Annual Oratorical Contest Opens June 5

Members of all classes are eligible for the annual oratorical contest to be held June 5th. There will be six participants chosen from the preliminary round. Speeches which can be on any subject will be timed for ten minutes, and three prizes are given: fifty dollars, twenty-five dollars, and fifteen dollars for the judges' first three choices.

The Little Theatre will open to the student body that night.

Paul Mulhern, Class Of '45

Reported Missing In Action

Word was received here yesterday that Paul (Skip) Mulhern, class of 1945, has been reported as missing in action in the air war over Germany. A sergeant and gunner on a fortress, Mulhern was recently home on leave and had not been overseas very long.

While at Bates he was a history and government major, a member of the Politica Club, and a member of the New Dorm intramural basketball team. Complete information has not been available.

Phil-Hellenic Club

A dinner and meeting of the Phil-Hellenic Club will be held at the Women's Union on Wednesday evening, May 17th, at 6 o'clock. Professor Joseph Lennar will be the guest speaker. This meeting will be for the benefit of the new members of the club as well as for last year's members.

Miss Lavinia M. Schaeffer of the Speech department read the play "S appreciat -Deaels" at the annual Bates Alumni meeting. The supper and fifteen which took place in the Women's Union was under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Moree.

"The White Headed Boy" Planned For June 1 And 2

The Robinson Players, under the direction of Miss Lavinia M. Schaeffer, are now preparing their spring production, "The White Headed Boy", written by Lennox Robinson. The play, scheduled to go on the boards June 1st and 2nd, is a charming Irish comedy in three acts. The story centers around a family who have sacrificed everything in their life for and have placed all their hopes in their youngest son. The son has continually failed them. He returns to his home during the play, after his last failure, only to bring more distress to his family.

The cast has been chosen as follows: Mrs. Georgecham, Phyllis Jones '45, her grown-up children, P. Parker Hoy '47, Paul Downing '47, Barbara Tabor '45, Esther Linder '44, Jacqueline Coylev '47, Chester Catter V-12, Dunnough Dromman, Charles Pohler '47, John Duffy, William sensenye '47, Delia, Edith Hale '44, Hannah, Ruth Garland '46, Aunt Ellen, Marion Ry- cut '46, Edith Jones is in charge of properties.

By Edmund Nutting '45

Approximately twenty-five members of the faculty and the student body had the privilege Sunday evening, May 14th, of listening to the varied and enlightening experiences of Dr. Herbert Gezorl who had previously delivered one of the most thought-provoking sermons of the year in the College Chapel.

At this informal discussion in Chase Hall timely topics were discussed such as the anti-Semitic problem in our country and in the world; the colored problem in our own country; state, and communities; the economic problems and conditions to a slight degree; and finally, what to do with Germany after the war.

It may seem strange that one person could have at his command such a wide range of information and in so many fields as Dr. Gezorl. However, due to his varied life, having lived in Germany during the birth and early development of Nazism after which (Continued on page three)
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Hazel Tallies Lone Bobcat Score At Meet

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The next meet for the team will be on May 27 when they will meet Northeastern on our own cinder path. It will be Bates’ first opportunity in many a day to see their cindermen in an outdoor meet. A week later the team will travel to Boston again for a meet with MIT, the New England champions.

Politics Club

Politics Club which has not been active during this year because of the absence of several of the organization’s officers met last night in order to reorganize. Plans were formulated so that the activities of the club could start immediately at the beginning of the fall session. The group is to be under the advisement of Dr. Meyerman.

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