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Five Earn Honorary Degrees

Commencement Schedule

Friday, June 10	
4:30	Phi Beta Kappa Annual Meeting, Lounge, Chase Hall
5:30	Phi Beta Kappa Dinner, Winter House
8:30	Commencement Play, Little Theatre
8:30-11:30	Open House — For Alumni and Seniors, Chase Hall
10:30	Special Program in honor of Prof. Pomeroy, Chase Hall
Saturday, June 11	
8:00	Alumni Association Breakfast Meeting, Men's Memorial Commons
8:00	Delta Sigma Rho Breakfast, Men's Memorial Commons
9:00	Delta Sigma Rho Annual Meeting, Pettigrew Hall
9:00	President and Trustees Annual Meeting, Lounge, Chase Hall
10:45-11:45	Band Concert (L.H.S. Band), Hathorn Hall Steps
11:15	Alumni-Senior Parade, Chase Hall & Campus Ave.
12:00	Alumni-Senior Luncheon, Alumni Gymnasium
2:30	Class Day Exercises—Class of 1955, Chapel
3:30-5:00	President's Reception (3:30-4:15 Alumni)
4:15-5:00	Seniors - (Guests), President's Home
5:45	College Club Annual Banquet, Chase Hall
5:45	Bates Key Annual Meeting and Supper, Women's Union
8:30	Commencement Play, Little Theatre
8:30-11:30	Open House, Alumni and Seniors, Chase Hall
Sunday, June 12	
10:00	Baccalaureate Exercises, Chapel
2:00	Eighty-Ninth Commencement, Lewiston Armory

Gokhale Speaks On India Policy

"India's foreign policy cannot be understood except in the context of the economic problem," declared Dr. B. G. Gokhale of Bombay, visiting lecturer in history at Bowdoin, addressing the citizenship laboratory last Thursday.

Maintenance of unity, economic stabilization, and search for peace in international affairs have been the three major problems facing India since the British withdrawal in 1947.

Socialism Is Necessary

"In the context of India's economic condition, socialism, not Marxism, is a necessity," Gokhale explained this to mean that the pattern of the industrial sector will be socialistic, but 60 per cent of the industry will be privately owned.

India desires to prevent further polarization of international forces. She fears the balance of power will become so greatly polarized that war will be inevitable. If India remains an area of peace, she may be the mediator between the two conflicting groups.

Bates Receives Rare Americana Library From Author's Wife

A valuable collection of Americana from the library of the late well-known author, Hugh Pendexter, has been presented to Bates College by his widow, Mrs. Helen F. Pendexter, of Norway.

The collection includes over 700 volumes of source material on the early history of the United States, with emphasis on the development of the West.

Includes Rare Papers

Also included are papers and pamphlets, many of them now rare, covering American history from the pre-Revolutionary period through the 19th century.

College librarian Mabel Eaton has stated that the gift of Americana is unique in the College's history. The geographical scope of the historical books and papers is wide:

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Seniors Recite Will, History On Class Day

Class exercises will be held at 2:30 p.m. June 11, in the Chapel. The program, arranged by Janet Lockwood with the help of Joan Davidson, Roger Thies and Carol Hollister, will begin with the Processional played by Calvin Jodat.

Toastmaster Richard Hathaway is expected to give a welcoming speech after the Invocation is presented by Brenton Stearns. David Wyllie will then discuss the problems facing the seniors upon graduation.

A tribute to buildings and grounds will be given by Ellen Conron; Joan Davidson will relate the class history; and Ruth Haskins is scheduled to narrate the "last will and testament".

Presenting the traditional "pipe oration", Roger Thies will review the annual burying of a cylinder containing Class Day speeches and other memorable data.

Views Atomic Blast

Mushroom Awes Physicist

Speaking in chapel, Dr. Karl S. Woodcock of the physics department reported on his recent trip to the atomic testing grounds in Nevada.

One of twelve Maine Civilian Defense workers selected to view the test, Dr. Woodcock emphasized that continental United States tests serve not merely for display purposes, but as a strategic necessity.

AEC Builds Test Village

For this test, an atomic device equal to 35,000 tons of T.N.T. was to be detonated from a five hundred foot tower. The Atomic Energy Commission erected buildings of wood, brick, and cement at distances of 4,700 feet and further from the tower. Houses were furnished and stocked with food, while some were equipped with bomb shelters.

Dr. Woodcock stressed that the Atomic Energy Commission takes every possible precaution in conducting these tests. This particular explosion was postponed nine times after preliminary tests showed that weather conditions were unfavorable for explosion.

Muskie, Stratton Speak At Graduation Exercises

Governor Edmund S. Muskie, who will receive an honorary degree from Bates, will give the Commencement address Sunday afternoon at the Lewiston Armory. Another honorary degree recipient, Dorothy Constance Stratton, national executive director of the Girl Scouts of America, is expected to speak at the Sunday morning Baccalaureate exercises in the Chapel.

Honorary degrees will also be awarded to Malvina Hoffman, sculptor; Ralph Lowell, president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company; and Charles Laurence Stevens, '20, headmaster of Wilbraham (Mass.) Academy.

Edmund S. Muskie

Governor Muskie, a native of Rumford and a cum laude graduate of Bates College, received his law degree from Cornell in 1939. Associated with the firm of Muskie and Glover in Waterville, he was appointed district director of the Maine office of price stabilization in 1941.

Serving as a member of the

Maine House of Representatives, he became Democratic floor leader. After acting as Democratic national committeeman from Maine, he was elected governor in 1954.

