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KAPPA GAMMA PHI CONFERENCE DRAWS MANY JOURNALISTS HIGH AND PREP SCHOOL EDITORS CONFER

The third annual secondary school journalistic conference took place on the campus last week-end with representatives here from all parts of the state. Greater interest than ever was displayed by the delegates and on the average the papers and magazine submitted for the state prize were of a higher grade than last year.

The program was well arranged so that no speaker transgressed into the field of the other and at the same time all topics were well covered by instructors, newspaper men, and high-school principals. There were also talks on college journalism by Maine undergraduates and responses by high school journalists.

Publications of Lewiston, Bangor and Bar Harbor high schools were awarded first prizes Saturday. Lewiston took first honors in the newspaper class, with Ellsworth high second; Bangor was first in the monthly magazine class, with Edward Little second, and Bar Harbor was first in the annual class, with Gardiner second.

At the banquet Friday night, R. T. Patten gave his popular Indian Club stunt injuring A. E. Coburn by a chance blow on the head. Blood instantly issued forth as evidence of the force of the blow. In thirty seconds copies of the *Skotchegon Independent Reporter*, giving a full account of the near tragedy, were distributed.

Two popular speakers at the Conference were Charles Evans ex-27 of the *Portland Evening Express* and Hazen Ayer '24, Principal of Warren High School. Married life has not decreased Evans' abundance of good humor and enthusiasm, neither have the same qualities been taken away from Ayer by teaching.

Below is the complete program in order:

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
10.00-1.00—Registration and assignment for entertainment

2.00—Opening Session
Words of Welcome

1. From the University of Maine
Dr. Clarence C. Little
President of the University of Maine

2. From Kappa Gamma Phi
Frank W. Hussey '25
President of Kappa Gamma Phi

Response
Dean Benson

The Oracle, Bangor High School

Address
Qualifications of a Newspaper Man

Dr. James S. Stevens
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Address
The Newspaper Club

C. G. H. Evans
Portland Evening Express

Social Hour

6.30—Conference Banquet
Balentine Hall

Toastmaster, Dr. J. S. Stevens

Address
Stories, Journalistic and Otherwise

Sam Connor
Lewiston Journal

Indian Club Stunts
Mr. R. T. Patten

Skowhegan Independent Reporter

Address
The Newspaper Game

Oliver Hall
The Bangor Commercial

9.00—Conference Dance
With music by the University of Maine Band

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8.00—Address
Poetry in the High School Magazine

Dr. H. M. Ellis
Head of the English Department, U. of M.

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MANY ATTEND BAND CONCERT Crowd Hears Fine Concert in Chapel Friday

The University of Maine band gave a concert in the chapel, Friday evening under the direction of Cadet-Lieut. Carlton H. Hackett. The following program was given:

Pitt Panther
Jolly Robbers—Overture
Mascarade—Suite de Ballet

1. Cortege
2. Harlequin and Columbine
3. The Punchinello Family
4. The Mandolinists
5. Promenade
6. March—Frat

Saxophone Specialty
1. Cross and Crown
2. Golden Sunset
3. Laffin Sax

Bewitching Beauty
"El Capitan"
Stein Song
Star Spangled Banner

Following the concert, a dance was held in the gymnasium. The balcony was decorated with various school papers, also the Maine-Spring, Campus, and Mainiac. This was a combination of the two dances planned, the Band Concert dance and Journalistic dance. Music was furnished by members of the band.

Laurendeau
Sousa
Fenstad

Borth

DOCTOR FARNSWORTH
SUBMITS RESULTS
OF LONG RESEARCH

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
TO PUBLISH SCHOLARLY
WORK

Dr. H. E. Farnsworth, associate professor of physics at the University of Maine, recently sent to the National Research Council at Washington the results of his two years' investigation on the "Emission of Secondary Electrons."

This assignment included the results of investigations conducted by Dr. Farnsworth while at the University of Wisconsin, as well as those of a great number of other researchers.

The National Research Council is at the present time undertaking the publication of what will be known as International Critical Tables of Numerical Data of Physics, Chemistry, and Technology. These tables, when finished will

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Faculty Play to Appear
After Easter Vacation

Preparations are going forward rapidly for the faculty play, "Come Out of the Kitchen," which is to be put on after the Easter recess under the direction of the Public Speaking department. This is a three act comedy by A. E. Thomas, based on the story of the same name by Alice Duer Miller. Its time is the present, its place, the mansion of the Dangerfield family in Virginia.

