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## First Semester Dean's List Released By Recorder's Office

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### Men's Division

First Semester  
1949-50

#### Class of 1950

Richard F. Armknecht, Jr., Robert F. Barlow, Robert A. Barteaux, Richard M. Bowers, Ernest L. Carpenter, Kevin Hill, Frank H. Jones, Jr., Hugh B. Jordan, Edward Lampert, Philip R. Lawrence, Robert E. Millett, Allen G. Pease, Herbert A. Perkins, Jr., Richard D. Pullen, Oscar Rosen.

#### Class of 1951

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#### Class of 1952

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#### Class of 1953

Robert S. Andrews, Robert A. Cooke, Floyd E. Cronkite, Norman S. Hodgkins, Theodore E. Johnson, Warren R. Johnson, Arthur O. Kimball, Max Singer, Paul White, William J. Yskamp.

### Women's Division

First Semester, 1949-50

#### Class of 1950

Patricia Bain, Patricia Clarke, Virginia Flagg, Irma Fritschman, Sybil Green, Barbara Hill, Beverly Holt, June Jensen, Patricia Jensen, Doris Knight, Barbara Kester, Lillian Meyer, Barbara Miller, Lois Prentiss, Nancy Ricker, Pauline Rowell, Mary Seward, Charlotte Shoul, Charlotte Stern, Edith Tozier, Priscilla Tracy, Janet West.

#### Class of 1951

Patricia Blake, Harriet Boyer, Gertrude Cleveland, Jean Cowie, Jacqueline Dillingham, Marilyn Gracie, Jean Griffin, Myra Hemenway, Shirley Ingraham, Ruth Leverett, Ann Morrison, Helen Palen, Margaret Preston, Ruth Smart, Carol Walker.

#### Class of 1952

Marjorie Austin, Margaret Blagys, Edith Carpenter, Lois Green, Nita Hale, Barbara Hamlin, Janet Hewins, Sarah Hollister, Natalie How. (Continued on page 4)

## ECHO Radio News WTVL Feature

The Colby ECHO has its own radio program. Every Wednesday night at 8:15 this program, the ECHO Radio News, broadcasts over station WTVL, presenting news of the college which has an element of interest for the people of central Maine. The show is designed to create closer cooperation among townspeople and college by emphasizing certain activities at Colby, such as concerts, lectures, and other pertinent events.

### Need for Students

The program indicated by ex-ECHO editor Jerry Frank, is now produced by Robert Hartford. On the production staff are announcers Hugh Hexamer, Bill Madison, Vernon Corell, and Herbert Adams, and feature writer Joanne Walker. Positions on the staff are open for both announcers and writers.

## Religious Week Attracts All Faiths

Opening the annual Religious Emphasis program, Colby received three speakers in a discussion on the relevance of religion in the world of today on Sunday evening, February 26.

The discussion was preceded in the afternoon by an organ recital, which was broadcast over radio station WTVL, and several numbers sung by members of the University of Maine and St. Francis Boys choirs, and also the Colby Glee Club. At 7:30 p. m., Father Joseph Quinn began the discussion at Dunn Lounge by commenting on the relevance of religion from a Catholic's point of view. He stated, "too many people today, while striving for happiness, are seeking it through worldly channels. Happiness attained in this manner does not last," he declared. "The only kind of happiness that can stand the test of time is that attained by doing the will of God."

Rev. Kenneth L. Patton next took the platform. Rev. Patton, who is a veteran of World War II, serving as an Army chaplain in Europe, said that "religion is relevant in that it increases the feeling for brotherhood and that it integrates our lives." He asserted that the "Church of today needs to improve a great deal if it is to adequately serve this purpose in increasing man's fraternal inclinations for his fellow human being." He declared, "the sectarian divisions in the churches must be removed."

Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen, who had already spoken in the Sunday morning chapel service, then said that religion is relevant today because it gives man great protection to his dignity and aids him in his moral choices. Religion strives for justice," asserted the Rabbi.

The discussion was followed by an interesting debate on the question of marriage between people embracing different faiths. Rev. Patton took the affirmative stand while both Father Quinn and Rabbi Bohnen were against it.

## Herbert Phillips Offers Lecture Dates

ECHO received a reply from Herbert Phillips on Tuesday.

Phillips is the Communist teacher who was recently fired from the University of Washington and who is currently seeking lecture opportunities.

The letter: (in part)

I have the following dates open: Mar. 9, 17, 22, and 23. There are a number of other dates that are only tentatively taken so that if you find the above dates impossible, name a date of your own and I will try to do some shifting around. I can't schedule dates for the month of April as I have reserved that for the South and Middle West.

I am paying my own way so would like to be assured expenses which would come to about \$25. If it is permitted I would be willing to make an appeal to my audience for financial help.

My talk consists of telling the story of the Washington dismissals, formulating what seem to me to be the basic issue involved in them, and finally, answering questions on the issues raised.

Herbert J. Phillips

Any organization or persons interested in sponsoring a campaign to bring Mr. Phillips to Colby should see Robert Reid of the ECHO for information.

His letter, in full, is posted on the ECHO bulletin board.

## Case For Welfare State Presented

By Max Singer

Climaxing with an appeal to conservatives to cease their foolish squabbling and to agree on objectives, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Harvard historian and author, presented a tremendously powerful case for the welfare state in his second

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## Guest Student Cites Experiences Of Post-War German Youth

By Charles Smith

Hermann Schmidt, German exchange student from Bremen Teachers College to Keene N. H. Teachers College, spoke before a combined I. R. C. German Club meeting Friday Feb. 24, on the experiences of German students after World War II.

He expressed the joy which young German intellectuals experience in finding new avenues of knowledge opened to them which under the Nazi regime had been forbidden. Works banned because the authors were Jewish or otherwise "objectionable" were now available for study for the first time.

Ernest Hemingway, Eugene O'Neill, and Walt Whitman are three widely read American writers in post-war Germany.

