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THE STUDENT COUNCIL . . .

The Student Council has at last secured jurisdiction over the dining question. On Jan. 5, the council will replace the Commons administration as the agency responsible for men's appearance and conduct in the dining hall. This change, obviously supported by a majority of the men, certainly will be widely hailed.

High praise should go to everyone connected with securing this new policy, to its initiators Bill Stringfellow and Charlie Radcliffe, to the Council as a whole, to the men students for their interest in the issue, and to certain members of the faculty and administration for their broadminded sympathy with the student viewpoint.

What the Council will do with its new power has not yet been fully revealed. The Council is intending to hold dorm meetings and let the men have a voice in determining standards of dress and conduct. What ever it does, however, let us hope that the Council will not neglect its new responsibility and that all Bates men will cooperate with the Council in its plans. For clearly, this, perhaps the Council's first unqualified success under the new constitution, is a major step towards giving our Council real power and prestige. It must not be allowed to backfire because of failure of student cooperation.

And let us also hope that our Council will not now show any disposition to rest on its laurels. For surely we want to keep strengthening the Student Council until it can be called the most effective, useful, and respected Council that Bates has ever had. David Tillson

An Open Letter To The Editor Of The STUDENT . . .

The Hobby Shoppe is a wonderful institution—a true place of learning. For example, over a cup of coffee one morning, I learned that the food situation on the girls' side of campus is completely satisfactory. My informant—one of the men representatives to B. C. C. who had obtained this information from several B. C. C. meetings.

Last week, my Student Government representative brought up the food problem at the weekly meeting, where no action was taken because she was the only representative who had heard complaints about the food. Among those who were uninformed was your House President, your only direct voice in campus government.

The Student Government Board is our governing body. Each representative is not just one person but the voice of the group she represents. The very fact that a representative has brought the problem to the meeting is proof that the problem does exist and should be investigated.

Here is one case where our Stu-G and B. C. C. representatives were unaware of our feelings on an important matter. As a result, the Student Council food opinion questionnaire was circulated only on the men's side of campus. As in days of old, the women's opinions don't even matter because our women representatives on B. C. C. did not feel that the problem was acute enough to investigate.

Come on girls, make your representatives aware of your opinions on campus matters and give the women on Stu-G a chance to prove that the "Stu" stands for "Student," not "Stoogent". Marjorie Lemka

Like Little Eva, Songs Of Bates "Just Grewed"

By Jo Cargill

"Here's to Bates, our alma mater dear,"—how many times Bates students have sung those words! Reverently in chapel and wildly at football games.

Yet have the singers ever stopped to wonder how their alma mater came to be written?

As early as 1894 there was a clamor for a song to show the students' devotion to Bates. Up to that time no one had ventured to write one, though many thought an alma mater was definitely needed. Nothing came of this plea until 1910, when Irving Blake '11 wrote a verse called "Alma Mater" for the year book. Immediately Hubert Davis '12, one of the college's outstanding musicians at the time, set the words to music and played the song for a group of Bates men. The popularity of the piece soon spread throughout the college and alumni.

Alma Mater Unofficial
Strangely enough, "Alma Mater" has never been proclaimed the official college song. Yet in 1939 at least four-fifths of the alumni claimed it to be such. Thus by force of public opinion "Alma Mater" has become the alma mater.

The popular "Bates Bobcat", whose last four lines are sung after each touchdown on the football field, was the winning tune in a 1927 song contest. Words and music were written by Hollis Bradbury '27, an Auburn boy who had already won himself a musical reputation at Bates.

The Bates Smoker, by Stanton H. Woodman '20, and the Bates Field Song, by Hubert P. Davis '12, were both submitted to a contest sponsored by Dean Rowe to stimulate interest in writing college songs. At the time, the administration was thinking of issuing a song book, and the contest seemed appropriate. The composer of the Smoker, a relative of "Uncle Johnnie" Stanton, is at present advertising manager for Station WCSH in Lewiston.

In 1921 "Gallery of Memories" was adapted by Ralph G. Winslow '05, then serving in the capacity of musical director at the Bates summer school.

Groups Stage Contests
Yet all along the way different groups have been sponsoring activities to stimulate the writing of songs. In May of 1917 a song and marching contest was held for all girls. The Alumni Council has frequently offered prizes for new songs.

