

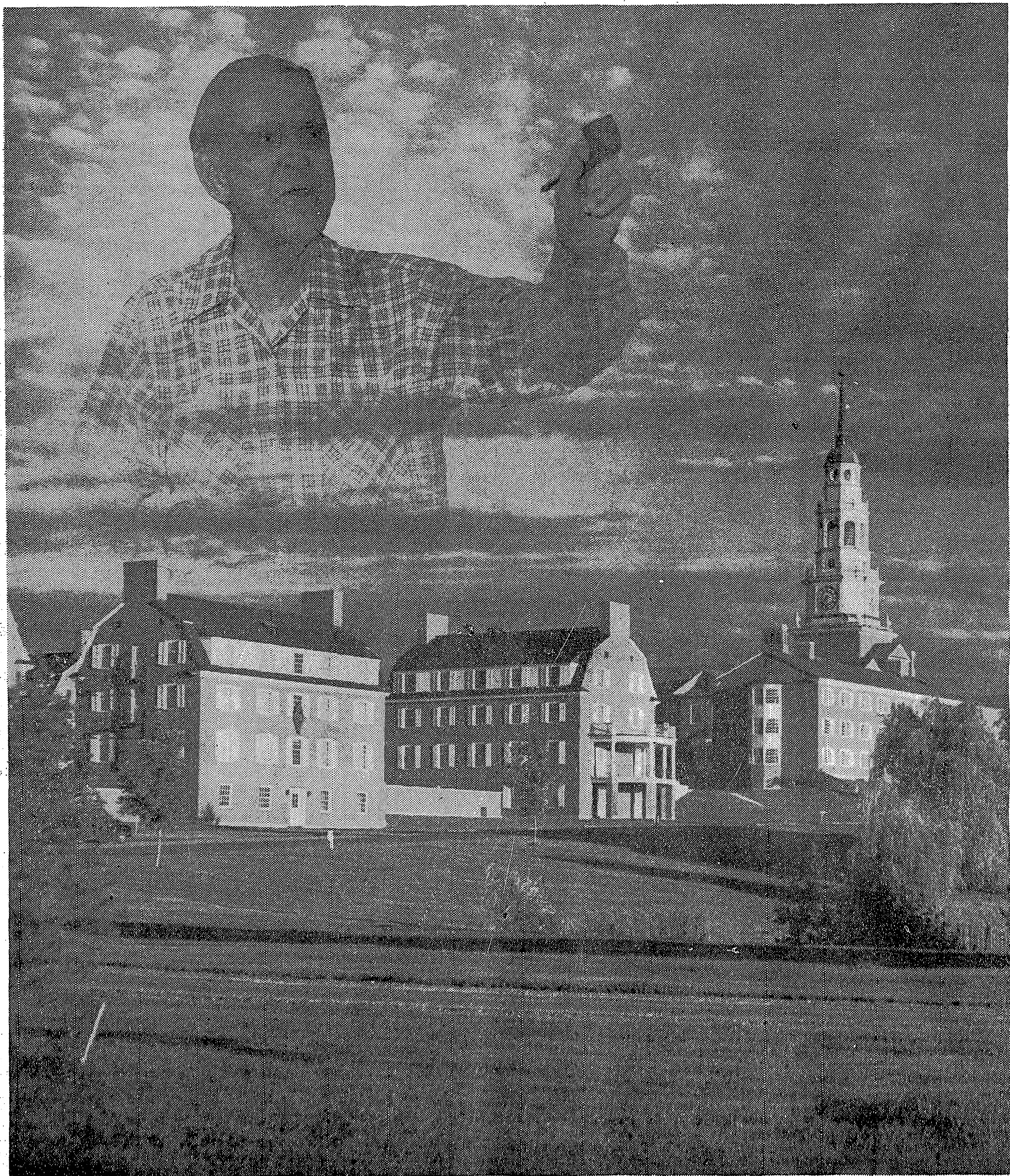
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"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee" - Psalm 84 : 4

What Ought To Be Done Has Been Done!

IF I HAD THREE DAYS TO LIVE



Recently there appeared in the ATLANTIC MONTHLY an article by Helen Keller entitled: "If I Had Three Days of Sight." That gallant woman, blind from birth, had through perseverance and sheer will power, lived a fuller and richer life than most people with all their senses unimpaired. Her simple story of the things she most wished to see revealed a woman of rare human qualities. A baby's face, the face of Mrs. Sullivan, her faithful teacher to whom she owed so much—these are some of the things she longed to see. This revelation of a gentle spirit, struggling without resentment to break through the bars of perpetual darkness, moved me greatly.

In this mood a strange idea came into my mind. What would I do if I knew I had three days to live? This, of course, was absurd, for under such circumstances one could hardly expect to carry on in a composed and normal manner. But here is the complicated schedule I set for myself for these three busy days, at one point in which I had to employ Aladdin's magic carpet to meet the limitations of the distance I had to cover.

My main interest in life, my vocation, has been teaching; my avocations have been many, but gardening and fishing have given me the greatest satisfaction. As I think it over, my interest in these does not depend upon the number of potatoes in my bin or fish in my creel, but is derived rather from the contact they provide with nature in the great out-of-doors. And so, in these last three days while I shall recall some of my experiences as a teacher, I shall actively engage in my avocations in which I can still delight.

And so, I get off to an early start at our summer home in Robinson on the beautiful St. Croix river. Since the fall of 1891 when I went to Calais as principal of the high school, I have spent a part of each summer on the river and love it.

This morning, with the sun only an hour high, I go out to my flower garden. I recall a line of some discerning poet with the words ended, who helped me, a callow "weeding at the sacred hour of dawn." Strange how a bit of song or a line of poetry keeps running through one's head in a garden! There I often feel as if God and I were partners in creation.

One of the proudest moments in my life was when the judges awarded me the prize for the best garden exhibit in the Washington County fair.

I walk slowly along the paths, stopping here and there to admire a plant that I have come to know so well, now just bursting into bloom. Then down on my knees to pull up a weed that, almost overnight, had achieved a lusty growth.

think of Mrs. Johnson and hurry back to pick her up, but she seems not to have missed me and we start for home.

There is just time to drive down the Perry road for a last look at St. Andrews Bay. This has always been a favorite spot of ours. We stop the car and look out over the broad expanse of blue water, with the herring weirs along the shore, the lighthouse on a distant reef, and the islands separating the bay from the open sea. I recall the night I spent in a schooner anchored off the Perry shore. The schooner was the Villa Y. Hermano, on a trip to Nova Scotia.

Then home for the night after a busy day. In the evening, sitting on the porch high above the water, we watch the revolving light on St. Croix Island where Champlain and his men spent a winter three hundred and more years ago, the first colony of Europeans established in the United States north of Florida. As the moon comes up over Chamcook mountain, we listen to the barking of the seals on a nearby reef and the weird cry of the loons on the river, and then to bed, for tomorrow is to be a big day.

My favorite trout stream is the Intervale Brook flowing three miles through the wood from Rand Lake to the East Maguene Maguenowoc. Brook fishing is not one-man sport. A companion is necessary for its full enjoyment. My first and only choice of a fishing partner is George Parmenter, a lusty fellow in the woods and a skillful fisherman. Several times together we have cast our flies on the Miramachi in Canada and have tried our luck on the Intervale. At my summons, George has come down for this last trip.

In the early morning we set out, on the three mile tramp through the woods, past Money-maker's lake, a little gem at the base of a steep wooded hill. There's an interesting story, from which comes the name, of a counterfeiting gang operating here some 60 or more years ago. The sudden booming flight of a partially-mind and full of good words. I have always enjoyed his flag of a startled deer, leaping away through the trees, give momentary zest. We stop for a brief rest beside the stump of an old pumpkin pine where once I came upon a bear tearing it apart in search of grubs. Which of us was more scared I cannot say.

As we neared the brook I told George again for the 20th time, about the biggest brook trout I ever caught, which had quite unaccountably, for it was not the spawning season, come up the brook from the lake. With this in mind we bait up a tempting lure and are ready for the cast.

Recalling that I am the host, I tell George to try the pool first, but he, the gentleman he always is, insists that I should take the lead, but this is wasting time and I finally prevail. George carefully drops his bait in the most likely spot. But alas, the big one wasn't there.

For several hours we follow the brook, alternately passing each other as we come to the broken branch marking the spot where each had resumed his fishing. Then as the sun, as well as our empty stomachs, tells us it is time to eat, we sit down on the bank, light our pipes and lifting the lids of our creels, we look upon one of the most rewarding sights known to mortal eyes. Although the big one isn't there, we have enough. We tramp to our starting point, less eagerly, but buoyed up by the thought of what is before us—a meal in the woods, with the smell of smoke in our nostrils and the sound of the flowing brook in our ears. Soon the fire is reduced to embers and the trout are sizzling on green spits. Coffee poured steaming from the thermos bottle, thick slices of

bread and doughnuts, altogether a feast for the gods. No meal at Delmonico's ever tasted like this.

Lying on our backs beneath the pines, we light our pipes again, as we think of what still lies before us, the tramp back home, the decision reached that the college must move or die. And least of all did it occur to me that I should ever have a part in shaping the destiny of the college.

First to my old room in South College, where for four years I stoke the stove and carry out the ashes. In retrospect I went to the old well over by the gym and reschooner was the Villa Y. Hermano, But at last we make it. How good the blue waters of the St. Croix look as we drag our tired feet down the hill through the orchard to the shore. Here a hot bath proves refreshing and we are soon snoring in hammocks on the porch.

And here comes in the magic carpet. There is one more day to go and this must be spent in Waterville. The 200 miles from Robbinsville to Waterville I have covered countless times by automobile, but there isn't time for this now. I like the slower trip better but the carpet will have to do in an emergency like this.

I wake up rather late next morning for the strenuous day in the woods and the exciting trip by car had been almost too much for an old man like me. My plan for the day includes a call on a few old friends, a visit to the old college on the Avenue, and finally a few hours on Mayflower Hill.

In mid-forenoon I start downtown, thinking as I go of the changes that have taken place since I first came here as a freshman in 1887—a country village then, a thriving city now.

