a college degree, which will help them in after life. The better and more favorably known a man's college is the more valuable his degree will be to him.

Lastly, it helps the individual student to get a position when he graduates if his record of achievements has been brought to the attention of those who are hiring college graduates. Everyone reads the newspapers, so don't be too modest to tell the News Bureau what you have been doing. Or if you hesitate to tell of your own achievements get some friend to do it for you.

## CO-EDS TRAIN BY VOLUNTARY RULES

Voluntary Training for Women, which was explained at the Conference Hour Monday morning after Chapel by Jessie Robertson, President of the Women's Athletic Association, has been inaugurated this year. This training lasts throughout the year, with the exception of Christmas vacation, Easter vacation, and final examination week each semester. The rules for Voluntary Training are based upon a percentage system. Each girl starts with 100% on Sunday and must keep an average of at least 90% throughout the week. The training rules are grouped into three sections: sleeping, eating, and showers. An infringement of any portion of these rules will take off 5% from the weekly average.

### Training Rules

#### A. Sleep

1. Eight hours sleep each night starting not later than eleven. On Saturday nights and nights before holidays this hour is extended to eleven-thirty. (Nevertheless eight hours sleep are required.)

#### B. Showers

1. Two showers a day, one cold shower upon rising; the second preferably directly after a call out. When possible, the second should be preceded by a warm shower or bath. (This shower, taken just before retiring, should be warm only.)

#### C. Food

1. Three regular meals a day: breakfast before nine, except on Sunday when a girl may use her own discretion if rising after nine.

2. At meals and fifteen minutes after, a girl may eat anything with the following restrictions:

(1). No tea or coffee in any form.  
(2). No nuts except when unavoidably served in food.  
(3). Not more than the equivalent of a five cent bar of candy a day, with or without nuts. (eaten directly after meals)

3. Nothing between meals except:

(1). Fresh fruit and fresh fruit juices, sweetened and unsweetened.  
(2). Sweet milk.  
(3). Sherbets and ice cream without nuts or sauce.  
(4). Milk shakes, velvets, or floats. (only one a day)

## Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Y. W. C. A. meeting held in Rand Hall Reception room on Wednesday evening, proved more interesting than ever due to the fact that it was so ably conducted by Alice Aikens '27 and Beatrice Milliken '28. These women gave reports concerning the Milwaukee Student Conference, held at Milwaukee during the Christmas vacation. The main subject, "Students and Life" and the main question, "what resources has Jesus for our life today?" were thoroughly discussed. The students returned home feeling that they had received a great deal of benefit from these topics. The music of the evening comprised a pleasing violin solo by Ruth Flanders.

## SPOFFORD CLUB

On Tuesday evening, January 18, Spofford Club was entertained in Rand Hall by the senior girl members. An informal discussion was held around the fireplace, the subject for the evening being Galsworthy. A review of the Forsythe Saga, written by Gwen Wood, was read, and there were papers on Galsworthy's short story art and on his plays.

## Intercollegiate News

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### "OUR HORIZONS"

"It is no light task which is ours.—The war system is not even scotched; it presents so complex a problem arising, as it does, from so many different roots—economic, social, moral, psychological, racial, and historical—that to eradicate it is no summer's day excursion, but it requires scholarship, heroism, persistence, faith, intelligence, and understanding of the first order." These words from the editorials of the *Intercollegian* indicate the burden upon college people to think a little on the problem of world peace. Will the student bodies of the world rise up to meet their responsibility in crushing the machinery of war or will they submit to it like slaves?

### INTERNATIONALISM

American colleges are doing much to furnish accurate knowledge and to develop an international consciousness through courses of study. Yale has twenty-two courses and the University of Chicago has fifty-six on international subjects. John Hopkins has a special school, the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations.

### DISTRACTION

Dr. Lowell, President of Harvard University does not condemn intercollegiate athletics but he sees in them detrimental tendencies. In a recent speech he called attention to certain extremes. He said, "To devote attention almost entirely to intercollegiate teams is no more justified than to devote attention almost wholly to high standing scholars with comparatively little care for the rest of the student body.—Spectacular Saturday contests cause disturbing effects on players and students."

### CHOICE OF CAPTAINS

A new method of electing Captains of athletic teams is to be inaugurated at Ohio Wesleyan University. The coaches will appoint any member of the team, as captain, before each contest. Such a plan is likely to make athletics more useful in developing leadership and it may also serve to keep team spirit stronger.

### B. U. LOSES A DEBATE

Boston University lost to the University of Sydney debaters by a vote of 3-0 by the judges. This was the first interruption in the forensic victories of the team considered the national champions in three years of intercollegiate debates.

