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Sutcliffe Lauds Robinson Players' "Dover Road"



W. DENHAM SUTCLIFFE '37

the review should develop into a scene more embarrassing to the audience than for Anne or Nicholas was unforgivable. Mr. Marsh and Miss Cofran carried the banal dialogue as well as it could be carried.

Audience Sneezes
With Leonard

I shall not be surprised if every member of the audience caught Leonard's cold. That was not "Bert Smith in pajamas"; it was Leonard ravenously hungry, scruffily unshaven, securely unaware of his own ridiculousness. If ever a man needed codding, he did. Amateur performers, appearing before their friends, have always this difficulty to contend with, that we cannot forget their own individuality. Mr. Smith erased himself completely to become Leonard. If his fiery indignation of Act I was at moments overdone, he more than redeemed himself in Act II.

And dear, sweet Eustasia! Was there a man in the audience who could not gleefully have throttled her? When an actress makes you despise her, she is a success. Miss Moulton made a brilliant foil to Miss Cofran's sturdy Anne. Not the least of factors contributing to their joint success was the artful choice of clothes — the one, delightfully blonde, set off by pastel

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Faculty Approves New Admission Program

Freshmen May Now Enter At Beginning Of Any Semester

Acting on the recommendation of its Special Emergency Committee, the faculty voted yesterday to admit freshmen in January and June as well as September. The program, considered necessary and valuable in view of the new draft laws which apparently will make it impossible for many to complete their college education under the existing admittance system, will enable students who have graduated from high school and have been working since graduation, and students who graduate at mid-year commencements in January, to enter Bates without delay. A limited number of high ranking seniors from high school who have completed three and one-half years of work, and who have received recommendations from their principals will also be admitted.

A special committee has been appointed to plan for and prepare the necessary changes in the curriculum which this new ruling will necessitate. The number of students who will be admitted this January cannot be accurately determined until the program which the college will offer has been completely organized.

Thanksgiving Dance Precedes Holiday

Instead of the regular Saturday night dances, Lester Smith '43, chairman of the Chase Hall committee, has announced that a Thanksgiving Eve dance will be held tonight from 7:30 till 11:30.

Along with the dance-music provided by the Bobcats, an entertaining program in keeping with the holiday spirit has been arranged. At present, there is talk of setting a wild turkey loose at the beginning of the dance and giving a prize to the dexterous retriever. A greased-pig chase, long contemplated, has, after violent controversy, been banned by the government's committee for saving cooking fats. It is hoped, however, that priorities will be lifted.

Refreshments, largely determined by the success of the hunters and the degree of cooperation offered by the fatted sacrifices, will be provided. Ice cream will also be served.

The music of the Bobcats will be broadcast over WCOU from 8:15 until 8:45.

McKusick Places First In Dartmouth Debates

Directors Announce Carnival Committees

WAAC Lieutenants Visit Campus Friday

Two representatives from the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, known as the Waacs, will be on campus on Nov. 27, Friday. They are Lieutenants Beth Merrill McArthur and Dorothy Kenna. They will speak at a meeting which will be held in the Little Theatre at 6:45 p. m. The program of the Waacs will be outlined and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. It is centered around the question "What is the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and who can join?"

It is interesting to note that Lieutenant Kenna appeared in a recent issue of Life Magazine in an article showing the routine of the work of the Waacs.

This meeting is open to all girls who have an interest in learning more about the Waacs and who might be planning to join.

All-College Skate To Open Two Day Winter Frolic

With the first snowfall providing an optimistic augury for the January Winter Carnival, directors Martha Littlefield '43 and Leighton Watts '43 released the complete list of committees for the numerous events.

Friday's All-College Skate will be managed by Betty Lever '44 and Robert Archibald '43, and the rest of the committee will be comprised of Ruth Sullivan '44, Kenneth Brown '45, John Kobrock '44, and Albert St. Denis '44.

Jane Styer '44 and Lester Smith '43 will be in charge of the Chase Hall Open House that will take place immediately following the All-College Skate and the crowning of the Carnival Queen. On the committee are Virginia Hunt '44, Barbara Littlefield '45, Arnold Card '44, and Anthony Drago '45.

If the weather continues progressively colder (Berlin papers please copy) individual competition in skating and skiing will be held on Saturday morning. Ruth Parkhurst '44 and William Chamberlain '45 will arrange events at the rink, aided by Nina Leonard '44 and Harold Marr '44. Skiing competition will be managed by chairmen Ruth Stone '45 and John Shea '44, along with committee-members Lucille Davis '45, Thomas Doe '43, Donald Marr '44, and Robert Vernon '45.

Snow sculpture which will adorn the campus on Carnival Saturday will be arranged by Terry Foster '44 and Richard Keach '44.

If the other outdoor events are not practicable due to the lack of wintry conditions, a complete program of indoor games has been planned for the cage.

The Coed Banquet on Saturday evening will be managed by Phyllis Chase '44 and Arnold Stevens '44, and they will be assisted by Louise MacArthur '45 and Robert Corish '45.

Stinchfield Next, Temple Garners Extemp Honors

Two debate teams from the college competing at Dartmouth on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, returned with the first two individual places in the tournament, a first place in the extemporaneous speaking contest, and a tie for first in the team championship.

The affirmative team of Arnold Stinchfield '43 and Norman Temple '44, and the negative team of Edward Dunn '44 and Vincent McKusick '44 competed against the leading institutions of the East, including Colgate and Hamilton from New York, Middlebury and Vermont from Vermont, Brown from Rhode Island, Dartmouth from New Hampshire, and Amherst, Holy Cross, MIT, and Wesley from Massachusetts.

Debating on a solution for the Indian problem, each team was four rounds of debate, Bates winning three out of four of its contests, for a percentage of .750. Dartmouth and MIT had the same number of wins so the three institutions tied for the tourney championship.

Of the 56 contestants, Vincent McKusick, who last year won third place in the National Radio Debate which some 65 institutions competed, was judged the best individual speaker in the tournament, Arnold Stinchfield was awarded second place, and a man from Dartmouth third.

Not content with the glory achieved in the debate itself, Bates entered Norman Temple '44 in the extemporaneous speaking contest which followed the tournament's final luncheon. Speakers drew topics relating to the domestic war situation, and Temple, after drawing the difficult subject of "Price Fixing versus Taxation", went ahead to win first place in the contest.

