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Numerical Averages Are Abolished

Trackmen Point For Second At Waterville

From The News

By Irene Lee

Spain and Neutrality

At Guernica in Spain this past week, some 1,000 non-combatants were brutally slaughtered by German planes under the insurgent army. The town, known as the "cradle of liberty," was efficiently wiped out in the same day that Franco's Fascist troops, reinforced by 8,000 Italians and Germans, captured Durango and pressed on towards Bilbao. Great Britain has agreed to aid the survivors in any way that she can.

Obviously, neutrality in the true sense of the word, cannot exist in any conflict. Last Sunday, President Roosevelt signed the new neutrality bill which gives him wide discretionary power to restrict trade with warring countries. In view of the apparent futility of such measures, it is an open question as to how future wars can be prevented. International cooperation seems to be the only course left to a restless world.

While the local situation seems more hopeful of peaceful settlement, the strikes are claiming front-page emphasis. The 25,000 English bus drivers who quit their vehicles in the midst of the feverish final preparations for the coronation of King George VI complicated the problem of transportation for many. Early settlement of this well-timed strike is desired.

In Hollywood, 10,000 craftsmen paralyzing the motion picture industry by walk-out. The powerful Screen Actors Guild, which boasts of many great luminaries as members, faced seriously the situation of supporting the strikers.

San Francisco's largest hotels also are having difficulties. Some 35,000 employees are making things uncomfortable for guests and management alike by their demand for recognition.

O-O-O-O

Angelo Herndon

The Supreme Court by their now famous vote of 5 to 4 reversed the Georgia Court's conviction in 1932 of Angelo Herndon, Negro Communist in Atlanta. Herndon's case, which has been actively supported by the International Labor Defense and other radical organizations, has aroused public interest because of the flagrant violation by the Georgia law of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Negro was convicted under an old law of 1866 which had been buried under the dust of time for many years. Herndon was accused of passing Communistic literature, advocating the establishment of an independent Negro nation, and the confiscation of the land of white owners for the benefit of the Negroes. However, there has been no actual proof of this accusation.

O-O-O-O

President De Valera's proposed new Irish Constitution has received a hostile reception from the Ulster Councils, which are definitely in sympathy with the British Government. This move by the Irish leader is perhaps the climax of the national revival movement of Irish thought, literature, and culture. Present indications do seem to warrant any substantial dissection to De Valera on his proposed measure.

Frosh Speakers Win Cash Prizes Saturday P. M.

William Sutherland, presenting "L'Ouverture" by Wendell Phillips, and Cassie Poshkus giving selection from "Accent on Youth" in the ten dollar prizes at the Freshman Prize Speaking Contest Saturday afternoon.

The other speakers were Frank Underwood, Owen Wheeler, Sumner Papp, Harry Shepherd, Ira Nahman, James Pellicani, Robert Plaisted, Donald Pomeroy, Alfred Morse, James McKelvey, Clarence Whittaker, Joan Kelly, Elizabeth MacGregor, Elizabeth Winslow, and Virginia Yeomans. The judges were William Metz '37, Waterhouse '38, and John Smith '38.

Kishon To Lead Team To State Meet Saturday

Bridges, Wallace, Luukko, Lythcott, Danielson Are Probable Winners

With the possibility of a second place and a probability of a third place behind the powerful Maine and Bowdoin teams, the Bates track aggregation journeys to Waterville this Saturday to compete in the 38th Annual Track and Field State Meet. The morning trials start at 9:00 o'clock and the afternoon races which are all finals at 2:00 o'clock.

Kishon Captain for Meet

With the M. I. T. meet at their backs with many lessons in timing learned, the Thompson-coached team will put on a good fight. Led by Acting-Captain Anton Kishon, giant weight-man who is expected to dominate the weight events with wins in the shot, hammer, and discus, the team should aggregate about 30 points.

Maine's loss to Boston College in last week's meet puts another angle to the situation. Bowdoin, although they have several individual stars such as Captain Bob Porter, will have trouble to get more than 40 points. Colby with LaFleur in the weights and Washuk in the broad jump, are certain of cellar position.

In the high hurdles it should be a battle between Gowell of Maine and Dean of Bowdoin. Bill Luukko may be in place position when the judges announce their decision. In the dash which is expected to go to Murray of the Jenkins-coached team, Bates' hopes will be in Johnny Woodbury with Hooke of Bowdoin expected to place. Maine will also have several other possible point winners on the starting line in Mullaney and Byer.

Porter's close loss of victory at Harvard relays a few weeks ago makes him a sure winner. Bond of Bowdoin is expected to be close with Bates' Wallace second. Smith of Maine will be a possible factor. Hurwitz of Maine and George Lythcott of Bates are expected to renew their duels in the 440 and 220. They have both been down close to 50 seconds. Merrick of Colby and Howard of Bates will be fighting for show position with Owen of Bowdoin a factor. Coach Jack Magee's loss of Hamblen is being deeply felt, for he would be pushing Lythcott and Hurwitz.

Bates 2 Mile Victory?

Don Bridges of the Garnet seems the likely choice in the 2 mile run. Hart of Maine and Hawkins, Young, and Hill of Bowdoin will be fighting for the other positions. If Clifford of the Orono team is in shape he might be in show position.

