1923 Commencement

There are few indications on the University campus today that another Commencement is less than two months away. Notwithstanding the prolonged backwardness of the usual favorable signs of spring, active preparations are being made to take care of the several hundred alumni who will wend their way Oronoward June 7 to 11. Alumni Day of course, scheduled for Saturday, June 9, will be the banner day.

The program announced follows the customary schedule of events which have made the Commencement activities of the last two years convenient to attend and permitting of an enjoyable visit to the campus, whatever the duration of that visit may be. Alumni and former students, for they too find a welcome, are eager to return and enjoy that hand of fellowship which is binding together all who ever attended the University.

Two varsity baseball games will keep alive the athletic spirit. The alumni-varsity game scheduled for 3 P.M., Friday, June 8, will be a real contest. Phil. R. Hussey '72 has been appointed alumni manager and has already lined up several of the old-time stars, all of whom have kept in condition by playing summer base-ball since graduation. New Hampshire College will be the attraction on the afternoon of Alumni Day, Saturday, June 9.

The ceremony of breaking ground for new buildings, Sunday afternoon, June 10, is expected to start the ball rolling for the erection of the new Arts and Science building, and if the Memorial Fund campaign is successful, the erection of the gigantic Gymnasium-Armory building.

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The Program

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7**

4.00 P.M. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation
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6.30 P.M. Banquet National Honorary Societies (tentative)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

9.00 A.M. Board of Trustees
9.30 A.M. Meeting of the Alumni Council, Library
9.30 A.M. Class Day Exercises, University Oval
3.00 P.M. Baseball, Alumni vs. Varsity
8.00 P.M. President's Reception, Library (Dress optional)
9.00 P.M. Fraternity Receotions

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

Alumni Day
10.00 A.M. Annual Business Meeting, General Alumni Association, Chapel, Alumni Hall
12.30 noon Alumni Luncheon, The Commons
3.00 P.M. Baseball, New Hampshire College vs. Varsity
6.00 P.M. Alumni Banquet, Alumni Hall
9.00 P.M. Alumni Movies, Chapel
9.30 P.M. Alumni Hop (informal), Gymnasium

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

10.30 A.M. Baccalaureate Services, Alumni Hall
5.00 P.M. Breaking Ground for New Buildings

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

9.30 A.M. Commencement Exercises, University Oval
8.00 P.M. Commencement Ball, Gymnasium
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Altho organized class activity in preparing for reunions has been below normal, the greater activity of the whole alumni body is expected to make the 1923 Commencement the equal of the 50th Anniversary of a year ago. Alumni Day, Saturday, June 6, will be the gala day for alumni as usual. For the subscribers to the Memorial Fund it will be the greatest day in history—the day set for the final attainment of the $500,000 objective of the Memorial Fund Campaign for a Gymnasium-Armory. Hundreds of loyal alumni will be on hand eager to rejoice in true Maine fashion.

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At the 1885 meeting, G. H. Hamlin referred to the determination of the enemies of the college to prevent it from receiving any appropriation and also to cripple its courses of study. In view of this, he suggested that the alumni raise a fund of $5000. It was immediately voted at this meeting to pay annually to the college a sum equivalent of $5000, and to continue these payments until the full endowment fund of $5000 was raised and turned over to the College.

June 28, 1881, the Association recommended to the State that an additional number of copies of the annual report be printed and distributed to the people of the State in order to aid extensively the value of the institution.

(To be Continued)
As the dollars roll in from now until June 9, Bananas VI, the University of Maine bear mascot, will be busily engaged in laying the bricks for the Gymnasium-Armory Memorial building. When you make your contribution you, too, will become a Bricklayer.

The Story of Bananas

In the spring of 1914 up near the headwaters of the Penobscot and the Canadian boundary a wee black bear cub was born. Her life was uneventful until fate intervened and Lloyd E. Houghton '12, former Maine track captain, stumbled upon the tiny cub and took possession of her furry body. A summer at Houghton's home at Lee served to furnish the little bear with a shiny black coat, a hundred or more pounds of weight, and an amiable disposition.

When the undergraduate slogan of "Make This a Clean-up Year" reached the ears of Houghton he sent the little cub to Orono to serve as the University mascot. Art Smith, then track coach and trainer, became the bear's keeper. He named her Bananas, and by this name she became affectionately known. Bananas became the good luck omen of the University. The football championship of the state came first and then the cross country team annexed not only the state but the New England title. That winter in true bear style Bananas indulged in a long, deep sleep, while Maine continued on her victorious path, winning the relay race at the B. A. A. games.

Then came spring, Bananas awoke from her hibernation and Maine won the state baseball and track titles. The "Clean-up Year" had come to pass! Bananas had become the idol of the campus.

Her reputation became heralded all over the college world. So insistent were the demands from the Naval Academy that she was loaned to the Mid-dies for the annual Army-Navy football game of 1915. At Maine the habit of winning continued, for the cross country team leaped into national prominence by winning the National Intercollegiate championship.

