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## BATES MEN WIN OVER YALE IN CLOSE DEBATING BATTLE

Last Debate in which Googins Will Represent Bates. Has Taken Part in Twenty-two Debates.

With a 2-1 decision of the judges Bates again came out of a hard fought forensic battle victorious at New Haven, March 28. This was the Sixth Annual Yale-Bates debate, five of which have been won by Bates.

The question for debate was, Resolved: That this house approves of the present Coolidge policy in Nicaragua. Bates upheld the negative. The outline for the Bates case was that the present Coolidge policy was a radical departure from traditional one and that it was detrimental both to the welfare of the United States and Nicaragua. The chief contention of the Yale team was that the Coolidge policy was necessary to protect American interests in Nicaragua.

The Bates speakers were John Carroll Jr., '29, Charles Guptill, '28, and Fred T. Googins, '27. This was the last debate that Mr. Googins will participate in for Bates, having debated in his four years a total of twenty-two debates.

## Schools Try for President's Cup

In accordance with the custom established three years ago, the President's Cup will soon be awarded the high school winning this insignia of scholastic achievement must be represented by at least three members of the Freshman class, whose rank for the first semester is the highest of all eligibles.

The schools competing for the President's Cup are: Edward Little High School, Auburn; Gould Academy, Bethel; Morse High School, Bath; Fort Fairfield High School, Fort Fairfield; Hallowell High School, Hallowell; Jordan High School, Lewiston; Lisbon Falls High School, Lisbon Falls; Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield; Portland High School, Portland; and Deering High School.

Portland High won the first year that the cup was awarded, and Deering High won last year.

## Elect Officers on Women's Side Campus

The election for Women's Student Government Board and the officers of the Y. W. C. A. were held the week before Easter vacation. The officers of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet which have been chosen, are as follows:

President, Beatrice Milliken '28; Vice-president, Mary Pendlebury '29; Treasurer, Barbara Austin '28; Undergraduate Representative, Frances Maguire '29; Secretary, Clara Stetson '30. The Student Government Board consists of the following members: President, Margaret Morris '28; Vice-president, Winnie Sanders '29; Secretary-Treasurer, Eleanor Wood '29; House Seniors: Milliken, Ardis Chase '28; Whittier, Pauline Coombs '28; Chase, Marjorie Jewell '28; Frye, Marion Carl '28; Cheney, Elva Duncan '28; Rand, Olive Flanders '28; Town Girls' Representative, Marion Garelton '28; Off Campus Representative, Hazel Blanchard '29; Sophomore Representatives, Lydia Pratt '30; Beulah Page '30; Junior Representative, Evelyn Webb '29.

Miss Morris, '28 and Miss Milliken, '28 have both been active in college affairs for the last three years and are well-known on the campus. Miss Milliken was Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. during her Sophomore year and Vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. her Junior year. When a Freshman she was chosen Vice-president of the class. Also she is one of the directors of the Outing Club.

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## "BATES MEN IN THE MAKING"

"Bates Men in the Making" is the name of the new pamphlet which has just been put out by the college for prospective students.

The little magazine shows Bates life on the men's side of the campus. A real glimpse of the Bates atmosphere is presented.

Mr. McGown spent considerable time and energy in getting the material together, and it is his hope that the student body will see that all high school and preparatory students interested in Bates receive copies.

## SOPHOMORES TO STAGE NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

The members of the Sophomore Class will present a varied program of entertainment in Little Theatre on the evening of April twenty-second. The first part of the program will consist of several vaudeville acts by members of the class. There will be a ukelele chorus, a dance feature, and several other novelty numbers.

The latter part of the evening two one act plays will be presented, "The Very Naked Boy" and "Two Crooks and a Lady". The last mentioned play is a product of the Harvard 47 workshop. It depicts the triumph of the will of a helpless invalid over two crooks who are conspiring to steal from her. "The Very Naked Boy" is a surprising and very amusing farce. The plays have been well cast by members of the 4A players and should prove a fitting climax to this novel entertainment.

## Deputation Team Makes 4th Visit

New Conference Held at Cumberland Center

The college Y. M. C. A.'s fourth deputation of the year found "Allie" Wills, Arthur Brown, and Ralph Blagden making a three-day visit to Cumberland Center over the past week-end. The team reached Cumberland Center in time for a big Father and Son banquet.

A sports program, including a baseball game and a series of relay races, was held Saturday afternoon. Here "Allie" and "Brownie" donned their spikes for an exhibition, while Blagden performed creditably as a pitcher on the baseball field.

An innovation in deputation work was tried out Saturday night with considerable success. It was in the form of a young people's conference on college outlook, and the members of the team were kept busy for two hours answering questions for a dozen prospective Bates students.

The team led two church services on Sunday. The second, a Young People's Rally, was described by the local pastor, Rev. Burton Lucas, as the largest church gathering ever held in Cumberland Center.

The college Y. M. C. A. is greatly indebted to Cumberland Center residents for the entertainment of the team. Local arrangements include Rev. Burton Lucas and Mr. Arno Chase of the Congregational Church and Belmont Adams, Bates '30. William Brookes '29, chairman of the deputation committee, managed the deputation.

