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Colby Group Organized In Defense Of Democracy

Needy Children To Be Feted

Christmas Party Will Be Held By Student Donations

The annual Christmas party for the one hundred most needy children of Waterville will take place this coming Saturday in the Alumnae Building, beginning at 2:00. Each year, fifty Colby boys and fifty girls from the women's division go out and call for the children who have been suggested by the Welfare Department as those having the least chance of any kind of Christmas celebration, entertain them as their guests at the party, and see them safely home at its close. Each child receives a gift from his or her host or hostess and a candy bag. The program this year will include

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Forum Group To Hold Monthly Meetings

As many students and faculty may already know the Forum program has been revised this year. Instead of the weekly meetings there will be one large meeting a month, usually held on the second Sunday.

These meetings are to be held in the churches, with whom the S. C. A. is cooperating, or in the Alumnae Building as the program demands. Upon the night of Forum programs the individual church forums will not convene but will join the large meeting.

The first program was held November 17, with Dr. Everett Herrick of Andover Newton speaking on "The Unseen Column."

There will be no separate Forum meeting in December, since the Forum Committee is participating in the Colby Vesper Service by ushering and decorating.

Professor F. Alexander Magoun of M. I. T. is coming to Colby the weekend of February 9, 10, 11, to discuss

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Pan-Hellenic Ball To Initiate New Year

The combined sororities of Colby will start off the 1941 social year with a formal Starlight Ball. The dance, sponsored by Panhellenic, will be held in the Alumnae Building on the night of January eleventh, from eight to twelve o'clock.

The ball is open to both sorority and non-sorority girls. For several years the Panhellenic dance has been an outstanding success, and it is expected that this year will see no break in the tradition.

Bernie Larkin and his orchestra will provide the music for the evening. The leader is, himself, a talented clarinet player, and with the orchestra has completed a successful tour of New England's schools and colleges. He has been a favorite at such campuses as Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan, Yale, Brown, and the University of Maine.

Arrangements are being made to have the orchestra play some good waltzes, and there will also be some specialty numbers rendered by a vocalist.

The junior members of the Panhellenic Council are in charge of arrangements for the dance. Jean Cannell heads the committee. Other members are as follows: Cynthia Smith and Shirley Wagner, decorations; Hester Hatch, chaperones; Jane Soule, publicity.

Bids to the dance are three dollars and may be obtained immediately after Christmas vacation from Jean Cannell in Foster House or from Jane Soule in Foss Hall.

Notice Seniors

To the members of the Senior Class who plan to use the placement service:

There will be a meeting in the Chapel at 10 A. M., Friday, December 13, of those seniors who plan to use the placement service.

Elmer C. Warren.

I.R.C. Conference Held At Brown

Colby Delegate Tells Of Round Table Discussions

By Emanuel K. Frucht

More than 175 delegates, representing 35 New England schools and colleges, assembled at Brown University on December 6 and 7, to attend the ninth annual Conference of International Relations Clubs of the New England area.

After the preliminary greetings given to the group by the presiding officer of the conference, the vice president of Brown, and by Miss Amy Hemingway Jones of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the I. R. C. delegates divided into four round table sessions. The four general discussions at the round tables were: (1) American Policy Toward the War in Europe, (2) American Policy toward Latin America, (3) American Policy in the Far East, (4) The Future of Democracy. Three different sessions of Round Table conferences were held, and the conclusions adopted by each group

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German Club To Give Musical Program

Deutsche Verein, the German Club, will hold the meeting, which was postponed because of the basketball game December 6, next Friday evening, December 13, in the music room at the Alumnae Building. The program will feature the musical works of Mendelssohn, Goethe and Heine with Mr. Philip Bither, German instructor, as commentator. This presentation is a followup of the programs offering the works of great German men which are barred in Germany today by the Hitler regime.

Everyone is invited to come and hear those very pieces of which Hitler has deprived the German people.

Committees Composed Of Faculty Members; To Be Aided By Student Body And Men's Class

Co-eds From Far East To Be On Colby Program

This week Colby at the Mike will feature an interview with girls from China, Japan, and the Philippines. The girls are Betty Wood, from China; Sarah Martin, from Japan; and Helen Henry, from the Philippines. The interview will be conducted by Dorothy Holtman.

Music will be furnished by Bob Polis, at the piano, and Louise Frahen and Bud Decormier will sing. Bill Finkeldey and Barbara Kaign will give us the news and Hal Seamon will deliver the sports news.

Oliver Millett, announcer on the Colby at the Mike programs, has stated that "Colby at the Mike," through necessity, has been forced to postpone its scheduled broadcasts from Augusta until after the Christmas recess. However, the second semester promises many interesting broadcasts from the Winter Carnival, Junior Week-End, and a Variety show which has not been presented for the past two years. The Glee Club, which presented one of Colby at the Mike's most interesting broadcasts last year has promised another broadcast this year. Mr. Millett desires that all who are interested in the variety show whether it be singing, acting or producing to contact him immediately. The committee will be organized this week from the regular staff, but it is hoped to be able to supplement this committee with other interested students.

Vanderbilt Speaks Of His Interviews

Noted Correspondent Describes World Leaders

Cornelius Vanderbilt, who has crossed the Atlantic one hundred thirty-two times, the world twelve, and who has fraternized with kings, emperors, dictators, prime ministers, and generals, gave a lecture last Thursday that was both amusing and dramatic. First, he discussed, often in a humorous vein, many of the world celebrities he has known. Then using his knowledge of them as a basis, he described the foreign situation.

The most startling aspect of his address came when he made the daring prediction that before spring American draftees would be in Brazil and that within a year they would also be in Mexico.

Mr. Vanderbilt opened with an amusing tale of his activities at the coronation of King George the Sixth, a personal friend. There he scooped the rest of the reporters by a two

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Dean Marriner To Speak At Next Women's Assembly

In the last women's assembly before Christmas vacation Dean Marriner plans to speak to the Co-eds. His topic will be on current popular fiction of the type such as co-eds might be interested in reading during the coming vacation. The program ought to encourage the girls to catch up on some reading, and will also give some useful suggestions to them for Christmas gifts.

Seventeen Students To Speak In Behalf Of Cause

Because of the great threat to Democracy which exists today, a committee on Community Relationships has organized a Colby Group on Defense of Democracy.

This group of persons, made up of faculty and members of the student body are co-operating in every way possible with the Sunday Morning Men's Class. Every effort is being made by both of these groups to meet the problem that exists today.

In the purpose of this group may be seen their creed: "The members of the Colby group on the Defense of Democracy are united in the belief that the threat to our democratic inheritance is a real one."

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Famed Lecturer Will Visit Colby

Dr. Polanyi To Discuss Present European Crisis

Dr. Karl Polanyi, famous lecturer, is to be the guest of the college on Thursday and Friday, December 12 and 13. Dr. Polanyi is an Oxford University lecturer and University of London lecturer in extension courses and in tutorial classes. He was formerly on the faculty of the Peoples' College in Vienna, a member of the Budapest Bar, and Joint-Editor of "Der Oesterreichische Volkswirt."

