

CONTROVERSY RAGES ON QUESTION OF ACTIVITIES

Phi Beta Kappa Pamphlet Starts Discussion of Importance of Extra Curriculum Duties

PROF. WEBER'S VIEWPOINT. In an address delivered in the Colby college chapel Saturday morning Professor Carl J. Weber of the college faculty defended statements made in the pamphlet entitled "A Gold Key or a Gold Brick?" published by the Colby chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa society.

PROF. LIBBY'S VIEWPOINT. Prof. Libby in a chapel talk last Friday made severe criticisms of a pamphlet entitled "A Gold Key or a Gold Brick," published by the Colby chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Speaks in Chapel. Professor Weber declared that, in his belief in the need of subordinating student activities, he was in good company, and cited several leading educators, one of whom was former president Woodrow Wilson, who believed the same thing.

"First on the list are the fraternity and college dances. I sometimes feel that we have too many of them, but as I do not dance and therefore know little about the enjoyments to be derived, I am a poor judge of their worth.

Interview With Prof. Weber. When interviewed by an ECHO reporter, Prof. Weber said that he was sorry that the reports of his talk printed in the Waterville Sentinel and in the Kennebec Journal gave an incorrect statement of his views.

Musical Clubs. Here's an institution of the college that for years without number has taken students out of class rooms and on long trips; sometimes they have been creditable and sometimes not.

Activities Have a Place. In concluding Prof. Weber said, "Now please try to make this clear to those who read your paper: I am not blind to the value of student activities, and I don't like to be called blind.

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GLEE CLUB SHOW IS BROADCASTED

Many Hear Boston Concert Over Radio From Station WBZ.

"This is station WBZ at Springfield, Massachusetts, broadcasting from Stearns Hall at Boston through the Herald-Traveler studio. The program this evening will be given by the Musical Clubs of Colby College.

That was the announcement that gave a thrill of expectancy to many Colby men and women Friday evening, March 28. Just how many loyal graduates and undergraduates listened in on the Boston concert will never be known, but without a doubt it was the largest and most enthusiastic audience that a Colby Glee Club has ever entertained.

The numbers by the orchestra seemed to broadcast the most successfully and many a radio fan might have been heard to remark that for pure music, it was better than many of the professional organizations. The Jazzsters, too, might well have been mistaken for Paul Whiteman's famous group.

The reading by Sprague and the novelty act by Vale and McBay were somewhat marred by interference, and the latter lost much by not being seen. The Glee Club, however, came in better and better and when the haunting strains of Alma Mater poured forth, one could imagine Colby folks scattered all over the land singing or in groups rising to attention to contribute to "the old college on the Kennebec."

Then there was a pause for a moment and some voice said something about Gale '22, leading a cheer. Then came "Chick's" characteristic "hip-hip" and "Colby the long way" ripped through the ether. Next a cheer for the Glee Club with three "fights." Then the placid voice of the announcer, "This is station WBZ signing off. Good night." And the concert was ended.

SMITH, '93. ON OIL COMMISSION

Is Named by Pres. Coolidge to Investigate Naval Reserves.

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GEORGE OTIS SMITH, '93

to ascertain the best means to conserve the nations oil supply. The other members are Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, U. S. N., president of the general board and ex-commander of the United States fleet, and Mr. R. D. Bush of the bureau of mineralogy of the state of California.

President Coolidge announced the purpose of this commission as follows: "The purpose for which the navy oil lands were set aside was to provide reserves for the future. In

STUDENTS FAVOR PHI BETA KAPPA

Echo Poll Shows That Key is Preferred to "C."

The returns from the questionnaire recently issued by the COLBY ECHO show that the members of the men's division prefer a Phi Beta Kappa key to a Colby "C" by a small majority. Of those answering, 55% favored the key, 42% preferred the athletic "C," and the rest gave various answers such as: "both," "neither," "it would depend," or "in college a C, after college the key."

