

Settled & Dropped --ANOTHER Bates - 1885 POLL ?

It has been long since the much-mooted question of co-education has been mentioned at any length in the columns of the STUDENT, presumably because it was long ago exhausted, and we should certainly hesitate to revert to the subject now for any other purpose than to note a few of the pleasing realities that our observation during three years had taught us to recognize as changes. Notwithstanding the fact that the doors of Bates were open to ladies from the beginning we believe the way of those who first entered them was that of the transgressor. Certainly the men of earlier classes could not have been positively discourteous but student opinion was against the system and the bravery of the young ladies who were first willing to run the gauntlet of student prejudice and avail themselves of the opportunities presented here, challenges our admiration.

We remember the warmth with which, later, in the early part of our course the point of the right of ladies to secure a higher education at Bates was contested. That point, however, had long before been settled by those who had the power to settle it, namely, the founders of the college. Earlier classes fought against the idea, while later classes have yielded to the inevitable, and within the last two years, far less has been said against co-education than formerly.

Co-eds—A Healthful Stimulus
What reason could ever be adduced for opposition to it? No valid reason. Some flimsy arguments were, still occasionally are advanced, but the actual reason was that some of the young ladies were superior in scholarship, and held the leading positions in their classes. We do not doubt the assertion that some young ladies have been the recipients of honors which were unjustly conferred on them; but we believe the same is true of certain young men whom we have known.

Again we believe the moral tone of the institution has been elevated by the advent of a goodly number of the gentler sex. Their helpfulness has been marked in the work of the YMCA. They form too, no inconsiderable factor in sustaining an interest in the work of the literary societies. Co-education may not be everywhere an unmixed blessing, but we think it has demonstrated its eminent propriety to exist here, by showing that it is an advantage attended by no harm to any party concerned. 1885.

—Bates College

Maybe the editor of this paper is one of the few men of the campus with the nerve to come out and say what he really thinks to the co-eds, and about the co-eds. Perhaps the results of this poll are due to the fact that a couple of co-eds conducted it. Just the same, we like to think that it expresses public opinion. Only the men were asked and these were taken from every faculty on the campus. While some people agreed in part to the nasty things said, upon averaging the good and bad points, the results were in our favor. 6

The vital question was: Do you think the UNB Co-eds are ugly, poorly dressed, and dumb? the results were in our favour.

YES	4%
NO	76%
NO COMMENT	20%

The number of "no comments" perhaps indicates that the age of chivalry is not completely dead—or again may indicate the ignorance that so many UNB males have regarding such things.

M. Jones: Co-eds at UNB represent the average Canadian girl ... dress quite rationally ... intelligence probably above the average UNB male.

Harry McInerney: What can one say with a gun in one's back. (We would like to take this opportunity to say that the gun was unloaded.)

K. C. Preston: No, due to the fact that I have 40.00 eyesight.

Bob Abbott: It is unlikely that the young ladies would be at college if the statement applied.

Bud Perkins: They should be more co-operative about dates. They also should have three or four co-ed weeks a year.

Harold Hatheway: Co-eds? I hadn't noticed.

J. K. Chapman: Look wonderful, are wonderful, but the brains don't work.

Pete Trueland: There are exceptions.

J. V. Anglin: Ask me next week. I'd hate to spoil any chances.

SPEAKING OF WOMEN!

The Artsman and the Forester

Were walking hand in hand,
They laughed like anything to see

What the Co-eds had planned

"If only they would ask us out
It really would be grand"

"Oh Artsmen come and walk with us"

The Co-eds did beseech

"A pleasant walk, a pleasant talk,

"To hear your flow'ry speech,

"We cannot do with more than two,

"To give one hand to each"

Then two bright Artsmen hurried up,

And then along came four,

And thick and fat they came at last.

And more, and more, and more,

All dashing to the Co-eds side

And clustering up the street.

A hoping for a fine sleigh ride,

And ready for the treat, . . .

The Forester he stood and watched,

A tear fell from his eyes

He gazes at the purple moon

A bobbing in the skies

"Oh why am I to be thus spurned?"

He very sadly sighs

The Artsman and the Forester,

Were walking hand and hand.

The Forester was clean and neat,

He really did look grand,

The two of them went walking by

A Co-ed on the strand,

"Oh Forester! your shiny face

"I really do adore.

"Will you come out tonight with me?"

He gladly answered "shore!"

"The time has come the Co-ed said

"To talk of many things

"Of shoes and ships and math exams

"And old U—Y club flings"

The Forester said nothing but—

"How my old buck-saw sings".

The moral of this story is

Not very well obscured,

The Forester is happy and

The co-ed too I'm sure.

The Artsman is neglected yet,

His place is still secure.

SHADES OF U. N. B.

Men Arise, But Not For Cals

One of our scouts reported a most disturbing occurrence on the University bus the other day. About 300 yards east of Acadia Road a young man was seen to offer his seat to a young lady.

He was a callow youth—high school you know—a member of the Youth Training Centre at Acadia Camp and not familiar with the cherished traditions of the university.

While he is within our gates however, the least we might expect is acceptance of the responsibilities which form our sacred heritage.

It is in such minor incidents that radicalism is born, that fissures with the past appear and grow until they are uncontrollable.

In the past, suffragettes have won complete victory at UBC, women smoke on a par with men, they vote and are eligible to seek all positions, including the sitting position on University buses, on an equal basis with men.

Social custom has dictated that men fortunate enough to capture a seat on the bus should hold the books of co-eds who must stand. This alone is a serious inroad into those long-established traditions of equality for which women themselves fought, although it is perhaps excusable because the same courtesy is often extended to both men and women.

No stranger within our gates should be allowed, however, to destroy those accepted customs that have built this university into one of Canada's most respected institutions.

—An Editorial, The Daily Ubyssy
Univ. British Columbia

In these days if you run after a man, he's so afraid of you that he runs away! and if you don't he's so accustomed to being run after, that he thinks you don't like him, and he walks away.

We can't get men made for us and if we could, we should send them back for alterations.

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