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Vacation Extended 5 Days

'Tones Of Amazement' Warblers To Wax Jacobson & Stoll Tunes Over Vacation

The 1949 Varsity show group has announced plans for recording several musical numbers from their "Tones of Amazement" production.

These records will be made by the cast during spring vacation and will be ready for distribution two weeks after the beginning of school following the vacation.

Professional Recording

The recording will be done by a professional recording company in Boston, Kasper-Gordon. This firm, which has produced albums for many of the leading colleges in the east. This firm is the one that recorded the

songs from last year's varsity show, "Lucky To Be Me."

Two hundred albums, each consisting of three records, will be offered for sale.

Booth In Libe

Since there will be no re-orders above this number, anyone desiring an album is requested to sign up for the records either at a booth in the Library on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or contact Ellen Kennerson, Kenneth Jacobson, Martha Jackson, or Robert Wilkins.

While a \$1.00 deposit has been requested, the albums will be reserved without this deposit, until after vacation, if desired. The cost of the album is \$4.50. There will be a six-week period in which to pay.

The numbers will be recorded as follows: Opening Narrative; Do, Do, Do, Do, Do; Alone; I Want a New Romance; Just Sing a Song; When You Are Far Away; I Got You; At Last.

'Hasty Heart' Tonite; Will Benefit Fund

"Hasty Heart," a comedy drama by John Patrick, will be presented tonight at the Women's Union under the sponsorship of the college Powder and Wig Society.

The performance will be for the benefit of the Mayflower Hill Development Fund.

Story Plot

The scene of "Hasty Heart" is the ward of a British Army hospital in Burma during the war. The story centers around a Scotchman who falls in love with a nurse. He is the only person in the ward that does not know he is going to die.

Comedy is added to the play by Tommy, the English soldier, who attempts to solve for posterity the question of what Scots wear under their kilts.

Leading Roles

Eugene Jellison '51, plays the role of the austere and cold Scot who ignores the tender cares of the English nurse, played by Elizabeth Beamish '49. William Ryan '52, plays the part of the English soldier.

The combination of love and friendship, after overcoming many problems, finally enables the nurse to gain the Scot's love and for Tommy to endow the world with his newly found knowledge.

The play is directed by Professor Fred Main of the college English department.

Stu.-Faculty Board Plan Course Critique

The Student-Faculty Curriculum Committee decided at a meeting on March 18 to hold another course critique investigation and publish the results in a handbook available to students and prospective students.

The major projects of the committee this year are to secure the opinions of the students of the value of the various courses offered at Colby to make these reports available to students who must select courses, and to give an accurate evaluation of the course to the student from the student's viewpoint. This purpose will be effected by the distribution and tabulation of questionnaires of student opinion.

The committee is composed of Joan Hoaglund '49, Hilda Farnum '49, Donald Nicols '49, Alvin Schwarz '49, Roger Prince '50, and Barbara Starr '50. The faculty members are: Professor Walter Brocktonridge, Kingsley, Dr. George, Mr. Gordon Smith and Professor Donaldson Koons.

TDP, Delta, Have Best Marks; Indies And ADP Place Second

The recorder's office has released the scholastic standings of the various groups on campus. The scores are based on quality points. The averages for the second semester of 1941, the last pre-war year have been included for comparison, as well as the second semester totals of last year.

Pres. Stand.	Group	Standing 2nd sem. last yr.	Score 1941	Actives & Pledges score last sem.	Actives Only score last sem.
1	T. D. P.	1	35.4	33.9	35.7
2	Indep's			33.2	
3	D. U.	6	29.8	32.6	33.1
4	A. T. O.	5	28.5	31.7	33.8
5	Z. P.	4	29.4	31.4	32.6
6	K. D. R.	2	36.7	29.7	32.0
7	P. D. T.	3	34.9	29.4	32.1
8	L. C. A.	7	29.6	29.0	29.9
9	D. K. E.	8	26.3	27.9	28.8

This gives the all-fraternity group a total average of 30.8 quality points for this past semester as compared with 33.2 quality points average for the Independents. The average for all the men was 31.6.

In the women's division, the non-sorority girls had a quality point average of 38.8 as against 38.5 for sorority girls. The average for the women as a group was 38.7.

