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ALUMNI HERE FOR "BACK TO BATES NIGHT" CELEBRATION

Both Alumni and Alumnae will be Entertained To-night Smokes and Refreshments are All Free for Nothin'

This is the most important week-end of all the Fall. It is the few days when every one should be on his or her toes, wide awake, for history is to be made. This is the week-end when the alumni are back upon the campus, refreshing the scenes of college days, meeting old friends, and watching the signs that point to a growing college.

Back-to-Bates Night is now an annual affair. As usual it comes the night before the Bowdoin game. The Alumni Association and the Varsity Club have worked out plans. Tonight will come the rally at 7.15 at Little Theatre. It is scheduled to be the biggest rally of the season, as it should be before the Bowdoin game. Immediately after the rally, about 8.30, the Varsity Club will entertain the alumni in Chase Hall. A smoker, with speakers and refreshments as well as smokes, is planned. The Women's Athletic Association will entertain the alumnae in the Girl's Athletic Building.

On Saturday classes will be carried on as usual outwardly at least. Some time during the forenoon people will begin to migrate to Brunswick. Men will go in a variety of ways. The official way will be by buses furnished through the Varsity Club. Anyway, people will get to Bowdoin by two o'clock, the time when the game is scheduled to start. When the stands are full of Bates under-graduates and alumni no one needs to say what they will do.

Honor Students Picked for Year

Scholarship Committee Announces Choices

The Honor Students for the year 1927-'28 have been recently announced by Professor Lawrence. These students are privileged, by virtue of their superior scholarship, to continue work in the respective departments to which they are assigned.

Professor Lawrence states that several students of very high scholarship have been unable to accept the honor because they were engaged in various outside activities which occupied most of their time.

The list of Honor Students in the various departments is as follows: English, Joseph K. Yamagiwa, Dana L. Ingle; French, Catherine F. Bickford; German, M. Pauline Hill, Martha Fletcher; Latin, Marion E. Carll; Greek, Norman H. Pratt; Education, Dagmar H. Carlson; Biblical Literature, John B. Alexander, George V. Drabble; Economics and Sociology, Briggs T. Whitehouse, John F. Davis, and Lorna Lougee; History and Government, Arland Jenkins, Charles H. Guptill, Maxwell A. H. Wakely, and Cythera Coburn; Mathematics, Louise L. Hersey; Biology, John M. Moulton, Wyland F. Leadbetter; Physics, Alfred C. Webber; Chemistry, Lawrence H. Knox, Jacob J. Arenstam; Psychology, Frank H. Glazier.

IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPUS FOLLOWS DRAWINGS OF 1914

In 1914 John Nolan, an architect from Cambridge, drew up a general plan for the rearrangement and further development of our campus and college buildings. So far, in building, the college has tried to follow this plan. The new walk from Campus Avenue to Hathorn Hall and the work on the walk from Rand Hall to the new Athletic Building is in accord with this plan.

Last summer the college spent \$1,200 for improvements, and this summer about \$2,000 was used to build walks and grade the lawn.

Eventually walks will be put in over the most traveled part of Campus for the convenience of those interested in "short cuts". Until then, while there are no glaring signs to remind us, we can all try to "walk the straight and narrow" and let the grass grow.

BATES FIGHTS TO HOLD U. OF M.

Deceptive Maine Plays for Its Second Year Cause of Defeat

Those Bates supporters who witnessed the game last Saturday on Gareelon Field saw a Garne eleven outplayed but not outfought by a superior machine from Orono. The Bates men battled bravely to stem the tide of defeat but at the finish of the battle were on the whitewashed end of a 67-0 score.

The deceptive Maine plays for the second successive year caused the downfall of the Bobcat and both the linemen and backs were bewildered by the spins and passes which Buzzell, Coltart, and Peakes executed behind an impregnable Pale Blue line.

Time after time the galloping Horsemen from Orono broke loose for long runs and when the final whistle blew, they had managed to roll up ten touchdowns in the four periods. They made 33 first downs in their great march.

The game was not without a few exhibitions of Bates' offensive and several times runs and passes carried the ball into Maine territory. In the last period, passes from Coutts to Oviatt carried the ball to the middle of the field and then another long pass Coutts to Wood placed the pigskin well within the Maine 30 yard line; but the whistle prevented a possible Bates score.

McCurdy broke his wrist in the battle and will be out of the game until the Colby contest if not for the rest of the season. This will be a severe blow to the team as Pat was playing a great game at fullback. There were many other injuries but not of a serious nature.