Analysis of the ballots shows a considerable difference among the four classes. The greatest majority was among the freshmen, 65% of whom favored the key. The sophomores, on the other hand, went in the opposite direction and only 46% preferred the key. The two upper classes did not vary so much from the average of the whole, the percentages being 54 among the seniors and 57 among the juniors in favor of the Phi Beta Kappa emblem.

RETURNS FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

Ballot Conducted by Colby Echo is Making Interesting Statistics.

The questionnaire published in the COLBY ECHO for March 12, has resulted in some very interesting data. The number of returns was somewhat disappointing, since only about half of the student body filled out the ballots. However, these were from all the different groups and so may be considered representative of the entire college.

The ballots are being tabulated by the ECHO staff and each question will be treated separately. Each issue will contain the results of one or more of these questions and the statistics are being exhaustively analyzed in order that the full significance of the answers may be examined.

The questionnaire was conducted in cooperation with the Colby Press Club and it is expected that several feature stories of real news value will result from the data so obtained. These will be released to the press at regular intervals during the spring.

"At the present rate of production there is estimated to be but 20 years of oil supply in the United States. Unless therefore, the navy has conserved in this country sufficient oil where-with to fight a war, our national security is seriously endangered.

"This commission will have as its mission the general study of this problem, but specifically, it will review the situation in each of the navy's reserves and endeavor to ascertain whether it will be possible to create larger or better protected reserves than those existing at present."

SENIOR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

The following students of the Senior class have been appointed as the three undergraduate Commencement Day Speakers: Joseph Coburn Smith, Skowhegan; Ralph Douglass McLeary, Phillips; Marlon Doten Brown, Waterville.

LITERARY CONTEST NEAR CLOSE

The Maine Intercollegiate Literary Competition is nearing its close. All articles must be handed in before the first of May. In the case of Colby the members of the women's division must hand their articles in to Miss Dunn and those of the men's division to Prof. Weber on or before the last Saturday of this month, April 26.

CHARLES P. BARNES, '92 ON SUPREME BENCH

Is Appointed Associate Justice by Governor. Is Third Colby Alumnus on Bench.

On Tuesday, April 8, Governor Baxter nominated Charles P. Barnes of Houlton, as associate justice of the Supreme judicial court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George M. Hanson of Calais. The nomination will be in line for confirmation at the session of the governor and council, April 22.

Mr. Barnes, who was speaker of the house of representatives in 1921, was born in Houlton 54 years ago. He attended the common schools of Houlton, Ricker Classical Institute, and graduated from Colby college in the class of 1892. He read law in the office of the late Judge Joseph W. Symonds in Portland and was admitted to the Oxford county bar in 1900. He was superintendent of schools for the town of Norway for ten years, was county attorney of Oxford county for four years and was assistant attorney general for two years.

Mr. Barnes has been a member of the superintending school committee of Houlton, a trustee of the Houlton public library, is a Baptist, is married and is the father of several children. He was a member of the house of rep-



HON. CHAS. P. BARNES, '92 Associate Justice of Supreme Court.

representatives in 1917, 1919, and 1921 from the town of Houlton, serving as speaker in 1921 and was chairman of the Republican state convention in Portland last week.

NOMINATIONS OF STUDENT LEAGUE

Officers for 1924-25 are Named.

The standing nominating committee of the Student League has made the following nominations for officers for the year 1924-25:

President of the Student League: Elsie I. Bishop, '25; Nellie E. Pottle, '25. Vice President of Student League: Irma V. Davis, '26; Dorothy Giddings, '26. Secretary of Student League: Adelaide S. Gordon, '26; Margaret L. Smith, '26. Treasurer of Student League: Hazel P. Berry, '25; Ellen A. Smith, '25.

President of Health League: Eva L. Alley, '25; Ruth Fifield, '25.

Vice President of Health League: Christine Booth, '26; Betty Tarrant, '26.

Secretary-Treasurer of Health League: Alice B. McDonald, '25; Amy V. Robinson, '25.

