

WILKINSON SPEAKS
ON WORLD AFFAIRS

History Professor Tells Of Problems In Europe And China—Discusses Attitude of U. S.

In an address before the Woman's Club of Waterville last evening, Professor William J. Wilkinson of the Colby History department made a survey of present day problems in China and Europe and discussed the attitude of the United States towards those problems. He offered much new material in his speech and gave opinions which were eminently just and logical. He spoke in part as follows:

"Today," he said, "we are living in one of the great transition periods of history. And quite naturally it is a period of disquiet, confusion and upheaval. This state of affairs is equally true of China, Russia, Italy and a score of other nations. In China there has been and is a state of civil war. There is also in process of development, an unmistakable spirit of nationalism which has as its slogan, 'China for the Chinese.' As Chiang Kai Shek, leader of the Cantonese or Nationalist army, is supposedly under Russian influence, Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord, on the other hand is credited with being in close touch with Japan. In the near future these two opposing forces will meet in battle, the result of which will determine the immediate future of this great eastern nation.

"Russia is another nation which is making history. Many conflicting reports emanate from that country as to the success or failure of the Soviet Regime. Many years must pass before it will be possible to pass judgment on the vast experiments which are being undertaken by the Bolsheviks. At the present moment Stalin is the controlling factor and it is well known that he is favorable to a more moderate policy than that which has obtained in the past.

"In Poland also there is an unsettled condition. No country has a more uncertain future. This section of Europe which has rightly been called the 'darker spot of Europe' is bound to be a constant source of trouble and possible war.

"Rumania, another Balkan state, is a further example of a troubled Europe. It is beyond question the worst governed country of modern times. Recently the Queen of Rumania announced that the object of her visit to the United States was to put Rumania on the map. The whole trouble in that country consists in the fact that too much of Rumania is already on the map. The greatest good which has resulted from the visit of the Rumanian queen has been the advertisement of the injustice and ills which abound in the turbulent country where she rules."

After speaking of the financial crisis in France, the severe industrial depression in England, Professor Wilkinson called attention to the fact that the so-called victor nations of the World War were suffering from the results of that war as much as were Germany and the defeated nations. In fact all Europe was in a desperate plight. According to a recent article by George Glasgow, an English authority, Europe is suffering "in a way which the imagination before 1914 could not have grasped." And such a state of affairs, he asserts, is eminently right and proper. "If," this writer continues, "the peoples of Europe spent four and a half years in concentrated effort to kill as many of one another's men as possible, to destroy as much property as possible, it is surprising that it is a long and difficult road to recovery? And as for the money Europe owes America, Mr. Glasgow insists that the ruthless debt policy which Mr. Borah calls for is highly desirable because it will keep Europe so poor that another war will be impossible during the sixty-two years in which England and the other nations are paying the bills of the war. "The financial tribute which is due to the United States," he asserts, "is likely to be more effective than the League of Nations to prevent another war." After quoting Mr. Glasgow still further, Professor Wilkinson then asked, "Is there a brighter side of the situation? Are there any signs of hopefulness? Yes. The treaties of Locarno, the agreement of Thoiry and the steel and other industrial combinations which are calculated to unite the economic life of both France and Germany

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FIRST DANCE HELD
IN GYM SUCCESSFUL

Affair Is Conducted By Student Council—Hopes For More Are Expressed.

The first college gymnasium dance of the year was held in the Colby gymnasium last Saturday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock, under the auspices of the Student Council, with an attendance of approximately two hundred, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. The music was furnished by George Allison and his Blue Serenaders.

The committee in charge of the dance was composed of the following members of the Student Council: Frederick E. Baker, '27, chairman, Leonard R. Finnemore, '27, Charles P. Nelson, '28, and Donald A. Allison, '30.

The Council had advertised the affair as a "stag" party and the greater part of the students attended with their own groups. The social life of the college is considered by the Student Council to be in dire need of such an opportunity for the members of both divisions to mingle as they did at the dance.

Those of the faculty who were present are as follows: President and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts, Dean Erma V. Reynolds, Professor Florence E. Dunn and Professor and Mrs. C. Harry Edwards.

The dance was conducted not as a money-making venture but for the benefit of the students. None were barred by the small admission fee charged which was only sufficient to cover the expenses of the evening.

This dance may be the first of a series. Its success and favorable comment among the students show its popularity and it may result that the Council will conduct several similar affairs during the college year.

COLLEGE EDITORSHIP IS
DEFINED BY RATCLIFFE

"At the larger universities the position of college editor is equal to that of captain of the football team, and he exerts great power among the student body. This has recently been seen at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton," said Harland R. Ratcliffe, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1923, and editor of the School and College Department of the Boston Transcript, speaking before the intercollegiate press congress at the University of Maine last Saturday.

The influence which the college press can have was emphasized by the Boston editor in his address and its power either for good or for evil was stressed. Ratcliffe's point of view is not that of one who has spent his days as a newspaper man, not seeing the matter from the athlete's side also, for while at Colby he was one of the outstanding athletes in college. He is called the "father of hockey" here and played on the first hockey team ever to represent the college. He was also a member of the football and baseball teams and an outstanding player in both sports. Three varsity sports were not enough for him, however, and he played on the Alpha Tau Omega interfraternity basketball team during several seasons.