Dorothy Constance Stratton

Miss Stratton, a native of Brookfield, Mo., started her career as a teacher. Professor of psychology and later dean of women at Purdue University, she has been national executive director of the Girl Scouts of America since 1946.

On military leave from Purdue from 1942-46, Miss Stratton headed the Spars, serving as a captain in the United States Coast Guard Reserve. She is the author of "Problems of Students in a Graduate School of Education" and a co-author of "Your Best Foot Forward."

Hoffman Writes Autobiography

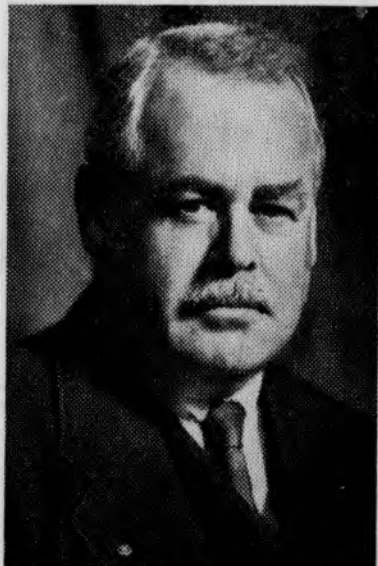
A native of New York City, Miss Hoffman has studied painting with John Alexander and sculpture with Herbert Adams and Gutzon Borglum in New York. In Paris she studied with Auguste Rodin.

The sculptor has written several books, including "Heads and Tales", her autobiography; "Sculpture Inside and Out", and "American Sculpture Series".

Named one of the 12 women who have contributed most toward human betterment in the last half century, Miss Hoffman has exhibited her works in museums and galleries throughout the world.

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Bates Honors Five Outstanding Americans At Eighty-Ninth Commencement



Ralph Lowell
(Doctor of Laws)



Malvina Hoffman
(Doctor of Fine Arts)



Gov. Edmund S. Muskie
(Doctor of Laws)



Dorothy Constance Stratton
(Doctor of Humane Letters)



Charles Laurence Stevens
(Doctor of Education)

Official Bates Uniform



Nursing students (l. to r.) Paula Schilling, Joan Kennard, and the Dawson twins model their new uniforms and caps.



Roger Thies broke new trails in fiscal policy when he paid his semester bill in silver dollars as "a protest against the nation's cheap money."



Sponsored by the George Colby Chase series, Gladys and Reginald Laubin appeared at Bates in February to interpret American Indian music and dance.

Campbell Leads Seniors During Chaple Service

President Leverett Campbell led the Class of 1955 in the annual Last Chapel program.

With Robert Chumbook as class marshal, the seniors marched in to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," played by organist Calvin Jodat.

After Chaplain Robert Hefferman gave the Invocation, the choir sang the anthem, "Build Thee More Stately Mansions". Wasil Katz was soloist.

Presents Address

In presenting the president's address, Campbell urged the audience not to underestimate the value of friendships made during college years, declaring that these are fully as important as academic achievements.

The seniors sang the class hymn, written by Helen Anderson and Nancy Cole to the music of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". As Chumbook led the class out to the front of the Chapel, underclassmen sang the recessional, "Auld Lang Syne".

Classes Cheer Seniors

The junior, sophomore and freshman class presidents then led their classes out of the Chapel. Each class cheered the graduates, while the seniors in turn saluted the underclassmen.

The program was arranged by Nancy Cole. Ruth Haskins was in charge of cheering.

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"Abbott and Costello Meet

The Keystone Cops"

Community Theatre

WED. - THURS.

"The Black Knight"

Alan Ladd Patricia Medina

"Challenge Of The Wild"

Color Documentary of Africa

FRI. - SAT.

"Unknown Island"

Virginia Grey Philip Reed

"Two Lost Worlds"

Laura Elliott Jim Arness

News In Review

With a touch of May nostalgia, the STUDENT presents in this issue a pictorial review of the past year on campus.

Here the reader can relive the ups and downs of the Stanton Ride, as Dean Harry W. Rowe led the frosh to view the trails taken by Uncle Johnny. Here too he can witness the excitement of Back-to-Bates, as Alumni Secretary Stred strokes the Bates mascot.

The gridiron battles on Garcelon Field, Christmas soloists, the Carnival Court, the Deep South splendor of "Tara", and Charles Dings taming his favorite shrew, Louise Sweeney — all appear on these pages as the STUDENT bids farewell to another Bates year.



Frosh coeds give a mighty pull as the class of 1958 begins the Stanton Ride tug-of-war. The men defied tradition and won. Afterwards Dean Harry W. Rowe recounted the traditional tale of Uncle Johnny Stanton, originator of the Stanton Ride.



Alumni Secretary Frank O. Stred whisks off the Bobcat before its successful meeting with the Bowdoin bear, a highlight of the tradition-filled Back-to-Bates Weekend.

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"Santa Fe Passage"

John Payne

"I Cover the
Underworld"

SUN. - WED.

"Seminole Uprising"

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"Petty Girl"

Joan Caulfield
Robert Cummings

EMPIRE

WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY

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Redding Replaces Rovit In English Department

President Charles F. Phillips announces a new addition to the faculty of the college for the coming school year. David C. Redding of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed an instructor in English to replace Earl H. Rovit.

A graduate of Swarthmore College in 1949, Redding received his M.A. degree from the University of Penn. He plans to complete the requirements for his doctorate there during the summer. This past year he has served as an assistant in English at the University.

