

PRESIDENT JOHNSON EXPLAINS
REASONS FOR REQUIRED ASSEMBLYCompliments Student Council For Taking
Definite Action On Important Matter

"We are starting out this morning on an experiment in the corporate life of the college. The change from what had become voluntary attendance at chapel to required attendance three times each week at what we shall call the Men's Assembly may seem to some to be not progress but retrogression. If we are wise, we shall not form a hasty judgment, but shall make our final estimate after a reasonable trial of the new plan.

"The unsatisfactory situation which our chapel service has presented came about not as a result of deliberate choice or decision either of students or faculty. The board of trustees long ago prescribed the holding of daily chapel at which the attendance of all of us, students and faculty alike, was assumed. Neither trustee nor faculty action has ever authorized voluntary attendance. We have simply drifted into a situation in which attendance has been determined by the choice of the individual. The other day some one made the shocking but suggestive statement that we had 'bootleg chapel.'

"Whatever the final result of this experiment, we should be glad that we have tackled a question of great importance in our common life and have substituted for our laissez-faire method one of deliberation and constructive change. Not all change is progress, but there can be no progress without change. It was to be expected that objection would be felt to the action that has been taken. I am glad that this objection has been expressed in the Gladiolus column of the ECHO. It would be a most unhappy state if no one dared, or if the opportunity were lacking, to voice his opposition to measures taken in matters relating to our common life. The critics who have expressed themselves in the ECHO have aimed their objections not so much at compulsory chapel as at the action of the Student Council in making their recommendations in opposition to the vote of a large majority of the students against compulsory attendance. It should be said that the questionnaire vote of the students was probably the result of hurried judgment, while the Council has given long and careful consideration to the question. In any event, we should be glad that the Council has developed into a body that deals with questions of more vital import than fixing the dates of dances and other such innocuous odds and ends and has had the wisdom and the courage to deal constructively with more fundamental problems.

"I have no doubt that some of you are feeling a bit sore this morning. This is to be expected, for the opening of a new semester ought to be a happy and hopeful occasion. Some of you think that your personal rights have been encroached upon. This may perhaps be open to debate. Personal rights are not to be thought of lightly, but one who thinks over much of his rights is likely to become peevish and unhappy. Social progress is being achieved today by thinking of the common good and by the willingness to adjust one's own private and selfish interests to the larger interests of the group.

"I want to clear the atmosphere a bit so that any one who feels that he must be sore may know at what mark to aim the shafts of his displeasure.

"The faculty as a body had nothing to do with this change. The matter has never been discussed and no

action has been taken by them. I am not sure that they would have voted their approval. It is plain that the compulsion extends to them, and some of them will have to change their methods materially. The Council failed to fix a schedule of cuts and to provide penalties for overcutting by the faculty. This apparently has been overlooked. The students are to pay the penalty of reduction of course credits. An easy analogy suggests a similar reduction of salary for delinquent faculty members.

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
APPOINTS COLBY PROFESSOR

Will Study Batholiths

Professor Edward H. Perkins, head of the geology department at Colby since 1920, has been appointed one



PROF. E. H. PERKINS.

of seven geologists in North America to work on batholithic problems.

The appointment was made by Dr. Arthur Keith, (now on leave from the U. S. Geological Survey,) chairman of the division of Geology and Geography, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

The committee is composed of Prof. F. E. Grout, (chairman), University of Minnesota; Prof. Robert Balk, Columbia University; Prof. A. F. Buddington, Princeton; Prof. R. T. Chamberlain, University of Chicago; Prof. Edward H. Perkins, Colby College; F. E. Wright, Geological Survey of Canada; G. F. Loughlin, U. S. Geological Survey.

Professor Perkins is one of the best known of the younger geologists in New England. For the past ten years, he has done extensive research work in Maine, especially in structural and glacial geology. "The American Journal of Science," has published a number of the Colby professor's contributions to the geology of Maine.

Last year Professor Perkins was appointed official "Earthquake Chaser" for Maine by the U. S. Geological Survey, and assistant state geologist by the governor of Maine. He is a member of the Geological Society of America, The American Ornithologists Union, and the American Society of Mammalogists.

Important Changes
In College Library

Robert B. Downs, librarian at the college, announces several important changes in the library which will take effect at once.

The reserve book desk is to be moved to an alcove in the old library. This change will give extra shelving room for the reserve books. The room formerly used for reserve books will give the library officials extra office space which will henceforth be used as a cataloging and book repair room.

Both the old and the new libraries will be conducted under the same schedule.

The library will remain open one-half hour later in the evening, making the closing time 9:30 instead of 9 P. M.

It is felt that the changes will prevent confusion and noise in the main reading room; encourage the use of the old library; give additional shelving and office space; give an extra half hour for study in the evening; and facilitate handling books by having only two instead of three changing desks.

PROFESSOR WEEKS
LEAVES FOR ENGLANDTo Do Special Research
In Chemistry

Lester F. Weeks, associate professor of chemistry, Colby, has been given leave of absence by the college authorities in order that he may do special research work in organic and physical chemistry at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, Eng., and Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Ger. He will sail from New York on the S. S. "Aquatania," February 7, and will return to his duties at Colby next September.

Professor Weeks received his B. S. degree at Colby in 1915, and his Master's degree at Harvard the following year. During the years of 1920-22, Professor Weeks pursued his studies in chemistry at Cornell. With the exception of the two years spent at Cornell, Professor Weeks has been connected with the chemistry department at Colby since 1918.

