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## Faculty Group Studies Comprehensive Exams

With Sophomore prize debaters arguing for and against the adoption of Comprehensive Exams at Bates, considerable interest has been evidenced among the students as to the results of such a move. Rumors have spread about campus, but real knowledge of the situation has not been available. The actual situation is this: no definite plans for the adoption of Comprehensive Exams have yet been accepted by the administration. A special Faculty Committee on Educational Policy is making a thorough study of the plans as used in other colleges, and a possible program is in preparation for presentation to the faculty for study.

Prof. Angelo Bertocci, Prof. Carroll, Dr. Fisher, Prof. Gould, Dr. Lawrence, Mr. McDonald, Dr. Wright, and Pres. Gray as chairman, make up the special investigating committee. Prof. Carroll and Dr. Lawrence present a brief summary of the results of this "exhausting, if not exhaustive" study.

### Comprehensive Exam Movement 15 Years Old

The movement for Comprehensive Exams goes back about 15 years in American colleges. The seeming "intellectual maturity" characteristic of European students in contrast to that of American students is apparently a partial result of the European collegiate system. Whereas the American college student usually graduates with a patchwork of unrelated facts more or less drummed into his head, the European is supposed to have a correlated, usable knowledge of practical information. This situation has arisen through the American emphasis on exams and credits in individual courses, a wrong emphasis which should be partially corrected by the Comprehensive Exam system.

The present Bates policy of concentrations in major and minor fields is a step toward a greater practical

value from a Liberal Arts College. But even with 36 hours of study in a major and related minor, it is felt that a further knitting together of knowledge is needed.

The specific plan of the Comprehensive program is a "reading beyond and between courses", reading which would be done during the Junior and Senior years for the purpose of retaining information permanently with the knowledge of the Comprehensive Exams kept in mind. Dr. Lawrence emphasizes that the principal objective is to be able to think in terms of the subject—to gain a genuine "feel" for the work which is being studied. The reading would be under the supervision of a faculty member, who would also lead a weekly conference period, to elaborate on various phases of the work being covered and to encourage active participation of each student in the discussion.

The number of courses to be required by Juniors and Seniors has not yet been decided.

### Would Replace Finals, Thesis

The actual Comprehensive Examination would be given about ten days before Final Exams of the Senior year, and would replace the Finals in the major field. The written exam would be not less than six hours, and would be of an entirely different nature from any test now given at Bates. The student would be tested, not for any factual knowledge, but on his ability to handle the material available to him. In addition, a short oral report may be required, to check on the good student and safeguard the poorer.

The present requirement of a Senior thesis would be done away with. Honors candidates may be chosen on the basis of three factors: the quality of the thesis, the work done on the Comprehensive Examination, and the

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## Coed Athletes Receive Honors At WAA Banquet

Last evening Fiske Dining Hall was the scene of the annual WAA banquet. Elizabeth MacGregor '40 served as chairman of the committee. Black and gold was the color scheme for the decorations which were planned by Martha Greenlaw '40. The WAA seal was placed on the attractive programs designed by Virginia Yeomans '41 and her committee. Mildred Brown '41 had charge of hospitality and Priscilla Simpson '42 arranged the seating plan. Dr. and Mrs. Woodcock and Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield were the guests.

Joan Wells '40, president of the organization was the toastmistress and presented the awards. A "Toast to the Garnet" was given by Maxine Urann '40 in the absence of Barbara Rowell '40, a "Toast to the Black" by Janet Bridgman '40, a "Toast to the Stoics" by Rowena Fairchild '41, a "Toast to the Numbered" by Virginia Yeomans '41 and a "Toast to the Honored" by Barbara Fish '41. President Gray delivered the invocation.

The awards of sweaters and numerals as made by Joan Wells were as follows:

Numerals—1940: Janet Bridgman. 1941: Virginia Yeomans, Joanne Lowther, Hope Newman, Betty Roberts, Dorothy Stead, Eleanor Stockwell, Frances Wallace.

1942: Dorothy Tuttle, Martha Blaisdell, Althea Collins, Judy Chick, Ruth Ulrich, Priscilla Davis, Lucille Leonard, Priscilla Simpson.

Sweaters—1940: Betty Winslow, Patty Atwater, Carolyn Hayden, Dorothy Pampel, Frances Cony, Barbara Rowell.

1941: Gale Rice, Ruth Bailey, Kathleen Curry.

### CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 28  
8:00 p. m. Little Theatre; Maine Intercollegiate Debating Forum.

Thursday, Feb. 29  
8:40 a. m. Chapel Program; Luella Manter '39.  
7:00 p. m. Libbey Forum, Carnegie Science, Little Theatre, Chapel; Liberal Arts Exhibit.

Friday, March 1  
8:40 a. m. Chapel Program; Pres. C. D. Gray.  
4:30 p. m. Faculty Round Table.  
7:00 p. m. Liberal Arts Exhibit.

Saturday, March 2  
1:30 p. m. Track Meet, Bates vs. University of Maine, Weight Events.  
7:30 p. m. Track Meet, Running Events.

9 to 11:30 Chase Hall Dance.  
Sunday, March 3  
4:00 p. m. Chase Hall; Rally for Freshman CA Candidates.

## Announce Speakers Contest For April

An important event coming up in April is the Bates Oratorical Contest. This contest which offers prizes of \$40, \$25, and \$15, is open to the entire student body. The orations should not be more than 1700 words in length, subject optional. It would be to the contestant's advantage, however, if he chose some subject pertaining to peace, because the individual with the best oration on this subject will be the Bates representative in the State Peace Contest. Preliminary tryouts will be read at this time. Those interested see Bill Sutherland '40 or Professor Brooks Quimby.

## Next Buffoon Features Campus Personalities

The Ray Cool Players will again return to the life of the thespias as they offer in a few weeks their final version of Cool's "Comedy of Errors", otherwise known as the Spring edition of the Bates "Buffoon". The bad actors announce that this will be the last issue under the present staff.

The finale issue will feature a campus poll conducted by Public Relations Institute's Ray "Gallup" Poll—excuse us—Cool. The purpose of this poll has been, according to its executor, the scientific endeavor of discovering who is the most desirable person on campus to borrow clothes from, who is "Personality Plus", and who is the outstanding apple polisher among other superlatives. In short, the cream of the campus will be poured through the pages of the next "Buffoon".

The theme supreme of the finale issue is to be "Education and Its Problems". Along this phase, will be several articles by campus authorities.

The issue will be supplemented as usual by the galaxy of outstanding juicy bits offered in the realm of college gossip and departmental routine.

## Holmes Says U. S. Holds Power In Pacific Area

Harry N. Holmes, native of Australia, well known authority on Far Eastern affairs and associate secretary of the World Alliance for International Fellowship Through The Churches, assured his audience in Chapel Monday evening that a perspective of any situation today, economic or political, must be viewed on a world-wide basis.

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# P. A. Reorganizes, Offers New Program Letter Forgery Stirs Campus Resentment

## Board's Revisions Promise Active Publication Control

By IRA NAHIKIAN '40

The Publishing Association last week brought to a culmination a reorganization program designed to secure better faculty-student relationship in regard to publications and also a more effective means of control over the Bates STUDENT, the "Garnet", the "Mirror", the "Buffoon", and any other future student publication.

During the past few years the Publishing Association has suffered in its supervision of student publications for two reasons:

- (1) The constitution under which it has been working has been inadequate.
- (2) There has been no clear delimitation of the powers of the Association.

The first of these shortcomings has been eliminated. A committee which has been studying past constitutions and records for several months has revised the constitution and brought it up to date. There has been an attempt to make the organization more truly representative of the student body and to incorporate the more important rulings into the constitution.

There has been much misunderstanding of the purpose of the Publishing Association by the students. For instance, it is not generally known that every student subscriber to the STUDENT is automatically a member of the Publishing Association and exercises his control by electing a board of eight directors which represents him. Any member of the Publishing Association may attend a meeting of the Board of Directors with no right to vote unless the Board by vote decides on a closed meeting.

