

Student Part In Fund Drive Revealed In SLOC Report

The following report was read at the second meeting of the Student Leaders On Campus group held in President Bixler's Roberts Union suite on Thursday evening, January 6.

On Monday, December 13th, you (Student Leaders On Campus) elected an Executive Committee composed of Barbara Hart, Marilyn Perkins, June Stairs, David Lynch, George Smith, Edward Waller, and Donald Leach. This Committee, with Mr. Collier, Director of Public Relations, and Mr. Winsor, was to investigate a manner and method for student participation in the Mayflower Hill Development Fund Campaign. I should now like to read you a report of these meetings.

Our program has two goals: Part A. To establish a closer degree of cooperation between the Colby Ad-

ministration and students. Part B. To do our utmost in establishing the Mayflower Hill Campus.

In order to help accomplish Part A of our program, we proposed that in the future the Student-Council employ a plan based along these lines: that proposals and complaints be acted upon by the Council and that the proposal with the action and recommendations be forwarded to the Administrative Committee of the College for disposition, and the issuing party be notified of the final action taken on the proposal. This plan has already been accepted by the Student Council and placed into operation.

Public Relations Division

Supplementary to this, it is recommended that our campaign have a Public Relations division. It would be the duty of this division to investigate complaints and activities that might be detrimental to the fund campaign. This division would also be able to acquaint the Council with such problems as could best be handled by them. Further, this division would handle the actual publicity for the drive.

We recommend that contributions be accepted on the same basis as that being used in the national campaign, that is, on the basis of cash contributions and pledges to be paid in three years or in ten quarterly payments. In conjunction with this, groups and organizations will be asked to sponsor activities, the proceeds of which are to be credited to the drive.

Drive In April

To achieve this goal, we recommend that the Executive Committee of this group be empowered to conduct the campaign.

Finally, we recommend that the overall plans of this drive be given to the student body at an all college assembly.

Oracle Board Planning New Yearbook Features

An attempt is being made to secure for the 1949 ORACLE at least two pages of Winter Carnival photographs. In past years pictures of this mid-winter event were completely omitted.

In addition to this change, the ORACLE Board has announced that fraternity and sorority informals will be included in the book along with the formal picture of the organization.

A third important change in the format will result in the inclusion of the Senior Class History in the informal section.

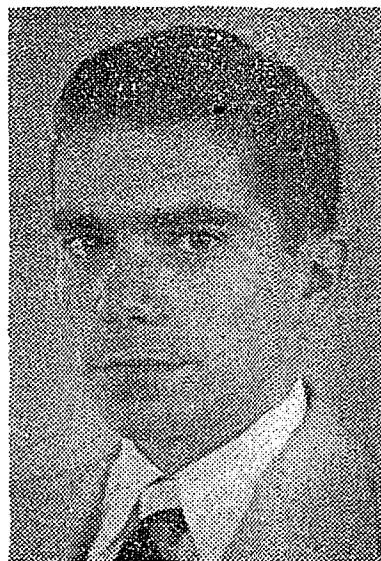
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Stepping In



Gerald Stoll '49

"Tones" Tonight; Author To Perform

"Tones of Amazement", written and produced by Kenneth Jacobson '50, and Gerald Stoll '49, will be presented tonight, Wednesday, January 12, at the Waterville Opera House.

Gerald Stoll was chosen to take over the part previously assigned Robert Wilkins '51 who contracted pneumonia during the Christmas holidays, and will be unable to take part in the performance.

Stoll, as author of the book, is well acquainted with the part. He has, in addition, had a considerable amount of experience on the stage. In "Lucky To Be Me", presented last winter, he played the part of the deputy sheriff. He participated in musical productions while in high school, and during his two and a half year's service in the Army Air Transport Command, he participated in special service productions.

In "Tones of Amazement" he has taken the part of George, the butler's son who leads a life of complications.

Art Department Sponsors American Film Series

The Art Department has announced that seventeen films have been procured from the Museum of Modern Art for presentation at the College. The films will be shown on a weekly basis in the Alumni Building at 3:30 P.M. and in the Women's Union at 7:30 P.M. An admission price of 35c will be charged with tickets obtainable at the Bookstore. The schedule of films follows:

Thursday, January 13—FOOLISH WIVES—German film directed and played by Erich von Stroheim; ANAEMIC CINEMA—Dadaist—made by French painter Marcel Duchamp.

Friday, January 21—MOVIE TONE NEWS—With George Bernard Shaw; STEAMGAT WILLIE—by Walt Disney; ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT—American made, directed by Lewis Milestone.

Thursday, February 3—FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE—with Rudolf Valentino.

Thursday, February 10—"M"—Famous German thriller directed by Fritz Lang, with Peter Lorre; LA CHIEN ANDALON—Surrealist; made by Bunuel and Dali.