Even more recently have been the Outing Club sponsored Winter Carnival - song contests, which

urge each dormitory to submit a song. Outstanding products of this affair are "The Garnet" by Phyllis Chaplowe '47 and Mary Skelton, representing Smith North, which was then a women's dormitory, and the Bates Hymn by Ruth Asker Wilbur '46, representing Smith South. Both tunes were submitted in the 1945 competition, the latter taking first prize. Yet "The Garnet" seemed to catch the fancy of the students and has been adopted as one of their marching songs.

.. Surface Noise ..

"Sadie Hawkins Day" may be over, but I'll bet it isn't entirely forgotten. Seems as if some of those lucky "Lil Abners" came back for more. How about that Lou, Bill, and Pat?

Tey, Cuddles, next time you deliver hamburgers after hours, make mine with mustard and relish.

What prof is it who, after having finished his lecture a few minutes early and finding himself unable to squeeze questions out of the class said, "Anybody know a good joke?"

Bouquets to Monty and the whole cast for a splendid performance, and brickbats to those who didn't buy a season ticket and missed the play.

What is it that attracts you to Hacker House, Pedro and Jim?

Some folks think Chase House is way out in the country, but Gil makes it quite a few times a day.

When you read about the riots in France remember that according to Michelle Suur's father, "The French eat all things with garlic and therefore have hot heads!"

Before I forget it, I must remind all you guys that there's a scintillating formal coming up very soon. A word to the wise is sufficient!

You haven't "Nick"-ed him yet, have you, girls?

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By Bobbie Pekar
"Look here, what's this training business all about? Last night I asked a cute little frosh to hop over to Mike's with me for a coke and she glibly replied that she was on training and she simply had to hurry to her dorm so she could study and be in bed by ten and, besides, 'cokes aren't allowed in training'. What's she training for — a prize fight?"

According to Jane Brown, vice-president of the Women's Athletic Association and the girl in charge of "this training business":

Ten Cigarettes
"Training is the means by which we keep ourselves in good condition physically and mentally despite the strains of college life. It is especially valuable to freshmen who are adjusting to a new life."

If a girl gets anywhere from six and one-quarter to nine hours of sleep each night she rates herself accordingly on her training sheet. Points are also given for taking daily showers ending with cool water and refraining from smoking more than ten cigarettes each day. Three well-balanced meals with nothing in between except fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, ice cream, and canned juices are the food requirements for those on training.

WAA Gives Prizes
Three breaks in the rules are allowed each week. When a trainee breaks more than three times, she may be excused at the weekly WAA board meeting, presided over by Lee Davis.

If the case is not excused, the girl is no longer considered on training. Unless she has already had one year of voluntary training, she is then ineligible for a WAA award in the spring.

A minimum total score of 500 points must be achieved for the week. Some girls average as high as 635 a week. At the end of the college year an award is given to the girl who obtains the highest training score in each class.

All of the eight cases which come up before the board this year have been excused. A girl reported herself because injured foot compelled her to bathe with her feet outside the bath.

No Doughnuts
There are 124 girls, including seniors, on training this year. A crease of 40 over last year's scant total of eight infractions since the beginning of the year seems to indicate that the training is really very lenient.

"Lenient, you say? How the time my roommate was on a bus beside a man who had the first bite in her mouth she remembered she was on training."

Most of the girls find such delectable pastries their lull, but, as Marjorie Nickerson, typical trainee, puts it: "This certainly is a good way to your will-power and to keep waistline down at the same time. When asked what they use to stick to training most of the participants 'sheer will power'."

"It is when tasty packages from home that we begin ourselves. But not for long. It or not, training is fun," said a girl.

And that, my inquisitive companion, is the answer to profound question on this "business". Now let's go on Mike's — for some fruit juice.

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Bobcats Drop Opener In Final Two Minutes

By Dave Turkeltaub
The basketball season began for Bates and Maine Saturday night just where it left off a year ago. In the thrill-a-minute style, that has become a regular feature of Alumni Gym games since Ed Petro took over the coaching reins, the Bobcats fought the Orono men neck and neck, only to lose to the visitors in the closing moments, 62-59.

