Faculty Organizes For New Bates Plan

President Charles F. Phillips announced recently the appointment of three faculty committees as a further step in making effective the Bates Plan, recently adopted by the college faculty.

The first of these committees, said Dr. Phillips, "is the Educational Guidance and Curriculum Committee. Its responsibilities will be: first, to give educational guidance to all Bates undergraduates; and second, to keep the Bates curriculum up-to-date at all times. Beginning with the next academic year, members of the Committee will conduct personal interviews with all freshmen. At these conferences a program of study will be developed to fit the needs and interests of each individual student. This Committee will replace both the current Registration Committee and the current Curriculum Policy Committee, although the Registration Committee will continue to operate throughout the present academic year."

The Educational Guidance and Curriculum Committee will be under the chairmanship of Edwin M. Wright, Professor of English and Head of the English Department. Other members are: Paul B. Bartlett, Professor of Business Economics; Angelo P. Bertocci, Associate Professor of French; Mary Louise Carlson, Instructor in Greek; Hazel C. Clark, Dean of Women.

Juniors, Seniors Compete Ornament

Contestants will compete in the preliminary Junior-Senior prize speaking contest on Friday, Jan. 5. Any member of the two upper classes is eligible for participation. No special subject is required. From the group of preliminary speakers four will be chosen for the final contest. Each person will give his speech at a morning assembly in Chapel on either Jan. 9, 10, 11, or 13. The people who pass the preliminaries will have the aid of the speech department in preparation for the finals. The prizes, courtesy of the Charles Sumner Libby Memorial Fund, are first prize of twenty-five dollars and second prize of fifteen dollars. The speakers will be judged on the value of the topic, appreciation of the treatment of the topic, the value of the treatment, and effectiveness of delivery.

The judges for the finals will be Miss Walmsey, Dr. Vernon, and Prof. Whitbeck. For the preliminaries the judges are Miss Schaeffer, Dr. D’Alfonso, and Mr. Abbott.

"Big Parade" Starts Off Carnival Week End

Under the leadership of Mimi Dolf of ’45 and Stanley Freeman of ’46 plans are under way for the annual winter carnival. Activities will commence Friday, February 2, and last throughout the week end. The circus theme should prove creative and entertaining.

Committees as they stand at present are as follows: Carnival Hop is headed by Pauline MacMakin and Lew Cooper, with others working on the committee, Martha Joulier, Madeline Richards, Jeannie Davie, Camille Carlson, Ruth Stillman, Gordon Heibert, Raymond Hobbs, Fred True, Norman Jacobs, and Arthur Bauman. The Chase Hall open house is headed by Wesley Parker and Louise MacArthur, and those working with them are, Vivienne Sikora, Ruth Swirsky, Charlotte Bridgham, Ruth Moulton, Ruth Anna Stone, Balfour Brickner, Donald Rock, Robert McLean, and Lawrence Carey. The all college skate is being managed by Jean Catto and Henry Inouye. Maria Wilson and Roderick Kerr are in charge.

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Bates-On-The-Air

Thrills, chills, and murder will be offered tomorrow evening on "Bates-on-the-Air" at 8 o’clock.

B.C.C. Installs Radio In Chase Hall For Navy

The representatives of the faculty, administration, V-12 Unit, and students met last Tuesday evening, December 19, at Chase Hall for the third meeting of the Bates Conference Commission. In response to the requests of the two representatives of the V-12 Unit, it was decided to place a radio in the Chase Hall lounge and to repair the heating system. President Phillips said that definite plans have been drawn up for the improvement of campus, and showed the blueprints of the new wings of the library and the enlargement of Chase Hall to the B.C.C. at their last meeting.

C. A. Calendar

Wed., Jan. 3—7 o’clock, Theresa Buck, who has been a nurse in Africa, will speak in the Chaperones’ Room in Chase Hall.

Thurs., Jan. 4—Theresa Buck will speak in the morning chapel service.

