



Red Cross Drive To Close March 13

Members Of Student Body Will Solicit College

The National Red Cross campaign will end on March 13, 1943. This year the need for contributions is more vital than ever before. Consequently a one hundred per cent response is hoped for from the student body. Throughout the country arrangements have been made to deduct one half of a day's wages for the benefit of the Red Cross, and at Colby several of the faculty have already exceeded this amount.

Solicitors have been chosen from student organizations, the faculty and the administrative staff. The representatives of the fraternities are:

D. K. E., Dana Robinson.
Zeta Psi, Charles Pearce.
D. U., Alden Wagner.
Phi Delta Theta, David Choate.
A. T. O., George Godfrey.
Lambda Chi Alpha, Andrew Watson.
K. D. R., Eugene Ellingwood.
Tau Delta Phi, Lawrence S. Kaplan.
Non-fraternity, Richard Jones.
Women's Division
Sigma Kappa, Barbara Grant.
Chi Omega, Evelyn Gates.
Alpha Delta Pi, Fern Falkenbach.
Delta Delta Delta, Louise Callahan.
Phi Mu, Corinne Jones.
Non-Sorority, Mary Jones.
Town Girls, Mary Weeks.
Faculty, Professor Everett Strong.
Non-Academic Staff, Miss Mary Thayer.

NOTICE

There will be a required assembly for all women in the Dunn Lounge, Tuesday, March 16, at five o'clock. Dr. Bixler will speak on proposed changes in the curriculum.

It is expected that compulsory assemblies for the women's division will be held weekly in the Dunn Lounge at five o'clock on Tuesday hereafter.

Yahkub Advocates Freedom For India

Names America As Likely Mediator

"India has eaten too long at the servant's table in its own house. It now wants the elemental freedom that all nations of the earth have a right to enjoy," stated Thomas Yahkub, speaker at the Colby Lecture series last Thursday evening. Mr. Yahkub was introduced by President Julius Bixler, who formerly spent several years in India.

"I think America will make the best mediator in this debacle," he continued, "because America was once a colony of the British empire and knows what that means, and America has dabbled in imperialism and has a knowledge of that, too."

Yahkub, a native of India, and a noted lecturer and speaker, traced briefly the history of his native land. He said that before the English conquest, India was a proud and free nation, but with the enforcement of British rule India has been a slave nation. Independence is the only answer to the Indian problem, according to Yahkub. He pointed out that under British rule Indian industries have been ruined. The average citizen has a life expectancy of 25 years and an annual income of \$16.80. There is but one-half a hospital bed for every thousand in India, and infant mortality is 290 for each thousand. India is 60% agricultural because its industry has been crushed by the British.

"India looks to Gandhi and Nehru for leadership," went on Yahkub. "It is one of the tragedies of the world that two of India's greatest men are cooped up in prison when they might be contributing to the advancement of their native land. Nehru is not a narrow nationalist, but a world citizen. He is ahead of his time. Gandhi moves with the people and they understand him and follow him more (Continued on page 6)

New Navy V-12 Program Announced Marriner Clarifies Navy Set-up

To The Students..

To the Men and Women of Colby:

The Red Cross is asking for \$125,000,000 from the people of America. Each of us knows that the money is desperately needed. Each of us knows also that this large quota cannot be raised without sacrifice on the part of a great many individuals. I hope that Colby will do its share. The solicitors have been appointed and each student will be approached before the close of the drive at the end of this week. Will you please make this a matter for conscientious thought and respond as generously as you can.

J. S. BIXLER.

Rosenberg Lectures On Rembrandt

Rembrandt and his art gained new significance for many members of the Colby community last Friday night when Professor Jakob Rosenberg of Harvard gave the first lecture of the second semester of the Averill Lecture Series.

In his talk he considered four main topics: (1) main facts of Rembrandt's life, (2) general artistic tendencies in Holland during the time of Rembrandt's life, (3) the development of Rembrandt's art, and (4) the significance of Rembrandt's art and personality.

Professor Rosenberg illustrated his talk with lantern slides of some of Rembrandt's works and the works of other masters who influenced the artist. The exuberant vitality of the paintings and the deep and sincere quality of Rembrandt's later works were all illustrated by the various works. Also, incidents in the life of the artist and their effect on him were indicated.

On Saturday afternoon at an informal tea Professor Rosenberg spoke on Rembrandt as an etcher. Several reproductions of Rembrandt's well-known etchings were used to illustrate the talk. First the technical and working differences between a print and an etching were explained, then Professor Rosenberg proceeded to indicate wherein lay the particular quality of Rembrandt's etchings, his characteristic use of light and shadow as the main mode of expression, his use of line not in the classical consideration as definite and calligraphic, but vibrant and tremulous suggesting atmosphere, light, air.

The etchings which treat the religious subjects, the landscapes and the portraiture were all considered. Professor Rosenberg also indicated the manner in which these rich etchings should be enjoyed and the influence which the great master, Rembrandt, has had on familiar modern artists.

Women Drive Women

Mrs. Ida Wallace, long familiar to Colby students as a D. U. house mother, and Mrs. Rowena Cochran will now answer the frantic calls of "Joy, bus, wait!" since Archie Rhodes and Clayton White have left the winged chariot for defense work.

Francis Armstrong, superintendent of buildings, said that the college felt as it was losing more men every day to the war effort that it would be wiser to fill the bus-driving vacancies with women. Both Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Cochran are competent and experienced drivers of heavy vehicles.

Columbia Man Next Averill Speaker

The second Averill lecture of this term will be held in the College Chapel, Friday night. Professor Norman L. Torrey will speak on "Democratic Ideas of the French Enlightenment."

A graduate of Harvard in 1915, Professor Torrey received his Ph. D. from that university in Romance Languages. He has taught in China, at Yale, and Swarthmore, and is now Professor of French Literature at Columbia.

Professor Torrey is recognized as a world authority on Voltaire and has written several books in that field. While on a special trip to Russia he uncovered some previously unknown correspondence of Voltaire's.

Professor Torrey holds the Distinguished Service Cross for special gallantry in action during the first world war.

Morrison New Star Of Musicale

Classic Program Given By String Quartet

Last Sunday evening an informal musicale was held at the home of President and Mrs. Bixler, with members of the group participating. Frances Shannon began the entertainment by playing three piano selections: "Country Dance," by Edward German; "Malaguena," by Lecuona; and "Fantasie Impromptu," by Chopin.

Dr. Compagetti, President Bixler, Mrs. Jacobs, and Mrs. Bixler formed a quartet of piano, cello, and two violins, and played the Beethoven Piano Quartet and the Mendelssohn First Quartet. Lieutenant Morrison of the Army Air Corps contingent stationed here gave several piano selections. Records of folk ballads, with singing and guitar accompaniment by Carl Sandburg, were played. Dr. Compagetti next played the "Appassionata Sonata."

Women's Division Votes New Constitution

Primary Ballot And Jury System Are Features

Last Friday evening at ten o'clock the women of Colby were called together in the living room of Louise Coburn Hall to approve and pass the new constitution for the governing of the women's division of the college.

The only discussion which arose concerned the nominating procedure. The change from a signed ballot to an unsigned one was proposed and passed. The rest of the constitution, article by article, was moved and passed with almost unanimous consent.

The new system will go into effect at the April election of officers and the jury system, an innovation of the new constitution, will become a part of the judicial procedure of the League.

Applications Will Soon Be Available To Colby Students

Procedure for application to the new Navy V-12 program is announced by Dean Ernest C. Marriner, Armed Service Representative at Colby. The Navy will soon send application forms, which will be available at the Dean's office. Each applicant must submit this form, certified by the Dean, to the office conducting the screening test on April 2, 1943. It is not yet known whether this test will be conducted in Waterville or whether applicants will have to go to some other city to take it. As soon as places for the test are made public, notices will be posted about the Colby campus. Men who are 17 but not yet 20 years old are eligible to apply.