The congress before which he spoke at the University of Maine was made up of editors and business managers of the high and preparatory school papers of Maine who were convened at the annual congress of Kappa Gamma Phi, the honorary journalistic fraternity.

MISS PHILLIPS
SPEAKS TO "Y"

The regular weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in Foss Hall reception room, Thursday evening, Dec. 2. President Julia D. Mayo, '27, led the service. Miss Ruby Phillips, a Wellesley graduate, and for some time teacher in a school in Amadnagar, India, gave a very interesting talk. Miss Phillips told of her work among the native girls who came to her school both from homes of wretched poverty and great wealth. Indian girls of either class have fewer advantages and less opportunity in life than American girls have. The needs of India are crying and desperate. The challenge of the missionary is not to go to India to preach, but to live and share in the daily life of the natives. In this way only can they be directed and guided by those that have had Christ in their lives.

COUNCIL ALTERS
PLEDGING RULES

Changes Suggested by Fraternities Adopted—Christmas Tree to Be Given at Boys' Club.

At the weekly meeting of the Student Council last Monday that body voted to appropriate \$25, the proceeds received from the dance held in the gymnasium last Saturday evening, for a Christmas tree to be given the children of Waterville and a committee of three, Maynard A. Maxwell, '27, Roland E. Potter, '27, and Greeley C. Pierce, '28, was chosen to make arrangements for the affair.

The boys' club was considered the most suitable place for the Christmas tree and it was thought that it could be held when the club was giving an entertainment at which the children could be guests.

It was voted to purchase a shield for the class winning the pushball contest and also one for the winners of the freshman banquet fray; thus both the freshmen and the sophomores will receive shields suitably engraved for their victories in the class struggles.

April 1 was approved as a date for the annual spring dance of Phi Delta Theta.

The pledging rules submitted to the various fraternities last Wednesday were discussed and the changes suggested by the various fraternities added. Sections 1 and 10 were the only ones not to be changed, the others altered as follows:

Section 2. "The first Wednesday after November 1," changed to "the third Wednesday in October."

Section 3. The word "freshman" changed to the word "student."

Section 4. Approved with the exception that an athletic captaincy formerly included in the list of offices forbidden as a penalty shall not be included.

Section 5. Changed to "The penalty shall be invoked by a unanimous vote of a committee of three men in no way connected with the college or with any fraternity having a chapter in the college."

Section 6. "Or delegate" was inserted after the word "president." The word faculty was stricken out. "As in rule 5" was inserted after the word "Council."

Section 7. Unchanged except to conform with the change to the third Wednesday in October and the insertion of "1.30 p. m. in" just preceding the words "the college chapel."

Section 8. The word "freshman" changed to the word "student." The words "and no freshman shall talk to an upperclassman until his decision has been handed to the committee" added at the end of the section.

Section 9. The word "faculty" stricken out.

Section 10. Approved.

Section 11. A new section which reads as follows: "The decisions handed to the committee shall be binding for a period of one year and no freshman pledging to a fraternity and breaking the pledge can be pledged to any other fraternity for the period of one year from the date of the breaking of the pledge."

MRS. CUMMINGS
VISITS SISTERS

Alpha Delta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was honored last week, with a visit from Mrs. A. B. Cummings, president of Gamma Province of Alpha Delta Pi. This is the third visit she has made to Colby on her annual tours of inspection. The girls are always glad to see Mrs. Cummings and to receive the advice and inspiration she always brings. Among other festivities during her stay the girls formed a thimble party and went to the Haines Theatre, Thursday evening.

This will be the last issue of the Echo before Christmas vacation.

All Seniors are requested to have their pictures taken for individual Oracle cuts before Christmas vacation. This will aid greatly in speeding up work on the Oracle, and will also lessen the work of the Editor and his staff. The cooperation of all Seniors is desired in this matter. Special arrangements have been made with Campbell's Studio.

ROLLINS IS HOST
TO FACULTY CLUB

Professor Morrow Leads Discussion on Prohibition—Tells of Experience in Research Work.

The Faculty Club met Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the home of Professor Rollins. Professor C. H. Morrow in opening the subject, Prohibition, referred to the practical impossibility of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and quoted from Irving Fisher's Prohibition at its worst to show that enforcement has been far from a failure.

"We often forget," he said, "that it was the saloon and liquor crowd, not the dry forces, that brought on national prohibition. . . . It is an experiment, certainly. But if not this method, then what?"

Professor Morrow told of his early investigation in Worcester, Mass. "The city went dry for two years. Charges were made that there were 200 speak-easies wide open even under no license. Another student and I, in making a social survey, found 247. Then the city went wet. Again we investigated, and found the 247 illegal bars running at full blast, in addition to the licensed saloons, indeed, under the wing of the saloons. My landlord was a saloon-keeper, and he was a good landlord. But when it came to his interests in liquor, there was nothing he wouldn't do. This is typical of the liquor business."

Then came the general discussion, the liveliest, most varied, most vigorous talk of any meeting of the faculty club. Out of it a few points of agreement emerged. All believe in temperance, want temperance; all object to the saloon, and all realize the difficulty of reaching a perfect solution of the liquor problem.