The standings were as follows:

Pres. Stand.	Group	Standing 2nd sem. last yr.	Score 1941	Actives & Pledges score last sem.	Actives Only score last sem.
1	D. D. D.	3	34.9	40.2	40.3
2	A. D. P.	4	32.8	38.8	41.9
3	C. O.	1	37.6	38.4	39.4
4	S. K.	2	36.2	36.8	38.2

President Bixler Begins Series Of Speaking Dates

Dr. Bixler left Monday to attend a week's series of Alumni meetings to be held in Springfield, Providence, Hartford and New York.

He will also be guest speaker at the Central Congregational Church in Providence on Wednesday, as one of a series of Lenten speakers.

Attends Inauguration

Next week he will attend the three-day convocation for the inauguration of the new president, James R. Killian, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He will attend in the capacity as a delegate from Colby College, and from the American College of Beirut.

Discussion Group

As part of the inaugural ceremonies, Dr. Bixler will take part in a round table discussion on the subject of "Science, Materialism, and the Human Spirit."

Also slated for this discussion are Percy W. Bridgman, Nobel prize winner and Professor of Physics at Harvard, Jacques Maritain, well known philosopher, and Walter T. Stace, author and a professor of philosophy at Princeton University.

Red Cross Disaster Unit To Meet After Vacation

A meeting has been scheduled for the Red Cross Disaster Unit at Colby for April 12. The meeting will be held in the Women's Union at 4 P.M.

At that time, the chairmen of each committee will be expected to have a full report ready. These reports will be discussed and later compiled into one complete report for the supervision of the entire unit as a group.

Anyone wishing any further information concerning the duties of any of these committees, or about the Disaster Unit, itself, may contact either Robert Barteaux '50, chairman of the group, or Miss Marchant, faculty advisor.

Freshman Players Now In Rehearsal

With Joyce Blum and Melvin Lyon in the leading roles, the Freshman Class Play, under the sponsorship of the Powder and Wig Society, is rapidly shaping up for presentation at the Women's Union, April 12.

The play, an adaptation of Koffman and Hart's Broadway success, "George Washington Slept Here," deals with the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller to purchase and rebuild an abandoned farmhouse, the history of which dates back to the pre-Revolutionary War days.

Robert Hooper as Steve, and Lois Green as Madge, the Fuller's daughter, add a mild romantic interest.

Mrs. McKay Is Director

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Gordon McKay, who also directed last year's play. She is being assisted by Stuart Warshaw '51, and Harland Eastman '51.

Many Freshmen are connected with the play outside of the actual acting parts. Business Manager George Terry, Publicity Manager Richard Streich, and Stage Manager David Saltzman, all have several assistants plus the many Fresh who have volunteered to usher and sell tickets.

Lasts Until April 12; Sickness Is Cause

Five extra vacation days for Colby students were granted by the office of the Dean of the Faculty.

College will reopen on Tuesday, April 12, instead of Thursday, April 7. This will extend the vacation period from a 13 day recess to 18 days.

Due To Illness

This action was taken on the advice of medical authorities, who believe that the added days of recess will completely clear the campus of the infections which have caused so much recent illness.

The vacation change will not affect the date of Commencement nor the dates for the final examinations.

The college will close, as previously announced, at 1:00 P. M. on Friday, March 25th.

Good Housekeeping Seal Given Colby By Magazine

Colby College was included in a list of "fifty good small colleges," in an article in the April issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine.

The article, by James W. Hampton, entitled "Is the Small College Your Answer?" selected what it considered fifty representative small colleges out of the approximately 700 liberal arts colleges in the country.

Only two other New England colleges were included in the list. They were Clark and Trinity, both men's colleges.

Among the conditions upon which these colleges were selected were that the colleges should not be state or municipally owned or operated, that it should operate with an optimum small college enrollment, and that it could be attended for approximately \$1,000 a year.

It was also necessary that the college be fully recognized by the proper regional accrediting agency as well as the Association of American Universities.

Colby was cited in particular for its excellent Thomas Hardy collection, described as the most complete in the world, and the Edwin Arlington Robinson Collection.

Webster To Present 'Othello' Next Oct.

The "Margaret Webster Shakespeare Company" will present Othello here on Oct. 17, 1949.

This was announced today by Professor Cecil A. Rollins, faculty advisor to the Colby "Powder and Wig" Dramatic Society, which is presenting the company here.

Othello will be given in the evening at the Waterville Opera House, which has already been reserved for the performance.

Underwriting expenses of the presentation here will be nearly twenty sponsors, "Powder and Wig" itself, and the College.

