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Prof. Wilkinson Declines To Run For Governor

Personal Affairs Prevent A Political Entrance

Professor William J. Wilkinson has let it be known emphatically that there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that he has accepted an offer to run as a Democratic candidate for governor in the June primaries. Professor Wilkinson failed to comment on the identity of those who had contacted him, and did not hesitate to admit that some had been to see him relative to his entrance into politics on a big scale.

"I was approached but my personal affairs will not permit my entering into politics. I'm out of the picture entirely," he said.

Professor Wilkinson is an ardent Democrat and a great believer in the teachings of the late President Woodrow Wilson. However, he has never devoted much of his time to the matter of public office.

In the spring municipal election of 1933 he was a Democratic candidate for alderman in ward four, defeating a Republican foe by 60 votes in this, a strong Republican ward. The following spring in seeking re-election, however, Professor Wilkinson was defeated by 53 votes. These two elections have been the extent of his political endeavors in Waterville.

W.A.A. To Be Hostess At Playday Meeting

The University of Maine, Bates college, and the University of New Hampshire will be represented each by five delegates and their instructors at the Annual Play Day which is to be held this year at Colby, the weekend of February 28 and 29, sponsored by the Colby W. A. A.

The program committee composed of Ann White, '36, Ruth Fuller, '36, Amy Thompson, '36, and Arlene Hayes, '36, has devised a program which consists mostly of winter sports. There will be skating on the Foss Hall rink, and skiing, bobsleding, and other sports on Mayflower Hill. In case of stormy weather indoor games in the Alumnae building have been planned for. A formal banquet will be held Saturday evening.

Cornelia Bigelow, '37, is chairman of the banquet committee, and Lucille Pinette, '37, has charge of the Housing facilities.

Tentative Plans For A Winter Carnival

Reviving a sport which was extremely popular here a few years ago, Professor Gilbert "Mike" Loebs, revealed last week tentative plans for a real Maine Winter Sports Carnival, which is to be held sometime in February.

The carnival, as it now appears, includes events for members of both the men's and the women's division. The men will compete on an interfraternity basis, a cup will be awarded to the fraternity scoring the largest number of points, and points would be awarded just as in other intramural sports. The women will compete on an intersociety basis.

It is expected that ski dashes of varying lengths, a cross-country ski race, and snowshoe races will be included in the long list of planned events, climaxing with a brilliant Winter Sports Ball, to be held in the evening of the same day.

French Club Hears About Belgium

Jean Valet Tells Of His Boyhood There

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Alumnae building, the members of the Cercle Francais, in the third meeting of the year, had the privilege of hearing an address by M. Jean Valet, pastor of the French Baptist church of Waterville. After being introduced by Oliver Mellon, '36, president of the club, M. Valet discussed briefly his experiences in his native country, Belgium, where he was a boy during the great war. M. Valet's fair-mindedness is shown by his saying that although we heard a great deal about the deprivation of the Belgians, most people do not realize that the invading Germans had hardly any more food than their prisoners.

During the informal discussion following his talk, M. Valet answered the questions evoked by his subject. The meeting was adjourned after the customary serving of refreshments.

Forum Discusses New Books On Religion

Forum this week took a new and interesting form, a display and discussion of "books that feed the soul," with Myra Whittaker, Rev. Mr. Metzner, and Mr. Kenneth Smith describing and recommending their favorite religious books.

Miss Whittaker spoke of the fact that college students in the mass might be accused of "religious illiteracy" and particularly recommended the very recent books of this type because religious vocabulary is changing rapidly, and to remain vitally interesting authors must pour "old truths into new molds." She described several books that college students should get acquainted with.

Rev. Mr. Metzner brought out the value of "Modern Use of the Bible," by Fosdick, stressing the need of a positive approach to its teachings, rather than an attitude of "here is something I do not believe." Ken Smith managed to make the reading of sermons sound fascinating, explaining the value of following one idea through in a thorough development instead of jumping from one high spot of thinking to another, as in most religious books. Fosdick's sermons were specially recommended.

The good points of several modern books were then explained by Myra Whittaker, who urged that students take advantage of the inspirational books in the Colby and the Methodist Church Library.

ATTACKS VALUE OF FRATERNITIES

There have been a lot of good things said about fraternities and there have been many bad things. Probably the most extreme statement we have found, however, comes from a professor at the University of Iowa. It happens to be on the adverse side of the issue.