A few days later the Australian debaters lost to Bates by a decisive vote of the audience.

### SHOULD STUDENTS PAY?

Trevor Annett, an authority on college finances argued that students should pay the full cost of their education, at the meetings of the American Association of Colleges. He said that the reason why million dollar endowment funds were necessary is because college education is being sold at much less than cost. He showed that student fees now are only about 31% of the real expenses. He also pointed out that for a college of 1000 students an \$8,400,000 endowment is required to pay running expenses.

The change should be made, he advocated, by gradually increasing tuition charges to meet costs; but no worthy student should be excluded for lack of funds to pay.

Of course another plan would be called for in the organization of society, if higher education were under Mr. Annett's system, to keep it democratic.

### FOR THINKING

A new college is to be established in Oshant, Michigan, "to train students to think rather than to learn". No degrees will be given and large endowments will be avoided. The aim is not to take the place of professional schools but students will be allowed to enter those after they have gained "the sense of individual freedom and responsibility."

The constitution is the work of fifty University people. They represent a movement in protest of autocratic government of colleges by non-resident trustees and influential citizens. It is evident that the policies of such an institution will not be pulled by financial strings.

### MORE LEARNING

Agitation at McGill calls for a revival of the custom of wearing gowns. A professor there says they were removed because of a silly conception of Democracy which assumes that in order to be really free "everybody must be as dirty as everybody else". He says that the academic gown was originally designed to mark out a class of men "poor in the world's goods but rich in the world's learning". For this reason, then, a revival of the custom would be an improvement; as things are now, students are generally poor in both.

### BIG BUSINESS

The business of education has advanced as rapidly as commercialism. Since 1901 the enrollment in America colleges has increased 700 per cent. The total enrollment in 1915-16 was 250,000 and in 1923-24, 720,000.

The total registration this year has increased eleven per cent over that of last year. The University of California leads with a student body numbering 17,101; Columbia is second with a total of 12,643.



## Introduce a New Freshman Course

Also add a New Course to Sociology Dept.

Sociology and its Problems, is now a required course for freshmen, and can be taken in either the first or second semester. It includes a brief survey of the origin and development of sociology; a study of the important social institutions of the family, religion, government, and industry; and a consideration of the outstanding problems of today.

Community sociology, is a new course in sociology, elective for juniors and seniors the second semester. It includes a study of the problems of modern community life, urban and rural. All important schemes for community organization and action now in American communities will be studied and appraised.

Four years of the major subject is now required, as compared with three years up to the present date. All A. B. students are required to take at least one year of Modern Foreign Language.

We have many new Student Assistants for the present year. Argumentation: Charles H. Guptill, Mary E. Geary; Biblical Literature: Florence I. Burek, Ester M. Sanborn; Biology: A. Allison Wills, Jr., Marcus A. Torrey, Wyland F. Leadbetter, John M. Carroll, Jr., Louis E. Foster; Chemistry: Roy L. Davis, Emile M. Beekman, Ralph M. Trott, Eugene F. Sawyer, Richard H. Wing, John M. Ness; Education: Ruth Chesley; English: Lucy Fairbanks, John B. Alexander; French: Helen F. Benner, Frances R. Cutler; Geography: Clayton F. Fossett, Frederick H. Young; German: Celeste Lombard; Latin: Beatrice A. Ingalls, Dorothy A. Jordan, Amanda W. Poore; Mathematics: Robert M. Furnans, Eugene A. Sawyer, A. Oswald Brown, John B. Marston, Edna M. Douglass, Grace E. Hall; Physics: Allan B. Smith, A. Oswald Brown; Public Speaking: Luev Fairbanks, Jessie B. Robertson, Ruth Chesley, Fred T. Gogins, Elmer W. Campbell, Frederic H. Young, Victor H. Bowen, Everett W. Wood; Spanish: Helen F. Benner, Margaret A. Estes.

## West Parker to Hold Minstrels

At a recent meeting of the West Parker Hall Association it was voted that Open House would be held Thursday night, February 10th. G. Cline Page '27, Donald Giddings '27, and Adelbert Jakeman '27 are the committee in charge, and plans are well under way for a gala night.

It was voted that a Minstrel Show be presented Saturday, February, 26th in the Little Theater. Kenneth Paul will have charge of the affair, and the talent of the Dorm will be expressed in an evening of fun and enjoyment.

It was also suggested, merely as a matter of form, that those using the telephone for toll calls will pay, thereby relieving the rest of the hall from paying for unrecieved benefits.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES

"Echoes of the Milwaukee Convention" was the topic of the Y. M. C. A. meeting held in Chase Hall, Wednesday evening. The meeting was in charge of Paul Chesley, music being furnished by Wyland Leadbetter and Samuel Kilbourne. William Brookes led the singing.

