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To the editor of the Student
Dear Sir:

While resting for a moment on the Junior rung of the academic ladder I feel an overwhelming curiosity to look down and scan "the base degrees by which I did ascend." The first scene that strikes my gaze is sufficiently arresting to entertain my interest for one look. It is that of the headless but multi-armed body of '33 struggling dumbly but valiantly to hold within its grasp the rebellious child '34. Certain perverted individuals of the upper classes are secretly urging on and encouraging the wilful "kid" to more mischief. Exasperated, '33 loses its temper, relinquishes its hold on the child to growl at its delighted handlers, and chucking in glee '34 runs away on mischief bent again.

I see certain officers of '33 who were privates in the campaign of '32. How miraculously they have risen from the ranks! Evidently the strategic position of the sophomore class calls for different calibre of material than did the previous year.

After watching this hazing of the sophomore class for awhile one comes to the conclusion that something must be wrong with freshman initiation this year.

Where is the seat of the trouble? It doesn't take any great genius to point out the fact that the sophomore class has bungled the job, but behind the sophomore class stands the Student Council. It was a step backward "Apron" '34. When one looks at the vernal attire of the freshman one is tempted to murmur "if fall comes, can spring be far behind?" Even a freshman at Bates college should inherit some of the dignity of his new position. It is unsportsmanlike to humiliate freshmen by such a ridiculous attire. Such treatment doesn't foster respect and love for one's Alma Mater. If your mother in your infancy had dressed you in clown's clothes and then sent you forth to endure the ridicule of the town, what would have been your reaction?

Then why has the Student Council—inscrutable arbiter of college affairs—allowed so many freshmen to be taken out on "general principles"? When a man refuses to be tamed by one ride it is folly to take him for two. There are ways and ways.

Now I voice the opinion of the conservatives in college. We are too much wrapped up in our own class activities to bother about the freshmen initiation. But when an unpleasant odor offends our nostrils then we feel that the time has come for action. We feel sympathy for the sophomores in their present plight but we are rooting for the "kid" too. The "old man" should reform and try different measures to make the "kid" behave. We abhor the senile, lip wetting attitude of the upper classes who have no more sportsmanship than to incite the "kid" to rebel openly against duly authorized and regulated authority.

We feel that we do need moderate freshman initiation at Bates closely supervised by the Student Council. We know Dartmouth has abolished outward forms of college initiation, but the "Big Green" has fraternities that are quite capable of reducing the inflated egos of some of their pledges. Name a non-fraternity college that has abolished open and secret initiation and we will be converted. Till then we oppose these virulent pen running extremists on the campus who would do away with the whole thing.

Bates needs well organized freshman initiation carried on in a sportsmanlike way. The freshman class are underlings by dignified seniority rule. They have a definite status and they should recognize it. With no interference from upperclassmen the two classes should fight for athletic supremacy in well directed contests. Fair play should prevail. Poster Night and the pajama parade should be kept as time honored Bates traditions endeared to frosh and soph alike from 1903 to '33. The freshman cap and tie only should be the badge of the freshman status. The cap should be worn all the year, the tie for the first two weeks only. The "lights out" order at 10 o'clock is a good ruling. It should be kept, as should also freshman walks for two weeks, that is all.

Besides being a manly tradition initiation is class and social legislation. It is needed. It prevents the "wise guy" from ruining his college social career, and converts him from a conceited braggart into a more modest, loyal classman. By curbing the "wise guy" spirit initiation helps acclimate the freshman class collectively to its new surroundings. Moderate initiation when rightly organized and run by duly elected authorities under Student Council supervision that upholds fair play for both classes is a beneficial institution at Bates.

In conclusion we say "wise guy freshman" you're a borish, blatant nuisance to college society. Fall not for the sobbing plea of radicals who, scorning tradition, advance this rabid Marxian cry: "Arise, ye pawns of class legislation! Arise, ye wretched of the earth."

W. A. A. NEWS

The hockey season is now in full swing. Teams will be chosen during the next two weeks, and, from the looks of things, it's not going to be an easy job. The Freshmen, especially, are going to offer a knotty problem. A lot of good material has appeared already and by the time teams are to be picked, the first year girls will know enough about the game to show their playing ability to greater advantage. The three upper classes are practicing hard, and the class games, the week of November 3, promise to be very closely contested. The Seniors, as usual, are giving the Freshmen a handicap of two goals, and the Sophomores a one goal handicap, and the Juniors are allowing the Freshmen one goal. Since most of the Freshmen never played hockey before they came to Bates this makes the games more even and thus more interesting.