Says he: "Their luxury, political maneuvering, caste spirit, moral flabbiness, unwholesome alumni relationships and the false scale of social values which they impress upon the whole student body make them on the whole a demoralizing, not to say vicious element in college and university life."

There will be Freshman Basketball practice on Thursday and Friday afternoon and on Saturday when the examinations are concluded.

Sport Of Skiing Is Gaining In Favor

Dartmouth Coach Writes An Interesting Book On Skiing Technique

Ronald "Bus" Brown, a former Waterville High, Hebron Academy, and Dartmouth athlete, who is at present employed in the H. R. Dunham Company store, has several books on skiing on display at the store. One of them is entitled "Modern Ski Technique" and was written by Otto Schniebs, coach of the Dartmouth Ski Team, and John W. McCrillis.

Skiing is an exhilarating sport, a sport which requires plenty of energy and nerve, and to those willing to supply these two elements, it affords unexpressible pleasure. The skiing bird is something like the golfing bug. He doesn't know why he skis so much except that he likes it and anytime he can't think of anything else to do his mind naturally turns to those glistening polished hickories, or whatever dimension or wood his personal pair may happen to be.

The skier's affection is centered around one thing—a pair of rather common looking wooden slabs. They caress these planks much as does a mother her baby. No, this great winter sport isn't as simple as all that. They have been gliding around on the snow ever since man was created to battle the elements. It has now reached a point where it is being perfected as an art in the same way as football and other amateur and professional sports are being perfected.

But skiing is one sport which enables man to enjoy himself in the same way that he can enjoy golf. He can go out and ski alone. It gives him chance to get out, forget his troubles, and get some good, healthy relaxation. When a man reaches a certain age, he is no longer able to go out and get tackled in a football uniform, but he can glide around on the snow until his heart stops if he so desires.

This book "Modern Ski Technique" is very interesting reading and gives all the minute details of art necessary to becoming a finished skier. It would do any winter sports enthusiasts well to drop around and see what is inside the 119 pages of this book. It was printed by the Stephen Daye Press of Brattleboro, Vermont, and it is likely that students interested in skiing could buy a copy through writing to that Press or Coach Otto Schniebs at Dartmouth.

MEMORANDA

Plan to forget your midyear miseries and come to the Student Forum
Prof. Lowell Q. Haynes,
Sunday Evening
"In Appreciation,—the Negro and His Poetry"
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FLUNKERS' FROLIC

To cure that after-exams feeling, to forget your worries and to refresh your spirits,—attend the Flunkers' Frolic on Monday evening, February 3. Unlike previous years, this annual event will be held on Monday evening instead of Saturday evening as in the past. The revamped Colby White Mules will play for your enjoyment. Don't forget the date, Monday evening, February 3, from 8:00 until 11:45 p. m., in the Alumnae building. Admission will be 35 cents for all.

Freshman Hoopsters To Invade Northern Maine

Hope To Keep Undeclared Record Intact

The Colby Freshman basketball team undefeated to date will make a trip into the northern parts of Maine next week. The team will leave on Tuesday, stopping off with a game in Millinocket on that night, with Stearns High school. The next night the Mules will play Houlton High school in Houlton. Ricker Institute will be the next opponent on the list with a game scheduled for Thursday night.

Presque Isle will be the target for the Colby gunners on the following night, followed by a game with Higgins in Charleston which concludes a five game schedule in as many nights. This trip will do much towards determining the Mules standing among the other leading Maine teams. The boys will be working hard for the next few days to get the mid-year kinks out of their bodies but with plenty of work will be in fine working condition by next week.

Time Trials For Relay Team Soon

The makeup of the Colby White Mule relay team will be decided on Saturday, February 8th, when six men will participate in time trials to determine who will represent the Blue and Gray on the cinders this winter in this event.

Sol Fuller appears to be the most promising of the candidates but his status will be unknown until the mid-year examinations are concluded. Should Fuller drop by the wayside it would be a most severe blow to the Mules.

Stanley Washuk, a veteran, appears to be one of the most experienced of the candidates and undoubtedly will land one of the positions on the team. Bob Turbyne who made his debut on the cinders last spring is a fine looking prospect and is more than likely to gain a berth although he lacks experience.

The fourth position on the team will be fought out among three Sophomore candidates. Paul Merrick who won his varsity spangles as a Freshman last season, Cal Butler and Ed Shuman are the boys who will settle the issue between themselves. Except for Merrick's past participation, experience is lacking but things should be heard from these boys in the future.