Some of the high lights of the discussion follow: "The book of D. Leigh Colvin, I am told, draws an exactly opposite conclusion from that of Fisher on the success of Prohibition." "But of course Colvin has not the standing of Fisher as a statistician." "Raymond Pearl (Johns Hopkins) seems to have proved that alcohol taken in moderation is not harmful, even beneficial. I know that you can substitute for sugars and starches in cow's diet a due proportion of alcohol, and they will do well on it." "Yet Pearl admits that his group was not large enough to give information of any conclusive sort. The American Medical Association last year declared alcohol not a food."

"Why is it that in Europe people drink constantly and yet are never drunk? 'Because nature has killed off all who couldn't handle alcohol. That's what will happen under prohibition; nature will kill off the old rummies. But let's not raise a new crop of drinkers.' 'The figures on arrests for first offenses seem to show that the new crop is not large.'"

"I know a man who is dying of cancer. The doctor prescribes whiskey; he can live on that. But he can't get it. Oh, this bootleg stuff, but he might as well die of cancer! I say it's outrageous that legitimate medical needs can't be supplied."

"If it goes on and they take away my tobacco then, I say, 'give me liberty or give me death!'" "Senator Copeland, of New York, is to introduce into Congress a bill raising to 4 per cent proportion of alcohol permitted in beverages." "Do you think his bill has a ghost of a chance?" "No, I do not. Walter Lipman, in the December Harpers, indicates a more probable course of action, practically nullification in the wettest area, which is almost the case today."

CHI GAMS HOLD
FEED AT HALL

The members of Chi Gamma Theta, sophomore honorary society, enjoyed a feed in Foss Hall assembly room on Wednesday noon, Dec. 1. The feed consisted of chicken patties, sweet pickles, hot rolls, ginger ale, chocolate doughnuts, and Chi Gam gum. During the meal music and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed. The following members were present: Ruth Daggett, Martin Allen, Barbara Weston, Harriet Kimball, Bonnie Collins, Jean Watson, Ruth Barlett, Natalie Downs, Eleanor Lunn, Elsie Lewis, Lillian Morse, Elizabeth Libbey, Nolla Bucknam, Hester Field and Grace Stone.

Freshman toques have arrived and are on sale at Dunham's.

LAMBDA CHIS HOLD MEMORIAL
FOR VICTIMS OF FIRE OF 1922

Impressive Services Held In Chapter House—Professor Rollins Presides—Lives Of Deceased Brothers Sketched.

Impressive memorial services in memory of the five men who lost their lives in the disastrous fire which destroyed the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house four years ago were held Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the Chapter house.

The fire occurred on December 4, 1922, in the early hours of the morning from an unknown origin and within a short time the building was entirely consumed by flames. Four men, Alton L. Andrews, Warren L. Frye, Norman M. Wardwell and Charles M. Troworgy were burned at the time of the fire and their bodies were found in the ruins. Ralph S. Robinson, the fifth victim, died a few weeks later in the hospital from pneumonia which he contracted as a result of the fire.

The bronze tablet which was erected October 28, 1923, and is located above the fireplace in the reception room between the pictures of the victims bears tribute to their memory. The services which have been carried out each year on the Sunday nearest

December 4, have become a cherished tradition of the fraternity.

The services held last Sunday were presided over by Prof. Cecil A. Rollins, a member of the college faculty and a graduate member of the fraternity, and were opened by a violin duet, "One Fleeting Hour," by Gilbert Muir and Phillip Ely, accompanied by Stanley C. Brown at the piano. While the music was being played Prof. Rollins and the enrobed officers of the fraternity marched in to their places in a semi-circle beneath the tablet. In front of them was the altar which was draped with the fraternity coat-of-arms, the emblem of true spirit for which the men gave their lives.

Professor Rollins delivered fitting remarks concerning the purpose of the services and closed his talk by saying, "The flames of life are fed and the Light of the world increases, not by the fuel of those sitting in the darkness, the ignorant, the narrow, and the selfish, but by the men whose souls harbor Faith, Hope and Love."

This was followed by a brief prayer. Maynard W. Maxwell of South China spoke briefly of the ideals of the fraternity. He gave a short sketch of the tradition of fraternal spirit with a history of its perpetuation down to the present day and characterized it as a monument to days gone by which carried down from generation to generation the message of idealism. His words in part were: "Lambda Chi Alpha builds towards a well rounded life, a life illuminated by the light of wisdom. While we mourn the absence of our departed brothers, we realize that it was such a light that illuminated their pathways even unto the darkest hour. . . . For us too, the light of wisdom is present as a guide, flickering, but increasing as our capacities grow until its final brilliance meets us in the great beyond."

The monument which the fraternity has erected to its departed brothers is for the future to regard and carries the finest of idealism to those who will follow. The three great lessons of the fraternity, Faith, Hope and Love were characterized by F. Clement Taylor, '27, of Winthrop, William E. Pierce, '27, of Lynn, Mass., and Prof. Cecil Rollins.

Ross H. Whittier, '28, of Ipswich, Mass., gave a brief portrayal of the life of Charles M. Troworgy and stated in part that, "In his gentle, kindly spirit there was exemplified the spirit of his Master. . . . ever ready to lend a helping hand, if need were great or small. . . . whose counsel was ever sought and gladly given."