The applicant does not go to a Navy Recruiting Station nor take any physical examination until requested to do so by the Navy. It is first determined whether the screening test qualifies him at all. If it does, the Navy tells him to report at his own expense to the nearest office of Naval Officer Procurement.

On reporting to the office of N. O. P., the candidate will be interviewed to determine potential officer-like qualities, and will be given a physical examination. He is then a candidate approved for selection, but, since the approved list will contain many more men than the quotas permit, his final selection for V-12 is still uncertain.

Final selection will be made by a committee for each state, appointed by the Navy.

Effect of New Program on Men now in V-1, V-5, or V-7

Men in V-1 who have completed or are now in their fourth college term (second term of sophomore year) will be given qualifying examinations on April 1, 1943. Those who pass the test will be placed on active duty with pay and assigned to training in the Navy College Training Program on July 1, 1943. Those who fail the test will be ordered at once to general enlisted service on active duty.

Enlistment in V-5 (Naval Aviation) remains open and the method of enlistment remains unchanged. From men thus enlisted the number authorized to enter the College Training Program will be chosen by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards in cooperation with the office of Naval Officer Procurement. These selected men will be transferred to V-12 and will be assigned to colleges at the same time as other V-12 students.

Men in V-7 who have more than one term to complete work for (Continued on page 6)

Dr. Guenther Gratified By Welcome Received From Colby Community

Scientist And Author Cites Plans For Future In America

"As soon as possible after the war is over, I hope to make a motorcycle trip through the United States," replied Dr. Gothard Guenther, recently added to Colby faculty, upon being questioned about his plans for the future. During the past several years, Dr. Guenther has possessed numerous racing models of motorcycles of both British and German makes. Besides being an enthusiastic motorcycle racer, he is an accomplished skier and also enjoys flying sail planes.

Speaking of the skiing conditions in this vicinity, Dr. Guenther said that he enjoyed the sport about Waterville but did complain about the lack of snow. He declared that he was very well pleased to find so much response to his skiing classes among the girls and also that he was amazed at their skill and at the quickness with which they learned to use their skills. Compared with the shortness of the history of skiing in this country, Dr. Guenther believes that the level of skiing technique is very high.

Especially gratified to Dr. Bixler for the opportunity to teach here at Colby, Dr. Guenther spoke of how pleased he has been with the warm welcome given him in Waterville. He stressed how much more he preferred his present position to his previous

activity as a research worker at the Widener Library of Harvard University because he thinks that "research work without teaching leads to a certain one-sidedness." Continuing, Dr. Guenther said: "On the other hand, a teacher, if possible, ought to continue his research work as otherwise his teaching will eventually become sterile."

As a scientist specializing in logic and metaphysics and the philosophy of history, Dr. Guenther has written a book on Transcendental Logic and a second on the Metaphysics of Christianity. These two books are already published. He is now completing a third book which offers a new system of logic. His first publication was a group of three essays on Indian and Chinese philosophy. Since then, Dr. Guenther has published articles on problems of logic, articles on the metaphysics of history and he has just completed a new essay with the title "The Antithesis on the Metaphysics of History," which he hopes to publish very soon.

In concluding our interview with Dr. Guenther, we were told that he is a great lover of American moving pictures. Comparing the American movies with those made in England and Germany, he stated the great superiority in quality of the European pictures from 1920 to 1930. In his opinion, however, American moving pictures have greatly surpassed any European productions during the last decade.

Students League Will Give Tea On Saturday

Smith Conference Delegate To Make Report Of Findings

Saturday afternoon the Student's League of the women's division will sponsor an informal tea in the Smith Lounge of the Women's Union at 4 o'clock. At this time Hope-Jane Gillingham, who represented Colby College at the Soviet-American Conference at Smith College, will give a report of the conference. An invitation is extended to all the women of Colby to attend this tea.

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Red Cross Drive . . .

Everywhere people are wearing Red Cross tags this month. This tag is more than a symbol of a contribution. It signifies the realization of the world-wide mercy of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross is asking for help with their campaign to raise funds for the 1943 War Fund. You who think that the Red Cross aids on the home front primarily should know that from January 1, 1942, to February 28, 1943, the expenditures for services to the armed forces alone were \$40,400,000. This amount includes hospital and convalescent service, blood plasma for the Army and Navy, emergency supplies for the armed forces and special welfare and recreational activities for men overseas.

Since this war began the Red Cross has been aiding prisoners of war. Food parcels, and large quantities of cigarettes, tobacco, medical supplies, and clothing have been shipped to our boys in prison camps.

Colby students, realizing the work of the Red Cross, should cooperate one hundred per cent. This week workers on campus are asking for contributions. The sororities have pledged themselves to contribute, and other organizations are soliciting likewise. Give now. Wear your Red Cross tag—you may be helping one of your former classmates in the service.

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.

To the Editor of the ECHO:

It is unfortunate that one of the most ingenious student pranks of the past decade should receive such inglorious comment in the past issue of the ECHO.

Certainly the prank bespoke great intrinsic humor. J. J. R.'s soured reactions are important only in their singularity. If she thinks that the Army Students Training Program was brought here to Colby simply to relieve the desperate situation of frustrated Colby co-eds, and that the Army Students should be made to carry the burden we have borne so nobly these many years, then, relying on our own past bitter experiences, we feel that the soldiers will react just as we did.

Let's face the facts . . . We are living in a hardened and cruel social world in which the bitter laws of natural selection are constantly at work. Unfortunately ninety-five per cent of our co-eds must trace their sad fate to this inexorable circumstance.

Colby men have long been tolerant; we are willing to put the situation to the acid test. In any given week we will remove our patronage entirely, allowing the Army Students full rights to the COLBY CO-ED—if the army morale can stand it. At the close of that period Colby men will gallantly resume their historic burden, soothing the brute soldiers with promises of USO girls.

In one respect, we do agree with J. J. R.; the sight of two bus loads of repressed Colby women wildly making their way to their former sanctuary, urged on by a trumpeting Joshua, was indeed, "... a ridiculous performance for college students to put on."

—R. R. C.
—D. D. L.

To the Editor of the ECHO:

The original intention of those of us who inaugurated this movement was the suspension of sorority activity during war-time. Since this apparently cannot be accomplished, we have turned our attention to the greater problem of the usefulness of the sorority at any time, feeling that here, too, is a case strong enough to make for discontinuance of sororities at Colby.

The material barriers to sorority are obvious and certainly not insoluble. Present sorority rooms could be released without any particular harm and Colby sororities could continue their activities in other quarters.

The problem of funds and finances, likewise, could be surmounted—only, however, after noting that most college students come from homes where incomes are fixed salaries, or are derived from professional services. Both kinds certainly do not increase in direct proportion to the rapidly rising cost of living. However, it is still fairly safe to assume that where there's a will there's a way, even though the assumption does not show judicious or perceptive insight into current living problems. It fails to consider the more abstract and more fundamental issue—has any group the right to exist and thereby to cause funds which should be contributed to more essential things (e. g. more and better education, contributions to the war effort, or even actual living expenses) to be diverted to purely social ends?

Some of you will say sorority is not purely social. Let us examine its history at Colby. In 1874 the five women at Colby were existing—not living. They were excluded from social activity, from all extra-curricular pursuits. These five women met and built for themselves a friendship, strengthened by the bond of secret organization. Sigma Kappa was indispensable for these five women, and all sororities have been for the many Colby women who followed.

But what about Colby in 1943? First, Colby is fast becoming a women's school; there are 250 women as compared to 5. The number of men is constantly diminishing. All of the women are living together in a very close and compact unit. There is no social group except the fraternities from which women are excluded. The point I am trying to make should be obvious—the need that once existed for the sorority at Colby is now non-existent.

If one were to pick any single achievement as the goal of modern living, it would almost have to be efficiency. In the hustle of the modern city the chief concern is getting the most done in the least time. Efficiency has been trying to invade the college campus for the past two years. The administration shortened the length of the term from four months and two weeks to three months and one week. The material covered has in no way been cut. A new term has been added—a concentrated term. And in order to make for more efficient work during that concentrated term, all extra-curricular activities were suspended. No one who attended the summer session complained that the lack of sorority activity left a vast gap in their college life. And, really, we are now inaugurating a yearly program of concentrated work—work in which there is no place for many of our former extra-curricular pursuits. Many other groups have seen fit to suspend their programs for the duration.

