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# C.A. Commission Offers Campus Wide Service

By Gladys Bickmore '42

Who are upper-classmen sometimes find it difficult to turn a backward glance to that time when we were about to become freshmen in college. We recall vaguely the letters written by members of Student Government, by members of the Women's Athletic Association; we doubtless remember the letters which were written by our "big sisters" and "big brothers"; the Christian Association which offered us a foretaste of the introduction to the place and importance of that organization on the campus. Perhaps we recollect being at the station on that very first day with a cordial welcome from the members of the Freshman Committee—and still later, the various activities of Freshman Week. Again, there may be more than vague recollections, for it is quite possible that some of us have become vitally interested in the work of the C. A. and have become engaged directly in some of its activities and opportunities. But despite whether or not we can remember our first contact with the C. A. or our early impressions—we are able, if we take the trouble to look to see evidences of the work of the Association in all our daily experiences, in its work with each new freshman class, in its weekly Chapel services, etc. Whether we be Seniors with hazy memories or Freshmen with vivid recollections, we are granted the C. A. and its work. We know it to be one of the most important organizations on the campus because we have been told all through our college course that this is its status. But how many of us are really aware of C. A.? How many of us realize that its purpose involves more than the Saturday Night Dances and its work covers a far broader expanse than the Sunday afternoon Vesper Services?

It is a generally known fact that he who would serve best would serve well, and in a large sense this is the philosophy upon which the Christian Association is built. Indeed, when one takes into consideration the scope and variety of its services, its desire to meet the needs, religious, social and spiritual, of the students, and its underlying purpose of giving to them something to which to turn for a

fuller and deeper meaning of college life—the truth of this statement is enhanced.

But now to the actual work of the C. A. Almost everyone knows that the Social Committee, in cooperation with the Chase Hall Committee, is responsible for the Saturday Night Dances, but added to this one item are such features as the afternoon cocoas which are so popular during mid-years, the music in the dining rooms at Fiske and Commons; the dance classes which are held in the fall for the primary purpose of giving instruction to those who are unable to dance. This committee also works in cooperation with WAA on the May Day Breakfast and during Mothers' Week End takes charge of the Dance and Open House in Chase Hall. Coed dining, supper forums after Vesper Services, and the C. A. Banquet constitute the remainder of its activities. Thus, the social aspect is accomplished by C. A. in giving to all of its members the opportunity to gain much from this aspect of college life.

**Religion Committee Has Wide Scope**  
All C. A. religious activities on campus are taken care of by the Religion Committee—Vesper Services, weekly Chapel speakers and services. Various discussion groups which meet on campus and at the different professors' houses for the purpose of talking over religious problems are sponsored by the Religion Committee, as are the drives for the World Student Service Fund and the Storm Campaign. Closely associated with this committee is that of Deputations, which adds proof to the fact that the C. A.'s program is far-reaching in its work, in that this committee takes charge of religious activities away from the campus—in nearby communities and towns. Speakers and persons with musical talents are sent to various schools, churches, men's clubs and boys' clubs. Worship services and socials are planned for Sunday schools and churches.

Again in the realm of service are the Community Service and Social Action Committees. The former includes a great deal of work which is done at the Old Ladies' Home in Lewiston, the Children's Home in Auburn, and the County Jail. Cards are sent at Christmas time, magazines are provided, programs are put (Continued on page four)

## Opinion On Shortened Session Emphasizes Chance To Work

A recent poll has been conducted to see what students think of the shortened school year. Although everyone has accepted the fact that this semester is shortened, students still hold different ideas on the matter.

It gives the students who are working their way through college more time to earn money as told by Robert Smith '43: "Good idea—I like it because it gives us more time to work during the summer."  
Science majors also have pro and con points of view about this. Charles Edwards '43 says: "I hope that it doesn't cut short the practical application derived from some courses—such as those that entail laboratory work." Lawrence Stetson '42, another science major, looks at it with the opinion of those going to graduate schools: "It's better for me because it gives me more time off before medical school opens."

**The Worker And The Draftee Affected**  
Of course freshmen don't know too much about this long or shortened term but one freshman looks at it from an altruistic standpoint. Emanuel Goldman '45 says: "I think it's a good idea because it gives students more chance to work and enables the boys to finish a year before being drafted."

There are many who prefer the regular term but realize the necessity of change. Valerie Saiving '43: "I prefer that it wouldn't be shortened, but I can see that it is a necessity because they are doing it in other colleges." Freeman Rawson '43 also says: "I think it's a good idea if there is to be a summer school because it will enable us to attend, but if there's to be no summer session, it will be valuable only for those who are being drafted and not so valuable to the rest of us."

One would hardly think that next year's job seekers would be concerned, but they are as is shown by two seniors, Jean Keneston and Elise

Woods, respectively: "Shorter terms seem to fit naturally in the general national hurry up schedule, I guess. It doesn't seem to me the amount of time we're sacrificing is going to make us have to cram, but at the same time it doesn't give us seniors quite so much time to get frantic about next year's job." "I think we have got to do it because all other colleges are getting out earlier, and we'll find they'll be getting jobs ahead of us."

Then there are those who enjoy college enough so that they would rather have a long semester than be drafted. James McMurray '42 states "It's not so good for those of us that have been deferred until the end of the school year because it means we're in the army a month sooner." Robert Langerman '42 also says "As far as I'm concerned I would just as soon have the regular term—I'll be starting work one month earlier this way."

**Bates Can Take It If Other Colleges Can**  
Dorothy Mausey '43 shows what rugged individuals we are and our ability to keep up with the programs of other colleges. She says "When it's all over, we'll be saying, 'How nice, it's only the middle of May'. But oh, the wear and tear! We can take it though just as other colleges are."

The last interview was with Norman Temple '44. He believes, "The supposed sugar shortage, the supposed gasoline shortage, and the disruptions caused by the Selective Service program have certainly caused the average college student to get pretty excited and stirred up. The recent remarks of the Editor of the STUDENT to the contrary, notwithstanding. The speeded up college program with the strain it adds to the ordinarily strenuous college program is just another straw on the college student's back. It's saving feature is that it allows us to earn a bit more money by going home a month sooner."

## CAA Issues Final Call For Air Recruits

### Quota Must Be Filled If Course Is To Be Given

There is still an opportunity for several to sign up for the CAA Course, it has been announced. The quota is not yet full, and it is absolutely necessary that this be done before the course can be given. This is the last chance to have CAA given here, since, if the quota is not met at this time, no course will be given this semester nor at any other time in the future. If any students are interested the time to sign up is now!

