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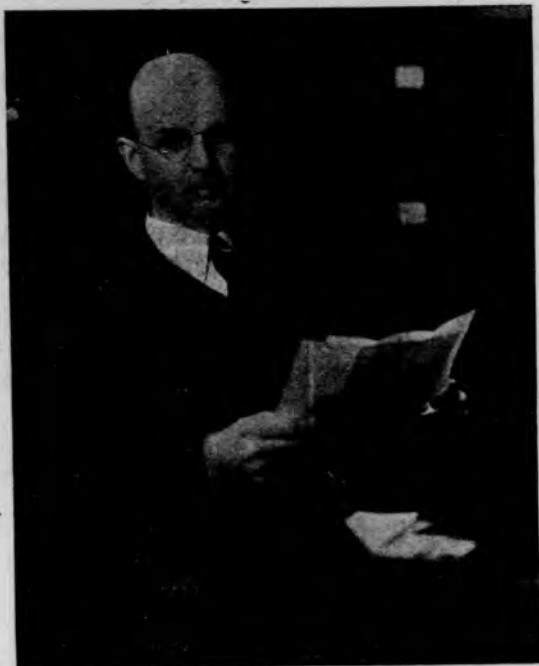
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## Mr. Rowe Sees Possible Unlimited Cut Expansion



Mr. Harry W. Rowe

By Ralph Tuller '42

"We're in favor of unlimited cuts; we would like to leave control of cutting in the hands of all upper-classmen. But until the attitude of the students matures enough to prove to us that they are able to handle this freedom, it would be folly to give it to them."

This, in essence, is the faculty attitude towards the much agitated question of cuts. Almost unanimously, Bates professors have expressed themselves as trying to be fair and progressive in their feeling, while retaining a long range view.

What is the present system? For over ten years, honors students have been given unlimited cuts. Last year, the Registration Committee of the faculty originated the plan of free cutting for all students with a G.P.A. of 3.6 during the previous semester.

### Discuss Objectives Of Present Plan

Chairman Harms and Mr. Rowe of the committee present the ideas behind the plan—"to provide more self-direction for good students"; "to try to get students into an adult state of mind"; "to help make mature men and women out of those juniors and seniors who ought to be able to manage their own programs."

Mr. Rowe admits the present plan is "very conservative", but he promises that its scope will be widened gradually as the students show they are capable of using the privilege in an adult manner. Mr. Rowe echoes the expressed sentiments of at least five faculty members when he "is disgusted at the sight of juniors and seniors pouring over the record to

see how many more classes they can get out of."

And yet Mr. Rowe is joined by many more of his colleagues when he says positively that the present system—limited to a select group—has "worked very well". Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Zerby, Dr. Sweet and several others approve most heartily.

The privilege isn't abused, these men point out, because the students who have unlimited cuts are the very ones with intelligence enough to realize that they are not paying money to Bates for the opportunity to get out of as many lectures as they can.

### Dr. MacDonald Terms It "Benevolent Circle"

This is the rub. Those who receive unlimited cuts already possess much of the maturity which the system seeks to develop. Dr. MacDonald terms it "A benevolent circle", with the advantages increasing to those who can get within the circle. But the problem is to educate the rest of the students "to the point where they can assume the responsibilities of freedom" as Dr. Peter Bertocci puts it.

Opinions differ as to the possibility of this development. Professor Gould advocates maintaining the status quo, believing that present conditions allow as much freedom as can safely be given. Campus feeling seems to be that there is an even more conservative group who believe in a tightening of the present strings, but as far as can be determined, this feeling is unfounded. No faculty member was encountered who would definitely

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## Parker Welcomes Oxfordites To Typical "Bull Session"

Sunk in the old rocker, legs stretched out in front of him, sprawls Peter Street. Curled up comfortably in the easy-chair, with one leg slung over the arm, is "Teddy" Heath. Both are tired—they stifle yawns—but on occasion a gleam will come into their eyes, they lean eagerly forward and they say just what they mean, vividly and clearly.

They are the Oxford debaters. They've just taken part in their 18th debate in America—in the Bates Chapel—and they are about ready for bed. But Lindell and Sutherland have brought them up to the room and they seem willing for one of the "John Bull sessions" they spoke of during the debate.

Coorsen balances on one corner of a desk; Lindell on another; Sutherland and Tuller slump into chairs; Warren wanders in; cigarettes are passed around; Hamilton and Walsh knock on the door. The conversation begins to flow more easily and a genuine West Parker gabfest is on its way.

### Oxford-Bates

#### In Humor Duel

Someone mentions the Roosevelt joke with which Heath closed the debate. Someone else brings up the proverbial English sense of humor. And the challenge is accepted. For nearly an hour the Bates men dig into their jokebooks in their efforts to match the stories reeled off by Street and Heath, and at the end of the hour it is the Bates men who call a halt. Perhaps Oxford men are exceptional, but if these two are at all representative of their countrymen, no further disparaging remarks on the subject of British humor will be allowed.

But then, inevitably, the conversation swings to a rather more tragic joke—the war. Street pictures the first London blackout, a night or two before war was declared. He speaks whimsically, tells of stumbling over curbs and policemen and taxicabs,

but underlying the whimsy is a glimpse of his abhorrence of conditions which brings these things about.

Both men go out for military training in January. Both accept the situation as inevitable, but they display to outward feelings of hopelessness. Each looks forward to the return to normalcy, with Heath going on in law and Street in chemistry.

Chamberlain is mentioned and the discussion waxes warm. It might not be cricket to disclose whether the warmth is that of affection or of something definitely lacking in affection, but it does become quite apparent that these are men of very decided opinions.

Anthony Eden appears before the tribunal. Heath and Street are now somewhat reluctant to express a final judgment, but Heath finally sums up his views with this: "There's no doubt about the man's ability—he's really quite brilliant—but the question of his firmness of character sticks with us. We rather doubt that he's strong enough."

### "English Statesmen

#### Don't Get Rich"

British and American ideas on statesmanship are exchanged. The general American attitude towards politics—simply a means of making money—is compared to the English idea of statesmanship as an honorable calling. "English statesmen don't get rich," says Heath.

Street puffs nervously at his cigarette. "Don't you think British statesmanship has rather deteriorated? That the profession has considerably lost its appeal to the classes?" "Decidedly not," replies Heath. "I who should rightfully lead it?"

Heath believes government work retains a definite sense of honor and respect with the English people.

The Bates men sense that perhaps the debaters don't always see eye to eye on every subject. It might be

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## Varsity Club Initiates Start "Tricks" Today

Thirty-three Varsity Club initiates will prove a source of amusement to the campus today and tomorrow as initiation chairman Michael Buccigross '41 sends his charges through their paces. A full program has been prepared by Buccigross for these candidates for membership.

The Bates Varsity Club was formed in 1923, and since that year has been a very successful organization on campus. It is composed of all men who have represented the college athletically and have been awarded their "B". Members of the club usher at the games and the club was responsible for procuring equipment in the training rooms in the gym this past year. The club aids the Clason Key in entertaining prospective students, and also has a special interest in seeing that the athletics of the freshman class and the college keep up in their studies, and that every opportunity is given them through tutoring, etc.

