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W Shows Wednesday Films

beginning of a new Wednesday series of films to be presented at (Colby during the remainder of this, semester. There will be a showing in the afternoon at, 3:30 and again at 7:30 in the Averill Auditorium of the Keyes Building. Bookings for the next several weeks include the films and the dates that they will be shown.

February 27th - H. G. Wells

Hangout Talent **Show Saturday Despite Storm**

Hangout "Come rain or snow, come hail or high water, the show must go on!" With this slightly garbled combination of the battlecries of the U. S. Mail Carriers and the guys and dolls on the other Great White Way, Hangout continued preparations for their 1952 Talent Show.

The Hangers-out have not been idle during the Emergency, Mayflower Hill has been constantly patrolled by seven Saint Bornards must have a recent Sonior Life Savladen with kegs of strong ten for ing Certificate. snowbound students. But in between rescue operation, the Talent will consist of a fifteen hour pre-Show preliminaries have marched Soturdays: March 1, 8, 15, and Played Here ahead, and Colby extroverts will appear on schedule.

Barring further meteorological catastrophes, the performance will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M. Sat, urday, February 23, at the Women's Union. All fraternities, sororities, independents and freshmen (also of two sexes) will be represented. After ruary 26. the exhibition of Talent (?) there will be dancing and refreshments in Dunn Lounge.

Bill Taylor reminds Hilltoppers and downtown smoke-enters of the "fabulous, collossal, tremendous First Prize" to be awarded to the winning act. - "Support your own adds the Hangman in Chief. "Remember, this is your Talont Show."

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Genova Smith Bon Duce Ann Mandelbaum Diana Stevens John Erlokson

Powder and Wig is announcing the | upernatural tale of intrigue: "The Man Who Could Work Miraeles.' March 5th - Elizabeth Bergner,

> Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in "Catherine the Great." March 12th - Clark Gable and Chaudette Colbert in the hilarious

academy award winner: "It Hapnened One Night." March 19th - Roland Young and Billie Burke co-star with Eddie (Rochester) Anderson in one of the famous "Topper" musterpieces:

Also available are such films as: 'Drums," with Raymond Massey; 'Rembrandt' starring Gertrude Lawrence and Charles Laughton, and the "Adventures of Michael Strogoff, perhaps the best novel to have been written by Jules Verne.

"Topper Returns."

Red Cross Course

The Red Cross Club is arranging for a Water Safety Instructor's Course, to be given at the Waterville Boy's Club. The prerequisites are twofold: the applicant must be nineteen years of age or over, and

April 5, 12. The final part of the course will require intensive work on each evening from Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18.

All those interested and qualified should notify Miss Janet Marchant, at the Women's Union, before Feb-

Folksong Lecture

A program of New England folk music will be present by Mrs. Helon Hartness Planders Sunday, Pobruary 24, at 8:00 P. M. in the Lorimer Chapel. Mrs. Flanders, wife of the Honorable Ralph Flunders, United States sonator from Vermont, is one of todays foremost authorities on folk music. Illustrating her lecture will be ballard singer, Mr. Lowis Finnemore, from Bridgewater, Maine.

Both Mrs. Flanders and Mr. Finnemore have recently given their colorful presentation at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

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Marston Moore Is Averill Speaker

"The Scientist-Artist" or Artisan", will be the subject of the Averill lecture to be given February 22 by the eminent mathematican, Professor Marston Morse. Though he is at present affiliated with the Institute for Advanced Study, Professor Morse finds these hills very familiar as he himself is both a native of Waterville and a graduate of Colby College.

Professor Morse has proved his capabilities, for besides writing books, essays, and papers in the fields of dynamics, calculus variations, and topology, has, received his A. M. and Ph. D. from Harvard and such honorary degrees as Sc.D. from Colby and Kenyou Colleges as well as Dr. honoris causa from the University of Paris and Pisa. At one time, Professor Morse interested himself in the game of chess sufficiently to show a strategem whereby a chess game can be extended for hundreds of years (or to the nth power) without reaching victory or a draw.

The course, costing ten dollars, N. A. I. B. Games

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The Executive Committee of the New England N. A. I. B. has selected Colby College as one of their 32 locations for their annual N. A. I. B. District Basketball Tournament, "Mike" Loobs, director of athletics, has been appointed to head the sectional play-offs here, March 5 and 6.

Four teams will soon be chosen to compete for the honor of being the representative from this district to the National N. A. I. B. Tournament to be held in Kunsas City, March 10 to 15. With the finest record in the East, Colby will undoubtedly receive a bid to take part.

The tourney will bring togother 32 teams from the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska for the national elimination.