Studies English Renaissance

His field of study has been the English renaissance, with special concentration on middle English, English renaissance, and nineteenth century American literature.

During his undergraduate days at Swarthmore, the Korean veteran served as music critic on the college newspaper and as music director for the campus radio station.

OC Sponsors Annual Clambake At Popham

About 320 Bates students, faculty, and guests attended the annual Outing Club Clambake last Sunday at Popham Beach.

Steamed clams highlighted the menu along with hamburgers, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, cookies, and soda. Some students also purchased lobster at extra cost.

Students took advantage of the good weather, some swimming, others sun-bathing, and walking on the beach. The Outing Club provided equipment for playing softball and volleyball.

Chairman of the all-day outing was Paul MacAvoy.

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Robert Martin (center) scores a TD to boost Bates to second place in the State Series. The Bobcats won 28-13.



Christmas Vespers' soloists appeared with the Choral Society and String Ensemble in Chapel to present a program of Christmas Music under the direction of Prof. D. Robert Smith.



A lovely Carnival court, reigning at "Carousel", included (l. to r.), seniors Faith Whiting, Lauralyn Watson, Margaret Bartlett, Ann Hoxie, and Priscilla Hatch. Standing are Jeanette Peters, Queen Sylvia Hanson, and Marion Buschmann.

Editorials

Exit

To some of the seniors, graduation from Bates means the end of four "ivory tower" years, the end of casual friendships. To others it means the beginning — perhaps the call to a profession or to graduate school.

No doubt many will leave with a feeling of relief — "no more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks" — but nostalgia has a way of creeping in when we least expect it. Time will dull the bitter taste of final exams, stringent rules, and seemingly incongruous policies.

Capable, Cultured, And Critical

Recollection will center on late pizzas, Mayoralty, buzz sessions, and favorite professors — but occasionally someone will remember the deeper aspect of college life. Any college that claims to be a college attempts to produce capable, cultured, and critical graduates.

Through the various campus organization positions, the core plan of education, and the atmosphere of regard for fellow students that prevails, Bates has sought to produce capability.

Provides Cultural Background

A cultural background has been provided — for those willing to partake of it — by the cultural heritage courses, the George Colby Chase lecture series, the library exhibits, and the Chapel programs.

Through political emphasis week, the citizenship laboratory and its outside speakers, intercollegiate debating, and student-faculty discussions, the college has stimulated a critical attitude — not necessarily a pessimistic, negative attitude, but an honest, positive search for truth.

Tradition And Renovation

The past school year saw tradition and renovation intermingle. Freshman orientation, hazing, the Stanton ride, Back-to-Bates weekend, Sadie Hawkins, the Christmas concert, Carnival, Rob Players' productions, annual elections, Spring Spruce-Up, and Mayoralty all went off per schedule.

The CA presented an art show, WVBC moved into its new Pettigrew studies, steak was added to the menu, the intramurals and nursing programs were expanded, jazz concerts were held, several tv sets sprouted on campus, a semester bill was paid in silver dollars, and a hearse appeared.

Skiis And Slickers

Skiis and slickers adorned the hills and campus as the cold winter and the rainy spring seasons arrived. The Bates "hello" was extended to a new freshman class, replaced by a cheerful "hi" as the year progressed. Seniors escaped the annual rush for rooms, required attendance at Chapel, and schedule rearrangements.

Mortarboards sat awkwardly on the heads of the juniors during the Ivy Day chapel program as they meditated on their status as incoming seniors. Seniors breathed a sigh of relief when their theses were handed in and their last hour-exams were completed.

Combat Daze And Apathy

The spring daze and apathy were admirably combated by the Batesmen in their annual Mayoralty campaign. After months of secrecy and preparation, they transformed the campus into a minor haven for Scotch and British enthusiasts.

Kilts and helmets, drill teams and honor guards, colorful posters and floats, radio shows and records, "Brigadoon" and "Coronation" — all added up to a memorable weekend.

Assets Outweigh Liabilities

For all the heckling the "small, conservative, co-ordinate New England college" gets, we venture to state that fond memories will accompany the class of 1955. A comparison with large, ultra-progressive universities with fraternities and sororities will perhaps reveal to many the fact that Bates' assets outweigh her liabilities.

Returning to the college as alumni, the present seniors will perhaps see many changes in their alma mater — new professors, new students, different buildings, different courses. But underneath will remain the basic concept of a liberal arts college dedicated to producing capable, cultured, and critical graduates.

No Elegy For Seniors

Although we detect a note of sniffing sentimentality cropping up in the editorial column at this point, may we hasten to add that this is not an elegy for the departing senior class.

Rather than allow the summing up process to mask the fundamental object, let us proceed to congratulate the seniors for their past performance and wish them success for the future.

Leave Mark On College

Their debaters, their writers, their officers, their athletes have all left a mark upon the college. It now rests for the underclassmen to fill their shoes.

The school year will start off in a strange key in September. Many faculty and student faces will be absent. The new alumni will perhaps feel like freshmen again as they undertake new positions, but the past four years will be hard to erase.

"Oft times at night I light my pipe
And watch the glowing grates;
And shadows fall while I recall
Each dream of dear old Bates.
Each fair co-ed, each lesson read,
Each comrade's friendliness;
Each victory comes back to me,
Each dream brings happiness."