It should be emphasized that three hours credit is given for the course and may be considered as one of the five required subjects. Anyone who is enlisted in the class V-5 is eligible. These persons are advised to take the course. Any student taking CAA will be immediately deferred by his local draft board.

The tentative program includes Dr. Rayborn L. Zerby as leader of the service, and selections by the choir. The service is being held a half hour earlier than usual, so it will not conflict with the coed tea which is to be held on the same day.

## Heavy Snow At Bridgton Greets OC Ski Group

One of the score of Outing Club members who went on the Bridgton trip Sunday, reported that the only memory of mishaps outside of two broken skis was of "sitzmarks" all over the hill! and under miscellaneous data just, "more sizzmarks". Since there were over one hundred other people at Mount Pleasant, perhaps the twenty in the Bates group were responsible for only one-fifth of the marks.

Dr. and Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Ross left with the group at 5:00, finding twenty-one inches of heavy snow on arrival, and more to fall all day. What was termed an "amazing feat" was that the skiers "treaded the hill all morning".  
An incident on the trip which had many hard put to conceal their feelings was that of a girl in another group who kept demanding service from her five-year-old sister. One of the mainstays of the Girls' Ski Club told Dr. Sawyer that any minute she might forget the child psychology she had learned in Dr. Bertocci's class if the "bully" continued imposing on the little girl. Dr. Sawyer's opinion is not recorded, but it is certain that the small Sunday visitor had the whole-hearted sympathy of the Bates group.

## CAA Sponsors Discussion At Informal Supper Group

A social hour, sponsored by the Christian Association, took place in Chase Hall on Sunday evening, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30. A light supper was served with Natalie Webber '42 in charge. Following this, a discussion was led by Mrs. Mary Mullins of the American Friends Service Committee on the constructive work which is being done by this committee during the war. Mrs. Mullins is probably better known to the members of the campus as Miss Mary Morissette.

## Students Present Rio de Janeiro Panel Discussion

Six students who are preparing to compete in the National Extempore-Discussion Contest of Inter-American Affairs, presented a panel discussion of the recent Rio de Janeiro Conference before the Men's Club at the Calvary Methodist Church Thursday evening.  
David Nichols '42 presided over the panel which included Arthur Cole '42, Edward Dunn '44, Robert McKinnon '42, John Lloyd '42, and Thomas Howard '42.

## Eligible Draftees Register Monday

All those eligible for Selective Service, who are not already registered, will do so Monday, Feb. 16, at the President's Office, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

## CA Sponsors Vespers On World Prayer Day

Next Sunday afternoon, at 3:30, there will be a Vesper Service in the Chapel. It is the World Day of Prayer, and the service will be similar to that used by other groups all over the world. This service will be sponsored by the Christian Association. Verne Smith '42 and Edwin Nutting '45 are making the arrangements.

The tentative program includes Dr. Rayborn L. Zerby as leader of the service, and selections by the choir. The service is being held a half hour earlier than usual, so it will not conflict with the coed tea which is to be held on the same day.

## Former Student Relates Air Corps Experiences

Within the last year several Bates men, and ex-Bates men have entered the army and navy. The specific lines of activity these boys have gone into are varied, and interesting. A letter was received recently on campus from a former member of the class of '42, Robert Stiles. Realizing that students may not know as much as they might like about the army, he has written, in the hope that they "might be interested in learning of what we are doing here" to give a general idea of a particular phase of the work.  
"Bob" is stationed at Napier Field, Alabama, which is one of the many Air Corps Flying Schools in the Southeast Training Center. The work at this field is "devoted to the training of United Kingdom Students in pursuit work". The men here vary in age from the very young to the middle aged.

Stiles is engaged in teaching these men the fundamentals of Air Combat. They are now on a 24 hour schedule, in order that the training course, which formerly took two weeks, may now be completed in six, or seven under the new program.

A portion of the letter was given over to a detailed description of the activities at the field during the first few days of the war. In order to give, first hand, the vivid picture as he writes it, a direct quotation follows:

"I was stationed at Craig Field in Selma, Alabama, but happened to be on a ten-day leave, at the time of the outbreak of the war. I received a telegram that memorable Sunday to report back to the field as soon as possible, and, upon arrival, was greeted by the greatest activity I've ever seen. All ships were on the field and equipped with machine guns, loaded and ready for instant use. The higher ranking officers at Southwest Training Center headquarters issued orders placing all flying officers on 24 hour call, and had worked out plans for abandoning the field in case of attack."

He then explains that each of the flying officers was given instructions to take his assigned plane to a certain open field and land. "At night this is no joke with no lights to guide you in, strange field, radio silent, and all towns blacked out!" Needless to say, this was a difficult assignment, and shows just how during the alert they did their part. "Bob" wrote that they managed to get through it all right, but "sleeping on a canvas cot in the squadron room with student night flying going on is one thing I don't relish going through again!"

It is interesting to learn through this letter that there are a number (Continued on page four)

## CA Announces New Banquet Date

### Committee Hopes To Secure Miss Lerrigo As Speaker

The Christian Association Banquet which was originally scheduled for January 22, was postponed due to the change in the schedule of Mid-Year examinations. A new definite date has been set for March 10, at has been announced.

The committee is headed by Nancy Terry '43, and she has assisting her Betty Bliss '43, Betty Roberts '42, Marie Radcliffe '44, Mary McGrail '43, and Elaine Bush '44.

It is hoped that the guest speaker for the banquet will be Edith Lerrigo. Miss Lerrigo was graduated from Bates in 1937. While in Bates she was president of the Young Women's Christian Association, formerly separated from the Men's Christian Association. She then obtained her Master's degree from Columbia University.

She is the New England secretary of the Student Christian Association whose headquarters are in Boston. Last fall she was selected from all the national secretaries to promote and arrange the National Students Conference in Oxford, Ohio, where one thousand students from the United States were present.

Miss Lerrigo is in great demand in women's colleges of New England.

## War Brings Increase In Campus Defense Effort

In last year's women's edition of the STUDENT appeared the following statement: "War has not been declared, but Bates is steadily trying to do her part in peace time activities." What was Bates doing? There was a CAA flight course, some of the girls and faculty wives were knitting blankets, shawls, helmets, etc., and the Varsity Club had volunteered as airplane spotters. Yes, they were great "peace time activities", but let us look at the Bates campus today. War has been declared and Bates has stepped into its place in defense efforts.