The contest was not nip and tuck all the way. First Maine rolled up an impressive lead, but the Petromen caught fire and at half-time enjoyed a nine point advantage. In the latter portion of the second half, the Bears came rearing back and by freezing the ball ecked out their victory.

Maine started the game with a crush. Their quintet looked sure and confident as they rolled quickly to a 13-4 advantage in the first five minutes. Bates on the other hand had not warmed up to the task at hand, and the contest looked to be a walkaway for the visiting five.

Then suddenly the Bobcat's passing and shooting began to click and they started to work as a coordinated unit. Ace Bailey curled in two goals, as the Batesmen drove to catch Maine. Point after point

dropped through the hoop and the hometeam pulled even within five minutes more of play. The score was 18 all.

In the following minutes of play neither team had more than a two point advantage as the lead shifted several times. In the closing minutes the Bobcats again spurred ahead, their fine aggressive play completely dominating Maine, so that the half score found Bates comfortably on top, 42-33.

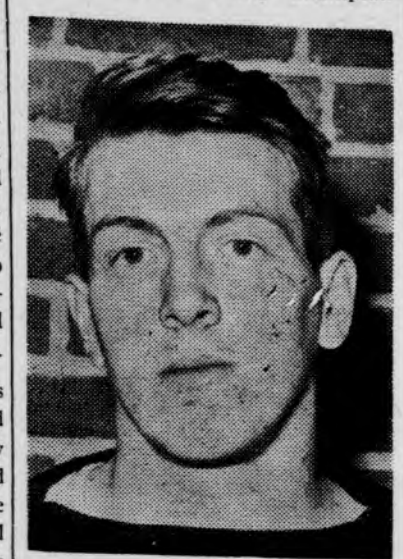
Both teams stiffened their defenses in the second part of the contest. The home five was still hot as the half got underway and quickly ran their lead to 50-36. Here the fortunes changed as the floundering Orono five returned to their early-game form. They rapidly poured in 16 points, countered only by one foul shot for Bates.

The score was again in Maine's favor, 54-51. The Petromen forged back into the lead on baskets by Bailey and Burns. Maine regained the nod, but Berry tied the score with a driving shot from the foul circle and another basket by Burns put Bates two points ahead with two minutes remaining. However, a foul shot and two floor goals by Maine served up the contest.

Burns Winds Up Bright Scholastic Court Career

When the Bobcats opened up against Maine Saturday night on the basketball court, a 5' 10" guard was in there leading their floor game. Senior and Captain, Russ Burns has a long hoop record behind him.

Russ attended Lynn Classical, and his three years of basketball there make up an outstanding record. Playing the game at guard, Russ helped his Lynn team on to win the Essex County Champion-



ship all three seasons. He captained the team in his senior year and went on to be high scorer of the League, averaging 16 points per game from his guard position. Russ also played with the Lynn YMCA, a team which won the New England Amateur Basketball Tournament in 1943.

One year of track at Lynn also saw Russ winning the school Olympics in '43. He graduated that June (profs, take notice) as an honor student.

Russ came to Bates in the V-12 that summer and stayed 16 months. He won his B's in both basketball and track.

He attended Pre-midshipman's school at Asbury Park, N. J. and was commissioned an ensign at Northwestern. Russ then saw service at sea on the aircraft carriers

Intramural Season Offers Two Sports

By Rae Moore

On Monday, December 8th, the intra-mural teams began their colorful '47-'48 season. This year besides basketball games in the gym there are volleyball contests played simultaneously in the volleyball room. Every scheduled evening there are doubleheaders featured in each sport, a tough 42 game schedule for each. The first game starts at 7:00 p.m. and the second at 8:15 p.m. except on Mondays when the times are 8:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. due to a conflict with an evening class. All the men's dorms are included in this schedule with Smith North the defending champions. Nearly every dorm has the same experienced men back plus more talent which indicates keen competition for the ensuing season. The dorms are called units and each one has a manager. They are: J. B., Disnard; Roger Bill, Vail; Off Campus, Bradbury; (Smith Hall; South, Freeman; Middle, Jiler; and North houses all four of the intramural managers, Kovler, Noel, Wade, and Dunham. There is a need for more freshmen managers in both sports.

