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#### SENIORS DISSATISFIED WITH NEW BATES HONOR SYSTEM

Majority Feel that an Extra Course is a Heavy Burden in the Already Over-Crowded Final College Year

This year, for the first time at Bates, a new honor system is being tried which requires any student competing for hon-ors to complete a special course. This course is the equal of one three-hour course each semester, and must be taken as an extra course.

When this system was adopted there was not an unanimity of opinion as to whether the course should take the place of a regular course or be required in addition to the regular work. Due to this fact, since the system has had a trial for one season, The Student decided to find out how those students felt who had had an opportunity to experience the actual operation of the system.

An inquiry was therefore made to find out if the students favor such a plan. With very few exceptions the students in the honor department feel that they are very heavily burdened, for during the first semester, besides the regular five courses, they have put in at least six hours a week on the extra course.

It is the general impression of the class as a whole that the senior year is by far the hardest. The students are thinking about the next year's work and trying to prepare themselves for new responsibilities. The work of carrying an extra course deprives them of time needed for this preparation. The privilege is given the seniors of

taking only four courses the last semes-ter with the idea of aiding the student who wishes to take up some extra activity, or branch out into some line which has been neglected for lack of time. The general feeling is that it is not fair to give them extra work which will take away this privilege.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN'S OFFICES WILL BE POSTED

It is the custom that the nominees for the various offices of the three important women's organizations, Y. W. C. A., Athletic Association, and Student Government, be chosen before the spring recess. These lists of nominees must be restal for at least a week preceding posted for at least a week preceding the elections. The nominations for the Athletic Board and Student Government have not as yet been completed.

The nominating committee for the Y. W., which was composed of Mrs. Chase, Mrs. McDonald, Belle Hobbs, Charlotte Lane, Elva Duncan, Priscilla Lunderville, and Elizabeth Wright, chose the follow-

ing candidates:
President: Beatrice Milliken, Isabelle Jones; Vice-President: Doris David, Mary Pendlebury; Treasurer: Barbara Austin, Caroline Stanley; Secretary: Clara Stetson, Mildred Tourtillot; Un-dergraduate Representative: Frances Maguire, Velma Gibbs.

#### Conf. to be Held Poland Springs

#### Thirty Bates Students to Go as Delegates

Bates will be represented by fifteen men and fifteen women delegates at the Eastern New England Student Conference, held at Poland Springs the last of this week, March 11-13. This is the first conference to be held in Maine, it being the conference to be held in Maine, it being formerly located at Northfield, Mass. Because of the large number present, it was decided to split the conference into an Eastern and a Western division. The Poland Springs' gathering is the Eastern division.

Two of the speakers will be Miss Rhoda McCulloch and Henry B. Van-dusen, both of New York. Their talks will be on the theme, "Christian Belief In Action." A third speaker, A. E. De Los Monteros, comes from Mexico to set forth the relations between Mexico and the United States.

#### MIRROR GROUPS

Monday Freshmen Prize Speaking Tuesday Deutscher Verein Wednesday English 4-A Players French Club Plays (1.00 P. M. Each Day at Harry Plummer's studio.)

#### Crowd Expected At Tournament

This week-end the annual Bates interscholastic basketball tournament is being held at City Hall. A great deal of interest is being shown and a record crowd is expected. This is due partly to the fact that both Lewiston and Edward Little are in the struggle.

The teams have been paired for the first round of the series by the names being drawn from a hat. The result was as follows: Rumford vs. South of the freshman year; Class numerals Portland, Lewiston vs. Lincoln Academy, Edward Little vs. Portland, Westbrook vs. Deering. After the first round is played the four winning teams will be paired and will play Saturday afternoon. The final game will be played Saturday

evening.

The Varsity club is in charge of the hall and the entertainment for the teams. Members have been appointed to look after the teams and give the boys a fine reception. The visiting teams are staying at the dormitories due to the hospi tality and co-operation of the men of the college. "Sig" Ward, president of the Varsity club promises that the boys are being well taken care of during their visit this week-end.

#### Large Audience **Greets Mather**

#### Addresses Student Body at Chapel Tuesday

"The Path of Life" was the subject of the second lecture of the George Colby Chase lecture course, given in the college chapel last Monday evening by Professor Kirtley F. Mather, Ph.D. of Harvard College.

The lecture consisted of a presentation of the various forms of life and their relation to each other. "Always," Dr. Mather said, "in the background is the desire to discover something of the stage on which the drama of life is played. Geologists are on a point view ing the world go past...marking the long road of geology with milestones, designing the change and periods of geology...The race of humans is still in its youth, is still learning the habits of life, is still in the first third of lifeof life, is still in the first third of life-history, is still forming its ideas and impressions of life.... Often people believe that life has survived because of fighting, but it is not success in war, but ability to adapt ourselves to the surroundings that allowed life to en-dure; it is the ability to co-operate which has presented life. which has preserved life .... Survival will be determined by philosophical outlook on life, and ability to have co-operation."