The Dartmouth tournament is the first big intercollegiate contest in which Bates has participated since the Eastern Intercollegiate Debate League, comprising many of the competing institutions at Dartmouth, was disbanded three years ago. Bates had frequently been champion of that league, winning the last championship from Colgate in 1940.

Owing to the press of work in the accelerated program, Bates debaters are limited to one debate apiece this semester. Freeman Rawson '43, president of the Debating Council, was unable to make the trip to Dartmouth because of extra work in preparation for his graduation at mid-years and his entrance into medical school. Nearly all of the squad, however, have been assigned to debates, and ten students have already participated in intercollegiate contests. Four more debaters will see action soon, one team against Bowdoin at Brunswick, and another against the University of Vermont at Lewiston.

All four of the debaters that participated in the Dartmouth tournament are members of Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary forensic society, and three of them, Dunn, McKusick, and Temple were members of the team that tied for first place in the New England Freshman Tournament held at Dartmouth two years ago.

Women Plan Formal Banquet December 7

On Monday, Dec. 7, the Women's Student Government will give its annual formal banquet at Fiske Dining Hall. Every Bates girl is looking forward to this event as it is the formal function of the year for the coeds.

The Student Government is fortunate in having Mrs. Edwin Wright as guest speaker for the occasion. Mrs. and Dr. Wright are to be guests of the evening.

The committee is now working hard on the many preparations necessary for the success of such an evening. Judy Campbell '44 heads the committee and has as helpers, Virginia Gentner '43, Eva Fowler '44, Alice Gates '45, and Elizabeth Kimball '46.

All girls are asked to sign up in groups of eight on lists provided in the dorms. Seating plans will be issued at a later date.

Music will be played throughout the banquet as usual. Pauline Tilton will be at the piano, Beatrice Woodworth will play violin, and Virginia Barnes will complete the trio with music on the clarinet.

Sawyer Announces Air Raid Drill Sunday

Dr. William H. Sawyer, Androscoggin County Civilian Defense Commander, revealed yesterday that there is to be a large scale air raid drill this Sunday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:00 o'clock. The drill, to be conducted on the same lines as the one held last June, will consist of the delegation of problems or incidents to various posts to see how air raid personnel and civilians will react under conditions simulating actual bombing. This weeks practice will call out many new agencies as well as departments that have been considerably improved since last June.

Concern, however, has been expressed over the lack of support that was had on the campus during last Sunday's preliminary practice. In spite of the Lewiston-Auburn warnings and whistles, very few college students noticed or responded as they were expected to do. One of the reasons, perhaps, for this confusion was the fact that the Hathorn Bell did not warn the campus as it should have done.

Dr. Sawyer expressed surprise at the incooperative attitude of the campus last Sunday because of last year's splendid cooperation. To insure the success of this week's drill, he released the following clarifying information.

The first warning will be four blasts of three. This signal, an alert, is to call personnel to their stations, and all students are to return to their dormitory rooms from wherever they may be on the campus, whether labs, library, or any nearby place. This procedure is carried out so that proctors can call the roll and check on those missing. By this time all students, except specially designated wardens and workers, are to be under cover.

A second warning of four rounds of thirty-three by the Hathorn Bell will signify danger.

The next signal, the all-clear, will be a round of two by the Hathorn Bell.

During the drill, the coordinators will send notes of incidents such as bombings and fires in the college buildings, and umpires will be on hand to see that the college wardens respond correctly to emergencies, such as fires and injuries.

Barclay Dorman '38 Dies In Plane Crash

At Chapel, on Monday morning, President Gray announced to the student body the death of Barclay N. Dorman '38. An aviation cadet at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, and the third Bates alumnus to be killed in the service of his country, Dorman was a victim of a plane crash in which eight others perished.

Cadet Dorman, a native of Washington, D. C., transferred to Bates after two years at George Washington University, and was outstanding here both in his studies and extra-curricular activities. One of the co-founders of the humorous magazine, "The Buffoon", and business manager of the publication for two years, he was also a member of the Outing Club

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Lambda Alpha Plans Tea Dance For December 11

The annual Tea Dance sponsored by Lambda Alpha will be held Dec. 11. This is one of the major events of the school year. The committee in charge, headed by Annette Stoehr, includes Betty Lever '44, Thelma Rainville '45, Barbara Varney '46, and Jane White '43, president of the club.

The dance is open to everyone in the school but there are accommodations for only 90 couples. Therefore all girls desiring to attend are asked to sign for themselves and their escorts. The 90 lucky couples will be selected by drawing lots. Lists will be posted soon for signing up. Watch for them.

Coeds Resume Friday Nite Open House At Union

The Friday night Open House at the Union is to be resumed very soon. This year there will be an opportunity for bridge enthusiasts to form tournaments, while for others who prefer it, there will be "Vic" music for dancing. Ping-pong, pool, and various games will be available downstairs. The eds will be permitted to invade the smoking rooms also. It will be announced specifically when the first Open House will be held which will probably be shortly after Thanksgiving. Virginia Hunt '44 is in charge of them.

There have been several changes made in the pers for women: Senior girls will be permitted to split their two 11 o'clock permissions into four 10:30's if they wish, and from now on everyone is to be allowed twenty minutes after any dance in the Alumni Gym.

MIRROR PICTURE SCHEDULE

The camera will keep clicking this week, and Miss Tash will quiet bobbing heads, as the "Mirror" continues to immortalize on film all of the clubs that survived the war-conscious axe of the administration. Business Manager Henry Corey '43 and his staff have been extremely pleased with the promptness and cooperation of club-members and hope that the schedule may be completed with the same efficiency.

As usual, pictures will be taken at 1:00 p. m. Following is this week's schedule:

Nov. 25 — La Petite Academie, Phi Sigma Iota.

Nov. 27 — Robinson Players, Heelers.

Nov. 30 — Student Council, Chase Hall Committee.

Dec. 1 — Men's and Women's Varsity Debating Teams.

Dec. 2 — Debating Council, Speakers' Bureau.

Friends Service League Shows Pictures At YW

At the YWCA this week there will be held an exhibition of paintings and drawings which is being sponsored by the Friends Service League. Students from the Social Action and Community Service Committees of the Christian Association are acting as monitors. The hours of the exhibition are 2:00 until 8:00 p. m. daily for the duration of Nov. 23 to 27.

This is only one of the many projects of the Friends Service to help French refugees. Many of the paintings are by the refugee children now in this country or under the protection of Friendly Service Service workers in unoccupied France.