Thursday, February 17—THE IRON MASK—Douglas Fairbanks.

Thursday, February 24—TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD—famous Russian film directed by Eisenstein; MONUMENTS OF ANCIENT MEXICO—

Thursday, March 3—ANNA CHRISTIE—Greta Garbo; BEHAVIOR OF LIGHT—

Thursday, March 10—GHOSTS BEFORE BREAKFAST; VARIETY—with Emil Jannings; BALLET MECHANIQUE—Cubist; directed by French painter, Fernand Legor.

Varied Program Listed For Averill Lectures

Bixler Announces Spring Speakers; Program Includes Educators, Historian, And Scientist

President Bixler's office has announced that Ernest J. Simmons, Percival C. Keith, John W. Nason, and Howard Memford Jones will constitute the roster of Averill Lectures during the second semester. The lectures will open at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in Lorimer Chapel.

Council Reports

Meetings Now Open; Box For Suggestions Planned

By vote of the Council on Monday afternoon, January 10 it was decided that future Student Council meetings will be held in President Bixler's office and will be open to the student body.

Plans were also completed for a student suggestion box which will be placed in the Miller Library. Tentative plans were made to place the box on the second floor outside the reading room.

Any student having a suggestion or a criticism representative of student opinion which he wishes to bring to the attention of the Council will place it in the box. He has the privilege of signing his letter.

Therefore, after the question has been considered, a report will be sent to the student concerning the action taken by the members and the administration. All names will be confidential and used only for the purpose of informing the individual of the Council's findings.

To Appear At Colby



Miss Madeline Foley, violinist, will be guest artist at the Mayflower Hill Development Fund Benefit Concert of the Colby Community Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be Sunday evening, January 16 at 8 p.m. in the Women's Union.

The program will include works by Cimarosa, Verdi, Gliere, Massenet, Berlioz, Mozart and Schumann. The orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Ermanno Comparetti.

No admission will be charged for Colby students.

Annual Prize Founded For Business Students

The Ernest L. Parsons' Prize has recently been established as a competitive award for business majors. The prize will be a reward to the senior in the business department whose character, scholastic achievement, and extra curricula attainment are judged most worthy.

The award will represent the annual income from a fund established by Mrs. Etta Parsons of North Jay, Maine in memory of her late husband Ernest L. Parsons, who was a prominent North Jay businessman.

Part of the fund has been left to Colby in the form of a woodlot which must be disposed of before the exact amount of the principle can be determined.

The first of this group to lecture will be Professor Simmons, who will speak February 18, on "The Soviet Concept of Democracy". Simmons is Professor of Slavic Languages at Columbia University.

Percival C. Keith will speak on March 8. His topic has not yet been announced. He is now President of Hydro-carbon Research, Inc.

John W. Nason will address the Colby Family on April 15; his topic has not as yet been announced. He is President of Swarthmore College and Professor of Philosophy there.

Howard Memford Jones will speak on May 6. Mr. Jones, whose topic is not yet released, is Professor of English at Harvard University.

College Establishes Official Colby Time

The College Administration has designated as the official timepiece of the college the clock behind the telephone switchboard in Miller Library.

Neither class, bus, nor other college schedules will be controlled by the tower clock, which cannot be made to keep accurate time. The time of all college functions will be in accordance with the clock at the switchboard. Students should check their watches by that clock.

Old Campus Exodus Is Campaign Goal

Colby College has recently launched a \$3,550,000 campaign, in a final effort to complete the move from its old plant to its new campus on Mayflower Hill.

The need of the College is to unify all its activities on the new campus. But before it can abandon the lower campus, dormitory space for 300 more men and 200 more women must be provided, and two laboratory buildings, one for chemistry and physics, and one for biology and geology, must be completed.

The cost of these immediate building needs is estimated at \$1,750,000. An additional \$1,800,000 is needed to bring up endowments and to further the educational program of the College.

In June, 1948, the Board of Trustees voted to launch this \$3,550,000 campaign with an "A" goal of \$1,750,000 for buildings within the next three years, and a subsequent "B" goal for endowment and educational improvements.

P & W Holds Elections; Jacobson Is President

Powder and Wig elections were held yesterday. Kenneth Jacobson '50 was elected president of the dramatic group.

Other officers are: Eugene Jellison '51, vice-president; Alyce Moskowitz '51, secretary-treasurer; William Burgess '51, stage manager; Harland Eastman '51, business manager; and Stuart Warshaw '51, publicity manager.

"Wilkie", Is Back



Dr. William J. Wilkinson

Wilkinson Replaces Furloughed Anthon

Dr. William J. Wilkinson, former Professor Emeritus of History at Colby for sixteen years, will succeed Dr. Carl G. Anthon of the History Department, who has been given a year and a half leave of absence.