Try to fit sorority into use of time for essentials. In the fall we have rushing. That is when the Freshmen are trying to adjust themselves to the college; that is when courses are getting under way. And we spend at least a week in planning the parties, three weeks in gushing over Freshmen, and expend money which certainly bears poor interest. After that is over, every Wednesday night must be held sacred to sorority. What do the sororities do on Wednesday night? They meet and continue the squabbling and wrangling that was begun the week before. The officers put in at least two hours a week planning or attending to detail, and the members spend at least an hour a week strengthening their bond of union by making the clique stronger through the exclusion of others, usually simply by gossip. I do not pretend for a minute that there would be no cliques had we no sororities; I say rather with one sorority member, "You can belong to a clique without paying \$35 a year."

Colby College is strangely lacking in spirit for the community. I believe the chief reason for this is the diversion of loyalties to smaller groups. It is pitiful to count the votes in a balloting box and find that there are almost twice as many votes as number of people who registered. The concern over the lack of democracy in Student Government which has resulted in the proposal of the new Constitution will be time wasted unless the women's division of the college can see that the time has come for the abandonment of all lesser concerns for the good of the whole. I feel firmly convinced that sororities have no contribution to be made to college living in war-time, and because of pseudo-loyalties conjured up at the event of a voting day—almost solely in many instances—I am convinced that they are a thorn which should be removed.

Well under half the women's division belongs to any sorority—less than one hundred out of 250. The Freshman class is undecided and unwilling to take any steps toward initiation; there is really no longer any large number of people actively concerned with sororities. The secret society will always hold some fascination for human beings, but it is not the same fascination that it held for socially frustrated females of the pre-Suffrage era. Colby has reached the point where it would like to live during a period of stress without the sorority, and thereby to test the function and importance of the Greek letter institution. Where is that person who would burden the new Colby spirit with a functionless institution of the past when the modern college is literally groaning under the burden of the many adaptations being demanded of it?

—V. H.



UNCONSIDERED TRIFLES

By MARGE OWEN and CARL STERN



Priorities have been granted to a local contractor and decorator and they are now busy rejuvenating the Colby Library. Action came fast after the enthusiastic display of friendship there last Sunday when the Army students came, en masse, in search of some stimulating diversion. The authorities immediately saw the possibilities of turning the Libe into a great social center. They ordered a huge blue and grey neon sign, advertising the Club, and chromium tables will replace the present ones in the main dining room. A raised dais will be built in the southwest corner for the floor shows, and the book desk is being quickly converted into a bar.

Caricatures of the Club's most famous patrons will adorn the walls, the most outstanding ones being of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, Ben Butler, and George Horace Lorimer. Leo the Lion will remain, and the circus motif which he suggests will be carried out in the rest of the decorations. The present files will of course be emptied, and complete personality records of all the guys and gals will take their place. A feature of the establishment will be Orwin and Hal's Date Bureau, whose motto will be, "They never leave single." In the stacks, workmen are removing the famed Hardy collection to make room for necessary "supplies" and the sign over the door of the "cellar" will read "Here Lies Bal and Bud." Bibliothèque permission will be granted freshmen as usual, and there will be dancing nightly from 7 to 11, and a floor-show at 10 o'clock. The date of the grand opening will be announced soon, and at that time free tickets will be issued by the Captain and the Dean, respectively.

Lost Lois and the Panorama

Something new has been added! Civilization and culture have found their way to Waterville in the form of a musical movie-box recently installed in the Maine Central waiting room. One of it's victims is Colby's own Lost Lois, who is bound by its magic, and who now spends all her waking hours watching it in rapturous delight. Day after day she is seen standing contentedly in front of the machine, shuffling her feet to the tune of "Springorania" and watching Hoffman and Kay, the great dance team, strutting their stuff; or humming along with the "Gay Ranchero."

Last Monday night, when the time came to sign in at the dorm, there was no Lois, and the frantic search began. No one had seen her all day long, not even her roommate. It got later and later and still no Lois, so the house-mother finally called the Dean and wept the sad news. "Why I saw Lois in the railroad station at 9 o'clock this morning," said the Dean, so as a last resort they called Maine Central to ask if any stray coeds had been seen. The agent said the baggage man had just swept out the station, but he'd look to see if anything was there. Sure enough, he found our little Lois in a heap in the trash can, sound asleep, with a smile of sweet contentment on her tired face. Still she goes early every morning and stays late every night to see the Panorama and spend her dimes. You can see her there any day, waltzing around, mumbling, "what'll they think of next?"

Casinovans

With the advent of female bus-drivers, we see a new interest in life

on the part of the male population. Men have been crowding the busses all week, supposedly to go up to the Hill for a class or a visit, but when they get there they just sit on the bus and chat with the drivers. When it's time to return to town again, back they go—and on and on into the night. At one of the local eating places, one man was overheard saying to his date "—and about how old are they?" The women will be glad when the novelty wears off and they again will be able to have their seats on the bus. The two eye-gleam attracters, name-of Wally and Rowena, respond to the girls' queries by saying, "Yah, Mabe, I guess we've got somethin' you ain't got, huh?"

Winter Paradise (with apologies to John Milton)

Of women's first impulsiveness and haste
In venturing out into the cold day
I sing, O Muse, and tell the legend thus
Of poor Eve Cole, the fallen cherubim.

In Sunday coat and bonnet she was dressed
And on her way unto the highest Hill
She spied a newly drifted bank of snow,
The downy gift of heav'n flung down to earth.
A longing glance—and some desire she felt
To slide upon the snow the way she used
To do when young. And this she did, in truth
With cries, but first of glee and then of pain.

Soon as the force of that malicious snow,
That with excruciating hardness did
About her derriere play, and coldness came
To that uncovered spot, and froze it much,
She thought unkindly thoughts of old Jack Frost;
That Satan, who in deviltry had played
On her the trick of making snow seem cold.

"If you had listened to my words, and stayed
With me as I did warn you, when that strange
Desire of sliding this unhappy day!
I don't know what possessed you!
You would then
Be able to sit down instead of not,
And eat from table 'stead of mantel-piece."

Thus, Dummie, though not less than Eve surprised,
At length gave utterance to these words of scorn.

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21st Detachment Likes Waterville Despite Weather And Homesickness

Two Students Present Their Thoughts On The Subject

An old law of physics states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This is as true in the realm of human relationship as it is in the physical world. Translating this formula into our current situation as newcomers to Waterville, we have the following equation: The cordial, human and friendly treatment we have received from the officers of the 21st College Training Detachment, from the faculty and students of Colby College, and from the townspeople of Waterville equals a marked and manifest improvement in the attitudes and outlook of the men of the detachment. The reverse will prove equally true—our behavior, indications of the spirit of cooperation, and honest and genuine effort on our part will result in continued good relations all the way around.

No one can deny that a definite change has come over the group of men who alighted from a troop train at Waterville's station February 28, and the same group ten days later. Something new has been added in these few days—self respect, pride, enthusiasm, and a definite feeling of responsibility and obligation. We believe that we speak for the entire group of cadets-to-be when we say that this esprit de corps which we have suddenly found is a quality not to be valued lightly and that every man among us has quietly and firmly resolved to preserve it.

Common sense tells us that we can hope to retain this enviable condition only through cooperation. To put the matter in its lowest terms, for reasons of self interest alone, we are prepared to reciprocate to our benefactors by justifying the kind treatment we have received. To do this we have only to live up to that word which we use in addressing one another—"GENTLEMEN."

We do not stoop to the level of sentimentality when we say that we have a high reputation to earn in being called gentlemen. It is a word which implies a multitude of virtues—honesty, honor, kindness, determination, intelligence, culture and an almost endless list of qualities which men have been striving for all through the development of our civilization. We have been awarded this term on the deferred payment basis. We have many installments to pay. We do not believe that any one of us will consciously become delinquent.

