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# The Maine Campus

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## "PROF. OF PEANUTS" WEARS OUT TWO DICTIONARIES

Takes One With Him On  
Proper Occasions and Makes  
It Old Looking At It

## TO WORK FOR HIS PEOPLE

Has To Like Agriculture Because  
It's His Line—Is In Pity for  
The Poor Turks, But When Pat-  
riotic, He D—s Them All.

"Have some peanuts" says an appealing voice with foreign accent at your elbow as you sit talking with your companions, watching the players shoot for baskets before the game begins. You look up and see a short, thick-set, dark young man whom you remember having seen almost every day about the campus. You notice more particularly the big black eyes behind the gold-rimmed spectacles which rest on the aquiline nose as he stands there beside his bushel basket of peanuts neatly put up in pint bags.

"Are they fresh, 'Bag'?" inquires one of your companions who happens to know the young man in question more intimately than you do.

"Sure. I got 'em in Bangor today. They are new kind, Spaneesh, cost me more than others, but they're better," replies the ever ready Bag.

"Sure you're not kidding me, 'Bag'?" says your friend, trying to poke a little fun at the peanut vender.

"No. Try some. They're good." is the response as Bag earnestly plies his trade. You pass him your nickles, and you get your peanuts. Down the line he passes vending his wares, receiving jest after jest but sending back in kind, carrying good natured fun with him as he goes. A broad smile lights up his face as he makes some especially apt reply to a question fired at him and turns back the jest of which he was intended to be the butt. Someone calls to him from the gallery, making a request for peanuts. He tosses up a bag with unerring aim, deftly catches the coin dropped down to him, and as deftly throws back the change. As the game starts he goes out to refill his empty basket and is back, ready for more sales before the period is over and he has another opportunity to reap a few more nickles.

Perhaps, however, you first came to know more of "Bag" by seeing him on his weekly visit to your fraternity house or the dormitory as he came around to pick up a few coins in exchange for his peanuts. Perhaps you may even have been so fortunate as to have induced him to tell you of some of the experiences of his countrymen, the Armenians, in their struggles with "the d—d Turk," for "Bag"

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## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

### SATURDAY

5.00 p. m. Phi Kappa Phi Meeting and Banquet.  
8.30 p. m. Oratorical Contest.

### SUNDAY

10.30 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon.  
4.00 p. m. Vesper Service.

### MONDAY

9.30 a. m. Military Drill.  
2.00 p. m. Class Day.  
8.00 p. m. "Learned Ladies" by Masque.

### TUESDAY

10.00 a. m. Glee Club Concert.  
2.30 p. m. Baseball Game—Varsity vs. Alumni.  
4.30 p. m. Alumni and Alumnae Luncheons.  
7.30 p. m. President's Reception.

### WEDNESDAY

9.30 a. m. Commencement.  
12.00 m. Commencement Dinner.  
8.00 p. m. Commencement Ball.

## NO VACANT HOURS IN THE PLANS FOR COMMENCEMENT

Many Added Features Intro-  
duced—Masque Gives Play  
and Glee Club a Concert

## BASEBALL GAME PLANNED

McHale and Russ Smith The  
Alumni Battery Against The  
'Varsity-Military Companies To  
Drill For Prize Banner

A program for Commencement week which will fill each hour with its appropriate exercise and thus serve the double purpose of attracting alumni and providing entertainment for the hitherto neglected stranger within our gates—this in brief is the plan of the committee whose action has been recently ratified by the faculty at large. This is an important step, as pointed out elsewhere in this issue—and merits the cordial approval and support of the entire University.

The main features of the usual program have been retained, but five new events which are well calculated to impress both visitor and alumnus have been added. From Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock until the end of the Commencement ball on the following Wednesday night, there are no vacant spaces. The program has been planned with the idea of making Commencement a gala time, the best of all the year, and a glance at the accompanying program will serve to show whether this hope will be realized.

The formal exercises of Commencement week begin Saturday, June 6, with the annual banquet and meeting of the Phi Kappa Phi. This will probably be held at the Commons. In the evening there will be an oratorical contest which will be notable for its representative character. Though it has not been definitely decided as yet, the final debate of the inter-class series may also held at this time.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given in the morning of Sunday instead of in the afternoon as heretofore. Several excellent speakers are now being considered. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon a vesper service will take the place formerly occupied by the baccalaureate sermon.

On Monday in addition to the usual Class Day exercises and fraternity receptions there will be a military drill at 9.30 in the morning. All the companies in the battalion will compete for a banner and this should prove one of the best features of the week. The fraternity receptions will occupy the afternoon as usual, but in the evening the Masque will present Moliere's sparkling comedy, "The Learned Ladies." The best performance of the entire season is confidently expected.