The following men are eligible for membership this year: Spofford Avery '41, Douglas Bragdon '40, Walker Briggs '40, Ralph Childs '40, George Coorsen '41, John Davis '40, Hamilton Dorman '40, Bernard Francis '42, Thomas Flanagan '42, Harold Goodspeed '41, Louis Hervey '42, John Hibbard '40, John James '42, Norman Johnson '42, Philip Kilgore '40, William Lever '41, Philip Letette '42.

Schwertle Morris '41, Robert Malone '42, Thomas O'Shaughnessy '41, George Parmenter '42, James Pellucani '40, Paul Quimby '42, John Sigbee '42, Joseph Simonetti '40, Orrin Snow '41, Robert Plaisted '40, Sumner Tapper '40, Julian Thompson '42, Kendall Tilton '40, Donald Wark '40, Stanley Williams '40, and Fred Whitten '41.

The complete Varsity Club initiation rules are as follows:

1. All Varsity Club members shall carry paddles to be used at will. (Assume the angle).
2. All paddles must be signed by the Initiates.
3. Each Initiate will be given a number and a master who will be a member of the club.
4. All Initiates will wear sweat suits and sneakers while being initiated.
5. Initiates will report to Hathorn steps each noon at 1:15 for further orders.
6. Initiates to address all members of the club as "Sir" and to carry all books, etc., and to hold open all doors for Varsity Club members.
7. Initiates will hold open Chapel doors in the morning.
8. No Initiate to be seen in the pool room or to coeducate at any time. This rule will be strictly enforced!
9. Each Initiate shall report each day to his master for his personal assignment.
10. All rules to cease at 7:00 p. m. except number 8 and will be in order again at 7:40 a. m.

## Lambda Alpha Will Give Annual Tea Dance Friday

Lambda Alpha will hold their annual party as they entertain at Tea Dance on Friday afternoon from 3:45 til 6 with Annette Barry, president of the town girls, as hostess.

Chase Hall, transformed into a winter wonderland, will follow a red and white color scheme, and a snowman motif.

The dance will be chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Fisher and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Wright. Special gifts are to be President and Mrs. Clifton D. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Rowe, and Miss Mabel Eaton. Dean Hazel M. Clark and Mrs. Rosa Foster will pour. The music will be furnished by the Bobcats.

Assisting Miss Barry with the plans for the dance are Jean Ryder '41, Norma Field '41, Barbara McGee '42, and Martha Littlefield '43.

The most difficult task facing the public servant is maintaining public interest in government, stated Sumner Sewall, president of the Maine Senate, in an informal talk before the Politics Club last night.

## Prof. Benezet Predicts Woman-Ruled World

"The trouble with the generation of the youth today is that they think they are the last generation to appear on this planet," asserted Professor Louis P. Benezet, professor of education at Dartmouth College, as he spoke to the coeds at their annual Christian Association banquet in Fiske Dining Hall on Monday evening. The title of his talk, "A Full Life", told concisely what he had to say, covering history from 600 B. C.

Among famous predictions, he informed us that the women in the future are to dominate and that the leaders will come from the negro race. As to whom are the most progressive nations the English speaking, Latin American, Latin European, Scandinavian, the Celtic, or the Germanic peoples, he showed us that the Scandinavian group is the most nearly so, because: (1) They have the smallest per cent of illiterates in their population—2%, while in America it numbers between 15 and 20%; (2) They read 20 books per person for every one read in the United States; (3) They have a treaty of peace among themselves; (4) They have given up armaments; and (5) They have joined the League of Nations.

Thus questioning the favorable assertion that our country constitutes the most forward nation today, he made us stop and wonder—leaving us the advice or goal to strive for, that we "make ourselves parents that children would choose", that we remember it was for us that the great painters painted, the inventors invented, the writers wrote, and the musicians composed—we in turn must remember that there is a generation to follow.

In a holiday spirit the tables were decorated, following a Christmas motif, with red candles and evergreens.

## Tourney Finalists Play In "Open House"

President Gray will award the medals to the winners of the second Chase Hall Championship tourneys this year at the Open House Saturday night, Dec. 16. The finals in the singles in all events—pool, bowling, billiards, and ping-pong—will be played at the Open House during intermission, while the doubles will be played off Friday evening.

There will be special entertainment for the Dance and Open House. The Batesmen Quartet, consisting of Charles Crocker, Earle Zeigler, Al Baulch, and Robert Oldmixon, will sing several numbers. The coeds will have an opportunity to display their skill at the Chase Hall games during the evening.

The largest entries are in the ping-pong tourney in which Bill Howland is defending champion and with Mal Holmes in the doubles; Tom O'Shaughnessy and Ray Cool are favorites for the bowling crown, and Joe Simonetti, Pat Patterson and Sol Bunshaft are strong contenders in the pool and billiards tourneys. The play is going slowly in all tourneys and contestants are warned to hurry with their matches or they will be disqualified if the finals are not reached by Saturday.

In the first Chase Hall tourneys of the season the matches were conducted on a ladder basis. The winner in pool was Jim O'Sullivan with the runners-up being Bunshaft and O'Shaughnessy; Bill Howland won the ping-pong tourney with Gene Bennett and Bob McKinney runners-up; while Wes Swanson copped the bowling honors.

Head Football Coach Mansfield presented pictures of the '39 State Series games with Bowdoin, Colby, and Maine Sunday at the second Chase Hall Coffee of the year. During the showing he interspersed with pertinent and analytical comments on the technicalities of play in the games.

## Burton Holmes Comes To Chapel Mon. Night

### Faculty Room Opens For Coed-Ed Study



Mrs. Blanche Roberts

The faculty room in Roger Williams is now open for coeducational study every morning. This move was made on the suggestion of Mrs. Blanche Roberts and through the cooperation of President Gray and the College Panel.

Since the morning closing of the reception halls of the women's dormitories was announced, there has been a need for just such a place, and the new plan is an attempt to correct the problem.

## Announce New Dates For "No More Peace"

The Robinson Players' presentation "No More Peace" has been postponed until Jan. 11 and 12, it was revealed by the business manager, Frank Bennett, as he announced that tickets already purchased would be honored on their respective nights at that time. The postponement is due to the severe illness of Miss Schaeffer's mother, an illness that has kept her from the campus since Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Barbara Kendall '39, latest addition to the department of speech has been left in charge of the play for which rehearsals are continuing per schedule.

Holders of seats who are unable to attend the play on the night for which their ticket is now good will be able to change them to the alternate performance at the college Book Store after Jan. 4.

## Stu-G, Stu-C Hold Assemblies Friday

Meetings of the Men's Assembly and the Women's Assembly will be held Friday morning at 8:45 in the Little Theatre and Chapel, respectively.

Awarding of intramural prizes for the fall season and a general discussion will feature the second of the monthly Men's Assemblies. The awards for intramurals will be made by Frank Coffin '40, president of the Student Council at the beginning of the meeting. Following a short period devoted to the Clason Key, the meeting will be opened to general discussion.

Miss Irene L. Zwisler, superintendent of nurses at the CMG, will speak to the Women's Assembly on "The Opportunity for College Women in Nursing" at a meeting presided over by Kathryn Gould '40, Student Government president.

