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Robinson Production Wins Praise Of English Mentor

By Robert G. Berkelman

Abraham Lincoln walked at midnight, not only in Springfield, as Valentine Lindsay observed, but also in the Little Theatre. Before capacity audiences, last Thursday and Friday evenings, the Robinson Players did justice to Robert Sherwood's stirring play "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" which brought the prairie lawyer back to life and made the audience more conscious of what it should be an American.

In the history of the Bates stage it is doubtful whether any other production has been so successful in handling such a long play, with such a large cast, and with such a variety of scenes and set. Without the uniformly good acting and the nimble scene shifting in two-by-four spaces the four-hour drama could have been a tedious.

Commendation, therefore, should go to the fine cooperation of the more than fifty individuals in and behind the play, to the masterly directing of Miss Schaeffer, aided by Barbara Stachope and Anne Brummer, to the commendation achieved by the stage manager, John Lloyd, and to the superb acting of John Marsh in the title role.

Performance Best Of
Marsh's College Career

Most of the visible triumph of the play depended, of course, upon the role of Lincoln himself, for he is the only one of the whole production who is present in all of the twelve scenes. In this exciting characterization John Marsh brought the best and most difficult acting he or perhaps anyone, has done at Bates, which is saying much when one remembers his lusty Petruchio and gusty Emilian Tonkonogov, his thoughtful Charles Nathan, and his human-inhuman Shylock. It is not so easy to present convincingly an historical figure of whom everyone in the audience has fixed pre-conceptions. But Marsh caught, and what is more remarkable, sustained the very rhythms of Abe's speech, walk, and breathing. The Little Theatre has seen no greater accomplishment in acting, though it has seen much of a professional standard.

Credited Many
Memorable Scenes

Of the many memorable scenes three were done with special pot-

nancy: Lincoln's homespun declaration of love, in which Edith Hale played Anne Rutledge with unsurpassable insight and feeling; the quarrel in election headquarters, during which Annie Momma, who had been an excellent Mary Todd throughout her appearances, brought her portrayal to a fitting climax; and the closing scene, the departure of the Lincolns, in which actors, the crowd, the technicians in staging, costuming, and lighting were at their cooperative best.

With the exception of a very few minor parts played stiffly, the whole cast can be praised for its work. Many of the players of short roles convinced one that they might do even better with more extended responsibilities. Harold Hurwitz, Robert Scott, Charles Senior, and Elbert Smith were all more than good as Abe's "energetic jockeys". Denham Sutcliffe as the "Little Giant" Douglas, juggled well his fiery daggers. George Kirwin, a holy priest not long ago, demonstrated his versatility by turning in one evening from a red-nosed taverner to a smoke-screened politician.

Others in the cast, too many to commend individually, were teacher Weston Cate, oldest Donald Roberts, tuffians Scharfenberg, LaRoche, and Tom and Dick Flanagan, pioneering John Donovan, sympathetic Esther Linder, haughty Frances Cooper, sanctimonious Ralph Tuller, moneyman Walter Leavitt, and Priscilla Bowles, Eleanor and Charles Zerby, Pierre Laurent, Arthur Soper, Ardith Lakin, Elizabeth Wright, John Kneeland, Barbara Putney, Anthony Drago, Dave Nickerson, John Joyce, Dorothy Mathews, Eleanor Davis, Richard Lane, Kurtland Lord, Pefer Grant Charles Howarth, Eleanor Wood, and Frances Harlow.

On the technical staff, sharing in the success, were Christine Williamson, John Grimes, Ruth Weyer, Dorothy Frost, Margaret Soper, Leona Skofield, Helen Mason, Jane Rawson, Richard Becker, and Nancy Lord.

The production was another of many reminders that the Robinson Players need and deserve more room for both audience and workers. Fortunately none of the players fell off the entrance ladders, and none of the mobs quite suffocated in the backstage traffic jams.

Noyes Delivers Final Chapel Lecture May 4

Discourse Upholds Intrinsic Worth Of Classic Poetry

The fourth and last speaker on the George Colby Chase Lecture Series, Alfred Noyes, noted English poet, critic and novelist, will lecture in the Chapel Monday evening, May 4, on "Poetry and Reality".



ALFRED NOYES

Mr. Noyes has been on an extended lecture tour covering the majority of the United States and a previous tour throughout Canada on behalf of the National Council of Education. He has been greeted with great enthusiasm by his audiences as being most inspiring, reading his poetry with so robust and musical an interpretation as to have held his audiences completely attentive. Mr. Noyes, in these earlier lectures, has spoken on "Literature and Life", Literature in Retreat from Reality", and "Dickens and the Religion of Humanity". He is well known to be among those who vigorously attack the materialistic philosophies which encroach upon man's aesthetic values so vividly expressed in classical art.