My first call is on Harvey Eaton. I like to think that there are distinctive qualities that make the State of Maine men unique. And I always think of Harvey as a representative of the type—angular and loose gaited, ready to walk to Cornville in any weather; sturdy in character and solid as the granite in our hills; boldly creative; so-gone by without a chat with Harvey. After luncheon, a last trip to the old campus. As I walk along beneath the trees, my mind goes back

to the old campus, my mind is filled with memories of the past and a nostalgic feeling of regret that all this is to be left behind. But this is only momentary, for I know

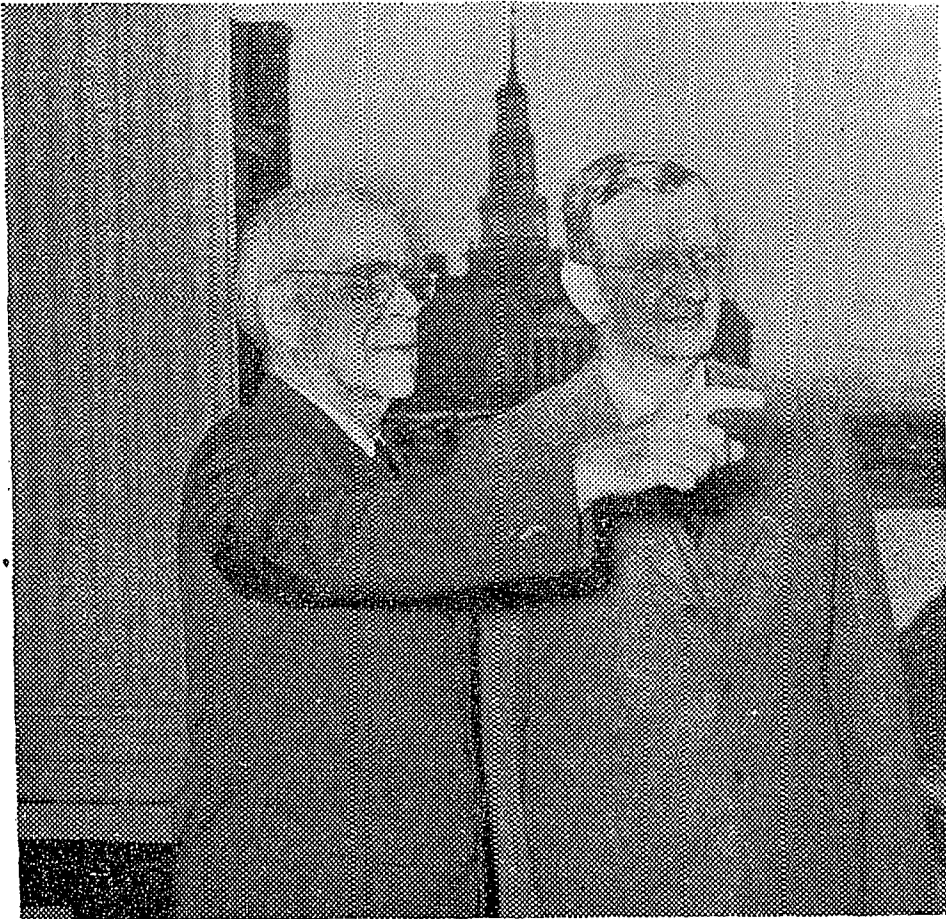
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A Surgeon's Struggle To Improve Man's Lot

Colby people who would like to know more of Franklin W. Johnson's work as a major in World War I should read "A Surgeon's Biography of Dr. Fred H. Albee," the autobiography of Dr. Fred H. Albee, U. S. General Hospital No. 2, Washington. The Major declined, but we did lose him later on to an important administrative post in the Surgeon General's office, which was a high tribute to his ability and to the staff that had worked with him in the building up of the best hospital educational department in the country. So our sense of personal loss was combined with a feeling of pride when we had to say goodbye to him." Dr. Albee was born in Alna, Maine, and graduated from Bowdoin. Colby gave him an honorary degree of L.L.D. in 1930.

His book is an amazing story of miraculous restoration of crippled, shattered and torn limbs by the processes of bone plastic surgery which he invented. Traveling all over the world at the request of various medical societies and universities to demonstrate his teaching, his experiences, and contacts with all sorts of persons from royalty to savages make absorbing reading.

"Doctor Bixler's Eulogy" Memorial Service In Lorimer Chapel



Simple and impressive funeral services for the late Franklin W. Johnson, president emeritus of Colby College, were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Lorimer Chapel. College chaplain Dr. Clifford H. Osborne officiated. President Julius Seelye Bixler and the Reverend Richard Keech of the First Baptist Church spoke in memory of Dr. Johnson.

Clinton A. Clauson, Mayor of Waterville, represented Maine Governor Edmund S. Muskie, who was unable to attend.

Honorary bearers were Albert F. Drummond, a life long friend and member of Colby's class of 1888; A. Galen Eustis, vice president of Colby; John White Thomas, former head of vocal music; Webster Chester, past chairman of Colby's biology department; Curtis Morrow, former head of the department of

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Following a short biography of capacity to respond to and to be Franklin Winslow Johnson, Dr. absorbed by a great idea. His real Bixler continued with the following: "Such, for the record, are the outward facts of his life. Yet how far they are from conveying the quality of the vivid, dynamic and buoyant person who was our friend! To those of us who were well acquainted with him, Dr. Johnson of seemed a living embodiment of our hopes not for this college alone, but for education in general. He loved young people and demanded that they be given only the best. He shared with us his excitement over the new possibilities ahead for the life of learning. He had youth's enthusiasm for the daring and the venturesome and the older he grew the less he seemed to suffer from the doubts and hesitations that so often appear with age.

I should like to remind you of the interesting fact that his life span included a period when society went through what is probably the most abrupt transition from high hope to blank despair in all history. When Dr. Johnson was a young man beginning his work at Coburn, the opinion was widely held that science as a new messiah would lead the world to an era of plenty and prosperity, and that war as an instrument for the expression of national will was not only too inhumane, but too utterly irrational ever to be again invoked. Between the time he left Coburn and returned to Maine to begin at Colby the latest phase of his career, all this had been changed by the first world conflict.

At the time of the launching of his crowning achievement, the Mayflower Hill project, the great depression had begun to exert its paralyzing effect on men's wills. And before the college could move to the new site, the second war had come with all its fury. How striking, in other words, is the contrast between the curve recording the mood of society during this period and that of his own achievement. What it shows is that his best work was done under the worst conditions. We notice also that he was at his most energetic at a time in life when the ordinary man feels that a little relaxation is permitted. It is remarkable that Dr. Johnson seemed to increase his store of vitality as the years went by. He did not begin work at Colby until he was fifty-nine and although he gave up formal office thirteen years later he did not really disassociate himself from his beloved project until failing health forced him to restrict all outside activities a few months before his death. In his ability to labor longer and more successfully than most men, he seemed almost to defy the ordinary laws of physiology. The explanation is to be found, I think, not so much in any unusual bodily endowment but rather in a remarkable

When we describe his work we often use the expression "Venture of Faith." No teaching he has left behind is more important than his example of what faith is like. We may define faith as the active affirmation of our belief that the world is rational in the sense that it will sustain our best efforts. Dr. Johnson showed us in personal terms what this means. Faith is not, as some of our contemporaries would have it, a leap beyond the pale of human interests into some ineffable realm of supernatural significance only. Faith implies and requires the dynamic, decisive and creative use of our own abilities. It challenged our wills instead of neutralizing them. Dr. Johnson did not need to put this into words when what he was caused such a thunder in our ears.

Of all his characteristics it is his courage that stands out in sharpest relief. He showed it when he led the Board of Trustees to its striking decision on June 13, 1930 to move the campus "if and when feasible". He showed it again when his plan was derided in so many quarters as "Johnson's Folly". He demonstrated it once more when in effect he challenged his fellow townsmen to provide for the new campus here if they did not want the college to move away. As an educational leader he showed it constantly in his defense of academic freedom, his attacks on the teachers' union and his loyalty to faculty membership. We who watched him in these later days, driving from one part of the campus to another, supervising the workmen, directing the construction of roads, examining with interest each new tree, ivy, or plot of earth, and almost each new brick or stone could practically feel his mental energy expressing itself in his amazing physical vitality. Students of the present generation knew him chiefly as an elderly man who appeared in old clothes with a shovel on Johnson Day, equally ready to plant a tree, jump into the driver's seat of the tractor, or make a

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A Vision Of Faith

Colby Alumnus January 1952

We who claim Prexy Johnson as our leader
Wish to now narrate in verse to you, our reader,
The fond memories for this one gentleman fine
That have ever grown and lasted throughout all time.
When we were at school, Mayflower Hill was a dream
That 'model under glass, a mirage it did seem.
Would we all see this vision of faith completed
Or were we building hopes to be depleted?
But I can remember when I was a student
Life on the old campus was happy but prudent.
As a Freshman we were told, in all faith I know
That work on the new campus was sure but so slow.
We were first to have graduated from the Hill
But somehow all the plans just didn't fit the bill.
We needn't have worried about these future plans
For you've all seen what on Mayflower Hill there stands.
In every respect it's a story-book college
Where students come from far and near for their knowledge.
Its location is the finest that could be found
Praises of its buildings do everywhere abound.
Without a goal to attain one never succeeds
And one man had this goal and the courage it needs.
He set out with a purpose to realize his dream
And never once let the current pull him down stream.
His faith in his venture was strengthened by his work
And from no extra labor did he ever shrink.
There's been no task too big for him to engineer
And no set back too grave for him to ever fear.
He weathered the depression without losing hope
The closing of the banks did not cause him to mope.
He continued his plans and his work on the hill
With all hope and determination in his will
That one day soon he would see the new buildings rise
Silhouetted against Waterville's sunny skies.
Then came the war and the enrollment soon decreased
And the presence of men at our college did cease.
A few of the buildings were up there on the Hill
Before Uncle Sam made his priorities fill.
Now construction was stopped because of this new law
And many a new building remained in the raw.
But our Prexy was certain what he wanted
And our Prexy was ready and waiting to go
Ahead with his own planning so expert and true,
To finish some of the buildings and start anew
To further the growth of a beautiful vision
And to see it through as his completed mission.
So he headed the drive for new funds far and wide
And won the alumni all over on his side.
Another fund-raising campaign in the making
And leadership for this, he himself was taking.
When we saw how alive was his will to win out
Everyone worked and planned without a single doubt
That he would achieve the goal he himself had set
And payment for the new buildings would all be met.
And you all see up there on Mayflower Hill now
The results of this one man's most persistent vow
That the miniature college in its cage of glass
Would be a reality and first in its class.
So we all give a toast to our President fine
Who gave up active duties and put all his time
Into bringing to vision his plan and his dream
To complete a college that is truly supreme.

Josephine A. Bodurtha (Class of 1938)

Ernest C. Marriner Dean Of Faculty

To work closely with Franklin Johnson for 25 years was to know a great man in action. A true measure of greatness is one's influence on his fellow men. Can he inspire them with vision, can he arouse them with enthusiasm, can he challenge them with courage? Franklin Johnson met those tests of greatness. He was the dynamic leader who made possible the new Colby on Mayflower Hill. But he could not do it alone. He had to get from more than a thousand pocket-books the funds to accomplish the task, and those pocket-books were loosened as the years went by only because their owners were inspired, assured and challenged by one who would not admit defeat. Depression, war, and inflation could not make him quit.

Many who knew Franklin Johnson have praised his undying optimism. It was indeed one of his prominent traits. But he was more than an optimist, for an optimist may be only a wishful thinker, finally disillusioned by life's grim realities. Franklin Johnson was rather a meliorist, one who believes that things can be made better, not that they will automatically get better of their own accord. He took to heart the Biblical dictum, "Faith without works is dead". It was his persistent, relentless, never-quitting hard work which made his optimism a triumphant faith. Those of us who knew him intimately and well will always think of him as Colby's Adventurer of Faith.

Ernest C. Marriner

Johnson Immortal On Mayflower Hill

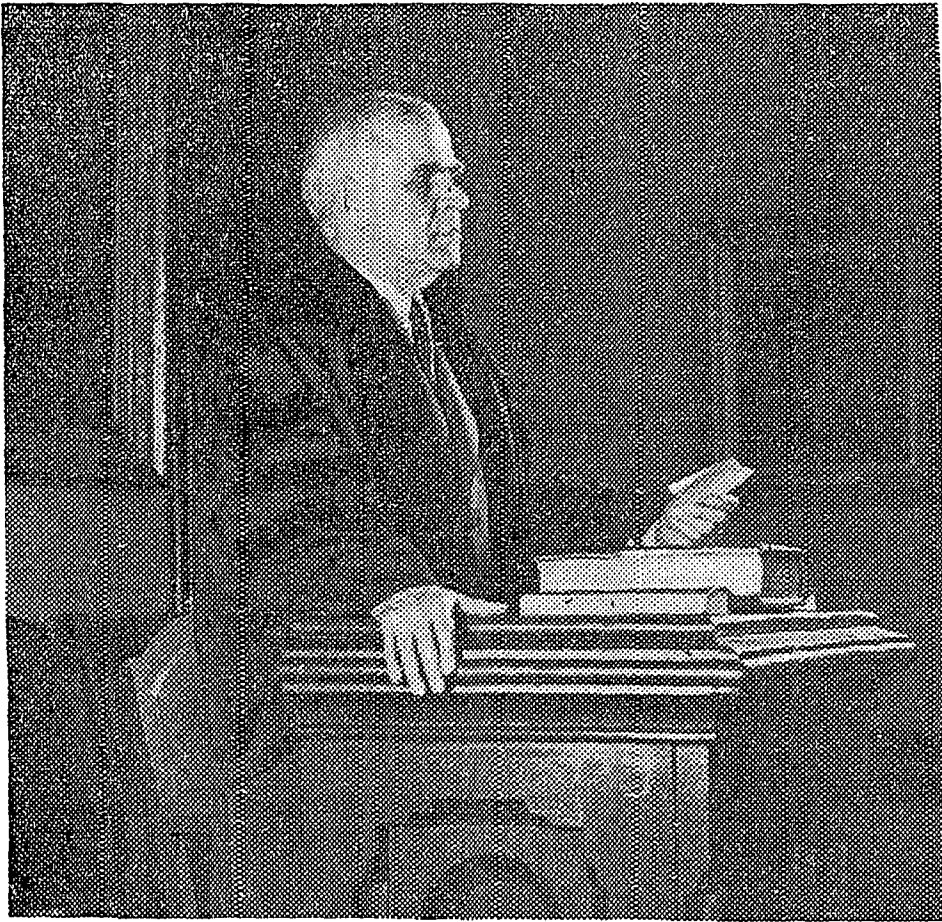
The memory of Dr. Franklin W. Johnson will be revived whenever someone mentions the men's dormitory, the campus pond, and the day named in his honor.