More and more girls are knitting for the Red Cross and Bundles for Britain. Mrs. Kierstead has had work keeping them supplied with yarn. Announcement was recently made of another CAA flight course for upperclassmen and of special mechanical drawing and mathematics classes. Already we have accepted the shortened second semester, carnival, and Easter vacation.

## New Calendar Curtails Practice Teaching Plans

Quite a few of the seniors are not going practice teaching as they had planned, due to the shortening of the semester, but we have several who went last semester, and a few are still planning to go this semester. Among those who have already gone are Barbara Barsantee to Sanford, Charlotte Crane to Sabattus, Elaine Hardie to Livermore Falls, Richard Hitchcock to MCI at Pittsfield, Lysander Kemp to Old Orchard, Barbara Moore and Alice Turner to Rumford, Claire Wilson to Bath, and Barbara Stanhope to MCI.

Several of the senior girls leave this week. Theresa Begin and Doris Borgerson to Rumford, Althea Comins to Mexico, Dorothy Frost and Marion Ludwick to Bath, and Irene Patten to Gardiner.

## Round Table

The next scheduled meeting of the Bates Round Table is Thursday, Feb. 12, in Chase Hall. Chairman Dr. Brian will preside, and Professor Fred A. Knapp will speak on "Cicero". The hosts include Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Miss Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Miss Schaeffer, and Dr. and Mrs. Woodcock.

## Faculty Considers Summer Session Plans

### Deputation Groups Anticipate Busy Month

Sunday a deputations group, consisting of Myra Hoyt '42 and Eleanor Wood '42, will go to Portland State Street Congregational Church. On the same day Florence Skinner '44 and John Marsh '43 will travel to Saco.

Plans for the rest of February have been completed. The week end of the 22nd, John Tierney '42 and Priscilla Bowles '42 will conduct a service at Madison, N. H., and to Norway, Lester Smith '43, Almond Fish '44, Miriam Cram '44, and Robert Curtis '42. That same week end a group consisting of Harold Wheeler '43, Richard Keach '44, and Frances Roife '43 will go to Central Square, Portland.

The next week, the 28th, Harold Wheeler '43, Betsy Corsi '44, Edward Sherbloom '44, and Florence Skinner '44 will go to South Paris, while Arnold Stevens '44, Frances Walker '44, and Priscilla Bowles '42 will travel to Pride's Corner.

## Debaters Compete For Varsity Forensic Squad

Try-outs for the varsity Debate Squad were held last week, and the members are—1942: Priscilla Bowles, Charles Buck, Arthur Cole, Honorine Hadley, Thomas Howarth, David Nichols, Paul Quimby, and Jane Woodbury; 1943: George Antunes, Henry Corey, Freeman Rawson, Valerie Saiving, Arnold Stinchfield, John Thurlow, and Alexander Williams; 1944: Madeline Butler, Elizabeth Cort, Mildred Cram, Donald Day, Ann Bradley Dearborn, Despina Doukas, Edward Dunn, Robert Macfarlane, Norman Temple, Vincent McKusick, and Arnold Stevens.

The freshman prize speaking debates are to be held Tuesday night, Feb. 24, in the radio room in Chase Hall at seven and at eight o'clock. At seven o'clock, Resolved, that the Federal Government should provide 250,000 competitive scholarships of \$500 each, yearly, to needy college students. Affirmative, Maurice Benewitz and Jack Bogert; negative, Robert Daniels and Trafton Mendall. At eight o'clock, Resolved, that a democratic government is justified in using any propaganda means of influencing public opinion to keep up morale during war. Affirmative, Dorothy Babcock, Priscilla Crane, and Nancy Lord; negative, Doris Dixon, Christine Stillman, and Barbara Taber.

## CA Sponsors Regular Morning Vesper Services

On Monday, Feb. 9, the first of the regular morning meditations was held in the Chapel. These meditations, which are sponsored by the Christian Association, will be held every weekday morning from 7:30 to 7:40. These services, which have no leader, are similar to those given during mid-years. The Chapel is open to everyone.

## ON VALENTINE'S DAY...

Remember Uncle Sam, too!  
Also Give U. S. DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

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## IMPrints . . .

There is one character in college life who is perennially interesting. Plays have been written about him, song-writers sing about him, he is the professors' headache, the coeds' heart-throb, and his parents' pride and joy. He may not have "turned-up pantaloons", but sooner or later, he will acquire a crew hat, dirty white flannels and a butch haircut. Even if he sec'ns these outward signs, we believe that deep in the heart of every college boy, there is a little bit of—Joe College. We humbly submit some of the highlights of his college career:

**MATRICULATION:** That elaborate ceremony of appliation or, according to Webster, "enrolling at a college or university by placing one's name on the register".

**ORIENTATION:** If Joe goes to Bates, this means Freshman Week, speakers and more speakers, a letter home for more money, Stanton Ride, who's that cute coed and cheese it, the Unholy 13! Then Joe has two courses open to him:

**CONCENTRATION or DISSIPATION:** Joe has to make the greatest choice of his life, shall it be Kant's philosophy or Esquire? Unless he's the strong, shy, silent type, he'll truck over to Chase Hall and engage in a little SYNCOPATION. One thing leads to another and it isn't long before COEDUCATION comes into his life. At stated intervals throughout his career, Joe will encounter the EXAMINATION, involving both PERSPIRATION and INSPIRATION. After mid-years may come either EMANCIPATION or CONTINUATION. Then comes the day when Joe gets a terrible pain in his right side. Joe: Oh dear, oh dear, what can the matter be? Dr.: You've got appendicitis, we're off to the CMG! You've guessed it—OPERATION. After four years of struggle, Joe used to look forward to GRADUATION; now (not that we consider it to be any laughing matter), he may have to undertake another OCCUPATION—for the DURATION.

### BATES ON THE AIR

The scheduled interview between Charles Buck and Professor Leonard and Professor Robinson about the professors' experiences in teaching here at Bates was not put on last week, due to the failure of the new radio technician to hook up the station at the right time, and will be put on next Wednesday night.

Following radio programs include a play, directed by John Marsh, and a round table discussion by the Politics Club, with George Antunes in charge.

