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See You At The Polls?

Nominations are now posted—all college election Monday. The usual amount of quiet electioneering is going on. Everyone has his own ideas about the best man or woman for each office. Typical of small college voting, there will be some hard feeling as general arguments are taken personally. Typical of Bates, all such feeling will disappear immediately after the results are announced.

Most important single change in the election system this year is in the election of Student Council members. Freshmen, by vote of the Men's Assembly, will no longer cast their ballots for upper-class Council representatives. Upperclassmen do not vote for the Freshman representatives.

Supporters of the new election system pointed out that this should make for a more representative and efficient Council in that Freshman acquaintance with the upperclasses is largely by name—and vice versa.

The greatest single enemy to the successful functioning of democratic government is indifference. In a Chapel talk, after last year's election, Mr. Rowe commented on the large percentage of voters lost between Chapel and the Gym. There are enough important positions at stake this time to warrant a record vote.

Rebirth Of The Town Meeting

In this week's Student will be found an interesting report prepared by the Citizenship Committee of the Politics Club. It is significant largely because it reaffirms the belief of many that indifference, ignorance, and fear are as prevalent among the citizenry of our "model community" as they are among the citizens of any typical "Middletown". Taken seriously, and we doubt if it will receive the attention it should, it is an indictment of each and every one of us.

Unlike most similar bodies, this Committee does not feel that an immediate change in student government organization is necessary. It is its opinion, and correctly, that a reversal of attitude must come first. It presents a concrete suggestion to facilitate the change. The old New England Town Meeting is called back into being to re-awaken the interest of the individual in his own government. We endorse this plan.

It is not healthy to turn our backs on the situation that this report clearly reveals. The committee has done its job. With apologies to Ray Cool—another torch has been lighted. Is the new beacon also to be blown out?

Editor's Note:—The STUDENT inaugurates a series of Faculty-Written Articles on Vocations. Professor Raymond Kendall is the author of two articles. The first, appearing next week, is entitled, "So you want to teach!"

DAZE DREAMING

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK: You bet! It's Pete Haskell snoring away oblivious to Coffin's nerves, blowing ballots up and down with each vociferous exhale and inhale, a la Stan Laurel...Buddie Freddie to the rescue and was Pete's face ever red... Even redder than Freddie's and that's going some...Wonder what he does with Jean, Ryder?...But it must be nice—to prompt such a consistently smilingly lovely couple...Rip Van Haskell, confidentially, is not too sleepy when it comes to golf, basketball, enthusiasm for Stu-C projects, and a genuine affinity for gathering friends...

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: You know what Bates is most famous for—Forensics or Soap-boxing!...and we don't always mean Ivory soap-boxing of the 99 44-100% pure variety...Polka dotting our buddies with mud sling shots is great indoor sport...So everybody's debating it, debating it, debating what?... Elections (nuf said) and...

Fred Downing debating whether to wait for Ruthie to ask him to take her coat or whether to take it himself...Sigbee debating whose children he gave the nickel to at the Colby track meet...Dick Hoag wondering how far down the alphabet he'll have to go before he discovers which dorm has the softest settees... He started with D and is now in the O's having been introduced embarrassingly many times to the same house mother by different coeds... Jim Walsh wondering whether his beard or his voice compares most favorably with his public...Eds wondering whether to add a sticker of eds to the Stu-G ballot...They seem to know how to manage babes and house-mothers best...

OPEN FORUM

Politics Club Prexy Discusses Committee Report To the Editor: Perhaps some people are wondering why the Politics Club has been studying campus government instead of sticking to international affairs and the third term issue. Although these questions are important, we believe (and still do) that before we "settled" any of the world's great problems, it might be a good idea to set our own house in order.

The report of the citizenship committee, printed in this week's STUDENT, has crystallized, I believe, the most important causes which prevent student government from being the vital expression of a livewire student body. The report does not contain any startling discoveries, but it does present in a clearcut manner opinions and facts which, heretofore, have been unorganized and jumbled.