In 1935 Dr. Polanyi gave a six weeks course of lectures at the Des Moines, Iowa, Public Forums, and visited many colleges and universities.

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Hallowell Contest Preliminaries Held

Preliminaries for the annual Hallowell Prize Speaking Contest were held on Monday afternoon, December 9, 1940, beginning at 1 o'clock. A three-minute excerpt of an address was required of each contestant. Eighty students were judged during the course of the afternoon.

According to Dr. Herbert Carlyle Libby, head of the department of Public Speaking, semi-finals may or may not be held, depending on the final grading of the addresses given Monday afternoon. In any case, ten students will be selected to participate in the final contest in January, 1941, at which cash prizes totaling one hundred dollars will be awarded.

Participation in the preliminary contest was required of all students enrolled in the Department of Public Speaking, and was open to all students, both divisions, of the college.

The contest, which has been an annual event at Colby for over thirty years, was inaugurated by Judge F. M. Hallowell, '77, who donated a sum of money to be used in furthering the art of public speaking. In later years, the fund expired; but a college trustee, who wishes his name to remain unknown, supplied the necessary funds for the continuance of the contest.

Over \$3000 has been distributed already as prizes in the Hallowell contests, during which time approximately 2100 students have been judged in the preliminaries.

College To Hold Special Christmas Vesper Service At Baptist Church

Student Christian Association, Arts Club, Glee Club, And Choral To Cooperate

President Johnson Will Lead Initial Ceremony

This next Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 4 o'clock, the college family and community are again privileged to participate in a Christmas Vesper Service, to be held at the First Baptist Church. It is outstanding in being the specific college service held in honor of the Christmas season and its festive spirit of celebration.

The Student Christian Association, the Arts Club, the Glee Club, and the Choral Group are cooperating in the presentation of an impressive program.

The singing of four well known carols by the combined music groups and congregation will commence the service. This is to be followed by Scripture Reading by President Franklin W. Johnson. The college

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Martin To Speak At Math Club Meeting

There will be a short business meeting of the Math Club on Thursday, December 12, in the Alumnae Building classroom at 7:00 P. M. Bill Martin will speak about the "15th Puzzle" after which refreshments will be served.

The chief purpose of the Math Club at Colby is to discuss those mathematical problems for which no time can be found in the classroom. Valuable prizes are also awarded during the course of the year.

At present there are fifteen members in the club. The officers are: Bill Martin, president; Dorothy Emerson, vice president; Ruth Thomas, secretary and treasurer; Professor Ashcraft and Dr. Schoenberg, Faculty advisors.

Outing Club Camp Holds First Sunday Open House

Hot coffee, cookies, and a roaring fire out at the new Outing Club camp on Sunday, December 8, inaugurated the first of a series of Sunday Open Houses to be held there.

About fifteen people attended and pronounced the idea a good one, and the camp a wonderful place. As the Lodge and grounds are still being "dressed up" for later parties, the group spent part of the afternoon cleaning and rearranging the camp. It is expected that later in the year transportation will be available and thus make the camp more accessible to the majority of the college.

CAMERA CLUB NOTICE

Members of the Camera Club are reminded of the printing of Christmas cards to be done this Friday evening at 7:30 in the darkroom in Foss Hall. Please bring any negatives which you would like printed on a Christmas card.

COLBY TOPPLES HARTWICK 43-23 IN LOPSIDED CONTEST

Rugged Defensive Tactics Of Mule Keeps Visiting Invaders Helpless

Rimosukas High Scorer

Mules Outplay Losers, But Many Shots Misfire-Whole Squad Plays-LaFleur Is Hurt

Before a large crowd in the Field House last Friday night, Colby's basketball team opened their 1940 season with an easy 43-23 victory over a traveling Hartwick College outfit from Oneonta, New York. Paced by Captain Al Rimosukas, the Mules were ahead during the entire ball game, as the visiting Iroquois failed to show any scoring punch. By their victory, Eddie Roundy's crew gained revenge for a setback last year by the same team in their opening game.

Leading scorer was the tall sharpshooter Rimosukas who dropped eight baskets and two foul shots for a total of eighteen points. State high scorer last year, the Mule captain got off to a good start in his attempt to take the crown for a second straight season. Gil Peters, in the right forward post, came through with nine points, while the remainder of the scoring was distributed widely. Roundy used his entire 16-man squad as the team coasted in to a win. Oren Shiro played a good hard game at left guard, while the sophomore stars, Lee and Lomac, showed up well as they started their first full season of varsity competition.

For Hartwick, Casey, the speedy right forward, was high man with nine points. Martuscello, a diminutive guard, was a fine court player for the visitors, who looked much different than the team they presented last season. Hartwick had previously lost its first two games, with Ciena College of Albany, N. Y., and the University of Vermont. Saturday night they took a trimming at the hands of Bates at Leviston.

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6 Fast Alleys

Both teams showed it was an early season game. The passing was ragged, and shooting eyes were way off. The referees were kept busy calling fouls in the rough contest.

Colby is leaving on a road trip tomorrow to play New Hampshire, Clark, and Northeastern on successive nights. It will be a rigorous three days, for the Mules were able to get by only Northeastern last year. A squad of ten or twelve players will make the trip. Colby forces are optimistic, however, for on paper this year's team looks to be the best since Colby instituted the winter sport on the varsity calendar three years ago.

The box score:

Colby (43)		G.	F.	P.
Peters, rf	-----	3	3	9
LaFleur	-----	0	1	1
Livingstone	-----	1	1	3
Rimosukas, lf	-----	8	2	18
Flynn	-----	2	0	4
Legassey	-----	0	0	0
Pullen	-----	0	0	0
Lee, c	-----	0	2	0
Young	-----	0	0	0
MacNamee	-----	0	0	0
Lomac, rg	-----	2	1	5
Came	-----	0	0	0
Beach	-----	0	0	0
Ferris	-----	0	0	0
Shiro, lg	-----	0	0	0
Bubar	-----	0	0	0
		16	11	43

Hartwick (23)		G.	F.	P.
Holley, lf	-----	1	0	2
Prime	-----	0	1	1
Casey, rf	-----	3	3	9
MacMillan, c	-----	0	2	2
Clune	-----	0	1	1
Tremlett	-----	0	0	0
Martuscello, rg	-----	2	2	6
Rosenthal	-----	0	0	0
Schleup, lg	-----	1	0	2
		7	9	23

Johnny Daggett In "Who's Who"

Johnny Daggett, brilliant backfielder, track ace, and a member of Colby's glee club, last week was named a member of "Who's Who" among students in American colleges and universities.

The collegiate "Who's Who" is published through the cooperation of more than 500 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates, which is devoid of politics, fees and dues. "Who's Who" students are selected by an unprejudiced committee. Biographies are printed in the elite edition.

MULE KICKS

by
BILL FINKELDEY

Bon Voyages

The hockey and basketball teams leave for the first trips of the season tomorrow morning, the former going to Hanover to meet the Dartmouth Indians, and the latter to Massachusetts to play New Hampshire, Clark and Northeastern on successive days. Clark is the big obstacle for the Mule basketball team to overcome, for the Worcester Scarlets won thirteen and lost only two last season and they boast a veteran squad. Dartmouth, minus Campbell and Sullivan, will still put a strong club on the ice, but the Mule pucksters have a good chance to take this one.