Dr. Mather was the chapel speaker on Tuesday morning, and his talk dealt with the general topic of the importance of the ability to see things. He said that seeing was a mental process, the development of which is the most important part of a college education. Learning how to see into the very heart of nature is fundamental, for then, and

only then, are we ready to take a large and active part in life.

Professor Mather's achievements in the realm of science and scientific re-search, together with his appealing personality and interesting, concise presentation of facts have made his talks at Bates sources of pleasure and instruction.

#### MEN'S POLITICS CLUB

At the meeting of the Men's Politics Club last Tuesday evening, President Campbell announced that the joint meeting with the Women's Politics Club would be held on the 15th. For several years it has been customary to hold such a meeting, at which time a debate on a pertinent topic is given. On the coming occasion the topic for debate will be, "Resolved: That woman's place is in the home." Miss Dana Ingle will uphold the negative, and Mr. John Davis the affirmative. Discussion by the membership of the clubs will follow the debate.

#### Standard of Point System in Sports "Trophies Too Easily Won" is Claim of the Board

W. A. A. May Raise

The W. A. A. board is considering a new point system in credit toward athawards in the women's physical education department. The present system of awarding stripes to first team players in all sports, and half stripes to second team members, with a stripe for semester voluntary training, place the trophies too easily within the reach of every girl. The coveted white sweater earned by ten stripes means a big expense to the department and thus far this year about twenty sweaters have been awarded.

The new plan, if accepted will not take effect with the three upper classes but will probably be introduced next

Permission to wear garnet and black will be granted with winning of 20 points, which would be around midyears are given with 55 points, about the end of the hockey season, sophomore year; 145 points win the white sweater, m'dvears of the junior year; at the end of the junior year 175 points may be ob-tained and the silver medal; with the earning of 200 points the silver loving cup is awarded. This system of credits means a much higher standard for winning of athletic awards and an added

value of attainment.

The activities are divided into three groups: Group I, Hockey, basketball, soccer and swimming (to be added with available facilities); ten points are given to first team players and seven to second team. Group II includes tennis, track, and winter sports on basis of 1st. 2nd and 3rd places, also indoor work including dancing, drill and apparatus, on basis of accomplishment; seven, five and two points are given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Only one sport may be combined with indoor work. Group III-Maz archery, hiking, golf, volleyball and baseball, five and three points awarded for first and second team work. Intensive training must be kept for first and second group most be kept for first and second group most be kept for first and second group. sports and though not required in group three an additional point will be given for maintaining it.

#### Juniors Easily Win Interclass Hoop Tourney

#### Sophomores Equally Secure in Second Place

The fifth of the series of interclass basketball games was held last Wednesday night in 'the Lewiston Armory. The Juniors continued their winning streak by swamping the Freshmen by the impressive score of 36-11. Westen and Manning made several sensational dashes up the floor but seemed unable to score for the Freshmen. Joe Roy was the star of the Junior outfit. He gained the largest number of points for his team. Small and Andrews of the Junior quintet also displayed fine form.

The Sophomores beat the Seniors 29 19 in the second game of the evening. Cole and Turner excelled in winning points for their teams, securing 23 of the 29 point total. Brown and Charlie Small made a threatening spurt in the last few minutes of play but they were unable to overcome the lead of the

Sophomores. The Juniors have the class championship in their possession since they have won five straight games and experienced no defeats. The Sophomores are equally as secure in second place for they have won three out of five games. The Seniors and Freshmen will battle with each other next week to keep out of the cellar position. Each team has won one game and lost four. STANDING

#### Sophomores .600 Freshmen .200

#### FRESHMAN DEBATING

The regular meeting of the Freshman Debating Council was held Thursday, March 3. An interesting discussion was held as to whether or not the Council had "It." This was brought to a satisfactory conclusion only after the verbosity of the members had resulted in the super-heating of Libbey

program for the meeting on follow the debate.

Mr. Maxwell Wakely presented a talk on the Boulder Dam project and the issues involved.

The program for the meeting on March 17 was decided upon. A debate on the question, "Resolved: That compulsory physical education in American colleges should be abolished.

#### BATES LOSES IN CLOSELY CONTESTED TRACK MEET

University of Maine Captures a Sufficient Number of Surprise Points to Defeat Garnet Team by Safe Margin of Fourteen Points



JAMES N. SOLOMON, JR., '29 (Has leading part in "Q")

#### 4A Players Will Perform Tonight

The English 4A Players will present

The English 4A Players will present the three one-act plays, "Q", "In 1999", and "Will o' the Wisp" tonight in Little Theatre, Hathorn Hall. "Q", coached by Betty Eaton, is a Psychic history of the supernatural by Stephens Leacock and Basil Hastings. The cast of characters is as follows: Jack Annerly Amateur, James Solomon; George Guoof, a spiritualist. Paul Sel-George Guoof, a spiritualist, Paul Selfridge; Blight, a butler, Julius Mueller; Dora Draper, a revue girl, Eleanor

"In 1999", coached by Victor Bowen, is a comedy by C. DeMille depicting life in 1999. The east will be: Jean, a New York woman, Eleanor Wood; Rollo, her

husband, Paul Chesley. Florence, their friend, Mary Pendlebury.