Porter is expected to find a tough foe in Art Danielson in the 880 if Wallace pushes the Bowdoin captain in the mile. Haggert of Maine, Gregory, Bond, and Hyde of Bowdoin are the other likely leaders. Gil Woodward of the Bobcats may show marked improvement and surprise with a third place.

The low hurdles will be a Gowell-Dean battle. Connell of Bates will be fighting for second place in the broad jump with Washuk of Colby and Stanley of Bates.

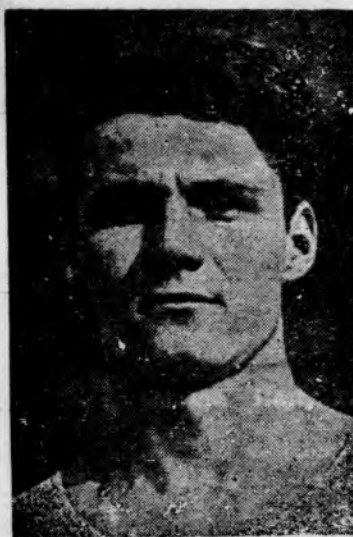
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Freshman Sport Dancers To Hear Keck Rhapsodies

Frosh Sportsters on May 15th will step to the music of Win Keck's rhapsodies. This was announced by the committee for the dance which is to take place in Chase Hall from 8 to 11:30 on that evening. Open house will be held in the John Bertram and Roger Williams Halls on this same evening.

Couples are limited, so sign at once! Programs will be ready tomorrow. The committee in charge of this affair is: Lynn Bussey, chairman, Elton Coggeshall, Robert Eaton, Priscilla Hall, Carolyn Hayden, and Richard Martin.

Triple Winner!?



Tony Kishon '37

Berkelman Will Study, Write At Columbia Univ.

English Professor Enrolled In Philosophy Course Under Irwin Edman

Prof. Robert G. Berkelman of the English department, who will be on sabbatical leave next semester, is planning to study and write at Columbia University during the fall term, according to plans which he has now completed.

He intends to take two courses, but will probably not seek credit, spending most of his time writing and attending plays, concerts, and operas in New York. Enrolled in "Philosophy of Aesthetics" under Prof. Irwin Edman, noted philosopher, he will also take a course in Seminar Research in American Literature under the supervision of Ralph L. Rusk, an associate professor in the department of English.

In entering Columbia this fall, Prof. Berkelman will be joining or following other Bates people who have done graduate work there. Four members of the class of 1936, William Swallow, Damon Stetson, Dorothy Staples and Carleton Mabee, are studying there now, while Marion Crosby '31, having taken graduate work in English, is now secretary to the head of Columbia's geology department.

Milton Ward '32, now employed by Ward Bros., in Lewiston, will also enter Columbia for graduate work this fall.

Prof. Berkelman, who graduated from Lawrence College in 1923, received his M.A. from Yale in 1927. Since then he has studied at the Harvard and Columbia Summer Schools. He will again teach courses in Shakespeare and Fine Arts at the Bates Summer School in July and August.

Women Debaters Conclude Season Opposing R. I.

The women's last debate of the year will take place tonight at 8 o'clock in the Little Theatre. The speakers who will take the platform for Bates are Grace Jack '38 and Caroline Pulsifer '39 defending the negative of the question: Resolved, That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated. A women's team from Rhode Island State College will defend the affirmative in this debate which will be in the Oxford style.

Grace Jack debated on the utilities question during her trip in January through Ohio. Caroline Pulsifer represented Bates on this question in a trip to Middlebury and the University of Vermont.

Harriet Durkee '37, women's debate manager and varsity debater, will act as chairman. Ruth Stoehr is acting as manager.

May 20 Features Annual Concert

Thursday evening, May 20, will feature the annual spring concert under the direction of Professor Seldon T. Crafts, head of the Bates Music Department. Very special features, which will be announced later, have been planned for this concert in which all the campus musical organizations will take part.

Registrar Libby Announces Six Course Changes

Group Work, New Course In Sociology Will Be Offered Next Year

Six distinct changes, other than the Coaching Psychology course offered by Coach Morey, will be effected in next year's schedules. It was announced by Miss Mabel Libby, Registrar, today.

The English department will be altered most, chiefly because of Professor Berkelman's leave of absence next semester. The Shakespeare course, especially popular with English majors, will be omitted entirely in 1937-38, and English 371, a course titled "Prose Masters", will also be discontinued next year. Fine Arts will be taught during the second semester rather than the first, and will be continued in 1938-39 only if undergraduates display sufficient interest in the course.

Dr. Wright's Teachers' Course, English 420, will be offered during the second semester rather than in the first, as the catalogue now lists it.

Professor Whitbeck will take charge of Professor Berkelman's freshman English classes for the first semester of next year.

The registration for all catalogued courses, subjected to these changes, begins today and must be completed by Tuesday, May 18.

A new course in Sociology called "group work" will be given throughout the year 1937-38.

Speaks Thursday



Dr. Grace Loucks Elliott

Psychologist To Be Speaker Thurs. Night

Dr. Grace Loucks Elliott To Be Guest At The C. A. Retreat

Dr. Grace Loucks Elliott, eminent psychologist and a leader of wide experience among college men and women, will speak in the Little Theatre tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock, on "The Philosophy of Life".

Dr. Elliott is in Lewiston to lecture at the local Y. W. C. A., but she will be on campus tomorrow to have personal conferences with individual students. Appointments for such interviews may be made with Dr. Zerber or Ellen Crafts '38.

