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# The BATES STUDENT

"Democracy In An Age Of Crisis" — Political Emphasis Week

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## Campus Liven's To Political Issues

### Stu-G Probes And Evaluates Honor System

By Nan Kosinski and Mary-Edge Leckemby

(This is the first in a series of articles reporting the plans and progress of the Women's Student Government survey of the Honor System at Bates.)

"Bates ought to be the first of the Maine colleges to try the Honor System, because it has always been the boast of Bates men (and women) that character counted first of all here, and because here at Bates the Honor System might profitably be extended outside the examination room."

#### Only Outside Examination Room

If the author of this observation, taken from an article in a 1907 issue of the STUDENT, were to return to our campus today, he would undoubtedly be surprised to learn that it is only outside the examination room that the Honor System now functions.

From its beginning in the early 1920's, the Honor System has been applied solely to the women's dormitory and social rules. Every woman here comes into daily contact with the system; and, more indirectly, it has had its effects on the male side of campus; yet how many of us are there who actually understand just what this system is, as well as how it functions? Could you define the Honor System?

#### Somewhat Vague

For years, women at Bates have been trying to pin down this somewhat vague set of principles and to arrive at a clear-cut, working definition of the system. We live under it; we feel it; but we don't

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### Calendar

#### Wednesday, Dec. 6

University of Maine basketball game, Orono, 8:15 p.m.  
Politics from the point of view of the average citizen, Frank Coffin, chapel, 8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, Dec. 7

Discussion of labor-management problems, Chase hall, 3:30 p.m.  
Dormitory discussions on politics, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Dec. 8

International communism, Joseph Fletcher, chapel, 8:35 a.m.  
International debate on socialized medicine, chapel, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Dec. 9

Colby basketball game, Alumni gym, 8:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, Dec. 10

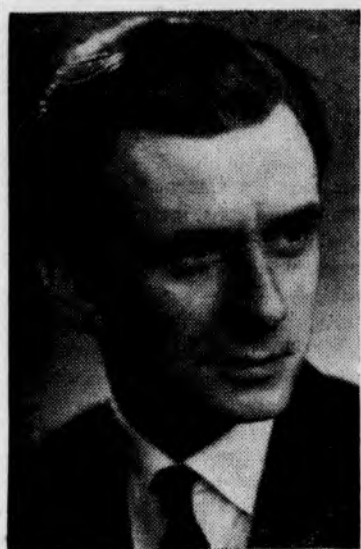
Christmas vesper program, chapel, 8 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 11

Freshman prize debate tryouts, Chase hall, 4 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 12

Club night.



Alwyn E. Smith



Gwyn Williams

### Bell, Dill Parley Friday With British Debaters

By Sy Coopersmith

This year's international debate with a team representing the British universities will be held in chapel Friday, at 8 p. m. The proposition for debate is: "That this house approves of a program of medical care to be paid for at public expense."

The Bates debaters who will take the affirmative side are Max Bell and William Dill.

The members of the visiting team are Alwyn E. Smith of the University of Birmingham, and Gwyn Williams of the University College of North Wales. Both men were nominated by the debating unions of leading British universities to make the trip.

The presiding officer will be President Phillips, and the debate will be managed by Robert Patterson.

#### International Debaters

Smith was born in Staffordshire and attended Queen Mary's School in Wallsall, where he won the debating prize. He is now in his fifth year of a six year course in the medical school at the University of Birmingham. He is secretary of the debating society there, editor of the university literary magazine, and a member of the dramatic society.

He also acts as art, film, and drama critic on the local guild newspaper. Smith served three years as a lieutenant in the Royal Marines, seeing action in both Holland and Germany.

Williams comes from Montgomeryshire in Wales. A graduate of the University College of North Wales at Bangor, he plans to teach and enter politics. He was awarded honors in history, and is now working for his master's degree in history. Williams was student president of the debating union last year and has taken part in numerous debates and British Broadcasting company programs. He served three years in the Royal Navy and

is a member of the British Labor party.

The Bates men who are to debate the British team are both seniors with much debating experience. Dill, with four years of debating experience, is manager of debating at Bates this year, while Bell, also a four-year debater, is president of the Bates Debating council.

#### American Tour

The visiting British debaters are completing an itinerary of nearly 40 debates. Their trip in this country began with a debate at Yale on Oct. 13 and has since taken them as far west as Iowa and Missouri. They were scheduled to debate Monday night at Williams College, Tuesday at Middlebury College, and Thursday night at Boston University.

After debating here Friday night.  
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### Registration For Spring Continues Until Dec. 15

Preliminary registration for spring semester courses must be completed by Dec. 15.

Juniors and seniors should see the head of their department for approval of courses. Freshmen and sophomore advisors are listed individually on the main bulletin board.

Courses which require permission or section cards are also listed on the main bulletin board. Cards may be obtained in the Registrar's office.

### Military Expansion And Possible Big War -- Eliot

By John Rippey

Long range defense preparations will cause "great disturbance of our present happy-go-lucky existence," one of America's best-known military analysts predicted last night.

Major George Fielding Eliot, speaking at the Chapel in the second evening session of the biennial Political Emphasis Week activities, declared that speeding up mobilization would mean bigger money outlays for defense, an accelerated draft, universal military service for about two years with periodic refresher training, expanded naval and air forces, build up of reserves ready for quick action in the future, maintenance of outlying overseas bases, and agreements with regimes which we may not approve, such as Franco's Spanish government.

#### Increase Victory Chances

These measures "may mean we will not have to fight World War III with Russia, and if we do we will have a better chance of winning."

In a democratic country there is always a lag in the implementation of military policy, Major Eliot declared, and it is clear that the foreign policy and the military policy of the United States must now be brought into balance.

The distinguished radio commentator and newspaper columnist indicated that the defense of Western Europe is the prime reason why we should try to avoid a war with Russia at this time. Referring to a statement made by Winston Churchill, he said it was probably true

that only the atomic bomb was deterring Russia from over-running Western Europe now.

Major Eliot stated that the Soviet Union, the United States, and Western Europe represented the three great industrial complexes of the world; hence if Russia conquered Western Europe the balance of the world's great productive capacity may be upset, and to Russia's advantage.

As Hitler did in Mein Kampf, so the Russians, through Lenin's writings, have shown the aggressive intentions of our enemy, said Major Eliot.

