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COLLEGE BOWLING SERIES

Phi Delts and Lambda Chis in Close Race

Bowling in the college league the first week of the new semester has been somewhat slower owing to the weariness of the boys after the grilling session of the mid-years. This week marks the beginning of the third and last round of the series, which may be expected to be a hard one, as it decides which fraternity shall possess the coveted cup. The Phi Delts, with a record of twenty-seven straight points to their credit, are still in the lead, but their margin of percentage was sadly cut when yesterday Lambda Chi Alpha took four from Alpha Tau Omega. There have been no new records hung up, and the present title holders are resting on their laurels for a short time, at least. The following is the comparative standing of the teams:

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Phi Delta Theta	38	10	.791
Lambda Chi Alpha	36	16	.692
Delta Upsilon	35	17	.673
Delta Kappa Epsilon	21	27	.439
Alpha Tau Omega	22	30	.423
Zeta Psi	21	31	.403
Pi Delta Phi	3	45	.062

COMETS VERSUS WHITE BEARS

Colby's basketball aggregation, the Comets, is to stack up against the best basketball team the University of Maine can turn out. The battle will be in the city armory next Monday night. Several business men of the town, seeing an opportunity to boost sports in the city, have kindly helped the men get the armory, where it is hoped that several more games will take place in the near future. The Comets have had a most successful season so far this year, playing eight games and winning seven. They lost to the fast Bangor A. A. in Bangor, just after the mid-years, when they had had no practice for two weeks and were somewhat fagged as a result of the examination session. The following is the list of their games with the scores:

Comets, 35; Auburn Legion, 24.
Comets, 63; Guilford A. A., 27.
Comets, 67; Greenville A. A., 28.

Comets, 27; Sanford Professionals, 23.
Comets, 74; Bangor at Old Town, 46.
Comets, 34; Bangor at Bangor, 50.
Comets, 96; Eastern A. A., 30.
Comets, 78; Howland Pulp and Paper, 36.
Totals, 474; Opponents, 259.

The above is a good measure of the work of the Comets, especially as not one of these games has been played at home. The men from Colby expect, however, to run up against worthy opponents next Monday, as the Maine varsity basketball team has disbanded and the White Bears are now the best of the varsity men combined with the best of the men who were ineligible for the regular team. The White Bears have lost but one game, which was to Bangor at Bangor. All Colby should turn out Monday, if they want to see the grade of basketball which has made four towns, Howland, Bar Harbor, Dover, and Pittsfield offer big money for a game between the Comets and the Bangor outfit. Plans are now under way for a four or five game series to be played in various towns through the state between these two teams, who are the only real contestants for the State championship, in order that the fans in those towns may see some real basketball, and that the championship may thus be fairly decided.

In preparation for the fight with Maine, the Comets have been practicing all the past week. They have an enviable record for scoring. Their average, which is the highest scoring average for any team in New England, is 60 points per game against the best teams in the state. A great deal of interest in local basketball circles has been aroused over the proposed game, and the fans of the region are looking to the Comets to "come through" with a win.

ZETA PSI TEA DANCE

Zeta Psi held an informal tea dance in its house, Saturday afternoon, February 19. The rooms were decorated with college and fraternity colors. Selections were given by Daniels on the piano, and Davis and Seifert on the violin, after which a light lunch was served. Dancing was enjoyed by all. The patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Libby, Mrs. Frank W. Alden, Mrs. Lois Hoxie Smith, Dean Nettie M. Runnals, and Mrs. Edward Welsh. The committee in charge was Taylor, '21, Burgess, '21, and Richardson, '21.

MARRINER ACTING PRINCIPAL AT HEBRON

Ernest Cummings Marriner, for several years head of the English department at Hebron Academy, has been appointed acting principal of that institution to fill the vacancy caused by the failing health of Dr. W. E. Sargent. Dr. Sargent, who recently suffered a paralytic shock, has been principal of Hebron for over twenty years.

Marriner is a native of Bridgton, Maine. He graduated from the high school at Bridgton in 1909, and from Colby in 1913. During his collegiate course, he won several prizes in scholarship and public speaking, and graduated with honors. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Percy E. Graves, Bowdoin '19, has been selected to succeed Marriner in the English Department at Hebron.