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PATTEN SPEAKS
TO STUDENTS

R. T. Patton, managing editor of the Skowhegan Independent Reporter of Skowhegan, one of Maine's foremost weekly newspapers, gave a short talk last Friday, Dec. 3, to the members of the class of Journalism of the college.

Mr. Patton was enroute to Orono where he was to be one of the speakers at a meeting of the secondary and preparatory school editors of school papers held by the University of Maine.

His talk was brief, but he commended the class on the excellent practical training they were obtaining and spoke a few words about the benefits derived from committing short lines of poems, speeches, etc., to memory, and of the practical application of them in the journalistic fields.

THIRD OF JOINT
VESPERS SUNDAY

A Christmas Musical Service will be held in the college chapel next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock as the third of the joint Vesper Services under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A's. The special features of the program will be a choir of sixteen men and women and several instrumental numbers. A cordial invitation to this meeting is extended by the committees in charge to all townspeople as well as to the members of the student body.

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The dance in the gymnasium last Saturday evening was as successful and beneficial as possible. With two hundred of the undergraduates spending their evening there rather than at the movies or at another dance hall, its value can hardly be overestimated. We at Colby need, rather than more curriculum changes, more social life, the background and the basis of our accomplishments. Relaxation and comradeship such as every one of the two hundred gained last Saturday is beneficial to all of our other student activities, and also, we believe, to our studies.

A gymnasium dance whenever it will not interfere with other college activities would be of very great benefit.

ATHLETIC FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report of the athletic council given last week was very well received by the student body. Many erroneous opinions regarding the expenditures for various sports were cleared up at that time and the report was welcomed.

There were, however, some features of that report which students do not understand and which they would like to have made more clear to them. The statement as given was all that could be given in the time of a chapel period, and thus perhaps was all that might be expected under the conditions. But as it was given it was very incomplete and left the athletic financial situation as complex and misunderstood as it was before.

Instances of the questions which have been asked by students are: Was the salary of the hockey coach taken from the hockey or the football fund? When it was stated that \$1700 was appropriated for track, why was it shown as a pure loss? Why were not the guarantees from indoor meets and our share of the gate at the Maine and New England Intercollegiate meets credited to that sport? Why was baseball shown also as a loss with no receipts from the sport indicated? Were there no guarantees to be shown as a result of trips of the tennis team?

These and many other problems face the student who attempts to discover just what the financial situation really is. What the student body needs and what they desire is a complete itemized report of all receipts and expenditures made in connection with Colby athletics. Only by the publication of such a report every year can the misunderstandings and erroneous opinions on Colby athletic finances be ended.

STUDENT OPINION.

Whether or not a college paper should attack what is considered evil in the college is a matter of opinion. Our policy is to do so and as long as the present board serves, this will be continued. Our policy as stated in the first issue which we edited is, briefly, as follows, quoted from that issue:

"The purpose of the board will be to serve the college. No personal honors are desired, for glory could be more easily earned in any other field of activity. There are many reforms needed at Colby, and criticism of . . . powers which make this advancement impossible may be expected. . . . At least editorials will be frank. They may be designated as radical. . . . but all will be written earnestly, without prejudice, and with the advancement of the interests of the student body as their first thought. . . . Editorials criticising an iron rule and favoring student government of student affairs must not be unexpected. . . . They will not be written for idle talk but will be written deliberately and with a purpose."

With that as a thesis we will continue, having faith in the student body more than many will exhibit. The college, we consider, is the place where their moral, intellectual, and spiritual fiber is to be strengthened and one of the best means we know of doing this is to recognize the value of student opinion, and allow them, in great part, to solve their own problems.

The mottoes over the gate of Harvard Yard are significant of what the college should do. As one enters the Yard he reads, "ENTER TO GROW IN WISDOM;" as he leaves, the transcript he sees is "DEPART TO BETTER SERVE THY COUNTRY AND THY KIND." Between those two is a great gap which the college should and which Colby must fill. A faculty sympathetic, an athletic governing board considerate, and a general respect for student opinion are all necessary if the teachers are to fulfill their chosen mission—the mission of makers of men.

You cannot take seven hundred human beings out of a social order and make them over by compelling obedience to rules. They must receive the same recognition which they would get in any other society.

Persons who discount or ignore student opinion must realize

that upon the proper guidance of that one thing rests the future of every student body; who knows but of the whole college system?

Student opinion has its value.

LITERARY COLUMN

Ten years ago a man from Maine penned "The Man Against the Sky," and since then many articles have appeared, lauding, condemning, criticizing, glorifying Mr. Robinson's art. And what more does a man need to establish his place in American letters (or is it American movies) than to have a load of lauding, condemning, criticizing, glorifying "abuse" heaped upon him? The latest and one of the best works to appear concerning Mr. Robinson is Ben Ray Redman's "Edwin Arlington Robinson." In that brochure we find the following:

"He (Mr. Robinson) stands practically alone among contemporary poets, his place unmenaced by those about him. Neither Mr. Lindsay, nor Mr. Frost, nor Mr. Masters, nor Mr. Pound, nor Mr. Sandberg can cope with the poetical event so successfully and with such calm assurance. Mr. Robinson, then, is the superman among living American poets. Only Whitman, and perhaps not even he is Robinson's peer in the entire field of American poetry."

And them's our sentiments, exactly.

BARGAIN?

