THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Taking as its point of departure the work of last year's Committee, the Student Executive Committee this year took further steps toward the ultimate goal of responsible student representation. The establishing of a definite liaison between the student body and the faculty was one of its chief aims. This year such problems as the maintenance of a standard menu, the increase of dormitory lighting facilities, and afternoon smoking were thoughtfully attacked; a plan calling for the levying of an activities fee on each student and the assigning to the various subordinate committees of a definite financial responsibility within their respective fields was carefully devised and placed in the hands of the Committee on Administration.

In representing student attitude and point of view to the faculty and administration of the Institute, and also in cooperating in interpreting the administration procedures and point of view to the student body, the Committee therefore finds its present objective. With the experience of past years readily accessible, and with greater convenience afforded by a definite meeting place in the new library, next year's Committee should replace the beginning steps of 1938-39 with quick strides in the direction of worth-while student government.
The fundamental idea activating all the programs of the Religious Activities Committee was that religion, properly understood, should have an important place in the life and work of the modern business man.

The main emphasis of all meetings was on religious topics of workaday interest, as for example, those discussions based on a questionnaire which had been distributed among the student body.

The members of the committee arranged Chapel programs on alternating Sunday evenings, and took active part in them. Principal speakers at these meetings included members of the faculty and leaders of church and religious groups. There were also several group church visitations during the year. A drive to collect funds to help Chinese students was conducted with encouraging success.

To students showing special interest in religious problems, opportunity was given to attend various conferences, forum sessions, and programs sponsored by other religious organizations.
Social life had its devotees at Babson Institute. Student-faculty dinners and smokers regaled them at the first of the year. Later the ways of young men with maids, or maids with young men, demanded open houses and informal dances for Webber College misses and others, and these were held at Park Manor. Rugged individuals were soon running rampant on the campuses of Wellesley, Pine Manor, Lasell, and St. Regis. Planned economy had its day, or night, when the fall formal was spread in the Salle Moderne of the Hotel Statler. The delights of harmony moved some to attend Sunday afternoon musicales where Beethoven, Wagner, and Sibelius vied with each other before and after tea. On another occasion several enjoyed Macbeth at a theater party. Fall outings, winter sports’ parties, the Bowling League, the spring fishing trip, and picnic groups were further listings on a well-rounded program for gregarious youth — inspired by Charlie Butler, staged by the Committee.
PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

As sponsors of athletic activity, the Physical Activities Committee has tried to encourage interest and action in recreational sports throughout the school year. Touch football, volleyball, basketball, and baseball consumed the bulk of student interest, but golf, tennis, hockey, skiing, and gym work received proportional attention. Broadening of the list to include bench warming at Seilers’ or the Music Box is not contemplated.

Most of the credit for the physical program rests with our own Charlie Butler, whose honest toil and genuine interest have compensated any student laxity and indifference. Through his efforts alone a varied and interesting program was created. The student committee has tried merely to carry out this program. Its success is a tribute to Charlie’s willingness to believe in the student body.
The 1939 Babsonian represents the cooperative efforts of the above group. In addition, F. N. Warren, R. C. LaCroix, J. W. Schoonover, R. M. Stockwell, S. M. Graves, Jr., and J. A. Phillips generously contributed many hours of their time and thought to make this book possible.

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Basketball is one of the elective activities of the physical recreation program. Each year teams are organized for competition with those who dare to risk it. There is a “varsity,” represented this year by the group above. During the current season, fourteen games, scheduled approximately at weekly intervals, kept the squad busy upholding “laissez faire” on the courts, at home and abroad, and surviving with the fit if not with the fittest. Individual stars are mentioned throughout the subsequent narrative. Look for your favorites. Scores are on file with the other I. Q’s.
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