The Maine students were not the only ones enamoured with the victory mascot, for the Colby enthusiasts endeavored to separate Bananas from her followers on a special train going thru Waterville.

As Bananas grew older she put on weight rapidly and lost...
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The students raised a fund and she was mounted in a characteristic pose. She now ornaments the University Store, but it is planned that her permanent position of honor shall be in the new Gymnasium-Armory.

Bananas IV, a wee bit of a cub with a fiery disposition, appeared in the role of mascot long enough to attend a State Meet at Waterville in May a year ago. She was returned to her owner and Bananas V essayed the task of mascot. The fate of this bear was sealed from the start, for she died from ulcers of the stomach within four days of her arrival on the campus.

Bananas VI, now supreme in her official role of University mascot, is the gift of Verne Beverly '21, star football end for four years. With Trainer Stackpole she is a familiar sight to those who are privileged to visit the campus today.

A Privilege to Help

The Aroostook Pioneer in its issue of April 14 ran a display editorial on the Memorial Fund. Coming unsolicited, it reflected the general public interest which exists toward the campaign and its objective.

It reads in part as follows:

The very recent announcement of the fact that the students of the University of Maine had oversubscribed their allotment to the Memorial Fund is one for matter of congratulation and not of surprise. The proposed building, however, is not one that should be dismissed as merely a matter of concern to the University, its alumni or students. It is far more reaching than that just as it is far more than a gymnasium or armory. It is the loving and heartfelt tribute to those dearly beloved boys, boys not only loved in their college, but even more dear to their own, who without thought of result gave their all that civilization, as we know civilization in this Commonwealth and this Nation, might go on. We are far too apt to forget the sacrifices made by the boys and girls of this Nation in the only too recent war. Great was our joy when the news came that it was over; loud was the noise and hilarious the racket and doubtless that memorable November night. When the army came home again the Nation turned out to greet its soldiers with outstretched hands of joy and gladness. Nothing was too good for our soldiers, men and women, all honor must be paid them and never mind the cost.

The sons of Bowdoin, the sons of Bates and Colby sooner or later will place their tribute and no learned scholar, no world accepted savant will ever have a greater honor than those gold star names. Those who mistake the feelings of the loyal alumni who are working for this fund deserve our heartfelt sympathy. The Memorial Fund of the University of Maine is not a political football to be kicked all over this great Commonwealth, its workers and workers are not to be misunderstood wilfully or mistakenly, so when the appointed representative of the fund asks for our individual help let us respond gratefully and with thanks. It is not the sum that is given; it is the loving spirit that goes with it that counts, and though many and many of us are not alumni of Maine, we deem it a privilege to help the University honor its honored sons.

Publicity Campaign Ends

The preliminary publicity for the University of Maine Memorial Fund campaign has ended. A series of 14 advertisements have appeared and copies of the Bangor Daily Commercial containing these advertisements have been mailed to all out-of-state alumni, alumnae and former students. Copies of Thomas Dreier's booklet "Putting New Ideas Into a State University" and the Gymnasium-Armory booklets have gone to all. Anyone not receiving this publicity material should notify the Memorial Fund office. Additional information will be supplied by the field workers.
Pertinent Paragraphs -
by the Memorial Fund Committee

The question has been asked, "Does the student contribution of a hundred thousand dollars automatically make $400,000 the objective for alumni effort?"

In answer we will call attention to the fact that the ALUMNI started out to raise $500,000, and that the campaign as planned did not contemplate student subscriptions, that student participation was their own undertaking, that they set their own goal, built their own organization, and waged their own campaign.

Under these conditions, if we (the alumni) use this hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of reaching OUR OWN goal, it would seem that we had seized upon the success of the student campaign for the purpose of lightening our load.

We hardly feel that any alumnus desires to deviate from the original plan of campaign, namely, $500,000 raised by alumni effort from sources other than undergraduate subscription.

Furthermore, it should be remembered that while it is hoped that the alumni campaign will result in sufficient money so that the building may contain all necessary features, it is not at all certain that the many desirable features of such a building can all be had for $500,000.

Therefore, let us keep our eyes on our own goal, our shoulders to the wheel, and, without usurping the splendid success achieved by the student body, GET THAT HALF MILLION.

There is one sure way to tell a mushroom from a toadstool and that is to eat it. The result will tell. There are many ways to tell whether or not our alumni are loyal to Maine. BUT, the surest way at this time, is by the subscription pledges to the Memorial Fund for a Gymnasium-Armory. Let your pledge be just as great an addition to the fund as mushrooms are to steak.