ABLE SPEAKER FOR NEXT WEEK

The speaker next Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. meeting will be the Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, of the Universalist church. Mr. Knickerbocker is President of the Waterville Rotary Club and a friend of the college. Further than this he needs no introduction to the students of Colby; in fact, he has already made himself acquainted, and renewed that acquaintance, at various chapel talks in the past.

The subject of his address has not been announced but he can be depended on to present a line of thought that will be both interesting and instructive.

In pursuance of his work among the people of Waterville, and especially in his work for the well-being and prosperity of the young people of this city, Mr. Knickerbocker has had experiences that are highly interesting. Whether he speaks of these experiences, or whatever he speaks on, he can be relied upon to bring a worthwhile message. The meeting begins at 7.30, and ends promptly at 8. Next Tuesday evening!

ZETE SMOKER

Last Monday night, February 28, Zeta Psi gave a smoker in its house. The guests of the evening were the boys from Coburn Classical Institute and Waterville High School. Tables were set for cards and whist and various other card games were played. During the evening the Zeta Musical Club, consisting of Daniels, Davis, Seifert, and Smith, played

Colby and Zeta Psi songs which were sung by all. Smokes were in abundance. Later in the evening refreshments were served. The Zeta Psi local alumni were represented by J. Frederick Hill, '97, and Frank W. Alden, '98. The party closed with the exchange of the school yells by the Coburn and Waterville High boys. The committee in charge was R. Daniels, '23 and B. Cratty, '24.

MUSICAL CLUBS' TRIP

The last trip of the Colby College Musical Clubs, which lasted three days, in the course of which the clubs played in the three towns of Livermore Falls, Farmington, and Wilton, in the order named, was pronounced one of the most successful trips ever taken by the Colby organization. The ensemble work was good, and several of the other attractions received much applause and commendation. The work of Neil Leonard, reader for the clubs, was exceptionally well done. Hois, Nichols, and Sadd, trombone, violin, and vocal soloists, were very cordially received. In one of the towns, the clubs were given an especially complimentary notice before the concert, and they did their best to live up to it. From what was said by the townspeople after the concerts, they earned all the praise that was given. President Roberts has received several letters of congratulation from Colby people and friends of the college who heard the concerts. Manager Esters states that the concert in Farmington was the best ever given by a Colby organization, as far as he knows. The next trip, which is as yet "in the air," will be through New Hampshire and Massachusetts; but of this, the management will make no prediction until such time as it is sure to be put through.

APRIL 8, DATE OF JUNIOR PROM

Plans are already under way to make this year's Junior Prom one that will long be remembered. No expense is being spared to get the best in music and favors. As expenses are high and some capital is needed to work on, the committee in charge would very much appreciate it if all those who possibly can would buy their tickets now.

Tickets may be obtained from: Sullivan, Zeta Psi; Terry, D. K. E.; Farley, P. D. T.; Merrill, D. U.; Cushman, A. T. O.; and Mayo, L. C. A.

In the Woman's Division, the president of the junior class will have charge of the tickets.

INTER-FRATERNITY TRACK MEET WEDNESDAY

Between now and Easter, three inter-fraternity track meets will be run off to decide the fraternity championship of the college. The fraternity with the highest point total will be awarded a trophy to hold for a year. After winning the prize for three consecutive years, a fraternity will retain the trophy permanently. The first of these meets will take place Wednesday afternoon, March 9. This will give the veteran track men a little competition and will enable Coach Ryan to get a line on any new material which might be developed. The two following meets will occur on the next two Wednesdays and will be so varied that a fraternity which is particularly good in a few events will not have a monopoly in the series. All track men should participate in these meets, as the time before Easter is short. The schedule of next Wednesday's events follows: 40-yard dash, 40-yard low hurdles; 300-yard run; 600-yard run; shot put; running high-jump; standing broad jump and a 220-yard novice race for those who have never participated in track events before.

We have been working for two years, now, to put track on a firm basis at Colby and have attained some measure of success. Now let's keep up the good work and turn out to a man for this inter-fraternity meet.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TRACK MEETS

The first of a series of interscholastic track meets was run off on Seaverns field, Saturday afternoon, under the direction of Mike Ryan, and resulted in a victory for Oak Grove Seminary of Vassalboro over Lawrence High school of Fairfield. The score was 37-12, but the individual honors of the meet went to Lawry of Lawrence High, who scored 11 out of the 12 points gained by the Fairfield school.