—S. N.

The discovery that our next five months of training was to be spent in Waterville, Maine, was met with mingled emotions. The two thoughts most often expressed were probably, "Gosh, it's cold up in Maine—or 'Boy, this is a helluva way from home."

Well the weather may or may not be cold, personally I haven't noticed, but the reception we got was more than warm. The college girls coming out and surrounding us really checked us up at the best psychological time, those first few hours when you begin to realize that you're far from home. But the college girls were not the only ones to welcome us, the men were there too with invitations to "drop in at the fraternity and gung around." And the townfolk brought us clothes hangers in almost unheard of numbers. This generosity and thoughtfulness is really appreciated by all of us.

Everyone knows that a happy stu-

The World At A Glance

Army schedules are not particularly well adapted to regular newspaper reading and it is rather difficult to keep abreast of the times with such crowded hours. This brief weekly news summary is designed to cover the highlights of the news of the world so that we don't completely lose touch with the "Big Story" in which we are all to take part. Due to space limitations this column cannot pretend to offer complete news coverage but it is hoped that it will prove of interest and help to the busy army student. Due to the fact that our deadline falls on Sunday, the news covered herein will be a little "stale," and each week will be covered from Sunday through Saturday.

THE WAR: Heaviest single blow the Axis was struck this week by U. S. airmen of General MacArthur's command, against a huge Japanese convoy attempting to reinforce Nip forces in the New Guinea sector. Aided by Australian and Netherlands flyers, our Fortresses, Liberators and Bostons, played havoc with the enemy forces in a running three day battle in the Bismarck Sea. Jap losses: 12 transports, carrying 15,000 troops, ten destroyers and cruisers (with personnel of at least 2000 men and 72 planes shot down—plus many more "probables." Our losses: three fighters, one bomber and some planes damaged.

The Russians continued to make it uncomfortable for Hitler's legions along a 1100 mile front. Russia trouble-shooting General Temoshenko threw a powerful offensive at the Nazis along the central front, capturing the important town of Rzhev—about the same distance west of Moscow as Philadelphia is from Washington. Melting snows in the Ukraine slowed the Muscovites on the southern front, but continued success in the north threatened the Germans northern flank to such an extent that a large scale withdrawal appeared to be necessary.

Meanwhile, in North Africa scattered American forces thrown back in Tunisia last week by a powerful thrust from Rommel's battle-tried Panzers rallied themselves and with the aid of British tanks, had regained practically all the lost ground. At week's end they were continuing their counter attack. Rommel was in a spot—Americans coming from the west, Britain's veteran Montgomery with the tried Eighth army advancing from the South, and the veterans of Dunkirk, lusting for revenge, bearing down from the North. How long the German tactician can hold these formidable forces off with jabbing thrusts is a matter for guess, but it is important mainly in that it gives Hitler vital time to build up the defenses in Southern Europe where the Allies will probably have to strike to launch the real battle for Europe.

Big four-motored British bombers by night and U. S. Liberators and Fortresses by day have been Europe's steady diet this past week in one of

dent is a better student. And I know that the kindnesses that you have shown us through the wonderful way you have done your self appointed duty of keeping us happy is going to go a long way in helping us to do our duty of becoming first rate soldiers.

—S. R.

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Journalists Wanted

The names of the gentlemen appearing in the masthead of this issue are those students who have volunteered to contribute some of their spare time to working on the Army section. The list is by no means closed and we urge anyone who has had any experience in school or college papers or in regular workaday journalism to join the staff. The staff will greatly appreciate news tips and suggestions from anyone in the detachment. You can help a great deal to make this paper a success by furnishing topics of interest. Please cooperate. Colby students with pertinent items are requested to give them to Carl Stern.

the biggest round-the-clock aerial offensives of the war. U-boatbases were blasted, Wilhelmshaven, Cologne and other important industrial centers were hard hit, but the most exciting phase of the attack was launched at the heart of Hitler's Reich—Berlin itself. More than 900 tons of bombs were scattered across the German capitol in a "thunderbolt" raid that reportedly did much damage. This is credible since the most devastating air attack against England two years ago was only a 400-ton affair.

U. S. NEWS: Headliner of the week in the U. S. was no American, but the tiny, pretty wife of China's fighting leader, Mme. Chiang Kai Chek, who raised cheers from the nation's leaders in both houses of Congress, in the White House and all through the nation by her appeal for military aid for China. Her mission was to expound the Chinese point of view on global war strategy—that China's millions are our first line of offense against Japan provided we can "give them the tools." Her appeals, though eloquent, received some rather disappointing answers from the men "who know." Bluntly, they point out that while China's need is widely recognized, there is not at this time any effective means of fulfilling them. Burma must be recaptured from the Japs before any appreciable amount of supplies can be sent to the Chinese fighting fronts.

Congress, meanwhile was wrestling with America's biggest civilian headache—taxes. Though a multitude of proposals for collecting the huge tax levies necessary to finance the war were made, the only one that seemed likely to be adopted is the imposition of a 20 per cent withholding tax beginning July first, wherein citizens would have their taxes deducted for them.

In political circles trial balloons were dotting the sky on the Fourth Term issue for President Roosevelt. There was much talk, but little one could sink his teeth into. As in 1939-40, the man who knows most about it remained silent for the present. F. D. R. was too busy with other matters to discuss a Fourth Term.

ABROAD: Mahatma Gandhi ended his three weeks fast, in case anyone is interested. He is, moreover, still a political prisoner. His hunger did not move India to unity.

Sunday Meetings In College Chapel Draw Large Group Of Army Students

A Word About Studies

Every man is aware of the primary reason for our being here—education. The opportunity to receive and absorb a college education free of charge will not go unappreciated and the fact that our future success in the air corps will depend in large part on how much we absorb here and how well we retain it is an added stimulus to assiduous study. We believe that the following quotation from a famous and successful teacher of Mathematics, A. Hooper, R. A. F. Mathematics coach will prove helpful. He says: "To reason mathematically is like climbing up a mental ladder. One rung leads to the next. Be sure therefore that your feet are firmly on each rung before you attempt to climb higher. Otherwise you will be like the Irishman and tread on a step that isn't there, with unfortunate results." This bit of advice, it seems to us, applies to any part of our curriculum. The professors of the college have indicated that they are ready to contribute their free time to explain things that some of us may not grasp the first time in class room. In addition, a lot of the men in the contingent can help their less fortunate colleagues. So a good rule to follow is to ask questions—be sure you understand everything as you go along. The complicated stuff will then seem easy, because it is the fundamentals that count.

Milo was a legendary Greek athlete who was exceedingly strong. He acquired his remarkable strength by a very simple process. When he was a young man he used to go out to the cattle barn every day and pick up a little bull calf. As Milo grew older, the calf developed into a healthy young bull and finally into a huge, powerful animal. By this gradual process was Milo able to carry loads which would have broken the ordinary man. Mastering the studies of our curriculum will prove to be much the same.

Catholic, Protestant And Jewish Men Have Separate Services.

The first Catholic Mass in the history of Colby college was said in the college chapel Sunday morning at 6:45 with Rev. Raoul Corbeil officiating.

The services were arranged for the 77 Catholic Army students who, due to a two-week quarantine period cannot leave the campus.

The chapel was arranged to resemble a church with a small altar and a crucifix. Father Corbeil greeted the boys, said the Mass, and served Communion.

Professor Herbert L. Newman, Army Chaplain, conducted services for the Protestant boys at 9:00 in the Chapel. After he had greeted the boys President Julius S. Bixler addressed them, using as his theme the life of Albert Schweitzer. A triple quartet of Colby students sang "Gloria" from the 12th Mass by Mozart.

At 10:00 Rabbi Abraham Hains met the Jewish Army students. Since Sunday is not the Jewish Sabbath there was no service but Rabbi Hains talked with the boys about plans for the next few months.

Arrangements will be made to have some sort of services for everyone who desires it. As long as the quarantine is in effect, the arrangements will be similar to those of last Sunday. As soon as the quarantine ends, new plans will be adopted.