When the investigation began, the gripes of undergraduates directed the committee toward an examination of the administration policies which on the surface, appeared to be the principal cause of the student's lack of interest in his representative bodies. The opinion of these people can be summed up in a couple of sentences: "What's the use of voting or going to Student Council and Student Government meetings? They're just a bunch of stooges who kowtow to the administration." That criticism, although not really fair to those organizations, has some measure of justification. The principal source of trouble however, lies with the students themselves. We just aren't interested. In this attitude we are a discouragingly accurate facsimile of life outside the college. Concern over marks, sports, Saturday night dances, leaves no room for interest in governing ourselves, just as jobs and recreation perform the same function in the outside world. That is indeed a hard thing to say of this select college group, this cream of American youth, this pride of commencement speakers—but unfortunately, true. Students Fear Retaliation

Even more serious, however, is the second cause of this inactivity—fear. Students are afraid of losing their scholarships and jobs if they dare open their mouths in criticism of the status quo. Justified or unjustified, this fear is present and must be stamped out. Such an attitude will certainly result in a generation of subservient bootlickers detrimental to any country where there is a sem-

Nominees

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2. Rand Hall and Frye Street House
 Rand Hall President
 3. Miliken and Whittier Houses
 Dorothy Stead
 Aino Puranen
 4. Hacker, Chase, and Stevens Houses:
 Ruth Ober
 Margaret Hubbard
 Sophomore Representatives
 (Elect one)
 June Atkins
 Barbara Johnson
 (Elect one)
 Margaret Soper
 Virginia Fisher
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 Vice-President
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 Priscilla Simpson '42
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 Nancy Gould '43
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 Leslie Warren '41
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Verna Adams '41
 Nancy Field '41
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 (Vote for one for each office)
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 Secretary-Treasurer
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 Catherine Curry '41
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 Secretary
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 Montrose Moses '41
 Paul Wright '41
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 Vice-President
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 Betty May Scranton '41
 Secretary
 Barbara Abbott '41
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 John Haskell '41
 David Jennings '41
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 Secretary
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FROM THE NEWS

By ANNETTA BARRUS '41

It is not as strange as it sounds that peace negotiations have been established once again after the war of Finland and Russia has continued for approximately four months. Finland, unable to cope with the superior man power of Russia without outside aid, finds that the original Soviet demands are quickly and forcibly being complied with although very unwillingly on the part of the Finns.

is not known. It is known how- ever that a peace which would bring the Scandinavian Peninsula under Russian domination aided and abetted by Germany is far from desirable in the eyes of the Allies. Thus it would seem that the outcome of these negotiations depends not so much on what Finland does but on what country may be forced into an unwelcome peace unless they are sure of future aid.

Negotiations Have International Aspect

Not only are Russia and Finland involved in these peace talks but they seem to take on almost international aspect. Much diplomatic activity has taken place in Stockholm. Although Sweden officially has maintained a strictly neutral position public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of Finland. Relying on this fact the Allies have talked of using Sweden as a transfer country for their troops on their way to Finland. Sweden, realizing that this might impair their neutral stand, have issued the ultimatum that no troops would be allowed to cross the frontier unless they were large enough to make sure a Finnish victory. Former president of Finland Svanhufvud, who is well aware of the situation through his close association with the Finnish Commander-in-Chief Mannerheim, visited Chancellor Hitler in Berlin. Internationally speaking, United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt has visited both Sweden and Russia. The German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop is on his way to see Premier Mussolini. Since the War up to this point has been primarily economic the trading interests of the neutrals have been greatly involved. Italy has thus far managed to avoid allying herself with either the Allies or the Russians or Germans. This new approach of Germany is concerned primarily with Italy's lack of coal quota established by Great Britain and the economic blockade. Suffice it to say Germany is extremely rich in coal.