President of Reading Room Association: Elsie I. Bishop, '25; Marjorie A. Everingham, '25.

Editor of Echo: Doris A. Dewar, '26; Doris J. Tozier, '25.

Editor-in-Chief of Colbiana: Louise M. Cates, '25; Leota E. Schoff, '25.

Assistant Editor of Colbiana: M. Marguerite Albert, '26; Agnes J. Brouder, '26.

Second Assistant Business Manager: Louise J. Chapman, '27; Leonora E. Hall, '27.

CROSS COUNTRY DEBATING TRIP CALLED OFF

The Colby Cross Country Debating Team will not make the proposed tour to the West this year, states Dr. Libby, because of lack of funds and colleges to take the opposing side of the question. Only three colleges seemed willing to oppose the Colby team on the world court question, and this is not enough to make such a long trip profitable. The teams deserve much credit for what they have accomplished this year. They have won three of the four debates in which they have competed and without doubt would have had good success in the Cross Country trip.

RODDY AND SPRAGUE ADDRESS KIWANIANS

Clarence S. Roddy, '25, and Donald E. Sprague, '26, members of the varsity debating teams which defeated the University of Maine in two contests the regular weekly dinner of the Waterville Kiwanis Club at the Elmwood Hotel on Monday evening. Roddy spoke in favor of the entrance of the United States into the permanent court of international justice while Sprague opposed the project.

MUSICAL CLUBS WELL RECEIVED

Trip Through Maine and Massachusetts is Highly Gratifying.

This annual New England trip of the combined Musical Clubs, which included a week's successful tour through Maine, and several cities in Massachusetts, had results most gratifying in each and every way.

Orchestra Goes Big at Westbrook.

After a very successful trip up the state the clubs left Waterville Monday, March 24, to make the initial appearance of the southern trip, in Westbrook on that evening. Arrangements were made at this town for entertainment by "Ginger" Fraser, whose fame on the gridiron at Colby when he was a student at the college, will always live. In spite of the fact that the members of the clubs were somewhat handicapped because of hall conditions, especially the nearness of the audience to the stage, a pleasing program was carried out.

Break Ice in Somerville.

On Tuesday evening Somerville, Mass., was visited by the Clubs. Although few Colby alumni, as compared to the other places, were present, and the entertainment marked the first ever presented in this city, over 800 persons crowded into the new Junior High School building to hear the musicians from the Blue and Gray college.

"Bill" and "Mac" Entertain.

The following evening took the clubs to another new town, Whitman, Mass. "Bill" Millett and Carl MacPherson had charge of the arrangements and the musicians found everything prepared in Colby fashion. All the Colby men from Abington, Brockton, Revere, Fall River and the other towns around, were among the large and appreciative audience. Following the entertainment the orchestra again lived up to its reputation in playing for the dance.

Make Hit at Norwood.

Principal Grant of Norwood High, another Colby grad, made the preparations for the Clubs on their visit to Norwood, on Thursday evening. The Civic Community Hall was well filled and the audience showed their appreciation with liberal applause. Everything went off like clock-work and numerous requests for a concert next year were made.

Wind Up in the Hub.

The clubs made their final appearance Friday evening at Stearns Hall, Boston, playing to several hundred alumni with great success. The program was broadcasted through the Herald-Traveler to Springfield, thence to radio fans everywhere within range. At intermission numerous telegrams were read from Colby men (Continued on page 8)



# LYFORD CONTEST WILL BE MAY 2

The annual Lyford Interscholastic Prize Speaking Contest will be held under the auspices of the College on the afternoon and evening of May 2. The following schools have already sent in the names of their contestants: Anson Academy, Strong High School, Lisbon High School, Meredith, N. H., High School, Bangor High School, Washington Academy, Merrill High School, Edward Little High School, Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Hartland Academy, Aroostook Central Institute, Beverly, Mass., High School, Orono High School, Biddeford High School, Woburn, Mass.,

High School, Foxcroft Academy, Easthampton, Mass., High School, Worcester, Mass., Classical High School, Rockland High School, Camden High School, Sangerville High School, Westbrook High School, Maine Central Institute, Blue Hill-George Stevens Academy, Dow, N. H., Academy, Shead Memorial High School, Eastport, V. A. Deane High School, Leeds, a total of 27 schools in all, with about 50 contestants.

