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# The Maine Campus

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## Bricker Heads Theatre Group

Educators Honor Masque Director

Herschel L. Bricker, assistant professor of speech at the University of Maine, widely known for his direction of the Maine Masque Theatre on the campus, was elected president of the American Educational Theater Association, the national organization of teachers of theater, at the annual meeting of the organization held recently in New York City.

Prof. Bricker has been a member of the advisory council of the association for three years and has served for two years as chairman of its committee on theater curricula for colleges and universities.

A graduate of Coe College in 1928, Prof. Bricker came to the University in the same year as a member of the department of speech. Under his leadership the Maine Masque has become recognized as an outstanding organization among the college and university theaters. Under his direction the students have presented many successful stage plays which have included recent Broadway performances and classical dramas. Perhaps the high point of recent theater performance at Maine was his direction in 1941 of the full length *Hamlet* which attracted favorable comment from many sources.

## Estabrooke Leads As WSGA Nets \$400 In Stamp Drive

The amount of war stamp sales in women's dormitories reached \$400 during the period including November and December, up to the beginning of the new term. North Estabrooke Hall led, with a sale of 430 stamps and one bond, amounting to a total of \$108.55.

The current War Stamp Drive is sponsored by Women's Student Government Association, and is conducted in the women's dormitories on campus. Weekly sales are recorded and totaled at the end of each term.

The dormitory representatives on the committee include: ATO (now joined with Estabrooke), Hazel Starrett; Colvin, Valerie Parkin; Balentine, Josephine Clark; Elms, Pauline Stuart; Elms Annex, Lala Jones; North Estabrooke, Mary Esther Treat; South Estabrooke, Angie Verenis.

Floor representatives assisting in the drive are: Marian Littlefield, Sally Kimball, Muriel Perkins, Beverly Pitman, Betty Patten, Joyce Wright, Shirley Titcomb, Barbara Weick, Betty Spain, Ethel Tarr, Betty Rowe, Madeline Hurd, Helen Boulter, Julie Leden, Helen Gray, Alice McHugh, and Mariana McLaughlin.

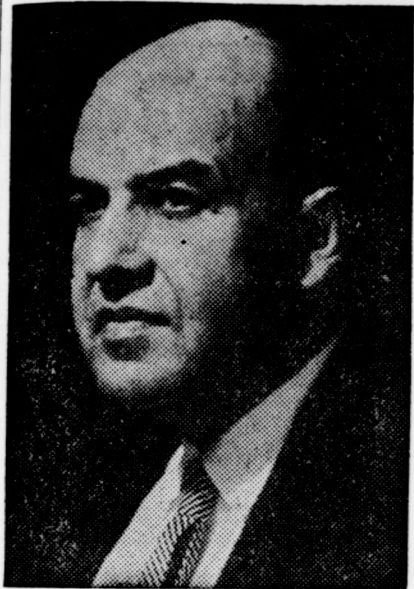
## ATO Girls Tops In WAA Program

The Voluntary Health Program, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association, ended its first ten-week period last week.

The ATO girls had the greatest number of perfect scores with Colvin Hall as second highest, Balentine third, and Estabrooke last.

Scores were recorded daily on individual score cards and turned in each week. Points were given on adequate rest, proper food, exercise, baths and showers, and abstinence from smoking.

A new ten-week unit starts this week.



DR. O. W. WARMINGHAM

## Dr. Warmingham Sunday Speaker At Little Theatre

Doctor Osbert W. Warmingham, prominent leader of the American Youth Foundation, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday service to be held in the Little Theatre at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 9.

Doctor Warmingham was born in Madras, India, and received his early education in English schools. He came to the United States about thirty years ago and was a student at Ohio Wesleyan, Wisconsin, and Boston Universities. He has also studied at Oxford in England. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Carroll College in 1936. For more than fifteen years he was Professor of Biblical History and Literature at Boston University. At present he is a member of the staff of the American Youth Foundation. Through his connection with that organization he has made many contacts with young people and leaders in youth work all over the country.