The tennis ladders for the four classes are up and the W. A. Aers are occupying the courts every good day in playing off their challenges in preparation for the interclass tournament which comes the same week as the hockey games. Any girl who wants to entertain a friend on Rand tennis courts about now is out of luck.

The archery tournament started Monday and the targets are already beginning to show the punishment which they have received during the past few days. By the time that the interclass tournament comes around, they will be in a much disfigured condition. Some good scores have been recorded already and probably better ones will be shot before the end of the trials which will determine who will represent her class in the interclass tournament, the week of November 3.—And to prove that all this activity is serious, intensive training goes on next Monday.

Of course Play Day is of major interest to W. A. A. board right now. The program has been tentatively arranged by Emily Finn, chairman of the program committee and includes baseball, tennis, archery, lunch on the mountain, and a discussion afterwards, and in the afternoon, a species of soccer which can be easily learned by the high school girls. Each member of the board has chosen two other girls to help her in entertaining the delegates from one school.

Chairmen have also been appointed for hospitality, Harriet Manser, and for food, Audrey Waterman.

W. A. A. is purchasing some canteens and mess-kits for the use of girls going out to Sabattus for week-end trips. They will be especially useful when the spring at the cabin is dry as it is now. The kits will be christened this week-end when the board is having an overnight trip to the cabin. Deb Thompson and Glad Goddard are taking care of the arrangement for food.

Later in the year W. A. A. is planning some open meetings so that the girls can see how the meetings are run and understand better the inward workings of the organization.

Warrensburg, Mo.—(IP)—An infant tornado which swept over here a few days ago, did considerable damage to the beautiful trees and shrubs on the campus of the Central Missouri State Teachers College here.

For justice thunders condemnation, A better world's in birth.

No more tradition's chains shall bind us, Arise ye slaves, no more in thrall. The college shall rise on new foundations— You have been naught, you shall be all.

Sophomores, spare the whip and hold the reins more firmly, For better class feeling in the formation of Bates spirit.

"Bill" Dunham '32

Dear Editor:

I hope you will find space for this letter which I consider and which I believe members of the student body consider of vast importance.

In the years past, how we enjoyed our reception rooms in Parker Hall. It was a great place to go for fun and music, after we had finished with our studying. Many happy hours were spent in these rooms.

But, on returning to college this fall, our reception rooms were gone, and in their place were rooms for four fellows. Not only are our rooms gone, but the piano vanished to a place unknown to all. I feel that as a matter of necessity, we should have at least one piano on the Parker Hall porch for the use of the students. I really miss Dan, Tom, and Eddie of old, playing the numbers "St. Louis Blues" and "We are from Old Rand Hall" after the Saturday night Chase Hall dances.

If I remember correctly, and if the facts which I have gathered recently from some of the "old grads" are true, the two Parker Hall pianos were given to the building association after students of the above-named hall had worked hard for weeks and presented one or two minstrel shows for the purpose of raising enough money to buy two ivory-keyed instruments.

Perhaps the pianos were burned, or perhaps they were sold to a second-hand music store. As a matter of curiosity, I and many members of the student body would like to know where the pianos have disappeared, and if there is any possible chance of ever reclaiming our long lost chords.

J. Sidney Wakely '32

PHIL-HELLENIC HAS INITIATION

The Phil-Hellenic initiation ceremonies were held in Rand Hall gymnasium Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. In an impressive candle-light service, the new members were welcomed by the officers and told of their various duties as new members of the club.

After these formalities, a second initiation of a more humorous character served as entertainment, followed by cider and doughnuts, truly autumn refreshments and dancing.

The guests: Professor Robinson, Professor and Mrs. Knapp, Professor and Mrs. Chase, Miss Rachel A. Metcalfe and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Frangedakis; besides the new members: the Misses Arlington, Austin, Healey and Mayer, and Messrs. Flynn, Glasheen, Gilman, Knowles, Lake, McAllister, McCluskey, Long, Paige and Smith.

The officers in charge were: Fred Hayes, president; Otto Hedderick, vice-president; Valery Buratti, secretary-treasurer; Grace Page, social chairman; and Gladys Underwood, program chairman.

SCOREBOARD NOW READY FOR USE

Fine Addition To Garcelon Field Was Given By Class of 1930

The scoreboard, the gift of the class of 1930, was used for the first time during Saturday's football game on Garcelon Field. It is garnet and white in color and about eight feet wide by twelve feet long. Both sides give the line-up of the teams. In the middle there is space to donate the downs, below that a place to show the yardage; and a place for the minutes to go. The score is listed at the bottom. With a few minor changes the board can also be used for baseball scoring.