## Tip Teacups To Toast Oxfordites On Campus

Mr. Peter Street and Mr. Edward R. G. Heath, of Oxford University, were guests of the Debating Council at a tea in the Women's Union, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7. Dean Hazel M. Clark poured. Miss Barbara Kendall and Professor Brooks Quimby, representing the Speech Department, were present also.

The tea was given primarily to afford the varsity debaters an opportunity to meet and talk with the English debaters, other than at the Bates-Oxford debate Thursday evening.

## Freshmen Select Officers Monday

Balloting for nomination of freshman class officers and for Student Council representative was held in the Chapel yesterday morning. The final vote will be held at the same time Monday morning, according to an announcement by President Frank Coffin of the Student Council.

Inaugurating a new custom, nominations were first made from the floor and from this list, the final list of nominees was derived.

The final and accepted list of nominees follows:

President: Norman Marshall  
John Marsh  
Vice-President: Helen Ulrich  
June Atkins  
Secretary: Nancy Terry  
Ann Parsons  
Treasurer: Eugene Sennett  
Harlan Sturges  
Stu C Representative: Minert Thompson  
Charles Howarth

## Coffin, Maggs Travel To M I T In Debate

Frank Coffin '40 and Donald Maggs '40 visit Cambridge, Mass., this week for an Eastern Intercollegiate League debate with M.I.T., hoping to duplicate the record of the first league debate last Thursday when Patrick Harrington '42 and Mary Gozonsky '40 won from Wesleyan by a 3-0 vote in a debate entertained by the University of Connecticut.

Like the Wesleyan debate it will be a cross-examination style discussion of the proposition "That the United States should adopt a policy of complete isolation toward all nations outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in a foreign or domestic war."

Sumner Levine '42 and Owen Wheeler '40 met the University of New Hampshire Friday night in a debate on government ownership of railroads at Spaulding High School, Rochester, N. H., before a large audience of interscholastic debaters who were attending the debate clinic arranged by the Bates Debating Council with the cooperation of the Department of Speech of the University of New Hampshire for the members of the high school leagues.

## Dr. Page Blames War On Allies' Peace Terms

Dr. Kirby Page in his chapel lecture Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, on "How America Can Keep Out of War", stated that the blame for the present war in Europe can be laid directly to the attitude of the Allies in making peace. The determination on the part of France and England that Germany must be weakened and subdued completely are the causes of the present regime in Germany, he said.

Page condemned as the deepest tragedy of civilization, the belief in the omnipotence of violence and stated that spiritual forces offer us the only hope of getting rid of evil. "War will not rid the world of evil—it will only produce worse violence, worse evil, ruin, poverty, insurrection, suppression, and conflict," he said. "The house of liberty in Europe is burning down due to this leaning on violence and Europe is well on the road to the cemetery." It was his conviction that the world will not be rid of Hitler and his like for a long time and that we will not live long enough to see parliamentary government resumed in England and France.

Ira Nahikian, speaking on Student Council Day in Chapel last Saturday, emphasized the need for studies and outlined four steps for successful studying.

## Next Presentation Of Concert Series To Be On Sweden

Burton Holmes, world famous traveler and lecturer, will present one of his new travelogues on "Beautiful Sweden," a pictorial record of his recent visit to that country, on Monday evening, Dec. 18, in Chapel. Mr. Holmes comes to Bates as the third speaker in the Lecture Series under the direction of Mr. August Buschmann.

Mr. Holmes gathered the material for this lecture during a motor tour through the Scandinavian country during the summer of 1938. His itinerary carried him through Rattvik, Leksand, Mora, Falun, Upsala, Stockholm, Gotland, the Gota Canal, the Chateaux country and the Castles of Scania. In color and motion pictures the audience will see the immaculate towns and cities and the old-time charm of the "land of the midnight sun". Mr. Holmes describes Sweden as a nation of abiding peace with an abundance of the good things of life, and a world remote in spirit from continental Europe. His films emphasize the costumes of the Swedish folk, as well as the fast growing cities and the pastoral beauty of the countryside.

Mr. Holmes was born and educated in Chicago. In 1892 he bought a camera and set out for a jirricksha trip through Japan. With the invention of the movie camera soon afterward he won a reputation for the quality of his pictures. He has made annual appearances at Queen's Hall in London since 1905. He has lectured frequently on the Continent, and in the United States he has brought the records of his experiences to hundreds of audiences from coast to coast. He spends six months of every year traveling to new places and adding to his knowledge of the people and geography of the earth.

## "Buffoon" Xmas Issue To Appear Next Mon.

The Christmas issue of the Bates "Buffoon" will appear on campus Monday, Dec. 18. Editor Ray Cool has announced. The cover of the magazine will be decorated by another fifty cartoon from the talented hand of Alan Sawyer.

Among the features will be Al Rollins' first contribution, a vicious satire on cross-country running, with which he deals in a very wicked way. Leo Mulhearn and Zeke Turadian both do their bit for Uncle Sam but it's the "Buffoon" that bears the burden. Then there will be another nasty piece of satire entitled "Dickens' Christmas Carol, or the Class of 1940," author unknown.

"Yea verily," quoth Mr. Cool, and chortled. "The good old Christmas spirit is rampant throughout the magazine. Why, we are even going to print a merry poem by no one other than the famed bard Rubricious!"

Copies will be delivered as usual on campus Monday by the distribution staff.

## Announce Prize Speaking Contest For Next Month

The Junior-Senior prize speaking contest for this year will be held next month instead of in the spring. It was revealed recently by Professor Robert Berkelman. All juniors and seniors, with the exception of last year's winners, are eligible (last year's junior winner was William Sutherland), and tryouts will be held during the first week after Christmas vacation. The successful candidates will speak in chapel later in January.

The speeches, which should be under one thousand words, are to be on any suitable and vital subject. At the tryouts they will be read from manuscript, but later in Chapel they are to be done from memory.

Those interested in entering the contest should see either Prof. Brooks Quimby or Prof. Robert Berkelman.

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## Coram Opens Sunday Afternoons

Coram library opened its doors for study on a Sunday afternoon for the first time in the history of the college this past week-end. It must have been a source of satisfaction to all those interested in the new plan to see that though it was all done without any fanfare, it received immediate student support.

Every report has it that old Coram was the quiet place for work that its sponsors hoped it would be. Student appreciation should go to the librarians who will give up a Sunday afternoon in order to cooperate and to Mrs. Roberts, the Student Council, the Student Government and the College Panel.

Perhaps an unexpected result of the scheme will be the provision of a quiet place for off-campus eds and coeds to come and work on Sunday afternoon. We must all agree that any steps that make for closer contact between "townies" and "campusites", or that tend toward making campus more and more a center of activities for those living in town, are worthwhile ones.

## Mr. Dies Turns To U. S. Education

"The Dies committee will soon begin an investigation of communistic influences in U. S. colleges and universities."

This simple announcement would strike us as being harmless if we were confident that this matter was to be handled in a quiet, gentlemanly fashion. Democracy can not close its eyes to movements that exist within it. For that democracy to function successfully, it must give attention to the activities of minority groups—taking their contributions for what they are worth.

The danger here lies in the fact that the bombastic Mr. Dies has distinguished himself more for his undemocratic methods used in the name of democracy than he has for any successes his committee has enjoyed.