"Will o' the Wisp", coached by Nat Benson, is a fantasy by Doris Halman. The following make up the cast: Will o' the Wisp, Jessie Robertson; The Old Woman, Faith Blake; The Poet's wife, Lucy Fairbanks: Nora, the serving maid. Lucy Fairbanks; Nora, the serving maid, Dagmar Carlson.

#### To Give Rhodes Scholarship Next December

#### Necessary Requirements Given in Brief Form

American Secretary to the Rhodes Trustees is now announcing the 1927 competition for Rhodes Scholar-The 1928 selections will be made December 10, 1927. Bates, as an insti-tution of between 500 and 1000 students, is entitled to 3 candidates. Maine is in the lists of states which have an election this year, but students here may apply as candidates either for their home state or for any state in which they have received at least two years of college education.

Institutions should select their representatives on the basis of the qualities which will be considered by the State Committee in making the final selection. These are:
(1) Literary and scholastic ability

and attainments.

(2) Qualities of manhood, character, public spirit, and leadership.
(3) Physical vigour, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other

wavs.

The ideal Rhodes scholar should excel in all three of the qualities indicated, but in the absence of such an ideal combination, committees will prefer a man who shows distinction either of character and personality, or of intellect, over one who shows a lower degree of excellence in both. Participation and interest in open-air and athletic pursuits form an essential qualification, but exceptional athletic distinction is not to be treated as of equal importance with the other requirements.

Technical regulations and further information may be obtained by those desiring it from the Secretary of the State Committee of Selection or from the American Secretary.

Bates lost a closely contested track meet to Maine University at Orono last Saturday by the score of 65 2/3 to 51 1/3. Maine took a number of surprise points which were sufficient to defeat the Bobcat. Although the Bates men were by no means given odds to win the meet they were considered sufficiently strong so that a victory would not come as an upset. Up to the pres-ent time the Bates field men have been woefully weak but the story of last Saturday was told on the track. Maine not only grabbed off a second place in both the mile and 600 which was un-expected but completely kicked over the dope bucket by taking the two mile and then the 300. Hypie Rowe took the dash handily

but Maine crowded in for both the other places. The mile was taken by Captain Wills of the Bates team but Macnaughton of Maine beat Brownie in for second place and the first place was again offset by the Maine second place. The 600 was won by Wakely in the startling time of 1.14 flat which is only 3/10 seconds from the world's record. Adams of Bates took a third but Thompson of Maine took the second

place points.

Maine's first break came in the hurdles where they swept the field and took nine cold points. The two mile run saw a dark horse, Noyes, take first place from the Bates veteran Wardwell. Bates redeemed herself in a measure by taking all three places in the 1000 yard run, but Maine came right back in the 300 to take first and second from Wakely. Eight points went to Maine in the shot when Hypie Rowe was the in the shot when Hyple Rowe was the only Bates man to even approach the Maine men's distance. The pole vault and the high jump were both Maine's meat while the discus, 35 pound weight, and broad jump went to Bates. The difficulty lay in the lack of second and third places for the Bates men. Capthird places for the Bates men. Captain Hobson of Maine established a new record in the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet 81/4 inches.

In every respect the meet was a great success and several of the records look as though they were there to stay for quite some time.
The summary follows:

One mile-Wills, Bates; MacNaughton, Maine; Brown, Bates.-4 min. 28

600 yd .- Wakely, Bates; Thompson, Maine; Adams, Bates,—One min. 14 sec. 45 yd. hurdles—Torrey, Hammond, Parks, all Maine.—6 2/5 sec. 45 yd. dash—Rowe, Bates; Niles, Maine; Hamlin, Maine.—5 1/5 sec. Two mile—Noves, Maine; Wardwell,

Bates: Taylor. Maine.—9 min. 58 sec. 1000 yd.—Wills, Chesley, Adams, all of Bates.—2 min. 19 2/5 sec. 300 yd. dash—Niles, Maine: Torrey, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

#### LOMAS AND HILL CAPTURE PRIZES

The prize winners of this year's The prize winners of this year's Freshman Prize Speaking contest are Miss Lillian Hill, Brockton, Mass., and Mr. Livingston Lomas, Lowell, Mass. Miss Hill had for her selection "The Walker", and Mr. Lomas gave the selection "Happiness and Liberty."

The speaking was of an unusually good calibre. Prof. Robinson remarked that it was the best prize division that he had coached for a number of years, and that it would have been extremely easy to have picked another division with as many members as the one selected.