Dr. Wilkinson graduated from William and Mary in 1902 with a B. Litt. degree. In 1907 he received his M.A. from Columbia and in 1923 his Ph.D. from Columbia. Dr. Wilkinson has also received three honorary degrees: an L.L.D. from Washington College in 1920, an M.A. from Wesleyan in 1924, and an L.H.D. from Colby in 1945.

Dr. Wilkinson came to Colby in 1924. He was Professor of History until 1929. In that year he was made Professor Emeritus of History, which lasted until his retirement in 1945.

Dr. Wilkinson the author of *Tory Democracy* is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, and both the American History Association and the Political Science Association.

Over 100 Tests Listed In Exam Schedule; Midyears Preceded By Reading Period

The examination schedule has been released by Professor McCoy.

The reading period will extend from the end of classes Saturday, January 22 until Wednesday, January 26 when examinations begin. The last exams will be given Saturday afternoon, February 5.

All examinations will be held in the Women's Union, Room 100, except as otherwise indicated.

Students with examination conflicts must notify the Director of Schedule so that adjustments may be arranged.

No changes in this schedule are to be made, except by the Director of Schedule, and then only in case of absolute necessity.

No examination will be conducted in the following courses: Chemistry 15 (Sections A and B), Economics 15, Education 5e, 0, English 5, German 23, Mathematics 21, Philosophy 17, Physics 13, 21, Psychology 13, Sociology 7, Spanish 23.

Wed., Jan. 26, 9 A.M.—Art 0 in

Al. Bldg. 12; Economics 3; French 13; Geology 13; History 1; Latin 11; Music 5; Religion 0.

Wed., Jan. 26, 2 P.M.—Biology 7 in Coburn 22; Economics 5; English 13; English 31; Geology 21; Greek 11; History 3; History 5; Mathematics 5; Phys. Ed. 5B (Women); Sociology 9; Spanish 9; Religion in ML 201A.

Thurs., Jan. 27, 9 A.M.—Bus. Ad. 5; English 1, Sects. JKL in ML 201B, Sects. MNO in ML 201A, Sects. ABC DEFGH in WU 100; English 23 in ML 201A; Government 1; History 15; Psychology 11.

Thurs., Jan. 27, 2 P.M.—Bus. Ad. 1; Bus. Ad. 3; Economics 13; English 19; English 20; German 9; Government 5; Latin 9; Mathematics 11; Philosophy 7.

Fri., Jan. 28, 9 A.M.—Bus. Ad. 7; Bus. Ad. 27 in Al. Bldg. 23; Education 1; French 21; Physics 3.

Fri., Jan. 28, 2 P.M.—Chemistry 7; French 1; French 3; French 5.

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Exam Schedule

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Sat., Jan. 29, 9 A.M.—English 11; English 17; History 23.
 Sat., Jan. 29, 2 P.M.—German 1; German 3; German 15; Spanish 1; Spanish 3.
 Mon., Jan 31, 9 A.M.—Art 7 in Al. Bldg. 12; Biology 15; Bus. Ad. 9; Economics 11; French 19; German 25; Government 7; History 14e; Mathematics 1; Mathematics 3; Religion 5.
 Mon., Jan 31, 2 P.M.—Economics 1; Latin 5.
 Tues., Feb. 1, 9 A.M.—Biology 11; Bus. Ad. 15; Chemistry 1; Chemistry 11; English 25; History 11; Philosophy 3; Psychology 7; Sociology 5; Spanish 9.
 Tues., Feb. 1, 2 P.M.—Music 1.
 Wed., Feb. 2, 9 A.M.—Biology 5 in Coburn 22; Chemistry 9; French 9; Geology 1; Latin 1; Phys. Ed. 5A (Men); Physics 9; Psychology 3.
 Wed., Feb. 2, 2 P.M.—Biology 1, Students A-S in WU 100, Students T-Z in ML 201A; Psychology 9.
 Thurs., Feb. 3, 9 A.M.—English 27 in ML 201B; English 35 in ML 201B; English 39 in ML 201B; History 21 in ML 201A; Philosophy 1; Religion 3 in ML 201A; Sociology 6e

INDEPENDENTS:—A meeting of all Independents will be held Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 at Roberts Union. Plans and developments will be discussed.

in ML 201A; Psychology 1.
 Thurs., Feb. 3, 2 P.M.—English 21; Government 3.
 Fri., Feb. 4, 9 A.M.—Art 5 in Al. Bldg. 12; Chemistry 15, Section C; English 9; English 41; Philosophy 13; Physics 1.
 Fri., Feb. 4, 2 P.M.—Bus. Ad. 01; Sociology 1.
 Sat., Feb. 5, 9 A.M.—Art 1 in Al. Bldg. 12; Biology 3; Education 3; English 37; English 33; French 7; Geology 17; Latin 3; Mathematics 01; Philosophy 5; Physics 7.
 Sat., Feb. 5, 2 P.M.—Bus. Ad. 23 in Al. Bldg. 23; Chemistry 5; English 3; English 7; Psychology 5.