While the cast has not yet been completed, Prof. Mark Bailey has announced the following tentative list of participants:

Miss Arnold
Miss Green
Miss Davis
Miss Hopkins
Miss Perkins

Olivia Dangerfield
Elizabeth Dangerfield
Mrs. Faulkener
Cora Faulkener
Amanda
Burton Crane, from the north

Thomas Lefferts, statistical poet
Mr. Zeitler
Prof. Pollard
Mr. Euri

Solon Tucker, Crane's attorney and guest
Paul Dangerfield
Charles Dangerfield
Randolph Weeks

Prof. Bailey also wishes to announce that try-outs for the Masque play, "You and I," will be held Thursday evening of this week, and urges all who possibly can to report at that time.

MISS EDITH PATCH STUDIES THE HABITS OF MELON APHIDS PLANT LOUSE RECEIVES ATTENTION AT EXPERI- MENT STATION

By Mary M. Roche

Where does the melon aphid spend the winter? This is the problem at present occupying Miss Edith Patch, Entomologist of the Maine Experiment Station.

The aphid is a plant louse which sucks the juices of plants. Its peculiar characteristic is that it migrates from one plant to another. The melon aphid (aphis gossypii) leaves the melon after the first frost touches the vines and winters on some unknown plant, where it lays its eggs. In the summer it returns to the melon.

One method of attacking this problem is to study the state and national collections of aphids with the object of finding an aphid similar to the melon aphid. Then the melon aphid is transferred to the leaf on which its counterpart lives. If the melon aphid flourishes in its new habitat science will have a clue to the insect's winter residence. In connection with this problem various plants are grown in the greenhouse to provide homes for the melon aphid.

In the summer of 1923 Miss Patch made certain that a single species of aphids wintering on the buckthorn hedge produced winged forms in the spring which migrated to 67 species of summer food plants. Instead of being known under one name this insect had been masquerading under many pseudonyms. It is a nuisance to the landscape gardener, a pest in the vegetable garden and a carrier of plant disease. The simplest and most effective method of controlling this aphid is the destruction of the buckthorn hedge.

The migratory character of this insect often makes its quest a matter of long inquiry. After a hundred year's search it was found that the aphid which infests the water maple and the alder is the same species. Another type, called the potato aphid, which comes to the potato from the rose, first appeared in

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LOST ARTICLES AT REGISTRAR'S Variety of Curiosities Collected During Year

To recover lost possessions, visit the Registrar. If your particular article has not been turned in to him he probably has one like it.

He has a larger and more varied stock than that found in the book store. Everything from old beads to gold pencils can be found there. He has keys enough to start a locksmith in business, —door keys, trunk keys,—everything but honorary keys.

He has all shapes and designs of spectacles. You can be fitted exactly no matter whether you prefer gold rimmed glasses, tortoise shell glasses, or that variety without glasses. He has them all.

Even lingerie clasps find their way to his office. He has an old mesh purse half full of these necessary little articles. His is a collection that would make Euger Leveille envious.

But the funny part of it is that Mr. Gannett keeps these things as a favor. He posts notices of all newly found articles on the bulletin boards. He is not anxious to acquire a collection of curiosities, but wishes to help the students recover their wandering possessions.

If the students will co-operate by bringing in promptly all newly found articles and inquire for those which are lost, then the beads, the keys and the spectacles will soon be in useful service again.

CONTRIBUTORS OFFER PRIZES Contest in Short Story Writing Creates Interest

The Contributors' Club is conducting a short story contest open to all undergraduates of the University. The first prize is \$25; the second prize, \$10. All short stories must be given to the president of the Club before or on May 15.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The short story offered shall not exceed 3000 words.

The story shall not have been used for any previous contest or for any course.

A pen name must appear on the manuscript submitted, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the writer's own name and pen name.

The writer shall not receive any assistance from anyone. The Contributors' Club reserves the right to withhold the prizes if no suitable stories are submitted.

DEBATING TEAMS WIN FROM M. I. T. AND LOSE TO CLARK VERMONT IS VICTORIOUS OVER MAINE TEAM

Maine's debating teams won one and lost two debates on their trips to Boston and Vermont last week-end. Thursday night the affirmative team lost to Middlebury College, and Friday night to the University of Vermont. Both debates were close, the judges' decisions being in each case 2-1 against Maine.

The negative team's debate with Clark University, scheduled for Friday night, was cancelled on account of the illness of one of the Maine speakers, Chester W. Cambell. The debate with M. I. T. at Boston was held, however, Saturday night, John Behringer of the affirmative team substituting for Cambell. Maine carried off the honors in this, receiving a 3-0 decision of the judges.