After three years of research and experiment, Professor Weeks has announced the discovery of four organic acids, heretofore unknown to science. While at Cambridge and Heidelberg, Professor Weeks will do special work in physical chemistry in its application to organic chemistry. The work will be done largely with the X-ray and the study of monomolecular films.

While abroad, Professor Weeks plans to visit his ancestral home in Wales, also England, France, Switzerland and Germany.

During the absence of Professor Weeks, Mr. Robert C. Elderfield of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has been engaged as an instructor. Mr. Elderfield graduated from Williams College in 1927, and for the past three years, he has been doing graduate work in organic chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Elderfield has completed his work and will receive his Ph. D. degree from that institution in June.

Former Professor
Lectures in Waterville

Dr. Homer P. Little, head of the Geology department at Colby from 1910-20, and now dean of Clark University, lectured before a large audience at the recent meeting of the Waterville Woman's club. Dr. Little talked very interestingly on the life of primitive man in the Stone Age. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides of places of archeological interest which Dr. Little had visited during his scientific tour of Europe.

While in Waterville Dr. Little was entertained at the home of Professor Webster Chester.

DAUGHTERS OF COLBY ELECT
OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of the society of the Daughters of Colby the members elected the following officers: Eunice M. Foye, '31, Dorchester, Mass., president; and Louise M. Dyer, '32, Camden, secretary-treasurer.

To be eligible for membership in this society a Colby woman must be the daughter of a Colby graduate. Other members of the society are: the Misses Pauline Enkeman, Penobscot, Mass.; Helen A. Chase, Houlton; Ida B. Putnam, Danforth; Edith M. Woodward, Boothbay Harbor, seniors; A. Stephanie Bonn, Somerville, Mass.; Florence J. Connors, Bar Harbor; Dorothy W. Blanchard, Waterville; Alice F. Linscott, Portland; Florence R. Ventres, Rockport, Mass.; Lucille F. Blanchard, Waterville; Marion A. Lewis, Waterville; Dorcas M. Paul, Michigan City, Ind.; Ruth E. Ramsdell, Charleston, sophomores; Vesta L. Allen, Westfield, N. J.; Ruth H. Atchley, Waterville; Rebecca M. Chester, Waterville; Norma L. Fuller, Waterville; Rowena Lonn, Prospect Isle; Barbara L. Merrick, Augusta; Frances N. Perkins, Waterville; Priscilla F. Perkins, Waterville; Cordelia Putnam, Houlton; Louise C. Smith, Skowhegan; Ruth L. Weston, Keene, N. H., freshmen.

All Exams and No Tons Make Lucy a
Dull Girl.

A new plan providing recreation during the week of mid-year examinations was in the form of tons held in the social room of the Alumnae Building and given by the Colby women. The committees each day were made up of girls who had volunteered to serve. Tons were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.

FAMOUS VIOLINIST
TO GIVE RECITALSecond in Series on Evening
of February 11

The second concert in the Colby series is to be given next Tuesday, February 11. The artist is Baldassare Ferlazzo, violinist. The Boston Transcript says of Mr. Ferlazzo, the artist who is to give a violin recital, "His fingering is swift and keen; his bowing light of wrist, smooth of



BALDASSARE FERLAZZO.

action, firm . . . in displayful pieces such as the caprice of Paganini, Mr. Ferlazzo excels, he makes them displayful,—he smooths their brilliance, their harmonics, their trills, their double stoppings—into the essence of the music."

Baldassare Ferlazzo was born in Boston. He is of Spanish and Italian descent. He commenced playing the violin at the age of six. At the age of eleven, he entered the New England Conservatory of Music, studying under Mrs. Harrison Keller. Mr. Ferlazzo has had appearances in all of the larger cities of the United States and Canada.

Marden, '21, Speaks
At Men's Assembly

"Opportunities in the Field of Music" was the title of a short talk given in chapel on Friday, Jan. 24, by H. Chesterfield Marden, Waterville attorney and graduate of Colby in the class of 1922. Mr. Marden discussed the present trend of music of the so-called mechanical type found in talking pictures and gave some interesting facts concerning it.

Mr. Marden said that the new type of music that is being made for motion pictures was lowering the standard justified the art but went on to say that this was nothing of the kind and that the "canned" music was really the best that could be made. Only the highest paid musicians are employed in its production and every mood of the play must be interpreted in the accompaniment. He also stated that the newer theatres, erected by such veteran amusement producers as William Fox have ample room for large orchestras, showing that the sound picture cannot entirely displace man-made music.

"This indicates," concluded Mr. Marden, "that the machine age has definitely encroached upon the field of art. It indicates that just as the machine age has altered industry and has consequently treated not-to-be-denied vocational problems, so music, as one of the arts is affected. It indicates that just as the success of industrial personnel is based upon the survival of the fittest, so success in music as an art awaits that person who accepts the challenge and who prepares to enter the class which machine made competition has created."

Students enrolled in the Public Speaking 5 class have just submitted briefs and written debates as a part of the requirement for the preliminary contest for the Murray Prize Debate. Announcement will be made on Wednesday of the time for holding the preliminary speaking. It is understood that announcement of the names of the successful contestants in the preliminary contest, who will compete for the hundred-dollar cash prizes, will be made early next week. The prizes are offered each year by George Edwin Murray, of the class of 1870. Last year Mr. Murray attended the annual debate and personally presented checks to the debaters.

