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Faculty Fashion Show Wins Student Acclaim

Light sides but light spirits were the students carried home with them last Saturday night dance. Nothing could possibly have been more lively and completely enjoyable as the Faculty Fashion Fables sent the students and faculty members gathered at Chase Hall into a world of laughter as each participant modeled.

The fashion show was held in the dining hall. It was to present the audience with an entire day's attire for the coming year. Besides giving an idea of a suitable wardrobe it gave the students an altogether different view of their professors from what they see in the classroom.

Professor Angelo Bertocci started the parade by modeling a negligee. He was followed by Frank Gentile, a senior student who did some pinching for Professor Whitbeck, in a white bathing suit. Then Dr. Wright appeared in a stunning afternoon dress and black hat. Dr. Mabee came on as an All-American girl in a checked dress and blue sweater. Dr. Shaw looked simply ravishing in his black lace evening gown.

Next came the bridal party with Professor Blanchard, the groom's mother, in a cool green gown, while the mother of the bride, Professor Woodcock, wore blue and shed a few emotional tears. Mr. Woodcock, flower girl, then fitted across the floor, wedded closely by the ring bearer, Mr. Allen, whose most striking piece of apparel was a huge cerise bow tie. Then the bridesmaids, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Seward, Mr. Rowe, tripped across the floor. Following them was Hovey, maid of honor, arrayed in white. And did he strut! At last the young bride, Dr. Zerby, and her blind groom, Professor Berkelley, appeared. Although he strayed (Continued on page two)

Students Enter Final Round Of Oratorical Contest

The Bates Oratorical Contest will take place on June 7 in the Little Theatre.

Preliminary try-outs were held yesterday, the following being selected finalists: Travers Smith '44, Gerald Weed '46, Lila Kumpunen '47, Eline Butler '44, Nancy Lord '45, Christine Stillman '44.

Judges for the preliminaries were Brooks Quimby of the Speech Department, Prof. J. Wesley Ingles of the English Department, and Mrs. George Chase.

O-At-Ka Conference Opens On June 19

The last and perhaps the best of the conferences which C. A. delegates will attend this year is the O-At-Ka Conference held for the week of June 19-26 at Lake Sebago. Ten students are planning to go as soon as their exams are over, and it is hoped that other students will attend—the invitation is open to all. The Christian Association has agreed to pay one-third of each student's expenses.

A very excellent group of speakers and leaders from Colby, Yale, Brown, Harvard, McGill and various organizations are to be present. Panel discussions on problems of labor, international organization, and study of various religious problems will be featured. A varied recreational program is planned including swimming, canoeing, sailing, tennis, baseball and hiking.

The O-At-Ka Conference should prove a fine opportunity to exchange viewpoints, to discuss important problems with leading New England students as well as teachers and directors, and to relax after exams. Any student who would be interested in attending should see Scottie MacKinnon or Virginia Simons immediately.

C.A. Cabinet Members Discuss Year's Problems At Retreat

by Virginia B. Simons '44
Fun and work were blended together as the old and new cabinets with some sophomore and freshman commission members surveyed the past year's work and made plans for next year's activities at the annual Christian Association retreat, May 20-21.

In spite of doubtful transportation everyone reached the destination by early Saturday afternoon and took advantage of the natural beauty and perfect weather around Kaoka Lake. Walks, softball, croquet and just lying in the sun occupied the fellows and girls until supper-time. But after a delicious supper all settled down for a good hard work session (with the men removing their coats as the first item of business).

Discussion of the activities of Campus Service Commission led to suggestions for more magazines for the men's infirmary, more pictures to be loaned to students for their rooms, and possibilities for off-campus men and women to eat on campus during Freshman Week. The second-hand book store and other routine jobs will

Robinson Play Goes On Boards Tomorrow

Co-eds Breakfast On Mt. David Tomorrow

Tomorrow morning, June 1st, will find many an ambitious co-ed rubbing the sleep from her weary eyes and jumping out of bed with an extra wide-awake bounce in order not to miss the June Day Breakfast which will be served on Mt. David's top at seven fifteen. This breakfast replaces the annual May 1st breakfast, many years an annual event on campus and has been planned as usual by committees from both W. A. A. and C. A. Mary Hamlin '46 heads the W. A. A. committee made up of Ruth Nickerson '45, Jean Phelps '45, and Marcia Wilson '47. Representing C. A. are Sue Davidson '46, Chairman, Ruth Stillman '46, Barbara Aldrich '47, and Jane Doty '47.

Tomorrow there will be no breakfast served in the dining hall. In case of rain the scene of festivities will be transferred to Rand Gym.

be continued under the new commission head, Nancy Lord '45.