The summary: MAINE (67) (0) BATES. Nangan, le re, Weston, Wood Minuitti, Bishop, Gray, le rt, Nilson, Ulmer, Peables Beaker, Vail, lg rg, Carnie Zakarian, Powell, Harkins, c e, Adams, Louder Hartman, Norton, rg lg, Snell, Appleby Lynh, Gray, rt lt, Foster Black, Donovan, re le, Secor, Flynn, Jewell Osgood, Abbott, qb qb, Palmer, Oviatt Peakes, Young, lh rh, White, Coutts Buzzell, Moran, rh lh, Violette, Ray Coltart, Oiroldi, fb fb, McCurdy, Maher

Score by periods: Maine 14 21 14 18—67 Bates 0 0 0 0—0 Touchdowns made by Buzzell, 3; Coltart, 3; Peakes, Osgood, Nangan, Oiroldi. Points after touchdowns: Peakes 4 (place kicks); Coltart (place kick). Two points awarded Bates offside. Umpire: Cannell, Boston; referee, Lewis, Salem; head linesman, Nelson, Springfield; time: four 15 minute periods; field judge: Donahue, Portland.

Bobkittens Lose to Coburn Team

Frosh are Unable to Gain After Taking Kickoff Coburn Line Strong

Coach Thompson's Bobkittens were outplayed Friday afternoon by a fast Coburn Classical outfit. The shifty broken field running of Manzano of Coburn was the reature of the game while the Freshman backs could not gain consistently through the strong Coburn line. The game was played on a rain drenched field which slowed up the running attack of both teams considerably.

The Freshman came back fighting in the second half and had the edge on the Waterville team throughout most of the third and fourth periods but could not get within scoring distance.

In the last few minutes of play, Coburn again scored on a forward pass, Danan to Canty.

Flattly and "Sol" Johnson starred for the class of '31 with several brilliant end runs and off tackle plunges.

BOWDOIN GAME TOMORROW!!! BOBCAT SNARLS AS BIG ENCOUNTER APPROACHES

Garnet Squad Roused to Fighting-Pitch as They Leave For Brunswick. Overhead Game is Expected in the Bates Offense. McCurdy Out of Game.

Assistants to Profs. Announced

The following students have been officially appointed to serve as assistants in the Faculty for the year 1927-'28. Argumentation: Clara F. Parnell '28, Lewiston; Charles H. Guptill '28, Portland; Theodore Field '29, Auburn; Eugenia M. Southard '29, Portland.

Biblical Literature: John B. Alexander '28, Gardiner; Walter N. Durost '29, South Portland; George V. Drabble '28, Holyoke, Mass.; Ruth E. Moore '28, West Farmington.

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Geology: Ardis B. Chase '28, Augusta; Maxwell A. H. Wakely '28, Rumford. German: Martin W. Fletcher '28, South Paris; M. Pauline Hill '28, Dover, N. H.

Government: Cythera Coburn '28, Bradford, Mass.

Greek: Donald E. Strout '30, Livermore Falls.

History: Doris M. Chick '29, Monmouth.

Latin: Marion E. Carll '28, Waterboro; Katherine Tubbs '28, Lewiston.

Mathematics: Robert M. Furnans '28, New Bedford, Mass.; Shaw Taylor '28, Roxbury.

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Sociology, 1st Semester: Lorna Lougee '28, Berwick.

Spanish: Frances A. Bartkus '29, Lewiston.

Freshman Harriers Win from Bridgton

Jones, Viles and Hayes Finish Race Abreast

The fleet footed Freshmen harriers completely outdistanced the Bridgton Academy hill and dale men Tuesday afternoon on the Bates Course, sweeping to victory by the overwhelming score of 15 to 44.

The inseparable trio, Jones, Viles and Hayes, again finished abreast, to lead the pack home in 17 minutes and fifty-four seconds. Close on their heels came R. Chapman and Hoik, also of the Frosh, while Wilson, Johnson and Pulkinen of the visitors were next in line in the order named. Spillins and Chapman, the two other Brighton boys to score, were obliged to content themselves with eleventh and twelfth places respectively, being led to the finish by Furtwengler and Cushman of the Cubs.

The three Frosh leaders, Jones, Viles, and Hayes, have yet to be extended to the point of racing each other to the limit. In two time trials, and against Canton High and Bridgton, they have raced to a triple tie, far in advance of the field.

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Tomorrow afternoon marks the date of the most apprehended and exciting event of the school year; the Bowdoin Game! Tomorrow at Brunswick the fans will witness the most skillful playing and the hardest fighting that both Bates and Bowdoin can display.

The whistle! A snarl from the Bobcat; a growl from the Bear. Intensely excited crowds cheering, praying, groaning, beseeching! The final score and the snake dance, the participants of which are chosen by the Fates.