Mr. Noyes was born at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, in England. He attended Exeter College, Oxford, but did not take a degree. He began as a boy to write verse and while still at Oxford published his first volume in 1902. The following year his next volume appeared and for many years thereafter he published at the rate of one volume a year, ranking with Masfield as the most prolific of English poets. In 1913 he visited the United States to deliver lectures at the Lowell Institute, incidentally speaking at Bates. He experienced a cordial reception in America and at Princeton was granted the Professorship of Modern English Literature which he accepted and held for a number of years. During the past decades his reputation as a writer has increased to such an extent that he is considered among the foremost of contemporary English poets.

Faculty Approves Mayorality Contest

A petition asking that the usual Mayorality campaign be held this year in spite of the shortening of the schedule was approved by the faculty Monday evening. The campaigning will begin Thursday, May 7, at 7:45 p. m., and run through Friday evening, May 8. Activities will be in charge of the following Student Council members: Leighton Watts '43, John Shea '44, and Kenneth Drummond '45.

Any group on campus desiring to enter a candidate must see one of the committee members by Monday evening, May 4. The committee points out that although this will be a good opportunity for some fun and frivolity before finals, its success depends entirely upon the cooperation of the students.

Annual Health Week which started off last night with the "Song and Skit" competition, moves into its second phase today, the Posture Table at Fiske Dining Hall, and draws to a close tomorrow night with the Betty Bates parade and awards at the Women's Locker Building.

Noyes' recent publications have been "Hitler at Judgment", appearing first in the Redbook Magazine and since issued under the title, "If Judgment Comes", and "No Other Man" published in 1940.

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Mules Edge Garnet For Series Lead

Although he matched Colby sophomore Benny Zecker pitch for pitch and limited the Mules to eight hits, the same number of bingles the Garnet secured, Mike Matragrano lost his debut game 3-0 yesterday afternoon as seven Bates errors allowed Colby to jump into the State Series lead.

A well-pitched game from the very start with both hurlers scattering their hits along the way, it was not until the seventh that the Mules put across their first run, following up with one more in each of the seventh and ninth innings. Collins, first sacker for the Blue and Gray, pounded out three for four, McKay two for three. LaRoche, Josselyn, and Wight each hit safely twice for Bates.

Music Groups Climax Season With Concert

Instrumental And Vocal Soloists Feature Program

On Friday evening, May 1, the musical clubs, under the direction of Mr. Seldon T. Crafts, will climax their activities for the year by presenting the tenth annual Spring Concert, in the Chapel at 8:00 o'clock. Including tax, tickets will cost 25 cents for students and 35 cents for others. They may be obtained from any member of one of the musical organizations.

The concert will open with the playing of the overture to Suppe's "Pique Dame", by the Orphic Orchestra. Following this, the Men's Glee Club will present four pieces: "The Bugle Blows" by Klemm, "Old Americana", arranged by Homier, "The Armorer's Song" by DeKoven, and "The Arkansas Traveler".

Four soloists of the evening are next on the program. A contralto solo, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" by Saint-Saens, will be delivered by Genevieve Stephenson '43. Virginia Barnes '44 will present two pieces on the clarinet, Elgar's "Salut d'Amour" and the well known "Polish Dance" by Scharwenka. Baritone John Marsh '43 follows Miss Barnes, singing Braine's "Lincoln", an appropriate number in view of his recent dramatic performance, and Bond's "By the River Bend". The last soloist on the program will be Jean Graham '45, who will offer two violin selections, "Adagio Saccalemente" by Tartini, and Godard's "Canzonetta".

Frances Rolfe '43 and Trafton Mendall '45 will perform a piano and organ duet, "Grand Aria" by Demarest, after which the Orphic Orchestra will render selections from the opera "Faust" by Gounod, and von Weber's famous "Invitation to the Dance". "The Passage Birds Farewell" by Horsman will succeed this.

The concert finale will be performed by the Bates Choral Society with four renditions, "Lift Up Thine Eyes" by Logan will be followed by two pieces by Sullivan, "Madrigal" and "The Lost Chord". The closing number on the program is to be "Over the Steppe" by Gretchaninoff. Frances Rolfe and John Morrison '45 will be the accompanists.



IMPRESARIO CRAFTS

Chase, Maulsby Win Editors' Positions

Leighton Watts '43, president of the Publishing Association, revealed yesterday that Yvonne Chase '43 has been chosen editor of the 1943 "Mirror", and Dorothy Maulsby '43 for the similar post on the "Garnet". Henry Corey '43 will be business manager of the former, and John Kobrock '44 will direct the financial affairs of the literary magazine.

Although the election of a woman to the editorship of the year-book is something of an innovation, the Publishing Association feels that Miss Chase's qualifications for the work, as well as the fact that the most eligible men plan to attend the summer session in order to graduate in February, warrant the decision.

Seniors Obtain Spanier's Windy City Music For Hop

It was announced early this week that the Senior Dance committee has definitely secured the services of "Muggsy" Spanier's band for the Commencement Hop, climax of the outing at the Poland Spring House on May 21. The Chicago organization is well known all over the country as a top-flight band. Spanier himself was recently chosen third most popular trumpeter in a poll held by the Boston Herald, only Harry James and Louis Armstrong winning over him.