Mon., Jan. 8—7 o’clock, Edward Clayton will speak in Libby Forum on his experiences in China as a missionary just before the war. A discussion will follow.

Sun., Jan. 14—7 o’clock, Vesper Service with W. Gordon Ross from Berea College, Kentucky.

Mon., Jan. 15—8 o’clock, Bowdoin-Bates debate on Military Conscription in Peaceetime in the Little Theatre.

Hoopsters Chalk Up Fourth Straight Win

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Ping-Pong

A tournament in ping-pong is coming up so watch for the sign-up slips which will be placed in each dorm. Everyone interested should sign regardless of ability—who knows—YOU may have the potentialities of a champion ping-pong player and not know it. Each house will play off to find its champion player, and then the champions of each dorm will play off. Three games of ping-pong are equal to one hour of credit. Bobby Carter is the manager of ping-pong.

Skiing

W. A. A. Quilting Club, and the Physical Education classes are compiling their efforts to get some really good skiing competition for girls at Winter Carnival. All girls, regardless of their degree of ability, are urged to come out. Everyone interested must give her name to Sandy Rice by January 7th. The girls of the Apprentice group are being taught to ski. Any member of the two upper classes as they stand at present are as follows: Carnival Hop is headed by Pauline MacMakin and Lew Cooper, with others working on the committee, Martha Joulier, Madeline Richards, Jeannie Davie, Camille Carlson, Ruth Stillman, Gordon Heibert, Raymond Hobbs, Fred True, Norman Jacobs, and Arthur Bauman. The Chase Hall open house is headed by Wesley Parker and Louise MacArthur, and those working with them are, Vivienne Sikora, Ruth Swirsky, Charlotte Bridgham, Ruth Moulton, Ruth Anna Stone, Balfour Brickner, Donald Rock, Robert McLean, and Lawrence Carey. The all college skate is being managed by Jean Catto and Henry Inouye. Maria Wilson and Roderick Kerr are in charge.

Monday night, the Bates V-12 quintet roared on to their fourth victory of the season, a 57-51 win against a capable team from the Salem Air Station, to stretch the string of undefeated encounters gained from the former season to twelve straight.

Salem Air Station drew first blood, as Cochran, their left forward, scored from the foul line to give them one point, and drew ahead again after Phil Barnhart had leveled the score, on another foul shot by their other forward, McKeon, but from here on, three quick baskets by Barnhart gave Bates a lead it never relinquished during the entire play of the game. Though the Airmen never were closer than four points, there were a few occasions when sudden flurries of hooping caused concern in the hearts of the audience, and toward the end of the game, five baskets in a row by the men from Salem put the crowd on the edge of their seats, as they drew as close to tying the score as they had all game, and the final clinching basket by Ron Anderson was greeted with an appreciative roar of relief.

Monday’s game was faster in some respects than previous games had been, with quite a bit of fouling, intentional and accidental. Early in the second half Miles, the Salem right guard, was removed for fouls, and a few minutes later, Barnhart from Bates followed him, while many other players on both teams lacked one foul of being escorted from the floor.

Dr. Ross, Ozark Pastor, Conducts January Vespers

Dr. W. Gordon Ross, professor of religion at Berea College, Kentucky, will conduct the January vespers service in the chapel at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 14. An informal discussion in Chase Hall Lounge will follow his sermon, "The Angel in the Sun." Dr. Ross’ experience as a home missionary in the Ozarks should provide background for a stimulating evening.
National Thinking . . . 1945 Style

One fact seems evident to us as we swing into the new year. We, as human beings and as a nation do not learn fast, nor do we profit by our errors. On D-Day, a wave of unfounded optimism rolled over the country. It was a fast and frenzied type of optimism to match the drive of our invasion armies. The civilian population of the country went all out in planning V-Day celebrations. In some towns committees were set up to map out parade routes. Package stores hung conspicuous signs on their doors informing the public that they would be closed on V-Day.