### Search for a Philosophy

With the breakdown of the Nazi regime an inevitable disillusionment resulted. The young German wanted some kind of philosophy of life in which to cling, yet insisted that it be "intellectually satisfying." Among Schmidt's own circle, "the pessimistic and aesthetic philosophy of Schopenh-

auer was found effective in fulfilling this need" In the Universities, Existentialism with its cynical, irresponsible attitude toward society was popular.

But these expressions of despair were soon given over to one of concern for the welfare of the German people. Political questions began to be discussed; the advantages of the democratic state over the totalitarian were considered as well as socialism versus free enterprise. The Russian brand of Communism made relatively little headway among German students of Schmidt's acquaintance.

### ECHO Interview

In an earlier interview with the writer, Hermann Schmidt stated that he was "particularly impressed with the American college campus system." Students in Germany live in private rooms scattered throughout the city in which the educational institution is located.

He felt that German students were more "European-minded than nationalistic," and most favor some form of "federation with other countries on the continent."

## Student Council Seeks Wider Representation

By Fred Boyle

### Pres. Carmichael Speaks Tomorrow



Pres. Carmichael of Tufts is the Averill Lecturer tomorrow evening at Women's Union. His subject will be "Does Reading Make You Tired?"



### Placement Bureau

All Seniors wishing to use Placement Bureau facilities must have placement papers completed before any interview can be scheduled.

### Correction

The statement in the February 23 issue of the ECHO concerning applications for Colby for next year is incorrect.

The number of candidates for the coming year is not greater than those of last year.

### Organ Recital

The first Averill Lecture of the semester was an organ recital by E. Power Biggs in Lorimer Chapel yesterday.

"Does Reading Tire You?" is the subject of the second Averill Lecture of the week. President Leonard Carmichael of Tufts College will speak on this subject tomorrow night at the Women's Union.

### Fireside Chat

"Whither Colby" will be the subject under discussion at President Bixler's next Fireside Chat, Sunday night at the President's house. It will be open to all students.

### Northrup Speaks

Dr. F.S.C. Northrup, Professor of Philosophy and Law at Yale University, gave the third Gabrielson Lecture today on "The International Legal and Political Problem."

### Financial Aid

Monday, April 10, is the final date on which students now enrolled at Colby College may file financial aid applications for 1950-51. Students who intend to file such applications are urged to do so well in advance of the final date. Application forms may be secured at the offices of the Dean of Men or Dean of Women.

### Attendance Regulation

The Dean's offices have invited any students who have any misunderstanding of the new attendance regulations to come in for an explanation.

Student Council reorganization is now under way.

Following the decision of the Council at its last meeting, plans should be underway at this time to hold elections for delegates in the separate dorms and fraternity houses on campus. This group will hold a special meeting to discuss and vote on the feasibility of a stronger student government body.

### Elections Soon

The elections will be held this weekend to give the delegates ample time before next Monday's meeting of the Council to find how their respective dorms line up on the question of reorganization. On Monday the "Echo" was informed through Priscilla Tracy, president of the Council, that the letters asking each dorm to hold an election will be out shortly, and also that elections will be held today or tomorrow.

### Council Not Representatives Of Students

At its last meeting, the Council thought it was not representative enough of the student body to effect a change in its constitution by itself. Thus, the decision was made to have newly elected committee for the sole purpose of proposing a new constitution, or amendments to the old one. This new group, which will not replace the Student Council but rather augment it, will take the intermediary steps involved in changing the constitution. The final vote, naturally, will be left to the student body as a whole.

According to the most popular plan the Student Council will be changed from a group elected from each class to a more inclusive one, representing the college population as to each dorm or fraternity house.

As the college is unified today more through student discussion in the "bull session" of the dorm than through the figurative unity of class standing, this plan seems like a step in the right direction.

## Teheran Freshman Speaks To Hillel

Sevy Levy, freshman from Teheran, who has spent many years in Palestine schools and military service spoke at a Hillel breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 9, in Dunn Lounge.

He discussed the differences in curriculum between American and Israeli schools; citing particularly the military training given there.

### Internationalism Instilled Early

He also emphasized the fact that the school system there makes the young people independent and mature earlier. Another different characteristic of Israeli schools described by Sevy is the systematic attempt to instill nationalism in all school children from kindergarten on.

Sevy's audience was impressed by his description of the school system, and the attitudes of the students which are completely different from those of present day America.

### Internationalism Won't Work

In conclusion Sevy discussed briefly some of the international politics of Palestine in the past twenty years, stressing that he did not believe peace would come for another ten or twenty years, chiefly because of the Arab leaders; and that the proposed internationalization of Jerusalem, pushed through the U.N. General Assembly by the Vatican, would not work or be accepted by either the Arabs or the Jews involved.

### Hillel Announcements

At the close of the meeting, Barbara Starr, president of Hillel, appealed for volunteers to conduct Daily Chapel every other Friday.

# Instructors Lax In Explaining Rules

If any misunderstanding has arisen from an ECHO "stand" on the new attendance regulations, then this should clear up that situation.

ECHO takes no stand at all on the quality of the new system as to whether it is good or bad, improved or worse than the previous setup.

We do intend, however, to present the facts.

The new regulations are not an "administration" idea, they are the product of a faculty-student conference in which every idea and aspect of complaint arising from the old system was considered and remedies were effected in the form of the present rules.

Basic features of the new rules follow:

1 Minimum number of cuts allowable in each course by an instructor is two. The instructor may allow as many cuts as he may wish over this minimum, notifying the students of same.

2 Excuses are allowed only through the offices of the Deans and are for illness, school trips, or emergencies only. No instructor is allowed to grant excuses.

3 Each instructor is obligated to explain to each of his classes the attendance requirements of that class.

4 Instead of being dropped from school, a student is dropped from a course upon receiving a second warning from the Dean.

5 For each vacation cut, a warning is issued.

6 Students will be suspended for (a) dropping two courses through failure to meet attendance requirements, (b) two absences in each of two courses under the "vacation" ruling, (c) failure in one course for attendance reasons and two absences before and after vacations.

The itemized regulations are posted in conspicuous places.

It is unfortunate, however, that neither students nor instructors have taken much trouble to review these rules. Instructors have been very lax in explaining them to students and students are making little effort to understand them.