Air Corps Outlines New College Plans

Dr. Lloyd W. Fisher, Coordinator for the Navy V-1 and Faculty Advisor for the Army Air Corps programs, returned from a Boston conference yesterday laden with news and material which will be incorporated into the information already gathered for the Defense Bureau which has been set up by the Student governing organizations and the administration.

The outstanding and most important information which Dr. Fisher brought back is concerned with the new Air Force deferred Service Plan which permits students to graduate from college. Men aged 18-26 inclusive who are, at the time of their enlistment, enrolled as full-time undergraduate students in an accredited college may be enlisted as privates in the Air Force Enlisted Reserve for appointment as Aviation Cadets and defer their active duty and continue their college courses through graduation or until withdrawal from college. Owing to lack of space here to cover individual problems which need attention under this plan, all those (Continued on page four)

Harrowing Experiences Mark Life Of Country Journalist

By Nancy Lord '45

What kind of stories "make" a country newspaper? No, it isn't football games or the latest play. It's just plain birth, marriage, or death. What's so uncommon about these three? Nothing, that's the point. They are the three most important events in a person's life and certainly the most interesting.

On first thought one would think that covering such stories would be boring but it isn't; it's life at first hand. Take, for example, the time Dad went to get the bearers for the funeral of a certain well known citizen of our vicinity. His wife named four and then paused. Because the usual number is six, Dad asked, "And the others, Mrs. Brown?" "Don't need any more," she answered quickly. "He may weighed 75 pounds when he died!"

When Dad covered his one and only murder since he went back into the newspaper game, he had a wonderful time fooling all the city-slicker reporters. You see the murder was committed in a little "one-horse" town near Dartmouth College. All the reporters from the Boston and New Hampshire papers were covering Norman Thomas' speech at Dartmouth that day. When their bosses got wind of a gory ax-murder nearby, they were immediately sent to the scene. But what a wilderness—probably no phone for miles around. Well, anyway, there wasn't anyone but a hick newspaper man to contend with—so they sought. After getting details, they said to Dad, "Hey, Bud! Where's the nearest phone?" "Well," Dad drawled and pushed his hat onto the back of his head, "you go down here a couple miles, turn left, keep on this road for about a mile until you come to a fork, take your right. After awhile you come to a bunch of farmhouses, and the third one beyond the schoolhouse has a phone." The minute they were in a cloud of dust Dad hopped in his car and drove in the opposite direction for about a half mile to a

Frosh Class Officers Arrange Sport Dance

Class President C. Trafton Mendall has announced that the annual freshman spring sport dance will be held May 2 from 7:30 to 11 in Chase Hall. The theme of the affair is to be based on the activities of the freshman week, and it is hoped that this will bring back, even to the upperclassmen, pleasant memories of when they, too, were "greenhorns". Admission price will be \$1.10 per couple, but the dance is limited to ninety couples. The committee has secured the services for that night of the Bates Bobcats who are sure to provide the swiftest of swing and the smoothest of smooth to meet everyone's individual taste in dance music.

The committee in charge of making arrangements for this dance consists of the officers of the class, Trafton Mendall, president; Barbara Littlefield, vice-president; Christine Stillman, secretary; Robert Corish, treasurer; Kenneth Drummond and John Morrison, Student Council representatives. Tickets may be secured from any of the men on the committee.

Chemists Feast At Chase Hall Inaugural Banquet

Last night, the annual banquet of the Lawrence Chemical Society was held in Chase Hall. It was the first function of the society in which the newly inaugurated members participated.

The activities of the evening, in addition to the meal, were planned by the committee in charge of programs, the chairman of which is Robert Martel '43. After the banquet, the facilities of Chase Hall were thrown open to the members for the rest of the evening.

Final Examination Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 7:40 A. M.
- M.W.F. 9:00 Classes
- Economics 212
- Education 352
- English 312
- French 208
- Geology 314 (Carnegie)
- Greek 212
- Latin 112
- Mathematics 114
- Social Science 104
- 10:00 A. M.
- Chemistry 112
- Chemistry 322
- Chemistry 422
- English 232
- Government 202
- Philosophy 330
- Phys. Educ. 310M
- Physics 352
- Religion 314
- Speech 111
- 2:00 P. M.
- M.W.F. 1:30 Classes
- Biology 312
- Chemistry 222
- French 102
- Greek 236
- History 326
- Mathematics 101
- Music 202
- Physics 332
- Spanish 202
- Speech 111

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 7:40 A. M.
- M.W.F. 10:00 Classes
- Biology 412

Thursday, May 14 (continued)