Much credit is due the Fairfield lads for their gameness in competing in place of Waterville High against Oak Grove. The Lawrence High team knew nothing of Waterville's inability to enter the meet until the last minute, so the Fairfield athletes were not in such good training as they would otherwise have been.

The plan is to have three of these dual meets before Easter. They will be run off Saturday afternoons, on the Colby field, and will be entered by such neighboring preparatory schools as Fairfield High, Oak Grove Seminary, Oakland High, and Winslow High.

THEY'RE AFTER OLNEY!

Printed below, is a letter from the Big Brother Movement, Incorporated, concerning Olney L. Higgins' recent escapade at the Haines Theatre.

The versatile impersonator of Geraldine Farrar and lecturer on the "Kingdom Beyond the Corner" certainly started something when he appeared at the Haines——there was a sudden and precipitous drop in the vegetable market, Charlie Chaplin's and Mack Sennett's reputations were minimized 50%, and now the "big brothers" are getting into action!

February 11, 1921.

The Dean,
Colby College,
Waterville, Me.

Dear Sir:

We have just learned that a Mr. O. L. Higgins recently gave a lecture at Waterville, and that Mr. Higgins claimed that his entertainment was for the benefit of the Big Brother Movement, Inc.

Such a claim is utterly without foundation, and we would be very much indebted if you can let us know something of the details of the affair, and by whom the engagement was made as representing Mr. Higgins.

With great appreciation,

Very sincerely,
ROWLAND C. SHELDON,
General Secretary.

PORTLAND ALUMNI MEETING

The meeting of the Portland Alumni Association at the Congress Square Hotel, Monday evening, February 21, was made notable by the presence of the President of the Maine Senate, Charles E. Gurney, '98; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Charles P. Barnes, '92; and the Treasurer of the State, William L. Bonney, '92,—all of whom made interesting and eloquent speeches. Representatives Rex W. Dodge, '06, Herbert F. Wadsworth, '92, and Justice Warren C. Philbrook, '82, were also present. President William B. Jack of the Portland High school was toastmaster. By his clever introductions he added much to the gaiety of the occasion. Dean Runnals and President Roberts spoke for the College. The singing of the Colby Glee Club quartette gave the company much pleasure. A hundred and twenty-five Colby people were in attendance.

"What a happy world this would be if everybody were cheerful."

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"This year, resolve to dream less and do more,
to eat less and chew more, to grab less and give
more, to worry less and work more, to envy less
and love more—and you'll fare pretty well in
1921."—The Golden Rule Magazine.

With candidates out for baseball, it would seem
that all chances for the Outing Club to get into
action this year were over. This winter has not
been exceptionally propitious to winter sports, and
the snowshoe and ski has rested in the discard.
Perhaps the Snow-god will not be so niggardly next
year. At any rate, another season such as this

would be most unusual. In real winter weather, the
Outing Club would be a great help in the social
life at Colby. By all means let it be formed again
next year.

PREXY SAYS THAT

Clergymen need a good long summer vacation, in
order to catch up in their practice. They preach
so much that they get far ahead of their practice,
and the summer vacation works to advantage.

What we lack in mass, we must make up in ve-
locity. Colby is a small college, but united ef-
fort will accomplish much.

An avocation is a good antidote for a monotonous
profession.—Dr. Taylor.

NEW YORK MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The most largely attended meeting the New
York Alumni Association has ever held took place
Friday evening, February 11, at the Sherman
Square Hotel. In the absence of Dr. Slocum, who
has lately moved to Dayton, Ohio, the vice-president
of the association. Bertha L. Soule, '85, presided
and introduced the speakers. H. L. Koopman, '80,
librarian of Brown University, read a poem which
he had written for the occasion. Speeches were
made by Merle W. Crowell, '10, Rhena Clark Marsh,
'01, Judge Harrington Putnam, '70, and President
Arthur J. Roberts.

