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# The Bates Student

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## An Open Letter to THE STUDENT from a Freshman:

This week the men of the freshman class were informed that freshman rules had been extended one week "due to the rebellious assembly of the Freshman Class".

Not only is this extension unfair to a majority of the freshman men, but it is also the climax to a series of events which have made many of the new students wonder about the Student Council and the Freshman Rules Committee. To begin with, this "rebellious assembly" was made up of approximately 30 men; and, as a result, 120 will suffer.

Perhaps a week is not much; but many, including upperclassmen, are tried of the way in which this freshman orientation is dragging out. Furthermore, this extension is another instance of the Student Council and the Rules Committee not sticking to previous assertions.

These previous assertions I refer to are: 1. the fact that de-capping might be Nov. 4 and all restrictions would end then; 2. the definite statement that the policy towards haircuts was that here would be none unless everything else failed (in the case of the two haircuts thus far administered, the punishment did not work up gradually to this extreme penalty, but took a large jump over other, less severe punishments); 3. the impression in many of the freshmen's minds that there would be no haze day; and 4. the indication, admittedly erroneously given by the Rules Committee, that the original set of freshman rules was the complete set.

Returning to the words, "the rebellious assembly of the Freshman Class," I would like to further question this phrase. Almost all of these 30 or so men had been excited by a rumor that two freshman had been bodily dragged from their rooms by a number of upperclassmen. This turned out to be untrue, but the freshmen did not know and had only gone along to Roger Bill to see what was going on, certainly not to rebel.

Men of Bates need the Student Council, and Stu-C needs the confidence of all the men. Can the council correct or explain these injustices shown the freshman men?

## An Open Answer to the Freshmen from the Editor

The letter printed above in this column represents one point of view in the issue of the recently announced extension of freshman rules by the Student Council. In presenting the other side, we are not necessarily speaking for the Council, although in most of the following points, that is true. This is, however, my own open letter to the freshmen interpreting the council's action.

The primary objections to the Student Council's action seems to be twofold. First, the gathering of the freshmen was merely for the purpose of investigation of a rumor and not in the spirit of defiance to the council or the Rules Enforcement Committee. If this is true, why didn't the freshmen disperse when the council's representative to the committee met them and told them that it was an official meeting, under Stu-C sanction, and attended by students from every men's dormitory on campus? Why did they continue to delay proceedings after they had learned that it was not an extra-legal abduction of their classmates?

The second objection is that the entire class is being punished for what seems to have been the action of a small minority. There are several reasons for this. We know of other freshmen who would have joined these men had they known about the affair. But more important, we know of too many freshmen who are too anxious to follow blindly where others point the way.

We hope that the freshman class will take this lesson to heart. It should show them that it is necessary to stop and think before they let emotional oratory sway them to impulsive action. It should show them that in a closely knit community such as Bates, men are socially responsible for their fellow men, and the freshmen men now know how the actions of a part can affect the whole. These are a couple of tough lessons to learn. Freshman rules are not so back-breaking that another week of them makes the cost of these lessons unbearable.

As to the other "previous assertions" mentioned in the letter above, we shall discuss them in the same order.

1. Certainly it is true that the council announced that rules would end Nov. 4. Do the freshmen think Stu-C would announce a special set of rules for the entire year? Naturally the extension refutes that date, how could it otherwise be called an extension?
2. In spite of numerous warnings, official and unofficial, the recipients of the haircuts had persisted flagrantly to violate the rules. It was the unanimous opinion of the students who were consulted by the Enforcement Committee that a haircut was the next step, as previous punishments administered seemingly had no effect.
3. The Student Council, when drawing up a set of rules, said there would be no hazing while enforcing the rules, nor would the rules themselves contain an element of hazing. It did not commit itself on the subject of a haze day until one week ago today, when plans were made for one day of hazing.
4. How can the freshmen have possibly received any indication that the original rules would not be amended when one of the rules states that any change in the other rules must be publicly posted three days before becoming effective?

