

COLBY WINS DUAL  
DEBATE WITH MAINE

Negative Team Gets 3-0  
Decision at Bangor ----  
Affirmative Side Defeated  
2-1 at Home----Question  
in Amendment of Vol-  
stead Act.

With a 3 to 0 victory at Bangor and a 2 to 1 defeat at home, Colby's debating teams had the edge over the University of Maine in their annual dual debate which was held last Thursday on the proposition, Resolved: That the Volstead Act should be amended to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines. Both Colby teams turned in good performances, but the negative team which travelled to Bangor presented the best piece of forensic work, both in argument and in appearance, of any Blue and Gray team that has taken the platform this year.

The Colby affirmative team which debated at home was composed of Cecil E. Foote, '28, of Holyoke, Mass.; Raymond Sullivan, '27, of Hinekey; and C. Evan Johnson, '27, of Norwood, Mass. The negative speakers who represented the University of Maine were James Ashworth, '30; Charles O'Connor, '30; and Robert Scott, '28. The affirmative team undertook to establish that enforcement of the Volstead Law has failed, that all kinds of crime have greatly increased, and that modification is the only practical remedy. The Maine team not only met these arguments, but built up a strong case for enforcement.

Ernest C. Marriner, librarian and professor of bibliography presided, while the judges were Roland T. Patten of Skowhegan, and Hugh Travers and Ernest E. Finnemore, both of Waterville. An interesting point in connection with this contest was the fact that it was the first debate from which Professor Herbert C. Libby, coach of debating, had been absent during the past seventeen years.

The negative team which debated at Bangor was composed of Lawrence A. Peakes, '28, of Poultny, Vt.; Marion N. Rhoades, '27, of Belfast; and Charles P. Nelson, '28, of Augusta. The Maine affirmative team was Edward Stern, Frank Linnell, and Shirley Berger. Since all of the Maine team were graduates of Bangor high school, the debate was held in the high school auditorium. In spite of this fact, the audience was very small as there were less than twenty people present in a hall that accommodates about a thousand.

The principal factors leading to the unanimous decision in favor of Colby were the quoting of Bangor statistics which were obtained from City Hall just before the debate by Peakes, Nelson's argument that modification was constitutionally impossible, and Rhoades' issue of precedent and his especially effective rebuttal.

Merrill, president of the Maine debating society presided, and the judges were Dr. A. Robinson and Meyer Segal of Bangor, and Professor Adams of M. I. T.

NEW ISSUE OF  
WHITE MULE OUT

The Colby White Mule, under the guiding hand of its editor, John Atwood Nelson, has once again made its appearance on the campus, and attendance of college classes show a noticeable diminishing while the magazine is in the process of distribution. It is rumored that circulation manager, Howard Douglass Fowle, weathered nobly the Foss Hall stampede for copies.

The current issue is labeled as a Travel number and the cover is an excellent product from the pen of its editor, Mr. Nelson. The editorials are well written and are couched in a style that must have caused Nonh Webster several envious twinges as he turned over restlessly in his grave. The artists besides Mr. John Nelson, who have contributed to this issue are: Charles Pembroke Nelson, Hom Locke and D. L. G.

This is the second number of the White Mule that has made its appearance this year and its editors have spared no efforts to make it a success. While its publication is an entirely private venture and in no way connected officially with the college yet each issue receives a large circulation in the college and elsewhere and affords a pleasant interlude of humor to our college activities.

COLBY MAN STARTS  
NEW RELIGIOUS PLAN

Charles H. Gale, '22, Says  
that Youth is Revolting  
Against Domination--Ad-  
vocates a Church Entirely  
of Young People.

Charles H. Gale, Colby, '22, is the leader and originator of a new religious plan. According to Mr. Gale, youth is revolting against domination. His plan is to form a church, the "Church of Youth" which will consist entirely of persons under thirty years of age—members, deacons, and ministers. When a minister or deacon reaches this age he is expected to retire.

Mr. Gale declares, "Churches in almost every case are guilty of domination. The older people in the church, in a friendly and unconscious way, are in actual practice dominating the younger element. Youth is listened to politely, but is seldom taken seriously; and if youth finds expression in the church activities, it is only indirectly."

Mr. Gale further maintains that young people are fully capable of conducting a church, for, he says "We have the spectacle of many of our most powerful and influential churches, whose pulpits are filled by young men only a short time out of the university."

Although Mr. Gale's plan is only tentative, it has so far met with great approval. Mr. Gale does not expect, or even desire, that every church should split into a younger and older division—but he hopes to see, as he says, "a 'Church of Youth' set up in the city of Boston, as an experiment, to see how it works; and if it does work, the sky is the limit."

Mr. Gale while at Colby was cheerleader, president of the Y. M. C. A., and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon. Upon graduating he went to Harvard University where he took post graduate work in sociology, psychology, and other fields in preparation for Y. M. C. A. work. At present he is a secretary in the Huntington Avenue Y. M. C. A. of Boston and also active as a member of the 26th division Air Service, Massachusetts National Guard.

POWDER AND WIG  
PLAY ANNOUNCED

Ralph H. Ayer, director of Powder and Wig productions, has announced the cast for the annual Powder and Wig show which will be given at the City Opera House on May 5th, the first night of Junior Week end. The title of the play is "Royalty Flushed," a musical comedy in two acts written by John A. Nelson, '27, of Augusta. The music and lyrics have been composed by Ralph H. Ayer, '28, of Lynn, Mass., and the musical arrangement by Wilfred Tremblay of Portland.