Dean Nickerson Ready For Interviewing Tour

Dean Nickerson will be traveling from January 16 to February 2 throughout the Midwest and the East interviewing candidates for Colby, visiting schools, and attending Alumni Association luncheons and dinners. Another purpose of his trip is the organization of alumni interviewers to interview candidates in places too distant for the Dean to reach personally.

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Letters To The Editor

All letters to the Editor must be accompanied by the author's name and address. These will be withheld on request. Letters to the Editor should be no more than 200 words in length. In case of longer letters, the ECHO reserves the right to edit them so they do not exceed this limit.

Sigillum Collegi Colbiani

To the Editor:

Has any Latin student in this college looked at the College Seal lately? This emblem is conspicuous all over the campus, from the official seal on the diploma you hope to get to a matchbook holder on sale at the Bookstore. On this seal is emblazoned the words "SIGILLUM COLLEGI COLBIANI". If a student in Latin 1-2 were asked to translate the words "Seal of Colby College" and he wrote the words appearing on the seal, he'd be marked wrong. According to Macmillan's Elementary Latin-English Dictionary, page 78, column two, line eight, the genitive of the word *collegium* is *collegii*, not *collegi*. On the seal of Wellesley College, the same word appears correctly as *collegii*. The old seal of Colby, as found in the Colby College Alumni Catalogue of 1935-36, spells the word with two i's, correctly, while the following year, the new seal, as approved by a special committee, carries the mistake. The seal was modernized, but as far as I know, the Latin language has not been, at least since I last opened a Latin book, five years ago. The whole matter may seem pretty small, but I'd certainly hate to receive a diploma from an accredited liberal arts college on which the Latin was incorrect. Correction of this error, which it certainly seems to be, would involve some expense to the College, but the College will have a red face until it is remedied. Let's not shrug the matter off—let's do something about it.

Interested Student

Professor Carr explained the matter as follows: *Collegi* is a contraction for the genitive singular and is perfectly acceptable as such. We direct "Interested Student" to this source for further elucidation.



The Eternal OPTIMIST

COLBY'S NEW MEMORIAL FLAGPOLE is again without a flag. To observers the flag has flown fewer days than it has not.

THE FACTS IN THE STORY INDICATE that the flag is old and therefore wears easily. Repair periods are as time consuming as they are flag consuming because the shredded ends must be trimmed each time. We wonder if a more sturdy flag can not be found, for

AS OUR FATHER WOULD SAY, the most useless thing in the world is a flagpole without a flag.

THE TOW ROPE AT COLBY'S SKI-ATORIUM was spliced last week. This operation is like launching a ship—the major part of the job is completed, but the lasting touches are still needed. These will be done, we're told, next Spring. In the meantime,

WHEN THE SNOW IS RIGHT, the Ski-atorium will be ready for all Colbyites to use. Say, does anybody have an extra pair of skis???

NO ONE WANTS TO BE QUOTED, but College Authorities are pleased over the splendid attitude Alumni, Trustees, and friends of Colby are showing towards our \$3,550,000 fund drive. The first objective (\$1,750,000) is to get ALL of us to the Hill.

THE MOVE UP MAYFLOWER HILL, therefore, is now nearing its climax, and it will need everyone—male and female—to help it get to the top. And from here it looks as if we're all going to have to get out and PUSH.

COLLEGE MEN RARELY READ SIGNS, or so we've concluded. For example, as a safety measure Colby men have been asked to steer clear of the fraternity house construction area when going to and from the Roberts Union. The path has been roped off, and signs were employed to remind the men to use a parallel path.

YET, FROM ALL EVIDENCE (a trampled rope, and two lopsided lonely-looking signs) nobody seems to have read those signs. Hey, men, "C-A-T spells cat".

The Colby Echo

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Editorials

Ideas and Ideals. . .

We've been confronted with the comment that a good deal of ECHO opinion is "destructive". Such a statement must necessarily be based on a misconception of editorial ideas and ideals. We take full blame for the existence of such a misconception and will attempt to represent the basic theme of ECHO opinion more intelligibly and perhaps more intelligently.

We believe that the student in possessing a fuller knowledge of the intricacies of college problems will have a more cooperative and understanding attitude when confronted with them. We feel that both the Administration and the student will benefit first from a conscious program of enlightenment, and second from an effective exchange of ideas. Progress can only come through understanding.

A while back, the ECHO requested that some form of Treasurer's report be presented to the student body, as the first step in a program of student enlightenment. It is gratifying to announce that both oral and written reports of the college's financial activities and standing be made available in the very near future. With a continuing broad view on the part of the Administration, closer cooperation between college authority and student will most certainly reach a point of complete reality.

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Open Council Meetings. . .