He stated that the United States cannot get along peacefully with Russia unless the Communists are afraid of American might.

#### Possible All-Out War

The present debacle in Korea, according to Major Eliot, is due to action based on erroneous information. The big aim now is to "get our troops to a place of safety".

The analyst indicated that it was probable the war would be expanded to full-scale action against China if the Chinese armies cross the 38th parallel and try to push the UN forces into the sea, or "massacre" trapped units of the 10th Corps in North Korea.

A permanent defense line in Korea could only be maintained in the old Pusan perimeter, with adequate port supply facilities.



POLITICAL EMPHASIS WEEK COMMITTEE: Front row, l. to r. — James Moody, Virginia McKean, Dr. Donovan, Barbara Wallace, Arthur Darken, chairman, Cecily Prentiss, Robert Patterson; back row — Richard Breault, Harvey Goddard, John Rippey, Arthur Thurber, Theodore Coshnear, Alan Hakes.



# Crider And Mather Set Keynote For Political Emphasis Speeches

By Ruth Parr

Emphasizing the importance of a sound democracy in these times, John Crider, editor of the Boston Herald, delivered the keynote speech of Political Emphasis Week in chapel Monday.

## Must Stop "Santa Claus"

"America must come of age; we must carry the ball for freedom," he said. The present tendency of our government toward the "Santa Claus" welfare state must be stopped, for the basis of a democracy is a mature, politically alert, and independent electorate. When this foundation gives way, the whole superstructure will crumble.

Mr. Crider also discussed the implications of the policy of self-determination, instigated by Wilson and furthered by Franklin Roosevelt. He stated that the Communists capitalize on the feelings of unrest that this policy creates, starting a revolution and then taking over the government.

For this reason, America must not stir up revolt in countries where the people are incapable of self-government and will be pawns of Communism.

## A Vicious Tyranny

Communism, he declared, is "the most vicious tyranny that ever existed"; only its promises are good. It twists the meanings of words until peace now means a combination of "cold war, warm war, psychological war, and, in the events of the last few weeks, hot war."

Mr. Crider is well qualified to deliver the keynote speech. Before he joined the Herald, he was a New York Times reporter for 14 years. He edited the book, "Bureaucrat," and in 1948 received the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished editorial work.

## Mademoiselle Staff Picks Jane Kendall

Jane Kendall has been appointed by Mademoiselle to represent the campus on the magazine's college board. She is one of 700 appointees who competed this year with students from colleges all over the country for positions on the board.

As a college board member, she will report to Mademoiselle on campus news, fads, fashions during the college years. She will also complete three magazine assignments in competition for one of 20 guest editorships, to be awarded by the magazine next June.

Jane, an English major, was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa. An assistant in Cultural Heritage, she is a member of the Modern Dance club, Spofford club, Women's Athletic Association, and is on the staff of the Garnet. She has also appeared in the Robinson Players' production of "The Late George Apley".

## Community Theatre

Wed. and Thurs.—

THE BIG CAT

(Technicolor)

DEAR WIFE

Fri. and Sat.—

YELLOW CAB MAN

MASSACRE RIVER

Sun., Mon., Tues.—

NANCY GOES TO RIO

THE LOST TRIBE

By Betty Dagdigan

"For democracy to commit suicide would be even worse than for democracy to be murdered," was the judgment of Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard professor and prominent liberal, at the second major address of Political Emphasis Week Monday night.

## Upholds Minority Rights

In his address, "Security Versus Freedom, America's Mid-Century Problem," Professor Mather enumerated the defenses against such suicide as majority rule and "the equally essential principle that the minority must always be free to do its best to become the majority, using every tool of education and persuasion but never any weapon of force or violence."

Such a happening could occur, however, should America sacrifice essential freedoms to gain a precarious security, by accepting the slavery of the police state, the regimentation of totalitarian autocracy and the thought control of the Communist regime.

## Attacks Censorship Of Belief

Professor Mather attacked the Federal Loyalty Program, the smear campaigns of Senator McCarthy and his ilk, and the black-listing of speakers by self-appointed guardians of the public mind as undermining the foundations for which our country stands.

"Public opinion in this country must be stimulated to a recognition of the idea that a man may disagree completely with a senator's belief concerning foreign or domestic policies and still be completely loyal to his country."

## Religion Chapel Theme Friday

The vital and inescapable importance of religion in the modern world was the theme of the speech given in chapel Friday by Prof. Frederick Whitaker of the Bangor Theological Seminary. We must turn to religion to answer the most important questions facing us today since anything we do can be done better with religion, he stated.

Prof. Whitaker explained that there was a great and immediate need for ministers to provide religious leadership in the United States. He declared that, to lead the world in its quest for peace, this nation must keep its churches strong.

## Chapel Schedule

Monday, Dec. 11

Dr. McCreary, Significance of Freud

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Rev. Ellis J. Holt, Christmas Theme

Friday, Dec. 15

Christmas music arranged by Mr. Smith

## .. RITZ .. Theatre

Wednesday, Thursday  
JACKIE ROBINSON STORY  
GREAT RUPPERT

Friday, Saturday  
ROSE OF WASHINGTON SQ.  
Al Jolson

A KID FROM TEXAS

Sunday, Monday

PLEASE BELIEVE ME

GOOD HUMOR MAN

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

French BAKER'S WIFE Picture

TROUBLE PREFERRED

## College Adds Something New To Curriculum

Something new in the curriculum of next semester's courses is being introduced, according to President Phillips. It's a course in general citizenship.

This new offering is the result of several months of work with the Charles Irwin Travelli fund in the development of a citizenship laboratory course in which Bates has participated.

## Donovan Teaches Sophomores

Dr. Donovan will instruct the course scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:10-3:30. The course is open only to sophomores and permission from the instructor is required.

"The course aim is to train students to participate more effectively as citizens in the public life of their local communities and nation," according to President Phillips.

The attempt will be made to keep the course realistic. Leaders in community matters, politics, and government will be invited to participate as discussion leaders. Organizational problems and political issues on the local, state, and national levels will be stressed.

## First Attempt At Realistic Politics

"This new course will, as far as we know, mark the first attempt of American colleges to bring the problems and lessons of practical politics into the undergraduate classroom," explained President Phillips. It is not aimed to hit just government majors.