The music for the service will be the anthem "Lift Up Your Heads," by J. L. Hopkins, and "O, Lamb of God," by Bizet, with Sylvia Smith '44 as soprano soloist.

## State-Wide Air Raid Practice Scheduled Sunday, January 9

A state-wide practice air raid warning and daylight mobilization rehearsal will be held Sunday afternoon, Prof. Weston S. Evans, campus air raid warden, announced today.

The University air raid warden will receive the first notice of an air raid by telephone, then he will call the building wardens. The first public warning will come at 3:05. This will be the blue warning, a solid blast for two minutes. Pedestrians and vehicles may travel as usual. At 3:13, the red warning will be sounded, a series of short toots for two minutes. Everyone is instructed to seek the nearest shelter and all traffic will be stopped until the blue signal, a solid blast for two minutes, is sounded at 3:23. Then activity will be resumed, and soon the "all clear" will be given by ringing of the church bells in Orono and by announcement over the radio.

In case of an air raid warning at night, all lights should go off at the first warning and stay off until the street lights go on or until the "all clear" is announced over the radio.

Prof. Evans urges students to take particular notice of the warnings since there was much confusion during the last practice air raid.

## Religious Emphasis Week To Include Assembly Tuesday, Dorm Discussions

### Sports Evening Saturday Includes Skating Party, Vic

A skating party on the new ice rink plus a vic dance at the Women's Gymnasium adds up to an all-University frolic in sports style for this Saturday night, the social committee announced today.

The spacious rink at the rear of Memorial Gymnasium was flooded Tuesday and should be in good condition for the event. Chaperons will be Prof. and Mrs. Maynard F. Jordan and Dr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Lamson. Those on the committee for Saturday night's affairs are Dick Fuller, Priscilla Gray, and Pfc. Norman Mosher.

The social committee for this term is composed of the following: Dean Edith G. Wilson, Prof. John F. Stewart, Dick Fuller, Priscilla Gray, Nat Bartholomaei, Phil Maxwell, Gwen Cushing, Pvt. James Barry, Pfc. Norman Mosher, and Sam Collins.

### Speakers At Forum Discuss Pan-American

At the Women's Forum meeting Tuesday afternoon, Nancy Lord and Shirley Stone of Bates and Therese Dumais and Irma Miller, representing Maine, conducted a discussion of Pan-American relations. The four girls presented the history of Pan-American connections as well as suggestions for and comments on post-war planning in this field. The guests pointed out the importance of trade, airways, and highways in improving the Pan-American situation and in encouraging more and better contacts among the countries of the western hemisphere.

At the meeting next Tuesday afternoon an Embassy leader will speak to the group.

An all-University assembly to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Gym and a special religious service Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m. are the opening and concluding events of the University's first joint women's and men's embassy coming next week under MCA sponsorship. Barabra Akeley, chairman of Religious Emphasis Week, has announced a three-day schedule of activities.

At the opening assembly, Father Samuel Donovan of St. Patrick's Parish, Portland, Rev. Gardener A. Day of Christ's Church, Cambridge, Mass., and Rabbi Samuel J. Liebman of Temple Ohabei Shalom, Boston, all from the National Conference for Christians and Jews, will sound the keynote, each presenting a different view on the topic "Is Your Philosophy of Life Up-to-date?" The eight prominent religious leaders who will conduct discussions in the dormitories and the fraternity houses will be introduced at this assembly.

A woman leader will meet with each sorority on Monday, at 7 p.m. At 10 p.m., the leaders will hold fireside gatherings in all the women's dormitories.

### LEADERS MEET GROUPS

The Tuesday afternoon embassy program includes many discussions and meetings with various campus groups. The trio of men representing the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish religions will be at the MCA building from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. to have informal discussions with students who are interested in talking with them. At 4:30, four meetings will be held in various rooms of the MCA building. Dr. Osbert Warmingham will speak to the Contributors' Club on Bible poetry. Miss Betty Johns will speak to the MCA Cabinet Council on "The Relationship of MCA to the National SCM." Mrs. Betsy Rodenmayer will meet the MCA Freshman Club in a discussion on "What Does College Do to Your Philosophy of Life?" Mrs. Edwin Troland will address the Women's Forum, Balentine sun parlor, on "Techniques of Christian Leadership." All the 4:30 meetings are open to any students who are interested in attending.