If a player is on a winning team he will receive 20 points; the losers receive 10 points per man. The athletes with the highest point total at the end of the season will receive awards of gold watch charms.

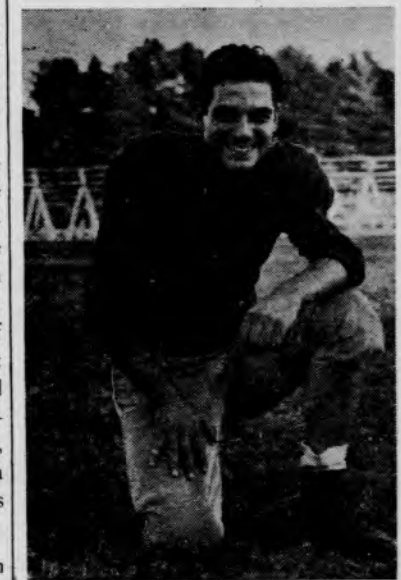
Ski Candidates Attention

All men who are interested in skiing during the forthcoming season please report to the Athletic office this coming Friday, December 12, at 4:30 P. M.

Missouri Bay and Randolph. Discharged in Sept. '46, he came back to Bates that fall and was a big factor in the first season success of the fast break here. He is a math major.

Valoras Was Fifth Man In '47 Garnet Backfield

If any individual had to be mentioned as a fifth member of the Pondmen's '47 backfield, Nick Valoras would have full claim to the selection, for he was an invaluable replacement for both Blanchard and Castanias at the ball handling positions. On many occasions during the season when either of the above two was ailing, it was Nick who came into the game to keep us out of difficulty by his passing and running.



He is a graduate of Haverhill High in the class of '41 and a classmate of Jesse Castanias. Nick saw two years of football as a halfback, two of basketball, and three years on the diamond as an infielder. His baseball team in '41 played in the Eastern Mass. tournament before losing out in the finals.

Attending Sanborn Seminary in Kingston, N. H. for a year, Nick was an active participant in the same major sports and captained the basketball team.

The army claimed him on Dec. 7, 1942, and Nick ended up as the tank commander of a Sherman Medium. His battalion was attached to the 90th Infantry Division. Nick

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Shots In The Dark

By John Heckler

Last year Mr. Brewer wowed Bates with his reffing. We can choose the officials and its high time that more selectivity was used. A bad call and then one to make up for it does not make for good basketball.

Rally committee please note . . . perpetual Friday night speaker, Ducky Pond, has another talent, as an ivory tickler—ole eighty-eight keys Pond could be the whole show; talk, music, et al.

Hats off to Coach Ed Petro, though losing, his ball club showed up smoothly, aggressive, and heads up. It was a great job remodeling the diploma-riddled '46-'47 squad . . . Wait for the next Maine game!

Art Blanchard received honorable mention on the Coaches' All America team . . . not to be outdone, halfback Nick Valoras was chosen first string on the Greek All America team by the Lynn Item . . . Congratulations!

Portrait! Ed Petro brought his whole team down for pre-game confab. Eck Allen left half the Maine squad shooting baskets like Turkeys without heads . . . great to work with a gentleman coach.

Maine had a new version of the Blue Boy here Sat.; he entertained, stripping to the waist and fanning the Annex team with his shirt . . . Such is the Maine Collegian; young vigorous, and graceful—a true milk-fed babe of the agricultural school.

In the future, gentlemen of the athletic schedule committee—Why not a couple of non-series dribble dates before the big Maine, Colby, and Bowdoin bucket parties?

Indoor Cage Scene Of Daily Track Workouts

Under the direction of Coach Ray Thompson, both track and field men have been working out steadily in preparation for their first meet with Colby on Jan. 17.

Most of the weight men and jumpers have been working out during morning gym periods, enabling Coach Thompson to spend his afternoons working with the runners.

Baton passing is being stressed, and the practice sessions have been enlivened by a series of inter-squad relay races. Coach Thompson hopes to have both a one mile and a two mile relay team this year. No definite team has yet been picked and positions on the team are open to all who wish to try out.