The Charles Irwin Travelli fund makes leadership that promises to carry over into active citizenship its prime prerequisite for scholarship grants to New England colleges.

## Stu-C Swears In Frosh Ed Halpert

The new freshman representative to the Student Council, Edward Halpert, was sworn in during a short ceremony at the council meeting last Wednesday.

Pres. William Norris reported that he had written to the Bowdoin student government concerning the theft of a pair of Bates band cymbals after the football game here this fall.

Stu-C and Stu-G representatives will soon begin talks with Mr. Lux about the proposed financing plan for the cheerleaders, after learning

## Second Vespers Feature Varied Musical Program

A religious service and music are combined in the Christmas Vesper Service to be held in the chapel on Sunday at 8 p. m. The annual vespers are sponsored by the Christian Association's Faith Commission under the chairmanship of Jane Thurber.

## Planned By Miller And Smith

The program consists of a religious service planned by Mr. Miller and music by Mr. Smith. This program will begin with the Prelude Karl Koss, playing the chimes in a medley of familiar Christmas carols, will be followed by the Orphic society presenting Handel's "Largo". The introit is the hymn, "O Come, Immanuel, Our King", led by Robert Cagenello. The processional will be the hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful", during which the congregation will stand.

## Selections By Choral Society

Following the invocation, selections by the Choral society will be presented, including "Sing We All Noel", by York with Galvin Gall, soloist, "Beside Thy Cradle" by Bach, "The Carol of the Sheep-fold" by Johnson with Shirley Hendricks, Galvin Gall, and Eugene Harley, soloists, and "The Shepherd's Story" by Dickinson with Galvin

Gall, Eugene Harley, and Janet Collier, soloists.

## Organ Solo By Smith

An organ solo, "Christmas" by Dethier, played by Mr. Smith, follows the scripture and the prayer. Then the Choral society will sing "Good Christian Men, Rejoice!" "What Child Is This?", and "When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest". The meditation follows these selections. The Choral society will sing three more selections, "Let Carols Ring", "Lo, Now a Rose E'er Blooming", and "Carol of the Bells".

The Orphic and Choral Societies will then combine to present Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The recessional, "Joy to the World", the benediction, and the Choral society's singing of "Silent Night" will follow.

## Large Group Participates

Participating in this program are 110 in the Choral society and 30 in the orchestra, all conducted by Mr. Smith. President of the Choral society is Merrill B. Nearis; vice-president and accompanist is Karl Koss; managers are Barbara Chandler and Eugene Harley. The Orphic society's president is John Hurlin; concertmaster is Wilbur Rust, and manager is Frederick Momenly.

## Bell Has Bates Voice In Area GOP Group

Even in politics, Bates now has a voice.

Max Bell has been elected to represent the northern New England college groups on the executive committee of the New England Federation of Republican clubs.

This announcement was made at an organizational meeting of the Bates Young Republican club last Thursday in the Women's Union. A club constitution and platform were also discussed but not voted upon.

"Bates College Young Republican club" was voted to be the official title of the club. Alumni Secretary Robert Jones accepted his nomination as adviser.

Future business meetings were scheduled for 4 p. m. on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are open to visitors or students interested in joining.

The Maine Council of Young Republican Clubs has scheduled a meeting in the Augusta House Friday evening. Students interested in attending are asked to contact Robert Jones in the Alumni office.

that the WAA has declined to participate in the set-up.

Herbert Bergdahl was delegated to discuss unpaid Mayoralty Campaign bills with Dean Rowe.

## Honor System

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actually know how to put it into words. The Stu-G Board is this week launching its biggest new project, in an attempt to evaluate the Honor System, to discover its advantages and its shortcomings, and to reveal any yet unknown potentialities.

One of the measures through which it hopes to achieve this end is a questionnaire which has been drawn up by a special committee of the board. This is to be filled out by the women sometime before the Christmas holiday, and the results of this test will be compiled by the committee. This evaluation by the women, plus intensive study by the Board of existing conditions, will pave the way for the clarification of the present conception of the Honor System.

## Stu-C Agenda

(Meeting tonight in the Conference Room of Roger Williams hall at 6:30).

1. Cheerleader finance plan.
2. Mayoralty debts.
3. Welcome for William Stringfellow, former Stu-C president.

## Stu-G Agenda

1. Honor System.
2. Maine General Senate Conference.
3. Cheerleading

# THEATRES

## EMPIRE

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9

THE PETTY GIRL

with

Robert Cummings, Joan Caulfield

BIRTH OF A BALLET

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Sun., Mon., Tues.

Dec. 10, 11, 12

KING SOLOMON'S MINES

(Technicolor)

with

Stewart Granger, Deborah Carr

## STRAND

Wed., Thurs., Dec. 6, 7

FAREWELL TO YESTERDAY

CONVICTED

Glen Ford

Fri., Sat., Dec. 8, 9

THE MISSOURIAN

Monty Hale

THE BREAKING POINT

John Garfield, Patricia Neal

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 10, 11, 12

TIMBER FURY

THE THREE SECRETS

Ruth Roman

## AUBURN

Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.

Dec. 7, 8, 9

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

starring

Erroll Flynn and Patrice Wymore

Fri. - Sat., Five Acts Vaudeville

Sun. - Mon. - Tues. - Wed.

Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13

THE GLASS MENAGERIE

starring

Jane Wyman and Kirk Douglas



**International Debate**

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they debate Bowdoin next Monday, Harvard on Tuesday, and are scheduled to complete their tour with a debate at the United States Naval Academy on Thursday.

This debate is one in a series of over 100 international debates which Bates College has held, both here and abroad. Last year Charles Radcliffe and Oscar Newton, Jr., the voluble southerner who made such a favorable impression here, made up the national team that debated in England.

Another international debate was

held last year on this campus with representatives of Cambridge University, England. The international debate this year is scheduled to be one of the highlights of Political Emphasis Week, which began last Monday.

**Frosh Election**

Nancy Walker was elected secretary of the freshman class in the runoff election held last Friday after Chapel.

Nancy is a graduate of Hamden high school in Connecticut, and she is a member of the baton corps at Bates.

**Debate Tryouts**

Beverly Bragdon, Richard Breault, Seymour Coopersmith, Marie Gerish, Alan Hakes, and Russell Young were chosen to participate in the annual sophomore prize debate, which will be held in January. Tryouts were held last Friday in Chase hall at 4 p.m. Those chosen to participate in the debate will decide on the topic to be discussed.