During the week end of May 8, Dr. Elliott will be the guest of old and new members of the Christian Association at their annual Spring Retreat at the Bailey Homestead in Winthrop. Discussions on various current topics will be held during the retreat, and Wilmer Kitchen will summarize the results of the talks.

4-A Players Put Plenty Of "Go" In Icebound

By Prof. Robert E. McGee

The English 4-A Players ended the season with 2 performances of "Icebound" by Owen Davis on April 29th and 30th. This jolly little opus of greed and gloom and the redemption of the family's black sheep by a noble woman's love is of considerably smaller dramatic calibre than "The Late Christopher Bean" (to say nothing of "She Stoops to Conquer"), but it is a well constructed, amusing play without a dull moment in it. The fact that the setting is the familiar soil of Veazie, Maine, gave the Players an initial advantage of which they made the most. They asked no concession from the audience, no needed to; they handled character and dialect with a sure, firm grasp, a sort of "at hominess," and with more "go" than other more ambitious performances have had; so that one came away with a solid sense of satisfaction. But, since every critical bouquet should contain at least one horseshoe, one might quote the faculty who remarked that "the love making seemed a little icebound." Perhaps the players were only trying to live up to the title, as I have been assured that they can do better.

Bartlett Able Director

The play was under the competent direction of Mr. Jonathan Bartlett '38, and the general supervision of Professor Grosvenor M. Robinson.

The honors for acting should go to Miss Wood, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Eugene Woodcock. Perhaps Miss Lowry's name should be added, though her performance was not quite on a level with the astonishingly good one she gave in the one-act plays.

Young Woodcock At Ease

Mr. Eugene Woodcock was the other particularly bright spot of the evening. He played his part with a delightful boyishness that won the audience completely. There was no trace of the self-consciousness and glib assurance that blight most junior performances.

As the heroine who loves and suffers, almost in silence, Miss Thorp (Continued on Page Four)

Comedy by Miss Wood

Miss Wood had a small part, but it was one "to tear a cat in," and she made the most of it. She was the soul of comedy. Whenever she walked on to the stage, the whole play took a perceptible lift, the lights burned brighter. Every word, gesture, posture, was perfect as such things should be, down to the last detail. Even her stare had the impudent, beady glint of a parrot's eye. It was a grand lesson in comic acting.

Mr. Doyle gave a finely sensitive performance of the leading role and probably came out with top honors of the evening. He scowled and slouched beautifully through the part, spoke his lines beautifully, made a hero of nicely mingled charm and sullenness. He was convincing and impressive in everything but the love making in Act Two. There it was (page Hamlet) "as brief as woman's love." Miss Manter, playing the village vamp, made it very brief indeed. This was perhaps regrettable as she was very lovely in the stolen blue dress. But in Act Three, Mr. Doyle scored. The final curtain was a trifle tardy, so that the final climax was much more convincing, Mr. Doyle triumphant.

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Faculty Votes Rank By Letter Grades Beginning In Fall

"No One Can Judge Within Five Points", States President Clifton Daggett Gray In Explanation Of The Move

Numerical averages were abolished in favor of a straight letter system of grading by a vote of the faculty in meeting Monday afternoon, according to a report which was confirmed by President Gray early last evening. The unexpected and significant change was suggested by the committee on registration, which will, within the next two or three weeks hold a series of meetings to draw up details concerned with eligibility for honors, Phi Beta Kappa, and staying in school.

"Grade-Consciousness Out"

In explaining the new system to the STUDENT last evening, Dr. Walter Lawrence, head of the department of chemistry and a member of the registration committee said that three factors were involved in that body's recommendation of the change. In the first place, the committee investigated non-numerical ranking as adopted in many other colleges and found that it was working quite successfully.

Secondly, "we want to try to get students away from numerical, grade consciousness," he said, and to induce them to think in terms of larger units. Thus, instead of encouraging too much concentration on a subject in which a student is weak, the straight letter system will emphasize "more uniform effort all over" and it will "broaden the incentive in all courses."

The third consideration, Dr. Lawrence said, was the possibility of encouraging admission of "students with ambition and purpose" to the honor ranks as well as those who attain the objective average.

"No One Can Tell"

President Gray, after confirming the report of the change as he was getting off the bus from Boston last night, commented that the revision was being made "because no one in the world can judge a student's work within five points!"

Members of the registration committee, reached by the STUDENT last evening, had similar comments to make. "It is all to the good," said Dr. Wright. "We in literature certainly can't grade with any degree of accuracy. To us work is usually exceptional, creditable, or poor." He added that the emphasis would be less on getting 83's and 82's and more on getting an education.

Prof. Harms of the German department, one of those who was quite anxious to have the revision approved by the faculty, said, "I'm in favor. At all times I have thought it impossible to give justice in any situation, and felt it best not to be too exacting. The aim is 'a broader view of the whole thing.'"

Added Dr. Rayborn L. Zerber of the department of religion, "Studies have been made showing not only that different professors vary in grading the same paper, but also that there is

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Stewart New President Of Debate Group

Howard Becker Is Elected Vice-President Of Eastern Collegiate League

Paul Stewart '38 was elected president of the Bates College Debating Council at the annual elections Friday. Elizabeth Kadjirooni '38 was elected women's manager; Howard Becker '38, men's manager; and Grace Jack '38, secretary. Ernest Robinson '37, retiring president, acted as chairman of the meeting.

