

Playrooms: Responsibility Ducked

The issue has been drawn, the point made. The playrooms in Mary Low and Louise Coburn Halls are now for everybody, not a few couples "who get there first."

Dean Sherman's sudden proclamation, which laid down the law in no uncertain terms, created a terrific sensation in both dormitories. Even the visiting men were startled; and in the surprise of the moment, both sexes voiced loud protests. They deprecated the college, deplored the existing social system, and even

went so far as to damn the Dean of Women.

Yet, in all this hub-bub and clamoring, only half a dozen of all the hundreds involved took time or trouble to seek the facts. Once again we were forced to witness the old and rotten bull session formula of accuse and damn, but never investigate!

The facts of the matter are these, plainly and bluntly: the use of the playrooms as a place for a few couples to neck was discussed several times this year by Miss Sherman and Women's Student Government (Continued on Page 6)

College Okays Boston Trip For 'Bottoms Up'

Special To The ECHO

College Authorities have approved Varsity Show acceptance of Farmington and Boston Alumni Group invitations to perform in those cities. This was announced as the ECHO goes to press.



Ken Jacobson
(See Letters to Editor)

"Bottoms Up," the hit varsity show, may play in Boston, Farmington, Me., and perhaps elsewhere. Offers have been received to produce the show again and the decision rests with the Administrative committee of the college, which will decide the issue over vacation. If approved the show will be put on in Boston, probably, on March 25th, and at an earlier date in Farmington.

It is highly probable that recordings will be made of the songs from the show. A sign-up sheet has been distributed by members of the cast, and over 100 students have agreed to purchase albums if made. These albums will sell for approximately \$4.50, and, will be ready in late winter or early spring. A final decision as whether or not to record will be made during Christmas vacation, and, if it is decided to record, everyone in school will be given opportunity to sign up for an album.

Preliminary estimates show a financial profit which should exceed two hundred dollars. Although there are still some accounts outstanding, Robert Wehner, business manager for the group, said that profits may exceed that amount.

In accordance with the Constitution, one hundred dollars will be put into a fund to help defray expenses of future varsity shows. The remaining profit will be given to the Mayflower Hill Fund, in whatever manner the members of the organization decide.

ECHO On Radio; Program On WTVL

"Colby news and views, The Colby ECHO Radio News..."

These are the words you will hear by tuning into WTVL every Wednesday night at 8:45 when the Colby ECHO presents a digest of the Colby news.

Planned in accordance with its stated policy of furthering understanding between the town and the college by the dissemination of news, the program is under the immediate direction of Patricia Moss, Echo News Writer, Richard Reny, special Radio Editor. Echoite Moss will handle the scripts, assisted by Robert Hartford, and Reny will do over-all direction and production.

Members of the Radio Council are co-operating in the program, offering the services as announcers. William Burgess and Paul Glasgow are two of these.

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The Colby Echo

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Bosses Approve New ECHO Constitution; Officers Will Be Elected After Christmas

Final score: Colby ECHO won an important phase in its progress towards a better newspaper, when the students voted it a new constitution by a three to one margin. Elections as announced in last week's ECHO were held Monday morning in the Miller Library.

"The favorable vote should result in definite improvements in the students' newspaper during the months and years to come," stated present ECHO Editor, Jerry Frank.

ECHO Elections

Most important change in the charter refers to the time of election of officers. The annual election and installation of officers will take place in January instead of May, thus giving a continuity to the paper, and the electees a chance to learn the ro-

At their meeting yesterday, the Administrative Committee of the College approved for a second time the new ECHO Constitution.

On December 7, before the proposal was published, the Committee unequivocally gave its approval.

After publication, some objection was raised. (see Letters to Editor, Page 6). The Administrative Committee in a rehearing again approved the Constitution, this time emphasizing that the \$100 Capital Improvement Fund Stipulation must be met before any salaries are paid.

The Student Council will discuss this suggested re-wording at their next meeting, and if they concur, by their vote so amend the Constitution.

pes under guidance of the previous officers.

The term of present Editor Frank then, will end after the first semester, and new officers will begin publishing the ECHO the second semester.

Fixed Salaries

Another change is the profit dividing provision. Now the three top officers shall be paid a fixed salary, such as is found on many other college papers. No arbitrary division of profits shall be made among the three senior officers as before; rather under the new Constitution, the junior officers shall divide the excess profits among themselves at a pre-established ratio arrived at by themselves. The three fixed salaries will amount to \$120 a semester, and will be a fixed expense.

Present officers, those who sponsored the "new deal", will not participate in the salaries established by the new constitution. The salaries will begin with the new officers.

Election of officers is also by a different method. They shall be elected by a method deemed most fitting by the presiding editor and the faculty advisor, instead of being chosen by an advisory committee on the basis of seniority. Ability and drive are now the deciding factors.

After Christmas then, a new editor, managing editor, and business manager will be elected, and they, in turn, will select their own junior officers with the guidance of the faculty advisor.

The new ECHO Constitution was (Continued on Page 8)

Prizes For Speakers In January Contest

The first of five speaking contests for Colby students will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17. This is the Forrest Goodwin Contest in original speaking. All students are eligible to compete for the prizes; \$40 for first place; \$30 for second place and \$15 for third place.

This year there will be an elimination (Continued on Page 8)

Ninetta Runnals' Portrait Dedicated Monday Before Tea Honoring Former Dean Of Women

A tea honoring Miss Ninetta Runnals, former dean of women at Colby, was held Monday afternoon, following the dedication of her portrait in ceremonies conducted by the Girls' Student League.

Barbara Starr, president of the League, spoke at the exercises, and the portrait was accepted by Dean Barbara Aiden Sherman. Miss Runnals served as dean of women 28 years.

The tea held in Smith Lounge, Women's Union, was attended by all upperclass girls and members of the faculty. Pourers were Miss Starr, Patricia Blake, Irma Fritschman, Helen Leavitt and Carol Huntington. A Christmas candle and wreath featured the table appointments.

The large gilt-framed portrait will be hung in the Women's Student Activities Room.



RADIO DEBATE

Paul Kilmister and Maurice Roynone represented the Colby College Debating Club last week in a Radio Debate with Bates College over Sta-

The topic debated was: Resolved: The president of the United States should be elected by a direct vote of the people. This subject is the national high school debating topic of the year. It was a non-decision debate for the purpose of acquainting high school debaters of the surrounding area with the proper technique in dealing with this subject.

Cut System Investigation

The Faculty, at its meeting last night voted to establish a Student Faculty Committee to "study the attendance situation and make recommendations..." No members have yet been appointed.

Railroad Head Explains Carrier Problems To Bus. Ad. Gathering

Business students heard the president of one of the few solvent railroads in the nation speak Monday. Curtis M. Hutchins, the President of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, addressed Colbyites in a talk on "Top Management Problems" on December 11 at 7:30.

Hutchins is a graduate of Williams College; received an honorary Master of Science degree from Colby last June. During the war he distinguished himself by serving as head of the War Production Board's pulp-

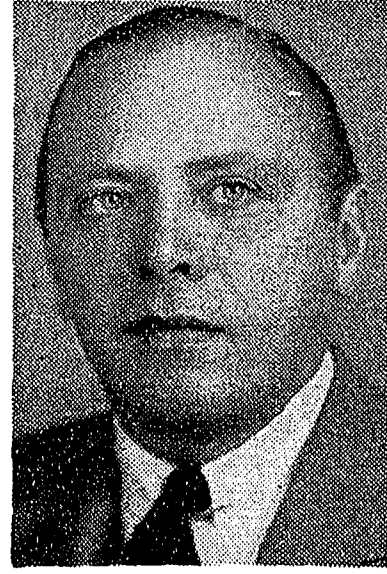
wood program.

The main problem facing the railroad is the meeting of a \$12 million bond obligation in July 1951.

The company is now arranging for (Continued on Page 4)



Miss Ninetta Runnals



Curtis Hutchings

'Portrait Of Dr. Johnson' The Shining Hero In The Spirited Move To Mayflower Hill

This is written in appreciation of one of Colby's most illustrious sons, one who has, perhaps, done more than any other, in actual service and sacrifice, for his alma mater. Without his work there could not have been a Mayflower Hill campus.

That man, of course, is Dr. Franklin W. Johnson.

Franklin Johnson, graduated in June 1891, a young fellow from Jay who had received earlier education at Wilton Academy. While at Colby he had done fairly well scholastically. A fraternity called Phi Beta Kappa had asked him to join. As a side line he had been Editor-in-Chief of the

This promising young man also did well in the years that followed. His chosen field was secondary school education in which he became an authority. He wrote two books on the subject, "Problems of Boyhood,"

"Administration and Supervision of the High School", and many articles.

For ten years he was a full professor at the Teachers College of Columbia University. At fifty-nine his fu-



ing about those duties and had no future was secure. He could look forward to a comfortable retirement; he was a success in his work; and he still retained his youthful vigor.

Alma mater's call changed that. In 1928 Dr. Johnson became President. Ironically enough, there was in his contract a clause excusing him from the tasks of collecting and soliciting money. He said that he knew noth-

sire to learn.