### PROF. LIBBY'S VIEWPOINT. (Continued from page 1)

Worth while? Listen to another comment from a graduate: "I was proud of the deputation team which visited Dover-Foxcroft early in the winter. They were fine, earnest fellows, and were certainly an influence for good in the community."

"Influence a community! Worth while?"

#### Debating.

"Take the debating society and its teams. Do you mean to tell me that intensive study of far reaching propositions should be given over because debating comes to be a student activity? That long trip taken two years ago, that attracted nationwide attention, that taught afresh to thousands that at least one college was devoting its time to something worthwhile, should not have taken place?"

#### Athletics.

"Take the athletics of the college. I have for a good many years been strongly opposed to what I regard as the wrong slant in athletics. I think that we should run more to the training of the many and less to the training of the few. And if intercollegiate contests must go, let them go. The curious thing about this idea is that I cannot seem to get anyone to agree with me! And curiously, too, I am finding that many of those who inveigh most heavily against athletics are the ones who first apply for tickets for every major game. Human nature is a curious medley. Ban athletics? Ban track work? Pure nonsense! The whole countryside likes to see a good baseball game, and it's a mighty good thing that it does. The emphasis is being placed on the welfare of the body where it ought to be. I have said in print that the most important department in Colby today is the department of physical education. Why? Because it emphasizes the importance of keeping the body strong for the burdens it must carry."

"I can mention no other so-called 'activities.' I wish I could, for then no one would charge me with having made unfair selections. I might mention the chess and checker club, the fraternities, Kappa Phi Kappa, the Cocoa club—but I cannot."

"This pamphlet quotes a poor little freshman who on March 20, last, uttered this feeble cry:

"I am so rushed to death,—morning, noon, and night,—I haven't time to sit down and think."

"Poor little unsophisticated chap! He needs to learn what any twentieth century fellow has to learn, that this sitting down business is past; he must needs learn how to think standing up."

"If I could offer one word of advice to students it would be this: Get into college activities. Quit playing the drone. Employ your peculiar talents in making your college world a better place for your having lived in it. Play your parts as leaders in a progressive play. Learn how to think and to meditate as you run. Learn the truth of the saying: 'If you want a thing done, ask the busy men to do it.' Know the truth that the busier you are the less vulnerable you are to the shafts of the devil. Intellectual power is developed on the forge of personal enterprise. No man in these days can retire to the inner room, to smoke his pipe of peace, and expect human kind to tarry for him a minute. We have moved on since Columbus discovered America."

### PROF. WEBER'S VIEWPOINT.

(Continued from page 1) real intellectual work), and take two good hours of physical exercise or play, you have only six left for everything else,—meals, movies, dances, fraternity meetings, committee meetings, and all the rest. When you try to increase this recreation time, you cheat either your body out of sleep, or your mind out of its real training. In either case you hand yourself a gold brick."

### MUSICAL CLUBS WELL RECEIVED.

(Continued from page 1) in many different places throughout New England, extending congratulations for the splendid concert which they stated was "coming in fine."

#### Trip Highly Gratifying.

To everybody concerned and interested in Colby, this final trip of the Musical Clubs for the season, brought much pleasure. The hundreds who heard the concerts were highly pleased everywhere, as the numerous requests for return engagements would imply, and it may truly be said that Colby's Musical Clubs went a long way in giving the college splendid publicity and a higher standing wherever entertainments were given on this concluding trip of the year."

### VOLLEY BALL PRELIMINARIES.

Volley ball preliminaries are being played off this week between the classes. The Seniors have played the Sophomores and Juniors will play the Freshmen. The winning teams will play each other for the championship. The Senior-Sophomore game resulted in a win for the Sophomores who outplayed the Seniors in two consecutive games.