A large number were in attendance at the exercises held last Saturday afternoon in the Little Theatre.

#### ASSEMBLY NOTES

A week ago yesterday the student body assembled under the leadership of Jimmie Baker. A new school song was a pleasant change from the usual hymn. Arthur Brown outlined the plans for the song contest which is being put on by the Student Council to get new and better school songs for use in student assemblies and other college activities. Both music and words must be furnished by contestants. Songs of three or four stanzas at least are desired. Further details will be announced at the next assembly. The meeting was turned over to Harry Rowe and individual schedules of classes were made to be placed in the registrar's office.

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#### A BOLD GESTURE

Away up in the border regions of Maine, whither the editor fled upon sensing the first symptoms of Spring and its concomitent affliction, spring fever, news from the collegiate sphere penetrates but slowly. In these remote regions, one may well forget such invidious topics as the distribution of handicaps at some track meets, the sad tidings recently distributed thru the Registrar's Office, and the surpassing brilliancy of the United States foreign policy.

Nevertheless, we have not yet forgotten the unsettled status of the Maine Intercollegiate Hockey Championship, which was a powerful stimulus to oratory several days ago. At that time it appeared that the failure of the ice prospectors down the Androscoggin would result in the theoretical peace without victory. It is said that the members of the Sophomore Argumentation Classes, freshly tutored in the niceties of the syllogism, are having particular difficulty in fathoming the logic of this situation. They are certainly not alone in their inability to understand why Bates' record of four victories and one defeat does not indicate rather definitely the actual superiority of the Bates team, in spite of whatever complications the ingenuity of Bowdoin and Colby partisans may contrive to generate.

Accordingly, from the fastness of our northern retreat, we venture to express the radical opinion that this year it has been the glory of Bates to harbor the champion college hockey team of the State. To our mind, an admission of this rather obvious fact on the part of Bowdoin and Colby would reflect greater credit on these two institutions than whatever faint glory they may secure thru quibbling over the supremacy of Bates.

Whatever may be the final honest opinion of these two colleges, with whom we have contested the honor of first place, and of nonpartisan observers, one fact ought to be perfectly apparent to all. Certainly no one can now advocate continued observance of the policy of having the first games of the series exhibition contests. The hockey season is short at best; the eccentricities of Maine climate can usually be counted upon to upset the schedule as it has done this year. Had the original agreement to have the full schedule considered series contests been supported by Bowdoin and Colby, the outcome of the series would not be as unsatisfactory from any viewpoint as it is today. Furthermore, from the consideration of student interest, there seems to be no justification for the exhibition game. It is not to be wondered at if the trial contests appeal to the student body as being little more than practice sessions.

And now it becomes our privilege to smile complacently and herald the imminence of "another crisis" in Bates debating history. President Gray's approaching contest with Clarence Darrow is a rather unique expansion of one of our college activities. There are many students who would much like to witness this clash of opinion, a dispute between a lawyer and an educator, between an atheist and a theologian, between a cynic and an optimist, a contest certain to be marked by a liberal show of wit and satire.

That the prestige of Bates will be increased by Prexie's reply to Darrow's challenge is one achievement which may be anticipated. And the victory over this formidable opponent which we hope Prexie will secure will be a welcome addition to the Bates debating

#### FOR THOSE WHO BOO

To turn once more to comment on the hockey season, we are forced to recognize one incident, or rather a series of incidents. which were of little credit to Bates.' This year, for some reason or other, certain Batesinians with a perverted sense of loyalty felt called upon to express their satisfaction at Bates hockey successes by booing the opposing players who were sent from the ice. We are ignorant of the mental processes which prompt normally intelligent college students to such discourteous demonstrations. Such individuals certainly gain no favor with their fellow students with a finer regard for Bates courtesy. Their outbursts are only an embarrassment to the Bates players who in the heat of the contest are themselves penalized for infractions of the rules. And the proceedure cannot but merit contempt from visitors from the other colleges which are accustomed to display better manners when our teams are entertained at their rinks.

#### Dr. H. H. Britan Talks on Egypt

The last meeting of Phil Hellenic before the spring vacation was held in Libbey Forum, March 8. Dr. H. H. Britan was the speaker. The meeting Herbert W. Oviatt, Jr., '28 was called to order by the President, Miss Marion Brawn. Music was fur-nished by Miss Katharine Tubbs, flute, accompanied by Miss Hester Ordway on

> Dr. Britan gave a most delightful talk on his trip thru Egypt. He told in what the Greeks were indebted to the Egyptians in art. Thruout, he related his talk to the Greeks.
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> His main subjects were the land of

Egypt, the Nile, the people and the mon-

He spoke of the Nile as the second longest river in the world saying that it would reach from here to San Francisco. It is the Nile that makes Egypt, or as Herodotus said, "Egypt is the gift of the Nile."

Egypt, at least that part which is in-habitable, is compared to a long shoe string, ten miles wide, and one hundred miles long.