However, something happened in 1928 which caused him to change his mind. A Maine Development Commission report said in effect to Colby "Move or Die." Although this would be a costly and unprecedented plan, President Johnson and the Board of Trustees decided to heed the warn-

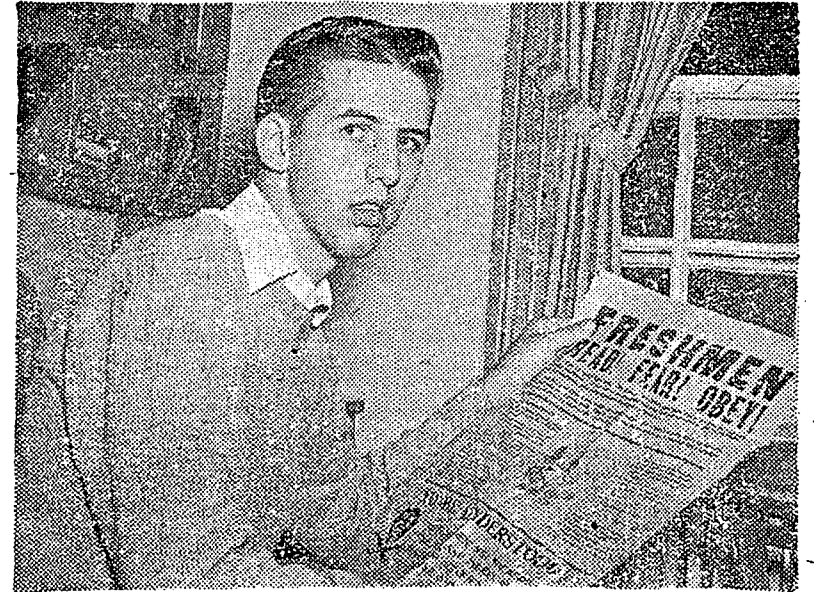
ing. While plans were still embryonic, the great depression hit the United States and all hope was seemingly gone. Here President Johnson's generalship really shone. In times when money was scarce and after specifically asking to be excused from such duties, he started gathering the building fund from alumni and other interested people, like Dr. Averill.

A statement he made in 1933 exemplifies his spirit. "Before I could conscientiously ask for gifts from the public for this educational venture I had to decide that it was worth sacrifice on my own part." At commencement time in 1946, President Johnson added to the Develop- (Continued on Page 8)

ECHO SPOTLIGHT 'YEAR



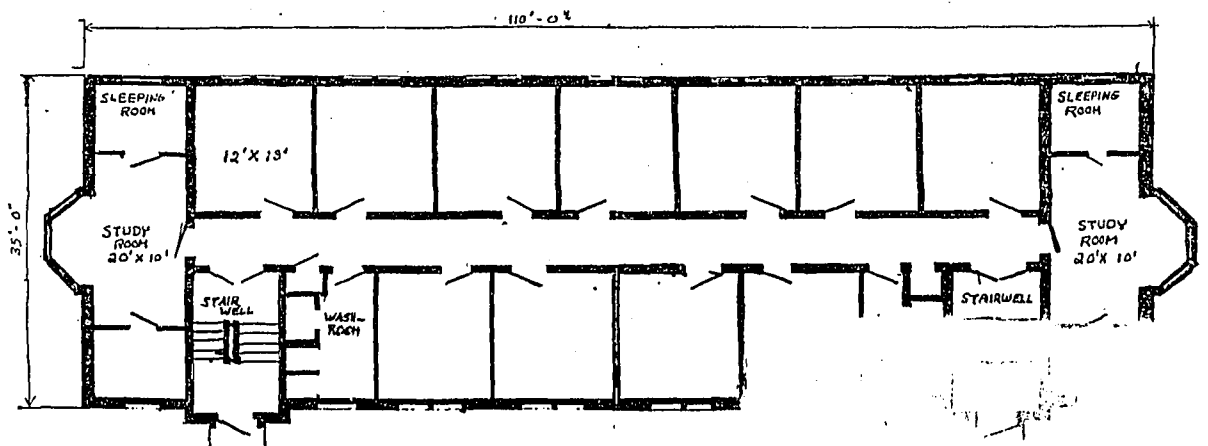
A JOYOUS MULE SQUAD in the dressing room after the most thrilling and satisfying game in many years, played with the Bates Bobcats. Mules triumphed, 33-21, giving them a tie with Bowdoin for the Championship title of the State of Maine Series.



AT-THE-TIME SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT Bruce MacPherson, who was the star performer in the Frosh Rule Farce and Fracas. Once again this year, the rules were called off within one week after they started. Although much better organized this year, the Frosh won out merely by following the Student Council's rules.

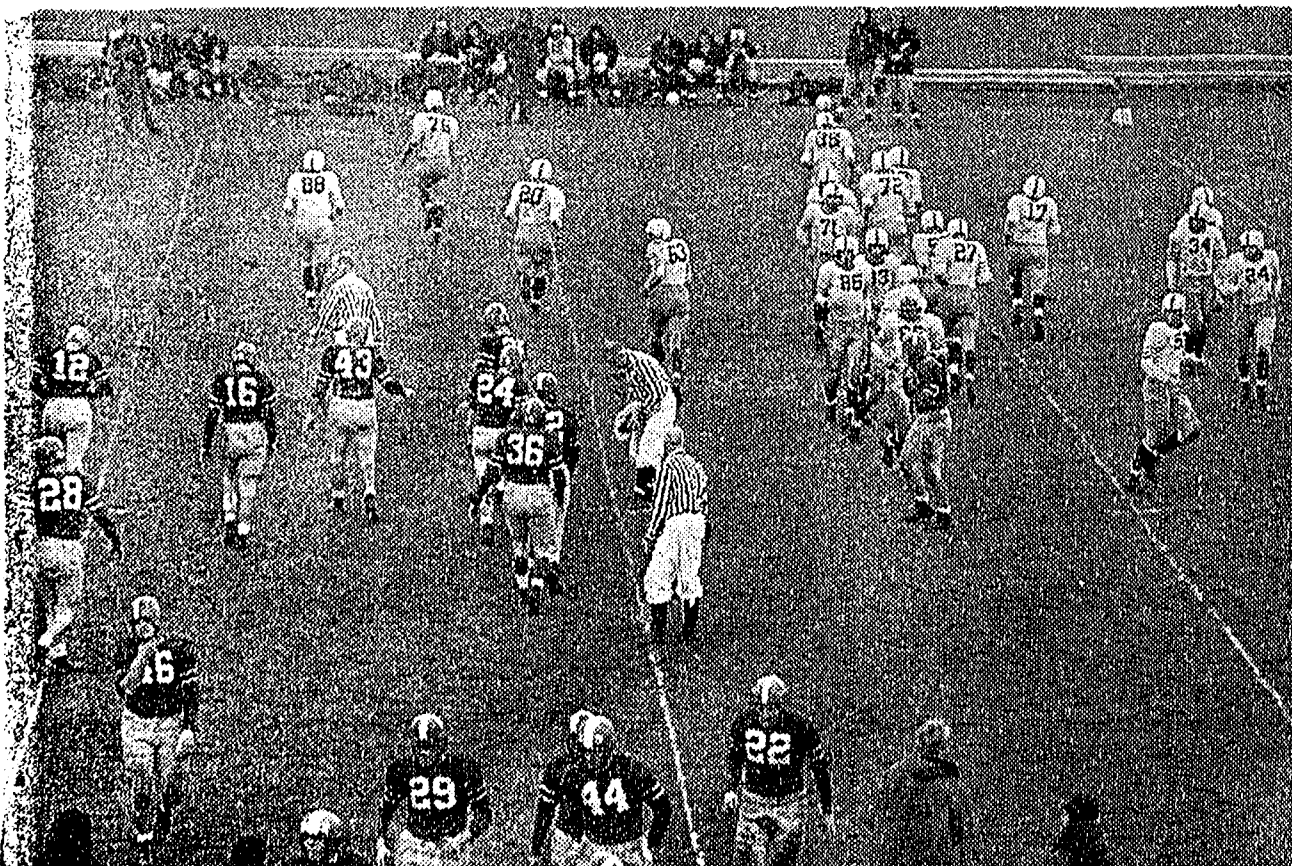


VICTORIOUS OVER CITY COLLEGE of New York, the Colby Eleven returned to Waterville to be greeted by hundreds of cheering Colbyites. Here Scatback Jack Alex gives the crowd the good word while Fullback Harrington, Coach Holmer, Captain Toomey and Cheerleader Bean listen, themselves enjoying the crowd.