Howard Becker, who represented Bates at the Intercollegiate Debating League meeting recently at Wesleyan, announced that Bates has been selected to sponsor an intercollegiate debate tournament next year. Becker was chosen vice-president of the Intercollegiate Debating League.

At the league meeting, it was determined that Massachusetts Institute of Technology was the winner of first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Debating League. Because of a number of uncompleted debates, other standings are not yet decided.

Next year Bates will travel to M. I. T., Colgate, and Bucknell in the league debates; Wesleyan, Mt. Holyoke, and Bowdoin will come to Bates.

Plans for two international debates are being made. Bates will meet the University of Melbourne of Australia here, and the University of New Brunswick in a debate at Houlton, Maine. The Melbourne debaters will be here during a week end in December. They plan to give a discussion of life at the 18 or more colleges they will meet in their travels in the U. S. A., comparing these impressions with campus life at the University of Melbourne.

C. A. Chooses New Members For Committees

The new and old members of the Christian Association will hold their annual Spring Retreat at the Bailey Homestead in Winthrop over the week end of May 8. The new officers will preside.

Those to hold cabinet positions in the Association next year are: Freshman committee, William Torrey '38 and Roslyn McNish '39, sub-chairman; Religion, Valentine Wilson '38 and Jean Leslie '38, sub-chairman; Social, Mary Dale '38; Social Justice, William Sutherland '40; Community Service, Martha French '40; Peace, Leighton Dingley '39; Deputation, Wesley Nelson '38; Conferences, Ruth Robbins '39; Publicity, Helen Cary '39; Campus Service, Edward Stanley '39; and Dances, Howard Becker '38.

Soph Girls To Swing High At Spring Prance

Chase Hall will provide the setting for the Sophomore girls' annual dance which will present the Spring swing of the Bobcats from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. Black and silver programs are to add an attractive note and one of the features of the dance will be a surprise novelty. Lois Philbrick is the chairman of the committee and her assistants are Isabel Simpson, Ruth Lewis and Helen Martikainen. They have invited as chaperones Professor and Mrs. Anders Myhrman and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Spinks.



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Chapel -- Again

Why? Because it was May Day? Or in deference to the sun that was shining on the best spring day of 1937 to date? Or to the baseball and tennis teams which were meeting intercollegiate opponents in the afternoon? Or just because someone felt the need for a little more of the usual thing? Well, anyway, there must have been some reason for the continual buzz and conversational hum in Chapel Saturday morning.

The anomaly was that front-rowers proclaimed Saturday's chapel talk a substantial one. Some students objected to the impossibility of hearing on account of eternal chapel-seat gossip on all sides. Others, possibly interrupted in their daily 8.50 jibbering by someone who really wanted to hear, said, "Speech? Is there?"

Perhaps the temporal topics—May Day, sun, spring, baseball, and tennis—had something to do with Saturday's conversational free-for-all, but basically the difficulties now extant in the chapel situation are the same ones which have been troubling an unorganized minority for many years.

That this editorial is not just an attempt to revive a dead issue is proven by objections which, made many times before, are recurring in the now natural and regular cycle. Recent comments have ranged from pleas for a "no compulsory chapel" campaign to hesitant queries as to whether anyone had thought about remedying difficulties in the past. Professors, in class digressions, have referred to "that part of so-and-so's speech we could hear"; the now (in)famous questionnaire indicated student opinion favoring a change; one of the freshman class debates discussed the subject without any noticeable lack of evidence on the "change chapel" side of the question; and more recently several editorials submitted in sophomore argumentation discussed the subject. It should not be "Chapel—Again" but rather "Chapel—Still" with the additional comment, "and nothing has been done about it."

Yet some group, realizing that the practical suggestions for remedying a rather serious college ailment can come only through a complete investigation of practices current in other colleges and corrective attempts which have been unsuccessfully made here in the past, should make this situation an organization project.

They should get facts on the class of 1934's attempt to make a class gift of an amplifying unit and the impracticability of such a remedy; they should try to discover whether a twice-a-week plan, an increase in the number of outside speakers, an increase in the number of student speakers, or complete abolition of chapel (which seems wholly unnecessary) would best serve to increase the usefulness of Bates chapel exercises.

Meanwhile, a glance at the cut book would show how popular chapel is at present. A recollection might bring back a recent speech which, to our way of thinking, was one of the most enlightening and best opinionated talks given by a professor in the last three years. You may remember that it was dismissed to unintelligible sounds by the incessant chapel murmurings on that particular morning. A little thought on the part of each

student might convince him or her that the present fault is largely with the audience. Until some major remedy is proposed and adopted, the individual students can help by at least gossiping softly, or, if need be, by writing notes. Actions speak louder than words anyway, and quiet shouting is often valuable.

We suggest some serious investigation and consideration of the present chapel situation as a constructive project for the Student Council or for the student advisory policy group of campus leaders which has been in the making for a month or two. The faculty have suggestions of their own, and the students should have also.

How much longer must we wait for some remedy? An organized group, such as those we have mentioned, must give us the answer. For now, can't we all help just a little?

Uncle Sam Pepys AND FAMILY

About six years ago, a stranger wandered on to the campus, learned it was a coeducational institution, and decided to settle down here. He had a strange obsession—looking for dirt. What he didn't find, he created. What he didn't create wasn't worth finding anyway.