21 Changes Advised in NLRB

On the Home Front we find that the NLRB is coming in for its share of the firing squad in the shape of a committee appointed by the House of Representatives last July to investigate the increasing complaints against the Board. Last week the committee submitted its preliminary findings to the House although the hearings have not yet been completed. Among the 21 changes advised in the Act by a three-to-two committee vote the more drastic of these include proposals to (1) create a new three-member board with judiciary capacities and a new administrator to handle complaints and prosecutions, (2) prevent the board from instituting collective bargaining action unless it was sought by an employer and his workers, (3) require the Board to recognize an employer's demand for an election to determine which of two competing unions in the same bargaining unit should be recognized (now optional). The Bill containing the twenty-one amendments has been referred to the House Labor Committee but its chairman has announced that no action would be taken until the final report of the investigating committee has been presented.

Finland's Response Depends on Allies

Whether the consternation of the allies at this talk of a Russo-Finland peace is strong enough to force them into sending material aid immediately to Finland

Without the customary fanfare and tumult a new British liner Queen Elizabeth steamed into New York Harbor last Thursday on its maiden crossing of the Atlantic. Although the ship looked far from Queen that it is, with its gray battleship color and unfinished interior, England was glad that it had made its voyage in safety and at the close of the war looks for it to be one of the favorite liners of the English ships.

Politics Club Recommends More Campus Citizenship

(The following is the report of the Politics Club committee on Student Citizenship. It is printed as a revealing survey of campus problems in which every student should be interested. Ed.)
 The citizenship committee was formed to study the problem of non-participation in student government activities on the Bates campus. Lack of interest in the functioning of the Student Council, Women's Student Government, and the Publishing Association is evident, though dissatisfaction with their role is often expressed. The chief reason for this lack of interest on the part of the students, this Committee finds, is that they feel the governing bodies are not fully responsive to popular opinion because they are too strictly limited in their action by faculty and administration. Another charge, heard from the wom-

en is that they have little part in choosing the members and leaders of the Women's Student Government Board. Also, there are students who hesitate to take part in student activities, especially in changing the status quo, because they fear that such action might displease administrative officers and jeopardize scholarships, jobs, or honorary positions. A fourth reason for lack of student interest is ignorance of the purpose of the governing bodies. (For instance there are students who have never heard of the Publishing Association. Many who have heard the name do not know how it works, or how it affects them.)

Student Indifference Impairs Efficiency
 As a result of this ignorance and indifference the student government organizations can not operate with full

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Seniors Take Places In Maine Classrooms
 Several seniors are now enjoying their first thrills of practice teaching in surrounding towns. Among those who left campus last Monday are Ann Luella Cleveland, to Rockland; Mary Gozonsky, to Rockland; Bertha Bell, to Gardiner; Tom Puglisi, to Rumford; Bernice Lord, to M. Falls; and Marie Dodge, to MCL. This Monday Pauline Chayer left for South Paris, and Carolyn Hayden will take up duties at Rumford.

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 efficiency, and faults in their systems are allowed to continue. Items of concern to students such as the rule appearing on page 21 of the Blue Book under the heading "Withdrawal of Privileges" (stating that the college may expel any student, any time, without giving specific reason for the action) the committee fees should be important enough to the live student to merit discussion. The committee feels that if a college does not provide for the practice of the duties and privileges of citizenship, it is falling in one of the requirements of modern education. It feels that student government should be the chief agent of training students for effective citizenship in a democracy. This necessitates a government system which is as democratic as possible and in which every student has a vital interest. Recommend Full Use of Existing System After making its study, the committee came to the conclusion that no change in our system should be attempted at once, but that the first thing to do is to take full advantage of the existing organization and to improve them as much as possible. The first requirement is, of course, participation of all the students in movements to solve campus problems. This may be effected by a "town meeting", patterned after the "Town Meeting of the Air". Significant and interesting questions would be discussed from the different viewpoints of selected speakers. Students, faculty, and administration would be represented by the speakers. Members of the audience would question the speakers and take part in the discussion. A suggested topic for one meeting is one that has recently received wide attention, the social relationships between ed and coed. The meeting would give all concerned opportunity to express their opinions, would make known the popular sentiment, and as the opinion became vocal and organized, it could be used to support action in the desired direction. Such a plan would open for review such pertinent questions as a change in the nominating system for Women's Student Government, aiding the Publishing Association in its functions, and, in general, making the campus more truly governed by its citizens.