Coaches Wiggan and Threlfall have worked long and hard this week to whip the team into shape for the big game, and the squad has been looking better than ever in scrimmages. The men have been literally fighting for their positions. Many of these combats have developed into pitched battles, and the men have had to be separated.

This is not the team that left the field last Saturday so discouraged and disheartened. It is the clawing snarling, fire-spitting Bobcat that hodes ill for stray Polar Bears, especially if they are a wee mite over-confident.

Bates is not in the best of shape materially, for a lot of the men have sustained injuries that will keep them out of the game. Pat McCurdy is out of the battle with a broken wrist. Snell has a bad knee and ankle. Violette received a kick in the leg during scrimmage, and although he is liable to see action in the game tomorrow he will not be in the best of condition. Anthony is still bothered with his lame knee, but he is back for scrimmages, and the coaches will probably use him. He is a good man and a valuable asset to the team.

On the other hand, Bowdoin has no weak, insignificant little team. She has been winning consistently this year, and is sure to put up the best fight she has against her oldest rival. The team was not injured greatly in the Colby game, and all the players will be in pink of condition with the exception of Frank Foster who pulled a tendon during practice this week.

Bowdoin undoubtedly has heavy odds for the Bates game, but this is of course a benefit to the Garnet. The more the odds, the better the chance to win. There will be no radical changes in the Bates lineup. With a faulty backfield, the Bobcat will in all probability resort to an aerial offense. Secor, the curly haired blond from Belmont has been doing some wonderful receiving in this department, catching three passes in scrimmage for three successive touchdowns.

It was in 1889 that Bates and Bowdoin first began pounding the dickens out of each other. Since that time Bowdoin has won 19 games to Bates' 11. But this was a margin that Bowdoin gained years ago. Bates has won the last three out of five games.

The Bates lineup. Secor, le; Foster, lt; Appleby, lg; Capt. Adams, c; Carnie, rb; Nilson, rt; Weston, re; Palmer-Oviatt, qb; White, lhb; Violette, rhh; Coutts, fb

Athletic Building Track Under Repair

The cinder track in the Athletic Building is undergoing extensive renovation. When the track was made last Fall the clay and cinders were placed in concrete mixer, stirred with water. This mixture when it dried was too hard as the runners will testify. This old surface has been broken up and more cinders are being added. The curves were only slightly banked last year, but this is being corrected. Each curve is to be raised one foot.

Welcome to the Campus! It never was more beautiful. You will miss the old wooden gym, but in its place is a physical education plant as well equipped and adequate as that of any small college in this country. You will see a football team, well coached, hard-bitten, and bent on victory; a student body back of them to a man! Any graduate that can talk above a whisper at five P. M., Saturday, hasn't done his best for Bates. Come and cheer with us. President Clifton D. Gray

"Outward Bound" To Be Presented

4A Players to Stage Play In Little Theatre

The first three-act play of the season, "Outward Bound," will be presented in the Little Theatre on December second by the 4A Players.

Marion Garcelon '28, is the coach and the cast that has been selected is as follows:

- Samuel Gould '30, James Solomon '29, Julius Mueller '29, Howard Bull '29, Faith Blake '29, Elizabeth Crafts '29, Stewart Bigelow '29, Paul Chesley '29, Mary Pendlebury '29, Ralph Dow '28, is the business manager.

Major Eugene Swan Gives Series of Chapel Lectures

A perfect army salute and this gentleman soldier was off on the subject that he is "crazy about", tho he proved himself a he-man by first telling the "best football story ever". The Major is an old army medical man, a professional soldier, as he pleases, who in his spare time (that which he does not devote to his family) comes around our colleges and in his informal Henry Crane way tells us about social hygiene—or how we can make society better by living a normal sex life. Besides h's technique, his straight forwardness held us in his chapel talks, and the prolonged applause that followed him to his seat each time proved that he wasn't "going stale". He let us stay calm, as if we were all talking over any common subject. He did not make us feel tense and awed, though there were more than a few moments of deep reverence.

Major Swan did not come to moralize, nor to scare us with sex pathology, nor to raise us to unattainable inspirational heights by sculpturing a monument to co-edom which the eds should worship. He asked us to rationally consider social sex hygiene—the living of a normal sex life.

The men he urged to lay aside the unfortunate vocabulary which they acquire from other men, to think of sex only in the pure sense. Not to let their imagination run away with them on the vulgar side, but to foster the aesthetic side, the side of pure beauty. The second line of thought he would have men follow is that of attempting to come to a saner understanding of the very different psychology of woman—of her function in life as the female of the species.