The principal members of the cast are as follows: John A. Nelson, Leroy S. Ford, John Williams, Greeley Pierce, Charles Nelson, Karl Rood, John A. Chadwick, Rowland Baird, Robert Chandler, Cecil Foote, William Pierce, Jr., George West, Charles Hannifen, Donald Fraser, A. Frank Stiegler, Horace P. Maxey, Charles Cowing, and the Misses Katherine C. Files, and Thelma Dellale.

The members of the chorus are: Deane Quinton, William Cowing, Donald Grondin, Drisko Allen, Lee Brackett, Charles Towne, George Hawes, Richard Benson, Arthur Snyder, Dana Simmons and George Walsh.

The accompanist for the production will be Richard P. Staunton, '27, of Maplewood, N. J., who will be assigned by a concert orchestra of twelve pieces.

Ralph T. Flahive, '27, of Methuen, Mass., and Conrad H. Hines, '28, of Berkshire, Mass., are at the head of the business staff.

MICHIGAN WILL QUALIFY  
SHERWOOD EDDY'S VIEWS

The following item taken from The New Student might be of some interest to the student:

"The University of Michigan is to be congratulated for its fairminded reservation attached to its permission for Mr. Sherwood Eddy, a pacifist Y. M. C. A. worker and a well-known publicist, to address students at Ann Arbor. Now, Mr. Eddy, besides being a pacifist, returned from a recent

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During the Fire.

ZETA PSI HOLDS ANNUAL  
INITIATION AND BANQUET

Chi chapter of Zeta Psi fraternity at Colby college held its 77th annual initiation banquet Thursday evening, March 10, at the Elmwood hotel.

The initiates were John F. M. Homan of Lowell, Mass., of the sophomore class, and the following members of the freshmen class: William T. Cowing of West Springfield, Mass.; Donald G. Grondin of Waterville; Gerald Johnson of Waterville; Dana M. Simmons of Oakland; Allen Turner of Methuen, Mass.; Alden H. Wilmot of New York City; Howard H. Whitten of Clinton.

The Hon. John E. Nelson, '98, toastmaster for the occasion, called upon several members of the alumni, the delegate from the University of Maine, and several undergraduates to make speeches. These men responded briefly.

Warren F. Edmunds, '27, of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered the welcome to the freshmen; the response in behalf of the freshmen was given by William T. Cowing. Among the other men to speak were: Edwin C. Whittemore, '79, Oliver L. Hall, '93, Herbert C. Libby, '02, Warren C. Philbrook, '82, William E. Perry, '87, and G. B. Wolstenholme, '22.

Musical features were planned and directed by Rowland E. Baird of West Springfield, Mass., and Donald G. Grondin of Waterville. These men conducted the singing of fraternity songs by the undergraduates.

The committee in consisted of Charles P. Nelson, chairman, Philip R. Higgins, and Charles A. Cowing.

PHI DELTA THETA HOLDS  
INITIATION AND BANQUET

The Colby chapter of Phi Delta Theta held its forty-second annual initiation banquet at the Elmwood hotel, Wednesday evening, with the members of the active chapter and the alumni being present.

John G. Towne, of the class of 1905, acted as toastmaster and called upon undergraduates and alumni for short speeches. The main address was delivered by President Arthur J. Roberts, a member of the fraternity. Others who spoke at the banquet were, George F. Grady, '20, of New Haven, who welcomed the new men and A. Frank Guilfrin of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the freshmen.

Music by the Phi Delta orchestra was an important feature of the banquet while a saxophone solo by Stanton Weed was very excellent.

Ten men were received into the fraternity, including one sophomore, Donald H. Fraser, Lawrence, Mass., and the following freshmen: A. Frank Guilfrin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Deane R. Quinton, Waterville; Ernest J. Thoborge, Lawrence, Mass.; Ralph A. Papp, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Irving P. Maguire, North Brookfield, Mass.; Charles

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA HOLDS  
THIRTY-FOURTH BANQUET

Gamma Alpha chapter of Alpha Tau Omega of Colby, held its thirty-fourth annual initiation banquet last Saturday evening at the Elmwood hotel with over fifty undergraduates and alumni present.

Harold C. Marden, '21, of Waterville acted as toastmaster and called upon the following men for brief speeches: Province chief, Leo G. Shesong, '13, of Portland; George E. Ferrell, '18, of Waterville; Thomas F. O'Donnell, '27, of Norwood, Mass.; W. Lincoln MacPherson, '27, of Abington, Mass.; John H. Lee, '30, of Portland, and delegates from many chapters in various New England colleges. O'Donnell welcomed the freshmen to the fraternity and Lee spoke briefly for the freshman class in reply to the welcome. The chorag were Robert W. Scott, '29, of Wilton and Martin J. Tierney of Hudson, Mass.

Musical numbers and specialty clog dances by several members of the fraternity formed a part of the entertainment.