The team making the Vermont trip was composed of John Behringer, Harold L. Ballou, Stanley Hyde, and Sol Zymann. Behringer, Robert Scott and Kenneth Field comprised the negative team which was victorious over M. I. T. The men enjoyed their trips immensely and are unanimous in saying that they have never met more courteous opponents or had a better time. The negative speakers feel that both their debates were well argued, and express considerable satisfaction over their close outcome.

A dual debate will be held with Colby April 22, the affirmative team meeting the Colby negative speakers at Orono and the negative tackling the Colby affirmative at Waterville.

Time Spent on Exams Makes No Difference

Is it due cause for humiliation if you are the last member of your class to finish an examination? Or are your chances of an "A" distinctly better in that case than if you had jauntily laid your completed blue book on the faculty desk half an hour before any of your classmates even started on the last question? Speculations are interesting, but of uncertain value.

Studies made by Prof. Bertha J. Howard of the department of sociology show that for a student to devote more time than his classmates to an examination is no indication of exceptional prowess in the subject—or of its lack.

In January Miss Howard recorded the time used by her students in completing seventy-four final examinations in General Sociology. The most expeditiously completed examination required only forty-five minutes. At the other extreme of the series were two which had taken

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PRESIDENT LITTLE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS ON "TIME WASTERS" CHAPEL IS CROWDED THURS- DAY TO HEAR "THE OTHER SIDE"

By Pearl Graffam

More than 1,000 students jammed into chapel last Thursday when Dr. Little outlined to the student body the five points which he characterizes as time wasters and made clear his attitude toward them.

"To begin with," he said, "I want it understood that I have had but one object in view, and that is the one given at the Student-faculty-alumni banquet, to make a bigger, better, more effective University of Maine. I am not taking this matter up in a critical attitude but in a hopeful and building attitude."

In bringing these points before the student body and giving them entire freedom to do what they think best about them, he is, he says, trying to avoid the evils of faculty control which pulls the students and faculty farther apart. The centralized authority and complicated police system of faculty control do not constitute an intelligent way of governing students. This situation is one that concerns the students themselves, and the remedy, if there is to be one, must come thru them.

He emphasized the fact that he had not called these five points evils but merely time wasters which take up too large a part of our college time.

"Petty thievery," he said, "is an indirect time-waster but it is a time-waster nevertheless. It takes money to replace the stolen articles and this comes out of the students and faculty in the end."

"In the matter of cribbing, it is not the question of right and wrong that concerns us but the amount of time wasted in trying to fool yourself and the other fellow. Instead of copying out of a book during an exam it would be just as profitable and instructive to mark the passage and hand the book to the instructor, and it would take less time."

"Intoxication may not be a time-waster for all, but in a social community like a college we cannot set it up as a standard. This is true also of the illegal possession of liquor."

As for petting, the last and most widely discussed of the five points, Dr. Little stated that it is not a question of whether, but of when, where, and how.

"Petting is natural, not wicked," he stated. "I do not advocate cutting it out entirely. I do not recommend limiting the amount of contact between the men and women. It is perfectly natural and right that they should want each other's companionship. But as a vocation or habit, does it belong to higher education? In the matter of conversation, yes; but when it comes to mean experiments in intimacy, no. The girls say that the men expect this kind of emotional enjoyment in return for their various invitations and they feel they must give it or lose their popularity. It is certainly natural for girls to desire to be satisfactorily valued, and it is equally natural for men to want the sympathy of the other sex, but it is not sound for a girl to feel that she must sell herself this way in return for material things. Surely this is not higher education. College life should mean something higher and finer than this. We call our attitude a desire for freedom, but is this type of freedom so essential, and will it help make Maine so much bigger and better?"

"This matter of petting," he concluded, "has a more subtle hold on us than the others and is going to be the hardest to give up. We fail in that we do not face the situation fairly. As I said, I do not recommend cutting down the amount of contact between the men and women. I am focussing on the how and when rather than on the whether. Are the students ready to face these problems and to find some way by which we can clean out what is bad and save what is best?"

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Publicity and Progress

Disadvantages of living in a playground or public park are fairly obvious. Visitors who come for pleasure disturb your privacy and divert your attention from constructive work; your most valued possessions may be stolen by persons you will never see again; and your chief occupation is to gather up crumpled newspapers and discarded lunch boxes.

Now a group of men who profess to have the welfare of the state at heart are making a determined effort to get the sovereign state of Maine recognized as "the playground of the nation." The assumption is that the men who come to play will stay to work, and that their contributions of wealth and industry will make us all happy and prosperous. Acting on the theory that the Dirigo state needs advertising more than anything else, the state government has committed itself to a policy which can be summarized as "thousands for publicity, but not one cent for construction."

