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Science Fair & Congress Bixler Speaking on Held On Campus April 7 Colby Problems

The annual State Science Fair and Congress, sponsored by the Maine State Principals' Association, will be held on April 7. In the afternoon the two science buildings, Keys and Life Science, will be the scene of the lectures of the Congress and the exhibits of the Fair.

3 Schools to Join Me. Band Festival

The Maine Intercollegiate Band Festival committee announces that this year, three new schools will be taking part in the concert band April 21.

Representatives from Gorham State Teachers College, the Northern Conservatory of Music, and Westbrook Junior College, will add to the concert band of over 100 musicians.

The committee wishes to tentatively announce that recordings of the concert will be on sale for any who wish to purchase them. Prices will be announced later.

It is recommended that students purchase tickets early in April for this concert, since the demand from surrounding towns, and out-of-state people will fill up available seats quite early. Students are offering the special price for reserved seats of 50c. Adults \$1.00. All seats reserved.

The Congress consists of twenty-minute lectures on original projects submitted by students from various Maine high schools in each of the three science fields of chemistry, biology, and physics. This Congress originates in the high schools where each contestant plans a project in one of these fields. Winners are then sent to the regional fair. At this contest the first two winners in each field are selected to attend the State Congress and Fair. A final lecture winner in each field is chosen in contests going on simultaneously in the two buildings. This winner is presented with an engraved plaque and earns the right to enter the New England States Fair, last year held at U. of Bridgeport.

The Fair division of the contest is comprised of science exhibits of projects from a freshman-sophomore class and a junior-senior class. A lecture winner from the Congress or anyone who enters the Fair with a project can enter the state competition. Winners from the State junior-senior division next compete in the New England Fair. Maine has the distinction of being the only state to have the lecture Congress in addition to the exhibits of the Fair.

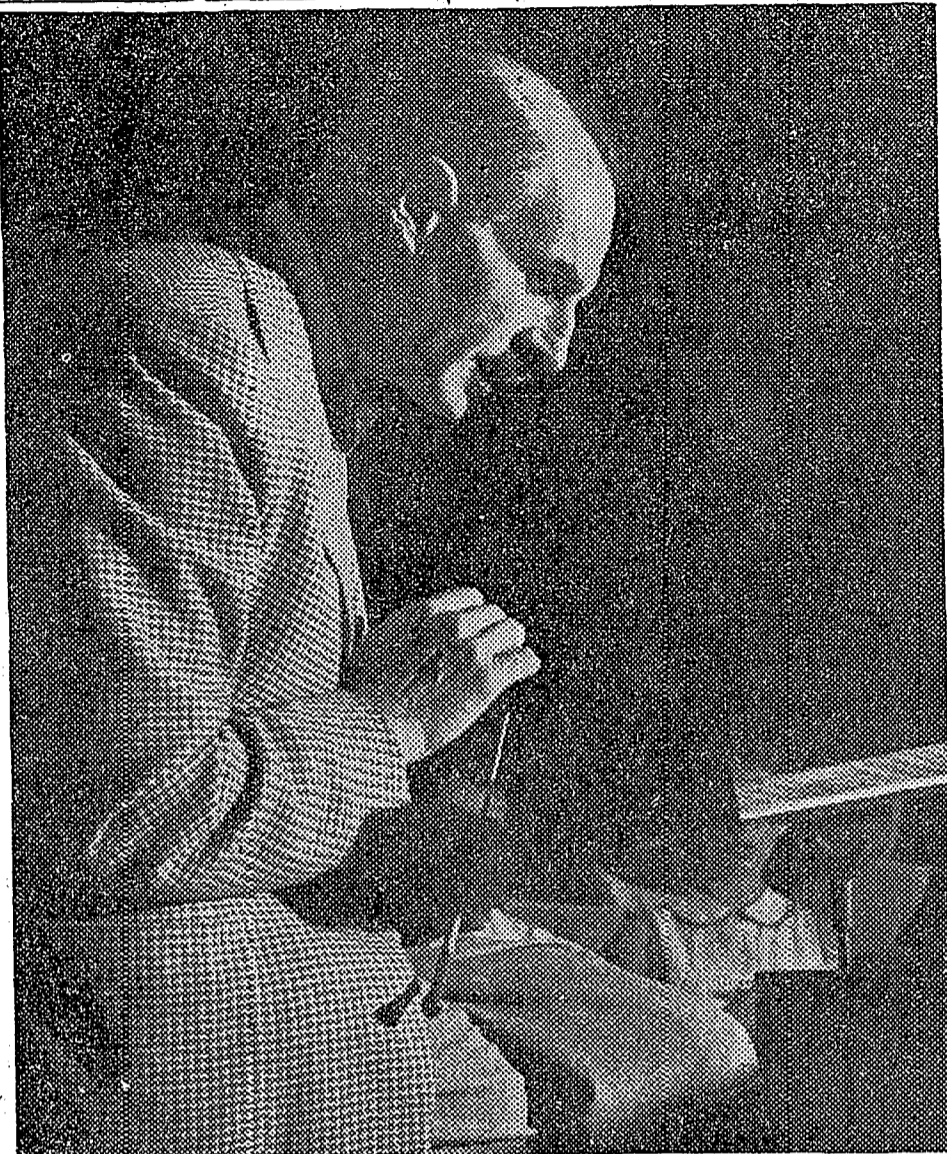
Joe Goodness, member of the six years, and the new Alford ice
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The President's office recently announced the schedule of Dr. J. Seelye Bixler's speaking tour to various Colby alumni groups in the northeast. The President will be speaking on "The State of the College".