TEN NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS
OFFERED TO MAINE MEN AND WOMENPresident Johnson Makes Announcement
At Men's Assembly—Awards Will
Total \$2000.00 Yearly

President Franklin W. Johnson at the opening assembly of the second semester announced the offering by Colby college of ten scholarships each paying the complete cost of tuition (\$200) for the freshman year, these scholarships to be awarded to six men and four women seeking admission to Colby college from secondary schools of Maine.

Any senior, either boy or girl, who now stands in the upper tenth of his class in a Maine secondary school is eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. The necessary application blanks may be secured by addressing The Committee on Scholarships, Colby College, Waterville, Me. These blanks are:

1. Personal application by the candidate, giving facts about school work, extra-curricular activities, family, finances, intended occupation, etc.
2. Certification by the principal that the candidate stands in the upper tenth of his class and is recommended as to scholarship and character as a school citizen.
3. Transcript of the complete school record, including academic marks and character as a school citizen.
4. Record of good health, certified by a physician.

These blanks properly filled out must be filed with the Committee on Scholarships not later than May first. Each applicant will be asked, also, to write a letter telling why he wishes to go to college and what he hopes a college education will do for him.

During the month of May a personal interview will be sought between each candidate and an administrative officer of the college. So far as possible these interviews will be held at the College, but if a sufficient number of applications is received, the interviews will be held in several geographical centers in Maine. The awards will be made and the successful candidates notified early in June.

Since returning to Colby college, President Johnson has on many occasions spoken of the excellence of the small colleges of the state and has urged the desirability, from the point of view both of the colleges and of the students themselves, of increasing the percentage of attendance of Maine boys and girls. These scholarships are offered as an inducement for superior students to secure their collegiate education in their home state. They should also serve indirectly as an incentive to better scholarship in the secondary schools.

Colby Press Club
To Be Organized

Will Have Charge of Distribution of
News.

According to a statement made recently by Professor H. C. Libby, instructor in Journalism and head of the Public Speaking department at Colby, the Colby Press Club, which was discontinued in 1928, is to be reorganized during the first part of the second semester.

The object of the Press Club is to encourage a careful and accurate broadcasting of news concerning the graduate and undergraduate life at Colby, to bring into closer co-operation all those connected with the college who are acting as news writers for outside publications, and to furnish these students with an organization which may serve as their official representative.

The membership of the Press Club comprises all those in any way connected with the college who are regularly furnishing news to the press, namely: the editor and associate editors of the "ECHO," the editor of the "Oracle," of the "Alumnus," and of the "Colbiana," together with all the members of the class in Journalism.

The officers of the Press Club will be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. These four officers, together with the instructor in Journalism, will also constitute the executive committee of the club.

Membership dues are \$1.00 per year. These dues will be deposited under the name of the club and are to be used at the discretion of the committee. Right of membership will be denied to any member who fails to attend meetings regularly or who carries on his or her reportorial work in an unsatisfactory manner. The executive committee will have full power of electing to or dropping from membership.

The date on which the meetings are to be held has not been definitely decided upon, but it will be at a time convenient to all members of the club.

STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE

The Student Council held a successful dance last Saturday night in the Alumnae Building. A crowd that was neither too large or too small danced to music furnished by Allison's Sonoranders. The dancing, which was scheduled to start at seven-thirty lasted until eleven-thirty.

President and Mrs. Franklin W. Johnson, Professor and Mrs. Edward J. Colgan, Dean Nettie M. Runnals, Miss Corinne B. Van Norman, and John Lee, '30, president of the Student Council were the patrons and patronesses.

It is reported that the Student Council will hold another dance in the near future.

Coming Events
Already Scheduled

Prominent Maine Citizens to Address
Men's Assembly.

With the opening of the second semester comes the announcement of a great many scheduled events. These include a list of speakers for the morning assemblies of the men's and women's divisions, dates for the Colby Concert series, intercollegiate debates, and dates for hockey and musical clubs.

The following is the list of "Coming Events" compiled up to the date of printing this week's issue of the ECHO:

- Feb. 5. President Johnson addresses men's assembly.
- Feb. 6. President Johnson addresses women's chapel.
- Feb. 7. Men's assembly in charge of Professor Strong.
- Feb. 8. Professor Newman addresses women's chapel.
- Feb. 10. Bertram E. Packard, Maine Commissioner of Education, addresses men's assembly.
- Feb. 11. Professor Wilkinson addresses women's chapel.
- Baldassare Ferlazzo, in Alumnae Building at 8.15 P. M.
- Feb. 12. Professor Wilkinson addresses men's assembly.
- Feb. 14. Associate Justice Barnes addresses men's assembly.
- Intercollegiate debate, Colby-Boston University, in Boston.
- Feb. 15. Sophomore girls' dance.
- Feb. 15. Women's chapel, in charge of Mary Berry Munter.
- Feb. 17. President Johnson addresses men's assembly.
- Feb. 18. Hockey game, Colby vs. Bates.
- Feb. 19. Judge Max L. Pinnasky, Portland, addresses men's assembly.
- Feb. 25. Intercollegiate debate, Colby-Norwich, Waterville.
- Feb. 27. Joint Colby Glee Club concert.
- Intercollegiate debate, Colby-Amherst, in Amherst.
- March 11. Thomas McLaughlin, baritone, in Colby Concert series.
- March 18. Intercollegiate debate, Colby-U. of M., in Waterville and Orono.
- May 2. Annual Lyford Interscholastic Prize Speaking contest.