Another change incorporated into the constitution makes each publication, instead of only the STUDENT as formerly, amenable to contributing funds to the treasury of the Association. Since the Association is answerable for the accounts of all student papers and magazines, it was considered fair that each should support the Association financially.

The second problem, that of faculty student relationship as regards publications, has also been given much attention and has gone a long way toward solution. At conferences with the President and with Mr. Rowe last week, the president and vice-president of the Association received the assurance that administration difficulties with student publications would be taken up with and cleared through the Publishing Association.

Thus by a revision and bringing up to date of the constitution and by a more definite assurance of cooperation by the faculty, the Board of Directors have set the preliminary ground-work for making the Publishing Association an effective campus organization.

The members of the Board that have been engaged in this work this year are: President Donald Pomeroy, Vice-President Ira Nahikian, Secretary Ruth Gray, Junior Members Ernest Oberst and Fran Wallace, and Faculty Members Professors Wilkins, Whitbeck, and Sweet.

### Deputations Program In Conn.

Four seniors, Carolyn Hayden, Leonard Clough, Elizabeth McGregor, and Charlie Crocker left campus at 7:30 Saturday, February 24, to present the first deputation in Connecticut this year. It took place at the church of Rev. Clifton D. Gray Jr. in Putnam. The four Bates students had charge of the regular morning service and the Young People's service in the evening.

## SIGNATURES REVEAL NOTE FRAUD

...so, the fanatical...  
...in the field of "amateur" standings.  
The history of the Maine Amateur Athletic Union has been one of bickering and strife. In this it merely follows its national parent body whose childish struggles and petty differences have opened the eyes of the sporting public to the real nature of the small clique which took over the organization. The very standards and rules it is built upon are false and illogical. It has succeeded in giving one of two of its officials a vast sense of importance; has sent them to long-winded conferences and has built up such a grip that Maine, Colby and Bates are evidently powerless before it; but for the sportsman it has accomplished nothing but a code of hampering regulations. Bowdoin should be able to find other fields for her altruism. While hockey teams are right, it is high time the Maine A.A.U. or the "Bowdoin A.A.U." as it is termed in some quarters, be driven out of Maine athletics. Its day of reckoning is long overdue.

In an attempt to prove the so-called "O'Shaughnessy" letter a glaring forgery, the STUDENT obtained from the Portland Sunday Telegram a copy of the original letter. Postmarked Lewiston, and typed except for the hand-printed signature, part of the malicious attempt to smear an innocent person's reputation appears above. The handwriting immediately under the letter was compared with Tom O'Shaughnessy '41's signatures (to the right) and no possible comparison could be found. O'Shaughnessy usually writes his signature anyway, and there is decided discrepancy with the sample of his printing selected by the STUDENT.

## Cultural Advances Feature Liberal Arts Exhibition

The class rooms of Carnegie Science Building, Libbey Forum and Hathorn Hall; the Little Theatre and the Chapel will take on a somewhat unusual and stimulating air and appearance Thursday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 10:30 when fifteen Liberal Arts departments and extra-curricular activities of Bates College presents the 1940 Liberal Arts Exhibition. Frederick Downing '40, chairman of the Executive Committee, announced that the many students who have been doing research work, planning and hoping for several weeks have brought their projects nearly to completion and that the fruits of their labor will be on display at the end of the week.

Emphasis Placed On Social Conditions  
Taking the various college buildings that will house the exhibit one by one we find in Libbey Forum the social science group which includes the History, Economics, Sociology and Government Departments and which will have as its general theme "Studies in Community Problems". This entire presentation will center around the Lewiston-Auburn community. By means of old maps and pictures the History department will illustrate "A

Hundred Years in Lewiston and Auburn". Studies in the community problems are being prepared by the Sociology committee. The Economics group have as their project local industrial development. They will emphasize the cotton and shoe industries. Geographic factors influencing the growth of the community will be pointed out by the Human Geography group. The Government exhibit features a skit, "1935 B. C." or "Before Charter" from the pen of Barbara Rowell '40 which treats humorously conditions in local government before the new charter. Chairmen of the various groups in this section are: History, Elaine Humphrey '42 and Eugene Ayers '42; Sociology, Helene Woodward '41 and David Jennings '41; Economics, Richard Hoag '41, George Coorsen '41, and Harry Shepherd '40; Government, Ruth Gray '40 and John Donovan '42; Human Geography, Allan Rollins '40.

Moving over to Hathorn Hall we find the Greek exhibit which has as its theme the Greek theatre, its staging and replica. There will also be a Music exhibit which features recordings of the works of the masters. The English department will present "Lit-

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## Nichols Receives Award In Soph Prize Debate

The negative team, Priscilla A. Bowles, C. Paul Quimby, and David A. Nichols, defeated the affirmative, Elise H. Woods, Richard C. Hitchcock, Thomas G. Howarth, in the annual Sophomore prize debate last evening in the Music Room of Chase Hall.

The question was: Resolved, that Bates should adopt the plan of Comprehensive Examinations.

David Nichols received the best speaker's prize of ten dollars. The chairman was John James, president of the class of '42. The judges were Professors Bartlett, Whitbeck, and Glasier.

## Intercollegiate Forum Probes Unemployment

The intercollegiate forum this evening in the Little Theatre finds representatives of the four Maine colleges leading a panel discussion of unemployment. Owen Wheeler '40, representing Bates, will present the views of labor, the Bowdoin speaker, the attitude of the employers, the Colby man will represent the public, and the U. of M. representative will speak for the farmers. Prof. J. Murray Carroll will preside over the panel and the student discussion to follow it. This forum on unemployment was first presented last night at Bowdoin, tomorrow night the four speakers are at Colby and Friday night the University of Maine will entertain the last forum of the series.

With the appearance of a now admittedly forged letter in a Portland paper Sunday acting as an anti-climax to a weekend which saw what might have been a harmless news story become a contributing factor in the postponement of a track meet; the subsequent activities of students and administration members alike to correct the misunderstanding; and the eventual completely satisfactory solution of the difficulty—campus sentiment is deeply aroused against the forger who took this opportunity to vent his feelings at a time when it would be interpreted to represent the whole student body.

## Telegram, Stu-C Ad Bring Prompt Action

The telegram below was sent Saturday morning to the UP and AP by the Department of Public Relations; the ad was inserted in Saturday evening's paper by the Student Council.

Associated Press dispatch from Lewiston published this morning about cancellation Bowdoin-Bates track meet wholly misleading in tone and false in stating that student rally was held on Bates campus Thursday night and Bowdoin AAU effigy burned there. Stop No college rally held or even considered that evening. Stop Relations between Bates and Bowdoin student bodies extremely cordial. Stop No quote long smouldering feud over eligibility. Dick Thompson unquote exists. Stop Bates students believe Bowdoin coach victim of story and photo in local paper which gave false impression of campus situation. Stop Student Council advertising reward for information on alleged rally. Stop I can be reached by phone Lewiston 4942. Edward M. Powell, Director Public Relations, Bates College.

Student Council Offers Reward  
\$5 Reward  
Offered by  
Bates College Student Council  
for information as to  
1. Where on campus an alleged burning of an effigy occurred on the eve of February 22.  
2. What Bates students took part in a campus rally that night.

Confucius say: "When student read about fire that leaves no embers, he plenty burned up."

## Players To Present First Comedy Of Year

The Robinson Players, having put on thus far an emotional drama, "Our Town", and a novel intellectual drama, "No More Peace", will continue to give a variety in their offerings with a comedy, "Dulcy", which will be presented according to schedule on March 14 and 15. "Dulcy" is the work of George S. Kaufman, who collaborated with Hart in the popular "You Can't Take It With You", and Mark Connolly, author of "Green Pastures".

The play is a comedy of character, built around the central character, Dulcy (played by Dorothy Pampel '40), and it is because Dulcy is what she is that the ludicrous and hilarious situations in it come to pass.