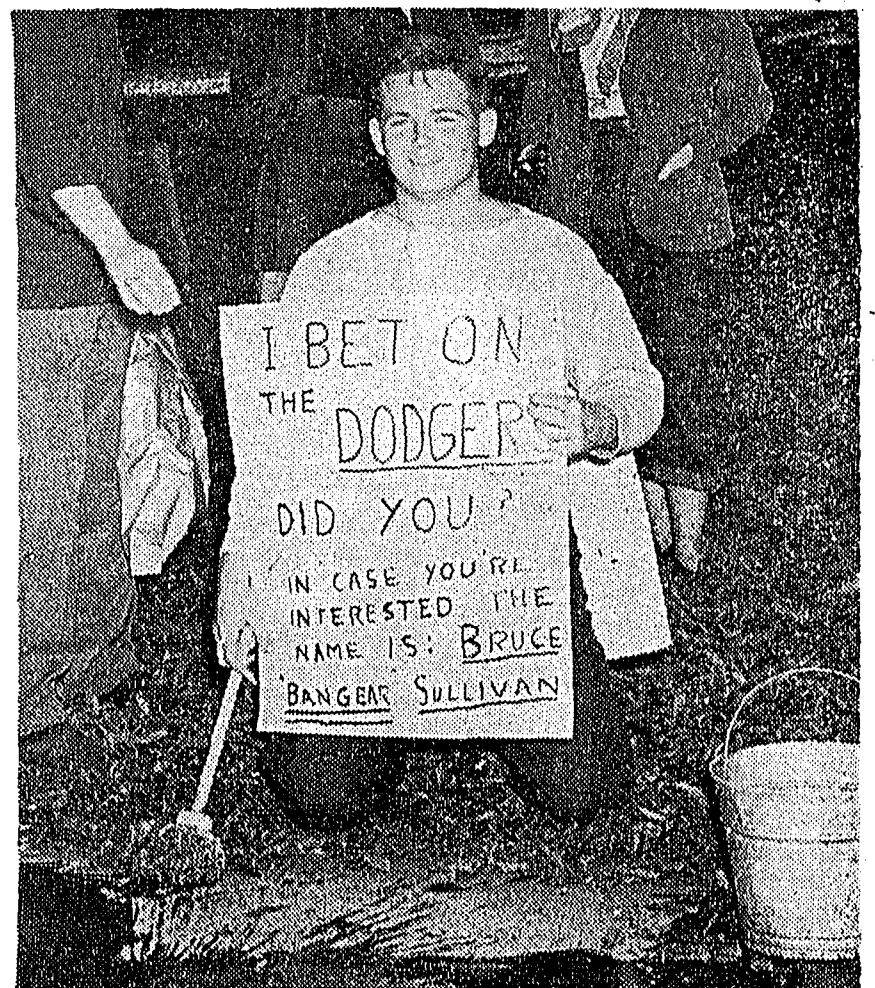


CONTINUOUSLY ADVANCING, Colby's two new men's dormitories will be ready for occupancy next September. With work on the roof just about starting, Colbyites wondered what the rooms would look like. The ECHO obliged with the above floor plan.

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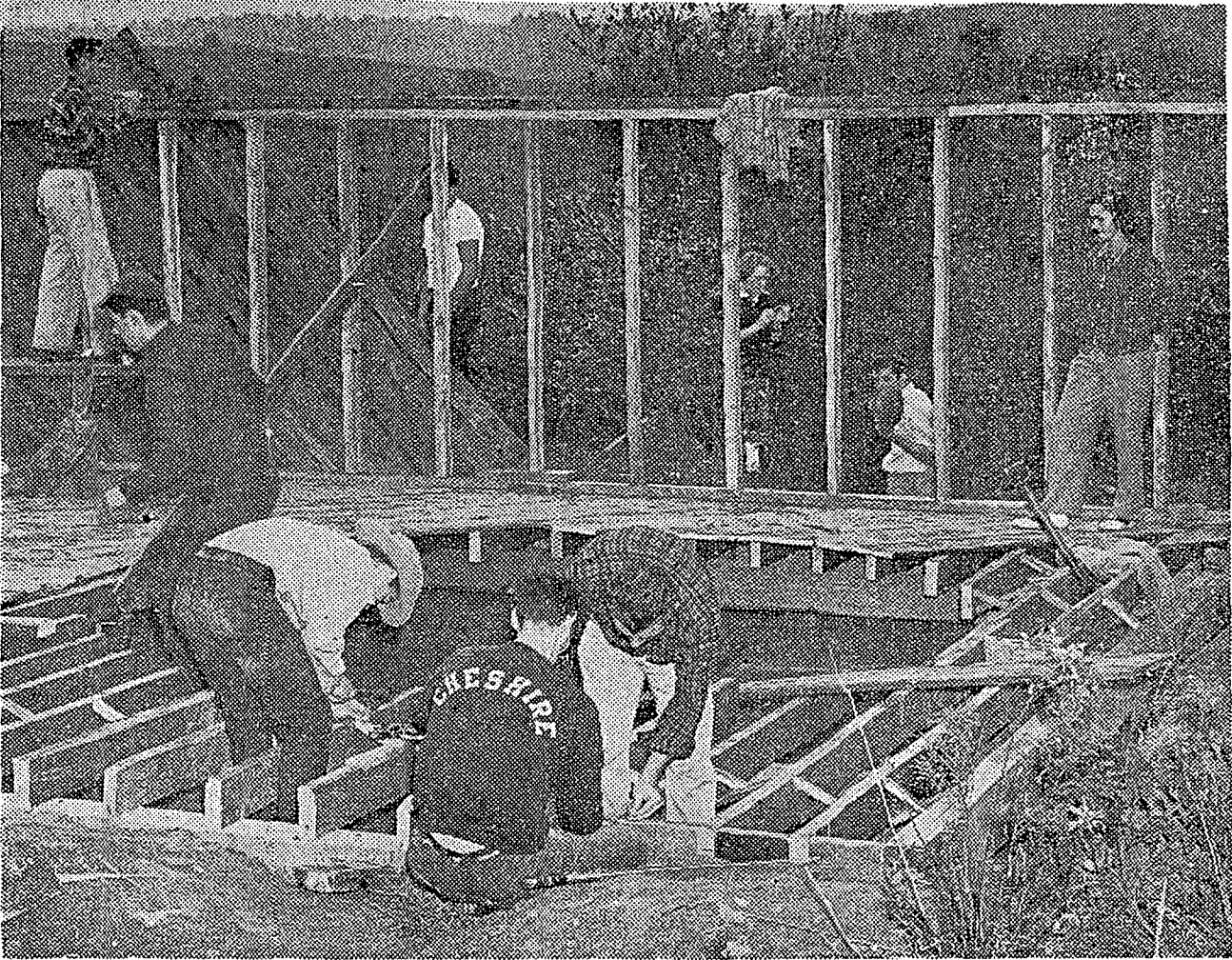


THE TWO PLATOON SYSTEM was the key to victory for the hard hitting Mulemen. Initiated by Coach Holmer at the middle of the season, it seemed to be the trick factor in enabling the Mule Gridders, who constantly fought hard, but never seemed to be able to give that final shove, to make those needed touchdowns while keeping the other team from doing the same. Above we see the platoon system in action against Amherst.



A CHUCKLE WAS HAD when Colbyite Bruce Sullivan paid up his World Series bet to his classmates. The bet—why, as you see him, sign mop, and all—scrubbing the front walk of Foss Hall for the ladies. We wonder if Sullivan will remember this comes next year?

IN REVIEW



EARLY THIS FALL, Colby Outing Clubers began the final stage of their program to put the COC Ski Area into usable condition. Here we see the students at work two months ago on their 20 x 30 foot warm-up hut which is located at the foot of the slope. Today the hut is completed and ready for use, as is the newly-constructed and student-constructed ski jump. The base road into the area has also been conditioned as a winter road, and all-in-all the compact ski-area, less than 1½ miles from the New Colby, is ready for the ski-minded Colbyites.

Did You Know That ...

College discipline was severe in 1846? In that year the following were included in the professor's report:

1. At the annual exhibition of the

Senior class, 3 members of the Sophomore class,, were guilty of excessive drinking, for which they were reprimanded before the faculty.

2. 17 students went to Augusta, 2

to Readfield, without permission. When arraigned, several promised they would not do it again and were excused. Four would not promise—and were put on probation one term. Four others refusing, were put on probation a term and a half.

Fraternity And Sorority
Latest Newshorts

Lambda Chi Items

Lambda Chi started the basketball season off with a 38-20 win over KDR. Jack O'Meara was high scorer with nine points.

The bowling team beat the Zetes to maintain a first place tie with the Independents.

The Christmas decorations in front of Miller Library were under the able direction of Sibi Cultrera. Other members of the committee were Clayt Bloomfield, Bob and Ray Keyes, George Wiswell, Jim Tabor, Chick Cote, George Ritchie, Pete Honsberger, Bob Morrow, Harry Wiley, Cap Lowery, and Hugh Jordan.

Tonight, Lambda Chi plans to join the Chi O's in singing Christmas carols.

Pete Honsberger, acting as a committee of one in charge of pianos, has announced that he has been able to pick one up for free.

DKE Dance

On Saturday night last, the Dekes held their annual Christmas dance at the Elks' Hall. Brother Hal Mercer was in charge of decorations, and was assisted by Brothers Prescott and Grant. Brother Riefe's orchestra supplied the music for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams and Mr. and Mrs. David Howard acted as chaperones. Deke alumni present included Brother Calvin Hubbard and Brother Ray Kozen.