The district play-offs here will have added interest this year due to the fact that this is an Olympia year, and the winner of the Kansas City Tournament automatically qualifies for the Olympic Games play-off.

Storm "Worst Ever" Interrupts Classes

(An account in part of the 1952 Blizzard at Colby College)

The sleepy, bedragg'ed inhabitants; of this fair campus awoke Monday' morning after a joyous Carnival Weekend, in a flurry of snow: The first real blizzard to strike Mayflower Hill since Colby was moved here had buried everything in tons of

The abruptness of this storm was apparently completely unforseen and the Maintenance Department found its plows stuck in the immovable snowdrifts. Classes were suspended for two days. Most of the employees living off campus were cut off from the Hill, and those of us fortunate enough to be marooned here were given the responsibility of maintaining life.

The already crowded Roberts Union cafeteria saw many more customers on February 18 and 19, as

"off campus" eaters were forced to ingest there. Miss Locke and Dean Sherman did a fine job of cooking breakfast Monday morning and the many students who donned chef's apparel are to be congratulated for the cafeteria's smooth running under adverse conditions. The Mary Low dining room managed very well under almost complete supervision of the co-eds. Miss Nichols was very pleased with the work done by the co-eds and by the two women employees who live at the dormatory. By Monday night the milk and broad situation became acute. The pressure, however, was relieved Tuesday morning when some bread was brought in by toboggan and an ice cream order came in by horse and saddle bags.

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Speaker Detained



Among those marooned at Colby during the worst storm of the year was Professor Luke Leed of Clarkson College in Potsdam, N. Y. Mr. Lee came to Colby Sunday, February 17, to give a talk on China before the I. R. C. "I am anxious to get back to my teaching, but I am greatful for the amity and the friendship which Colby College and the students have provided for me." While snowbound, Mr. Lee passed the time at bridge in crowded Roberts Union. He is a graduate of St. John's College in Shanghai, China, and received his M. A. from Columbia University.

Chapel Shut Eves. Med. Rec. Course

Lorimer Chapel will be closed evenings to unauthorized student activites by order of Mr. W. A. Jonnison, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Jennison has said that all college buildings not having either janitor service or a house director such as Filler Library, Roberts Union, or the Woman's Union, are to be closed at night. The chapol has no junitor service after 4:00 P. M., and thus will be closed evenings except for special authorized occasions set in advance.

Chaplain Osborne supports Mr. Jennison's decision on this matter. Soveral times lights have been left on and windows have been left open in the chapel, and the organ motor has been left running in Rose Chapel, Kitchenette equipment has boon used and left out unwashed. As of the first of the year Chaplain Osborne has had to lock his office. Un-

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Colby begins its Adult Education Program on March 21 and 22 with an extension course for Medical Record Librarians, an intensive study of the techniques of keeping medical records. This two day course is offered by Colby College as a service to hospitals in Maine and other New England States. It is the first project of its kind to be undertaken in this area, and the faculty includes many notable leaders in this field including Director Frederick T. Hull,

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10 Inch 1. p. records of Colby's Monsanto broadcast may be obtained through the Public Rolations Department. The records will cost no more than \$2,50 if at loast 100 are ordered. A deposit of \$1.00 must be made no lator than noon, Monday, Fobru-

Colby slope. Team scores were, four places.

Colby 567.41 and | Maine 591.63, MIT 531.88.

On the first day of the meet the The University of Maine won the Black Bears won the cross country. two-day ski meet with Colby and Saturday they captured the slalom Massachusetts Institute of Tech- and downhill. Capt. Dana Andernology by a comfortable margin son of Colby won the jumping conlast Friday and Saturday at the test with Maine taking the next

Now that Colby has been honored by having its spacious and welloperated fieldhouse chosen as a site for the N. A. I. B. District Basketball Tournament, there appears little doubt that the White Mules will receive a bid and most graciously accept. And most graciously win! and most graciously go on to Kansas City! And-gracious-I'd better stop before I get over-optomistic and have them headed for the Olympic Games.

Anyhow, Lee Williams' talented troupe looks like the likely winners here — if they decide to participate. 'Maybe by the time you read this Colby officials will have okayoed the whole idea.

Let us say that the Mules elect once again to enter the New England Tournament as they did a year ago. What will they gain? Nothing! The N. A. I. B. affair is the only logical choice.

If they enter the N. A.I. B. Tournament much prestige will be gained. It comprises 32 districts, and each will have individual champions. The victors — even from Alaska and Hawaii — will trek to Kansas City. Naturally it will be quite a chore to take the title. It's worth a try.