Johnson Hall, which is identical to Avon Hall, was dedicated on June 11, 1950. Both of these dorms were named in honor of two of Colby's active elder statesmen. With the completion of these buildings, all the male students lived on Mayflower Hill.

When the campus was planned, area was left for an artificial pond. Out of respect and good-natured fun, someone named the finished lake Johnson Pond. Dr. Johnson himself dedicated it, amidst cheers, while rowing on his lake.

Johnson Day, Colby's first tradition on the Mayflower Hill campus, was inaugurated in 1947 by Dr. Johnson. Each spring one day, originally called Arbor Day, was set aside on which the students would landscape the campus. This gave the students an opportunity to par-

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The Life And Faith Of Franklin Johnson

Born in Jay, Maine on August 17, 1870, Dr. Johnson was the son of Sullivan and Elizabeth Winslow Johnson. He prepared for college at Wilton Academy and received his A. B. degree from Colby in 1891.

He was on the University of Chicago faculty fourteen years and was acting dean of the Columbia University Teachers College, where he taught ten years, when called back to Colby as president.

He began work on the Mayflower Hill project shortly after his induction. When he turned over the presidency to the incumbent, Dr. Bixler, about one and one-half million dollars had been raised and the first seven Colonial buildings had been erected on the new campus.

In 1946, at the 125th commencement, Dr. Johnson turned back nearly \$97,000 — his entire salary while president — for use in the Mayflower Hill development.

He received honorary degrees from Colby, Acadia University, Brown University, and the University of Maine.

Through teachings and writings in professional journals Dr. Johnson acquired a national reputation as an authority on secondary education. His published writings include two books — *Problems of Boyhood*, written in 1912, and *Administration and Supervision of the High School*, written in 1925 — as well as some forty articles in educational journals.

A trustee of Colby since 1921, Dr. Johnson knew the college's problems before he became president. During his administration the endowment grew from less than one and one-half million dollars, and the annual budget from \$275,000 to \$400,000.

A champion of small colleges, Dr. Johnson limited the student body to 600, increased the faculty about forty percent and instituted a competitive scholarship system. Colby now has more than 1,000 students.

While an undergraduate, he was editor-in-chief of the Colby Echo and was a speaker at various college debates and contests. He was interested in athletics, particularly tennis. Football had not invaded the Maine colleges in that day, but he played baseball, the great college sport, though he never made the nine. He followed Colby with graduate work in education at the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

Dr. Johnson became principal of Calais High School in 1891 and remained there until he was elected principal of Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, in 1884, succeeding Dr. James H. Hanson, famous classical scholar and teacher. Dr. Johnson headed Coburn for eleven years

In 1903 he was called by the president of the University of Chicago to become principal of Morgan Park Academy, at that time a part of the university.

Two years later, in 1907, he transferred to the School of Education of the University of Chicago as principal of the University High School, remaining for twelve years. During the last five of these, with professional rank, he gave courses in administration and methods of teaching in secondary schools.

In 1918 Dr. Johnson was commissioned a major in the Sanitary Corps of the U. S. Army assigned to the Surgeon General's department. He served as chief of the Rehabilitation Services, U. S. Army Hospital No. 3, at Colonia, New Jersey, and was later assigned to duty in charge of Rehabilitation Personnel at the office of the Surgeon General in Washington.

In 1919 he was appointed associate professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University, being promoted to full professorship in 1923, the position he held when he was named Colby's fifteenth president on November 17, 1928.

Dr. Johnson was the unanimous choice of the board of trustees. From the time of the death of his predecessor, Arthur J. Roberts, in 1927, to Dr. Johnson's assumption of his new office in the summer of 1929, the college was without a president and work of administra-

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Cultivator of Men, Ideals and Colby

To whom this may concern, an epitaph or an apothesis is owed to the practical liberal arts education that has been provided as a stepping stone for our young men in this nation. It has been said by educators that we are overeducated or undereducated, that we are "degree crazy" and that colleges small and large mean nothing any more. Colleges which were once founded upon religion have lost their foundation cornerstone and principles. But is this so?

I sincerely believe that this is not so, that the following can be partly attributed to falacious thinking. A liberal arts education has its practicability, is a door helping our future human growth.

At this time I would like to stop and pay tribute to a man no longer with us, a man who in this community will be immortal. He built a liberal arts college, the one that we are attending now. Out of his heart we should derive inspiration.

Let me tell you about my lone interview with this man, when I had a chance to become acquainted with him. I would like everyone to see his great heart. His recognizable worth should be perceived by everyone.

In the most simple and unassuming manner Dr. Johnson talked with me about the growth of Colby College that he has seen. He spoke as a man living in the present but aware of the changes that had taken place. He spoke of the "new" student body of our age which dares to approach its faculty and sound off its rash ideas. Such contact between students and faculty, such open mindedness Dr. Johnson observed, was never present in his own day. But, on the other hand, gone was the religious fear, this singleness of love that had once dominated the smaller student bodies of his own time.

I had one chance to have one tale to relate about Dr. Johnson and I was given an insight into the man's strength which I would like to relate. I met Dr. Johnson in his garden on his knees sifting the soil and I shook hands with this man that I knew to be great. He told me that his gardening was his great love. I thought that it was as if gardening was a symbol of his whole

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A Dream Supported With Own Earnings

What ought to be done can be done. Probably the greatest of Franklin Johnson's gifts to Colby College is his example of a man who discovered a sound philosophy and then succeeded in living by it. In 1930 when dreams began to materialize Dr. Johnson understood the need of moving the College from the hundred-year-old campus downtown, crowded between the railroads and Waterville business establishments, to a new site on the Hill where there might be an atmosphere conducive to growth — both physical in the expansion of facilities, and intellectual, in the provision for academic freedom. He saw that need and believed that with strong work the end could be accomplished. Despite depression and the inflation which raised building costs, Dr. Johnson continued to inspire in his co-workers the confidence that our whole college could and would be transplanted. His energy and vision, and especially the confidence which insisted that this thing which ought to be done could be done, are his gifts to us.

During the thirteen years of Dr. Johnson's administration Colby made greater advances than ever before in our history. After the

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Personal Glimpses By Millet Reveal His Wit

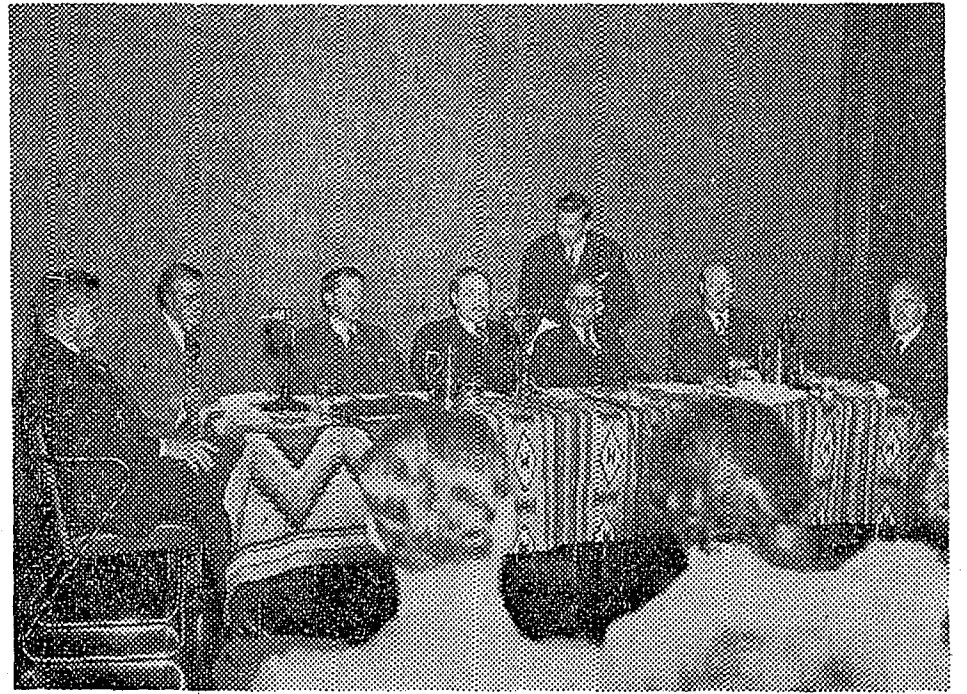
I felt honored when a representative of the Colby ECHO asked me to write a few words about Dr. Johnson. I have known this man intimately for twenty-five years. He has been a man of vision, courage, fortitude, wisdom, and loyalty, and he has the ability to get things done, in which he thoroughly believes.

Being in the employ of Colby College for so many years, I spent some time at the Old Campus, but I am still thrilled each time I drive up to the new Colby College on Mayflower Hill.

On many trips to alumni meetings, about the first question asked me is, "How is Dr. Johnson?" He has endeared himself to all Colby alumni and friends with whom he has come in contact. They all feel that without his great dream and his willingness to fight for it, we never would be on Mayflower Hill today.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE COME TO MY MIND. — Back in the early planning of the campus, no matter what the weather conditions, Dr. Johnson would come up on the Hill and help to plan the location of each building . . . He made trips to all parts of the country, even went to the Bahamas, to try to raise money

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College President's broadcast under the auspices of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, Sunday, November 12, 1939, over the Mutual Broadcasting System from the new Department of Interior building at Washington, D. C. on the general topic "How Can We Now Begin to Organize for Peace?"

Johnson Distinguished As A National Figure

To most of us Dr. Johnson is a Saturday Evening Post, which publishes a splendid article on John Colby. College and this is son and Colby complete with colored photographs. An interesting incident is related in this article which shows the universality of Johnson's appeal. . . . "A man, viewing the old Colby campus from a train window sent a letter to Dr. Johnson which said in part: "Your plan for developing Colby College on your Mayflower Hill is of great interest to me. I feel that in view of this that I should make at least a token gift to help in this development. For this purpose I am herewith giving to Colby College four hundred

The proof of this nation-wide acclaim is seen in the number of editorials which appeared in many of the nation's leading newspapers each time Johnson took another step toward his goal. Among these leading newspapers were the New York Times and the Herald-Trib-

Each of these editorials praised Dr. Johnson's courage and determination without which he would never have succeeded. As final proof of how important Johnson was nationally, in an article on Johnson which appeared in the September issue of Time Maga-

Fund-raising meetings were held in many cities, showing that this project was important everywhere, and not merely in the state of Maine. One such meeting was held in Worcester, Mass., another in Providence, R. I., and many

Dr. Johnson was a national figure of much importance to people

Dr. Johnson was also an intellectual of some importance in the public eye. On November 12, 1939, in Washington, D. C., he took part in a discussion on the general topic "How Can We Now Begin to Organize for Peace" over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The leading magazines took up the people who cherish a dream toward Johnson-Colby Cause, including the its fulfillment.