You, sir, yes, you, with cool grey eyes that seem
 To rest dispassionate upon the route,
 You with the neat cropped beard so white, so trim,
 You whose every line is right, whose face
 Is calm, so coolly calm, to you I speak.
 That steady, tolerant gaze, resigned but not
 Supine, that lifted eyebrow, mocking lip,
 How great a price of febrile days, of heat,
 Of wrack, and stress, and pain, how great a price
 Did life exact from you for those? My faith,
 They are a worthy good, a worthy good.
 "Oh, not too precious," you reply, and smile.
 "Not over highly to be held, these things."
 A young man I, with many years to live,
 I guess, that is, if nothing goes amiss—
 What's that?—"and therefor to be envied?"
 Well, I hardly know. Oh, yes, illusion, joy,
 The zest for life, the fight—up blades! and fight to win!
 And dewy love, and dreams, and all the rest,
 The gaits that age is always swinging back
 And forth before the eyes of youth, as if to please
 A puling babe, as if youth could not see!
 The tinsel gaits that age has picked apart,
 Ha, ha! You'll pardon me my little laugh?
 So kind you are!
 You're sure you've not forgot
 The other things, the half made things, the half
 Achieved, the whole not gained, the yearning,
 Yearning of a damned soul, the yearning
 For the other half, the drab, drab days, and nights
 Of galling urge that goads, and picks, and spurs,
 And sends the poor fool posting on to—nowhere?
 You've not forgotten these? The gruesome emptiness
 That grins upon us from the trivial laud
 We sweat for, and the horrid dawn of knowledge,
 Disillusion, some are wont to call it, These you've not overlooked?
 You'll grant me one more laugh? Indeed you're generous! And well you can afford
 To be, what with that eye, whose frostiness
 Is but the frost upon a well filled glass,
 What with that chuckle, the chuckling of the ice
 Within a well filled glass. Yes, you're lucky—
 Well you know it, too. I'd swap them all,
 The vernal joys, to be so calm.

Cynicus.

GOSSIP OF THE GLADIATORS.

Dear Editor:—

(As signed in last week's Echo.)
 You have the illogical optimism of an Eddie Guest. Perhaps you are right in saying, "So long as you are pure, why bother about the rest?"—God will take care of them if the professors don't. Bunk. If there are

some of us in this college who deem it worthy to hold our honor high, why should we be obliged to rate with the "canting hypocrites" who make up the majority. (I repeat canting hypocrites.) If this majority has no honor, shouldn't it for the sake of the college, for the sake of education itself, for the sake of immediate undergraduate life, be forced to observe the rules of decency?

Your argument is that so long as I don't kill my neighbor, why should I complain about their little murder or suicide parties? Because their killing make an unhealthy neighborhood; a neighborhood which must have an unsavory reputation; a neighborhood of which I could hardly be proud.

You say that "the will to cheat is no less damning than the act." You mean the inner urge, the desire to cheat is as damning as brazenly carrying the act through? You are wrong. It is the determining against these lower emotions that makes us men and women of character. The instinct to be honorable may be developed into a determination to be honorable, or it may be killed by weak willed shiftlessness.

More desire to crib in difficult courses. (Granting this for the sake of editorial space, though it is not true.) A difficult course remains a difficult course so long as even the lowest form of co-educational worm is given no opportunity for carrying out that desire.

"The only person cheated is the cheater himself." No, Eddie Guest, we are all cheated because we are all cheaters more or less when we harbor these college crooks. We are coddling them for future ill, and decorating them with the rights to perform their perfidies in all our walks of life. They are our future business men and women, our future politicians, and our future ministers and teachers.

The college is overrun with cheaters. They are a present and future menace. They must reform with a will or drop out. No college with any pride will remain a breeding place for pretenders. And no college should expect a special providence, a divine justice to remove this worldly evil.

And so far as I have been able to ascertain, the students need not expect, in many cases, the professors to try to remove this evil. A few will, and always have. They are the professors for whom the students hold the highest respect. Others will leave the matter as much alone day by day as they will in finals. A judgment in the finals would be a low down trick, at best, "a silent condemnation" which would smack of another kind of hypocrisy.

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Editor's Note.—This letter makes the editor very humble. He is left only the consolation of the words of Oliver W. Holmes:

"People who hold such absolute opinions should stay at home in protestant dominions."

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN COLLEGE.

Learned lecture, weighty tome,
 And fine philosophy;
 Study of Greece and golden Rome,
 And sleek psychology;
 Hush of rhetoric, smart debate,
 And etymology;
 Study of prince and potentate,
 And paleontology;
 Eccle and math and liberal arts,
 And sociology;
 Study of brains and bones and hearts,
 And false theology;
 Trying by book and rule and rod
 To fashion a man at expense of God.

One of our contemporaries took the words out of our mouth! "Our idea of a really collegiately dressed fellow is one who has to take two steps before his pants move."

CUTS.