On Tuesday evening, the leaders

will be in the various dormitories and fraternity houses for talks and bull sessions. At 10 p.m. the women's dorms are having fireside worship meetings.

### COKE PARTY WEDNESDAY

The outstanding feature of the embassy program for Wednesday is the informal coke and pretzel party, to be held from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Balentine sun parlor. All the speakers will be present to meet the students of the campus.

On Wednesday morning, the leaders will be on campus in the MCA building or in the dormitories. Students may sign up for interviews with the house chairman. Wednesday noon ASTU men and off-campus men and women will have an informal discussion with Miss Helen Turnbull at the MCA.

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the concluding service of Religious Emphasis Week will be held in the Little Theatre. Dr. Warmingham will speak on "Putting Your Religion Into Action."

### PROMINENT SPEAKERS HERE

The leaders of the embassy program and house discussions are all prominent in New England religious work. Dr. Warmingham, once professor of Biblical literature at Boston University and at present one of the leading members of the Danforth Foundation, will stay at the Phi Mu Delta house. The Rev. Thomas Keehn, staying at Phi Gamma Delta house, works with the Council for Social Action, a part of the Congregational Christian Church. As one of the leading young people in the National Program Fellowship, Mr. Keehn is legislative representative in Washington, D. C., while he is working on his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Union Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Harold Vichman, staying at Phi Kappa Sigma house, is a member of the national staff of the YMCA and is business manager for *Intercollegian*, SCM magazine. He has held the office of national chairman of the National Intercollegiate Christian Council and is at present studying for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at Yale Divinity School. Miss Turnbull, staying at South Estabrooke, is the Episcopalian student worker in the New England region.

Miss Johns, Colvin's leader, is the traveling secretary of the Student Christian Movement in New England. Mrs. Rodenmayer from Northampton, Mass., in her undergraduate college days, was outstanding in SCM activities. She will be at Balentine. Mrs. John Feaster, who will stay at North Estabrooke, studied at Ursinus College and attended Andover Newton Theological Seminary for training in religious education. At the Elms will be Mrs. Edwin Troland of Malden, Mass., an experienced organizer of numerous Christian activities.

## Two New Contestants In Oak Speaking Contest

Robert Krause and Richard Davis have been announced as the two most recent entries in the Oak Scholarship public speaking contest which will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in room 6, South Stevens Hall. These contestants, in addition to the seven listed in last week's *Campus*, make a total of nine competing students.

## RAF Visitors Enjoy Food, Pronounce Praises, Phrases

Complete with fruit *kyke*, dropped hatches, and a command of the Australian slang, three Aussie sergeants and two British airmen dropped down on the University of Maine campus for a brief visit last weekend. All from the RAF, they were on leave from Prince Edward Island in Nova Scotia.

Pete, one of the British boys, was from Yorkshire and had been to the United States and to Maine several times before the war. He had been in the movie business before Schickelgruber took over. Don was the easiest to understand. That was because he had taken a course to iron out those English hatches, et al. It seems that the English run through those tongue-twisting jobs that America gets on its quiz programs—"Horrid Henry hopped hurriedly..."—just to leave their accents at home.

### FOOD IS BONZER

The Aussie sergeants informed everyone that a *chiefy* (sergeant) in the RAF was equivalent in rank to a *second looie* in this neck of the woods. All three of them were combination navigator-observer-bombardier.

At North Estabrooke Sunday night, they thought the food *bonzer*, excellent to the uninitiated. Nevertheless,

they brought along their own fruit cake, Pete's Christmas present from his mother in England. The *kyke* originally weighed seven pounds, four of which were fruit and nuts. On the top, season's greetings were written in pink icing on a white frosted background.

### SLANG NO BOTHER

The flyers were not bothered by American accents. "We were brought up on American *flickers*," they explained. They were very interested in seeing an American University campus, something different from those in England. One of the Australians spoke for the others in appreciation, saying, "Your hospitality is wonderful. We'd like to do as much for your boys over across...but we're rationed pretty heavily." From the English came this remark, "After the war we'd like to live in either Australia or the United States."

