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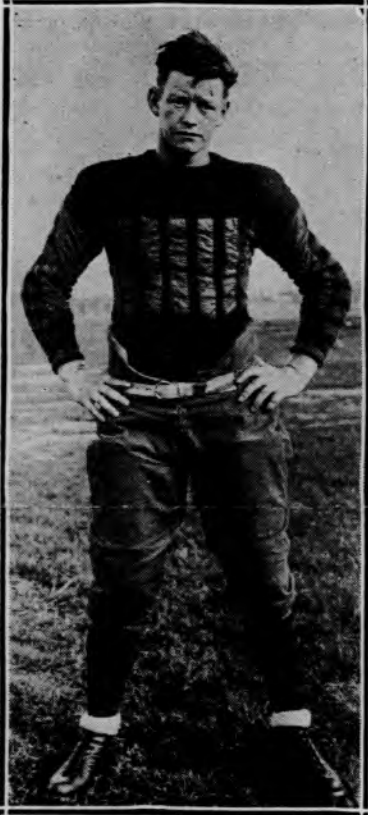
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COACH WIGGIN AND ASST. COACH THRELFALL RELEASED

Student Body Stunned by the Drastic Action Taken
Action Necessary Because Policy Against Seasonal
Coaching, is Official Statement

In a statement issued by Athletic Director Cutts Friday, Dec. 7, the release of Head Coach Carleton E. Wiggin and Assistant Coach Reginald Threlfall was announced. The dismissal is to take effect in June.

The news came as a distinct surprise to followers of Bates athletics who, although they expected a change in the personnel of the football coaching staff, were stunned by the drastic action taken. The news was first verified thru Coach Wiggin who, when called, admitted that he and Threlfall had received their release. The following statement by Athletic Director Cutts appeared shortly after.



REGINALD THRELFALL

"After a series of conferences on the present athletic situation at Bates it has seemed advisable to make a change in the personnel of the football coaching staff. Since the present organization of the department is such that it is desirable to combine the coaching of football with the coaching of one or more other sports and furthermore as the established policy of the college is against seasonal coaching it has proved to be difficult to work out any arrangement whereby Mr. Wiggin could remain to coach hockey and baseball although his ability and success in these fields are unquestioned."

Wiggin is a Bates man having graduated in 1921. While in college he was a leader in campus affairs and one of the most versatile athletes ever turned out here, winning his letter in four sports. He played a stellar game in the backfield and made the All Maine team several years. He is regarded as one of the state's best football products. He has a string of victories to his credit as a dashman in track. In addition to these he played the outfield in baseball and also played hockey.

After graduation Wiggin coached
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Round Table Hears Speaker on "Weaving"

The regular meeting of the Round Table was held last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Trafton, 323 Minot Ave., Auburn.

Professor Blanche Townsend presided, and Professor Harms was elected as the new member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Vernon Faunce, superintendent of the Bates Mill, was the speaker of the evening. His topic was, "Fancy Weaving", and in it he outlined the different types of weaving. He told how rayon is introduced into designs. Bed-spreads and table cloths in which rayon had been worked were exhibited.

Shaw's "Arms and The Man" for Varsity Play

The annual Varsity Play is to be presented on the evenings of January 28-29 in the Little Theatre. This yearly production is an event of primary interest to play enthusiasts and has always proved highly successful.

Trials for the different characters were, as usual, open to all students and were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 2-5 P.M.

The play selected this year is one of George Bernard Shaw's best creations. It is a three-act comedy called "Arms and the Man". It is to be coached by Alice Blouin of Lewiston. The costuming required is both lavish and beautiful. The scene is laid in Bulgaria in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Together with swift action and an abundance of clever lines, the play gives interesting sidelights on the philosophy of a soldier and on the conditions prevailing in Bulgaria in that period.

The cast is as follows:
Roina, Faith Blake
Bluntschli, Stewart Bigelow
Louka, Lucy Lundell
Nicola, Howard Bull
Sergius, Martin Sauer
Catherine, Dorothy Stiles
Petroff, Raymond Hollis
Officer, Willis Furtwengler

Plays Tonight By 4A's in Little Theatre

Heelers Prominent in
Student Coached Set
of Productions

The first group of 4A plays for the season is being produced this evening in Little Theatre at eight o'clock, and might almost be termed a "coming out" party. For in addition to the initial appearance of several Heelers on our stage, two of the coaches are for



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the first time acting their parts: Howard Bull and Stewart Bigelow, both of '29 and prominent members of 4A and the Executive Board. Mary Pendlebury '29, also a member of the Executive Board and one of the best known Bates actresses, has coached one 4A production heretofore: "The Monkey's Paw" of last year's final group.

In addition to those who will actually appear on the stage, several Heelers are assisting back-stage: Pitts and Hough '31, under the direction of Julius Mueller '29, have been working on new sets, and Sylvia Nute '31 is costuming. Eleanor Gile '29, who costumed the Shakespeare group last spring, is advising.

Others have been called upon to do odd jobs here and there, and the Heelers may well begin to feel themselves an active organization.

Bates Women Debaters Triumph

Win Decision on Merit
of the Question

For the second time this year a Bates audience was privileged to listen to a debate carried on in the traditional English fashion. The unique feature, however, was that this time it was a representative group of women rather than men. And yet, taken all in all, there was very little difference between our charming visitors of this week and those who have visited us on previous occasions. Once more there was great evidence of the remarkable extemporaneous ability, the cleverness at repartee, and above all a remarkably keen analysis of their subject.