Tryouts for the freshman prize debate and final tryouts for the freshman squad will be held Monday at Chase hall.

**Nair And Stillman Represent College At Student Conference****Bates-On-The-Air**

Basketball will be theme of Bates-on-the-Air on its usual 4 to 4:15 airing tomorrow over WCOU. The program will attempt to deviate from the usual prediction approach common to sports during the early season and will offer something new in this field.

The script, under the direction of Robert Ernst, Herbert Bergdahl and Stanley Patterson, tentatively will spotlight previously recorded remarks by Henry Elespuru, Garnet hoop mentor.

On Dec. 21, a special Christmas program is planned. It is hoped to tape record this show so that it may be presented at the usual time in spite of the Christmas vacation.

Rae Stillman and Richard Nair will represent the college at the second student conference on United States affairs. The conference, held at the United States Military Academy, West Point, will begin today and continue through Saturday.

Both Rae and Nair, history and government majors, are varsity debaters and active in student affairs on the campus.

The conference, made possible by a Carnegie Corporation grant and non-governmental funds, has selected "The Far Eastern Policy for the U. S. — Problems and Objectives of the 1950's" as the general topic for discussion. Approximately 125 students including 15-20 U. S. Military Academy cadets will participate in the four-day conference.

**Campus Interviews on Cigarette Tests****Number 8...THE SEA GULL**

"I'm not as gullible  
as I look!"

Maybe our little over-water friend is just fishing for a compliment. On the other hand, he may have reference to all these quick-trick cigarette tests you hear about nowadays. Well, he's not the only one who's been at sea. Frankly, how can you judge a cigarette by a swift sniff? Or another cigarette by one fast puff. What's all the rush about, anyway? When it comes to making up your mind about cigarette mildness, we think you'd like to take your time. That's why we suggest:

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## Editorials

### We Go On Record

There probably isn't too much need to call the reader's attention to the letter on this page entitled "A View of the Varsity Club" written by "Cy" Nearis.

Because if the reader has followed the usual procedure, he has scanned this page for anything which might be of interest and by this time completely devoured said letter before getting to the editorials. If you're one of the minority who hasn't read the letter, please drop everything and read it now.

#### Spirited Airing And Discussion

"Cy" Nearis has contributed as much if not more than any other single individual in this college generation to what spirited airing and discussion of pertinent issues has existed on the Bates campus. He possesses an admirable quality of individualism and fearlessness when it comes to stating his opinions. It would be a good thing if there were more "Cy" Nearises in this respect.

Usually his has been the loud voice of a minority, and apparently just as often as not, a minority of one. The only basis for this statement is that if anyone has agreed with some of the things he has said it hasn't been at all obvious.

#### Once Again

Once again "Cy" has stuck his neck out, and as he and everybody else well knows, it is going to be emphatically jumped upon. The most notable case in point is naturally Joel and his "Price Tags."

The STUDENT hereby goes on record as favoring the formation of the proposed Varsity Club. A complete summation of the reasons for his policy would be simply a reiteration of what has already been said and what will shortly be said on the sports page.

We do not deny the existence of what Nearis calls "the Bates team", and we, like "Cy", are proud to be members of it. We also agree with him that "intercollegiate athletics at Bates have, are, and will continue to make a valuable, distinctive contribution to our education, well being, and general progress."

#### One Reason We Favor It

That is one reason we favor having a Varsity Club. Whether for good or for bad, by their very nature athletic pursuits require more money and more really outstanding talent, including men of muscle as well as ideas, than most other elements of the "Bates team" for their continued participation in intercollegiate competition, which, after all, is the major use to which we put athletics. We're sure Mr. Nearis would agree with the principle, "to each according to its needs."

We will leave a point-by-point critique of the Nearis letter in the hands where it belongs, the sports department, but we would like to make one further observation.

#### Extent Rather Than Principle?

If "Cy" thinks each athlete who believes in the Varsity Club principle should be a Varsity Club of one, then what's the matter with having each of these individual Varsity Clubs join together into a more efficient and effective organization? Is the question one of extent rather than principle? Not according to the rest of the arguments offered.

In the meantime, if there are any members of the "Bates team" who feel as Nearis does, we hope they won't hide their light under a bushel, but will come forth in a similar fearless and dynamic manner and say so.

### The Honor System

The Student Government's latest project is a study of the honor system.

Quite wisely, the board has decided that any inquiry should start with the women, who live under the system and whose dorm and social life is governed by it.

The women will be given questionnaires within the next week or so which will ask them just what their conception of the honor system is and whether or not they think it is doing its job. (Also, what is its job supposed to be?)

#### A Satisfactory Definition

With this to go on, the Student Government board hopes to arrive at a satisfactory definition of the system and to proceed to the next step, that of deciding whether or not the honor system might be profitably carried into the classroom or other areas. For this decision, opinions from the men's side of the campus and from the faculty will be necessary.

Without giving our opinions of the honor system or the rules which are at present enforced under it, we will say that we hope the campus reaction won't be entirely cynical and hard to get along with when it comes to filling out the questionnaires and co-operating with the Stu-G in their investigation.

#### Long Needed Some Attention

The honor system is something that evidently has long needed a little attention as to definition, aims, results, and future. Bates and Middlebury, incidentally, are the only two New England colleges which employ the system as it is used here.

If this unique thing is good, let's find out what's good about it and how far it can be carried. If it's bad, let's find out what's bad about it. Everyone's cooperation is needed.

## Letters To The Editor

### A View Of The Varsity Club

To the editor of the STUDENT:

With no deliberate intent to irritate (or offend) Bates lettermen, but with a strong desire to avert the warped, commercial, intensified, athletic mania of many American colleges, I definitely oppose the formation of the proposed Varsity Club.

Intercollegiate athletics at Bates have, are, and will continue to make a valuable, distinctive contribution to our education, well being, and general progress. To adopt the University of Chicago's intramural program (drop all varsity sports) here at a small, vigorous, liberal arts college would be an educational calamity and would constitute an unjust insult to athletes who enable many to share the benefits and pleasure of varsity sports. But the Bates team is not the football, basketball, baseball, or track team. The Bates team includes the debaters, choristers, instrumentalists, dancers, actors, and students as well as the athletes. Each player on the Bates team, like the athlete, makes an essential, distinctive contribution to the group. And, because of the varied and many players, the Bates team plays a good game intellectually, physically, socially, educationally. So what?

