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John Jay Captures G. W. H. **Crowd With Film-Lecture**

By GEORGE DARLOW

With movies of his "alpine safaris", John Jay noted lecarer and sportsman, returned to Andover last Saturday eveing to present his newst film From Ski To Sea in George

Vashington Hall. A large and nthusiastic audience made up lostly of students was on hand to elcome Mr. Jay back to P. A. fter his success last year with his ci movies.

In his familiar off-the-cuff maner, Mr. Jay took his audience to losters in the Alps of Switzerind. There, as well as following hampion skiers with a camera own the slopes at break-neck peed, he brought out little details the life of the people and the ood times his party had there. llosters was, just as Mr. Jay said, a Christmas card come to life." he life of this quaint old village as brought into a reality on the creen. The pictures of the main reet as a throughfare for sleds nd skiers as well as cattle and the aiety of the feasts were quaintly npressive.

At Mount Etna, a volcano in the e of Italy, Jay's party climbed e steep slopes for six hours in der to ski in this warm Meditermean country. There was no ski ft on Etna and Jay admitted that thought he would wait for one be built before he would ski Eta again. The idea of skiing out of eason took Jay to the dark contient of Africa where he took the ictures on "Skiing In Africa" in e January 10 edition of Sports lustrated. He also went to Lake uilt with 30,000 tons of crushed e on July 4.

However, the summer is not for ing but for swimming and this is in. Leaving New York, Jay and skiing or spearfishing.

– Faculty . .



his party of ten flew to the Virgin Islands where they took up spearthrilling mystery, is the second film on the program. This film is fishing at a school. The group caught on rapidly and were soon staying underwater for as long as one of Hitchcock's most popular an hour and bringing up all kinds lacid N. Y. where a ski jump was of fish. Mr. Jay's descriptions of brought back time and time again the hunt and the kill were interesting, and his dry humor helped present the entire film in a way which was delightful, even to those who where the "sea" part of the title are not Larticularly interested in

POT POURRI CANVASS

The 1955 Pot Pourri will hold its canvass for subscriptions this coming Friday evening. This year's annual will be published in two parts, the first of which is to be 240 pages long and will be distributed to the student body by June 6, 1955; the supplement, 32 pages long, will be mailed to each subscriber before August 1.

The 1955 Pot Pourri will still cost \$8.00, considerably less expensive than most other prep school yearbooks.

P. A. Film Society

Features Balanced

Winter's Program

This year the Film Society has

selected a program of films which

seems to be one of the most well ba-

lanced and appealing in recent

years. This is partly due to the fact

that the Board has kept in mind the

students' likes and dislikes in add-

ition to the ever-important cultural

and educational value of the films.

They are sure that all of the films

will be both well received and well

The list is headed by Million-Dol-

lur Legs, an early W. C. Fields comedy. For those of you who are

unfamiliar with Fields, he is a co-

median whose humor lies not only

in his straight-faced slapstick, but

also in his muttered adlibs. Alfred

Hitchcock's great The 39 Steps, a

suspense pictures, and it has been

by popular demand. The next film

is the current French comedy hit

Mr. Hulot's Holiday, starring Jac-

ques Tati, a tall, lanky comedian

with a style all his own. The fourth

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regarded by the students.

By F. W. BYRON, JR.

A hasty judgement, formed without any first hand experience with the problem in question, can often be a very misleading and erroneous one. This fact is illustrated, unfortunately. by a quotation from the editorial which appeared in the PHILLIPIAN of May 27, 1954. "... It seems to us that these regulations are entirely worthwhile..."

The "regulations" referred to in this quotation are the new system of rules which were drawn up last year by the faculty for "the benefit of the school community as well as of the individual student." These new rules seemed quite fair and competent as they were scanned over last year, and indeed the student body was also receptive towards the disciplinary change. But just as many airplane designs look good on paper and then fail to live up to expectations in the real test, so the new disciplinary system has flopped after its first term of operation.

"The disciplinary system is an integral part of the school's entire effort to educate in the broadest sense".