Let us by no means think, nevertheless, that the Bates team was unable to cope with the intellectual ability of the English women. In typical Bates style they equalled and even surpassed their opponents in analyzing the main arguments and marshaling facts to support them. The topic under discussion, was particularly well adapted to the audience, (an insight into the relative advantages and disadvantages of co-education.) The debate was opened for the English women by Miss Nancy Samuel, who made clear that segregation was preferable in preparation for later life. Miss Miriam McMichael clashed on this point, contending that co-education was preferable. Then followed much give and take between Miss Lockhardt and Miss Langlois. Miss Sharpe in a most disarming manner drove home the points made by her colleagues. Her cleverness of expression and ready wit kept her audience in a very receptive mood. Miss Southard summarized in her usual masterly and orderly fashion (the case of the Negative.) Rejoinders were made by Miss Samuel and Miss McMichael. A vote taken on the merits of the question alone resulted in 296 votes being cast in favor of co-education and 118 opposing it.

Annual Cabaret January 24th

The annual Bates Cabaret will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium on Thursday evening January 24th. This affair was held for the first time last year and was one of the most successful events on the social calendar of the college. It is strictly formal. Town people are especially invited as well as college students. Two committees working in conjunction handle the affair. The committee of townspeople will be headed as it was last year by Mrs. John Seavey of Auburn. On the student committee are Frank Colburn '29, Elizabeth Crafts '29, Louise Abbot '29, Fred Hanscom '29, Mildred Tourtillott '30 and Clifton Shea '30. The entertainment will be in the hands of Professor Crafts and he is expected to present his orchestra and glee clubs as well as several soloists. There will probably be about one hundred and fifty tables, the tickets will go on sale shortly after the Christmas vacation.

Trackmen Compete in Handicap Meet as Season's "Opener"

Much Interest Attaches
Meet divided Friday
and Saturday

The track competition of late this afternoon, and the further events to be run tomorrow are the first organized contests in track and field this season. According to the schedule, the field events were slated for 4.00 o'clock this afternoon, and the track events at 2.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Coach Thompson has instituted these handicap events for the purpose of determining the best places for his men, and also for determining to the men themselves somewhat of what they might expect, and might be expected to do. Nearly all events will be handicap affairs and they include: the 40 yard, 300 yard, 400 yard, 600 yard, and 1000 yard runs; the mile, the two mile, low hurdles, high hurdles, broad jump, high jump, shot, and discus.

Throughout the entire week, the track candidates, showing an interest
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STUDENT BODY DECLARES SELF UNANIMOUSLY PRO-WIGGIN

Student Petition in Protest Coach Wiggin's Release
Huge Torchlight Parade pays Impressive Tribute

Name Chemistry Society for Dr. Lawrance

Advancement of Chemistry
Purpose of New Club

The Lawrance Chemical Society held its premier meeting Monday evening December 3, 1928.

The Society was named in honor of Prof. Walter Albert Lawrance head of the Chemistry Department. Prof. Lawrance is known nationally and internationally for his profound knowledge in the chemical field, and is regarded as an authority on that subject. Besides being the author of several original researches in Organic and Industrial Chemistry, Prof. Lawrance is noted for the discovery of several new methods of making gases and his method of preparing acetic acid is used by the government.

He was a member of the Scientific Warfare Service 1916-17 and a Dominion Research Fellow 1918-19. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, Chemical Society of Great Britain, Canadian Institute of Chemistry and the Society of Chemical Industry.

Carl Barnes '30 is president of the society. Edward Bilodeau '29 vice-president and Clayton White '30 Secretary-Treasurer. The charter members are: Roger Simard '30, Fred A. Gilbert '30, Cecil Miller '30, George Everett '30, Loring Blanchard '30 and Guy Herriek '31.

The society was organized exclusively for students studying chemistry. And will attempt to give a general knowledge of the subject along with the theoretical. It will encourage research and individual study along chemical lines.

Membership is not to be based upon scholarship but the appreciation of chemistry. All instructors in the department of chemistry are honorary members of the society.

To Present Oratorio in Chapel Sunday

Handel's Messiah to be
under Direction of
Prof. Seldon Crafts

The parts comprising Christmas music of Handel's "Messiah" will be presented in the College Chapel, Sunday afternoon, December the sixteenth, under the direction of Professor Seldon T. Crafts. The soloists are not



DIRECTING ORATORIO

those who sang a year ago at the first presentation of the oratorio in Lewiston; they are Mr. Edward Ransom, a member of the Bates Alumni, now of Boston, who will sing the tenor, Miss Eva Speare, soprano, a local artist, Mrs. Anita Seymour of Boston, contralto, and Mr. Henry Heald, of Worcester bass. Mrs. Cecelia C. Goss of Lewiston will play the organ.

The performance is sponsored by the Oratorio Society of this city, the officers of which are: President, Mr. Albert E. Kavanagh, a member of the Bates Alumni; Vice-President, Mr. Avar L. Richan; Secretary, Miss Edith Woodward; and Treasurer, Mr. John West. The society is supported by the membership and associate membership, all of whom will be guests at the performance.

The Bates student body has unanimously declared itself "pro Wiggin". Even since last Friday when the news of Coach Wiggin's unconditional release by the college authorities became known on campus the student protest gained more and more strength and momentum finally resulting in a mammoth student demonstration sponsored by the Student Council last Tuesday evening.

Over four hundred Bates men and women marched to the martial beat of the drum in protest of "Wig's" release. No one could doubt the spirit



COACH CARLETON WIGGIN

of the marching students as the red flares cast their light upon the many posters bearing the inscriptions "We Want Wiggin", "Boost Bates", and "Keep Wiggin For Bates". No one could misinterpret the tribute paid to "Wig" by the marchers as they massed in front of his house and as they shouted the old Bates yell, sang the Alma Mater, and roared out twelve times in a mighty chorus "We Want Wiggin". It was as "Chuck" Cushing the master of ceremonies announced before the parade started, to be exclusively a pro Wiggin demonstration. In all truthfulness it was a wonderful tribute given by the students of Bates to a real Bates man Carleton E. Wiggin.