Switchboard Operator Gives Behind Scenes View Of CMG

By Harry Jobrack '46

what shall I do?" A hundred and one replies concerning her husband or the Bates College Biology Department flash through the operator's mind, but the best he can do is stammer out, "I'll give you the admitting office."

There is excitement in the sharp starting buzz of the emergency call, signifying an ambulance case is awaiting admission. CMG switchboard operators have yet to hit the ceiling when this buzzer jars them after an hour of absolute silence, but they have been known to be sufficiently shocked as to shoot out of their seats and slightly graze the chandelier.

Only One Drawback
To Working On Board

There is only one thing wrong with working on the switchboard. We can't see the drama of life continuously going on in West Wing 3. This is known as the "one admission, two discharges" ward, or obstetrics as it may be called by some. If you're still in the dark, I'll let you in on the secret. West Wing 3 is the maternity ward. We feel that we are missing a vital part of hospital life when we are deprived of a view of the waiting room for expectant fathers. Still, with the age of television on its way, who knows?

The independent and cantankerous elevator in the Central Building provided quite an incident a short time ago. It decided to stop between floors with a load of nurses. The charming young ladies were stuck there for an hour and three-quarters. Finally the power was shut off, and the car was lowered by hand. All were saved with no casualties reported.

These are just glimpses of the unusual side of hospital life at night. The panorama moves on, no two nights are the same. It is interesting work, and a lot of fun. So please don't waste sympathy on a switchboard operator who has to work at night and go to school during the day.

The story might well be titled, "In the Small Hours". It would seem that the hours from 11:00 p. m. to 5 a. m. would not have much to do with the line of human interest, but the CMG Hospital has seen almost every human emotion enacted within its walls while the rest of the world sleeps.

Work on the switchboard is much more difficult than it sounds. Mention the hours that we work usually brings forth shrieks of horror and dismay from the coeds. Yet they are not so bad as that. Both Dick Smith and I have worked out practical schedules whereby we can get some sleep. I have the eleven to three shift, Smith has the three to seven. I call it the three plus shift because Dick has the incurable desire to sleep overtime, which he invariably fails.

Really things are rather quiet. The average number of calls per night is small and conditions are ideal for study. You'd be surprised how much more work you can get done at night. It is quiet. Leave your dorm door open and try it.

There are the innumerable incidents of the work so interesting. There is sorrow and grief shown when relatives are informed of the death of someone near to them. There is sympathy when people are waiting through those long tense hours of morning while an emergency operation is being performed. There are times in a police search for a hit and run driver. The switchboard operator sees, and is a part of, all these things.

Operator Must Be Able To Think Fast

More than serious episodes are enacted at the hospital. Humorous scenes are not infrequently enacted. There is no more than Tragedy. There is no more than a switchboard operator who is able to think fast in an emergency. What would you say if a woman called and out of a clear blue sky asked, "I want to have a baby,

BATES-ON-THE-AIR

This evening's Bates-on-the-Air program has been arranged in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Eve Dance in Chase Hall. Instead of the usual fifteen-minute broadcast from the campus radio studio, the music of the Bobcats will be heard from 8:15 until 8:45.

Penley Stephens '44 has arranged the program and will serve as announcer, while Madelyn Stover '45 will handle the controls.

Host Of Workers Aid Soph Hop Preparations

Ticket sales for the annual Soph Hop, at \$2.50 per couple, have been fairly successful thus far and ticket sellers will visit the dormitories tonight, tomorrow and Friday with the remainder of the bids for Saturday evening's dance according to sophomore president, C. Traffon Mendall.

The success of the affair must be attributed to the host of voluntary sophomore workers who have labored along with the central committee. They are: refreshments, Nancy Fairrell, Marjorie Gregoire, Ella Lewis, Berta George; decorations, Lynn Peterson, Ann Tingley, Elizabeth Haslam, Elaine Stinson, Priscilla Crane, Ruth Howard; tickets, David Lindquist, Hayward Carsley, Clifford Gates, George Martelon, Robert Vernon, Edmund Nutting, Edwin Tooker.

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More Phys Ed . . .

The topic of conversation on the campus these days among the men centers about the increased physical education set-up. Speculation is running wild about future possibilities in this field, spurred on by the new swimming participation at the Auburn YMCA, by the ordering of track candidates to attend gym classes, by the basketball coach's mentioning of possible required gym activity in military and vigorous calisthenics drill for his charges.

What is the average college man's opinion about the Army and Navy asking for fifteen hours of phys ed per week. If it were just the squawks of that minority of perennial grippers, if a goodly number of the faculty were not looking askance on the new proposals, then we never would have even considered editorializing on this subject.

Puzzle? . . .

To say that we are all puzzled is putting it very mildly. Do the Army and Navy want brainy, alert, educated potential leaders from the college or are they more anxious to induct from collegiate ranks a bunch of muscle-bound strong men. They have told us time and again, leading educators have reiterated, our own college officers have repeated that it is our duty to apply ourselves diligently to our studies; in the liberal arts to secure the background and poise long considered invaluable for leaders; in the technical skills and sciences for the great number of specialists we need in the various branches of physics, mathematics, chemistry, and medicine. Now, they come out with new plans, proposals that clash with their previous statements. The whole deal sets college men back on their heels because of the apparent inconsistency.

They wanted us to accelerate, to learn as much as we can as quickly as we can. We came to summer school, loaded up heavily in the sciences where many of us are not at home, we made plans to load up more heavily with six courses to get that all-important degree, which if things keep up as they are, will be worth about as much as the last war's degrees. We do this, then wham! Next thing, we are taking hour and a half gym classes, then traveling two miles or more to go swimming.

Now What? . . .

And now what? Three hours of gym five days a week — even for those who extend themselves day after day for dear old Alma Mater — is the next prospect. We all know this looms for us — we also know that there isn't a heck of a lot we can do about it. Maybe we don't even want to do anything about it.

How many New England colleges have done as much as Bates in this line up to now? How many are going to do as much as we apparently are going to do? Is the college really doing this for the benefit of the men, or is it getting itself prepared (wishfully thinking, some maintain) to take some of the 18 and 19 year olds they hope they will get when and if these men ever are sent back to selected colleges for training. If so, why not admit it? We here at Bates are as much interested in seeing the college survive this war as any administrative officer. But we also feel that we have some right to know what it is all about — not be subjected suddenly to administrative decrees and ordered to do this, that, or the other thing.