**SODALITAS LATINA**  
The spring initiation service of the Sodality Latina was held in Rand Tuesday evening. Six new members were received from the Juniors; Edna Ash, Marion Carl, Louise Hersey, Pauline Hill, Pamela Leighton, and Marion Littlefield. The new members responded to the roll call with Latin proverbs. Then the following program was carried out:

Littlefield gave a representation of the "7 labors" of "Hercules". Ash and Carl acted the "Cave Scene" from the "Aeneid", taking the parts of "Dido" and "Aeneas". Leighton and Hersey had a silent presentation of "Orpheus and Eurydice".

Miss Hill was unable to be present but the other initiates gave the following scenes:

"Catullus and Lesbia", Carl and Leighton; "The Boy and the Tame Dolphin", Ash and Littlefield; "A Love Letter as Pliny would write it", Hersey.

In a skit by all, "Conversation of Pliny with his Friends at his Villa", Carl took the part of Pliny.

Pres. Hancock then gave a speech on "The Founding and Meaning of the Latin Club".

The constitution was read by the secretary and signed by the new members. Much amusement was furnished by the initiation program which had been planned by the committee with Shirley Gilbert, chairman. After the refreshments the meeting was adjourned.

## Choir to Give Vesper Service

Next Sunday's Program Includes Many Solos

The College Choir assisted by members of Both Glee Clubs will give a Vesper Service in the Chapel next Sunday at 4 o'clock. The Soloists will be Miss Isabelle Jones '28, Ruth Flanders '27, and Mr. Ernest J. Hill, tenor soloist at the State Street Church in Portland. Mr. Hill will sing "King Ever Glorious" by Stainer. The chorus will sing "Fling Wide the Gates; God So loved the World; Gounod's Cantata 'Gallia', and Robert's "Seek Ye the Lord".

Mrs. Gladys White will be the organist, Mr. Crafts will conduct and President Gray will preside.

## Student Writes Letter on India

Letter Gives Example of Nature as a Text

In view of the fact that all are more or less interested in the "Floating University" as a new experiment in educational lines, it seemed to the "Student" rather desirable to bring the student body in closer contact with the undertaking. This can be accomplished in no better fashion than thru a student letter. The following is a letter written by James Andrews a student connected with the University. In it he gives his impression of India. This letter was taken from the Floating University magazine.

### Train Travel

"Agra, as you can see by the map, is almost in the very center of Northern India. From Bombay it is a good thirty-six hours' journey by train. The trains were so good that they merit a short description. Each passenger car was divided into three or four completely separate compartments, each of which accommodated four people and was cared for by a special servant. In my compartment were Mr. Adler, Pece, Ben Washer and myself. It was a huge compartment with its own washroom and even a miniature shower which came in very handy after the dust and heat. Most of the time there were six people in there altogether as Neil DuBois and Howard Marshall, friends of mine, with whom I worked on "The Minnale," and then on the "Editorial Page," spent most of the daytime in with us. All meals were served at stations on the way where we had a chance to stretch our legs and get a glimpse of the country life in India. The meals were very good and with them we had to drink bottled stuff as the water is unsafe. The trip itself was fascinating.

"From the windows and the open doorway—I sat on the doorsill most of the way—we saw all kinds of things which were unlike anything we had seen anywhere else. Several times we saw antelope in the fields, once, as we were going through a wooded section rather slowly I saw a mongoose wild. Many times we saw monkeys of various sorts, but for the most part large ones which looked like Gibbons, if I remember rightly the ones in the museum, and everywhere were water buffalo in the fields and wallowing in the mud holes. The countryside itself was for the most part very arid, like the pictures we see of the African veldt, with scattered single trees, low and dusty, with tufted, sandy looking grass. The rivers we passed over were broad and shallow for the most part, although we went over one which was at the bottom of a rocky gorge in which we could see far below us a band of very agile monkeys skipping about on the rocks. The people and villages were no less interesting than the animals. The houses were nearly all thatched mud huts constructed not far from the well or water hole which formed the central meeting place for the inhabitants and the most important part of the town. A few huts were partly made of sheets of corrugated iron. The people were of all sorts. Men, women and children wore every possible sort of garment, but not much in the way of quantity. Turbans, dingy fezes and cloth wound round and round formed the headgear.

### Going to the Taj Mahal

"We arrived at Agra at about five o'clock in the morning in the bitter cold which settles on India as soon as the sun sets. We all got up and dressed immediately and left the train so as to get to the Taj early. It was fearfully

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## WEALTH OF MATERIAL READY FOR COMING TRACK SEASON

Coach Jenkins May Enter a Team in the Medley Relay Annual State Meet to be held at Orono This Year

### ANNUAL SPRING HOP

On Saturday night, Bates "eds" and "co-eds" will gather at Chase Hall once again. This time it is the Annual Spring Hop under the direction of the Varsity Club.

Stewart's six-piece orchestra will furnish the music from eight o'clock until eleven-thirty. King Jazz will hold sway, and will rule leniently.

The committee in charge consists of "Pat" McCurdy, "Max" Wakeley, and "Lief" Erickson. The chaperons and chaperones are Coach and Mrs. Jenkins, Coach Wiggin and Miss Francis, "Andy" Myhrman and Miss Bass.

Dance programs may be obtained from "Pat" McCurdy.