Boston College was crowned champs of the New England Tournament last year. So what? Their efforts ceased at that, and the season closed. Wasn't it Georgie Washington who threw a silver dollar across a river, or a stream, or a lake somewhere and got a few plaudits? So what? What good did it do him? Colby should shoot the works and try to go all the way-go to Kansas City. That IS really a feat. Sure it will be a toughgrind. The N. A. I. B. Tournament will be staged on a straight elimination basis. Many of the nation's top quintets will be participating.

Only four teams will be selected for the district play-offs here, March 5 and 6.

The clubs which will appear here in these play-offs won't exactly be powerhouses. Holy Cross, which is the only five honestly rated over the Mules in this region, will not take part, Colby's chances of coping the No. 1 position would be excellent.

So there it is. We have sanctioned the N. A. I. B. Tournament. The New England Tournament can go to Hades!

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and tied for first in the downhill.

MIT suffered a setback on Saturday morning when Capt. Andrew Wessell broke his wrist in a practice jump which sidelined him for the remaining events.

A new award, the Trophy, presented to the skier Hargraves, Colby, 29.8; Hatch, to 14 at the close of the first canto amassing the most points, was Maine, 30; White, Colby, 30.1; and were behind only 27 to 30 at given to Maine's Bob Irish. A large | Bird, Maine, 30.1; Baxter, Maine, the half. Colby opened a ten point silver bowl, it as a permanent trophy that will be awarded annually. MIT, 33.7; Bernard, Colby 33.8; mark and thereafter had complete Smaller bowls were awarded to the other place winners.

Slatom

Irish, Maine, 47.5; Thoma, Maine, Lawry, Colby, 53.9; Del Rio, MIT, MIT, 180.2; Whiting, Colby, 172.1; Maine, 57; Match, Maine, 60.6; MIT, 147.1.

Bob Irish and Hans Thoma of Gium. MIT, 60.9; Bird, Maine, Maine came in one, two in the slalom | 61.2; Hussey, Colby, 61.3; Bernard, Colby, 62; Raiha, Colby, 62.7; Grout, Colby, 65.8; Tatlock, Colby,

Downhill

28.4; Pierson, Colby, 28.9; Whiting, field house last Saturday night. Tatlock, Colby, 36.1; Wilbur, MIT, 36.4; Grout, Colby, 45.6.

Anderson, Colby, 216.5; Bird, 47.8; Pierson, Colby, 49.6; White, Maine, 204.8; Edwards, Maine, Colby, 49.3; Anderson, Colby, 50.5; 196.3; Irish, Maine, 195.5; Erick-Baxter, Maine, 51.2; Whiting, son, Maine, 191.7; Del Rio, MIT, Colby,, 51.6; Wilbur, MIT, 51.9; 183.3; White, Colby, 183.1; Klem, 54.5; Arnez, MIT, 56.9; Erickson, 168.1; Arnez, MIT, 164.6; Olsen,

Warsity Basketba

Colby's fiashy basketball club won their tenth consecutive victory by defeating Northeastern, University Thoma, Maine, 28.4: Irish, Maine, of Boston, 67 to 50, in the Mules?

Skimeister Colby, 29; Erickson, Maine, 29.7; The Huskies had Colby tied 14 30.6; Anderson, Colby, 33.3; Arnez, lead, 45 to 36, at the three quarter control of the game.

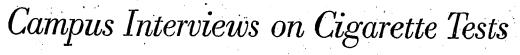
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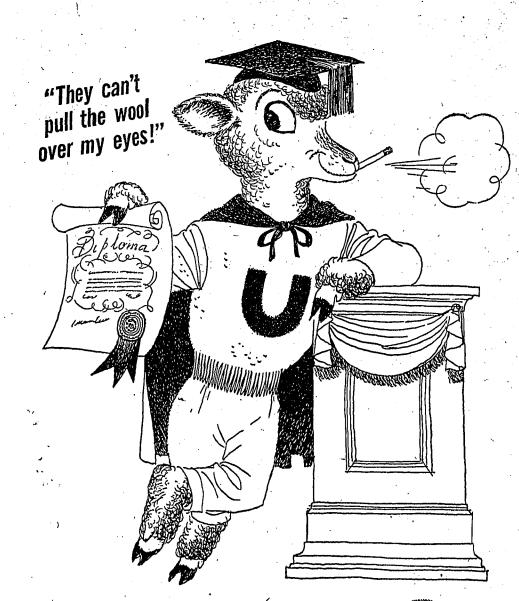
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THE SNOW AND THE SHOW

Nothing can raise a groan of utter and complete boredom more quickly than mentioning "school spirit." But if the Colby supply of that particular ingredient is as low as it is reputed to be, we deserve a pat on the back for the uniqueness of a couple of incidents of the past week.