The Margaret Webster Company has been lauded in Philadelphia, Chicago, Providence, Hartford and many other centers of the country.

The company includes twenty-two professional actors and five technicians, who travel in a specially constructed bus, with a truck in which costumes, scenery and all other paraphernalia necessary for the production are contained.

New Campaigns Open For Hill Drive; Campus Fund Nears Half-Way Goal

This week, three more regions of Colby Alumni groups are opening their part in the Mayflower Hill Fund Campaign drive.

This drive, which has reached a total of \$718,000.00 as of March 5, has a goal of \$1,750,000.00 to be raised in the next three years. This money will be used for classrooms and dormitory buildings.

Tuesday, March 22, the campaign drive for the Rhode Island area was opened at an alumni meeting in Providence.

Thursday, March 24th, a meeting

in Hartford will inaugurate the fund campaign in central and northern Connecticut.

New York

On the following day, March 25th, the campaign drive will be opened for upper New Jersey, lower Connecticut, and the New York metropolitan area, with a meeting in New York City. Senator Margaret Chase Smith is expected to address this group.

President Bixler and Reginald Sturtevant, general chairman of the drive, will attend all the meetings.

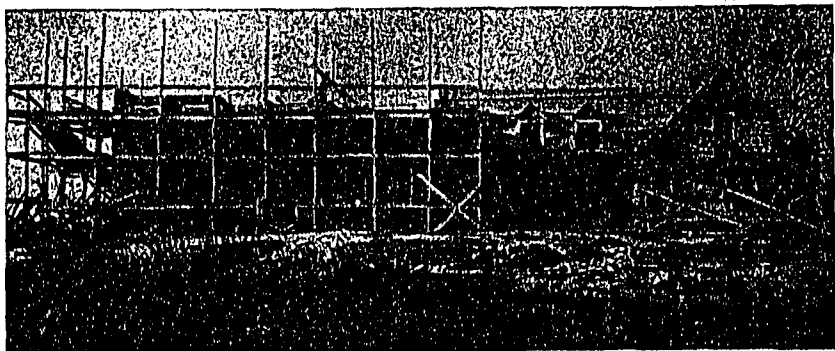
Camera Colbiana:--



NEWEST MEMBER OF THE COLBY FAMILY IS YBLOC. This gentle, if somewhat obstinate mascot was acquired by student donations last fall for exhibition at College events. As has been proven time and again, Ybloc will stand his ground despite the opposition.



HIGHLIGHT OF COLBY NIGHT, was the bonfire rally on the eve of the Colby-Bowdoin football game. Shown here are part of nearly 1,000 who participated in the evening's festivities.



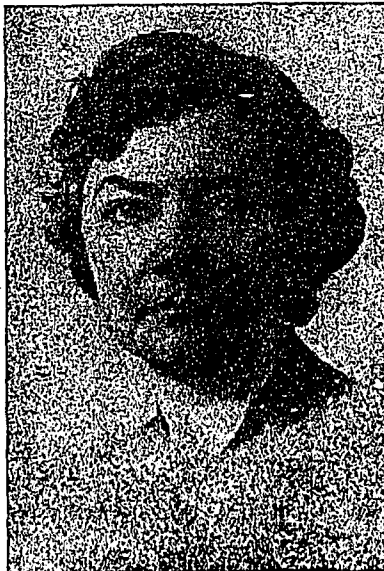
CONSTRUCTION WAS STARTED LAST FALL on the President's new home. Shown as it appeared in January, the house should be ready for occupancy by the Bixlers this year.



AS ITS SHARE IN THE DEVELOPMENT FUND drive, student representatives of all campus activities set a goal of \$15,000.00 to be raised by the students. The sub-committee which will conduct this drive is chairmaned by Donald Leach '49 (standing at extreme right). Other committee members are: (seated from left to right) George I. Smith '49; Walter Alger '50; David Montt '50; June Stairs '49; Marilyn Perkins '49; (standing) David Lynch '49; Edward Waller '49; Elizabeth Jennings '50; Nancy J. Ardill '50; Barbara Hart '49, and Leach.



THE COLBY TRUSTEES accepted \$350,000.00 as their personal objective in the Mayflower Hill Development Fund Drive. Members of the board, above, include (seated left to right) Dr. Bixler; Neil Leonard '21, Chairman of the Board; William S. Newell LLD '41; (standing) Sumner Sewell LLD '41; Nathan R. Patterson '11; President-Emeritus Franklin W. Johnson '91; Dr. George G. Averill LLD '42; and Harry E. Umphrey '14.