FIRE SCARE AT COLBY.

Mrs. Annie Hooper Goodwin, '29, assistant librarian at Colby, was much amazed last Friday evening when several rubber-clad firemen, armed with axes and picks, burst into her office and asked the whereabouts of the fire. Mrs. Goodwin said that she knew of no fire, and the firemen could discover none; but after further investigation they found that a friend of the college had sent in a still alarm—he had mistaken for a fire the sparks that rushed up from the chimney when the janitor was stoking the furnace.

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THE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

A most important announcement was that made in assembly this morning by President Johnson regarding the ten free scholarships made available for secondary school students. It is important chiefly because it is in line with what the administration is seeking to do in securing a constant supply of high-grade students for the college. While it means a large cash expenditure by the college each year yet it is to be remembered that funds for endowment and scholarship purposes are given for the benefit of youth and to pay for the education that youth needs. There would seem, then, to be very good reason why a certain amount of interest on invested funds should be used in the way announced by the president. Let the good work go on!

STUDENT ENTERPRISES.

The Ferlazzo concert is wholly a student enterprise. Every undergraduate owes undivided allegiance to such worthy efforts in order to improve the cultural life at Colby.

It is difficult to bring artists of high repute to Colby due to its limited means and geographical location. It is only by the whole-hearted cooperation of every student that concerts, lectures, dramas, and other cultural enterprises of real merit can be safely undertaken at the college.

Students should not consider attendance a duty, but an opportunity.

REQUIRED ASSEMBLY.

The attention of the student body is called to the address of President Johnson printed elsewhere in this issue of the ECHO. In that address President Johnson said of required assembly:

"The men's assembly may seem to some to be not progress but retrogression. If we are wise, we shall not form a hasty judgment, but shall make our final estimate after a reasonable trial of the new plan. . . we should be glad that we have tackled a question of great importance in our common life and have substituted for our 'laissez-faire' method one of deliberation and constructive change. Not all change is progress, but there can be no progress without change."

In summarizing the main reasons why the assembly is of great necessity, President Johnson mentioned the lack of any common meeting-place and the divisive tendencies. "Our class organizations have lost much of the social coherence which they used to have. Our increased attendance has made it impossible for us to know each other intimately. The segregation of the fraternities serves to divide us into small closely-knit groups. These factors tend to prevent the development of common ideals and attitudes so essential to the larger life of the college as a whole."

The ECHO commends these ideas to the thought of the student body. The change that has been made has come about through a gradual process of evolution. The students concerned should not take a selfish attitude, thinking only in terms of their own individual welfare, but they should regard the change as a real advancement of the group. "One for all and all for one."

Students of the college have cried earnestly for the past few years that we have a new president. Last September when the students welcomed our new president all pledged their unyielding loyalty to him. His keen intellect and his ripe wisdom have now pointed the way. We should gladly follow where he leads.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Ye Gladiator Column



In this special issue of the "ECHO" let it contain the announcement of the inglorious death, (temporary though it may be), and burial, (permanent, we hope), of the two little "Cave Men" who have long since yielded their bloody clubs over the heads of innocent people. It is high time that the "ECHO" have a column known as "Student Opinion," or headed by some similar caption. Let student criticisms be constructive rather than destructive. Abolish the "nom-de-plume!" Without student opinion, there can be no natural healthy growth for Colby. The student should have opinions, and he should express them as forcefully as he can, but let him have the courage to back up his opinions.

Every article of criticism, whether it be constructive or destructive, should be signed in such a manner that the author can be recognized. This is not Chicago! Get out into the open. Tell the world what is wrong with Colby, then make suggestions for correcting the existing evils. In no other way can Colby, your college, become the Colby of your dreams.

STUDENT OPINION.

Letters in the Student Opinion column are expressions of opinion by individual contributors to this column and the editor assumes no responsibility for any statements, allusions, or assertions made in them. The column is a free-for-all and student contributions are solicited. Initials of student's names must be signed to all contributions.

Follow the Leader!

Dear Mr. Editor:

Along with the loud and earnest denunciations of required assembly, let us not be deaf to the voice that carries the other side of the question. We have a president who sees the lack of unity at Colby. He sees students divided into their several fraternity groups, eating at some ten or fifteen different eating places, and many rooming off campus.

President Johnson is trying to make Colby one of the best small colleges in the East, if not in the country. It is wholly possible. But isn't it rather difficult to build a complete college spirit without bringing the student body together occasionally? We howled for a leader long enough; we have one now. Let's follow him. If there is a better way, I think President Johnson will be glad to consider it. Meanwhile let's try this way. It might work out into something good. B. W.

Honorable Mention.

Dear Editor:

Which is more important—the scoring pass or shooting the basket? Certainly the author of the interfraternity basketball stories believes in the latter. I grant its importance, but is that the only criterion of the best basketball players? A winning basket thrown through the hoop is a thrill to the audience. To the coach, or to one who knows the inside of the game, the man that blocks, pivots, slips and fights to make the scoring pass deserves half the credit for the score. Then why spend a whole column writing up the high scores? Why not give team work and passing an honorable mention? E. T. M.