If we can expect the same tactics to be employed in this investigation of American higher education (and there is no reason to think otherwise), there is every cause for concern. One of the ideals of education (and incidentally of democracy) is the right of every man to his own opinion. We admire Mr. Dies patriotism but enjoin against over-zealousness when he indicates that he will rid the country of communists by the most vigorous of methods.

Every student should look upon this move as a new and more subtle threat to the freedom of education that is the life-blood of our society.

Even the implication of the use of totalitarian methods in the perpetuation of democracy must be regarded as a threat to our security. We confidently expect, as one commentator put it, that "Mr. Dies is due to receive warm welcome from the nations collegians."

## Editor's Note

Readers, we are saving a column for you. The STUDENT is more than just a newspaper—it is a means of expression for all members of the college community.

It is with regret that we note a waning interest in contributing "Letters to the editor". That space was designed for you.

We are not ignorant of possible reasons for your reticence (real or imagined), but may we suggest that you are doing yourself an injustice in ignoring its possibilities.

We do not live in a problem-less world nor on a problem-less campus. If you have questions that should be opened to general college discussion bring them to us. Any member of the staff can cooperate with you.



By I-know . . .

**PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK:**  
Barrels of mistletoe to Dick Wall '41, maestro of Chase Hall, for having initiated and carried through a really successful series of Saturday night dances this fall by the introduction of numerous campus artists, to say nothing of the talent discovered at the last affair. A "dapper kid", he has varied extra-curricular activities—you remember seeing him in "Life in New York", handing out chemicals plus a "line" in the chem lab, smoking a pipe. In the process perhaps he'll discover a major-gigolo or chemist or economist. So, to Dick we appropriate more barrels of mistletoe hoping he'll keep up the good work! . . .

At the dance Boo Fish and Terry Braun aided their swains by donning the fatal flower in their hair . . . Hartwick men are mobilizing to transfer . . . Maine Military Ball and House Parties attracted Bobbie Abbott, Ruth Gray, Ruth Beal, Rowena Fairchild, and Gloria LeClair for the week end . . . Friday night and "Dumb Walter" offered Brud Oberst, Barbara Johnson, Jo Lowther, Harold Goodspeed, Mal Holmes, Ruth Nucky an opportunity to leave campus to heckle and laud the play coached by Ralph Childs, practice-teaching in South Paris . . . Summer Tapper LOVES practice-teaching in Mechanics Falls, especially coaching girls' basketball—and do they go for him! . . .

Dotty Dole's birthday was observed by Chase House at the Union . . . Bert Bell is adding years too—Rand celebrated with a surprise party . . . Stevens House overcame the threatening cold by holding a "hot" cabin party at Thorncrag Friday night, refereed by the Myrhmans and the A. Bertocis . . .

The little one walking around with Stella Clifford is her sister, Flora Elsie . . . Eleanor Davis and Betty Johnson of Westbrook Junior College visited Fred Perkins and Del Johnson . . . "How to Play Games and Influence People" is the motto of Milliken House . . . Tom Howarth and Roy Briggs, champion pick-up stickers; Harry Gorman tiddly-winker; Ginnie Fisher and Ken Tilton, Chinese checkers . . . Frye Street Plays Caroms . . .

## Myhrman and Oxford Debaters Discuss Two Wars In Chapel

Prof. Anders Myhrman, a native of Finland, spoke in Chapel Dec. 4 on the reasons for Russia's invasion of Finland. The first is a revival of the imperialistic aims of old Russia. The second is the desire to spread the teachings of Communism, he asserted.

In explaining the imperialistic aim, Dr. Myhrman traced the steps from the acquisition of two-fifths of Poland, through the demands on Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, up to the demands on Finland. It was the refusal of Finland to surrender her ports that caused the outbreak.

The desire to spread Communism is evident inasmuch as semi-communistic governments had been set up already in those parts of Finland that have been entered.

Finland, said Prof. Myhrman, since her independence from Russia has made more rapid strides than any other country in the world and has been looked upon as a model republic. Street Notes Student Adjustment

Mr. Peter Street, a debater from Oxford University, told the Chapel audience, Thursday morning, about life at English Universities during the war and also about the aims of England in entering the war.

The only noticeable change in the life at the Universities, he said, is the decrease in registration from 4,000 to 2,500. Most of those remaining are in their first year, women students, medical or theological students, or engineers and chemists. Young men between the ages of twenty and twenty-

## Campus Camera . . . By Lea



## American Campuses Optimistic About Country's Neutrality

With Europe's war now entering its fourth month of existence, American college students, in a national poll conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America, have registered a highly optimistic view that the United States can stay out of the conflict.

Also, hand-in-hand with the nation's apparent determination not to be involved, a slight majority of the collegians have voted in favor of requiring a referendum of the people before Congress could draft men to fight abroad.

These are the latest findings of the Student Opinion Surveys, which weekly report campus sentiment for the STUDENT and the other leading college newspapers of the nation. These polls are taken by means of a carefully selected cross section that extends from Maine to California, Washington to Florida.

To the question, "Do you believe the United States can stay out of the present European war?" students answered:

Yes ..... 68 per cent  
No ..... 32 per cent

Although this issue is pure speculation, it is important to know this opinion in order to get an insight into the war patterns of the average college youth's mind. The rank and file of voters is not so sure that the U. S. can steer clear, for in other polls only 54 per cent have held this view. It will be of interest to note in subsequent surveys the effect here of the Russian attack on Finland, since these

polls were made before the Red Army began its activities.

Section-by-section votes in the student poll were: Believing the U. S. can stay out of war—New England, 61 per cent; Middle Atlantic, 70; East Central, 65; West Central, 70; South, 70; Far West, 64.

"Should the Constitution be changed to require a national vote of the people before Congress could draft men to fight overseas?" interviewers for the Surveys asked hundreds of students. They divided almost evenly, only 53 per cent approving.

Interesting differences were noted among students of different ages, upperclassmen reversing themselves entirely:

A DRAFT REFERENDUM		
	Yes	No
Freshmen	60%	40%
Sophomores	52	48
Juniors	46	54
Seniors, Graduates	49	51

By sections, New Englanders were the only ones against a national vote, East Central students divided 50-50, and all others approving by narrow margins.

Why do collegians believe the U. S. can stay out of the European war? "There is a determined spirit among the American people to keep out, and although much has been forgotten, much has been remembered about World War I," a junior in Ursinus College, Pennsylvania, declared, combining the two reasons most often mentioned.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Two engagements have been announced of interest to the students, that of Marguerite Bailey N'40 to Roger S. Hawley of Boston, Ind., and Burton F. Reed '37 to Blanche Hallahan. Mr. Reed is now in the advertising department of the Chicago Daily Times.

The marriage of Richard Loomis '37 to Barbara Ellis of Boston, Mass., has also been announced.

Parnell Bray '38 has the position of assistant social director of the central branch of the YWCA in New York City. Another '38 graduate in New York is "Becky" Sawyer, who is taking courses at Columbia University the first semester.

Evelyn Walton '38 is teaching English at the high school in Caribou.

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## FROM THE NEWS

### Russia Steals The Show

Using tactics not a bit unlike those of neighbor Adolf, Stalin and his Russia now comes out and adds new perplexities to World War II. The same questions arise out of her invasion into Finland, where will she go next? Will Sweden and Norway be the next move? That is, if victory is won in Finland, for according to what little news can come out of the snow clad battlefields of this conflict, the Russians are meeting with stiffer resistance than anyone really expected. How long the resistance will hold out is another question.