AT ITS OCTOBER MEETING, the Alumni Council nominated three persons to fill the vacancies occurring in the posts of Alumni Trustees next June. Mrs. Whittemore '12 and Mr. Spinney '21 are presently completing their first terms as Alumni trustees. Mr. Sturtevant '21, is currently serving as national chairman of the new Mayflower Hill Development Fund.



MAYFLOWER HILL ATHLETIC FIELD was dedicated to Charles F. T. Seaverns '01, between the halves of the Colby-Bowdoin football game. Shown above is Mr. Seaverns receiving from Mike Loeb, the first football used in a game on the new field. In the background are Neil Leonard '21, and President Bixler.



MEMBERS OF THE 1949 VARSITY SHOW, are shown in rehearsal for their January presentation of "Tones of Amazement". Kenneth Jacobson, who wrote the musical score is seated at the piano. Others in the photo are (from left to right): Nancy Semonian '49; Robert Wilkins '51; Ellen Kennerson '50; Paul Glasgow '50; Hope Harvey '49, and Roy Tibbetts '49.

On The Other Side Of The Fence

Co-Ed Poll Reveals What's Wrong With Men

A list of what girls dislike most in men has been compiled from a wide assortment of University co-eds by Miami Hurricane feature writers:

Heading the list and running neck and neck, are dirty fingernails and conceit. "God's gift to women," and he who "constantly tries to prove he's a college yo-yo" are definitely taboo. Dirty and bitten-down fingernails are not only taboo—"They are strictly repulsive," according to the long nailed co-eds.

"Men who can't stop talking about how much money they spend, who can only talk about cars and how fast they can make them go, who boast, generally, about every phase of their lives, and who always try to be the life of the party," are heartily condemned.

Vulgar language, sloppy dressers, and men needing a shave, come high on the list of dislikes. Cigars, beards, suspenders, and mustaches are generally condemned. Bad manners, table and otherwise, are unappreciated by the gals. The "overbearingly temperamental male is very hard to endure," said one of those interviewed.

Male superiority complexes come at the head of the list. The kind of boy who thinks he's superior in intellectual ability to the female—tells you what to wear, criticizes every little thing about you, insists on choosing the evening's entertainment.

Men Reply With Co-Ed Deficiencies

Men at Ohio Wesleyan were quick to reply to the Florida poll with their tabulation of what's wrong with women.

The consensus was that painted fingernails in run down condition compares quite favorably with the men's dirty finger nails condemned by the co-eds. One chap inferred that some women paint their nails to cover up the dirt.

One male complained about women being late for dates, saying that many co-eds take the stand that if they are on time for a date, they are showing too much interest. Accordingly, they show up anywhere from 10 to 40 minutes late. They also "tend to put too much emphasis on the amount of money possessed by their date," he continued.

Another interviewee begged that women at least "try to act natural without affecting the mannerisms of a sickening teen-ager attempting to play house."



The Eternal OPTIMIST

"IS WINNIE THE POOH HERE AGAIN?" a Colbyite asked us last week. We were forced to reply that we didn't know for sure, but that we hoped so.

NEITHER QUESTION NOR ANSWER WAS UNUSUAL, because at the time we were leaving the bookstore with A. A. Milne's Christopher Robin books under our arm.

WINNIE THE POOH WAS ONCE THE RAGE AT COLBY. A few winters ago, Smith Lounge was the "meeting house" for Milne enthusiasts; and it was there, gathered around the fireplace, that we would listen and laugh to the antics of Christopher Robin, Pooh, Piglet, Owl, Eeyore and the rest.

TOO CHILDISH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS? Perhaps, but we think not. Milne's poetry is imbued with a lilt, and his humor sparkles throughout Pooh's adventures (and Eeyore's misadventures) as well as in his poetry.

NO, WE LIKE WINNIE THE POOH. Not as a steady diet, of course, but rather as the sweetmeat after a heavy meal.

MEMO TO DYNAMITE.—APRIL FOOL'S DAY is one week from this Friday. Watch out for it—it's explosive!!

WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, but at our house a guy's life isn't worth yesterday's DAILY BULLETIN on April Fool's Day. Seems that mama just loves to play tricks.