Aussie slang was rather entertaining. When fellows from down under get to talking they can really toss it off. Don't polish the apple, do a little *bobbing* for that A. Girl friends are *sheilas* and the best ones are *wizards*. To top it all off, how about *starry eyes* and *dishwater* for a snack tonight—a couple of eggs and tea?





## Footlights And Ether

By Ruth Higgins

Now that 1943 has been officially ushered out and we're ready for a new beginning in the entertainment world, let's take stock of the old goods and decide what we liked best.

Canvassing the girls' "dorms" we found that most people couldn't name a favorite without doing a lot of heavy thinking first. The favorite movies lined up with "Random Harvest" in the lead, and "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "Watch on the Rhine" close seconds. "Casablanca," "Mr. Lucky," "Wake Island," and "So Proudly We Hail" got their share of praise too.

### CARY GRANT WALLFLOWER

Cary Grant was the favorite pin-up boy with Humphrey Bogart, Gary Cooper, and George Sanders hot on his heels. You will notice that the taste has shifted from "strictly glamour" to men of action.

Honors for favorite woman star were pretty evenly divided between Katie Hepburn, Greer Garson, Bette Davis, and Ingrid Bergman. But Bob Hope had no competition whatsoever for King Comedian.

For the best actor and actress the girls chose Spencer Tracy and Bette Davis, and with one or two exceptions said they would like a rest from Mickey Rooney movies.

Whether in appreciation for taking Betty Grable out of circulation or not (we wouldn't dare say) almost all the "lassies" voted Harry James as their favorite dance band.

### NOVELS, HORRORS POPULAR

As for types of movies we found the

most popular to be historical and current novels, sophisticated comedy, musical comedies, and adventure pictures (not war movies). Cowboy pictures were voted to be "o.k." if you could go on Saturday afternoon with the grammar school kids and yell for the hero and heroine in between mouthfuls of popcorn. Takes care of the second childhood urge.

The girls were rather enthusiastic about horror pictures too, "if," as they put it, "you are with the right date."

All in all the 1943 crop has been slightly below average, for even the best were not up to pre-war years. Hollywood has been turning out in steadily increasing numbers pictures with modern war themes which show that there is a developing respect of realism and literal facts.

Most viewpoints on this year's movies have been very extreme, so if you don't agree with this poll, we call it quits without further ado, for why should we start the new year with a fight?

## Second Week Of Season Finds Eight Games Scheduled

The 16-team intramural league dribbled off to an eventful start New Year's week-end. With all the league teams scheduled to play, there was only one game forfeited.

This week-end's league contests will be:

Jan. 8 3:30 Theta Chi vs. SAE  
HH Center vs. N. Hall  
4:30 DTD vs. Civics  
HH South vs. KS  
Jan. 9 1:30 Caissons vs. Sigma Chi  
East Oak vs. Center Oak  
2:30 Sigma Nu vs. LCA  
HH North vs. West Oak

### NOTICE

Students who wish to apply for scholarship aid for the academic year 1944-45 should file their applications not later than Jan. 10. Application forms may be obtained from and filed at the office of the Director of Admissions in Alumni Hall.

New freshman officers for Balentine are president, Jane Barnes, and vice president, Janet Hobbs.

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## On The Shelf

By Norma Herzog

"Watt," said the baby electric light bulb to the mamma electric light bulb, "is the reason that Pappa's always half-lit on New Year's Eve?"

"Perhaps, child," replied the mamma electric light bulb, "it's because your father is none to bright to begin with. Most bulbs outgrow it—I think it's revolt-ing myself."

New Year's Eve found Willie the Widget, only ASTP representative of the Intillary Corps, conscientiously trying to combat the flu. Willie's only mistake was that in trying to effect a quick cure, he took his alcohol rub inside-out. This must have given rise to his temperature, for two hours later he was cookin' with gas—three hours later Willie was stewed. It was then that Willie went out on maneuvers and began making New Year's revolutions which he would sooner forget about.