## Urgent Need for Songs and Cheers

Liberal Prizes Offered for Contest Winners

The cheer and song contest, sponsored by the Student Council, and which was to have closed at the first student assembly after the spring recess has been extended until the next assembly. There is an urgent need for snappy songs and cheers to be used at football games, rallies, and assemblies of the student body. There has not been an abundance of songs and cheers submitted to the committee and so the closing date of the contest has been set ahead two weeks.

Here is a chance for someone to make himself famous and fill a very real need. As an additional incentive prizes have been offered by the council committee, consisting of Coburn, chairman, Ulmer, and Chesley, as follows: \$10.00 for the best song, \$3.00 for the best cheer, and \$2.00 for the second best cheer. Hand your songs and cheers to the committee and they will hand them to the judges who are headed by Prof. Crafts for the faculty and Allie Wills for the students.

## Much Progress is Reported on 1927 Mirror

Work on "The Mirror" progresses! The first eighty pages are very nearly completed. And around the middle or last of May, another year-book will be put forth—a larger, better, more attractive year-book than ever before! To the staff of this publication has been added another earnest helper, Arthur Brown. All the assignments are out, and within two weeks they will be ready for the press. The Girls' Athletic Section has been enlarged, and made not only bigger, but better. The covers are outstanding in beauty. The background is of black new mission

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## Taylor and Gates Win A Hard Fought Debate

Students fortunate enough to have signed up for this semester's course in advanced argumentation were privileged to witness, yesterday morning, a remarkable exhibition of forensic ability.

The question for debate was: Resolved: That the state of Maine should permit the exportation of hydroelectric power. Miss Hazel Blanchard and Mr. Howard Goody, although not posing as political celebrities, had especially well-prepared speeches, and had no difficulty in holding the attention of an enthusiastic audience. Their arguments were clear and well-defined. All went well until Mr. Goody, in his rebuttal speech, gave way to paroxysms of irrepressible but not infectious laughter.

The honorable Shaw Taylor, referred to by his colleague Lawrence Gates, as a "prince of politicians" proceeded to expound, from the depths of a wing collar, varied and numerous truths.

Miss Blanchard, in a burst of oratory, quieted the unfounded fears of her opponents as to the dangers of Federal control.

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Everything is looking rosy for the Garnet track men this year. With the wealth of material at hand, Bates is looking forward to her most spectacular season in track. Coach Jenkins will open the season by taking two teams to the Penn Relays, where an enviable record has been set by Bates for the past six years, by winning the Class C event six times and in addition by winning the Class B event three years ago. Jenkins may set an innovation for the team this year by entering it in the Medley Relay, which consists of different distances, namely, the quarter, half, three quarters and the mile.

In the Mile Relay, we should work wonders, for we have Oviatt, Wakely, Baker, and Captain Allie Wills—all of whom are veterans in the Penn. Relays. Besides these there are; Adams, Richardson, and Coleman, who have been turning in some very good quarters lately.

In case Coach Jenkins decides to run the Medley, Jimmy Baker may get into the running again since he is nearly recovered from injuries received in football last fall. If he is able to run, the burden of the quarter mile will fall on Wakely. Adams will probably run the half; Chesley, Brown, or Wardwell will be entered in the three quarters—and Captain Wills will turn in his usual stellar performance in the mile. All of these men are letter men and veterans on the cinders.

The State Meet will be held at Orono this year. Both Maine and Bowdoin are very strong in the field events, and it is quite probable that their scores will balance, leaving Bates to clean up in the running events upon which she is counting to win the meet. Hypie Rowe is expected to take the broad jump, and perhaps better the state record he has already set. It is almost a certainty that he will place in the hundred yard dash, too.

Allie Wills, Wardwell and Cushing are booked to gather several points in the mile. Brown should take the 2 mile, and Adams should place in the half mile. Because of the loss of Stan Fisher, ex '28, the star quarter miler, the outcome of this race will depend upon Wakely's performance.

Wood, Dave Ray, Houle, Neilson, and Lanky Hubbard are looked upon to gather a few points in the weight events, while Burnett, the freshman, may get a place in the Javelin throw.

The following freshmen are expected to compete; Costello, Cushing, Buddington, Kilbourne, Houle, Hubbard, and Burnett, but they are as yet unknown quantities in Intercollegiate competition.

Five meets have been scheduled for this Spring; April 29 & 30. Penn Relays at Phil. May 7. U. of N. H. Dual at Lewiston. May 14. State Meet at Orono. May 21. New Englands at Brunswick. May 28. Springfield I. C. A. A. A. A. The Interscholastics will be held June 4 on Garelton Field.

## New Officers of "Y" are Chosen

At the annual election of officers held just before the vacation John B. Alexander '28 of Gardiner was elected president of the College Y. M. C. A. William H. Bull '29 of Worcester, Mass. was elected vice-president and the new secretary chosen was George W. Anderson '30 of Roxbury, Mass. Maxwell Wakely '28 and Paul Chesley '29 will be the senior and junior representatives next year. The faculty member elected was Professor G. E. Ramsdell. The installation will probably take place next week.

The new president is a member of the Phil Hellenic and Cosmos clubs. He holds an assistantship in the English department. He was chairman of the committee on religious education in the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet this year. Mr. Bull is a member of the Student Board and the 4A Players. He had the leading part in this year's varsity play.