Tuesday morning will be given up to a

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## HELP! GIRLS, COME QUICK! HERE'S A HORRID MAN

"Twelve-Year-Olds" At Mt.  
Vernon House Startled By  
Blundering Caller Who  
Gives It All Away

Although the window shades were carefully drawn Saturday night at the Mt. Vernon House, THE CAMPUS is able to give an authoritative version of the affair. In order to absolve the members of the editorial board from any unjust suspicion, it ought to be said that these revelations are not made upon first hand information. This was the way it happened.

Owing to a confusion in dates a certain young man, who imposed the stern condition that his name be withheld from publication, absently mounted the steps of the Mt. Vernon House Saturday evening and, receiving no answer to his ring, opened the door and walked in. Although he did not achieve the object of his mission, he declares that he is not sorry he went. "Just great," is his characterization of the evening. To be sure, he did not get away scathless, but he declares it was worth it.

The girls themselves admit that they were having a good time when he entered. In juvenile costume they were back in their childhood. Some had dolls, others had toy dishes and were keeping house in fun as they may be doing in earnest if they don't always insist upon excluding mere man. Some were playing "London Bridge," others "Swing the Statue," and still others were pinning on the donkey's

tail. Some have asserted that they had a hunt for lost hearts, but this has been indignantly denied by the juveniles. The most authoritative source of information is mute on this point.

According to this same source, this was the scene which greeted his gaze as he stood, mute with astonishment, in the hall. Not observing him, one especially chubby five-year old toddled across the floor toward him. He couldn't help noticing that she was chubby because she couldn't button the top button of her little shoe. Still amazed at the scene of festivity, he was about to suggest to another foolish virgin that her mamma ought to lengthen her skirts, when something happened. The door squeaked.

"Oh, help! Girls, come quick! Here's a horrid man," was the shrill cry which rent the air. The effect was exactly the reverse of that achieved by a mouse running across the floor. To be sure, there was the same screeching and running for corners, but no one thought of getting on a chair. Some there were who, ostrich-wise, buried their heads in the window curtains. Finally in desperation one of the older girls—she was probably 12 years old—snatched down the portieres, rod and all, and advanced menacingly toward the door. After she had taken a few faltering steps, the door was closed on the outside.

After the excitement had somewhat subsided and smelling salts had been used with good effect, the door was locked and the little girl who had proved her bravery on the occasion of the intrusion was sworn in as policewoman. To be sure, she missed the ice cream and toasted marshmallows, because no one could be found who would venture near the door which she had so successfully held against invasion. But think of the prestige which she now enjoys among her little play-mates!

N. B.—There is some legitimate news in this story.



## MAINE CO-EDS ARE TOO YOUNG, SIGHS ONE OF THEM

Between Vicious Attacks Up-  
on Gum Wad She Con-  
fides Her Views

### "COOP" LIFE MONOTONOUS

Girls Discourage Men From Work-  
ing By Getting A's Or By Getting  
Them—That's What They Come  
Here For!

"The girls who come to Maine are too young!"

This irrational and somewhat unexpected statement came from the rosy lips of one of the fair co-eds as she sat before a comfortable open fire-place languidly masticating a wad of Spearmint gum.

"I don't believe in co-education. The place for a girl is in a girl's college. It is all right for a girl who has spent a few years at a good 'prep' school and is old enough to have gained a little experience in the ways of the world, but the trouble with the girls who come to Maine is that they are still in their infancy. This must sound very strange coming from me, and you mustn't tell a soul, for if anybody found it out I would fit like a spring Paris creation with the girls. If you promise to keep quiet I will tell some other things about this college that perhaps you don't know."

She hesitated a moment, shifted the gum, and carefully selected a chocolate from a box that was partially hidden by a half embroidered sofa-pillow cover and a maze of many-colored baby-ribbon. Then, with a reminiscent gleam in her pale green eyes, she expounded this amazing discourse.

"Maine is not an ideal co-educational institution. Certain girls come here with no idea of studying or of the first principles of how to study. All they think of is devising plans for entrapping a man. As a result they get no college training which will make them competent to conduct themselves as women of the world. For myself I like the co-ed life but, believe me, I shall never send my daughter to such an institution."

"Life here at the 'Coop' is nothing but a sham. I'm tired of hearing the girls forever talking of this man and that. All they think about is 'fussing' and yet when a girl is caught in the act she becomes a social outcast. Oh, I know. The old place is nothing but a prison anyway. We are all treated like 'prep' school students just because a few need this kind of treatment. No human being would ever think of entertaining anybody here, for who wants to join the family circle? It's always the same old crowd. 'Bugs' and Ethel occupy the sofa, Pride and Prejudice are ensconced in a distant corner, 'Goody' and 'Molly' are seated at the piano, 'Don' and Mary are to be found somewhere, and the others have their trysting spots. Once in a while somebody forgets himself and springs something and a smothered smile comes from the direction of the sofa."