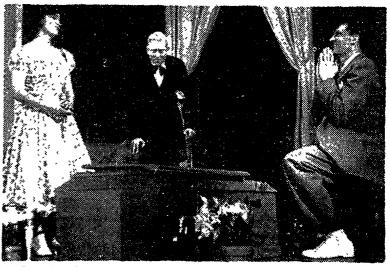
"The school recognizes that discipline involves the establishment and maintenance of rules for the benefit of the school community as well as of the individual student."

Andover believes that its students should conduct their affairs without "the necessity of constant faculty supervision."

"Andover is not a place for those who still need guidance at every step."

The first three of these quotations come from the Blue Book; the last one, from the Catalogue of Phillips Academy. (Continued on Page Two)

Faculty Entertains Student Body In "Many Happy Returns;" Mr. Kemper Makes P. A. Stage Debut In Comedy



with some pleasure the Faculty Play, Many Happy Returns. As the pre-exam tension-easer it-more than filled the bill; more than that, in many respects it was a fine and funny play.

To leave it at that, though - a fine and funny play — is not enough. A detached completely reviewer might leave it at that; but this was

GOODHUE PRIZE

Competition for the Goodhue Prize will be held in Samuel Phillips 7-8 from 6:45 P. M. to 8:15 P. M. Tuesday, January 25. The examination will be in literature and composition, being open to all students in English 3, 4, and 5.

Those who can remember as far a topical play in its most hilarious respect to the students for which it was intended. In this light, Many Happy Returns was a wonderful play and a great success. Those who think differently, if such people exist, have not yet been heard from.

To the student, probably the most conspicuously funny thing about the production was the casting. In many cases type-casting was in evidence, while the irony of some of the other casting only served to make the play more enjoyable. Whether the type-casting and the irony were intentional or not will probably never be known; yet, from the student point of view, that is where the fun lay. Certainly the plot wasn't that funny.

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Mirror Review On Content, Style

by MR. WILLIAM H. BROWN

My assignment is to review the Mirror. There I am told, another reporter assigned to style. I m to limit myself to content. I wouldn't have it any ther way. Actually, I could discharge my assignnent in one word - depressing. This issue echoes ith gun shots, runs with blood, gurgles with cheap quor, shudders in nightmare. In reviewing a preious Mirror, I remember thinking or saying, "Things an't be that bad"; I repeat the same thought here.

For this reason it is pleasant to begin with the rst selection, Above and Below, by Allan Loosigian, delightful fantasy stemming from Homer and the lyths. It is rewarding to know that the required eading of The Iliad in English 4 bears some fruit. I ¹⁵⁰ enjoy Robert Darnton's Running for its vivid ense impressions. I wish that he had not felt it ecessary to send his "kid" home to cry upon his pil-^{pw}, but this is a criticism I would make of most of ne prose of this issue: many of the articles would ^{ave} been better had they ended a sentence or a pararaph before they did. To continué, as a New Engander born and raised, I enjoyed Tom Lawrence's ibe at our speech, although I would quarrel with his

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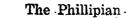
On first looking into Bob Johnston's Mirror, one strangely enough does not see Johnston at all, but a collection of people who have contributed their efforts to Andover's greatest and only literary magazine. To DARK STABLE eloquently addresses Mrs. Hayes as Mr. Hayes looks on. judge the work of these people, one must first set a standard for what is good and what is bad. The back as last term no doubt recollect aspects, and thus must be judged in Editor's problem was to make the Mirror as interesting and appealing as possible without fostering a comic or pornographic magazine. This review will deal with their success in light of the style shown by the contributors of the Mirror.

by W. L. Smith

In Above and Below, Al Loosigian corners his reader in a doorway, puts his hand on his shoulder and speaks person to person. Such familiarity is effective in that it brings the reader closer to the writer; a good device for putting over any story. In Running, by Robert Darnton, although his metaphors don't create vivid pictures, he has proved that the best way to put a theme across is to create an echo. "Funny, when you were a kid." In New Englanders Speak New English, Tom Lawrence digs up some lower year writing which won first prize in the Leanard Essay Contest. The written form of this dete-

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Stephen B. Clarkson

The PHILLIPIAN feels that these statements, individually and when combined with the actual P. A. rules and regulations, lead to some startling contradictions.