We sometimes wonder if it isn't an obligation that an intelligent man owes himself to cut the lectures of an uninspiring professor as often as these cuts will lead to an enjoyment of the course. Professors who can hold the interest of their students probably do not care one way or the other whether there is a cut system or not. And, by the way, is there any difference between permitting a student three cuts in a course and telling him to cut three times? This system of limited cuts has no comparison with the system of the workaday world, where it's up to the man himself to get there. A limited cut system anticipates no personal responsibility, and an education that imparts a man with the fact that he must attend class to learn anything is

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far more valuable than an education that teaches a man to go to class because there's a rule that compels him to. At any rate, by the time a man has been in college two years he ought to have horse sense enough to know that he has to attend classes regularly if he is to get by. If he doesn't, let him suffer for his cuts in value lost.

Dear Editor:—

I must add my bit to the letters on cribbing. If cribbing increases with the distance from the front row it must be 100 per cent strong in the back of every room. Observation has taught me that about half of those in the front rows crib in one way or another. Looking on the other fellow's paper is one of the least important ways.

The Editor's statement that in any case the only person cheated is the cheater, does not seem quite the case to me. In just so much as people by cheating got diplomas from Colby the value of a Colby diploma is lowered. The cheater is harming all of us. While we are on the subject how about the student correctors who play favorites? Do they not encourage a type of cribbing or injustice? If the students are the college let them walk

up and be worthy of their trust.

'28.

Dear Girls:—

Did you absorb the dire, drastic and derogatory criticism in last week's Echo, concerning your ante actions in that pensive citadel, the Library. I'd be ashamed, if I were a nice girl, to have such adjectives applied to me. But, seriously, you mustn't be nit-wits. You must be nice and quiet and not disturb sociate scholars because we don't want any stringent rules. You know at Bates, girls aren't allowed in the Library at night, and at Maine they have separate libraries. We don't want anything like that. We like to have girls in the Library. Books aren't everything. We have a liberal librarian. He doesn't want to make stringent rules. He wants to put the matter up to the students. We want him to.

So, Girls, it's up to us (I mean you) to stop talking, giggling, giggling, flirting, simpering and squealing, and, Boys, you mustn't pay any attention to the Girls. They come there to study and so do you. We don't want rules. We want the students to understand the situation and act accordingly. Amen.

J. A. N. '27.

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TEAM IS CHOSEN

The varsity hockey team has been chosen by the Health Board and the hockey managers, and is composed of the following girls: Leonora Hall, '27, center forward; Leola Clement, '27, left forward; Harriet Kimball, '29, right forward; Mona Herron, '28, left wing; Grace Stone, '29, right wing; Ruth McEvoy, '28, left halfback; Helen Brigham, '30, center back; Barbara Weston, '29, right halfback; Lura Norcross, '27, left fullback; Frances Bragdon, '28, right fullback; Lora Neal, '29, goal.

WINTER SPORTS.

The Colby college students, who are candidates for the winter sports team met yesterday afternoon for the first time this year and formed their permanent organization. Eighteen men reported and the prospects for a better team than represented the college last year are very good.

John F. Fowler, '27, was elected captain of the team and Donald H. Rollins, '27, was chosen as manager. Both of these men are veterans from last season and two of the most expert men in the college.

Plans for the winter were discussed and several prospective meets were talked over although no definite decision was reached.

More candidates are desired and if they can be obtained there is a possibility that a demand will be made that winter sports be recognized by the athletic council as a minor sport. The choice of a faculty advisor was discussed but left until the next meeting.

The greatest problem facing the team is to stimulate enough interest among the students and one solution of this was advanced in the running of an interfraternity meet. The report of the Maine Intercollegiate Winter Sports Association was read and the Carnival Dates of the various colleges given. These dates are as follows:

February 5, Maine; February 7, Colby; February 11, Bowdoin, (state meet); February 12, Bates.

The mapping of a suitable cross country course for the snowshoers

and skiers was left in the hands of Manager Rollins. This will be completed soon and the work of the team will begin before the Christmas vacation. The next meeting of the association will be held next Sunday afternoon.

The men attending included several of those who competed last winter but outstanding talent seems to be quite lacking although the first practice may disclose something in the entering class.

SPORTLETS.

The heavy snow of the last few days has made it impossible for the Colby track candidates to continue their work of general conditioning and the runners will be forced to resort to the boards while the remainder of the men will continue in the gym.

The relay runners and the men who are working on the weights will practice on the board track from now until spring. The lack of an indoor field will handicap the Blue and Gray men to a great extent and give their opponents a considerable lead. Work, however is being rushed and the candidates will be in excellent condition by the time of the first meet.

George Mittelsdorf, who sustained a leg injury some time ago, will not be able to do any heavy work until after the Christmas vacation. Mittelsdorf will undoubtedly run in the indoor meets of the season, continuing in his specialty, the 40 yard dash.

Charlie Sansone, joint holder of the world's two mile record, Jimmie Brudno, Colby's one mile champ, and Mayo Seekins, holder of the college high jump, will also get into action soon.

The relay schedule has been partially made and the quartet is looking forward to a busy winter.

The hockey candidates reported for the first time this week and practice is now in full swing with twenty men reporting. Work in the gymnasium will probably continue until after the vacation.

Captain Gould, Peacock, and Drummond remain from last year's team while Tattersall, Carlson and Scott are the most promising men from last year's freshman team. Sev-

eral promising men from the class of '30, will be eligible after mid-years.