Willie was unaware of the fact that sometimes even gas rationing doesn't prevent people from riding high—but boy, Willie sure found that alarm clocks aren't the only things that wind up tight. Willie made a few blunders that evening—for example he thought that "Comin' Through the Rye" was a Scotch drinking song. He'd made his way through a whole gallon before anyone told him it wasn't, and then it was too late to set him straight. One thing, probably the only thing, made clear to Willie was that weaving and plaster work are not necessarily handicrafts.

In conclusion, it is worthy of satisfaction to observe that at least Willie the Widget did not imbibe freely of intoxicating liquids. How could he with prices the way they are?

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## For Whom The Gong Bongs

By Pvt. Lucifer

Observe, ye unwitting public... a column is initiated. Named in honor of Ingrid Bergman (after "FWTBT"), and written by one *Lucifer* (a devil of a name), known lovingly to his intimates as a rotter, cad, urchin, dope-peddler, and card shark. But, these are just words... a mass of understatement if even related to one

Lucifer. Here ends our introduction, and we discuss, more or less, the essence. I shall try in my travels and wanderings to write of what I deem interesting or provocative. This Me-phistophelean guile which leads me on shall remain, although tremblingly, upon the brink of sanity... I hope.

### Ode To a New Year

Drink! Drink, for thy cup is flowing o'er...

And the giggling, glowing moon  
 Sonnambulistically strolls through  
 The Heavens, blinking and burping!

The bulk of my time is consumed in writing mash notes to Ingrid Bergman; otherwise, innocent readers, I should have composed a longer and more serious ode to 1944. Certainly, an ode is apropos judging from the un-inspired, hangdog expressions that were so multitudinous as we, the students, trudged and staggered from class to class Saturday morning.

Hitler, who looks just about as happy as a centipede with fallen arches in his latest pictures, is now claiming that the Russians don't fight fair—they put rocks in their snowballs! But, the German soldier is happy. He is on his way back to Berlin faster than he'd ever dreamed or hoped of going.

While I write my unrelated thoughts I suddenly recalled the ditty which seems to be driving all within hearing of Private Phil Groover stark, raving mad. Hold onto your hats, kids... in case you too are wondering, here it is:

"Mares eat oats,  
 And Does eat oats,  
 And little lambs eat ivy.  
 A kid will eat ivy, too.  
 Wouldn't you?"

That's clarification... This is what it really sounds like: "mareseatoats-anddoesatoatsandlittlelambseativy..."

### TOO LATE

I like to think that I have a friend  
 True or false as that may be.  
 Someone eager to aid and mend  
 The thing that once was me.

She tries to bring me back to sanity;  
 But, alas, it is too late!  
 She doesn't realize that 'twas she—  
 That put me in this state!

Saw "As Thousands Cheer" the past week-end and have come to one conclusion... I hate Mickey Rooney!

Notes in passing—Just heard a report that one of our favorites, Jim Haskell, broke his foot while in training at OCS. It's tough goin', Jim, but you'll make it—good luck, boy.

Just was wondering if "The Anti-Swoonatra League of Estabrooke" is still in existence?

It is with hesitancy and a feeling of giddiness that I attempt to discuss the little illustration by Stan Berenstain, heading this column. When notified that a new column was to be perpetrated, and its author was to be *Lucifer*, and that he, Berenstain, was to draw a heading for it, he immediately rushed to see the author for inspiration. (Note result.)

With outstretched brush and ink, Stan greeted me. He smiled. I smiled. He fainted. After being revived by a kind passerby, Stan proceeded to draw the above for "The Gong Bongs." It is worth studying... Note its deep beauty and cheerful outlook. Of course, the face (never mind which one) flatters me slightly, but that can be overlooked. As a matter of fact, there are very few girls in the State of Maine who haven't failed to overlook me. "For Whom the Gong Bongs" thanks Stan Berenstain, and hopes that some day *Lucifer* shall be privileged to draw a picture of Stan. O.K., laddie?

(Watch this column for further developments, beloved readers.)