"Before this stage the couple pass through a very trying ordeal. The young

man creeps up the steps of the 'Coop' and nervously rings the bell. The maid answers. By this time a half dozen girls are hanging over the stairs to see who it is. The nervous one is in her room dancing up and down before the mirror. She calls to one of the half-dozen, 'Is that for me? O, for Heaven's sake, come in here quick! Do you see any powder on my face?' "Lord, yes! All over!" B—rushes out and comes back with a chamois and gives A—a rub-down. Then A— starts down, returns after a handkerchief and has a final look at her bosom friend, the mirror. She patters down the hallway. Ha! They meet silently. Into the courtroom they pass and are quietly greeted by a number of fellow sufferers who glance anxiously at their watches as if afraid that 9.30 had come. Really that is the way things are carried on there. Give me the old-fashioned way," sighed the co-ed. "Sic transit gloria homum," she quoted, not without a certain joy in the possession of culture.

Her open-mouthed admiration of herself reached such an extent that the wad of gum escaped and reposed upon a white satin slipper which was resting upon the grating of the fire-place.

"Darn! Every time I wear these something happens to them. But I'm afraid that you are not having a very good time listening to my raving. Of course you would say that anyway. Yes, you would. Gee, I wish I was a boy. We girls don't get half a show. I'll admit there's a reason. The girls here go to extremes either along social or religious lines. The social life suits me, but I can't go to all the affairs and keep up. We have no diversions but campus-walking and dances, and these grow tame. For the girl who does not go out into society there is nothing to make her interested or at home. She may like a good time but be a type all by herself and so be unable to enjoy herself. The result is that she becomes a grind. Deplorable condition!"

"There is nothing like association with men for girls who are old enough but the co-eds of Maine, as a rule, are still too young for this enjoyment. In my mind a real co-ed is a creature who attracts the younger college man, generally the freshman, and the type of men who go with co-eds are not men who succeed in their after life. Have a chocolate?"

"I don't believe you are very comfortable in that hard chair. Why don't you take this one beside me. Oh, don't be bashful. Nobody is watching. \* \* \* \* As I was saying when you interrupted me, when girls like me are sharks and get 'A's' all the time—What are you laughing at?—the fellows get discouraged and sore. I think that the fellows as a whole are better students though, for they can concentrate themselves and study when things are in an uproar. Girls are decidedly different. When two co-eds sit down to study they may get along all right for a while. Then one mind gets to wandering and studying is all off. The talk turns to this fellow and that and to the hat that that Mrs. So-and-so wore Sunday or to the kippy slit skirt that Mame is wearing,—and studies are forgotten. Sometimes the girls have a good influence over the fellows and induce them to study and settle down, but more often it is the other way about. The girls like the protecting presence of the young gentlemen and take all their spare periods. Well, I rather like it myself."

"Must you go? Why it is only eleven o'clock. Come on, be a sport. When are you coming over again? Not until then? Well, good night, Yes—Oh-h-h. Good night! No, not another one! Good by."

## DOPE UPSET IN FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

Strong Sophomore Team De-  
feats Seniors, But Fresh-  
men Win By Only Narrow  
Margin

The dope was somewhat upset by the results of the first two games in the inter-class basketball series held in the gymnasium Friday evening. As was expected the sophomores defeated the seniors by the score of 20 to 6, but the freshmen, from whom much was expected, defeated the juniors by the narrow margin of 4, the scores standing 14 to 10. Both games were rather slow, and poor shooting was the weak point of all four teams. The sophomores had the strongest team on the floor and it seems likely that they will take the series.

The sophomores had everything their own way. They played together remarkably well and their passing was very good. Schneider, Kirk, Ruffner, and Blood played their usual good games. Their lack of real competition and poor shooting on the part of the seniors made the game rather slow. Hall and Cobb, however, put up a good game.

In spite of the idea that the freshmen would make light work of their opponents the game was a close one. During the first half the juniors had the advantage and the period ended 4 to 2 in their favor. Hall and Williams played a good game for the juniors, and Higgins showed up well for the freshmen.

The lineup:

SENIORS	SOPHOMORES
Crocker, lg.	rf, Schneider
Cobb, rg.	lf, Purington, (Capt.)
Stevens, c.	c, Kirk
H. Hall, (Capt.)	lf, rg, Ruffner
Chase, Abbott, rf.	lg, Blood

JUNIORS	FRESHMEN
Mace, lg.	rf, Kilbourne, Gray
Crandall, rg.	lf, Higgins, Phillips
Hutchinson, c.	c, Curran, Dempsey
Williams, lf.	

rg, Waterman, (Capt.), Kalloch  
O. Hall, (Capt.), rf, lg, Brasseur, Moore  
Referee, T. W. Haskell, '14; Umpire  
and time keeper, E. R. Wingard.