The largest pyramid is of course, one of the most interesting objects. From the top of it, one sees only the rolling sand hills, with but a little green when the harvest is nearly ripe. The pyramid 480 feet high and 750 feet square. It is made with such accurate straightness and skill of workmanship that modern men with isstruments could do no better.

At Assuan, the natives have kept a record of the height of the Nile for the last five thousand years by chipping the granite blocks. This was the means by which they could tell whether Egypt was to have a "fat or a lean year", except where the land was irrigated by

The houses of Egypt, below the first dam, are made of Nile mud, and are

flat-topped, one story structures.

The people are black with the features of the Caucasian race. They are tall, broad-shouldered, and muscular. There is an average of 950 people to the square mile in Egypt, whereas in Maine, there is an average of twenty.

#### Good Talent Shown in Joint Concert

Too much cannot be said in praise of the joint concert of Bates-Macfarlane and Philharmonic clubs Friday, March 4, before an audience which filled the studio and overflowed into adjoining rooms and included a large delegation of Bates students, some of whom assisted in ushering. This first attempt to join the forces of the college and city musically was the culmination of keen foresight and splendid co-operation of the committees of the two clubs. The carefully balanced program showed work of the highest order and reflects great credit on the participating organizations. It furnishes an incentive to Bates music students for serious musical purpose and attainment and it promises Philharmonic future talent; also, it proved "a medium of better acquaintanceship between the college and the community", as Professor Crafts happily phrased it in his

greeting.
Mrs. Henri Crosby presided in her usual gracious manner and Evangeline Tubbs presented the greetings of the Macfarlane Club with originality and cleverness. Professor Crafts of the department of Music at Bates and also former Director of the Philharmonic Club Chorus, after congratulating both clubs, expressed the hope that this might be the first of a series of similar joint concerts and that thru them the musical community might become better acquainted with the college.

There are a great many temples, tombs, and ruins of interest. The extraordinary workmanship on the obelisks is marvelous. King Tut's coffin which is about a quarter of an inch thick and six feet long, is made of twenty-four karat gold, beautifully wrought and in-laid with precious stones. It is esti-mated to be worth a million dollars. There was an attendance of about

twenty which has been about the average attendance of the year. The new officers were elected: President, Howard Long; vice-president, Ruth Patterson; Secre-tary-Treasurer, Walter Durost; Chair-man of the Program Committee, Priscilla Lunderville; Chairman of Social Committee, Lucy Lundell.

#### Party Discovers Lost Mayan City

New Orleans, La. (By New Student Service) - Carefully carved stone bridges, wide highways and stone-faced terraces of a hitherto undiscovered Mayan city greeted the scientific expedition from Tulane University, New Orleans, prowling about in the backwoods regions of Mexico. This exploring party, the third to leave Tulane, has already the discovto leave Tulane, has already the discovery of a twenty-century-old city to its credit.

It is expected that this expedition will yield as rich a supply of relics and material evidence of the ancient civilization as the two earlier trips. On these trips many interesting discoveries were unearthed. Strangely distorted figures of Mayan gods were encountered, also statues of human figures. Rabbit heads, turtles and frogs roughly hewn from sandstone, bearing hieroglyphics of mysterious import were discovered. There were also many temples and ruined cities containing altars and elaborate monuments.

#### CAUSES OF MORE EXPENSE

Charles Thwing, President Emeritus of Western Reserve University finds, from his study and research in American colleges, that student expenses have doubled in the last half century. He assigns the first cause to the eco-nomic condition of the country. The others are: more expensive administration, better living quarters in dormi-tories and better food and more costly buildings. He remarks that factors in college life seem to the older graduates to approach luxury, and are therefore regarded as "unfitting and anti-col-legiate."

"The colleges are all doing their best to provide a useful education for our youth," says Dean Hawkes of Columbia University in a recent newspaper interview. But he believes that before the college can become more useful, it must understand the "Jazz age." He emphasizes the need of "more accurate knowledge of the kind of young people we are trying to educate."



"For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door, And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more."

"The Lamplighter"
Robert Louis Stevenson

# **Lamplighter**

GOOD old Leerie, the lamp-lighter, worked cheerfully to make the streets bright. And the lamps sputtered a friendly glow into the darkness.

The citizens of the country have taken Leerie's job. They are the lamplighters of today, and they spend 3½ cents of each tax dollar that their streets may be bright.

Good street lighting means more flourishing business sections, safe traffic, convenience, and protection.

Leerie, the faithful, has gonebut streets still need lighting. And in whatever communities college men and women elect to live, they should take a lively interest in civic improvements —including street lighting.



and goods, turn the wheels of industry, and lessen labor in the home. Whether on MAZDA lamps, or on large or tiny motors, or on the multitude of other means of electrical service, you will find the G-E monogram wherever you

#### The Garnet Sport Pan

"Red" Oviatt, Editor

The Track team certainly lost a tough meet to Maine last Saturday, but the boys are by no means down-hearted. Spring and the State Meet should tell another story and we hope a brighter one for the Garnet. Men like Allie Wills, Hypie Rowe, Max Wakely, and Ed Wood should be all set for a big Relay year in the out door meets.