In response to a long-standing need, Inter-Student Council voted on Monday to open their meetings to the scrutiny of the student body. The ECHO heartily approves of Council action in this instance.

Such action should first, enable the student to more effectively participate in his government, second, allow the student to more clearly understand the problems of his representatives, and third, give Inter-Student Council an opportunity to act in closer accord with valid student suggestions and desires.

Coming at the same time as Administrative plans to place explanations of college finances before the student body, Council action points to more practical, progressive and cooperative relations between student, student representatives and college authorities.

The Administration and Council have taken these first steps. A large share of the responsibility for sounder intra-college relations now rests with the student. To understand Administrative position, to make student desires more clear it is essential first, that the student attend Inter-Student Council meeting as often as possible, and second, that he attend the February lecture on college finances.

We trust that Colbyites will make the most of these opportunities.

AS

SLOC Report. . .

The second meeting of the Student Leaders On Campus group was concerned primarily with a report presented by the executive committee of that group on methods for securing satisfactory student participation in the Mayflower Hill Development Fund Campaign. The report, encouraging in its practical and constructive character, will be presented at the next all-college assembly by Dr. Johnson and Committee Chairman Donald Leach. The ECHO earnestly recommends attending this most important of assembly programs. For intelligent receipt of this program we further suggest that careful attention be given the ECHO account of the report.

The brochure cliches about Mayflower Hill do not bear repetition. We are all aware of the story, the need and the desire for completion of Hill facilities. We are sure that student participation in such a campaign will refute cynicism expressed and gratify committee expectations.

In contributing to growth will we grow.

AS

College On Time. . .

We should like to congratulate the Administration on its rapid adoption of the November 3 ECHO suggestion to create an Official College Time.

As a result of this action, buses, classes, and meal hours should all be synchronized to one clock—that located behind the college's telephone switchboard near the recorder's office. This timepiece is daily checked with Western Union, and students, faculty and staff should check their watches and clocks with it regularly.

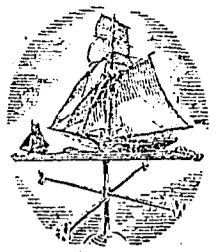
Execution of this plan should go a long way in reducing confusion resulting from the disagreement peculiar to Colby clocks.

Members of the Colby Family might do well to remember, however, that the Miller Library Tower Clocks because of mechanical difficulties do not keep accurate time. Therefore, these clocks are NOT included in the Official College Time system.

To Err Is Human. . .

In the December 15 issue under the editorial head "Speaking Frankly" it was stated that "at a recent meeting of the faculty, instructors were 'given the word' about not reporting cuts". The ECHO was factually incorrect in stating that such a meeting occurred. We sincerely regret our error.

Weathervane



Frustrations Of A Maine Democrat

By William Hurley '49

A few days after Christmas I was riding by the Governor's mansion in Augusta, and observed a moving van parked there. Men were carrying furniture out of the house and into the van. These doings obviously suggested that a new tenant was soon to occupy this beautiful home, the gift of the famous James G. Blaine to the people of his native state.

But alas, this new tenant does not denote a change for the better in the stagnant political thinking of Maine's citizens. The elephant still trumpets his victory call the length and breadth of this state, but that trumpeting brings deep despair only to the hearts of a few thinkers who year after year cast their votes for a hopeless cause.

Diabolical Scheme

What makes this cause, the Democratic cause, so hopeless is that a diabolical scheme exists and has existed for the expressed purpose of preventing young minds from developing into individual thinking machines. The voters of Maine do not change with the times, and are determined that their children shall grow up to support the archaic political beliefs of their fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers. This entails the side-stepping of issues in order to carry out an old Maine tradition.

Two examples of this insidious scheme were personally witnessed by me at a time when my mind was still in the formative stage. Only the mercy of God prevented my political thinking from being warped. Example 1. Early in my high school days a prominent Republican spoke at an assembly. The time was a few weeks BEFORE a state election, but the educator who introduced the gentleman presented him as, "the next governor of the state of Maine".

"Valuable Advice"

This brazen introduction pales almost to insignificance when one is informed of Example 2. Again the event took place at a high school assembly, and the very same educator was relating a "wise, old grandfather" anecdote. Now this grandfather was very wise indeed and he bestowed much valuable advice upon his grandson (the educator), but the bit of advice which really stuck throughout the years was the old boy's admonition to, "always vote the straight Republican ticket".

Think of that! A leading educator in one of Maine's largest high schools attempting to impose without proof or logical argument, his own political views on the minds of young students.

I can see only two rather remote possibilities which could result in getting the Maine donkey out to greener pastures; (1) a disastrous depression because during the depression of the 30's Maine elected a Democratic governor for two terms although it failed to send Democrats to Congress and elected a predominantly Republican state legislature, or, (2) in order to fight fire with fire, that young Democrats should look for similar political views in their future mates. From then on in it would be anybody's battle!