An oratory contest of fifty years ago introduced these subjects: "The Victims of the Maine"; A Plea for Cuba"; "A Selection from a Speech on Cuban Intervention".

Boys' Club Baffled

by Dick Bowen

'Twas three weeks before Christmas And all through the house (A.T.O.) Not a creature was stirring???

Well, only twenty-eight little cherubs from the Waterville Boys' Club under the able guidance of George Clark. With the house decorated in the proper Christmas spirit pine branches and a very handsome tree, the Brothers of A. T. O. undertook to entertain these youngsters Saturday afternoon. Stan Sorrentino, performed as a quite baffling magician, baffling at least his fellow A. T. O.'s while his younger and more observing audience proceeded to apparently see through most of his feat of magic. Stan indeed played the performance of his career.

Immediately, Foster (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer) Bruckheimer operating a movie projector showed two movie shorts: Woodie Woodpecker and Chimp, The Chimpanzee. We were all spellbound throughout the entire performance.

But what would a Christmas party be without Santa Claus??? Dick Yeager, known in some quarters as "The Big G", with the aid of a pillow and some whiskers plus a hearty laugh, greeted each of the boys and presented each with a present. During the wait for Santa the youngsters munched on ice cream bars.

All in all a good time was had by all although one of the Darlings was heard to say, "We might just as well try to humor these guys..."

An ECHO of fifty years ago warns young men that they should refrain from smoking in front of the living quarters of young ladies.

Season's Greetings
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Curtis Hutchings

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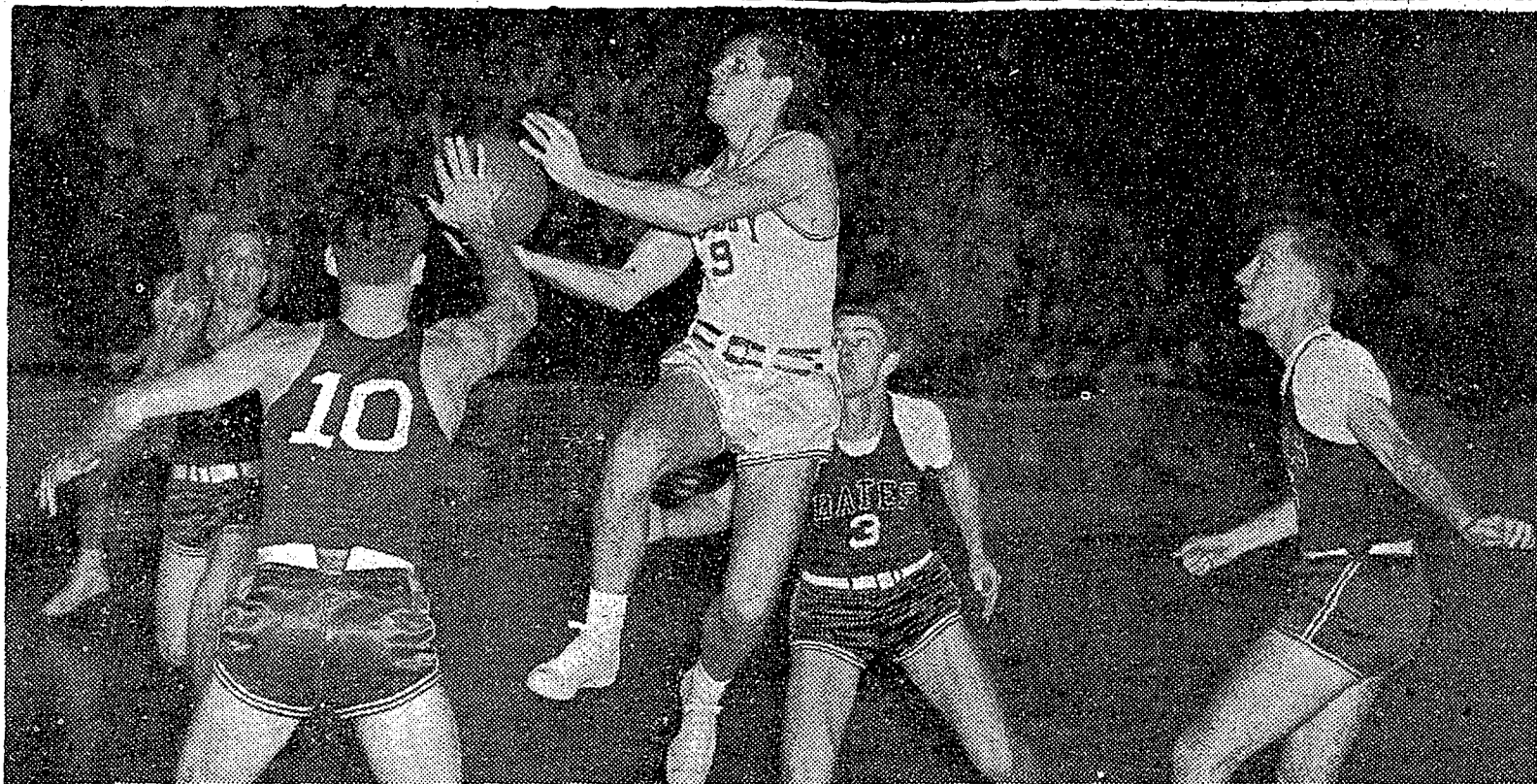
Solvent Railroad!

The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad is one of few consistently solvent railroads in the country and is a powerful economic force in Maine. While the railroad is faced with declining income, wages and operating costs continue to mount. Because the R. F. C. no longer considers many railroads a good risk for extensive loans.

Due to the national economic status, financial problems must be solved by ingenious economy within the corporation.

A major problem facing the Bangor and Aroostook, Mr. Hutchings revealed, is the competition of air and truck freight.

More sales work must be done by the railroad in order to maintain the patronage of important revenue sources in the large potato and pulpwood interests. An effort is now being made to offer more efficient schedules.



Jim Lazour of Colby attempts to score in the Mule contest with Bates at the fieldhouse. Jimmy was one of three Colbyites who were impressive in the game, the others being Shiro and Welson. The Williamsmen dropped their second series contest 60-59. They lost to Maine earlier in the week 40-34. (ECHOphoto from Waterville Sentinel)



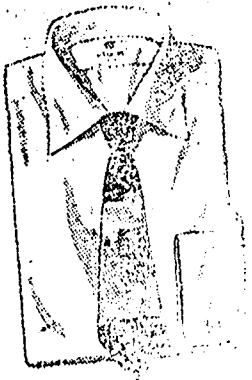
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ATO Party For Tri Delt

On Sunday afternoon December, the A. T. O.'s held a party for Delta Delta Sorority in the new House. The girls arrived at six o'clock for a buffet supper of hamburgers and potato chips, and there was dancing and games till ten.

Dick Verringa was chairman from the Fraternity, and Nancy Ardoff, president of Tri Delt, led a committee of ten girls who came over on Thursday night to help decorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kellenburger were chaperones, and are reported as having as good a time as the students. About forty Co-eds and a like amount of fraternity brothers attended and the playground and chapter room on the ground floor of the house was filled.

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Each Watervillian received a gift purchased by one of the Colby students, and four special awards were made. The oldest and the youngest each were honored, as was the "personality" of the party, Charlie Tobin's charge, Fibber McGee (his real name — ask Charlie). The prize to the most helpful, the Top Sergeant Award, was presented to a 10 year old lad named Dick Reny — NOT Colby's Dick Reny.

Hershel Alpert Santa Claused for the occasion. Pat Clarke of the IFA was in charge of arrangements.

Bridge Tournament

An inter-dormitory bridge tournament will start at Colby soon, announced Dave Montt, president of the Student Council.

Every dormitory wishing to compete may hold its own playoffs, and the winning team in each dorm will meet for the championship in Roberts Union on January tenth.

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Numerous phone calls immediately following the Freshman Talent Show heard over WTVL last Sunday afternoon proclaimed it as one of the most successful Colby programs ever presented.

Highlights of the program were: Ilse Hoch's piano rendition of Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C sharp minor; Tom Currier's imitation of his father, Strum of the famous Hum and Strum; Jim Conaway's whirling Flight of the Bumblebee on the vibraphone, accompanied by Rick Adair.

Others performing notably were: Johnny Fuller, Joan Leeder, Betsy Loomis, Peggy Randall, Helen Osgood, Joyce Peters, and Betty Robertson.

Bill Madison was master of ceremonies. Committee for the show included: Anne Chadwick, "Butch" Packard, Joanne Walker, Bob Grindle.

Special praise goes to Production Manager Herb Adams who edited script and solicited the talent.

Chapel Organ Concert

Among the January events at the chapel is an organ concert by E. Frank Boyzan, the Yale organist on Jan. 20.

Sometime during the coming month the new hymn books will be used for the first time. The books are available through student subscription. Chaplain Walter Wagoner expressed the hope that the new chancel furnishings will be ready soon.

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Green and Ardoff On 'Mademoiselle' Board

Two Colby girls have been appointed to MADEMOISELLE magazine's College Board.

Lois Green and Nancy Ardoff are among 850 appointments from colleges and universities all over the country. Almost four thousand students competed this year to join the College Board nationally, MADEMOISELLE reveals.