What About It? . . .

We also have a right to know if there is going to be any let up in scholastic standards. What about graduation

Scene Around

By Dot Maulsby '43

The curtain rises (Hi there you and you) on an all-college sentimental chorus of blue-nosed, cold-toed damsels and he men, intoning nostalgic strains of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"; queues and couples, knots of men and giggling-lash girls, packing Empire to peanut gallery capacity to hear the Bing vocals and view the Astaire tersichore; Boy and Girl wending zero weather way homeward to watch near-midnight impromptu football team antic-fing midst the snow of Rand's front lawn; eleven fifteen farewells with varying Fahrenheit degrees of speed and warmth; back in bed, blankets hot-ated overhead, to dream of a Thanksgiving at school, the turkey back home, your empty chair, the things you used to eat and do; waking up to hear the White Christmas job whistled outside our window, frost etching winter greetings on your window sill, radiator sizzling not quite enough, steel-blue sky, coffee at the Qual, newspapers spreading their printed wings to the All-State Team or Tarzan pages, and — yes, again, someone Dreaming of a White Xmas, this time in a monotone. What, no Santa Claus?

Thanksgiving Praises Be: for a faculty and prexie that like their New Year too; for an end to all this chatter of Problem, Problem, what to do with the gay kiddies making whoopee on the New Year's Eve at Bates; for T. Tyler keeping girls guessing; for Rawson raising a hilarious rumpus over Teaching Profession's Delight and Disasters; for a Crete and Tommie coming through at the bridge tournament; for a Robinson Players smash-hitting it again; for fragile snow glistening on Mount David's pines, for coffee in our cups, victories in Africa, Soph Hop appearing same as ever, Bing Crosby, sentiment in our songs, and wishbones in our turkey. Praise the Lord, and Pass — the Alka Seltzer.

Your stage manager wonders if Hurtle's thought of Broadway, if freshmen frolicking isn't harder than ever to keep close track on, if the Gin-Mick-Von-Norm Quartet isn't the gayest two of gladsome couples, if the Lonely Goodrich One didn't lose those Melancholy Eyes quick-like when the Fairhaven gal returned from her gallivanting, if Mrs. Chase in Dover and Mme. Parsons of Portland are panicked preparing for the hungry hordes descending, whether the modern music discordant issuing capophonously from the 201 course isn't enough to shake the whole of Libbey Forum from its one-thirty lethargy, if Dave Nickerson in NYC won't say to be the happiest of officer graduates to see his Little Blais step off the fastest train, if Annael wasn't the lucky one to top off her stage triumph with a visit from both parents and Charlie, when the basketball season commences, if this rumor of a five day a week Victory Muscle Campaign for Coeds will become horrendous reality, what Charlie Atlas would say to see our present bicep laxity, who will be the first to be captured by the WAAC propaganda appearing next week end, what Doc Weatherman Fisher prognosticates for Saturday night, if the gods please will be kind and not deliver unto us traditional rain or slush. Curtains while your stage manager concentrates on crossing her fingers.

Footnotes On War
 Harvard has a one-month course for army chaplains. Some 800 men of all

requirements? Is any group working on that or aren't we to be concerned with the possibility of getting the degree for which most of us started college, for which money is being paid out? Is the college going to demand that we take the full academic burden and handle it "business as usual"? Are profs going to give physically weary boys a break or are they going to take advantage of the situation to pour it on as some others have. Is extra phys ed going to carry any credit?

What about medical students? Are they going to have to drill, run around commando courses, hop over fences as much as the rest when they could be doing much more important studying. Do basketball players have to go to gym to drill and exercise for a half hour and then play basketball just the way they do in practice every afternoon.

God knows we need physical education and hardening for this war. God knows we need scientific specialists. But He also knows how much we are going to need clear and accurate thinkers in the political, economic, social sciences after this mess to help clear it all up, to solve the matter permanently. We can get most of our hardening after we get in — we can get our knowledge and mental training now only. Or are we going to leave the solution of post war problems to army officers and Einsteins?

Campus Camera . . . by Lea



MILLER HALL
 IS CONSIDERED THE OLDEST FRATERNITY HOUSE IN THE U.S. IT HAS BEEN USED EXCLUSIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY FOR FRATERNITY PURPOSES SINCE 1884.
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WOODROW WILSON
 WAS THE MOST COLLEGIATE OF ALL OF OUR U.S. PRESIDENTS. HE ATTENDED FOUR (DAVIDSON, PRINCETON, VIRGINIA AND JOHNS HOPKINS). BECAME PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON; WAS OFFERED THE PRESIDENCY OF SEVEN OTHER UNIVERSITIES. RECEIVED 21 HONORARY DEGREES—MORE THAN DID ANY OTHER PRESIDENT ON A PURELY ACADEMIC BASIS.



WINDOW COW
 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ONCE OWNED A COW WITH A WINDOW IN HER SIDE! VETERINARY STUDENTS STUDIED FOOD DIGESTION THROUGH THE OPENING.

COACHED FOOTBALL AT WESLEYAN U.
 TAUGHT AT BRYN MAWR, WESLEYAN AND PRINCETON!

CAPITAL to CAMPUS

A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

Congress has passed no legislation ordering colleges to give students pre-military training. Nor is there a Student Army Training Corps as in the last war. Yet . . .

Many colleges report that 70 to 90 per cent of their students are enrolled in one or another branch of the military forces . . .

The army expects to get about a third of all its officers from college campuses . . .

Colleges themselves will train about 250,000 men this academic year for the Student enlisted Reserve Corps, the army and navy ROTC . . .

Another 250,000 will be sent from the services to colleges for specialized training . . .

Besides that, 50,000 men now in uniform will receive instruction through army correspondence courses offered by 77 colleges . . .

Furthermore, some 800,000 men and women will receive training this year, in 250 colleges and universities, for technical work in war plants . . .

All in all, 1,350,000 men and women will be provided the use of college facilities so that they may take an active part in prosecuting the war — either in combat service or in industry.

Despite the fact that regular student enrollment has dropped, colleges throughout the nation are crammed with the greatest assemblage of men and women ever gathered on their collective campuses.

That's not a bad war record.

Harvard has a one-month course for army chaplains. Some 800 men of all

creeds and sects attend classes at the old university.

The lid is being clamped down even harder in Norway. No church hymns may be sung which contain the word "Devil" because Quisling believes the reference is to the Nazis, a logical enough assumption on his part.