- English 342
- French 104
- Government 202
- Mathematics 114
- Physics 332
- Physics 474
- Psychology 210
- 10:00 A. M.
- Education 352
- German 202
- German 422
- Greek 312
- Latin 110
- Philosophy 356
- Religion 102
- Sociology 392
- Spanish 202
- 2:00 P. M.
- M.W.F. 2:30 Classes
- Chemistry 232
- Economics 324
- French 462
- History 223
- Hygiene 102M (all divs.)
- Hygiene 102W (both divs.)
- Physics 452
- Phys. Educ. 210W
- Speech 222

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 7:40 A. M.
- T.T.S. 7:40 Classes
- Astronomy 302
- Biology 111
- Economics 318
- Education 354
- Education 443
- Mathematics 302
- Physics 272
- Spanish 302

Friday, May 15 (continued)

- 10:00 A. M.
- French 112
- German 102
- German 202
- Greek 236
- Psychology 240
- Psychology 366
- Sociology 332
- Speech 111
- Speech 212
- 2:00 P. M.
- T.T.S. 11:00 Classes
- Chemistry 112
- Chemistry 404
- Economics 334
- English 252
- English 392
- French 262
- French 408
- Geology 322
- German 102
- German 112
- History 316
- Latin 304
- Mathematics 302
- Social Science 104
- Sociology 212
- Sociology 326
- Speech 111

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 7:40 A. M.
- T.T.S. 9:00 Classes
- Biology 111
- Biology 222
- Chemistry 102
- Chemistry 454
- Economics 212
- French 112
- English 402

Saturday, May 16 (continued)

- French 208
- Greek 112
- 10:00 A. M.
- Education 446
- German 302
- Government 428
- History 214
- Mathematics 114
- Mathematics 414
- Psychology 210
- Religion 212
- Social Science 104
- 2:00 P. M.
- T.T. 1:30 Classes
- Economics 412
- Geology 422 (Carnegie)
- Sociology 262
- Speech 332 (Chase Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 18

- 7:40 A. M.
- T.T.S. 10:00 Classes
- English 120
- English 252
- English 352
- German 102
- German 202
- Government 304
- Latin 306
- Physical Education 410M
- Sociology 212
- 10:00 A. M.
- French 104
- French 332
- Greek 246
- Mathematics 114
- Physics 272
- Physics 452
- Social Science 104
- Speech 111

Monday, May 18 (continued)

- 2:00 P. M.
- English 102 (all divs.)
- Sociology 382
- TUESDAY, MAY 19
- 7:40 A. M.
- M.W.F. 7:40 Classes
- Chemistry 112
- English 372
- Geology 202
- German 102 I
- German 102 II
- History 212
- Physics 372
- Psychology 240
- 10:00 A. M.
- Biology 212
- Economics 116
- Education 443
- Mathematics 202
- Social Science 104
- Speech 111
- 2:00 P. M.
- M.W.F. 11:00 Classes
- Chemistry 302
- Economics 218
- English 120
- English 232
- English 362
- French 112
- French 308
- Geology 206
- German 312
- History 230
- Mathematics 202
- Mathematics 412
- Philosophy 326
- Physical Education 326W
- Physics 101
- Religion 102

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Stamps And Things

Although there may be on campus this day some who are expecting an editorial blast at those men who voted down the idea of supplanting the usual flower corsage for Ivy Hop with a war stamp corsage, to do so at length would only be redundant in view of the letter from the President of the Women's Student Government which appears in this issue.

Certainly it would prove fruitless since people who consider flowers more worthy than war stamps and bonds are not the type to be embarrassed, dismayed, or even offended if one of their own fellow students comes forth with criticism; certainly one ephemeral moment of happiness for their dates the night of May 11 is more important than contributing to the war effort. These people will go on living their thick-skinned, Babbitlike lives regardless of what the editor of their college paper or a respected officer of one of their student governing organizations says about them.

However, there are certain points in defense of their position. Miss Atkins points out that the primary purpose behind this move was to stir up awareness for action. Almost three hundred of the Bates eds have already registered for the draft and most of the rest are waiting to do so in the near future; to expect that they need to be made any more aware of the war, to expect them to make any more of a sacrifice than this is not right—they say. The women have been buying stamps right along; why should the men draw up a plan that includes them when they are giving enough as it is—they say. Since Bates has only a few formals, while Bowdoin and Maine and other colleges have many, the few here should be done up right—they say. To expect a majority of the ninety couples, the socially elite of the Bates campus, to forego the pleasure of the color that corsages lend such an affair, to set a precedent for future minor sacrifices was too much.

