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America Frees Itself From European Influence In Art, Says Untermeyer

Noted Poet, Critic Talks at Little Theatre For Contributors' Club

By Virginia Hill

Creation is the right to differ, and it is in this attitude that the American Arts find a new freedom which will universally establish their place in the future, said Louis Untermeyer in his lecture presented by the Contributors' Club in the Little Theatre last Thursday evening.

Mr. Untermeyer surveyed the Arts in America since 1900. He pointed out to the audience that before this crucial year America had relied upon European patterns in architecture, painting, music, and literature; then, as a natural reaction to conventional standards, the American people began to sever their cultural ideas from the time-worn designs of Europe.

In the field of architecture, the notable contribution has been the skyscraper. America has begun to superimpose her urban individuality upon almost all of the leading European cities. This, as Mr. Untermeyer said, is the exact reverse of the conditions prior to 1900.

Painting in the United States has experienced the same evolution. To illustrate his point, Mr. Untermeyer told his audience that it was a Frenchman who did the murals on *Arts and Sciences in America* in the Boston Public Library. The country lacked native initiative, and yet in the past decade the country has been subjected to paintings that speak new idioms with a true Yankee accent. There is an aim for native soil. America is getting away from the snobbery that has deprived her from achievement in this field.

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Oppose Plan For Literary Periodical

Literary periodical? No, say 62% of the 583 who voted in the last *Campus* poll. That is, they won't finance such a venture. There were more people in Arts and Sciences voting against it than in any other school.

There were 60% who voted for continuation of the M.C.A. embassy program. Ninety per cent of the men in Education were in favor of it.

Many felt hesitation upon voting upon the aim of the allies in war—whether they were fighting to save the world for democracy or to save the British and French empires. Fifty-two per cent of those who did vote said "No" to the democracy idea; 90% said "Yes" to the saving the French and British empires idea.

Sixty-seven per cent favor the United States program of armament expansion, Technology showing the highest percentage for it.

The tendency of the voters on the question of fighting when the U. S. became involved in a foreign war was to wait for draft. The Techs are quite strong in the opinion that they would fight. The \$5000 income group voted most strongly against enlisting.

The new fraternity rushing system is approved by 75% of all voting.

Annual Intramural Ball Scheduled for Feb. 21

The annual Intramural Ball, sponsored by the University Intramural Athletic Association, will be held Wednesday evening, February 21, it was announced today by Harold Bronsdon, chairman of the Intramural Ball committee.

The committee has already made plans for the music and decorations. A name band whose identity will be announced at a later date has been hired to provide the music. The decorations, which will be carried out in the University colors, will have a winter sports theme.

The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Harold Bronsdon, chairman; John Reitz, and John Kelly.

Profits from the Ball will go toward defraying the costs of the intramural athletic program.

Can You Find Yourself?



Pictured here is a part of the crowd at the Pale Blue Key Cabaret last Friday, dancing to the music of Watie Akin's band

English Classes Want Free Day Before Exams

Results Confirm Recent Vote in 'Campus' Poll

The results of a recent ballot taken in the English Department, covering all freshmen and a good cross sampling of the other three classes, shows 96 to 97% of the students favoring a breathing space of one day between the close of classes and the beginning of final examinations.

All the freshman divisions of English I and advanced courses in English, including Technical Composition and Modern Literature for students in the Colleges of Agriculture and Technology, were included. In English I, of 497 students voting, 477 were in favor of the one free day and 20 against; in the advanced classes, of 300 students voting, 292 were in favor and 8 against. Thus a total of 797 students voted—769 in favor and 28 against.

It is interesting to compare this vote with the campus poll of the first of December in which 422 students voted on the same question showing 87% of the voters in favor. The more

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Finnish Relief Drive Gets Little Results

Incomplete returns from the Finnish Relief Campaign conducted at the University by the *Maine Campus* totaled \$59.14 with four houses not yet reporting. Charles Peirce, editor-in-chief, announced today.

The campaign, which was conducted in co-operation with the Maine Committee for Finnish Relief, began last Friday and ended Monday. The funds will be turned over to the state committee.