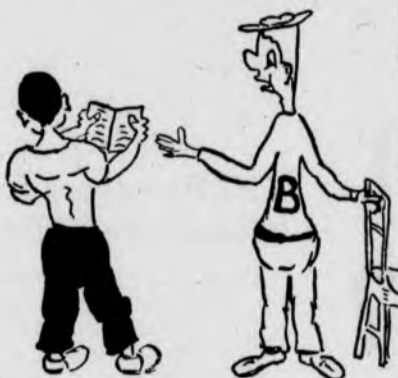
1. 2 weeks before the exam ---



2. 2 days before the exam ---



3. 2 minutes before the exam ---



I think I'll hit the books.

4. LATER !!



THE !!*6?!! IS PREJUDICED!!

Crusaders For No Finals Fall Victims To 20th Century Apathy

Final exams will be coming down like the wolf on the Bates fold this week. Most Bates students would be inclined to favor the sentiment of one of the first STUDENT writers.

In 1873, this honest, highly intelligent gentleman lashed out at the practice of final exams.

Memory Not Mind

"Who, that has had any experience in learning or teaching, in examining or being examined," he exclaimed, "does not know that inordinate cramming even to the production of mental dyspepsia, will be resorted to as a means of preparation?"

"Who," he went on, "does not know that many a scholar has a prodigious memory but very little power of thought?"

Thinking Sick

"And who does not know that such examinations tend to stimulate the mere memorizing power, while the thinking power, which is far the noblest faculty of mind, is permitted to become dormant, or at the utmost to attain only a sickly growth?"

Evidence that the college student is degenerating is seen in the fact that the worthy cause of doing away with finals was ignored. No one took up the banner in the valiant crusade against mental dyspepsia.

1800's Roar

Apparently there was more roaring in the 1800's than in the '20's. As early as 1923, students accepted the "challenge" theory of finals.

Students should look forward to the semi-annual faculty raid. At least that's what a STUDENT editor wrote.

Sprint To Finish

This pawn of the faculty delivered the following locker room pep talk: "Now is the time for that last thrilling sprint."

"Now is the time to show of what stuff we are made. Let us, go into those examination rooms determined to give all we've got."

Surprise Profs

"Now is the time to show that spirit. Tomorrow may be too late ... Let's give the profs a plea-

sant surprise when they turn over the pages of our little blue books ... Let's give them all we're worth."

"Get set for that last thrilling sprint — and go over the finish line with a bang! We're off!!" And so we are ...

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Registrar Recalls Two Decades Of Cutbook, Schedule Anguish

The registrar's office is one place on campus where everyone has been at one time or another, either to take a quick glance at the cut book, pick up a schedule, or just to drop in while passing through Roger Bill.

Most students are too busy to notice the registrar behind the cut-book and know even less about just what a registrar does. Miss Mabel L. Libby modestly describes her job as "Just keeping the records" but that is quite an understatement.

Records Grow With School

Miss Libby, who lives here in Lewiston, was graduated from Bates in 1918, when there were not as many professors, buildings, students, traditions or records as there are now.

While at Bates, she majored in German and math. She taught school for three years afterwards, two years in Vermont and one in West Hartford. Miss Libby decided she didn't like teaching school, but liked office work better, so enrolled in the Maine School of Commerce in 1922.

Start With Freshmen

She came back to Bates and was secretary to the Dean of Women in the afternoon and worked in the registrar's office during the morning. She was acting Registrar in 1926 and Registrar in 1928.

Miss Libby's duties start with the freshmen. She notes their high school, and number of Carnegie units. Then she must collect their schedules and see that they're not

taking too many or too few courses.

Next she must collaborate with the faculty and decide what courses are to be given and when. The latter decision is highly influenced by the professor's preference.

Does he like rising at 6 a. m. for an early, if not always bright 7:40 class? Would he prefer teaching in the afternoon and competing with sunbathing and tennis?

Ranks Men

Miss Libby tries to schedule the same number of courses each hour, but the 7:40 schedule is lighter for obvious reasons and more senior courses are offered in the afternoon because of the number of student teachers.

Miss Libby's background in math comes in handy, as she ranks men in neat little class percentiles for the Selective Service and also figures out those precious Q.P.R.s. Warnings also pass through her fingers before they fall within the student's grasp.

Tragedy At Cut-book

The seniors keep her busy with their many transcripts (from 500-1200 of them). Last but not least is the cut-book. Here Miss Libby witnesses many heart-wringing scenes as students realize they have no more cuts just when they had an opportunity to spend a nice, pleasant weekend at Harvard.

The college student, being a curious soul, has many, many questions, which he wants answered, especially during registrations.

Enjoys Students

One of the strangest ever put to Miss Libby occurred when a young man, eager to be married, popped into her office one afternoon and inquired where he could find a minister.

Miss Libby still likes office work after 27 years as registrar, and enjoys the students just as much. As for all the questions, she "Never minds answering them when she can, and is always glad to help."

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LEWISTON

Seniors Win Honors Studying Rats, "Superman", Parasites

By Larry Evans

Summa cum laude winner Roger Thies summed up the feelings of four typical honors recipients this year when he remarked that the departmental honors program at Bates excels because "it gives you a chance to develop your real interests on your own."

Roger's roommate, Don Gochberg, corroborated this judgment. The former STUDENT feature editor studied the value theory of the celebrated German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche.

Don concluded that a systematic

study of Nietzsche's value theory will dispel the false impressions which exist about that philosopher, particularly the notion that Nietzsche's "Superman" is the prototype of Adolf Hitler's "master race" concept.

During the writing of his thesis which won cum laude laurels in philosophy, Don encountered an amazed freshman who had learned that Don was spending all this effort studying something about "Superman"!