Leonard W. Labaree — Farnham Professor of History at Davenport College, Yale University.

Ben Franklin Highlight Of Next Averill Topic

"New Light on the Life of Benjamin Franklin" will be the topic given by Leonard W. Labaree, Farnham Professor of History at Yale University, at the Averill Lecture to be held on March 2nd.

An authority on early American history, Professor Labaree is Editor of the vast Benjamin Franklin Publishing Project launched by Yale University and the American Philosophical Society in 1953. For the next several years, he will be fully occupied with gathering, correlating, and editing the complete Franklin papers. This project will probably take about fifteen years to complete and is one of the largest editorial undertakings in the history of American publishing.

Born on August 26, 1897 in Urumia, Persia, Professor Labaree was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Woods Labaree. After attending New Britain, Conn. High School and the Hotchkiss School, he entered Williams College, taking a B.A. degree in 1920. In the period from 1920 to 1926 he received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale.

For two years he was instructor in English and History at the Milford School and then he joined the Yale faculty in 1924 as instructor in History. By 1942, he was full professor. In his years at Yale, Professor Labaree has served among other positions, as Editor of the Yale Historical Publications from 1933-1946; Director of Graduate Studies in History from 1941-1948; and Chairman of the Department of History from 1943 to 1948.

He is a member of the American Historical Association, American Antiquarian Society, Connecticut Historical Society, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Historical Society and is a member

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Last Call is Made By Business Staff

If you read the ECHO you may have noticed articles which appeared in the past two copies requesting willing workers from the student body. There has been some response but there is still a great need in both departments. The Business Department particularly needs people who are willing to spend one to four hours per week working for the ECHO. There is a need for assistants to the Advertising Managers and the Business Manager. **This will be the last request for people to fill these positions. All interested parties should report to the ECHO office on Monday nights after seven P.M. or see Joanne Arnold in Louisa Corburn.**

Bixler Returns From Tour

Twenty-three speeches in a three-week period accented the recently completed jaunt by President and Mrs. Bixler. Their trip encompassed an area from Washington, D. C. to Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Bixler's initial speaking engagement was scheduled at Cliff School of Theology at Denver. Word spread of his trip and twenty-two additional engagements were accepted by our President.

During their week in Washington, the Bixlers were hosted by the Maine congressional members at a reception for Maine college presidents and their wives.

At Stephens Junior College, Col-umbia, Mo., Dr. Bixler was the guest speaker at four student aggregations. In the Rocky Mountain state, President Bixler spoke to a myriad of faculty groups at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Colorado College, Colorado Springs; and Colorado Women's College in Denver. His topic before the faculties was "Religion on the Campus".

"Colby Today" was the theme of Dr. Bixler's choice when he addressed a number of parent and alumni association meetings on route westward. He also spoke twice in New York City, before the National Industrial Conference Board and the Humanities Course for Bell Telephone executives.

Before returning to Mayflower Hill, Dr. Bixler attended the Board of Trustees meeting in Boston, significant of Colby's continual growth was the authorization by the Board of a plan which will add six new faculty members next fall. Two new pedagogues will be sought for the modern language department, two will be added to the English department, another man will join the Art division, and the Classics department will be revived.

The date of the Board's spring trustees might be on campus during meeting was changed so that the our April Academic Convocation.

Library Associates Convocation To Include Offer Book Prize Famed Poet & Novelist

A book prize—the titles to be chosen by the winner of the award, is annually given to the Senior who has, during his or her four years in college, assembled the best collection of books.

The judges, appointed by the Colby Library Associates, are free to give their own interpretation to the word "best," but it is generally taken to mean, not necessarily the largest, or costliest, or newest, but best as a demonstration of the owner's interest and success in the collecting of books.

The following procedure is observed:

1. At the beginning of the second semester, each Senior who wishes to enter his collection of books in the contest should notify the librarian to that effect.

2. Before the beginning of the spring recess (in 1956 before April 11) the Senior should place in the hands of the librarian a typed list of his books, arranging them by authors, alphabetically, with place and date of publication. No title should be placed on the list unless the book is physically present in the student's possession at the college. Please accompany the typed list with a brief paragraph, stating your purpose and reasons for collecting the books which you own.

3. Soon after the close of the spring recess, each contestant will be notified as to when the Board of Judges will call to inspect the said books. No absentee books will be given any consideration by the judges. Their decision is final.

4. Announcement of the winner will be made at the next meeting of the Colby Library Associates, and whenever it is feasible to do so, the winning collection of books will be placed on exhibition in the Miller Library.

5. The prize, awarded in the form of books chosen by the winner, will be presented at Recognition Assembly in May. The number of books will be governed of course by their price; the size of the prize is determined, partly, by the endowment given by the Class of 1941. Further endowment will be welcomed, in order to increase the value of the prize.

For further information apply to the undersigned.

James Humphrey, III
Sec., Colby Library Associates

Pan-Hel Ups Sorority Quotas

During the last semester the Pan-Hellenic Council has worked to improve the quota system used here at Colby. The previous system established a maximum quota of sixty members per sorority, the number not to be exceeded at any time. In conjunction with the limitation of 60 members, the sororities were held to a quota of 45 upperclass members.

Theoretically this would allow 15 pledges per sorority—in fall normal rushing, but due to the unpredictability in upper class membership this did not work out.

The Council decided to revise the whole system in the hope of gaining more flexibility and to create more equal distribution in the classes.

The new system went into effect this week and raised the overall ceiling to 64 members per sorority. In the fall, regardless of the number of upperclass sorority women returning, each of the four sororities may pledge 16 freshmen. Each class, sophomore, junior and senior, also shall not exceed 16 members per class at any time.

While the sororities are in the process of working from the old system to the new system sororities

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Robert Penn Warren — Author of "All The King's Men" and other works.

Robert Penn Warren, one of the leading American poets and novelists of the twentieth century, will speak at the Academic Convocation at Colby this April.

Warren, now professor of Philosophy at Yale University, wrote his first novel at 34. His third book, *All The King's Men*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947, only eight years later. He excels in several fields. In college he was known for his poetry and won several distinguished awards. He is a practicing critic and is known in academic circles as an outstanding teacher of English.

W. A. A.

W.A.A. announces the formation of a co-ed ping pong team, which will compete against the faculty team in that sport. The first of these intra-mural matches will be held Monday at 6:45 P.M. in the Women's Union. Members of the team include Grace Bears, Barbara Sondern, El Roberts, Jan Butler, Nan Miller, Elsie Fortenbaugh, Meredith Lermond and Jackie Auger. Anyone interested should contact Jackie Auger, Woodman Hall.

A DREAM SUPPORTED

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start of the moving process and under his leadership, the faculty was enlarged in order that the quality of educational opportunities might keep pace with the construction of buildings. Ten years ago this man who lived to see his greatest dream realized bestowed upon Colby a gift of the whole salary he had received as President. Ninety-seven thousand dollars was given to further aid the development of Mayflower Hill. Although as students we could not know him personally, it is to be hoped that Dr. Johnson's faith and generosity will live as our example.

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He himself has never decided whether he is a poet or a novelist. "They overlay inside me," he says. Random House will soon publish "Brother to Dragons," a full-length narrative written in dramatic verse. In this book Warren hopes to fuse his twin literary drives in a more positive way.

Although he attended college for chemical engineering, the teacher of freshman English at Vanderbilt University, John Crowe Ransom, caught his interest. His poetry was encouraged by another faculty member, Donald Davidson. Soon poetry magazines printed his verses. Said Warren, "I only wrote one or two short pieces of fiction in college and they were pretty bad."

Prof. Warren was born in Guthrie, Kentucky, in 1905. He received his B.A. Summa Cum Laude from Vanderbilt in 1925, and his M.A. from the University of California in 1927. He then studied at Yale for a year before attending Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar where he received his B. Litt. in 1930. While there, three editors of American *Caravan*, asked him to write a novelette on a subject on which he had spoken. The book, entitled *Prime Leaf*, made a favorable impression on the critical audiences of the country. During the thirties he wrote two novels which were never published. His third manuscript, *Night Rider*, was published in 1939.

Warren has served as professor of English on the faculties of Southwestern College, Vanderbilt University, Louisiana State University, University of Minnesota, and visiting professor of English at Yale when he was appointed to the faculty there. Several awards he holds are the Houghton-Mifflin Literary Fellowship (1936), the Levinson Prize from Poetry Magazine, also in 1936, the Shelly Prize for Poetry (1942), the Pulitzer Prize (1947) and the Screen Writers Guild Melzer Award for the

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EDITORIALS

This week Colby College suffered a great loss with the death of Franklin Winslow Johnson. The preceding pages of this paper are filled with words of praise for Dr. Johnson which far surpass anything we could say about him, but as editors of the ECHO we cannot help but to feel very humble in a position that was once held by Dr. Johnson himself. Therefore, instead of trying to say things that have already been said to describe this man we promise ourselves and you the readers that we shall endeavor to uphold the principles which comprised the basic faith Dr. Johnson had in Colby, her students and faculty.

Dr. Johnson has left us, true, but behind him he has left such a memorial to his greatness as the educational world can never forget. We feel that it would be good for every student to stop now and then to contemplate the magnificence of this place which is our home away from home for four years, and the efforts of one man which made this all possible. From this periodic contemplation should come a source of unending inspirations which could carry us over the seemingly highest hurdles of life and make us remember and deeply believe that "what ought to be done can be done".

Letter To The Editor...

Winter Carnival Weekend may well be "the biggest traditional weekend of the Colby year" although this writer found little true tradition and, if not for the fraternities, even less weekend. The position last week of our Winter Carnival Committee was made quite clear, that is, the fraternities maliciously competed with those functions set up by the Carnival Committee. The following is a defense of the fraternities and their members.

First, the fraternity member had a good time in spite of, not because of, our Winter Carnival Committee. Fraternities are admittedly the leading social organizations on campus, and yet their supposed competitors stated, "Winter Carnival Committee begins its plans the preceding spring, working with the administration, faculty and various student groups to present the best possible combination of events for the student body." The plan of combined student-faculty organization is a fine idea, but how complete can it be when "the leading social organizations on campus", the fraternities, are not consulted concerning the program of events for Winter Carnival.

How can the Winter Carnival Committee expect the fraternities to cooperate with their functions when they make no effort to correlate their activities with those of the fraternities? During the course of the school year there are two major weekends, Homecoming and Winter Carnival, when the fraternities hold open houses which they provide as a social benefit not only for themselves, but also for the entire student body. The Winter Carnival Committee granted the fraternities a total time span of three and one half hours in which to hold these functions. That is three and one half hours out of a three day weekend when fraternities were not in competition with a Winter Carnival Committee function. It is obvious that unless a plan of cooperation is worked out between the Winter Carnival Committee and the respective fraternity social chairmen, this overlapping of events will continue.

Second, last, and largest comes our High School prom, this year titled Showboat Serenade. The entertainment provided by the Winter Carnival Committee seems to exemplify the opinion that the social demands of the Colby student are immature. May the turnout at this years traditional fiasco be our reply. A six dollar levy to hear the Barbary Coast aggregation is not excessive; simply ridiculous. This is not meant to be an affront upon the musical ability of the Barbary Coast group, only an economic explanation of the poor turnout at the Woman's Union on that infamous February 10. Fear of violating group "norms" — a feeble theory presented by a pseudo-intellectual Sociology major in last weeks Echo was not the detrimental attendance factor. The answer lies solely in the mature metropolitan demand in musical entertainment which was unavailable to the Colby student. If the Winter Carnival Committee is not in a position to offer a major dance band at this "Class A" function — Forget It!