American Hunting Tame To Hawaiian

Any hunting that is available in America is fairly tame compared with the exciting sport of hunting sharks from an open boat, according to Bill Baker, Hawaiian student at the University of New Mexico.

Favorite method of Hawaiian shark-hunters, says Baker, is to attract a few sharks with a bait of dead pig or a cow's leg, shoot them with rifles or pistols, watch them fight among themselves for a while and then haul 'em aboard with harpoons.

Once aboard, the fish are cut open and contents noted. Tin cans, bones, bottles, and even old clothes are sometimes found.

GLEE CLUB NOTICE

There will be a rehearsal of both the men's and women's Glee Clubs on Thursday evening, February 6, in the music room in Coburn Hall. Rehearsal will begin at 7:00 o'clock and all members are urged to be present.

Extra Curricular Life At Colby Under Survey

Sociology Dept. Will Study Value Of All Activities

A survey of the extra-curricular life of Colby college is being undertaken at the request of President Johnson, under the direction of Professor Curtis H. Morrow of the Department of Sociology.

The purpose of the study is to ascertain the activities that occupy the time of students outside of the regular academic work and to evaluate these occupations in terms of their effects upon the educational and social development of the students.

"Campus life often seems like a confusing whirl of activities," said President Johnson in announcing the survey, "but we find that we have no factual basis for sifting the useful from the useless."

"The clubs, societies, fraternities, sororities, athletic teams and other campus organizations do, however, serve as a laboratory for training in the art of living together. On the basis of the findings of this survey next Spring, it is our intention to encourage only those student activities which supplement and enrich further the work of the class rooms, and may serve a useful purpose in the training of men and women for competence in dealing with the confusing problems of political and social life."

The investigation will be conducted largely by Colby students who are majoring in sociology in order that they may have first-hand experience in the technique of making social surveys. The plan calls for two main lines of approach: a survey of all the campus organizations, with their origins, purposes and present status, and a comprehensive questionnaire to be filled out by each student, showing in detail how he occupies his spare time and his attitude toward these various pursuits.

2. Objectives are:
 1. To ascertain the various activities that occupy the time of Colby students, outside the regular curricula requirements.
 2. To discover the origin, extent and importance of these activities.
 3. To evaluate the activities in terms of their effects upon the educational and social development of the student.

II. Investigation Procedure

In the first place all students who are to take part in this project must secure an accurate list of the actual activities that obtain in our college life. It is then essential that each of these activities be studied in order that a clear and concise record of the origin, development, and present status of the activity may be secured.

In the second place the whole student body will be divided into groups and one group assigned to each investigator. The individual students in each group will then be presented by the investigator for his group with a comprehensive questionnaire which the student will fill out with as great care as possible.

Finally when the information thus collected has been examined, classified, tabulated and evaluated the investigators will present a full report upon the complete project.

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"Water, Water Everywhere"

WE wonder if it ever occurred to those who hold sway over the destinies of this institution that students who are "thirsty for knowledge" may also be occasionally thirsty for water. Apparently such a thought has never entered their minds, or, if it has, nothing has ever been done about it. It is said that a camel can travel for several days without water, but we doubt if Colby students have the same capability.

Now all this may sound rather vague and disconnected; but there is a point behind it all. What we are trying to say is that there is a noticeable lack of drinking fountains in the library and class buildings on the Colby campus. As things now stand, a student cannot get a drink of water on campus unless he goes to one of the freshman dormitories or to a fraternity house. The co-eds must go to Foss Hall as their nearest source of drinking water.

We are sure that the college authorities would feel abashed and chagrined indeed if a conscientious student died of thirst some evening in the library because he felt that he could not take five or ten minutes away from his studying to walk out in the blizzard night for a drink of "agua pura." In a relatively short time now, Spring will be upon us, and with it will come warm weather (we hope). Classroom windows will then be thrown open and the breezes will waft to our nostrils a fragrant mixture of the balms of sulphur fumes and train smoke. Then, even more so than now, students and faculty alike will appreciate an occasional drink of water to rinse the cinders from their parched tonsils. Of course we might all equip ourselves with canteens and the administration could draw up a set of rules whereby certain definite refreshment periods might be observed. But this might lead to over-indulgence during some rather "dry" lecture. Then again, some enterprising student might set up a "tonic and soda pop" stand in the middle of campus and earn his entire tuition for the year.