One pledge, James H. Woods, '29, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and ten initiates were present. The men who were initiated in the fraternity hall on Saturday afternoon were: Alan J. Stinchfield, '29, of Skowhegan; Kenneth G. Austin, '30, of Waterville; Robert P. Brown, '30, of Fairfield; Paul L. Davis, '30, of Belfast; Ralph L. Goddard, '30, of Portland; Bertram L. Harding, '30, of Abington, Mass.; Gordon N. Johnson, '30, of Houlton; John H. Lee, '30, of Portland; Joseph Trefethen, '30, of Waterville; and Gordon M. Trim, '30, of Cutler.

The committee in charge of the banquet included John N. Erickson, '28, of Newburyport, Mass., chairman; John E. Candelet, '27, of Providence, R. I., and Francis C. Foley, '29, of Norwood, Mass.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA HAS  
NINTH ANNUAL BANQUET

The ninth annual initiation banquet of Alpha Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity was held Friday evening at the Elmwood hotel. It was one of the most successful affairs in the history of the local chapter. The principal speaker for the evening was Professor C. Harry Edwards, Athletic Director of the college, who spoke on the "Three Phases of College According to their Importance," placing the college first, the fraternity second and the self, third. He emphasized the fact that if each fraternity man would work for his college first, he would make himself a better fraternity man and in consequence a better self.

Herbert M. Wortman, '26, of Greenville, acted as toastmaster for the evening and called upon various

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LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000  
IN BIG FIRE AT COBURN HALL

Upper Floors And Roof Entirely Demolished  
----Students Save Much Valuable Equip-  
ment At Great Risk---Reconstruction To  
Be Begun At Once.



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While students worked with careless disregard to their own safety to save the almost priceless collections and valuable equipment of the biology and geology departments, fire which broke out about ten o'clock Monday morning gutted the third story of Coburn Hall and occasioned serious damage to the two lower floors from water and smoke. Two firemen were overcome by smoke, a third suffered a slight leg injury due to the falling of a ladder, and many students received slight burns and other minor injuries while salvaging movable equipment or aiding the firemen. Students of classes which were in session when the fire started had no trouble in escaping.

An accurate check-up of the damage has not yet been made, but Frank B. Hubbard, treasurer of the college, has estimated the loss at approximately \$50,000, most of which is covered by insurance.

**Will Be Rebuilt.**  
The committee on buildings and grounds of the board of trustees met Monday afternoon and decided that reconstruction of the building would be begun as soon as possible. The walls are apparently still intact and most of the damage on the lower floors was caused by water. All of the regularly scheduled classes were held Tuesday morning in other rooms about the campus.

**Discovered by Professor.**  
Starting around a defective flue on the lower floor, the fire worked its way into the partitions at once. The blaze was discovered about 9.45 by Professor Webster Chester, head of the biology department, who noticed smoke coming through the partitions in his office on the second floor. A call was telephoned at once to the Central Fire Station, but was wrongly received so that the apparatus started for Coburn Classical Institute in the lower part of the city. An alarm was sounded from box 411 at the corner of College avenue and Ash streets immediately afterwards.

At first the fire did not look particularly serious, since no flames could be seen and only a little smoke was coming from the upper floors. A chemical line was stretched through a second story window but burst when the solution was turned on. When hose lines were finally stretched the low water pressure would not carry the streams high enough to be effective. The equipment of the department seemed far from adequate to cope with such a blaze.

**Flames Appear.**  
Soon after 10.20 the flames first appeared on the southeast corner of the mansard roof and the fire appeared working its way around the heavy cornice of the roof. By this time an extension ladder had been stretched to the roof and students and firemen were directing a hose line through the attic window on that side. As the fire gained headway, the blaze became spectacular. The fire evidently made a circuit of the attic along the under the side of the roof boards and broke through at the corners.

Soon the southeast section of the roof sagged in and through the windows below it could be seen that the weight of the timbers above had forced the ceiling of the second floor downward. Just a few minutes after the extension ladder had been removed, the northwest corner of the roof also sank inward. As the fire ate away the remaining supporting timbers, it was seen that it would be only a short time before the whole roof would collapse. The students who had continued to remove the books and equipment in spite of the rapidly increasing danger from falling beams were finally called away by those in charge of the rescue work.

**Roof Collapses.**  
Excitement reached the highest pitch when the roof collapsed, the central tie beams having been burned away, and burning timbers, hot slates, gutters and flashing fell outward carrying with them two chimneys. The flaming debris of the central portion of the roof crashed into the middle of the second floor upon which six firemen were at work. For a moment nothing was heard from the men and it was feared that they had been severely injured, but then George P. Barnhardt, '28, of Lawrence, Mass., ran up the fire escape on the rear wall and found that they had been warned by the crack of parting timbers and had hugged the outer wall and were safe as the floor luckily held. Barnhardt was in considerable danger as a mass of half-consumed timbers was hanging from the wall just over his head.

About an hour after the fire was discovered, the second floor of the building was only a platform within four stone walls holding a heap of burning refuse. Before the roof had fallen in two lines of hose were hooked up in a Y and the pressure of the combined lines was enough so that the water could clear the walls and

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## THE FIRE.

There isn't much that can be said about the fire. Coburn Hall, when it is rebuilt, will be better than it was before. There was but little loss in the way of valuable biological and geological specimens. A comparatively small expense and the inconvenience to classes seem to be the major losses.

The most cryptic remark yet heard is that the fire took the wrong building—anyway the gymnasium looks good for another fifty years.

## THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The firemen did their very best at Coburn Hall and they are to be commended for their work. After seeing several of them being assisted from the building immediately after the roof had fallen in, exhaling smoke, and only through good fortune escaping with their lives, we have nothing but praise for their valiance.

It does not seem, however, that they are treated just fairly when they are left, as they have been always in the past, without a trained, full time, and well salaried chief. Colby College has, within the past five years, had two disastrous fires which, although they furnished a problem for the most efficient department, would undoubtedly have caused less damage than they did had such a man been in charge of the department.

We have no criticism of the firemen or of anyone connected with the affairs of the department but we believe that Waterville has grown to such an extent and the experiences of the college have been of such a nature, that it is now time to make the department more efficient. Getting along without a full time fire chief is indeed an unfortunate way of saving money. In all fairness to the worthy firemen and to the property owners, among them the College, a full time and well paid fire chief should head the Waterville fire department.

## PROFESSOR EDWARDS.

The student body has been very loud in its praise of the very excellent work done at the fire by Professor Edwards. Had it not been for his organization of the students who carried the valuable apparatus and specimens from the building, the College would have met with many losses which could not have been replaced. In organizing the workers and directing their activity, Professor Edwards did the college a greater service than did any other one man at the fire. The college deeply appreciates Professor Edwards' very excellent and efficient service.

## ANOTHER NERO.

In direct contrast with the work of Professor Edwards was the action of a certain professor who kept his class writing an examination during the fire. Little did he care whether or not the college burned. Little did he care for the valuable apparatus which was in the burning building. Little did he care for the unreplaceable specimens of another department. Little did he care for anything except his own silly notion. Some of the men who refused to attend his class were among those who rendered the College very valuable service, saving many hundreds of dollars worth of apparatus and many other articles which it would have been impossible to replace. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Our age is really quite conservative after all.

## SHERWOOD EDDY.

We are printing in the Gladiator Column a letter which refers to Sherwood Eddy, who is scheduled to speak here next month. In another article is reference to the action of the University of Michigan in regard to "that notorious Bolshevik." Michigan permitted him to speak but our correspondent wants him driven out of town.

All forward looking men have been persecuted in the same way. Small minds cannot grasp the progressive plan of men like Sherwood Eddy. He is so far ahead of his critics that they cannot realize his real program. The term "Bolshevik" is very useful for anyone who wishes to tack a false label on a person or a movement. The partially-resigned Mr. Kellogg accused Mexico of being Bolshevik when he thought that it would create opinion against them. What he meant by Bolshevik is apparently what our correspondent means—one who knows facts and is not

afraid to say what he thinks. We challenge the author of that letter to produce a Bolshevik utterance made by Mr. Eddy.

If you read the letter you will find the words "inveigle them (college youths) away from the steadfast political views of their fathers." Thank God for Mr. Eddy if he can do that!

Christ, Socrates, Joan of Arc, Lincoln—you can find that the same type of criticism was applied to them. Sherwood Eddy is a searcher for the truth. He has a very intimate knowledge of many things which students hardly conceive. He is a worker for truth, for liberty, and for Christianity. Colby is fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Sherwood Eddy. Every meeting which he holds at Colby should find him talking to a capacity audience. It is indeed a rare opportunity.

An opportunity to prove whether or not Colby is ready for voluntary education is offered tomorrow at men's chapel when Professor Strong plays and explains several of Beethoven's compositions. This sort of thing is one of Colby's very greatest needs and student support may give us many similar opportunities to benefit from the voluntary effort of our professors and ourselves.

Again football. This time President Hopkins of Dartmouth speaks. His plan is very commendable in some of its basic provisions and is perhaps a glance into the future. With the exception of undergraduate coaching and the two team plan, his proposal in its broadest outlines is very excellent.

## LITERARY COLUMN

## HUMBLENESS.

Is humbleness a heritage of man,  
 To live on what it is and show increase,  
 Of nature born a part, to never cease?  
 Though mortal, weighed with God, do what he can  
 He cannot tip the scales a jot. His span  
 Is lightened by his humbleness. His peace  
 May suffer in the balance—fate's caprice  
 Endow a haughty spirit, yet the plan  
 Originated on the primal day  
 Goes on, and man is humble—pays the debt  
 To God. I grant the state of common clay  
 In man must justify his place, and yet  
 There's not so vast a void 'twixt Christ and me  
 As lies 'tween Christ and all eternity.  
 R. M. G.

## STONE CUTTER.

Thou slab of brute grey stone who passive lie  
 A threshold to the refuge of my walls—  
 An humble work is thine. On thee quick falls  
 The hurrying foot, nor do we glorify  
 Thy lowly service. Nay, about thee fly  
 No winged words. But no strange siren calls  
 Thou heeds't; nor yet thy quiet being palls—  
 Complaining not, thou servest. So may I.  
 This life is but a doorstone for the soul,  
 An entrance way to halls fast closed to man,  
 Who labors there with days and deeds as tools,  
 To set the stone true, firm, lest down it roll  
 And block the way. He works as best he can,  
 Alone—the block's rough cut—there are few rules.  
 Cynicus.

Langston Hughes read from his poems at The Walt Whitman House in Camden, N. J., on March 1. This not inconsiderable honor to the young poet, whose two volumes of verse have recently been published helps to offset the severe criticism which Mr. Hughes' poems have received in certain Negro newspapers. "The Weary Blues" and "Fine Clothes to the Jew" have been highly praised by Walter White, Alain Locke, and other prominent Negro writers, and as bitterly denounced as "trash" by others less well known, who write in the old tradition of Blackwood's and the Quarterly Review.