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Editorial

'Discriminating,' 'Non-Democratic,' and 'Anti-Intellectual' . . .

Recent fraternity difficulties at Amherst and at Brown have resulted in a good deal of criticism of individual fraternities, one of the local Greek Letter systems and of fraternities in general. And these criticisms, for better or worse, have received wide newspaper coverage.

It was made clear at Amherst that fraternities with discriminatory clauses in their constitutions would have to leave campus by a set date. President Wriston, at Brown, accused the fraternities of being "discriminatory," "non-democratic" and "anti-intellectual." According to a BROWN DAILY HERALD article, Professor of Economics Philip Taft stated, that in the years he had been at Brown, fraternities had constituted an "anti-intellectual" element. His opinion was similar to those of other Brown Professors interviewed.

The Amherst attempt at house cleaning came as a result of a fraternity's abandonment of its national affiliation, after being refused permission by its national offices to initiate a Negro student. At Brown, verbal castigation was forthcoming as a result of interfraternity disorders resulting in extensive property damage. Further censure came as a result of the death of a sophomore from head injuries sustained while making a round of fraternity house parties.

As a result at Brown, use of all fraternity facilities for dispensing alcoholic beverages have been denied the student. Further, pledging and hell week activities have been restricted. Finally, all fraternity social functions have been forbidden.

To a degree, many of the evils President Wriston cited and criticism implicit in the Amherst restriction can be true of a fraternity system at any college. It is to be hoped, however, that the reader, in considering the Amherst and Brown cases, does not fall into the trap of reasoning from the particular to the general. There are many instances where such criticism would be completely unjustified.

In view of the wide coverage the Brown and Amherst affairs did receive, in view of the dearth of Greek Letter criticism forthcoming, because of the fact that the college does support a Greek Letter system, we feel that an examination of President Wriston's "discriminatory," "non-democratic" and "anti-intellectual" charges in light of Colby Greeks, would be especially pertinent.

Fraternities are "discriminatory." They will be so as long as discrimination exists in every level of our society. Requiring fraternities to adopt more tolerant constitutions is but a very small step in the direction of no discrimination. If a system includes in its makeup a malignancy, something that is self-destructive, it will, in the long run, stagnate and become ineffectual. Barring a group that continues to practice discrimination from a liberal arts campus does not offer a cure. The cure will be most readily effected through education, in time and this education is most accessible in the atmosphere of a liberal arts college. Barring discriminatory groups from campus, as at Amherst, or denying them use of college facilities, as at many state universities, will result only in adding more ivory to the walls surrounding such institutions. Absolute intolerance of intolerance equals zero and accomplishes nothing.

Fraternities are "non-democratic." If we interpret this as discrimination, it needs no further discussion. If it infers that fraternities are organically undemocratic, if President Wriston in the vigor of his attack denounces the blackball, we can only quote from the "In Our Mail" column of the Brown Daily Herald in which a sophomore and junior state jointly, and aptly, "we only reserve the right to choose our friends." The fraternity system, as we understand it, is based in part, on maintaining a certain amount of selectivity.

Many extra-college fraternal organizations operate on a similar basis. Such a system has its advantages and disadvantages. The individual maintains the right of choice. Thus far, this system, with various modifications has proven efficient and acceptable. Men are still joining fraternities.

Fraternities are "anti-intellectual." Fraternities at Colby scored approximately one and a half points lower on over-all first semester ratings than non-fraternity men.

We feel that this proves very little, and certainly does not go far in making a case for an "anti-intellectual" accusation. We do not consider Colby fraternities as "anti-intellectual" or, and we prefer the term, anti-educational. Fraternities supply the pressure, aid and guidance scholastically that many Freshmen do not adequately receive, and in doing so, eliminate a great deal of the many times near-fatal educational floundering so often prevalent among Freshmen. It is certainly not necessary to dwell on the educational "well rounded" life such groups make available. Education for living is almost as important in the overall picture as is the academicism of Miller Library. Such features are not or cannot be made clear in overall group scholastic standings.

Undoubtedly at Brown and perhaps at Amherst more is wrong than right with fraternities. Not all is right, fraternity-wise, on Mayflower Hill, but certainly there is a good deal more to be praised than condemned.

Periodical self appraisal however, along with, or more important, in the absence of outside scrutiny, has never resulted in injury to any organization. Perhaps now would be a good time for Colby Greek Letter Societies to take stock of themselves and in doing so further increase their stature at the college.