Student opinion has also become articulate in many other ways. The outright release of Coaches Wiggin and Threlfall struck the student body like a bombshell and spread like wild fire. At once 650 different debates started up all over the campus, in the class rooms, in the dormitories, and at the Commons. During the week-end the wave of protest reached such proportions that the Student Council felt obliged to provide some means of outlet. Accordingly a petition was framed, signed by 310 of the 360 men on the campus, and duly presented last Tuesday P. M. to President Gray. The petition reads as follows:

"We, the students of Bates College, do hereby express our disapproval of the action recently taken by the
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Class '32 Chooses Officers for Year

On Monday, Dec. 10, the freshman met at the Little Theatre, and elected their class officers.

President, Randolph Weatherbee
Vice-President, Caroline Woodman
Treasurer, Buckman
Secretary, Dorothy Lawless

Weatherbee graduated from Portland High School where he was prominent in debating. He is a member of the debating squad here at Bates. Buckman is a graduate of Dexter High School. He was a member of the basketball team playing the position of center. Miss Woodman is a graduate of Wakefield High. Miss Lawless graduated from the Edward Little, Auburn.

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A LITTLE ON THE SAME SUBJECT

During the past few days the campus has witnessed a demonstration which says far more for Coach Wiggin than we are able to say. It is quite evident that we are right in our opinion that he is a man, a lover of clean sport, and an excellent instructor, and we feel that to request such a man to "resign" means that the college loses a fine coach and an important member of its personnel.

He has made enviable records in other major sports, such records as would indicate that the failure of the football program was not entirely up to him. In the face of these facts, with the student body definitely behind him and the alumni, though its opinion is naturally less definitive and harder to obtain, seeming to favor his retention, we do not like to see him turned out as a matter of policy of whatever kind. If he must go we can only wish him continued success, but we'd like him with us.

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS

This holiday season is a time of retrospection. We begin to think a little, not about ourselves, but about God. Somewhere, somehow, between the glitter of tinsel and the crisp crackle of gay wrappings, we find a few moments to devote to some sort of ideas about the Great Prophet of Nazareth. There are so many of these ideas, in such a variety of guises, that the thinker can always fit his thoughts to his moods and desires.

He may picture the infant Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem; follow him to the great temple and the company of the priests in the splendid old city of Jerusalem; or watch his more mature wanderings from town to town with his disciples. He may see him in the joys of his lesser triumphs, or in the anguish of the greatest triumph of all time.

To whatever phase of Jesus' personal life his thought leads him, however, he must come sooner or later to the point at which the body and the man which was Christ vanished from the world; to that point where everything faded but the influence of the thought of the Nazarene on the life about him. It is, of course, that influence which has kept him so alive and so vital in the lives of untold millions of people down through all the ages of the past to the present time.

It is a similar influence by which we now know all the past civilizations and religions. It is a compound which does not express exactly what they were, nor yet what they dreamed that they were or could be, but is rather a composite of the actual and ideal. It is found in what they did to better the tools by which humanity could be moulded and in the ideas which they left for the further perfection of it. It is a blend of all those things which we imply when we speak of the influence of the Oriental civilizations, or of the culture of Greece or of Rome. It comes to be, to the thought world, something akin to the theoretical ether in the world of physical science—an invisible medium through which the influences of one body is transformed to another, or the thoughts of one era to those of succeeding ones. It is man's silent partner in whatever he attempts.

Our own civilization is compounding a like influence every day of its growth. It should be helpful in our retrospects if we try to reach some conclusion as to just how far the world today is helping, both by what it does, what it thinks it is doing, and what it is striving to learn how to do, to attune itself to the influences of Christ's life. How much is man really being bettered, how much nearer are we to a real and lasting peace, what small distance has the world covered toward the goal of perfection?

With its churches and its brothels, its millionaires and its slums, its desires—for wealth, for distinction, for power, and all the activities which the attainment of them entails; what sort of influence will this civilization exert upon its members and upon all succeeding forms of culture? And what is each one of us doing about his or her share in it all?

Midnight Oil

Philip Tetreau, Editor

Along about last Armistice Day, we stated that since the football season was over, we could get down to work. That was merely another instance of rash assertion. Without a doubt, this is the longest season in history, rivaling in length, the typical California season. There was no dearth of competition, or battles lost and won.

It is a funny thing. You can never tell what a body like this Student group will do; what will bring them together, fighting for a common cause, with mutual grievances forgotten. If we had worked together, before this latest occurrence, as we have since, we could have licked Bowdoin, Colby, and Maine combined.

A new epoch would be tickled to death to find a Student body so single-minded.

Once more the Four A Players swing into action. If achievement were the sole means of judging, this club would be declared the most successful on campus. It should be so adjudged no matter what standards are set.

Which leads us to lament once again, the conditions which defeated the plan to stage a play off campus.

Another thing which deserves commendation is the recent initiation of members into the Varsity Club. The Chapel never was designed as the scene of the horseplay attendant upon such a function, and the fellows in charge have apparently realized as much.

There is always a danger, when expressing views that are serious, of appearing philosophical or insincere. While the latter charge is obviously distasteful, the former is equally obnoxious; it is a form of ridicule to which the young are exceedingly sensitive. In spite of this, however, we cannot always refrain from sober thought, nor even from sober expression.

The spirit of Christmas has furnished material for innumerable discussions; the person today, who dares to enlarge upon it, runs the risk of appearing trite. For all practical purposes, triteness alone, is condemnation enough, but when we are philosophers practical.

