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Campus Comment Wins Honors In N. Y.

Mary Cronin and Marjorie Philips left Providence March 20, at nine o'clock to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Convention in New York City, where Campus Comment was awarded second prize in its class in a nation-wide contest.

The convention opened at MacMillan Theater, Columbia University, with Joseph M. Murphy, Director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, presiding over a General Meeting, Dr. Harry J. Carman, dean of Columbia College, gave the welcome. Captain William E. Haskell, Vice-president of the New York Herald Tribune, addressed them on the subject "School Newspapers Today and Tomorrow." He stressed the importance of women in the newspaper world.

The meeting was then adjourned to the Low Library steps where the convention picture was taken.

Questioning Minds

A special feature of the convention was a panel discussion entitled "Is the U. N. the Answer to World Peace?" Miss Greta Baker, director of the Radio Workshop at New York's famous Town Hall, presented four students in an off-the-air round-table discussion of this important question. The speaker represented the Student Division of two organizations, United World Federalists and the American Association for the United Nations. The audience took part in a question period following the program.

Tips For Editors

On Friday afternoon, a second panel discussion was held at Grace Dodge Hall. It was an associated teachers' meeting under the direction of student leaders who discussed publications from the following viewpoints: front page make-up, use of the feature, correct use of advertising, headlines and harmony, objective sports writing and pictures and the cartoon.

A business meeting was held at the Hotel Aston, Saturday morning, at which business and programs planning were discussed. The climax of the convention was reached at a luncheon planned for all the delegates in the hotel. There was an estimated attendance of three thousand.

Noted Author Speaks

Joseph M. Murphy, director of the association, presided, while Dr. Frank (continued on page 3)

Department Heads Attend Convention

Miss Lois Decker and Miss Mary J. Moriarty of the Health and Physical Education Department represented Bridgewater at the annual Eastern District Association of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Convention at Brooklyn, New York. The Eastern District is the oldest and largest section of American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Full Program

On Friday, March 28, Miss Decker attended the meetings of the Executive Committee Eastern Association of Physical Education for College Women of which she is treasurer. On Saturday, she attended meetings of that same group, at Barnard College, New York, the theme of which was, "Meeting the individual needs of college girls through testing and motivation." On Monday, Miss Decker attended the pre-convention dance conference where Bessie Schoenste and Joses Limon accompanied by Norman Lloyd, well-known accompanist, learned and demonstrated dance technique and composition.

13 Novices Test Field

The members of the junior class who begin their eighth-week practice teaching March 22 at the Training School are as follows: Barbara Talbot and Anna Gibbs, Miss Marks; Genevieve Powers, Miss Smith; Cynthia Jones, Miss Rogers; Margaret Green, Miss Allen; Carol Roche and Morton Tibbetts, Miss Thompson; Shirley Sedgwick, Miss Hollis; Ernestine Mills, Miss Sleeper; Mildred Downer, Mrs. Syrup; San Mallina, Miss Borchers; Marie Henry, Mrs. O'Brien; and Ann Glover, Mrs. Raymond.

Who Will Be Chosen Queen At Semi-Formal Tomorrow Night?

Under The Mortarboard

The senior banquet and prom will be held May 29 in the Salle Moderne at the Stater Hotel from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Plans for the senior outing, May 28, are in progress, Carl Lawson and Ann MacNamara are chairmen of this committee.

Positions for Next Year

The following people have accepted positions for next year: Irene Smalek, Sandwich High School; Muriel Glaser and Athleene Hansen, Brockton.

Limon Guest of W. A. A.

On Saturday afternoon, March 8, W. A. A. presented Jose Limon, who is considered one of the best male modern dancers. Limon was a pupil of Doris Humphrey, and is not only a performer, he is a teacher and choreographer as well.

Dancing Expresses Country

Limon has named his type of dancing, American dancing, for it is here in America that it originated. It expresses, he believes, the great expanse of the West, the grandeur of the mountains, and the eloquence of the Grand Canyon.

Many Present At Exhibit

There were students present from Framingham, Fitchburg, Salem, and Worcester State Teachers Colleges and Rhode Island College of Education, as well as from Bridgewater. Jose presented and taught many locomotor techniques and stretching exercises. He also gave a lecture on the origin of the American Dance and the meaning of it, as well as a brief demonstration of one of his own dances.