After a year or so, he decided he liked it and sent for his wife. She, too, enjoyed it, but he soon seemed to be getting fast out of date. In order to give a sense of modernity to his dirt-gathering, this one-time stranger kept changing his name. First it was Uncle Sam Pepys; then it was Uncle Sam Pepys 1; 2 and 3 followed in rapid order. Any keyholes Sam couldn't cover, his wife did. Then Junior came, and put in his two observations a week.

A few weeks ago, however, Uncle Sam said to the editor, "I'm losing my pep and zest. People still read the column, but somehow or other they don't like it the way they used to. Perhaps I deserve a sabbatical leave," he continued. "You can be sure that it's not that there isn't enough dirt for us to sweep up, but a change of scenery may do us good anyway. And by the way, we haven't decided yet whether we'll make it a temporary or permanent vacation."

With that he left. When I last saw him, he was carrying the family typewriter under one arm and Aunt Tillie was carrying a broom. They were walking down toward the "Figure 8," but I believe they had to wait a few minutes for Junior, who insisted on making the rounds from Chase to Rand before leaving.

Our Colleges . . .

INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

Sh's th ctst thng I knw,
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 Nd m lft t, s wht th hll.
 The Crimson-White, Alabama Uni.

Rupert Hughes, noted novelist, addressed the faculty men of Los Angeles Junior College recently. His first publications were sonnets and essays, and musical and art criticisms; he has been associate editor on Godey's Current Literature and the Criterion Magazines. Mr. Hughes is an accomplished musician and wrote "American Composers," a standard literary work; a Riley Album, and Cain, and other songs. Perhaps the most famous of his works are the George Washington series, completed in four volumes.

Junior Collegian.

"My dear young lady," said the clergyman in a pained tone, as he listened to the modern young girl tear off some of the latest jazz on the piano. "Have you ever heard the Ten Commandments?"

Modern young lady: "Whistle a few bars and I think I can follow you."

Junior Collegian.

FOR MOTHERS

A single pointing flame burns in the dim Church where I kneel; and sunset, lingering yet, Glows faintly through the deep-flushed robes of saints;

A chord that sounded hours ago diffused Its echo until now the silence breathes. The cynic's thin and icy voice cuts through The hush, an edge of keenest steel through velvet. His words that jibe at shallow faith, and taunt The fools that in self-sacrifice would help The all too willing world to disregard them; His bitter quips on dolts who think there may Be something yet that men should rather go And hope than stop and be at least in dust The means of some fertility—cold shafts Of perfect words and balanced phrase that on The altar shatter into tinkling fragments; And by the reaching candle light I see The chips of melting ice that gleam a moment On the old grey stone and then are gone—

Then turning to the constant flame, I find That wisps of drifting smoke have formed your face.

Dorothy E. Kennedy '38

Editor's Notes

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 5—
 Rhode Island State Debate; Little Theatre, 8:00 p. m.
 Baseball vs. U. of M.; Orono; 2:30 p. m.
 Thursday, May 6—
 Dr. Elliot, speaker; Little Theatre, 8:00 p. m.
 Friday, May 7—
 Sophomore Girls' Dance; Chase Hall, 7:30-11:00 p. m.
 Baseball vs. Bowdoin; Brunswick; 2:30 p. m.
 Saturday, May 8—
 State Track Meet; Colby Field, Waterville; 2:00 p. m.
 Saturday Night Dance; Chase Hall.
 Sunday, May 9—
 Mother's Day.
 B. O. C. Climb; Mt. Pleasant.
 Monday, May 10—
 Tennis vs. U. of M.; Orono; 2:30 p. m.

WEEK IN CHAPEL

Wednesday: "I maintain that we have a social responsibility to help our students to orient themselves in respect to life-careers."—Mr. Rowe.
 Saturday: "Socrates and Jesus seem to absolutely agree in fundamental principles and outlook on life."—Professor Chase.

CLUB NOTES

Heelers
 Monday night Heelers held spring tryouts for the first time. This year because so many players are graduating the club is especially interested in finding new talent particularly among the men.

Ramsdell Scientific
 At the meeting of the Ramsdell Scientific Society on April 27, Professor Ramsdell spoke in the Rand Hall reception room on the number system, or the history of arithmetical numbers. The new officers presided for the first time.

ALUMNI NEWS

1936—Announcement has been made by Mrs. Arthur Bryant of North Jay, of the engagement of her daughter, Alice Pauline Miller, to Rex H. Lake of Wilton. Miss Miller was graduated from Wilton Academy and Bates and is now teaching at Wilton Academy. The wedding is scheduled for sometime in early summer.

1894—Word has been received of the death of Daniel F. Field, 64 years old. Mr. Field was educated at the Boston Latin School and at Bates, where he was prominent in athletics. He played baseball, football, and took part in intercollegiate tennis. He became a member of the Republican State Committee in 1912 in Maine and in 1926 assumed his duties as chairman of the committee. In 1934 he resigned to become a member of the Republican National Committee.

1932—Representative Randolph A. Weatherbee of Lincoln has announced that he will be a candidate for Republican House floor leader of the next State Legislature. He is now studying for examinations which he is taking from Cornell University Law School. Mr. Weatherbee graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Bates in 1932 and has since been studying law at Cornell between sessions of the Legislature. He will receive his degree from Cornell in June, and is a ranking student at the University. He is well known for his oratorical ability and his competency as a member of various legislative committees.