QUESTION: WHY IS IT THAT SUCH AN HONESTLY HARD WORKING GROUP AS THE WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE LACKS IMAGINATIVE QUALITY AND PRESENTS ONLY INADEQUATE QUANTITY?

The Average Unreliable Fraternity Member

Meet Your Campus

The first two meetings of an inter-faith reading and discussion group have already been held to discuss such ideas as the nature of the force behind the universe. The group, moderated by Art Goyette, is not intended to be a haphazard "bull session", but a study group which will strive to discover principles which members may draw together into a meaningful philosophy of life. It will meet once a week for the remainder of the year and it is intended to approach each problem openmindedly so that members of any religious group may contribute.

The moderator, Art Goyette, a major in history and a senior scholar, has had a wide background including philosophy, science, math and religion. He is a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. His senior scholar project has to do with the history of the church. Last year Art was head of the Deputations Committee of the Student Christian Association, and after graduation he plans to enter divinity school. Future topics of discussion include the problems of the nature of man, reason, faith, evil, suffering, life, death, immortality, ethics, worship, and prayer. The topics and the order of consideration shall be as the group decides.

Next Sunday the S. C. A. program in accordance with Brotherhood Week, will be a talk by Rahim Majallali of the Math department.

A Senior Scholar Speaks

By Nancy Carroll

there is certainly very little of what I would call "apathy". We are in fact enthusiastic in our desire to be by the seven senior scholars. These make a successful and interesting will appear during this semester individual — not of ourselves — and will concern topics relevant to but of our favorite organizations. Colby students and faculty.

This week I read with much in a few — Powder and Wig, SCA, the latest David Riesman's "The Lonely Crowd," which you may or may even the Spa cliques — are unique not know is Colby's Book of the "individuals," but the student who Year. It occurred to me while reading that the "apathy" of the Colby real dare I suggest "leviathan?" students mentioned in last week's in most cases hesitates to assert provocative editorial, is indeed a his single personality.

The Colby campus appears symptomatic of Riesman's "other directed" society in which the "adjusted" individual, fearing conspicuousness to any great degree in the realm of taste, ideas and entertainment, falls happily into line with his peers. As our editorialist put it so concisely—"there's 'safety' in numbers."

Now it seems to me that this adjustment is a paradox in the atmosphere of a small liberal arts college where the concern is for the individual and all that he implies—his handicaps as well as his potentialities. The paradox is pointed up more sharply by the fact that the subject of this April's convocation is "The Rediscovery of the Individual Through the Liberal Arts." That this subject was selected as worthy of intensive study and discussion implies that the problem is a universal one in our society, the answer to which may be found in a college such as Colby. But rather than seeking to express our ideas and principles; and yet, while I am not advocating that we tacitly divorce ourselves from our friends, I think ultimately the meaning of our lives lies not in group conformity, but in the faith that we as individuals are interesting, not only to others, but to ourselves.

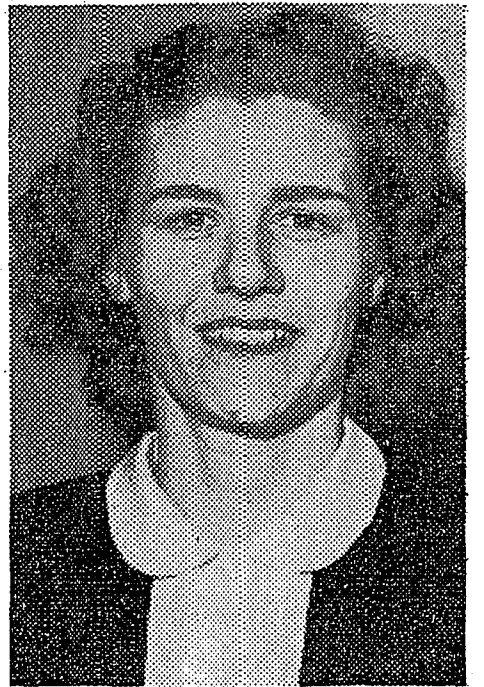
Letters To The Editor:

In many of our classes we sincerely feel a sense of cooperation and friendliness with our professors. It is quite obvious that Colby is truly a friendly college. There seems to be a barrier between student and faculty once the classroom door is closed. By this barrier I am not referring to anything except in a social sense. This barrier is not intentional on the part of the faculty or students. It is my opinion that there is definite pressure being applied. I am referring especially to the problem of getting chaperones for major college weekends. For several months now it has been most difficult to secure chaperones. The reason is not that the parties are so wild that the chaperones can not bear to sit through the evening. On the contrary, most chaperones seem to thoroughly enjoy the weekends. The major reason the

faculty turns down invitations is the fact that they do not want to "turn in" the organization for doing something which does not warrant punishment. Consequently, the Colby family one hears so much about is split right down the middle. The students are on the "morning side of the mountain" and the faculty is on the "twilight side of the hill", and on top of the mountain there is a group applying pressure and severing all social communications.

We wonder if it is beneficial to campus life to have an existing tension which is certainly present along the social line. It seems feasible that since the fraternity house is the college home of the members, it is the logical spot for amusement as well as study. I cannot actually say I think it is better to enjoy a Saturday night in one of Waterville's "gala" night spots, or on the north

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Mrs. Randall.
photo by Hoyt

Netherlander New Faculty Addition

"It is very interesting to compare American and European college life," observed Mrs. Lawrence Randall, wife of Capt. Randall, the Commandant of Cadets of the Colby AFROTC department.

Mrs. Randall, who was born in Leeuwarden, Holland, and now teaching geography at Colby, is in an excellent position to make certain well-founded comparisons. She is a graduate of the University of Amsterdam, where she received her master's degree in geography. In 1948 she came to the United States, entering Clark University in Worcester, Mass. Currently, Mrs. Randall is working for her doctorate in the field of human geography.

Mrs. Randall explained that there are two types of high schools in Holland. One prepares students for a business career, the other prepares students for a profession. Graduates of the latter curriculum have worked extremely hard for six years. They are prepared to flavor the liberal atmosphere of Dutch universities.

At the universities, students need not attend classes. Examinations are usually taken when the student feels he is prepared for them. Some wealthier students enjoying university life to the utmost, do not choose to take their exams at all. They continue their studies as "perpetual students," staying as long as their monetary reserves hold out.

"The reason behind all this lies in the high schools," said Mrs. Randall. "The high school student in America has not had as concentrated a course of study as his Dutch counterpart. It is therefore necessary for the colleges in the U.S. to fill in the sometimes alarming gaps of knowledge in their students, while they actually desire to serve their original purpose, that of intelligently actually stimulating and broadening the individual," she asserted.

This new member of the Colby faculty finds her days filled with activity, between teaching her world geography classes and keeping house for her husband and small daughter.

A REPLY —

On the northwestern fringe of the Colby campus there are three fraternity houses. The inhabitants of these dwellings proudly call themselves the ATO's, Deke's and the DU's.

According to last week's article by the Winter Carnival Committee those groups were unreliable. It is certainly evident that the Winter Carnival Committee did not receive full cooperation for the weekend. One can hardly say, however, that the reason for the financial failure of the annual ball is attributable to these three fraternities. One thing which amazes many members of these three houses is the fact that on Saturday night of

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tion was carried out by an executive committee.

The thirteen years of Dr. Johnson's administration were ones of turmoil and trouble for most college presidents. Yet, it was during this period that the college made the greatest advancement in its century and a quarter of history.

Foremost achievement was the decision made by trustees under his leadership to move Colby from its campus in downtown Waterville to a new site, known as Mayflower Hill, two miles on the outskirts of the city.

Impetus for the decision came from a report handed down in 1929 by a state supported survey of education which declared: "If it (Colby) is to continue to offer high quality collegiate work, the limitations which the site and present buildings put upon its program of service must be removed. . . . The recommendation, then, is that Colby should move to a larger, more desirable site."

In 1930 college authorities elected to move.

The proposal to create an entirely new campus was begun under tremendous odds with no large source of funds and with more than one of the first-promised donations wiped out during the depression years.

Throughout these dark days for the college, Dr. Johnson's continual theme was "anything that ought to be done can be done" and the project of moving Colby, which has been termed a "venture of faith" began to take reality in 1937 when ground was broken for the first building on Mayflower Hill, Lorimer Chapel.

Dr. Johnson's achievements for his alma mater, however, were not limited to buildings alone. Under his leadership the faculty increased from 35 to 55 members to assure smaller classes and individual attention for students.

At various times Dr. Johnson served on the governing boards or advisory committees of such organizations as the National Child Wel-

fare Association, the Institute for Student Aid and the New England Conference on Adult Education.

He was a one-time president of the Maine Interdenominational Commission and a member of the Baptist Church. He was also a Mason and Rotarian.

He had been a director of trustees of the State YMCA, the Maine Teachers Association, Coburn, Ricker and Higgins Institutes, a state commission on public school finance and Waterville's Savings and First National banks.

JOHNSON IMMORTAL

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participate in the development of the new campus and to work with the faculty. In 1952, by vote of the student government, this day was declared an annual event and was renamed Johnson Day.

The 1953 edition of the "Oracle" was dedicated to Dr. Johnson, the man "who has made this dream (the Mayflower Hill campus) possible. . . ." This was the first time in 15 years that the whole college was in one locality.

A plaque presented to Dr. Johnson by the class of 1946 sums up the feelings of the students and faculty of Colby College:

"To Dr. Franklin W. Johnson: With imaginative zeal, bold planning, and unspooling tenacity you have transferred the dream that was Mayflower Hill into a reality. This contribution is a fitting tribute to your determination to build for Democracy's youth. In recognition of your work for us we students

have all contributed to a fund to be donated to Mayflower Hill in your honor. We know that we can best express our appreciation and warm regard for you by furthering the noble work which you so resolutely began and as faithfully sustained."

CULTIVATOR OF MEN

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sociology; Ernest Marriner, Dean of Faculty; E. A. Lightner, assistant to the President, and Carl J. Weber former head of the English department, now curator of rare books and manuscripts.

Active bearers were Dr. Clarence E. Dore, Colby physician, Gilbert F. Loeb, chairman of the department of health and physical education; Ellsworth W. Millett, alumni secretary; G. Cecil Goddard, former alumni secretary; Dana Hall, Dr. Johnson's grandson, and Richard Drummond, a trustee of Colby. All the active bearers are alumni of Colby.