Mr. Thompson and Miss Atkins have learned from this attempt not to expect quick action on affairs which affect only a small group in this college—in fact not ever to try to get favorable reaction on any important matter from a group of slow-moving happiness seekers who on the slightest provocation call down the administration for

Scene Around

By Dorothy P. Maulsby '43

The curtain rises on a wealth of magnificent performances: Robinson Players, Miss Schaeffer and numerous parts of the student body do a job Raymond Massey should see before he attempts "Abe Lincoln" again; audience sits spellbound sweling with pride for the professional talent of their school buddies; step up now and get your autograph before it is too late; we'll be seeing you on Broadway subsequently. Other magnificent performances vie valiantly for first place this week: Sol smiles sunnily for five (5) days on a stretch; calico and espadrilles, freckles and mosquito bites, lush pink plaids and party-party prints, roof-sunned eds, perspiring profs and sunflower Susans; the squeaking of restless chairs in a two-hour class, spring fever sighs and lavender croci; swapping golf scores, sipping soothing soft drinks through spic and span straws, lapping lengths of frozen Ross concoctions, sleeping soundly through six-thirty gongs, leaping lethargically over these last minute curricular hurdles, signing up for canoe trips, writing home for folding money so you can have a cotton dress like those seventeen Senior super editions sauntering about the green of the campus; Parker eds whistling out the upper story windows as female Robinhoods smack the bullseye, waking up to woodpecker's tattoo and dusty shafts of sunlight sweeping the carpet and loving life and laughing and saying sixteen times per twenty-four hours, three more weeks to go! We're dreamers. Is there a hunk of Cold Reality in the house? Well, we're not buying it!

Have you ever walked by the Stu-G room Wednesday nite and been struck with its collective resemblance to Madame De Farge and her buddies waiting for the heads to fall? 'Tis only the torsoes bent lovingly over bits of knitting that call forth the analogy. This new board is whizzing right along getting things done with June welding the rudder of its course. Do the fellows realize how chagrined, disappointed, and patriotic the girls feel about this defense stamp-corsage controversy and its outcome? Men at large: if you fear that your girl will take nothing but a flower, and if THAT'S why you voted down the stamp idea, just ask us! What with clever fliers passed out at the chapel entrances, fighting females and awful newsreels, radio plugs and your congressman's pleas—defense stamps seem in order, yes? Did you see Arlene Chadbourne breezing about our fair campus, and were you aware that Judy Chick was in eighth heaven what with fance Fred in his navy blue and stripes squiring her hither and the other place this fine week end? Were you aware that the

backwardness when they themselves feel that the preservation of the long-standing institution of corsages at formals is so important. After all how could this spring party (long New England "a" if you please) be a success without flowers! Let us hope that the Student Council will not give up after this one attempt, but will devise other plans that will call upon ALL, not just a few, to cooperate.

Democracy and College

Perhaps an even more important matter right now is the conspicuous way in which over three-fourths of the Bates eds stayed away from the Men's Assembly Saturday morning. College education is supposed to fit one for active and better citizenship in this, our cherished democracy—college men and women are the leaders of tomorrow. They know what democracy is, how to protect it for posterity; they will see to it that the American political scene reaches a new high plane as they learn what evils have been practiced and how to circumvent these practices in the future. College is their training and proving ground. Yet active participation in the Men's Assembly, which is supposedly one of the ways which this college has developed to train leaders and participants in real democracy, is more conspicuous by its absence than by its presence. What a parody on the titanic world struggle of democracy against its foes! No wonder forceful minorities can run a nation of one-hundred and thirty millions if the leaders of tomorrow are trained under such conditions!

But then, what can one expect from people, a representative of whom blithely states, "I spend half the night sitting up and planning new and beautiful corsages". Certainly, Uncle Sam, the college man should be deferred even if this nation is in a battle for its very survival.

Campus Camera . . . by Lea



program has been speeded up so considerably that the new catalogue shows several of our fond profs booked for two courses the same hour next year? How good are you at juggling courses and requirements and hours and profs and majors to come out on the asset end of this registering rigamarole? Quick, Henry, a skyrocket to whisk us out of this maddening maze!

Your stage manager wonders if it's safe to state simply that spring is here, if the P.A. isn't having itself a fine time picking out editors of this and that for next year, if YOU'VE got three exams scheduled for the same day, what you're going to do about it, if carrots really curl one's coil, (note numerous mops topping off the coeds' chassia), what the underclassmen who've been invited to Commencement do to quiet down their ecstasies, whether Vonnie Chase isn't in a whirlpool of delight over the prospect of a graduating Naval Reserve fance, if Gene wouldn't die of loneliness every A. M. were the butt fiends to boycott his precincts some early morning, if Health Week wasn't designed to give the skit and song chairmans the unhealthiest of headaches, who'll be the victorious Bettina Bates, if Grand Central station doesn't look like an oasis of peace next to Rand reception room after that mad scramble for

rooms the present Juniors were a party of. (if your stage manager oughtn't to cross out that last phrase 'cause it ends with a hateful prepositional—Remedial English here I come), what we'd do if there were a priority on vitamin pills this next hectic fortnight, where to go on five gallons of gas a week. Curtains while your stage manager goes to hunt up a velocipede.