So this: A Varsity Club would hinder the playing efficiency of the Bates team. By permitting intercollegiate athletics to be formally "boosted" by a group who would look for the football player needing tutoring rather than the student needing coaching; by a group who would promote lucrative concessions for powerful men of muscle rather than for deserving (perhaps needy) men of ideas; by a group who would inevitably stress the win and not the lesson in athletics—by permitting such support we make a serious, if not fatal, mistake, both for liberal education and our healthy environment here.

Athletics, supported by a Varsity Club, would overshadow and de-emphasize other phases of campus activity; non-athletic men would seldom be able to compete for the better paying campus jobs; and money that might otherwise be spent on common projects would be diverted to athletics only. Varsity Clubs are pressure groups for the importation of muscle into academic institutions. As such, we should avoid them.

To those students whose circumstances at college have been more comfortable because of campus jobs and concessions, to those who believe that students and ideas are a college's principal business, and to those who take athletics as a sport and not a business,—to these people I suggest the immediate consideration and evaluation of the Varsity Club proposal. Talk over the pro's and con's, making sure that the Student-Faculty Extra-Curricular Activities Committee is properly informed before it is overwhelmingly convinced on this topic. Sound opinions and ideas on the problem of all shades (properly proclaimed) will be the only means to a congenial, practical solution, not only for ourselves but for those like us who might appreciate and profit from the continuance of the existing college atmosphere.

And Athletics? How can our teams be improved without the inducements which other colleges offer? Let every athlete who sincerely believes in this Varsity Club idea be a Varsity Club of one, soliciting

### Reader Hits STUDENT-Lux Issue

To the editor of the STUDENT:

These past few weeks the STUDENT has been casting aspersions upon the Director of Athletics, Mr. Lux, and his athletic policies. Much of what has been said appears to be exceedingly petulant and can, I think, be categorized as mere "sour grapes". What finally prompted me to write your column is the spuriously written letter by the "Old Grad". I applaud his desire to get athletes for Bates, but I deplore his name-calling technique.

I think Mr. Lux is just as desirous as our "Old Grad" and certainly as willing as our featured Sports Columnist and Sports Editor to see winning football teams here at Bates College. But remember, he can only go so far in making policy and he is answerable to the college president who, I believe, is the ultimate major policy maker in any college athletic program.

#### Football Only Part Of Job

So, it is within the confines of established procedure that Mr. Lux is working to give Bates winning players from his high school or other secondary schools and using only the social and academic merits of Bates as inducements. Tell these high school greats what we have here, what can be gained here, what they must bring here. Invite them up for a visit, introduce them to coaches and pros, make them feel Bates is quite the college. Let them know that men play ball and run track at Bates because they like it, not because they are paid for it. Then, encourage your friends to visit other colleges. Inevitably, the best men will return here. If you doubt this, scan the present athletic roster. Such men, you'll agree, did not need (nor have) tutoring, lucrative concessions, financial support or even Varsity Clubs to keep them either in athletics or in college.

Merrill Nearis '51

football, but as the Director of Athletics, football is only part of his job.

He must set up a program for all the other sports engaged in at Bates, provide a satisfactory physical education program for all the undergraduates; he must successfully coordinate all activities so that the Bates physical plant provides the most benefit to the most Bates men at any given time. These are only part of his activities and duties, and all of this must be prosecuted within the framework of an oftentimes limited budget.

#### Revitalized Gym Programs

In this, his second year at Bates, Mr. Lux has already accomplished much. He has succeeded in revitalizing and setting up what was once an inert physical education program for men; this to such an extent that it begins to approximate what one was expected to receive in physical education as outlined in the Bates Bulletins.

He is making the physical education plant and all its facilities available to more men at more convenient times. He is introducing the progressive concept of "carry over" activities for men, aiming at well-rounded individuals who can be at home under most social circumstances. He has done more, much of which is manifest, and in the doing of it he might have stepped on the toes of some, but that is only a natural concomitant of reorganization.

#### Consider Objectives

All the above has been cited to indicate that the physical education program at Bates is in a state of flux, many changes have been made and undoubtedly more will be made. I think it fine that the Bates STUDENT plug for better teams for Bates, but I think it wrong for the Bates STUDENT, and students, to continually censure the individual

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## Politics Preferred

## Brannan Plan One More Step Toward Socialism

By John Barlow

One of the results of this year's election will, most observers agree, be the almost certain shelving of Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan's controversial plan for farm price supports, a major section of Mr. Truman's "Fair Deal" program.

## Provided Price Supports

This plan was originally proposed by the CIO, which adopted resolutions calling for the enactment of such legislation at its 1948 convention. It would provide mandatory price supports for ten major commodities: wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, whole milk, chicken eggs, farm chickens, hogs, beef cattle, and lambs.

The supports would give those farmers affected enough money to purchase the same amount of goods that the average farmer could buy during the ten-year period 1939-1948. In order to receive benefits, farmers would have to observe "conservation and good land use practices as prescribed by the Secretary" and comply with production goals, acreage allotments, and marketing quotas, agreements and orders.

## Object To Cost

The objections raised against the Brannan plan have been many and varied. One major fault often pointed at is the fantastic cost of such a measure. Economist R. W. Bartlett of the Illinois College of Agriculture has estimated the annual cost at a maximum of nineteen billion dollars, or four times the cost of running every government operation in any peacetime year prior to 1933.

Written into the eighty-six page

bill are fifteen pages relating to penalties. For example, any farmer receiving benefits and failing to keep proper records would be liable to a \$500 fine. Anyone convicted of making a false report or false record could receive a \$1000 fine or one year in jail.

## Greater Number Of Federal Agents

The number of Federal agents required to administer the plan would have to be even greater than the already large number employed today. In one Illinois county, for example, there are today 178 Federal farm agents for 2500 farmers, a ratio of one to fourteen. No one has yet indicated how many more would be needed were the Brannan bill to become law.

The part played by the CIO in sponsoring this proposed legislation has been attacked by the Republicans, who charge that the primary motive of the powerful labor organization was to win support for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

## Farm Organizations Opposed

With the single exception of the Farmers' Union, all of the nation's major farm organizations oppose the Brannan plan. Repeated surveys have shown that a majority of individual farmers are against it.