As The Faculty Sees It

By J. Seelye Bixler

In the last three issues of the ECHO I have made a few comments on our college curriculum. I should now like to raise the question: What does education require beside the mere learning of facts? Is knowledge alone enough? For centuries men have asked with Job: Where shall wisdom be found and where is the place of understanding?

One answer is to say that understanding comes when the facts are synthesized or brought together. But here again we must ask: Can this synthesis be taught or must the student acquire it for himself?

Can Help To Gain Synthesis

The answer seems to me to lie between the two extremes. It is probably true that what we call a "synoptic" or "all-over" view of what one learns in class cannot be taught any person by another. But it is probably also true that some things can be done for any person to help him to gain a synthesis for himself.

Here at Colby we are working hard on this problem. Doan Mariner's course for freshmen in "Man and his World" is one result. I hope that before long we may announce other courses of a similar sort for upperclassmen.

Meanwhile we should not forget that facts really achieve significance in our minds through the emotional attitudes by which they enter into the driving impulses that move us. This is where the Colby community becomes so important. For it is in community life that we actually see what such qualities as honesty, loyalty, and charity mean.

Feelings Accompany Facts

If we want to have the facts take on meaning for us, therefore, we should watch the feelings which accompany their entrance into our minds. To make sure that the feelings are of the right sort we must have a vigorous, healthy, and unified social life. That is why the idea back of the expression "Colby Family" is so important.



MULE KICK



By Bob Slavitt '49

Happy New Year!

This is the time of year when a backward glance at the year past, and a forward look at the future is in order. Colby has had little to be proud of in the past year of sports activity, and the prospects for the coming year are slightly grey in their own right.

Let us begin at the beginning, always a good place to begin. The basketball team finished up a mediocre season by dropping the State Championship to Bates, while achieving a higher Dunkel rating than the Lewiston club. The Bobcats seemed to have good old fashioned three-ply hex on Colby which they have carried forth into the new season in good style. Let us hope that 1949 will bring a change in this status quo. Basketball is a poor sport to consider in view of the calendar year. It begins in one year and ends in the next. We are confused, hence we will blindly predict—as usual. Colby will improve for the remainder of this season, until they become the apple of Lee's eye. Next year will be a different story altogether. You can't lose men like Washburn, Mitchell, Michelson, and Jennings, and go on at a high clip.

HOCKEY** A backward glance here makes one shudder slightly. Not too hot, but then hockey is a cold game. Colby's 1948 version was a team of old men and no reserves. Colby's 1949 team is a team of youth. Green perhaps, but willing and able. They should improve steadily for the next three years. Wales, Harrington, Laliberti, McGrath, et als from last year's Frosh club are starting their varsity careers together, and they should develop into a fine team unit.

They start together with their coach, "Rum" Lemieux, and the combination of new blood from top to bottom should do well. At this point, may I welcome Coach Lemieux on behalf of myself and the entire sports staff of the ECHO. I pick the Birdseye Boys to go places from now on. Hockey as all New England knew it at Colby is on its way back. The fast is over—let's feast.

BASEBALL** This has been our strong suit for the past two years at Colby, and I see no reason for things to change. The team lost a valuable man in George Clark, and another one when Bob St.Pierre left, but last year's Freshman team was a corker and the youth movement has begun here too. The department that has been strengthened the most is the Mound staff. According to such a foremost authority as the great Connie Mack, pitching is 80% of the game. If the pitchers are better and more plentiful, then the team should be getting better all the time. Another State Championship seems inevitable, and further glories can well be reaped if the club can do well in its long Southern trip. A good record on this trip would lead to national recognition and a possible bid to the national N. C. A. A. Tourney.

FOOTBALL** Harland Durrel of the Waterville Sentinel came up with a prediction a week or so ago that ran something like this; Colby's football team to move from fourth place to second place in the State standings next fall. We can see a vast improvement in next year's team, but we fail to have the faith of Mr. Durrel. We say that Colby will fare better as the over-all season record goes, and that the Mules will win a single game in the State Series. Here, too, the youth movement is going strong, and the team should improve. We all got too excited about the affects that last year's Freshman team would have on the varsity teams this year. It was stated in this column then and I will repeat now; "They will be a year away". They were, and they are. But they get better as time goes on and they will continue to do so. 1949 should be the best year in all sports around this fine campus since the pre-war years.

Even track will improve.

"Disastrous, But Valuable," Says Coach As Mules Return From Western Trip

Colby's traveling circus is home from the West. The local hardwood's pride and joy was something short of sensational west of the Hudson, and not much better east of it. All however, according to Coach Lee Williams was not lost. Here's what happened and why.

The five-game western swing was prelimmed by a two-game tour of Worcester and Boston as the Colby hoopsters played Clark and Northeastern on successive nights, before going home for the Xmas week. The Clark game was a repeat performance of the Bates game.