Dear Editor:

Hear, Hear! Another athletic team has blossomed to represent Joe Colby. True enough a team not fostered by the college itself but one that will reflect upon the esutcheon of said institution. To get to the point why not make this seeming innovation a permanent feature and have a Varsity Bowling team? Such a team has been recently formed by an enterprising merchant of our city and bids fair to get results, i.e., to meet student favor and provide interest during the period of semi-hibernation that now exists. Its members are from various fraternity teams, literally the cream of the crop, to use a well-known expression, and their prowess with the maple pins cannot be denied. Their's is a skill that meets with a measure of approval from no mean sized audience and their matches will draw no little attention; yea, perhaps gate receipts!

Why then, should not a regular team of student bowlers be formed, such a team as will officially represent the college?

W. A. L.

Required Assembly Again.

Dear Mr. Editor:

The fever over compulsory chapel still rages. With your permission I would like to add my own little contribution, albeit at the risk of reiterating what others may perhaps have already said.

What criticism I have to offer is directed solely against the method used,

which I believe is psychologically unsound. I, for one, am in favor of continuing to hold chapel meetings. I have most always enjoyed the programs at the meetings I have attended. But, what value will there be in these assemblies if a student attends them for the sole reason that if he takes over fifteen cuts he will lose his degree?

There is perhaps a value in forcing education processes upon the minds of immature youngsters, but, in the case of more mature (let us hope) mentalities, the system fails to work. We are familiar with the trite aphorism, "We can drive a horse to water but we can't make him drink." Is it not equally true that we can drive a student to chapel but no power on earth can make him get any good out of it?

Unfortunately, I must confess my inability to offer a panacea for the situation. Perhaps under such circumstances it would have been better had I said nothing.

I wouldn't want to see chapel abolished. It has traditions behind it that are dear to every Colby man. But, between doing away with chapel entirely on the one hand, and forcing four hundred students there against their wills, I believe that the former is the lesser of two evils.

Very truly yours,

W. B. D., '30.

Two Musical Clubs In Local Concert

Tour Planned Through Massachusetts Cities.

For the first time in Colby history, the musical talent of both the men's and women's division is to combine forces, it was announced last week by the general manager of the Colby Musical clubs, Clarence H. Arber, '30. There is to be this season, he said, a mixed quartet, a mixed orchestra, and a combined glee club. There will also be a male quartet, a women's string orchestra, and male and female vocal and string soloists.

A big season is expected for the Colby Musical clubs, said Mr. Arber. On February 27 there is to be given a grand combined concert before the college. The program, for which the participants are now rehearsing, will be both vocal and instrumental.

After several local concerts for which plans are now being made are given, the men of the musical clubs are to take a trip through Massachusetts the week of March 23, giving concerts for the most part in college towns. The club is to broadcast over station WCII, Portland, and over station WNAC, Boston.

SECOND QUARTER ALUMNUS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 15

The Second Quarter Colby Alumnus will be mailed out to graduates on Saturday, Feb. 15, according to a statement made by the editor, Prof. Herbert C. Libby. This issue will contain much more matter than was announced in the ECHO of January 22, and will approximate in number of pages and number of illustrations the First Quarter. That contained 100 pages and has 86 half tone illustrations. This issue will consist of 1000 copies.

Since Professor Libby became editor in 1917, over 4,500 pages of matter dealing with graduate and undergraduate life of Colby have been printed in the Alumnus. During the past 10 years Professor Libby has gathered together all the half tone cuts that were used each year in the various college publications, has had them indexed, numbered, and filed away. These now total 2,038. Many of these will become increasingly valuable as the years come and go.