### MASQUE PICTURE SUNDAY

According to present expectations, the cast of "The Learned Ladies," the current production of the Maine Masque, will be so far selected this week as to admit the taking of the picture on Sunday. Mr. Edward I. Morris of Bangor, who designed the costumes for "Twelfth Night," the first production of the Masque, hopes to have the costumes prepared by that time.

Dates for two trips, one to Aroostock, and the other to Portland and Boston, have not been definitely decided upon, but Manager Banks expects to have the arrangements made by the last of the week.

It was the hope and repeated rumor that the name of the donor of the \$65,000 chapel at Bates College, Lewiston, would be announced on the day of dedication, but the identity of the woman was not made known at the exercises.

## TO READ "RIP" HERE ON FEBRUARY 6

Mr. George Kiernan to Pre-  
sent Jefferson Version of  
Famous Classic—Freshmen  
Scramble For Tickets

A recital of Joseph Jefferson's version of "Rip Van Winkle" will be given in the Gymnasium on the evening of Friday, February 6, by Mr. George Kiernan, a well known impersonator. Arrangements for the recital have been made by the department of English, with whose members tickets are now on sale.

Mr. Kiernan bases his impersonation of Rip upon the late Joseph Jefferson's conception of the character with which his fame will always be connected. He discussed the interpretation of the character with Mr. Jefferson and is said to have achieved a remarkable imitation. He comes here highly recommended as a reader and impersonator of more than usual ability. He will assume each of the important characters in turn and is said to be entirely successful in creating the illusion.

Tickets for the reading will be 25 cents. Instructors in freshman English have anticipated the great demand which will inevitably be made just before finals and announce that they have provided themselves with an adequate supply. The rule of "first come, first served" will, however, be operative.

### DEUTSCHER VEREIN PLAYS

Two Pieces To Be Presented In  
German—Trials This Afternoon

Two playlets, "Einer Muss Heiraten" and "Eigensinn," are to be presented this year by members of the Deutscher Verein, probably some time in April. Both will be given in German. Trials for positions in the casts will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock in Alumni Hall.

The playlets selected are light comedies with a humorous appeal and are well adapted for amateur presentation. This is the first time such an attempt has been made and it is earnestly hoped that the effort will meet with hearty response.

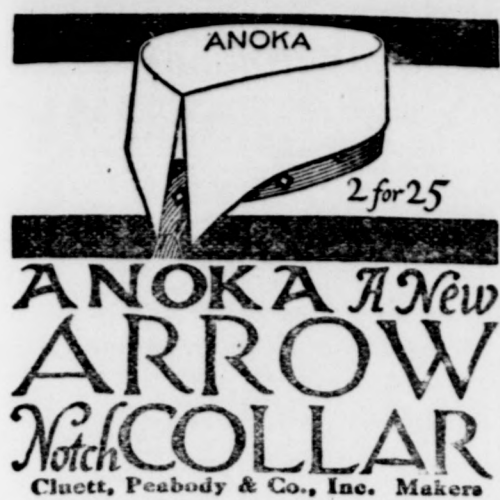
### SOPHOMORE HOP PLANS

Date For Dance Tentatively Set  
For Evening of Friday, March 6

Though definite announcement cannot be made at this time, the date for the Sophomore Hop has been tentatively set for Friday, March 6. Plans for the decorations and dance orders are also being considered by the committee which consists of Whittier, chairman, Kirk, Ruffner, Totman and Leacock. Some attractive decoration of the fraternity corners is promised.

Part of the editorial page of the Cornell Daily Sun is being used for the purpose of bringing facts about alcohol to the attention of the student body. Emphasis is placed on the scientific phase of the subject.





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takes a lively interest in the affairs of his people and is nothing if not patriotic.

"Bag" didn't get his name from the fact that he vends bags of peanuts. There is much to him besides the peanut vender, and he has a personality of vital interest. His name, from which his most common appellation is derived, is Bagsar Manoog Bagdoyan. He comes here from Aintab, Turkey, where he was born 28 years ago.

"I came to this country to get higher education," said "Bag." "I came here with my brother who is a graduate of the American missionary college in Armenia. He is now a junior in Tech. I had taken high school work in Armenia and went a year and a half to the college.

"I was in America seven months before I came to Maine. I worked in shoe factory there. No, I didn't learn much English there. I was surrounded by Armenians and Greeks there, so couldn't learn much English. I attended night school and studied English. Then I went four weeks to high school but didn't learn much, learned most in night school.

"Here I am taking Aggie course, special. This is my third year. No, the government doesn't help me. The Turk wouldn't do that. I pay my own way. I make some money with the peanuts,

enough to pay accidentals, hair cut, books, car fare, and other little things. I take care of Estabrooke Hall, and that helps me. I make rest in the summer.