The women he urged to try to understand the men likewise. Men have a hard fight to keep clean, pure; have a tough fight keeping under normal control their normal sex desire. A woman is the hope of mankind. She is the one who, in the majority of cases, stands for

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HAVE YOU SIGNED THANKSGIVING RECESS PETITION?

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THANKSGIVING RECESS

If we do not mistake the signs of the times, the faculty is shortly to receive its annual message from the student body. Several hundred students are soon to petition the faculty for permission to spend their Thanksgiving Day in their homes, which are always most attractive at this time of year when the culinary art blossoms forth to its fullest extent.

The petition appears to us to be entirely reasonable and no less so because frequent repetition has removed from the ceremony the element of surprise. What is this priceless boon for which Bates students are annually wont to plead? A mere two days' extension of the single day recess allowed at Thanksgiving time. And the purpose? To allow a great many students whose homes are in the farther corners of New England the opportunity of spending the great national feast day in the company of their families. Such a request impresses us as being quite normal. The happiness which it would create in many homes should more than compensate for the loss of two days in the class room. Certainly the petition merits careful consideration.

Thanksgiving is, of course, a day of some special significance all over the country. The President and the Governors of the several states all glorify the occasion with special proclamations. But here in New England the Thanksgiving festival bears a connotation which is quite unique in itself. New England was the scene of the first Thanksgiving; New England still cherishes its Thanksgiving in spite of the fact that it is now shared by other sections of the country.

The day is one essentially connected with the home. Family reunions, the dining-room table lengthened to accommodate the increased household, typical New England delicacies, turkey, cranberry sauce, squash pie, and cider, these are the things one expects of Thanksgiving. And not even the efficiency of the U. S. Mail can provide the true Thanksgiving spirit for those who are detained away from home.

For several years now, as this annual petition has been presented, the results have been the same. The petition comes too late. The semester hours would be unduly decreased. These have been the usual answers to the prayers of the student body.

This year, however, it would appear as though some novel outcome were in view. Either the petition will be granted, or new arguments of rejection will be devised, for the traditional apologies no longer hold true. After four or five years of petitioning, it cannot be fairly said that "the petition comes too late". Nearly a year ago, following the failure of last year's effort, we predicted in this column that yet another plea would be forthcoming in another year. Such liberal advance notice must certainly have provided sufficient time for careful consideration.

Furthermore, it is interesting to note that we have stored up in our academic calendar two extra days of class attendance which could be most admirably converted into this much desired holiday. In the first place, the fact that the Maine game took place here in Lewiston this year, made unnecessary the holiday which is customarily granted every other year in order that the student body may attend the game at Orono. Secondly, it can be mentioned that still another day was added to our number of class days when, last year, the Day of Prayer was transferred from a weekday to a Sunday. The presumption is that the same procedure will be repeated this year. Here we have, then, two extra days, which might well be converted into holidays without appreciably shortening the number of semester hours in comparison with other years. What better disposition of these hours hoarded by our thrift than to append them to the Thanksgiving recess?

And so, at this season, when it is the common practice to feast upon the profits of the year, when we like to feel that a pervasive spirit of good will prevails among us all, when it is appropriate to make some gesture in recognition of the mercies which have been ours during the preceding year, we would respectfully recommend the granting of this petition as a gracious and fitting move for the Bates faculty to make. These college days are getting short. It is quite likely that many of us will find it difficult in the future to spend our Thanksgiving Days at home. Is it not, then, well that we should make the most of these fleeting opportunities to pass such holidays at home?

The Garnet Sport Pan

"Red" Oviatt, Editor

Tomorrow the cry will be "Beat Bowdoin!"; and to all appearances the cry will not go unanswered. There will be a squad of vicious, slashing Bobcats out to avenge the defeat of last year on Garcelon Field and to regain some of the prestige that was lost in last week's defeat. Let us say we will shade Bowdoin by two touchdowns.

The cross country team is battling for another State Championship today and although Maine may be a top heavy favorite for the title, the Bates barriers can not be counted out until the last man to count has passed the finish line. The men who will start for Bates will be: Captain Wardwell, Chuck Cushing, Chesley, Jim Burke, Howard Bull, Auburn Carr, and Royal Adams.

The Freshmen romped away with Bridgton in a dual cross country battle and registered a perfect score against the academy boys. There is certainly some great material in the class of '31 and many of the men will be wearing Varsity jerseys next Fall. In past years there have often been two men who have come across the tape in a tie, but seldom have there been three out in front as Jones, Viles, and Hayes have been.