After the demonstration, the members of the Dance Club and guests from other colleges, as well as Mr. Limon and his party attended a tea in Tillinghast Reception Room.
The Nucleus Of The Structure

The American child is usually exposed to the subject of civics during his Junior High School education. At this time he learns how his city, state, and national government function, the qualifications a candidate must possess before he is permitted to run for a specific office, an incite into the problems of a democracy, and a general knowledge of how the United States operates.

Many civic instructors teach their pupils the structural framework of the United States by a series of circles. The outer-most circle stands for the nation; the one inside that, the state; the next one, the city; the next inner circle, the city; the next the community; and finally the core of the diagram, the last circle in the center, represents the family.

The teachers generally stress this last grouping as being vitally essential to the strength of the country for without a solid foundation, they explain, nothing permanent can be built.

It has been called to our attention many times during the past few months over the air, in editorials, and in magazine articles about America’s concern about the breaking up of the family. With the attractions beckoning from the modern world that surrounds us the family is finding it more and more difficult to maintain a firm hold upon its members. Each person making up the group has added interests that lure him away from the home circle so that many times the home is merely a place to eat and sleep. No longer is it true that social life centers about the family. The component parts of the group find amusement at the theaters, night clubs, amusement parks, and local pool rooms.

Divorce rates in the United States are increasing, and families are decreasing in size. This represents an alarming picture to the student who has learned that the family is the nucleus of the democratic structure of our country. If it disintegrates then on what shall the building rest? One of the steps Germany took toward Nazi control was the abolishment of the family bonds in her country. There is no reason why we should not profit by her poor example and do our utmost to preserve the sanctity of marriage and the family unit if we would see our country strong at its foundation.

And They Shall Have Music

The room in Woodward Hall that was formerly called Miss Pope’s Office is to be renamed the Listening Room. It is for the use of those students who have an interest in music whether it be a creative sense or appreciative interest. A collection of records has been started to make up the musical library and donations have been made to supplement this existing collection.

The exact date when the Listening Room is to open has not been decided upon but as we go to press we are told it is to be in the very near future. The Room is for all students who are interested in music and for those who wish to learn to appreciate some of the finer things of life.
Corn Along The Volga
Hillbilly music has entered the field of diplomacy. It went to work during a recent state department broadcast to Russia and it did fairly well for a start. Russian listeners said they liked the American music, especially "The Old Chisholm Trail." They were not so sure about accompanying news broadcast and lecture on the U. S. form of government. The latter puzzled them.

In the face of strong opposition, the state department has scheduled a series of these broadcasts to Russia. Purpose: to get the truth about America to the Russians. At present these broadcasts have a very limited audience since highpowered radio sets are necessary to listen in. If each nation would voluntarily relay over a domestic net-work the public relations broadcasts sent out by the other nation, then every owner of a radio set in such a country could hear from the people across the ocean.

Before long the censored impressions that Russians get of us through their publications, and the misconceptions of them that we now have would dissolve. This would be truly a case of people talking to people.

The Russians need more hillbilly music, just as we need some cossack tunes on our hit parade.

(Daily Trojan)

According to the Daily Trojan, the prof was asking the names of students in his class.

"And your name, son?"

"John, sir."

"You shouldn't abbreviate. Your name is Julius. The prof went on to the next student. "And your name is..."

"Billious, sir," replied the scared freshman.

Gym Rocks With Female Fetes
The biennial Gym-Jam, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association, was held April 16 and 17 in the Albert Gardner Gymnasium. The performance on April 16 was presented for parents and friends of the student body. Educational leaders attended the Gym-Jam on April 17.

The committees for the Gym-Jam were as follows: Louise Bignelli, General Chairman; Natalie Hayes, entrance march; Carol Schneider, costumes; Eleanor Raleigh, light and equipment; Kay Kvale, program; Frances McClery, music; Edna Lahteine, and Mary Silvestri, organization.

Department Heads—
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Speakers and Dancing
The General Session opened at 8:15 Monday night March 31 with greetings from John Wade, Superintendent of Schools in New York City and William L. Hughes, past president of A. A. H. P. E. R. Speakers and their topics were: Ben Miller of Washington D. C. on "Organization, a Life Line for a Profession," Lloyd M. Jones of Pennsylvania State, "Honor Awards," and Jay B. Nash, "Our Work is Here—Our Reward is Ahead of Us."