### MIRROR GROUPS

Mon. Debating Council  
Tues. Men Varsity Debaters  
Wed. Women Varsity Debaters  
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1:00 at Harry Plummer's



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### REFLECTIONS

Days of prosperity and ease are lean days for Democrats, bolsheviks, and editors. Nothing is quite as uninspiring to those who would weigh the worth of institutions as general contentment. The decline of the Coolidge legend stirs the sons of Thomas Jefferson from their lethargy; the promise of new fields to conquer in China warms the hearts of Nicolai Lenin's colleagues, but the roseate afterglow of the late vacation leaves the editorial muse sadly enervated. In these transition days, when there is both spring and winter in the air, a general complacency prevails upon the campus. The past iniquities of students and faculty have been forgotten, and new ones have not yet developed. The weeks from now until June are as rich in prospects as the spring recess just past is in memories. In short we are at peace with the world.

True, no great metamorphosis has taken place on the campus in our absence. The dormitories are cleaner, but except for that, no more homelike. The wall paper is still dirty, the halls still dark, the ceilings still battle-scarred, and the stairways still tremulous. Some of us have visited the living quarters of other institutions during the recess and hope that a philanthropist with an appreciation for the comforts of home will turn his beneficence toward Bates not far hence. After all, the mere physical environment in which a man or woman lives for four years must have some effect upon his tastes after graduation.

The Commons? Well, at least we may congratulate ourselves that the transition from home to college cooking was not as abrupt this year as last. True, the meat sometimes appeals to the palate more than to the eye. True, it frequently seems to be compounded with an excess of eskimo food. Granted, that crackers and milk is the saving grace of some suppers. Overlook the fact that meals are often of better quality at fraternity houses which charge no more for board than is charged here at Bates. The luxuries of home are evidently duplicated on a large scale only with great difficulty. Improvements have been made in the past. So long as the authorities recognize the opportunities for future improvements, then there is hope. We should like to see the time when it would no longer be necessary to make eating at the Commons compulsory in order to secure patrons.

And classes? Yes, they're important, too. Some will drag along monotonously for the remaining nine weeks, with students appearing before their father confessors at the prescribed hour to disgorge a more or less accurate version of a conglomeration of facts gleaned from a text book the night before. Others will vary the program with these, special assignments, and individual work of such nature. These courses, altho hampered in their efforts to stimulate scholarly research and creative thinking by the rigidity of the cut system, will, nevertheless, probably command greater interest from and make a more valuable contribution to the education of their students. All of which leads us to enquire by way of digression, why not the substitution of these for final examinations?

### A STUDENT COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES

We have a feeling that the President's appointment of a student committee to study the problems of Bates comes close to marking the zenith of student participation in college administration. The greatest achievement for which the student body can now hope is that the student viewpoint as finally expounded in the report of this committee will receive serious consideration from the trustees and those who guide the destiny of Bates. No problem affecting the success of Bates is excluded from the scope of this committee's operations. What do you consider the pressing needs of this college? Should there be more professors or less professors? What of the honors work? Should we have more organizations on the campus? (Heaven forbid!) How to simplify our present complex social organization? What should be the relations between the student body and administrative offices? Here is practical use toward which we may now turn the customary dormitory talk fests. Place your ideas in the hands of the committee members. Make this report in fact a mirror of student opinion.

The Student congratulates the President and Trustees on what impresses us as being distinctly a liberal move. We hope that the results of this committee's work will justify the power placed in its hands.

### The Garnet Sport Pan

"Red" Oviatt, Editor

Hurray for the new athletic era that the administration claims is dawning upon our campus! Of course we have received enough propaganda in the last four years so that our keen intellects immediately perceive that this new era is directly due to our spick and span athletic buildings. But we are also immediately aware of the fact that the narrow-mindedness and lack of foresight upon the part of individuals "unknown" caused the aforesaid athletic plant to be placed under lock and key during the Easter vacation. Isn't it delightful to be told of the great benefits that are to be ours in the new cage and then be greeted by a notice that in spite of the fact that there were many who could have used the cage to advantage, the building would be locked during the spring recess.

Upon further investigation we were greatly relieved to find that the real reason for the padlocking was not pure meanness upon the part of the administration but that it was found necessary to varnish the building! Queer that the brand-new structure should so soon be in need of repairs! Queer that a matter of varnishing would prevent or interfere with baseball and track work! Of course I don't know much about such intellectual matters. Those we leave for Bob MacDonald, the Bursar's office, and the rest of our intellectual superiors. But, as I recollect the Clifton Daggett Gray Athletic Building and other structures of similar kind, I fail to understand just what parts of the track and diamond are usually adorned with varnish. Any elucidation upon this matter will be gratefully received by this editor, or his successor!

Yale has a track, Yale has a gymnasium, and during their vacations both are at the service of not only their own athletes but any athletes from other col-

leges who may be in New Haven for the recess. Of course we would never have the temerity to suggest anything so radical for the consideration of the administration, trustees, etc., but if the powers that be would spend half of the money that they spend upon boasting about our new buildings in hiring someone to keep the plant open during vacation, it is our firm belief that the student body would appreciate it. Of course it is barely possible that it has been so long the custom at Bates to mistrust the students in everything that the Jury would feel reticent in allowing the buildings to be left open without an armed guard, peek-a-boo artists, and a squadron of professorial proctors. Under such conditions we would humbly withdraw our suggestion and agree that the needs of the athletic teams must necessarily be sacrificed upon the altars of "Precedent" and "Rules and Regulations".