Dick Prothero, bound this fall for Columbia Medical School,

praised the honors program for the training it supplies in research techniques and scientific method. In his biological study, Dick experimented with the chemical alloxan to produce diabetes in rats.

Dick thinks that the success of his experimentation may indicate that alloxan, an abnormal digestive by-product, can cause diabetes in humans also.

The Rat Strikes Back

Unfortunately, this magna cum laude winner found his lab rats at times uncooperative, particularly the malevolent rodent which, after a half-hour chase through Carnegie, rewarded Dick's efforts by unceremoniously biting his finger.

For his cum laude thesis in history, Dick Hathaway had to employ seven typists simultaneously, including his roommate Brent Stearns, who had already completed his own magna cum laude project on Alfred North Whitehead.

Hitler Not Inevitable

Dick's work on the fall of the Weimar Republic points out that Hitler rose to power not because of any irresistible force, but by means of a "preposterous concatenation of circumstances."

Deeply engrossed in his research, Dick was often "rooted out" of the caverns and corridors of Coram Libe by an intrepid searching party of librarians' assistants.

Thies Is "Stunned"

While Roger Thies claims to have been "stunned and exhilarated" by the announcement of his "summa," this came as no shock to the bio department which had read his penetrating study of the behavior of certain parasitic viruses under ultraviolet light.

Working two summers at the Atomic Energy Commission's Brookhaven laboratories, Roger had access to special equipment for his study.

A Biologist's Brew

He remembers with a wry smile how, after his "orals" board, he accidentally splattered some stray viruses into Dr. Crowley's coffee. As yet, Roger reports, the patient shows no ill effects.

Both Roger and Don remarked with disfavor on the growing length of honors theses and the psychological strain caused by trying to keep up with the year before. They agreed that more time should somehow be found for honors.

Advise Early Start

All four honors recipients concurred in their advice to 1956's candidates: start early! They urged that the student complete all basic background reading and plot a tentative outline during the summer.

All expressed agreement with Dick Prothero's observation that, although honors study produces its depressing moments, "it's the most worthwhile thing I've done at Bates."

(Sequel to
Honors-)



"To the victor
belongs the spoils."

Den Doodles

Swan Song coming up. "The time has come," the profs have said, "to write of many things: of trends, and dates, and formulas, and lots of concrete things."

Let it never be said that the Bates College biology lab isn't prolific. Debbie Keirstead is the proud mother of a brand new baby chick. This is the sixth such event that the embryo students have come up with this year.

A great discussion, naturally, followed this arrival as to just what the chick would be called. And the worst PUNishment of the year was the result.

Charlie Ridley suggested that Debbie's little darling be called "Sonia". When asked why such a fancy name for such a plain chick, Charlie explained that when the chick reached maturity, she could be called "Sonia HENny".

A local radio station attaches more significance to our mayoralty campaigns than the Bates administration ever did. A local broadcaster announced recently that "Kirk

Watson was elected President of Bates College". C'ael Kirk was unimpressed, however, and plans to stick to his pre-med course.

Roger Thies has done it again. After walking off with most of the honors, Roger and roommate, Don Gochberg, went out to paint the campus a lovely shade of beige—champagne brown that is.

They toasted each other, toasted the co-eds, and even had a little ginger ale left to toast the faculty and administration. With white dinner jackets, candelabra and checked table cloth, they invaded Commons, Spofford Club, and O. C.

All admonishments of caution slide off the two celebrating gentlemen with ease. Roger just beamed and said, "Well, you know. There's a very fine line of difference between genius and insanity."

In the birthday department, Dr. Fairfield had one last week and in celebration, he gave his 7:40 Cultch class a quiz. Lots of people couldn't give him the answers to the quiz questions, but they filled in the blank spaces with "Happy Birthday".

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'CAT TRACKS

By Bob Lucas

Last Friday and Saturday proved to be two of the biggest days in the athletic history of Bates College. For the first time since 1931 the New England Track Meet was held here, and with the perfect cooperation of even the weather man, the entire event ran off as smoothly as it possibly could have.

A huge vote of thanks is due Dr. Lux whose organization and administration made the thing the success it was. Not only was the meet well handled from an administrative point of view, with events going off on perfect schedule, but the physical facilities of Garcelon Field were in top shape for the cream of New England athletes.

The shape the track was in is well supported by the twelve Garcelon Field records that were broken during the course of the two-day meet. In addition, this reporter heard several comments from visiting participants to the effect that the facilities and the shape they were in was greatly appreciated by the athletes themselves. Certainly nothing could be a greater compliment to the huge crew involved in running the event than acknowledgment by the boys participating.

FAREWELL, COACH THOMPSON

Since this is to be the last chance we'll have to express an opinion in Cat Tracks for this year, we feel it is only fitting to dedicate the remainder of our column this week to a man who is leaving Bates at the end of a long and glorious career with the school.

C. Ray Thompson, on the school's athletic staff for 31 years, will retire as of the close of school this spring. For those hundreds of athletes who have known him as head track coach, and for those many hundreds more who have known him as a Physical Education instructor, anything we write will mean but little. C. Ray has been more than just a coach or just an instructor. He has, above all, been a friend.

It is not our aim to get sentimental, although the loss of a man like Coach Thompson certainly merits it. Rather we would here simply express a bit of remorse at the loss of a man who has become almost a tradition, at a school where tradition is so important. If for no other reason, and there are a million more, we would personally like to wish C. Ray luck for the help he has given to the STUDENT.