In closing, there is one more point. The Student Council, in voting an extension, acted upon what it considered to be the majority opinion of the men whom they represent. They took action only after consultation and debate. Upperclassmen who have seen the rules remain in effect until Thanks giving did not feel that they were "tired of the way in which this freshman orientation is dragging out".

Harry Jobrack

# Students Collect Gems, Elephants, Beer Labels

By Irene Illing  
Gem stones, foreign dolls, elephants, poems, perfume bottles, coins, beer labels, and giraffes are among the many items carefully collected, preserved, and added to from day to day by the more ardent of Bates' student hobbyists.

This diversity of collections was revealed in a recent poll conducted by THE STUDENT.

One student has a collection of 50 perfume bottles. Another has over a hundred foreign dolls. The elephant collector has 300, and another animal-lover owns fifteen giraffes, one three-footer on display in West Parker.

One girl claims she collects links from car chains. She cleans them up and puts nail polish on them. It all started when she found one in a gutter and used it for a paper weight. Then "gutter-snipping" friends scrounged around while on walks and brought back all kinds of links.

Two of the students polled are button collectors, and there are two coin collectors. China and silverware antiques are the joy of one girl, while another person once had a playing card collection of over 2000 different cards. Another boasts an aggregation of 15 pipes, valued at \$50.

Also collected by Bates students are poems, wild flowers, valuable news articles, snapshots, theatre stubs, church calendars, and pictures and articles about the royal family of England. Several people collect memoranda of people, places, and activities in personal scrapbooks. A fellow has the autographs of fifteen bandleaders. Another keeps a collection of historical facts and legends of the old West.

Among the six reported stamp collectors is one with a collection of 5000-6000, both US and foreign. This student also collects minerals, epitaphs, bottle caps, baseball clippings, and old town histories.

Seven reported to be record collectors. In one Roger Williams room are 200 records of Benny Goodman. Kay Kayser, and Tommy Dorsey, while in another room are 25 albums of classical records.

Some joker collects hair pins from girls' wigs. This all started at the advice of a psychoanalyst, and the hairpins are valuable because they are "good to pinch with".

Most intriguing of the Bates hobbyists, however, is the girl who claims that she collects dust under her bed. How started? She lost her dust rag.

# Billias, Gould Run The Show

By Marilyn Bayer  
Now that the smoke has cleared away, and the campus is slowly easing itself into its former state, where one may light a cigarette without having someone yell, "I smell smoke", students may well pat the Outing Club officers on the back for the midnight oil they burnt during the recent fire emergency.

Acting as the central fire-fighting agency at Bates, the Outing Club, under the direction of its officers, George Billias and Norbert Gould, organized volunteers into six groups of approximately fifty men, who were on call at any time. At the height of the emergency, it was decided that to avoid confusion, the Outing Club, in its capacity as the school's central agency, would be notified by the Central Disaster Committee in Augusta and the Club would, in turn, call out the groups.

It is interesting to note that during the week of emergency approximately 775 "man-units" left the Bates campus under direction of the Outing Club.

Mr. Sampson, in speaking of the way in which Bates faced the situation, had nothing but praise for the Outing Club in particular. As for the campus in general, he is proud of Bates students and their cooperation.



# Lois Montgomery Faces Unique Problem In 'Joan'

By Barbara Le-Vine  
If you were Lois Montgomery... No experience, you'd say, if asked your preparation to play the lead in the Little Theatre production of "Joan of Lorraine"; no experience, but a great love of acting, of the theatre, and of Joan.

You're behind the footlights now with quite a little job on your hands. You have to subdue your own personality to that of a woman who is one of the most controversial figures in history, and in order to be convincing, you have to

decide for yourself exactly what made Joan "tick".