As I see it, the Brannan plan, if enacted, would be one more step down the road to socialism. Such a law would kill incentive for many farmers, who would gladly surrender part of their freedom in return for security—security provided at the expense of the already overburdened American taxpayer. We can, I think, be thankful that, at least during the next two years, the Brannan farm price support plan will not appear on the statute books of this nation.

## College-Corrupted School Boy Confesses Underhanded Trade

## Anza's Ansas

It's time to add up the score.

This is admittedly a cryptic column. I have not attempted to be either coherent or confusing. I've merely dabbled in many smudge pots too lacadaisically perhaps, but today you can wipe that "clear as mud" scowl off your feature page. Misunderstandings necessitate a serious column.

The background on the title "Mistletoe Magic" was inserted last week as a compliment to an imaginative and industrious class who took a title which, although considered a gem in past years, had been discarded through inability to obtain the necessary decoration material.

The intention was not to insult, as was interpreted, but as a pat on the back that their ingeniousness and perseverance were noticed. I plead carelessness for the adolescent wording thus misconstrued.

And off to lighter topics . . .

At a recent conclave of the Young Republicans an inclusive platform was initiated by the esteemed editor of the STUDENT. Duly considered it was:

"We, the Young Republicans, believe in free enterprise, the Bill of Rights, Joe DiMaggio, General Eisenhower, motherhood, and the Marine Corps." A decision of platform acceptance has not been reached.

This same intellectual grind astounded Dr. D'Alphonso by his approval of the "Golden Rule". The doctor illustrated its fallacy by the test case of the congenital drunkard who exhibits commendable Christian living by promising:

"I'll get you drunk tonight if you'll have me staggering home tomorrow." "All right!" was the student's delighted reply.

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I am a convicted butter thief!

I have lived on the edge of the sword for almost four years now. Three times a day, seven days a week, month after month, I schemed, sweated, and succeeded in acquiring an extra allotment of butter. My trade is the most devious and underhanded known to man, or, in this case, woman. The method? The simplest for it is secondary. Manual dexterity, facial contortion capable of complete innocence, and detailed knowledge of the optic acuity of company men (and women) are the prime prerequisites.

## Innocence Corrupted

When I entered this institution it was as an innocent out of high school. My roommates were, in the majority, upperclassmen with service under Uncle Sam as their forte. These gentlemen, for they were of excellent social position and superior mental aptitude, undertook my indoctrination in the art of "chowline manipulation".

First, I was told that you must proceed through the line but once. This warning was accomplished by the story of the guy, fresh from the service, who went through three times and congratulated the woman in charge on the fine meal when he was finished. He attended UNH the following summer.

## Health First, Safety Second

Then, in the smoke-filled, low lighted room they confided in me in regard to the butter situation. Often, for health's sake, it became necessary to supplement one's normal butter ration. Someone mumbled a remark about the dread dietary disease colloquially and contractually termed "Mono". The mumbler was quickly squelched by the other members of that august group with the retort that rationalization will get you nowhere.

This was my first insight to the fact that the butter situation was resulting in extralegal, if not illegal, complications.

## The Last Straw

Final enlightenment came that night as we were among the last through the line. The gentleman two ranks behind me stopped at the butter counter with a look of shocked dismay on his face. In a stunned voice he asked where the butter was. An electrified current ran through the room. The directors of the Commons converged on the counter. When fully orientated as to the situation, they withdrew into confer-

ence. Shortly thereafter their judgment was handed down and it hit with earthquake force:

Someone had taken two pads of butter.

Everyone in the Commons was solemn that night for this meant open warfare between a highly partisan student unit on one side and an adept, well-trained tactical defense group on the other.

That night, in solemn convention, we gathered together after presenting two empty butter pads to the gentleman at the door.

## Plan Of Attack

The plan of attack that was formulated was simple. Get what you can by any method feasible. The most generally accepted means, by consensus, was to take a plate of butter, deftly cover with one or two slices of bread, then calmly add the second pad to the top of this innocent looking pile. In case of dire emergency one might slip the second pad between the bread and cap the pyramid with a third.

## Counter-Attack

Week after week the plan went without a hitch until recently. The first counter-attack came in the form of triangular pads of oleo. Though the operation continued, much of the punch was gone. A new problem arose. Our minds were diverted from the original objective. The question was whether there was more oleo in the triangle than butter in the square. While we were seeking the answer the Commons high command unleashed its second thrust.

We were exposed. The word that butter thievery was rampant on the campus spread via the paper. Immediately an official investigation was inaugurated and the trap closed in on us. The partisan forces were split on the oleo issue and could not present a united front.

The web tightened. Eagle eyes watched the counter and fewer pads of butter disappeared. Catastrophe struck. The final tactical operations of the Commons Unit was a potential death blow. Early risers still bewildered with sleep found themselves confronted with a practically unsolvable problem. Empty plates lined the counter, and as each student passed a pad of butter was put on his plate. There was no way to get a second butter. Temptation was added to insult that noon when the back row of plates

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# PRICE TAGS

By Joel Price

Before reading this column, I suggest you carefully peruse the contents of "Cy" Nearis' letter to the editor which appears in this issue. In "Price Tags" today, I would like to offer a critical analysis of Nearis' remarks.

First refer to the second half of Nearis' second paragraph starting with "the Bates team includes . . ." It's true we have all sorts of activities and they contribute to the makeup of a good Bates; we desire them to be good. We want the physical, the intellectual, the social and the educational to be stimulated by college groups. But let's be objective. Athletics is one team that needs bolstering up. This is one team that isn't doing the job it should. One would have to be indeed narrow-minded to think that the bolstering of the athletic team will be done to the neglect of the other so-called teams.

It is to the advantage of the whole college to have good teams in every field. However, it is more important to the college to have good athletic teams simply because they naturally attract more public notice than any other team. Unfortunately, Bates is not as well represented here as in some other fields.

Nearis then has this to offer: "A Varsity Club would hinder the playing efficiency of the Bates team." Let's analyze Nearis' arguments for this wild claim. Nearis asserts the Varsity Club would look for the football player needing tu-

toring rather than for the student needing coaching. The Varsity Club merely proposed tutoring as a service to athletes who were encountering scholastic difficulties and who would like some assistance. The chances are it would be a student. The fact that a man needs tutoring or financial aid is no sign of failure. At any rate, Nearis concludes that the student needing coaching would be completely overlooked. Bates has a competent bunch of physical education instructors who would be delighted to give you or anyone whatever coaching instruction you want.