From a journalistic point of view, the best record files of past Bates athletic accomplishments have proven to be the memory of Coach Thompson. No matter what the sport, or who the athlete, C. Ray can remember when, where, and how far, how fast, and how well. Such, of itself, is an admirable quality in a coach, but coupled with the complete understanding and friendliness which have become a byword with him, his is a place that will be hard to fill.

JOINED STAFF IN 1924

C. Ray began his chores at Bates way back in 1924 as a freshman coach. After four years he took over as head track coach, a position he held until the arrival of Walt Slovenski. During his tenure as head of track and field here at Bates, Coach Thompson came up with a lot of outstanding individual performers, many of whom gained national and international recognition. To go through the list would take too long, however, so suffice it to say that through his athletes Bates has acquired a wonderful name in track.

Even as we have here dedicated our column, meager though it be, to this man, so has the Class of 1955 fittingly dedicated its MIRROR. Now at the close of his career at Bates, Coach Thompson cannot possibly receive all the compliments and tributes that are due him, and our effort is but a shot in the dark in comparison with what he deserves.

Nevertheless, though inadequate, our words are none the less sincere. From the entire student body to Coach C. Ray Thompson goes a heartfelt "thank you" for all he has done for us and our school in the past, as well as an equally sincere "good luck" for whatever he does in the future.

In the words of this year's MIRROR dedication, Coach Thompson has "—proven himself to be a fine coach, a trustworthy friend, and above all, a man in every respect of the word." Such are the sentiments of all of us. To you coach, a fond "FAREWELL".

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Bobkittens Stop Deering Behind Jason's Hurling

By Pete Alling

Last Tuesday, the Bobcat J.V.'s whipped Deering High School of Portland, 5-1, in an exceptionally well-played contest at Garcelon Field.

The game was highlighted by the stout pitching of Freshman Norm Jason, who had a no-hitter for the first six and two-thirds innings and a shutout until two were out in the ninth canto. Jason, who clouted a triple in the seventh frame, struck out ten enemy batsmen and passed five.

Left-fielder Don Lary and second-sacker Al Richards were the only two Deering High men to get the hits, Lary's being a ninth inning double. Billy Gardiner, pitching in a losing cause, whiffed three and walked only one.

Moraes Clouts Homer

A home run, the first of two hits by Dick Moraes, to lead off the third frame, was one of the big blows of the game. However, the initial scoring came in the opening stanza when Ed "Scott" Dailley singled to drive home the first run, then Kent White singled home two more runs.

The baserunning by the Bobkittens was especially good, with White and Johnny Fresina stealing a base apiece, and the fielding by both teams was clean, as both teams committed but one error each.

After scoring three runs in the opening inning, the Addisonmen added single tallies in the third and seventh stanzas, while the visitors registered their lone marker in the final frame.

Roger Bill Tops A-League Teams In Intramurals

With a perfect seven win and no loss record, the Roger Bill Administrators walked off with the A league intramural softball title. Mitchell House and Roger Bill's B team are tied for first place in B league as both post a record of five and one.

Smith Middle, with a record of five and one, was the only team in contention with the Administrators. The only other team to gain more than one win was Smith South with an even split of two wins and two setbacks.

Although every team was scheduled to play ten games, the poor weather conditions early in the season forced many cancellations.

Because of the limiting time factor these games were not rescheduled and only playoffs for the championship remain.



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After Six
BY SUZUKI

Netsters Beat Maine, 7-2, Succumb To Bowdoin, 6-3

By Jack DeGange

Playing in two matches this past week, the Bobcat court combine split even in the two events, topping the University of Maine, 7-2, while dropping a 6-3 contest to defending state champion Bowdoin, Friday.

The slate to date shows the Garnet with seven wins as compared to five losses. The Cats were 3-3 in State Series competition as they traveled to Orono this past Monday to compete in the State Meet with the other Maine colleges.

A week ago today on the Garcelon Field courts the Garnet showed good strength as they rolled over Maine. Bates captured all but one match in both the singles and doubles. In the singles Dick Prothero, Captain Adrien Auger, freshman Pete Meilen and Greg Clarke took their matches in straight sets while Dick Steinberg took three sets to down Ron Alin of the visiting Bears. Ray Becerra suffered the only Bobcat loss in the singles as he went down before Dick Brown 6-1, 5-7, 2-6.

In the doubles the Garnet came out with two of the three matches. The combos of Prothero-Auger and Meilen-Steinberg took their

matches while Jim Pickard and Jim Weiner took the lone defeat for the hosts.

Lose To Bowdoin, 6-3

Last Friday the Bowdoin Polar Bears all but wrapped up their second successive state tennis championship as they humbled the Bobcats 6-3 in a meet held at Brunswick. It was the fourth state win of the season for Bowdoin who took four of the singles matches and two of the three doubles events.

Both Prothero and Auger had gone down before the classy Polar Bears before Meilen was able to pick up a point for the Garnet. Prothero bowed to Bob Nieman, the current state champion, in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0, while Auger also lost to Tom Gardner, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Clarke was the only other singles winner for Bates as Steinberg and Becerra lost to the fine Bowdoin combine.

In the doubles the Meilen-Steinberg combo took the only match for the Garnet as Prothero-Auger and Becerra-Clarke each came out on the short end of the scoring. Each of the doubles matches went only two sets with Meilen and Steinberg winning, 6-3, 6-3.



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BU Heads New England Track Meet

Three Losses Drop Cats To State Series Cellar

By John Manteiga

The Bates College baseballers dropped from second place to the cellar as a result of three losses in State Series play this week.