The Religion Commission was responsible for the past year's Vesper services, Religious Emphasis Week, and the C. A. calendars mailed to parents and put in civilian students' rooms. Suggestions for next year's Vesper speakers and more religious discussions were considered and passed on to Betty Haslam, '45, new leader.

The Publicity-Conference Commission has the job of bringing C. A. activities to the campus and next year will be led by Jean Phelps, '45 and a V-12 representative. The need of an interested commission member in each house and more contact with other commissions was stressed. Twenty-five students attended conferences this past year, but it is the hope that next year more students will be able to take advantage of the various opportunities to become acquainted with other students through discussion and action on important questions.

Alden Sears '46 will lead the Re- (Continued on page three)

Lively Cast Promises Excellent Performance

by Gloria Finelli '46

Have you heard all the pounding and hammering in the Little theatre lately or seen any of the Navy men working out extra duty there? Why do you suppose Edie Jones has been searching high and low for a dining room table? Who's teaching Chet Cather how to give bear hugs in 10 hard lessons?

It isn't just because it's Spring. It's time for the annual play by the Robinson Dramatic society. We became a very appreciative audience of one at the Little theatre yesterday, just to see what it's all about. That famous director, Miss Lavinia M. Schaeffer gracefully ushered us in, and swore us to secrecy about the intriguing plot of *The White Headed Boy*.

The first words of the play, ironically enough, are "Shall I bring in the ham, Mam?" We were going to comment, "It's already there," but after seeing the performance we quickly withdrew the remark.

I must tell you the great comedy team of the year, Marion Ryon and William Senseny. Senseny makes a perfect Duffy. He's the big, blustering type with an eye peeled for business, yet looking for a little romance. Aunt Ellen is the very independent old maid, who wants to remain so. Things start to happen but fast when the (Continued on page four)

Underwater Motif Provides Theme For Ivy Hop

Ivy Hop, one of the leading formals of the year will be held in Chase Hall, on Friday evening, June 9. Music will be supplied by Lenny Lizotte and his orchestra for dancing from eight to twelve.

A unique motif for the decorations of underwater impression will be gained by use of nets, seashells, and fish designs.

The committee in charge of the affair are Jane Webber '45, chairman; Madelyn Stover '45, decorations; George Hoare '45, program and tickets; Leonard Marino '45, orchestra; Miriam Doloff '45, guests.

The dance will be limited to one hundred couples. Tickets at \$2.75 may be purchased from George Hoare and his committee.

They will also be on sale at Chase Hall on Saturday morning, June 3, during chapel.

Musical Review

by Ginnie Barnes '44

We have talked of symphonies and operas, but the Spring Concert reminded us that Bates is not a musical desert. It is so easy to sit in chapel every Tuesday and Friday, listening to their anthems as though they were just part of the fixtures. Then, as the Choral Society in Spring Concert, the singers who rehearse twice a week begin to be appreciated.

May 26th marked the first performance of the Orphic orchestra. The upperclassmen, however, can look back to the good old pre-war days when the orchestra was featured at the Pops Concert. Organized twenty years ago by a student, Alan Smith, Orphic has become a permanent campus organization under the directorship of Prof. Catlin.

Last July the Navy came to Bates and among their number were eight fellows who loved to sing a la Fred Waring. Under the direction of Prof. Crafts until December, the group now row their own. Many local organizations have been enthusiastic about the performances of the V-12 Octet and we of Bates are proud of this Navy group whose members come not only from Bates, but from Colby, Bowdoin, Harvard and Brown.

On the feminine side of campus there are music lovers who specialize in small group harmonizing. As a result they organized the Bates Carillon with Mrs. Alice Kimball as able director. Now you can hear almost any girl or fellow humming "Morning Now Beckons."

We shouldn't close without a word of appreciation for the man who integrates the musical performances on campus, who does everything from fixing the ailing bass viol to directing the choir and orchestra, Prof. Crafts. He puts the vim and verve into music at Bates.

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SPORT SHOTS

Following their eleventh inning win Friday, with a ninth inning victory Saturday over the Walton Loggers, 2 - 1, at this point in the season, the Bates varsity baseball team has nine victories and four defeats. Baseball coach Monte Moore can take much of the credit for building up such a consistently winning team, and one, of late, that is becoming noted for its fight in the later innings.