He will report on what is happening the way of noteworthy events such as the "American Town Meeting of the Air" on Sunday, April 8, on which he will be speaking on the subject, "Have Mass Pressures invaded the Campus?" He will also review the events during the Convocation on the Liberal Arts, April 10 through 13, with its outstanding list of speakers: Dean Thomson of McGill U. — the scientist; Brand Blanshard — the philosopher; Robert Penn Warren — the author; Clarence B. Randall — the industrialist; Jack Levine — the artist; Hugh Ross — the musician; Dr. Maynard Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic; and Mildred McAfee Horton — president of Wellesley College and head of the Waves.

Dr. Bixler will also review the impressive list of speakers taking part in the Averill and Gabrielson Lecture Series this year. New faculty appointments and new courses will be mentioned as well as the appointment of a new football coach, Mr. Clifford. The President will talk a little about athletics, for example: Colby's winning the State Championship in basketball for the past

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Hugh Ross

Convocation Highlights Distinguished Conductor

Hugh Ross, well-known conductor, will take part in the Convocation this April. He will participate in a panel discussion Wednesday night, April 11, dealing with "The Rediscovery of the Individual through the Liberal Arts." On Friday morning, April 13, at ten o'clock, he will conduct the Glee Club at an all-college convocation.

Dr. J. F. Williamson To Conduct Music Institute At Colby

On Saturday, April 7 Dr. John Finely Williamson, founder and president of the Westminster College Choir, and director of the internationally renowned Westminster Choir, of Princeton, New Jersey, is coming to conduct a one-day religious music institute at Colby College from 10:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

Two hundred religious leaders, ministers, rabbis, and priests and monies-Symphony, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia and girls, one girl and one boy from each church, in the state of Maine have been invited to attend this inter-faith music institute.

The morning session, after greetings by President Bixler and by Governor Muskie, will be largely a rehearsal of the high school group conducted by Dr. Williamson. After luncheon, the four-hundred voice choir, under Dr. Williamson's direction will sing for the ministers and musicians as a demonstration of what the Westminster type leadership makes possible even in a brief period of time.

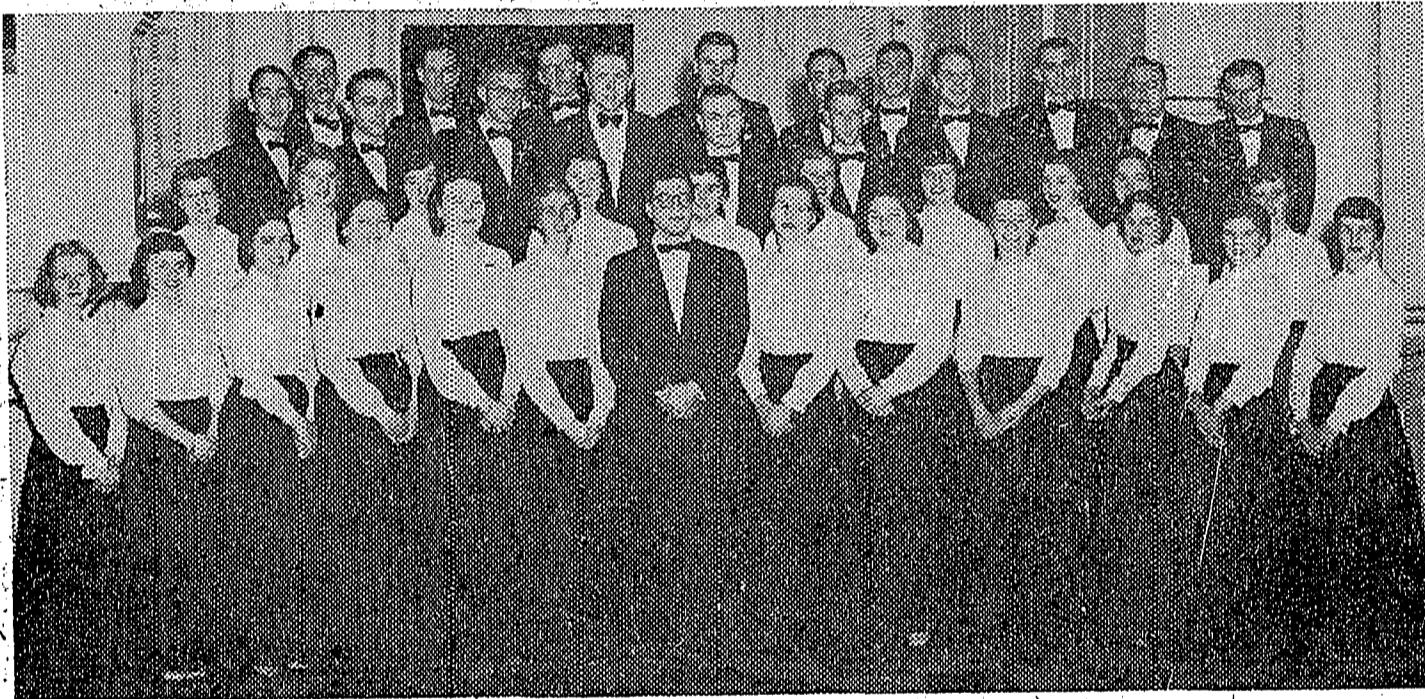
The committee, under the chairmanship of Rev. Hilda Libbey Ives, who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Colby College at Commencement in 1940, and Rev. Herbert Houghton have joined together in sponsoring this institute. It is their desire to raise the level of training and performance of music, thus enabling it to become a more effective means of worship, particularly in rural churches in the state of Maine.