Professor Franklin W. Johnson, '91, of Columbia
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The judges will be Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University; Wesley C. Mitchell, Director of the National Bureau of Economic Research; and Wallace B. Donham, Dean of the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

Further information concerning the contest may be obtained from Dr. William T. Foster, Director of the Pollak Foundation, Newton 58, Massachusetts.

TELLING IT TO THE JUDGE!

His Honor hears many sad tales of woe in court but now and then some humor "springs up" to relieve the monotony of serious routine. Such occasional outbursts of funny comment attract smiles even from those people who have to "tell it to the judge." In theatres throughout our United States, audiences have enthused over the witty wordings about judges and their cases presented on the motion picture screen in "Topics of the Day" films. With the firm conviction that all our readers are good judges of humor, the COLBY ECHO places the following pungent paragraphs on trial for your approval:

"Well, well, that's a frightful case. What made you marry 14 wives?" asked the judge. "Well, your honor, I didn't like the number 13."

—Jefferson (Texas) News.

"Officer, what is the prisoner charged with?" asked the judge. Cop: "Mostly soda water, sir."

—Boston Record.

Prosecuting Attorney (to opponent): "You're the biggest boob in the city." Judge (rapping for order): "Gentlemen, you forget I am here."

—Syracuse Herald.

Magistrate: "But your wife says you haven't spoken a word to her for over a year." Polite prisoner: "No, your worship, I didn't want to interrupt her."

"Repeat the words the defendant used," said the lawyer. "I'd rather not. They were not fit words to tell a gentleman." "Then," said the attorney, "Whisper them to the judge."

—Progressive Farmer.

To new maid: "This is my son's room. He's in Yale." "Ya? My Brudder ban there too." "What year?" "No year, da jodge yust say: 'You Axel, 60 days in Yail'."

—Truth Seeker.

The thirty-four Chinese students who are attending the University of Wisconsin this year recently celebrated their native "Fourth of July," commemorating the ninth anniversary of the birth of the Chinese republic. Among the leaders in this was L. H. Muller Kung, who is a direct descendant in the seventy-seventh generation of Confucius, famous Chinese philosopher of 478 B. C.

"A Tuscaloosa girl is suing her employer for \$5,000 damages on account of a most peculiar accident which occurred in the home where she is employed as a domestic. She was taking her bath by the kitchen range and she stepped out of the washpan, slipped on a cake of soap on the floor, and sat down on the stove."—Exchange.

College Proverbs

Many co-eds believe in making headway while the moon shines.

If brevity is the soul of wit, there's nothing funny about a college chapel service.

To play poker is human; to win, divine.

Don't quit too soon. It takes a great many blows to drive a nail, but one to clinch it."

CAMPUS CHAT

Charles A. Crowell, '21, has returned to Bowdoin.

J. Frederick Hill, '97, and Frank W. Alden, '98, visited the Zeta house Monday evening.

Tuesday night Zeta Psi held the fourth of a series of guest nights. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Julian D. Taylor, '68, and the guests were the members of the A. T. O. Fraternity.

Bickmore, '22, Bickmore, '24, Brown, '24, and

Emery, '24, attended the H. C. I. athletic fair at Charleston, Saturday.

Clifford Van Buren and Jack Williams of Wesleyan, '23, were recent guests of Wheeler, '23, at the D. U. house.

Millard Nickerson, ex-'21, called at the D. U. house, Wednesday evening.

Gordon Emery of Bangor was a visitor at the D. U. house, Sunday.

Lampher, '23, spent the week end at his home in Pittsfield.

Good, Curtis, and Royal played with the Colby Rovers' quintet at Pittsfield Saturday night.

Bernal D. Bailey, '21, has recovered from his illness.

Mr. E. Merrill of Roslindale, Mass., has been the guest of "Gene" Smith for the last few days.

Foxall, '24, spent the week-end at Higgins.

V. M. Jones, '06, who has been principal of the Mechanic Falls High School, has gone to the Emerson High School, West Hoboken, New Jersey.

"Don" Tozier, '17, was a visitor at the A. T. O. house, Tuesday.

Thru error, the item appeared in last week's ECHO that Stanley R. Black, '21, had transferred to Harvard University; whereas he has completed his course at Colby, and is taking post graduate work at Harvard, in economics.