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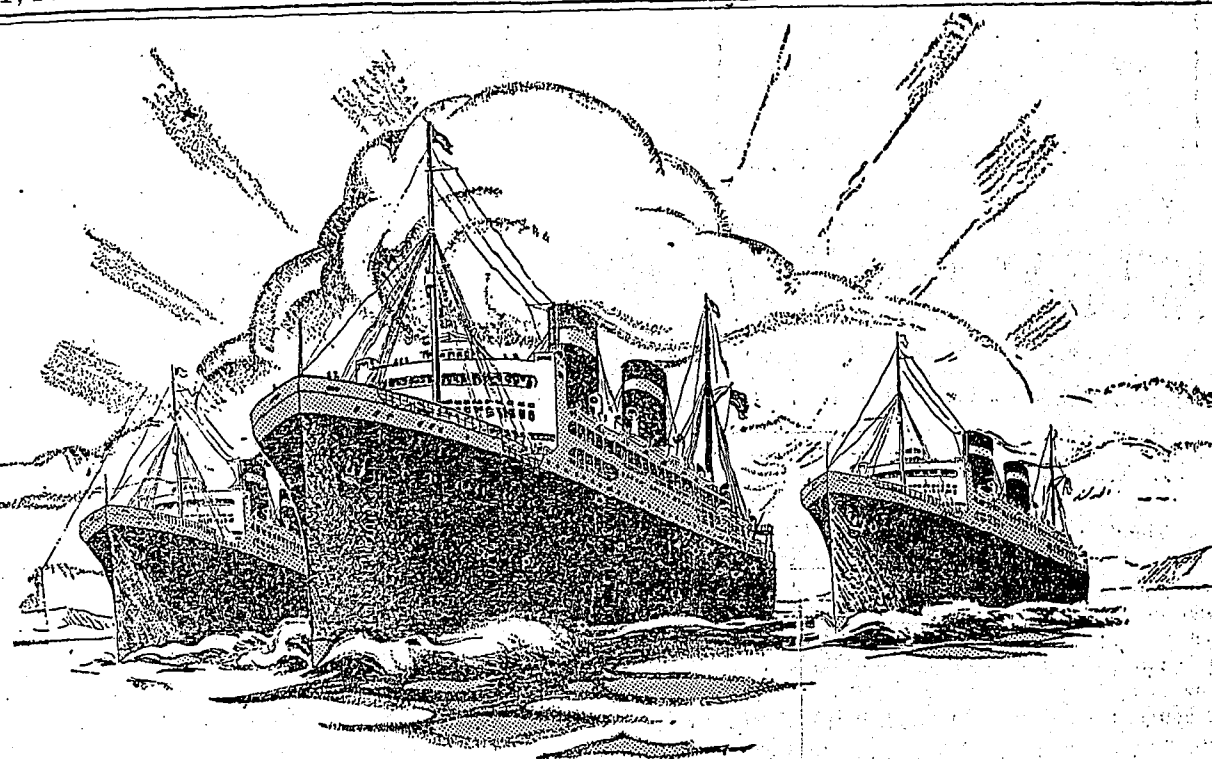
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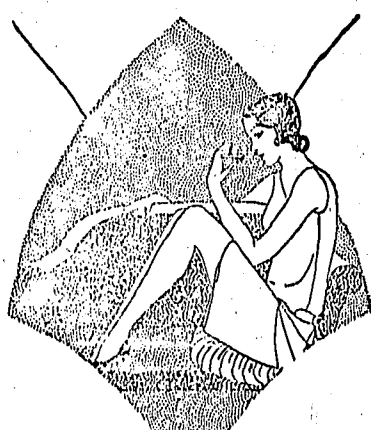


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I noticed the traffic lights at the corner of Main street and College avenue change from red to green the other day. Some thing ought to be done about this; it's bad politics. Why don't they let the lights stay green all the time and then we could have some good crashes perhaps?

A friend of mine called my attention to the snow on top of Recitation Hall. It certainly is a beautiful sight and reminded me of the days back in '65, when "Ben" Butler rang the chapel bell for half an hour to drown out the church bell on Sunday. Of course this has nothing to do with the snow on Recitation Hall, but it used to settle there in those days too. Besides, I'm a wanderer.

A letter was turned over to me by the editor yesterday. The writer was evidently angry at something I had said in this column. Now the observations on this column are purely personal. They may be bigoted, partial, and narrow-minded but I'm having a good time, so don't stop me. Besides I'm a wanderer.

I was going down Main street Saturday when one of those bad, naughty Massachusetts drivers passed me, going like the dickens. I had my Big Ben with me and timed the speedster. I found that he was going twenty miles an hour! This is outrageous. The wind from the speeding car blew my hat right off, and as I had just had a haircut, and am an old man, I nearly caught cold. There ought to be a law against these wild demons from our sister states. I won't be wandering any more if one of them hits me.

I saw in the paper the other day where a college professor had refused

to admit that a black cat was white. These men have a habit of putting themselves in the seat of the scornful and disagreeing about self-evident truths. Which is the way with some of these intelligentsia. These men who read and study half their lifetime to be able to help mankind toward progress are only trying to fool us. I believe in good old ignorance as the best way to run the world. Ignorance and hate help us to understand each other better in this world. If a black cat is white, don't say anything about it.

I see that the "wrecks" are still suffering in the cold winds that blow across the Colby campus. Why couldn't some of these old cars be melted down for egg-beaters or new bedsteads for the ram-pastures? Or perhaps the engines could be taken out and used to turn the telescope in Shannon Observatory. Something ought to be done about it anyway, or I'm not a wanderer.

I heard it said that I don't use very good English usage in this column. I don't like it. I do anyway because you can't usually understand what I'm talking about, can't you? It haint so, I seen my duty and done it. I was going to say something more but I won't—my mind's wandering again and I've got to catch up with it.

I went to the movies the other day and found out why they call it the talkies. Two young whipper-snappers in front of me laughed right out at a joke. They must have been a couple of those young squirts from college. Pity they don't learn to be nice and quiet like me. I never laugh at jokes. I'm a wanderer.

second, Phi Delta Theta, (Shaw, Lunt, Pape).

PAGE MR. P. T. BARNUM.

A Boston friend of Mr. E. Perley Eaton, instructor in chemistry, bragged about a fine new automobile polish he was using. The polish (according to the label on the bottle) gave a waxy finish to the car. The price of the polish is one dollar per bottle.

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Professor Edward H. Perkins, head of the geology department stated that large deposits of diatomaceous earth (the silica skeletons of microscopic animals), are to be found in Maine and he humorously suggested that these deposits be exploited for the development of Colby.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst the mother of our beloved brother, Carlton Frederick Wiley, '25, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Alpha Rho Zeta of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be placed upon the records of our chapter, and that a copy be sent to the Colby ECHO for publication.

