

# Committee Offers Gala Weekend

Don Shirley

## Variety Keynotes Colby College Carnival Weekend

Winter Carnival 1960 will open on Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. with the Ice Show in the Alford Arena. Liz Chamberlain is again head of the ice-show which features guest skaters from the Boston Skating Club and the Brunswick Skating Club. A group of Colby girls have been working on two numbers since Thanksgiving and should put on a superb show. This is the second year that Colby has presented an Ice Show. Last year it was a great success and we anticipate an even better show this year.

The Carnival Queen will be crowned at the beginning of the Ice Show and will reign for the weekend. After the show she will be the guest of honor at a reception at the Zeta Psi house. This open house, at which all are welcome, will have the Queen's Court and out-of-town guests also present.

From one to three on Friday there will be an Eight-Ette Concert in the Chapel. They will be joined by the Meddiebumpsters from Bowdoin. This is one of the finest concerts given by our singing groups.

Friday evening Urbie Green will supply the background music for a semi-formal dance held in the Women's Union. The Union will be lavishly decorated to complete the atmosphere of the "Fire and Ice" theme of the weekend.

On Saturday morning starting at 10 a ski Marathon will be held. It is for inexperienced as well as seasoned skiers. It will consist of a cross-country obstacle course. Then at 1 P.M. in the Women's Union Don Shirley, whose piano playing Stravinsky has said "is worthy of the gods", will put on a concert for the carnival-goers. With basses to supplement his piano, Don Shirley's concert ought to be a treat for all jazz fans and those who just like music. Saturday will also feature fraternity parties and athletic events. Sunday morning will end the weekend with the traditional Bromo Brunch in the Women's Union.

The Carnival Committee has set the price of the bids at \$10 per couple. The bids will be put on sale shortly before the beginning of the weekend.



The Winter Carnival Committee is pleased to announce the star who will perform on Saturday, February 13, at 1:00 P.M. at the Women's Union. He is Don Shirley, nationally known pianist.

Like most musicians who are true innovators, Don Shirley, an arranger-composer, has always been classified in such various categories as "Jazz," "Classical," "Jazz-oriented Classical," or "Classically-oriented Jazz", but always half-heartedly and with many reservations. His work cannot be catalogued in any particular school of musical composition.

Don's piano styling reflects many different influences, yet there is always present his own inscrutable and unyielding individuality. At times there are snatches of the familiar styles of Garner or Ellington or Shearing, but never more than he needs to use in creating the mood of the moment.

The extent of Don's formal training is clearly revealed in his fabulous technique. He began playing piano at the age of 2½, and by the time he was 9, he had been invited to study at the Leningrad Conservatory, where he was to spend a great part of his youth. And yet he abandoned the piano while still young for a while.

It was in Chicago as a psychologist that Don "tripped" back into a musical career. He was given a grant to study the relationship between music and a juvenile crime wave which had suddenly broken out in the early 1950's. Working in a small club in Chicago, he used his knowledge and skill to perform experiments in sound, whereby he proved that certain tonal combinations could affect the audience's reactions. No one in the audience, of course, knew either that he was experimenting or that students had been placed among the onlookers to observe.

But Don Shirley as pianist became a sensation. Appearances in New York followed, notably at the Basin Street where Duke Ellington first heard him. An appearance on the Arthur Godfrey Show launched his career nationwide. The Chicago press noticed him when his London audiences went wild. Much of the uncanny emotional effect of his playing he credits to the two basses with him.

Where Don Shirley got his pungent piano styles is anybody's guess. Factually, it all started in the deep South where he walked tightropes and thought of chords as round red apples and fresh lemons. A lot of it came from the fog of chi-chi bistros. Some of it stemmed from bawdy beer-gardens. His singular background in applied psychology is responsible for a good measure of his effectiveness. His flawless technique is as great or greater than that of any concert pianist today and must contribute a great deal. From wherever his genius stems, one thing is certain: musicians from Stravinsky to Jazz-bo Collins recognize it and applaud it.

Artie Shaw, on the one hand, says that Don Shirley brings dignity where it is needed, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, on the other says Don is destined to revolutionize the popular forms of music.

Urbie Green



Why not face the music and dance to the sound of Urbie Green, his trombone and orchestra, Friday, February 12, 1960, from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Women's Union.

Urbie is from Mobile, Alabama. The youngest of three trombone playing brothers, he left school at the age of fifteen after teaching himself to play the trombone — to play with Frankie Carle, Gene Krupa, and finally Woody Herman. Two years ago, he was chosen to front the Benny Goodman band on tour. He later appeared in "The Benny Goodman Story" along with Steve Allen.

