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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 concomitant 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 non-partisan 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.

A CRISIS

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 heritage.

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 Batesians 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 procedure 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 was called to order by the President, Miss Marion Brawn. Music was furnished by Miss Katharine Tubbs, flute, accompanied by Miss Hester Ordway on the piano.

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.

His main subjects were the land of Egypt, the Nile, the people and the monuments.

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 inhabitable, 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 is 480 feet high and 750 feet square. It is made with such accurate straightness and skill of workmanship that modern men with instruments 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 hand.

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 a 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 inlaid with precious stones. It is estimated 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; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Durost; Chairman 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 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 economic condition of the country. The others are: more expensive administration, better living quarters in dormitories 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-collegiate."

"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."



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Red Oviatt, Editor

The Track team certainly lost a tough meet to Maine last Saturday, but the boys are by no means down-hearted.

I wonder if many people realize that Max Wakely ran one of the most brilliant 600 yard races last Saturday that has ever been done in Maine.

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.

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...

The Juniors seem to be taking a firm hold 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.

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 recognition to many men who have real ability on the basketball floor.

The Interscholastic tournament will be well on its way by the time this is in print. Everything points toward a hotly contested struggle and the whole series will be worth seeing.

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.

Soon the whole racket will be baseball. Even now the boys are working out the kinks in the athletic building under Chuck Small. Blakely appeared last 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.

Bates teams have been extremely for-

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.

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.

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.

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.

As we end our weekly deliberations we crouch in fear and trembling, anticipating the revelation of our shortcomings by the infant prodigy that heretofore 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.

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.

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The Purple Decade

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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 condition, 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."

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.

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 criticize and be criticised, to publish their creations; three more students grow enthusiastic, soon there are fourteen—a Spofford Club. Another group of students create the 4A Players; a third, the Deutscher Verein. Work in these societies is earnest and zealous.

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ings temperamentally. 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.

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.

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

C. Kenneth Conner '25 who has been studying theatre management in various cities is now located at The Broadway Theatre, 420 Broadway, Chelsea, Mass.

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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 supplement 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. Success is hoped for, in spite of the difficulty 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

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Maine: Wakely, Bates—33 sec.
16 lb. shot—Thompson, Maine; Hartman, Maine; Rowe, Bates—43 ft. 1/4 in.
Pole vault—Hobson, Decker, Proctor, all of Maine—12 ft. 8 1/4 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.

PERSONALS

Miss Charlotte Rose of Connecticut is the guest of Gwen Wood this week at Rand Hall.

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

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. Chase.

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

Ednah Ash, Bunny Carl, Charlotte Clarke, Polly Hill, Lorna Lougee and Helen Low snow-shoed out to Thorncrag 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.

Aurie Balch, Doris David, Olive Flanders, Olive Hill, Belle Hobbs, Ella Hultgren, Charlotte Lane, Carolyn Merrill, Mig Morris, Ruth Parsons, Lydia Pratt, Clara Stetson, Betty Stevens and Evangeline 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. Washington St., Orlando, Fla.

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