We are, most of us, inclined to be cynical, and it seems to be quite 'au fait' for the modern collegian to smile at such a thing as the spirit of Christmas. The Spirit of '76, our Menckensites call the bunk. This attitude, in terms of the times, might be called 'the Spirit of St. Louis'. The Sermon on the Mount is no longer a religious exhortation. Instead of religion, we have a Philosophy of Life.

Temperance is no longer a virtue, but a result of Prohibition. Our progress has taken us away from the darkness of Superstition, thru the dusk of Religion, and into the light of Reason. We have made the world a better place to live in.

And yet it is strange, that among those whom we look up to as leaders, we find some who still cling to the thread of Religion, to guide them thru the maze of life. There are mature men who can step forward and defend their faith, in the face of all scoffers. The Darrows among us cannot understand.

The Christmas Spirit is a Spirit of "Peace on earth, good-will to men." Yet the topic of the nations is about Naval Programs, Armed Intervention, and Multilateral Treaties, and in this country we have just witnessed a political campaign in which both parties sought every opportunity to take advantage of religious intolerance, which is admittedly rampant in the land.

The story of Christmas is simple, and as beautiful as it is simple. So is Christianity. The trouble is that we are growing away from Christianity. The modern trend towards the philosophy of life as a substitute for religion, is a challenge to Christianity.

Interest Groups Earn Popularity

For the past four weeks the girls of all classes have gathered for Sunday afternoon interest groups under the leadership of Mrs. G. M. Chase, Mrs. C. D. Gray and Prof. Anders Myrman. The groups have indeed been "interest" groups this year and, whether the subject for discussion was a stimulating challenge in the form of college girl problems, or a delightful travel talk—the enthusiasm has been most keen.

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athletic authorities in dismissing Coach Wiggin.

"We believe that his ability as an instructor and the excellence of his record as coach of baseball and hockey merits his retention in these capacities.

"We also deplore the existence of any athletic policy which would permit such an unfair action and advocate that it be abandoned. We feel that the root of the difficulty has not been reached by the present action."

OPEN FORUM

TO ALL BATES MEN AND FRIENDS OF BATES

So they've canned Wiggin and Threlfall. Well, it is exactly what I would expect from the two by four attitude of the Bates College authorities. It may be that I am talking out of turn but I'm talking nevertheless. There are hundreds of Bates men who never heard of me and I don't care if they never do. But for four years I plugged away as a scrub on a losing eleven and I know something of what a football man goes through and I know something of what a good coach has to contend with. As for Mr. Threlfall, I do not know the gentleman, and I neither condemn or praise him, but I do know Carl Wiggin. I have followed his career in college and as a coach and for one I am proud of him. He fought for Bates while he was in College and he has fought for Bates while he has been coach with every ounce of enthusiasm and grit and courage in his makeup and he has plenty of all three.

I haven't forgotten one afternoon on Garcelon Field when Bates and Bowdoin were playing football. Wiggin was playing quarterback with one hand in splints. I shall never forget the last quarter when a Bowdoin man broke through the whole Bates team and started for the goal with a clear field. Not a man to bar his way. I shall never forget the groan that went up from the Bates stands as the game seemed hopelessly lost. It is a matter of history that the Bowdoin man never got there. Carl Wiggin saw to that. I remember a track meet in the mud at Brunswick. The morning papers said Wiggin had a possible chance for a third place in either one or both dashes. He got a first and a second; was he satisfied? Hardly—he went around all day with a long face kicking himself because he didn't get two firsts. That's the kind of a man he is! That's the spirit with which he played in college! That's the spirit he has tried to instill into his team as coach! That's the kind of spirit I hope the coach has when my son goes to Bates and plays football as he will if he lives.

I wonder if the alumni have forgotten the championship baseball teams and hockey teams Wiggin has turned out. They never stop to think that Bates doesn't get the stars that some colleges get. They don't stop to think that more than one position has to be filled by material that has hardly seen a football game. As I look back at my own football days I wonder how the coaches do as well as they do.

When I came to Bates I had seen one football game in my life. The third game I ever saw was at Dartmouth University, and I played in it. Imagine how much football I knew. Imagine coaches making teams over night and of such material as that.

I don't believe there's a man or woman living that glories more in a Bates victory or feels worse at a Bates defeat than I do. All I expect of a Bates team is that they fight clean and hard. If they win, all right, and if they lose (as long as they go down fighting) all right. And I will say that in all the Bates teams I ever saw, I never saw a yellow one. I've seen some rotten ones and I've played on some rotten ones, but a yellow one, never.

For one I am going to enter an emphatic protest against the contemptible ingratitude of the ones who have been howling for Wiggin's scalp, who have turned him out with the undeserved stigma of a failure, who have broken the heart of as fine a man as clean and hard and enthusiastic and intelligent a fighter, as ever wore a Bates uniform or coached a Bates team. A worthy successor to good old coach "Purry" of blessed memory.

Carl Wiggin is a man, a Bates man, and I claim a coach and a good one. And although I realize what I say has no influence I want all Bates men and women to know that there is one who has rooted for him, who will always root for him, who believes in him as an athlete, as a coach, as a MAN. May he go to a larger and better field and may the undeservedly rotten deal he has been handed not break his spirit as it has his heart.

Dana M. Russell,
Gray, Maine
Bates 1916.

Wiggin's Percentage

In summary just how many points does Wiggin deserve? Valuing each line of work as 25 points a computation shows that Coach Wiggin has been 100% successful in three of his tasks and 0% successful in the fourth, a score of 75%. In college the Freshman is not dropped until his averages goes below 55%, a Sophomore until 60%, a Junior until 70%. There is no precedent at Bates for a man being dropped if he is 75% successful in his work.