Basketball

Despite the large Colby score against Hartwick, the Mule thinks the game as a whole was pretty ragged basketball. Of course, it was the first game and all that, but we hope that the boys get over it before the season is much older. The elbow injury of Bobby LaFleur turned out to be nothing extra serious, and Doc Hardy reports that he'll be o.k. for the first game after Christmas.

Turkey Meet

Don't forget that the annual battle for interfraternity track supremacy comes off this Friday and Saturday. Cy Perkins has revealed that there will be three "adequate" sized birds given away to the first three fraternities. Also, don't forget that freshman pledges are eligible to compete Odds and Ends

Mike Loeb reports he earned (?) twenty-six cents as the result of his warbling efforts between the halves of the Hartwick game. The Mule goes on record for bigger and better floor shows between the halves! . . . Al McCoy popped in for a few minutes last Monday, but was off on an Arcostock trip before long . . . Did you ever realize that Ed Loring certainly goes in for the "hot spots"? The present hockey captain plays center in football, goalie in hockey, and he catches for the baseball team. You couldn't pick any tougher assignments than that . . . Incidentally, Colby football men have been selected thirteen times on the various All teams. Eero Helin pulled down the honor of being selected running mate to Gene Goodreault of B. C. on Sportcaster Steven's All New England club . . . In answer to a co-ed's question, No. Colby's Al McCoy is not the same one who is going to fight Louis for the heavyweight crown!

Turkey Meet To Be Held This Fri.-Sat.

Deke And ATO Tracksters Are Defending Champions

The winter track season steals in for a week-end before Christmas when the fourth annual interfraternity turkey track meet is held on December 13-14. Brainchild of Coach Perkins, the meet is designed to develop material for the winter season.

Several of the regular varsity performers including Johnny Daggett, Keith Thompson, Vic Lebednik, Jim Bateman, Hoover Gossin, John Fiskfield, Frank Quincy, Eero Helin, Len Murphy, Paul Burnham, Lou Weeks, and Harry Hildebrandt are expected to provide keen competition. An additional feature of the meet is the novice class which includes not only boys who have never run before, but

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Frosh Basketball Team Tops Winslow High Five

Varsity Hockey Team Opens At Dartmouth

Eight Veterans Represent Mule Nucleus For Year

Journeying to Dartmouth where they play their first game of a thirteen game schedule next Friday evening at 8:00 P. M., the Colby hockey forces will attempt to break the Friday 13th jinx with a win over the Indians.

As this is the opening game for both teams, little is known of their comparative strength, but Dartmouth is certain to put on its usual fine type of play, while the Mules will be out for the glory of upsetting a major collegiate hockey power.

Coach "Bill" Millett has been driving his squad during the past week in order to whip them into shape. The team not only practiced during the usual afternoon hours, but at 5:30 A. M., and 6:00 P. M., when ice conditions have not been otherwise favorable during the day.

The starting lineup is, as yet, undecided, though the past week has seen Johnson, Wallace, and Hayward on the front line with Beach, Weidul, and LaLiberte sharing the defensive duties in front of goalie Loring.

The game with Boston College, scheduled for the following Saturday evening at Boston has been moved up to February.

also all freshmen. Among the newcomers expected to make a good showing are John Turner, Bob St. Pierre, Ralph Hilton, Doug McLeod, and Bob Whitham. There is no limit to the number of entries from each fraternity, but no boy may compete in more than two running events.

Prizes will all be in the form of food, for individual winners will get baskets of fruit, and turkeys will go to the three top frats. It is hoped that the boys will gain conditioning from the meet for the season and that some new stars will turn up. A full list of events and starting times follow:

Friday, Dec. 13
3:30—35 pound weight.
3:30—12 pound shot (novice).
4:15—16 pound shot.
4:15—Broad jump.
Saturday, Dec. 14
3:30—45 high hurdles.
3:30—pole vault.
3:35—1 mile run.
3:45—40 yard dash.
3:55—40 yard dash (novice).
4:05—600 yard run.
4:05—high jump.
4:10—600 yard run (novice).
4:15—1000 yard run.
4:20—1000 yard run (novice).
4:25—300 yard run.
4:45—300 yard run (novice).
All entries close at 6 P. M., Thursday, Dec. 12.

Squad Impressive In First Victory

Running up a high score of 51 points against only 18 for the opposition, the Colby freshman basketball forces swamped a supposedly strong Winslow high team last Friday night in the Colby Field House.

The game, played as a preliminary skirmish to the Colby-Hartwick battle, soon became one sided as the Frosh made it obvious as to the winner of the game. During the initial moments of the contest, the two teams played on even terms but the accurate shooting of the Frosh allowed them to pull ahead.

Expecting to meet a strong team, the Blue and Gray forces guarded men so closely that they offered very few opportunities for shooting, while they themselves ran up a 30 to 12 lead at half time. Outstanding for Colby was Michael Jaworski, acting captain for the game, who sank five baskets and two fouls for a total of twelve points to lead the team. Roderick of the Winslow Black Raiders was high man on his team with six points.

Sixteen players saw action for the Colby Frosh as this was the initial game of the season and Coach Loeb wished to find out the quality of his players. The team will have a long lay off before their next game, which is not scheduled until next year, January 8, against Maine Central Institute.

The summary:

Colby Frosh		G.	F.	P.
Jaworski, rf	-----	5	2	12
Hilson	-----	0	1	1
Johnson	-----	1	1	3
Jennings, lf	-----	1	3	5
Calahan	-----	1	1	3
Spina	-----	1	0	2
Puila, c	-----	2	0	4
Eaton	-----	3	0	6
Hikel, lg	-----	1	0	2
Strupp	-----	2	0	4
McCallum	-----	0	0	0
Shiro	-----	0	1	1
Osborne, rg	-----	0	1	2
Zecker	-----	2	0	4
McPherson	-----	0	0	0
Currier	-----	1	0	2
Totals	-----	21	9	51

Winslow		G.	F.	P.
Roderick, rf	-----	3	0	6
Arsenault	-----	0	0	0
Fedorovich, lf	-----	2	1	5
Mathieu	-----	0	0	0
Gwazdosky, c	-----	1	0	2
Kurlovich	-----	0	0	0
Pago, lg	-----	0	1	1
Tardiff	-----	0	0	0
Derosby, rg	-----	0	2	2
Savasak	-----	0	0	0
Naborosky	-----	0	0	0
Bouthot	-----	1	0	2
Totals	-----	7	4	18