The board was given to the college last commencement by the graduating class. Much credit must be given to Lauris Whitman of last year's class and to Everett Hall, carpenter's foreman. Both have spent a great deal of time arranging and making ready the much needed addition to the athletic equipment.

Women's Association Changes Methods Of Initiating Girls

The Women's Student Government Association has this year changed its methods of initiating Freshmen girls, as can be seen this fall. Obvious campus horseplay has been definitely thrown into disrepute and the newcomers are expected to show their status by wearing a green beret. The regular co-education rules, of course, are still in force and there are a number of courtesies which upperclass women expect from the Freshmen.

The traditional "Freshmen School" is still a part of the system but harsh treatment has been abandoned from the program, that good will may prevail.

Portland, Ore.—(IP)—The new Eric V. Hauser Memorial Library, one of the most beautiful buildings on the Reed College campus, was formally dedicated here September 11.

BILL THE BARBER, AT BATES FOR ELEVEN YEARS, AN INSTITUTION

By WILLIAM DUNHAM

Oh pedants may teach from wisdom's sates (seats) From Saint Johns to Boothbay Harbor, But none of these enhance men's pates Like unto bully Bill the Barber.

A Universal Craft

These rude verses culled from an unskilled mind express a homely truth that more taffeta phrases are wont to conceal. Heralded by Poe, sought after by statesman and miner alike the barber shop is the most popular place in the union. It is the goal of explorer Byrd on returning from the southland and the last place that MacMillan leaves on his quest into the northland. The masonic emblem is no more the badge of democracy than is the barber's pole. (Why Betsy Ross didn't stitch a barber's pole in her field of blue and stars of white, I don't know, unless it was because the bobbed hair era came 150 years later.)

"Show me a town of many barbers", said sage Ben Franklin, "and I will show you a town of culture." An echo of 1930 murmurs "well said, old man". Truly if the barber pole is the badge of democracy it is the badge of civilization, what good American can deny that? That striped pole (strangely like an enlarged peppermint stick) distin-

guishes the civilized from the savage, the metropolitan from the mountaineer, the artisan from the artist, and the business man from the professor.

Etymology of the Word

Ever since the first resourceful man divested the complaining sheep of its wool to make an alpaca breechclout for himself and was called "baa-baa" by his sportive but admiring fellows, "baa-baaing" has been a noble occupation. Although common usage has changed the term to "barbering" the methods involved are one and the same. It may be of interest to you, gentle reader, to know too that Delilah gave a tremendous impetus to barbering when she founded the science of phenology many years ago. Furthermore what many men have suspected the Bible concealed and modern archaeologists affirmed, enraged at the paucity of bumps on Sampson's head, Delilah had the emissaries of the Philistines, remedy the defect, but unfortunately in their pardonable enthusiasm of scientific experimentation Sampson died and another great man was lost to his day.

Heredity a Factor

From this eulogy of the barber shop, one would endow all shops with benefits unsurpassed in modern life, but to be frank, town shops have one drawback, and that is—the sociability of the barber himself. Centuries of training,

endless chromosomes of the past have brought into existence, the marvelous creation of the present day era, the human orthophonic who severs your hairs from your fond head between dissertations on politics, religion, prohibition, and family life. It is unfortunate but irremediable evolution has brought an over-specialized creature, an ultra socialized person whose very verbosity drives away customers, especially students of psychology who have learned they have inferiority complexes.

Bill, the Barber

But on Bates Campus, Chase Hall shelters a barber shop where peace and quiet broken only by the drone of the electric shears and the snip of scissors prevail. Here is philosophy's chair. Here may one chew the Aristotelian cud to his heart's content while a real gentleman of cultured reticence stimulates thoughts by a massage or hair cut.

For eleven years Wilfred Renaud, commonly known as "Bill the Barber", has wrestled with the woolly pates that the exuberant Maine climate has fostered and by a hold that never fails—the scissors—Bill gets his man and baffles primeval nature, for always he has brought Bates men and women within the clipped pale of civilization.

College grinds! balder heads mean better marks. Reveal your bumps! Athletes! keep those unruly locks from out of your eyes and save a fumble. Sons of Bedoins, remember the artful Delilah, and fair co-eds—watch that danger line!

Bill the Barber is a shibboleth for service, economy, and courtesy.

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