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Mary had grown up with a very idealistic view of Joan. She had always believed her to be the pow-

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# News From Sampsonville

Again we're back to normal after a few hectic days of freedom from classes with excused cuts, juggling schedules to fit the moment, and nights with the light burning constantly because the man of the house was missing. Many's the guy who was out with a hot number, in the last dozen days or so, while his soulmate was sitting at home with a light in the window. An electric light - no candles allowed.

As "keepers of the flame", Sampsonville was in there pitching. We've heard tell that even some of the ladies kept hourly vigil throughout the night, over that dry and dangerous area around in back where stands that huge field of potential tinder. Now that school is in again there will be some more burning - of midnight oil - to make up for lost time.

Seeing this is a newspaper, guess we'd better produce some news before we lose our Official Sampsonville Reporter standing and the Fourth Estate shuns us like Bowdoin shuns the unfortunate under-

classman caught in the maroon and black colors of you-know-what.

Ed and Shirley Glanz took for New York City last week to do some visiting with Doug Penn Richter, and to check the graduate facilities of one of the little schools they have down there. We think Ed said it was Columbia.

The newcomer to the McCann menage was reason for a shower for Mrs. Mac some days ago. Being not of the acceptable sex, scribe was not present, so we can say more, except that the McCann Jonucz and Webber dressed up in shingdig. The little guy got a pen.

This next one should come under the heading, "Sounds in the Night". The Wiskups are proud to announce that Doreen is coming with two new teeth or perhaps she should say the teeth are coming into her.

That's about all. Now maybe they'll let us come back again in a few weeks.

# POLITICS PREFERRED

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## THE MARSHALL PLAN

**The Christian Science Monitor:**  
"The Marshall Plan will build a new and changed Europe. Its success could be the cornerstone of a brighter, freer prosperous world."

**The New York Times:**  
"As seen by American officials any plan for Europe's reconstruction must be economically defensible and of European origin."

"The Marshall Plan is the implementation of the Truman Doctrine of containment of world communism at its present limit."

**Russia's Zhadanov In Pravda:**  
"The United States is trying to use money credits as an instrument of economic, military, and political enslavement, seeking to retard the industrial development of the 'new democracies' of eastern Europe."

**Stalin:**  
"We will wait until the western nations regain their reason (abandoning the Truman and Marshall plans) . . . We can wait. We are

a patient people . . . Cooperation between countries having different economic systems is still possible.

**Wallace In The New Republic:**  
"Once again the United States has by-passed the United Nations. What Is The Marshall Plan?"

What is this controversial Marshall Plan? Here it is in simple terms:

**Crisis:** Six years of war, an extremely severe winter, and a summer of unusual drought have meant semi-starvation and possible Communism for Europe.

**Marshall's Offer:** Secretary Marshall in June offered to Europe large-scale American reconstruction aid provided that Europe first show how it could effectively help itself.

**Europe's Response:** Sixteen nations met at Paris and outlined what help they need from the United States and what they themselves

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# Touchdown By Blanchard, Safety Give Garnet Nod Over Bowdoin

The Bates Bobcats met the Bowdoin Polar Bears last Saturday afternoon at Whittier Field in Brunswick. Before the third session was over, each team had scored a touchdown and made good the conversion. It was by the margin of a first period safety that the Bobcats emerged from the tussle with a 9-7 victory, the final outcome not being assured until the end.

Bates received the opening kickoff and moved downfield as if they were going to take the game right at the opening. From their own 40, Art Blanchard, Jesse Castanias, and Al Howlett moved the ball down to Bowdoin's two yard line, but the Bears dug in and took the ball on downs. Featuring this drive was a 21 yard pass from Blanchard to Howlett. Few realized at this stage that the Bobcats would not see their line of scrimmage anywhere near this point of advance for the rest of the game.

Bowdoin punted to its own 37 and the Bobcats again had a chance. An attempted pass from Blanchard to Howlett was intercepted on the Bowdoin 2, and the Polar Bears were again in trouble. On the first play, Bill Cummane and Al Angelosante broke through to nab Pierce behind his own goal line for a safety. Bates retained this slim 2-0 lead until after half time.