The reports were given by John Scammon and Secretary Russell McGown, who were delegates to the convention which was held in Milwaukee during the Christmas vacation. Mr. Scammon gave a report of the addresses and, in a very interesting way, brought the spirit of the convention to his hearers. Mr. McGown gave quotations from the various addresses and told the impressions that he received from the meetings.

Announcement was made of a convention to be held at the Mansion House, Poland Springs, in March, at which time delegates will be present from all the New England colleges.

### THOSE MIDYEARS!

My Algebra is surely Punk,  
My English grade has Sunk and Sunk.  
I know Darned Well I'm Going to Flunk—  
Those Midyears!

That Chemistry I can't Equate,  
It wont sink through the Ivory Pate;  
I wish I didn't have to Take—  
Those Midyears!

I'd like to take an Iron Plate  
And Slam the Guy with Direful Hate  
So Mean as to Originate—  
Those \*#!/\*&\*

Richard I. Stickney

## The Garnet Sport Pan

"Red" Oviatt, Editor

The breaks were certainly against us in the hockey game with the Massachusetts Aggies. Two five minute overtime periods were needed to cause the Bobcat's downfall. Everything looked rosy for the boys until Captain Forrest of the Aggies skated through the defense and shot the deciding goal unassisted. From all reports Manny Palmer played a corking game in front of the cage. Hockey will undoubtedly give Manny his third major letter.

For a time the Bobcat limped around the rink with one forward and two defense men. White was put off for two minutes and Foster, evidently lonesome for his pal, argued the referee into letting him rest a bit too. How now, Lewis, ask Doctor Britan if silence isn't gloden!

We view with alarm the unmistakable indications of dissipation upon the part of a certain elongated youth who is reputed to be a versatile actor, debater, and track man. We lament the arrogance with which he flaunted a cigarette in the face of his coach and horror-stricken team mates. Is't possible that our own carefully nurtured specimen of American youth could so far forget and degrade himself as to endanger the athletic and moral prestige of our institution? Have a care, Max, or the title, "Cig" may yet be yours!

During the past week the Varsity Club has extended a "warm" welcome to many deserving athletes. Undoubtedly there are still certain individuals upon whom the impressions of the initiation are still vivid, or livid as the case may be.

It has been brought to our attention that a certain foot ball tackle and baseball pitcher was so overwhelmed by his maiden-like modesty that he found it incompatible with his retiring nature to participate in the activities that were held for Varsity Club candidates the night of the Circus. However, it seems most queer that "Honey-boy" would be so reluctant to expose his manly physique to the adoring glances of our co-eds. Or perhaps some ulterior motive prompted his course of action; we hope it wasn't canary fever!

Once more Coach Jenkins wields his stop watch and comments upon the various times with his customary volubility. Allie Wills ran a most satisfactory mile time trial. The time showed him to be in far better condition than had been supposed. In spite of family ties and multitudinous other activities the rosy-cheeked Arthur Brown romped home in the lead of the half mile trial. In the 440 Roy Adams and Max Wakely ran well out in front.

The Fordham games at New York last Saturday were certainly productive of some nice times. George Lermond ran a beautiful two miles in 9:23 2/5. Incidentally there are few men in the country that can run better time than that on an outdoor track. Lloyd Hahn nosed out Allan Helfrich in the half in 1:57 1/5. If these times are typical of those to come, this winter is due to be another season filled with record-breaking performances.

Is it possible that Maine and Bowdoin are attempting to emulate their elders, Harvard and Princeton, in their latest track spat? First we find Bowdoin very sweetly declining to compete with Maine in a duel meet this winter. Either an unusual consideration for the welfare of her athletes or the dawning apprehension that her track supremacy is rapidly drawing to a close has caused Bowdoin to adopt such a policy. Maine is undoubtedly snickering up her sleeve as she grasps at her opportunity to return Bowdoin's slight. Maine has decided that it is distinctly undesirable that she compete against the Bowdoin relay team at the B. A. A. games.

Isn't it about time that we were forming plans for a toboggan slide? There is enough snow now so that a

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The results of the Bowdoin hockey game need but little commenting upon. The spoils were pretty sweet in this case and the entire team deserves a world of credit. Lewis Foster had just a good informal time with his old friends, the Bowdoin boys. It certainly is queer what a great affection may arise between rival athletes!

Lewis was evidently very much in evidence throughout the battle with long shots and artistic passes while reposing gracefully at length upon the ice. The crowd boomed one of Foster's attempts to score, but when the puck actually nestled in the corner of the cage, Lou's five finger salute was most appropriate.