The facts prove Wiggin's worth, the faculty likes Wiggin, the press favors Wiggin, other coaches have paid tribute to Wiggin, the Bates Student body wants Wiggin, Bates needs Wiggin, but the "established policy of the college" bars Wiggin.

Intercollegiate News

Eunice H. McCue, Editor

Dr. Franklin Winslow Johnson '91 of Teachers' College, Columbia University, has been elected president of Colby. Formal announcement was made by Prof. Marriner at the men's chapel service. Dr. Franklin Johnson, he said, is a man known not only in this country but in many parts of the old world. He is one of the most prominent educators in the United States at the present time and great things are undoubtedly in store for Colby.

"The selection of Professor Johnson of Teachers' College, Columbia University, as new president of Colby profession and consequently has had is particularly fortunate for the college because of his keen professional interest in matters pertaining to education. In the last few years, Colby has been turning out more and more men and women into the teaching to emphasize the teaching of education and the requirements which the profession necessitates. Professor Johnson is one of the country's most eminent authorities on education and his influence cannot help but give Colby greater prestige in educational circles than she already enjoys."

Professor Marriner as head of the Executive Committee will carry on the college program until after Commencement next June when the new president will take office.

The football squad at the University of Oregon will play two games during the Christmas holidays with teams in Hawaii. Twenty-two players, a trainer and a faculty representative will make the trip.

What we'd like to know is this—do the movie title-writers crib the wisecracks from the college boys' cars that drift through Hollywood or do the college boys patronize the movies a lot?—Motor Land.

A new plan is now before the British Parliament for selecting Rhodes scholars from the United States. It is proposed that the United States be divided into eight districts of six states each, with a competition held in every state every year instead of in only two years out of three as at present. Each State selection committee would be allowed to nominate one or two scholars to appear before the regional selection committee. Each regional selection committee would then appoint from among the candidates the best four regardless of state lines.

This method is supported because it fits in better with the academic system of the country makes selection easier, and tends to insure that all candidates chosen are of the highest type.

Oregon State College has a football novelty this season in the person of a barefooted kicker. He is a half-back who learned his football in Hawaii, where he became extremely proficient in the art of spiraling a punt down the field, under the efficient stimulus of his bare foot. The prodigy claims this is the only way he can secure satisfactory results.

German universities have no campus, no dormitories, and no athletic fields, according to Prof. Martin of Brown. Instead of separate buildings for the various departments of instruction, there is only one large building, which contains class rooms, lunch counters, the library and even a stall for parking bicycles.—The Hill News.

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for a short time at Portsmouth and then returned to Bates as assistant to Coach Cutts in football. Wiggin has completed seven seasons as a football coach and six in both hockey and baseball. His football teams have not been successful. However, in baseball and hockey he has a record of four championships and one tie in the six years. As an instructor in psychology Wiggin is one of the most popular teachers on the campus.

Threlfall is a graduate of Prudue and came to Bates in the fall of 1927 as line coach and assistant to Wiggin in football. He also conducted physical training classes throughout the year.

Considerable sentiment has been aroused and a petition carrying the signatures of 311 students who favor the retention of Wiggin as coach of baseball and hockey and instructor in psychology has been presented to the president. In addition the Student Council has drawn up a list of suggestions pertaining to the entire athletic policy and coaching situation. Copies have been presented to President Gray and the Athletic Committee.

According to rumor Coach Wiggin has received several offers from other colleges. These have not been verified and there has been no statement from Coach Wiggin to date.

Garnet Sporting Chat
"CHUCK" CUSHING
Editor

No recent happening has stirred the staid routine of our campus more than the release of Coach Wiggin. To begin with, the affair is quite complicated. There have been some mistakes made and the lack of information concerning several phases of the affair add to its complexity. Authentic statements have been few and what have been made are so sparse of reason that they fail to shed any light on the situation.

Student opinion has come into its rights. The student body has arisen with an overwhelming sentiment against what it feels to be an injustice both to the man and the college.

There would be no opposition to any move aiming to change and improve football conditions. But an action so radical as to seriously affect the classroom and two other major sports is deemed unnecessary.

What must be the effect on Coach Wiggin an alumnus who when in college was a leader and able representative of four major sports and who after graduation has completed six years of earnest effort as a teacher and coach of three sports.

His record is unchallenged. Except for football, in which conditions were certainly not always favorable, his record of five championships and a tie in hockey and baseball are commendable. He should be judged on his entire record as a teacher and coach which when weighed and balanced points a long finger to his retention.

From reports alumni sentiment seems to be running parallel to that of the students. "Wig" has always been popular among the alumni because of a personal regard by those who know him and because they recognize the value of his worth to the college. This is being no more effectively evidenced than by the flood of letters and offers that are pouring into him.

Sensationalism has characterized the entire affair in the newspaper accounts. Much of what has been said is untrue. Very little care has been taken to verify the source and content of some articles. The impressions created have been misleading. The students are by orderly legitimate means endeavoring to right what they honestly believe has been an error on the part of those responsible for the action.

Bates athletic policies, especially the one opposed to the hiring of seasonal coaches, are coming in for considerable criticism. It is true that a man of character with plenty of coaching ability would be more desirable in a permanent connection with the institution where he will be in constant touch with the student body and conditions the year around. But there are plenty of seasonal coaches in leading colleges today. They may be in the minority and relatively harder to secure but they are effective and in the case of Bates might be a perfect solution to the present situation.

There seems to be an air of conservatism about the athletic policies at Bates. A little reorganizing along modern principles would make them considerably more applicable to the present needs of the college.

Coach Thompson's handicap track meet is quite a novelty here. It should be invaluable in getting out a large number of men to compete in the different events and in providing the coach with an opportunity to get a line on the ability of the contestants.