This system must be understood. The consequences of failure are of infinite pain to both student and instructor as often proven by members of both groups under the older rules.

ECHO takes one stand. Without cooperation between student and instructor, these rules will be of no value, will be the cause of possible embarrassment.

## Letters to The Editor

### Bishop On Rules; Colbyites On Commie, ECHO

Editor

This letter speaks for one member of the committee which drew up the new attendance regulations which were quoted in part in the February 16 Echo front page editorial. The author of the editorial is apparently unfamiliar with the old "Attendance and Absence" rules printed in the Gray Book. In general the cut restrictions have been relaxed rather than tightened. "Absences from classes are regarded as unfulfilled obligations" quoted could have been taken from various Gray Books of past years; it is not indicative of any recent change in viewpoint. The new regulations do not necessarily represent the "attitude of the administration". They came into existence by vote of the faculty on the recommendation of a faculty-student committee.

The "sliding scale" which "was in effect in at least one department" can still be in effect. Did the editorial imply that it could not?

For the student who receives two warnings in one course and no warnings in any other course and for the student who cuts the same two courses on two different before-or-after vacation occasions, the new regulations are more stringent than the old ones; in other cases they are more lenient.

Consider a few cases:

(1) The student who repeatedly cuts in one course. Under the old rule, the third overcut would mean suspension from college. Under the new rule he is only out of one course.

(2) The student who has overcut twice in one course and once in another course. Under the old rule he was out of college; under the new rule he is out of one course.

(3) The student who has overcut once in each of three or more

courses. Under the old rule he was out of college; under the new rule he has only been told that his attendance is unsatisfactory in those courses. He will not be suspended until he has received his second warning in each of two courses.

Of the student suspended during the first semester of the current college year, none would have been suspended under the new rule. This letter is not an indication that I think that lenient attendance rules are per se good ones. I do not. My aim is primarily to correct the false impression given by the headline of the editorial that appeared on the front page of the February 16 Echo.

J. W. Bishop

Mr. Bishop's letter was only one which came in protest to the headline. As readers will see, ECHO's editorial this week attempts to clear up this point and emphasize that we take no stand on the rules at this time. We can only say that the new regulations are an improvement over the old ones—Ed.

Editor:

Arthur Loestler, ex-commie, has a recent article relevant to campus interest in having a flesh and blood member of The Party among us. His article is a strong warning against the naive and starchy idealism of liberals who get hurt toying with Communists.

I think we ought to take his words to heart. He, and many others, know from bitter experience! However, I do believe we ought to invite a Communist to the campus. All of us ought to know the party-line at first hand; we ought to train ourselves in the fine art of recognizing double-talk, and we ought to see the "species Communistas" as found in native lair and habitat."

Two more 'oughts', as I see it: Any

such meeting should not be open to the public, and specific questioning should be worked out ahead of time, so that it doesn't turn into a heckling session.

Walter D. Wagoner

Dear Mr. Editor:

We react thusly, sir, to your query concerning ANOTHER alleged Communist speaker:

Were not Max Lerner, Harlow Shapley and G. C. Chellotti enough? "Damyanknee"

Dear Editor:

I would definitely be in favor of having Prof. Phillips speak at Colby. What we need most in a liberal arts

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## Book Report

By Dr. J. S. Bixler

In place of our regular book review column this week, we are introducing a new idea; a review of an opera. It is our policy to interest the students in as many ways as possible and the success of the works presented in this column is measured by your reaction. Hence we feel that an occasional step in other than our fixed direction may bring up points of interest to a larger number of students.

The following operative review was written by President Bixler on Wagner's well known opera "Die Meistersinger."

Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" is a study in the synthesis of conflicting interests. The mastersingers themselves represent classicism in its formal and rather rigid aspects. The musical themes that introduce them are rather pedantic and ponderous. Walter, the young knight, on the other hand, represents romanticism with all its enthusiasm for the emotions that accompany youth, love, and the coming of spring. The musical motifs that accompany his appearances are chromatic in the strict sense of the word—that is, colorful and warm. A union of the two attitudes is achieved in the famous Prize Song of the third act where the spontaneity of romantic youth is disciplined and tempered by the more formal pattern produced by the more mature experience.

There is a spot in the overture where two themes from the music of the mastersingers and one from that of Walter are played simultaneously. Here our theory is brought out by obvious skill required by the orchestra conductor to combine these very different themes. The whole musical structure depends on the skillful blending of the themes at this point.

The implication seems to be that if we really probe into the meaning of the rhythm of life, we discover that it unites the special insights of youth with those of age and provides that universal harmony for which the world is seeking.

# SHOWCASE

By Philip Bailey

The second Powder and Wig production of last Thursday evening hit a new low in Colby Dramatics. To celebrate Universal Theatre Month, the Drama Department cooked up a program consisting of three one-act plays directed at an appalling underestimation of student intelligence and containing all the appeal of a wet dishrag. If the Triple Horror Bill that was presented for our consumption last week actually represents "a cross section of American Theatre", I suggest we all go into deep mourning over the deplorable condition of our national drama.

The bill presented was comprised of a farce, "The Pot Boiler," by Alice Gerstenberg, the first act of Maxwell Anderson's "Saturday's Children", and "The Sacrifice of Abraham", by Professor Rollins. Of the three, "The Pot Boiler" had more zest, animation, and wasted effort than the other two. A few of the lines and situations offered some meat for Ann Morrison, who quickly devoured them and was forced to look hungrily about for more. The rest of the cast went through their paces in the usual hackneyed manner except for Elaine Rhodes, who was at times, delightfully rapid.

Of the Anderson play, the tender simplicity of the scene chosen was made colorless and dull. Occasionally, as in the scene between the two sisters, it rose above the general note of tedium, but it relied too much upon the old High-school device of casting the athletic hero as an embarrassed lover and supplying him with

a stock of lines which provided double entendre, the glory of amateur productions. It may be ludicrous to see the awkward love scenes, the stiff gestures, and the blushes which result, but this hardly does justice to the script or is fair to an audience which might accept such things only from Booth Tarkington and an elementary school performance.