Debate Team Defeats Tufts On Road Trip

The University of Maine debating team defeated Tufts College at Medford, Mass., January 10, when Gertrude Tondreau, '40, and Alma Fifield, '41, upheld the negative side of the question: "Resolved, That the United States should follow a policy of strict isolation toward all nations outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in foreign or domestic wars."

Miss Tondreau and Miss Fifield also debated at Rhode Island College of Education at Providence, January 13. Here they represented the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved, That Franklin D. Roosevelt should be re-elected for a third term." Providence College won in a 2-1 decision.

Four Alumni Groups Confer on Library

President Arthur A. Hauck and Alumni Secretary Charles Crossland conferred with four alumni groups last week to discuss and work out details of the Library Campaign plans. Meetings were held in Baltimore, New York City, and in Boston with local alumni, and a meeting of the Alumni Library Committee was held in Portland.

At all meetings careful consideration was given to the University's serious need of new library facilities and ways and means of interesting alumni in contributing to this vital project.

In addition, on Tuesday evening, January 16, the alumni in the vicinity of Old Town gathered with President Hauck and Alumni Secretary Crossland as guests of honor. Following the general social gathering, consideration was given to forming a definite local association organization in this group. On Thursday evening, Prof. J. H. Huddleston and Mr. Crossland met with the alumnae of the Bangor district to develop plans for forming a separate women's organization in this area. Professor Huddleston, a well-known and popular figure at alumni gatherings, will be the guest speaker.

Breton Receives Coast Artillery Gold Medal

To Be Presented At Battalion Parade

Cadet Major Leon J. Breton, a senior in the College of Engineering, has been awarded a gold medal presented by the United States Coast Artillery Association, Colonel Robert K. Alcott, professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Maine, announced today.

The award of the medal was made on the recommendation of a Board of Army Officers composed of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Haw, Major Harry L. Henkle, and Captain George J. Loupert.

The United States Coast Artillery Association, donor of the prize, is composed of Coast Artillery Officers of the Regular Army, National Guard, and Organized Reserve and has a nationwide membership.

Colonel Alcott states that the gold medal will be presented to Cadet Major Breton at a parade of the en-

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Gramp Gets Into the Groove At Pale Blue Key Cabaret

Gramp Overholt was sitting in his easy chair with his usual highball in one hand and a letter from Ruthie Robbins in the other.

"Hey, son," he yelled above the din of the phonograph grinding out the latest swing record, "I've got two tickets for the Pale Blue Key Cabaret Friday night. Do you and Betty want to go?"

"Sure, Gramp," I said, putting down the latest Love Story mag. "I'd like to very much. I'll call the dorm and see what Betty has to say."

Friday night finally arrived. Gramp was in his prime. He took his usual Friday night wine bath (he can't stand water), and playing "Heart and Soul" on the piano, I waited for him impatiently.

Gramp finally emerged in tails, and—yes—a highball in his hand. "Gosh, Gramp," I said, "you can't go dressed like that."

"Why?" he asked. "Ruthie asked me to; and when Ruthie asks me to do something, I do my darndest to do it."

"Well," I said, "you'll be all alone because this is viddy viddy informal. Call Ruthie and ask her if she doesn't want to change her mind."

Gramp called, and Ruthie told him that she thought a business suit would be better.

We all arrived safely at the gym without mishap, Ruthie and Gramp, Betty and me.

Gramp wanted a table on the bright side of the gym so that he could see everything that was going on. We humored him and sat there, although we noticed the dark side wasn't without its full quota. Good thing, too, that Gramp wanted to sit on the lighted side because the tables on the other side filled up first.

Gramp was as excited as a small boy at a three ring circus. Ruthie

New Hampshire Beats Maine; Frosh Team Crushes M.C.I. 80-44

Rushing System To Be Changed To Quota Form

Unanimous Vote Of Men's Council Stamps Approval

The Interfraternity Council, at their last meeting January 9, 1940, voted unanimously to adopt the "preferential" rushing system as explained in section 8 of its constitution.

Section 8 states that each member fraternity shall furnish the secretary of the Interfraternity Council, one month before the beginning of the rushing period, a statement which will give the house capacity, number of members (sophomore, junior, senior), number of pledges, number of others living in the house, number of members and pledges living outside the house, and the number of freshman pledges necessary to the well-being and financial security of its fraternity.