The Maine football team is a brilliant one. Seldom in the history of Maine competition has a machine of such accuracy and precision been developed. This is not an alibi for Bates, it is a simple statement of the truth. The deception was perfect and at least three powerful backs thundered across the line of scrimmage on every play. They would make some of the best teams in the East sit up and take notice.

"Andy" Sinclair will be on the campus this week-end with his team of M. C. I. gridders. Two years ago about this time he was about to write his name down in the Bates Hall of Fame by defeating Bowdoin by catching a forward pass from Charlie Ray in the last minute of play and then kicking over the deciding point after the touchdown. Here's hoping it won't have to be a one point margin this year.

The Freshman football team will encounter a clever and speedy football team this afternoon when they meet M. C. I. in their annual battle. The Freshmen will have to outfight them all the way if they win as the Pittsfield outfit will be a well-trained and experienced aggregation and will be the yearlings equal in the matter of weight and speed.

Last Saturday Bowdoin was pretty lucky to beat Colby. Of course she had to play heads-up football to recover two fumbles and capitalize them; but Colby clearly outplayed them in every department of the game. As usual we look for Colby to be Maine's most difficult opponent among the colleges of the State.

Why isn't it possible for Bates to have an inter-class track meet in the fall? The last fall meet was held three years ago but we think that the revival of them would be a good idea in many ways. There are only too few events during the year that arouse class rivalry and an event such as this early in the year would help tremendously.

MACFARLANE CLUB

The initiation meeting of Macfarlane was held Oct. 24, in the Music Room of Chase Hall.

Priscilla Lunderville, chairman of the meeting, brot each new member in and introduced him to Mr. and Mrs. Macfarlane, otherwise known as Wyland Leadbetter and Isabelle Jones.

The old members then were entertained by a program of original composition by the new members:

Bunny Carll played an original piano composition intended for three minutes, in two minutes and three-quarters.

Bee Libby and Doris David played a bass viol and a clarinet duet quite "pianissimo".

Eva Boldue gave Bunny Carll her first flute lesson under the new Carll method.

Sam Kilbourne, Sam Hyde, and Dot Haskell gave a trio of violin, piano, and voice.

A sax and piano duet was played by Gordon Small.

Joan Lachance and Harris Howe co-operated in giving a bass viol and vocal duet.

Livy Lomas, Harris Howe, Harold Richardson, and Gilbert Rhoades amused us with four original humorous parades.

And the program was completed by requested piano numbers of Miriam McMichael, some of which were: Impressions of this meeting of Macfarlane:

The Figure Eight.
740 Hathorn Bell.

Isabelle Jones, president, then welcomed the new members to "one of the workingest clubs on campus."

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned after the quartet sang, "Goodnight, Ladies."

OPEN FORUM

Just a word to prove to the team that the student body is behind them when they run out on Whittier field tomorrow. Mr. Wakely's chapel talk was not just right in some spots. Some outsiders feel that the school spirit was not lacking on Saturday last but was rather better than ordinary: "Lewiston Sun" for Tuesday morning October 25 says some words that show we are backing that team, that that team is capable of taking over Bowdoin. Witness: "The Maine team and student backers were impressed by the loyalty of the Bates supporters to their—warriors. Even when Bates was hopelessly lost the Bates cheering section continued to cheer their men with the same vigor. Maine feels that great credit should be given to the Bates supporters."

And as to the team. They, each one, do have the Bobcat spirit. They can take over our "hated" rivals. "It is left for Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby to fight it out, and these teams are evenly matched. Saturday doesn't mean much so far as the next two games are concerned. If Bowdoin and Colby are underrating the Bobcat, they will take plenty from the locals. The morale (of the Bates team of Saturday) held up longer than it would have on a great many teams".

So let the Bates Bobcat spirit go on to Bowdoin, and the insolent Polar Bear will be grumbling before the Victory Bonfire spreads the legend over all the surrounding country that **BATES BEAT BOWDOIN.**

W. J. B. '29.

Intercollegiate News

AUBURN J. CARR

The latest development in college equipment is being secured at Vassar. The Seniors are putting on a drive to raise \$1,000 to furnish a smoking room. The room was provided by the college with the understanding that students would equip it.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Forensic Conference is being held this year in Schenectady, N. Y., on November 4 to 6. Colleges will be represented by delegates from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and Southern Canada. The topic for discussion at the open forum session will be "Can Debating Methods be Improved". The purpose of the conference is to stimulate interest in debating and to confer on problems of debating.

Lafayette intends to strictly enforce the prohibition law. President Lewis declared that the rule of the college forbidding the use of intoxicating liquors would be enforced; in these words: "There is no place at Lafayette for men addicted to the use of liquor and we do not intend to have them here."