With the violent reactions that came both officially and unofficially from all nations in all corners of the earth (except Germany) the dullness of dispatches from the Western front of the Allies-Germany war was offset. And the big war was pushed into the background for a time.

The reaction must have been somewhat depressing to dictator Stalin, if those things get beneath his stolid, thick exterior. From South America, oddly enough from a geographical standpoint, came one of the most immediate and strong condemnations. The League of Nations council (where has it been all this time?) met last week to confer on the matter. Result? It passed the buck to the assembly, which meets this week. But it was here in the League that several South American republics denounced Russia's actions most soundly, and demanded she be kicked out of the League. Other denunciations came from the Allies, the United States, (from the President) and from Japan. Italy also put in her two cents worth. Finland will possibly be a proving ground where Italy is concerned. She might be tempted strongly to get into the brawl on the part of the Allies if it is certain that Russia contemplates wholesale expansion.

### The U S and Finland

The republic of Finland is on the very best of terms with the United States. Finland has never yet defaulted on a war-debt payment. Also, her experiment in republican self-government has been of interest to Americans.

Pro-Finnish sentiment came in a flood both publicly and privately, officially and unofficially from the U. S. President Roosevelt suggested that the December debt payment be used to aid the small republic's resisting efforts. Republicans urged a complete break of diplomatic relations with Russia.

### Scandinavia gets Worried

Sweden and Norway are not being disillusioned by what goes on. Their combined military and naval strength is not large.

About 885,000 men for Sweden and 90,000 (wartime strength) for Norway. Combined navies total about 64 ships, and air forces about 350 planes. Their past bet in resisting invaders is rugged terrain and thick forest surrounding the borders.

Denmark, although so near Germany as to be slightly impotent, is also getting fully armed.

### Campaigns get up Momentum at Home

Thomas E. Dewey, swashbuckling, racket busting, handsome Republican prosecuting attorney for New York, whose rise from the role of small practising attorney was nothing short of phenomenal, and whose record in the form of votes has opened the eyes of Republican leaders from coast to coast, has announced officially that he will definitely be a candidate for the 1940 Republican nomination for President of the United States.

Looking at it from a political point of view, he is a good bet for the party. He has the personal attributes, including a good radio voice, that make for popularity. His record as crime busting attorney for New York is solidly behind him, and incidentally, so are New York Republicans. When he ran for governor of New York, he did not win, to be sure; but he polled a very substantial vote, and best of all, he got people out to vote.

His strategy already looks good. His speech of announcement was made in Minneapolis, in the unpredictable West. One of the secrets of Mr. Roosevelt's first success in '32 was most assuredly his early, insistent stumping of the far and middle west, (likewise many before him) always a party political headache.

### Democratic Soundings

Among the democrats, the erstwhile Garner is the only avowed candidate; but McNutt, Wheeler, and Farley are right in there, and will come out if Roosevelt does not run. The Dems are not sleeping, however; Wheeler of Montana is already stumping the west, making himself seen and heard, and Committee chairman Farley is taking political soundings of every point in the nation.

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By Bill Howland '40

While other sections of the country are concerned with football and Cotton, Sugar, Dust, Sun, and Rose Bowl games, northeastern United States has already swung into the basketball season—with football a thing of the past. By this evening four scheduled games for the Garnet will have been played.

#### Famous firsts for the varsity Bobcats hoopers:

First shot at the basket, Capt. Kenney  
First points scored .... "Vic" Stover  
First foul fouled ..... Stover  
First successful foul shot .... Stover  
First basket ..... Kenney  
First foul committed ..... Witty  
First game high scorer ..... Raftery

Add to the above features that were notable in the Hartwick game—the prettiest shot of the game by Harry Gorman, a long one-handed push shot from well back on the right side of the court that swished the strings without touching the rim. Raftery made several nice shots, but none that were quite as spectacular as Harry's two-pointer.

For good fun—see the Christmas Relays being staged each afternoon in the cage. But the cross-country men and two-milers who are forced to run the corners in sprinting a lap of the one-lap relay find nothing amusing or funny about the whole thing. However, the interclass rivalry is extremely intense on the track squad, and the men try their hand at anything in an attempt to strengthen their team. Shot putter George Russell claims that he will run the relays if the Senior class needs him, even though it may kill him in the process. He can turn in a good fast lap, believe it or not.

This department is looking forward to the day when the college authorities dedicate a swimming pool on campus. There are other things that must come first, but a swimming pool is the big need when an addition is to be made to the athletic plant. As it is—Co-captains Harold Goodspeed and Earle Zeigler and the swimming squad are hard at work every day in the Auburn "T" pool. But it is quite a trek from the college to the Auburn YMCA. All the more credit should be given to the swimming team for their enthusiasm.

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## Varsity, Frosh Split Basketball Openers

### Speedy Hartwick Delegation Drops Spinks-Men, 46-28

The ravaging Iroquois tribe from little Hartwick College who usually pitch their tepees in the Oneonta region of upper New York State, concluded their reign of terror in Maine last Saturday evening by scalping Buck Spinks' varsity quintet 46-28 in the initial contest of the 1939 basketball season. Combining two of the prerequisites of a good basketball team, a speedy and effective offense and a tight defense, the Johnson-coached men ran up an early lead which, although it was threatened by the Bobcats several times in the first half, was never relinquished. Big Chief Frank Super, of whom the Bates squad previously had heard all sorts of alarming rumors, lived up to his reputation of being a wild warrior by personally accounting for a dozen points.

#### Iroquois Present Well-Balanced Squad

It should not be inferred that Super was a one-man raiding party. Quite to the contrary, Hartwick presented a well-balanced unit. Chuck Boisvert and Danny Martuscello, two rugged guards, staged as fine a defensive show as has been seen in Maine in a long, long time. At the same time they together were responsible for 15 points. It is a matter of conjecture as to what these two warriors would have done had Martuscello not been removed from the game on personal fouls early in the second half. Then, too, little Bert Mastro should not be forgotten. Although he scored only two points and both of these from the foul line, this flashy forward played a great floor game and was responsible for setting up many of the Iroquois scoring plays. As if Super, Martuscello, Boisvert and Mastro were not sufficient evidence that they were the superior ball club, the warriors insisted on pulling a rabbit out of the hat in the form of a diminutive forward known only as Wells. This mighty mite entered the conflict in the second half and with apparent ease and nonchalance swished the net for nine points.

#### Raftery, Kenney Stand Out

Now for the Bates side of the picture. Red Raftery, whose name has had only meagre mention in the pre-season reports, starred offensively by chalking up nine points—six of which came in the closing minutes of the encounter. Both of the guards, Howie Kenney and Brud Witty played hard steady games. Bath's gift to Bates, Vic Stover, had a perfect evening at the free toss line sinking four for four, but Sir Basil was able to tally only one basket. The Spinx-coached array, in general, looked rather ragged, but that was to be expected of the team in its first game. Furthermore, almost any team would show up poorly in comparison to the Hartwick team which was truly great.