## FRENCH PLAY TO BE GIVEN SOON

The annual French Play has been scheduled for Monday the 31st of January. The cast is working faithfully at rehearsals, and it is expected that the entertainment will be as good as usual. There is to be one play this year instead of two. In addition there will be a "curtain raiser" or "lever de rideau" and French Music. The plays have always been popular, and it is expected that this year will be perhaps a greater success than ever.

The play is being managed by Alfred Webber '28, of Lisbon Falls, and coached by Professor Townsend.

## PERSONALS

A novel meeting of the Round Table was recently held at Chase Hall. The ladies, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Britan, Mrs. McDonald, gave interesting accounts of their travel abroad of last summer. A letter from Mabel Eaton was read telling of her experiences in Mexico. Miss Roberts, Miss Badger, Prof. Myhrman and Prof. Robinson entertained.

Cosmos Club entertained Dr. Finnie at Rand, on last Friday night.

Miss Rosmand Nichols of Portland will be the guest of her sisters Frances and Catherine Nichols this week-end.

The engagement of Miss Eunice Tibbetts '28, to Mr. Carlton Morrill '24, was announced last week at a dinner-party in Rand. Mr. Morrill is one of the chemists at the Lewiston Bleachery.

Dot Jordan was in Portland on Saturday.

Mrs. Eaton, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now out of danger.

Belle Hobbs attended the banquet given by the Androscoggin Valley Mill Men's Association, Wednesday evening at the DeWitt Hotel.

An informal meeting of Spofford was held around the fire-place in Rand Reception Room, Tuesday evening. The program was taken up in the discussion of Galsworthy.

Shirley Brown '29 was given a birthday party Wednesday evening by a group of Sophomore girls.

The wives of the trustees will give

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a luncheon to the ladies of the faculty and wives of the faculty, at the home of Mrs. Coburn on January 24th.

Carolyn Merrill, Bill Ledger, Eleanor Howe, and Bernard Peck enjoyed a bridge-party at Cheney House on Monday evening.

Eugenia Southard '29 will visit Colby this week-end.

Miss Constance Ridley, a graduate of Simmons, and now a settlement worker in Boston, was on the campus Wednesday.

The following were present at a dinner-party held in Rand Thursday night: Lillian Stevens, Del Jakeman, Belle Hobbs, Dwight Sturtevant, Mig Morris, John Scammon, Alice Aikens and Albert Boothby. After dinner they attended the play, "The Dover Road".

Professor and Mrs. Chase recently entertained about forty-five guests at a picnic supper at Stanton Lodge, Thorncrag, in honor of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Richard of Boston. Mrs. Richard was Miss Helen Chase.

## RELAY TEAM IN FIRST RACE

(Continued from page 1)

The Freshmen have found a high jumper of much promise in C. R. Knowlton who is clearing the bar in excellent form. Sam Kilbourne looks well in the hurdles and will undoubtedly aid in that department in the absence of last year's hurdlers, Costello and Fisher. Lind and Cushing in the distance events and Coutts in the dashes give the Freshmen a well balanced team.

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## AMASS DATA ON POPULARITY OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS

Largest Number Students in History and Government. Biology has Largest Real Increase during Year.

"Well-er? Is this a personal matter or—oh-o for the Student!" This was the customary way in which I was received by the majority of professors. They carefully looked over their data and hesitated considering which would injure them least. As I stood watching them compiling their data, I thot it well to remind them that all facts would be used as evidence against them and to beware lest they incriminate themselves. Reluctantly they gave the statistics. But I can assure you that the head of the Department of Census never had as difficult a time, in extracting facts from the hesitating public, as I, in getting facts from the faculty. Such were my initial difficulties. Then came the enormous task of weighing, compiling, and corroborating the gleaned evidence.

In my first compilation of statistics there were about a hundred stars, a hundred asteriks, and a hundred daggers with corresponding foot notes to explain in detail the various and sundry reasons why certain departments and courses were not up to standard. But on second thot I, fearing that the student body would be bored and exasperated ad infinitum et ad nauseam, by this wealth of details and excuses (so insisted upon by the trembling professors), decided to throw them overboard, thot I took my very life in my hands.

The following is the verdict derived from the accumulated evidence. The most popular department judged by the number of students electing courses in it was the History and Government

Department with a total number of 233 students. Following hard upon this department was the French with a total of 230, and increase of 79 over last year. It is significant to notice that the Biology Department has the largest real increase in the number of students, an increase of 82. The Psychology and German Departments would seem by the statistics to have a larger increase in the number of students, but this increase is more apparent than real. The figures for last year were taken during the second semester when both Professor Leonard and Britan were away on a leave of absence and their departments were left with very few students in them.