A FEW SKI ITEMS

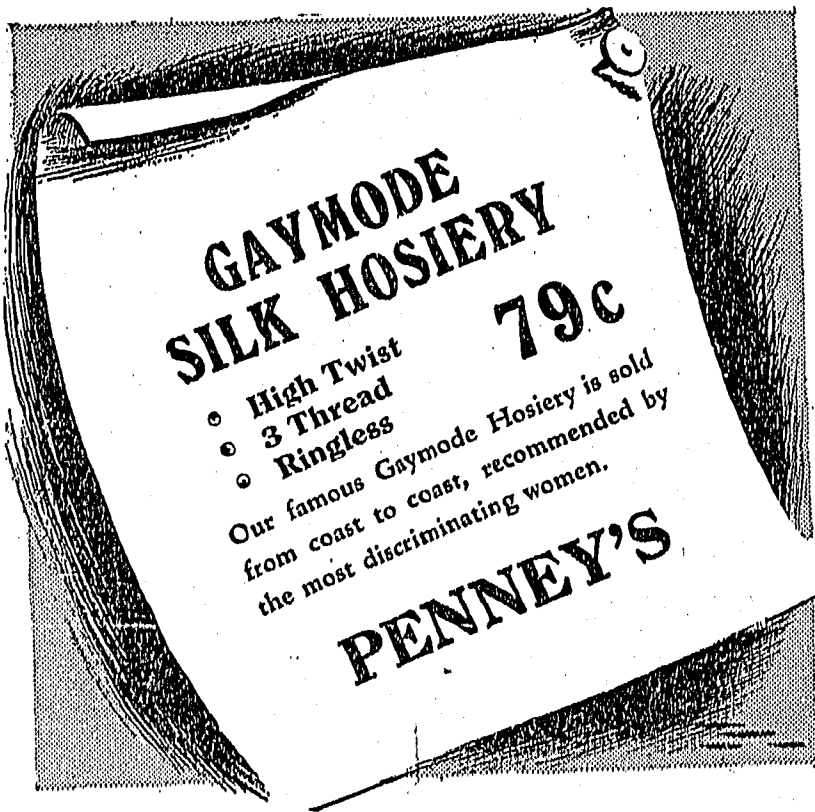
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New Hampshire, Clark, Northeastern Are Foes

11 Players To Make Trip

December 12, 13 and 14 the Colby basketball forces trek out of state to do battle with New Hampshire, Clark and Northeastern respectively.

On paper it looks like Clark will present the major obstacle for the Mules. Last year the boys from Worcester really batted the Mule around.

Following is a letter from the sports editor of the Scarlet, the Clark University weekly.

Dec. 8, 1940.

"Dear Sir:

"I received your very complete letter yesterday and waited till today to give a bit of information about this year's Clark game.

"In a game touted to be one of the best in the New England season, Brown nosed out Clark last nite 35-34. It was close throughout and Brown took the lead for the first time in the game with only three minutes left. The high scorer of the game was Clark's Ziggy Strzlecki with 13 points.

"Last year Strzlecki averaged 24 points a game and despite last nite's game, he is better than ever. Teaming at the other forward with him is Stan Maslowski, set-shot artist who is enjoying a successful season. This is Maslowski's third varsity season. At the center is six foot three Lou Shopes, the second leading scorer on the Clark five. Last year against Northeastern, Shopes tallied 32 points. The guards are the redoubtable Captain Jack Karpoe and Ray Manarel. This unit forms the strongest team in Clark's history. For replacements, Coach Serge Bernard uses 6 foot four John Clair winding up his athletic career with his fourth season of varsity ball and Lloyd Anderson, promising sophomore. Also likely to see action are Freshman Joe Bayramshian, Cliff Doolittle, Vin Thompson and George Puniskis. The team has everything to make it New England's best: scoring punch, defensive brilliancy, plays and coordination."

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John Roukema, '44

By Bill Finkeldey
You all know the story of "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates." Well, it seems that Colby has another H. B. himself in Johnny Roukema, a freshman from Paterson, N. J. Undoubtedly you have seen this blonde, curly-headed youngster flashing about Waterville on his bike, but if you haven't, you'll see him soon on the ice.

Although Johnny was born in Holland, his first recollections are of his early life in Prospect Park, a section of Paterson. It was here where he first learned to skate, and later attracted the attention of several famous speed skaters. At 15, Roukema entered and won a 440 yard novice event, and has continued to win ever since. After his first victory, Johnny raced weekly in handicap races on New York City rinks. This was the season of '35-'36, and beside winning many of these handicap races, he won the Passaic County Intermediate Championship, the Boys' Intermediate Silver Skates, and the Metropolitan Indoor Championship. The next year Roukema was moved into Class B, and he proved it by winning all out of 12 races. Up another notch, and Johnny found himself in the big time, Class A. His outstanding performance that season was winning the mile race of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

In 1937 the "Blonde Bullet" continued on his way. He took two seconds, in the Passaic County Meet and the Middle Atlantic Meet, but won the two mile Silver Skates Championship held at Madison Square Garden in New York. Going into 1939 Roukema annexed the Inter-City Sil-

ver Skates title and he won the Eastern Pennsylvania Indoor Championship. Last New Year's Day, he battled Olympic Champion Eddie Schroeder for the Middle Atlantic States Championship (based on a point system) and the Dutch born lad finally won the title, after three gruelling races, of which he won two. Charlie Jewtraw, Olympic 500 meter champ, said of Roukema "He's our number one contender in the next Olympic (if ever) from the half-mile distance up"

Here at Colby the college has appropriated money for the construction of a one-sixth of a mile track for Johnny, and if some cold weather comes along, it won't belong before we can all get a glimpse of the boy in action. A Colby Blue and Grey skating outfit has been ordered, and he will skate under Colby colors this season. In his first meet, the "Blonde Flash" will defend his title at the Middle Atlantic States Championships at Newburgh, N. Y., on January 1st. After that he is entered in as many meets as he can work in without interrupting his studies.

Roukema has always refused to skate on Sundays, thereby giving up many major meets. In fact, it was because of this that Johnny is here at Colby now. It's a long story involving Dr. Libby, Life Magazine, and the Dutch Reformed Church, but to cut it short, he started a correspondence with Dr. Libby which eventually led to his entrance here.

Colby, and the ECHO sports staff wishes Johnny the best of luck this year, and we're sure that he'll carry the name of Colby on to more fame and glory.

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at the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity dance last Saturday eve attempted to copy the twirl of the good old "horse-and-buggy" days of '08, as the "WHITE MULES" gave forth with the favorite waltz, "Yip-I-Addy-I Ay." But modern times took the spotlight as Wes MacRae, the Gabriel of the ork's brass section, tickled the valves for his swell version of the present-day waltz-foxtrot, "Ciribiribin."

Getting off to a bang, your "HIT PARADE" for this week reads as follows, going backwards per usual:

No. 10. Charlie Osborne and roomie Paul Witham cast their votes for a honey of a ballad, "Two Dreams Met."

No. 9. "Head On My Pillow," gives way to more popular songs but still rates a well-deserved place among your favorites. (Requested by Miss Ann Foster and Johnny Turner).

No. 8. Dick Jones and Forrest Hussey are for Glenn Miller's smoothie, "Yesterthoughts." The whole college also seems to voice their approval for this number.