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"Play Excellent From Technical Standpoint," Says Critic Review

(Continued from page one) marked by its honesty and simplicity. Strongest in the soliloquies and in the trial scene, she succeeded at times in evoking the inner fire that was Joan's when she was completely true to her beliefs. Richard McMahon was convincing in his role as the director, but did not seem to appreciate fully the complexity of the inquisitor's personality. Floyd Smiley, by far the most experienced of the three and a talented actor, distinguished himself by an able and subtle characterization of the dauphin.

Space does not permit a complete appraisal of the many characters in the play. But, it is only just to note the work of some of the minor players. Richard Daly, Stanley Moody, Lawrence Cannon, James

Dempsey, Gilles Morin, (especially as Father Massieu), Norman Card, Harry McMurray, Jeanne Mather, Vivienne Sikora, Glendon McAlister, Dorothy Fitzgerald.

From the technical point of view, the production was an excellent one. The bareness of the setting and the skillful use of lights threw into relief the fundamental emotional struggle. The actors moved easily from tableau to tableau. The diction was usually clear, and the lines were heard without straining. The make-up suggested the character without being obtrusive. The costuming was sufficient to arouse the imagination to visualize the color and pageantry of the times.

We shall, however, remember this play not for individual characterizations nor for technical details, but for the way in which the actors, each subordinating himself to the whole, strove to make clear the author's thesis.

They left no doubt as to Maxwell Anderson's answer to the individual who, today as yesterday,

Alumni Office Issues Memoranda Calendar

President and Mrs. Phillips and Alumni Secretary Les Smith traveled Monday to Salem, Mass., where they represented the College at a meeting of the Bates alumni in the North Shore area.

The other major activity of the Alumni Office this past week has been the distribution of the new Bates calendar published by the Alumni Association to campus leaders. The calendar, now on sale in the College Store is designed to be of use for the students, faculty and alumni. In addition to four seasonal colored pictures, there is a place for memoranda at the bottom of each page.

It faces the problem of compromising with evil or of maintaining the integrity of his beliefs—that he who remains true to his highest conception of the true and the good—triumphs even over death.

They stated this thesis with simplicity and with conviction. That was their greatest triumph.

Special Choral Group

Five Christmas numbers were presented by the Special Chorus under the direction of Mr. Peter Waring in chapel Friday.

The male section opened the program with "A Toast" and "Integer Vitae". The women's chorus continued "The Carol of the Bells", and the mixed chorus concluded with "The Holly and the Ivy" and "The Long Day Closes".

Bible Reading Contest

On Thursday, December 11 in the Little Theater the annual Bible Reading Contest will be held. The contest will begin at 7:30. Each contestant is supposed to read a selection eight to ten minutes in length. The judges have not been selected as yet.

Valoras

(Continued from page three) swept across Europe with the First and Third Armies after the Normandy breakthrough, and V-E Day saw him in Czechoslovakia.

He was discharged in October of 45 and entered Bates the next spring. He was an infielder on last year's JV baseball team and should be up with the varsity this coming season. Nick is a junior and a major in Geology.

Student Government

At the Student Government meeting on last Wednesday, Dec. 3, it was voted not to open the Women's Union until after Christmas vacation for co-ed entertaining on the evenings when the reception rooms close at ten. It was also decided that the bridge games will have to stop in all reception rooms at 5:30 P. M. and may begin again after supper at 7 P. M.

La Petite Academie

Tonight from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Little Theater La Petite Academie will conduct a Christmas Carol sing.

Former Bates Prof Talks Tomorrow On Russia, Is First Of PAC Series

Dr. Ossip Flechtheim of Colby College, formerly assistant professor of history and government at Bates, will speak on Russo-American relations tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the Chase Hall Lounge. It has been announced by the CA Public Affairs Commission.

Dr. Flechtheim is a graduate of Hunter College, has attended the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, and holds the degree, doctor of jurisprudence, from the University of Cologne. He has done social research at Columbia, was an instructor at Atlanta University, and taught at Bates from 1943 to 1946.

Dr. Flechtheim is the first of a

Student Federalist Paper "In Our Time" will make its debut this week. There will be stories on the origin and growth of the Federalist movement and a feature on Czech student Zdenek Salomon. Plans are that it will be distributed on Friday in all the dorms. Copies will be in the Library for off-campus students and faculty. It is a cooperative effort of all members of SF.

series of political speakers. Joseph Mitchell's committee hopes to sign up for special programs during the year.

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