There are few individuals who would deny being attracted by parades and brass bands. It is a normal part of human nature, the attractee claims, to follow the crowds in search of the brassy tones of the horns, the beating of the drums, and the clashing of the cymbals. Having a few normal traits myself, I decided to investigate when the sounds of a brass band reached my fast freezing ears Monday at about noon time... I followed the sound to the front of Hannibal Hamlin Hall where Company "A" resides, and beheld a farewell celebration for the boys who were leaving to become Aviation Cadets. Their fellow soldiers had gathered voluntarily to give this tribute to their friends who are doubtless on their way to big things. It was certainly a more joyful exodus than those that we have witnessed in the past.

(Contributions and letters from my readers will be greatly appreciated. Replies will be made to all.)

Lucifer

## Canine Opinion Sought; Interview Goes To The Dogs

By Pfc. Norm Mosher

Soldiers in our unit come and go, but there is one who is above transfers and red tape. Although he really isn't an officer, he keeps in such close contact with our officer strength that we felt that he surely should be interviewed.

Heide is a close friend of Lt. Kelley of Company "C." So close, in fact, that he is usually hidden in the Lieutenant's shadow. His fear of revealing military information prevents extensive interviews with him. However, we did learn that he has been associated with the Kelley family for the past year.

His work is his hobby and he spends most of his time observing the Army in action. His comments on these observations are sought by military experts because of their completely novel approach. But, again, he seemed reluctant to elucidate.

"Butcher," as his friends affectionately address him, thoroughly approves of AST. He became weary of men's educational ambitions being stunted by the Army and believes this program at once provides the necessary relief while being vital to our victory. There are those who say that he was an



important adviser in its establishment.

When his advice as to necessary changes in AST was sought, he forsook his usual placid calm. In a voice that came up from his far-distant rear toes, he growled that it was "damned near time that someone with a little progressiveness put a new soda fountain in the Bookstore that would be low enough to enable me to eat my doughnuts myself."

"It's embarrassing, being fed like a baby," he told reporters at a press conference today.

Then he turned gruffly back to his work where we left him, chewing over a large text in military science and tactics.

"Butcher," by the way, is a full-fledged dachshund—Wiener-schitzel to you.

At a meeting of the World Relatedness Commission held Tuesday evening in the MCA reading room, Lawrence L. Pelletier, instructor in government, led a discussion on "Jobs in the Post-war World."

## Religious Council Members Offer Chaplain Service

Stepping in to fill the gap created by the absence of a regular Army Chaplain here, the Inter-religious Council of the University has set up a counselling service for the benefit of the soldier and reserve trainees who "want to talk things over," Charles E. O'Connor, chairman, announced yesterday.

### This Is The GI Page...

It is written "on the fly" during those few, precious, free minutes.

It is written for soldiers by soldiers and welcomes contributions from all members of ASTU #1145.

It tries to furnish a bit of humor, gossip, news, and anything else we think a GI might want to read during a ten-minute break.

We hope you like it.

### Brevities...

Friday evening services for men of the Jewish faith are conducted regularly by the Hillel Society in room 6, South Stevens, at 7 p.m. On Friday evening, Jan. 7th, Lawrence L. Pelletier of the history department will be the guest speaker.

All ASTP students as well as regular university students are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Osbert W. Warmingham of the American Youth Foundation, will be the speaker at the first of a series of meetings for inter-faith discussion to be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m. in the MCA building. A buffet lunch will be served, and all students are invited to attend.

Masque short productions will be resumed next Monday. These short impromptu skits will be presented each Monday and will be repeated on Tuesday evenings, from 6:20 to 6:50. All AST men and students are cordially invited to drop in to the Little Theatre on these nights.

Friday afternoon at 4:30 in the Little Theatre movies will be shown for an hour. There will be three films this week: "Paratroops," which shows the training of American parachute soldiers; "Men and the Sea," giving a resume of the training of Merchant Marine officers and men; and "Spirit of '43," a Donald Duck cartoon. All are invited to attend.

By Berenstain



"...Then the bus turned into a great big punkin', the driver into a wee lil' mouse, an' I lost one of my glass slippers... hic... sir, thash why I mished bed check."