Discipline is not synonymous with education. It falls closer to protection, although not exactly. In any society there are always those who like to "put something over" on someone else. To protect a community or society against these individuals, rules, providing for punitive action, are necessary. To the great majority of people, rules do not provide education, but protection. Thus the word "benefit", found in the second quotation, refers to the "individual student" only as a part of "the school community" and should, perhaps, be substituted for "educate" in the first passage.

Last year, in a message to the student body, Headmaster Kemper said that these rules had been "created for the hackers". These "hackers" correspond to the aforementioned group which likes to "put something over". It would seem that the present system is not a part of the educational process, but a protection for those who wish to be educated.

Before going any further, a definition of the word "gentleman" is in order. Unfortunately, the only definition which we can find comes from Webster, who says that a gentleman is "a well-bred and honorable man". This illumination is sufficient for most practical purposes, but when considered for the edification of Blue Book readers, it becomes frightfully inadequate. The word "gentleman" must have many more subtle connotations, for a lack of "gentlemanliness" can result in probation or even dismissal from Andover. Bluntly, "gentleman" is a catch-word, one which holds in it all possible disciplinary infractions. It is a vague word, too vague for a supposedly specific set of regulations.

Another condition which merits dismissal or probation is "an accumulation of lesser offenses". This term is also indefinite, subject to too many whims and prejudices. "Conduct unbecoming a gentleman" and "an accumulation of lesser offenses" are the two rules which result in the most disciplinary action at Andover. A boy may be put on probation or dismisssed for either one. When is "conduct unbecoming a gentleman" not ungentlemanly enough to merit dismissal? How many "lesser offenses" constitute "an accumulation of lesser offenses" sufficient to warrant dismissal? These are questions which comes to the mind of the P. As student whether he be a "hacker" or "non-hacker".

Under the three offenses which constitute probation, the Blue Book reader sees that "violation of the posting regulations" will result in probationary action. Posting is neither vague nor indefinite. It is precise to say the least. It tells the student exactly what he can do during the two weeks for which he is posted: nothing. While posted, a student may eat, breath, sleep, and attend required appointments. The posting rule also contains a catch-all clause: "a boy will be posted for misconduct not quite warranting probation."

Oddly enough, one of the reasons for the creation of the new system was to cut down on the number of students expelled, and put in serious probationary difficulties. Dismissal is not necessarily a bad thing for a boy, nor is probation. Most students expelled are those who would probably not benefit too much from Andover. Often dismissal wakes these boys up as it were and results in their turning in a better performance elsewhere. Now these individuals are being "strung along" from posting to posting without much progress or educational go to Vesper service after supper. Forever will stand on its own merit. I never liked to go to those kind of Here is symbolism under control, a benefit. Last year was coincidentally a bad year. disciplinary-

wise, and that might have pushed the faculty into their decisions. However we feel that the number dismissed each year is not enough to warrant the new rules system.

The demerit system has also been changed quite a bit. The demerit used to be given very sparingly for actions which were definitely out of keeping with the rules. This year, demerits are being handed out like Christmas presents "for relatively minor infractions". Demerit records are reviewed from time to time by the faculty, and a student may be posted for too many demerits. What constitutes "too many"? Faculty discretion determines that matter. This new demerit system increases rather than minimizes faculty supervision, even though "Andover is (supposedly) not a place for those who still need guidance at every step."