Balloting System
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 women, and the treasurer for the men. This would avoid confusion in choosing tellers, and 4. To revolutionize the system of nomination. A nomination committee of six appointed by each class president and vice-president would solve the problem of over-representation among any one group. Final Plan Compromise Student Council also offered four changes: 1. To confine the voting to a single room equipped with booths. This would reduce the number of officials needed. 2. One ballot for men which would have on it only those organizations applying to men, and one for women with their specific activities listed. 3. To allow clubs to elect officers at this same time. 4. To have a whole day or part of a day set aside for elections. At this time we see that the original plan was to be the basis of the system but that it was through these early modifications that it became more like our present method. By this time it appeared that Bates students were ready to accept change and it seems almost prophetic when the STUDENT observed, "It is expected that when this plan is put into operation, election day at Bates will become one of the most important functions on the college calendar." To Hold Voting In Chase Hall Another two months passed before a joint committee composed of representatives from the Student Council, Student Government, Y. M. C. A., and W. A. A. resulted in a culmination of a movement for consolidation of elections. What was previously only a vague plan had at last taken definite form. It was decided that the voting would take place in the music room of Chase Hall, where there would be eight voting booths built by the Student Council. Polls were to be open from one-five o'clock (this was later changed to nine-five). The system was to be explained in a student assembly previous to the elections. Each student should be checked in, vote, place his ballot in a sealed envelope, cast it in the ballot box, and be checked out. All ballots would be counted Monday night and Tuesday so that the results would be made known Wednesday in the STUDENT. At this same time all organizations on Campus were invited and urged to "avail themselves of the opportunity to have their elections from a part of the general election."

Four Clubs Listed In First Elections
 Thus the date, March 21, 1932, was set for the first of the General Elections, supervised by Student Council and Student Government. Four clubs at this time entered the elections—Spafford-Alethea, La Petite Academie, Men's Politics, and Der Deutscher Verein. The new system was tested and met with approval on campus. To

Deputation Team Leads Augusta Church Service
 Robert Spencer '40, David Jennings '41, Myra Hoyt '42, Priscilla A. Boyles '43, Genevieve Stephenson '43, and Eleanor Wood '42 were members of a Deputation team journeying to the Penney Memorial United Baptist Church in Augusta Sunday. The morning sermon, "The Greatest Room in the World", was delivered by Spencer. "Christian Characteristics", the evening sermon, was delivered by Jennings. About 500 attended.

Religious Committee Chiefly Advisory
 When we turn to the Committee on Religious interests, we find a less definitely established routine and a more or less flexible system designed to meet the religious needs of the college as they arise. The committee acts as general supervisor of the religious interests and activities of the college, and serves as a counsel for the Christian Association. The smooth and efficient running of the latter has made this a light task, however. A few years ago, the committee sponsored and directed a Religious Emphasis Week on campus—a program which had counterparts in the other Maine colleges. It is somewhat difficult to designate, however, its specific duties and accomplishments for its work is done in a general manner and it serves mainly in an advisory capacity. The committee plans to hold its next meeting after Spring vacation. Its members are: Dr. R. L. Zerby, Dr. A. A. Hovey, Dr. A. M. Leonard, Dr. R. F. McDonald, Dean Hazel Clark, Dr. F. C. Mabee, Dr. P. A. Bertocci, and Prof. R. D. Seward.