The department of Chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology is making use of moving pictures as a supplement to regular work in classes and laboratories. Various processes of industrial chemistry are illustrated by them. The most modern methods are illustrated and the student is given an idea of the possibilities of engineering during his training. Pictures will be shown of the manufacture of petroleum products, the manufacture and use of high explosives, phases of mining and smelting, the manufacture of citric acid from waste oranges and lemons, and the production of rubber.

Freshman Harriers Win from Bridgton

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Next week Coach Jenkins will endeavor to have his men in the proverbial "pink" of condition, as they are scheduled to match strides with the strong Hebron outfit, Friday, November 4th. Due to the surprising improvement of "Larry" Hoik, who grimly stuck with the leaders all the way Tuesday, chances of victory against this aggregation look one hundred per cent brighter. If he can display the same form for the remainder of the season, Coach Jenkins will be able to send a speedy, well-balanced team to the New England meet, November 14th.

Deering High will be here Saturday morning to sample the Cub's prowess.

HOLD DEBATING SQUAD TRYOUTS

There were about twenty entrants in the preliminary try-outs for the varsity debating team, among them several freshmen. Each gave a five minute speech on the subject: Resolved, That all treaties which infringe on the sovereignty of China should be abrogated. Those successful will be divided into teams for the next set of trials, which will consist of one or more debates. The judges, Professors Carroll, Chase, and Quimby selected the following students: Mervin Ames, Donald Strout, Melvin Gottesfeld, Howard Thomas, Robert Hislop, A. Van Leenwen, Walter Hodson, Clayton White, Arland Jenkins, Lauris Whitman, John Manning, Briggs Whitehouse.

The Purple Decade

Life is such a funny mixture of love and June-bugs and varicose veins and dishwashing and death and violin music.

In my fairy tale days I didn't know it was so. On the first day of this strange discovery I couldn't understand, on the second day I wept, on the third day I was vastly amused. It was then I discovered the practicality and convenience of a sense of humor. Andy says: "Love is a complex; laugh it off"—you can substitute almost anything for love and laugh it away into mere nothingness. When the sad event or disagreeable occurrence or exasperating incident has been dissolved by laughter you yourself emerge untouched. A sense of humor is a practical garment like an apron or a pair of overalls which you put on for protection. If you have a sense of humor you have a perfectly lovely way in which to express what you should repress. When scribbling fruity invectives in your diary doesn't appeal to you laughing at your own expense is really a most excellent secondary prescription.

I have noticed two kinds of humorous or amusing people, those born and those made. Those born can't help themselves—life is just one grand giggle. Personally I would accuse them of not seeing straight but they are such a ridiculous blessing to humanity that, even so, I wish there were more of them. Those made are fascinating for they are truly witty, and subtle. They have experienced the mixture of life—love June-bugs, varicose veins and all. Once upon a time those made did not possess a sense of humor.

Animals don't laugh unless maybe the laughing loons. I have heard tell that these creatures laugh weirdly up and down scale. For some reason the sunrise and sun-set amuse them for it is then that they—(I need another word for "laugh" but can you feature a loon giggling or guffawing, and grinning doesn't make a noise). But the loon's laugh is an hysterical crazy wail not the wordly or the infectious laugh of man. Nor does God laugh. Even if I could picture him with a long white beard I could never picture him laughing. It would be beneath his dignity and divinity. Besides what would he laugh at?—being omnipotent not at himself, being universally wise not at us for we are amusing only to ourselves. Laughter is a purely human idiosyncrasy.

Didn't that elusive somebody to whom so many creditable sayings are imputed once say that "Laughter is the gift of the Gods". Often it feels quite luscious to laugh; it feels like being drenched in a wind and rain storm. A group of people are talking while gales and gusts and breezes of laughter scuttle around; finally the storm breaks uproariously; then everyone feels refreshed and spent.

It is really quite tricky laughing when you want to react otherwise. The first day I discovered that I could laugh as a substitute for crying I was as gleeful as the man who discovered that he could change a solid into a gas. It was somewhat the same delighted feeling as I had the first time I saw a soda-clerk turn a faucet and, instead of the customary unexciting water, a spurt of beautiful pink soda came out.

In the fairy tales the princesses always had tinkling laughs or musical laughs or laughs like the bubbling brook. Today laughs like everything else are modern. Usually they are not pretty but they are cute or amusing and seem to fit the person who makes them. There are snickers and giggles, chortles and gurgles, cackles and snorts, chuckles and shrieks, here and there a musical feminine laugh, here and there a hearty masculine guffaw. A perfectly delightful sound is a group laugh. You hear the like of these at football games; the nicest gurgle begins somewhere in the crowd and ripples and swells all thru.