The two co-eds will report campus news, fads and fashions, in addition to completing three magazine assignments during the college year. The assignments will include a critique of the 1949 August College issue, a personal autobiography and a project for one of Mademoiselle's feature departments.

In addition, they will be competing for one of twenty Guest Editorships to be awarded by the magazine next June.

The Guest Editors, who are chosen from the College Board only, on the basis of the year's three assignments, will be brought to New York City for four weeks in June to help write and edit MADEMOISELLE'S 1950 August College issue. They will be paid round-trip transportation plus a regular salary for their work.

While in New York City, each Guest Editor will take part in a full calendar of activities designed to give her a head start in her career. She will take a battery of vocational tests to help her crystallize her interests and job goals. She will also interview a celebrity in her chosen field to get advice on the education and training needed and on procedures for getting a job, and she will take field trips to newspaper offices, fashion workrooms, radio stations, store, advertising agencies and printing plants.

Senior Portraits Have Been Taken

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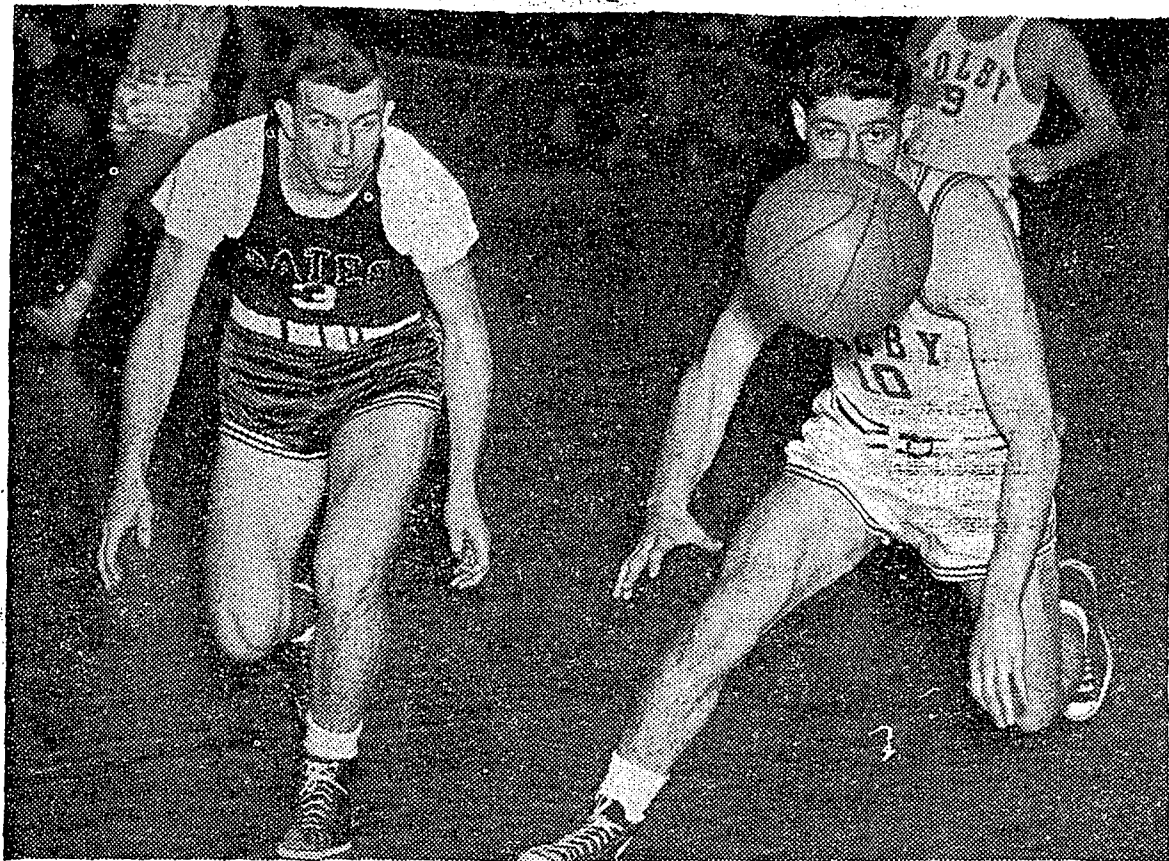
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Ted Shiro, Colby guard, dribbles down court in game with Bates. When camera stopped action, ball looked like giant bubble. The bubble burst in closing minutes of game, as Bates came from behind to top Mules 60-59. (ECHOphoto from Waterville Sentinel)

Mules Fall Before Bobcat Rally; Bates Triumphs 60-59 In Series Loss

by Ben Sears

The Colby quintet dropped a heart-breaker to a rampaging Bates five at the field house last Saturday night. The Mules were nosed out 60-59 for their second State Series loss and third consecutive defeat. The game was a thriller, with the lead changing repeatedly all through the second half. With less than two minutes to go in the last period, Bates had a five point lead which looked very good, but the Mules managed to tie it up. Bates again went ahead on a basket by Quimby, six foot four inch Bobcat center, and, although Warren Finnegan made a foul shot, the Mules were one point behind when the final whistle blew.

Cats Open Fast

The Bobcats opened very fast in the first period, getting the tip off and scoring a basket in less than ten seconds. They followed this seconds later with another basket, and had a four point lead before the Mules could get their hands on the ball. Ted Shiro broke the ice for Colby with a foul shot, and then the Mules came back very fast to lead by a score of 23-16 at the quarter. In the second period Colby kept a slight edge, and at the half led by a score of 34-28.

The second half opener with a rush both teams using the fast break, Bates suddenly got very hot and threw in baskets from all angles, but Welson, Lazour, Shiro and Finnegan managed to keep the Mules in the lead till the fourth quarter when the Bobcats began to pull away. Quimby, a la Lavelli, hooked shots in from all angles, and despite the efforts of Finnegan he could not be stopped. The home team appeared to be very tired at the end of the game, and could not stop the fast break of the Bobcats.

True To Form

The Mules, playing true to the form they have had in the last three games, ran hot and cold in both halves. They scored 23 points in the first period, but managed to rack up only 11 in the second. Again they got hot in the third, only to cool down again in the final. The defense was spotty and, due to the height of Quimby, the backboards were not controlled too well.

The scoring was well split up among the team. Finnegan and Shiro led the team with twelve apiece, Welson and Lazour dropped nine each. Paine hooped eight, and Wall got seven. The game was very rough, with many personal fouls committed by both teams. Colby scored twenty-one points on foul shots and Bates sixteen.

Corey Named Hockey Coach; Practice Begins

A squad of 25 candidates, including 7 veterans from last year's team, has reported to Coach Nelson Corey for the first practice sessions.

Coach Corey, in his first year as head of the hockey department, reports that defective lighting on the skating rink has hampered varsity and freshmen practice. The varsity and freshmen outfits have been unable to work out for any extensive length of time owing to the lack of a covered rink.

Rugged Schedule

The Mules are preparing for an 8 game schedule which includes a rugged Dartmouth six. The game with the Indians will take place at Waterville on Jan. 10 and should prove to be the high spot of the season. Colby compiled a mediocre record of 2 wins 5 losses on the ice in the 1948-1949 campaign.

Corey Moves Up

Coach Corey moves up to the post of hockey director replacing Bill Millett, who has become Alumni Secretary. Lack of time on the rink has prevented Nels from making an appraisal of the hockey squad thus far, however, the installation of more adequate practice facilities will go far toward improving the hockey outlook.

I. F. A. Letter

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one of the girls' dormitories gave an excellent response, that of the other was passively negative.

We wish especially to thank those Fraternity and Independent men who gave such a warm and SPONTANEOUS answer to a SPONTANEOUS appeal and those Independents and independent sorority women who had sufficient viscera to volunteer uncoerced. We thank them for making the Christmas party such a great success, and we have the word of the children who attended, for just how much fun it was. We know from all reports that the Colby students got "a big kick out of it" as well.

We are writing this, not because we feel that the action needs explanation, but because that Colby Spirit of Friendliness was at its best there and deserves recognition.

Patricia Clarke, Co-Chairman
Community Committee, IFA

Thanks to Miss Clarke for driving home a good point and clearing a difficult situation.—Editor.

Intra-Mural Hoop League Competition Under Way

On Thursday, December 8, the Intramural League opened the season with the Zetes edging out the Phi Deltas 41 to 37. Two other games were played on the same day. L. C. A. took matters in hand by beating K. D. R. 38 to 20, and D. U. trounced D. K. E. 39 to 17. On Friday the Independents lost to A. T. O. in a very close contest 40 to 42. Later the same afternoon D. U. took its second win, rolling over the Phi Deltas 44 to 34. The Zetes were edged out by the Independents 29 to 31. This was the second time in a row that the Independents competed in two points margin game.

Two Leagues

The Intramural League has been divided into two separate leagues. The Frats and the Independents were entered in the round robin in one or the other league. Of course, the winners of each league will compete in a playoff series.