Coach Spinks said after the game that he was especially pleased with the work of Red Raftery whom he thought had played a fine game—both offensively and defensively. Howie Kenney's aggressive play also pleased the Garnet mentor. He remarked that he had learned a great deal about his personnel by watching the boys in action against the New Yorkers. When asked what he thought of Hartwick, Coach Buck said, "They were a good team and they were hot"—which sums up the evening very well indeed.

#### The summary:

BATES	G	FG	Pts
Stover, lf	1	4	6
Gorman, lf	1	0	2
Raymond, lf	0	1	1
Raftery, rf	4	1	9
Belliveau, rf	0	0	0
McSherry, rf	1	0	2
Cool, c	0	1	1
Webster, c	0	1	1
Lambert, c	0	0	0
Witty, lg	1	2	4

### Bobkittens Show Claws To Scratch Lewiston, 28-24

Opening the basketball season against the highly touted Lewiston High quintet, the Bates Frosh rang up the curtain with a convincing 28-24 victory over the Streaks, Saturday night. Although Coach Mansfield had professed his desire for two more weeks of practice before such a hard game, the frosh showed promise of having one of the best freshman teams in Bates basketball history. The Bobkittens showed two teams, Saturday night, that could hold their own in most any prep or high school competition. Next week with the debut of the basketballers of the football team, there should be material for a fine third club.

The frosh started slow and allowed Lewiston to gain an early lead. But before the end of the first period, they had started to roll and had gained a comfortable lead when the second team came in early in the second period. After the Blue Devils had closed the gap slightly, Coach Shanahan put in his reserves to rest his first team. Coach Mansfield strategically rushed his first five back in and watched them jump into a 16-10 lead as the half ended.

Starting the last half with this six point lead, the freshmen played their cards well and matched Lewiston basket for basket. Tightening their defense and working their offense with more deliberateness, the frosh were in complete control of the game. With but four minutes to play, the first team came back into the game and proceeded to put on a fine stalling game which kept Lewiston from making any last ditch rally. When the gun barked, ending the game, the Bobkittens were on the long end of a 28-24 score.

The frosh worked together as a unit with the points being well divided. Norm Boyan's eight points proved to be the high mark for the Bates boys, although Brimington of Lewiston countered ten to make him high point man for the evening.

#### The summary:

BATES FROSH	G	FG	Pts
Boyan, lf	3	2	8
Sennett, lf	0	1	1
Monk, rf	3	0	6
Mullet, rf	0	3	3
King, c	1	0	2
Watts, lf	1	0	2
Smith, lg	1	1	3
Tardiff, rg	0	0	0
Delano, rg	1	0	2
Nader, rg	0	1	1
Totals	10	8	28

LEWISTON HIGH	G	FG	Pts
Brimington, lf	4	2	10
Tewhey, lf	0	1	1
Robertson, rf	2	1	5
Eretzian, rf	0	0	0
Dellise, c	1	2	4
Dellise, c	0	0	0
Boisvert, lg	0	0	0
Lavoie, lg	0	0	0
Gibson, rg	1	2	4
Bailey, rg	0	0	0
Totals	8	8	24

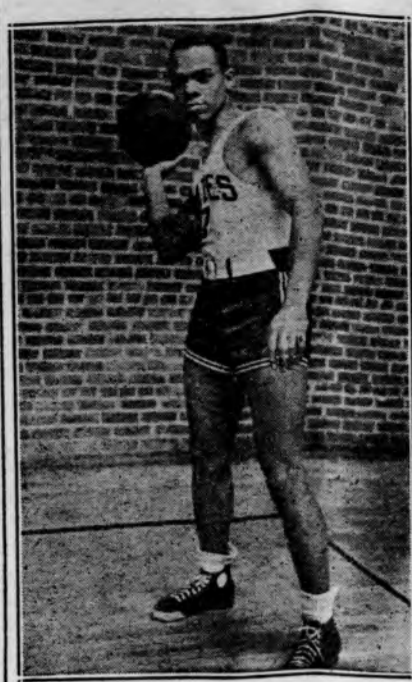
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HASKELL	G	FG	Pts
Haskell, lg	0	0	0
Kenney (Capt), rg	1	0	2
Tardiff, rg	0	0	0
Totals	9	10	28

HARTWICK	G	FG	Pts
Super, lf	5	2	12
O'Mara, lf	0	0	0
McMillan, rf	1	0	2
Mastro, rf	0	2	2
Wells, rf	4	1	9
Dascomb (Capt), c	2	2	6
Casey, c	0	0	0
Boisvert, lg	3	0	6
Martuscello, rg	3	3	9
Super, rg	0	0	0
Totals	18	10	46

Referee, Mahan; umpire, Fisher.
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## THREE RECENTLY ELECTED CAPTAINS

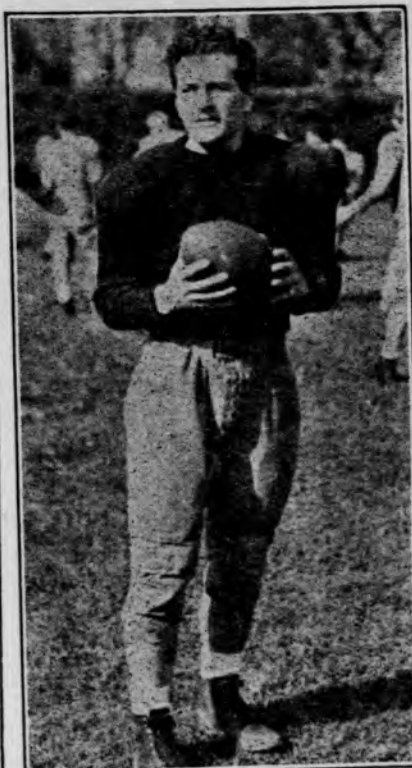


Howie Kenney

The three men pictured here have proven themselves such vital cogs in



George Russell



Mike Buccigross

the Garnet athletic picture, that their team-mates have honored them with team captaincies.

The election of Mike Buccigross as football captain was announced recently by the athletic office. Mike proved a sparkplug to the gridmen right through the late season. Though a series injury benched him after the Maine game, his record in the games before that and his spirit won him this recognition. Commenting on the election, Coach Mansfield stated that he considered Mike "a real leader".

Captain—Captain Howie Kenney is the second man there and we weren't stuttering when we repeated ourselves. Howie is not only the leader of the quintet that will be out on the basketball floor this winter, but in the spring he takes over the tennis reins. A great competitor, Kenney is setting some sort of a record this year with his leadership in two sports.

George Russell was recently elected honorary captain of the champion East Parker touch football team that will receive recognition at the Men's Assembly on Friday. A consistent winner on the track team also, Russell's nickname of "Rock" gained new emphasis during the intramural season for his blocking ability.

## Interdorm Basketball Holds Coed Interest

The trainers who had to drop training because they could not fulfill the minimum of the short week before Thanksgiving have been reinstated. A committee has worked on this problem of shortened weeks and has offered these amended regulations. Shortened weeks are those of official college vacations such as Christmas and Easter. The rule now is that in each section the minimum will be determined by subtracting twenty points from the regular minimum of one hundred and twenty-five for each day that training does not hold.