I wonder if many people realize that Max Wakely ran one of the most bril-liant 600 yard races last Saturday that has ever been done in Maine. Max ran the distance in one minute and fourteen seconds. The world's record in that event was just broken a couple of weeks ago by Leness and the record now stands at 1.13 7/10; so Wakely's time was just three-tenths of a second slower than the present world's record only one-tenth slower than previous time. He should make the rest of the Maine runners sit up and take notice in the half mile this spring.

So my innocent little article in the last Student hit a sore spot in the Lewiston Journal's Sport writer! Well it has been said that a hit bird always flutters although I now can hardly give him credit for sufficient intelligence to even flutter. In the vernacular, the poor dear just doesn't know. I have heard it rumored that it is thick-headedness that prevents people from seeing a joke and so the item concerning Brieve's disqualification would just naturally go over some people's heads.
Pure unadulterated ignorance is the
only possible explanation of an individual's inability to count up the number of running events that Bates won from Maine; and only an intellectual moron could be guilty of the pitiful attempt at sarcasm that some poor creature wasted valuable moments upon and which attempted to razz this editor who was not only telling the truth but who was voicing the views of men who have unsuccessfully tried to follow Bates athletics through the local papers.

Incidentally the remarks last week were aimed at the reporters that write up the college news. Of course if the big hearted Journal writer of the Sport Sandwich is so anxious to take the responsibility for the inane sport articles that have appeared in his paper this year concerning Bates athletics, I can only say that I pity his judgment and as to his brilliant items concerning his personal views I only deplore his wocful lack of taste.

The Juniors seem to be taking a firm old on the intermural basketball title. They have cleaned up every game they have played so far and in spite of Dave Svetkey's brilliant defensive work last Friday the third year men walked over the Sophs 27-14. Glenn Andrews and Joe Roy slipped the ball in so often in the last half that the hoop was hot with the friction.

Talking of basketball, it has been suggested that the captains of the class and dorm teams meet and choose a team that would compare to a Varsity if such a thing existed. The idea sounds good and would give recogni-tion to many men who have real ability on the basketball floor.

The Interscholastic tournament will well on its wav by the time this is print. Everything points toward a hotly contested struggle and the whole series will be worth seeing. The openng game between Rumford and South of the pe the tournament if their season records can be used as any kind of a basis.

The University of Maine has a beautiful track in their new athletic building. It is remarkably fast and the well-banked corners make it almost as easy to negotiate as an outdoor track. The building has a barn-like appearance but the track makes up for the looks.

Soon the whole racket will be baseoall. Even now the boys are working out the kinks in the athletic building under Chuck Small. Blacky appeared ast week all dressed up in a brand new glove. If he lives up to the looks of the glove he will be a mean pitcher this spring Prospects for a flashy in-field as well as a reliable outfield are of the brightest with Benny Peck, El small, Al Wiseman, Jimmy Cole, and a host of other promising candidates. But it is with no little trepidation that peer furtively into the future—that the season of 1928. Small, Black hick, and Bowen-the only tried pitch ers that we have will graduate. Of course material is always turning up ut it is a einch that the pitching box will need a bit of care after 1927 leaves

Bates teams have been extremely for. garments made at reasonable prices.

tunate in the avoidance of that very embarrassing situation of losing players due to deficiencies in studies. Players should not only think of their own misfortune when they neglect the books and are declared ineligible but should have some regard for the coach, the college and the morale of the team. Bates athletes in recent years have kept their names from the list of failures and here's hoping the rest of the year proves no exception to the precedent.

In the realm of trackdom Bates has a vacation until the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival in the latter part of April. This year the boys will not have to contend with inclement weather conditions and should be in much better condition than in previous years. With Allie Wills, Max Wakely, Roy Adams, and possibly Jimmy Baker the mile relay should be one of the best ever produced. Hee Richardson is coming along and has been extended in the common produced. along and has been stepping right along with the best of them lately.

There will be another Varsity Club initiation before Easter vacation in honor of the new hockey and track letter men. The Club can afford to be liberal with the paddles as the candidates will have the whole vacation in which to recuperate. After all, boys, there's nothing like getting a warm recention when you ign an organize reception when you join an organiza-

Which all reminds us that the Varsity Club is holding down a big proposition in taking charge of the visiting basketball teams. "Cig" Ward has divided the work among the fellows and we hope that as in the past the visiting players will be well taken care of. The City Hall should be a pretty crowded place Friday and Saturday and the ushers will have their hands full getting everyone seated and satisfied.