How the working out of these economy and publicity programs simultaneously will affect the University of Maine is problematical. The ways of legislators are strange and darkling. Perhaps they perceive that the light of learning, even in a playground, needs occasional retrimming and refueling, and perhaps they do not. But in any case, this talk of the necessity of importing men who have sufficient energy and enterprise to develop Maine's resources is both disappointing and disconcerting to the youth of the state. It tends to make them believe what they have previously suspected, that citizens of Maine have no faith in their offspring.

To the college student who is a native of Maine, the realization that all social and economic opportunities are elsewhere comes as a distressing truth. He knows and loves his state. The breezes that comfort the Wall Street broker are just as refreshing to him; he resents the adjustment of things that makes it necessary to depend for vacation earnings on the prodigality of summer visitors. The Maine boy who becomes a teacher recognizes that he cannot advance with reasonable rapidity in Maine schools; he goes to Massachusetts or Connecticut. The engineer must be swallowed up by some great manufacturing plant in a distant state. The agricultural student may rusticate for a year in a Maine high school, all the time having his eye on a county agent's berth in the Connecticut Valley.

These conditions are recognized by all thinking men and women who know the state. The advice of the elders to the young is to migrate as soon as possible, notwithstanding the fact that the state needs the energy and resourcefulness of her youth more than ever before, and instead of offering reasonable inducements for native young men and women to remain here to build up industry and to improve agriculture, the legislature proceeds to spend thousands in an effort to attract jaded millionaires, tired clerks,

and gay old libertines. Some of them may see, as we do, the latent possibilities of industry and commerce, but most of them will come only for a few weeks to patronize garage men, enrich hotel proprietors, and to command the menial services of Maine's youth.

If the publicity campaign for which money is now being raised includes the dissemination of information about Maine's industrial and agricultural possibilities, it may be a good thing. Last year, it was apparently conducted by and for the hotels of the state. Perhaps adjustments have been made. But in any case, it is to be regretted that the legislature seems to be forgetting, in its zeal to induce strangers to exploit our natural resources, that Maine's greatest resource is her young men and women, and that in the past, they have been neglected.

An Unwarranted Slur

Charges of partiality in the distribution of grades and of honors are so often based on evidence which no intelligent jury would accept that students and professors habitually discount or ignore them. It is consequently unfortunate that a recent election by one of the honorary scholastic societies gives critics a legitimate basis for hostile comment.

Phi Kappa Phi elects each year the seventeen seniors having the highest scholastic rank. Phi Beta Kappa selects ten per cent of the seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences on the basis of scholarship, breadth of culture, and general promise. Inasmuch as the membership of Phi Kappa Phi includes representatives of all three colleges, its scholastic standards are slightly higher than those of Phi Beta Kappa. When Phi Beta Kappa refuses to elect a man who has maintained Phi Kappa Phi rank, such action can only be interpreted as a slur, intended or unintended, on that man's "breadth of culture and general promise."

In the case of the two Phi Kappa Phi pledges of the College of Arts and Sciences, who were ignored this year by Phi Beta Kappa, *The Campus* shares with many students and faculty members the opinion that the slur was entirely unwarranted. Both of these men, Egbert M. Andrews and Robert C. Hamlet, are completing their requirements for bachelors' degrees in less than four years; both of them plan to continue their studies elsewhere; and neither of them have obtained their ranks by kowtowing to professors or by flattering instructors.

If the standards of Phi Beta Kappa are essentially different from those of Phi Kappa Phi, it is time for the former society to re-state its policies. There is no possible basis for the insinuation that Mr. Andrews and Mr. Hamlet are so lacking in "breadth of culture and general promise" that they must be deprived of honors which they have earned.

Students of economics who plan to devote the summer to manual labor will be interested in the essay contest just announced by *The Nation*.

The Nation wants to encourage American college men and women to see Capital and Labor as they meet in the mills and mines, not as text book abstractions. To encourage this direct understanding, *The Nation* offers three prizes to university and college students who spend the summer of 1925 at work in some industrial or agricultural occupation. For the best account of experiences in the field of labor and interpretation of the industrial situation involved, *The Nation* will pay a prize of \$125. The second prize will be \$75 and the third (through the generosity of Jerome Davis), \$25.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor of Campus:

We have all read the various articles and editorials which have appeared in recent issues of the *Campus* concerning the so-called five common evils or "time wasters." The discussion groups in nearly every class room, corridor, and building on the campus, and most of all, the large attendance at chapel Thursday morning, March 19, are ample proof that the majority of the students have heard as well as read about the five points.