One hoped-for result of this demonstration is that this may impress and
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Mr. Ross was educated at Clifton College in Bristol, England; the Royal College of Music in London; and New College, a part of Oxford, where he received his B. A. degree. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists when only seventeen. He has led a busy musical career, having been conductor of the Winnipeg Male Voice Choir (1921-28), the Winnipeg Philharmonic Orchestra (1923-28), the Schola Cantorum (1927 until the present), the Westchester Festival (1936-38), the Saint Cecilia Women's Chorus of New York (1942 until the present) and the Cecilia Society of Boston (1954-55). He has also been a guest

conductor of the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and the Orquesta Sinfonica Brasileira. He has recorded for Columbia and R. C. A. Victor.

He has been the Assistant Director of the Music Department at the New York World's Fair (1938-39), and the Director of the Sarah Lawrence College Chorus (1949-54), the Marymount College Chorus (1949 until the present), Ballet Ballads at
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Colby College Travelling Glee Club

photo by Hoyt

Colby's Concert Choir To Appear In New York Town Hall Saturday

Colby's Concert Choir will present two concerts this week. The first one will be given in Hartford, Connecticut, on March 22 and the second at Town Hall in New York City on March 24 at 8 P. M.

The opening selection will be Mozart's "Vesperae Solennes de Confessore", K. V. 839. These choruses contain some of Mozart's finest choral writing. This work has rarely been performed here as the music is not available in this country. It is being presented in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mozart.

Next, three Renaissance madrigals will be offered. The first, "Echo Song" by Orlando di Lasso, is a novelty number in a humorous vein. It features an off-stage quartet echoing the music sung by the choir. Chansons, lyrical music by Paul Second is "Moro Lasso" by Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa. In this French poems by Rainier

These pieces are popular with advanced choruses.

A rarely heard work by an outstanding post-romanticist will be given next: "Psalm 150", a psalm of praise in a brilliant setting by Anton Bruckner. The program will conclude with "Colbiana", a melody

of Colby songs arranged by Peter Re. These concerts will provide excellent experience for the choir. Many music critics are expected to attend the Town Hall performance. This will be a good opportunity to exhibit Colby's musical talent. Tickets cost two dollars and are on sale in the Spa. For those who aren't sure of their plans, tickets can also be purchased at Town Hall.

Anyone who expects to be near New York City at this time should be sure to attend. The concert promises to be outstanding.

Correction:

In last week's ECHO, the article on Friday afternoon teas stated that the teas were being well attended by upperclassmen and that it was hoped more "upperclassmen and faculty members" would attend. This should have read UNDERCLASSMEN and faculty members, for it is mostly the Freshmen and Sophomores who don't seem to be aware of the existence of these teas and their beneficial contribution to college life.

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A Senior Scholar Speaks

By Vashti O. Boddie

This is an era of many great decisions — national, international, and local. This is a period of prosperity in which our teleological advancements have far outshadowed the few experiments in international cooperation and understanding which have been attempted. But if our material achievement is great, at the same time we are a country of anxious people. Material prosperity has led to a slip in values from ideals to physical comforts, and the laborer has exchanged his tools for a push-button mechanism which demands less time to operate. Everyone is in a hurry to be a success, and success is measured in terms of equity rather than quality.

Colby is no exception to the trend of modern society, for in microscopic form, it represents the features of a small town. Most of the students have the advantage of knowing each other, and there is an exceptional student-faculty relationship which is peculiar to the small liberal arts college. But Colby is also in a constant state of flux, a situation which has capitalized on the vices of the small town. The tendency has been to condemn the group, to dissolve the core, and to replace the feeling of cooperativeness with a cry for individual independence. Instead of a positive reformation of values, the banner carriers have been content to "react against" without offering any tangible substitutes for improving a condition which anyone may observe.

The pattern is a familiar one. Some claim that Colby lacks the tradition which other colleges have, but I wonder if these people have stopped to consider that the pen is still in their hands. Others claim that there are just not enough activities planned to keep the student occupied. So plans are left unsupported, lectures go unattended, Chapel services are forgotten, but always someone else is to blame.