Due to an unavoidable oversight, two names were omitted from the cast given last week: Ralph Tuller '42, playing the part of an ex-convict butler, and James Walsh '41, playing the part of Blair Patterson.

"Dulcy", which will be given in the Little Theatre, is under the direction of Miss Lavinia Schaeffer, Miss Barbara Kendall, and Marguerite Shaw '40, student coach.

Among the other activities of the Bates dramatic groups is the production of "Old Love Letters", Miss Barbara Kendall director, which was presented as deputation work last Sunday evening at Hebron.

### Events Stunned Anxious Student Body

Events happened so quickly—the story, the postponement, et al—that the campus is just getting over its first stunned reaction.

The local newspapers have been vindicated of any rumor that the "Er flag Burning" was imaginary, and the story that a "Campus rally was staged" was completely refuted by Associated Press dispatches released Sunday.

The letter, an attack on what the author supposed were the connections between Bowdoin and the AAU, was mailed to the Portland paper and also to the Lewiston papers. It was typewritten, but signed in ink with the name of Tom O'Shaughnessy '41.

Investigation by the STUDENT has definitely established it as a forgery—a fact that a quick glance at the accompanying photograph will prove. Amateur detectives are already going to work to discover the author of these letters.

### Cooperative Action Eases Situation

Upon learning of the postponement of the track meet Friday afternoon, George Russell '40, varsity trackman, wrote a letter to track star and Bowdoin Student Council President Charles Pope, signed also by Mal Holmes '40 and John Hibbard '40, explaining the actual situation and inviting Pope to come and work out with the team and talk things over. The sports editor of the STUDENT (Continued on Page Four)

## Irish Player Gives Sketches In Chapel

Maevie Mac Murrough, Irish player and Portraiteuse, will present a group of original sketches in the Chapel, Tuesday March 5 at 8:00 o'clock as the seventh in the concert-lecture series.

Maevie Mac Murrough is really Irish. She was born in Edenderry, Offaly, Ireland; educated at Alexandra College in Dublin; and studied at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, and toured for a while with the famous Irish Players.

Miss Mac Murrough began her career early, so to speak, for even as a child she loved to mimic the Irish character she saw around her; and she used to delight her friends with reproductions of the people she met in her daily life. Her sketches are unique—they can't be regarded as monologues in the strict sense of the word for they are really miniatures of living people. Miss Mac Murrough has copyrighted every one of her portraits, for each one represents years of study and observation. Her portraits are kindly and sympathetic, although not sparing in the inclusion of human foibles. Maevie Mac Murrough uses no make up or change of costume beyond the addition of a hat, a pair of glasses, or a shawl. Yet she becomes for the time being the thin lipped English aristocrat trying to "improve" the villagers, a Dublin fishwife, or the country girl lost in the Underground Railway.

In every day life Miss Mac Murrough is a very quiet person; not at all the kind you would expect would leave her audiences in an uproar. But her interpretations are shrewd and true, and after marked success in both England and Ireland she is now delighting her American audiences.



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## Good Feeling Smothers Imaginary "Feud"

Two thoughts have been driven home to everyone who has been affected in any way by the disturbing events that preceded or have followed the postponement of the Bowdoin-Bates track meet.

First—a newspaper must in order to maintain its position as a community asset be more than cautious about its manner of news presentation.

Second—forgery of a signature is more serious because of its implications of moral cowardice than is a criminal offense.

The first we would pass off now with the admonition that when journalists lower their profession to the point of taking play upon words, it is time for any publication to take stock.

The second item can not be treated so lightly. The obviously malicious intent of the letter appearing in a Portland paper Sunday marks it as something more serious than just another collegiate prank. That this same letter was also received by the Lewiston paper emphasizes this point. Such a student, if the author was a student, is of questionable value to the campus community. His discovery and punishment is a matter that should be given serious attention.

We would defend his right to personally express his feelings in the matter—either of the AAU or of the particular case at hand. We cannot condone his actions at a time when such expression would be construed to be representative of the feelings of the college and of the student body as a whole.

That he took—what to him must have seemed the clever way out—the privilege of signing another student's name to the letter, adds fire to our case against him.

The suggestion was made that all future letters to outside publications be required to carry a Student Council stamp—for the protection of both the college and the student author. We can congratulate ourselves that this check was not considered necessary. Let us continue to believe that this outcropping of adolescence is concentrated in one moral and intellectual cove.

## Forgery—An Offense Against Every Student

It was all a misunderstanding. The track meet should not have been called off even though a newspaper article had proved disturbing. The "long-smouldering feud" between Bates and Bowdoin because of an AAU ruling is a myth—the Varsity Club committee investigating the Dick Thompson eligibility case reported that "they were satisfied that the ruling was just and in no way an evidence of discrimination against a Bates athlete." Evidence of the good faith of the student body in the matter was demonstrated by the Student Council's advertised reward to anyone placing the "effigy burning" on campus or associating any students with it. There is the essence of the situation.

We can understand the feeling of the Bowdoin men who read the article, and, with nothing more complete to go by, drew the conclusion that they would "not be welcome at Bates". We can understand the feelings of Athletic Director Monte Moore, who, but for illness early Friday morning, might have been able to straighten out the difficulty before it reached such serious proportions. The cooperative work of President Gray, Student Council President Frank Coffin, the Department of Public Relations, and a group of interested students has resulted in correction by the press of the misleading article first used and the scheduling of a meet, Tuesday March 12.

Let there be no smouldering embers. It can be summed up now as something that should not have happened.

The silver lining to the whole affair was the ability of the students of both colleges to get together and iron out their problem.

## DAZE DREAMING

By I-know . . .

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK:  
Confucianistic Betty and Eddie Bates...

George Russell says: Man who shot puts outside, should not put shots inside...

Bobbie Abbott says: Butt man who swims—confidentially he sinks...

Gene Sennett says: Girl who hand out reserve book, must also hand out reserve look...

Ray Cool says: Man who chase girl, may himself get Chase...

Dotty Matlack says: Girl who have Senior now, may someday have Junior...

Lib MacGregor says: Girl who go on deputation, must watch out for reputation...

Dave Nickerson says: Bates eds need more Cusings...

Dotty Dole says: Pineapple Juice make Spot anytime...

Johnny James says: He not want much, he want Moore...

Harry Shepherd says: He not want A, he want Bea...

Dode Pampel says: She no want hedge around house, she want Flat-bush.

Briggs twins say: One is Fish; one is Fisher...

Harry Gorman says: Man who slip silver and Silver Slip, may find self off Braunze standard...

Earle Zeigler says: Paper boy no need horn if he have Bell...

Bill Stirling says: Man who walk for constitution, sometime come from institution...

Marilyn Miller says: Girl who don heart in reception room must watch out for fly on wall...

Daze says: Girl who write foolish column, must stay out with Ken til ten...

## ALUMNI NOTES

Prof. Lena Walmesley, on sabbatical leave from her duties as girls' gym coach, was principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Bates Alumni Association of New York on Saturday, Feb. 17. Speaking on "Problems at Bates," "Professor" led an active discussion following the banquet and business meeting at the Hotel Bristol. A letter from a New York alumnus to John Curtis spoke of the interest when Miss Walmesley's talk created.

Alumni Secretary John Curtis has recently returned from visits to several New England cities where he has been organizing campaign meetings on behalf of the Alumni Fund. This trip was in line with Mr. Curtis' little known position as Executive Secretary of the Bates Alumni Fund.

The very active Boston Bates Club has announced that the annual banquet and dance will be held on Saturday, March 30. It is hoped that several Bates students from Boston and vicinity will be able to attend, since Easter vacation comes at this time.

## CLUB NOTES

### Politics Club

The Politics Club will hold its meeting Tuesday, March 5. Initiation of new members will take place at this time.