Conditions as they exist, one can hardly consider the seriousness or importance of these subjects without taking more than a common interest.

In compliance with President Little's desire that the student body would give the matter a serious consideration, I am using this means to express my opinion and interest toward the whole affair. I believe that the fundamentals of character building should begin in the home of the individual under the parents' guiding hand. And that the schools and social institutions of higher education should tend to "carry on" with the process of character anabolism, by pointing out and teaching the evils of wrong doing, rather than draw up measures that tend to hamper the students who have not been shown the evils of their acts. We must agree that no earthly or permanent good can come to a student by practicing the first (4) four points, and (maybe) the same can be said of the (5th) fifth point; opinions differ.

Since the matter of "petting parties" was the point most elaborated upon in the Chapel lecture; and the subject most discussed on the campus in general, I shall likewise confine myself to the same topic. I must frankly admit that I do not know all the "ins" and "outs" of "petting party" technique, altho I have been around quite a bit, and have not always gone alone either. I have attended dances, parties, and numerous other affairs—where the expense was slightly greater than the price of a movie for two—and not once do I recall of having expected my partner to repay me by the so-called "emotional methods." Neither do I believe that girls expect to follow any such practice as has been suggested, but since I do not spend any time in the girls' dormitories or at the College Court meetings, it is impossible for me to quote definitely the girls' conversations or intentions. The fact is, I like many others, have always felt that time spent at social functions, on afternoon and evening walks, and mingling with people (either men or women) was educational, healthful and up-lifting rather than a wrong or a "time waster." Since I have become able to think out my own problems, it has always seemed to me that the majority of our teachers and older associates forget the time when they were younger: the beauty of youth; and the lure of nature.

It is very true that we are here for educational purposes, still, I wonder if it is just to expect us to spend (8) eight hours each day in the class room; (3) three hours to consume our food; (5) five hours to prepare our daily work, and to participate in whatever college activities we so desire; and spend the remaining (8) eight hours obtaining our sleep? If not, then why should one be deprived of the liberty to select his own pastime? Here again arises the need of fundamentals and teachings of character building to precede laws which prohibit, or do not prohibit. Take for a typical illustration, the Volstead Act. Is there not more law breaking, and as many or more deaths caused from the liquor situation today than there was before the law became effective? When a bootlegger is caught, fined, and lodged in jail, is he any better for it? No. He spends just so many days or months planning other more successful campaigns. Does it raise the morale of a man or woman to suspend them from college for some act? No. It is not the proper way to deal with humanity. What we need then, is the teachings of the fundamentals of right from wrong before we can even hope to successfully enforce our laws. I can see only one sane and logical method of procedure: our whole moral code must be remodeled and revised so as to meet the problems of our present generation.

All that I regret in regards to the five "time wasters," and the discussions concerning them—if I may speak my feelings—is the undue publicity that has been heaped upon our fine old institution.

Neil S. Bishop

ATHLETIC NOTES

University of Maine Girls' Basketball ended its season with a decisive victory when they defeated Conn. Aggies 25-16. Dinsmore scored the most points for Maine.

The girls have had a successful season, having won seven out of nine games.

Crockett and Dinsmore have been first string forwards, playing well together. For centers the season was started with Bennett and Clark, but due to injuries the latter was replaced by Eaton.

Guards have been Hughes and Perkins (Capt.) with Linnekin as their sub. Sawyer has substituted both as guard and center.

Much credit is due their coach, Miss H. Lengyel, who has worked hard for the team.

Seventy-three men are working out daily in the gym under the watchful eye of Coach "Cuddy" Murphy in preparation for the coming diamond season.

"Cuddy" must pick an entirely new team, with the exception of Capt. Stearns and Gruhn, from this group of aspirants.

The boys are now engaged in wearing down the gym floor, in order to master the rudiments of the base-sliding game, and many would-be Cobbs and Speakers are weary and sore, and look forward eagerly to the time when the squad will take to the great outdoors, where softer spots are known to exist.

Battery men have already had a chance to show their mettle in the daily bunting practice. Murphy has had nearly all of his heavies throwing them up for the boys to lay down. Some of the best pitching prospects are Repscha, Crozier, Johnson, Thompson, Poole, Kelleher, Foster, and Wass. "Dutch" Bunton, who showed much promise last season, will not be available this year, owing to an accident to his hand, which will keep him out of the game for the season. Gruhn, Paul, Savage, and McNamara, will probably handle the bulk of the receiving duties. They have been alternating behind the stick every afternoon, and are showing plenty of form already.