## Campus Camera . . . by Lea



## Eleven States Contribute To College's Coed Population

By Virginia Simons '44

Where do you come from, my pretty coed? To answer this we would have to travel all over the Eastern United States, for Bates coeds hail from eleven states and the District of Columbia. Looking at the records we find that Massachusetts heads the list with 102 residents here at college or 35.6% of registered girls. Maine is a close second with 32.2% or 92 girls. Following these two states comes Connecticut with 27 coeds at school. After this there follow in this order: New Hampshire, 21; New Jersey, 14; Rhode Island, 12; New York, 9; Pennsylvania, 4; and Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Vermont, and Washington, D. C., have one each.

### Class Percentage A Different Story

By classes we find a somewhat different story. There are more girls from Massachusetts in every class but the sophomore class which claims more coeds from Maine. The freshman class has members from the farthest points represented among the girls. Winifred Clarke '45 hails clear from Clinton, Iowa, while her roommate, Alice Gates '45, lives in Ohio. Going south we find '45 represented at the nation's capital by Ruth How-

ard '45. All together there are 13 girls from outside New England in the freshman class. This seems to verify the opinion that Bates College is attracting more and more students outside its original area. Last year Mr. Curtis visited schools in New York and New Jersey for the first time. This year he expects to advertise our college to prospective students from the Canadian border to perhaps as far South as Trenton, Elizabeth, New Jersey, was the most distant city visited last year.

Glancing at the other classes, we see the sophomores are more strictly New England, having only two from New York and Pennsylvania and four out of New Jersey. Jane Styer '44 and Alice Spooner '44 are the Pennsylvanians and Marie Radcliffe '44 now lives in Oak Park, Illinois. Claimants for distant honors in the junior class go to June Atkins '43 of New Jersey and Berty Halberstadt '43 of New York. Ann Parsons '43 has the distinction of being the only feminine student from Vermont.

### Seniors Hail From Best Eight States

Now we come to those high and mighty seniors. They only live in eight different states. Dorothy Matthews '42 comes from the Penn state which really isn't so far. In fact, all but nine of the seniors are staunch Yankees. But we will have to give them credit for hanging on to their class members. There are still 79 seniors as against 55 juniors and 68 sophomores. Of course, the freshmen lead with 83 green coeds.

Nor can we forget the Lewiston and Auburn girls of which there are 36 plus Barbara Cox '45, Louise '44, and Marion Otis '45, who commute from outside the twin cities. In Miss Harvey's office there is a very interesting map of New England with a pin placed in every point on the map where a coed lives. In looking at this we notice that the two points of concentration are Boston and Springfield, besides, of course, Lewiston and Auburn. It is also rather unique to note that there are more girls from Massachusetts than there used to be, and that considering Bates is a Maine college the Maine registration is steadily decreasing while that of the middle Atlantic states is on the upswing.

Now you can see why it would take some traveling to cover the home-towns of Bates College coeds.

### CLUB NOTES

Orphic met in Chase Hall, last Thursday night, to practice new music and make a record of the Alma Mater. The regular meeting of the Poetry Clinic was held, as usual, at Professor Glazier's home. Two plays, sections of Ibsen's "Ghosts", directed by Jack Senior, and "Smoke Screen", directed by Mary Bartlett, were put on at the Robinson and Healers meeting, Monday night, in the Little Theatre. Camera Club met in Carnegie; and Yvonne Chase spoke on the position of women in ancient Rome at the meeting of the Latin Club in Libby Forum.

R. J. S.

## FROM THE NEWS

By Helen Martin '42

### THE WAR IN THE EAST

In the Far East, the United Nations last week stood at bay in the key bastions of their defense. In two months of war against the Japanese, their lot had been retreat. The enemy, striking swiftly and forcefully with a far-flung deployment of ships and manpower, had developed his initial advantage of surprise into far-reaching gains across the island-studded sea and on the mainland. The Japanese in their great bid for conquest, had launched a many-pronged offensive across the Southwest Pacific designed to cut the lifelines linking the Allies in the Far East with their home bases of supply, to cripple Allied naval forces at the outset. American warships struck last week at the mandated islands, where the Japanese had established plane and ship stations. United Nations submarines and bombers ranged the waterways between the South Pacific islands, attacked long convoys of supply and transport vessels.

Java last week was making preparations for invasion. This long and narrow island, where live volcanoes rumble above smiling, park-like fields, is the Indies' richest prize, the center of the Netherlands administration. The Japanese struck suddenly last week at Surabaya with a great force of bombing planes. American pursuit planes joined in actions to repel the aerial invaders, participating for the first time directly in the defense of the Netherlands strategic islands.

Singapore, four hours flight by bomber plane from Java, lived through its first week of siege. Across the narrow Johore Strait, the Japanese who fought the British down the jungle-covered Malay Peninsula were gathering their forces for attack.

Burma, the vital life-line of supplies from the United Nations' arsenal to fighting China, last week was menaced by another prong of the far-flung offensive of the Nipponese. The immediate issue for the defending forces in Burma was the protection of the supply route into China. In Rangoon, it was said that the railway artery to the interior of China — the only one by which the Chinese armies can be supplied — would be defended at all costs.

In the Philippines and on the outpost islands of Australia, Allied forces were harrying the flanks of the advancing legions of the Rising Sun. In the dense woods and rugged hills of the Bataan Peninsula the American-Filipino army of General MacArthur was still binding heavy forces of the Japanese in a struggle far behind the foremost front. Australian bombing planes struck at the Japanese-held points in the Bismarck Archipelago, while on the continent "down under" preparations were being pushed to meet the growing threat of a direct invasion.

Signs were multiplying last week on the gigantic battlefield of Russia that the Fuehrer was preparing for the "day" he recently promised to the German people. The Russians spoke of stiffening resistance to their two-and-a-half-month-old counter-offensive, of fresh German reserves thrown in to hold strate-

gic centers. From neutral Ankara and Berne came persistent reports of Nazi occupation forces moving from the Balkans, from Central Europe, from France and the Low Countries — all flowing to the Russian front. Hungarians, Bulgarians, and Rumanians were said to be taking over the job of policing conquered territory. There were stories of new tanks and planes — produced in these Winter months by the Reich's straining factories — massing for a future terrible blow. The counter-strategy for the Russians was clear last week. On all sectors of the 1,700-mile battleground, where perhaps two million men have perished in eight months of incessant struggle, the Red Army pressed the initiative. It sought to take full advantage of the Wehrmacht's continued inability to use tanks and planes on snowdrifted terrain with temperatures at 30 below. It exploited its own superiority in manpower and artillery and Winter weapons. It hammered at the flanks of German held communication centers, striving to break up preparations for the offensive pledged by Hitler. It appeared certain that with the passing of the season of snow and mud an unprecedented battle of machines would ensue on the plains and steppes of the USSR.