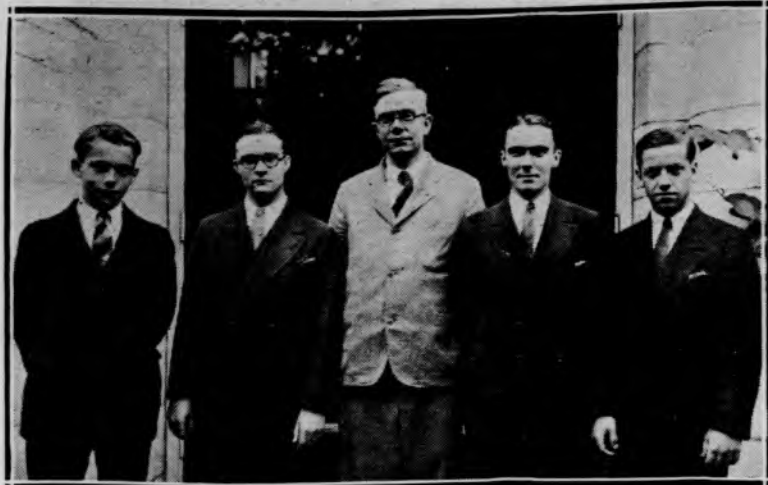
Major Eugene Swan Gives Series of Chapel Lectures

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purity in life matters. Upon her virginity hangs the fate of men. The purity of a woman is the ultimate appeal to a man seeking a wife; she can rid him of taint by her love.

The main stressed point of the Major's was that a man can live a normal sex life with the woman of his choosing, away from fear in a companionship of perfect wholesomeness and aesthetic beauty.

During the several days of his visit, the Major, Eugene L. Swan talked in chapel and Rand Hall, held personal conferences with many students, and showed and educational moving picture, the first of its kind, to the students. The picture, called the "Gift of Life" told the story of reproduction of life through all phases of plant and animal life, from the fertilization of the ovum through birth, besides pointing out the development of parental care as it became more and more evident as the species ascended.



Left to Right: Davis, '28; Whitehouse, '28; Coach Quimby; Blagdon, '28; Guptill, '28.

BATES DEBATERS SUCCESSFUL AGAINST ENGLISH VISITORS

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Last Monday evening at the Portland High School Auditorium before an appreciative audience, the Bates debating team in a brilliant battle of wits emerged with the traditional Bates success.

The Garnet team showed their fitness in this debate for a World Tour. This was considered by many to be the best attempt that Bates men have ever made to meet the Englishmen on their own ground of a free and easy discussion of the subject.

Mr. Ramage opened the discussion for the English and was brief and to the point. He said in the course of his speech that he was the strongest argument in support of the point that the machine age was robbing people of their personality.

Mr. Davis, the first speaker for Bates, gave a clever analysis of the English case.

Mr. Haddon, the second member of the English team, objected to the Ford system of industry. He warned the audience that they should beware of fallacies that must lie in the Bates case but failed utterly to point these out.

Mr. Blagdon, attractive and debonair in his borrowed tuxedo, displayed his wide reading knowledge of art, literature, architecture.

Mr. Darvall, the leader of the British trio, was convincing with his multitude of arguments. Whereas his team-

mates were content to deal with a few points and much pleasantries, Mr. Darvall accumulated point upon point in an overwhelming manner. It was largely due to his stellar performance that the Englishmen obtained the largest number of votes that any English team has received in a debate with Bates.

Mr. Guptill, the captain of the Garnet trio, sharing honors with Mr. Davis and Darvall, was the wittiest and cleverest of the debaters. His condemnation of inefficiency was a delightful bit of satire.

Much credit is due the Portland High School Debating Council for the efficient manner in which the debating plans were carried out.

The members of the two teams together with President C. D. Gray, Professor Brooks Quimby, Mr. Maxim, Principal Arthur Lowe, Mr. G. P. Gannet, the chairman of the committee to raise funds for the World Debating dinner at the Eastland before the debate.

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

The third student assembly was held Wednesday morning before a chapel packed with students whose enthusiasm gave every indication that they would have attended the assembly even if chapel had not been compulsory. President Ulmer of the student council presided with his usual efficiency.

Miss Isabelle Jones sang pleasingly, "Roses of Picardy" and "In the Garden of To-morrow."

Pat McCurdy was the first of the two speakers and presented the plans of the Varsity Club for "Back to Bates Night". He announced that entertainment for alumnae would be in order as well as for alumni.