Another decree imposes the death sentence upon Norwegians who enter or leave occupied territory without permission and who listen to forbidden broadcasts. "Forbidden" are all those other than Nazi and Nazi-controlled broadcasts.

A recent release of the government's Office of War Information notes that "a critical situation confronts every woman who cooks with gas". It seems that if she doesn't conserve it, there soon may be no more gas to cook with.

Pressed for an interpretation, officials admitted that you might take a woman's gas from her, but you'd never keep her from cooking with it.

Correspondents were glad to have that one straightened out.

Letter To The Editor

Editor The STUDENT:

What kind of a peace is going to follow this war? President Gray expressed his opinion the other night at a meeting to which he spoke in Portland. He stated that he believed the post-war settlement should be a punitive peace, but not a peace of vengeance.

May I raise a humble voice of protest against this point of view. With the second clause of Dr. Gray's statement I have no quarrel. But the first is, I believe, contrary not only to the fundamental principles of Christianity, but to all the best scientific principles of modern theology, social case work, and psychology.

Wherever an advocate of a "punitive" peace is found, one or more of three different conceptions of the German and Japanese people are found. One conceives of our enemies as criminals, either (inherently or by nurture). A second holds them to be, perhaps not criminals, but abnormal, anti-social, maladjusted human beings. The third concept is that a group of children, not yet mature enough to make their own decisions, to profit by their mistakes, and to respond to rational treatment.

Let us examine each of these in turn. Let us suppose that the Germans and Japanese are all, or even mostly, criminals. First of all, the theory of inherent criminality has been thoroughly exploded by scientific investigations. But what if our enemies are criminal by nurture and habit. Modern penology completely rejects punishment as a method of treatment. To be sure, many of our prison systems are nothing more than instruments of retribution, but the emphasis is slowly changing to constructive rehabilitation. This involves, not punishment, but understanding, education in socially-approved methods of getting along, the replacement of attitudes of fear with attitudes of hope and confidence, and above all respect and trust in the integrity of the person. Punishment not only negates this treatment, but makes it all the harder to proceed afterwards on a constructive basis.

What, then, if the people of the Axis nations are abnormal, anti-social, maladjusted? These are the kind of people with whom social case work deals. Theory and Practice of Social Case Work, by Gordon Hamilton, is considered the outstanding book in this field. What does Mr. Hamilton have to say? "In working through to attitudes that are neither moralistic nor coercive, the worker must first be able to understand himself, his own emotional drives and impulses, before he can truly accept the bad feelings, aggression, or even love and gratitude in others. Case workers move

from intolerance of certain conduct to intolerance, and then toward understanding, and then toward tolerance nor intolerance." Again, the emphasis is not on punishment, not even on making the wrongdoer realize that he has committed a wrong, but on understanding and cooperation with that person in such a way that he may readjust himself to the group and substitute socially approved ways of satisfying his needs. The disapproved methods he has previously used.

Let us now accept for the moment the third proposition — that our enemies are immature children who cannot expect to respond to rational treatment. Psychology has something to say here. A child whom you punish for a wrong act may not do it again — not while you are around! Just leave him alone for a minute with temptation staring him in the face! You see, children are all apt to connect the pain of punishment with you instead of with the bad act, and therefore it is you who are to be avoided or cheated. How Judge Baker's Guidance Clinic at the New England Home for the Wanderers deal with the problem of children who constitute their clientele. Not by punishment, not by spanking, scoldings, and the iron thumb, but love, understanding, and respect.

I said at the beginning that I thought the punishment theory contrary to the basic principles of Christianity. Christ taught that the right relationship between man and the love relationship. Some of us say this very glibly, but seldom do we think what love means. I challenge anyone to give me a better analysis than that which I heard J. V. Thompson of Drew Theological School give this summer. Love, said, is a relationship involving essential factors. These are understanding — an understanding of the real person, a getting-behind-the-surface, — appreciation, an appreciation of the hereditary and environmental background of the person which have made him what he is, respect, a respect for the integrity and the ability of that person to grow and improve — and cooperation working with him toward his personal self-fulfillment. I see that of more perfect example of the Christian method of dealing with wrongdoers than the figure of Christ casting out a group of men about to stone an adulteress and saying first to the "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone," and then turning gently to her, "Go thus, sin no more."

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State Series Looks Like Hot Scramble

Colby Stock Again Looks Best, Bowdoin Entry Doubtful

According to pre-season basketball dope, the Colby Mules are again expected to beat in the scramble for the State Basketball Championship. The University of Maine with its veterans back again appear as the strongest contenders. Our own Bobcats strengthened by six new players up from last year's outstanding team, should be much stronger this year. The status of the Polar Bears from Brunswick is still doubtful as the Bowdoin basketekers have not yet reported for practice.

At Waterville 42 candidates, including 26 frosh, reported to Coach Loebs and Frosh Mentor Bill Bennett for the first practice. Captain Henry Lomac of Portland will head the varsity delegation including a sextet of last year's brilliant State Championship combine. Lomac, however, will not figure in the State Series play as he is due to graduate in December. His loss will be somewhat of a setback to the Mules' hopes as he scored 142 points last season to win runner-up honors among Maine's collegians.

Bill Lomac, Coach Loebs has available such stellar cage performers as Bennie Zecker, Mitch Jaworski, Frankie Jennings in the forward court and Frankie Strup and Phil Caminiti, all State football stars, who are slated to work with Lomac in the back court. Harold is the brother of Chet Jaworski of former Rhode Island State team.

Up from last year's yearling squad are such standouts as Hal Roberts, Pete Hunter, Fred Rogers and George Lewis. Members of last year's varsity who may also see plenty of action are Abe Ferris, Art Eaton, Dick Wagoner and John McCallum.

When varsity basketball gets underway at the University of Maine this week, Coach Bill Kenyon will find eight lettermen back to carry on for the Black Bears. Kenyon will have three seniors, who have won their basketball letter for two seasons. All three are the once-beaten frosh squad three years ago. Also on hand will be four veterans from last winter's runner-up squad.

Carlton's Bert Pratt and Lloyd Deist, former Deering High star, are in the running for their forward posts with Gene Hussey of Kezar Falls back to hold down the pivot position. Kenyon will have Dick McKee of Bangor back to handle assignments in the back court. Denny Prescott of Portland, Ben Curtis of Bangor, Leon White of Bangor, and John Whitten of Fort Kent all are returning last winter as sophomores and should form a good reserve nucleus.