It is hoped that the students will continue to attend the church of their choice during their stay in Waterville. Too often people are inclined to stop attending church the minute that they leave their family circle. This is obviously unwise. If the church means something to a fellow when he is at home, it should certainly mean as much to him when he is in the army.

At Ease!

Do you want to know why men suddenly disappear when they near the telephone booth? John Roney makes them come in and look at a picture of his wife.

Will someone please send B. A. Higginson a letter in a blue envelope? He's been waiting for over a week for it.

The little gentleman who sat in the lounge with visitors from home last week was Mr. W. Britton. The lucky lad!

For you fellows who wonder what became of the letter that came in for room 9, Foss Hall—The letter came from Colby girls. The girls offered to act as guides for John B. L. Maniello, Jerry LaStarza, and Bill Kochulein. They have called them and expect a return call soon.

Do you know "Uncle" Ted Skerret from Dunn House?

Someone certainly has a lot of faith in Mr. Stearns. They address his mail to Lt. Stearns.

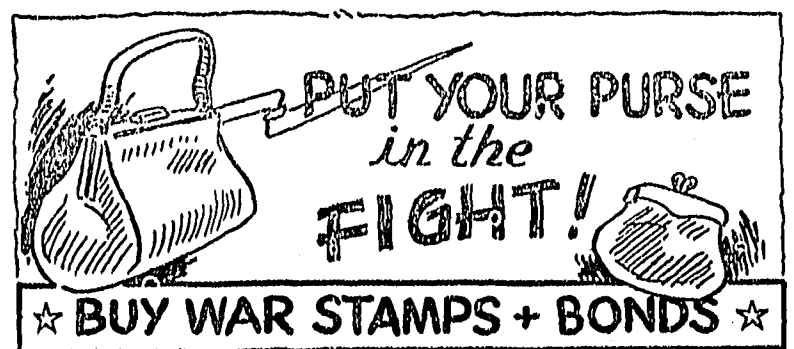
Mr. J. Clark has the reputation of being the Dunn House humorist. The fellows seem to get quite a kick out of his "London Lingo."

Have you seen the official Class T uniform as exhibited by L. M. ? Helmet, gas mask, and shoes. He's a modest lad, though; he keeps his money belt on.

Who is the "roll call kid" with the triple personality on the second floor of Foss Hall?

The armchair generals in room 18, sure could help our country's strategists, if they could reach a conclusion once in a while.

Bob Doyle has been deferred! A letter from his draft board informed him that his application for deferment has been granted.—P. S., Bob, better luck in the next war.



Colby Closes Best Track Season

By Defeating Bowdoin, 79 1-6 -- 37 5-6 In Final Home Meet

Lewis, Bateman, Dolan Lower Meet Records In Four Events

Colby's track team finished their most successful season in the history of the college by shellacking Bowdoin 77 1-6 to 39 5-6 in their field house. The Mules won ten events, tied for first in another, and placed in all thirteen events. Needless to say, Jerry Lewis was high scorer, with 18 points, and Captain Jim Bateman was runner up with 15 1-3. The Colby men, not content with simply winning the meet, went on to set four new meet records. Lewis broke the high jump and broad jump records, Bateman broke the 300 record, and Dolan hung up a new dash record.

In his trial heat of the 40 yard dash Cal Dolan was clocked in 4.6 seconds, which is the college record, even after easing up in the last ten or fifteen yards because he was well out in front. In the final heat, however, Cal did not get too good a start and did only 4.7, but this was good enough for a new meet record.

The 600 was certainly the best race of the meet, if not of the whole season, and proved beyond all doubt that you have to run with your head as well as with your feet. Dick Goodrich went right out and took the lead with a Bowdoin man second, Bateman third, and Branche of Bowdoin fourth. After two laps Branche started to come up so Jim came out of line in front of him, passed the first Bowdoin runner, and when Dick speeded up a bit Jim came into second place, with Branche now third. On the back stretch of the last lap Branche started to pass so Bateman moved a little nearer Goodrich, but a couple feet to the right, thus boxing Branche. Since Dick needed a first place to earn his letter, Jim stayed in second place and kept Branche in third.

In the high jump Jerry almost made 6 foot 1 inch, but his trip to New York for the IC4A meet took too much out of him. He got back from Boston yesterday morning at 3 A. M. and the night before was traveling from New York to Boston. His jump of 21 feet 1 inch, although nowhere near his best jumps, was good enough to set another new record. Because of doctor's orders, Lewis did not run the dash.

Before the meet, Bateman planned to save himself in the 600 and to run all out in the 300 and really try for a record. From start to finish in his heat, Jim gave everything he had and his time of 33.7 certainly proved this. Cal Dolan won his heat easily, but Woods of Bowdoin, in another heat, had just a little better time.

Turner earned his letter by winning the shot put and taking third in the discus. Dana Robinson also earned his letter with a win in the two mile. "Iron man" Quincy took the mile in very good time and stayed back for a second in the two mile. Russ Brown also ran very good time in winning the thousand.

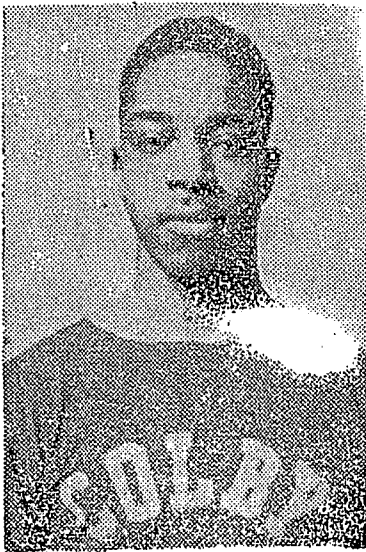
The city of Lawrence certainly had a fine delegation of men on the Colby team. The trio of Bateman, Turner, and Dolan scored a total of 28 1-3 points. With these three and Lewis Colby has a very strong nucleus and with Woods in the pole vault, Hannigan in the weight, Brown and Goodrich in the middle distances, and Quincy and Robinson in the long distances it has wonderful material for a strong outdoor track team. With such a wealth of material it certainly would be a pity to give up outdoor track. The other Maine colleges will doubtless continue and there are already two meets scheduled for the outdoor season, one with M. I. T. and the New England Meet.

Summary:

40 Yard Dash—Won by Dolan, Colby; second, Bateman, Colby; third, Grant, Bowdoin. Time 4:7 seconds. (Meet record.)

300 Yard Run—Won by Bateman, Colby; second, Woods, Bowdoin; third Dolan, Colby. Time 33.7 seconds. (Meet record.)

600 Yard Run—Won by Goodrich, Colby; second, Bateman, Colby; third, Branche, Bowdoin. Time 1 minute 21.9 seconds.



Jerry Lewis, Sophomore Track Star, who scored 71 points this winter for an all time high.

1000 Yard Run—Won by Brown, Colby; second, Smith, Bowdoin; third, Branche, Bowdoin. Time 2 minutes 28.3 seconds.

One Mile Run—Won by Quincy, Colby; second, Smith, Bowdoin; third, Lewis, Bowdoin. Time 4 minutes 42.2 seconds.

Two Mile Run—Won by Robinson, Colby; second, Quincy, Colby; third, Lewis, Bowdoin. Time 10 minutes 26.2.

45 Yard High Hurdles—Won by Lewis, Colby; second, Campbell, Bowdoin; third, Reifel, Colby. Time 6.1 seconds.

High Jump—Won by Lewis, Colby; second, tied among Hanson, Bowdoin, Schulmann and Bateman, Colby. Height 6 feet. (Meet record.)

Pole Vault—Tied by Woods, Colby, and Mathers, Bowdoin; third, tied by Hilton, Colby, and MacInnis, Bowdoin. Height 10 feet 9 inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Lewis, Colby; second, Bateman, Colby; third, Dolan, Colby. Distance 21 feet 1 inch. (Meet record.)