C A Heads Ponder New Inspirations At Retreat

By Virginia B. Simons '44

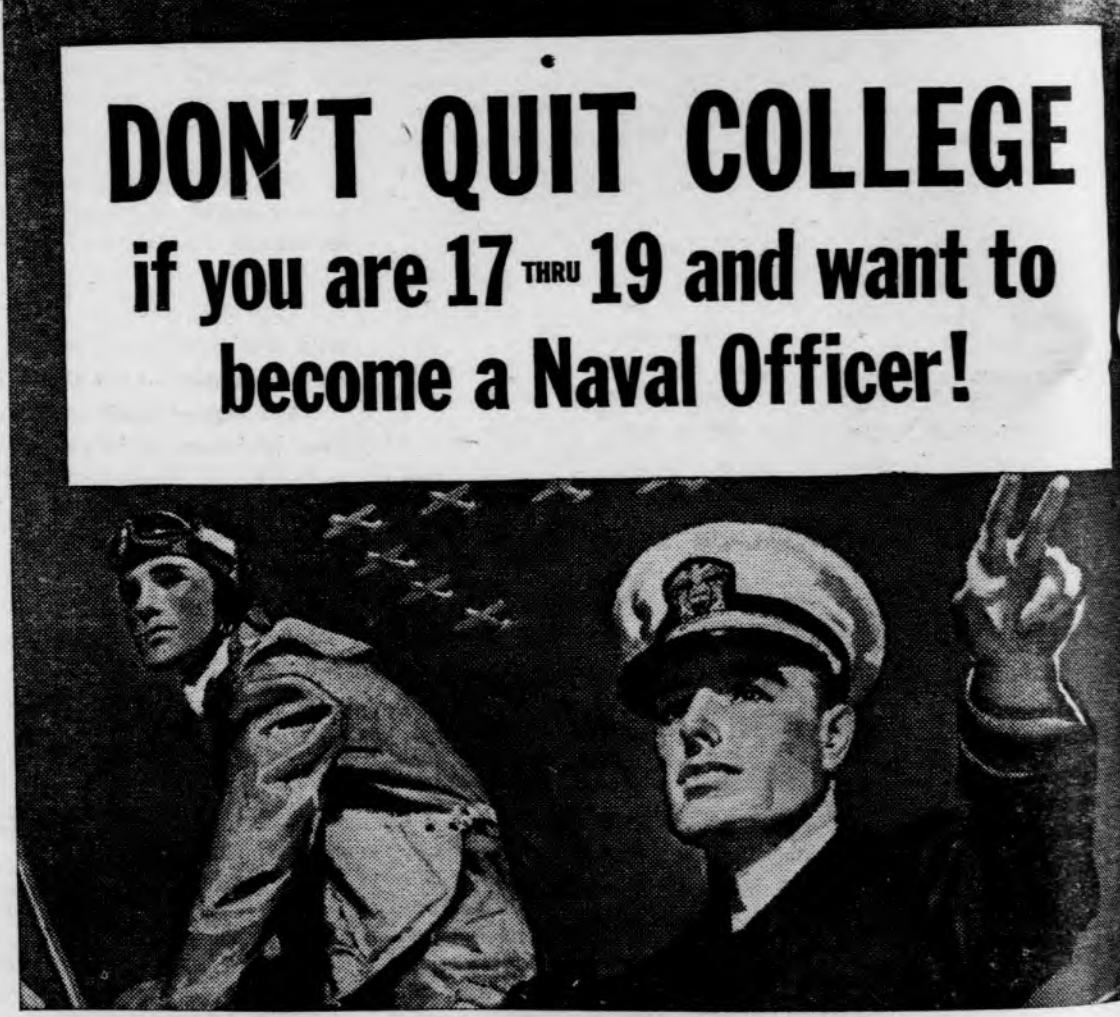
"Look out, the board is breaking!" "Oops, the suitcases are falling down!" These were the yells of twenty Christian Association members who were packed into a small truck travelling toward the rendezvous of retreat. After a cold, windy ride in that April snowstorm Maine was the host to last week end, the truck stopped, twenty people untangled themselves and stepped out into a winter fairyland. At the top of Pleasant Mountain, on the banks of Moose Pond was an inn which promised to be the perfect place for the annual C. A. Cabinet retreat. Leaving the snow-covered trees outside the cabin, they entered the inn to settle down to business.

Discuss Plans For Next Year
Serious discussion of all the C. A. committees, their work for the past year, their programs for the coming year, were primary subjects of attention. Elbert Smith '44, in charge of Campus Service, put forth new ideas for the selling of second hand books and other student supplies. It is hoped that arrangements to have off-campus boys stay in the dormitories more often will be planned. The problem of getting town and campus freshmen better acquainted was also discussed. The Social Action Committee under Despina Doukas '44 intends to focus its attention upon the major problem of racial minority adjustment. Since this committee is concerned primarily with long range developments, to secure campus participation and action shapes up as one of the major and most difficult projects. Nancy Terry '43 will again head the Social Committee. The inviting of

dance chaperones, CA banquet, suppers, all come under the purview of this committee. Of particular interest was the discussion about the possibility of freshman dance instruction for next fall. A new project for the Freshman Committee under Marsh '43 and Marcia Schaeffer next year will be student-led discussion groups to assist freshmen in adjustment and to help in successful justing individual problems.