It is useless to try to pick a team at this early date from the rest of the candidates. The work in the gym, while excellent for laying the foundation for later work, is not enough of an indication as to who will be the stars on this year's club. The boys must get into the open before "Cuddy" can get a line on "who's who." Suffice it to say that if the candidates keep on working the way they are now, Maine will have a real ball club.

At a recent meeting of Phi Kappa Phi the following members of the senior class were elected to membership: E. M. Andrews, L. B. Clark, Annie M. Fuller, Donald Hastings, Robert Hamlet, Leroy Mullin, Velma Oliver, Frances Porter, A. H. Repscha, Leona K. Reed, Sprague Whitney.

At the same time the following members of the faculty were duly elected: C. C. Jansen, C. E. Otto, W. A. Eyster, P. S. Greene, P. D. Bray.

Editor of Campus:

The members of the R. O. T. C. Band sincerely desire to thank the student body for the interest they showed in the Band Concert and dance in the chapel on Friday, March 20. During this entire school year the members of the Band have worked hard, put in a lot of time, that the student body should have a band, but at a time when the band needs support, the students are not willing to stand behind it.

To show, in part, just how much time the members have to rehearse, let us go back to football season: Two hours every Saturday morning the unit rehearsed on Alumni Field, that they might be able to put on the "Letter Formations" which from the students' point of view, were "the berries." Always the band has given time to student activities, it has not failed once.

The Concert and Dance Friday night was for the purpose of obtaining funds which would finance the Band on their Concert Trip to the southern part of the state during the last of April. Nevertheless, the Band will obtain funds, and complete its trip. Again the members wish to thank the student body for their hearty support.

K. S. Field

Scoop's CORNER

That fifth point!

Ever since that banquet when the fuse of the bomb was lighted, no single individual, group or organization has neglected to discuss Prexy's quintet of time wasters. But of the quintet, four seem to be taken for granted. The bomb exploded only when the fuse reached the fifth.

That seems queer on the face of it. Is the one more prevalent and disastrous than the others? Does the virtue of the five points abide in the list of them? Yet assuming that the popular attitude of the college has ignored the four as being less personal; and attacked the fifth as curtailing individual liberty, it reduces its opponents to a rather silly position.

Yet to properly discuss such a question and forestall any heated replies, I must define, in face of Prexy's refusal, my interpretation of "petting parties." They are everywhere assumed to include, and rightly I feel sure, the divers tete-a-tetes which come as the finishing touches to a "large" evening; at which time the demure she and the debonair he exchange fond grasps and clinging willowy caresses, merely for the momentary pleasure both derived. Sweet "Billets-doux" and few "Billy-dont's."

If the future happiness of the students rests upon that point, then I regret that I mention the issue at all. But for one reason I feel that it doesn't. That is that but a small percentage of the college would change their mode of life and living if the rule were passed and enforced. And to these few, among whom I assume the leaders of the opposition to number, can it be possible that petting parties are vital? But I know the answer to that:

"It isn't so much the thing itself, as the principle involved."

Of course. Principles are indeed lovely things. No one should be without them. But when a principle embraces the unnecessary and the frivolous, and yet is a principle for a 'that' and a 'that', my idea would be to chuck it. And their plea for personal rights bears this conclusion:

"If they succeed in short-circuiting this one of our little liberties, where oh where will it all end?"

In that there would seem to be the second argument of established prerogative. But in assuming this to be possible, they are withdrawing faith in the judgment of the powers that be. Now of necessity, must ensue a little digression. To say that Prexy were a prig were to belie his every appearance and performance. Coming from a man not yet out of sight of his youth, can the accusing finger be directed at his nose and be accompanied by loud calls of "Prude, Quaker, and old fogey." If so, I regret this column again, and beg you to ignore it completely. If not, then isn't there perhaps back of his suggestion a grain or two of the wisdom of experience and a flicker of common sense?

No one, I think, can or will accuse him of trying to make life unpleasant or less worth while. Is it not quite safe, then, to eliminate this personal factor, and only consider the thing impersonally?

The University is deeply interested in its students. Without them it would cease to be. Its motives are all instituted to augment happiness and increase efficiency. Therefore why should anyone suppose that they are attempting to make college a prison, and college life a kind of long-faced puritanical existence? And if they do suppose that to be true, just what, I wonder, do they suppose will be the prohibitive issue which will effect such a state? Somehow my imagination stops short, and rears in its traces when I attempt to visualize such restrictive bans as would follow this after ad, rather harmless suggestion.