Rest . . .

We congratulate the Administration on its magnificent extension of Spring Vacation. The wisdom of such a move, in light of the recent conquest of Mayflower Hill by "Virus X" is to be applauded.

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.

The following remarks were excerpted from a letter received recently from Dr. Carl G. Anthon in Berlin.

Berlin, March 3, 1949

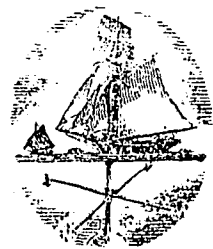
I hope things are going well in Colby in general, and in the History Department in particular. Tell them I am having the time of my life attending the best operas and concerts—in fact, really catching up with the good things of life.

But Berlin is in a terrible shape. In fact, it is one hell of a city. The most populous centers of former days are leveled or studded with macabre ruins. Amidst this gruesome landscape thousands of black marketeers, strumpets, and crooked people eke out an existence. People look dejected, dirty, distrustful. It is hard to be cheerful in such an environment.

Once in a while I venture into the Russian sector. Compared to this, life in the western sectors is a paradise. Russian soldiers and agents will arbitrarily take away western money and food packages as people travel on the subway through the Russian sector. I always take care to carry no valuables, no cameras, and no Parker 51.

But life in the American sector is very pleasant. There are vast woods and some lakes in the immediate vicinity and the residential districts which we inhabit are sylvan and cheerful. Already spring birds are singing, snowdrops and a few other flowers blooming, pussy-willows in their last stage. I am, in fact, getting ready for tennis within a couple of weeks.

Weathervane



90% Didn't
Confer On Career

By Sidney McKeen, '49

Four thousand dollars' worth of valuable merchandise was offered free of charge to Colby students here on the 11th and 12th of this month, and yet only one student in ten bothered to get his share.

Sounds fantastic? Then consider this: The 1949 Career Conference Committee worked for three months to bring some 20 men and women, prominent in their vocational fields, worth at least \$200 each had they asked a fee, to the Colby campus. Ours is one of only a half dozen colleges in the country which sponsor such a conference.

The thought behind the entire project was that mature college students would welcome the advice and counsel that could be derived from such a session.

Train, plane and bus schedules were worked out, numerous other conflicts were overcome, letter upon letter was written, and students and guest speakers gave freely of their time to make the conference a success, and the fact remains that not over 100 students in this intellectual flock of over 1,000 took the time to be on hand.

When a prominent business executive boards a plane, travels 400 miles at his own expense, takes nearly three days from his work, and arrives to find fewer than 50 people on hand for his keynote address for an all-college conference, then something is certainly wrong.

Came Away Wiser

Those attending the sessions came away a little wiser than before they went. Albeit, they weren't granted visas on the royal road to riches, but all of them were in agreement that they had picked up a subtle tip here, a small cue there, which might acquit them well when they leave the ivory tower that is college and embark alone on the perplexing path that is workaday life.

It would be far from us to suggest that Colby students lacked the maturity necessary to see the value of the affair. Nor would we say that most students have no need for vocational counsel because they have jobs reserved for them upon graduation by doting relatives.

What then could be the reason for the 90% apathy?

Could it be that we're kidding ourselves—that college students really are the camouflaged cluster of pseudo-intellectuals that they are painted? We'd hate to think so, but if that is the case, let's shed our mask right now, and ask ourselves honestly, "Who do we think we're fooling?"

Cooperation on the part of the faculty left a little to be desired. There was no need for students to have to miss the conference due to hour exams on Saturday. There should have been some verbal publicity given the conference by faculty members.

Some feel that not enough publicity was given the conference. Actually the local newspaper, the ECHO, the DAILY BULLETIN, the radio, and a number of other media were harnessed, all with the idea of informing students that something was in the air besides Virus.

Last week, the committee held a meeting to draft recommendations for next year's sponsors. But before any preliminary ground is broken on the 1950 Career Conference, it would be well if we asked ourselves this question: Are we up to it? If so, let's get behind the affair and prove that Mayflower Hill was meant to be something other than a monument of cold, hard brick.

'Modernizing Afganistan' Topic Of Dr. Franck's Gabrielson Lecture

Dr. Peter Franck discussed the country of Afghanistan—its geography, history, and government, at the Government 4, Gabrielson Lecture last Thursday.