Maxwell Arthur Heather Wakely told of the various methods of transportation at the disposal of those who plan to go to Brunswick, which group he had hopes would paint the town a vivid Purple. His programme of study for the rest of the week could hardly be expected to meet with the approval of our faculty but nevertheless his sentiments about the necessity of backing the team at Whittier field and trouncing our "most hated rivals" are heartily sanctioned by every mother's son among us (and every father's daughter too for that matter).

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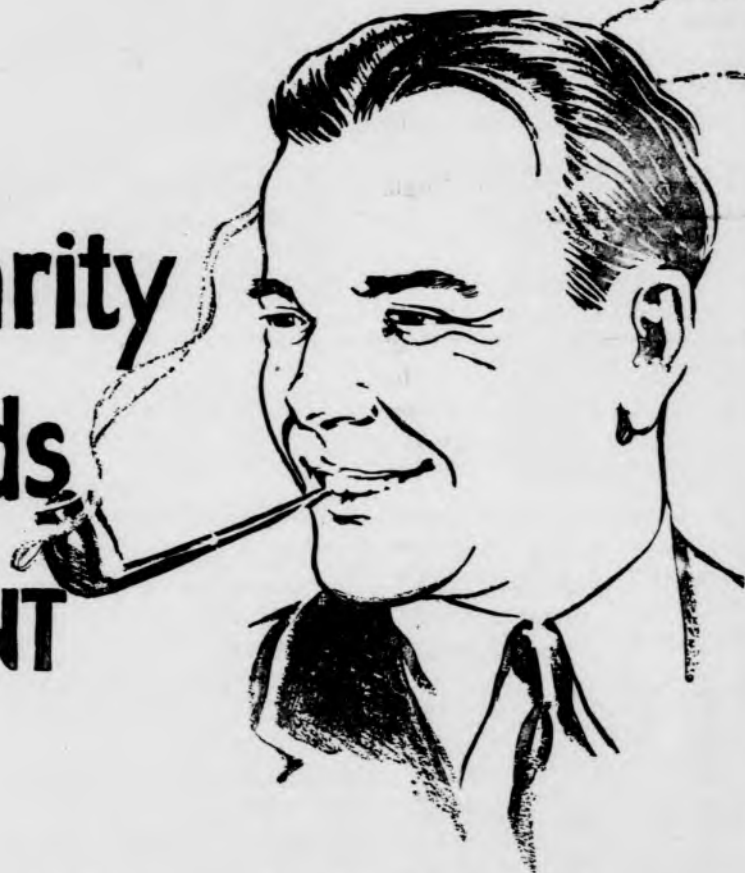
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JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

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- Eugene Sawyer '28, Grey, Me.;
- Alfred Webber '28, Lisbon Falls, Me.;
- John Marston '28, West Auburn, Me.;
- Lawrence Knox '28, New Bedford, Mass.;
- Ralph McCurdy '28, Gardiner, Me.;
- Herbert Johnson '28, Brownville, Me.;
- John Moulton '28, Lewiston, Me.;
- Henry Cullinane '29, Norway, Me.;
- Walter Hodsdon '29, Auburn, Me.;
- John Ness '29, Auburn, Me.;
- Kenneth Green '29, Auburn, Me.;
- Royal Adams '29, Houlton, Me.;
- Horace Herriek '29, Lewiston, Me.;
- Cecil Pooler '29, South Brewer, Me.;
- Ralph Giroux '29, Lube, Me.;
- Theodore Field '29, Auburn, Me.

The Jordan Scientific Society is the men's Scientific Honor Society; its standards are high and only men who, through their work in the various departments and recommendations by the heads of the departments, have shown themselves to have the greatest interest and knowledge in the sciences. During this year the society hopes to accomplish much that will be of benefit to the college and the members of the society.

The next meeting is to be held Wednesday evening. Initiation of new members is scheduled for that evening.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The "Y" men met at Chase last evening to listen to an address by "Doe" Tubbs on "The Relation of Science to Religion." The meeting opened with two hymns, the singing being led by Richie. Cecil Miller led in prayer. The speaker of the evening was introduced by Howard Bull.

"Doe" Tubbs said, in brief, that a man must mix both science and religion in order to be a well-educated man. He defined religion as the "experience of the soul now not the echo or tradition of the past." He advised that one should never attempt to pursue one creed to the end, but rather should adopt the "policy of the open mind". He said that we should be true to truth.

The end in Life, he concluded, hinges upon the two Commandments, the one of worshipping God, and the second of loving one's neighbor.

The meeting closed with a hymn.

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