ENROLLMENT TOTALS
676 UNDERGRADUATES

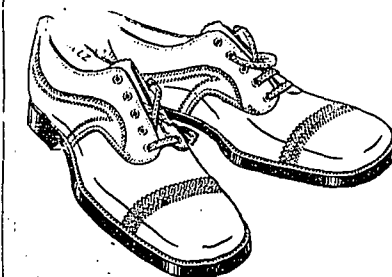
Eleven States And District of Columbia Represented — Skowhegan Extension Courses Discontinued.

676 students from eleven states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries make up the undergraduate registration of Colby college this year according to the official catalogue for 1926-27, which has been issued recently. This is an increase of thirty-one over last year's enrollment of 645.

Four graduate students and thirty-eight extension course students bring the total student enrollment of the college to 718. This apparent decrease of seventy-nine in the total registration is explained by the fact that last year there were 147 students in the extension courses. This year, however, no extension courses are being given in Skowhegan while only two of the usual four courses are being given in Waterville.

Maine with 444 students has, of course, the largest representation among the undergraduates, but the percentage of out-of-state pupils is steadily increasing. Massachusetts has 132 students in Colby this year; New York, 35; Connecticut, 16; New Hampshire, 12; Vermont, 10; Rhode Island, 10; New Jersey, six; Illinois, two; while Arizona, Nebraska and the District of Columbia each have one. The two foreign countries represented are Canada with five students, and Japan with one.

All of the upper classes show an increase in enrollment over last year's figures. The present senior class contains 70 men and 57 women, or a total of 127, as contrasted with last year's senior class of 109, of which 63 were men and 46 were women. The class of 1928 contains 148 mem-

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bers, 90 men and 58 women, while last year's junior class numbered only 135, 78 men and 57 women. The sophomore class has 176 members, of which 110 are men and 66 are women; last year the sophomore class numbered 173 of which 111 were men and 62 were women. The freshmen class of 299, 121 men and 78 women, shows a decrease of 12 from last year's figures which showed a class enrollment of 211, 137 men and 74 women.

This year there are 411 men and 265 women undergraduates, while last year there were 401 and 244 women; a slightly larger increase in the women's division due, no doubt, to the marked increase in the number of girls who live in Waterville.

SOPHS WIN IN
HEALTH CONTEST

Better Health Week came to a close with a bang Friday night, when the class of 1929 proved to the college its physical superiority over the three other classes. Although the sophomores seemed to have the first place from the very start of the contest, the freshmen took the lead on the fourth day, making competition more keen on the last day. The freshmen proved their worth by finishing second, while the seniors took third place. The results were as follows:

	Fresh.	Soph.	Jun.	Sen.
Monday	.60	1.23	.99	.79
Tuesday	.90	.97	.58	.70
Wednesday	1.25	1.42	.78	.76
Thursday	1.32	1.22	.52	.86
Friday	1.13	1.27	.98	1.17
Total	1.04	1.22	.77	.85

Points, Sophomores, 15; Freshmen, 10; Seniors, 5.

LAMBDA CHI MEMORIAL.

(Continued from page 1)

William E. Pierce in sketching the life of Warren L. Frye, said, "His ever ready smile won for him a host of friends. He lightened the burden for all who came in contact with him and was the life of every occasion."

Clement Taylor, who spoke a few brief words about the life of Norman M. Wardwell, said, "He possessed a wonderful capacity for friendship and all who knew him were attracted by his personality."

In the outline of the life of Ralph S. Robinson given by Stanley Brown, '28, of Hyde Park, Mass., he characterized "Robbie" as one who recognized the essential values gained only through associations of a fraternity group.

Maynard Maxwell gave a brief account of the life of Alton Andrews and stated that he was admired for his sterling quality of manhood, his unselfish sacrifice and his undying perseverance.

The services which closed by a prayer by Prof. Rollins were well attended by both members of the fraternity and those in the college and the city who were acquainted with the deceased.

COMING EVENTS.

Saturday, Dec. 11. Delta Kappa Epsilon Dance.

Sunday, Dec. 12. Vesper Service in the Chapel at 4.00 P. M.

Tuesday, Dec. 14. Christmas Sing at "Y" meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 15. Christmas Races begins at noon.

Tuesday, Jan. 4. College reopens at 8.00 A. M.

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LAMBDA CHIS HOLD FALL DANCE AT CHAPTER HOUSE

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity held its fall house party last Friday evening, Dec. 3, at the Chapter house. Members of the fraternity together with their friends, delegates from the various fraternities on the campus and from Beta Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Maine were present.

The reception room was uniquely decorated with fir bows and crepe streamers. A false ceiling of fir branches hung from overhead interspersed with many colored lights which gave the effect of the Yuletide season. On one of the walls, covering the space from floor to ceiling was a large artificial French-window with a hand colored winter scene in crayon, in the background.

The orchestra was enclosed in a setting of fir bows with a large cross and crescent of gold mounted on a purple background. The cross and crescent is the badge of friendship for the fraternity and the arrangement effect displayed the fraternity colors of purple, green, and gold.

Music was furnished for the occasion by Allison's orchestra, consisting of piano, saxophone, banjo and drums. A few specialty numbers were given by Cooke and Rood on the Hawaiian guitars. The dance closed with the Lambda Chi waltz.

The patrons and patronesses were President and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts, Dean Erma V. Reynolds, Prof. and Mrs. Cecil A. Rollins, Professor and Mrs. C. Harry Edwards and Mrs. Philip Hall.