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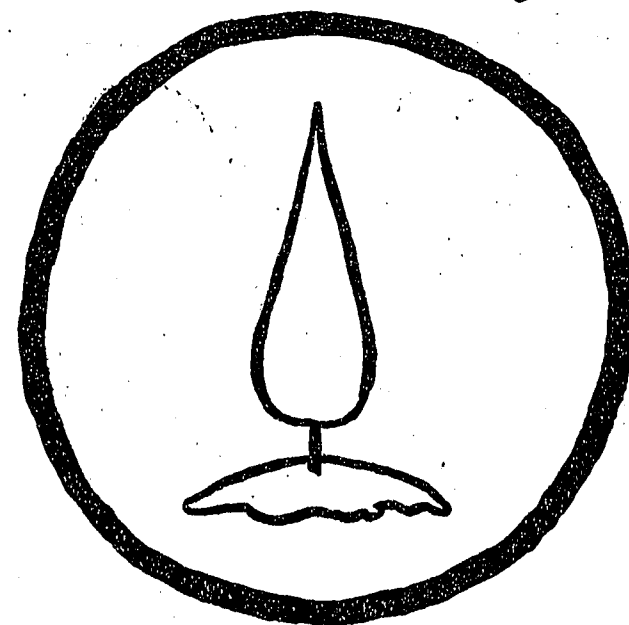
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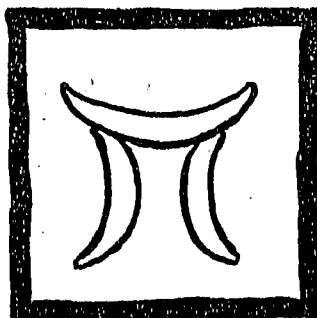


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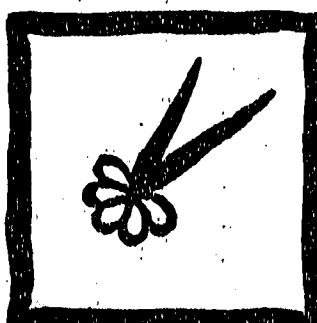
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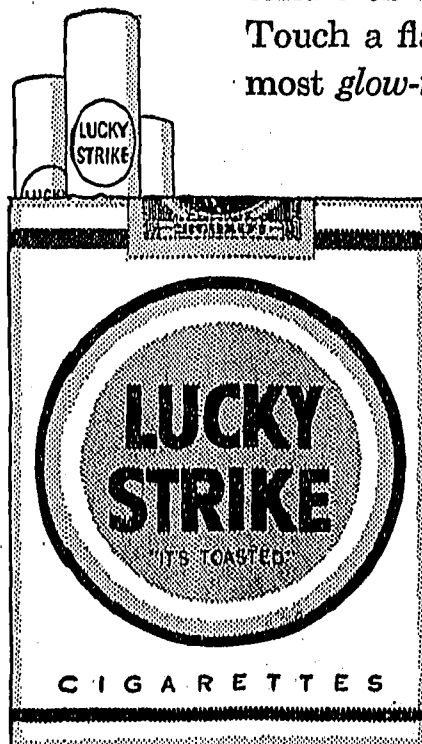
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The Republican Corner

by R. Weston

I would like to diverge from the usual type of article in order to present bits and snatches of gossip within party circles.

WILL EISENHOWER RUN? Many Republicans feel that Eisenhower must run if the party is to survive the coming election. There are many house and senate seats to be decided in this coming election. Without a popular figure like Ike heading the ticket, many house and senate seats will be lost to the Democrats. Republicans haven't been pressuring Ike until his favorable medical report was made known. Now Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey is spearheading a movement to convince Ike that he should run for the good of the country and the Republican Party. Ike is currently vacationing on Humphrey's estate. Most experts believe that he will now run.

WHAT ABOUT NIXON? There is growing opposition to Nixon within the party. If Eisenhower runs, Democrats will concentrate on Nixon since the Vice President's position will be that more significant in view of Ike's questionable health. Many Republicans do not like Nixon for personal reasons. Many other politicians who like Nixon are willing to concede that he will lose more votes than he will gain for the Republican Ticket. If Eisenhower says "no" a fight will develop between the conservative and liberal wings of the party. The conservatives will advance Knowland; the liberals will attempt to draft Warren, but if this is unsuccessful, Herter will be pushed. Nixon will command factions from both wings, and will be in the best position to win especially if Ike gives his active support.

STATES WHERE REPUBLICANS ARE WORRIED. Republicans are worried about all the farm states with the exception of Kansas, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. Many farmers, who usually vote Republican, blame Republican administration for falling farm incomes. There is bitterness in California between Nixon and Knight, the present Governor. This might split the party wide open in this state. If Eisenhower doesn't run, the popular Governor, Lausche, might lead the Democratic ticket to victory. Republicans can't count on any Southern states this time with the possible exception of Florida. The border states are a question mark for both parties.

WHAT REPUBLICANS ARE HOPING FOR. Metropolitan areas, by and large Democratic strongholds, have prospered under Republican administration. There may be large shifts of votes to the Republican Party in these areas.

THREE DAYS TO LIVE

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that a college does not consist of bricks and stone, but is a vital thing, with a background of tradition and emotions, built up through the years by men and women of faith and courage carrying on the unending search for truth and the good life.

And so I continue up the steep ascent, through "Beefsteak Grove" to the top of the hill and sit down on a rock in the stone wall near the water tower. Off to the west is Mount Washington; to the northeast the Dixmont Hills; and to the east the distant Camden hills; and in the foreground the houses of Waterville where so many of my good friends live.

The sun has gone down and the sky takes on those unbelievably brilliant colors which Joe Smith has caught and preserved for us in his movies.

As I sit there, lost in reverie, the chapel chimes ring out four times each hour, reminding us of the Colby boys and girls who gave their lives in war. Soon the lights come on in the women's dormitories just below. The beacon light in the library tower proclaims the mission of a college, set upon a hill, to send for the light of truth throughout the world. There, by a strange analogy, I think of Moses on Mount Nebo when the Lord showed him "all the land of Gilead unto Dan," and of his bitter disappointment when the Lord said, "I have caused thee to see it with thine own eyes but thou shalt not go over thither." How much more fortunate was I than Moses, for I had not only seen the fulfillment of my heart's desire but had actually entered into the promised land.

In the same trend, I think of Simeon, just and devout man, to whom it was revealed that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord Christ. In the Temple, when the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for him after the custom of the law, Simeon took up the young lad in his arms and said "Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation."

As evening approaches, I ride out to Mayflower Hill, parking my car by the Roberts Union. I walk up the fraternity terraces, in front of the Miller Library with its noble pillars, and up the hill to the Lorimer Chapel. Strangely enough, I feel no desire to enter these buildings, for unlike those of the old campus, they seem to lack reality. I cannot in my present mood, believe that this is really Colby College.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

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for the College . . . Often at night he would wake up and walk the floor, trying to think of individuals who might help his College . . . No trip was too short or too long for him . . . He is a great enthusiast about all Colby athletic teams, and he attends every game he possibly can . . . I can remember one particular game with Bates — at the half we were two touchdowns behind. The late Dr. Gray of Bates was lording it over Dr. Johnson — But Dr. Johnson said, "It's all right for you to be ahead at the end of the first half, but when the final whistle blows, Colby will be out ahead." and it was true . . . I remember seeing him get into the boat which the Board of Trustees presented to him, so that he could do some fishing (in Johnson Pond) . . . The Buildings and Grounds workers will testify that often when they came to work in the morning, Dr. Johnson was there, to make sure that each tree and shrub was planted in the right place. No one smokes a pipe like he does . . . He loves working on his lawn and in his flower beds . . . He was responsible for making Arbor Day at Colby College a day in which the students could really help and feel that they were helping with improvements on the campus. (It is now called Johnson Day) . . . I have thrilled reading his book "Three Days to Live" and I would suggest if you are interested in Colby College that you read it.

Franklin W. Johnson not only has given much to Colby College but has had time to work for youth organizations in the City and State. He was an active board members of the Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A. Girl Scouts, and he usually sat in at their meetings. For several years he was State President of the Boy Scouts.

Dr. Johnson was a leader in the drive for the new Thayer Hospital.

What a thrill it was when we all learned that he had turned over his entire life's earnings to Colby College — he believed that if he approached other people for money, he should set a good example — The two stalwarts who helped make Colby what it is today, Dr. Averill and Dr. Johnson, often walked around the campus together . . . We will never forget his witty remarks at Commencement, and his ability to get the Board of Trustees to follow his leadership . . . I love to hear him tell of the gift of the Lorimer Chapel.

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speech brimming over with enthusiasm to assembled undergraduates. No one ever puffed on a pipe more rapidly than he or gave more dramatic evidence that where there is so much smoke there must be a consuming fire. He was a good competitor, watching the baseball game intently from behind the catcher or following the progress of the football as he sat in his car at the side of the field. No one asked more eagerly than he for the results of contests held away from home. Yet though he wanted to win and fought to win, he never could fairly be described as a narrow partisan. When the game was over he was completely impartial and to a possible opponent he could be generous to a fault. As an example, I remember well the support he gave to the junior college movement at a time when he was himself administering a struggling four-year college and might well have thought of the other type of institution as rival and a threat.

Blessed is the man who has found his work; let him rejoice in it and be glad. Through his immersion in work that called forth the utmost in devotion Dr. Johnson discovered the courage that rises with danger and the strength by which strength is opposed. In the midst of frustrations he found the joy of achievement and at the end of a long and strenuous life he had the satisfaction of public acclaim for a task well done. He loved this college, not blindly, but, as his many written discourses on it show, with a sensitive eye for what it might do for youth and through youth for the cause of righteousness and truth. I can think of no greater betrayal than that we who follow should permit the darkness of our souls to bring into eclipse the brightness of his vision nor should allow the lethargy of our wills to mar the shining example of his valor. May the presence of his monument, our campus, be a constant challenge to us to build more stately mansions for our souls. And as we dedicate ourselves to carry on his work may the life that is God animate our frames, may the truth that is God illumine our minds, and may the love that is God kindle our hearts in a manner that he would recognize as appropriate for those who wish to enter into the heritage he has bequeathed."

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NOTE: Now that our government is functioning under a chairmanship or regency it is important that we familiarize ourselves with the millionaires that make up the ruling unit. Space does not permit me to elaborate on the entire clique at this time.

DULLES IS NOT QUALIFIED

It has been hinted that John Foster Dulles could be the author of "How To Make Enemies and Alienate Allies". To understand how this is generally conceded plus his overindulged aptitude for making boo-boos one needs only to look at his record.

In March 1939 after Hitler had already swallowed Austria and Czechoslovakia and obviously had his eyes on the rest of Europe, Dulles made this statement:

"Only hysteria entertains the idea that Germany, Italy or Japan contemplates war upon us."

When a man supposedly skilled in foreign affairs can predict no war with the Nazis at a time when Hitler was already engulfing part of Europe you can't really expect much long-range planning on other subjects.

A quick look at John Foster's public utterances will show us how he has wandered all over the lot on various questions. The Dulles avidity for statement-making on every subject and on all sides of every subject is well known.

There was "another" article in Life magazine, June 3, 1946 in which Mr. Dulles described the Russians: "In some matters the Soviet system is tolerant . . . men have considerable freedom to disagree and argue."

And there has been a whole slew of conflicting statements about

Korea and Indo-China.

"President Truman's decision that the U. S. should go to the defense of the Korean Republic was courageous, righteous, and in the national interest," said Mr. Dulles, again writing in Life June 12, '52.

But one month later he wrote into the Republican national platform an accusation that Truman "plunged us into war in Korea without the consent of our citizens."

It makes no matter how many highly paid experts the State Department has to advise on India, Portugal, Indo-China, Egypt — they are not called in. When Dulles issued his now famed boo-boo on Portuguese GOA which so offended the Indians, not one expert regarding the area involved knew he was going to make it. So, like Nixon and Brownell, the Republicans see to it that John Foster hits the road or the air. This has given the public the impression that he is a great Secretary of State because he is constantly bustling off to this part of the world or that. However, activity is not necessarily the hallmark of statesmanship. As one of his law partners said, after Dulles had left Sullivan and Cromwell to come to the State Department: "Why doesn't Foster sit down for a moment and just think?"

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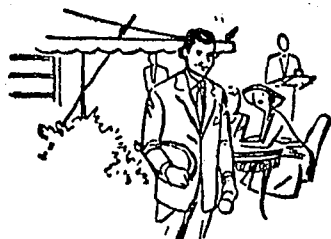
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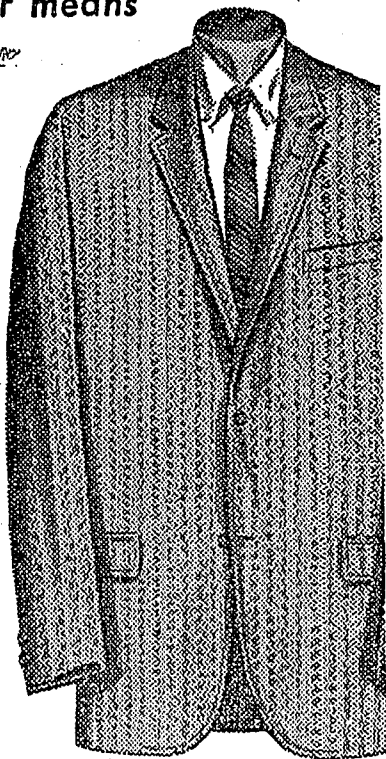
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Campus Chest Aids 4 Organizations

Four organizations aimed at helping people of the college age have been voted on by Student Government to receive portions of the expected \$1500 to be raised by Campus Chest. This annual fund-raising affair is to be held the week of March 4, in the form of a fair and variety show.