### ENEMY ALIENS

Up and down the Pacific Coast last week, from San Pedro to Puget Sound, Federal agents and local police were on the trail of "dangerous" enemy aliens. The homes of Japanese fishermen, clustered in island colonies off the California shore, were searched in sudden "raids". Foreign-owned fruit and vegetable farms inland were also visited by the government men, who confiscated forbidden cameras and radios. A sharp lookout was kept for autos and motorboats equipped with short-wave transmitters. The area has vital naval stations, aircraft plants, mining and timber preserves. There has been popular clamor for mass removal of an estimated 200,000 enemy aliens. For the protection of the large majority of enemy aliens who are regarded as friendly to the United States, as well as to expedite the hunt for spies and saboteurs, the government has ordered all Japanese, Germans, and Italians to register at post offices this month. Eventually they will receive "certificates of identification."

### OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Some 5,400,000 Americans have volunteered to serve the Office of Civilian Defense. Last week a shake-up was in progress in OCD administration. There were strong indications that the organization's titular head, Mayor LaGuardia of New York, who has been under fire for holding more than one job, would resign. His probable successor, OCD Executive Director Landis, outlined a new set-up of six divisions — civil air patrol, civilian protection, administrative service, community, and volunteer participation, information division, and general interdepartmental council. It was disclosed that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has been one of Mayor LaGuardia's chief aides, would head the community and volunteer participation.

## CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Thursday, Feb. 5 — Dr. Wright

Using as examples the current movie, "How Green Was My Valley" and the play, "The Watch on the Rhine", Dr. Wright explained that if you have a sermon to preach, the best way to do it is to put it in the form of a poem, a story, or a play. We are doing our duty as patriots by teaching and studying through literature and other subjects the ideas and ideals of mankind, for as Bob Burns said, "Man to man, the world over shall brothers be."

Friday, Feb. 6 — President Gray

President Gray read a letter written by an American aviator the day before he went over the front. This American said that war gives one the opportunity to change a life of failure to one of glory and honor in the last few minutes. He would make the supreme sacrifice honorably and bravely.

—gladly. He expressed belief in communication between one in the after life and this. If he should not have to sacrifice his life, he believes that he will come back a stronger and a better Christian, for the war makes him think and strive harder. He is fighting to bring honor to those he loves. Saturday, Feb. 7 — Prof. Berkelman God has been defined as "a gaseous vertebrate", as "the something not ourselves that works for righteousness", and as "the invisible spirit present when just men gather". It has also been written, "the just among the heathen shall have eternal light", but one's actions and way of living show his conception of God better than any definition he could give. The Rusk brothers' and John Stuart Mill's lived showed a true and fine conception. "They gave something better than a definition of God. They lived Him".



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# Garnet Skimern Take Close Meet From Maine Snowbirds

## Marine Corps Offers Varied Athletic Program

Last week a son of Bowdoin was on the way to interview Bates men concerning applications for becoming commissioned officers in the United States Marine Corps. The representative was Everett Pope, who received his commission with Joe Miller, Lieutenants in the Quantico Marine camp in Virginia.

Lieutenant Pope said that men who are accepted for officers' training in the Marine branch of service are often athletes because such men have had the advantage in give-and-take in the sports world, and have the background to become capable leaders.

Soccer men are very much in evidence, Mr. Pope stated, mentioning that he has seen some of the best in the 1940 and Grant pro last year, and that he was captain in that team at Quantico and that Andy Johnson, Bowdoin football captain in 1941, is now a 2nd Lieutenant there.

The Bates quota for commissioned officers' training is in the ratio of three seniors, five juniors, and three sophomores. It works with under-graduates that the men enlist, are in the reserve and allowed to continue their college work, from where they enter training at Quantico.

During the intensive period, sports are offered in much the same degree as at Bates, with the exception that competition is intramural in group sports of volleyball, basketball and baseball are offered, and individual sports of tennis, bowling, swimming and golf. Golf receives much emphasis until man is commissioned.

The three hours of sports are about that can be worked into the schedule of training men to be leaders of the "striking army of the navy", but these three hours are enough when one considers that the men have been selected because of a well-rounded background in leadership, both intellectual and physical. Mr. Pope explained that the liberal arts college is one of the best sources of men who are to become leaders, and that the man has had an outstanding athletic career, he is an especially desirable candidate.

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## SPORT SHOTS

By Dorothy Foster '42

If Jack Stahlberger can play hockey, this week's commentator can surely describe an equally strenuous sport, smelt fishing, although experts may vary and differ as to the strenuous qualities of this piscatorial pastime.

Brushing aside all protests to the contrary, the best place to catch smelts in Maine is at Dresden, on the tide-river. Of course one couldn't get anywhere near the place without crossing the toll-bridge at Richmond, that is, not unless some devious means of backwoods approach were known, or you were capable of pulling an Eliza-across-the-Dresden.

So you get there. The next point is to find out if you have caught the tide just right, or if, instead, you must wait six or so hours for the next one. Perhaps you needn't worry about where the tide happens to be at the moment, because they say if you miss it on one side of the bridge, you can catch it on the other.

But don't waste time chasing the tide. Take your chances it is just right and buy yourself a little house on the river-ice, yours at a nominal fee for six hours. With the shanty comes a stove (which can get very hot), some clam-worms (all cut) and chairs on which you perch for your allotted period of outwitting the speedy smelts. A sort of trench dug from one side of the domicile to the other is your first line of attack, and into this are dropped the eighteen or so lines which are supposed to catch you some Friday-night snappers.

The custodian of the bait comes around about every hour with fresh bait or suckers, and the more gory you make each hook, the more the fish go for it. All you have to do to catch your mess, is to haul on the line that sways away from the center of the trench. When the line reaches the top, maybe you have something there, maybe you haven't. But often, there it is.