The rules are as follows: 1. Each competing team is responsible to have an official timer and an official scorer at the table during the scheduled games. 2. All games are to be played under regular collegiate basketball rules. 3. Periods shall be eight (8) minutes in length. All games are to be played on the small court. 4. Members of varsity inter-collegiate basketball, track, hockey, and Winter Sports teams are not eligible for intramural basketball league—such squads are designated by the coach in charge.

MULE KICKS

By Alan Mirken

"The Mules will repeat as State basketball champs!"

Since I made that statement last week, the Mules have proceeded to blow two series games and have made me, and themselves look ridiculous.

The Williamsmen led Maine by nine points at the half; they led Bates by eight points at half time on Saturday night. But in both games they were unable to remain in front.

The question is WHY?

It appears that in the analysis of the team which appeared in this column last issue, I made one serious omission. I failed to consider the lack of fight from which the hoopsters suffer, a lack which has been evident in all four of the regular season games including the 16 point victory over Bowdoin.

Another factor which I was not aware of at the time I wrote the last column was the tendency of the players to tighten up in the clutch. Perhaps that stems from inexperience but signs of "the lump" have shown up among the experienced hands as well as the sophomores. The result has been an exceedingly large number of fumbled passes, which have slowed the Mule offensive.

Only three Colby men looked as though they were really out to beat the Bobcats on Saturday night. Welson, Lazour, and Shiro were hustling all night. But basketball is a team sport and at no time did Williams have a TEAM on the floor.

The Mules leave for Boston on Thursday where they will watch the famous Harlem Globe Trotters in action. Friday night they face Wesleyan at Middletown in the opening game of their six-contest vacation slate. They meet Springfield College on Saturday evening, and then adjourn for a one-week respite. On December 28 they meet the University of Buffalo, in the start of a tour which will take them to Cleveland, Akron, and Alliance, where they will

play Western Reserve, University of Akron, and Mount Union respectively.

Should the Williamsmen win even one of these games the trip would be considered a success. However, more important than a victory would be the development of teamwork and team spirit such as the football team possessed this past season.

Around these parts the series is all-important. A team may lose all of its out-of-state games, and still gain local favor so long as it shows up well in series competition. This holds true for football and baseball as well as the cage sport.

Whether the Mules can come back after vacation and fight their way back to the top remains to be seen. Certainly the task will not be an easy one, now that Maine has won all three of its series starts.

The obstacle is not insurmountable. Perhaps, in the future I will be able to predict with confidence that "The Mules will repeat as State basketball Champs!" But first the boys will have to start playing basketball.

As we prepare to depart on our Christmas vacation, we'd like to offer some suggestions to old Kris Kringle, just in case he's having trouble making up his gift list.

For hockey coach Nels Corey please bring some of your helpers, Mr. Kringle, so he won't have to care for the hockey rink all by himself... For Lee Williams please bring passing grades for all of the frosh basketball stars. (You messed this one up badly last year, Santa)... To football coach Walt Holmer and his boys, sole possession of the Barrows trophy in 1950... To Mike Loeb's a vocabulary which includes the word "YES!" To baseball coach Ed Roundy, an infield which will capably support his fine pitching staff... To Bob Keefe, relay victories for his varsity and freshman track squads in the coming Boston meets... And to one and all a Merry Christmas!

Frosh Whip Higgins 58-48 In 2nd Win

The Colby Frosh racked up their number two last Saturday night with a 58-48 decision against Higgins Classical Institute. However, the Mules came nowhere near the form they reached in their opening game a fensive in the early minutes, the week before.

With Phil Phillip leading the off-Frosh opened up a 13-10 lead which was widened to 25-10 at the ten minute mark. The passing was very sharp, and the fast break left little to be desired. At this point Coach Roundy unloaded his bench in an effort to keep the game from becoming a romp, and Higgins promptly initiated a rally which saw them close the fifteen point gap to five points at half time.

The second half saw a sluggish, lackadaisical Mule outfit take the floor. The passing was not as sharp as it had been in the first half, and the usually sparkling fast break was

not working with any smoothness whatsoever. With the scoring evenly divided among the Higgins five, the margin was only 47-43 in favor of the home quintet at the fifteen minute mark. However, two layups by Hawes and a tap-in by Nagle broke the back of the Higgins rally.

Sixty Years Ago In The Colby Echo

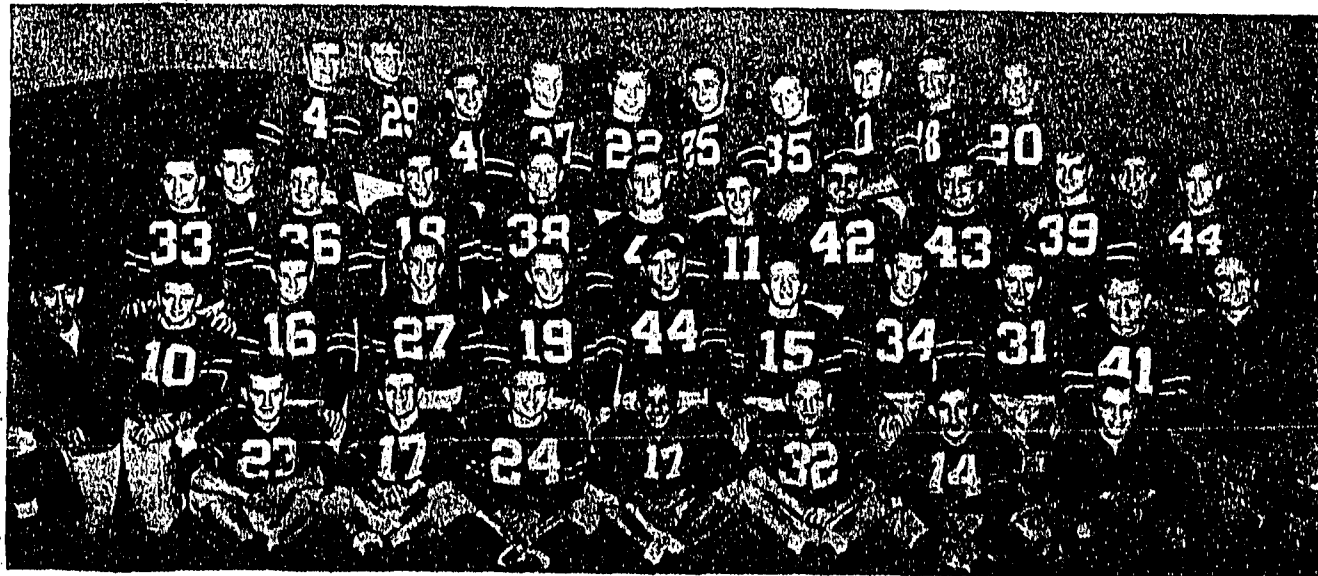
By Ann Rossiter

April 12, 1890

Men will often display pride in a peculiar manner. P—, for instance, used gloves and wore a veil while sawing the yearly supply of college wood. That's right. The March sun does tan the face unless guarded against.

There are a few Freshmen in college who have an idea that their presence here is essential to the success of the institution in general, and the upperclassmen in particular...

Co-Champion Football Mules Cheerful After Good Season



Playrooms: Responsibility Ducked

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President, Barbara Starr. The latter, at the Stu-G meeting of November 1, discussed at some length the ramifications of the problem. She urged and ordered the house chairmen of Mary Low and Louise Coburn Halls to discuss the matter with the girls at the next house meeting. The house chairman of Mary Low admits not mentioning the matter. In Louise Coburn, the girls were "cautioned to leave the lights on."

Before Thanksgiving, Miss Sherman again mentioned the matter to Barbara Starr, stating that she had received more complaints, and that something must be done to make the playrooms available to girls and couples who wished to play cards, dance or the like.

After Thanksgiving, President Starr reported to the Dean of Women that the issue was not one for the women's government. Dean Sherman, it seems, hesitated to act, but the undesirable use of a playroom at noon forced her hand. She restricted the playrooms "to the use of girls," stating that boys could be there "during dormitory parties on the invitation of the head resident." A foursome for bridge, or several couples who wish to dance were to be considered as a "dormitory party."

Briefly, then, these are the facts. The Women's Student Government had its chance; it recognized the problem and chose not to act. The house chairmen recognized the problem, yet they, too, chose not to act. The responsibility was there, a responsibility within their jurisdiction, a responsibility they as students would not accept.

And still there are those who will say we are treated like children!

No, the fault in this instance lies not with the

administration. It lies squarely with us, the students. The responsibility was ours and we refused it. No single person is to blame. Rather it is our system wherein all-star executives are permitted—and this, we emphasize, refers to the entire echelon of officers—all-star executives who accept the glory of the position, but not the time consuming responsibilities attached, simply because pressure of other activities will not give them that time.

This is but one conclusion we draw from this incident. Another is as regards the playrooms in the fraternity houses. We can not agree with Dean Sherman's restrictive attitude in not permitting women in these playrooms, for we will not admit to the existence of the same situation because the rooms have the same names. Yet, we can understand her feeling based on conditions in the girls' dormitories, and are convinced when one is cleared to satisfaction, the other will, too.

The situation which raised the issue is a delicate one; one of the college's reputation and tone. Rumors of the minutest indecency magnify and multiply all too fast.