Track practice will be divided into periods this winter. There will be special periods devoted to the discs and hammer men. A regular prescribed training routine will be followed. The squad will have a greater opportunity for coaching than has been offered in several years. Coach Thompson expects to devote most of his time to track and will be at the athletic building to suit the convenience of the boys.

The turnout of the student body for Tuesday's parade made it appear as though admission was being charged to remain in the dormitories. It would have done credit to any rally and certainly showed the sincerity of the students' affection for "Wig."

Winter Sports
Stock Goes Up
Storm Provides Snow-Men
Pre-season Practice

Now that last Sunday's snowstorm has made conditions favorable for winter sports, Coach Thompson's skiers and snowshoe men have dusted off their equipment, and have started the training season with treks out over the fields, and for the proficiency skiers, slides among the trees on the side of Mt. David.

Coach Thompson called the men together last Friday for preliminary instructions and the outlining of the winter campaign. Directly following the meeting, the snowshoers were allotted their shoes. By the beginning of the week the skiers had waxed the wooden runners, and on Tuesday afternoon, Coach Thompson took a few of the winter sports candidates over to Mt. David for the first practice of the year. It was also Thompson's first time on skis this season, and he showed the men the way to do the Telemark and Christiana turns, the proper balance to take in riding the skis, and some of the other fine points of the art. Jacob Immonan, a veteran of previous squads, was also at the scene of practice, and showed good form in the slides down the grade. He and Buck Jones reeled off several miles in a cross country run after the proficiency practice.

Howard Gerrish was first to try the ski-jump and was followed by Higgins. The sun of Monday and Tuesday melted the snow on the artificial part of the skiing hill, and before the full benefit of the jump can be taken, snow must be shovelled onto the wooden slide to give the jumpers the added impetus in the dash down the run.

Russel Hobbs, Franklin Burris, and Norman Whitten started the activity in the snowshoe line with a hike out toward Pole Hill. Capt. Cecil Miller, Alvard Stearns, Merwin Hodgkin, and Robert Hislop, who complete the snowshoe team, fell into line shortly afterward with practice hikes.

Benjamin Chick, on the record of his past performances with the skis, seems to be the most likely candidate to report thus far. He, with Immonan, should bear the brunt of the proficiency and cross country skiing during the winter schedule. Lizotte is also expected to practice for the ski-jump before the Christmas recess. The other members of the skiing squad are Bassett, Belmont, Ayer, Rovelli, White, Jones, Brown, Serton, Bagley, Higgins, and Blanchard. Buck Jones, by the way, is taking a double assignment in the winter athletics. He has decided to make track his specialty, with skiing as a side line. Judging by the form he showed on the first day's training, he should prove proficient on the skis, and using his prowess in cross country running

DR. GUPTILL IS
COSMOS CLUB
GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Orville W. Guptill of the Sea Coast Mission addressed a large group of members and friends at the regular meeting of the Cosmos Club last Friday evening.

Dr. Guptill in his speech showed how the Mission grew from a very small sloop and one man, to a very efficient organization with a staff of trained workers. The Sea Coast Mission, he said, co-operates with other organizations such as the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, and the cities and state governments in carrying education and religion to the "foreign people" along the sea coast of Maine.

The Cosmos Club is composed of students who are interested in Christian service. And though it may be one of the least known clubs on campus it is by no means inactive. At present the club is contemplating learning Braille to assist in copying books for the blind. Other interesting speakers will address the club during the coming year.

If the number of new members initiated into the club is a criterion of the progress of that club, then the Cosmos Club is a growing organization.

as a criterion, he should also prove adept at track.

Coach Thompson feels that chances for another championship winter sports team are good. Bates won the State meet last year with a total of 57½ points. Of the men scoring those points, Burris, Capt. Miller, Stearns, Chick, Gerrish, and Bassett, who scored a cumulative total of 27½ points, are back on this year's squad. Together with these, and the added strength in the persons of Norman Whitten, who has just finished a splendid season in freshman cross country running, and Russell Hobbs, who is experienced at the snowshoe running, having captained the University of New Hampshire winter sports team in his freshman year there, the prospects for retaining the winter sports title are brightened just so much more. Whitten, incidentally, was captain of the winter sports team at Lee Academy last year.

The schedule has not as yet been completed. The first meet, however, is the Lake Placid meet beginning December 29th. It is hoped that the Mechanic Falls meet will be run this year, although nothing has been heard concerning it, and it is possible that interest in the carnival has died out after the discouraging weather of last year, in which outdoor winter activities were practically nullified. The State meet will be scheduled for some date near February 16th, and the Intercollegiate Winter Sports Union meet at Lake Placid on February 25th and 26th. The schedule, however, is tentative, and is subject to change as soon as definite plans are formulated.

Varsity Club
Initiates 22

Promptly at four, head of ceremonies, Lane Spofford had the twenty-two candidates parade to the front of the hall headed by "Willy" Viles blowing away on his brass horn. There were eighteen acts of highclass vaudeville. The audience heard how athletic prowess had been attained, how a bronco buster rode Henry Ford's first car, exponents of the dance and of the song. The list of characters were:

- Football
- John Fuller, life guard and rescuer of Coy.
- Jewell, who has conquered the great "Bobby" Jones.
- Hutchinson, exponent of the Hula-hula dance.
- Colburn, chief nurse of John Bertram infirmary.
- Gates, one of the most talented black faced dancers of this country.
- "Sol" Johnson, the man with the "Al" Smith derby.
- "Bunny" Bornstein, admirer of Mother Goose.
- "Sam" Kennison, candidate for the Freshman candidacy.
- "Pete" Maher, loud-toned shiek of the opera company.
- "Livy" Lizotte, the Irish wash-woman.
- "Bull" Anthony, a tough guy.
- Curtis, "Snoop" Holmes, detective.
- Baseball
- "Neal" Turner, beautiful girl prima donna of the opera company.
- Giroux, prize-fighter and exponent of chivalry.
- "Norry" Marston, water boy in the tin-pan league.
- Cross-Country
- Maneger Coy, fair charming damsel.
- "Bud" Hobbs, "Bill" Furtwengler, songsters, ballad of "Rand Hall".
- "Wally" Viles, head marshal and one-piece band.
- Winter Sports
- "Ben" Chick, champion bronco buster of Monmouth.
- Stearns, champion of all Central America ski jumpers.
- Miller, "How I Attained My Great Athletic Ability."