Baseball is getting its stride again and last Wednesday the Garnet pastimers trotted out on Garcelon Field for the first time this year. The boys do look good and when they meet Harvard on the 16th at Cambridge, the Crimson nine should know they have a tough nut to crack. On the 19th the boys meet dear ol' Bowdoin here and whether it is an exhibition game or not every student should be out to convince Bowdoin that the Fencing Championship will be their only accomplishment of this year.

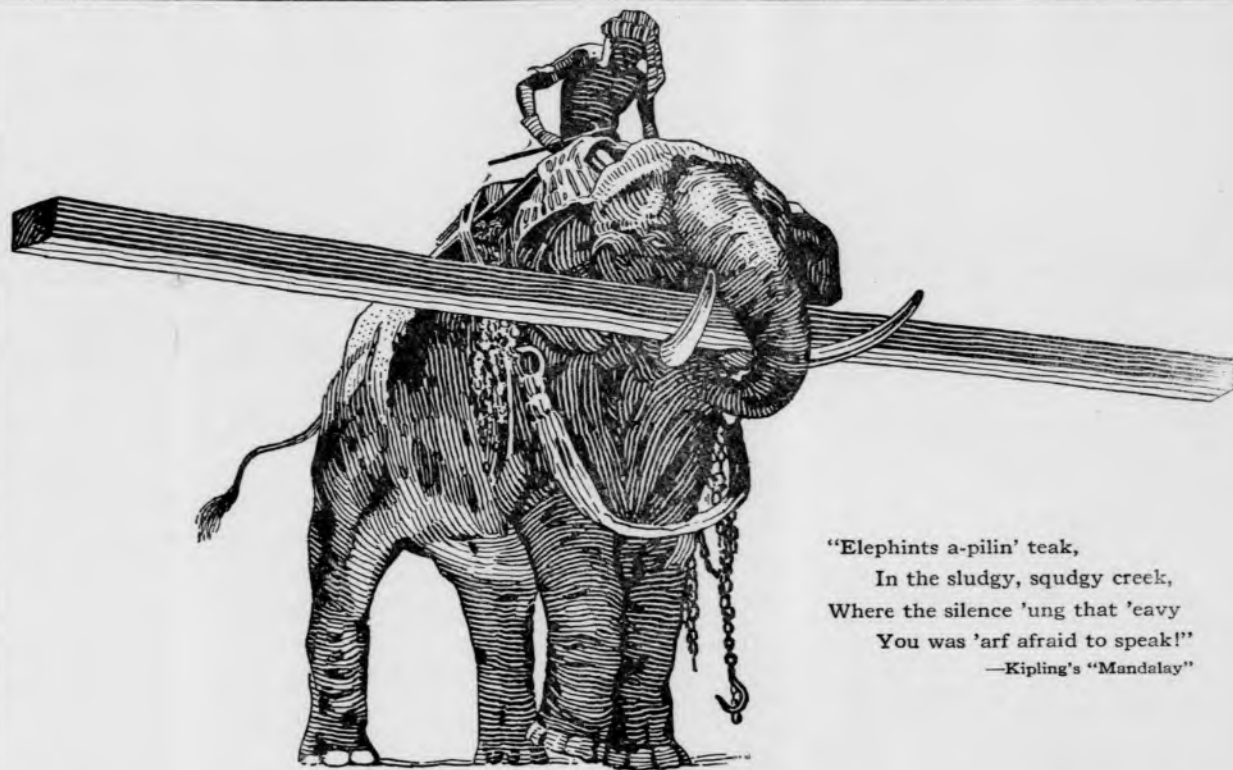
The track men stepped out into the open last Wednesday and took to the grass in front of the Athletic Building. Very easy workouts were in order as no one was in condition. The relay men will be pointing toward the Penn Relays for the rest of the month and a speedy team should be developed. The Garnet hopes took a big boost when the James-Wingate-Hixon-Baker smile appeared upon the scene. Jimmy's knee is still weak but if it bothers him we will never know it from him. Everyone is rooting for him to come back and make the trip to Pennsylvania.

The dopsters will soon be busy prophecying the score of the State Track

Meet. Bowdoin is weakening, Maine is stronger than ever, Colby doesn't seem to be in the running, but we hope that Bates will develop sufficiently to win its first Track championship since the proverbial Year One. The field events are woefully in need of candidates and it seems that this is a good opportunity to suggest that some of the dainty little 200 pounders should turn from their strenuous efforts at bridge, poker, and cribbage and take a snort at the weights.

Wouldn't an outdoor interclass track meet be a good feature in the near future? Sometimes in inter-class competition it is possible to find promising men who otherwise would never be considered. If only the students as a whole would take a live interest in interclass competition in all sports the personnel of the teams would be appreciably improved.

We do not want it said that all of our attempts at criticism are destructive and consequently we congratulate the Lewiston Journal upon the quality as well as quantity of Bates' sport news as rendered in the last few weeks. We do not expect to see Bates emblazoned over every page but proper publicity at the proper time is appreciated by the student body. Incidentally we absolutely agree with the Journal that the athletic cage should run open house through vacations and not be padlocked like a New York saloon. We believe that college spirit is not at all what it should be on our campus but we do not blame the student body as much as we do the authorities. It isn't any credit to them that they are able to keep as able a coach as Wig, and it isn't because of any inherent love of the athletes for the administration that the boys are out in the Garnet colored uniforms. The men think a lot of the coaches as individuals and to a great extent it is for the coach that they do their best. When we get an assistant football coach and when the student body becomes convinced that the high mucky-mucks sincerely want to cooperate with the fellows for the best interests of Bates, then will we have the re-creation of the true Bates spirit.