MEMBERS OF THE BATES COLLEGE Alumni Association are being sent ballots to vote for two candidates each for membership on the Board of Overseers and the college for the annual June meeting. Two of the candidates are on the present board. Dr. Herbert V. Neal '90, who is at present on the Tufts College faculty. He is the director of Mt. Desert Island biological laboratory, and the author of many scientific papers. Mr. Ralph L. Kendall '05 is headmaster of Medford, Mass., high school, where he became an instructor in 1908. Other names on the ballot are: Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bates '97; Mr. Stanley C. Lary, well known Massachusetts educator; and Mr. Richard Lindquist '14, who is prominent in business activity in Lewiston.

The Alumni Council executive committee has been soliciting contributions from Bates graduates, in an appeal for a bigger and more efficient Alumni Association. A statement has been sent to alumni, showing the benefits the council has brought about for graduates. In 1936, the Bates Placement Service found satisfactory employment for 64 seniors, with no commission charged. In the past six years, the Alumni Council has helped place 194 seniors and graduates similarly. Since last September five undergraduates have been helped financially through the Alumni Loan Fund, and since 1929, 51 students have received close to \$3700 in small amounts. Last year 28 out of 100 Bates graduates paid dues to the Alumni Association and contributed to the Alumni Fund. This year it is hoped that a 40 per cent representation can be attained for the bigger budget planned by the Council.

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 And charged Her with the Motherhood of Man.

LIBRARY FINDS

By Ruth Robbins '39

Saltwater Farm, by Robert P. Tristram Coffin

Sharply-accurate "local color" makes Mr. Coffin's book a keenly true picture of life in a small corner of America. To New Englanders who are familiar with the daily life of the Maine farmer living near the coast and as strongly attached to the sea as to the soil, poems such as "A Mess of Clams", "Wild Raspberries", and "A Maine Woodpile" are evidences that Mr. Coffin thoroughly knows his subject. In his own words, proudly written:
 "These are my people, saving of emotions,
 With their eyes dipped in the Winter ocean."

The poet stresses the effect of Nature on human character. The simple meter corresponds to simplicity of subject-matter; yet this very simplicity becomes monotonous because of constant emphasis. Delightful exactness in such phrases as "the gnome-like faces" of sheep, and "the muffled tonking" of a cowbell in fog makes this book pleasant reading; but the realization that Mr. Coffin can write more broadly of more significant things prevents his seventh book from being extraordinary.

The Nile, The Life-Story of a River, by Emil Ludwig

This is perhaps the strangest subject a biographer has ever attempted. Mr. Ludwig sees and traces the life of the great river Nile as the life of a man. The career of the Nile begins with the waterfalls at its source, and extends through a four thousand mile course, flowing through not only space, but also time. Each of the five periods of the life of the river represents nearly a thousand miles and thousands of historical years in Africa. Through rebellious youth, acquisitive manhood, maturity, and deep wisdom, it moves to a splendid death. It meets cannibals, elephants, explorers of the nineteenth century, Cleopatra, Napoleon, Kitchener. Rich in detail, the fullest significance, however, is the epic vision of Ludwig, as he catches the all-inclusive sweep of the Nile and transfers it to us, in this, his greatest biography.

A Woman Surgeon, by Rosalie Slaughter Morton

And now—a "Woman Doctor's Odyssey"! A life as full and intensely interesting as Doctor Heiser's is described in this autobiography of an internationally known woman doctor.

Virginia, of romantic history, was her birth state. At Philadelphia she studied to become a doctor and graduated with honors. When she sailed to Europe, she took letters to nearly everyone of social or scientific importance on that continent. Having finished graduate work in clinics of Germany, Vienna, Paris, and London, she returned to New York, there to establish a successful practice. Following a brief interval of marriage, terminated by her husband's death, Doctor Norton began the work of organizing women physicians for health education of the public. After aiding Grenfell in Labrador, she was sent to Serbia when the war broke out. She had a part in establishing the American Women's Hospitals there, and was again and again honored for distinguished service. At the end of the book, she is once more practicing her profession in America—this time in Florida.

Not only does this book concern itself with the fields of medicine and surgery, but with those of sociological research, travel, and interesting personal adventure as well. A Woman Surgeon occupies a prominent place on the record of feminine accomplishment.

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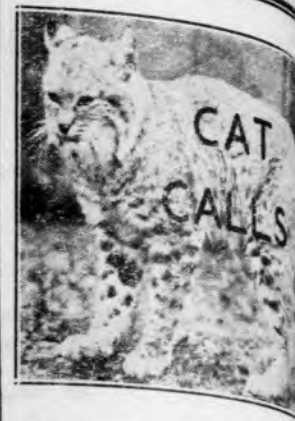
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Meeow! Back on the fence—
 —Spring fever's affecting everyone, guess, and marks ought to take a little, what with thoughts of blue (or should it be skies) popping and drag our averages below water level. And for the little kittens who have met up with "JuWors" yet, the water level merely means water "C's".

Was kicking around the factory areas not long ago, and a couple of our boys run in on them. All I can say is Comrades Don and Foster wouldn't make good players. They like to go out on too much.

Talking about ball-players, a purr for Jocko Malone, who was 13 B. U. men just to prove he had stuff to beat them, anyway.