James J. ("Jimmy") Conlon, '18, was a visitor at the A. T. O. House Tuesday. "Jim" is teaching in the Rochester, N. H. High School.

Professor Brown spoke at Springfield, Mass., February 24, under the auspices of the high school of that City.

Elmer Williams, '22, George Currier, '22, and Albert Scott, '24, spent the week-end at Webber pond. They returned with several fine fish, alleged to have been caught by them.

B. K. Look, Bowdoin, '20, visited Galen Eustis, '23, at the A. T. O. house Tuesday.

Raymond Spinney, '21, was a delegate to a banquet, Saturday night, of the Gamma Sigma chapter of A. T. O. at Worcester Polytechnic. While in Massachusetts he visited Walter Guthrie and Arthur Malone at Harvard.

Walter Chamberlain, '22, officiated at a basketball game at Unity last Friday night.

Austin Maddocks, '19, visited the Phi Delt house recently.

Frank Hois spent the week-end in Skowhegan.

Dunnack and Lowery travelled to Howland last week to play basketball.

Esters, Hois, Watters, Nichols, and Sadd went from the Phi Delt house on the recent Musical Club's trip.

Dunnack played forward for the Fitton A. C. in Bangor Monday night and will play with them on their trip through Maine.

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Mid-years are over, every one has plenty of time. How much of yours are you devoting to good reading? For those who think they are too busy to read we suggest Arnold Bennett's "How to Live On Twenty-Four Hours a Day."

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life the mother of our beloved sister, Marion Elvira Bibber, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi extend to her bereaved family our sympathy and condolence, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our chapter records and a copy be printed in the Colby Echo.

MARION L. CONANT, '21,
ELIZABETH B. CAREY, '21,
EDYTHE D. PORTER, '23.

Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi held its annual initiation and banquet on Saturday evening. Those present were Mrs. C. E. Walker, patroness; Mrs. Elsie Fentiman, '12, Marguerite Chamberlain, '15, Daisy Murry, '18, Bessie Tobey, '13, Susie Wentworth, '11, Hazel Moore, '16, Ruth Harlow, ex-'21, Malvena Masse, ex-'21, Gladys Walker, ex-'23, Velma Briggs, ex-'22; pledge, Zeetah Estey, '24; the initiates, Alta Doe, '24, Ruby Frost, '24, Agnes McBride, '24, Vivian Hubbard, '24, Edith Gray, '24, Margaret Gilmore, '24, Alice Nelligan, '24, Elvina Whitten, '24, and the active members.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McBride of Lubec were guests of their daughter, Agnes McBride, '24, on Friday and Saturday.

Marion Bibber, '23, will not resume her college work.

Ruby Frost, '24, and Alta Doe, '24, attended the Sophomore Hop at Bowdoin.

Velma Briggs, ex-'22, of Monticello has been spending a few days at Foss Hall.

Marjorie Kemp, '23, attended the annual A. A. fair at Higgins Classical Institute.

Miss Mildred Trask was the guest of Marjorie Kemp, '23, Sunday and Monday.

Marion Waterman, '20, passed the week-end at Mary Low Hall.

The Sophomore delegation of Phi Mu enjoyed a feed at the fraternity rooms, Saturday night.

Gladys Craft, '18, visited at Foss Hall, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mary Ann Foss, '19, visited Alice Clark on Saturday.

The Junior delegation of Sigma Kappa had a "feed" at the sorority hall, Monday evening.

Hildegard Drummond, '19, who teaches in Amesbury, Mass., is passing a week at her home on Center place.

Mrs. Donald Flood, ex-'17, of Winthrop, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton of College avenue.

Mrs. W. F. Runnals of Dover was the guest of her daughter Dean Runnals over the week-end.

Adelle McCloon returned Sunday from Dover where she supervised some pageant dancing and was one of the judges at a debate.

Vina Parent, '22, and June Williams, '24, attended the athletic fair at Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston, Saturday.

Harriett Sweetsir, '20, of Bangor High school, was the week-end guest of friends at the Hall.

Eleanor Hawes, '23, attended the week-end house party at the Delta Kappa Epsilon house at Bowdoin.

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For particulars see one of our local representatives.

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