Bowdoin opened the second half by receiving the ball and launched a drive that almost equalled the

## Howard Leads Bobcats At State Harrier Meet

The Bobcat harriers dropped another cross-country meet, Monday, Nov. 3, when they bowed to the powerful Maine and Bowdoin teams in the annual Maine Intercollegiate cross country championship at the Augusta Country Club. The score was Maine 19, Bowdoin 44, Bates 75.

Folsom, Maine's star runner, broke the record previously held by Bates as he ran the course in 18:53.2. A blistering pace set by Jascha French of Bates who led the pack for the first three-quarters of a mile helped Folsom to make his record time.

No Bates runner managed to place in the first 10. The first Bates man to finish was Roger Howard who came in 11th. Howard really outdid himself in this race as he bettered his previous times this season by better than four

Garnet's first period bid. They penetrated to the Bates 29 where the latter's line held. The Bobcats worked the ball past midfield only to see a long pass intercepted by Beem, who was racing to what seemed like a sure touchdown when Norm Parent, giving it all he had, made a last desperate lunge at his heels which was just enough to knock him off balance on the Bates 9. Bob McAvoy plowed over two plays later for the Bowdoin touchdown. With the conversion, Bowdoin led 7-2.

It was with a "never say die" spirit that the Bobcats came back in that third period. With the ball on the Bates 47, Art Blanchard broke through his own right tackle, cut back, evaded the Bowdoin secondary, and was suddenly in the clear. It was this 53 yard run for a touchdown by little Artie that turned the game into a Bates victory, because from then on, Bowdoin threatened the Bates goal time after time. John Thomas booted a perfect conversion to make it a Bates 9, Bowdoin 7.

The fourth period saw the Bobcats stave off two field goal attempts, both of which, though fairly accurate, lacked the necessary distance. The defense held for a Garnet victory.

Ducky Pond again had to call on replacements at crucial points during the game to relieve tired and hurt Bobcat starting backfield men. Nick Valoras, Bud Porter, and Mike Melody came through when needed. The season's real test of the whole Bates defense came in that final quarter as Bowdoin continually threatened.

minutes. Howard's time, the best time for a Bates runner was 20:50.

After Howard, Bates men in the order of their finish were: Mahoney, who finished thirteenth; French, who's last minute sprint nosed out Schrack of Bowdoin, gained fifteenth place; Brown was seventeenth; and Quigly, Colburn, and Cloutier who finished nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first respectively. Art Hutchins...

## Series Postscripts

After the first week of the State Series, Maine, by virtue of its 33-6 victory over Colby, appears to be the favorite on paper. More light will be shed next Saturday after the Bates-Colby and Maine-Bowdoin games.

For our money, Art Blanchard and Norm Parent both played their best against Bowdoin that we have actually seen, not being at Toledo or last year's Maine thriller. Artie was definitely the outstanding man on the field while Norm made tackle after tackle.

Art stayed in after being hurt early in the game but was badly shaken up later on and had to be taken out. The ovation given him by the Bowdoin stands was a great display of sportmanship to one great guy. Norm also had to be taken out of the game for a well-deserved rest.

It is always hard to pick out individuals, but the general consensus of opinion is that the defensive stars for Bates were Parent, Al Angelosante, Dick Scott, Wally Lealey, and Lindy Blanchard. One writer cited the blocking of Hod Record.

The \$64 question asked by post-game quarterbacks was why Bowdoin tried for a field goal with better than a minute to go and only second down.

The pass which Dick Scott caught in the first half over his shoulders was a gem.

## State Series Standing

Team	W	L	Pc.	P	O
Bates	1	0	1.000	9	7
Maine	1	0	1.000	33	6
Bowdoin	0	1	.000	7	9
Colby	0	1	.000	6	33

## Remaining Games

Nov. 8
Bates at Colby.
Bowdoin at Maine.
Nov. 15
Maine at Bates.
Colby at Bowdoin.