Francis Brett Young has been inspecting Chicago, according to a headline in The Chicago Tribune. He is again in New York, with Mrs. Young, the guest of Thomas Lamont. He will hover in and around New York awaiting the appearance of his new novel, "Love is Enough," on March 18. On March 1 he addressed the Colony Club of New York. His lecture tour yet includes appearances at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on March 8, at Tufts College in Medford, Mass., on March 14, at Northampton, Mass., on the 15, and at the University of Pittsburgh on the 25. After this he will return to Chicago.

In the April issue of The American Mercury, Dorey M. Owens reveals the inner workings of The Associated Press, known to the more perceptive among newspaper readers as (A.P.),

Mr. Owens shows how the greatest news service in the world has become spry and frisky. Sherwood Anderson contributes "Five Poems"—moods and portraits in surging, singing rhythms. In "Vox Mazuma" Henry F. Pringle expatiates on the personality of the Honorable Elbert H. Gary. Duff Gifford in "Funeral Orgies" tells what happens when our statesmen depart this life. Chester T. Crowell investigates the frightful changes in morals and manners of our five-year-olds in "The Youngest Generation."

## BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Week Ending March 19.

Bennett: Lord Raingo.  
 Sadleir: Anthony Trollope.  
 Selected Poems of Carl Sandburg.  
 Jones: Christ of the Indian Road.  
 Lippman: Phantom Public.  
 Brown: Anthony Comstock.  
 Cooper: Theories of Style.  
 Abbey: Twist of the Lion's Tail.  
 Titchner: Textbook of Psychology.  
 Gates: Elementary Psychology.  
 Ludwig: Wilhelm Hohenzollern.  
 MacIver: The Modern State.  
 Popenoe: Conservation of the Family.  
 Meyerson: Inheritance of Mental Diseases.  
 Fletcher: Introduction to Philosophy.  
 James: The American.  
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 James: A Little Tour in France.  
 Harrison: John Ruskin.  
 Birrell: William Hazlitt.  
 Benson: Walter Pater.

## SONNET OF THE YOUTHFUL KNIGHT-ERRANTLY?

A youth strode forth; the mazes of the world  
 Before him lay. His shoulders square, his head  
 Erect, the banner of his dreams unfurled,  
 Toward distant heights of fair renown he sped.  
 But hardly had he gained the foothills limned  
 In evanescent glory, when a cloud  
 Enveloped him and all his prospect dimmed.  
 He stumbled, and saw not, and cried aloud:  
 "What treachery is here, that my young hope  
 Ye blenish, blind mine eyes ambitious,  
 And cold and clammy, trick me from the strife?"  
 A voice within the fog did ponderous ope:  
 "Withhold your step, rail not so vicious;  
 Ye cannot humble Me, for I am Life."  
 Cynicus.

## GOSSIP OF THE GLADIATORS.

To the Editor:  
 I was shocked, not to any grievous, when my attention was called to an article in the Colby Echo last week which apparently endorsed that notorious Bolshevik—Sherwood Eddy. Just because the officials of the college have a distorted notion of the privilege of free speech and do not forbid him a hearing, it is no reason for your paper to go out of your way to encourage college students to listen to his insidious propaganda.  
 To be brief, I will simply state that Mr. Eddy is a red radical Communist, a pacifist of the most despicable sort, and an atheist at heart, in spite of a wily ability to hide his heresies under a cloak of religious jargon.  
 Mr. Eddy is one of the enemies

within our gates who are undermining our American Republic. His writings on Soviet Russia prove him to be a paid agent of Moscow, one of the many vultures who are willing to sell their souls for Russian gold. There are others like him who call themselves "liberals," who are swarming over our country particularly eager to corrupt college youth and inveigle them away from the steadfast political views of their forefathers.

I can only wish that I had the power to fire you college men with a flame of righteous indignation which would drive this pernicious influence off of the platform and out of town before he has a chance to mouth his subversive propaganda. Men of Colby, as you love true 100% American ideals and revere our glorious constitution, bestir yourselves to Christian anger and stamp upon this insidious enemy of our Republic.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
 J. Adoniram Wainwright.

Dear Gladiator:

Some people are having a great to do about blazers. First, one says the juniors have stolen the thunder of the seniors, and then the juniors say that the seniors shouldn't wear blazers anyway, that it is a custom which Colby juniors want to establish so that it may become a tradition. And what does it all amount to anyway? A cane was a fair mark of distinction once, but nowadays the nearer a senior can get to look like a zebra the happier he is. I quote from an editorial of last week: "The plan met with popular approval and the present senior

class had considered blazers as a distinctive mark." They ought to. They're distinctive all right. They ought to get a half yard of pink ribbon to tie around their heads also, and some bright green pants and wear a lily in the coat lapel. Then they'd be distinctive all right. I quote again from the same editorial: "More imitation by underclassmen will force the seniors, as a last resort, to wear on their backs signs marked 'SENIORS.'" Well, a senior ought to have some such a label pinned to him if he persists in arraying himself in these "Joseph coats." Nobody would ever suspect he had brains enough to be a senior. If it takes the color and cut of a coat to distinguish a senior then let's turn the college into a tailoring institution. "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

Ax. '28.