Last year's frosh team has sent up some outstanding men to help fill the place of departing veterans Mike Di-vento of Auburn, Bill Pe... J. Al Higgins, Dick Mason, Smaha, Windy Brock and Carl Whitten all starred for the Black last winter.

Trackmen Rest Until After Xmas Holidays

Due to the present emergency, the winter track program at Bates as at all other schools will be somewhat curtailed for the 1942-43 season. No definite schedule has been drawn up as yet, but the Bobcats will probably face a list of opponents similar to the one they ran against last year. This would consist of dual meets against Northeastern, Bowdoin, Colby, and Maine. According to Coach Ray Thompson there has also been some discussion of a four team indoor meet between the Maine colleges to take the place of the spring indoor meet which will probably have to be cancelled.

Coach Thompson will have no chance to look over his material for the coming season until after Christmas when the first practice will be held, but graduation and the call to the colors have made a big claim on local track talent. What looked like a great season a few months ago now seems rather uncertain because the National Armed Forces have found a place for some of the men Bates was counting on. Remaining, however, are several experienced runners, and there are some excellent prospects in the freshman and sophomore classes.

For the short dashes Coach Thompson can call on Arnie Card and "Tommy" Thompson, two veterans, and "Bud" Ireland, a speedy freshman from Gould Academy. Jack Shea, Woody Eastman, and Cliff Larabee, all of whom have had previous experience, are expected to hold their own against anyone as far as the weights are concerned. Having chased and caught opposing backfield men all fall, John Thomas will be ready to run the 600 yard races this winter. He showed great promise last year as a freshman. Another candidate for the same distance is Junior Dick Keach.

"Zeke" Finch, pole vault artist, "Gabby" Deering, broad-jumper, and Bruce Park, Freshman Mike Latigola, and Norm Tufts, all high-jumpers, are counted on heavily in Bates' plans for the coming season. Tufts will also run the high hurdles if laboratory work does not keep him out of action entirely. The outstanding distance men are Johnny Grimes and Gordon Corbett, two milers, and Bert Smith, miler. Francis Disnard, a freshman and the only man to win his varsity letter in cross-country this past fall, will try the two mile distance although he has never run it indoors before. From all indications this young speedball from Hingham, Mass., will run a lot of intercollegiate track records right into the ground before he finishes his college career, and the indoor two mile is not expected to give him too much trouble.

Good mile relay teams at Bates have been traditional, and until recently this year's team shaped up as being typically fast, but McLauthlin and Lyford, two of the ones being counted on, are now in the service. The team will be patched up, and Coach Thompson expects it to make the trip to the BAA meet at Boston. Until last year the team also traveled to New York for the K or C games, but they were discontinued last year. In case they are resumed, the team will probably make that trip also.

SPORT SHOTS

By Carl Monk '43

Once again it's time to climb to the highest spot on Mount David, unpack our little telescope, and take another look at the athletic scene. Over on Garcelon Field, the covering of snow is symbolic of the close of another football season, while the imposing barriers of the commando course impress one as to what might possibly be in store for the winter gymnasts. Standing next door to the football field is the Alumni Gym, now serving as the afternoon abode of a crew of basketballers, who are being prepared by Coach Marlette as a definite threat in this year's State Series race. Activity in the cage is at a minimum right now, with only informal track work taking place. Not until after Christmas will the trackmen get down to real work in preparation for the winter season. As for winter sports, snowflakes have been a little too few and ice a little too scarce to allow for anything other than a waxing of skis and a sharpening of blades. All of which just about sums up the tele-scope topics for this week.

Before this winter weather ob-literates all memories of the football season just past, we might take a quick look at how Bates fared on the so-called "of-ficial" All-Maine teams. The Boston Post's annual eleven included



JACK JOYCE '46

The names of two Bates stalwarts, Jack Joyce and Johnny McDonald, with Joyce being the only man on the eleven to poll 90% of the ballots for end. In a poll conducted by the Portland Sunday Telegram that included the selections of the head and assistant coaches of the four Maine college teams, Jack Joyce and Norm Johnson received first team honors. Again it was shown that Joyce was the choice of the state as far as one of the end posts goes, for he was a unanimous election among the opposing coaches.

In reading one of the Boston papers last week, your writer was impressed by remarks alluding to Yale University's coaching staffs of the past few years. In eulogizing Howie Odell, successful coach of the Blue this year, this critic hinted that the

university's coaches during the past few years were rather weak in comparison to Odell. All we can say to this is that, if Ducky Pond and Jimmy DeAngelis rate second best to Odell, this new man must be a super-Rockne. Ask a Bates man sometime what he thinks of Coaches, Pond and DeAngelis.

Last Monday marked the inauguration of the new swimming program. Although dissenting voices were heard when mention of this new phase was first made, the male students now seem to be unanimously behind the venture. Those students who feel themselves quite capable in the water have discovered that there is a lot to learn when it comes to swimming for a purpose, and those who lack swimming experience must realize only too well the benefits accruing from such a course.

There has still been no definite action taken on a revision of the physical fitness program. The problem of "queezing in fifteen hours of extra-curricular activity weighs both on the minds of the administration and the student body. Some colleges have abandoned intercollegiate athletics altogether in order to concentrate on a vast intramural program. Undoubtedly, intramural sports will play an important part, when and if a fifteen hour set-up is established. Just how accommodations for each man to spend fifteen hours a week on physical fitness this winter could be arranged serves as another puzzle for the athletic building constitutes about the only place where such activity could be carried on. The Army desires more emphasis on physical conditioning, and Bates has shown a willingness to cooperate wholeheartedly, but the question of blending education with physical education still remains unanswered.

It is our humble opinion, that the basketball situation looks much more favorable than it has in the past couple of years. That sophomore forward line of Jack Joyce, Tony Drago, and Jack Whitney is going to make them all step a little this year. Red Barry and Traf Mendall, both consistent performers on last year's outstanding frosh team, are also making the veterans step around in order to keep their positions. Bob Corish, promising sophomore guard, is laid low with an injury right now, but may be back in time for the first game. With these men added to the veteran group returning from last year's squad, talk of a winning season is in order.

According to the basketball schedule as it now stands, Bates fans won't get an opportunity to view the Bobcat hoopsters until after Christmas vacation and then will witness but one game before mid-year exams assail the campus. And with this as the last note of a rather long-winded column, we'll once again sign off.