So why is smelt-fishing strenuous? All kidding aside, sometimes they bite so fast you are actually unable to haul in as fast as they hook on. It can also get hot in the confines of the fishing house, what with the stove going full blast at your back and the smelts keeping you tangled in the lines before you. Only relief is to kick open the door and let the wild river-wind rush in. You can't handle the lines if your fingers get numb, so the door won't stay open long.

Count on it that for the next few days all you will see before you will be waving lines, but don't start clutching, there are no fish on the ends. A month later, go again. You'll probably have as much fun the second time as the first.

2,594 was the magic number Saturday to gladden Win Durgin in his ski meet calculations, for it was just this difference that won Bates the

meet. Win says that during the nip-and-tuck returns of Friday and Saturday he often thought Bates was losing, but men and the marvel of mathematics obligingly added up to a win.

Sommernitz showed all-star form that may be counted on to continue to give credit to the team that was hard hit by the loss of J. Thompson, Flint and Bartlett.

Winter took all kinds of toll last week. Carried over from carnival Friday, Norman Tufts sported a dislocated shoulder sustained in a fall skating, and circumstances slapped him down again when he repeated the injury a week later taking a hurdle.

Early in the week at Pole Hill was played the amazing melodrama of "Toboggan in the Night" or "Who Put That Jump There?" Not believing everything you hear will still allow plenty of room for believing rumor when you notice the adhesive decoration on Joe McCullough or remember the brief sojourn of Jim Schaffenberg in the infirmary. These two were the unlucky half of a slide down Pole Hill. The "charmed lives" of the other half of the team, Red Francis and Dave Schiff, are all set to try the run again.

The sudden popularity of bowling in sporting circles has caught on as an extra-curricular activity, with the three alleys in Lewiston and the one across the river absorbing the overflow of Bates bowlers from the Chase Hall alleys.

Jim Scott, Joe Howard and Harry Robinson trekked to Boston over the week end to have themselves a look at the U. S. Naval Reserves, with friends on campus trying to buck censorship restrictions to find out when the weather would let up to clear the way for the return trip.

Carolyn Dodge and Eleanor Darling were on the injured list Sunday, the first disabled at Pole Hill sking Saturday and the latter suffering a broken ankle when she fell down on Frye street. Near-casualties were also observed and reported Saturday as trusting people slipped up and down steps, walks and streets covered with ice.

Those interested in the outcome of the Bates relay teams in the BAA relay Saturday might listen to the radio account in hopes that the events will be described at the time when the Bates boys run. In a past year it so happened that this was the case.

## WAA Announces Highest Scores For Trainers

Nancy Gould '43, vice-president of WAA, in charge of training, reports that five seniors, thirteen juniors, thirteen sophomores, and thirty-eight freshmen have followed the voluntary training schedule for the past semester.

Judy Hardy has received the high-

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## Bobcats Battle Polar Bears Tonight

### Revamped Lineup Faces Bowdoin Five In Portland

Tonight the old Bobcat unsheathes his claws at the Portland Exposition Building under the order of Coach Jimmy DeAngelis to teach the young Polar Bear proper conduct on the basketball court. The Bowdoin team, it will be remembered, received their initial instruction from the Bates hoopmen last semester, and the charity game tonight will see what profit the new Maine competitors derived from that game.

Norm Boyan, who clicked so well in his last game, is expected to continue in good form, although the loss of Doug Stantial, who was developing into a fine fellow-forward with Boyan, will be keenly felt.

Coach DeAngelis probable starting lineup will have Josselyn and Card in the guard positions, Wight at center, and Boyan and Larochelle in as forwards. Sunday all were in top form, and Coach DeAngelis admitted that though "we may not win, we'll try hard".

## Skiing Opportunities Enthuse Snow Bunnies

TRACK - introducing the Bates Ski Club, past and present. Back in 1939, a group of coed ski enthusiasts under the direction of Professor Walmsley organized the first WAA Ski Club. Of the fifteen charter members, only Claire Greenleaf and Elsie Keene are active members in the club now. They are both very good skiers.

Drawing up a club constitution and planning for other years was all part of the program for those first members. Such club policies as open trips for all the girls of the college, ski lessons, and an annual mountain trip have come down from that first club.

The next year, 1939-40, the idea of lessons for club members was carried out. Then, as now, the club had the same coach as the boys' ski team—Coach Winslow Durgin. Christmas, Telmarks, and Sitmarks became something more than words read in the newspapers or in ski magazines. One of the main features of that year's program was an overnight trip to Canon Mountain. Snow conditions were wonderful; the thrill of rides to the top of the mountain in the tram cars, and sailing down the mountain with "the wind and the snow in your hair", all added up to make a week end thoroughly enjoyed by every one there.

Last year's Club added something of distinction in the form of a name and a club insignia. The WAA Ski Club became the Bates Schneehasen. What's in a name? Well, snow bunnies is in that one, because that is what Schneehasen means. The club insignia is a design in garnet and white with Bates Schneehasen around it. Lessons by Coach Durgin and another mountain trip to Cannon were the highlights of the season.

The Schneehasen, 1941-42, introduced the idea of an apprentice group coached by club members. At present there are twenty-three members in this group. Enthusiasm for skiing is on high with both Schneehasens and those in the new apprentice group. Right now every member of Schneehasen is waiting for the mountain trip to Belknap this week end.

## Maine Colleges Confer On Schedule Revisions

Athletic Director Monte Moore conferred Sunday at Bowdoin with representatives of the other three Maine colleges on the revision of athletic schedules made necessary by the curtailed academic year. It is expected that the revisions will be made public within a few weeks.

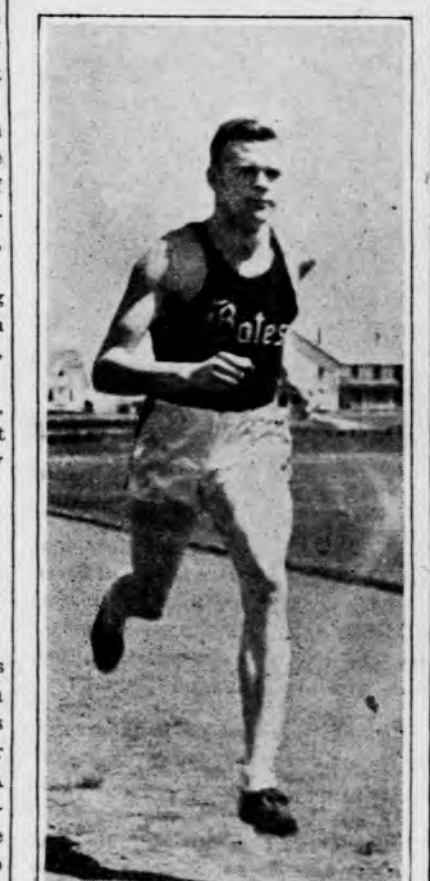
Certain outcome is that competitive athletics as a whole will terminate not later than May 11. As for the possibility of a summer athletic program, nothing could be conjectured until plans for such a session had been decided upon.