No. 7. Steadily climbing in favor among Colbians is "A HANDFUL OF STARS." The first request for this tune was submitted by Miss Helen Watson. (Incidentally, Helen tells us to make sure to watch for the current hit, "The Moon Fell In The River"—especially the way Colby's own "Gini" Duggan vocalizes it).

No. 6. Johnny Calahan dedicates the best seller, "Our Love Affair," to Miss Virginia Hall.

No. 5. Miss Kay Monaghan makes the motion, Wendell Brooks seconds it, and Miss Pat Perham thirds it—hence one of the reasons why the number five spot is for "A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square," the tune that comes to us from "over there." (P. S.—Berkeley is pro-

No. 4. Jumping into the upper half of your list is the "tsk, tsk, tsk" special, "Down Argentina Way." The earliest votes polled for this song were from Miss Thelma Bassett, Jack Lowell, and Sherman MacPherson.

No. 3. Miss Hope Mansfield, Eero Helin, and Benny Zecker are in favor of "Now I Lay Me Down To Dream." Colby's talented tenor, Bud Decormier, does a peach of a job on the vocal.

No. 2. Barely nosed out of first place is the "boogie-woogie" novelty number which the trio of Chuck Barletta, Dan Scioletti, and Mitty Stillwell made the talk of the campus here at Colby. Lou Deraney confirmed the statement of Len "MacNamara's Band" Murphy that "Beat Me Daddy, Eight To The Bar," is tops.

No. 1. Sweeping to the honor berth in less than a month's time is the beautiful ballad which tells the story of "My Echo, My Shadow, and Me." Miss Jackie Nerney is literally one of the "thousands" who have put their stamp of approval on "We Three."

The boys at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity came out strong for a new Will Bradley specialty. Eddie Sarantidis claims the fraters give their unanimous vote to "Scrub Me Mama, With A Boogie Beat." (Those fellows sure can pick 'em).

Here's for a gala time at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity dance this coming Saturday, P. M.—expect to see you all there.

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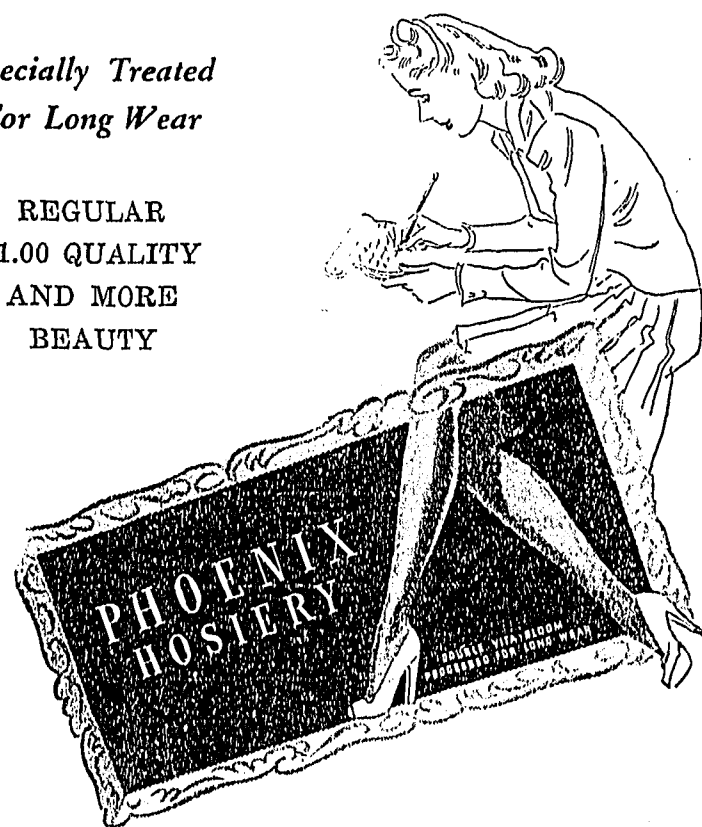
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Vanderbilt...

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., astonished his Colby audience last Thursday evening with such statements that the coming winter would see American troops in Mexico, and that within a year American troops would be in Brazil. In an informal chat with the editor just after the lecture, Mr. Vanderbilt revealed that the latest news in Washington, from which he had just come, was that officials were planning to lower the draft limit age to eighteen. He also hinted that those boys that have just been drafted will not be released within a year, but may have to serve three or five years with the army.

Some of these statements are quite startling, and if authentic, should be worthy of extreme interest on the part of college students. If there is some fact behind these suggestions, why haven't the people heard about them through regular news channels. If a democratic population is to judge sanely and think for itself, it should be acquainted with the facts, not half facts that may be distorted. Military secrets should, of course, be kept as such, but it seems that a great deal more information could reach the public than actually does.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The ECHO does not necessarily agree with letters printed in this column. All letters must be addressed to the editor and signed by the writer, whose identity will be withheld and pen name used if requested. The editor reserves the right to withhold from print all or any part of communications received).

(This week the editor has been swamped with letters from both the students and faculty. It also happens that this is one of those weeks when the ECHO is "cramped" for space. Consequently, since two lengthy letters in reply to Mr. Topalian's letter of last week have been received from the faculty, and since the ECHO wishes to print both in their entirety, only one has been included this week. The other, from Professor Weber, chairman of the committee on press-and-radio, of the Colby Group on Defense of Democracy, will be included in these columns next week.—The Editor).

To the Editor of the ECHO:

This is an open letter to Benon Topalian. Mr. Topalian seems to feel that in forming the Colby Group on Defense of Democracy the members of the Colby faculty were simply playing with words and indulging in meaningless generalities. He can excuse this kind of mental gymnastics in politicians, "but," he tells us, "when the faculty of Colby College meet and organize to preserve the 'American way of life,' it is too much to swallow."

If Mr. Topalian's obviously delicate digestive system had permitted him to investigate the work of the Colby Group, he would have found that already, in a great variety of ways, through five actively functioning committees and through individual endeavors, we are trying to implement and give meaning to our faith in "democracy and the American way of life."

He does well, however, to raise the question: What is this "American way of life" that we wish to preserve? He would not imply, I am sure, that he sees nothing in our democracy which has any meaning or value to him. Obviously there are many "American" ways of life—for a democracy stimulates and encourages diversity in the midst of unity—but upon certain essentials we are, I hope, agreed. The following statement by Professor W. W. Charters of Ohio State University represents but one of countless efforts to formulate "the American's creed."

"The characteristics of this democratic pattern of life are well described in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and the writings of statesmen who have followed after. Catalogued by many people they run as follows:

- (1) Respect for the dignity and worth of the individual human personality.
- (2) Open opportunity for the individual.
- (3) Economic and social security.
- (4) The search for truth.
- (5) Free discussion; freedom of speech; freedom of the press.
- (6) Universal education.
- (7) The rule of the majority; the rights of the minority; the honest ballot.
- (8) Justice for the common man; trial by jury; arbitration of disputes; orderly legal processes; freedom from search and seizure; right to petition.
- (9) Freedom of religion.
- (10) Respect for the rights of private property.
- (11) The practice of the fundamental social virtues.
- (12) The responsibility of the individual to participate in the duties of democracy."