35 Pound Weight—Won by Knight, Bowdoin; second, Hannigan, Colby; third, Grondin, Bowdoin. Distance 38 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Discus Throw—Won by Elliott, Bowdoin; second, Taylor, Bowdoin; third, Turner, Colby. Distance 116 feet, 2 3/4 inches.

Shot Put—Won by Turner, Colby; second, Lewis, Colby; third, Taussig, Bowdoin. Distance 38 feet 9 inches.

FINAL FRAT LEAGUE STANDING

Team	W.	L.	Pts.
A. T. O.	7	0	1,000
L. C. A.	5	2	.714
P. D. T.	4	3	.571
D. K. E.	4	3	.571
D. U.	3	4	.429
Z. P.	3	4	.429
K. D. R.	1	6	.143
T. D. P.	1	6	.143

Mules Top Wildcats A.T.O.'s Win Second

In Final Home Meet Half Hoop Crown

Last Wednesday afternoon the Colby track team, with Jerry Lewis again leading the way, won their second meet of the season by overcoming the New Hampshire Wildcats 58-50. Throughout the meet, which ran a little behind schedule because the visitor's train was forty minutes late, the score was close and at two different times New Hampshire was in the lead. Captain Jim Bateman was right behind Lewis's three firsts, good for 15 points, with two firsts, a second, a third, and a tie for third with Doug Smith in the high jump, making a grand total of 14 1/2 points.

Because of ankle injury received during the broad jump, "Boo" Morecum, New Hampshire's nationally famous captain, was unable to take his usual trio of firsts. In the pole vault he waited until the Colby contestants had gone out on three misses and then vaulted that height, which happened to be 10 feet 6 inches. Incidentally, that height was the lowest Morecum has jumped to win a meet since his high school days.

In the broad jump, Jerry's jump of 22 feet 8 inches was better by almost a foot than any of his other jumps this year. The best he could do in the high jump was 6 feet 2 1/2 inches, which was half an inch lower than his own record, but three inches below the field house record set last year by Morecum. The latter might have competed in the high jump with his bad ankle had it not been for the fact that he was going to the IC4A meet which was held last Saturday.

Jim Bateman's two wins were in the 300 and 600, both of which were close races. In the first of the two events Jim trailed his man for the first lap but turned on the heat with half a lap to go and won the race nicely. The 600 found Captain Bateman in the lead most of the way, but on the last lap Amsden, of New Hampshire, put on a beautiful kick and forced Jim to really run.

In the longer races New Hampshire showed considerable strength. Russ Brown held the lead for most of the 1000, but Sleeper passed him on the last lap and raced in for first. In the mile Sleeper was again first with Frank Quincy tagging right along behind, but not having enough of a sprint to overtake him at the finish. Frank doubled up by running the two mile also and ran a very good third.

The summary:

40 yard dash—won by Dolan (C); 2nd, Bateman (C); 3rd, Murphy (NH). Time, 4:8 seconds.

300 yard run—won by Bateman, (C); 2nd Dolan (C); 3rd Murphy (NH). Time, 36 seconds.

600 yard run—won by Bateman (C); 2nd, Amsden (NH); 3rd, Goodrich (C). Time, 1:21.9 minutes.

1000 yard run—won by Sleeper (NH); 2nd, Brown (C); 3rd, Crim-

The strong A. T. O. five copped the interfraternity basketball crown for the second semester with a record of seven wins and no losses. The team showed scoring power throughout the season by amassing totals running into the sixties at times, and placing five men among the top ten scorers.

Walter Maxfield of L. C. A. was the top scorer for the season, having 97 points for seven contests, to lead his team into second place. They won five and dropped decisions to only the winners and the Dekes. Jim Lundin of A. T. O. was second with 95 points, and Joe Crozier finished third, although he played in only ten games.

Tom Burke was fourth, leading the Phi Delt, while other top men for their teams were Ralph Hilton, K. D. R., fifth, Dwight Howard, D. U., eighth, and Hal Joseph, Z. P., ninth. Bud McKay, Bud Godfrey, and Clayton Currier of A. T. O. were the others in the first ten.

The A. T. O.'s added only Lundin to their first semester team as Ray Verrengia was forced to give up all but a few games for his work. The Dekes, winners of the first half, were well down in the standing because of their loss of Roberts and Eaton. Both these boys entered the army after Christmas.

FIRST TEN SCORERS

Name and Team	G.	F.	Pts.
Maxfield, L. C. A.	42	13	97
Lundin, A. T. O.	44	7	95
Crozier, A. T. O.	29	9	67
Burke, P. D. T.	23	10	56
Hilton, K. D. R.	26	3	55
McKay, A. T. O.	26	1	53
Godfrey, A. T. O.	24	4	52
Howard, D. U.	22	7	51
Josiah, Z. P.	24	2	50
C. Currier, A. T. O.	21	3	45

mins (NH). Time, 2:27.9 minutes.

Mile run—won by Sleeper (NH); 2nd, Quincy (C); 3rd, Kramm (NH). Time, 4:38.3 minutes.

2 mile run—won by Dunkley, (NH); 2nd, French (NH); 3rd, Quincy (C). Time, 10:13.5 minutes.

40 yard high hurdles—won by Lewis (C); 2nd, Dowd (NH); 3rd, Feldman (NH). Time, 5.6 seconds.

High jump—won by Lewis (C); 2nd, Edison (NH); 3rd, tie between Bateman and Smith (C). Height, 6 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Broad jump—won by Lewis (C); 2nd, Wieland (NH); 3rd, Bateman (C). Distance, 22 feet, 8 inches.

Pole vault—won by Morecum (NH); 2nd, tie between Woods and Hilton (C). Height 10 feet 6 inches.

16 pound shot put—won by Smith (NH); 2nd, Turner (C); 3rd, Neal (NH). Distance, 40 feet 7 1/2 inches.

35 pound hammer—won by Hannigan (C); 2nd, Pino (NH); 3rd, Neal (NH). Distance, 37 feet 9 3/4 inches.

Mule Kicks

By Dick Reid

The winter season seems to have been highly successful from a Colby angle. A state title in basketball followed by a fine winter track season, the best in the history of the college, adds up to success. Congratulations this week go to Coach Cy Perkins and to his boys for their fine performances.

—C—

This season was far the most successful in Colby track history, since the start of the sport back in 1935. Bowdoin was defeated for the first time in years, whether indoors or outdoors, and Colby can well be proud of its achievement despite the fact that Bowdoin was without several key men. There has been many a year at Colby when there were not key men to lose. They had never appeared.

—C—

Jerry Lewis, by scoring 71 points this winter, has established a new high record for Colby individual track performances indoors. In four dual meets, he never failed to capture three firsts. The Cambridge, Mass., sophomore also set a new Colby high jumping record and two meet records against Maine and Bowdoin.

—C—

Arthur Sampson, who has always been kind to Colby in the Boston "Herald," wrote an article in the Sunday edition which struck at those who have belittled the efforts of colleges along physical education lines. He cited several letters which athletic directors have received from college boys which indicate that they are much better able to stand Army life than those who come from business or industry.

—C—

Mr. Sampson expressed a hope that such a program as has become the rule in most colleges during the war will continue in peace. He also said that he believed college athletics were in for reforms that would take out practices which have been injurious in the past few years. He forecast the end of the practice of having football support the entire athletic program, but predicted that the sport would continue on a sound basis.