By far the most intriguing aspect of the play were those completely mystifying and haunting sound effects with emanated from somewhere backstage: horns, bits of stray music, rattling, banging noises which occasionally even succeeded in startling the cast into action. Aside from some of Dale Avery's lines, the only other interesting feature was the chance to see Sibyl Green without the old lace.

The third play presented was "an expressionistic play" by Prof. Cecil Rollins, entitled, "The Sacrifice of Abraham". It is difficult to see how this creaky and melodramatic mayhem could have survived without the very effective lighting tricks and the enthusiasm of the actors, most of whom seemed to take it seriously. It was filled with obscure verbiage and some pointlessly strained symbolism. Evidently an attempt to portray the plight of man torn between his fleshly evil and his spiritual divinity, a dualism absurdly simple for modern minds, the play was actually another expression of the old medieval morality plays which represented man caught between his good

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## Yogi Speaks



Now it can be told. The real reason why there is no flag fluttering gaily in the icy blasts, Francis, is because the rope freezes on the flagpole. We would suggest a rope of the electric blanket variety, but since we aren't experts, we couldn't be sure that it would work. Ben Franklin could probably figure out something but he is dead.

One for posterity. Just by a physiological coincidence, I happened to be going down to get my chest X-Rayed last week. A co-ed (not one of my close acquaintances) who just happened to be along, asked absent mindedly of course, "Do boys have to get their chests X-Rayed too?" I piped up in a small voice, "Boys have chests too, you know!" I guess I gave her the clue.

Since appraising our marks for last semester, we reiterate a recent comment we made about the efficacy of certain harmless distractions in whiling the time away. We offer our heartiest congratulations to those who got all A's by studying all the time. It's impossible. Just ask me.

I asked another co-ed to keep her lovely ears alerted for a good clean joke I could use in this column. After two days and nights of scouring the girl's dormitories, she returned crestfallen and empty handed. Next time, I'll know better. I'll ask a boy.

We regret that business prevented us from going to the Powder and Wig play last Thursday night. But since the ECHO puts out such fine reviews now, we feel that the evening wasn't entirely wasted.

Not very long ago, the water was shut off in the men's dormitories, Miller Library, and the Robert's Union. We have since discovered that the men who work on the new

dormitories have to use a privy (and whose catalogue, we can only imagine) because of a very sensible reason, no doubt. Wouldn't it be practical and far-sighted and cautious of the college to maintain a privy or two just in case of another water stoppage.

For someone who can't even stand the sight of blood, the constant sight of decaying and rotting snow, mules, ski-kumpers, St. Bernard Dogs (Okay Bill?), and sundry other ingenious figures, is slightly more than demoralizing. They all looked so alive and well Carnival Weekend that we simply can't bear to see them looking this way. Please, please, take them away.

We don't like to pry, but to those of you who have to put up with the distasteful job of working your way through college, we would like to remind you that you had better submit your income tax returns before it is too late. You who are classified as dependants (in name only) can forget it.

That shelter at the downtown bus stop doesn't seem to be getting much business these days. (The weather may be responsible) Some of the Colby pedestrians find it much more comfortable waiting in a store across the street. We are very grateful to that lucky proprietor indeed. However, we feel that it would be a great humanitarian gesture for the college to weatherproof that now useless little shack and maybe put a second hand potheled stove on the inside. I am sure that those who wait on that cold corner would be only too glad to supply the fuel. Of course a chaperone would probably be needed, but think of the money that would be saved in running the infirmary.

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## Faculty Comment Liberalism And The Liberal Arts

The brilliant lecture on "Liberalism" by Professor Arthur Schlesinger in the Gabrielson Series brings up again the question of the relation of political liberalism to liberalism in education. Are changes in one accompanied by changes in the other? Professor Schlesinger pointed out that political liberalism was based originally on a philosophy of individualism and freedom. In order to keep the emphasis on freedom, however, the interest in individualism had to undergo a change. He remarked that in Britain the change came so late that in spite of the efforts of Lloyd George and Churchill (in his earlier period) the Liberal Party has been almost squeezed out of existence. In America it was able to make its peace with the issue of government control in such a way as to maintain its influence even though its idea of the nature of freedom had to be somewhat modified.

Strictly speaking, a "liberal education" is an education in the "liberal" arts, and these arts are defined as the arts worthy of a free man. The meaning is that such arts or sciences are contrasted with those that are "servile" or "mechanical". By the same token, "liberal" arts are based on reason, contrasting with the servile or mechanical arts that are founded only on blind passion or prejudice.

The question now confronting liberal education is whether it can keep its appeal of freedom and to reason and at the same time, in response to the demands of a new age, can shed some of its excessive individualism. The problem centers in the fact that thought is carried on by individuals and that when they merge into groups thought is likely to be displaced by feeling which can easily, as in the case of a mob, become a very dangerous thing. But the answer is, of course, that although thinking is not carried on by groups

as such but by individuals, each individual if he is to think correctly, must pay as much attention to social ends as to his own. This is to say that although it is the person alone who thinks and although it is his freedom which ultimately must be preserved, he can only live and think as a member of a group which supports and educates him and his thinking must take at least as much account of what the group needs as of what he wants for himself.

You and I live in a period of history when this problem has become acute. One reason why I believe that a college like Colby can make a contribution toward its solution is that we have the kind of community life that ought to correct thinking of an over-individualistic sort. An evidence of the significance of the problem itself is seen in the fact that philosophies as different from each other as those of Professor Whitehead and Professor Dewey both assign it a central place.

J. S. Bixler

### Room Rent Change

The Treasurer's office has announced a new price change in the yearly room rent, effective next year.

The charge for rooms in dormitories will go up \$20, making the room rent \$180 instead of \$160.

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## China Report Chinese Troops Inefficient

Will Mao Tze-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, ever become another Tito?

When I first arrived in the United States, one of the first questions and subsequently one of the most often asked was: Will Mao Tze-tung become a Tito? My answer is a no with a big N. In fact, I am surprised at how so many people continue to harbor this hope.