We realize, of course, that many of these principles are not always realized, and that mere lip-service to them can never suffice. But we insist that they are not simply meaningless abstractions; rather they are the basis of a positive creed to which all who would preserve and refine our democracy can proudly subscribe. To the extent that they are not realized we have fallen short of attaining a real democracy. Let us admit the imperfections in our present order; but let us never forget, as a very wise man has said, that while in the United States liberty is not ideal, at least we have the ideal of liberty. And let us not underestimate the vital force of that ideal.

In these critical days, when our free institutions are gravely threatened, both from without and from within, democracy must find a new dynamic if it is to survive. As Lewis Mumford has said, unless it can "command a positive system of beliefs, hopes, loyalties—unless every member possesses this living faith—there is no chance of resisting fascism by any mere weight of armaments, or by any mere sweep of economic changes." We of the Colby Group on Defense of Democracy are trying, as best we can, to call attention to those principles which are vital to the "American way," and to carry on specific activities within this frame of reference. Is not all this worth the effort, Benon Topalian? We welcome your criticism; we should be even more grateful for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Norman D. Palmer.

To the Editor:

Here are a few things concerning the college and the students that I, as well as many others, would like to know about.

First of all, exactly which class will be the first to graduate from the new campus? We have been hearing rumors now for at least three years and as yet none of them has been confirmed. Will the class of '41 graduate from the new campus as they were told? The suspense is still terrific.

And at the rate the new college is being built, how many years will it be before it is completed? Which class will be the first to enroll there? A good many of us are still wondering if this project will end the way that Passamaquoddy did. I will acknowledge one thing, however, on behalf of the new campus, it may not be used by students in the daytime, but it certainly is at night.

Another thing, what is the story on the cottages that the Outing Club purchased on Great Pond? We heard rumors that there would be a house party held there for the purpose of cleaning up the outside and cleaning out the inside. Inasmuch as every student is automatically a member of the Outing Club this year, I am sure that a great many students are interested in this project and that cooperation by them would be forthcoming. I have seen the place myself, and I can say with sincerity that it has wonderful possibilities.

I wonder how many students know that at the Men's Class, every Sunday morning at nine forty-five, at the Coburn Classical Institute, representatives from Scotland, Poland, France, Austria, Slovakia, Germany, Holland and Switzerland give their personal opinions of what stand their country is taking in the present war, and why? The arguments get hot and heavy when a Polish native starts arguing with a German native. Last Sunday the leader of the Men's Class stepped in between them to make sure that the argument would remain verbal. The class is led by Professor Libby, and Professors Palmer and Wilkinson give him active support. The history majors should be especially interested in this class.

Stude, '42.

(In regard to information requested above: People who might know either don't or won't talk. We are as much in the dark as you.—Editor's Note).

Dear Sir:

I wish to exert my traditional democratic privilege, co-existent with a free press, and register a protest in the space set aside for reader's opinions. I refer specifically to that classic example of offbeat journalism by Mr. Emanuel K. Frucht that appears weekly in the ECHO.

How many subscribers read that column in its entirety? I have found one such intellectual person,—Mr. Frucht himself.

The space in the ECHO is valuable.

Is this space used to the best advantage when an article is printed that gives one student's opinions and evaluations of events in the world today? Even though this novice commentator may have the best sources and references for his statements, it is indeed a poor student who can find no more authoritative and ready resume of world political conditions.

If such student there be I refer him to Harper's Weekly, Newsweek, Sunday edition of the New York Times, the Nation and several other periodicals that have highly trained men who specialize in collecting and condensing news.

Therefore I think this column is wasteful, uninteresting and unnecessary and serves the sole purpose of filling space and entertaining only Mr. Emanuel K. himself.

Sincerely,

Effo Wehr.

(Is this sentiment universal?—the Editor).

CANVASSING THE CAMPUS

Seen before the library: an amateur photographer taking a shot of the sign, nearly obscured by snow—DO NOT CROSS LAWN.

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Many of our students are showing the true collegiate spirit in decorating their cars. Bob Brown's bus warns all riders to "abandon hope;" Ginny Bates' modestly colored open-air taxi is christened "The Flying Wombat;" but Ray Flynn has put his into cold storage for the winter. It's perfectly safe—the wheels have been removed.

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It was a surprise to us to learn that in this section there is actually a town named Cornville. We thought such names occurred only in fiction ridiculing rural life.

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On the lighted sign outside the A. T. O. house the letters are in this order—O. T. A. Is that the painter's mistake, or is there an actual reason for it?

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Talking with the R. R. gatetender on College avenue, we picked up this odd bit. When the late Judy Taylor was living in what is now Taylor House, the tender could set his watch in the morning by the moment old Judy set foot on the top step to start to class. We imagine it is much different now—although this year's Taylor House is not as—shall we say, lively?—as last year's.

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Friendship is a fine thing, but there are times when it is even well to distrust a friend. Blind dates are a case in point. When Sherman MacPherson—the Aroostook Romeo—made one of these for Burt Currier, Burt was very careful to check up on the girl. Finding every thing all right, he agreed, but not until he had checked up.

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For the benefit of the many who have wondered about the matter, we're going to settle the spelling of the frosh football star's name. Here's hoping the type-setter gets it right. It's KOUCHALAKOS. That doesn't look right—maybe it's Koochalakos. Or is it Kouchalakous—no, I mean Kouchalakus. Or maybe it's—but then why worry? He calls himself "Kootch." (Do not confuse with Gootch, Lloyd—who is also a football star, but only on the Zete touch football squad).

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We have been asked to include an item about Howie Miller's dog, so we'll throw it in. This is against usual procedure, which is to throw the dog out. We have a faint suspicion that Mr. Rush doesn't like dogs—at least not in the library.

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For those frosh to whom Maine winters are new, we'll give a picture of the weather to expect. A long cold period, followed by warmer weather with snow. Then come the rains, making everything slushy. Overnight this will freeze, making the snow a thin crust, and roads into sharp icy ruts. This second cold period is the start of a new cycle in the same order. Don't expect a winter wonder and—get boots and heavy clothes—the worst is yet to come.

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We wonder—why the library was not built more symmetrically... why the drinking fountain in Recitation Hall is dry... what is in the little room visible under the cupola of Coburn Hall... why Taylor House seems so quiet this year... if at any time of night there is no light in any room on campus... why the large gate on the west side of the campus was ever built?

* * *

Every year the freshman class of the year before comes back greatly diminished. Last year 135 men registered in the class of 1943—this year only 105, including new recruits. Last year there were 73 women—now there are 57. High fatality rate the first year, and always the most enjoyable people have to leave us.

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We just love bad puns. Here's one—Cigarette life, if you don't weaken. Guess we've weakened when we laugh at things like that. But then, after the gloomy item above, we must end the column on a cheerful note.

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Few people have as yet noticed that from the Augusta-Waterville road the new campus can be plainly seen, the spires of the Miller Library and the Lorimer Chapel making a landmark visible for miles. Somehow, the sight of those spires give us a sense of the reality of Mayflower Hill more than dozens of circulars. There will be a new Colby—look, there it is!