During most of last week Randall gym has been the scene of much activity—the annual interdorm basketball competition. This year this has been under the very capable coaching of Patricia Atwater '40 and Kathryn Gould '40 thus enabling the teams of the various houses to practice together. The results of the first round of the tournament show that many had the ability and play to click, while to others we have to say—better luck next time. Two games were played each afternoon so that the first round was completed in a week.

Thursday, Cheney and Hacker houses were first to enter the fray from which Cheney emerged victorious with a score of 48 to 20. Chase House and the Town girls followed, and after a close game, the final score was posted as 26 to 21 in favor of the Town girls. Stevens, Milliken played off the first game on Friday, and the score of 18 to 12 enabled Milliken to go on to the next round. The second game was between Wilson and Whittier, and Wilson came through on top of a 34 to 21 score. The last game of the first round was played on Saturday between Rand and Frye. The seniors showed that they still had the old pep by winning 43 to 6. So far the second round has been quite exciting, but as yet the winner of the banner is undecided. WAA credit for

## Weather Is Factor In Ski Team Plans

The ski team, under the tutelage of Coach Win Durgin, is working out daily by running and gymnastics. At the present time many of the men working with the team will not be candidates for the team, and there are a number of veteran skiers who have not yet reported to Coach Durgin.

The schedule has not been officially published, because it must be flexible to correspond with weather conditions. However, it is fairly certain that there will be a meet here with the other Maine colleges at the time of our Winter Carnival, Feb. 10. The team will also visit Orono at the occasion of the carnival at the University of Maine on the seventeenth of February.

Among those who will be on the ski squad are Bill Lever, Julie Thompson, Dick Thompson, Bob Ireland, Joe Millerick, Harold Beattie, John Tierney, Orrin Snow, Wally Flint, Irving Fisher, and Managers John Davis and Brud Oberst.

The early winter season of basketball may be had by three practices and game attendance. If you haven't gotten your three hours in don't despair. The WAA coaches are having two extra practices on Monday and Tuesday before Christmas vacation.

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## Class of '14 Gives Gym New Electric Scoreboard

### Frosh, J V Quintets Play Doubleheader Tonight

This evening the freshman basketball squad tangles with the courtmen from Sanford High, while the Junior Varsity meets Hebron Academy in a doubleheader in the Alumni Gymnasium.

The calibre of the Sanford team is unknown, but the freshmen have one victory to their credit. The victory over a strong Lewiston High team establishes the yearling squad as top-heavy favorites to down the Milltown team. Coach Mansfield has a smart aggregation that have the necessary height, ball-handling ability, speed and organization and should go through a successful season. Boyan sparked the frosh in their initial win, while Watts and King were sensational in taking rebounds off the backboard.

Dean Lambert, Dick Raymond, John McSherry, and Fred Whitten are still leading candidates for the varsity, but some of them may play with the junior varsity against Hebron Academy. Other junior varsity men will probably be Tom Flanagan, Tiny Boothby, Al Aucoin, Johnny Draper, John McLeod, Dave Shiff and Dave Jennings. Hebron has a powerful club that is led by Lizotte, star of last year's Lewiston High team.

### E P Defeats J B 27-22 In Intramural Opener

The winter sports group of intramural sports got off to a flying start last Saturday afternoon as East Parker's potentially powerful quintet overpowered a fighting John Bertram group, 27-22, in a basketball game played in the Alumni Gym. Utilizing a fast-break offense, the Parker starters piled up impressive leads in each of the first and third periods. Though they were ever threatening the J. B. boys could not whittle the lead down.

Johnny McCue was high scorer for the winners, while Captain Lou Hervey was the chief spark plug for the losers, tallying seven baskets for a total of 14 points. Ray Cool was the referee.

While basketball was getting the jump, other winter sports were simply marking time with practices. Both East Parker and West Parker handball enthusiasts were out for their practice licks. On paper East Parker appears to be the handball powerhouse, what with established stars like Ira Nahlikian, Jap Balano, Bunny Lippner, Jim Scott, Len Clough, and others scheduled to perform for them. Eric Lindell is number one man in West Parker, Sal Gianquinto leads Off-Campus, while the strength of the two Frosh dorms is uncertain.

Director Sumner Tapper held organization sessions in both Parkers and the Freshman dorms last week, and reports a great deal of enthusiasm, with more than 80% of those not participating in intercollegiate signing. Tapper further emphasized that there was no necessity for anyone not playing because he had not signed. "Simply living in a unit, and not being out for an intercollegiate sport, makes one eligible at any time," he said.

The director also emphasized the rule on those out for intercollegiate who would like to play in another intramural sport at the same time.

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The scoreboard is an expensive and an elaborate affair. A large illuminated clock marks the playing time and the time outs. In the last minute of play the clock changes from green light to red light. The periods are given by the scoreboard, and the score will automatically be marked up on large, lighted figures.

There has been a need for such a scoreboard to replace the crude board on which cardboard figures are hung by hand. This board should add to the enjoyment of the games, and give a more finished appearance to the gymnasium.

## Assumption, Polytech Play Host To Garnet

Assumption on Friday evening and Worcester Polytechnic on Saturday night is the itinerary of Coach Buck Spinks' hoop squad as they forsake the Alumni gym for the basketball courts of Worcester this week end. The team will leave Friday at 8 a.m.

Twelve men will make the trip although beyond the fact that the seniors and last year's veterans will go along, Coach Spinks is still uncertain as to who will make up the squad. Norm Tardiff, incidentally, is one senior veteran who will be unable to go because of his job here in Lewiston.

The opener of the twin-game trip will be the second game of the young season for both teams. Both Assumption and the Garnet are seeking their first win. Added incentive for the Bobcats will be a desire to avenge their last year's defeat at the hands of this same team.

Assumption lost a good number of its veterans by graduation last June, but this college is working for its aggressive, smooth working basketball units.

Saturday's game with Worcester Poly, in the minds of many of the players, themselves, promises to be one of their hardest of the year. Although it is the opening game for Worcester, they have a seasoned team this year ready to carry on their fine record of last season.



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"The Amazing Mr. Williams"  
with Melvyn Douglas, Joan Blondell.

## Sport Briefs

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The freshman team looked good in the Lewiston High game. The Sreaks are a powerful, veteran team, but it was the freshmen all the way in a class battle. The team looked well-coached, and it would seem as if Coach Mansfield had some good material with a lot of tall boys.

Next season the winner of the Maine State series will be rewarded with more than headlines. Governor Barrows, whose son is a backfield ace at the University of Maine, has put up for competition a cup to be awarded to the winner each year.

**C. A. Freshman Cabinet Elects**  
Announcement was made last night of the election of the following to the Freshman Cabinet of the C. A.: Freshman committee, June Atkins, Burton Knust; publicity, Arlene Chadbourne, Robert Sears; social, Nancy Terry, Eugene Sennett; community service, William Baker, Virginia Fisher; deputation, Arthur Cole, Genevieve Stephenson; campus service, Betty Avery, Robert Scott; conference, Annabel Coiran, Freeman Rawson; student opinion, Lois Oliver, Leslie Smith; religion, Barbara Johnson, Ernest Hinton; peace, Blanche Firschaum; social action, Valerie Salving.