There is still a third group who wait to see what others are doing before they take any position, and the game of follow-the-leader goes on. To quote from Emerson: "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

After four years at Colby, I am convinced that here is a school with



Vashti Boddie

a future. I can see more and more the wisdom in Frost's philosophy of "hanging around", for the sensitive eye and ear has a chance to develop toward introspection, self-knowledge, and interpenetration. This future shall not be based on thought alone, for present actions will form

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Stu - G Election Rules

Rules for the forthcoming Student Government elections have been set up and are as follows:

Nominations for the election of officers shall be made by petition in which shall be stated the qualifications of the candidate. The following are the required qualifications: for any office a student must have attained at least a seventy average, and the candidate for Treasurer must have a course in Accounting and a recommendation by the Department of Business Administration. Any person, group, or organization may present a full slate of four candidates, one for each office, by furnishing a petition which shall in-

clude twenty-five signatures of students in each class plus twenty-five signatures undesignated. Any individual may run independently by presenting a petition or seventy-five signatures. A person may sign only one petition for a slate plus one individual's petition for each office. These petitions are to be turned in to Student Government President, Bob Raymond, by April tenth. Voting shall take place on Polling Day, April sixteenth. The ballots shall be provided on which students may vote for a straight slate or write in any particular candidate from among the other slates. In case of a tie, the Student Government shall decide by plurality of the vote cast.

COLBY ECHOES

January, 1885

The class photographer endeavored to procure natural expressions in all cases, when taking the photographs of the students. To one Senior he gave this rather ambiguous instruction: "Now look natural, smile, think of beer." The Senior is in doubt whether or not this conveyed any hidden meaning.

December, 1888

A new and elegant piano has been placed in the gym. To all exercises will now be added the poetry of motion.

April, 1890

That was a somewhat thoughtless student who took cribs into an examination and left them in his examination book.

February, 1891

The following excuse was presented the other day for absence from the gymnasium: "It was occasioned by the fact that I needed rest rather than exercise."

February, 1891

A student in Geology was making a pencil sketch of the professor in the classroom, the other day, when he heard the professor's voice: "Perhaps you would like to have me sit for you sometime, Mr. G."

October, 1895

The number of bicycle accidents on Campus is this year very large, doubtless owing to the increased number of new riders. There is too much fast riding on our roads. Too many young men ride, not for the incidental pleasures of the sport, but for the mere exercise and the desire to outdo some other owner of a wheel.

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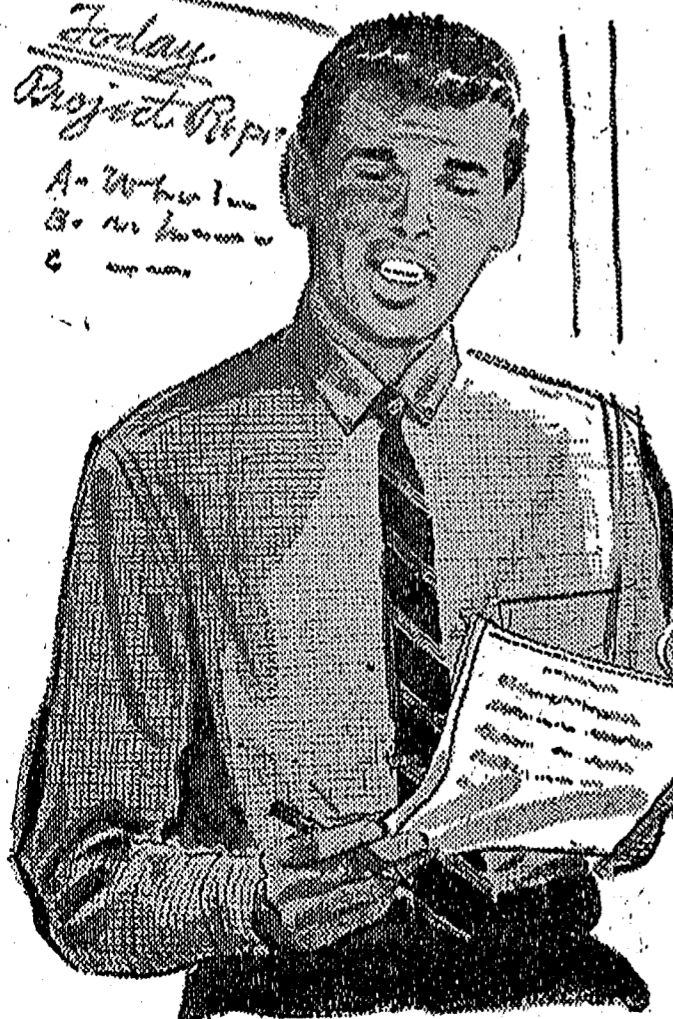
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BIXLER SPEAKING

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rink and indoor hockey facilities. He will report also on the work being done for a new Social Science building and Art and Music building. His schedule is as follows:

March 21st: Dr. Bixler will meet with the Boston Colby Alumni for dinner at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge.