### Deutscher Verein

Members of the German Club met Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Harms. The lives and works of great German composers were discussed, among them Beethoven, Bach, Strauss, Schubert and Schumann.

### Phi Sigma Iota

The French Honor Club met at Prof. and Mrs. Kimball's home Thursday evening. Mary Gonsky and Edward Booth discussed the life and works of Jules Romain.

## CHAPEL QUOTES

Feb. 21—Prof. Perkelman:

"When we run into courses that seem more difficult than they ought to be do we beat a hasty retreat or do we say that defeat is only a good excuse for greater effort?"

Feb. 24—Kay Gould '40:

"Why isn't there a better relationship between the faculty and their favorite students and the students and their favorite professors? We are both afraid the other does not want to develop a friendship. We as students are afraid that we will show an eagerness that will not be appreciated."

Feb. 6—Prof. Carroll:

"I would suggest a naval policy, a realistic one, that will continue not a tremendously expansive program but one which would help to maintain both in the East and in the West a balance of power."

## Campus Camera . . . By Lea



## Letters To The Editor

(The following letter was written to Bowdoin track star and Student Council President Charles Pope by George Russell '40 and was signed by fellow track members. It is indicative of the true student feeling here. Ed.)

Dear Charlie:

It was with a great deal of regret that we members of the Bates track team accepted the cancellation of the Bowdoin-Bates track meet scheduled for last Friday. This cancellation seems to be due to a certain article printed in the local newspaper. We assure you that Bates track team, and as far as we can ascertain, the Bates student body had nothing to do with the "burning of the A.A.U. in the snow," the newspaper article referring to it, or any newspaper article subsequent to the cancellation of the meet.

### A.A.U. Ruling Just

In regard to our attitude towards the Maine A.A.U. in their action on the Dick Thompson case: A committee from the Bates Varsity Club investigated it and reported to the club that they were satisfied that the ruling was just and in no way an evidence of discrimination against a Bates athlete.

We feel that in the Freshman meet on Wednesday that there was certainly no show of ill feeling on the part of either athletes or spectators. We also noted that Coach Magee was chatting in a friendly manner with several of the Bates varsity trackmen who were present.

### Cancellation Unnecessary

We have all met your track team three times in the past, and each time, win or lose, were impressed by the ability and good sportsmanship of its members. The idea that the Bowdoin track team would "not be welcome at Bates" is ridiculous, and we think it unnecessary to cancel our athletic contests because of the ill-advised action of some alleged journalist.

If it is possible, we would like to have the cancelled meet run off as a post-season affair. If not, we hope that you will accept our invitation to work out with us in our field house at some time in the near future.

Please convey our best regards to Captain Allen and all the members of his team.

Yours for Sportsmanship,

George Russell, ..  
John Hubbard,  
Mal Holmes.

### Failure To Develop Good Manners

To the Editor:

One of the favorite indoor sports of college students is the well-known "gripping". The Student Council, Student Government, and the STUDENT are besieged the year 'round with complaints by students, many of which complaints are justified. Most of the criticisms call for action by the Faculty or Administration. I should like to join the long list of "grippers", but my criticism calls for

action by the students rather than by the Faculty or Administration.

Before I came to Bates I received a pamphlet entitled "Bates Builds Men". This may be true, but life at Bates is certainly not conducive to the development of good manners, in short, to the development of GENTLEMEN. I think that there are very few people around here who feel that the manners of the average Bates student are all that they might be. This goes for the women as well as the men!

### Marks of Culture

The attitude here seems to be that being polite is merely putting on "airs", and more, is becoming a Bates student. Manners may become an offensive sham, and I will admit that some of the customs upon which certain manners are based are stupid and outmoded. But there are, nevertheless, certain manners which have a definite role in our society, and failure to abide by these customs marks a man or a woman as uncultured, regardless of how many degrees he or she has. Culture is a definite and important phase of education, a phase in which Bates is lagging, deplorably. Bad manners, or the lack of good manners, are a reflection upon the home, the school, and most of all, the person.

During my first year here, I was once seriously reprimanded by an upper-classman because I tipped my hat to a coed. There are some men at Bates who never tip their hats, and there are others who tip their hats ordinarily, but not to a coed. Am I wrong in my belief that a lady is still a lady even if she is a Bates coed?

### Need For A Change

There are numerous other social offenses. Men fail to hold doors for coeds or professors, the coeds or professors often fail to say "Thank you", if a door is held for them; men sit with coeds at the "Quail", the men with their hats on, the women in unladylike positions; bread is tossed from one end of the table to the other in Commons, butter is likewise thrown about the table from the end of a knife; men, and this includes some professors, walk down the street with women, the women on the outside, the men on the inside; men sit while ladies stand—this is one of the worst breaches of social conduct, and when men do stand, women are often rude in continuing to stand, rather than sitting and so putting the men at ease. There are many more social errors committed each day at Bates, but they need not be listed here, for the above should be sufficient to call the attention of the students to these glaring faults in social conduct.

I think that relations at Bates would be much more happy, much more preparatory for post-college life, and much more conducive to the development of gentlemen and gentlewomen if we men would adopt a philosophy of social conduct based upon politeness and general courtesy, and the women would learn to be appreciative, and to say, "Thank you".

C. Eric Lindell.

## FROM THE NEWS

By Ruth Sanford '41

Damocles was forced to sit at banquet table with a sword suspended over his head by a single hair. European neutrals must nervously weigh each movement lest war come crashing down on their heads. If the Allied-German War become one, it is almost inevitable that the Scandinavian countries should be involved, though their earnest desire is to remain at peace. At present Sweden especially is in a dangerous position. She provides 40% of Germany's iron ore imports, and Germany would jealously defend this source of supply. But last week the Allies were reported to have sent naval units to the Arctic in a possible attempt to halt German imports from Sweden, Norway, and Russia. Though Sweden's King Gustaf insisted last week that neutrality was the Swedish way, he is opposed by a voluble group called "Activists". They believe that Finland's defeat would lead to Russian expansion through Scandinavia, thus, active support of Finland is a national necessity.

Another neutral in a very bad position is Rumania. Right now her rich oil fields are not an unmixed blessing. It is most necessary for the Reich that she get most of the output, but the

Allies are determined to stop the trade. By an unofficial and partial blockade they have forced Rumania to promise that the present small sales of oil to Germany will not be increased.

Will the northern war spread over the Scandinavian Peninsula? Will Germany and the Allies come to blows in the Balkans about the oil and wheat supplies? Will the Germans drive through Belgium and the Low Countries toward France? All of Europe waits tensely for the Spring when these questions are expected to be answered. Spring, that sentimental season when young man's fancy turns to love, will tell us whether the threatened "blood bath" will soak all of Europe.

At home the President still holds the answer to our most prominent question. Does he want a third term? Some say he himself doesn't know yet. His much publicized ocean trip has been labeled as a publicity stunt, an indication that he still wants plenty of interest from the voting public. It turns out that despite rumors of secret meetings with foreign diplomats, the President's object was to inspect the Panama Canal to form recommendations for its further defense.

## W A A Delegates At Nasson Play Day Find This 'A Changing World'

By VIRGINIA YEOMANS '41

"This Changing World" may be to you just a popular song, but to the WAA delegates to the college play day at Nasson College it was a theme song. From the beginning to the end of the trip we seemed to spend most of the time changing—either residences, methods of travel, or clothes. And when you take into consideration the fact that we had not only four suitcases to keep track of, but also four pairs of skis, you can imagine the amount of counting and recounting that went on at each stop.

The initial change was that from the dorms here at Bates to a cab and then to the train to Portland. The change at Portland occasioned another check-up on baggage, but our cares were over for the time being when we were met at North Berwick by two of the faculty members of Nasson.

After dinner at Brown Hall an announcement was made that a bus would be ready to leave at 7:45 to take us to a concert in Sanford given by the Glee Club of Governor Dummer Academy. This was made at 7:40, but despite this, we were all ready in formal gowns in ten minutes!