## Around Garcelon

With the campus sports calendar back to normal again, the Freshman football team will entertain Bridgton Academy next Friday afternoon at home. The Frosh possess a 1-1 record.

There are three undefeated football teams left in New England. An idea of their power is evident with a look at the scores of last Saturday. New Hampshire, which previously had defeated Maine 28-7, went to town against Northeastern 55-6. Trinity romped over Worcester Tech 34-7, while Wesleyan beat Haverford 25-15. It will be interesting to note the outcome of the Trinity-Wesleyan game on November 15.

Managers and cheerleaders are two types of students who add a lot to any sports activity. This year's football managerial staff is composed of Owen Kittredge, Austin Jones, and Dick Johnston. The cheerleaders are John Gaffney, Dick Zakarian, Dave Merrill, Jim Dempsey, Joan Greenberg, Twink Hudson, and Maralyn Davis.

Our next door neighbor, Lewiston High School, is well on its way to the Maine Schoolboy Championship. They beat Quincy High 7-6 last Saturday on Garcelon (while the Bobcats were at Bowdoin) to keep their undefeated record intact.

Lewiston High is the alma mater of Norm Parent, Wally Lealey, and Doug Kay, all of our football team. In Norm's four years there, the team, coached by Hyme Shanahan then (he officiates Bates games), lost but twice. Norm and Wally contributed to giving Lewiston High one of its greatest eras of sports.

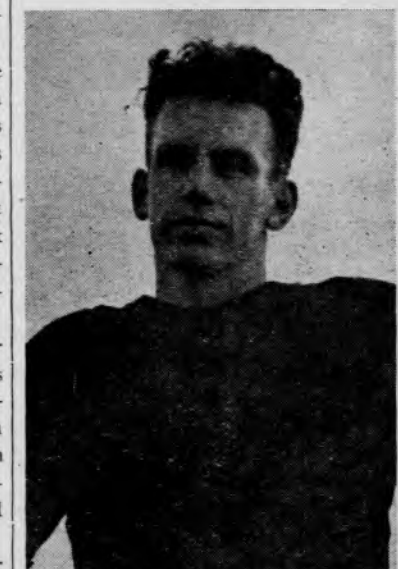
Rog Howard is one of the several men out for cross country who may greatly improve when they get indoors on the shorter distances.

## Bates-Bowdoin Statistics

Bates	Bow.
First Downs	14 12
Yds. Rushing	227 131
Yds. Lost Rushing	26 29
Net Gain Rushing	201 102
Yds. Passing	58 57
Passes Tried	11 21
Passes Completed	3 9
Opp. Passes Intercepted	1 3
Net Passing, Rushing	259 159
Yds. Penalized	45 30

## Don Connors In Old Guard Position

Don Connors has been a regular fixture at guard for the Bobcats since the Trinity game of last season. He broke into the lineup after Lindy Blanchard had been injured in the opener and has not relinquished a starting position since that time. Especially characteristic of Don is his willingness to always get in there and dig. A junior he has still another season before him. He weighs in at 175 lbs., and stands an even six feet.



Don's home is in Burlington, Mass., and he graduated from nearby Lexington High School in 1939. Football and hockey were his two sports. He played both guard and tackle on the gridiron, while the winter game found him at defense. He was an All-Middlesex guard for two seasons. The year 1938 saw him playing on an undefeated hockey team.