Although much of our success Saturday can be attributed to the fact that Northeastern's all-civilian track team is not the strongest aggregation on earth, the times in the events were enheartening to those who anticipated wholesale slaughter this Saturday in the meet with M. I. T. The time for the hundred was 10.2 sec., for the 220, 23.0 sec., for the 440, 52.8 seconds, and that's good, for the 880, 2 min. 05.2 sec., for the mile, 4 min. 40.2 sec., and for the 2 mile, 10 min. 49.4 sec. Doc MacLean's jump of 20' 9" in the broadjump and the subsequent sweep of the event by Bates cindermen, might indicate a repetition in Saturday's meet, and with Curt Hinkley jumping 10' 9" (that's in the pole vault, not the high jump) we should not be too unsuccessful in that event.

Quite noticeable at the meet Saturday was the fact that as the season is progressing, our men are taking full advantage of the meagre opportunity for practice. In the 440, the 880 and the mile runs, the winners came from behind near the finish line to put on that extra burst of speed necessary for victory.

In the sports field, this week will be quiet; the meet on Saturday and a baseball game on Garcelon Field the same day is the total agenda.

C. A. Retreat . . .

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construction and War Services Commission as it continues its six fields of work. These fields are: (1) Chapel talks on reconstruction, (2) study groups on post-war problems, (3) speakers to off-campus groups, (4) vocational guidance in reconstruction work, (5) contact with Bates men in the service, (6) World Student Service Fund. This commission offers opportunities for many students in leadership capacities.

Under Muriel Ulrich '46 the Freshman Commission will continue to organize freshman week, "little sisters" and to entertain sub-freshmen. The cabinet felt it would be advisable to have Stanton Ride next fall if the weather permitted. Faculty-student relations were discussed at length, and it was nearly midnight before the meeting closed with a short worship service.

Sunday morning, after a good night's sleep in cabins and a hearty breakfast, the retreaters climbed Mount Tiram and held their discussions in view of the snow-capped

Trackmen Sweep To Victory In Dual Meet

Last Saturday the Bates track team amassed the largest total of points made in twenty-five years of Bates track history as they rolled over our visitors from Northeastern University, 97 - 38.

Out of the 15 events Bates cindermen took eleven firsts, ten seconds and twelve thirds, as the honors for individual accomplishment were shared by Don Lukins who scored firsts in the discus and shot put, and Curt Hinkley who managed a first in the pole vault, a second in the high jump, and thirds in the two hurdle events. Other winners for Bates were: Niegelski, in the javelin throw; Doc MacLean in the broad jump; Tommy Hazel in the 220 yard dash; Wes Parker in the 100; Russ Burns in the 880 yard run; Dick Hutton in the mile; Dick Wason in the two mile; and Jack Cameron in the 440.

Bates momentarily lagged one point behind as Lloyd Parker, Northeastern hurdler took the first event, but as Bates took all three places in the following 100 yard dash Bates assumed a lead that it never relinquished. Other events in which Bates made a clean sweep were the broadjump, discus, and javelin.

This Saturday, Coach Thompson plans to send about 20 of the best men to Boston for a meet with M.I.T., the new New England Champions.

White Mountains. Social Commission under Shirley Raymond '45 will carry on its routine activities such as helping with Saturday night dances, June Breakfast, music in the dining room, cocoas during exams, and running the C. A. banquet. Possibilities for inter-dorm sings and lemonades after spring exams were talked over.

Shirley Stone '45 will lead the Social Action Commission next year as it continues the Current Events program instituted this year. In addition to this the commission hopes to organize more discussions and provide the campus with a news bulletin board.

Jane Webber '45 will again head the Community Service Commission as it continues to serve the two cities by providing Sunday School teachers, giving entertainments at the old ladies' homes and parties at the children's homes, and providing workers for the hospital kitchens and laundry.

The meeting adjourned in time for all to attend a fine country church service in South Waterford. Hiking part way back from church helped everyone work up a good appetite for a delicious home-cooked dinner after which the group held its final meeting sprawled on the front lawn. Integrating the commissions and correlating the Bates association with the regional commission areas were discussed.

Gob-Aloney

By BILL HAPP

The past two weeks have been ones of violent activity for both V-12's and civilians. Everyone has been unbending, the girls in their gym exhibition, the navy lads in their smoker, and the faculty in their rather uninhibited little performance at the dance last Saturday night.

The gym exhibition, at which I was the only navy representative, was a rehash of the old "Twisted Torsos of 1942" show with a few more clothes, I am told. Admission was gained thru a couple of pretty tall stories and a big smile. Incidentally I'm collecting numerous little bets of kisses, caresses, and cash from the girlies for getting away with this stunt. Summation: It is amazing how much better most of the girls look with fewer clothes on.