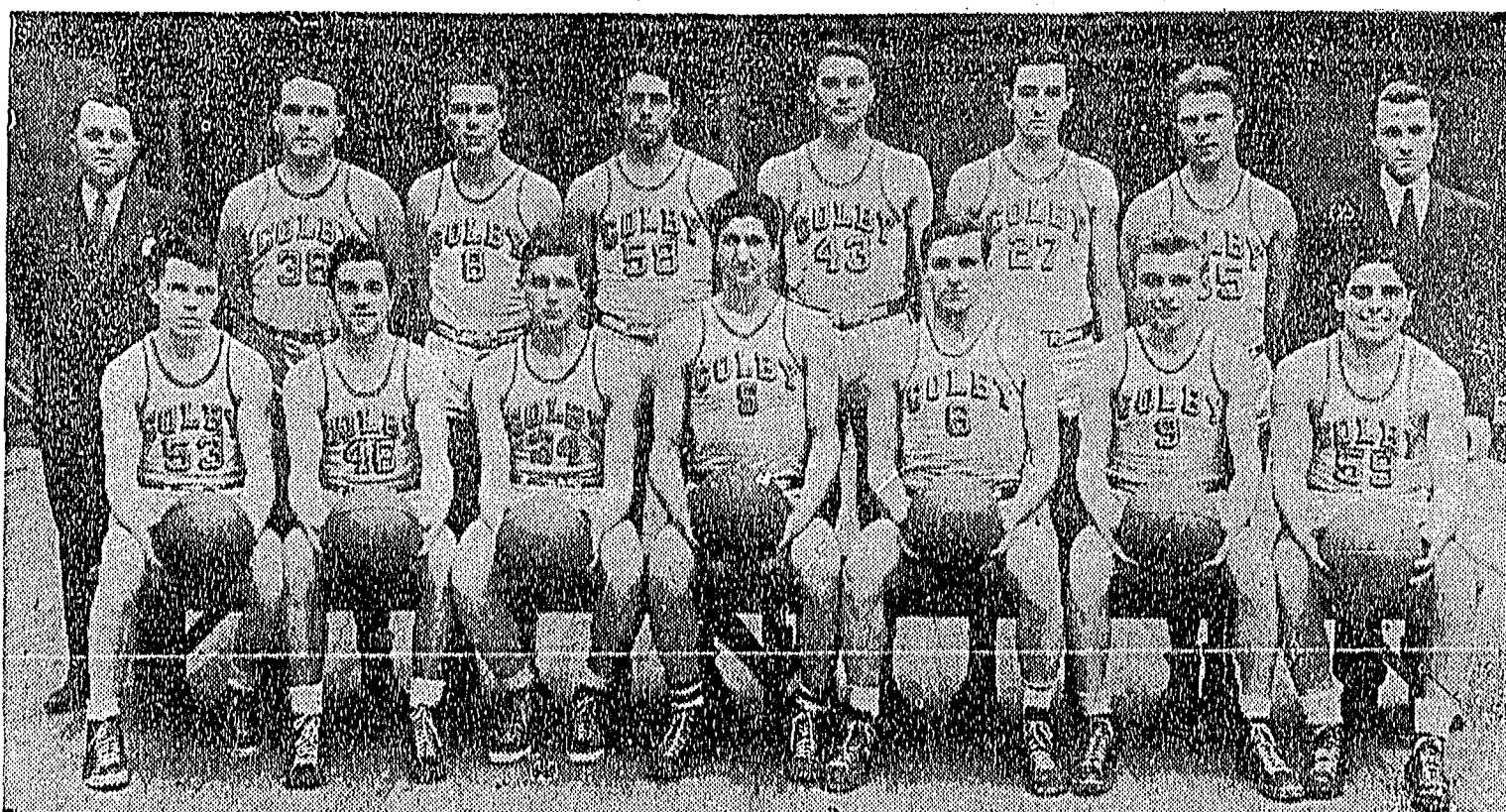
—C—

"Boo" Morecum's injury last week did not seem to bother him at the IC4A meet, for he retained his pole vault title and placed well in his two other events. The New Hampshire star told this columnist that his 10 feet 6 inches jump against Colby was the lowest height that he had ever attained and still won first place since high school days. Morecum usually starts at 12 feet now.

—C—

Jack Magee of Bowdoin seems to have inherited Adam Walsh's wailing bench by the looks of the story which was in the Sunday "Telegram." Poor Bowdoin, which had never lost a dual meet to Colby, was so far in the

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Colby Basketball Team—Front Row, left to right, George Lewald, Locke Jennings, Gono Hunter, Mitch Jaworski, Ben Zecker, Frank Strup, and Able Ferris. Back Row, Coach G. F. Loeb, John McCallum, Dick Michelson, John Calahan, Dick Wescott, Ed Moriarty, Don Johnson, and Mgr. Andy Watson

MULE KICKS

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dumps as far as talent went that Colby had merely to go through the motions yesterday to win. The same psychology was a major part of the football strategy last fall. Bowdoin was the underdog in every state series game.

— C —

Crying a lack of lettermen and veterans before the season, Coach Walsh had inherited 16 lettermen and 20 squad members from 1941 (we counted them) and furthermore he had all the summer school attendants working during August when Colby's players were in the shipyards far from football. It seems to be the usual trick for Bowdoin to bewail their fate and then pull "miracles" of victory through some magic hand of fate. Colby likes to think that its championships and victories come through the superior ability of its players.

— C —

Bowdoin and Maine have issued calls for their baseball battery candidates to report to the respective cages for early season training. Coach Neil Mahoney has lost most of the team that played last season through two graduations since that time and the calls for service, but intends to carry out plans nevertheless. The former Northeastern and Cape Cod League catcher and Red Sox scout has the necessary background to teach willing hands the fundamentals of the game and may produce a respectable club from among some promising freshmen and sophomores.

— C —

Jerry Lewis entered the IC4A meet at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night and came up with a tie for fourth in the high jump. He crossed the bar at 6 feet, but lost his edge when the event was delayed several minutes. Jerry also qualified in the broad jump, but was unable to better 22 feet 6 inches and failed to place.

BASKETBALL SCORING RECORDS

Name	Ga.	G.	F.	Pts.
Zecker, f	14	86	24	196
Jaworski, c	14	41	34	116
Strup, g	14	46	13	105
Jennings, f	14	33	30	96
Capt. Lomac, c	4	20	14	54
Hunter, g	14	19	10	48
Michelsen, f	8	8	5	21
Caminiti, g	4	7	2	16
Lewald, g	10	3	1	7
Calahan, f	7	3	0	6
Petris, g	11	2	1	6
Kelly, f	3	1	2	4
Wescott, f	6	1	0	2
Moriarty, g	4	1	0	2
McCallum, g	2	1	0	2
Johnson, f	3	0	0	0

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Thursday, March 11, A. T. O. vs. D. U.
Friday, March 12, D. K. E. vs. K. D. R.
Saturday, March 13, L. C. A. vs. Z. P.
Saturday, March 13, T. D. P. vs. A. T. O.
Monday, March 15, L. C. A. vs. A. T. O.
Tuesday, March 16, T. D. P. vs. P. D. T.
Thursday, March 18, K. D. R. vs. Z. P.
Friday, March 19, D. U. vs. D. K. E.
Saturday, March 20, K. D. R. vs. D. U.
Saturday, March 20, Z. P. vs. T. D. P.

Weekly Calendar

March
Thurs., 11th, 4:30 Reconstruction Study Group, Women's Union.
7:00-9:00, Inter-race Commission Meeting, Women's Union.
Fri., 12th, 8:00, Averill Lecture, Chapel. Professor Norman L. Torry, professor of French Literature at Columbia University, will speak on *Democratic Ideas of the French Enlightenment*.
Sat., 13th, 7:30-11:00 Open House at Women's Union, sponsored by S. C. A.
Sun., 14th, 3:00, Orchestra Rehearsal, Senior High School.
3:00, S. C. A. cabinet meeting Women's Union.
4:15, Vesper Service, Dunn Lounge, Rev. Norman I. Bromley.
7:30, Musical evening at President Bixler's.
Mon., 15th, 7:30, Workers' Classes, Cecil Goddard, speaking, Chapel.

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The Old Order Changeth . . .

Sophocles belonged to a secret society and so did Dorothy Thompson. So in the minds of those to whom precedent gives sanctioning power there is some evidence for the sign and symbol, the brotherhood of the elect and the wilderness of the outer world. It might be pointed out that both Sophocles' and Dorothy Thompson's contributions to civilization had had little connection with either the Eleusinian mysteries or its descendant, the Greek letter sorority. It would be also rash to say that Mr. Wendell Wilkie was almost president of the U. S. because of his Beta Theta Pi affiliations.