March 22nd: Hartford Alumni group are hosts to the Colby Glee Club who will give a concert at Webster Hill School, West Hartford. During the intermission, Dr. Bixler will speak to Alumni, parents, and friends.

March 26th: Springfield Alumni
March 27th: Worcester Alumni
March 28th: Providence Alumni
April 6th: New York Area Alumni
May 1st: Bangor Alumni
May 2nd: Houlton Alumni
May 8th: Portland Alumni

DR. J. F. WILLIAMS

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ministers with the increased possibilities of worship through music. They will arrange to have a representative from their church to attend an intensive training course in church music scheduled at Watford, Maine, from August 20-28. The faculty of this course will include several members of the Westminster College together with the president of Westminster's senior class, an organist of outstanding ability.

CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS

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the Music Box Theater, 1948, and The Golden Apple at the Phoenix and Alvin Theatres in 1954. He has been the head of the Chorus, Opera and Music History Department at the Manhattan School of Music since 1936 and of the Choral Department of the Berkshire Mountain Festival at Tanglewood since 1941.

SCIENCE FAIR

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freshman class, won the first place in the junior-senior division of the State exhibits held last year at Bowdoin. The representative from Sanford High School constructed a process for making sugar from wood.

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MULE KICKS



Last week we gave two up-and-coming sports a much needed shot in the arm, in that we praised them for their fine work this season. Another sport which needs support is Track. Here is a sport that hardly anyone in school knows exists on the Colby College extra-curricula program. By this, I mean that the participation in this sport as to the other sports is nil. There are too many men students who sit around and complain about Colby track teams. Most of these students will be found in the spa all afternoon or gabbing with their best girl and their friends every night. In a school the size of Colby there must be more boys who can participate in track than is shown. Every year, Maine, Bowdoin and Bates defeat Colby by large scores in the track meets. Bates and Bowdoin haven't any more men students than Colby, but they usually come up with a fairly good track team each year.

I'll admit that track is not a spectator sport and there is not much glory which results from it. But there are some things a person can do just for the sake of participating. Track is a good sport for a person to keep in good physical condition. Unless there is more participation, track will soon be dropped from the college extra-curriculum. I don't see how it can survive with so few members and so little backing.

EXTRA KICKS

Well, the baseball team leaves tomorrow and plays seven games on their southern jaunt. This could be a big year for Coach John Winkin's nine. . . . The football team has been having spring workouts and hopes are high for a fairly good season next fall. . . . Coach Bob Clifford greeted his team for the first time last week. . . . The basketball banquet was held last week and Charlie Twigg was named captain for next season. Twigg, second high scorer for Lee Williams' five this past season, was also named the recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award. Don Rice received the Most Improved Player Award, while Bob Raymond received the foul shooting award. . . . Outgoing Captain Bob Bruns gave Coach Williams and Coach Winkin gifts on behalf of the team. . . . The hockey team named Guy Vigue as captain next season, while Buddy Bates was re-elected captain for the Ski Team. Buddy also received the Dobson Award for the outstanding skier. . . . Monday night Dr. Bixler and Mrs. Bixler were hosts to the State Series Champions at a turkey dinner at their home. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the turkey was excellent. Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bixler on behalf of the basketball team.