Mao has made it very clear that he will adhere with the Soviet Union, come what may. His past actions, his speech, his writings have removed beyond a doubt that he will owe allegiance to the Kremlin indefinitely. The fact that his recent success on the Chinese mainland was due almost entirely to his own efforts does not mask the fact that without initial Russian aid, he could not have hoped to make such progress even if the Nationalist government assisted him doubly by being even more corrupted and incompetent

than they have been accused of up to now.

In one of his speeches, Mao thanked the Soviet Union for its aid to his "liberation" of China. In one of his early books, the New Democracy, he asserted that in order to have final victory, it is essential that the U.S.S.R. be an ally of the people of China.

The question then, is not whether he will become a Tito; but rather why or how he will be loyal to the Kremlin. Mao was similar to Tito in attaining control of their respective areas with little material aid from Russia. From then on their ways are parted. Tito's sudden break from Kremlin was unforeseen, and at any rate, detected when it was too late to be prevented. It has been a rather painful and embarrassing situation and can hardly be expected that a repetition of this performance is to be tolerated.

It is interesting to note the, that

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loyalty to the Kremlin may be involuntary. It has been Soviet policy to keep two factions in the Chinese Communist Party. One, more nationalistic is led by Mao (State Department wants to capitalize on this point). The other is led by a Moscow-trained minion named Li Li-san. Some time ago, Li was driven to Russia by Mao. The fact that is now an essential member of the Chinese Communist may mean one of two things. With Li has agreed to play ball with Mao, which will remove the possibility of a break, then the moment Mao shows signs of breaking his ties, he will be quietly eliminated. The individual disappears, but the party lives on.

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## Fraternity And Sorority Latest Newshorts

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### DKE's Elect Again

The officers elected for the second semester of the D.K.E.'s are: President, Alan Riefe; Vice-President, Charles Fisher; Secretary, Tim Terry; Corresponding Secretary, William Heubisch; Treasurer, Harold Mercer; Pledging Chairman, Phil Lawrence. The Deke open smoker was held on Tuesday night, Feb. 21.

### Maine Forensics To Meet At Colby

The Maine Forensics League, consisting of students from Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, and The University of Maine will hold a discussion forum on Saturday March 4, at Roberts Union.

Colby students participating in the all day sessions include: Jean Fenwick '50, Paul Kilmister '51, Anne Chadwick '53, and Hugh Hexamer '53.

The four topics to be discussed are (1) Should the United States recognize the Chinese Communist government? (2) Should Communist party members be permitted to teach in American colleges? (3) Should the United States institute a program of compulsory health insurance? (4) Should college education emphasize liberal arts more than the so-called practical education?

### IRC Plans Big Weekend For March

The annual International Weekend sponsored by the I.R.C. will be held this year Mar. 9, 10 and 11.

A masquerade dance will be held Saturday night at the Women's Union, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume. The French and

### LCA Holds Closed Smoker

Lambda Chi Alpha took advantage of the open season on freshmen by having their open smoker soon after the start of the second semester, and again on Wednesday, March 1st with their closed smoker at the Hotel Templeton.

Clayton Bloomfield, currently being billed as the World's Worst Baseball Player, has decided to try again this spring to gain a berth on the starting lineup of "bench warmers" for the Colby Mules.

The basketball team, coached by George Ritchie, after winning the plaque for the first round of competition in the Inter-fraternity race, continued their successful drive with four consecutive wins over the Independents, Phi Deltas, Zetas, and Dekes in the second round.

### Gabe Lecture

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Gabrielson lecture here last Thursday.

He said, "that even Senator Taft in his sober moods admits the need for, in effect, a form of the welfare state."

Defining the welfare state as one in which the government puts "floors" under food, housing, medical care, and education, so that no one is "handicapped in the race for life," Schlesinger said that all responsible conservatives should admit the need for it; and he quoted Churchill's campaign speech as an example.

The place of the Republican Party, or the "outs" in our two party system, Schlesinger believes, is not to debate whether we should have welfare state, but what kind of a welfare state we should have and how far it should go. Schlesinger thinks that the Republican party will do just this; led by such people as Lodge, Smith, and Ives.

Previous to these summary statements, Schlesinger made an extremely compelling argument for the welfare state, strongly fortified by statistics, quotes, and historical examples.

German clubs will each have cabarets downstairs, where representative music will be played. A musical program and a round table discussion are planned for Thursday and Friday.

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## Last Minute Surge Gives Frosh Win

Trailing by nine points with four minutes left to play in the last quarter, Colby pulled itself together and edged a stubborn Higgins quintet, 66-64 at Higgins Friday.

For the first time since they started to run roughshod over Maine opposition, the Roundymen found themselves severely pressed. Their fast-breaking style of play virtually nullified by the extremely small court, Colby fought an uphill battle all the way to nail down the ball game in the final minute.

Roland Nagle opened the scoring for the Mules, looping in a layup and sinking a foul shot. Frank Piccentini stretched Colby's lead to four points, but Williams netted a three pointer for the home side. Colby and Higgins were playing ragged basketball at this point; some effective foul shooting by Vickery and Lally enabled Higgins to command a 19-12 bulge at the end of the quarter.

Both sides flubbed numerous scoring opportunities in the second quarter, however, the Mules capitalized on their ability to control the backboards and tie the score with seconds remaining in the half. A flashy give and go effort with Nagle on the scoring end put Colby ahead by 31-28 at halftime.

Neither squad could maintain any sizeable advantage in the third stanza. At a time when Higgins was holding the edge in an exciting but rough contest, Al Hibbert kept the Baby Mules alive, firing his one handed push shots when they counted

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### Dean's List

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Elaine Lehtonen, Ellen Lewis, Anne Magee, Barbara Mellin, Nancy Nelson, Joanne Pierce, Margaret Pierce, Marjorie Russell, Ann Ryan, Sally Shaw, Eileen Tolkowsky, Janice Vaughan, Evelyn Walker, Dorothy Washburn, Suzanne Webster.