"Elephants a-pilin' teak,  
In the sludgy, sjudgy creek,  
Where the silence 'ung that 'eavy  
You was 'arf afraid to speak!"  
—Kipling's "Mandalay"

## ELEPHANTS

The elephant is man's most intelligent helper. But—consider this interesting comparison:

An elephant is much larger than the electric motor of a "yarder" or logging machine. The "yarder" has the power of twenty elephants; it handles clusters of logs; it works dependably, twenty-four hours at a stretch, if necessary.

Twenty elephants would eat daily 10,000 pounds of green food, which a corps of attendants must gather. A motor "eats" nothing but electricity, supplied at the throw of a switch.

Power used in the modern industrial world is applied through electric motors—tireless "iron elephants" that are relegating antiquated machines to museums, along with such oldtime household articles as wash-tubs and ordinary irons—and stuffed elephants.



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**The Purple Decade**

The other day I was quite exasperated at again finding myself just a repetition of somebody else. I have often thought what fun it is to make a friend. Each of you gives out your own personality bit by bit to each other and often you save choice bits to spring on special occasions—such as the feeling you have when the fragile sea-foam of a long, glassy, green-yellow wave flutters up to your feet—or your passion for cucumber sandwiches. Funny, the nice sort of a feeling it gives you when you find that someone you like has a similar thought whether it be foolish or sublime. But I wasn't original. A man who wrote a biography had the same feeling. However he was a very brilliant man and didn't have the additional and ghastly feeling I occasionally experience—or perhaps he wouldn't tell. For sometimes I begin to make a friend who knows lots more than I do—so I have a beautiful time scurrying about the library for rare books which I know the friend hasn't read. Then on the first suitable occasion thereafter I spring the new knowledge as nonchalantly as if I had been born a Minerva.

"Get what you like or you'll grow to like what you get." I shudder to think that I am such a dull clod as to be able to adapt and accustom myself to school-marming with prunes for breakfast when I want to be an author and breakfast on a mountain top drenched with early sunshine. To adapt myself seems sufficiently horrible but to think that I might even grow to like it—exclamation points, asterisks and stars!

I suppose "habit" and "becoming an old foggy" are involved here. So if I wanted to be sensibly rational I would submit saying that almost always one can't attain his pet ambition so he must be satisfied with the best he can get and dear old habit will help him "grow to like what he gets." But when habit gets me and I begin to like what I get old foggyism has infected me. Ugh! I suppose that an old foggy has a happy state of mind—the delicious dumbness of being comfortable, or perhaps his state of mind isn't alive enough to be deliciously comfortable—it is just comfortable. So this is what set habits do to you—they make you feel comfortable, they make you like what you get, they magic you into an old foggy, they make you grow old and begin to die for when the new ceases to impress you you are beginning the slow and gradual process of dying.

Of course there is a great advantage in being comfortable—there is nothing more painful than moods or disturbed mental states. Breaking of old habits or things that you have done year in and year out gives a feeling of melancholy sadness. I can remember how glad I was to graduate from a certain school which I despised—yet I felt gloomy about it and on graduation day I actually looked mournful. I called myself a hypocrite and could not understand my contradictory emotions. Each year when we change houses at college I hate the new house violently at first—it feels so strange to me, then one day I realize that I have grown fond of the place and the thought of departing for next year's house gives me a feeling of positive pain. Habit—in the words of the poet—we can't live with it and we can't live without it!

Often men and women are lonely, often people are mad. It seems queer that we should be either. Only you in all the world feel your own "self" or "youness" as different or as not someone else; you alone of all the millions of people in the world know your true self—sometimes you become weary of just having you know your own personality; you long for friends who would really understand you—silly yearning of green youth—no, it isn't. I said that it is queer for people to feel lonely in this fashion. It is because so very many people do; because these same people realize that others feel as they do yet it is a rare person who, profiting by his own feelings can break thru the restraint of another man. To be agonizingly trite we don't really know our own sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers.

Of course the situation occurs thru a kind of selfishness and egotism. Selfishness because you can't or won't absolutely sacrifice yourself in trying to be sympathetic with others, egotism because you consider yourself a rather interesting personality and are not quite sure that you would care to have any other person absolutely understand you

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**STUDENT WRITES LETTER ON INDIA**

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cold and Mr. Adler wanted some tea or coffee before leaving, so Perce, Howard and I left him with the other two and started out. We got a gharry at the station and started out in the dark along a fine road for the Taj. We drove for what seemed hours and nearly froze to death but finally the driver said something unintelligible and we saw indistinctly in the starlight the dome of the Taj over the trees. After a few more moments of driving we got to the great entrance pavilion where turbaned guides and guards were moving slowly about with lanterns getting ready for the day. We paid no attention to their importunings but went through into the gardens and sat there on the cold stone of the gateways to see the Taj. It was way at the end of the gardens and in the dim starlight looked unreal like the ghost of some beautiful temple. Overhead was the Big Dipper upside down and almost exactly over the center pinnacle of the Taj was the North Star. Nothing that I have ever seen was so completely the perfection of beauty. If I shut my eyes for a moment it seemed that when I opened them again the vision must surely have disappeared. It was so completely ethereal. There was more than just the dim ghostly white of the beautiful temple outlined against the blue black of the sky. It was as though the spirit of Shah Jehan and his beloved queen were both present walking in the gardens they had so much loved.