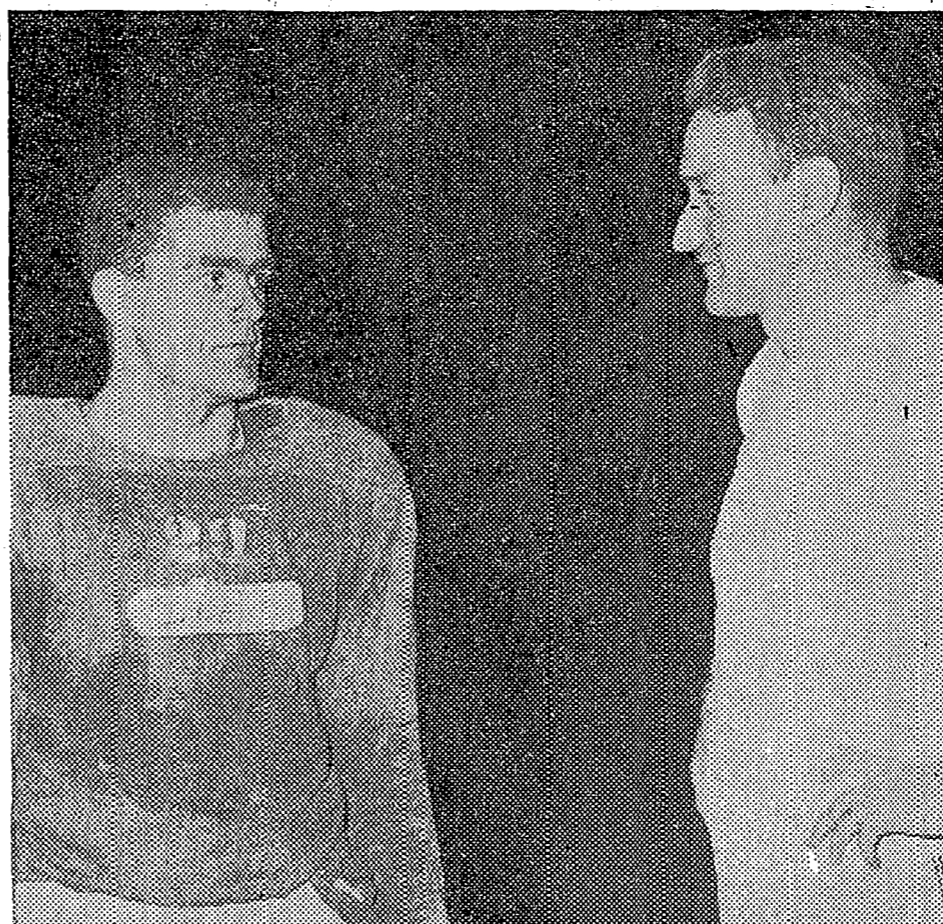
Baseball Team To Depart Tomorrow

Spring Drills Held For Football Team Jubinsky Leads Colby Nine On 7 Game Southern Tour

Tonight will be the final practice for the spring season under the leadership of the new Colby football coach, Robert Clifford. The football hopefuls have been undergoing some serious workouts, preparing for the first session of full practice on September 1.

In a short meeting just ten days

Tomorrow afternoon the Colby baseball team leaves for its annual southern trip. The Mules will stay overnight in New Haven, Connecticut and drive into New York Saturday morning. While in New York, the team will see the finals of the National Invitational Tournament at Madison Square Garden. Sunday they will drive to Washington and then they will take on Catholic University on Monday afternoon. In successive days, the Mules will play Georgetown, Quantico Marines, Princeton, West Point, Villanova, and will end the trip with Upsala on April 2.



Colby's new coach Bob Clifford, at right, gives Lee Mathieu, varsity captain, some sage advice. photo by Hoyt

Coach Winkin is planning on taking seventeen players. Last season the Mules had a successful trip, and, in the past, Colby has always held their own against the Southern trip opponents. The outlook for this season is very encouraging to Coach Winkin. He has a veteran squad back from last years' successful team. Only two members were graduated last year. The pitching staff is strong with two ace left handers in Jimmy Jamieson and Ed Lagonegro and two right handers in Pel Brown and Bill Haggett. Brown and Lagonegro are Juniors, while Haggett and Jamieson are seniors. Backing up this staff are three sophomores, Warren Judd and Johnny Edes, right handers, and George Dineen, a left hander. In the infield Winkin has Barke Boole at third base, Don Dunbar at shortstop, Charlie Morrissey at second base, and Don Rice at first base. Thomas Collins is the number one reserve infielder. Neil Stinneford will start in center field with Wilfred Laverdiere in left field if his shoulder is okay. John Jubinsky and Ronnie Staples will alternate in right field and behind the plate. George Pierce is the other catcher, but he can also fill in at any spot.

This year's team is very strong in the pitching department, good in the outfield depending on Laverdiere's injury, excellent in the catching department, and fair in the infield. The success of the team rides on the play of the infield throughout the season. The Mules look like the team to beat in the State Series and they may get a NCAA bid if they play like they can all season. The team has been working hard now since the first of February and appear to be ready. The only thing that may hurt them is the fact that they will not have the opportunity of playing outside before their first game.

One of the finest baseball players ever to come to Colby will be making his varsity debut when the Mules take the field against Catholic University Monday. He is Ronnie Staples of Presque Isle, Maine. Ron has caught for the Presque Isle Indians in Maine-New Brunswick League for the last four seasons. This league has many future baseball greats and Ronnie has held his own with any of them. Coach Winkin thinks enough of his hustling catcher to give him the cleanup spot on opening day.

Other baseball players out for the team who aren't making the trip are: Ronnie Rasmussen, Bruce Blanchard, Al Tarr, and Phil Golden.

ago, Coach Clifford explained his offense and defense to the varsity candidates, and expressed his feelings quite well on the football situation and the hopes for the future at Colby. He merely asked for 100% participation on the part of the individual and promised 100% effort on his part to make Colby proud of a real football team. Coach Clifford's views were accepted wholeheartedly by all present, and after a few words from Lee Williams, Athletic Director, the meeting adjourned.

Clifford has kept his part of the agreement. The sessions in the Field House every evening have been exacting and demanding. In the first few days, the new coach was able to detect certain abilities in his players, and by doing so, to give the player a new position in which he might be more able to help the team and excel himself. Among his changes was the switch of Captain Lee Mathieu from fullback to center. Lee has worked hard at learning his new position, and it appears that Clifford made a smart move for the good of the team.