Now optimism in itself is a good thing. It is the dangerous results of this unfounded optimism that should worry us as a nation at war. Plane production slowed; volunteer work ceased; government employees clamored to get back to peace-time jobs, conversion was actually started. The entire public felt this irrational sort of optimism, which we commonly termed high morale. Today, in 1945, we are reaping the results of this optimism. Because production was slowed up, because workers were laid off, because we thought of playing again, we find our armies, the same that inspired so much rosin six months ago, emerging from the worst German counter-attack on the western front. Who could have convinced us then that 1945 would find us at another dark point in our war? On the contrary, the war was to be over by this Christmas.

And yet, why haven’t we learned that this war is far from over? Why do we meet the new year with slogans such as “1945—our Victory year”? We have simply to look at our armies in Europe to see that victory is far and costly, to realize that every inch of German territory taken is answered for in human misery. How can we calmly shrug off the battle of Hurtgen Forest or Aachen or the fighting on the other side of Rome and continue to applaud 1945 as victory year? No, 1945 cannot be met gaily and with too much bell-ringing. We tried that approach which required no thinking and it failed.

In a short period of six months we “reeled the revenge of what we left out”. We should have learned by now that a false high morale does not help win wars. Why not greet 1945 with a tempered spirit of rationality and hope? It would be much better for our nation to understand its task, know the drawbacks and the chances for success or failure through this let us form our opinions, whether they are to be rosy or dark. Let’s pepper our dish of optimism we have been feasting on for the past six months with enough pessimism to make it wholesome and strengthening.

E. Zazupoulos ’46.

Campus Clubs Plan Full Schedules For Coming Year

Activities in the campus clubs have begun to get under way, and the new year promises new and better opportunities for each member. Heelers, the dramatic organization, has begun a new system this season, of specialized small groups of members. The group members will devote their club time to such activities as costumes, stage management, properties, lights, makeup, and acting. The groups will work independently until the time of the production when all activities will be combined. Eight new members have been admitted to the acting group of Heelers as a result of the tryout skits.

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Winter Carnival (Continued f.r.v. page one) in charge of publicity, and their committee is Barbara Altrich, Edward Polanski, Muriel Henry, Nancy Lord, and Leighton Shields. Virginia Rice and Raymond Alder are organizing the skating and skiing events, and those helping with the skating are Norman Jacobs, Charles Cohen, and faculty assistance is being given the women’s events by Miss Walmey. Patricia Wakerman has charge of snow sculptures, Patricia Wilson and Jean Gregory of awrds, and Joan Polanski is in charge of skating at Pole Hill.

Winter Carnival will open by the “Big Parade,” an all-college skate, at which a parade will be presented by each of the campus clubs and open house follows. Saturday, February 3, skating and skiing contests will be held and snow sculptures will be judged. Carnival Hop will turn the Alumni Gymnasium into a “Big Top”. An all-college ski on Sunday ends a full three days of circus life.

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Bates-Bowdoin Duel On Military Conscription
Bates meets Bowdoin in the major debating event of the season, Monday, January 15, with the topic, “Peace time Military Training”. This will be a dual debate. Here in the Little Theatre at Bates Nan Lord ’45 and Gerry Weed ’46 will uphold the negative side, while at Bowdoin Dick Malatesa ’45 and Barbara Miller ’46 will debate the affirmative. Bates ’46 will preside at the Little Theatre debate, which will be followed by an open discussion.

Frances Wheeler ’46 and Doris Dixon will debate the negative side of the question of “Lowering the Voting Age to Eighteen”, opposite a team from M.I.T., January 16, at the Lions Club luncheon.

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Boy Scouts Visit Bates As Guests Of Navy

Thirty Guest Boy Scouts of the national honorary fraternity, the Order of the Arrow, were guests of Bates for their annual mid-winter meeting December 28. These boys were elected to the national fraternity this summer by their fellow Scouts at Camp Hinds. Qualities such as outstanding leadership ability and character were the criteria of their election.