**Like Japanese Prints**

"Gradually the stars grew fainter as the horizon turned from blue black to gray and the reflection of the Taj became visible on the still surface of the long pools stretching from where we sat to the foot of the marble plateau on which the temple stood. As we watched, the detail became clearer, and finally the sun rose and we left the place where we were sitting to walk through the gardens for a closer view. At each corner of the big marble base there is a high spire and the first thing I did was to climb one of them in order to see the country round about. From the top the whole countryside appeared shrouded in mist. Nothing stood out clearly except the outline of the fort and the Jasmine Tower about a mile distant. They were high enough so that the mist obscured only the lower parts. Everything else looked exactly like one of the old Japanese prints in which you see no detail but only here and there the gnarled shape of a tree or house. There are in the Boston Museum some old Japanese paintings on paper executed long before the time of Hogusai and Hiroshige which give exactly the same feeling.

—or perhaps in the bottom of your heart you think that they couldn't understand you.

We become mad when we feel out of the thrilling phantasmagoria of life, perhaps even more mad when we are in it. Out of it we mutter, "O well, I'm here but I might just as well be there." For example it gives us a feeling of mingled furiousness and helplessness to think of all the wondrous music in the world Beethoven, Chopin, Wagner; or to think of all the fascinating types of people in the cities of the world or even of interesting people one meets on the street whom one would like to know; or of all the books, all the adventures in the world, all the beautiful things happening—and we not even knowing about them. One day I find a book in some dim corner of a library, a perfectly bewitching book—I have never read a book quite so wonderful. How dreadful if I hadn't found it—and I might not have for it was only by chance. Think of all the other things I am missing just because I don't know of them or how to find them. In this state of mind if we aren't absolutely sure of a God and hereafter, or if we haven't an inspiration to be an engineer, prima donna,—school-teacher, we are discontented, uninterested and wonder what in heaven's name we are going to do with ourselves anyway. It is a most boring and exacerating feeling. Then too the lack of definite interests makes us insipid and pusillanimous mentally—Moral!!

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"As the sun rose higher the mist dissolved and the landscape became the same sort of arid thing we had been riding through for the last two days. The Taj lost none of its beauty in the full light of the day. In every detail it was perfect. I took many pictures before the crowd arrived and climbed to the top of the dome on a rope ladder which some workman had left. It was a long, hard climb, especially over the polished marble side of the dome where the rope ladder of course hung flat against the stone and gave very little in the way of a foothold. I saw little more from the top than I could see from the spires and so took no pictures although my camera was in my pocket. Incidentally I was very busy holding on. It's very well polished building and even at the top there wasn't a great deal to hang on to. The only satisfaction I got out of it was the fact that that was one thing not many other Ryndamers, or other people, have done. It was rather an asinine performance on the whole. However—

**Agra Fort**

"In the course of the day we spent some time in the fort which, in its way, was almost as beautiful as the Taj. The chambers in it which had been used by the Shah and his various harems were examples of the most beautiful marble work imaginable. I have never seen or even dreamt of such fine carving and such perfect construction. They were like what I have partly imagined while reading Burton's "Thousand and One Nights." Some of the illustrations in father's seventeen volumes, in spite of their lack of merit in other lines, give an idea of the architectural beauty of that sort of work and the effects which can be obtained by a proper use of translucent, finely carved marble screens. We went through sleeping chambers, baths, banquet halls, reception halls and towers, all perfectly executed in the same spirit in white marble with jasper and porphyry inlay.

**Hats and Beggars**

"Bombay, in many ways, was the finest city we saw in the Far East. Somewhat Westernized architecturally and civically, it was still essentially Indian. On the streets were all kinds of people wearing all varieties of head-gear and clothing. I am certain that there is no place in the world where you can see so many different sorts of head coverings in general use. The people were almost as diverse. Arrogant Parsees, in manner, expression, and gesture like Boston bankers walked briskly down European streets dressed in white skirt-like things with white coats or else in Western clothes wearing the hat

indicative of their high caste, either a black conical shellaced affair or a peculiar felt hat with high crown, brimless and a roll of felt around the bottom. These hats apparently came "in all the latest heather mixtures." Mohammedans wore either the fez or a golden sort of hat which looked like a small turban, tightly wound. There were thousands, almost, of other varieties. In the lower sections of the city I spent hours roaming in the markets, especially the brass markets where shop after shop for the whole length of the street was filled with shining hand-beaten brassware. All the children begged. "Me no fadder no mudder," was the stock formula always accompanied by a rubbing of the nether regions. This in spite of the fact that they always looked very well fed. A little chap at Agra was a marvel in his line. He hung around for hours while I was taking pictures in the morning. Although I didn't give him anything, I felt a little sorry for him at first. It was still quite chilly and he was shivering in his rags frightfully while his teeth chattered like castanets. He stuck to me like a leech offering useless information. I had almost forgotten him and was getting ready to go when I turned around and saw him with his teeth doing a veritable *danse macabre* behind me. In haste I reached for a four-anna piece and then realized that the sun had come up and was all but broiling the two of us together. Everywhere else people were keeping to the shade on account of the glare of the sun. I gave him the piece anyway. He had kept his teeth going steadily for nearly five hours. "Me no fadder no mudder!"