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## Sommernitz Leads Mates To Victory

### Varsity, Freshmen Run In BAA Relays

The Bates varsity track team and the freshman team leave Saturday morning for the Boston Gardens to enter the BAA Annual Relay to be held there that night.



DAVE NICKERSON '42



HOWARD SPENCE '45

Traveling will be the four varsity men, Mabee, Nickerson, Thompson and Bert Smith; and from the freshmen, four of the following six will make the trip: Spence, Keltie, Thomas, Baker, Holterbosch, or Bentley. Decisions on the freshmen were incomplete Sunday, although the time trials had been run the day before.

Coach Thompson explains that the freshman team is slightly weak, since at least two are weight men. The varsity is strong, although the absence of Ken Lyford and Bob McLauthlin will be felt.

As in the past, the college against whom the teams compete is not known until near the actual running, but there are hopes that whatever the rival team, Bates will come out as well, at least, as last year, when they won over sixteen other colleges out of twenty-five, and broke one of the Bates records.

Athletic Director Monte Moore and Coach Thompson will be with the eight men for the program which will start at 7:30. After that hour the two teams will be on hand, each of the eight men ready to accomplish their quarter-mile assignment.

Tuesday Coach Thompson stated that unless something unforeseen develops, the freshman squad will be made up of Spence, Keltie, Thomas and Baker.

Immediate concern of the freshmen this afternoon is the track meet with Brighton Academy. The meet starts at 3:30 in the Bates cage, with the whole crew turning out for the competition. The events should prove a fresher for the four who are to enter at Boston Saturday. Big difference, of course, lies in that today's meet includes all events and the opponent is known, whereas Saturday there will be just the mile relay and the competing team is not known until the last minute.

## Soph Star Finishes First In Jumping, Downhill And Slalom

Win Durgin's skimen margined their way to victory over an unlucky Maine roster of competitors last week end when they garnered 540.124 points to ease past the 537.530 total of the Pale Blue. Snow fell during the two days of events to make participation difficult for those wearing glasses; two Maine men, Cowan and Hill, were hurt; and both teams kept at high tension throughout because of the close score. In all the opinion was that the meet was typical of the fine spirit of rivalry which the colleges manifest in the winter sports field.

In the cross-country Friday afternoon, Bower completed the 5 1/2 mile course in 29:15.4, followed by classmate Atwood with 33:18.0. After them in order came Webber of Maine, Quimby and Kolstad of Bates, Gilman of Maine and Grimes and Jones of Bates. With first and second in this, Maine points stood 99.34 to the Bates 87.54.

Bad breaks came to Maine Saturday morning in the slalom and downhill, with Hill hurting his hip in the slalom; Cowan hitting a tree in the downhill, which necessitated stitches being taken; and Bower, big hope of the Maine team, going off the trail in the slalom. The men reported conditions as treacherous; the trail hard to handle, bare in some spots, and bumpy.

It was Sommernitz day Saturday beginning with his winning the slalom, and continuing to a first in the downhill and in the jumping. Unofficially he broke the jump record after events were over when he jumped 63 feet.

The slalom record stands: Sommernitz of Bates, 37 seconds; Bower of Maine, 39 2-5 seconds; and Frost of Maine, 41 2-5 seconds; with Jones and Quimby of Bates, Ehrenfried of Maine and Sawyer of Bates returning in order.

Sommernitz nosed out Frost by a 4-5 tally in the downhill, when he made it in 35 1-5 seconds as against Frost's 36. Sawyer of Bates was third with 45, and Quimby of Bates, Hill and Ehrenfried of Maine and Jones of Bates followed.

In the combined downhill and slalom the men ended with the following standing:

Sommernitz, Bates; Frost, Maine; Quimby, Bates; Sawyer, Bates; Jones, Bates; Ehrenfried, Maine; Bower, Maine.

Jumping competition was the best the teams have had in years, with the take-off fast and the landing good. Officials secured Lewis W. Haskell III, of Auburn, as judge. He measured Sommernitz for a first of 65 feet. Atwood of Maine took second. Sawyer and Quimby of Bates finished third and fourth in that order. Frost and Webber of Maine tied for fifth, and Baker of Bates finished in sixth position. Johnny Bower of Maine was out of the running in this event when he took a bad tumble.

The combined cross-country and jumping standing follows: Bower, Maine; Atwood, Maine; Sawyer, Bates; Webber, Maine; Quimby, Bates; Gilman, Maine; Grimes, Bates; Kolstad, Bates.

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**Campus Extends Welcome To Mme. De Carner, Critic**

By Dorothy Frost '42

It was with some misgivings that I walked up three flights of stairs to an appointment with Madame Laurent and her guest, Madame Emille Carner-Noulet. All I knew about the latter was that she can speak no English—and I was to interview her!

Things were not as bad as might have been expected, however. In fact it was intensely invigorating to jump from a rapid-fire French conversation (between the two ladies) to an English translation by Madame Laurent. Quietly I refrained from professing any knowledge of French, which was fortunate, because, had I been left to do the interpreting, strange statements might have been recorded. The only thing that I was able to glean from the French conversation was that it is now the dry season in Mexico; therefore the National University of Mexico is having its "summer vacation". Madame and her husband are instructors at the University.

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**Large Attendance Proves Coed Open House Popular**

Last Friday night twenty-five couples proved that the Coed Open House at the Women's Union from seven to nine o'clock was a good idea. This was the second of a series to be held each Friday night. Everyone gathered around for a session with Miller and "vic" dancing, a battle of ping-pong, or a lesson in pool. Cokes were on sale for those who found the tournaments too much for them.

Although at present these open houses are in the experimental stage, the attendance last Friday showed that they will probably be continued by popular demand — so don't miss them.