The freshmen will make their fraternity selections or pledges on Monday, February 19, 1940, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The balloting place has not as yet been chosen. Each freshman indicates on his ballot his choices of fraternities in order of preference and signs his name. The completed ballot form is deposited in the locked ballot box.

There will be five neutrals in charge of the balloting chosen by Dean Corbett. Dean Corbett will also be in attendance at the session of the counting. The balloting will close at 5:00 p.m. The neutrals will then check the student preference against the fraternity list. The quorum will be listed alphabetically; others will be listed in order of preference.

After the matching of preferences is completed the neutrals will then make the pledge lists available to the fraternities, the freshmen, and the public.

Quint, Savasuk Star as Sezak Uses 19 Men

Still ragged from the grueling New England trip last week-end, the Maine varsity basketball team was decisively beaten Wednesday night by the University of New Hampshire, 55-39, while the powerful Frosh rode roughshod over M.C.I., 80-44, piling up the greatest score any Freshman basketball team has made.

Chick Wilson and Parker Small tried to keep Maine in the game, but New Hampshire had a 24-18 lead at the half, and the closest Pale Blue came to overhauling them was 26-30 midway through the last period. Tracy scored 11 points, Wilson 11, and Small 10, but this didn't begin to match the scoring of the Wildcats, four of whom topped 10 points.

Sam Sezak's yearling squad, playing Rhode Island style basketball, let M.C.I. score almost at will, but nearly doubled the prep school team's score.

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New Courses Announced For Next Semester

In the College of Arts and Sciences, the following new courses will be offered for the spring semester.

The English Department will offer *Contemporary American Drama*. Mrs. Mary P. Crandon will be the instructor.

A course in *Report Writing* will be given by Mr. Reginald Coggeshall.

Dean Allen announces that those students interested in taking a beginning course in typing during the spring semester should see him at once.

In the History and Government Department, a new course entitled *Maine Government* will be given. This course is designed to show the practical operation and current problems of state and local government as these affect the citizen of Maine. There will be a weekly lecture by an official, followed by a round-table discussion. No prerequisites are necessary. Two hours a week, one credit hour. Guest lecturers: Mr. Dow and Mr. Pelletier.

Course 8a Maine is for prospective teachers and all others wishing a more complete picture of Maine government. It includes Course 8 plus an additional weekly lecture or discussion.

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Eva Clark, '41, Receives Merrill-Palmer Award

The Merrill-Palmer Scholarship for the fall semester has been awarded to Eva A. Clark, a junior in the College of Agriculture, it was announced recently by Prof. Pearl S. Greene, head of the Department of Home Economics.

The scholarship makes available a semester of intensive work in child development at the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit, Mich. Miss Clark is a member of the 4-H Club and Y.W.C.A. A Dean's List student, she has received the 1939 and 1940 Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship.

Dean Allen Adviser Of Book Exchange

The committee in charge of the Student Book Exchange announced Tuesday that Dean Allen, of the College of Arts and Sciences, has agreed to act as faculty adviser to the project.

The Book Exchange, which was announced last week, will have its headquarters in the Faculty Room of South Stevens. As previously announced, this non-profit organization is being set up to aid those students who wish to buy or sell used books. No charge whatsoever will be made for the service.

Posters will announce the dates that the exchange will be open and the books that will be used next semester. The project is headed by George Ellis, Martin Scher, and Edwin Young.

Streit Quoted On Democracy By Dean Allen

Enlarging on the proposals embodied in his famous book, Clarence Streit, author of *Union Now*, advocated a union of the democracies as a step toward world peace in an address before the annual meetings of the Association of American Colleges in Philadelphia last week, according to Dean Edward J. Allen, who represented the University of Maine at the meetings.

Streit, said Dean Allen, declared that the American colonies, faced with the situation of a weak confederation, solved their problem by forming a strong union: the United States. Streit believes that now is the time for such a movement to start among the democracies, especially since there is a growing interest in his plan, evidenced by tremendously increased sales of *Union Now* in the United States and Europe during the recent months.