From a Girl Friend

A letter from President Little illustrates the widespread interest which the Memorial Fund campaign has aroused. This time the subscription is from Chestnut Hill, Mass. Dr. Little's letter accompanying the gift reads as follows:

"This small contribution is from a girl, Miss Charlotte Allen, who has been a lifelong friend of Mrs. Little, and while she has absolutely no money of her own is doing this because they have had a University of Maine man working some for her father, who did a good job."

Sister of War Hero Subscribes to Fund

Asking that she might attend the recent meeting of the Kennebec County Alumni Association for the purpose of making her pledge in memory of her brother, S. Tracy Webster '18, Miss E. Blanche Webster of Augusta filled in her subscription blank and signed up payments for the next five years. Miss Webster's subscription is the first from a relative of a Maine war hero.

Cost of Campaign

A rumor is afloat to the effect that the Memorial Fund Campaign will cost $100,000 for publicity, office and campaign expense. It is absurd even for anyone with no knowledge of the cost of raising money to believe that such an expenditure would be necessary.

The usual cost of similar campaigns ranges from four to twelve per cent and covers all publicity and office costs. At the present moment it appears that the cost of our campaign for these purposes will not exceed four to five per cent.

The general committee has spent hours and hours of time in studying every detail of the campaign and have scrutinized every expenditure no matter how small. In fact, it is the hope of the committee that a record may be set for the minimum expenditure necessary to successfully reach an objective of the magnitude of our campaign.

They Gave All

Stephen T. Webster '18 of Augusta lost his life August 29, 1918, in an accident while landing from the final flight of his training. He enrolled June 19, 1917, received a first lieutenant's commission in December, went overseas the following July.

Roy L. Goding '20 met his death January 14, 1918, at Camp Gordon, Georgia, as the result of a fall while wrestling with a companion. He joined the army in October, 1917.

Sidney B. Orne '07, commissioned a lieutenant of Engineers in the United States Revenue Cutter Service in 1908 and in command of the U.S. S. Petrel at the time of his death, succumbed from influenza October 2, 1918, at the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Navy Yard.

Cecil E. Brown L'17 of Norway was among the first to offer his services. Being underweight he was rejected. He then served on his local registration board until applying and being inducted September 6, 1918, for limited service. He died from influenza 19 days later at Camp Devens, Mass.
When you make your contribution, you will become a Bricklayer. On this and subsequent pages will be published the list of contributors to the Memorial Fund. This list will be added to each week as the campaign progresses. Watch for your name among the Bricklayers!

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The Goal

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Archer L. Grover '99 500
Henry F. Drummond '00 1,000
Guy A. Hersey '00 1,000
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Major Luther R. James, who has for the past four years been in charge of the University Reserve Officers' Training Corps, has been assigned to another post for next year. The students and friends of the University will regret his transfer. His enthusiasm and personality have done much to popularize the military training courses. Chief among his accomplishments is the revival of the old-time training camp, now an annual feature at Newport.

In a recent basketball game the Out-of-Staters went down to defeat before the Maine Staters, 32 to 19.

The University band recently completed a concert tour to Waterville, Lewiston and Augusta. From all reports the present musicians are upholding the reputation of the famous Yankee Division band, which was the only college band to go overseas during the war.

The annual M Club minstrel was staged in Bangor City Hall, April 13. A good crowd turned out. The boys presented a good chorus and several principals of talent.

**Varsity Debating**

The University debating team has experienced several setbacks during the present season. First came the defeat by the North Dakota Aggies, then Boston College, and then the meeting of East with the West, Friday evening, March 30, at the Bangor City Hall, when the University two-man debating team met and was defeated by the Occidental College team from Los Angeles, California. The verdict of the judges was unanimous and was accorded the visitors for excellence of delivery. The subject was "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the cabinet parliamentary form of government." Occidental supported the affirmative and Maine the negative. President Little presided.

**More Legislation**

Two acts passed by the 81st Legislature affecting the University have not been reported in this paper. The first was the passage of an act already referred to which reads:

"As the state is providing large appropriations for the support of the University of Maine, the state should have a more direct connection with its affairs both financial and educational, therefore, it is provided that the state superintendent of public schools shall be ex-officio a member of the board of trustees of the University of Maine with all of the powers and privileges of members and that his membership on said board shall be coextensive with his term of office as state superintendent of public schools."

The second came when Governor Baxter acceded the $20,000 resolve in favor of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station the treatment predicted, but not carried into effect, for the University resolve. The Station resolve was vetoed April 6 and immediately thereafter the House of Representatives overrode the veto by a vote of $8 to 43. The Senate also passed the resolve over the Governor's veto by a vote of 23 to 2.

**Employment**

**CHEMIST**

Mr. Thomas E. Nokes, proprietor of the American Seed Refining Co., 518 Fifth Avenue, New York City, wants a chemist to test seeds for germination properties and for general chemical work. Salary $5,000 per year and expenses when away from New York. Four months travelling in the year, any chemistry graduate who believes he can qualify should address his communication to Mr. Nokes at the above address.

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