"Yes, it was hard to understand books at first. Especially was practical language hard. I had more trouble understanding practical language than the books, the scientific language.

"That is second dictionary I made old looking at it," said "Bag" holding up a worn volume. "The first year on Sunday or other proper circumstances when I went to visit any family I took the dictionary along with me to understand words. It is some funny, isn't it?" he added with a laugh at the recollection of his troubles two years ago.

"Besides agriculture I have studied political economy and English," said "Bag." "I have to like agriculture because it is my line. I don't care for anything not practical, that I can't get practical benefit of and make use of in my work. About political economics which deal with political conditions of the world I am very interested. In ideal things, opinions which deal with all mankind, with the future, I am most interested. I like to look over and see what I can do. For example I like to see what is socialism, what are the causes and what the future of it. I believe that the Christianity, the foundation of it, is founded on socialism, but I am not a Socialist though.

"I intend to serve my people. I will help the people all I can, all to my ability. I would help the Turks too. I am in pity for the poor Turks, the common Turks, but not with the officials, the government. They are poor, and I would do what I can to help them. I will teach for the sake of people, mostly on practical lines. I am rather inclined to practical demonstrative part of agriculture. Perhaps during the winter I may teach theory, the scientific part.

"I wish I did have money to buy a farm when I go back to my country. I may work with people there who have money. Perhaps I can work for a corporation with money. Perhaps I can work for a corporation with money but which has not men to govern, to superintend. When I get through here I will work almost same as common laborer. I shall stay in this country for two years more anyway. But when I go back I hope I will have farm, if not mine, as a partnership. They need there educated farmers. I expect to have cereal farming, cotton farming, and stock raising for meat production. For horticulture and dairying, I may or may not. I don't know whether I shall engage in broad sense in these last lines. If I can raise the orange where I raise the cotton, I may try that, but am not sure. They depend upon the local conditions. I like the extensive farming, the farming on a big scale.

"If circumstances would allow me when I go back I would like to spend time writing and speaking on general lines."

"Bag" is a true student and takes the proper attitude toward his work. He does not seek merely to "get by", but to get the most out of his opportunities. He says, "Although I have little time for study I now spend about half my time for outside work from my subjects, for self-education. I study myself from general subjects, books, magazines. I read the *Literary Digest* and *Outlook* when I have time. I read books from any author which I think that develops ideas and ideals and helps to make grow mentally and to make broader mind."

"Bag" is a hard worker and is busy most of the time. One who really gets to know him cannot but realize that there is a latent capacity in him that will count

for much when he starts on his lifework of helping his people. That he certainly has great ambition and willingness to undertake hard work is shown by his coming to a foreign country with little knowledge of the language, his entering the University after only seven months here, and supporting himself as he goes along.

In spite of all his handicaps, "Bag" is always jolly. He carries his mirth with him everywhere he goes. One night while making his rounds of the fraternity houses with his peanuts, he chanced to call at one house where the freshmen were brought to trial before a court for their misdemeanors. A senior sat on the bench, and a number of upperclassmen served as the jury. One sophomore acted as prosecuting attorney while another pretended to defend the culprit. "Bag" was most interested and was invited to stay and see the fun. Soon a poor freshman was brought before his honor charged with "grouchingness." "Bag" listened for a few moments and whispered a few questions to the man sitting next to him. The prosecuting attorney perceived that "Bag" had something to say and so called on him. "Bag" then presented the incriminating evidence that although all freshmen were supposed to lift their caps and speak to members of the faculty, the accused had passed him by without even a nod, him the "professor of the peanuts."

## ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR

**Mr. Pouleur of Harvard Begins  
Work Here Next Semester**

Auguste L. Pouleur has been engaged as additional instructor in chemistry for the second semester and will undertake his duties February 2. Mr. Pouleur is a graduate of Harvard University and in addition to an extra half year of advanced work in chemistry at Harvard received his master's degree in science from New York University. He served as assistant in qualitative analysis at Radcliffe for one year and was for a similar period instructor in chemistry at Iowa State University. His teaching experience also includes two years as instructor in chemistry at the University of Buffalo. He has also had two years of practical experience in a testing laboratory where analyses and tests were made of materials pertaining to the automobile industry.

## PLANS FOR POVERTY BALL

Although plans for the Poverty Ball, which is to be given on Friday evening of next week under the auspices of the "M" Club, have not been fully decided upon, it is the intention of the committee to have the dance similar to the one held last year. On that occasion old clothes were worn and the gymnasium was decorated with common lanterns. The committee in charge of the affair is trying to secure O'Hara's orchestra. The dance tickets will be 75 cents a couple.