One demonstration blew in with the blizzard. Call it survival instinct, call it mere concern with physical comfort, the fact remains that mass cooperation enabled the college to get through the two days adventure quite comfortably. Student help is often late to work, lacksadaisical, and inclined to gripe, but when no help could reach Mary Low and Roberts kitchens from town, these same students dashed into their aprons, and pitched into the business of feeding the voracious victims of the Big Blow. Not only did they wash chickory, fry hamburgs, and swab dishes, but they enjoyed themselves at the same time. Maybe we have no school spirit, but where else can you find Deans, marooned carnival dates, and sleep-till-nooners cheerfully offering to do KP?

The second feather in our cap is "Colbiana."

Colby and the United States have been in the same predicament; The Star Spangled Banner and the Alma Mater — you can't sing either of them. No one denies that the Alma Mater is a beautiful song, but the tongue-tied, stumbling version that we render about once a year is pitifully futile, and it's even more disgusting when some senior says in a shocked tone, "What's that song? I never heard it before."

Now we've got another song. On the Monsanto Program last Sunday, the Glee Clug gave the premier performance of "Colbiana". a melody of our songs arranged by Mr. Re. The entire audience was stirred. Some of it had been heard before, but included was a particularly beautiful new melody written by Dr. Comparetti, especially for Colby. And when the final burst of On To Victory came, not only the singers and the tripleting accompanists, but the entire audience was proud to be part of Colby

But most of us still don't have a song we can sing. For casual carolling it is rather impractical to learn the intricate four-part arrangement. So it's been recorded. A long playing record of the entire broadcast has been made available to us. Now everyone, soloists and monotones alike, can flip the phonograph switch and hear a little Colby spirit in one of its better moments.

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

As chairman of the Religious Emphasis Week committee, I would like to express both the committee's and my own thanks and praise for the coverage which you gave to the plans for the Religious Emphasis program and for the excellent editorial. The coverage was very good and very full (and extremely well written to my prejudiced eyes.) But the editorial, I feel is one of the most penetrating that has been written for this sort of thing, yery well conceived.

As far as the committee is concerned the Echo has been extremely cooperative about publicity and has been one of the most effective means of preparing the campus for Religious Emphasis. We're terribly sorry that the program didn't come off because of the blizzard, but feel that a lot of good ground work has been laid for the Echo for future R. E. Programs and quite possibly for present religious activities on campus. We could not have asked for more in the way of coverage and editorial preparation.

> Sincerely, Wendell Peabody

Student Chairman of Religious Emphasis Week Planning; Comm.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Continued from Page Two set the pace for the victors with 20 points while teammates Frank Piacentini and Dick Hawes scored 16 and 10 points respectively. COLBY

Piacentini, If 4-4-12; Shaw 0 Lallier, c 7-6-20; Fitzgibbons 0; Floyd 1-0-2; J. Jabar, rg 0-2-2; Frakman 1-0-2. Totals 24-19-67.

NORTHEASTERN

Anderson, If 3-3-9; Wetzler 0-1-1; Cahill, rf 1-2-4; Ayers 0; Watson 2-1-5; Neri, c 3-3-9; Burkhardt 2-0-4; Wakeford, lg 6-0-12; Tierney 1-0-2 : Vasciano, rg 0; Costello

20-10-50 Totals.

Briefs

The meeting of the AAUW scheduled for last Wednesday night was postponed until Monday at 7:45 in the Women's Union. The speaker will be Ina van Hee from Heeze, Netherlands, Senior women will be

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Defenestration Epidemic Sweeps Mayflower Hill

(Reprinted from The Quarterly Journal of Abnormal Phychology by permission of the author, Sigmund Havelock Whitney, C. C. Inc.)

A peculiar phenomenon was observed during the week of February 18, 1952, among male patients at the Mayflower Hill Home for the Mentally Deficient. The first symptons of aberration were noted on the morning of the 18th, when a male inmate suddenly sprang from his bed, shouted ENISNAC!" and hurled himself out of a second-floor window.

In itself, this action would not be considered unusual for a Monday morning at Mayflower Hill. It soon gained the proportions of mass hysteria, however, and by Monday evening the air was full of defenestrators. Third-floor windows, dormitory roofs, and the Mayflower Hill water tower were chosen as new jumping-off places as a manical spirit of competition developed.

Various members of the Mayflower Hill psysciatric staff have advanced heir personal opinions concerning the epidemic, and as no official diagnosis has been recorded, it seems only fair to discuss each theory separately. Names have been omitted in deference to the staff's wish to avoid unfavorable publicity.