Dear Gladiator:

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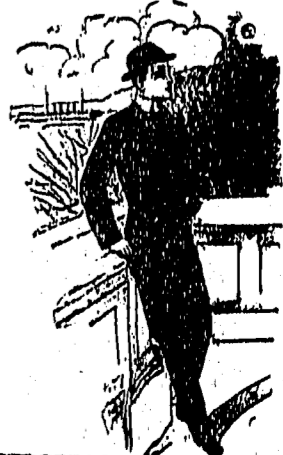
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LEG OF TRACK MEETBeat Out Dekes, Defenders  
of Druid Cup, by Eleven  
Points—Victors of Initial  
Contest Score 24 1-2.

Zeta Psi won the first round of the interfraternity track meet last Wednesday afternoon and swung into a very good lead by so doing.

The Dekes, defending champions, were in second place and will have to fight hard in this week's meet to overcome the Zeta's lead. If Zeta Psi is victorious again this week she will be well on the way to gaining a leg on the coveted Druid cup. The Non-fraternity outfit was only half a point behind the Dekes for third place.

Team points were distributed as follows: Zeta Psi, 24 1/2; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 13 1/2; Non-fraternity, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 11; Delta Upsilon, 9; Kappa Delta Rho, 8; Alpha Tau Omega, 5; Lancers Club, 5; Lambda Chi Alpha, 1.

## Summary:

Three standing jumps, won by Walker, Zeta Psi; 2nd, C. A. Cowing, Zeta Psi; 3rd, Seekins, Delta Kappa Epsilon. 28 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Shot put, won by Drummond, Delta Kappa Epsilon; 2nd, Turner, Zeta Psi; 3rd, Bagnall, Delta Upsilon. 41 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

Standing high jump, won by Walker, Zeta Psi; 2nd, Seekins, Delta Kappa Epsilon; 3rd, tie between C. Cowing, Zeta Psi and C. Jordan, Delta Kappa Epsilon. 4 feet, 6 inches.

Rope climb, won by S. Snow, Zeta Psi; 2nd, A. Jordan, Delta Kappa Epsilon; 3rd, Benson, Kappa Delta Rho. Time, 10 seconds.

One and one-half mile run, won by Brudno, Non-fraternity; 2nd, Burr, Non-fraternity; 3rd, Hodgkins, Non-fraternity. Time, 7 minutes, 32 seconds.

45 yards low hurdles, won by Ryder, Lancers Club; 2nd, Walker, Zeta Psi; 3rd, Lord, Kappa Delta Rho. Time, 5 4-5 seconds.

440 yard run, novice, won by Lee, Alpha Tau Omega; 2nd, Pape, Phi Delta Theta; 3rd, Hurlbut, Kappa Delta Rho. Time, 57 4-5 seconds.

40 yard dash, won by Sprague, Delta Upsilon; 2nd, Shaw, Phi Delta Theta; 3rd, Burgiel, Non-fraternity. Time, 4 4-5 seconds.

One mile run, novice, won by Stinchfield, Kappa Delta Rho; 2nd, Havu, Non-fraternity; 3rd, Draper, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Time, 5 minutes, 17 3-5 seconds.

600 yard run, won by C. J. Sansone, Phi Delta Theta; 2nd, A. C. Sprague, Delta Upsilon; 3rd, R. Andrews, Lambda Chi Alpha. Time, 1 minute, 19 3-5 seconds.

BASEBALL MEN  
OUT ON FIELD

Coach Eddie Roundy took advantage of the warm sunshine of the past week which has entirely cleared the diamond of snow and ice and ordered the entire baseball squad out onto the field for a short workout on Saturday. The field is still somewhat damp and heavy, hindering any extensive workout but considerable attention was given to batting and bunting practice and a short infield session was held.

This is the earliest in ten years that the Blue and Gray squad has been able to get out-of-doors and a continuation of the weather will allow considerable valuable practice before vacation begins.

The Colby baseball season will open on the local diamond with an exhibition game on Patriot's Day when the Blue and Gray ball tossers oppose the University of Maine.

The candidates for the various positions are as follows:

First base, Jack Erickson, Joe Niziolek, Wendell Thornton, Larry Arber.

Second base, Charlie Hannifen, Sailor MacDonald, Kit Carson, Carl Clough.

Shortstop, Obie O'Brien, Doc Tierney, Bob Lavigne.

Third base, Captain Ted Smart, Paul Davis.

Outfield, Charles Callaghan, Baldy Baldwin, Bog Scott, Mosher, Fagan,

The Alpha Tau Omega-Phi Delta Theta basketball game will be played in the Coburn gymnasium Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The college championship will be decided. All students are invited.

Conrad, Hines, Livingston and Klusick.

Of these men the veteran letter men are Hannifen, MacDonald, O'Brien, Captain Smart.

PHI DELTS WIN IN  
FAST GAME WITH D. U.Victors Must Defeat A.T.O.  
For Clear Claim to Title  
—May Result in Triple  
Tie.

Phi Delta Theta defeated Delta Upsilon, Saturday evening, in the college gymnasium, upsetting Delta Upsilon's claims for the championship of the interfraternity basketball league.

Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega will meet in a scheduled game Thursday evening. If the Phi Deltas defeat the A. T. O.'s they will have an undisputed claim to the title. If however the Alpha Taus are victorious a triple tie will be formed between Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega.