## BANGOR CONCERT BY BAND

A concert and dance may be given in Bangor about the middle of February by the University of Maine Cadet Band. The management of the "Pop" concerts in Bangor has made an offer which the band has accepted subject to the approval of the faculty committee. A similar concert and dance may be given later in the gymnasium. The band will choose a committee to make the arrangements.

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## EDITORIALS

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The fact that not a single member of either the junior or senior classes entered the trials for the class debating teams, though at first appearing almost like calculated neglect of this important activity, can perhaps be explained. The experienced speakers are now occupied with some of the other contests such as the Junior Orations, the Peace Contest, and the Purinton Oratorical Contest. It therefore devolves upon the men of untested ability and those who have failed to make the teams in former trials to give to interclass debating the approval and cordial support which it deserves from members of the upper classes. No sense of inability, however commendable on the score of modesty, should prevent any from according the debates this needed support. Until he has tried himself under the actual conditions of debate, no one can accurately gauge his potentialities. THE CAMPUS therefore earnestly hopes that there may be among the upper classmen a sufficient number of those who are interested in the subject to warrant a new set of trials.

The final dissolution of the Y. M. C. A. after a languishing existence of several years calls for something more than passing comment. It signalizes in a striking way the absence of any organized agency to foster and promote a religious life among the men of the University. Compulsory chapel services can not in the very nature of things fill this need of a higher life. It must be met by a spontaneous effort on the part of the students to secure for themselves that fullness of life which is the reward of an attempt to adjust oneself to great spiritual forces. No truly intellectual life is complete without a consideration of the great, vital problems which affect each individual. Failure to realize this opportunity can be the only cause of the passing of the Y. M. C. A. Just how much of permanent good such an organization can accomplish is suggested by the example of other colleges. There the Y. M. C. A., not contenting itself with casual reflection or empty formality, is extending itself in earnest service into the community. The call to such service is just as imperative here. THE CAMPUS can not believe that it will long remain unheeded. With such large opportunities as here exist, the Y. M. C. A. should speedily regain its proper place in University life.

The largely increased registration in the College of Arts and Sciences is a matter for rejoicing with those who believe that we are too much occupied with that education which is best calculated to bring returns in actual dollars and cents. Just how far this increased registration is making itself felt in the quickening of a literary interest and the broadening of our intellectual horizon may be judged from the fact that "a man's course" is not now confined of necessity to the more "practical" branches of learning. We are making some appreciable advance toward the idea that the knowledge which is of most worth may be that which is intended to give a fuller appreciation of life rather than the mere ability to drive a shrewder bargain with the world. All this is gratifying.

It is therefore eminently fitting to inquire if something may not be done to foster and promote this larger spirit. Keeping in mind the principle that rational organization and conscious effort are always more efficient than unconscious adaptation, THE CAMPUS has certain suggestions to offer.

First of all, the fraternities can do much to this end. Literary programs at the weekly fraternity meetings are not so novel that they need fear objection on the score of an untried innovation. In most colleges and universities the fraternities have held steadfastly to a feature of their life which was called into being with the founding of the orders themselves. Subjects of current interest are presented in attractive manner, debates on questions of public interest are frequently held, and all without the slightest feeling either of priggishness or of mental strain. Criticism

and discussion enliven the program and increase its value.

Such meetings could be arranged with distinct benefit both to the fraternities and the University. The word "literary" need cause no one to fear that such meetings would degenerate into mincing discussion of abstruse problems. Rather the result would be an infusion of interest into the routine of the business session and a distinct addition to the life of the fraternity. With the presentation of subjects of varied interest, such meetings may do much to carry us forward to the true attitude of intellectual mankind, an attitude which implies curiosity in every field of learning rather than intense concentration in one.

Another definite advance toward bestowing upon the University that prestige in arts and letters which is now enjoyed in the mechanic arts, is the proposed formation of an English club. Such a club would be devoted to the discussion of present tendencies in literature and to acquaintance with some of the most notable work of the present day. In the field of drama the works of Shaw, Synge, Galsworthy, Pinero, and some of our own rising dramatists could be considered with pleasure and profit. Modern poetry offers as much. All this can not be covered by formal courses, but is nevertheless not to be ignored. It is to be hoped that when the organization of such a club is undertaken, the response will be immediate and heartening. There is a place for such an organization, as there is for any organization which aims to stimulate interest in intellectual work.

In its broad outline the revised program for Commencement week can not fail to receive the unqualified approval of the undergraduate body. The seniors will especially commend it in that it provides for each day—almost, indeed, for each hour—entertainment which is well calculated to interest undergraduates and alumni, but which is especially designed for those whose connection with the University is derived through its sons and daughters. For such a body of visitors previous Commencement arrangements have evidently made no provision. Lacking this, such visitors have not only failed to catch the spirit of University life, but have usually spent a more or less doleful week admiring the beauties of the campus, which, while considerable, may be justly estimated within the space of an hour or two.