The smoker which consisted of a group of skits supplied by the various sections in the dorms caused plenty of red faces and loud guffaws. Action centered everywhere from the Batt office to the entertainment scene in Boston with a couple of trials thrown in for good measure. The humor was broad and the take-offs good.

On Friday night music lovers turned out for the combined music clubs program, and this department would like to offer bouquets to gobs who are interested enough in music to take part in these organizations. But I'd still like to see the Orphic Orchestra drown Chief Rutherford out as well as the navy band can.

Speaking of Rutherford, rumor has it that a trainee ran into Lt. Goodwin the other day gasping, "Sir, the chief has just hanged himself."

"Good heavens, man," said Goodwin, "did you cut him down?"

"Oh no, sir. He wasn't dead yet."

Last members of the training department is Sp (A) 1/c Jerome Winn. A native of Wisconsin, he played basketball and was teaching high school when he 'jined up.' Sp. Winn and his wife live in Auburn — probably dreaming of the day they can get back to the Cheese State again.

By the way, a borrowed definition calls an Athletic Specialist a dignified bunch of muscles unable to split wood or sift ashes.

Sp. Winn, who also specializes in shore patrolling, says, "By actual count there are 154 bars, taprooms, and saloons in Lewiston, and I'm proud to say that I haven't been in one of them unofficially."

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Play . . .

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hard-headed business man crosses the path of the scheming Aunt Ellen.

Chet Catler and Phil Jones have been having quite a bit of trouble working up a warm embrace. Miss Schaeffer was surprised, because she had heard he never had any trouble with that sort of thing before. "Chet" blames it on his sunburn! Finally, to end the difficulty, Miss Schaeffer, in true director fashion, went up to demonstrate. "Chet" couldn't break away for five minutes.

We watched "Edie" Hale, Dennis' Irish beauty try on period costumes, and they certainly are glamorous. Duffy, otherwise known to campus as William Senseny, is now a buck private in Uncle Sammy's army, and will be called up sometime between June 1 and 12. His Uncle permitting he will be available for the two performances.

The play is primarily a wistful Irish comedy, but it does carry a serious motivation also. It even has a little music in it as Jaqueline Coventry gives out with a mean song in Act Three.

The play comes off June 1 and 2. Tickets are on sale in the bookstore now. So hurry up and we'll see you there.

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Dr. Peter A. Bertocci's Article Appears In "Review Of Religion"

by Dorothy Petrie '45

Dr. Peter A. Bertocci of the philosophy department discusses the problem of faith and reason and the views of Dr. Ferre of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in an article on "Faith and Reason; the Implication of Dr. Ferre's View" in the May issue of the **Review of Religion**. Agreeing with Dr. Ferre that unless ideals are more than human whims men have no reasonable basis for faith or persistence, Dr. Bertocci objects to a blind faith that puts personal conviction above an objective evaluation of all the facts. The individual who must be completely convinced of the reality of his ideal before putting it into practice betrays lack of moral courage and an unwillingness to cast the dice of life if they are not loaded in his favor. The orthodox believer who dares not test his faith by a rational evaluation of all the facts is fully as deficient in courage as the liberal who falls short of his best reasoning. The basis of Dr. Bertocci's faith is not in abstract reality but in the actual development of our ideals in the past, present, and possible future. It is this realization of God in our own experience which furnished the inspiration for dynamic living and replaces the errors of blind faith with the challenge of a growing faith that man himself can help cre-

ate. Rather than saying with Dr. Ferre that "Faith is basically a will to believe, while reason is a challenge to belief" he would say that faith is the will to believe what empirical reason (or coherence) challenges us to believe.

The weakness of Dr. Bertocci's view lies in its making faith dependent upon historical circumstances so that it is not stable but likely to fluctuate as experiences change, its failure to inspire the creation of goodness when there is no rational hope, and its failure to recognize that one's evaluation of facts depends on his own mental attitude. A faith founded on individual reason will be less able to resist personal doubt and public criticism than a faith born of spiritual inspiration and derived from absolute values beyond our lives. Its virtue is its synthesis of ideals and experiences and its emphasis upon human responsibility for a complete evaluation of facts and the willingness to bet one's life on an unproven conviction and its adaptation of absolutes to immediate historical situations.

STU-G NEWS

As we are all finishing up the odds and ends of our work—short stories, term paper, outside readings, hour writings, and the final preparation for our exams; so the new student government board has been busying itself with the cleaning up of the odds and ends of stu-g work for the year. Along with this general "spring clearance" there has been planning for the summer program—board, rules, and activities.

Within the next week, so Ruthanna Stone, Stu-g-president, the board hopes to have completed both room assignments and new rules for 1944-45.

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