Clergymen of all denominations will be present and a regular schedule of counselling hours has been set up to fit in with the soldiers' little free time.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that the program is in line with the anticipation of the War and Navy Departments that college and community take over the responsibility of meeting the religious needs of the thousands of soldiers and sailors in the country's colleges and universities where the Army and Navy are training many of their fighting men.

The following meetings will be held in the MCA office on week-day evenings between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Father Maurice B. Boland of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Orono will be present every second Monday of each month. He will be here this Monday evening, and is available in the rectory in Orono at any time.

The Rev. David D. Rose of the Church of Universal Fellowship of Orono will be here Tuesdays; Mr. O'Connor, general secretary of the Maine Christian Association, on Wednesdays; the Rev. C. D. Wentworth of the Orono Methodist Church on Thursdays; and the Rev. E. L. Loughnan of St. James Episcopal Church of Old Town on Fridays and Mondays.

Dr. H. O. H. Levine of the Bangor Hebrew Community Center will be here every other Sunday morning between 10 and 12, beginning Sunday, Jan. 16.

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## BEAR FACTS

By Bob Krause

## KEANEY, THE MAN

This little question has puzzled us for a good while. Just why haven't they asked Frank Keaney to run for mayor of Kingston, R. I.?

For the benefit of you who may be uninitiated, Mr. Keaney is head coach of basketball and other athletics at Rhode Island State College. Maybe, if you have ever had the misfortune to wade through this column before, you have heard us speak of Rhode Island State. Yes, we admit it. We talk about them a good deal. They are one of our vices—(there are others). But, if you will pardon us, we will keep on talking about them. When the Rams invade Orono, it is one of the few times during the year that Maine fans get a real powerful whiff of the "Big Time."

Anyway, to get back to where we were before the interruption, Mr. Keaney is the coach down there. He has been that way now for nigh on to 23 years and, from all the reports that we can gather, the man is looked upon as a demigod by the good citizens of Kingston. In the time he has been there, Keaney has raised Rhode Island from a little cow college to a position wherein she can say that she is "on the map." We don't see why they didn't make him mayor long ago.

As is the case with most such men, Keaney has a personality all his very own. Maybe there is somebody left here at school who has seen The Man in action on his too infrequent trips to Maine—maybe. Anyway, for the benefit of those who have not witnessed the sight, and to refresh the memories

of those who have, we will attempt to give a description.

Upon witnessing the Act the usual remark of most people is to the effect that, at last, Vaudeville is back. Keaney seems to be at his best on the baseball diamond and on the basketball court. His favorite trick is to make a public sap out of one of his players, if that poor unfortunate happens to make a mistake. Right in front of the audience he will call down the terrible judgment of the gods on the lad's head. You might feel that a boy would resent a public bawling out like that but Keaney's men know that it is just part of the show.

Another feature of the drama is the old politician gag. Before a game starts, The Man will wander all over the gym shaking everybody's hand as though he were a long lost brother. This is very nice stuff—even if you don't happen to be a long lost brother.

To round out the play Keaney has a little song and dance routine to go along with the game. Every time Rhode Island misses a shot or commits a foul, The Man will turn to the crowd, and, with appropriate gestures, ask where in Heaven's name he can get some basketball players—as if he didn't have more than his share already.

Well, anyway, it's fun to watch. Where else could you see a basketball game and a sideshow for the price of just the game? Really, they ought to make him mayor.

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We take the greatest pleasure in announcing that Bill Kenyon is once more up and about and on campus. Bill has been in bed sick for much too long a time now, and we are certainly glad to see him back. Coach Kenyon had tough luck in his struggles with the germs last year, and we sincerely hope that 1944 is a year of good fortune.

## SHE Does It

By Lala Jones

Inter-dormitory basketball teams which are composed of members of all classes are being organized, with Colvin and the Elms already having practice sessions at the Women's Gym. These inter-dorm teams may have use of the Gym every afternoon from 4:15-5:30, 3:30-5:30 on Friday, 10:30-12:00, Saturday. Night and Saturday afternoon practices may be arranged on request. All houses should begin practicing as soon as possible. Arrangements for scrimmages should be made with managers and in the Women's Gym office. Bunny Burnette, head of WAA basketball, urges all girls who are interested to sign up for some inter-dorm fun. Every girl will have a chance to play. Bunny's assistants are Phyl White and Lillian Lewis.