The cut-absence system is an excellent example of the weakness in the present rules. The system of breakfast checkin has changed so that a student may not protest a breakfast cut. Any student absenting himself from Commons duty gets a demerit (unprotestable) instead of a cut. Quite a number of boys have found themselves in disciplinary hot water because of this condition. The new method is not hitting at the "hacker's" as Mr. Kemper said last year, but is punishing students for carelessness. We do not mean to say that carelessness is desireable, but demerits, and eventually posting, are quite a bit too strict for such a matter. This year, boys find themselves under constant disciplinary pressure. In his first appearance, starting off the new term Mr. Kemper addressed the school on the success of the new system. It was a good term, only fifty-four posted and a mere 660 demerits meted out. If the student boday manages "to keep up the good work," about one fifth of the school will have been posted by June and approximately two and one-half demerits per student will have been given out. We feel that Andover boys are already under enough pressure from different sources, athletic and scholastic, so that a minimization of disciplinary strain is certainly desireable.

. Many of these new rule changes tend to hit the "nonhacker" too hard; there is too much vagueness about them; The PHILLIPIAN thought the rules very fair on paper. The faculty did too. After a term of observation, our opinion has been altered drastically. We hope that the faculty will agree and make an attempt to alter the disciplinary system to some measure. The spirit of the Rule Book deplores "the necessity of constant faculty supervision", but its letter certainly does not indicate that the spirit is being put into practice.

Movie Preview

Columbia's Hell Below Zero won't win any Oscars this year in Hollywood. However, the setting is so unusual and the scenes are so interesting that it may prove to be very enjoyable to most P. A. students. This picture takes place in the Antartic Ocean, where Alan Ladd is chasing whales and Joan Tetzel. Watching blubber stripped from a whale that Ladd captures may be educational, but it is also a little nauseating. After this sickening scene, Ladd and Tetzel start chasing the villain, (Stanley Barker). Barker, sort of a right-way Simon Legree, is good for a few laughs. The chase goes on across the Anarctic wastes, and Ladd finally catches the villain to end the picture.

Faculty Review

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Here enjoyment ends, and a cur-Tailov's translation of Pierrot is poor taste, spoil the effect. With Intranslator's art. David Steinberg's I am reminded of such stories as carnest inquiry of Hear, O Israel I The Unicorn in the Garden and would quarrel with on the grounds wish for a moral at the end. John of logic. Does a religion exist pri- Erickson's half statements hunting marily as a protest against the gov- horror and mental imbalance are ernment of the state? Can not a suggestive of the old master of horan Episcopalean and an American, hand in English 1, I am annoyed when writers try to catch the cadence of juvenile speech by committing every error dear to the heart melodramatic flourish at the end? of the grammarian, as does Anwould want Granpa Jack and I to justify the story, but A Piece of things . . ." " Jack and me" and simple but effective narrative. Jan

"that kind of thing" ring just as juvenile and require less effort.

Bardyl Tirana's Hypocide and Gin is a skillful combination of Salvador Dalı and Ben Shahn — until the notes. These, especially the last tain of gloom descends. Edward one, which seems in particularly skillful, but why this materialistic, tent to Silence, by George Hoopes depressing little picture? I can captures the theme and much of the think of better subjects for the appeal of the James Thurber myths. man be a Catholic and an American, For and suspense - E. A. Poe; the ending, however, is flat. Donald a Jew and an American? As an old Lauve's John would gain profit by clipping the end. The highly sensitized reactions of the boy at dinner are very well handled, but why the Anthony Pratt's introductory thony Costello in Grandfather's Fu- quote from Chaucer is particularly neral. "Usually my grandmother fortunate. Its inclusion would alone

Hartman's *Rickey* is an unrelieved bit of misery of the boy excluded from the accepted group. Relief by style or tone as in Salinger's treatment of the same theme is needed. His second selection, Grey Mist, is more successful, if for no other reason than the macabre play on the familiar picture of the boy and his dog. I found myself in reading Alan McLean's journal A Quest for Glory wondering whether a mountain climber in the extremity described would, first, keep a journal and, second, write it in this way if he had. The issue ends with George Hoopes' The Road to Saugat-or was it Sawguts? - Through the Looking Glass gone mad, if such a thing is possible.