This one was actually lost from the foul line, as the stastics show Colby outscoring Clark from the floor by a 38-32 margin, only to end up on the short end of a 56-53 count.

Sadder And Wiser
Northeastern played host to the Mules at the Huntington Y.M.C.A.

Lemieux '37 Made New Hockey Coach

Romeo Lemieux '37 has assumed the duties of Varsity Hockey coach at Colby.

Coach Lemieux graduated from Colby in 1937 after four years as a three sport athletic great. One of the finest hockey players ever to attend Colby, "Rum" played on three State Championship ice clubs, '35, '36, and '37.

In 1942, he was Assistant Football Coach at Colby under "Bill" Millett, a role he held during the war years.

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and a very impolite host they were, as they won 59-53. Colby's late collapse of the previous games were reversed in this one. The Huskies left into a long early lead, and Colby spent the rest of the evening trying to catch up.

Go west young man, and they did. And they came back a sadder and wiser crew. The schedule was tough; the traveling was tiring; the courts were strange; and the strength of the opposition didn't help a heckuva-lot either. Things started against Rochester, where Colby took the lower half of a 75-59 score.

Play Well Against Best

On to Akron with little sleep and a hard game under the belt. The "Zippers", according to a recent A. P. dispatch are among the 11 major unbeaten teams in the country. Colby did nothing to impair that record, but the Mules sure scared the panties off the Ohio club.

The score stood at 40-40 with three and a half minutes remaining in the game. We missed an assortment of lay-ups and flipped an equal collection of bad passes at this crucial time, and Akron won it 52-44.

St. Bonaventur was next on the

list, and if its any consolation they whipped Georgetown U. by a bigger score than they beat Colby. The final score was 52-43.

From Olean, where they tried to sleep above a New Year's party that lasted well into New Year's Day, as those things will, the caravan moved to Buffalo where they locked horns with Buffalo State. Colby trailed 27-16 at the half, and climbed to within two points with two minutes remaining in the game. The usual closing seconds' tailspin took over there and the final was 55-47. Colby played its worst game of the trip.

Team Will Do Better

Connecticut comes last but by far not least. Colby jumped into a quick 9-2 lead and weren't headed until 14 minutes of the game had passed. At this point, the trials and tribulations of four games in six days took their toll. The boys were just plain tired, and the Uconn's ran them off the floor.

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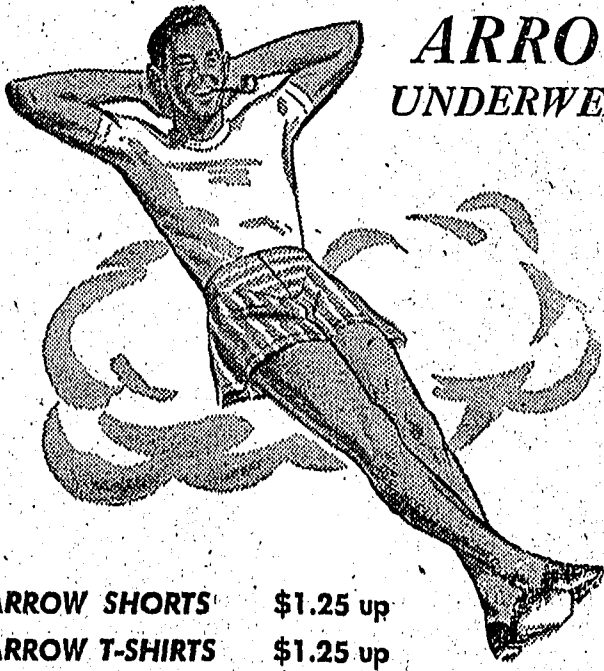
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WESLEYAN WINCES AS MULES KICK TO 66-59 WIN

Femmesports

By Mary Hathaway '49

Students who enjoy the badminton parties will have an opportunity to attend another one Thursday night January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Union. As these student-faculty parties have been very successful, come and be assured of having a good time.

While on the subject of badminton, Jeanne Pelletier '49, Louise Coburn, and Haroldene Whitcomb '49, Mary Low, are in the single finals. Playing in the double finals are Jeanne Pelletier and Pauline Vitkauskas '49, (L.C.) and Haroldene Whitcomb and Nancy Semonian '49 (M.L.).

The volleyball schedule for tournament games has been posted, and play started Monday. Team I is captained by E. Shaw, team II by F. Klafstad, team III by B. Vaughn, team IV by M. Brown, and team V by S. Frolio. All the games in the Women's Union will be at 3:00 P.M.

Colby Hockey Team Falls In Two Vacation Meets

Without the benefit of practice sessions on good ice, the Colby hockey team traveled to Boston during the Christmas recess and took an 11-0 thumping from Boston University December 22 after being edged by Fort Devens 3-1 on December 21.