1. The "Lumijuhla" Hypothesis:

Three members of the staff attribute the defenestration craze to a suicidal tendency resulting from the severe psycho-depression which is known to follow prolonged periods of alcholic and erotic stimulation. Assuming this hypothesis to be correct, the motivation is obviously this year's Winter Carnival, known to the inmates by the indigenous ritual-term 'Lumijuhla.''

II. The "Overstreet" Hypothesis:

Two staff-psychiatrists consider this epidemic a delayed reaction of the Book-of-the-Year, an institutional project inaugurated two years ago in an attempt to foster a constructive type of intellectual ferment among the patients. A possible overemphasis of the concept of a "Mature Mind" is believed by this minority to have engendered a subconscious revolt, which finally manifested itself in this defiant display of immaturity.

III. The "Snowdrop" Hypothesis:

A militaristic hysteria formented by recent publicity given to "Operation Snowdrop", (a winter maneuver of Army paratroops at Camp Drum) may have resulted in a form of psycho-projection, according to one staff intern. Senior members of the staff, however, are inclined to reject this explanition.

Addenda:

Although its proponent is not a member of the psychiatric staff, and is Johnson 0-1-1; Nagle, rf 1-2-4; therefore hardly qualified to theorize on such an obviously psych-traumatic Weigand, 2-3-7; Thurston 3-0-6; aberration, there is one more hypothesis which might be relevant to a complete examination of the problem. A member of the Geo-Meteoro-Hawes | lg 5-0-10; T. Jabar 0-1-1; | logical Department has submitted a report concerning a singular atmospheric precipitation on the night of Sunday, February 17th. Paragraph 49, Chapter 23, of the meteorological reports calls special attention to the presence of 97.3 inches of snow (S. T. P.) under the window which was chosen by the first jumper. A sufficient quantity of evidence has not yet been compiled to justify a theory which would apply to all cases, but further investigation should ascertain the approximate depth of snow surrounding the dormitories at the time of the epidemic.

An objection raised by the psychiatric department seems valid at this point. There is no previous data indicating a correlation between snow and self-destruction, except that which is found in Hearthstone's study of insanity in certain nomadic Mongolian tribes in the Antarctic region.

A more complete report, and a possible conclusion, will be submitted for publication in the June, 1954, issue.

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CAMPUS SNOWED

Continued from Page One It was singularly amusing to witness some members of our devoted faculty who somehow managed to appear out of nowhere on skis and snowshoes during the calm on Tuesday.

At noon on Tuesday a one-way traffic lane was finally opened up and Mr. Jennison allowed produce and maintenance trucks to pass through.

As the oil trucks had been unable to get through the clogged roads the heat situation became serious early Tuesday morning. Even the mail that must go through did so via Knapsack and skis.

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caused considerable alarm in the higher departments of the college, it nevertheless afforded convenient excuse for men who were marooned downtown to remain at Foss Hall.

A pamphlet on the Big Blow is being prepared for posterity. If you waxed photographic or compositional about the storm, the Public Relations Department wants your material. The office is in the third floor stacks in the library. Seriously, both pictures and stories are urgently needed.

MARSTON MOORE

Continued from Page One While addressing a Kenyov College Conference, Professor Morse described the essential bond between Mathematics and the Arts as existing in the fact "discovery in mathematics is not a matter or logic," but rather, "the result of mysterious powers which no one understands, and which in recognition of beauty must play an important part. Out of an infinity of designs, a mathematican chooses one

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pattern, for beauty's sake, and pulls it down to earth, no one knows how. Afterwards the logic of words and form sets the pattern right. Only then one can tell of it."

MED. REC. COURSE

Continued from Page One M. D., a trustee of Colby and the director of Thayer Hospital. Registrar Alice M. Kinne, the record librarian at Thayer Hospital; and many others. The curriculum will include such topics as "Methods of Filing and Preserving Records", "The Legal Aspect of Records" and "Organization of a Record Department". On Friday evening the visitors will have an opportunity to attend a musical program by Dr. Ermano Comparetti, Professor of Music at Colby College. The enrollment will be limited and those attending will be able to stay at

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CHAPEL SHUT

Continued from Page One known visitors have in some cases entered his office and taken equipment and on one occasion the contents of a desk drawer were tumbled out and strewn about. The Chaplain feels that the chapel lounge is being. used for a social room, whereas Colby students have both Roberts Union and the Women's Union set taide for social purposes;

However, Lorimer Chapel will still be open evenings for faculty-sponsored and other authorized groups, and for individuals with special permission to use the chapel musical instruments.

FOLKSONG LECTURE

Continued from Page One After twenty years of collecting New England folk tunes, she has



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