**Christian Association**

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on which include one-act plays and music, parties at Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter, are planned. Student Sunday School teachers and Scout leaders are supplied, and at present much is being done to offer the nurses training at the CMG an opportunity to get acquainted with the college students.

The Social Action Committee conducts a program of research on different community problems and of study or civil liberties, cooperatives, labor problems, industrial relations, and housing problems.

Campus Service is another phase of the work of the C. A. which touches each and every member of the campus at one time or another. For instance, the second-hand Book Store, Christmas lighting, radios, magazines and newspapers for the two infirmaries, picture lending, curtain lending to the boys' dorms, the supplying of ushers for lectures, swimming cards at the Auburn "Y"—all these features are due to the work of this one committee. It works also for the bettering of relationships between Faculty and students by sponsoring get-togethers, sending cards at Christmas and birthdays, etc.

All conferences are taken care of by the Conference Committee—that is, delegates are chosen to attend conferences by this committee—conferences such as the State Conference of the Student Christian Movement and the New England Student Christian Movement Summer Conference which is held each year at Camp O-at-Ka, Sebago Lake, Maine. The candy counter in Rand is likewise a project of this Committee.

Freshman Week, the IMUR Party, Stanton Ride, Freshman-Faculty Get-Togethers, the Information Bureau—in short—all the Frosh activities, both during that particular week and afterwards, are taken care of by the Freshman Committee. Sub-freshmen and other guests who visit campus are shown around by members of this committee. Summer correspondence to incoming Freshmen and the supervising of the Freshman Cabinet are likewise its responsibilities. It has been a policy, especially this year, to work for better relationships between town girls and dorm girls in an effort toward breaking down the barrier which seems to exist among them.

The Peace Committee, sometimes called the War and Peace Committee, conducts the many "bull sessions" in the issues of the day which are held on campus, in the dorms, and often around the fireplace at Thorncrag. Peace Conferences, Peace Day, the clarifying of war issues, are likewise a part of its program. This fall, the idea of writing to Bates alumni who are now in the Draft Camps was put into practice, and arrangements for the sending of campus publications have been made.

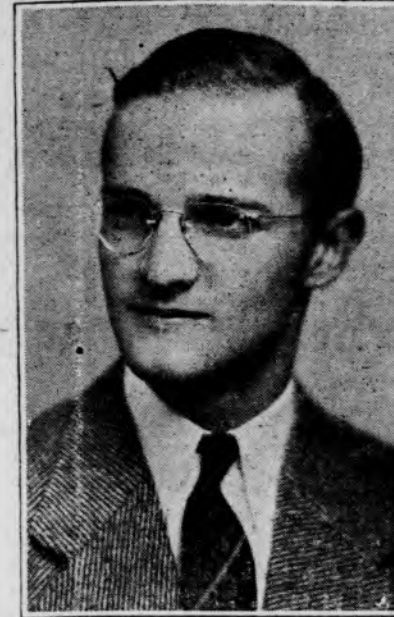
Last, but by no means the least, is the Publicity Committee, whose job it is to keep in contact with each of the other nine committees, and in turn, to relay to the campus the work that each is doing. This is done by means of posters, flyers, news stories, and other announcements. The responsibility of getting over to both students and faculty the importance of C. A., and to make the work of the Association, both as a whole and in each of its separate committees, known to them, depends largely upon the work of this Committee.

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**Campus Enjoys 23rd Carnival Despite Tardiness Of Snow**



ELIZABETH MOORE '42



JOHN LLOYD '42

All reports from carnival indicate that the twenty-third one sponsored by the Bates College Outing Club was one of the most successful the organization has ever arranged. This general opinion holds despite the fact that weather conditions worked against seniors Elizabeth Moore and John Lloyd and their committees, and that the intercollegiate competition was postponed because of these conditions.

Tension of mid-years was given a real let-up Friday evening at the All-College skate when Martha Blaisdell was revealed to be Queen of the week end festivities. In honor of Her Majesty and of the opening of the carnival, a near-professional ice revue

was presented by a troupe of skaters. Outstanding stars were Al St. Denis '44 and a routine with Jean Rupp '45. Saturday's skating events called forth more spectators than competitors, so general skating became the order until the hockey games took the stage. Games in the gym also drew a crowd of participants and watchers, as did the lollypop race up Mt. David. Connie Blaisdell '45 and Dave Nickerson '42 won the prize.

Highlight of the week end came with the Hop Saturday night, at which there was a goodly sprinkling of military dress as well as formal. Sunday's snow topped off the program in style for carnival-goers, who hiked and skied to Thorncrag for Open House, dancing and eats.

**W. A. A. NEWS**

The WAA Board at its last meeting chose representatives for two conferences. "Bing" Burns and Nancy Gould will go to Wellesley in April to the National Conference. Over George Washington's birthday, Lib Stafford, Pril Simpson, "Holly" Hollis, and Marty Littlefield will travel to Waterville where Colby College will entertain groups from Nason, U of NH, U of M, and Bates.

One representative from each class has been chosen for the Award and Nominating Committees. On the Award Committee are: Marion Ludwig, Ruth Jache, Betty Bamforth, and Ruth Stone. The members of the committee which will nominate officers for the Board are: Barbara Moore '42, June Atkins, Fran Walker and Jean Purinton.

New pencils have been purchased for the bulletin boards in Rand so that there will always be a pencil handy where there is any signing up to do.

Ping-pong enthusiasts will be glad to know that there are four new racquets in the Women's Union. Now no one can lay the blame onto dilapidated racquets if he doesn't win.

The WAA Board, Junior Board, and a guest of each of the Board members had a strenuous work out in Rand Gym last Wednesday. The occasion was barn dancing. Practice sessions are being held in order that enough people will know some square dances so that an All-College Barn Dance can be held during Health Week. At that time those who know the dances will help the others.

A group from the Dance Club gave a demonstration at the YWCA. The Machine Age Dance was presented by Betty Moore, Alice Turner, Dorothy Foster, June Atkins, and Miss Moller. Swimming Club has started making

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of British Cadets at the field who have seen service in Dunkirk, as well as some who took part in the air war over Britain. These men served as aerial gunners, and now want to learn to fly, and then return home "as soon as they can".

"Bob" has kept at his own flying, and now has over 600 hours to his credit. For those who are familiar with the terminology, he is using a plane of "3-S" type, North American, 2 place low-wing monoplane, cruising speed of 150-200 miles per hour. A "very nice ship to take on cross-country flights".

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