Hoopmen Groom For Dec. 10 Opener At NH

Basketball Slate Now Includes Dozen Games

With transportation difficulties and college vacation changes cropping up every so often, it is impossible to announce a definite winter schedule as yet. Although the varsity basketball schedule has been published, a meeting of the Maine college athletic heads this week in Boston may cause some changes to be brought about. Attempts to arrange a jay-vee basketball slate have been thwarted at almost every turn, although every means possible is being used to give the Bates fans double-header offerings this winter.

As far as schedules for indoor track and winter sports goes, there is nothing at this time forthcoming.

- The tentative basketball schedule is as follows:
- December 10 New Hampshire, away
 - December 11 Tufts, away
 - December 13 Worcester Poly, away
 - January 9 Maine, away
 - January 12 Bowdoin, at home
 - January 27 Bath Iron Works, at home
 - February 3 Fort Williams, at home
 - February 6 Colby, away
 - February 11 Maine, at home
 - February 19 Northeastern, at home
 - February 23 Colby, at home
 - February 27 Bowdoin, away

W A A NEWS

Do you creak? Do your knees collapse when you start to trip gracefully down to meet your waiting Romeo? Do you feel ten years older than Methusalem? If you do, you must be taking modern dancing. Those who survived the first meeting were all limbered up in order to get stiff again last Thursday. There certainly should be a host of sylph-like figures on campus at the end of this WAA season. (By the way, due to the fact that the turkey has priorities on our time on Thursday next, only four hours will be required for credit on this activity.) Incidentally, trainers, the two super meals scheduled for Thanksgiving may count for three.

You should have seen Blanche Kennedy '45 and Miriam Brightman '43 — regular one-man teams in themselves — playing volleyball Thursday afternoon. Although the ball usually managed to land in the spaces where the players weren't, already there is a noticeable improvement in the general proficiency of the group, under the expert tutelage of Ruth Swanson '43 — and Elaine Younger '43, until "Swanny" arrived. Before the hour was over Blanche and Miriam were getting a little more cooperation from their team-mates than they had at the beginning.

This season is longer than the previous one and in all activities, except the aforementioned modern dancing, five hours will be necessary for WAA credit.

Again we are very sad to report that there are no aquatically-minded coeds. (Please, girls — I am not referring to the Navy!) Why let an opportunity to use a good pool like the one at the "Y" go to waste? Isn't anyone even interested?

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NORM BOYAN '43

Fortified with three years' experience in collegiate basketball, Norm Boyan looks due to be one of the "white hopes" of this winter's outfit. He has earned a reputation as a scrappy high-scoring forward and last year he finished third in a close race among the high scorers in Maine hoop circles. His accomplishments have not been limited to the basketball court and he recently disproved the old adage about athletes — "all brawn and no brains" — by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Inter-Dorm Basketball Augments Gym Program

It was announced early this week that, if at all possible, intramurals will be carried on this winter. There is a possibility that the program will fit into army's desired set-up, which would include some extra-curricula participation in addition to the regular class work on the part of the men. If this turns out to be the case, it wouldn't be at all surprising to see a program of intramurals carried on.

Competition between the dorms for the basketball championship has always been keen and students have found some time to devote to this program.

Because gym classes and varsity basketball practice make use of the gym for the most of the afternoon, the games would usually have to be played at night. However, it is felt that the interest might outweigh any inconvenience that this might cause. That this program would be welcomed by the men is indicated by the interest already shown in the dorms.

Pre-Season Dope Shows Prospects Unusually Bright

Slightly over two weeks remain before the Bates Bobcat basketball team opens its season against the New Hampshire Wildcats at Durham, N. H., on December 10, and during these two weeks Coach Wade Marlette must decide upon his most formidable starting lineup which can be made up of different combinations from at least a dozen men.

Leading the list of 27 candidates are five lettermen and a half dozen numerical wearers. Norman Boyan, Arnold Card, Walter Deering, Carlton "Kyp" Josselyn, and Able Wight are the five who have topped varsity hoop awards in previous years while the group of most promising sophs, who made up the 1941-42 Bobcats, includes Jack Joyce, who tallied 207 points in 11 games under Art Bullivan last winter; Tony Drago, Joyce's running mate at the forward berth; Jack Whitney, who will give Wight a run for the center slot; Fred "Red" Barry, Northampton, Mass., guard; C. Traflet Mendall, a reserve forward last year; and Bob Corish, a guard who took over when Art Smith left school in the middle of last winter's frosh season.

Boyan will probably open at one of the forward posts, with Jack Joyce in the driver's seat for the other. Drago, who pairs well with the sharpshooting Joyce, will see plenty of action after Boyan's graduation. These three are fine scorers and Drago has already proven himself to be one of the best playmakers and ball handlers to hit Bates in several years. Setting up Boyan and Joyce should be easy going for Tony.

Wight and Big Jack Whitney will undoubtedly be in there sharing the center duties for the first half of the year and, when Al goes in January, Whitney should take over from there on in.

The battle for the guard posts should prove to be an interesting one. There are Deering, Josselyn, and Card, who performs at either forward or guard, Barry, and Corish in the running, while several freshmen of some promise have also reported. Deering displayed fine ball as the season progressed last year and was playing more at the end of the season than any of the other squad members. "Gabby" was a reserve on his freshman team but came fast to top a varsity letter in his sophomore season. Card was a starting guard as a frosh but was shifted to forward by Coach Jimmy DeAngelis last year; Josselyn combined with Deering last winter and Barry and Corish formed the regular back court pair for the frosh during the last five or six games of their schedule.

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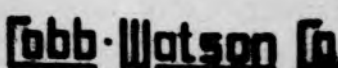


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Hoopmen
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A couple of the frosh who have shown up well thus far are Robert Rudolph from Hebron Academy and Eugene Remian from Southbridge, Mass. Rudolph, although not a regular at Hebron, got into the game against the Bates freshmen here at Lewiston, the tilt which had fans on edge all the way, Joyce and Co. finally hanging up a 54-49 win. Remian, a jayvee football star who scored one of the touchdowns against Bridgton in the opener of this fall's three game schedule, appears to be a natural ball handler with good basketball sense and an exceptionally good eye.