Class of 1953  
Barbara Best, Alice Colby, Phebe Dow, Catherine Ellis, Ruth Flagg, Ellen Hay, Jane Metcalf, Norma Miller, Helen Osgood, Sarah Packard, Electra Paskalides, Joyce Peters, Alice-Jane Tyler, Betty Van Arsdell, Doreen Willis.

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## Mules Bury Bates In Last Home Game; Wall Gets 18

The Colby Mules ended their home campaign on a high note with a 62-57 victory over Bates on Tuesday night, Feb. 28. Although the Mules ended on top by only five points, they were ahead by as much as 14 during the latter stages of the contest.

A set shot by Larry Quimby and a lay-up by Leon Blackmon put the visitors ahead 4-0. However, George Paine broke the scoring ice for Colby with a set shot from the side. Bates then retaliated with a pair of fouls and a push shot by Collins to soar to an 8-2 lead at the five minute mark.

After a time out, Johnny Jabar put the Mules on the road to recovery with pretty driving layup. Shiro then hit twice from outside, and Finegan sank a foul toss to hoist the Blue and Gray into the lead for the first time.

Following a foul shot by the visitors which tied the game, Brad Wall, playing his best game of the year sank two set shots to put the Mules ahead for good. With Wall contributing 12 points to the first half cause, the lead widened from 13-11 at the ten minute mark to 25-16 at the 15 minute stage, finally ending

at 29-21 at half time. Quimby led the Bates attack with 7 markers.

A tap-in by Quimby, and a foul by Douglas cut the Colby lead to five points as the second half started. A set by Shiro and a Charity toss by Finegan brought the count to 32-24. However, two quick baskets put the visitors within 4 points of the hosts. Two layups by Wall, a set and a driving layup by Lazour and a layup by Shiro then put the Mules comfortably ahead for good.

At the ten minute mark the lead was 49-37, and at the 15 minute mark it was 55-45. For the Mules, Wall played a fine game. His 18 points were the game's high, and his aggressive rebounding was commendable.

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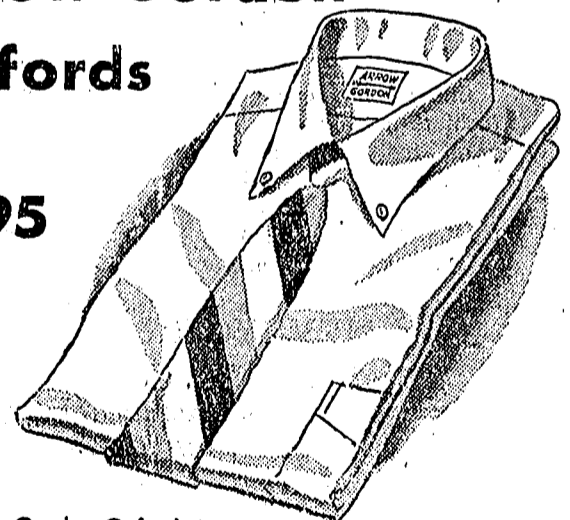
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## MULE KICKS

by Bob Ryley

When I was first granted the dubious honor of writing this column, I resolved to make no mention of school spirit at Colby. The oft-repeated gripes concerning its absence had nauseated me as well as many others, for I believed all editorials on this subject as futile as arguments of temperance. It cannot be built up by a nagging pen; it must arise spontaneously within the student body.

But I have since heard complaints about Colby's glaring lack of school spirit from certain members of the basketball squad. In the locker room after the last Maine game, some of the players were contrasting the constant defening roar which reverberated throughout the Maine gym to the eerie silence which lugubriously prevades the Colby field house. I thought at first that the difference in sound might be because of the difference in the sizes and lay-outs of the two buildings. This illusion was shattered last Friday night when I witnessed the Waterville-Somerville game in the field house. The place was a bedlam.

There have been many times this season when the team has given the fans little to cheer about. Still, there have been moments when the team has deserved a lusty cheer and received only feeble applause. Even in Colby's loudest rooting there is an ineffable passiveness not present in the frenzied cheering at Maine.

Now I still believe that my mentioning school spirit will have little effect on anyone. But since it is my prerogative to express my opinions in this space, I'd just like to say that I think school spirit here stinks.

### HUMBLE APOLOGIES

The Micks chopped down our limb and beat our heads with it. With crimson visages we ask your forgiveness.

Believe it or not, we had looked like fairly logical reasons upon which to base our prediction that B. C. would beat the Mules by only (appropriate blush) five points. The Eagles had been hot and cold all season. On the Tuesday previous to the Colby fiasco, they met Holy Cross, and we figured that there would be a natural letdown. The trip from Boston to Waterville is not conducive to exceptional basketball, and strange court adds nothing to a team's scoring attack. But we were wrong.

Besides, at the time, we didn't realize that the Mules would go into the game with a defeatist attitude: we didn't think that certain members of the team would let up when B. C. began to pour it on. Sour grapes? We don't think so. We remember one pathetic instance in the second half which characterized the spirit of many of the Mules. Colby took a rebound and should have turned it into a fast break. Yet every B. C. player was in his own side of the court before a single Mule crossed the line. The Williamsmen sauntered down the court in a row that looked like a star line at the Legion Hall.

At least we can learn one thing from the game: never, never underestimate the Irish.

### SOME BACK SLAPPING

It's about time that we don our armor and champion the cause of poor, neglected hockey. The administration and (we have to admit it) the ECHO have bootied this sport around like a soccer ball. There was some basis in fact for the ugly and fortunately false rumor that hockey was to be given the heave-ho. The administration did some pensive thinking about its abandonment. Undoubtedly the fact that hockey, like everything else at Colby, costs money was the factor which inspired the wheels to consider throwing it out. Although we can't argue the fact that hockey is an expense, we wonder what's happened to the hockey spirit for which Colby was at one time famous. Not too many years ago, hockey was one of the three most popular sports. In fact, the team's appearance in Boston last week drew more old grads than the basketball team did against William and Mary in the Garden.

Possibly the lack of response to hockey now is just another manifestation of Colby's poor spirit. And yet in no other sport except football will you find a more aggressive, spirited group of players. The team, one of two in New England forced to practice and play on an outdoor rink, has shown a do-or-die determination all year long. Any attempts to establish a regularity of practice sessions were foiled by the fickle New England weather, and the Mules, many times with only one or two practices behind them met perfectly conditioned clubs.