Still harping on spring—Montgomery must have been a little. Waitressing on at Ruthie grabbed a bottle of syrup on her pancakes, thought she might wash it down a pint of she'llac. ("What's with she'llac?" comes the cry from Parker Hall.)

And Managing-Ed Fishman up little Gene Woodcock in the Bureau Files and wondering couldn't find him—it must be or something, or someone. But according to Dr. Fisher, no spring up here—"Maine," says Doc, "has only two seasons—Winter and August."

It happened at the "Roses of Juliet" performance down town. "Droppins" thought those spears lipped something silly, specially on the "hathi". And some guy dressed like Peter Pan the screen wanted to stop a duel between John Barrymore and the lain, he vitaphoned out, "On my count, I charge thee stop!" Sleepy Bullock woke up and mumbled, "Gees, he's got a charge up here."

And talking about drama, remember a little skit I saw played on campus during the few days we were having summer vacation? Jack Frost (no relation to Bob a-courting a cute little daisy, his emotions got so violent that he had to give in, Mr. Frost, chilled to the daisy and murmured, "thou!" And the daisy wilted.

Don Bridges dragged his limbs into East Park after the race at the Harvard Relay and among other things, he dragged out of his traveling kit a bottle of water, oil, widely known as rubbing compound. Jody Erwin took one sip at the bottle and guzzled down a pretty limbo-juice. Which goes to show there are still some he-men in this neck of the bottle, mean, woods.

Ah, spring, spring—Wait! translating in Gus's German, bubbled forth "And he put his around Lois (Chamberlain)!" we don't pretend to be slangsters, but after years and years studying Greek, we know the "Gertrude" in German does not come "Lois" in English.

And Mother Nature works to avail this May, for the power be at Bates have thwarted her plan. The erstwhile accommodation back of Cheney will no longer be a dark safe haven of—ah—happy couples; a big, bright light has been installed, and everything is a hundred yards is cruelly exposed.

Well that's all the gushing we now on spring activities. We're seeing you again next winter, weeks from now. So till we see you again, "Bonus ab," which means to Prof. Knapp, means "Good-bye."

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Ruth Bowditch Rep. At New Eng. Junior Month

Ruth Bowditch '38 has been elected as the representative to the New England Junior Month which is sponsored by the Boston Family Welfare Society's Committee on Volunteers. This is the third consecutive summer in which eight juniors that were and seniors that will be have spent four weeks studying the methods and philosophy of modern social work under careful supervision and in the very poorest areas of the city.

Eight Colleges To Meet

The cost for this study and experience is met by a special fund made up in part by contributions from interested friends, and in part from the participating colleges which are: Bates, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont, and Wellesley. Our former delegates have been Priscilla Heath '36, and Carol Wade '37.

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J. V. Ball Team Drops Debut, 9 To 6; Frosh Lose To E.L.H.S. - Cony Trackmen

The Bates junior varsity baseball team lost its first game to Edward Little High School, 9-6, in a seven-inning contest played yesterday afternoon on Garcelon Field.

Meserve, Edward Little pitcher, fanned eight Bates men and was touched for only five hits, while Ted Nowak and Charlie Cooke, on the mound for the Bobcats, allowed six hits between them.

Each team made five errors in the ragged game, which started with two runs by each team in the first frame. Edward Little added three in the third, two in the fourth, one in the fifth, and one in the seventh. Bates tallied once in the third, once in the fourth, and twice in the last inning.

McLaughlin was the leading high school hitter with a double and single, while Simonetti banged out two singles. Vic Stover was the outstanding fielder of the afternoon, and Bing Crosby made a successful debut in catcher's togs.

The team plays Lewiston High on Thursday and a second game with Edward Little on May 20th.

The combined track forces of Cony and Edward Little High Schools took the freshman team Monday afternoon by a score of 69-57 in the yearling's first meet. Lynn Bussey, with firsts in the 100 and 220 and a third in the broad jump, was high scorer for Bates.

Cony, scoring seven first places to eight for the frosh, tallied 43 of the opponents 69 points. Demos' mile victory over Al Rollins in a duel to the tape was the feature for the schoolboys.

Charlie Crooker romped for the frosh in the half while Don Maggs, a pole-vaulter in his first year of competition, tied teammate Mal Holmes in that event with a jump of 10 feet 6 inches to edge out Perkins of Cony.

Rodgers of Edward Little took Don Pomeroy twenty yards from the finish in a 53 4/5 second quarter.

The freshmen meet Rumford a week from Friday, and Edward Little plays host to Wilton in a dual meet on Garcelon Field Friday.

Gillis Out For Season

Ronnie Gillis, varsity catcher for the past three years, sustained a fractured finger in Saturday's game and will be out for the rest of the season, according to Coach Dave Morey, who reported the result of an x-ray Monday.

With two men out in the ninth inning, Gillis' middle finger stopped a pitched ball and the fracture resulted. Gillis, who was acting captain Saturday, was to have been used in the same capacity in several of the coming state series games, Morey said.

Over thirty-five Batesonians ate salmon sandwiches, cup cakes, and drank "pop" before they submitted good-naturedly to several teasing games suggested by Denham Sutcliffe '37, entertainment chairman at the annual Spofford Club cabin party last evening at Thornerag. Fourteen new members were initiated into the literary organization.