The Department with the largest percentage of boys in it is Chemistry; the one with the largest number of girls is Latin.

The smallest class is Greek 7 with a total number of three, two boys and the rest girls!

The science department with the highest total enrollment is Mathematics followed closely by the Biology.

The English Department contains the largest number of students, a total of 530. English 1 and 3 and 7 were compulsory last year, while this year 1 and 3 only were required, which would account probably for the decrease in this department.

It is significant to note that this comparison is made between the second semester of last year and the first semester of this year which will doubtlessly vitiate the significance of certain increases and decreases.

You may figure out the rest for yourselves from the following:

Department	Enrollment (Last year)	Enrollment (This year)	Increase	Decrease
Astronomy		90		
Bib. Lit.	112	90		22
Biology	119	201	82	
Chemistry	144	185	41	
Econ. and Soc.	199	162		37
Education	155	182	27	
English	569	530		39
Fine Arts		11		
French	151	230	79	
Geology	198	135		63
German	83	193	110	
Greek	105	94		11
Hist. and Govt.	171	233	62	
Latin	202	215	13	
Math.	203	211	8	
Musie		143		
Philosophy		33		
Physies	142	162	20	
Psych.	19	141	122	
Pub. Sp.	263	197		66
Spanish	108	109	1	

### The Purple Decade

Some twenty-five or thirty years ago there were the "gay nineties". We never quite appreciated the significance of the term until one day we found a few members of the last generation reminiscing. What they said sounded like today with its women, its morals, its politics, its society, its colleges, its poetry and novels, the whole mood of that age with its air of brilliancy and sophistication. To be sure that decade was painted with less vivid color than ours of today—there was a little less daring, a little less filthy lucre for making your wishes become fords. But the gay nineties were very gay and interesting—so very interesting that the period has been called the Mauve Decade. Our present decade is a little more knowing, a little more gay, a little more adventurous, several shades deeper than mauve—purple.

Bates is a part of the Purple Decade. Each thing we all do here may make history just a little bit different from what it would have been—a trite and platitudinous remark but nevertheless true. We want to say "blah!" when people tell us we are on the map, we feel as cooped up as roosters on a baggage car to be here at college doing nothing but read and study, and various other hum-drum, thrilling, boring, interesting things. But even these are a part of our age, a part of the Purple Decade.

This gives us, the editor, a great and lovely leeway. Under this head the Purple Decade we can comment upon the faculty and faculty organizations, the students and student organizations, the various personalities floating about on campus, the interesting chatter about this-and-that, anything—even the world if we knew more about this fascinating circus.

#### WHY STUDY?

The more you study  
The more you know.  
The more you know  
The more you forget  
The more you forget  
The less you know.  
Why study?

The less you study  
The less you know.  
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The less you forget  
The more you know.  
Why study?

Who said that black wasn't white! It seems a favorite indoor sport of our

age to quibble with words—to play around with them.

Biographies are fascinating. We had not realized before that most authors lead lives a thousand times more unusual than the books they write. We have just discovered "Marie Bashkirtseff" the journal of a young artist. It is wonderful—we might add that Anatole France thinks so too. A young girl, a Russian, Marie Boshkirtseff, beautiful, auburn-haired, who dies of consumption at the age of twenty-four writes the story of her life and feelings from the age of twelve to ten days before she dies. She is remarkably talented, at twelve she is a woman, she has read books the existence of which we were blissfully ignorant. She studies painting in Paris. She knows that she is going to die and speaks of it in her diary. Contrary to your thots however, the book is not morbid or melanchoiy—it is inspiring. Then there are Voltaire, Sarah Bernhardt, and scores of modern biographies.

The tendency toward materialism—

or perhaps we should not gently say "tendency"—in the United States seems to be growing greater every day. Even in our gab-fests here at college we all say "Believe me, I'm going out for filthy lucre first of all." There doesn't seem to be much mention of beauty and culture in America. We all plan to have Cadillacs and fur-coats, to live cozily instead of dangerously.

Write ten, follow it with thirty zeros and you will have the number of electrons which constitute the human body. Immediately we are interested in chemistry and physics.

"Nature has designed men for society as she has grapes for wine." Now we want to know all about sociology and psychology.

Evil is a necessary evil! Without pain there would be no pleasure. Philosophy ah—that is what we want.

The goblin glitters in the dancing flames like a pistol of gold in a tulip. Oh, but we want poetry too.

An so it goes. We want to know everything and today knowledge has progressed so rapidly that we can not know everything. We must specialize.

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