Using Streit's ideas as a "springboard," the Chinese ambassador to the United States, continued Dean Allen, proposed a league or union of all nations in which each nation would commit itself to unqualified support. The ambassador, however, stressed the point that such commitments must be graduated, so that a weak nation would not be faced with equal responsibilities for maintaining world order with larger ones.

Dean Hawkes, of Columbia College, reported on the Rockefeller Foundation investigation of the college records of graduates of progressive high schools. While many colleges hesitate to admit students from such schools because of a belief that their curricula do not fit young people for higher education, the investigation showed that such students were actually doing better work in college than graduates of other high schools.

The next meetings of the Association will be held in Pasadena, California.

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pen; the rest of us aren't so sure. For another hour and a half we kept a watchful eye on Gramp and Ruthie because we were afraid that they'd soon be taking Watie's place, but nothing too serious happened. And so the evening ended with Gramp wishing that there was a Pale Blue Key every Friday night. I'm glad there isn't; Gramp's too hard to keep tabs on.

Those girls interested in organizing a freshman women's cabinet met and had supper at the M.C.A. Wednesday, January 17. The nominating committee consisted of Barbara Cole, Ruth Corliss, and Mary Hempstead. The supper committee was composed of Olive Rowell, Alice Heald, Harriet Perro, Eleanor Langdon, and Grace Burnell.

AMERICA FREES (Continued from Page One)

Music has provided another marked transition. From the idyllic suites of Edward MacDowell to Jerome Kern and the late George Gershwin is an astonishing development. It took a foreigner, Anton Dvorak, in his *New World Symphony*, to wake up the American people to the unexplored realm of the naive spirituals of the Negro race. Now, again, a reverse situation exists. The step-child of music, American Jazz, has invaded the world and has become everyone's popular music.

When Vernon Castle came to this country from England, he found our aristocracy doing the polka, waltz, and mazurka. But he looked about him and found inspiration in the dances of the common people. Then he produced such energetic dances as the "Bunny Hug" and the "Castle Walk." These were innovations to the dance world, but they were purely American.

Since 1900 our authors have been talking at the top of their voices over refinement. It is a natural reaction to the "escape" novel as depicted by *When Knighthood Was in Flower* and *Janice Meredith*. These books presented unreal material. Their characters never suffered; they could never be touched. As a result, harsh realism, heralded by Erskine Caldwell, Ernest Hemingway, and John Steinbeck, slapped the "escape" novel in the face. Refinement was at an end, and the threshold of American Renaissance in literature opened.

As a result of these developments and upheavals of European conventions, the United States emerged in 1900 with seeds of a culture, native to its own ground.

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tire corps of cadets of the University on a Saturday morning in the near future.

Breton is majoring in chemical engineering and is a leader in student activities.

In his sophomore year at Maine, Breton won his letter in basketball and was president of the Sophomore Owls, a non-scholastic honor society. He has been on the Dean's list during his entire sojourn at college. He is now head proctor of the University, president of the Student Senate and Interfraternity Council, a member of Scabbard and Blade, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi societies.

NOTICE

The campus is invited to have tea at the M.C.A. every afternoon at 4:00-5:00, beginning Monday, January 29, through February 2.

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NEW COURSES (Continued from Page One)

cussion and assigned readings. Permission of the department head is required. Three hours a week. Two credit hours.

In the Sociology Department a three-hour course in *Child Welfare* will be offered by Mr. Vincent Whitney.

Problems in Sociology is a new course for those advanced students interested in special research.

Assistant Professor Herbert Lamson has announced that by special request the course *Marriage and the Family* will be given this next semester.

A division of the course, *Persuasive Speaking*, is especially given over to *Legal Speaking* for those students interested in pre-legal training.

The Public Speaking Department will also offer a course in *Parliamentary Practice* if a sufficient number of students sign up for it.

Also the following:
Eh 78c—Verse Writing—3 hours, 3 credit hours, Thursday 7, 8 (Dr. Ellis).

GT 8 MAINE GOVERNMENT is open to any University student, including freshmen. One hour credit is given for attendance, lecture notes, and a final examination over the lecture material.