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Inter-Fraternity Bowling News

The Lambda Chi Alpha pin pickers still maintained the top rung of the Inter-Fraternity bowling ladder after some hectic matches of the past week. Delta Upsilon remained in second place but are being hard pressed by the A. T. O.'s who won eleven points out of twelve in their past three contests. The three string total of 322 held by Yuknis of A. T. O. was broken by his fellow team-mate, "Red" Lee, when the red headed pin toppler amassed a total of 324. Maxim of Lambda Chis and Lee of A. T. O. remained in a deadlock for high average with the high mark of 96.

The teams finished the first round of the league circuit, and commence the remaining round this week.

Standing.	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lambda Chi	22	2	.916
D. U.	21	7	.825
A. T. O.	23	9	.718
K. D. R.	19	13	.593
D. K. E.	15	13	.589
Non-Frats	15	17	.468
Zetes	10	22	.310
Phi Delt	6	18	.249

The team selected from the Inter-Fraternity league which will compete against the University of Maine pin pickers will comprise: "Red" Lee, A. T. O., who will captain the outfit, Herd and Pagan, of the D. U. team, Maxim, of the Lambda Chi, and "Joe" Yuknis, of A. T. O. As yet, the team has not received the sanction of the Athletic Council to represent the college. It is hoped they will travel to Maine as the Colby team this week. Otherwise an assumed name will be necessary.

Relay Team Places Second in Boston

The Colby college varsity relay team placed second in a triangular race against Bowdoin, and Massachusetts Aggies at the Prout Memorial games which were held recently in Boston. Colby was originally slated to race Massachusetts Aggies, but owing to some difficulty Bowdoin which was scheduled to race Tufts was put into the race.

Ralph Hurlburt, '30, Colby lead-off man ran a brilliant race and handed

a twelve-yard lead to his team-mate Egert. This was the first bit of competition for Egert who weakened and lost the lead to a strong Bowdoin runner. Bowdoin ran strong the remainder of the race and beat out the Blue and Gray in the finish by fifteen yards. The best racing exhibition of the evening was contributed by Massachusetts Aggies and Colby. Don Kellogg and Tom Hodkiewicz, running in their first meet for Colby, showed plenty of grit and determination which earned the Colby quartet second place over Massachusetts Aggies. Hodkiewicz crossed the finish line a yard ahead of the Aggie anchor man.

The Colby team deserve much credit. Lacking both indoor and outdoor facilities for training purposes made it necessary for the track men to prepare for their competition on the snow and ice covered paths of the campus, and elsewhere in the vicinity of the college. The team has had to confront the winter rain, snow and ice storms, and the sub-zero weather which Waterville has been experiencing. The winning spirit the team has shown in spite of these tremendous handicaps is most unusual.

February 15, the Colby relay team will compete against Tufts, and Union Colleges at the B. A. A. games in Boston. These two opponents are of first class calibre, and should prove a hard battle for the Colby team.

Lambda Chis Victors In Winter Sports

For the second successive year Colby's annual winter sports carnival was won by the Lambda Chi's. The carnival was held Monday, Feb. 3, from 10 to 12 A. M., on the back campus.

The Lambda Chi's amassed a total of 30 points, with Batson as high point scorer of the meet. The Phi Delt's, closest rivals of the Lambda Chi's, scored 16 points.

Interest ran high among the competitors and some thrilling finishes were made. Dunfee, a freshman, was among the three men who finished the gruelling half-mile cross-country race. Perkins, of the Phi Delt team, did a good day's work, getting a first, a second, and a third place.

The summary:
100 yard ski race: first, Lawrence, Phi Delt Theta; second, Curtis, L. C. A.; third, Perkins, Phi Delt.

300 yard ski race: first, Perkins, Phi Delt; second, Lawrence, Phi Delt; third, K. Raymond, K. D. R.

Cross-country ski race: first, Farnham, L. C. A.; second, Cummings, K. D. R.; third, Perkins, Phi Delt.

100 yard snowshoe race: first, Batson, L. C. A.; second, Troworgy, L. C. A.; third, Pape, Phi Delt Theta.

Cross-country snowshoe race: first, Batson, L. C. A.; second, Troworgy, L. C. A.; third, Dunfee, L. C. A.

Dog team derby: first, Lambda Chi Alpha, (Cuddoo, Batson, Troworgy);

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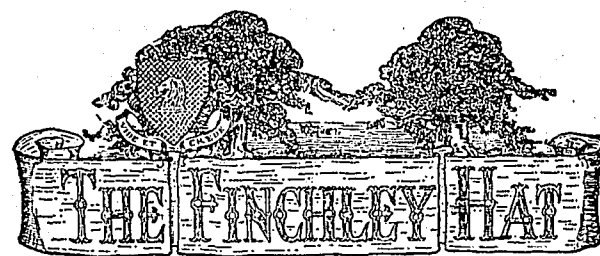
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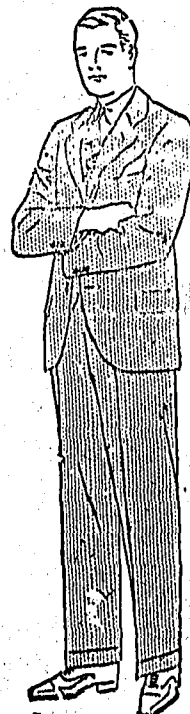
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A New System of Appointing Rhodes Scholars Announced

An important change in the method of selecting Rhodes Scholars will go into effect this year, according to an announcement made by Professor Carl J. Weber, member of the Maine state committee of selection.