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Stu. G. Heads Go To Rhode Island

Twenty representatives from ten coeducational colleges of New England met at the New England Convention of Women's Student Government Associations at Rhode Island State College last weekend. Grace Jack '38 and Evelyn Jones '38, heads of the Bates Student Government, represented Bates College.

The representatives discussed many mutual problems of student government, and many new ideas regarding student problems were formulated. The various functions of the Women's Student Governments were compared, and helpful suggestions given.

Next year the conference will be held at Middlebury College in Vermont.

4-A Players

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showed poise, restraint, and quiet good taste. Every trace of former sparkle and gaiety had been crushed out by her cruel environment; the heart of gold remained.

The two happy sisters were well played by Miss Lowry and Miss Melcher, both of whom by a minor miracle of make-up lost all charm and became unattractive, grimly middle-aged. Miss Lowry played the selfish, disappointed spinster with a pettishness that was well done, a shrewd psychological penetration. Miss Melcher had a heart of flint. On the other hand, Miss Waterhouse looked too attractive for a puritanical matron, though there was a pleasant touch of hypocrisy in her indignation at her daughter's conduct.

Kennedy Handles Part Well

Mr. Kennedy again created the illusion of old age that one has come to expect of him. Even his body seemed old and tired under the forlorn sweater, quite a good sketch of avarice and futility. Mr. Dias had a thankless part in Judge Bradford. It was rather a let-down after his excellent Mr. Hardcastle, largely because there was not much opportunity for an individual interpretation. The part seemed to lack weight, for all the excellence Mr. Dias brought to it. Mr. Alexander, as deputy sheriff, made a brief appearance and a very pleasant one. Another minor part well done was the doctor, which Mr. Farnum played with just the right touch of individuality, to make the crabbed but kindly small town doctor ring true to life. Setting, costumes, and lighting were in adequate harmony.

While "Icebound" was the slightest play intrinsically that the 4-A Players have done this year, it was still

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Mr. Peck Loyal Rooter At Bates Athletic Games

By George Windsor '38

He's "just as good a grandstand quarterback as most people"—he can tell us exactly what sort of play should have been used and how it should have been executed....after the game is over—"sort of like buying stock." This is Mr. Frank G. Peck, of 508 Main Street, Lewiston, "fifth assistant waterboy" to the Bates football team. The sight of him, usually situated near the players' bench, is familiar to all Bates gridiron fans. In spite of his physical incapacity Mr. Peck is a faithful visitor to Garcelon field when the Bobcat outfit goes into action.

Attender Since 1929

Mr. Peck has been attending the Bates games consistently since 1929, when Dave Morey came to be football mentor here. Before Coach Morey's time he used to come "just once in a while." One pre-Morey game, score: Maine 67, Bates 0. Mr. Peck remembers quite well. "I keenly enjoy Bates' games now, whereas before Coach Morey came I didn't enjoy them so much."

Once, up at Orono, Bates failed to make a first down at a crucial moment.

Numerical Averages Abolished

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a range in the grade given a paper one year and the grade given the same paper by the same instructor a year later."

Details Yet To Be Planned

Prof. George M. Chase, chairman of the registration committee, and Dean Hazel M. Clark could not be reached by the STUDENT last night. Mr. Harry W. Rowe, assistant to the president and the other committee member, made no comment because he was travelling on business when the plan was discussed.

The proposal for the revision was made by the registration committee, after an extensive investigation. It had been made several years ago but was strongly opposed at the time. Now that the plan has been approved by the faculty, much to the surprise of many faculty members including President Gray, the registration committee will have to work out details of non-numerical standards for term honors, eligibility for athletics, scholarships, remaining in school, and Phi Beta Kappa. Beginning in September, only grades of A, B, C, D, and F will be given, without any intermediate ranks whatsoever.

The quality point system will not be affected at all by the change.

a delightful performance. The audience enjoyed it thoroughly. It was well planned and well acted with perfect comic tempo, so that one came away satisfied, even exhilarated.... perhaps because back of all was "Prof Rob's" supervision to give the felicitous rightness that we have come almost to take for granted.

ment. The final score was Maine 67, Bates 0. Mr. Peck thinks that he has seen the best games that he has ever seen in his life.

Collegiate baseball holds little attraction for our wheel-chair rider. He thinks the professional game is much better; so he confines his interest to them. When it was the



Frank G. Peck

for Bates to play Bowdoin every year. Mr. Peck used to put in his spare time, but since this practice has been discontinued the football game is his principal indulgence.

To attend the grid games at Garcelon field Saturday afternoon, Mr. Peck takes time off from the job of directing the operation of Peck's Department Store. According to John T. Flynn, in College Weekly (week of Sept. 16, 1931) football fan is quite expert at other "game". He was "a man example of how a brainy man takes the depression".

No Slouch

Mr. Peck plays other games. He likes to toss a baseball and Ping-pong he is rather accomplished. In his garage is a ping-pong table and a special swivel chair, so as to place him in a position to play. Bob Kimmach '39 tells us in spite of his physical handicap Mr. Peck is quite adept at the art of swatting the small white pellet. The fact that his legs are paralyzed due to an accidental gun wound doesn't prevent our friend from being an automobile. His motor car is equipped with hand levers to allow him to perform manually all functions usually required of the driver. Reliable observers report that Mr. Peck is "no slouch". Bates rooters are looking forward to seeing Mr. Peck among the ranks, although out on the field season and in many more seasons come.

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