### UPSILON BETA HOLDS ANNUAL DANCE.

The annual spring dance of the Upsilon Beta freshman honorary society was held at the Elks Hall last Friday night. The affair was largely

attended and proved to be one of the most successful social functions of the year. More than 80 couples were present. The music for the dance was furnished by the Blue and Grey Orchestra.

In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. George E. Parmenter, Dean Nettie Mae Runnal and Prof. and Mrs. Perkins. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of George M. Pratt and Francis Bartlett.

### WOMEN ELECT FOR COMMENCEMENT PARTS.

The women of the Senior class have made the following elections for the commencement exercises:

Address to undergraduates, Mary E. Gordon.

Class poem, Donnie C. Getchell. Awarding of honors, Anna C. I. Erickson.

Program committee: Mildred M. Todd, Grace M. Martin, Ethel Harmon.

Ode committee, Katrina I. Hedman, Hilda A. Worthen, Celia I. Clary.

### GOODWIN PRELIMINARIES HELD.

The Goodwin preliminaries took place in the college chapel last Saturday afternoon. This contest was open to anyone in the men's division and required of advanced classes in public speaking. The eight students ranking highest in the preliminary contest will be appointed to the final contest which will be held in the near future. The subject is "Heroes and Heroism." The awards are as follows: First prize, \$50; second prize, \$25; third prize, \$15; fourth prize, \$10.

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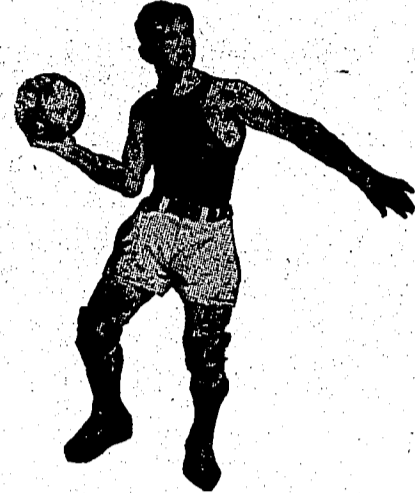
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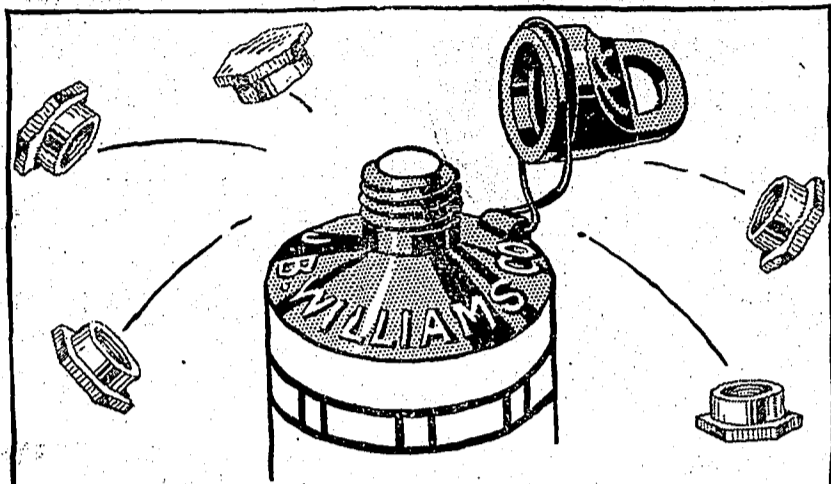


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## The comet came back

The great comet that was seen by William of Normandy returned to our skies in 1910 on its eleventh visit since the Conquest. Astronomers knew when it would appear, and the exact spot in the sky where it would first be visible.

Edmund Halley's mathematical calculation of the great orbit of this 76-year visitor—his scientific proof that comets are part of our solar system—was a brilliant application of the then unpublished *Principia* of his friend Sir Isaac Newton.

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