GT 8a, a two credit course, includes GT 8, plus a second lecture on Thursday and one reading assignment a week. Any person wishing to take the two credit course should consult with Mr. Dow, 145 Stevens Hall. The Tuesday lectures will be given by guest speakers, and visitors are welcome, no audition card being necessary. The Time Schedule is in error as to the Tuesday meeting, which takes place during the 7th and 8th periods.

NOTICE

Seniors and graduate students who are interested in applying for fellowships and scholarships at other universities will find in the office of the Dean of Graduate Study a number of announcements of such opportunities supplementing those displayed on bulletin boards of departments and colleges. This office is located in 3 Stevens, North.

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Campus Calendar

January 18 Thursday
6:00 Student Senate Dinner
Pres. Hauck
7:00 Spanish Club—M.C.A.

January 19 Friday
Northeastern vs. Orono
Memorial Gymnasium

January 21 Sunday
Vespers—Little Theatre

January 22 Monday
Frosh-Ricker Game
Memorial Gymnasium

January 25 Thursday
Examination Period Begins

"HAMLET" (Continued from Page One)

Although readings for the play "Our Town," next Masque production, were held Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings of this week, the cast will not be released until after final examinations, it was announced at the Sunday night meeting by William Wetherbee, acting director of theatre. It was also announced that the Maine Masque would participate in the national observance of National Drama Week from February 4 to 11 by having a library exhibit.

A joint cabinet supper was held at the M.C.A. building Wednesday, January 10. Over seventy members of the upperclass cabinet and men's freshman cabinet were present. The supper was prepared by Ruth White and Ruth MacClelland. After the supper a discussion of the New England Christian Movement was led by Howard Goodwin.

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Richard Boyer, '39, Granted U. S. Patent

Richard P. Boyer, Jr., a graduate of the University of Maine, '39, was granted a patent by the U. S. Patent Office on December 26.

The patent covers a new system of lamp signals to be used in cordless telephone switchboards and will enable the operator to provide better service.

Majoring in electrical communication while at the University, Mr. Boyer designed and built his own cordless board, incorporating in it the circuit which he has just patented.

Cast of German Play Guests of Prof. Klein

The members of the cast of the German Club play were the guests of Professor John Klein at a supper last Sunday night.

Those attending the supper were June Bridges, Merle Wing, Juliet Spangler, Paul Beigel, Alvalee Peterson, Rudolph Haffner, Robert McDonald, Hope Jackman, Bryon Whitney, Norma Sylvestre, and Joan McAllister.

There is to be no meeting of the German Club until February because of final examinations.

Economic Dept. Offers Business Course

A new curriculum in Business Administration will be offered next fall by the College of Arts and Sciences according to an announcement by Dean Edward J. Allen.

The three-fold purpose of the program is to enable the student to survey business opportunities and to discover his interest and qualifications, to understand the nature of business enterprise, and to understand the position and function of business organization as a part of society.

The College recognizes the need for broadly trained young men and women and feels that the field of business offers a challenge to those interested in its wider aspects, said Dean Allen. The Department of Economics and Business Administration has endeavored to build a comprehensive program without sacrificing unity of plan and purpose.

ENGLISH CLASSES (Continued from Page One)

recent vote justifies accurately the voluntary student ballot, particularly in view of the comment in a recent issue of the *Campus* regarding the uncertain validity of student voting in which a third or less of the entire student body participates.

Apparently 96 to 97% of the student body, so far as this poll goes, indicates a desire for a study period of at least a day before examinations.

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Preston Foster, Ellen Drew
News—Comedy

Fri. & Sat.
Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone
"JUDGE HARDY AND SON"
News—Cartoon—Comedy

Sun. & Mon.
Kay Kyser in
"THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE WRONG"
Adolph Menjou, May Robson
News—Cartoon

Tuesday
"This is the Big Nite"
Be on Hand it might be
Your Nite
Laurel and Hardy in
"THE FLYING DEUCES"
Cartoon—Comedy—Travelog

Wednesday
"THREE SONS"
Edward Ellis, Wm. Gargan
News—"Crime Doesn't Pay"—
Cartoon