Scotty Marr started the scoring in Saturday's game within 30 seconds of play and Phi Delta Theta was never headed throughout the game. The summary:

Phi Delta Theta.			
	Goals	Fouls	Points
McCroary, rf	5	5	15
Hanson, lf	2	0	4
Marr, c	4	3	11
Fiedler, rb	1	0	2
Grady, lb	0	1	1
Totals	12	9	33

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Carson, lb 1 | 0 | 2 |

Klusick, rb 0 | 1 | 1 |

Thornton, c 2 | 0 | 4 |

Clough, lf 5 | 0 | 10 |

MacDonald, rf 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 9 | 2 | 20 |

Referee, Macomber, Delta Kappa

Epsilon; Scorer, Bagnall, Delta Upsilon; Timer, Maxwell, Lambda Chi Alpha. Time 4-10's.

DRUMMOND IS  
HOCKEY CAPTAIN

E. Richard Drummond was unanimously elected to lead next year's hockey team in a meeting held in Recitation hall, Saturday noon. He will succeed Clarence Gould of Ipswich, Mass., as the leader of the Colby ice men.

Drummond began his career as a hockey player at Coburn Classical Institute and was a brilliant player on the Freshman squad during his first year at Colby. He played the next two years on the varsity squad and was a mainstay in this year's defensive line.

Drummond, an outstanding football player and member of the track squad, was named as fullback on the mythical All-Maine gridiron team during the past season. He is a member of Upsilon Beta and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternities.

PHI DELTS WIN  
FROM NON-FRATS

Phi Delta Theta defeated the Non-Frats in the interfraternity basketball league games. McCroary and Marr continued their brilliant work for the victors while Gunnarson proved to be the best that the Non-Frats could offer.

The summary:

Phi Deltas.			
	Goals	Fouls	Points
Hanson, rf	5	0	10
Weaver	0	0	0
Fiedler, lf	2	0	4
McCroary	9	0	18
Marr, c	0	0	18
Grady, rb	3	0	6
Lufkin	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	60

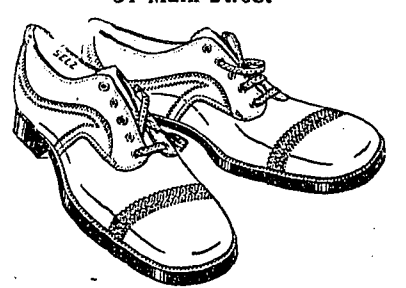
Non-Frats.

	Goals	Fouls	Points
Washington, lb	2	0	4
Hatch, rb	0	0	0
Richardson	1	2	4
Gunnarson, c	8	1	17
Florona, lf	1	0	2
Richardson, rf	2	0	4
Totals	14	3	31

Referee: Hannifen.

Delta Upsilon T. Smart, J. Tufts, immediately following the Phi Delta Johnston, Sprague) won the interfraternity relay championship yesterday when Sprague ran a brilliant anchor relay. Phi Delta Theta beat Lambda Chi Alpha by a hair for second place.

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reach the flames. Shortly after noon the fire was virtually out, although a line of hose was kept playing upon the ruins until night.

**Firemen Overcome.**

Prof. Chester stated afterwards that under the circumstances the fire department had done all that could have been wished. The building was an old one and the top floors were so constructed that the firemen were unable to reach the blaze for some time.

The firemen who were overcome by smoke were Rodney Roderick of Hose 4 and Harry Roux of the Hook and Ladder Company. Walter McAlary, assistant engineer, suffered an injured leg when a ladder fell as it was being raised. It was extremely fortunate that there was not a longer list of injuries. Many of the students had very narrow escapes during the work of salvage, and several of them were painfully burned while aiding in directing hose lines.

**Built in 1872.**

Coburn Hall was built in 1872, the fifth building to be erected on the Colby campus. It was named in honor of Abner Coburn of Skowhegan, former governor of Maine in acknowledgment of his many benefactions to the college. Situated on a slight rise on the foreground of the northern end of the campus, it was perhaps the most conspicuous of the college buildings. The first and second floors were devoted to the departments of geology and biology respectively, while the third floor, which was remodeled in 1925 at a cost of more than \$7000, was used for lecture rooms in courses in the departments of education, Biblical literature, and English.

**Equipment Saved.**

Professor Perkins, head of the department of geology, stated yesterday to an Echo reporter that practically all of the valuable equipment was saved, although it has not yet been determined how much of the fragile

material was injured in transit. The cases of valuable minerals comprising over 3500 specimens were removed Tuesday practically uninjured. The biological collections were nearly entirely saved. All of the microscopes and other exceedingly delicate apparatus of this department were also carried to safety as were the libraries of both departments with their files and records. Credit for the rescuing of so much of the equipment is due to the members of the student body who were quickly organized under the efficient leadership of Professor Chester and C. Harry Edwards.

This is the fifth fire at the college within the last six years, the worst being when the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house was completely demolished and four students were burned to death. Other fires have been in the A. T. O. house, at the College Chapel, and at Roberts Hall.

**Classes as Usual.**

Classes which formerly met in Coburn Hall will be held regularly as follows:

Biology: 10 o'clock class in the large Chemistry lecture room; 11 o'clock division in the Physics lecture room.