Although some regulars have been unable to participate because of other spring sports, about forty men have been working nightly. This squad has been bolstered greatly with the addition of some freshman linemen and backs. The tackle slot has some serious competitors, Jim Fox, Jim Rodman, Norm Rosenblatt, and Boyd Sands are giving the varsity men some rugged competition. Among other changes, center Gerry D'Amico has moved over to tackle for added strength, Doug Gates and Bill Saladino have been working in their regular line shape at the end slots, with some able pushing from the freshman hopefuls, Tackle Dave O'Brien has been moved to guard and Clifford's insight and foresight has proved advantageous to the team once again.

Mark Brown, Jug Morriman, and

Don Crowley are fighting it out for the quarterback position, while Clifford has them each running capably in the two halfback slots. The two missing halfbacks, Neil Stinneford and Bob Bates, playing baseball and track respectively, will not find it that easy to stop back into their positions with some of the bidders working at their position this spring. Bob Auriema, exemplifies the old saying, "Good things come in small packages". He is running extremely well at fullback. His speed and drive seem to make up for his lack of size.

Looking back on the two weeks that Coach Clifford has been at Colby, we find room for a smug smile of appreciation. His manner, personality, and ability to handle football and boys is amazing. His workouts have been gruelling in spots, but his players find consolation in his leadership. With the prospect of a new line coach, Lee Mathieu as Captain, Clifford as Head Coach, Colby can expect to watch a football team that will give its all. Whether the record be 7-0 or 0-7, the students can be assured that everyone will have given their best effort, from coaches to players.

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Taylor Blasts College Teaching & Lecturing

Much has been said in recent months concerning the purposes of higher education. With this has come a growing debate over who should go to college.

These problems received a thorough airing last week at a conference on higher education of the National Education Association. Some 1,100 leaders from 450 colleges and forty-six states met in Chicago. They questioned many long-accepted practices and policies ingrained in American higher education.

The college spokesmen listened attentively as they heard some of their most sacred beliefs and practices challenged.

The most thought-provoking address of the four-day conference came from Dr. Harold Taylor of Sarah Lawrence College. As president of this experienced women's institution in Bronxville, N. Y., Dr. Taylor during the past ten years has scrapped many of the commonly accepted policies of grades, credits, courses, and examinations. He believes that the purpose of a college education is to educate the student. Dr. Taylor ripped into the "bar-

ren" schooling which he said can be found almost everywhere today. Quality is a forgotten word in the field of higher education. Too often the presidents and professors are more concerned with putting up new buildings, working on committees, getting the mechanics of a course in order and worrying about budgets than about the quality of education the student should get. "The student is the forgotten man in higher education," Dr. Taylor observed dryly.

To return to the fundamentals of learning, Dr. Taylor urged a greater partnership between the students and the colleges. Instead of looking upon the students as a necessary nuisance, the educators should regard them as the primary purpose of the higher-education program. Dr. Taylor made his colleagues squirm with this indictment:

"The present system of lectures, textbooks, survey courses, standard requirements of subject matter, examinations, numerical grades, fails to touch the inner consciousness of the student. It assumes that if the punitive aspects of the examination and grading systems were removed,

A SENIOR SCHOLAR SPEAKS

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a marginal line by which the quality of our achievement shall be measured. There is absolutely no reason why this should not be possible. Our heritage has been rich, our founders have left us with an inspired challenge to achieve, and we have come equipped with alert minds thirsty for direction. We can no longer hide behind the tools of rationalization—"Apathy," "Pseudo-intellectualism"—for in doing so, we admit weaknesses within ourselves which are not inherently so. There is no more time for idle quibbling since we have exhausted our supply of excuses.

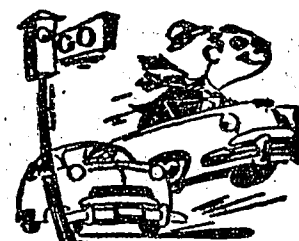
We are fortunate to have attention directed toward the spring convocation this year which, for many shall be the high-point of any college career. There will be points of view expressed from every walk of life, from every type of belief, from every type of perspective, and the total effect should be a revitalization of potential which has existed all along. Then again, we are looking toward Johnson Day as a monument to one who served as a spring of long-standing inspiration to our college

he would do nothing and learn nothing."

"This is nonsense. If we stop treating the student as if he were Continued on Page Six

community. These are only two examples of planned activity which are directed toward improvement at the group level. But I should like to propose an additional plan of action which each individual could adopt into his daily pattern of living. (1) Cast a reflective look at one self and see where the wasted potential lies (2) Once the potential has been discovered, develop a scheme of action which would help to obtain these goals (3) Once the goals are perceived, never compromise or settle for less. Colby's future is dependent on our present actions. What have you done about it?