Nearis raves on about lucrative concessions for powerful "men of muscle." As for lucrative concessions, my answer is short. You name the so-called lucrative concessions that would be given to athletes. I sincerely would like to know about them, for I've yet to hear of any. The athletes have no desire to claim all the concessions. All they want is an equitable share and nothing more.

This men of muscle as opposed to men of ideas is quite a mouthful. I would like to pose two questions here. SINCE WHEN IS IT A BIOLOGICAL FACT THAT MEN OF MUSCLE AREN'T MEN OF IDEAS? Secondly, JUST WHO IS TO DETERMINE WHO IS AND WHO IS NOT A MAN OF IDEAS. Please, "Cy," answer these two questions and remove Bates College students from their growing skepticism. Incidentally, "Cy," do you know that five of the 16 men on the varsity basketball team have made Dean's (Continued on page seven)

## Freshmen Win Opener, 45-40

Driving from behind in the closing minutes of the game, the Bates freshmen knocked off Lewiston High School, 45-40, in the Alumni Gymnasium last Friday night. The game was a thriller all the way, with the frosh having to overcome an 11 point gap in the third period to win.

Lewiston led throughout most of the first half, with Ed Mardigan's swishing set shots keeping the freshmen close. The high schoolers held a 22-17 edge at the intermission.

### Frosh Wjn Going Away

In the third period, after a fast start by Lewiston, the frosh attack began to function and Lewiston fell apart. With Willsey, Sargent and Brymer doing the scoring, the yearlings pulled even and Mardigan's driving underhand layup put them far ahead for good.

The spark plug of the Bates attack and the outstanding player on the court was Ed Mardigan. The Bobkitten guard was high scorer for the night with 17 points and came down with plenty of rebounds. The team showed plenty of scrap under the backboards, and with more time to perfect their shooting eyes, the frosh will have their top team in several years.

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## Bob Hatch, Frosh Coach, Provides Winning Teams

By Bob Kolovson

One of the least heralded, more soft-spoken, but most responsible members of the Bates athletic staff is Bob Hatch, now embarked on his second year as freshman coach of football, basketball, and baseball.

In his brief tenure of duty here, Bob has succeeded in winning the confidence and respect of players and coaches alike with his patience, even temper, and reluctance ever to say a bad word or raise his voice to anyone.

### Hatch Four Sport Athlete

The popular Hatch, whose first name is sometimes playfully, though hardly justifiably, distorted by his associates to "Booby", was graduated from Melrose, Mass., High School in 1942, where he participated for four years in football and baseball and two years in track and basketball.

Bob returned to Boston University after a three-year hitch in the

Marines interrupted by his college there in 1946. He played three years of both football and baseball. He was elected captain of the football team in his senior year and led the Terriers to a 6-2 season. For his efforts he was made a member of the North team in the annual North-South all-senior game at Miami and played the entire game at halfback on defense, though in a losing cause. In the spring he served as coach of tennis and golf before graduating in June with a B.S. in physical education.

### Chooses Coaching Over Pro Ball

Although he had been offered a fat contract with the New York football Yankees, Bob decided to come to Bates. If first indications mean anything, he seems to have been a good choice for the job, for in his first year he turned out winning basketball and baseball teams in addition to an unbeaten football squad.



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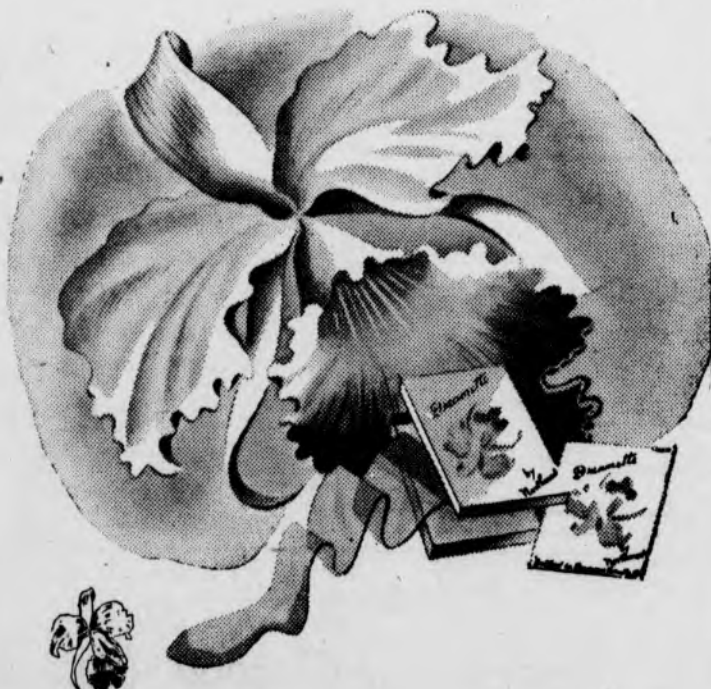
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## Maine Set For Garnet; Colby Invades Saturday

With a victory over Maine Maritime Academy on the win side of the ledger, the Bates hoopsters will get into full swing this week, with State Series contests against the University of Maine at Orono tonight and Colby at home this Saturday. In expectation of these games let's look in on these two squads, so that we may gain some perspective on the outcome of the week's work.

### Colby Has Powerhouse

Lee Williams, Colby coach, will lead to Lewiston one of the most highly-touted squads in the history of the Mules. Headed by Teddy Shiro, the ace of last year's team, and rated among the top 50 collegiate players of the nation by Stanley Woodward and his basketball annual, the Colby squad is the pre-season favorite to romp home with the Series title.

This fast-breaking, well-balanced team will be predominantly sophomores, with only Shiro, Warren Finnegan, Sherm Welson and Brad Wall returning from last season. The other three positions will be capably filled by up and coming sophs Fran Nagle, a husky 6'4½ center, Frank Piacentini and Dick Hawes, affording an average

height of well over six feet. This skyscraping height will be Colby's greatest advantage, while Coach Williams modestly expects the rather lax defense and "sophomoritis" to slow them down, though he does look for both of these defects to improve rapidly.