Thus it seems to me that this farce of antagonism is a little misdirected. Unfortunately the scandal of the thing has been seized by newspapers, and the impression broadcasted that our University is a den of iniquity.

Such reports disgust us all.

Yet if the papers should discover that we were fighting this issue, and how for our petting parties, how could they suppose that the purpose of the five points had been misinterpreted?

A little calmer survey of the situation with a view to at least a consideration of Prexy's plan could hurt none, and might it not benefit us all?

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WILL WORK IN NEW YORK CITY

Henry O. Trask '27 of Mechanic Falls, is one of six New England college students chosen to work with the College Summer Service Group in New York City from June 29 to Aug. 15. This means seven weeks' work in the heart of the metropolis studying the economic, racial, social, and Christian problems there.

Fifty men in all are chosen from the undergraduate bodies of the colleges of America. Under the leadership of trained leaders who know the city and its inhabitants and needs, these men lead in social service, studying social problems thru actual contact with existing situations. Members of the group live in settlement houses, Church houses, Y. M. C. A.'s, etc. located all over the city. This brings them into direct contact with the living conditions, the manners, and the ideas of all groups and nationalities there. Two afternoons a week they meet for discussion of problems. Twice a week also some well known leader in one of the different fields of thought and work addresses the group. There is also an excellent opportunity to take side trips of great interest. Four days a week the group members spend with other social service workers leading playground work, conducting vacation Bible schools, doing case work in the homes, directing athletics and so forth.

Members of this group are carefully chosen. All nominations by professors or Association secretaries are carefully considered on the basis of the applicant's ability and interest as demonstrated in study, in student activities, and in personal Christian work.

Mr. Trask is a member of Sigma Phi Sigma, a Sophomore Owl, Chairman of Committee on church relations of the M. C. A., and prominent in athletics, especially track.

Time Spent on Exams Makes No Difference

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Two hours and twenty-five minutes apiece. The grades ran from 44 to 97, reckoned on a percentage basis. The student who was rewarded by the rank of 44 consumed one hour and forty minutes upon the examination. The three students who led the class in receiving a grade of 97 spent upon the questions an hour and thirty-five minutes, an hour and forty-five minutes, and two hours respectively. The student who took only forty-five minutes received the grade of 67. The two students whose work continued for two hours and twenty-five minutes were graded 92 and 65.

From a list of the ranks received an length of time used in each of the examinations, students in Prof. Bryan's Statistics course found the arithmetic mean of all grades to be 74.1, the modal grades—those most frequently received—

being 65 and 86. The arithmetic mean of time used was 139.9 minutes—the modal time was 130 minutes. The statisticians worked out a coefficient of correlation between the time series and the grade series. This they found to be 0.049 ± 0.077 , which has no significance because of the relatively great probable error.

President Little Speaks to Students on "Time Wasters"

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He asked that the students think this matter over until after Easter when they will be given an opportunity to do something really constructive if they choose.

On March 4, Xi chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, social and professional fraternity, held its election and installation of officers for 1926. The following were elected: President, John Andrews; vice-president, Spofford Giddings; secretary, Fred Kolouch; treasurer, Lawrence Thurston; editor, Jasper Brown; chancellor, A. W. Hamner.

The semi-finals in the University of Maine Debating League have resulted in the elimination of Bucksport, E. M. C. S. by M. C. I. of Pittsfield and of St. Mary's College of Van Buren by Mat-tanawcook Academy of Lincoln. The finals between the two winners will be held at the University on April 16, this date having been selected in preference to April 10, which was previously announced.

Phi Eta Kappa fraternity held an informal dancing party at the chapter house Saturday evening, March 21.

Among the order of sixteen dances a mask dance was enjoyed. Music was furnished by Rice's Orchestra of Bangor. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at intermission.

Mrs. Verrill, matron of the house, and Prof. and Mrs. Watson acted as the chaperones for the party.

The initiation of pledges to Chi Omega sorority was concluded with a banquet at the Bangor House Friday evening and a dance in the Orono Town Hall Saturday evening. Esther Thompson was the toastmistress and there were speeches from delegates and alumnae. Initiates were: Erdine Besse '28, Albion; Katherine Larchar '28, Old Town; Agnes Masse '28, East Vassalboro; Thelma Perkins '28, Old Town; Barbara Pierce '28, Brewer; Virginia Smith '28, North Anson; Lois Springer '28, Danforth; Clara Stuart '26, Eastport; Irene Wentworth '27, Eastport; Ruth Thompson '28, Bangor; Amber Williams '27, Bangor.