Saturday at nine o'clock we were rolling along in the bus to Bauneg Beg Country Club where we spent the day skiing. There were slopes for the novice and those who were more expert; and everyone had a wonderful time whether she was extracting herself from a snowdrift or executing the stem christie. Even those who were not sure just how they were going to get down again had to try the tow. Dinner time seemed to be especially slow in arriving; but when it did, we all did a job on the food including the luscious lemon pie.

### Discuss College

#### WAA Organizations

Another change in clothing was in store for us after we reached home a little tired out from the exercise. At the informal tea held an hour after we reached the dorm, the various WAA's of Maine, Colby, New Hamp-

shire, Bates and Nasson were discussed. The dainty sandwiches prepared for us by the Seniors in Home Ec. were rather dubiously eyed by the "hungry mob" but the dishes were passed so frequently that even our great appetites were appeased.

A two-hour free period was next on the schedule and was used by the majority for rest—those bruises had to be treated gently! A few hardy souls braved the snow to see the rest of the campus and some of the Nasson "Quails".

When the dinner going rang at seven-thirty a revived group of delegates in lovely dinner gowns offered quite a contrast to the boisterous crowd that had been at Bauneg Beg. The banquet was very enjoyable; music was furnished by the Nasson College Swing Band, and toasts were given by a representative from each college. Barbara Rowell '40, in her very successful and casually humorous style, did a very neat job for Bates. After dinner we were only too glad to change (that word a-a-n) into P. J.'s for a good old bull session.

### Sunday Breakfast

#### Climaxes Week End

Sunday breakfast was served to the delegates in the Practice House in which six seniors at a time spend six weeks putting into practice the theories they have assimilated. It was an excellent meal and made most of us envious of their ability to concoct and carry out such a meal for so many without any fuss.

All good things must end they say, so after saying goodbye to the crowd, we started off to the station and continued to change at regular and irregular intervals from car to train to cab to bus to cab—with our bags and skis. It is in times like these that we need our sense of humor.

Although when we discussed the various athletic associations of women in the various colleges we found that they vary in minor ways, we also found that the basic elements of good sportsmanship and enjoyment were common to all.

## Stu-G Announces St. Patrick's Tea Dance

Dorothy Pampel '40 has announced that the annual Student Government tea dance will be held Friday, March 15. As chairman, Miss Pampel has chosen Ruth Beal '41 and Natalie Webber '42.

All those interested in attending are asked to sign up in the Town Room, Friday, March 1, at four-thirty.

Decorations will be in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, St. Patrick's Day.

## Student Government Serves Tea Sunday At Rand Hall

The Student Government served tea to the Students in place of supper at Rand Hall Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 P. M. Dorothy Dole '41 and Elaine Humphrey '41 served on the committee in charge. Mrs. Crafts, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Knapp, and Mrs. Chase were the pourers. The guests included Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Rademaker. Piano selections were played by Barbara Barsantee '42 and Althea Comins '42.



## Sports Ed. Clears Up M.A.A.U. Controversy

By BILL HOWLAND '40

An unpleasant, and very serious situation has been artificially created between Bowdoin and Bates. There has been no "incident" on Bates campus directed against Bowdoin, Bowdoin trackmen or coaches, or against the Maine A.A.U. At no time has there been any hostile attitude towards Bowdoin, even by a minority GROUP on campus. Months ago a varsity club committee expressed themselves as being satisfied that the Maine A.A.U. was entirely justified in declaring Dick Thompson ineligible. The slight tension created at this time had long since died down.

However, newspaper articles and a picture have caused a mistaken impression on the Bowdoin campus. These newspaper articles, although representing in no way campus feeling, caused the postponement of a scheduled Bowdoin-Bates track meet in an effort to give the Bowdoin student paper a picture of the true situation at Bates, your scribe wrote the following letter:

Feb. 23, 1940.

Richard Sullivan,  
Editor, Bowdoin "Orient".  
Dear Richard:

We deeply regretted the postponement of the track meet scheduled for today between Bates and Bowdoin. We believe that this postponement was caused entirely by a mistaken impression created by a picture and certain articles in the Lewiston newspapers...

At any rate, there has been no furore on campus anent the announcement by Mr. Miller of the A.A.U. that Dick Thompson is ineligible. Any excitement over this case has died away long ago.

A wide survey of the campus discloses no evidence that any Bates student was implicated in the so-called burning of the A.A.U. in effigy. The campus is really much in the dark about the whole affair. We were anticipating an ordinary track meet, and there would have been no demonstration of any inimical feeling. There is no inimical feeling whatsoever.

We have the greatest respect for Coach Magee and his trackmen who have always proven themselves as worthy opponents and good sportsmen. Please understand that Bates students welcome Bowdoin's track team, and we sincerely hope that the meet can be held at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,  
Bill Howland,  
Sports Ed., Bates STUDENT.

Right now is the time to correct any miscomprehensions that may ex-

ist concerning the A.A.U. In the first place the Maine A.A.U. and Bowdoin are not one and the same thing. The president of the Maine A.A.U. is Major Lowe of Portland, the secretary is Mr. Miller, who happens to be Bowdoin's swimming coach. A committee member of the A.A.U. is Mr. Magee, track coach, who is on the board of registrations. The A.A.U. is independent of Bowdoin College although two of its members happen to be Bowdoin coaches. We believe, and Coach Thompson endorses this statement, that any action on eligibility or other rules that the A.A.U. takes is done regardless of the fact that two members of the A.A.U. officials are Bowdoin coaches.

The A.A.U. is not a weapon that Bowdoin uses to hold as a club over the other schools of the state. We believe we are correct in saying that those officials of the A.A.U. at Bowdoin would be only too glad to have members of Bates College take the arduous duty of enforcing rules away from them. They realize that anyone who must be the watchdog of rules and standards must undergo certain unpopularity. But it should be understood now once and for all that the Maine A.A.U. and Bowdoin College are not one and the same thing and have only the slightest connection.

It was unfortunate that in Sunday's Portland paper there should follow the article stating these difficulties between Bowdoin and Bates had been smoothed over, a letter blasting the A.A.U. in particular and Bowdoin College in general. The letter was printed as signed by Tom O'Shaughnessy who disclaims having written the letter. O'Shaughnessy is too closely connected to the track situation and would be better acquainted with the actual situation than must have been the person who wrote that letter filled with mis-statements.

Our chief hope now is that the episode will soon be forgotten, that Bowdoin will realize that there is no hostile feeling on the Bates campus, and that letters attacking the Maine A.A.U. will cease, whether from a student or an outside source.

A newly organized Midget's basketball club has issued a challenge to the so-called Men's Club. The Midget Club has a team of "Davids" among whom are Sumner Tapper, Wally Driscoll, John McSherry, Lou Hervey, and Red McKinney, and several other "mental giants" but physically somewhat lower in altitude than the Men's Club that includes George Russell, Tate Cannon, John Hibbard, Tiny Boothby and others.

## Garnet Faces Maine In Track Feature Of Week

### Webster Rejoins Garnet Trackmen For Bear Meet

Garnet track fans will have an opportunity to watch three of the outstanding intercollegiate track athletes in action in the cage Saturday afternoon, and evening, when the running events will be held at the University of Maine track team clashes with the Bobcats. Don Smith, Maine's great mile and half-mile, will run again Warren Drury in one of the feature events of the day, while Johnson and Bennett, who compete in the 35-pound weight throw, rate with the country's best in that event. Bennett has recently fouled on several throws that have been over the world record mark, and there is a possibility that he may break the world's record in the cage Saturday.

The meet promises to be very close. In the dash Lynn Bussey will be counted upon to outstrip Atwood and Phillips. In the 300-yard dash Schwardt Morris, last year's winner, and Ike Mabey will probably clean up. In the 600 it will be Mabey again and Dave Nickerson may run in this event. Rollins, and Ingraham of Maine, will race it out while Smith will probably win the 1000 yard run. Dave Nickerson may place in this event.