Though Nels Corey can't boast an impressive record he can point with pride to some stout hearts such as Danny Hall, Buddy McGrath, Dick Borah, and Bob Staples, to mention only a few.

It's not too late to shake off our disgusting indifference and give the hockey team a much deserved break.

## Boston College Mangles Mules

A powerful Boston College quintet had too much class for a spirited Colby team and won easily 80-60 at the fieldhouse last Saturday night.

The Mules couldn't match the visitors' height, speed, and experience, but as late as the eighteen minute mark the score was tied 31-31. The Williamsmen never quit and even in the closing stages of the game they were waiving their foul shots and going after the two-pointers.

Boston College broke into an early 8-5 lead which they increased to an 18-11 score midway through the half. Then Jim Lazour and Warren Finnegan found the range; Teddy Shiro began dropping free throws with automatic precision; and Colby finally tied up the game. That was the last time the Mules were in contention, as BC ran away in the last two minutes of the half to a 39-33 lead.

A close game turned into a rout as BC outscored Colby 21-4 in the first ten minutes after play resumed, and roared to a 60-37 lead. The visitors played the Mules' fast break game and ran all over them in this period. Tom O'Brien, fast shooting aggressive captain of the invaders, and Dick Fitzgerald, who had scored nine points in the first half, took turns throwing full court passes to Tim O'Connell for easy scores. Tom Deegan, who at six' 4" was the biggest thorn in the Mules' side, controlled both backboards and contributed twelve of his total of twenty-two points during this scoring spree.

Coach Al McClellan swept the bench clean at this point and the Mules fought on even terms for the rest of the contest.

It wasn't St. Patrick's Day, but it must have seemed it to Lee Williams, as O'Toole, O'Connell, O'Brien, Fitzgerald, Higgins, Gaffney, etc. kept running by him to drop in one hoop after another.

The Mules' skill from the foul line kept them in the game. They made twenty out of twenty six throws for a good 77 per cent while BC could convert only six out of twenty. Shiro made eight free throws himself in the first half.

Franny Higgins gave the crowd a thrill in the closing minutes when he scored with a hook shot from twenty feet out.

Jim Lazour scored once while sitting on the floor. He drove in for a shot, but got knocked down and scored as he was hitting the floor.

Normy Jabar appeared briefly for the first time in a Colby uniform. It must have seemed like old times to Waterville fans to see him united again with his brother, Johnny, and Teddy Shiro, all members of the famed Waterville New England Championship Team.

## Open Jumping Contest On Slope Saturday

Open Jumping Competition, sponsored by the Colby Outing Club in connection with the Athletic Department, will take place on the ski slope at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 4. Bates, Bowdoin and the University of Maine have been invited to participate, also.

A trophy will be awarded for the winning jump and medals will be given to the runners-up.

The secondary schools that will be represented are Gould Academy, Hebron Academy, Kents Hill and Edward Little High School.

## Mule Rinksters Edged By Notre Dame In Fast Game

Colby's varsity rinksters dropped a hard fought contest to Notre Dame last Monday night.

The ice was in perfect condition and the game was one of the fastest seen here this season. Colby's defensive work was brilliant except for one slip-up in the second canto when

## Frosh Make Good Showing In IC4A

Colby's promising freshmen relay squad turned in a spectacular performance in the afternoon trial heats of the I. C. 4. A. meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday.

Running in one of two qualifying medley heats, James Conway, Roger Montgomery, Clifford Johnson and Seymour Bibula conquered Manhattan, St. Johns, Fordham and Columbia. Twenty five yards in arrears as he started on the mile leg, Bibula bolted from fourth to first place on the strength of a 4:31.5 mi effort.

Colby was timed at 7:45 in the winning heat. An attempt to register a double failed however, when Georgetown, Manhattan, Brown, and St. Johns broke the tape ahead of the Mules in the evening final. The flashy Georgetown quartet established a new Garden record, being clocked at 7:33.

## Hockey To Stay; Rumor False

Relax, hockey fans. It's official now. Dr. Mike Loeb has given his O.K. for next year's hockey operations. Prior to this it has been rumored that the lack of facilities would force hockey into extinction.

Head Coach Nels Corey hampered by injuries and a lack of good practice ice has had his headaches aplenty this season. Despite these problems the Mule rink men have shown considerable promise. At the moment the schedule for next year is being made up.

Plans for rink improvements for next year are still uncertain. Unable to commit himself at the moment, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Willard A. Jennison, says that some remodeling will be done on the present site. This will probably consist of leveling, improvements in lighting, and the better maintenance of the ice foundations.

### Frosh-Higgins

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most. But Higgins snapped a 45-45 deadlock, put together a string of six straight points, and appeared to have Colby on the verge of its first setback in 12 games, Cushing and MacDonald paced another Higgins surge which built up a nine point cushion to 60-51.

Bob Gordon executed a brilliant steal and converted. Ed. Fraktman and Dick Hawes combined to erase the deficit at 10:00. Dick made the most of two foul shots which helped Colby preserve its unbeaten record.

The loss of Lally and Vickery on personal fouls hurt Higgins as their exit came when the pressure was greatest. Higgins rebounded well, causing Colby plenty of trouble in the area about the foul circle.

Madore scored with assistance from Goulette. The offensive play of both clubs was somewhat sloppy.

Bulwarks for the Mules were McGrath, Staples, Hall and Laliberte. This was the rubber game of a three game series with Notre Dame. The Mules captured the opening contest, but dropped the last two.

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Substitutions-Notre Dame: Madore, Maheu, Boisvert, W. Cyr, R. Cyr, J. Bolduc, Pomerleau, Goulette. Colby: Hall, Bailey, Keyes, Winer.

First period. No scoring, no penalties.

Second period: Madore (Goulette) 5:06. Penalty: Caron (roughing).

Third period: no scoring. Penalty: McGrath (roughing.)