Dr. Franck is, at present, economic advisor in Washington to the Afghanistan government as well as lecturer in International Economics at American University, Washington, D. C.

Afghanistan was pointed out by Dr. Franck as struggling to become

modernized and to take its place among nations. Its westernization is slowed however because it is essentially an Islamic state.

Although the constitution of the country provides for a democratic senate and national assembly, still the country is bound to the Koran, which embodies not only a religious code, but legal and social codes as well.

Swept by invasions since 2500 B. C., Afghanistan finally achieved its independence in 1919. Its problem since that time has been to reconcile its desire for westernization with its Islamic principles.

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Deans Busy Preparing For Next Year's Frosh

Miss Frances Thayer, secretary to Dean Ninetta Runnals, interviewed 90 prospective students of the class of 1953 in Boston from March 7 to 12.

Both Dean Runnals and Dean Geo. T. Nickerson are planning to go to New York to attend the annual College Board meeting on Apr. 6.

Dean Nickerson will also attend the New England College Admissions Director's Meeting and for the following several days will interview candidates in the New York area.

Dean Runnals is planning to interview students in New York on April 7, and from there will go to Boston where she will attend the Colby Alumnae Association meeting.

Both offices report that there has been a decrease in the number of applications but that the number is still too great to be adequately accommodated.

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List Appointments For Job Seekers

Several companies have made arrangements with the placement office to send representatives here to interview interested seniors.

The following appointments have been made:

April 12-13—The Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co.

April 20—(tentative) The North American Co. (insurance).

On April 22 the Prudential Life Insurance Company will send representatives here to discuss employment in all types of insurance work for both men and women. It is especially interested in women, math majors or math minors.

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Symphorosa . . . Mary Wilson, '49
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Count Lutzen (and understudy to Hyacinth) Harland Eastman, '51
Caesar . . . Mortimer Guiney, '52
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by Alan Mirken, '51

The English alphabet is composed of 26 letters. An infinite number of words can be constructed by using that relatively small group of characters. Coach Ed Roundy has 22 men on his baseball squad, and he also has at least 22 possible starting lineups.

As stated in the ECHO last week, Roundy plans to open the season with Spinner at first base, Goulet at second, Pierce at the hot corner, and Billings at shortstop. In the outfield he will start Nardozi in left, Eldridge in center, and Grant in right. Norm White will be behind the plate.

Just to illustrate some of the changes Roundy may come up with, let's take a look at Bob Nardozi. "Noggy" operated at the keystone sack last season, but he will be playing in the outer pasture in the Fort Dix exhibition game tomorrow.

Should Goulet fail at the plate this year, Roundy may be forced to move Bob back to his old position. The primary reason Nardozi was snatched in the first place was to increase the batting punch of the outfield.

If sophomores Wales, or Harrington can supply the needed hitting strength, Roundy would also be tempted to return "Noggy" to the infield.

Spinner may try his luck on the mound during the trip, and if he does Nardozi will don a first baseman's glove. Incidentally, Bob was originally a first sacker and has had quite a bit of experience at that position.

We can go on to cite many more changes which may take place during the season. Billings was the outstanding hitter for the Baby Mules last year; if he does as well this season, however, he will remain in the lineup. If he fails to connect, however, Shiro will probably get a chance at second, Goulet will move to third, and Pierce will return to the shortstop post he held in '48.

Another possibility would be the insertion of Chet Harrington at shortstop. Then again Roundy could play Chet, Shiro, or Foster at third, thereby enabling Pierce to move over to short.

The above are but a few of the possibilities. Does anyone have an aspirin for Coach Roundy?

While on the subject of baseball, (and what sports fan isn't at this time of year?) we will take a quick glance at the opposition which the Mules will face in the Southland. The highlight of the trip will undoubtedly be the Navy game as the entire tour has been built around this one contest.

The University of Richmond consistently presents a formidable aggregation. Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney are in our own class as a rule. Not much is known about the Quantic Marines, but any service team is bound to be powerful.

The Roundymen, however, will be laboring under a severe disadvantage in all of their contests. They will travel southward without having had the benefits of even a bare minimum of outdoor practice.

Most seriously affected are the batters, who have been forced to confine their activities to hitting from the tee in the field house.

The infielders, while not hampered as greatly, have been unable as yet to cavort on a regulation diamond. In contrast, the Mules' opponents have all been practicing out of doors for several weeks.