We can, however, think of a much simpler remedy for the entire situation. If anyone has had the patience to read this far, perhaps he has gathered that what we are trying to advocate in a good-natured way is the insertion of drinking fountains in the college library, and in Chemical, Recitation, and Coburn Halls. If such a step would involve too great an expense, then a single bubbler in the library would be a great improvement.

To the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, the Board of Trustees, or to whomever it may concern, we do hereby suggest that at some meeting in the near future, this matter be given some serious consideration. We cannot go thirsty until the time when the new campus shall appear on Mayflower Hill.

In the Interest of Peace

As the local war rages . . . of the shovel against the old red pencil . . . the world grinds on . . . whether flunkers crib or cram . . .

And talk about flunking! No prof ever handed a meaner "F" than did Congress to F. D. the other day . . . Veto as he would, veteran-swayed Congressmen passed the bonus . . . Meaning money for the vets . . . and taxes for the voters . . . "Wars may come and wars may go—their bills go on forever."

Waxing poetical: Journalists are linking Kipling, King George, and Victorian thought . . . all stood for big empire . . . big guns . . . big Britain . . . though even the bard had some misgivings: "The captains and the kings depart."

Edward VIII is symbolic . . . more than a new King—a new era . . . To a king who wore uniform in Flanders . . . Tommy Atkins is not picturesque . . . The prince saw him shot and gassed . . . saw him in the hospitals . . . Edward knows the actual from the academic . . . England's most traveled king, he has seen the world and the empire . . . His problem is twofold: economic and international.

Writes the staid "Times": The throne faces the question—"How is peace to be preserved? Pacifism is no longer regarded a sentimental anemia. It is life and death."

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life the mother of our Pledge Beryl McKeen, be it

Resolved, That we the members of Sigma Kappa sorority 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.

Winifred White,
Eleanor Ross,
Louise Weeks.

Says one Mississippi college co-ed, the best reason for coming to college is her's: "I came to college so I could make more money so I could go to more places and see more things."

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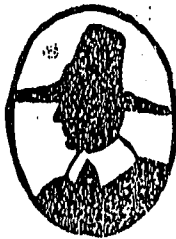
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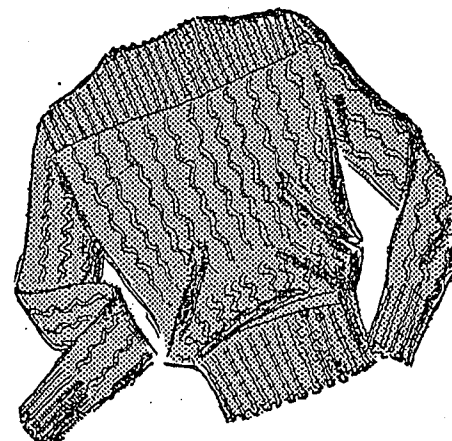
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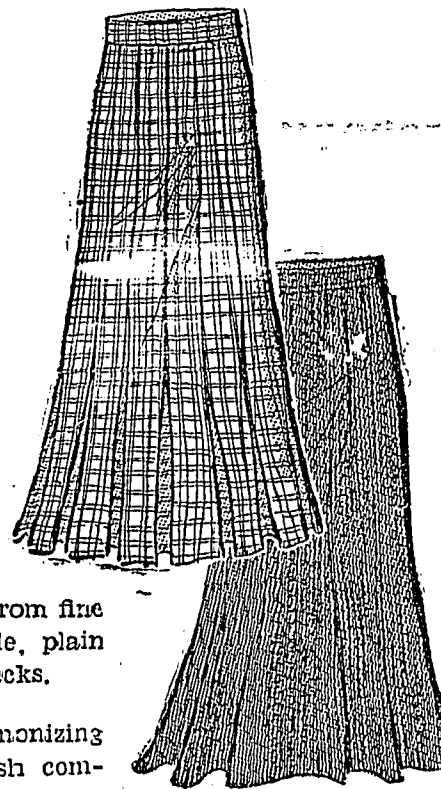
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Interfraternity Hoop League Begins Soon

Lambda Chis, Phi Dels, and Tau Dels Are Favored

Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Tau Delta Phi have been installed as the favorites in the annual Colby inter-fraternity basketball league due to open next Wednesday afternoon.

Lambda Chi Alpha, the defending champions, appear to be the team to beat for the crown in the coming campaign, with most of the opposition expected to be furnished by the Phi Dels and Tau Dels.