But to get less cosmic—the national Pan-Hellenic sorority has been on the Colby campus for some time. As far as longevity is concerned it is a worthy thing, provided that it can justify its existence. (The Eleusinian mysteries failed to do this some time ago). As long as Freshmen longed to wear a pin and upperclasswomen were pleased to count sororities among their loyalties, as long as the mind derived a pleasure from segregation and classification, as long as "rushing" was tolerated, nay, even enjoyed by women who in earlier days might have found a legitimate outlet for their fiercely partisan instincts by competing for the pie prize at church suppers or addressing temperance meetings, the sorority found a place within college life.

These are days of flux, restlessness, and instability. Naturally this in itself is no reason why symbols of happier living should be put away; on the contrary, they should be jealously preserved. But such conditions have a way of making us examine the texture of familiar institutions and ways of thought, and evaluating them all over again. Sororities have been weighed thus in the balance by sorority women and non-sorority women alike. Over half of the sorority women have recognized them not only as superfluous, but actually detrimental. And as for the non-sorority, their stand is obvious. The face of Colby is changing. It is not a light thing that is happening; it is the final breaking through of the seeds which have been germinating in the dark ground of unrest and indecision for some years.

The Colby which once looked across the Kennebec to green fields on the opposite shore, watched farm boys learn their Greek letters, and lay quiet in the undisturbed sunshine of a nearly century, left the library

and the chapel to a new race. And the train and the factory came. And with them came smoke and the physical sciences and a strange partition of spirit which has always been characteristic of this college. Students have loved it and struggled against it—loved it because it has been a kind and large home—struggled against it because the grave bearded men who had gone before pointed the dark finger of fury at days which they did not live in and fiercely refused to go. And now even that is going. There are new buildings on a bleak new hill, and somewhere, somehow, indefinitely a heaven is working, which out of all this newness, is creating a massive desire—to build strongly and right. For this Colby will be as permanent as its foundations.

tions.

Sororities must go; they are neither democratic nor intelligent. And if they cannot pass this pragmatic test, they do not belong within a liberal arts college. Since the mind would find loyalty somewhere, let it reside in a place that is worthy of it. Colby will be.

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With so many changes in college life, the women have decided to alter their present constitution, with the idea in mind of having a more active part in the organization that governs them. Featured in this new set up will be a jury system . . . last Thursday Thomas Yakhub, a native of India, who speaks on "India and the World Crisis," spoke on the demands of India for independence and why they were justified in their course. . . . Last Wednesday the Colby indoor track team handed the University of New Hampshire a beating by the score of 58-50 . . . there is a rumor around now that all the girl's sororities may be dissolved. The reason for this seems to be that the rooms that the girls use for their meetings in the Women's Union could be put to a more important use in training the cadets . . . and so to the servicemen:

The Phi Delta house had a very interesting letter from Charlie "Van" Cross the other day that had plenty of news in it we thought might prove of interest, so we will quote a portion of it here. Charlie is in the Coast Guard, on board the "Dorothea L. Dix." He writes the following on re-

turning from a foreign port: "On the way back we had quite a time with subs. A wolf pack chased us for about a week, but didn't hit a single ship. Our destroyers do a wonderful job of patrol . . . we expect to be here for quite awhile so they have been thinking about sending some of us to school to be divers. School is held on board the 'Normandie' . . . it means extra pay, and it may also mean duty in Africa making repairs."

Upon leaving Devens, Herbie Levenson went to Atlantic City as we wrote last week. From a letter this week we hear that Niel Callaghan and Harold Vigue are with him, along with quite a number of Maine men. Quite an argument has developed down there as to which song is to receive top billing, our own "On to Victory" or the Maine "Stein Song."

Daniel Shrago, '46, who is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station in Farragut, Idaho, writes that George Sederquist and Bud Filino are out there with him. This is a boot camp, or preliminary training station for them, and its over 3,150 miles from Colby!

Last Tuesday Ralph Brodie, one of the mainstays on the Tau Delta's bas-

ketball team, and versatile in other inter-mural sports, left to join the colors. He left soon after he heard that he had been classified 1-A.

Enlisting in January, Phil Caminiti is now located at Camp Sibert, Alabama, in the Chemical Warfare division. Phil writes that he misses Colby a lot and especially basketball, where he was a standout last semester. In being placed in the Headquarters Co., he believes he received a break, since there are a lot of good positions available there.

Pfc. Jim Kavanaugh is located somewhere in the southwestern islands of the Pacific. Here is an interesting quote from a letter received recently: "Conditions here are much different than in the states. We live in tents and most of our furniture is made from trees. Even the faucets on our oil barrel showers are made of wood, but everyone pitches in and we have a swell camp. I have a bedside table with all the conveniences for relaxation."

Many of us probably noticed that Joe Slattery, on leave from the Coast Guard was up last week-end. Joe has been on sea duty until recently.

NAVY V-12 PROGRAM

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a college degree will be placed on active duty and ordered to various colleges on the same date as the V-12 students. Those who have one term

or less to complete work for a degree have the option of remaining at the college on inactive duty until the degree is earned or of being placed on active duty at a college designated by the Navy.

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Training Program. That is, the college does not expect to have groups of Navy men here in uniform and on pay, as it now has men from the Army Air Forces. It seems probable that the Army Air Forces will claim all available facilities at Colby, thus leaving no room for an assignment by the Navy or by other branch of the Army. Colby students already in V-1 and those applying for V-12 should therefore face the probability that, if they are assigned to the Navy College Training Program, the assignment will be at another college.

YAHKUB ADVOCATES

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easily." He pointed out that Gandhi has been much influenced by the philosophies of Thoreau and Emerson.

"I was educated under the English system," stated Yakhub. Under that system, the farther one advances in school the less he learns about India. He is taught to mimic English ways and look down upon the things which he rightfully should revere.

Turning to the position of the native princes in India, Yakhub said

that the natives did not like the extravagances of the potentates. This group is strangely reactionary because as long as the British remain in power it is safe. India does not wish to mix politics and religion, he added, that there is far less friction in the native ruled provinces than in the British sections.

Yakhub was firm in his belief that all racial problems will vanish when independence is gained, because India will then be able to establish a standard of living that will lessen the desires of one group to attack another.

He was asked in the forum discussion if India would accept a dominion status similar to that of Canada. Yakhub said that this might be worked out for the duration, but that before accepting India would demand assurance that after the war she be given her choice of remaining in the British Commonwealth or becoming entirely independent.

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A thing one notices about Dr. Norwood, now a member of our English department is her warm, bright smile and her ability as a conversationalist.

As one might expect, Dr. Norwood's main interest is in books, as she puts it; in "collecting books; reading books; and enjoying books." She herself owns a library of 4,000 volumes. (Dr. Norwood expressed regret at having to leave them in boxes to save space). She has good advice for building up a library. One should buy books according to "any intelligent principle," selecting classics in general, or collecting some writer or group.

When Dr. Norwood was asked whether she liked to travel, she exclaimed "Ardently and passionately," and her eyes sparkled. She made an interesting comment in declaring that one must have a home to which to return for travel to be most satisfying. Dr. Norwood, who is a philosopher, said, "traveling is experiencing." She has visited England, France, and Germany.

Dr. Norwood is interested in skating, horseback riding, and especially in walking. When asked if she liked hiking along muddy roads, she emphatically replied, "No, I don't like dirt in any form. Turf or pine needles please me most."

"Research is not a list of books on the subject of a particular author," Dr. Norwood pointed out concerning her work. She went on to explain that research was really recording editions and copies of an author's works so that there would be no further doubt about what that particular author wrote and did. Dr. Norwood has studied intensively the period of English literature from the Renaissance to the present. She is an authority on the 18th Century British novelist, George Tobias Smollett.

Dr. Norwood believes that colleges will not be the same after the war. She feels that the faculty and students will be more earnest. "Colleges," she said, "in the past have been too country-clubbish." She feels sure that there is "something real about Colby." She proves her interest in Colby by planning to give a first edition of Tennyson to the college library.

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