Signing up with the Army Air Corps on the day after Pearl Harbor, Don saw very little of the Hub and surrounding territory for the next four years. He served in the jungles of the Pacific and was in contact with lend-lease work to the Chinese Government. His job also included trips over the Burma Road. Don was discharged from service on Nov. 22, 1945, and entered Bates in the spring semester of '46. He is

## Title Game Played Today; All-Star Team Revealed

### British Hockey Coach Judges WAA Matches

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Dulcie Scougal arrived at Bates for a brief visit to give us some pointers on improving our hockey. A reception was held in her honor Sunday night in the Women's Union and it was attended by WAA Board members. Monday afternoon the two-hour hockey coaching session was held on the girls' athletic field. After the practice, there was a tea in the Rand reception room for board members, the hockey teams, and special guests. Miss Scougal went on to Colby and the University of Maine, after she left Bates and will next travel out west.

A change has been made in the opening date of the co-ed volleyball season as it coincided with the teachers' convention held here last week and Kum Back Weekend this week. The first games will therefore be played on Friday, November 24th, and will continue each Friday night up to Dec. 12th. It's going to be piles of fun.

The WAA winter sports season starts this week, so try your hand at girls' volleyball on Monday afternoons at 4:30 in Rand Gym. Bowling is included in this season too, with half rates, courtesy of WAA at the Bowlway Alleys on Middle Street downtown. There's an open season on hiking and biking, so get out and do some before the snow flies.

Nancy Norton-Taylor

## Intramural Standings

As of Monday night with three games to go:

	Won	Lost	Tied
Middle	4	0	0
John Bertram	4	0	0
Roger Bill	1	2	1
North	2	3	0
South	0	3	0
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### Mason Names Chairmen; Will Revamp Discussions

Jean Chapman is heading a new committee working on ways to carry on freshman discussion groups and make them less formal, it has been announced by Scotty Mason, chairman of the CA Freshman Commission.

Other recently appointed sub-chairmen within the commission and the activities of their committees are as follows: Frederick Dickerman, registration for conferences; Ralph Burnette and Edgar Noel, commission party at Thorncrag; Sonya Bianchi and Lee Cosier, 1948 Freshman Handbook; Elizabeth Dyer, reception of Class of 1952.

Joan Holmes is the new secretary of the commission.

The meeting of freshman discussion groups scheduled for Oct. 28 and postponed because of forest fires should be held as soon as rescheduling is possible, it was decided at the CA cabinet meeting Oct. 29.

The ten sets of discussion leaders and their faculty hosts have been as follows: Joyce Baldwin, Elaine Thomsen, and Jean Thomson, Dr. Mabee; Jane Brown and Kathleen Kelly, Dr. Painter; Dan Decker and Barbara Cooper, Dr. Hovey; Stanley Freeman and Mary Lou Duda, Dr. McDonald; Phyllis Gordon and Luella Flett, Prof. Kimball; Thelma Hardy and David Tillson, Dr. Zerby; Marjorie Lem-

### Resumes Schedule

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ure that I extend gratifying praise to the members of your staff and student body for the very much needed cooperation and services rendered during the recent fire emergency.

I have received much commendation relative to your students from the heads of the various towns, for instance; Richmond, Kezar Falls, Saco and Biddeford.

Your alertness and planning during this emergency warrants the thanks from this Department and those of the citizens of Lewiston, I am sure too, that you must have received much favorable comment for your prompt and valuable service.

Respectfully yours,  
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ka and Harvey Warren, Mr. Covell; Helen Papiaonou and Phyllis Sanctuary, Prof. Seward; Diane Walgast and Richard Zakarian, Dr. and Mrs. Myhrman; Beverley Young and Roger Howard, Dr. D'Alfonso.

Refreshments have been provided by Mary Francis Turner's Social Commission.

### Lois Montgomery

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er behind the rise of France from the brink of defeat to the glorious level of national pride. She had always been sure that Joan would never compromise with dishonesty. She had believed in the voices Joan heard, which impelled her to leave her humble birthplace and despite opposition and doubting and ridicule accomplish the crowning of the Dauphin, of whose weaknesses and corruptness she was unaware.