Belva Carll, Erma Tetley, and Mary Briggs, all of the class of '29, spent the week-end at home.

TRACKMEN COMPETE
(Continued from Page 1)

unlooked for in the short time before the Christmas recess, have gone through some hard workouts, including time trials, the official times of which were not announced, but which were reported as fast for this stage of the season.

Tuesday afternoon, Thompson had the following men race two and three laps around the track, not in competition, but separately, and against time: Gould, Cole, Bartlett, Chapman, Barron, Chapp, Kimball, Knox, Casey, Long, Cheneuse, Wakely, Viles, Douglas, Ottley, Cole, and Brewster. Several turned in some very good times. With the full quota of track candidates reporting tomorrow a great deal of interesting racing is expected to take place, not only in the efforts of the seasoned runners to overcome the handicaps of their opponents, but also in the possible uncovering of some "finds", especially among the frosh candidates. The races are not restricted to classes or divisions, but are open to both upperclassmen and underclassmen alike.

Coach Thompson intends to set up a bulletin board in the athletic building, or more specifically, on the wall of the indoor field, which will have recorded on it the layout of the dash lanes, the number of laps to certain distances, the records of the various distances and events, the name of the man making the record, and opposite that figure, a figure which is considered to be good time for any each distance. In this way, any athlete may be able to see readily, what mark he should reach, and would indicate to the more ambitious ones, the mark they must better to create a record.

Although the track activities since the beginning of the indoor season have been carried out with interest and seriousness, the activities which will come after the Christmas recess will be even more pronounced. The quest for the State title, the B. A. A. mile and two-mile relay championships, and the retention of the Penn two-mile relay championship will begin steadily and earnestly.

Muriel Doe, formerly of Bates, visited friends here over the week-end.

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CHAPEL RECEPTION MARKS OFFICIAL END WORLD TOUR

Unusual Crowd Present to Welcome "Guppie", "Harold Lloyd" and "Baby Face". Each talks briefly about trip Mr. Daniels of Eng. Speaking Union is Speaker

Bates welcomed the Round-the-World Debaters back to the campus with open hearts and arms, when, on last Monday evening, a huge mass meeting was held in the chapel in their honor, at which they were speakers. The fourth speaker was Mr. John Daniels, of the English Speaking Union. President Gray was master of ceremonies, giving a brief message of welcome to the debaters in opening, and paying a tribute to the men who had made the tour possible, especially mentioning Guy P. Gannett, who did more perhaps for the publicity of the tour than any other one man. Later in the evening, the chairman read a telegram of congratulation upon the work of the debaters from President K. C. M. Sills of Bowdoin.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. John Daniels. He opened his speech by commenting favorably upon both the chapel and the audience, adding, however, that, perhaps, for the benefit of all concerned, it would be the part of wisdom to have a clock somewhere about the chapel, larger than the somewhat diminutive time-piece on the platform. But proceeding to the more serious part of his speech, he told of the value of common language, and complimented the Bates men for contributing to the better understanding of English all over the world. And, as he pointed out, common language contributes to common understanding, inasmuch as it allows the individual an "unrestricted free trade of ideas," and a common sphere of contact with others speaking the same tongue.

He reviewed the growth of the English language as it spread from England far and wide to America, to Australia, around the world. And here in America, he continued, there exists a paradox, as it were. America has a more composite class of citizens than any other nation in the world. Yet they are all closely knit, and understand each other much better than the inhabitants of some countries who are more like one another, yet lack a common tongue.

The English Speaking Union has such an aim as is here exemplified in America-friendship and resultant international co-operation through common speech. There are branches of this Union all over the world, for English is spoken somewhat in Japan, China, India, and in all parts of the world.

With this same idea, Bates has sent out her debating teams, and has welcomed her opponents, to gain a bit better understanding and friendly spirit between nations.

Mr. Daniels briefly mentioned the luncheons given to the Bates men by the Union all the way along the trip

—at New York, Chicago, San Francisco, in Australia, and in New Zealand,—the luncheons at the last two places being given by the British branch of the English Speaking Union. In conclusion, he stated that the debaters exemplified well the power of speech in their wide journeyings, and with this as a concrete example, he summed up the work which the British and the American branches of the Union were striving to accomplish.

Mervin Ames was presented by President Gray as the first member of the Round-the-World team to speak. Just Mervin Ames at first, but after his colleagues had spoken, he had become "the man with the horn-rimmed glasses." "Harold Lloyd," and more! His part, he said in opening his speech, was to give a sort of "Cook's Travel Talk" on the tour, it being thus arranged by a vote of the party, 2-1, "since two came from Portland, and one from Sanford."

Governor Farrington, who met them at Hawaii, was characterized as being "the perfect host". Ames also made the somewhat humorous comment that "a poetic nature can be easily aroused in Hawaii." Fiji was their next stop, where he, as well as the other two staid debaters, seemed impressed with the lack of clothing there displayed. In New Zealand, they met with a long grind of dinners, receptions, dances,—with dinners, as he expressed it, of "lamb, mutton, and veal, and then mutton, veal, and lamb."