Heretofore a Maine Rhodes Scholar has been selected twice in every three years. Abbot Smith of Colby was selected in 1927; a Bowdoin man was selected in 1928; there was no election in Maine in 1929. The same plan was followed in every other state in the Union.

It not infrequently happened under this system, that one state would have two exceptionally strong candidates, while another state would have only weak candidates. But while no state had more than one appointment, one of the strong candidates would be eliminated, while a weak candidate from another state received an appointment.

Several years ago the proposal was made to abandon the principle of selecting one candidate from each state and to select them from groups of states. This proposal was quite generally endorsed by members of the committees of selection throughout the country, and approval of the change was also voted by the Association of American Universities, the Association of Urban Universities, and other similar organizations. The idea was finally referred to the Rhodes Trustees and gained their approval.

Since the will of Cecil Rhodes contained no provision for such a change, authorization of the plan had to be secured from Parliament. A bill was accordingly introduced, was passed last March, and received the Royal Assent on May 10, 1929.

Under the new plan, the country is divided into eight groups of six states each. Maine is in the New England group—along with New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Selection of Rhodes Scholars will be made this year on the following basis:

The Maine committee of selection will select two men—the best two candidates from among all those who apply in Maine. The other five states will do likewise. These twelve men will appear before a district committee, which will then select four men who will represent their states at Oxford. Under this plan there will be a competition in each state every year.

As far as the state of Maine is concerned, this competition with candidates from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island (which means from Harvard, Yale, Brown, etc.) will undoubtedly make the election of a Maine candidate more difficult. On the other hand, should Maine have two exceptionally outstanding men, it is possible for both of them to receive an appointment the same year.

The proposal is designed to eliminate the weaker candidates. Whether it will destroy local interest and discourage competition remains to be seen. The new plan is regarded as an experiment, and an actual test will alone show what virtue it possesses.

One other significant change in the rules governing the Rhodes Scholarships is that permission has been

granted for spending the third year of the scholarship at some other university away from Oxford. Heretofore the Rhodes Scholar had to reside at Oxford. Under the newly granted permission he may spend his final year at Cambridge or the Sorbonne, Heidelberg or Grenoble, or at any other institution that meets with the approval of the Rhodes Trustees.

The value and success of both of these changes depend, it is pointed out by the Rhodes authorities, upon the success with which the interest of the best American students can be enlisted.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON EXPLAINS.

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"Neither is it fair to attach too much responsibility to the Student Council. I cannot escape the unhappy feeling that their action was taken in deference to what they thought was my desire. This they deny and their denial does them credit. Those of you who were present will recall that early in the year I expressed my disappointment over the attendance at chapel and suggested that the Council take up the question of improving the existing condition. At their invitation I attended one of their meetings and discussed possible means of making our chapel serve a larger purpose. Since that time the Council has carried on its own deliberations and has taken the action under which we are now operating."

"If I wished to avoid criticism, I could make a fairly good claim that the credit or the blame for the change belongs to the Council. Fairness, however, compels me to state that the credit may be given to them, that the blame belongs to the President."

"Let me summarize the reasons why the attendance of all of us at these assemblies is peculiarly desirable. The lack of any common meeting place in the college is most unfortunate. We have no facilities for a common social life such as are provided in many colleges by central dining-halls and buildings which serve as social centers. Our class organizations have lost much of the social coherence which they used to have. Our increased attendance has made it impossible for us to know each other intimately. The segregation of the fraternities serves to divide us into small, closely-knit groups. All of these factors tend to narrow our social viewpoint and to prevent the development of common ideals and attitudes so essential to the larger life of the college as a whole."

"The assembly of our whole student body seems to be the only opportunity available to serve these larger purposes which are more important than those of any of our smaller groups."

"I have recently attended the meetings of the Association of American Colleges in Washington. I was anxious to learn about the practices of other colleges. To my surprise, I was able to learn of only one college in which chapel attendance was not required. I am, of course, not including the universities, where conditions are such as to make required attendance impossible. It is the practice, also, in most colleges to hold chapel six days each week, and in not a few, Sunday makes a seventh."

"I have spoken of this as an experiment, and so it must be regarded. The plan is open to change whenever we become convinced that there is a better way. I do not think I need to ask you to cooperate in every way in an attempt to make these assemblies contribute to the best in the life of the college."

"NO SUCH THING AS LUCK," SAYS PROF. MORROW.

"There is no such thing as luck," asserted Professor Curtis H. Morrow, speaking at women's chapel at the last chapel exercises before mid-year examinations. "What people call luck is traceable to will power, foresight, and courage."

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"Some people call them lucky, but their luck can be traced back to efficient causes. There is no such thing as luck," said Professor Morrow in closing.

Le Cercle Francais.

At the last meeting of Le Cercle Francais, held on January 21, the members voted to present a French play in the spring. Arthur G. Wallace, instructor in French at Colby, spoke on the French poet Lamartine.

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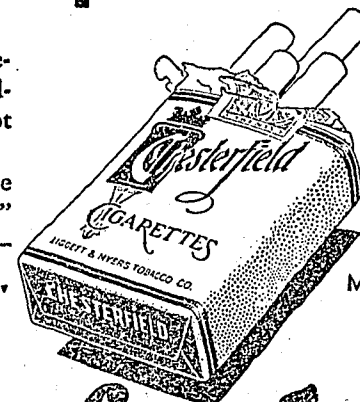


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