Colby avenged an earlier extra-inning defeat at the hands of the Bobcats in the first game of the week.

Up to the sixth inning the game featured fine pitching performances by Bates' Freddy Jack and the Mule's Jimmy Jamieson. Five of Colby's eleven hits were produced in the sixth. Combining these with an error and a walk the Waterville nine blew the game wide open with six tallies.

Carletti Gets Bobcat RBI

Bates' first run came after Spence Hall reached on an error. Phil Carletti produced the run scoring hit, a long triple — but that was the limit of the Garnet's batting attack, except for three scattered singles.

Jamieson's wildness had the Mules hurler in constant trouble. Although he allowed twelve of the Garnet to reach first via free passes, he was magnificent in the clutch as he stranded fourteen and struck out eight.

Colby showed a well balanced offensive attack with four men getting two hits each.

Bow to Bowdoin 4-1

The Bobcats traveled to Bow-

don and dropped a 4-1 decision to the Polar Bears.

Dave Higgins pitched well, but received little help at the plate from his mates.

Fred Coukos and Ray Dyer limited the Garnet to 3 hits and 7 walks. The 'Cats were able to take advantage of the bases-on-balls to score their lone run when Bob Reny walked with the bases jammed in the eighth.

Higgins allowed but seven hits, all singles, but it was a case of non-support as the Garnet dropped to the cellar in State Series standings.

Second Loss to Colby

In their second game of the week against Colby the Garnet were defeated 11-3.

Freddy Jack started for Coach Leahy and worked 3 innings, allowing 5 runs on 6 hits. It was learned later that Jack had been bothered by a sore arm.

Freshman Dave Colby came on for Bates and permitted six runs in the same number of innings.

Bates scored single runs in the first, third, and fifth innings. In the first, three consecutive hits produced the run.

Bob Martin and Freshman Wayne Kane singled, Martin scoring on a throwing error by the Mule's centerfielder.

Colby singled and advanced to third on an error and infield out in the fifth. Kane drove in the Bobcat hurler with his second hit of the day. In addition to Kane, Bob Dunn and Captain Bob Atwater collected two safeties each.

Twelve Field Records Topple; Fay Scores All Four Bates Points

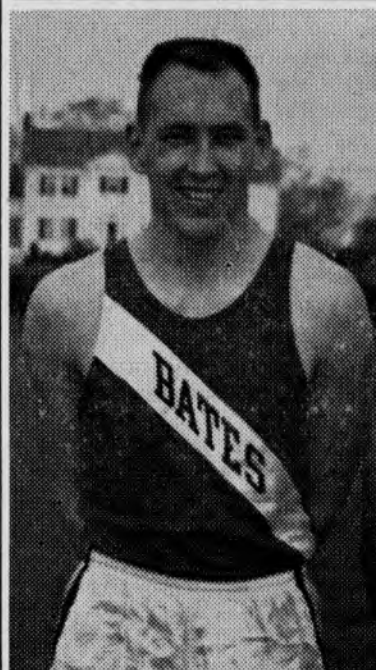
By Ed Gilson

Highlighted by two days of beautiful weather, a fast track, and competition par excellence, the sixty-eighth annual New England Track Meet was overpowered by the Terriers of Boston University.

Scoring 55½ points, the Terriers repeated their last year's win amid the smashing of 12 of Garcelon Field's 16 track and field records.

Friday saw a maze of 362 athletes participating in the trial heats of all the events with the exception of the pole vault and high jump. Thrills were provided by Don Seifert of Brown University when he tossed the hammer 184 feet 10½

which was to last for nearly four hours. With only four contestants left to clear over twelve feet six inches, Dave Hilton and Maury Carter of UNH and Andy Thompson of Springfield College could go no higher than twelve feet, seven



Performers in New England meet included (left) Doug Fay, sole Bates scorer, and B.U.'s Bill Shearer, who set records in the 100 and 220. Shearer's wins were repeats of his last year's outstanding performance.

inches to break the meet, state, and Garcelon Field records in qualifying for the final event the next day. Bill McWilliams, Bowdoin's fine track performer, and Nat Baker of B.U. also broke the Garcelon Field record to qualify.

Other Friday trial event thrills were exhibited by B.U.'s speedy, well built, Bill Shearer, who ran the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes in breathtaking style. Kazar Apkarian, two time winner of the shot put in the New England and 1955 Yankee Conference champ, put the shot 51 feet 1 inch to qualify in his event.

Barney Bruce amazed fans at his broadjumping skill. In the 440, local fans cheered Doug Fay's early lead but the Flash from Milton slowed a bit to wind up third behind Yankee Conference champ Bill Kelleher and Bob Behr of Williams. Mick McGrath placed fourth in the second heat. At the end of Friday's events, a total of six Garcelon Field records had bitten the dust.

Pole Vault Lasts 4 Hours

At 11:30 on Saturday the pole vault event was started, an event

and five-eighths inches to force a three way tie for second. However, Bruce Hescok of B.U. kept on going to thirteen feet, five and five-eighths inches to better the field record, but not the meet record of fourteen feet.

Barnie Bruce of B.U. made his initial leap in the Broad Jump his best as he jumped twenty-three feet, five and one fourth inches to take first place. Curt Griffin of the University of Connecticut was second with a leap of twenty-two feet, nine and three-eighths inches.