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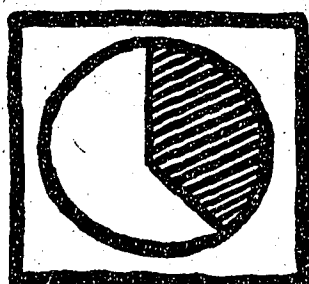
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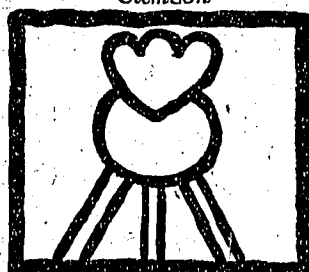
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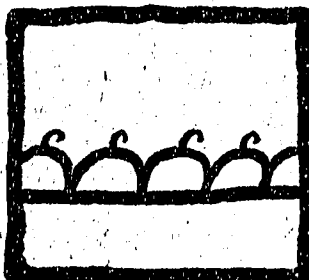
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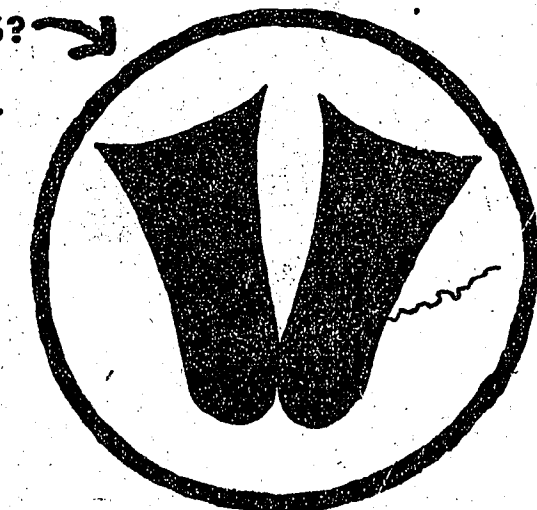
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TAYLOR BLASTS

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a sullen child who is only willing to learn if we threaten him with a bad grade; we would release a new fund of student energy which is now waiting to be put to positive use."

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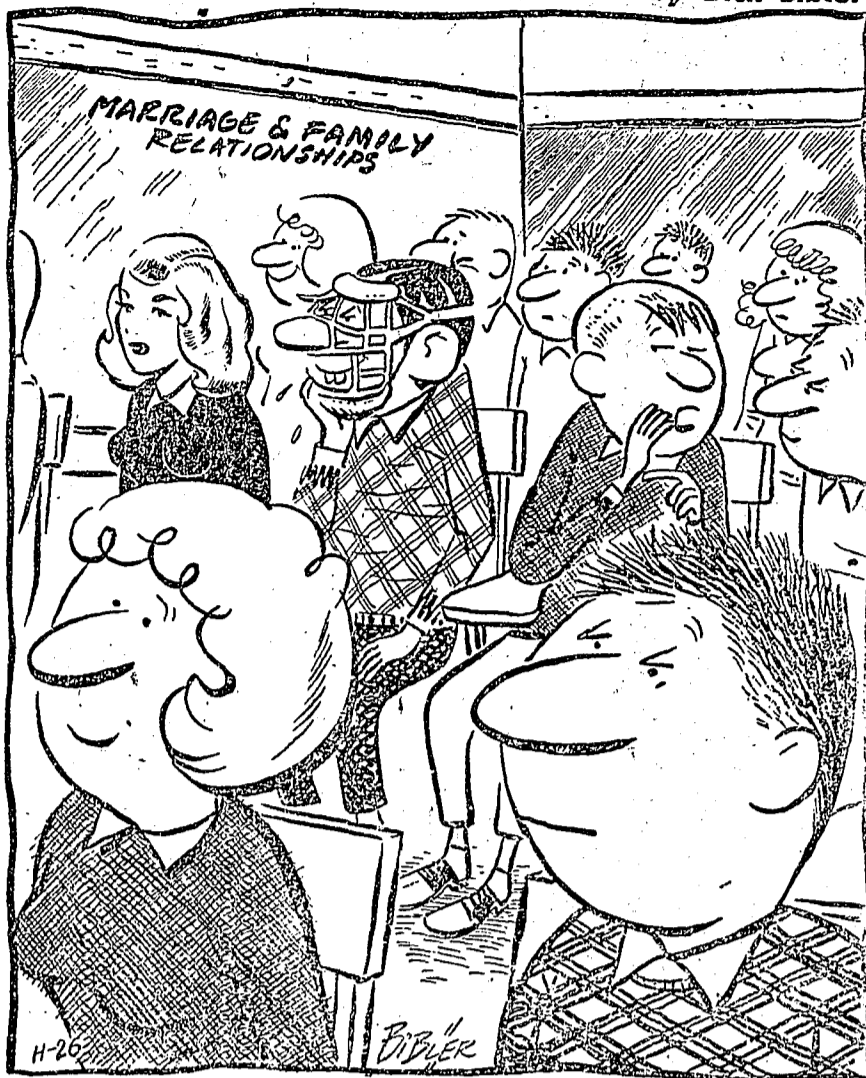
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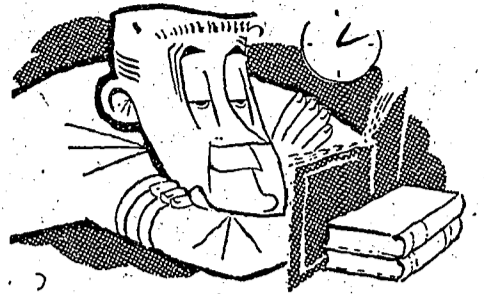
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