As we end our weekly deliberations we crouch in fear and trembling, anticipating the revelation of our shortcomings by the infant prodigy that here tofore we had believed to be sufficiently mature to realize the verity of our statements and the reasonableness of our request for more intelligent athletic articles. We have no desire for personal controversies! we merely told the truth about the lack of authoritive college news. If the individual who has picked me out as the object of his sarcasm has any more gems of truth concerning my character he can send me a letter telling me all about it. At least his unquestioanble journalistic experience should tell him that he should not waste his paper's valuable space with idle chatterings like his recent pathetic efforts at repartee.

#### Banquet Planned For Yale Grads

Dinner To Be Held For Nearly 30,000 Alumni

Plans for a "round the world" dinner to be held for Yale graduates and former students all over the world have been made by the Executive Committee for the Yale Endowment Fund and the National Dinner Committee. This will be the largest joint dinner ever held for any one cause, and invitations have been mailed to more than 30,000 graduates and former students of Yale University now residing in sixtysix foreign countries, as well as in every political division beneath the United States flag. This dinner will be held April 20.

More than four hundred local committees in various parts of the world are already working to gather the alumni into at least two hundred large centers. The banquet programs will include ad-

dresses by distinguished Yale graduates. The Yale "round the world" dinner is the opening event in the campaign to secure for Yale an additional endowment of \$20,000,000.

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#### The Purple Decade

Where, oh where has the World Almanac gone? One bright and sunny afternoon which gave no prophetic hint of the misfortune to follow, our visiting debators from George Washington University and the gentlemen from Bates meandered into Coram Library to satisfy a stray streak of curiosity. Tossing pleasantries at one another after the fashion of debaters they finally arrived at the desk. "May we see the World Almanac, if you please!" Smilingly Miss Eaton hastened to the left reading room. Cheerily and confidently she walked over to the late resting place of the World Almanac. Yes, I say late-for the volume was gone, gone -and no word of it has been received since that fateful afternoon.

Seriously-magazines, encyclopedias, and books are all subjected to frequent and often ever-lasting vacations from the library. Need we say that great embarrassment is caused by this con dition, that those who spirit away these books have no right to them.

Some of our dear professors expect every student to think and read exactly as they do. It seems to us that we are a sufficiently unoriginal group of students without this addition to our general dullness. May we quote—"I should think this cross-reference would be perfectly clear to all of you. It occurred to me so of course I can't understand why it didn't occur to all of you."— Tho we feel somewhat soothingly flattered by the very complimentary implication of this speech yet we yearn to remind our professors that college stu dents are of several different clays.

All college students can not agree with the English professor's every interpretation of passages in literature or the Philosophy professor's every theory as to life; they can not all receive the same associations, remembrances, and feelings from their reading that different professors do. If professors consider all com-ments which differ from their opinions as either wrong or unimportant they must expect as a result that all the students will be perpetually balancing on a fence—so to speak—and flop to which ever side the professors prefer. Imagine the torture which the poor students have to endure! The sense of disagreeableness which we feel upon leaving classes conducted by professors of this type is undescribable. Oh for the right word at the right time.

Clubs and societies like men are subject to birth and evolution. Suddenly there arises on a college campus the need for a literary organization-two students yearn to write, to criticise and be criticised, to publish their creations; three more students grow enthuiastic, soon there are fourteen-a Spofford Another group of students create the 4A Players; a third, the Deutscher Verein. Work in these societies is earnest and zealous. But soon the campus becomes surfeited with clubs—pink clubs and green ones, fat ones and round, two for a penny, ten in a pound. Students develop a kind of club-craze—they belong to four or five or seven clubs with imposing and exclusive sounding names. They begin to attend club meet-

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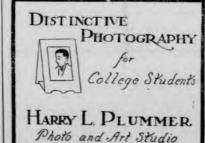
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ings tempermentally. Soon some group or other becomes a club only in name. To uphold the integrity of the club as an organization we may say that usually some member attends the majority of the meetings. There is vague chat of what the club will do sometime and then the meeting is adjourned. It seems appropriate, when an organization has reached this stage of decline and when attempts to rejuvenate it are not wholly sincere, that it should be disbanded until the need for it again arises.

Twenty-one! Nineteen, twenty or twenty-one-Birthdays make you realize the number of years you have left to play about on this gay old world. Yet it is not the time itself that matters. It is what you have accomplished in the past time and what you will accomplish in the future. Twenty-one is a thrilling age to be if you have health, if you are good-to-look-upon, if you have read wisely, if you have social poise and self-confidence, if you love life. It is the most wonderful age in the world if you have made the most of twenty-one years trailing behind you. Time seems too fleet only when you are not your number of years perfect.

They drew together two in jet, A destiny in Silhouette.