To the small and select list of wonderful instrumentalists who have led their own dance bands to fame, you can now add the name of Urbie Green. Urbie is known for his ability to play a smooth, mellow trombone. He plays music which is in tempos that can be danced to, and which is at the same time a splendid showcase for his soaring trombone.

The Winter Carnival Committee presents an exciting dance band. Happy listening and happy dancing to the music of Urbie Green, his trombone and orchestra.

## Skiers To Host Meet For Carnival Weekend

Few people realize just what exactly Colby's ski team does over Carnival weekend. While everyone else is on campus enjoying the many and varied activities, our skiers are valiantly competing against other schools up at Sugarloaf and at Farmington ski slope.

On Friday the boys journey to Sugarloaf to compete in a morning downhill race and afternoon slalom against Maine, Bates and other schools. In the past we have been able to hold our own and have finished either first or second. On Saturday the team travels to Farmington for cross-country racing and jumping competition. The action is exciting and is most worthwhile to observe for anyone who is a sports enthusiast. Lazy fans are fortunate to be able to watch hockey and basketball here on campus, but those who are willing to travel a few miles can get a great thrill by watching our ski team in action and then enjoy the quiet evening activities offered by Carnival here on campus.



**CARNIVAL BIDS**  
Bids for the 1960 Winter Carnival will be sold at the customary location outside the Spa beginning today and continuing through next Thursday. The cost of the bid is only ten dollars, and the value gained is considerable. So buy bonds, . . . we mean BIDS!



# Greeks Choose Queen Candidates



Debbie Wilson - PLP



Pat Walker - PDT



Gail Longenecker - ZP



Penny Martin - ATO



Wendy McWilliam - TDP



Carol Anderson - STP



Carolyn Webster - KDR



Nancy Cunneen - DKE



Jo Deans - DU



Betsy Perry - LCA

## Carnival Now A 4 Day "Holiday" Of Fun & Music

Winter Carnival at Colby College is no longer a new venture. It has become an annual affair looked forward to by everyone as the first big weekend of second semester. In the past few years it has developed into a four-day celebration beginning on Thursday night with an ice show. This show is completely student-produced and exploits the talent of Colby students as well as additional national amateur performers from Boston.

On Friday activities are resumed in the early afternoon with a singing-group concert held in the chapel. Along with our own Colby Eight and Ettes, we have been joined in the past by groups from Amherst, Bowdoin, Mt. Holyoke and Bradford. For two hours the chapel has rung with cheers and laughter in appreciation for the efforts of these groups. The concert is traditionally casual and relaxing; it's good preparation for the hectic festivities during the remainder of the weekend.

Friday night is the time for the Carnival Ball. Held in Women's Union, with gala decorations and a well-known band providing the music. The Queen of the weekend has been crowned at this ball in recent years by college dignitaries and then reigns over the rest of the weekend. This year she will be crowned at the ice show. Saturday is Carnival's day of sports with our ski team competing at Sugarloaf and Farmington while our hockey and basketball team perform on campus. In the afternoon there has recently been a feature attraction providing a change of pace for the weekend participants. Saturday is the time for the fraternities to shine with their individual parties and bands.

The weekend is brought to a close on Sunday morning with a brunch held in Women's Union. Coffee, juice and pastry are provided for those who are still able to walk around after a mad whirl of music, fun and late hours.

The 1960 Carnival Queen will be crowned Thursday evening at the ice show. The candidates will appear at a tea on Wednesday evening where a group of people from Waterville choose the Queen from among these. The Queen and her court will be announced at the beginning of the ice show at which time she will start her reign. Each fraternity has selected its candidate, and they are as following:

Carol Anderson, the Sigma Theta Psi candidate, a senior at Colby, comes from Goffstown, New Hampshire. She is interested in dramatics and swimming, and is president of the Modern Dance Club. Carol is a chemistry major and intends to go on to graduate school.

Jo Deans, a senior Cap and Gown member selected by Delta Upsilon as its candidate. Jo, an English major, comes from Winchester, Mass. She is interested in music and has been active in the Glee Club Concert Choir and orchestra. She is also on Women's Judiciary and Student League.

Nancy Cunneen, a junior from Danielson, Conn., has been nominated by the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. In addition to being a biology major, Nancy is a cheerleader, Junior Advisor, Dorm Chairman and Pan-Hellenic representative for Sigma Kappa sorority. Nancy plans to teach biology.