The Campus Chest committee consists of Nancy Hansen, chairman, Mary Lawrence, Jack Delaney, treasurer, Carol Conway, publicity, and representatives from every campus organization. Of the \$1500 expected to be raised, 50 percent will be used on campus and 50 percent off campus.

With so many students participating in this affair it will no doubt interest them to know how their money will be spent. Forty percent is allotted to the World University Service. Money employed by this service goes to Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Far East. It is used in these countries for lodging and living, emergency and individual aid, health, educational equipment, and associated activities.

The other 10 percent for off-campus is allotted to the Negro Scholarship Fund which assists deserving Negro students in obtaining a higher education.

On campus 30 percent goes to the Fund. The remaining 20 percent goes to the Pop Neuman Fund, established in memory of Herbert L. Neuman, professor of religion and director of religious education from 1928 to 1953. This fund is set up as an emergency fund which aids students possessing only the requirement of suddenly finding themselves in financial difficulties.

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Dr. Norman Judson Padelford — Professor of International Relations and head of the Political Science Section at M. I. T.

The fourth in a series of eleven international relations at MIT, scheduled Gabrielson Lectures for 1956 will be given by Dr. Norman J. Padelford of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on March 4, first in the Averill Auditorium. Dr. Padelford is chairman of the Political Science Section, an interdepartmental affair at MIT, as well as professor of International Relations.

In accordance with the general topic of "Issues Facing the American Voter in 1956," Dr. Padelford's subject will be "What Should Be Our Asian Policy?"

Dr. Padelford was born in Haverhill, Mass., on November 18, 1903, and attended the Huntington School in Boston. He received his degrees of PhB and LID from Dennison University in 1925 and 1947, respectively. From Harvard University he received his AM in 1928 and PhD in 1929. He was the Ozias Goodwin Fellow in International Law, 1928-1929, and was appointed Sheldon traveling fellow in 1929. He was a teaching assistant in government at Harvard University from 1926-1929 and at Radcliffe College from 1927-28. An assistant professor of government at Colgate University from 1929-1933, he became professor and head of the department of government there in 1933. From 1936-1944, he was the professor of international law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts-Harvard). In 1945 Padelford became professor of

Dr. Padelford was a research associate of the Bureau of International Research, Harvard University and Radcliffe College from 1936-1941. A consultant of the Department of State from 1942-46 and 1948-49, he was a member of the U. S. delegation to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference on International Organization in 1944. He held the position of secretary of the Committee of Jurists to revise the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice in Washington in 1945 and in the same year he was executive officer, Commission on Judicial Organization at the San Francisco United Nations Conference on International Organization and Security. He was adviser to the Secretary of State, Council of Foreign Ministers at London in 1945, and a member of the U. S. delegation, European Inland Transport Conference, London, 1945.

Dr. Padelford is on the Board of Trustees at Dennison Univ. He is a member of the American Society of International Law (executive council), American Political Science Association, Foreign Policy Association, American Council in Institutions of Pacific Relations, U. S. Naval Institution, Phi Beta Kap-

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"Frosh Win 2 In Week No'eastern Tops Maine Falls Before Colby Sextet 7-2 Colby Five, 76-74

The Colby Frosh won over two of the season, in handing Portland rivals last week, making their record eight wins and two losses. Last Wednesday night the Frosh turned the Dow Field Air Force Base they were in the lead at half time, for the second time this year by the score of 79 to 50. Twelve men hit boards, and the two guards, Kilty and Cohen, handling the offense, saw the Baby Mules lead at the half time 39 to 27. Lloyd Cohen was the top man in the Frosh scoring column, hitting for 16 markers. Paul Neri and Bob Kilty came up for 12 and 11 respectively. The Frosh have lost only to Morse High School and Maine Central Institute this season. February 27th will be the return engagement of MCI and Frosh and this should be a thriller as the Huskies are undefeated as of this writing.

Last Friday night the Frosh ran up their second highest point total

Combining two of the top scorers in the East, the Huskies of Northeastern University showed too much power and talent for the vastly improved Colby Mules to contend with last Saturday night. The Kelleyman, although on the short end of a 7-2 score exhibited some of their best hockey of the season with Pete Bogren making 36 saves during the fracas. Jim Bishop, Howie Cates, and defensemen Harry Wey led the Mules, supplying the visiting Huskies with their share of headaches.

A scoreless first period was filled with the flawless performances of hard-checking defensemen of both teams. Reggie Van Gestel, Don Vollmer and Charlie Brown highlighted the Mule attack with several potential scoring attempts that were thwarted only by the last second action of the Huskie defense.

Fred Vorderer, the highly touted Northeast attack man, scored the "hat trick" in the second period to dampen the hopes of the Colby pucksters. As if to add insult to injury, a fourth goal found the Huskies leaving the ice with a comfortable four to nothing lead at the end of the second period.

The Huskies opened the final frame of the battle, faster than the previous one, scoring with thirty seconds of playing time gone by the boards. Making the score six to nothing at the quarter mark, the visitors lost some of their speed and started to drop their defense. They soon came to grief though with a Colby score.

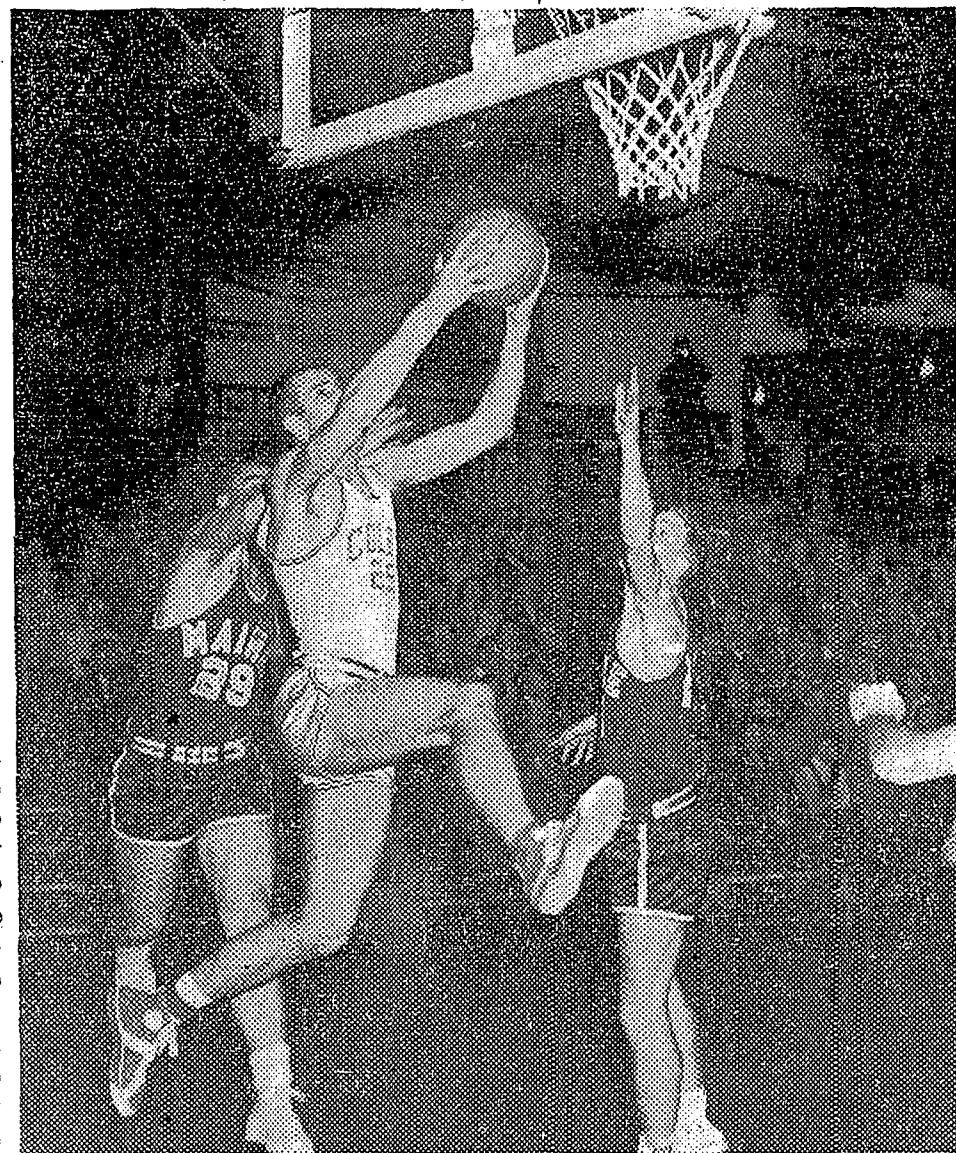
With Guy Vigue shooting from the blue line, Charlie Brown moved into a rebound position and caught one on the end of his stick and deflected it back into the open net for the first Mule tally of the evening. With a man advantage, the Colby skaters continued to press their advantage with Captain Charlie Morrissey taking a lead pass from Howie Cates and deftly placing the rubber into the cage.

The Baby Mules, not having let up on their pace throughout the game, were pressing the Huskie goal tender for another goal in the closing seconds when one of the Bay Staters made a fast breakaway to score the last tally of the game.

As it is usually a team effort that comes up with a victory it is extremely odd, that a whole hearted team effort that the varsity hockey team showed, did not pay off. It must be accepted without question, that the team was playing out of its class, but that is, in the long run, what makes a truly great team.

Mass Edges by Colby in Squeaker

The University of Massachusetts Redmen came back from an eight point half time deficit to defeat the Colby Mules, 69 to 67. This game was marred by the sloppy play of both teams, especially the Mules, who didn't score in the game until five minutes had elapsed from the clock. After they scored their first point they sped to a 43 to 35 halftime lead and it looked as if the Mules were going to completely dominate the second half. Massachusetts, led by Paul Foley and Dave Bartley, picked up tremendously in the second half and at the five minute mark they tied the game at 60-60. From there on in to the end, the game was exciting. The lead changed back and forth until Mass. went ahead 67 to 65 with Foley scoring on a set. Then Bartley hit on two fouls to make it 69 to 65. Charlie Twigg hit on a jumper to cut the lead to two points but Mass. ran out the clock and emerged with their 12th win of the season. The loss gave Colby a 11 and 10 record. Bobby Bruns, who was knocked hard to the floor in



Justin Cross, Colby's star center, is shown reaching for one of the many successful baskets which contributed to Maine's downfall last Friday night.

photo by Goodness

Colby's fighting Mules turned back a determined and scrappy Black Bear at the University of Maine, February 14, by the score of 76 to 74. It took the Mules most of the game to break down a bulge of 15 points which the Bears had built up in the opening half. With nine minutes gone in the second half, they finally did catch up and from there on in, the game was a nip and tuck affair with the Mules emerging as the victor.

Frosh Pucksters Win Eighth

Dick Morrison, scoring his third "hat trick" of the season, paced the Baby Kelleyman to a 5-3 victory over a rough and aggressive Winchester High School squad, here at the Alford Arena, last Friday. This win now gives the Freshmen an outstanding record of eight wins and one defeat, the loss being reversed on St. Dom's.

The scoreless first period was brought to a close by a goal by Jim Fox in the last second, which was later ruled to have been scored after the buzzer. The spectacular Winchester net minder, during the first 15 minutes of the game, turned aside 14 scoring attempts on the part of the Frosh pucksters.