### Maine Green But Dangerous

Maine is an entirely different picture, having lost all of its first stringers from the previous season, and retaining only three capable lettermen. They are Larry Mahney, a six foot, "fancy dan" play maker, Art Detremont and Ralph Jewett. This small nucleus will be bolstered by two men from Ricker Junior College, Blaine Trafton, a high scoring forward and "Dint" Lovely, a scrappy and clever guard, who competed at the National Junior College at Rochester, N. Y., last year. Other players will be drawn from last year's freshman quintet. With this squad, Maine figures to put on the floor a rather inexperienced, green team, but a team coached by Rome Rankin can seldom be counted down, and if he throws up a sliding 2-1-2 zone defense as he employed last year, the Cats may be in for a rough evening.

## Price Tags

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List, a percentage above the average of the school? Also I might add here that we are only interested in athletes who can make the grade scholastically.

What Nearis completely overlooks in his whole analysis is this and it is vital to the issue: When you criticize an idea or the like, you should not merely attack it from a possible deleterious extreme, but quite to the contrary, should criticize the idea in its perfection. Nowhere does Nearis even consider this.

Nearis goes on: "Varsity Clubs are pressure groups for the importation of muscle into academic institutions." The Varsity Club is no more a pressure group, if it be called such, than are the debaters, the choristers, the Robinson Players et al. I prefer to consider all these clubs as help groups. Tell me, "Cy," what harm is there in helping? There is no more weakness in forming your so-called men of muscle into a group than any other group on campus. We have groups that encourage other people to come here. Why would a Varsity Club for athletics do harm to any of the others?

I would now like to state a fact that is essential to this whole discussion. "CY" NEARIS HAS NEVER EVEN SEEN A COPY OF THE VARSITY CLUB CONSTITUTION. HE IS COMPLETELY IN THE DARK AS TO ITS AVOWED PURPOSES. HE HAS DRAWN ALL HIS CONCLUSIONS FROM A CURSORY ARTICLE IN THE STUDENT.

As for Nearis' last paragraph, I say this. Practically every American college and university offers two things to incoming students. They are financial aid and secondly, idealistic inducements — educational, intellectual and social inducements. Bates, because of its limited financial resources, must stress its educational, intellectual and social atmosphere almost completely. Let's suppose the case of

## Cats Topple Middies 61-47 In Court Opener

By Ray Zelch

Led by the 18 point effort of Larry Quimby, and the stellar performance of Captain Bob Carpenter, the Bates hoopsters made Coach Hank Elespuru's basketball debut a winning one as they came through with a comparatively easy 61-47 win over the Maine Maritime Academy Friday night at Alumni Gym.

### Lead From Outset

The Bobcats, after getting off to a slow start, assumed a 7-0 lead over the Middies on points by Lee Blackmon and Carpenter, but saw that gap decreased as the visitors came up with six consecutive points. But that was the closest they came all night as Bates assumed a six point lead at the ten minute mark and was well in front, 28-16, as the teams left the court at the half-time intermission.

The Middies engineered a slight rally to start off the second half of the tilt, but couldn't come closer than eight points as the Garnet started to apply a steady pressure to take a commanding lead for the remainder of the contest.

Show Much Promise  
The Elespuru men were not exceptionally impressive in their season's debut but showed a considerable amount of potentiality and plenty of aggressiveness against their smaller opponents. Offensively, the Bobcats moved the ball around continually and their passing, although spotty in places, showed up to good advantage. After the Cats have a few more games under their belt, they may be expected to present a much more polished offense.

Quimby's eight floor goals and two foul shots made him the game's high man, but Steve Vickery of the Academy was not far behind with his 17 points. Carpenter, who dumped 13 points through the nets, displayed the same type of basketball that made him an all-State selection two seasons ago, and Blackmon, a tireless worker all evening, gave indications that a good year is in prospect for him.

In conclusion, you have given no valid reason, "Cy," to discourage the Student-Faculty Extra-Curricular Activities Committee in recognizing the formation of a Bates Varsity Club. Bates needs a Varsity Club, a club which would be beneficial to students, administration and alumni alike. The why's and wherefore's of this will be explained in a later article.

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## School Boy Confesses

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had butter on them. Only when a back was turned was extra butter acquired. We maintained the tradition despite adversity but that was all. It was a token move. Then came the fateful day that each of us held in dread.

### Caught In The Act

It was a Friday night after the ball game when my hunger had been sharpened by the afternoon's activity. I was moving rapidly along the chow line. Upon reaching the butter counter I slid the butter plate to the tray and, with a motion born of experience, covered the pad with bread. Next I took two quick steps and stood at the far end of the butter counter. A quick glance to the left and right assured me that the coast was clear. A moment later the second butter was resting on the

bread. Two more steps and I would be clear.

I never took those steps. A hand descended on my shoulder and rested there lightly but firmly. The words that followed were anticlimatic for before they were uttered I knew I had played my hand and lost. My career was finished, washed up. I had been caught at my trade.

"Only one pad of butter to a person."

The words fell like lead. It was like the sentence of doom. Never again would I get a second pad of butter. I was a marked man. I was a convicted butter thief.

### Letters To The Editor

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who, to my way of thinking, is working so hard to get the things we all want. I suggest that the STUDENT sports editors re-evaluate their stand and try to find out

where they are heading, why, and how.

Last year, when the topic of the new physical education program at Bates was brought up in his Principles of Physical Education class, Mr. Ed Petro told the dissenters "not to condemn the man or his program until we understood what he was trying to do." A fine suggestion, one which I pass on to any interested party.

Michael Stephanian

### Anza's Ansas

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An unusual epidemic of weak

stomachs and nausea prompted a question to the infirmary as to the origin of the disease. "Well-er-ah must be a bug in the air", was the gist of their reply as students continued to lose their dinners.

It seems from Friday night occurrences that our compliment to the Lewiston electric company, was a bit premature. Evidently the storm produced a delayed reaction.

Now that course lists are out must make haste to sign up for those 7:40's before you eagerbeavers beat me to it—grind and shine...

Ofta Rollins

## Spanish Club

The Mexican way of living was described by Miss Avery to the Spanish club at the home of Professor Seward Nov. 28.

Miss Avery discussed her experiences here in 1947. Prof. Seward showed pictures of Mexico and played records of Mexican music.

## Notice

Hours and rules concerning the use of facilities in the Alumni gym have been posted on the gym bulletin boards.

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