Drury and Smith are the class of the mile field, and if Drury has a good day he may push Smith, although it would be a major upset if Smith should lose in either the mile or the 1000. The two-mile should see a good race between Rollins and Graichen of Bates versus Ehrlenbach of Maine.

### Webster Will Jump

John Hibbard has been close to fifty feet in the hammer, and Carl Andrews and Tate Cannon are right up there in that event, but Bennett and Johnson are heavily favored. Again it's Johnson, but Harold Johnson this time, and Bennett in the discus with the former reaching the 140 foot mark. Hibbard, Andrews and Sigbee may surprise in this event. Sigbee and George Russell are way ahead of the University of Maine shotputters and should place one-two. The hurdles will probably go to Gilman, the sensational sophomore hurdler for the Blue, but Coorsen and Holmes cannot be counted out of that event. Don Webster, right now one of the most effective all-round athletes in school, will change from basketball and be favored to win the high jump with George Coorsen a good second. Don Maggs may pick up an important third place if he can out-jump Dexter of Maine. The pole vault can go any way as Maine has two good men in Weaver and Rich, while Don Maggs and Mal Holmes should be right up with them. The broad jump, the last event, may decide the meet. Maine has Butler and the Bobcats will depend on George Coorsen and Mal Holmes. Coorsen recently got off a leap in the broad jump that was well over twenty-one feet. If he can repeat that jump, he may jump Bates right into a win over Maine in the entire track meet.

### Elimination To Decide Varsity Golf Squad

Last Friday afternoon the students interested in the formation of a golf team met in Hathorn Hall at the request of Coach Joseph Conant. At the meeting plans were discussed about the method of play to determine what players will be selected to play the various matches, three which have been already scheduled. It was decided that a system of elimination should be carried out much like a Chase Hall tournament and the six top eight men to play the intercollegiate matches.

There has been shown a much more active interest in the team than there was at any point last year as is evident by the twenty-two men who reported at the meeting. Those who plan to go out are Lever, Haskell, Goodspeed, Cool, Coorsen, McCue, Keefe, Shepherd, Sandblom, Langerman, Bracken, Tierney, Tardiff, MacDonald, Archibald, Pellicani, Brown, Bullock, Lipner, Stover, Howland, Simonetti and D. Witty. The next meeting will be held in Hathorn on March 3, and anybody else interested is invited to come.

### White Yearlings Take Frosh As 7 Records Go

Six meet records and one cage record fell by the wayside as Bowdoin freshmen defeated the Bobcat freshmen in track 73 to 36. Small took three first places for Bowdoin, while Ken Lyford defeated Bowdoin's ace, John Dickinson, in the 300 and 600 and took second in the 40-yard dash.

Bob McLaughlin broke Dana Wallace's cage mark in the mile run to win going away. He came back to set a new meet record in the 1000-yard run. Lack of balance caused the downfall of the Garnet frosh as Bowdoin copped 23 points out of 27 in the weights.

Summary:  
Discus throw—Won by Small, Bo; second, Sweet, B; third, Young, Bo. Distance: 109 feet.

35 pound weight—Won by Robb, Bo; second, Lacy, Bo; third, Goodale, Bo. Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

12 pound shot put—Won by Small, Bo; second, Foley, Bo; third, Stirling, B. Distance: 45 ft. 9 in.

45 yard high hurdles—Won by Small, Bo; second, Young, Bo; third, Edwards, B. Time: 6 1-5 sec. New meet record.

High jump—Won by Buckley and Hanson of Bowdoin, tied; third, Winston, B. Height: 5 ft. 8 in. New meet record.

Mile run—Won by McLaughlin, B; second, Stark, Bo; third, Burns, Bo. Time: 4:35 2-5. New meet and cage record.

40 yard dash—Won by LaMarr, Bo; second, Lyford, B; third, Thompson, B. Time: 4 4-5 seconds.

Pole vault—Won by Boucher, B; second, tie between Briggs and Ingalls, Bo. Height: 10 ft. 6 in. New meet record.

600 yard run—Won by Lyford, B; second, Dickinson, Bo; third, Thompson, B. Time: 1:18 4-5.

Broad jump—Won by Buckley, Bo; second, LaMarr, Bo; 3rd, Howarth, B. Distance: 30 ft. 7 7-8 in. New meet record.

1000 yard run—Won by McLaughlin, B; second, Stark, Bo; third, Wheeler, Bo. Time: 3:27 1-5. New meet record.

800 yard dash—Won by Lyford, B; second, Dickinson, Bo; third, Toomey, Bo. Time: 35 sec.

### Pale Blue Frosh Favored To Take Garnet Yearlings

Saturday afternoon and evening, Maine frosh compete with the Bates frosh in the cage in what may turn out to be one of the finest freshman meets ever seen in the cage. Undoubtedly Maine frosh will run up a heavy score, but the individual efforts of Lyford and McLaughlin may result in several new records.

The three finest freshman milers in the state, and perhaps the three best in New England, meet in the feature event of the day. Martinez and Moody of Maine have both run the mile in 4:30 while Bob McLaughlin's best time this year has been 4:35. However, our guess is that McLaughlin will come through in a performance that may shatter all records as he has not been pushed at all this year. At any rate the event rates as one of the greatest track features of the year.

Again in the 1000 yard run "Mac" will meet a strong opponent in Creamer who runs the event at about 2:20 while McLaughlin's best time is about 2:27. Creamer will be the favorite in this event as McLaughlin will have been pushed in the mile. Creamer recently ran against Don Smith in a feature indoor half-mile and broke Smith's indoor freshman record by covering the distance in two minutes. Hadley of Maine probably is no match for Lyford in the 300 yard dash, but Stewart and Caldwell run the 600 in 1:17 which is excellent time and Lyford will have to be in top form to win this event.

The running events will start in the evening at 7:30 while the weight events will be held in the afternoon for both the varsity and the freshmen.

### Jayvees Lose 39-38 To Portland Junior In Finale

The junior varsity basketball team finished its luckless season with a defeat Wednesday night at the hands of Portland Junior College. The Jayvees started fast as Dick Raymond scored the first four points of the game but Raymond came out of the game with a badly injured foot, and the Jayvee attack bogged down. At the end of the third period the Junior College led 32 to 25 but the Jayvees spurred to almost nip the J. C. team but the gun beat them to it as the game ended with a 39 to 38 victory for the Portland club.

Summary:	G	FG	Pts
BATES FROSH	0	0	0
Aucouin, lf	0	0	0
Raymond, rf	2	0	4
Hervey, rf	5	0	10
Lambert, c	4	1	9
Draper, lg	3	0	6
Shift, lg	1	3	5
Flanagan, rg	2	0	4
O'Sullivan, rg	0	0	0
Totals	17	4	38
PORTLAND	G	FG	Pts
Honan, lf	2	2	6
Whitehead, rf	4	1	9
Murphy, c	3	1	7
Goldstein, lg	4	1	9
Brown, rg	0	0	0
Gage, rg	4	0	8
Totals	17	5	39

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## 4 Seniors End Hoop Careers Against MIT

### Colby Tied With Maine As Mule Kicks Bobcats

The varsity quintet brought their portion of the State Series to a close last Thursday night as they travelled to Waterville where the Colby Mules kicked them around all evening and finally defeated the Spinks coached array 48-37. Lomac, a freshman who is able to play varsity ball during the second semester since Colby still has a "one semester" rule, was the star of the evening with six baskets. As a result of this victory the Colby team tied with Maine for the State championship.

Lomac was not the only oyster in the stew. Flynn, who usually is a fly in the Bates ointment, ran a close second with 11 points. Rimsoukas and Peters, already established stars, came through with 9 and 8 points respectively. It is interesting to note that Colby sank only 2 fouls while the Garnet chalked up 13.