According to ex-coach Bill Millett, lack of practice in playing together, the poor conditions of the players and no real experience on a rink with boards were the major causes of the poor trip, and they can all be traced to one of the strangest Maine winters on record.

Facing one of the best teams in the East in B.U., the team could only

NEW SKI COACH:—It was announced recently by Mike Loebs, that Lester Soule '47 will be the official coach of the Colby Ski Team. Mr. Soule was Captain of the Colby Ski Team in 1946-47 and was one of the best skiers in the state.

match a few practice session on Johnson's Pond in contrast to the daily sessions both B.U. and Devens engaged in on their indoor rinks. Although thoroughly outclassed by the Terriers, the Mules might have taken Devens with a few breaks on their side of the ledger.

Both Millett and manager Charlie Cotton were unanimous in naming Robert LaLiberte, Danny Hall and Ralph Bailey as the outstanding men on the trip.

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Hoopsters Win Third Straight Contest On Hill; Washburn Sparks Team, Ties Scoring Record

By Alan Mirken '51

Colby's sharp-shooting basketball squad chalked up its third straight victory on the new Mayflower Hill court last Friday night by downing an aggressive Wesleyan University team 66-59.

Against Bowdoin the Mules allowed the Polar Bears to come precariously close to winning in the closing minutes after Colby had maintained a commanding lead throughout the

game. The Bates Bobcats turned a certain Mule victory into a Bates triumph by tying the score in the final minute of regular play and subsequently winning the game in the over-time period. Thus, the manner in which the Williamsmen defeated the Wesleyan five should be highly regarded by all Colby followers.

The score see-sawed during the first half, neither club displaying a marked superiority. The half ended with Colby on the short end of a 39-37 score, thanks to a last second heave by Scanlon of Wesleyan which slipped through the hoop.

Sparked by Russ Washburn, who tied an all-time Colby individual scoring record by hooping 26 points, the Mules edged ahead midway

LCA, TDP, And ZP Frat Hoop Winners

Lambda Chi Alpha started the Fraternity Basketball League rolling by rolling over the Dekes 63-28, last Thursday evening in the new field house.

High scorer for the Lambda Chi's was Carl Lowery '52 with 17 points, while Lee Prescott '51 was high scorer for the Dekes with 11 points.

In another league game, Tau Delta Phi won a closely contested match from the Zetes by overcoming a six-point half-time deficit to win 34-33.

Top men for the Tau Dels were Burton Silberstien '49, Robert Sloane '51, and Mark Mordecai '51, with eight points each, while Ed Lavery '51 chucked in 10 points for the losers.

Snapping back from their first defeat, the Zetes downed the K. D. R.'s 48-33, Monday, January 10.

Leading scorer for the Zetes was Bob Morton with 12 points, while Howard Gaskill dumped in 9 for the K. D. R.'s.

BASKETBALL GAMES:—Student entrance for home basketball games is that door of the Fieldhouse located by the ice hockey rink.

through the second half. They maintained a slim two-point lead until the closing minutes when a burst of scoring wrapped up the victory for the home squad.

Shiro, Finegan, Michelson, Captain Bill Mitchell, Welson, Lazour, and Pierce, as well as Washburn looked impressive for Colby. Working together throughout the contest they gave an exhibition of well-played basketball which future Colby clubs will find difficult to equal.

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Menotti's "Telephone" Amusing; Light Opera Part Of Concert Series

By Caroline Wilkins '52

Jean Carlton, soprano, and Frank Rogier, baritone, performed Monday, January 10 at the Waterville High School in The Community Concert Association presentation of "The Telephone".

"Telephone" Well Sung

"The Telephone", by Gian-Carlo Menotti, was a light opera which could only be a product of American life. It was, amusing at times and quite well sung.

Both Miss Carlton and Mr. Rogier have sung professionally on the Broadway stage. Miss Carlton star-

red in the Broadway production of Menotti's operetta, "The Telephone", in which her light airy voice added much to the gay performance. Mr. Rogier has performed in England, Scotland, and the Netherlands, as well as having had the leading role in the "Medium" on Broadway.

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Three Students To Enter Colby Next Semester

Three students have been admitted to Colby and will begin their studies in February: Richard Kuehndorf from Scarsdale, New York, is entering as a sophomore; John Ellis from Lawrence, Massachusetts is returning as a freshman; and Daniel Shanahan from Miami, Florida, is returning to complete his studies this year.

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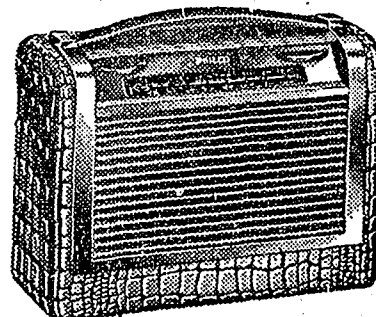
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