You remember Dr. Tubbs told us about the young and playful crow who tobagganed in the cover of a baking powder can. There are serious crows too. We have just discovered the story of a crow who had personality enough to regain his voice, to obtain the admiration of his fellow-crows, to win a shining black Mrs. Crow—all after his beak had been torn away. The rather marrel-ous narrative poem, The Singing Crow, which tells this story is written by Nathalia Crane, the fifteen year old poet. This girl-writer has a vocabulary so lush and varied, a keeness of analyzation so sure and sympathetic that we can hardly believe that she is so very young. She has written this poem in couplets (as the above quotation signi-fies)—all of which arrival fies)—all of which reminds us of our study of Waller, Spenser, and Pope.

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Prof. Myhrman spoke at the Y. M. C. A. meeting at Chase Hall, Wednesday evening. His subject was "Has Life a Meaning?" He emphasized three points in his talk. The first was that the only way to get a meaning in life is to become a part of something greater than you are. The second was that this involves a conscious choice, and the third was that this is the only way to get the greatest happiness in

The Student Conference to be held at Poland Springs was announced and a tentative list of delegates was made

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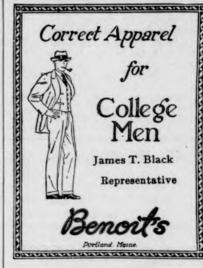
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Feeling the need of a larger number of songs and cheers which the entire College would consider of enough merit to be known and used by everyone, the Student Council, at its last meeting voted to sponsor a contest to promote the writing of a number of good songs and cheers. A tentative plan was drawn up and presented to the Student Assembly at the gathering.

It was decided to offer a prize of ten dollars for the best song presented. It was hoped that a number of students with musical ability would compose original tunes to their verses but it was decided that songs with words set to some of the old standard tunes would be considered. It is not the aim of the Council to find a song to succeed the "Alma Mater" but rather to bring into use a number of catchy strains to sup-plement this traditional anthem; for there are times, as we all know, when the stands feel in the mood to burst forth into song when the "Alma Mater" is not altogether appropriate.

The same is true of our stock of cheers. Many of them might be termed "shop worn." In order not to spoil a good cheer like the Bates Yell it seems desirable to find a few to supplant some of those which are obsolete. For this reason it was voted to offer a prize of three dollars and one of two dollars for the two best cheers presented. Suc-cess is hoped for in spite of the diffi-culty of making a cheer which will go across big.

The committee of judges has not been definitely decided but will be announced along with further particulars at the next Assembly

Bates Loses Track Meet (Continued from Page 1)

Maine: Wakely, Bates.—33 sec. 16 lb. shot—Thompson, Maine; Hart-man, Maine: Rowe, Bates—43 ft. 1/4 in. Pole vault-Hobson, Decker, Proctor,

all of Maine.—12 ft. 81/4 in.

High jump—Hammond, Maine; tie
for second: Laplante and Caldwell of Maine and Knowlton of Bates .- 5 ft.

8 5/8 in. Broad jump—Rowe, Bates; Caldwell, Maine; Paul, Bates.—21 ft. 8 7/8 in.

Discus—Rowe, Bates; Houle, Bates; Hathaway, Maine.—119 ft. 4 in. 35 lb. weight—Wood, Bates; Moulton, Maine; Lovely, Maine.—40 ft. 11 in.

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Bee Milliken spent last week-end in Augusta as the guest of Mrs. C. S.

Mrs. E. H. Potts had Dot Carpenter, Frances Nichols, Marion Littlefield. Isabelle Jones, Dagmar Carlson, and Dana Ingle as guests at a luncheon party at the Wedgewood.

Peggy Armstrong spent the week-end in Boston as the guest of Mrs. C. C.

Velma Courser of Saco was the guest of Polly Davis last Sunday.

Ednah Ash, Bunny Carll, Charlotte Clarke, Polly Hill, Lorna Lougee and Helen Low snow-shoed out to Thorn-erag last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson Wright was the guest of her daughter, Elizabeth Wright at Milliken House this week.

A birthday party was given to Olive Hill, Friday night in Rand dining room. Those present were: Olive Hill, Lucille Toothacher, Helen Young, Elizabeth Wright, Clara Stetson, Connie Withington, Dot Hansom, Marion Brawn, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Stetson.

Mrs. E. L. Stetson spent a few days at Milliken House this week visiting her daughter, Clara Stetson.

Apric Bolch Davis David Olive Flan.

Aurie Balch, Doris David, Olive Flanders, Olive Hill, Belle Hobbs, Ella Hult-gren, Charlotte Lane, Carolyn Merrill, Mig Morris, Ruth Parsons, Lydia Pratt, Clara Stetson, Betty Stevens and Evan-geline Tubbs will attend the Eastern New England Student Conference held at Poland Springs this week-end.

Mrs. E. H. Potts was the guest of

Dana Ingle at Cheney House this week.

News has been received that Alvin W. Freelove '25 is at present at The Washington Pharmacy, 801 E. Wash-ington St., Orlando, Fla. Ralph Hamilton '25, now works in The Ourisman Chevrolet Co., Washing-

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