For Bates Red Raftery was again high scorer with 8 points. Don Webster, rebound snagger deluxe, accounted for seven, and Art Belliveau was right behind with six points. The Bobcats looked tired as they well might, after a long, tough season. Colby, bolstered up by several additions from the class of '43, seemed peppy and aggressive. Lomac who last year hooped them in for Coburn Classical combine (remember they trounced last year's Jayvees) looked great. He is incomparable as a set shot artist.

Our solution to the problem which Bates has in winning its State series games would be to have all of the games played in some town just over the Massachusetts or New Hampshire border. Vic Stover tells us that there are several islands off the Maine coast up Bath way that would be suitable sites for the slaughter. Anyway, the suggestion is food for thought.

The summary:	G	FG	Pts
COLBY			
Flynn, rf	5	1	11
Cane, rf	0	0	0
Rimsoukas, lf	4	1	9
Lafleur, lf	1	0	2
Peters, c	4	0	8
Lee, c	2	0	4
Shiro, rg	0	0	0
Peave, rg	0	0	0
Lomac, lg	6	0	12
Hatch, lg	0	0	0
Livingstone, lg	1	0	2
Pullen, lg	0	0	0
Beach, lg	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	48
BATES			
Belliveau, rf	2	2	6
Raftery, rf	3	2	8
Gorman, lf	1	2	4
Stover, lf	0	1	1
Webster, c	3	1	7
Cool, c	2	1	5
Haskell, rg	0	1	1
Witty, rg	0	1	1
Flanagan, lg	0	0	0
Kenney, lg	0	0	0
Tardiff, lg	1	2	4
Totals	12	13	37

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Four very important members of the varsity basketball squad finish their basketball careers at Bates when the Bobcats meet MIT Wednesday night at Boston. The men who will be playing their last game are Captain Howie Kenney, Vic Stover, Normie Tardiff and Ray Cool.

The game with MIT should be rated as nearly a toss-up on the basis of comparative scores. Colby defeated Tech by a good margin when her star freshman players went to town, and Tech defeated Boston University by two points, whereas the Bobcats defeated B.U. by one point — which means exactly nothing. One factor favoring the Bobcats is the success that they have met with so far this season when they invaded Massachusetts.

The outstanding men for Tech are Samuels and Wilson. Wilson has been the high scoring threat of the team and went on a scoring spree against Colby. The Bobcat squad will probably consist of Capt. Kenney, Vic Stover, Norm Tardiff, Ray Cool, Brud Witty, Don Webster, Red Raftery, Harry Gorman, Art Belliveau, Pete Haskell, Tom Flanagan, Dean Lambert, Dick Raymond, Al Aucouin, Shift and Draper. Kenney, Stover and Tardiff played on the freshman team of the class of 1940 that re-introduced intercollegiate basketball. They have been consistent performers although Tardiff and Stover played little basketball last year and Kenney was forced to leave the team before the season ended because of the pressure of studies and other activities. Stover and Kenney have been consistent scoring threats, and Normie Tardiff would have seen more action this year but for an early season ankle injury. He has looked great in the last two games.

### Bowdoin Meet Ends Swimming Season Wed.

The swimming team closes its season with a meet at Bowdoin Wednesday evening. Three seniors are competing for the last time, namely Co-captains Earle Zeigler and Harold Goodspeed, and Ham Dorman. In the meet held with Bowdoin earlier in the season the individual events were closely contested although the eventual score showed Bowdoin with a substantial lead.

Bowdoin will be handicapped by the ineligibility of Bob Fenger, sophomore star. In their last meet Bowdoin lost to Williams while the Bobcats tied Boston University. One of the features of the meet should be the breaststroke duel between Johnny Anderson and Bowdoin's Bud Harr. Bowdoin's outstanding men are Cooper in the freestyle, Thwing in the diving, and Fisher in the backstroke.

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"Northwest Passage" with Spencer Tracy, Robert Young, Walter Brennan. In Technicolor.

## AUBURN

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed.  
March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
"Castles on the Hudson" with Joan Bennett.

Science Group Argues  
The 'Origin Of Life'

The first joint meeting of all the Bates scientific clubs—Lawrence, Jordan, and Ramsdell, attracted a large gathering to Libbey Forum last Wednesday evening. Due to the nature of the meeting—a discussion of "The Origin of Life"—Prof. Peter Bertocci of the Psychology Department was invited to sit in on the panel discussion. The result was an interesting controversy, in which Dr. Fisher presented the geological angle, Dr. Lawrence, the chemical, Dr. Pomeroy, the biological and Dr. Bertocci, the philosophical.

## Liberal Arts Exhibition

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erature in the Present Day". In addition to criticism of the old masters there will be sketching by students in the Fine Arts exhibit. The French department will stage "L'Initiation", a one-act play in French, which will be directed by Pauline Chayer '40. "Flat Tire Before Old Heidelberg", a play produced by the German department, promises to prove interesting. Still another play, "Seven Chances", a cutting from a three act play by Roi Cooper Magrue, will be offered by the Speech department. Chairmen of the groups in this building are: Greek, Theodoros Rizoulis '42 and Thomas Puglise '40; Music, Bernice Lord '40, Martha Greenlaw '40, and Robert Hulsizer '40; Fine Arts, James Vickery '40 and Alan Sawyer '41; English, Virginia Yeomans '41; French, Thomas Puglise '40; German, Frank Saunders '40 and Catherine Winne '41; Speech, Rowena Fairchild '41.

## Propaganda and Music

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Next we travel on to the Carnegie Science Building where modern techniques in broadcasting and recording are to be presented by the Fundamentals of Speech group. Here, too, we find among the many exhibits of the Psychology department war propaganda, psychology in recent fashions and commercial advertising. The Education department's demonstration of visual education and recent trends in educational procedure should prove to be popular. Sumner Levine '42 and Grace Halliwell '40 are chairmen of the Speech and Psychology groups respectively.

Finally, our tour ends at the Chapel where the Religion committee under the chairmanship of Ernest Johnson '42 and Jane Woodbury '42, will run excerpts from the sound film "The Passion Play". Here, too, the Music department will present a musical program featuring the Men's Club, the Orphe Society and solos by students. Incidentally, this musical program will be different each night.

It is quite apparent that an evening of interest and value is in store for those who attend the Second Liberal Arts Exhibition. Perhaps its purpose and worth can best be expressed by quoting Pres. Gray's message of welcome to those who attend, "Its purpose is not to rival the very successful biennial exhibitions of the natural sciences, but to give adequate place to the social sciences, the fine arts, philosophy and religion in the modern world. Technological advance is an important part of life today, but it is by no means all of it. Life is more than this and a truly liberal arts college will reflect the progress of the human spirit in all these fields."

Women Debaters Leave  
On New York Trip

Ruth Gray '40 and Harriet White '41 leave Monday for a debating trip into New York state, the longest excursion of a women's team in several years. They will engage in a series of four debates, all in the Oregon-style, and in all of which Miss Gray will be the witness and Miss White the cross-examiner.

Tuesday night they will advocate American isolation in a debate at Syracuse University, where Eugene Foster '39 is freshman debate coach this year. On Wednesday night they will be in Albany for a debate with the State Teachers College in which the visiting team will propose "That the United States can best serve democracy by remaining neutral."

The following afternoon will find them at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. for a debate with Skidmore College before a women's forum, again a discussion of isolation. The final debate of the tour will be with Williams College Friday evening with the Bates women once more urging American isolation. They expect to return to the campus on Saturday.

Frosh Prize Debaters  
Discuss Subsidization

Twelve freshmen selected in this week's try-outs are now at work preparing for the freshman prize debates which will be held soon. Louise Chambers, John Hennessey and John Thurlow will uphold the subsidizing of athletics and will be opposed by Valerie Salvings, Doris Lyman and Alexander Williams. The second debate will find Freshmen Rayson, Waldo Flint and Henry Corey on the affirmative of isolation with George Antunes, William Arook and Strak Dederian on the negative.

## Comprehensive Exams

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excellence of a special assigned thesis.