The evening was rounded out with folk dancing by Elizabeth Buchenal.

Two Trains, Two Buses and One Taxi
On Tuesday, Miss Decker travelled to Amherst to attend the meeting of Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association for two days. The conference centered around the New Curriculum Guide for Grades 1-3 to be used in schools next year. Miss Decker is chairman of the Health and Physical Education committee. On Tuesday, Miss Moriarity attended the Public School Section Workshop, the theme of which was "Standards of Instruction." Dance demonstrations at different age levels included rhythmic fundamentals for elementary school, folk and square dancing for mixed high school groups, and dance composition for college age and older.

explain that the intent is there but the methods chosen don't work.

Although radio men will agree that a 30-second singing commercial is better than a 15-minute sales talk, these men put on the air long, windy dramas pressing tolerance and are greeted by nationwide dial twisting. A sound remedy for this inadequacy was voiced recently in the New Republic. It was suggested that radio should "get Fred Allen to blacken the KKK with his satire, the Lone Ranger to sell tolerance around a campfire and Dick Tracy to plug for the United Nations."

The intellectuals may not listen, but millions will. You can't talk tolerance and liberty to people if you preach over their heads.

(Oklahoma Daily)
W. A. A. NEWS

With the advent of Spring, the gym is quickly gathering cobwebs everywhere and sports enthusiasts are turning to out-of-doors, fricke-gathering activities. Although the tennis courts are still suffering from the ravages of a nippy and windy winter, Mildred Lappen, director of tennis, is putting her crew of potential Don Budge's into shape with strokes, form, and tape strategy on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Long hours in the class-room call for relaxation of the body as well as the mind and softball seems to be just the thing (especially if it's co-recreational) under the direction of Gen Powers. Volleyball, always a favorite in any season is directed by Lorraine Lallbetter on Wednesdays and Helene O'Hara conducts the sport of arching on Monday.

Much Activity

With transportation facilities back to normal, Bridgewater has been extending its goodwill policy to neighboring colleges through a number of playday activities. Notable among those social workshops was the program put on by the Dance Club on Saturday, March 8, when they played host to Josie Linon, contemporary exponent of the art of modern dance. Dance Clubs from Salem, Fitchburg, and Framingham State Teachers Colleges, Rhode Island College of Education, and Rhode Island State College were invited to attend the lecture and lesson in dancing that comprised the afternoon program.

Seeing Is Believing

Mr. Linon conducted the groups in techniques progressing from basic to more advanced and lectured with demonstration and answered questions on modern dance. Following this he performed for his audience a well-known, original composition. An informal tea was held in Tillinghast Reception Room following the dance.

FROSTING FOR CAKE

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If freelings would but repose
From the battle to be known;
And look within to see what's there
How much they will have grown.

1947 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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M. A. A. NEWS

The annual M. A. A. Athletic Night was held on Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in Tillinghast. After the banquet, the men retired to the committee room for the evening's program. The following old and new captains of activities were introduced to the audience: basketball, Bob Teachan, 1947; Ed Zion, 1948; soccer, Dick Grimley, 1947; Bill Sides, 1948, co-captains.

Bob Clemente, master of ceremonies, introduced Mr. Meier, men's physical instructor, who spoke of the past season's basketball and soccer teams and of the coming baseball and tennis season. Dr. Kelly then took the floor and presented sweaters and letters to the players and managers of the soccer and basketball teams.

Awards Made

Recipients of sweaters were: Walter Gibson, manager of soccer team; Bob Cleonee, manager of basketball team; Bob Teachan, captain of basketball; and Dick Grimley, captain of soccer. Letters were given to squad members of basketball and soccer teams. The guest speaker for the evening was Commissioner Daniel Kelly, former boxing commissioner, well-known football official, and Springfield College athlete. The evening was rounded out with films on the national '45 football season and on the Louis-Corn fight.

Baseball Season Begins

The future looks bright for our prospective baseball nine, judging from the afternoon performances on lower campus. The schedule which Manager Warren Kiernan and assistants Bob Driscoll, Bill Flynn, Bill Willard, and Mr. Meier have drawn up include games with Suffolk University, Becker Business College, New Bedford Textile, and Salem State Teachers, four being played at home and four away. Tennis, too, is having its post-war start with the men drawing up a tennis schedule with games against Brown, Nichols and Suffolk University.