Heading their list of luminaries, the Lambdas present "Bob" Turbyne, star forward of a year ago, in addition to "Chubby" Caddoo, "Ollie" Emanuelson and George Holbrook. Noted for their past team performance, the Purple and Gold will again be very dangerous.

Phi Delta Theta, considered to be the best of the off-campus teams and boasting of one of the best teams in the history of that fraternity, will be represented by a trio of players from the freshman team of a year ago, when Rex Tarbell, six foot four inch center, "Heinie" Kammandel, last year's Frosh captain and George Bonner don the Blue and Gray. In addition, "Bill" Deans, All-Frat guard of a year ago, "Bob" McGee and "Tom" Yawinski will bolster the strength of the Phi squad.

Tau Delta Phi, always a dark horse in the team fight, sports such fine men as "Sid" Black of the Frosh

team of a year ago, "Hi" Alderman and Ben Brownstein.

Kappa Delta Rho will be represented by Paul Palmer, Paul Windsor, star forward and James Combella as mainstays of a potentially powerful club.

Zeta Psi's squad, headed by the Dow boys, "Nim" and "Dick," will be stronger than in several years past and should finish high in the team standing.

Delta Upsilon's colors will be borne by Fred Emery, member of the Frosh team a year ago, "Larry" Haynes, one of the finest players in college and a brilliant performer last year and Ray Fournier. The Dels will be a scrappy team and will furnish stern opposition to the strongest teams.

"Charley" Geer will lead the Deke squad into action but the loss of Ralph Peabody will be one that can not easily be overcome. While the Deks will be nobody's push-over, the lack of experience prevalent in the ranks this year will hamper the club.

Alpha Tau Omega, led by Wayne Saunders and Harry Hollis, will battle its opposition with an inexperienced squad, but Saunders, a fine athlete, Hollis and Foahd Salim will make things interesting as the season progresses.

Theta Kappa Nu will likewise be hampered by the lack of experienced men, with "Brin" Caverly among the few veterans on the squad.

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THE MULE KICKS

By Jerry Ryan

With sporting activity at a standstill right now, about the only thing that you hear anyone talking about is the mid-years. Let's hope that all of the boys come through so that Coach Eddie Roundy will not be hampered next fall by the old ineligibility jinx.

— C —

A busy winter season is in store for the sport teams right after mid-years. On the fourth the varsity hockey and freshman basketball teams will start out on extended trips to play some of the most important contests on their schedule. The hockey team will play Bowdoin, Williams, Dartmouth, and New Hampshire; while the court outfit circles up through the spud-land to play the leading high and prep school outfits in that section.

— C —

We read with pleasure in the papers recently that "Hocker" Ross is coming along fast as was expected and has begun to bang that old puck past the goalies in Europe. We predict that Eb will be one of the leading players in the coming Olympic

competition in Germany. Once he gets in shape and the proper playing frame of mind, there will be no stopping him.

— C —

The track team will compete in the B. A. A. Games on February 8. Cliff Veysey will not do any running this winter, so it remains for plucky Herbie DeVeber to see what he can do in the way of bringing home trophies this winter. Herbie has been forced to content himself with watching Veysey's flying heels for three indoor seasons now, and you can bet your bottom dollar that he will run plenty of good races this winter. With Veysey unable to run, a two mile feud between Bill Hunnewell and De-

Veber should be most interesting in coming meets.