Delegates from New Hampshire were: Dorothy Thurston, Ann Craig, and Sarah Richards; of Jackson College: Caro-

lyn Havana; of Colby: Hope Chase, Lee Hall, Helen Kyle, Grace Heffernon, Frances Tweedie, Winona Knowlton.

The Orono Town Hall was elaborately decorated with the sorority's colors of cardinal and straw. Tasty refreshments were served at intermission. The Troubadours played for the order of fourteen dances one of which was a novelty favor dance. The concluding number "My Chi Omega Sweetheart," a waltz, was played several times in response to hearty applause.

The patrons and guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Walkley, Mr. and Mrs. Davee, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Willetts, Mrs. Kate Estabrook, and Mrs. Allura Dakin.

Theta Chi fraternity held an informal dancing party at the chapter house Saturday evening, March 21.

An order of sixteen dances was enjoyed. Green and white carnations were given to the ladies, adding novelty to the party. Music was furnished by Reiche's Orchestra. Refreshments of crab salad, rolls, coffee, and punch were served at intermission.

Mrs. Moulton, matron of the house, Professor Smith, and Prof. and Mrs. Wiggins acted as chaperones for the evening.

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi held its annual initiation and banquet at the Bangor House March 19th. Alice Hanington brought greetings from Delta

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The plan for the international compilation of the above set of tables was submitted at the meeting of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry held in London in 1919. The plan received the approval of the Union at that meeting and later received also the support of the International Research Council. America, through its National Research Council, has undertaken the entire financial and editorial responsibility for the undertaking.

The publication will consist of several volumes and, although the main language employed will be English, the introduction, table of contents, definitions, general explanatory matter, and indices will be printed in English, French, German, and Italian. The work of critically examining the data and of compiling the various tables is being done by experts chosen for the purpose in various countries of the world.

That portion of the tables and data submitted by Dr. Farnsworth was the result of much intensive and painstaking research on his part. After receiving his Doctor's degree in 1922, he, as one of a group of about fifteen in the whole United States, occupied the position of a National Research Fellow in physics. This fellowship enabled him to devote all his time during the following two years to research work at the University of Wisconsin.

His problem had to do with a study of the emission of secondary electrons from metals when bombarded by primary electrons. The results were published in the Physical Review for October, 1922 and for January, 1925.

The experiments were performed in an exceedingly good vacuum, the air pressure being less than one-billionth of the ordinary atmospheric pressure. This was necessary in order to eliminate gas effects. Liquid air was employed to keep oil and mercury vapors out of the apparatus.

The electrons from a hot source were accelerated through the vacuum and caused to impinge on a metal target. Secondary electrons were thus caused to leave the target, the number depending on the velocity of the incident electrons, the kind of target, and the nature of its surface.

If the velocity of the incident electrons is sufficiently great, more electrons leave the surface than strike it, thus proving that some electrons are knocked out of the atoms of the metal, although some of the incident ones may be reflected.

The velocities of a large percentage of the secondary electrons were found to be small compared to the velocities of the incident electrons. These small velocities, however, are of the order of magnitude of several hundred miles per second.

The most important result of this investigation is that the number of secondary electrons was found to depend in a very definite way on the surface structure of a metal, it being different for an amorphous surface than for a crystalline one. This fact is important in connection with the further development of the electron theory of metals.

Dr. Farnsworth is very much interested in this type of research and hopes to be able to continue his investigation along this line at the University of Maine.

Miss Edith Patch Studies the Habits of Melon Aphids

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Among the various flights taken by aphids may be mentioned: from the elm leaf to the apple, elm curl to the June berry, plum to thistle, and plum to water plants, such as the arrow head.

ORGANIZATIONS

The Scabbard and Blade convention for the 1st Corps Area, comprising New England, will be held at the University of Maine April 24 and 25.

Col. Tolman, national commander of the Scabbard and Blade Society, is expected to be present as well as H. Raymond Tremaine, O. R. C., inspector for the Corps Area. The colleges to send delegates are Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Vermont.

At the first spring formation of the regiment Saturday, Scabbard and Blade pledges were announced. Charles F. Moody and Hoyt B. Savage, who were elected to membership last fall, but were at the Forestry Camp, were pledged at this formation. George A. Haskell, G. Aldrich Muzzey, Mansfield M. Packard, Sumner H. Fifield, and Eugene C. Winch were the officers pledged, and the following non-commissioned officers were pledged to membership: Kenneth W. Barker, Joseph R. Daugherty, Wallace H. Elliott, John T. Marshall, La Forest S. Saulsbury, Ferris S. Sawyer, William H. True Jr., and Francis E. Weatherbee. The initiation will take place April 25.

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