All this is changed in the new order. Each day in Commencement week has its own appointed exercise. All is designed to afford to visitors some idea of the nature of our life in the University. From the various entertainments which are to be provided they may derive not only pleasure, but a view of our resources and accomplishments for the year. This much can not fail of universal approval.

But the new program has a deeper significance. Previous Commencements have not been preeminently successful in

attracting any large body of alumni. Those whose interest never flags and those whose interest had not yet had time to wane have constituted the alumni representation at Commencement. The large body of graduates which lies between these two classes has been conspicuous by its absence. The reason is not far to seek. For them Commencement had no compelling attractiveness.

In so far as it is designed to remedy this condition, the new program is one of the most significant moves of the administration. Nothing is more vital to an institution than the reciprocal relations which exist between it and its alumni. So far as this institution is concerned, it has long been recognized that those relations could with profit to both be strengthened and unified. Here is a definite program for the accomplishment of this desire. If for this reason alone, the new order of Commencement is of vital import to every man or woman who hails this University as Cherishing Mother.

It ought, however, to be recognized at the outset that a full measure of success can not reasonably be immediately anticipated. The alumni are, of course, to be informed of the plan, but in many cases the impulse which will drive them to seek this campus in coming years will have to be supplied by the personal recommendation of some more venturesome alumnus who has tried and liked the revised program of this year. That it will eventually attain the full measure of success which is claimed for it by its sponsors is not to be doubted, but it is a fat-witted optimism which would insist upon immediate realization of all its possibilities.

In discussing the probable result of the new scheme, it is, however, imperative to bear in mind that in connection with it a duty and privilege devolve upon us. Without the loyal cooperation of the students no program, however admirable in all its features, can hope to make its way. Here is an opportunity to do more for the University than can be accomplished in many another way. It is a call to put aside selfish consideration and petty advantage and unite in the common good. Though it is thus a test of the loyalty of all Maine men and women, it need not be so regarded. Those who participate in the coming Commencement program will not have the satisfaction of well doing as their only reward. The various exercises will furnish amusement and entertainment in plentiful measure. Let us begin now to realize that the 1914 Commencement will be a bigger, a better, a more satisfying Commencement than this institution has ever before known, and that it will be so largely because we have all helped to make it so.

One of the first intercollegiate ski meets between the United States and Canada will take place February 21st at Montreal during the Ice Carnival. Representatives from Dartmouth and McGill have arranged for a four-mile relay race.



## JEST JESTS

In a column as in a hundred-yard dash,  
a good start is half the victory.

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Librarian (On finding a certain English  
instructor in his private room)—"If all  
Gaul is divided into three parts, two-  
thirds of it is sitting right over there."

\*\*\*

An alumnus met a student in Bangor  
the other day and extended the usual  
courtesies.

"Two beers,"\* said the alumnus.

"I'll take the same," modestly agreed  
the student.

\*The joke remains with the substitu-  
tion of any other liquid.

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### To The '17 Co-Ed.

You're green, I'll admit; you're not pretty  
a bit;

You're shy and you're scared into trances;  
But, O, dearie me, what a difference  
there'll be.

When you've been to your first dozen  
dances.

\*\*\*

Professor in recent history class—"Can  
anyone suggest something of importance  
that exists to-day that did not fifty years  
ago?"

Towner, '14—"Me."

\*\*\*

A Masquer of manner sedate  
Has a ladylike role to create;  
So he shaved his face clean,  
Laced his lissome waist lean,  
And lisped at a thunderous rate.

\*\*\*

"Dutch" Bernheisel is reported to be  
much worried about the color of his new  
mustache. At the rate it's coming out,  
"Dutch," it'll probably be gray.

\*\*\*

### Heard At The Phi Eta Dance

Miss—(after the dance)—"Mr. Kelly,  
you're a freshman, aren't you?"

Kelly (contritely)—"I beg your pardon,  
I didn't mean to hold you so tight."

\*\*\*

Schwey (at H. H. H.)—"What we need  
at this table is another waiter."

Potter—"Waiter! What you need is a  
stoker."

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### Fashion Hints

Asbestos running suits for relay men  
are slightly passe this season.

The college girl will wear short dresses  
this year.

"Increase in Rubber Crop Forecasted")  
Snow shoe parties will be popular with  
both sexes this winter.

\*\*\*

G. Treat (to "Dearie" Dodge)—"Don't  
you sometimes wish that God had made  
you a man?"

"Dearie" (despairingly)—"O, yes."