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Sutcliffe
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shades, the other darkly graced in browns and black. Choice casting and careful dressing combined to produce a gem of good theatre.
Dominic was no less than a living page out of Wodehouse — the perfect gentleman's gentleman. He was a proud and efficient butler, stern to his underlings, stiffly polite to the guests; he knew just how far he might go in his intimacy with his master. Yet all this Mr. Roberts conveyed more by his stride and the carriage of his head than by distortions of voice or manner. Dominic was definitely "top drawer", quote the upper classes of servant, you know. His power was reflected in the regimented and relentless efficiency of his uniformed myrmidons.
Anne's big scene was of course the last, in which she had to skirt the abyss of sentimentality without falling and dragging Latimer with her. She managed precisely the right degree of restraint. Dominic's well-delivered line "Older than that, sir" would have been insufferably flippant if Miss Cofran had created a soggy pool of sentiment to receive it. On the contrary, she left the situation in such fine balance that Mr. Roberts was able to push it into farce, where it belonged. Well done, Miss Cofran.

Mr. Marsh's Nicholas was at first a man more bewildered by cosmic problems than a man pestered by distraction by a nagging woman, but he soon dropped the darkly saturnine manner and treated the situation with the pathetic humor which it deserved. Mr. Marsh is so completely at home on the stage, so unaware of the au-

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The committee in charge of the Address Books is Mary McGrail '43, Phyllis Chase '44, and Barbara Littlefield '45. It is a Student Government project.

Dorman

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Junior Board, the Jordan Scientific Society and in his senior year was elected Student Council president. The '38 yearbook said of Dorman that he had "accomplished a great deal... was a good leader and an asset to the school... and believed in anything new and progressive".
Besides his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Horatio D. Dorman, Dorman is survived by three brothers in the Navy. Dr. Dorman was a member of the class of 1910.

dience, that hollow places in the action have no terrors for him. He knows how to sit alone on the stage without seeming to embroil it with riddles. He knows, too, how to modulate his voice to the conversational tone of the play and to the demands of the audience.

That staccato rotation of the hands which accompanied Mr. Hurwitz's efforts to express a knotty problem was caught by Mr. Latimer so that occasionally the host was Harold Hurwitz in a white tie. He was only rarely so, however. His entrance was brilliant; toying gently with his gardenia, suavely mollifying his ruffled guests, complacently assured of his own dignity and power, he quite won the audience to his side. He kept them there throughout the play by allowing us to see just often enough glimpses of the man of feeling beneath the exterior of eccentricity. We saw, by subtle touches of inflection and gesture, his growing affection for Anne; we felt the bubbling humor which he was able to keep in check even as he communicated it to the audience. In the last scene he was magnificent. Mr. Hurwitz's Latimer fulfills the promise of his Bowling Green — that he is a first rate collegiate actor. We look forward to him in many more important roles.

The play was a riot of good humor. The lines were crisply delivered and moved naturally upon the stage into the position where he was most needed. Lighting and properties combined to give with the greatest economy of means the perfect background for the action. It is getting to be a trite remark to say of Miss Schaeffer's productions that they are superbly successful, but the truth does not suffer by repetition.

Colleges Sharpen Jagged Line Of Class Distinction

By Associate Collegiate Press

American colleges and universities, secure in their traditions of academic freedom and intellectual and ideological leadership, have always been looked upon as a vital part of the democratic heritage. Yet today, for the first time, they are being compelled to face openly the one issue they have avoided, but which directly challenges their right even to consider themselves a part of the democratic way of life.

For the blunt fact is that the whole system of higher education in this country is built upon the basis of class privilege — for the colleges now, as in the past, continue to draw their students primarily from those financially able to afford an education. As a people, we have seldom questioned this condition. We have built up legends about students who "work their way through college" till we have almost convinced ourselves that the opportunity for higher education is open equally to all elements in the population. Yet we have failed to realize that, not only are colleges to a large extent reserved for those who can afford it, but even those who either partially or wholly "work their way" are able to do so simply because their families do not require their earnings for subsistence.

Graduate Schools Accentuate Trend

On the graduate school level—medicine, law, engineering, etc.—the lines of privilege are even more sharply drawn. Since work in these advanced fields requires considerable more attention than college studies, graduate students as a rule find it difficult to hold jobs at the same time, and consequently greater emphasis is placed on the state of family finances.

In times of peace, a system of college and graduate education based on privilege hardly jibes with the sacred American principles of "equal opportunity for all". In wartime, its undemocratic character is accentuated both because it leads to serious waste of effective manpower and because it inevitably hardens the class distinction in the armed forces.

That the American people are now paying through the nose as a result of their delusions about higher education is seen in recent reports of the national resources planning board and the Carnegie endowment. Three out of every four high school students who graduate in the top ten per cent scholastically never get to college, mainly because of financial reasons. In other words, the country annually is losing a substantial part of its best "brainpower" because the financial means for providing the proper training for that brainpower are unavailable.

Reserve Plans Have Same Effect

By now, most of the colleges have forgotten that the original Selective Service law, which only permitted temporary deferment for students, was specifically designed to prevent the rise of a privileged group exempt from service. The various reserve plans, however, by drawing officer material from students after they had been admitted to college, became a convenient means for circumventing the clear intention of the law. No one will deny that deferment is necessary to enable a student to receive adequate training; but deferment and eventual commissions belong to those who deserve them on the basis of ability, not to those who were able to pay for the opportunity to receive them.

Since the army and navy depend on the colleges for most of their officer material, the effect of perpetuating the traditional basis for admission can only be to strengthen the degree of privilege which pervades the armed forces. A democratic army is one whose officers are drawn from all elements in the population and not limited to the sons of the comparatively well-to-do.

The changes which must be made are simple, yet clearly revolutionary in nature. In principle, they are contained in the plans now being evolved

in Washington. Whatever the form of financial aid adopted, it must be made clear that there can be no compromise with the basic principle that higher education is not the possession of a particular class, but the right of all the people, with the government assuring the realization of that right when necessary.

It is common knowledge in educational circles that government officials had originally intended to put the new plan into effect during the past summer. However, fear over the political implications of the revolutionary proposal, not to mention the threatened opposition of religious groups and old-line educators whose belief in democracy is limited to pretty speeches, is said to have stalled public announcement.

For this reason, it is now up to the colleges, their faculties and their students — those most affected by the new proposals — to rally behind leaders like President Conant of Harvard and show the world that they understand that democracy tolerates no privilege. Should they fail to renounce the present basis for higher education in the United States they shall in effect have given the lie to all their sacred traditions and all their wee words about freedom and quality. —The Columbia Daily Spectator.

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