ATHLETICS

Contrary to the general business cycle, the B. S. O. Baseball Team just entered upon its period of prosperity in 1919 when general business had about reached its peak. This team continued on its upward trend by defeating the Institute Team four consecutive years. Their peak was reached in 1922, but 1923 found them in a period of depression caused by inflation of the ability of Coach Hollister’s boys to play ball.

Judging from comparative and fundamental statistics, and also being firm believers in the “Law of Action and Reaction”, the B. I. Boys forecast a bright future as the area representing the period of the B. S. O. team’s prosperity has not yet been equaled by its corresponding area of deflation. During the process of liquidation (not tight) the statisticians lost the Baseball Trophy, as it was attached by the Institute.

The Insitute boys plied a wicked willow and and trounced the B. S. O. Baseball Team 13-3 in the first game of the season.

Coach Hollister, “Hap” Kerrigan and Harry Davis made seven out of the ten bingles for the students. The coach collected a single and two doubles, while the other two boys were each good for a pair of singles.

“Tom” Toohill pitched the first four innings for the Institute and let the statisticians down with two hits, nine strike-outs, and four walks. Schontag of the Administration Building allowed only two hits—one a triple by Helms—no bases-on-balls, and he struck out two in the three remaining innings.

Cates pitched for the B. S. O. and with a little better support and batting behind him might have turned the trick. Helms socked out a triple over the school boy’s center-fielder.

Some good baseball but more fun!

TENNIS

Real interest in tennis started last spring when President Coleman offered to the school a permanent trophy in the form of a shield. Members of the faculty as well as the student body are eligible for the tournament. The winner’s name is engraved upon the shield, which hangs in the hall of the Lyon Building.

John M. Durand, Jr., was the winner of the first tournament and had the honor of having his name first on the trophy.

The great success of the tournament last spring was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Millea, who drew the players and saw that the matches were played on schedule time. This spring, however, the
school has appointed a tennis committee, with Durand as chairman and it is up to this committee to draw the players and see that the matches are played off as soon as possible.

Tennis courts were a problem last year and the matches were played either at Riverside Park, Hunnewell Field, or at the Wellesley Country Club.

However, this Spring, if luck and the workmen stay with us, we hope to have the Institute Courts finished in time to play off the final matches in June and to give to the Alumni a place for pleasant recreation during their visits to Wellesley Hills.
THE son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Byron was chosen as the Baby of the Class of 1924, he being the first child born to a member of this year's class.

This classmate has the added distinction of being the son of the class president.

As a token and in keeping with a tradition, a silver cup was presented to the Class Baby—Richard Crawford Byron.
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

At the first student smoker, October 4, 1923, Lester E. Smith, Ornithologist, gave an interesting illustrated talk on the "Natural History of Babson Park." Some of the bird pictures sent the chills up and down the spinal columns of those who were inclined toward hunting fowl—the feathered specie.

The talk over, we joined in a little close harmony—really too close! The faculty were a howling success in "reeling" their selection, and the writer is positive that had Mr. Millea sung with them he would have added much to the agony.

Mr. Millea, however, was not even present at the smoker. The next day he returned to school with a black eye, and explained with apparent sincerity that the shiner was the result of having a tooth extracted. Of course, none of us students would intimate that he was handling the truth carelessly.

Refreshments were served, and we went our various ways rejoicing.

Mr. Creighton J. Hill spoke on the "Ruhr" at the second smoker which was held November 15, 1923. Mr. Hill had just returned from Europe. His observations as told to us were revelations indeed.

An interesting questionnaire and discussion followed the talk after which the customary feed was produced. The engrossing business of munching sandwiches and quaffing coffee soon subdued the conversation.

With satisfied appetites we dispersed to our various domiciles. However, the writer cannot guarantee that everyone went directly home.

"Immigration" was the subject of the talk given by the speaker, Mr. G. W. Tupper, at the smoker on January 10, 1924. The pictures shown on the screen during the talk gave us a glimpse of the environment and living conditions of many of our prospective immigrants.

Our secretaries must be given due credit for their attendance and support at these smokers. Our fair Co-eds, Miss Mary Ives and Miss Charlotte Reed, also added life to the smokers.

The students were hosts at a formal dance on November 1, 1923.

We thank Mrs. Babson for the use of the Richard Knight Auditorium.

May we also express our appreciation to those who so kindly helped to make this dance a success.

Another dance was held by the Student Body, May 9. There was a fine attendance of beautiful girls and good music.

We wish to express here our appreciation of the courtesies shown to us throughout the year—the courtesies of Mr. and Mrs. Linnekin, Mr. and Mrs. Mel. Morse, Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Babson, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.
Commencement Program

Saturday, June 14
11:30 A. M. Classes end.

Sunday, June 15
11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate Sermon
Preached by Mr. Gates
Wellesley Hills Congregational Church
4:00 P. M. Open House, Mr. Babson's Residence

Monday, June 16
10:30 A.M. Tennis Tournament Finals
Institute Courts
P. M. B. S. O. and B. I. open for inspection
5:00 P. M. Visit to Wayside Inn
7:15 P. M. Alumni Dinner at Old Natick Inn

Tuesday, June 17
10:30 A. M. Student-Alumni-Faculty Conference
Lyon Building
12:30 P. M. Alumni Lunch, Peavey Gymnasium
8:00 P. M. Commencement Exercises
Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church

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