Auckland, they found, was the New York of New Zealand. Wellington was next, where nature seemed willing to let the wind blow hard. Then on to Christ Church, with all its flatness and plains. Yet no matter what the change of locality or weather, the hospitality of the New Zealanders extended from University men right down to the conductor on their somewhat irregular railroads, who hit an average of at least six times per night with his cheering message of "Tickets again, please."

They then fared to Tasmania where they visited the penal colony, after which they crossed the bush, which the natives had the optimism to call "grazing land." "It would have been," said Ames, "if only grass grew there!"

After spending some time in Australia, a land "hemmed in by legislation", they crossed the sea to South Africa. And, judging from what both he and John Davis said about the crossing, it was somewhat rough.

They left Africa behind, came up thru' the Straits of Messina, to Genoa, Rome, and Florence, and crossed Europe to spend ten romantic days in Paris. Thereupon they crossed the Channel to London, and there spent

ten equally prosaic days. The Oxford and Cambridge debaters marked the end of the real work for these three Bates men.

And, concluded Ames, the most inspiring sight on the whole trip was that which they might have seen with far less travel,—the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

John Davis, characterized by his fellow-countrymen who preceded him as being "the only one who could smoke a foreign cigar", gave just a bit of a debating turn to his speech when he criticized Ames for several remarks, pertinent or impertinent, as the case might be. He devoted whatever of his speech was left after his excellent stories to comparing the universities which they visited with the universities of the United States. He found them all alike in that they called their favorite profs by their first names—Joe, Barney and the like,—they held what we term "bull sessions" under the somewhat more peaceable term of "sessions", they have their "grinds", whom they call "swatters", and they have their Rugby, which is our football minus all system and all interference, but plus a marvelous ability to drop-kick.

On the whole, John considered their universities inferior to ours, due to lack of finance and newness of schools. He mentioned some exceptions—such as the University of Sidney in Australia and the University of Cape-town in South Africa, noteworthy for their development.

John gave a humorous presentation of the conducted "auto rides in the hills" at every university. American-like, they finally develop a system whereby certain praises or syllables of praise should be uttered by each member of the party when the leader gave the signal. This was the system—first a cough, kick, nudge, or pinch, followed by "Oh" (Guptill), then followed by "Ah" (from the side of Davis), and lastly by "How beautiful" (from "Grandfather Ames"). All went well, until, as John said, they got mixed and gave everything together, which sounded like something akin to a sneeze.

He briefly mentioned their reception at Otago University on the Fourth of July, where they were tried at night before a court, found guilty to the charge of "absence from the United States on the Fourth of July", and sentenced to a plunge in a tub of cold water.

In closing he paid tribute to Brooks Quimby for his excellent work in all matters connected with the Tour,—the man "behind the scenes", as it were, who helped make the Tour possible through his work in assimilating material and coaching the team.

Charles Guptill, alias "Guppie," made the last speech, tho' he was "cold and tired," cold from John's previous speech and, especially, his jokes, and tired from hearing Ames go all the way around the world in twelve minutes.

He devoted a large part of his speech to telling about the names with which they had been hailed, and some of the difficulties which they met in delivering their debates. For instance, he was proud to be a "shuttle

weaving an international thread of good will"—even if steamships were the same thing, or airplanes, or stow-aways. Then, too, they were "linguistic Lindbergs", angels of good will," and so on, *ad infinitum*.

As to the debates, he considered that the audience took a very active, and incidentally, embarrassing part. At Auckland, the students indulged in a rare bit of pantomime at the expense of the debaters. And again, when a speaker became monotonous, something like this happened,—"Can you hear him?"—and the answer—"No!"—"Do you want to hear him?"—and the reply—"No!" At one point, proceedings were interrupted by a student chorus of "Baby Face" for the benefit of one Mr. Davis.

Since Charles thought it best to conform with the chairman's request of some time ago that every speech of his carry a message—like "some possible representative of Western Union, tripping gaily about, delivering messages all over the world," he concluded his speech with the advice that Bates would do well to copy the Oxford system of debate to the extent of calling in men prominent in public life to debate before the student body. It would both benefit the students, and add to the already well-established prestige of Bates.

Form New Curriculum Committee

The formation of a new committee called the "Curriculum Committee" has recently taken place on the Bates Campus, its purpose being to solve the most vital campus problems, to plan new extra-curricula activities and in general, to keep the students happy. On Saturday the members will meet together to talk over and plan the best means of carrying out its projects for the rest of the year.

The members are: Paul Chesley, chairman; Howard Bull, John Hassett, McArthur, George Anderson, Florence Keyes, Winifred Saunders, Frances Maguire, Priscilla Lunderville and Mildred Beckman.

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Install Chapter Phi Sigma Iota

Prof. Townsend Heads new Bates Honor Society

A Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota has recently been established here at Bates. This is a National honor society of high scholastic standing in the realm of the Romance Languages. Monday December 3rd, Dr. Church, National president, installed the Bates chapter. After the installation, the new members enjoyed a banquet and



PROF. BLANCHE TOWNSEND speaks. President and Mrs. Gray, both of whom are much interested in the formation of this Bates Chapter were guests.

Professor Townsend, Head of the French Department, was elected chapter president.

The members of the Bates chapter of Phi Sigma Iota are:

Prof. Townsend, Prof. Mezzotero, Mary Finn, Evelyn Webb, Dorothy Nutter, Helen Goodwin, Cecile Veilleux, Libby Goldman, Howard Bull, Gordon Small, Gilbert Rhoades, John Cotton, and Charles Siegal.

Dorothy Haskell '30 entertained her brother last Saturday.

Kate Hall '32, Constance Curry '32, and Regena Curtis '32 spent the weekend at their homes.

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