Faculty Committees
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 In the spring of the senior year, candidates submit their theses to their department heads and the committee. Oral examinations in the candidate's major and minor fields are given by a special group of the faculty including three Honors committee members. An interesting feature of this examination is the student's short defense of his thesis—this may be traced back directly to the medieval universities. This examining group then reports to the Honors Committee which makes the award of commencement honors accordingly. In the history of the committee, only three summa cum laude's have been awarded while there are usually several magna cum laude's and a number of cum laude's. Many of these successful honors students have gone on to get their masters' and doctors' degrees and are now teaching in colleges.

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 blance of democracy left. By and large, the committee found LITTLE justification for this fear. It would welcome any evidence which has been overlooked. It would more than welcome a sharp denial by the administration that the threat of economic insecurity is a method used by them to control students. Must Develop Leadership Charges of faculty domination are inevitable in any college set-up. There is no doubt but what the permanent members of the Bates community are between the devil and the deep blue sea—the trustees, alumni, and the public on one side; the students on the other. We're here for four years. Any mistakes we make are likely to be felt by them long after we are gone. If we unduly shock the outside world, the administration takes it on the chin; if the administration repudiates us, we howl—lo, the poor administration! Yet it is just because we're here for such a short time that these men should take the lead in developing people who are going to be responsible in civil government. If they are afraid to place power in the hands of their students, they can't have too much faith in their teaching. Or if certain restrictions are absolutely necessary (i.e. compulsory chapel, compulsory class attendance, etc.), the faculty and administration should be willing to defend them—not from the lofty perch which their position affords them, but on a man-to-man basis. We have suggested the Bates town meeting for just such discussions. These open forums won't result in a gentle peace; they will probably result in a turbulent campus seething with ideas. But it will also result, we believe, in an enhanced interest in Bates and a greater respect for the men who guide and direct. Who knows? The enthusiasm might even extend into the classwork. William Sutherland '40.

Question Relative Value Storm Contributions
 To the Editor: "That time of year has rolled around again when we are exhorted and urged to donate funds so that Dr. Storm may continue his work in Arabia at the "keystone of the crumbling empire of Mohammed." Yet many of us, in fact, the majority, remain apathetic and passive about it all; we cannot rouse much enthusiasm over the glowing pictures which our Chapel speakers paint of his humanitarian work. Most of us too just don't give and we are criticized for our attitude—we are called stingy, shirking, and smug. Perhaps this attitude of ours could be explained by less derogatory terms, perhaps we are not so un-Christian in our stinginess after all. Relatively Valueless We don't dogmatically renounce the good Dr. Storm or his work for most of us realize that it has its value but what we do feel is that its relative value is slight. We are not laboring under the assumption that the wild rumors about Dr. Storm's life of sybaritic splendor in his sandstone palace are true but what we do feel is that we cannot sincerely give our none-too-plentiful money to a purpose whose value is in the least questioned and whose relative worth fails to even approximately balance the scales in its favor. It would perhaps be in order at this point to rip out a cliché: "Charity begins at home". Certainly none of us can say that the situation of the local population is ideal, nor, in the same vein that we, as students, make much of an effort to better it. Nor can we deny that there are students right on our campus who could put the money which we have to donate to a much better use—in the form of a scholarship or a loan fund. Certainly, Bates is not so well off,

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certainly conditions are not so ideal here that we may cast our eyes to distant Arabia in search of some means for ridding ourselves of surplus money. Yes, even the much-martyred Finns would probably welcome our little bit. We realize that this attitude of ours as to the efficiency of such a charity is small soap to our ideals—we like to feel that we are holding the torch of Christianity on high, that we are helping our inferiors, and that we are generous and benevolent. But these are delusions; the chances are that the Arabians don't even welcome our charity, and even that they don't need it. Perhaps it is more than rumor that Dr. Storm was none too grateful when he failed to mention Bates College in his list of sponsors during a recent radio broadcast. It is our honest opinion that we should conscientiously think twice before contributing to this campaign. David Weeks '41, J. Eugene Ayers '42.

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