Ruth Cullens '22 and Horace G. Martin have recently announced their engagement. Miss Cullens is Minister's Assistant at the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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This committee is not alone in their work. As President Gray has aptly put it, they are to be "the fourth wheel" in a movement already well under way. For some time there have been three committees at work on the problem of improving Bates. These are a Faculty Committee, an Alumni Committee, and a committee composed of persons interested in the institution who are neither faculty nor alumni. Each of these four committees will work independently and will submit a report of conditions as they appear from the standpoint of that committee.

The scope of the work of the Student Committee is practically limitless. Anything which might be included in the term "The Needs of Bates" properly comes up for their approbation or censure. Some of these are the managing of the Commons, the conducting of classes, the selection of professors, the policy in regard to honors, entrance requirements, degrees, cuts, athletics, social life, chapel services, scholarships, student aid. The work on these matters will be carried on by sub-committees. When a new field for the working of the group is brought up it will be turned over to a committee large enough to handle it competently. They will discuss it, reinforce or remodel their conclusions by a student opinion gleaned from the campus, and if necessary study similar conditions at other institutions. They will then make a tentative report to the large committee. Here the report will be further discussed and revised. When all reports have been completed a final report will be drawn up and presented to the trustees. The entire report will, of necessity, be extensive and will entail much work on the part of the committee. It is planned at present to work on a few of the more important subjects

immediately and to submit a complete report in June of this year. It would be an impossibility to prepare a report on the entire number of subjects as early as this coming June. It is the intention now to extend the work throughout next year and, with more members of the present Junior class and some from the Sophomore, to attempt to complete the work by June, 1928. This report will be printed and sent to the trustees.

Similar plans have been tried at other colleges. Dartmouth was the first to attempt it, followed by Harvard, Bowdoin and Wesleyan. All these committees have published their reports and they have been studied by the scholars of many institutions.

The twelve members of the committee are Baker, Scammon, Googins, Osgood, Mossman, Misses Aikens, Lane, and Hobbs of the Senior Class and Guphill, Wakeley, Misses Morris and Milliken of the Junior Class.

### Women Elect Officers

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Miss Morris was Student Government representative her Sophomore year and Vice-President her Junior year. She held the office of secretary of Entre Nous in her Freshman year. When a Sophomore, she was chosen Vice-president of the class. Also, she has been the Junior representative on the Women's Athletic Association Board. Both Miss Milliken and Miss Morris are prominent in athletics and, having earned seventeen stripes, were the first two members of the class of 1928 to receive their medals.

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### PROGRESS ON MIRROR

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### Taylor-Gates Win Debate

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Mr. Gates, without doubt a future peerless legislator, although somewhat hampered by the sharp projections of a wing collar, resumed the bitter battle where his able colleague had left it.

Rebuttals were interspersed with scathing sarcasm, and one member was seen to whip out a gun, but Pierce Martin Maher, Jr., acting as presiding officer, ruled shooting as contrary to the canons of good debating.

It is rumored that the Lewiston police force has been called on to place special guards at the homes of Judges Miriam McMichael, Walter Hodson, and Paul Selfridge, whose two to one decision is rumored to be the result of sloughing, for an unnamed consideration.

As the paper goes to press, startling news has been received of the attempt on the life of timekeeper James Solomon while on his way to chapel this morning. This is no doubt the outcome of suspicion on the part of the Affirmative team that Mr. Solomon conceded three fourths of a second too much to the last Negative speaker.

### Intercollegiate News

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Professor Henry B. Dewing of Bowdoin has been elected president of Athens College. Athens College is a new institution being established at Athens, Greece and will open in the Fall. Professor Dewing is now the head of the Greek department at Bowdoin.

A survey of the nation to determine the cash value of a college education is being conducted by the national professional fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. The main purpose is to discover the "Relations between occupational income and Formal Education." The survey will be under the direction of Dean Everett W. Lord of the Boston University School of Business Administration. Information will be collected from ten thousand people in all parts of the country and representing all occupations. This data will help to show the effect of educational training on individual earning ability.

Dr. Earl J. Miller, dean of men at

the University of California has made a statistical study to answer the question, "Who makes the best records—the athlete, the student politician, or the bleacherite?" His statistics indicate that more work means more efficiency among college students.

The statistics were taken from a group of two thousand undergraduates in the school of liberal arts. On the basis of one for the average student, those having only a few hours in student activities attained a scholarship record of 1.23 and those having over a hundred hours a year scored 1.27. Those extremely busy, in three or four branches of student affairs scored 1.44. Those student working their way were two points above the more prosperous group who have more time. Athletes scored 1.25, the University average.

A petition to President Coolidge for the withdrawal of United States troops from Nicaragua was signed by over fifteen hundred students of Columbia University, Barnard College and associate graduate schools. The petition objects to a strong nation interfering with the internal affairs of a weaker and calls for the immediate withdrawal of American Marines and an amicable settlement of the difficulties between the two countries.

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