G. Treat (consoling)—"Well, per-  
haps he has, only you haven't found him  
yet."

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A freshman extraordinariee  
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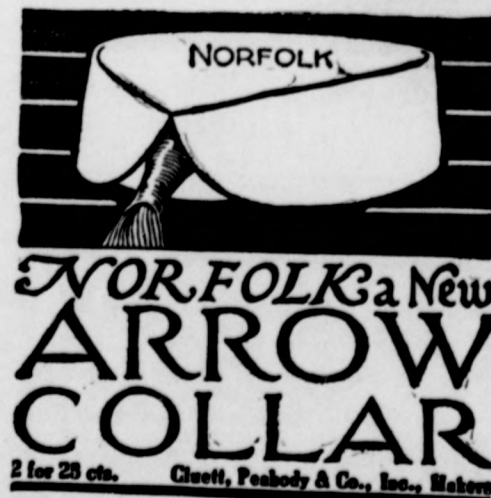
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## NO VACANT HOURS IN THE PLANS FOR COMMENCEMENT

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concert by the Glee Club. The club now promises to be of unusual excellence and with all the practice and prestige of the various trips, the Commencement concert should be one of the real features of the week.

Perhaps one of the most popular of all the Commencement arrangements, however, will be the baseball game between the alumni and the 'varsity. Martin McHale, ex-'11, who is now pitching for the New York team of the American League, is to take his old place on the mound. He will be confronted by the genial countenance of Russ Smith looking out from his former mask, and these two stars will be supported by those alumni who have achieved some reputation in the baseball world. Present indications are that the 'varsity will be hard put to it to make a showing against such an all-star aggregation.

Provided that the game does not outlast the usual nine innings, the luncheon for the alumni and alumnae will be served at 4.30 that same afternoon. At 7.30 the same evening President and Mrs. Alely will receive their guests and at 9 o'clock the fraternity reunions will be held at the various houses.

The hour for Commencement itself has been changed to 9.30 Wednesday morning. After the exercises in the chapel there will be a march about the campus in which, faculty, students, and alumni will join. The procession will move directly to the alumni dinner and the formal exercises of the week will be brought to a close at 8 in the evening when the Commencement ball will be held in the gymnasium.

This is, of course, an elaborate program. To help make it possible the students will be asked to take the final examinations during the last two or three recitation periods. Under the new plan these will be devoted to the examinations instead of the week which has usually been given over to them. It is hoped and expected, too, that a large number of the undergraduates will be attracted by the program to remain throughout the week. It's no secret that those who don't will miss a whole lot of fun.

Class reunions which are to be arranged at will should also increase the attendance of the alumni at what promises to be the biggest and best Commencement which the University has ever enjoyed.

More than one hundred students of Wellesley College returning from the West after their Christmas holiday vacation are anxiously awaiting a decision of the faculty as to whether they will be punished for late registration. The special train on which they were traveling was delayed by snowfall in the Middle West, and although the railroad authorities rushed it through on short-cut routes, it was impossible to make up the time lost. The penalty for late registration after vacation is heavy. The girls are debarred from their half-year examination in one full course, and this counts as a complete failure in the course, and must be made up similarly to a regular failure.

The first issue of the Official Weekly Calendar of the University of Illinois appeared last Saturday.

## FACULTY ORGANIZE

Will Publish Three Bulletins a Year  
Other Alumni Notes

Thirty-eight members of the University faculty recently organized the University of Maine Faculty Alumni Association. The object of this association is to promote the interests of the University and the alumni and its plans include the publication each year of three bulletins giving information of the University. The following officers were elected: President, L. H. Merrill '83; first vice-president, J. M. Bartlett, '80; second vice-president, F. L. Russell, '85; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Gannett, '08. The first bulletin of this association is to be compiled by the deans of the different colleges and the librarian, and will endeavor to show what the University of today is by pointing out the development made during the last ten years.

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The Western Maine Alumni Association held a banquet at the Falmouth Hotel in Portland, Saturday evening. President R. J. Alely gave an address to the members.

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The Boston Alumni hold a banquet at the New American House in Boston, on Saturday evening of next week.

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The Western Alumni Association meets in Chicago, at the Auditorium Hotel, on Friday. Former President A. W. Harris, now president of Northwestern University, Dean C. H. Benjamin of Purdue, and C. A. Morse, '76 are to speak. The Western Association has a membership of 250 men drawn from the district west of Pittsburgh.

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A revised alumni directory, compiled by F. B. Ames '13, is to be published early next spring. This directory will contain the address, college, course, and present occupation of each alumnus. In addition it will have a table showing the yearly attendance and degrees given since the founding of the University. A copy is to be sent to every alumnus.

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Nominations in the Alumni Advisory Council have been made for representatives at large, terms to expire in 1918.

They are as follows:

L. C. Southard, '75, Boston.

H. E. Sutton, '09, Boston.

C. E. Oak, '76, Bangor.

D. S. Williams, '00, Lewiston.

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