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interesting to observe these two men in the midst of a really hot argument. Now just suppose . . .  
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Did someone want an argument? Well, here it is, as Heath the Radical-Conservative and Street the Liberal amiably strive to cut each other's throats. Using perfect English and a rather amazing knowledge of British history and government institutions, they attempt to show how far in the wrong direction the opposing party tends. Heath remarks that "it will be interesting to observe just how the Liberal Party finally dies". Street makes pointed comments on the ambiguity of such a term as "Radical-Conservative".

Bates men look on in joy and wonder.  
Heath, especially, impresses with his command of history to back up his arguments. In fact, the whole picture of the two men is this. They seem to be fellows with whom you could have a whale of a good time, and at the same time they create a definite sense of respect for their seriousness of mind, their clear thinking, and their scholarly ability to base arguments on fact.

## American Government Interests Them

They are keenly interested in American government and ideas. They have interesting impressions of their brief swing through Eastern United States: American sports—"Why, even the basketball players wear some sort of hardened kneecap!" American coeds—"Amazingly persistent in their interviews for school papers"; American students—"Per-

## Intramurals . . .

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This rule states that anyone out for an intercollegiate sport must have the permission of his coach to participate in any intramural sport during the same season, a permission which the director can demand in written form at any time.

Definite schedules in the winter sports have not yet been drawn up. With Christmas vacation approaching so rapidly it was considered more wise to get as many games as possible in before the vacation starts, and then start the definite schedule in January. A further obstacle is that Off-Campus has not organized fully in all sports. Tarper requests that all eds who do not live in a dorm see any of the following in case they wish to participate in any winter intramurals: Basketball, Bill Leever; hockey, Al Topham; handball, Sal Gianquinto; volleyball, Joe Fisher.

Final selections for captains in all sports are to be made this week end and these captains will meet shortly to discuss various rules in their sports.

## Present All-College Vesper Service Sunday

Mr. Ernest W. Robinson of Portland, executive of the Maine Methodist District, will be the leader and speaker at the first All-College Vesper service which will be presented Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Chapel, under the direction of the Religion commission of the Christian Association, Co-chairmen Charles Crooker '40 and Priscilla Hall '40, directing. This will include the regular Christmas musical service.

haps not quite so seriously minded as the English"; American life—"Even more American than we had ever expected."

Their voices are interesting. Street speaks quickly and nervously with the marked accent imitated so unsuccessfully by the Hollywood brand of British royalty. Heath is less typically English in his speech, and seems to have adopted American expressions of his own use, i.e. "quite O.K." It's a pleasure to the ear to listen to both of them.

They speak of the respect American Rhodes scholars have gained for themselves at Oxford by their exemplary conduct. They remember "Whizzer" White as a quiet, serious student. They have heard of Denham Sutcliffe, Bates '37, but haven't met him. They are amused at the antics of some Americans at Oxford, "who attired in gymnasium shoes, gain great enjoyment from throwing a football about".

Lindell glances at his watch. No one is yet "talked out", but it's getting pretty late. Sutherland suggests he'd better lead the way to the Chase Hall guest rooms.

"So long fellows. It's been great meeting you."

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## Campus Clubs Plan Christmas Parties

In keeping with the Christmas spirit several clubs are planning parties: Macfarlane Club, La Petite Academie, and Deutscher Verein scheduled for Dec. 19. Phil Hellenic held their Christmas party at Thorncrag Cabin Dec. 12. The Camera Club at its meeting Monday, Dec. 4, developed pictures for Christmas Cards.

## Rademaker, Sewall Guest Speakers

Guest speakers were present at the meetings of Lawrence Chemical and the Politics Club. Dr. Rademaker spoke at the former and Sumner Sewall at the latter. He gave an informal talk on legislative matters. Dr. Rademaker is to be a guest speaker again at the joint meeting of the Ramsdell Scientific and Jordan Scientific Clubs Tuesday, giving his personal opinions on anthropology.

Original work will be up for criticism in both the Art and Spofford Club meetings. Mr. Randall will discuss the contributions from the members of the Art Club, and the candidates for Spofford Club will hand in work for discussion.

At the meeting of the Latin Club Tuesday, Dec. 5, Mary Sprague gave a talk on the teaching of Freshman High School Latin and the textbooks to use.

## "Ides of March"

## Production of Healers

There was a joint meeting of the Healers and Robinson Players on Monday, Dec. 4. In the absence of Pauline Chayer '40, Betty Avery '42 took over production of the play "The Ides of March". Frances Glidden '42, John Tierney '42, and Mike Tully '43 comprised the cast.

The Swimming Club, meeting Thursday nights, is working now on swimming formations.

## Sophomores Take Lead In Annual Christmas Relays

The sophomore class, with 24 points, is leading the current Christmas relays after two days of competition. The standing at present is: sophomores 24; seniors 18; juniors 16; freshmen 8.

The summaries follow:

**MONDAY**—40 yd. dash: 1, Bussey '40; 2, Paine '42; 3, Sigsbee '42; 4, Mabee '42. Time: 5 seconds.

1 lap relay: 1, sophomores (Mabee, Paine, Sigsbee, Boothby); 2, juniors (Morris, Shannon, O'Shaughnessy, R. Thompson); 3, freshmen (Lyford, McLauthlin, M. Thompson, Backer); 4, seniors (Bussey, Graichen, Russell, Rollins). Time: 1:15 3-5.

**TUESDAY**—45 yd. low hurdles: Coorsen '41, Bussey '40, Winston '43, Rollins '40. Time: 6 2-5 seconds.

High jump: Coorsen '41, Winston '43, Boothby '41, Maggs '40. Height: 5 ft. 9 in.

2 lap relay: 1, sophomores (Paine, Sigsbee, Scharfenburg, Mabee); 2, juniors (Morris, O'Shaughnessy, Drury, Howarth); 3, seniors (Russell, Graichen, Bussey, Rollins); 4, freshmen (Thompson, Gates, McLauthlin, Lyford). Time: 2:44.

Faculty advisors for the forthcoming Liberal Arts Exhibition are Dr. Sweet and Mr. Conant. The staff will consist of general chairman, Fred Downing '40, assisted by J. Lloyd '42, F. Longfellow '40, M. Porteous '40, H. Fisher '41, M. Bartlett '42, R. Caswell '41, P. Harrington '42, and S. Levin '42.

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## Mr. Rowe . . .

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state that Bates students are allowed too much leeway.

## "Unlimited Cuts"

## To Juniors and Seniors

On the other hand, there are those who hold with Professor Berkelman as advocating "completely unlimited cuts to juniors and seniors, and a considerable increase to sophomores". Dr. Fisher and Dr. Bertocci give an idea of the scope of the problem when they point out how closely it is interwoven with the whole educational plan of a college, and even with life itself. Bates is in the business of making men and women out of boys and girls, they say, and the business methods employed by Bates may not allow unlimited cutting at present.

"And yet", Dr. Fisher says, "the duty does not lie wholly with the students. It must be a 50-50 combination of students and faculty".

It effectiveness when applied to science courses particularly, it was emphasized, must call for a great deal of student discretion in such subjects as mathematics or in lab courses.

High ranking students do appreciate the present system, according to men like Pomeroy, Coffin, Connon, and others, and few of the present group take more cuts than the ordinary student.

At any rate, the whole question should be kept open to continuous student and faculty discussion—that is the sentiment of Professor Harms and Mr. Rowe.

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