It therefore behooves us to predict that Colby will not taste the fruits of victory on this trip. With a break from the weather man, however, they should get a chance to play a good deal of good baseball.

Colby's State Champions in basketball could afford the loss of George Clark. His absence from the baseball team this season cannot be passed off as lightly. In Coach Roundy's words, "No college team can lose a AA or AAA ballplayer without being seriously affected." A college is proud, however, when it turns out a man who stands out in his field. We wish George the best of luck down at the Dodgers' camp at Vero Beach.

Top Colby Athletes Honored At Banquet

Three Colby athletes, Russ Washburn, Warren Finegan and Henry McGrath, were honored Wednesday, March 16, at the Winter Sports Lettermen's Banquet.

Washburn became the first recipient of the Robert LaFleur award while Finegan and McGrath were elected as captains of the 1949-50 basketball and hockey teams, respectively.

Beginning with this year, the LaFleur award will be given annually to the basketball player who is voted most indispensable to the success of the team by the selection committee. Washburn, who holds almost every Colby scoring record, was determined upon as the most outstanding and valuable player on the White Mule state championship combine and received an engraved 17 jewel wrist watch.

The award was given by Daniel LaFleur, father of the late Colby athlete, who was all-Maine quarterback on the 1941 state championship team. Holder of the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart, Captain Robert LaFleur was shot down over France in 1943 and officially declared lost in 1944. Aside from being a three sports athlete, LaFleur was very active in campus activities, and the Waterville airport was named LaFleur Field in his memory.

Finegan, who hails from New York, succeeds Bill Mitchell as basketball captain. The sophomore star amassed 242 points this season and is one of the most improved ball players on the team. A veteran, Finegan will add age and maturity, besides offensive ability, to the young but very capable Mule cagers.

McGrath calls Milton, Mass. his home town. He attended Holy Cross College for one year before entering Colby. He skated center on the light but fast first line this year and will probably head the team from the same position next season.

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DU'S Hold Banquet To Initiate Seventeen

The 94th annual initiation of Colby chapter of Delta Upsilon was held Saturday afternoon at 4 P. M. at the Roberts Union. It was followed by a banquet at the Hotel Elmwood.

Those initiated were Robert Barlow '50, Jack Baum '52, Albert Bernier '50, Fred Blake '52, Thomas Crossman '52, William Cushman '52, Austin Deasne '52, George Giffin '51, Fred Ives '52, James Lazour '50, Carl Leaf '52, William Miller '52, Win Oliver '50, Louis Patterson '50, Robert Ryley '52, Russel Wallace '52, Lucien Veilleux '50.

Mr. James McNaughton, Syracuse '13, prominent Boston architect, was the guest of honor at the banquet. The toastmaster was Spencer Winsor '40.

Roy Leaf '49, spoke for the active chapter, and Albert Bernier represented the newly initiated brothers.



Literary Group To Study Use Of Faustian Theme

The Contemporary Literature Study Group and the Garman Club are joining forces to present a program on Goethe commemorating the second centennial of his birth in 1749 and Thomas Mann, on Tuesday, April 12.

The theme of the program is the Faust story, and it will consist of studies of this theme in the early Faust legends, in Christopher Marlowe's "Tragic History of Dr. Faustus," Goethe's Faust, and Thomas Mann's recent book on the same theme.

This meeting will be held in Smith Lounge of the Women's Union at 8 o'clock.

Concert Series Ends With Violin Soloist

by Patricia Moss '52

The performance of violinist Paul Makovsky on Monday evening, March 22, provided a more than adequate conclusion to the fine series of Waterville Community Concerts.

Mr. Makovsky's unusual excellence of intonation and his perfect tuning were presented through a well-planned program of prominent violin pieces.

Each selection, from the brilliant "Poeme" by Ernest Chausson to Stravinsky's deep, mystical "Berceuse" from the "Firebird," were carefully arranged to appeal to varied audience emotions at just the right point.

Former Colby Instructor Speaks at Contemp. Lit.

Samuel French Morse, poet and former member of the Colby English department, spoke at the Contemporary Literature Club meeting March 15 at 8:00 P. M. in Smith Lounge.

His subject was Wallace Stevens: "Thunder by the Musician." Mr. Morse gave a study of Wallace Stevens' poems and analyzed their meaning and form. He placed Stevens in contemporary poetry and indicated his position in it.

Mr. Morse, now at the University of Maine, is the author of "Time of the Year."

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