Meet Record Broken

Meanwhile in the weight events, Don Seifert of Brown repeated his fine performance of the previous day by officially breaking the meet record with a toss of 184 feet 10 1/28 inches. Bill McWilliams tossed it 182 feet to come in second. In the shot put, Kazar Apkarian won his third straight New England title with a heave of 51 feet 1 inch. Besting his last year's effort. Nat Baker tossed the discus 145 feet 7¼ inches to place first ahead of Ned Reeves of Williams.

Over at the high jump, tall Tom Hart of Middlebury leaped 6 feet

4½ inches to cop a first. Bruce Hescok took second to add to his day's laurels.

At the end of the field in the javelin throw, Jerry Granberry of Springfield made a nice toss of 194 feet 11¾ inches, beating out Bill Eaton for first place. He failed however, to break the meet record of 207 feet.

Fay Places Second

In the field events, Paul Murphy of Holy Cross kept a few feet ahead of Sture Bengston of MIT to cop the mile in the fine time of 4 minutes, 18.3 seconds. The 440 yard run provided a real thrill for Garnet fans as Doug Fay and Mick McGrath got off to a fine start. At the turn McGrath faltered while Fay kept pace with the leader. At the finish line Bobby Behr crossed 2/10 of a second ahead of Fay while McGrath was boxed in by two other performers. Behr's time was 49.3 seconds and Fay's desire to break 50 seconds was satisfied as he finished with a time of 49.5 seconds.

Thorgerson Cops 880

The gruelling 880 was copped by Lew Thorgerson of Wesleyan, a winner for the second straight year. A time of 9 minutes 40 seconds was recorded by B.U.'s George Terry to beat UMass's Bob Horn. The 220 yard low hurdles honors went to Northeastern's Don Settele who nosed out Boston College Captain Pat Lochiatto.

In the 120 yard high hurdles, Warren Lattof survived two days of trials to tear home with a first in the fast time of 14.8 seconds. Bill Calkin of Maine was a close second.

To liven things up the Frosh ran a mile medley relay which saw a Tufts team come from behind to win over MIT, Bowdoin and Bates. The win clipped 1.4 seconds off of last year's winning time.

Dashes Most Spectacular

The most spectacular race of the day was the 100 yard dash, which had been anticipated to be a very close race. Again Bill Shearer delighted the fans by grinding out a very fast time of 9.7 seconds for first place. Two steps behind him was Clayton Bywaters of Springfield.

Then as the closing event of the meet Bill Shearer outlegged Charlie Miller of Northeastern in the 220 yard dash, to put a fitting climax on the biggest Garcelon Field event in twenty-four years. Shearer's time was 21.4 seconds, tying the meet record held by three other past performers.

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Bates Receives Rare Americana

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from Maine, through the Middle West and on into the Far West.

Enriches Reference Library

The collection will greatly enrich the reference library available to history and government students and others interested in Indian and pioneer lore of this vast area.

Born in 1875, Pendexter was a native of Pittsfield. He graduated from Nichols Latin School in Lewiston and was the recipient of an honorary degree from Bates College in 1933. On the staff of the Rochester (N. Y.) Post Express from 1900 to 1911, he resigned to

devote his time to independent writing.

Pendexter built a strong reputation as an historical novelist and short story writer. He was recognized as a leading writer of boys' books, which reflected his interest in the Maine woods and seacoast.

The extensiveness of Pendexter's library suggests the painstaking research which provided the authentic historical backgrounds of his works.

Pendexter died in 1940. Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Hugh, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., and Faunce, of Lewiston.

Prexy Textbook Is Best Seller In Retailing Market

The fourth edition of "Retailing: Principles and Methods", by President Charles F. Phillips and Delbert J. Duncan of the University of Colorado, was recently published by Richard D. Irwin Inc. of Chicago.

First issued in 1941, this textbook has been "adopted in more colleges and universities, taught by more instructors in retailing and studied by more students than any other textbook ever published in this field," according to the "Journal of Marketing".

Preface Presents Aims

The preface to the first edition presents the three aims of the book: 1) to bring small and medium-size stores into perspective; 2) to impress the reader with the fact that the retailer needs to know much more than just how to operate the store; and 3) to give a survey of job opportunities.

The second and third editions, published in 1947 and 1951, were revised in view of the many changes which occurred in the retailing field during the war and post-war periods.

1955 Edition Appears

The 1955 revised edition presents "expanded introductory material, and explains in greater detail opportunities in retailing. It provides more practical help in preparing for a successful career in retailing," states the "Journal of Marketing."

Selling for \$5, the textbook gives attention to new development in retailing, such as shopping centers, discount houses, and current fair trade practices. New illustrations have been added.

Juniors Present Ivy Dance



Co-Chairmen Brenda Buttrick and Robert Gidez are seen at a southern plantation disguised as Scarlet O'Hara and Ashley Wilkes, in preparation for the Ivy Dance presented May 14.

Five Earn Honorary Degrees

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Recently she did the stone panel facade on the War Memorial in the American cemetery, Epinal, France.

Ralph Lowell

A magna cum laude graduate from Harvard, Lowell became chairman of the executive committee and the board of directors of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company. He was elected president in 1946. From 1919-23 he served as civilian aide to the Secretary of War.

In addition to many trustee positions, he is vice-president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. He

was president of the corporation organizing the first educational TV station in Boston.

Charles Laurence Stevens

Stevens, who attended Mt. Hermon School and Bates College, earned a Master of Arts degree at Wesleyan University. Head of the science department at Worcester (Mass.) Academy, he was named assistant treasurer and director of admissions.

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