The issue itself, on the other hand, goes deeper. It reaches into the depth of student government and the willingness and ability of students, as adults, to accept responsibility. It is reflected in the Hedman Hall—Boardman Hall "wars," and in the failure of students to follow through on the little things, like cleaning up after a dance or completing an ECHO assignment.

We can not in truth say that either side is all right or all wrong. We can only say that the problem, in both its aspects, has been raised, and that it is about time we students squarely faced it!!!

Letters to Editor

Alleges Constitution Out Of Order

Dear Editor:

For a newspaper, whose duty it should be to crusade for fairness and equality within the school, the ECHO failed miserably, as can be seen from the election held Monday.

The election itself was a shameful farce conducted wholly by ECHO administration and advertised on the ballot box by an editorial headlined "VOTE YES." The issue first presented last Thursday was scheduled to be voted on before another ECHO issue appeared, thus denying those opposing the plan an opportunity to that of the ECHO of being heard.

As to the constitution itself, a clear violation of administrative ruling is present. The ruling of the Administrative Committee of the college of May 28, last, specifically denies any students profit from a student organization. Since the ruling was not retroactive, the existing constitution of the ECHO its officers. However since the ruling went into effect no new constitution can be put into effect violating this rule. Surely the ECHO would blast any other organization which attempted violation of administrative rulings. Yet, knowing of this rule, the ECHO deliberately side-stepped and violated it.

I sincerely believe that the major changes in the new constitution will make the ECHO a better newspaper. However, just as sincerely, I believe the actions of the ECHO in the past week are a misuse of the power of the press. The ECHO is a strong force on the campus and it should be. It can greatly influence the student body. But it will lose the respect of thinking students if it continues to overlook ethics and administrative rulings.

Bob Wehner

Mr. Wehner is, in our estimation, all wet. He does not know the facts.

The ECHO Constitution under which we were working states that it may be amended... by members of the association at a poll announced in a previous issue of the ECHO together with a text of the proposed amendment." If he read the proposal he would see that it says "This Constitution shall amend and immediately replace that one now in force..." Therefore, we feel we did but follow our Constitution.

We admit the headline of the story regarding the Constitution should not have been at the ballot box. Here, and only here, is Mr. Wehner correct. As for the ECHO running the election, we cannot see that it was unethical. If the students trust us with their newspaper, which they do, they can trust us with their votes.

It will further interest Mr. Wehner to know that the Editor was personally in the ECHO office all day and evening Saturday and Sunday and in all that time one person, an A.T.O., came in to inquire about the ECHO primarily, and the Constitution secondarily.

As for the Administrative Committee ruling, Mr. Wehner will see he is in error if he will but read the first page of this issue.

We agree with Mr. Wehner; the new charter will help the ECHO—Editor.

Bottoms Up!

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the cast, chorus, and production crew of BOTTOMS UP!, I would like to protest most vehemently on the most slipshod and unfair type of reviewing any newspaper can allow in the "criticisms" of the Variety Show which appeared in last week's ECHO.

While willing and eager to accept constructive criticism it seems highly unfair to be subjected to such an article as appeared last week. BOTTOMS UP! was presented on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The ECHO's "critic" wrote her "review" two days before.

Approximately 100 students worked for three months to present the show. It does not seem quite fair for the ECHO to pre-judge the issue for them.

By the same token may I ask the ECHO to gaze into its crystal ball and come up next issue with a review of 1950's football season. This will undoubtedly make it unnecessary for the team to bother about playing the games at all.

Kenny Jacobson

Mr. Jacobson is to an extent justified, yet would be more so if his argument was based on the facts. Miss Bracy, we admit, wrote her opinions before the show—six hours before, not two days. This was made necessary by printers' deadlines; the story had to be in; it could have been changed after the performance IF DESIRED. Miss Bracy, who wrote the review on Mr. Jacobson's request, did not feel any changes were needed.

If composer Jacobson is still not satisfied and feels the review an injustice, we sincerely apologize. We are as capable as our staff is capable. With this and the future in mind, we remind Mr. Jacobson that the position of ECHO musical reviewer and columnist is still open.

As for crystal gazing, we predict, after examining the schedule, that Colby's Mules will win at least six of their seven games next year. Editor Mirken will supply the details.—Editor.

IFA Party and Student

Dear Editor:

There has been considerable criticism of the fact that the Community Committee of the I. F. A. did not, as is supposedly customary, send to individual fraternities and sororities for the sponsorship of a specified number of children at our annual Christmas party for underprivileged town children. This "custom" was disregarded this year because it was felt that the response accorded it was not spontaneous, that the individuals who were selected took the child to the party out of a sense of duty, rather than because they wanted to. We wanted this year to be sure that those who went would have the right spirit, Christmas Spirit if you will, and were not motivated purely by an obligation to the orders of ANY organization. We wonder why it should be, that while

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Last of Chips

Switzerland Is Land Of Unusual Charm And Prosperity

This is the tenth and final installment in a series by G. I. Smith on his travels last summer in Europe. ECHOite Smith (Colby '49) spent two summers in Europe, traveling mostly with a touring group and kept a log as he went. This series have been excerpts from this summer's log.—Editor.

By G. I. Smith

Four days in Switzerland is just about enough to whet one's appetite for more. This fabulous little coun-

try, un-crushed by war, combines natural beauty, which is unsurpassed in Europe, and a healthy economy which is unknown in Europe.

For the first time since we docked in Rotterdam, the people on the street appeared adequately fed and clothed, and living on a standard which Americans would call comfortable. Any desired article was available in the stores, at prices equal to those in the U. S. A. Along with this economic healthiness appeared many of the pleasures we had given up for lost

in our European travel—free exchange of money, ample fruit and food, and best of all, cleanliness.

Zurich

Our four days were spent in Zurich, Lucerne, and two days in Interlaken. These last two days afforded a considerable variety of activity, ranging from hearing a concert by Rudolph Serkin, to viewing the snow-capped Jungfrauoch from a 6,000 foot view point (reached with some assistance from the cog railway).

Also included in our stay, was a run-in with the Swiss Army. This came about because we had decided to unroll our sleeping bags on the outskirts of their airfield. About 2:30 A. M. the guard awoke us and gave us a spiel of Swiss-German in which the word "verboten" was clearly audible. In view of the fact that he was accompanied by his carbine, bayonet, steel helmet, dagger, and the corporal of the guard, we thought it advisable to collect our belongings and migrate to another area.

Swiss Hotel

The next night, for the sake of variety, was spent in the Hotel Interlaken—complete with hot and cold water, feather beds, elevators and a balcony on every room. Supper consisted of roast lamb, accompanying vegetables and coffee which was served in the lounge—a notable change from the previous night's fare of bread, jam and water, while seated in the park.

Yes, a summer in Europe DOES afford a variety of experiences!

Yogi Speaks

Ho says beware of icy sidewalks. From one who knows. Ho fell. So did the "Walls of Jericho."

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One less reason why men should frequent the Women's Union. A coke machine has been installed in the Robert's Union.

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Children who play with fire will eventually be burned. In a fire trap or in the electric chair, same difference.

Think! Think! Think!

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Why doesn't my girl invite me to eat with her any more, and why don't I care?

* * *

We even wish those profs who give us Christmas vacation assignments a Merry Christmas, too.

WORLD-WIDE WEEK

By Howard Sacks

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has demanded that West German manpower be included in a European striking force against Russia. He declared that the allies must consider Germany not as a wasteland but as a heavily populated country. The Chancellor wants the Germans to have equal rights in a European army.

Another Quandry

President Truman has appointed an interdepartmental committee, headed by Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, to investigate anti-trust laws and to see

if it can answer the businessman's quandry of "What can we do under the anti-trust laws?"

The vagueness of the Sherman and Clayton Acts, and the apparent unpredictability of the Supreme Court interpretations of these laws, have left sincere executives wondering if they were risking triple damages.

It's encouraging to know that the question of control of monopolies is under the attention of a committee which promises to render a positive approach to a subject treated negatively in the past.

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Mount Everest?

By Haddon S. Fraser

The fathers of our college have long been filled with hope, To see our institution on this bare and barren slope. So we left our downtown campus 'cross the river from the mill, And moved, lock, stock and barrel, to the new one on the Hill. Now I agree t'was best to better the situation, But why, dear friends and planners, did you choose this elevation? I like the noble pillars, and the scenery it is fine, But trees will never grow up here, above the Timber Line. Now I'm not making fun and I don't mean to mock, As I view tremendous buildings inlaid in solid rock. 'Cause it's here that I see workmanship—buildings built to last:—Forever and forever we will face the icy blast. The Pilgrims then bore hardship with freedom as their goal. Plous men go through Hell to save some foolish soul. Men have starved and died in lust for filthy gold, And we are seeking knowledge on a hill that's too damn cold....