Poetry I approach less blithely, admitting frankly that I have not had the time to study the selections properly. I felt Anthony Pratt's The Father to be particularly fine after the first stanza, which I am sure must contain typographical errors. Thereafter the poem proceeds with strict control of form and image. Donald Lauve's Reasoned Light and Time, as I read it, is a rejection of jangling, sterilizing, mechanical materiality for the reality of nature; the statement seems needlessly abstruse and complex. Thomas Weisbuch's Lines start very well in the first line, "What are boundaries but men's thoughts. but fails to sustain this beginning as the images become familiar. Waves have been washing beaches, obliterating all marks, for a long time. Donald Lauve's second long poem My Friend has one brilliant image of a revolving nut-vending machine and the slow emergence of one outsized brazil-nut, a nice sense of motion, confusion, and hard, garish color. Concerto for Fife, Violin, and Kettledrum; by Michael West, is good fun, as well as extremely skillful in technique. Anthony Doherty's lyrics fall down in techniques. Specifically, they invite a metric reading, but the rythms are so uneven as to be lost. Editor Robert Johnston's A Talk on Death presents a form I had never thought possible, a metaphysical ballad no less - much more effective than his second selection Imaginations with its negative rhetoric.

And speaking of editors, let me congratulate the board for a pleasing format, for a variety of selection - more representative of student writing than has been the case in the past, and finally for the refreshing lack of advertising, although 1 should think that this last would cause some financial embarrassment.

Film Society

(Continued from Page One) film is the famous Pygmalion, based on Shaw's great play.

So much for the films that are definite. The Board has three films lined up for the remaining slots: a British supernatural thriller, The Fallen I.(); and The Magic Box, a biography of the man who made the first motion picture camera, a new picture with excellent reports.

Other films suggested to the Board have been Rashomon, the Japanese award winner, A Streetcar Naned Desire, and All the King's Men, two excellent Prize winning films.

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rates in interest, after hearing m speak aloud with sound in pern. The Father, by Anthony Pratt. one of the better poems in the irror. His style is composed of dict specific words which don't we the reader stranded in a mass confused and unrelated jumble. ny's sonnet shows the Mirror etry is on the way up.

e moderately specific, I don't see xt. Very much like reading a nonphabetical dictionary. In Pierrot, ward Tarlov's translation of Deaupassant, Ed relates a simple ry with a series of shocks thrown that jars the reader out of his enity in simplicity. Good job. In ear, J Isreal" David Steinberg ites logically, stating his facts d c ting examples to prove them. hen he runs out of facts he states conclusion and ends with the retition of his title. Dave's proceire is the stock approach to an exmatory essay which is either reeshing or out of place in the Mir-. Readers choice. Grandfather's neral by Anthony Coctello is a d story. Tony writes as though were lving on a psychoanalysts ch dictating a revealing portion his tragic life. Such a mood is eary and depressing but never-

eless is necessary in a literary gazin. of any scope. Bardyl Tia's Hypnocide and Gin is a ses of flashes which in themselves realistic for a dream, but do not ry a sustained interest through-, because the three parts are upletely unrelated in thought. e dream might have coordinated

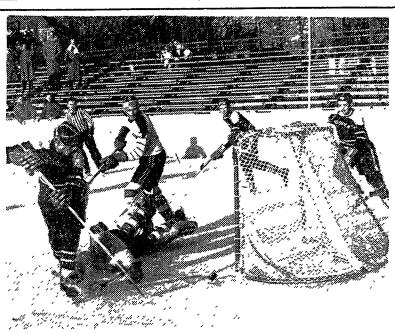
casual man's approach to death.