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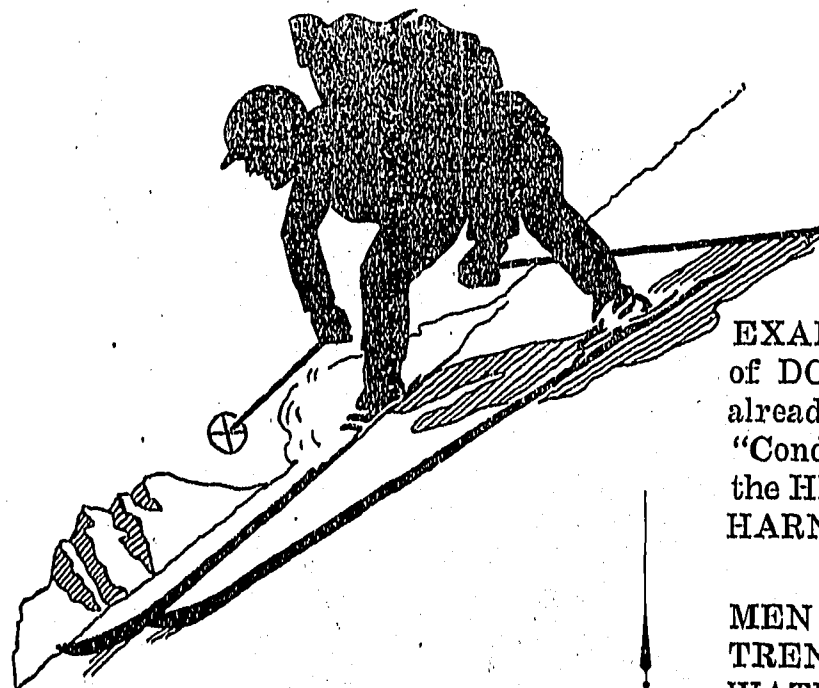
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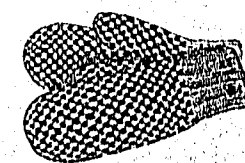
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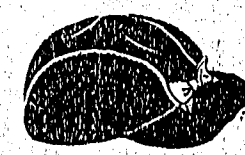
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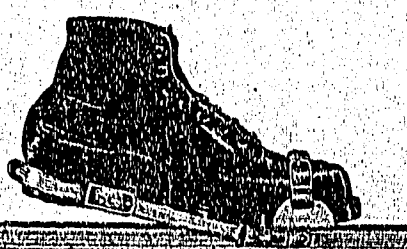


Illustration shows SKI BOOT with concave heel and SKI HARNESS, essential to correct skiing . . .

THE MULE KICKS

(Continued from page 3)

Methinks that Daniel Ferris, high mogul of the A. A. U., pulled a "boner" in judgment when he named Don Lash, of the University of Indiana, as the leading collegiate cross country runner of the year over our own Cliff Veysey. Far be it from me to question the opinion of such a high sage in national track circles, but had not Cliff been so unfortunate as to pull a tendon, there doesn't seem to be much question but that he would have walked away with Intercollegiate honors.

— C —

As it was, Cliff's times compare favorably with the best ever turned in by Lash during the last hill and dale season. It is merely the age-old athletic problem of the small college man being overlooked again. True, Lash won the National Collegiate title, but I'd bet my bottom dollar that he wouldn't have finished better than second had Cliff been in condition and running against him.

— C —

Old mother nature is giving us the best winter that we have had in a number of years. The skating has been excellent and the skiing near perfect. Not since I can recall has there been such an extreme interest shown by men and women in winter sports activities. For a college the size of Colby, however, it seems that there should be some event to climax such a great season. Bates and Maine, two co-educational institutions like Colby, have their winter carnivals and they go over with a bang.

The mid-years will be over in another week, extra-curricula activities will be in order again so why not add to these one of the most interesting events that can take place on any college program—a winter carnival. "Mike" Loebbs has done a great job in outfitting the athletic department with winter sports equipment and has done as much as he can to further interest in winter sports. The H. R. Dunham Company is extremely interested in doing its part to help in any way possible.

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Of course a winter carnival is only an idea; but with the proper push ideas often grow into realities. The only difficulty in putting over a carnival here would be to get the idea organized and start working immediately. There is a Colby Outing Club in name, whose members would be doing a great thing for the college and students should they project such a thing as a carnival into the student activity this winter.

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There are excellent winter sports facilities on Mayflower Hill, an Outing Club House, equipment, and plenty of fresh air. All of these things are ready and waiting to be used by the entire student body. As it is now, only a certain few venture out in the chilly winds each Sunday afternoon. The ideal idea would be to have the carnival events some Saturday afternoon; have an informal dance in the Alumnae building that

evening with the co-eds wearing ski suits and the boys dressed in suitable winter attire; to bring the affair to a close, a winter sports party taking in the whole student body, could be held on the Hill Sunday afternoon followed by skating in the evening.

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Speaking of carnivals and student interest in sports calls to my mind the desire to reiterate on an idea which was proposed in this column some time ago. That idea was to have the inter-fraternity track meet held in the Field House early some evening followed by an all-fraternity dance

after the conclusion of the meet. One reason why there has never been an over-exuberance of interest shown in track here is due to the fact that most of the students have never seen the track men in action. That interest never will be enlivened further until some event impresses track in the minds of the student body.

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It is even a hard job to get competitors for an afternoon track meet, let alone spectators. There are a number of boys who would be willing to compete were the meet any time but in the afternoon. Also there are

a number of students and business men in town who would be pleased to attend a track meet, but because of other duties are unable to attend it on an afternoon.

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