Ran across a clever little sentence in the U. of P.'s publication, the Lantern. Here it is—"You're the first girl I ever kissed," said the senior as he shifted gears with his foot.

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Dr. Johnson Speaks To Women On Democracy La Meri Presents Dance Program

The Colby Group for American Democracy, originated by the faculty, is fast becoming a Colby project in which we are all concerned. In speaking to the women's assembly on the purpose of this group in Colby, President Johnson stressed the point that there is united belief that the threat to democracy in the United States today is real. There is to be an education of American ideals and an emphasizing of the aspects of democracy. The group at Colby is already absorbed in fulfilling these purposes.

Professor Newman is chairman of the group and Professor Warren is the secretary. The Press and Radio committee is headed by Professor Weber; Student Relationship by Dr. Marshall and the Humanitarian Relief by Professor Strong. There is also a committee on Information which is accumulating a large supply of literature on the subjects involved.

"We can do a little sacrificing on our part," President Johnson stated. "Can't we give up something that we enjoy for those who have greater need?"

President Johnson pointed out that the visit of Dr. Karl Polanyi to Colby this week fits well into the program of the group. The purpose of the group does not concern military and naval preparation. That is talking care of itself.

"Democracy doesn't stand on armies," said President Johnson. "More important to democracy is intelligent and purposeful contributions of all."

Noted Dancer Portrays True Native Ceremonies

La Meri, acclaimed in thirty-four countries as the most versatile dancer of any time, appeared before a Colby and Waterville audience on Wednesday evening, December fourth at the Waterville High School Auditorium sponsored by the Cooperative Concert Association.

Her portrayals of the dances of Spain, Java, India, Japan, Argentina, Cuba, and Hawaii were both entertaining and instructive even to an audience inexperienced in the art of foreign dance. Her program consisted of twelve numbers, including a dazzling, rhythmic portrayal of Ravel's Bolero, appreciated because of the greater familiarity of most people with the music. She was accompanied, throughout her performance by authentic native music recorded in the countries where each dance originated and reproduced by special sound equipment carried on tour. Her costumes were also authentic and no trouble or expense was spared in procuring the genuine apparel for every number.

Probably we can best quote Ruth St. Denis who says, "La Meri's performance is scholarly, vivid and personal. It covers a wide range, and one feels the sincerity of both the lover and the scientist in her work. She is one of those rare people that should be institutionalized. She can feed a whole generation of Youth, with exact information and fire of the artist."

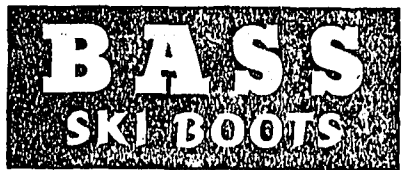
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Miss Donahue Resigns Position In Arts Club

At the short business meeting of the Arts Club, held last Thursday afternoon, December 5, in the "Y" room of the Alumnae Building, preceding the presentation of "The Tenor," and "The Firelighters," Clare Donahue resigned as president of the club.

Due to an excess of extra-curricular activity credits under the Student Government rules, Miss Donahue was forced to surrender her post. Edgar Martin, nominated as sole running candidate, won the vacated position by unanimous vote. Lewis Weeks after an open vote assumed Mr. Martin's duties as treasurer.

COLLEGE TO HOLD

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Glee Club directed by John W. Thomas will then sing a number of less familiar carols.

The second part of the program consists of the presentation of the York Nativity Play. Written in the fourteenth century, it is one of the simple, devout medieval plays traditionally given at Christmas time. It is made up of a dialogue between Mary and Joseph.

The part of Mary is being taken by Bernice E. Knight, '44, while the role of Joseph is played by Hubert S. Beckwith, '43. Both Miss Knight and Mr. Beckwith have had wide experience in acting and coaching.

The Arts Club is sponsoring this Nativity Play. Dr. Mary H. Marshall has arranged the dialogue and is coaching the play.

The costumes were designed by Helen Henry, '42, and Elaine Johnson, '44, is in charge of making them. The S. C. A. is assisting with all arrangements and decoration through a committee headed by Ruth Roberts, '41, and Frederick Sargent, '42.

For the last part of the service, as a conclusion, four choruses from Handel's "Messiah" will be sung by the big Choral Group with the Glee Club as nucleus. Rehearsals for this have been held for several weeks, and those who heard the rehearsal at the First Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon were quite conscious of the feeling of majesty which the "Messiah" arouses. It is a tradition that

Dr. Froelich G. Rainey of the University of Alaska has discovered a town-site indicating a non-Eskimo race lived 100 miles above the Arctic circle thousands of years ago.

the audience always stands for the final "Hallelujah" Chorus.

It is interesting to know that this Christmas Vesper Service is the result of plans commenced last spring at a meeting called by President Johnson and attended by Dean Runnals, Dr. Marshall, Professor Newman, Mr. Thomas and Miss Faw. No Vesper Service was held last Christmas, and it was felt there should be one planned for 1940. The result is a college service in which all may participate.

FAMED LECTURER

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ties in the South. He came to the United States again in 1936 when he spoke before student audiences in the Southwest.

His program is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 12—10:25 A. M., Champlin 32, lecture to Professor Wilkinson's class in European Government and Politics.

7:30 P. M., Chapel. Lecture to the whole college community, "Can Hitlerism Solve the European Problem?"
 Friday, Dec. 13, 4:00 P. M., "Y" room, Alumnae Building. Lecture to the International Relations Club. "Italy's Place in Europe."

7:30 P. M., President's House, Lecture to Colby Faculty. "Europe on the Brink of a New Era of Religious Wars."

VANDERBILT SPEECH

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hours and fifty minutes with the help of a small microphone inside his lapel.

He went on to discuss the European dictators. He said that Stalin, with whom he has had 17 interviews, is a man who believes intensely in his ideals. Leaving Stalin and coming to Mussolini, he described vividly his automobile ride with Mussolini during which Mussolini hit a child, while going at breakneck speed. When Mr. Vanderbilt turned to look back, he felt a hand on his knee and Mussolini said, "Never look back." Hitler he has known only too well for 17 years, having had 44 interviews with him. According to Mr. Vanderbilt Hitler is no madman but a genius with many of the qualities of Huey Long and Al Capone.

Mr. Vanderbilt also discussed such men as Chiang Kai Shek, King Carol, Chamberlain, Gamlin, and the King of the Bedouins who threw him a banquet, featuring among the 23 courses a serving of fried desert worms.

Suddenly Mr. Vanderbilt, who had been displaying a keen sense of humor in describing famous celebri-

ties, began to speak dramatically about the dangerous foreign situation. He told his audience that the British government was going to move to Ottawa in the near future, that if the truth were known much of London has been laid waste. He quoted Dr. Goebbels as saying that when the time came Germany could take the United States from within. Based upon his recent trip to South America, he thinks that the Germans

have thousands of pilots there already, and that if England goes down in defeat Germany will invade Brazil. He made the daring prediction that within a year American draftees would be in Mexico and Brazil.