Lines by Thomas Weisbuch is a poor poem. His metaphor of receding lines of the sandy beach is just plain trite. This is the metaphor which one sees at the close of a cheap movie, with the waves coming up behind the sunset and the music gets louder and the girl waves to the sea plane taking off in the distance. The End flashes across the screen and everybody gets up stretches a little and yawns loudly. I In Reasoned Light and Time, by yawn loudly everytime I delve into onald Lauve, although his words one of Weisbuch's vague and overused similis. True, there is nothing w one word connects with the new under the sun, but a writer with a good style and imagination should be able to write of something old in a different way. The first half of Don Lauve's My Friend is good because it creates a specific image. Then in the second half, it seems that Lauve got fed up with the whole thing and fell into a pit of abstract and meaningless words. The result, confusion. John Erickson's The Bosun's Pipe is interesting but not particularly noteworthy. In John, Lauve appears to bestrain ing for words and phrases which will make his story vivid and interesting. His development of an accurate presentation is not complete and thus his story lacks necessary clarity. Mike West's Concerto is a clever collection of quips, rhymes, and schemes which form a perfect but perverse satire on void poetry.

Rickey by Jan Hartman is not Mirror material. Because of his style Hartman's story is like one of those abortions that is printed on cheap yellow pulp paper in a daring cover and sold by the millions in pocket size editions in railroad stations and men's rooms. Hartman's style is tecming with such garbage the notes had Tirana explained as "Bursting unhappily with the at which was seemingly abstract. joys of others mirrored in his mind" writing With Intent to Silence, or "The small boys' bronzed bodies orge Hoopes displays no indivi- ..." or "The conquering pulled al distinction of style. Interest is himself from the water ... " Such ed by the perverse humor of a phrases in a story represent a terriThe Phillipian

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

This Saturday evening, the P. A. glee club will give a point concert with Walnut Hill School before the movies in George Washington Hall. All students are invited, and it is requested that all those who arrive after the concert has begun enter as quietly as possible. Coats and ties are required for the concert only.



defense.

PERRY HALL, Bill Whittlesey and Tom Crosby in action in Milton Game. (Photo by Gould)

A scrappy Milton team barely edged out the Andover icemen, 3-2, in a last period rally on Saturday. The visitors repeated their last year's performance of a one point victory. Of the Orange, wingmen Norris and In the middle of the first period Marlow provided a strong attack, Perry Hall, in a scramble beside the while captain Reilly backboned the goal, managed to fire the puck through goalie Wheelright of Mil-

Milton Tops Hockey,

3-2; Defense Porous

Only a few minutes into the second period, forward Albright of the visitors, receiving from Norris, slapped the disc past Jones for a goal to tie the score, 1-1. Throughout the remainder of the second period both teams countered viciously with George Robinson and captain Chris Crosby leading the attacks for the Blue. Although the hosts held the upper hand for the first two periods, the Milton men outhustled the Harrisonites.

To open the third period Filoon of Milton slipped the puck by Jones, coming from behind the cage to put the visitors in the lead 2-1. From here the home retalliated aggressively but ineffectively. Bobby Karle and Billy Creese broke loose but did not make their shots; and, in a two-on-one break, Bruce Smith passed to McBride, who missed. Later Whittlesey tallied only to have it called because Karle was in the crease. Twice the visitors broke loose with two men on goalie Jones. Coming out of the goal, he nicely stopped one drive but was unable to halt Milton's other Norris-to-Marlow combination. With the score 3-1, the forward line struck back with Crosby neatly depositing the pellet into the net. With seconds left, Crosby and "Beez" Morton been limited to criticism of style, stole possession of the puck and barely missed game tying tallies. But time ran out with the Blue receiving their first defeat of the term.

uage. In Quest For Glory, Alan Mclean is supposedly writing a diary. His style does not indicate same. As for Editor Johnston in A Talk on Death and Imaginations, his words are specific and suggestive; of what I don't know. Further than that I am among the mystified masses. The Road to Saugat by George Hoopes, is a good example of a writer using complete dialogue to subject matter.

ble miscarriage of the English lang-|tell a story. Very effective. The *Mirror*, on the balance is good; or at least better than in preceding years. This review, however has been somewhat harshly critical; but I have tried to make my criticism of constructive nature. I have and thus I have presented only half of the picture. Mr. William H. Brown will criticize the other half,



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