Ralph H. Ayer of Lynn, Mass., Robert C. Chandler of Columbia Falls, and Arthur H. Snyder of Portland were the committee in charge of the affair, and the landscape drawings and decorations were done by Cecil H. Rose of Waterville who is very talented and accomplished in the art of drawing.

"HASH" TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

The Colby Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s will present their first joint entertainment on Friday of this week when their production "Hash" is played at the City Opera House.

A five act vaudeville entertainment is planned with the Men's Glee Club, the Women's Musical Club, and the Powder and Wig Society furnishing three of the acts.

Carl Rood and Joe Cooke will entertain. Martha Allen will work with Harriett Towle to furnish one of the best skits on the program.

Professor Everett F. Strong will give several piano selections and his part in the entertainment is one of its most important features.

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University of Maine—Kappa Gamma Phi, honorary journalistic society, entertained the editors and business managers of many of the Maine high and preparatory school papers on Friday and Saturday of last week. The principal speaker of the congress was Harland R. Ratcliffe, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1923, and school and college editor of the Boston Evening Transcript.

Bates—The laws on how far one may ride with co-eds have been made less stringent and at the present time the women of the college can ride as far as appointed limits which are approximately two miles from the college.

Bowdoin—An Art Institute will be conducted at the college from May 2 to 13. R. Taint McKensie the sculptor and Douglas Volk the portrait painter will be among the lecturers. These lectures will be open to the public but on the morning following the public lectures each artist will conduct a round table conference open only to Bowdoin undergraduates.

University of Colorado—A student recently appeared on the campus with thirty inch Oxford Bags draped where his trousers should have been. Shortly afterward he was found unconscious and his bags were discovered draped becomingly on the branches of a nearby tree.

Smith College—Twelve and one-half per cent more Smith women married in the decade of classes from 1909 to 1918 than in the decade from 1879 to 1888. At present the percentage of married alumni is 50.1.

Princeton University—Paternalism is giving way to Maternalism. 500 Princeton mothers recently met in the Waldorf-Astoria to discuss matters common to them all in relation to their sons at Princeton.

McGill University—Smoking in classroom was a feature of the week's news when a professor said that he had no objection to the use of the weed during a lecture. Farewell, Mary Garden; welcome, Lady Nicotine.

Willamette University—From far-away Oregon comes the plaintive echoes from the starved soul of a co-ed. An article by a co-ed, in the Willamette Collegian is in part as follows: "Some of our fellows have the warped idea that they're just about the keenest, kuteest men that ever happened along. Because they have a buggy, a sweater resembling a totem pole, and the record of having 361 dates in their would-be questionable past, they pride themselves in having an individualistic technique, a collegiate clutch, whereas the pitiful truth is that their tactics are anti-diluvian. They are cave men, the most sorrowful, seedy dates imaginable. Willamette maids don't like boys that smoke, drink, chew or swear—you know that as well as I do. They don't like boys that feed 'em a heavy line when it's toasted sandwiches they crave. They don't like boys that wear a shaven head and unbobbed whiskers. They don't like boys who refer to their ladies as 'ole wimmin.' What they do like (you've heard it before) is a kindred spirit in intellect and soul, an uneracked gem, a jewel of high calibre!!!"

Northwestern University—The Daily Northwestern, student publication of Northwestern University, in an editorial says that should reformers who think college students, including co-eds, are bound for the bow-wows via pajama dances, gin and other evil pastimes, are mistaken. The paper defends undergraduate morals against attacks made particularly by Wilfred O. Cross, former University of Illinois student.

"Such affairs as these are entirely sporadic," says the publication. Then it lists some of the pranks that have occurred in various colleges. Some are: Leaving various animals standing outside class rooms; putting frosh oysters in mail boxes of professors; putting molasses in class room seats; putting bags of flour in ventilators so that everybody got a white coating when the air was turned on."—Boston Evening Transcript.

WILKINSON SPEAKS

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point to a new and better day. Everywhere in Europe there is talk of a United States of Europe. The recent Pan-European congress at Vienna is an indication of this movement. An economic congress of the various European states under the auspices of the League of Nations for the purpose of removing tariff barriers between these states still further indicates the efforts which are being made towards unity, peace and cooperation. This movement is not born of a new spirit of love and amity but is being accelerated by a common feeling among all nations towards the United States. Fear of financial domination by this country and economic necessity account partially, at least, for the efforts which are being made to establish a United States of

Europe. Furthermore, many of the leading European countries owe this country vast sums of money and their common necessity or grievance, fancied or real, helps explain the remarkable unanimity which in recent months has dominated their councils.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this earth the brother of our beloved sister, Eleanor Hathaway, be it Resolved, that we, the members of Alpha Chapter of Sigma Kappa, express our most deep and heartfelt sympathy to our sister and her family in their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, that a copy be published in the Colby Echo, and that a third copy be placed in the Chapter files.

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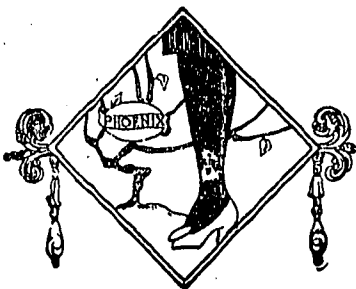
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