He closed by reminding his listeners that the United States has an important role to play in the death struggle between Christianity and chaos.

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Colby Glee Club In Concert At Bowdoin

As usual, the Bowdoin concert was a big success. It was the general consensus of opinion that this year's performance showed the most progress of any of the concerts during the past five years.

The Glee Clubs of Bowdoin College, Westbrook Junior College, and Colby College participated. The combination of over two hundred trained voices produced a most impressive rendering of the four great "Messiah" choruses by Handel.

The banquets in the fraternity houses and the dance following the concert were thoroughly enjoyed.

The Bowdoin Glee Club deserves hearty commendation for the manner in which all details were so carefully arranged and carried out.

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stitutions is very real, and that we are called upon to meet the challenge to these institutions by a reassertion of faith in our principles of free government.

"They believe further that the mobilization of our moral, and spiritual powers is no less vital than our physical and economic preparedness, and that the primary task of all those who are connected with our college is to take leadership in educating for democracy and the American way of life.

"They subscribe fully to the following statement by the president of the National Educational Association: 'We have a common purpose . . . in conserving principles of American democracy; in frustrating insidious totalitarian propaganda; in developing a universal loyalty to American principles of government, to democratic freedom and to the rights and obligations of citizenship.'

"However much they differ in specific lines of policy—and the right to differ is a right which they all recognize—the members of the Colby group are unanimously of the conviction that by emphasizing these aspects of democracy they can contribute most effectively to National defense."

Committees have been organized within the group. The first of these committees is that on Press and Radio. This committee is headed by

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Professor Carl J. Weber of the English department. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the newly organized group by means of newspapers and the radio.

The second of these committees is on Information, headed by Mr. Orwin Rush, Librarian. He is at present building up a body of material on democracy which will be available to any persons who may desire to use it.

Dr. Mary Marshall of the English department is the chairman of the committee on Student Relationships. The aim of this group is to unite the faculty and students in stronger "Defense and Democracy."

Professor Everett Strong of the Modern Language Department is the leader of the committee for Humanitarian Relief. Its object is to collect small amounts of money for the relief of British children.

The last of these committees is headed by Dr. Herbert C. Libby of the Public Speaking Department. This group is called Community Relationship and attempts to bring about a closer relationship with the college and the townspeople.

Seventeen undergraduates have already given their services to this group and have offered to speak at meetings in town and in the college where it is felt that they are needed. These students are: John Daggett, '41, Norris Dibble, '41, Howard Miller, '41, Warren Mills, '41, Barbara Skehan, '41, Hartley Bither, '41, William P. Blake, Jr., '42, Walter Emery, '42, Max A. Holzrichter, '42, James F. Kavanaugh, '42, Linwood Palmer, '42, Roger Poor, '42, Gordon Richardson, '42, William E. Tucker, '42, Thomas Farnsworth, '42, Alton Stevens, '43, and Joseph Bubar, '44.

Speakers from the faculty are: President Franklin W. Johnson, Professor Herbert C. Libby, Professor Ernest C. Marriner, Professor William J. Wilkinson, Professor Arthur G. Eustis, Professor Lester F. Weeks, Professor Gilbert Loebs, Professor Thomas M. Griffiths, Professor Norman D. Palmer, Professor Carl L. Carlson and Professor Francis C. Prescott.

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were presented in a general gathering of all delegates at which time the reports were accepted as the declaration of policy of the International Relations Clubs of New England. Thus, the Conference went on record as favoring the following resolutions: We should extend all aid possible to Britain, including financial and even military aid if necessary; the present war is just as much an ideological one as it is a political and economic war; Britain in fighting her war is also fighting the Battle of Democracy and America; we condemn American policy in Latin and South America during the years 1830-1930, and approve the policy of the present Administration; the United States should aid the development of strategic South American industries; America's policy in the Far East should be a complete embargo of all goods and products to Japan; we should extend all aid to China and be prepared to back it up with force if necessary; in safeguarding the future of Democracy, the most practical means of attaining this objective is extending all

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the aid in our power to both China and Britain in their present struggle with the aggressor nations.

The highlights of the convention were speeches delivered by Max Lerner, former editor of the Nation, who is now teaching at Williams College, and by Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean of Foreign Policy Association. Dr. Lerner considered the problem of "America in a New World," and he stated that there are really three wars now raging in the world. The first is a military war, the second is a Civil War to which, he stated, France has already been the victim, while the third war is one raging in each individual. Every person has both the potential Fascist and the potential democrat in him, and the victor of the present war will give an impetus to the forces which are present in each person. Thus, if Britain falls, while we might not have to fear an actual invasion, we would become subject to greatly increased activity on the part of Fascist-minded groups in America. Democracy must become a revolutionary instrument to fight the world-wide revolution of Hitler and we should add a Bill of Duties for each individual so that we will not remain content and secure under our Constitution and Bill of Rights while doing nothing to insure their permanence in our American life.

Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean attempted to analyze the "Lessons of Europe's Collapse" by pointing out that the war now raging in Europe is essentially a revolution of the lower middle classes against the groups now in power. Hitler has appealed to these elements of the population by promising them a better life in the future. She agreed with some of the ideals of the Nazi Revolution, but stated that

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she abhorred the methods that were used. Using the methods of Democracy, we should attempt to more closely examine our own way of life and correct its evils so that we will be prepared to resist the forces of revolution now sweeping over the world.

Nazism is a dynamic and revolutionary force, and Hitler will never remain on the continent if he conquers the British. It takes two nations to make isolation possible. Most of the nations in South and Central America are ruled by dictators who are Fascist at heart. These dictators would immediately come to an agreement with Hitler, not because of trade benefits, but because they really believe in the doctrines of totalitarianism. We must be realistic, and if we are to learn the lesson of Europe's collapse, we must remember the revolutionary concepts which are in this war as ideas, and sometimes ideas are stronger than weapons.

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the presentation of a play, "Brownies' Rebellion," under the direction of Alice Katkauskas, '44, a Christmas story by Miss Janet Marchant of the Colby Physical Education Department, and games supervised by Ada Vincour, '41, assisted by students selected by the physical education departments of the men's and women's

divisions.

Others who will cooperate in making this one of the biggest and best Christmas parties are the Freshman Community Service group who will fill the candy bags, John E. Hawes who will capably fill the post of master of ceremonies, Ruth Stebbins and Perley Leighton who will have charge of the decoration, John C. Stevens and Priscilla Hathorne whose combined efforts produced the program, and Margaret Campbell and Ella Marie Nourse who will have the all-important task of seeing that every one has enough to eat.

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problems of love and marriage. Reverend Mr. Victor Scalise from Lowell, Mass., will visit the campus in April. Other speakers which the Committee is hoping to secure are Dr. Herbert Gezork, Nathaniel Guptill, Rev. Mr. John Brush, Dr. Edgar Brightman, and Dr. Harry Trust.

Ruth Roberts and Fred Sargent are co-chairmen of the Forum Committee with Eleanor Stuart, Alison Pike, Elizabeth Field, Lewis Weeks, Addison Steeves, and Daniel Blatman as members.

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