Taking a fast lead in the second frame, the freshmen scored four goals by the now flustered goalie. Dick Morrison flipped in his first counter of the afternoon on a rebound, shot from the blue line by Craig MacArthur. On the second score, Rose, taking an assisting pass from Fox, took a short flipping shot that lit the lamp.

The third goal of the encounter came when Jay Church tried for the point, missed, and Morrison gathered in the puck and sent it home with one of his deadly shots. Fran McDonnell, winging the second line of Fox and Rose, took a pass from the latter and dented the wing with the 4th score of the second period.

The visitors from Massachusetts found the secret to success in the second period also and were able to beat the Colby defense for two pointers. In a free skating and scoring contest of that nature though, scores are hard to prevent and the Kelleyman lost little face the second half, had 22 points to lead the Mules. Twigg came up with 12. Bartley was the big gun for the Mass quintet, picking up 22 points while Foley had 14 and Ahoe 11.

The early Maine lead flickered away like a candle in the second half when they were completely outplayed by the Mules. The Mules had cut down a 15 point Maine lead earlier in the first half to a scant 6 point lead, but then the Bears built it back up to an eleven point lead as the half ended. The score at halftime was 45 to 34. With Maine playing the way they were, the outlook looked dim for the Mules and many people were ready to write the game off as another defeat. What an upset was in the making, but they forgot one thing—the capable coaching of Lee Williams. Lee, who has sat through many of these tough games in his coaching career, thought of a way to stop this Black Bear surge. The Mules came out in the second half with a defense which completely stopped the Maine team. While the Bears were trying to find out how to penetrate this defense, the Mules were slowly cutting the lead and then with nine minutes gone in the second half the score stood 60-60. From that time on the two teams fought as if there was a pot of gold going to the winner. The teams swapped leads the rest of the game until Bob Raymond curled in two hook shots to put the Mules out in front by four. But the game wasn't over by a long shot, with ten seconds to go the Mules were ahead thanks to Don Dunbar's two foul shots, then Kosty grabbed the ball and sped up the floor. He missed the shot, and Colby recovered and the game ended.

Colby had salvaged its third win over the Bears and two of them had come very hard. Raymond tied Coyne of Maine with 22 points for lead the scorers in the game. Twigg and Bruns had 15 and 14 points, respectively.

to those goals. The final period saw Morrison get his third goal of the game with the able assistance of Church and Brown. Hard skating and a tough defense were the stoppers needed by the Frosh sticklers and they came up with both in this game.

Bates & Brandeis Frosh Whip Hebron by 3-2

The Colby Mules face two tough teams over this week end in Brandeis and Bates.

Saturday night the Mules play host to the Judges of Brandeis University. The Judges are sporting a 10 to 6 record and would like to add the Mules' scalp to their list of victories. Last year the Mules pulled out a one point victory over Brandeis at Brandeis. The team features a one-two scoring punch in Captain Jimmy Houston and Jim Finderson. Houston needed 74 points going into this week's game with BU to break his all time scoring record at Brandeis for one season. So he will be trying to set this record come Saturday night. In his college career he has 1939 points. The starting line-up for Brandeis will be: Zager and Finderson at the forwards, Houston at center and Leblanc and Goldman at the guards.

Monday night the Mules will meet the Bates Bobcats at the Colby Fieldhouse. Still smarting from their 70 to 66 loss at Bates, the Mules will go all out to defeat the Bobcats. The Bates lineup features high-scoring John Manteiga and Jack Hantleb. Also starting will be Will Callender, Captain Bob Dunn, and Jack Davis.

Colby Skiers Place 3rd In State Meet

The University of Maine annexed its third straight intercollegiate ski crown by overtaking Bowdoin in Saturday's cross country and jumping events. Maine's team total was 552.4, Bowdoin's 521, Colby's 287.5, and Bates' 233.2 Bates didn't compete in Saturday's two tests.

Bowdoin had a 15 point lead going into Saturday's races, but lost out when Maine dominated the field on that day. The Skinsister Award was won by Leon Akers of the Maine team. The top performer for the Colby team was Captain Buddy Bates. Bates finished 8th in the Slalom, 3rd in the downhill, 8th in jumping, 5th in cross country. Dave Burke finished 4th in the cross country.

Bowdoin Beaten Easily 9-4

For a team not expected to score a goal all season, the Colby sextet fared allright against the Polar Bears February 15th at Lewiston. Cates and Bishop led the scoring in a game which saw every Mule getting in on a scoring effort. The team conquered its main difficulty of the season by getting the disc in 3rd. Face off is at 8:30 P.M.

Taking their 7th game in eight starts, and looking more impressive with each game, the Freshman hockey squad turned aside the strong Hebron sextet 3-2, in one of the most bruising contests of the year. Dick Morrison, scoring two of the three goals paced the Frosh attack, with Don Cote playing one of his best games of the season on defense.

Cote opened the Blue surge in brilliant fashion, placing the disc past the goalie with his driving shot. Less than a minute later, Dick Morrison, skating with Mark Brown, scored the second marker of the opening stanza. With but seconds remaining in the first period, Morrison, again being assisted by Brown, flicked the puck with accurate stick into the upper corner of the net, over the sprawled and helpless net tender.

With the scoring done for the game, the prep schoolers started to eye Bob Ayriemmas' cage. Craig MacArthur and Cote protected well until the ten minute mark of the second period, when the Hebron attack found the range. Before the period had come to a close, the scrappy visitors had sighted in and beaten "Tank" to the score again.

With four Colby penalties in the third period, Hebron put the pressure on, but the Frosh held up against the attack. Fox, McDonnell and Rose, skating on the second line, proved themselves to be worthy defenders by consistently clearing the puck from their zone. Much credit is due to these boys for they were skating against a three line attack.

Jay Church and his line of Brown and Morrison almost connected for several goals during the night cap but just couldn't get a piece of the twine. The Old Lamp Lighter, Dick Morrison, now has a grand total of 19 points to his credit, and leads the Baby Mules in scoring. Playing every second of every minute in this game, Cote and MacArthur exhibited a tough defensive combination to beat.

the twines. Despite the solo dashes of Ronnie Desjardins and Dougherty, Bowdoin lacked any kind of poise or coordination. Tempers were hot and heavy throughout the contest, but things came to a head in the third period when the wary referee dished out two disqualification penalties for fighting. The Old Lamp Lighter, Charlie Morrissey, along with Cates, Vigue and Bogron, played their usual fine games. The second line of Vollmer, Brown slump contributing three goals and five assists to the team victory—Cates and Bishop led the scoring in a game which saw every Mule getting in on a scoring effort. The team conquered its main difficulty of the season by getting the disc in 3rd. Face off is at 8:30 P.M.

CONVOCAATION

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Best Play of the Year (1949). In 1944-45, he held the Library of Congress Chair of Poetry and in 1939 and 1947 won Guggenheim Fellowships in writing. A professor of English at Yale, Cleanth Brooks is a close friend and associate of Warren's. They served together on the faculty of Louisiana State U. and were founders and co-managing editors of the Southern Review, an outstanding literary magazine of the thirties. They also collaborated on several textbooks of English literature. Among these are An Approach to Literature, (1936), Understanding Poetry, (1938) and Understanding Fiction, (1943.)

Warren is an advisory editor of the Kenyon Review, another leading magazine in the country. He has published several volumes of poetry: Thirty-Six Poems (1936); Eleven Poems on the Same Theme (1942) and Selected Poems (1944).

Prof. Brooks feels that the poems, the Ballad of Billy Potts and Original Sin, best display Warren's basic concerns and themes, and that the last chapters of All the King's Men show his most characteristic writing. His other novels are At Heaven's Gate (1943), Blackberry Winter (1946), The Circus in the Attic and Other Stories, (1947), World Enough and Time, (1950) and Band of Angels (1955). His short fiction and poetry have appeared in Untermeyer's American Poetry, O. Henry Memorial Short Stories and American Caravan, among others.

"reliable" groups is that we cordially invite and encourage members of the campus to enjoy our functions, but we certainly do not appreciate being termed "unreliable" by a strictly biased group.

BEN FRANKLIN

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of the Council of the Institute of Early American History and Culture of Williamsburg, Va., on which he has served as chairman in 1951-52.

Professor Labaree served as Con-

necticut State Historian from 1941-1939"; "The Panama Canal in system. He is the author of numerous books and articles on various national relations, Fundamental Problems, (1950). He is a member of the boards of editors of the New England Quarterly and the International Relations Readings" William and Mary Quarterly.

In June 1955, Prof. Labaree was given an Honorary Doctor of Literature degree by Williams College, and he received an Honorary Doctor of Literature degree from Bucknell University in September. He was married in 1920, to the former Miss Elizabeth Mary Calkins of New London, Conn., and has two children.

PAN-HEL UPS

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In addition to the 16 freshman pledges taken in the fall, sororities may pledge enough upperclassmen to obtain their full class quota. All four sororities voted their unanimous approval of the new quota

FOURTH GABE LECTURER

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pa and Tau Kappa Alpha. He is also the author of "Peace in the Balkans," 1935; "International Law and Diplomacy of the Spanish War,

Fri. - Sat. Feb. 24 - 25

Burt Lancaster

Anna Magnani

"THE ROSE TATTOO"

Sun. - Tues. Feb. 26 - 28

Audie Murphy
in a fighting story
of the ring"THE WORLD IN
MY CORNER"with
Barbara Rush
Jeff Morrow

HAINES

Wed. - Thurs. Feb. 29 - Mar. 1

James Stewart
Grace Kelly

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"HELEN OF TROY"OPERA HOUSE
WATERVILLE

SUNDAY

"HOUSE OF BAMBOO"

with

Robert Ryan Shirley Yomogochi

"HOME OF THE BRAVE"

with

Steve Brodie James Edwards

TUESDAY

"INTERRUPTED MELODY"

with

Glenn Ford Eleanor Parker

"THE SCARLET COAT"

Cornell Wilde Michael Wilding

THURSDAY

"TALL MAN"

Clark Gable Jane Russell

"SHOT GUN"

Sterling Hayden Yvonne DeCarlo

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Pan-Hellenic President

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Richard Todd Don Addams

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THE GOLDEN ARM"

with

Frank Sinatra
Eleanor Parker Kim Novak

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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side of the pond viewing the winter moon through an automobile windshield than it would be to enjoy a night of dancing or socialization in the fraternity house!

For many weeks the fraternities have listened to criticism from many sides. Undoubtedly we deserve to be criticized for some actions, but if we cannot rely upon the faculty for such things as chaperoning and we have to lower ourselves to indulging in minor infractions of college rules, the situation is anything but pleasant. We have been criticized for everything from "conducting a drunken brawl" to "allowing hay for a goat to clutter the house". The fact that these charges were dismissed is evidence of their unjustness. I am convinced that the fraternities at Colby offer much more to the general well-being of the campus than many people like to admit! We do not ask to have the college standards lowered; we do not want to become merely social clubs. The only thing we ask is that we be given the rightful position of a group of college men and be judged accordingly. In judging us it may be well to consider this little story:

"Two men living in a village conducted the same business and were extremely jealous of each other. The angel of the Lord came down one day and said to one of these men, 'You may be granted any wish you desire, but your competitor will be granted the same wish doubly'. First the man thought, 'I'll ask for a million dollars, but no, my competitor would get two million'. Then he thought 'I'll ask for a new plant; no, my competitor will get two new plants'. Finally, he said to the angel, 'Please make me blind in ONE EYE!!'

A REPLY

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Winter Carnival members from every conceivable organization appeared in full force and seemed to enjoy the traditional Saturday fraternity parties. Many of the same people who violently criticize the actions of such fraternities as ATO, DIKE and DU appear with date in one hand and one "right hand of fellowship" extended.

The point which should be evident even to those who belong to such

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