At a recent meeting of the WAA Council, final plans were made concerning the inter-dorm tournaments, and the badminton tournament was discussed.

## Strictly For Sinners

"Early to bed and early to rise..." Trite, isn't it? But how true in the case of the average Maine coed whose conception of hitting the hay early is confined to early morning somewhere between the hours of twelve and one-thirty a.m. Can it be homework that keeps these girls gabbing in the smoker? No! No (this time for emphasis)! It is a lack of utilization of time, that's what it is. Much time for shut-eye could be obtained by filling in free day-time hours with homework instead of just filling in with a coke. Most girls would be a lot better off if they skipped the cokes and ate the three square meals provided at the dorms. Those girls who find college life a bit too broadening could still manage the three meals, perhaps by rounding the corner (of the square meals, what else!).

If it is true that every cigarette is

## POLITICAL SCENE

By Elbridge Burton Davis

The problem of electoral legislation for soldiers is today one of the most pressing governmental problems in the nation. With nearly 11,000,000 men and women predicted to be in the services by next November, the question has arisen as to what method they can use in voting.

Some states have no absentee-ballot provisions at all, while others have time limitation clauses, which would make it impossible for overseas personnel to vote. Because of the apparent difficulties, Congress spent a large part of December wrestling with the problem of taking action on this vital matter. A number of plans were suggested, and the Administration finally threw its support behind the Green-Lucas bill which, however, contained several controversial features. After a week of acrimonious debate this measure was defeated.

## WILL STATES ACT

In its place was substituted a resolution calling upon the various states to take care of the problem individually. Since only eight state legislatures will meet this year, the question arises whether or not anything will be done. Administration leaders have harshly criticized the senate resolution saying that actually it means nothing and that the soldiers are being deprived of their franchise. This is a very serious charge and one which should be carefully considered.

At first glance it seems that the Senate has not given us an adequate

a nail in your coffin, then it is also true that a number of Maine coeds are working feverishly for a cast-iron coffin. Perhaps such a strong statement is apt to leave a bad taste in the offender's mouth. Bear in mind that it's not half as bad as that left by a chain of weeds lighted one off the other.

Now (here comes the commercial) the WAA is starting a new health program. If the WAA has enough courage and optimism to believe that it can erase the ravages of college life from the upperclass coeds and enough foresight to try and save the freshmen from a similar fate, then its new program certainly deserves looking into.

solution. However, in view of the events during the past few days, it may be that the critics are somewhat premature. Already the legislatures of three states have been called into special session, and indications are that several others will meet soon. If the states do deal with the problem themselves, it will be just as satisfactory as if the federal government legislated on the subject.

## MAINE PROVISIONS ADEQUATE

Further investigation also has led to the revelation that in nearly one-fourth of the states the present laws are quite adequate. Maine is numbered among these, and no man or woman from the Pine Tree State need worry over losing his opportunity to vote. The Maine statute, enacted in 1921, is very liberal indeed. Any time before election an individual may apply for an application from his town or city clerk. This form when properly signed by the applicant is returned to the clerk who will mail the ballot as soon as it is printed. Ballots are usually made up some five weeks before the election so that there is plenty of time to transmit them even to the most distant points on the globe. It is also the usual practice to send all material involving absentee-ballots by registered air mail in order to insure safe and swift delivery.

## SHOULD REGISTER

There is another important provision in the Maine election laws which should be of interest to younger persons who have not yet registered for voting. Residents of towns need not appear in person before the registration authorities, but they may have their names placed upon the voting lists by merely requesting a parent or friend to present proof of citizenship and residence to the officials.

Unfortunately, this does not apply in any of the twenty-one cities, where a prospective voter must appear in person before the municipal board of registration. But Maine's legislature which will meet in special session some time in the next few months will probably make it possible for those from cities to be registered in the same way as town residents.

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