From all over Maine except for the Bangor area these Scouts assembled with Pery Dunn, state executive, Howard Butler, regional executive and head of the Order of the Arrow, and other Scout leaders. Dr. Sawyer of our faculty had charge of the arrangements with the college.

From their arrival at 2 p.m. until their departure at nine, the boys' time was filled with varied activities. The highlight of the day for the boys came from Lieut. Caz's appointment of a V-12 man for each Scout who acted as a big brother and took the Scout to Navy chow. As soon as the boys arrived at Chase Hall, they were taken on a tour of the library, labs, and museum by student guides. Following a period of athletic events, supervised by Mr. Moore, they witnessed a special Navy review. In the evening, at the annual business meeting, Mr. Rowe welcomed the Scouts to Bates, on behalf of the president. Lieut. Goodwin spoke on the values of leadership. Attending the Navy smoker ended the Scouts' visit to the campus.

This meeting at Bates not only was a fine thing for the boys, but also gave Bates an opportunity to acquaint a selected group with the college.

C.A. Distributes News Letter At Meetings

C.A. heralded its commission meetings this month by a news letter giving the campus a preview of the coming events. Commission meetings were held Dec. 29 at seven o'clock.

Nan Lord, head of the Campus Service Commission stressed service as the purpose, Edith Jones was put in charge of the Second-hand Bookstore. Committees were assigned to carry out the various campus activities. All the members were urged to write to their congressman to establish a permanent F.E.P.C.

Reports on the Christmas activities at the Old Ladies' Homes, the Orphanage, and similar places were received at the Community Service Commission. Plans were discussed for similar future events—at least once a month. Pauline Tilton was appointed the head of a committee in charge of securing speakers to talk to the commission about social service work.

Shirley Raymond, leader of the Social Commission, reports that the Freshman dancing class has been completed and plans are now being made for V-12 faculty socials. Roxanne Kammerer is heading this committee. Mid-semester cappies are under the direction of L. Jawitz.

The Freshman Commission, under the leadership of Muriel Ulrich, reviewed their activities of the past year and discussed improvements to be made in the coming year. The plan to have off-campus girls spend a night in the dorms was considered.

Posters for the coming events, Rabbi Beren's speech, Theresa Buck, Vesper Services, and the debate with Bowdoin were planned by the Publicity Commission.

Shirley Stone and the Public Affairs Commission are planning the placement of interest on the bulletin board in Chase Hall at different times. They are also planning an inter-faculty-student forum for the latter part of January.

The Reconstruction Commission met under the leadership of Alden Sears. Committees were organized and plans were discussed for off-campus work.

The Religion Commission discussed the coming events sponsored by C.A. as well as the future plans of the commission. They plan to have more student leadership in chapel services, a full Easter Week program, morning meditations in the chapel during exams, and inter-faith discussion groups.

Rabbi Berent Speaks At First Interfaith Gathering

Rabbi Berent of Lewiston spoke last night in Libbey Forum on the Jewish faith. The lecture was sponsored by the C.A. Religious Commission.

This is the first of a series of lectures to be sponsored by the Religious Commission on religious faiths.

The C.A. Religious Commission invites all to attend these lectures which are being presented, and which promise to be interesting as well as informative.

The Boatswain's Pipe

Alumni Gym was the scene of such affairs. Retrospecting we notice a great transition in the manner and management of these functions. Much credit is due these "progressive" committee members. An old adage "Be not the first by whom the new is tried—nor yet the last to lay the old aside", has at last been realized, although we must say that we had negative fears innumerable times while dancing on the highly illuminated floor, or listening to the trite assortment of dates which were usually presented. "A coup sur" that winter has now set in, we are now convinced that Chase Hall will hold a much greater attraction than various outside functions, if its affairs continue to develop at their present rate.

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