Now Mary's an actress. She's playing Joan and she wants to make her the ideal she's always believed her to be. She feels in her heart that had Joan known of the Dauphin's utter weaknesses, she never would have placed him upon the throne of France. But her director, Mr. Masters, doesn't agree with her. He thinks that Joan realized the inherent corruptness of the Dauphin and the dishonesty rampant in the nation's politics, but that because she was greater than mere transient personalities, she was willing to give in that she might attain her goal.

Right here it becomes your own problem. Should you agree with Mary Gray or with Masters? Can you believe that because Joan was the possessor of such remarkable faith, its strength was powerful enough to make her inner voices more demanding upon her than the dishonest of the outer world? Can you identify yourself with Joan to such a degree that you can actually feel as she felt, cry for the souls of the dying enemy as she cried, and experience such a burning passion

### Canterbury Offers Sun. Open House

The Canterbury Club, consisting of members of the Episcopal Church, meets every other Sunday night at seven-thirty. The week that there is no regular meeting there is an open house, which consists of various activities. This Sunday the open house will be a special Vesper Service. The last regular meeting was under the leadership of Reverend Bowers. The subject of his talk was "What Is Christianity?". He introduced his plans for future meetings of the club.

### BEAT COLBY RALLY FRIDAY NIGHT

### Decapping

(Continued on page four) South; Herbert Bergdahl in Middle; Link Barlow, Dick Nair, and Don Peck in North; and Jerry Condon, Don Patnode, Charles Littlefield, and Robert Briggs for John Bertram and off-campus combined.

to save your nation as filled the heart of the peasant girl more than five hundred years ago?

If you were Lois Montgomery, this would be your big problem.

### Chapel Assembly Hears 'Penzance' Recordings

The chapel assembly Friday morning, October 31, consisted of recordings from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

Vivienne Sikora gave a brief historical introduction to this opera, which made its premiere performance in New York, where it was an immediate success. At this time the partnership included Gilbert and Sullivan and D'Oyly Carte, great English impresario, who was the manager of the theatre.

The selections played were "Overture", "The Policeman's Chorus", and "Major General".

### Public Affairs Initiates New Feature Column

In this week's STUDENT appears the first of a series of articles on current world events by the Public Affairs Commission of the CA.

The committee headed by David Tillson as chairman, includes Austin Jones, Edith Rontier, Bob Jones, Merrill Nearis, Ray Sennett, Arthur Darken, Irene Michalek, Bill Stringfellow, and Glenn Kumehawa.

### Politics Preferred . . . The Marshall Plan

(Continued from page two) can do for recovery. Eight others refused to attend.

U. S. Action: President Truman has called a special session for Nov. 17 to consider early aid for Europe. Bi-partisan support apparently is increasing both in the country and in the Congressional and Presidential committees. Approval of the Plan in general is likely.

All Gaul: The projected Marshall Plan has three parts:

1. The four-year \$20,000,000,000 recovery plan hoped to be approved by Congress before April 1.
2. Stopgap aid of about \$1,000,000,000 to be made available in the special session for the period from December 1 to April 1.
3. Emergency aid of about \$500,000,000 until Dec. 1, now being made available by the administration for France and Italy.

Value: The real value of this aid will depend upon the stability of American price levels, especially grain.

How We Look At It: The Marshall Plan to aid Europe has as its purpose two interrelated features: The economic recovery of Western Europe and the containment of Communism.

American plans are based on the supposition that Western Europe, bolstered by U. S. aid can accomplish these aims.

We favor immediate action by Congress upon the report of the Paris conference. We feel the Marshall Plan represents a frank acknowledgment of the facts and is the best alternative to working within the framework of the present situation, which is apparently impossible in the face of Russian opposition.

Still, it seems to us that the Marshall Plan is not basically sound. It has by-passed the United Nations and although it has provided an answer to Communist infiltration tactics, it has also further accentuated the differences between East and West.

The Marshall Plan may be necessary now, but it remains to be seen if it can substitute for world-wide cooperation.

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