The plan, if put into practice, ought to apply to all of the main divisions of study—Language, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, and the Natural Sciences. The adaptation of the system to the last-named group is expected to be most difficult, but it has been successfully achieved in many other schools. However, the Comprehensive program must necessarily entail a number of changes in the organization of the courses, and their relation to other subjects in the major field. The hours assigned to work in majors and minors may be changed.

## 400 Colleges

## Have Adopted It

The plan may be considered an adaptation of one part of the tutorial system used at Oxford and other European universities. The Comprehensive movement has developed rapidly in America in the last decade, and has already been adopted by about 400 institutions of high standing. In addition to correlating knowledge of the major study, the plan will also prevent any tendency toward laxness in the senior year—a year which should be the period of greatest intellectual growth and achievement. A more careful selection of candidates for the Freshman class, and a more thorough weeding out of poor students at the end of the Sophomore year is expected to avoid an over-large number of failures in the Comprehensive Examination.

It should be emphasized that the painstaking study of the program, and the many changes necessary before the plan can be adopted at Bates, will probably delay the application of the system to classes prior to the class of 1943.

Debaters Lead League  
By Defeating Bowdoin

Leading the New England division of the Eastern Intercollegiate Debating League at the half-way point with a record of three victories and three debates ahead, a Bates team tomorrow afternoon visits Storrs, Conn., to meet the University of Connecticut in an Oregon-style league debate on the proposition "That Franklin D. Roosevelt should be reelected for a third term." Mary Gozonsky '40 will be the cross-examiner and Patrick Harrington '42 the witness on the affirmative.

Bates gained undisputed leadership of the league when Frank Coffin '40 and Donald Maggs '40 won a unanimous decision over a previously undefeated Bowdoin team here Friday night. Prof. Paul B. Bartlett presided at the debate which was presented before a large audience in the Little Theatre. For Bowdoin Arthur Wank and Ernest Andrews advocated a third term for Roosevelt and the Bates men upheld the negative. Dr. George Sneath of Boston University, Prof. Newell Maynard of Tufts, and Judge Alton Lessard of Lewiston judged the debate.

'Paul Jones' Dance  
Features Juniors Hop

The Junior girls inaugurated something new in the line of dances at their annual hop which was held at Chase Hall last Friday evening. Chairman Frances Wallace ably assisted by Marilyn Miller, Helen Greenleaf, and Joanne Lowther, led the grand march and later announced a good, old-fashioned Paul Jones. Patriotic decorations commemorating George Washington adorned the walls, and during intermission punch and Washington cake were served.

Approximately fifty-five Junior girls and their escorts attended the affair which was chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Curtis.

## Letter Forgery

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sent a letter to the editor of the Bowdoin "Orient" also explaining the actual situation here.

Saturday morning a telegram was dispatched to the Associated Press and the United Press concerning articles distributed by them and appearing in the Saturday morning papers. Correction of the news story was the immediate result.

Frank Coffin '40, president of the Student Council, George Russell '40, and John Hibbard '40 journeyed to Bowdoin Saturday afternoon and had a talk with Athletic Director Morrell and Pope which straightened out the whole situation. Tentative plans for holding the postponed track meet were laid in telephone conversations between Morrell, Monte Moore, and Coach Thompson at this time.

In the Lewiston Journal of that evening appeared the Student Council's advertised reward to anyone giving information as to where the "Effigy Burning" occurred on campus and what students took part in it.

Sunday's papers carried the refutation by the AP of the "campus rally" fabrication and also the letter which has aroused so much feeling. Final item of the story was filed Monday with the scheduling of a regular track meet with Bowdoin for March 12.

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Swimmers Tie B. U.;  
Lose To Mass. State

The swimming team lost one meet and tied another on their "southern" trip into Massachusetts when they were downed by Mass State 58 to 16, and when the last relay was over the score was 37 to 37 with Boston University Saturday.

At Boston University the Bobcats were behind for the duration of the meet until the final event—the 400 yard relay. Ham Dorman started on for the third lap with a deficit of about two yards which he promptly made up and allowed Captain Goodspeed to start off with a slight lead. Goodspeed lengthened the lead and the meet ended with a 37 to 37 stalemate. The time for the relay was a new Bates team record.

## The summaries:

## Bates vs. Mass. State

300 yard medley relay—Won by Mass State (Prymak, Jodka, Pitts); 2nd, Bates (Daikus, Anderson, Bracken). Time: 3:08. New pool record. 220 yard freestyle—Won by McCallum, MS; 2nd, Morse, MS; 3rd, Goodspeed, B. Time: 2:27.6.

50 yard freestyle—Won by Hall, MS; 2nd, Jones, MS; 3rd, Dorman, B. Time: 25.2.

Diving—Won by O'Sullivan, B; 2nd, Paige, MS; 3rd, Filios, MS. Winner's points: 68.7.

100 yard freestyle—Won by Avery, MS; 2nd, Bracken, B; 3rd, Zeigler, B. Time: 59.5.

150 yard backstroke—Won by Prymak, MS; 2nd, McCarthy, MS; 3rd, Daikus, B. Time: 1:47.4.

200 yard breaststroke—Won by Jodka, MS; 2nd, Anderson, B; no third place. Time: 2:31.4. New pool record.

440 yard freestyle—Won by Coffey, MS; 2nd, Morse, MS; 3rd, W. White, B. Time: 5:26.8.

400 yard freestyle relay—Won by State (Jones, Hall, McCallum, Pitts); 2nd, Bates (Bracken, Zeigler, Dorman, Goodspeed). Time: 3:49.3.

## Bates vs. B. U.

300 yard medley relay—Won by Bates (Daikus, Anderson, Bracken); 2nd, Boston U (Burns, Gray, Goldthwaite). Time: 3:28.2.

220 yard freestyle—Won by Lukinchook, BU; 2nd, Goodspeed, B; 3rd, W. White, B. Time: 2:32.1.

50 yard freestyle—Won by Emerson, BU; 2nd, Dorman, B; 3rd, Zeigler, B. Time: 25.2.

Diving—Won by O'Sullivan, B; 2nd, Wahlstrom, BU; no third place. Winner's points: 63.03.

100 yard freestyle—Won by Emerson, BU; 2nd, Bracken, B; 3rd, Goldthwaite, BU. Time: 58.3.

150 yard backstroke—Won by Burns, BU; 2nd, M. White, BU; 3rd, Curtis, B. Time: 1:59.2.

200 yard breaststroke—Won by Anderson, BU; 2nd, Gray, BU; 3rd, R. White, BU. Time: 2:49.

440 yard freestyle—Won by Lukinchook, BU; 2nd, W. White, B; 3rd, Rentoumas, BU. Time: 5:51.2.

400 yard freestyle relay—Won by Bates (Bracken, Zeigler, Dorman, Goodspeed); 2nd, Boston U (Emerson, Landers, Goldthwaite, Lukinchook). Time: 3:59.4. New Bates varsity record.

Prof. Brooks Quimby announced that a group of eleven women and twenty-six men will comprise the varsity debating squad as a result of this week's trials, and also names a freshmen squad of seventeen members.

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Skimen Place 5th In  
I. S. U. Championship

The ski team taken to the I.S.U. meet at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., last week end placed fifth. They were severely handicapped by unusual snow conditions as there was ten inches of powder top, a condition new to all of the Bobcat skiers. Amherst won the meet.

The team consisted of Julie and Dick Thompson, Bill Lever, and Bob Ireland. Julie Thompson placed third in the downhill and Bill Lever placed second in the cross-country for the highlights of the meet. On the way back to Lewiston the trailer carrying all of their skis caught on fire and burned over two hundred dollars worth of ski equipment. The skis belonged in part to the members of the team and some belonged to the

During the Lenten season, the Episcopal Students Club is sponsoring a series of three discussions on vital religious topics. On Sunday, Feb. 18, Reverend John Conoley of Hebron Academy presented the first of this group on "Belief in God."

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