Zoology: Chemistry Lecture room.

Comparative Anatomy: Gymnasium.

Education: 4 and 6 in the Greek Lecture room; 2 in the Physics Lecture room.

Biblical Literature: New Testament in the Gymnasium; Old Testament in the Physics Lecture room; Religious Education in the Foss Hall Reading room.

English Essay: Chapel.

English Drama: Chemistry Lecture room.

Geology: Physics Lecture room.

The Excuse office will be located in the office of Professor Edwards in the Gymnasium.

**ALUMNUS IS TO APPEAR SOON**

The second quarter of the Colby Alumnus magazine will be off the press the first week of April, according to an announcement made yesterday by Professor Herbert C. Libby the editor. The table of contents follows:

Special articles: "The Christmas Club Givers," by President Arthur J. Roberts; "Tribute to the late Professor Marquardt," by Clarence H. White; "Program for the 1927 Commencement," by the Commencement Committee; "Class Reunions—1927," by Ernest C. Marriner; "In Memoriam," by the Editor; "Observations of a Geologist in Panama," by C. F. Dobbin, '16; "Meeting of Graduates of Western Maine," by Ralph B. Young, '07; "Thersites Discusses Colby Standards," by Carl J. Weber; "With the College Faculty," by the Editor; "News Notes of the Graduates," by Herbert C. Libby; "The Colby History," by Edwin C. Whittemore.

Editorial notes include: "The Next Commencement," "Dr. Marquardt," "The College History," "General Catalogue Needed," "The Upward Swing," "The Christmas Club Givers," "Town and Gown," "Class Reunions," "In the Light of Criticism."

**COMING DEBATE IS IMPORTANT**

The most important debate on the Blue and Gray forensics schedule will take place next Tuesday, March 29, when a veteran team of Colby debaters will meet Boston University at Boston. The team, which is to be composed of Lawrence A. Peakes, '28, of Poulney, Vt.; Charles P. Nelson, '28, of Augusta; and Marion N. Rhoades, '27, of Belfast, will uphold the negative of the proposition, Resolved: That the time has now come to grant the Philippine Islands their independence.

As this debate comes during vacation, it is hoped that many Colby students living near Boston will be able to attend. Support of the team will mean a great deal as Boston University will present the strongest debating team that Colby has met in several years. It is not yet known just where in Boston the debate is to be held, but before vacation starts the place and time will be posted on the bulletin boards about campus and will also be published in the Waterville Morning Sentinel.

Boston University has a strong claim to the championship of the United States. Until their recent defeat by George Washington University, they had won 28 straight debates.

**MICHIGAN WILL QUALIFY.**

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visit to Soviet Russia with unbounded enthusiasm for the social experiment going on there, although he disapproves its lack of religion. Because of Mr. Eddy's point of view the University stipulates that a member of the faculty be present at his meetings to point out to students the fact that there is "another side" to the visitor's arguments.

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**PHI DELTA THETA.**

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les W. Weaver, York Beach; Stanton S. Weed, Waterville; Elliot T. Hatch, Pemaquid Harbor; and Seneca B. Anderson, Jr., New York.

The committee in charge of the banquet was composed of the following undergraduates: Edmond F. Fiedler, '28, of Adams, Mass., chairman; Charles E. Towne, '28, of Waterville; and Charles M. Giles, '29, of Damariscotta.

**LAMBDA CHI ALPHA.**

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members for response. Maynard W. Maxwell, '27, of South China, gave the address of welcome to the initiates and Harold D. Phippen, '30, of

Islesford responded for the new men. Roland B. Andrews, '28, of Wytopitlock, spoke for the Chapter and a short impromptu followed with brief remarks from the Alumni and the delegates from the other New England Chapters.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Cecil H. Rose, '28, of Waterville, Horace P. Maxcy, '29, of Rockland and Harold D. Phippen, '30, of Islesford. Much credit is due this committee for the unique manner in which the affair was carried out. Place-cards of gold Cross and Crescent with a purple violet attached, the fraternity emblem and flower, were arranged at the individual places and the several waitresses were bouquets of purple violets.

The initiates were: Karl R. Hines, Berkshire, Mass.; M. Thomas Tre-worgy, Surrey; William P. Rogers, Lynn, Mass.; G. Gilbert Henry, Jr., Ashfield, Mass.; Morgan R. Wilson, New York, N. Y.; H. Gordon Hatfield, Saxtons River, Vt.; Harold D. Phippen, Islesford; and Lee F. Brackett, Westminster, Mass. The pledges were: Lorrimer F. MacDougall, Fall River, Mass.; Lindon E. Christie, Milo; Forrest M. Batson, Campobello, N. B.; and Roland S. Delaware, Augusta.

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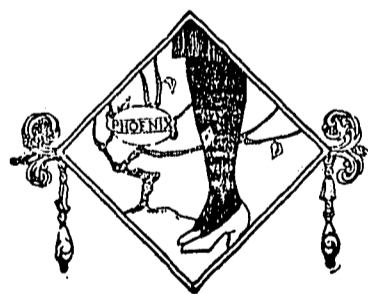
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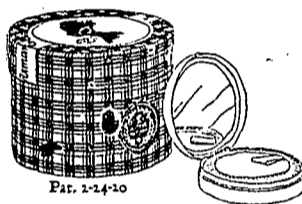
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