Religion will be directed by Corbett '43, who has some new ideas for chapel and vesper services. Positions as to religious exercises, summer school were discussed. Peace Committee with Edward Blom '44 as leader will be particularly interested in the post-war promotion and peace plans.

The Deputation Committee reached as many if not more than this year's committee did. Sunday this past year, except for exams and vacations, has at least one deputation make a group in the vicinity of the Richard Keach '44, the new plans to put out a deputation book for those interested. The Conference and Publications committees are to be combined in coming year under the leadership of Louise Gifford '44 and Virginia Simons '44. Publications calendar of all campus events among the proposals for Priscilla Robinson '43 will be in charge of Community Service. Includes arrangements for day School teachers, discussion groups, and many other aids to the Cities.



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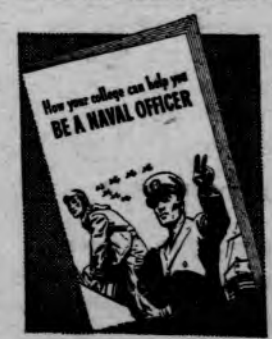
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May Day Breakfast

This Friday morning, May 1, at seven o'clock, Bates coeds will have their traditional May Day breakfast on Mount David. The committees in charge of this event are under the direction of Esther Foster '44, representing the WAA and Nancy Terry '43 of the Christian Association. As her assistants Miss Foster has appointed Ella Santilli '43, Betty Bamforth '44, and Anne Locke '44, while Nancy Terry's co-workers are Elizabeth Corsa '44, Helen Mansfield '43 and Elizabeth Haslam '45.

In the event of bad weather the Rand Gymnasium will be used. No breakfast will be served at Fiske Dining Hall.

STU-G NEWS

At the weekly meeting of the Student Government Board the majority of the time was spent in discussing means that the Board may adopt in order to play a more important role in Defense work. The biggest problem at hand seems to be to arouse the girls to a more poignant consciousness of the war and the part that they may play in helping the country's war effort. War discussion groups, Defense Stamp and Bond drives, and "Poverty Meals" were all suggested and considered as methods of combating the too-prevalent apathy on campus. Student Government will cut down on the expense of many of its activities for the purpose of using the money saved for defense; the Executive Committee is to submit a revised budget at the next meeting.

After hearing various other committee reports, the Board elected Yvonne Chase '43 and Frances Walker '44 to serve with Pres. June Atkins on the Student-Faculty Committee.

It was voted to hold the annual All-Proctors' meeting in the fall; this get-together of both old and new proctors has been cancelled from the spring program because of the accelerated schedule.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, the STUDENT:
At the recent assemblies a vote was taken on the defense stamp-corsage question for the Ivy Hop. A complete vote of the 150 girls (approximately) present was taken; eight of them voted against it. In the men's assembly only those going to the Hop voted and they voted it down, I believe, by 15 to 6.

This freak vote was the culminating point of a week's work on the part of Stu-G and Stu-C to stir up a little awareness on the campus. "Awareness of what?" I can hear a lot of people saying. Yes, they know there is a war going on—they read a paper once or twice a week—they know boys in the Army—they realize we are having a summer session on account of the war—of course, we all know all this; but what do we DO about it? We sit back upon our mental haunches and decide to live just as nearly as we can the same way we always have. "We have such a lot of work to do, in such a short time, everybody is so tired and tense, we need our recreation, we've got to go on doing things or where will the country's morale be?" Where WILL the country's morale be, where will the country be, if all the colleges in America react this way to the war situation? I even understand that one of our local "leaders of tomorrow" offered the argument that the girls shouldn't be asked to sacrifice their flowers for the dance because so many of them had men in the Army whom they were anxious and worried about. They were going through enough without any additional disruption! There are girls and girls.

The people who were trying to work up enthusiasm for the idea were not working on the assumption that if the Bates men going to the Hop gave their dates defense stamps instead of flowers that Bates would have saved the day for the country and the war would be over tomorrow. The amount of defense stamps we could buy would be necessarily small; our contribution to the country's need would have been relatively infinitesimal. But at least it would have been a contribution to something other than ourselves. That was where the real issue was. Whatever the opposition's arguments were, they all could be boiled down to the question, "Are our own desires more important than the country's need?" Evidently some of us think they are. It doesn't even follow logically, because if everyone keeps on trying to satisfy his own selfish whims, he will be preventing the satisfaction of the universal desire to have the war over.

Although the contribution would have been small it would have been existent. The argument that it would be ineffective is comparable to the one the apathetic voter gives when he decides that his eye or nose won't elect the next President. But whose will, if all the voters catch the same disease? The idea, incidentally, was derived from the Stu-G conference of coeducational New England conferences held here a few weeks ago. It is true that other colleges that operate on a larger and wealthier scale than Bates does do usually have more activities, more formal, etc., on which they can cut down, but that does not excuse us. It is rather an amusing piece of logic that says since we have little we give nothing. I am not usually in sympathy with soap-box orations. This seems to have all the ear-marks, but it is a necessary explosion which follows a week of seething.