## Mullettes In Easy Win Over Coburn

Last Saturday night, Feb. 25, the Colby Frosh rebounded from a close squeak the night before to keep their slate clean with an 83-50 win over the local Coburn five. It was their 12th consecutive win of the year and the second win over Coburn.

Three quick baskets by Phil Philip and three beautifully executed fast breaks put the Muleteers into a 12-7 lead at the five minute mark. Philip continued to find the range, and at the end of the first quarter, the Frosh had pulled away to a 12 point lead.

The second period saw the Baby Mules continue to pour on the heat. Coach Roundy emptied his bench, but at halftime the count was 48-23. For the visitors, Don Arnold set the pace with ten points, but his poor defensive play took the glitter from his shooting ability.

In the third period the visitors put on a brief rally with Small and Nels leading the way. However, Colby came back to regain its big lead and at the close of the stanza was leading 61-37.

In the last quarter Roundy cleared the bench in an effort to keep the score down, but at the final whistle the Frosh were in front by 33 points.

### Court Clippings

This was one of the best showings the Muleteers have made this year. The passing was sharp all night, especially on the fast breaks which were beautifully executed for the most part. Phil Philip enjoyed his best scoring night of the season with 17 points. Ed Fraktman played good heads up ball, also. Coach Ed Roundy has been afflicted by a peculiar problem this year: too much talent. Thus there has really been no such thing as "clearing the bench" because almost everyone on the squad is a good ball player. As a result of this tremendous depth, it has been no fault of Roundy's that the scores have been run up.

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### Questions

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Who is the president of Bowdoin College?

Who is the father of the Genetic Movement?

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### Showcases

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angel and his bad angel. Too archaic for modern consumption, its verbal complexities would not even qualify it to be classed with those expressively simple and truly devout plays of the Middle Ages.

The conflict is centered in Abraham, who wishes to do God's will but who is pulled between the Evil which his animal existence, superstition, and ignorance have caused and the Good with which his spiritual enlightenment has blessed him. God fortunately intervenes and saves

the day; the spirit of Darkness, ignorance, and fleshly depravity is sacrificed instead of the boy, Isaac; and Abraham is left, filled with the wonder of the apocalypse which has come to him. Bob Wilkins, with stately mannerisms and melodramatic poses, hammed through the role of Abraham. Frank Dyer and Caroline Wilkins portrayed the spirits of Darkness and Light with frightening fervor, and Charmian Herd played Isaac with a sanity which had a stabilizing effect. Maurice Ronayne made a brief appearance as some satanic god of evil named Merodak (no relation to Kodak), bathed in a lurid red light and equipped with a

speech the significance of which escaped me. (All I can remember is, "On your knees, mortals!... I must be appeased with blood, blood of your choicest!")

Harland Eastman, who played God, demonstrated that ease and assurance which comes only to one long accustomed to his role.

Having long been placed on a starvation diet in regard to our theatre fare from P. & W., I suppose we should accept, dismiss, and forget. But I find it difficult to do so. In the first place, I refuse to admit that Colby audiences are incapable of appreciating anything but farces and melodrama, as it has been rumored about. Secondly, I refuse to

believe that the acting material, the production assets, and the availability of scripts are so poor that something immensely more vital and rewarding might not be offered. I am exceedingly sorry that I could not supply a favorable review for this latest venture. I only hope that the failure to do so will not be regarded as another "unfulfilled obligation."

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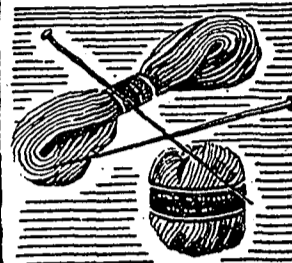
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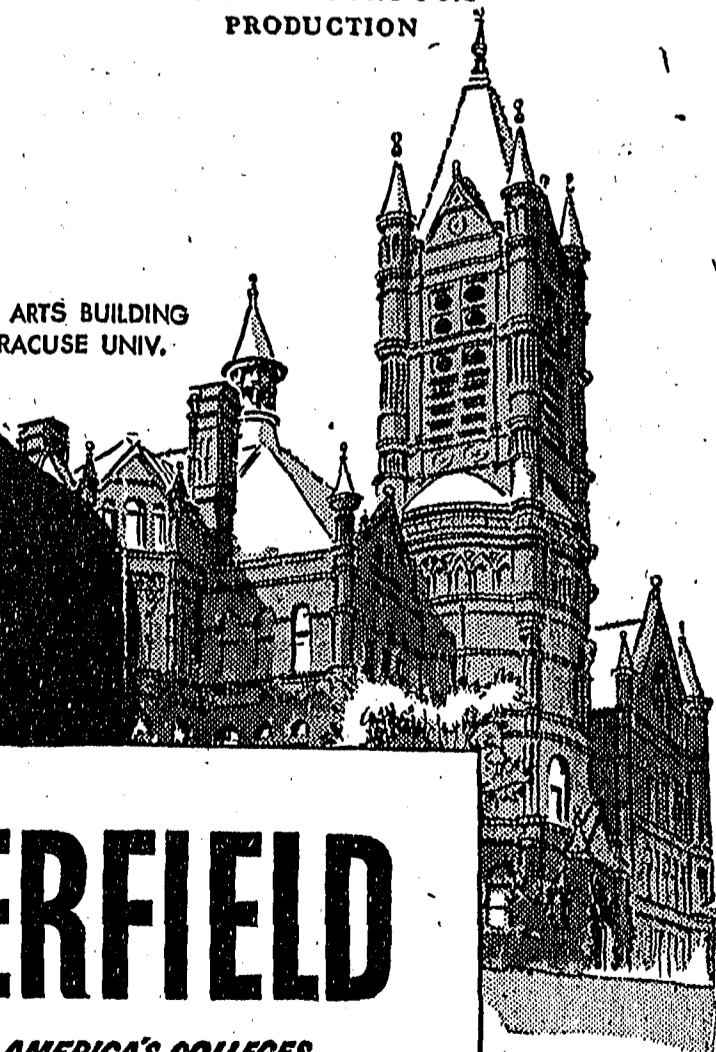
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