Betsy Perry, the Lambda Chi Alpha candidate, hails from Exeter, N.H. Betsy is a French major and

plans to teach. She is interested in sports and music and is a member of the board of the Women's Athletic Association and the Women's Union Committee. Betsy is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Wendy McWilliam, the Tau Delta Phi candidate, is a major in History-Government-Economics whose home is South Weymouth, Mass. Vice-president of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, she is also secretary of the Senior Class, Vice-president of the German Club and a member of Delta Phi Alpha. Interested in music, travel and sports, Wendy plans to go to graduate school next year and hopes to go to Europe.

Zeta Psi has nominated Gail Longenecker from Katonah, N.Y. Recording Secretary of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Gail is also an ECHO Reporter, a campus guide, and has been a junior adviser. She hopes to work for International Business Machines (IBM).

Pat Walker, chosen by Phi Delta Theta, is a Senior from Northboro, Mass. She is President of Pan-Hellenic Council as a representative of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Pat's hobbies are sports and dramatics. She is a Cheerleader, Chapel usher and a member of Cap and Gown, Student Government and Senior Commencement Committee. Pat was in the cast of *The Boy Friend* last year and *South Pacific* in 1958, she plans to use her history major to teach high school.

Debbie Wilson, the Pi Lambda

Phi candidate, is a senior from Newton, Mass. She is interested in sports and organ music. Her major is Business Administration and she plans to go into personnel work. Debbie is President of Inter-Faith Association and Treasurer of Student Christian Association.

Penny Martin, who has been nominated by Alpha Tau Omega, is an English major from Rockport, Conn. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority and active in *Echo*, Religious Convocation Committee and the Women's Union Committee. She is in the Winter Carnival Ice Show and interested in winter sports. After her marriage in June she plans to teach.

Carolyn Webster is the candidate for Kappa Delta Rho. She is a member of Chi Omega and President of Cap and Gown. A senior from Rockville Centre, Long Island, Carolyn is a member of Judiciary Board, Pan-Hellenic Representative and a past member of Student League. Carolyn has no definite plans for the future.

## Carnival Edition

The Annual Colby Echo Carnival Edition will be published next week. Check times and locations of events from this issue.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Winter Carnival Committee has been fortunate to have Mike Loeb as its faculty advisor. Mike, Director of Health and Physical Education on the Hill, is not only well known at Colby; he is also active in many civic groups around Waterville and the state of Maine.

As advisor he has been a great deal of help in correlating faculty relations and the ideas of the students. With his great amount of administrative experience and his years as Winter Carnival advisor, his ideas and interest in the success of the Weekend have been invaluable to the Committee. By working closely with the co-chairmen, Mike has contributed much to the successful organization of this year's program.

The Carnival Committee would like to express its warmest thanks to Mr. Loeb for all he has done for us.

Sincerely,

Winter Carnival Committee

## Festival History Began In 1937; Is Now Annual

A new venture, the first annual Winter Carnival, was launched at Colby in 1937 by the Colby Outing Club, and proved to be both an athletic and social success. For 2 days February 5 and 6, the college was ruled jointly by King Winter and Queen of the Carnival, Pretty Janet Hollis.

Friday afternoon Queen Janet opened the Carnival by throwing in the puck that started the Colby-Boston College hockey game, a contest which the hard-fighting Mules lost, 3-2. That night the Carnival crowd jammed the State Theater, where they witnessed the Austrian ski film "Slalom", sang Colby songs and cheered the Queen, the Dean, the late Ernest Mariner, and Outing Club President Russ.

Saturday dawned clear and just cold enough. Immediately after lunch the college students journeyed up to Mayflower Hill for the intramural winter sports meets. They found enough snow for exciting dashes and toboggan, snowshoe, ski and slalom races. Many of these events were being held for the first time in the history of the college. Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi won the fraternity and sorority competition.

Events which had been moving swiftly through the two days rose to a crescendo with the Carnival Ball. The climax of the ball, held at the Alumni Building on Saturday evening, was the coronation of the queen. The royal personage and her court marched through a long line of dancers, as spotlights played around her and artificial snow cascaded from the ceiling above. When she reached the front of the dance floor the late President Johnson presented her to Governor Lewis O. Barrows, who complimented her and presented her roses and a handsome loving cup. Percy Reynolds and his Commanders provided the swinging music for the dancers.



Mike Loeb