June Atkins '43.

OC Continues Weekly Canoe Excursions

Owing to the success of last week's canoe trips, the Outing Club will arrange similar excursions for the two week ends that remain in the school year, it was declared yesterday by John Grimes '43, president of the club. This Saturday afternoon the girls will paddle their way over the lower Sabattus river, while on Sunday the men will travel over the same course.

This summer, the cabins on both Thornecrag and Sabattus will be open, and it is expected due to the long week ends occasioned by the five-day school week, they will be used more than usual. Canoe trips, too, will be continued.

The club has recently purchased six large, new, Old Town canoes and a trailer. In order to use a canoe, the applicant must obtain a blue slip from the office and provide safe transportation for the boat.

The organization has benefited lately by two contributions, a rug embellished by the club seal donated by Dexter Green '42, and a beautiful colored photograph by George Kolstad '43. Both will decorate the clubroom on the ground floor of the Alumni gym.

Committee Schedules Ivy Marching Practice

Ivy Day Committee Chairman Lester Smith '43 gave notice that marching practice for the Junior Class will take place May 4, 6 and 8, and that another day will be added if necessary. Exercises will last from two o'clock to two-thirty on May 11, in the Alumni Gymnasium. The class stone will be set near the middle section of the new dormitory, though the exact position has not been decided upon. All classes are invited to attend the ceremonies, especially the seniors.

The committee in charge of preparations is made up of the following: Mary Derderian, invitations and programs; Martha Littlefield, class stone; Ida Mae Hollis, music; John Stahlberger, ushers; Robert Archibald and George Hammond, stage decoration.

Coed Voyagers Open Spring Season Sunday

Last Sunday afternoon, April 26, at 1:15 o'clock, eighteen coeds, accompanied by Nancy Gould, girls' director of trips, and Mrs. Kimball, left Rand Hall for a canoe trip up Sabattus stream. The girls' took six of the new Outing Club canoes.

Two more short trips are being planned, one of which is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Every girl who goes must be able to swim, but since one of the purposes of these trips is to teach the novice the art of handling a canoe, no special ability in that line is necessary. Preference on this trip was given to seniors, but for the next two trips, anyone may sign up, and there will be drawing for names.

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farm. He got his story into the AP so that just as he was finishing the regular reporter was trying to get the wire.
Dad is usually on the scene about as soon as anyone else. This means he often has to help the medical-examiner, the undertaker, or state police. There was the time that a Chicago salesman had an accident. His car shot across the road and hit a tree. Nothing much happened to him—he just broke his neck, that's all! It wasn't very bloody and messy but every time they touched him his head wobbled around. Dad went through the dead man's pockets for identification papers. His only comment was "It was kind of a funny feeling to see a head behave like that!"

Another time Dad went to the funeral parlors to get a story on a woman who died of old age, of all things! It was summer and the screen door, which was usually locked, was open. Dad rang the bell and walked in. The helper came to let him in and bumped into Dad. I think he must have lost a year's growth. because he jumped about two feet into the air and squealed like a frightened mouse. (So Dad says, anyway.) "What did you think I was, the old lady come to life again. Wait?" Dad asked.

I could go on for hours about the school teacher who hung herself (Dad helped cut her down), the baby that drowned, the couple who were married one week and died from injuries in an automobile accident within the next, and lots of other things. Come around some time. I'll tell you some stories that will make your hair curl!

Dr. White Conducts Last Vespers Of Year

On Sunday, April 26, from 4:00 to 5:00 p. m., the last vesper service of the college year was held in the Chapel. Dr. Hugh Vernon White, College Educational Secretary of the Congregational Mission Boards, was the speaker.
Dr. White is an outstanding and versatile man in his field, the author of many books, including "Theology for Christian Missions", "Christianity Confronting War", and "Working Faith for the World", and writer of many magazine articles. He has traveled extensively and was at one time pastor of a mission church in Hawaii, and is in great demand as a college speaker.

Air Corps

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who are at all interested are urged to contact Dr. Fisher as soon as possible or to apply at the Defense Bureau in the Faculty Room, Roger Williams Hall, on Mondays 4:00-6:00, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4:30-5:00.
This Bureau was set up to provide information and notice of changes on all branches of the service, armed and non-military, to write and to contact for any specific information that students may desire. A bulletin board will be set up in the Faculty Room which will publish the Bureau's notices and findings and circulars from the armed services. Questions may be asked of any of the Bureau which consist of Dr. Fisher, Prof. Paul Bartlett, Mrs. Mildred Childs, John McDonald '43, Vincent McKusick '44, Norman Temple '44, June Atkins '43, Minert Thompson '43, or any Council or Stu-G representative.

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