Of Social Significance

By Nancy Ricker

SOCIETY THIS WEEK has attended a sparkling round of Christmas festivities ranging from banquets and dances to plain old fashioned carol singing.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES of the week were started off last Saturday afternoon when the A.T.O.'s gave a Christmas party for the "younger men" of the Waterville Boys Club. The hosts provided entertainment in the form of amazing demonstrations of magic by STAN SORRENTINO and moving pictures shown by FOSTER BRUCKHEIMER, to say nothing of candy, ice cream, and gifts from DICK "Santa Claus" YEAGER. The principal hosts, who from what we've heard enjoyed the entertainment almost as much as their guests, were DAVE MONTT, GEORGE CLARK and FOSTER BRUCKHEIMER.

The A. T. O.'s also plan a closed informal Christmas party for tonight.

The D.U.'s joined with the Chi O.'s in a skating party last Sunday night, followed by cocoa and dancing in Roberts Union. Members of the D. U. committee were: GEORGE DOYLE, PHIL LAWSON, BILL MILLER, and BOB LEE and the collaborators from Chi Omega were SUE REES, PAT BAIN and PRISCILLA TRACEY.

MISS NINETTA M. RUNNALS, former Dean of Women, was honored at a tea last Monday afternoon. A large number of the Women's Division attended this function, at which the dedication of her portrait was made.

COLBY STUDENTS had their first opportunity to hear the new organ yesterday morning at the all-college assembly. With Professor Strong at the organ. The Glee Club gave a program of Christmas music, and the entire group joined in singing Christmas carols.

Tonight, College society will put aside its finery and don the latest in ski fashions to attend the Outing Club sock dance.

On Monday night the girls on both campuses enjoyed a sumptuous feast at their respective annual Christmas banquets.

In Mary Low, the tradition of reading a Christmas story was performed by SYBIL GREEN, and carols were sung by carolers SUSI GOLDEY, ALICE JENNINGS, JANET HAYNES, JANE PERRY, RENIE McDONNELL and CONNIE PREBLE. Faculty guests were: PRESIDENT and MRS. J. S. BICKER, MR. and MRS. PAUL FULLAM, and CHAPLAIN and MRS. WALTER WAGONER. CHAPLAIN WAGONER was guest speaker. Preparations for the party were made by DALE

EVERY, assisted by the House Committee.

GUESTS OF HONOR IN LOUISE COBURN were DR. and MRS. FR. MANNO COMPARETTI, and DR. and MRS. FRANKLIN W. JOHNSON. MRS. COMPARETTI was the guest speaker and ESTELLE B. THER read a selection from the Bible. Louise Coburn carolers were JEAN COWIE, ALYCE MOSKOWITZ, MARJORIE SHEARMAN, BARBARA MILLER, CYNTHIA LESLIE, and HELEN LEAVITT. Heading the committee for the festivities was NANCY ARDIFF, House Chairman.

ON THE LOWER CAMPUS, Foss Hall injected a note of originality into their celebration by having the members of the individual tables design their own centerpieces. The result was innumerable clever table decorations, and prizes were awarded for the three best. Honored guests were MR. and MRS. ARTHUR EUSTIS, MISS NINETTA M. RUNNALS and DEAN BARBARA A. SHERMAN. Barbara Simpson performed the office of Santa Claus, assisted by Judy Segal, and the whole affair was under the supervision of House Chairman Betsy Smart.

TONIGHT, COLLEGE SOCIETY will put aside its finery and don the latest in ski fashions to attend the Outing Club sock dance in the Women's Union. Committee chairman JOAN CAMMANN assisted by PAT BAIN in charge of refreshments, ANNE MCGEE in charge of publicity and the Outing Club are providing an excellent way to relax before Christmas excitement begins at home and Colby society takes up the whirl elsewhere.

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Book Report: Portrait of Artist

By Melvin Lyon

This work of Joyce's coming as the predecessor of the author's long work "Ulysses" is definitely a pioneer novel. This book is the first "stream of consciousness" writings of this great Irish author. As a well-planned study of a character's thought processes, it represents much that is Joyce himself, expressed in the story of Stephen Dedalus.

Stephen is the name of the symbolic character whose portrait as a young artist is drawn in an exquisite manner. Starting with the childish sentence thoughts of his first memories the story tells of his development through the years of maturation in an English college and university. Stephen Matures

As Stephen begins to grow out of himself, away from his closed-in-self-consciousness, his family passes into the background gradually, until at the story's end, he is alone; but confidently facing his beginning search for the real values of his unreal life.

Throughout the book one is constantly impressed by the strong influences of Irish nationalism and Catholic Christianity which buffet Stephen from belief to scepticism until he transcends them. This work contains one of the best explanations of what art should be that this reviewer has yet encountered.

In conclusion we may say that this "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" is: first, a forerunner of a new style in good literature; second, an extremely vivid story of a young man's search for the artist's expression; third, a profound glimpse at the expressive Irish Catholic mixture that is James Joyce; and fourth, a writing

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Sarah Orne Jewett was born in South Berwick, Maine, in 1849. In 1949, one hundred years later, she was acclaimed as second only to Hawthorne as a portrayer of New England life and character. Professor Matthiessen of Harvard has proposed the translation of her famous "Country of the Pointed Firs" as an excellent project for the United Nations to sponsor, through their UNESCO committees.

In commemoration of this centennial of the famous Maine author, the Colby College Library has arranged, in the Robinson Treasure Room, a splendid exhibition of Miss Jewett's books, letters and manuscripts.

Well Equipped

The Colby Library is unusually well equipped to mount a Jewett Ex-

hibition; for not only does it have copies of all the books in their first editions, but many of these books are presentation copies inscribed affectionately by the author. The manuscripts, both of poems and of short stories, are of unusual interest—one of them, for example, being the poem which Miss Jewett addressed to John Greenleaf Whittier.

The files of letters—the original hand written letters, often with their envelopes—are an unusually interesting series, dating from the very beginning of Miss Jewett's career as a writer, down to almost the last year of her life.

Photographs Too

The exhibition also includes some expertly made photographs of the Jewett home at South Berwick—pictures presented to the Colby Library by the late Laura E. Richards of Gardiner, Maine.

A visit to this Centennial Exhibition of a famous author is instructive and rewarding, whether one is a student in a course in American literature or not. Those who wish to see the exhibit should not delay: it will remain in the Treasure Room for only three more weeks. The Room is open every afternoon except Saturdays and Sundays.

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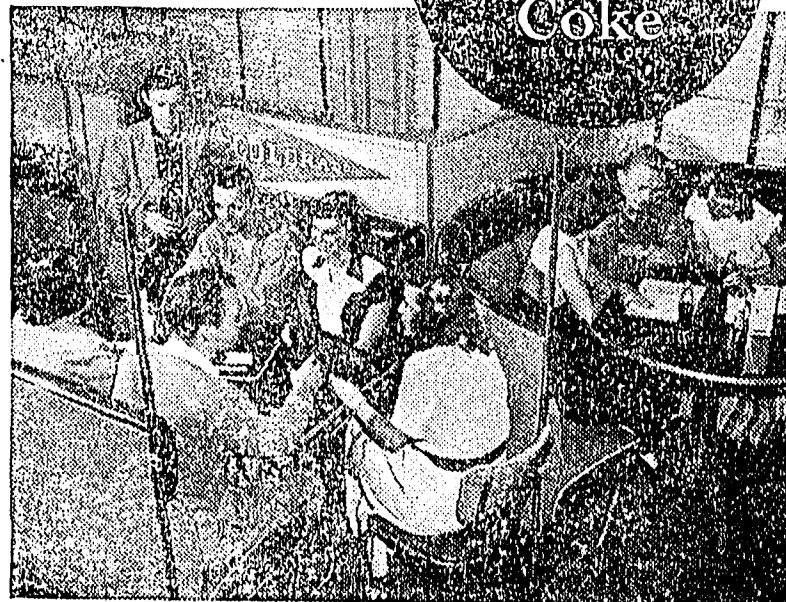
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Speaking Contest

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tion contest conducted in conjunction with the classes in Public Speaking. Speeches are to be eight to ten minutes in length, composed by the student on any topic he wishes.

Students not taking public speaking should notify Mr. Robert Burdick as soon as possible, of their desire to enter the contest. They will make their speeches before a meeting of one of the public speaking classes, either at nine o'clock or one-thirty on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday as will be arranged. The final contestants will then be chosen for the public contest on January 17.

Contests to be held during the second semester will be the Hamlin Contest, which is open only to freshmen; the Coburn Contest, the Levine Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, and the Murray Prize Debate.

Echo Charter

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approved by the Administrative Committee of the College at their meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1949—before it was published in last week's ECHO.

Dr. Johnson

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ment Fund \$96,000, his entire salary while president here.

The years of his presidency, 1928-42, were years of other kinds of development too. The faculty was increased, the athletic department was coordinated, and the curriculum was strengthened.

When in 1942 he retired from the presidency, he continued directing the Mayflower Hill Development program. As we see daily, this work is going steadily onward to the fulfillment of the dreams and labors of this great president.

Anyone who has seen or talked with Dr. Johnson would soon be impressed with his youthfulness. As he said in a speech in 1946, on the occasion of his class' 55th reunion, "When I get older I may turn my face to the past, not yet."

Echo Program

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"The program," announced Gerald B. Frank, ECHO Editor, "follows the pattern of the evening news which gives five minutes of news summary and 10 of the interesting details".

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