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THE 1907 CLASS DAY

The Senior class was exceptionally fortunate in two respects last Friday: in the first place the weather on Class Day was ideal, in the second place, every detail of the exercises in the gymnasium had been carefully planned so that the affair went off with unusual smoothness.

The following Sophomores served as ushers: Florence Wyeth, Winifred Barrows, Eva vom Baur, Laura Turnbull, Adelaide Richardson, Julia Goldberg, Lee Alexander and Eleanor Gay. Promptly at three o'clock the Seniors marched into the room to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

The first number on the program was the salutatory by Evangeline Cole, who very gracefully extended a hearty welcome to the guests of the afternoon. She then introduced Anne Carroll, the recording secretary of the class, who read the roll-call. The class history, related by Louise Rapp, followed. Miss Rapp declared that 1907's record was one of which not only the whole class, but also every individual member might be proud. She also included in her narrative a tribute of the highest praise and affection for 1907's sister class, 1905, whose interest, advice, and support had, she affirmed, always meant so much to the girls in 1907. There were many members of 1905 present in the gymnasium, and this tribute called forth hearty applause from them.

Grace Turnbull then read the class statistics. Irene Adams was voted the meekest member of the class, Jean Disbrow the most dignified, Helen Shoniger the neatest, and Juliet Points the most popular, diplomatic, and the best all-round. Agnes Ernst was the best actor, Katherine Smith was the greatest hero-worshipper, and Irene Kohn the worst bluffer; Miss Kohn had the further distinction of having got through college with less work than anybody else in 1907. In 1908 Marguerite Newland was voted the most popular girl; in 1909, Florence Wyeth; in 1910, Gertrude Hunter. Dr. Beard was 1907's favorite professor, and their favorite study was history. Twenty-two members of the class intend to teach, two are engaged, and five will return to college to pursue further studies next year.

The statistics were followed by this song, the words and music of which were written by Eva Jacobs:

The sunny month of June has come again,
Richly blooms our crimson rose;

Yet fainter grow our hearts, the future now
Who knows,

We've come to the parting of the ways,
When strong our faith, or when by doubt
O'ercome,

In joyous years we held together;
Henceforth we must stand alone, un-
aided carve our path.

Barnard, comrades all, farewell.

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TREE DAY

The first Barnard Tree Day was held at college Wednesday afternoon, June 15th. The sun refused to shine on the festivities, but they were carried on very successfully without him. Hitherto each class has planted a tree in the quadrangle as a part of its Class Day exercises; and of late years it has also been the custom for the Seniors to give a farewell party to the college. This year has also brought about a marked increase of college singing. These features were all happily united in "Tree Day."

The program began with singing. The Seniors stood on Brinkerhof steps, and the other classes gathered in order in the cloister. Then for the first time, the Freshmen and Sophomores had a chance to hear the song which Nineteen Seven sang before they attained the dignity of upper classmen. "His Name is Rosie," and "When First We Came to College," were followed by the Freshmen yell of Nineteen Seven. The "Greek Games" song preceded the Sophomore cheer for 1909:—"R-O-O-S-T-E-R, 1907;" and the reply from Nineteen Nine. After singing Junior songs and cheering, the "Steps' Orator," Sophie P. Woodman, came forward. In a bright speech, she formally surrendered the Senior Steps to 1908, and Marguerite Newland, Junior President of 1908, accepted in the name of her class. Then the Seniors, singing their class song, marched slowly off the steps which were promptly occupied by Nineteen Eight.

According to the program, the first event was to have been the tree planting; but when all the girls had arrived in the theater, Miss Woodman announced that it had already been flourishing in the quadrangle for a month past, since the gardener had declared that an early spring planting was absolutely necessary for its health. The audience were urged to use their imagination and picture themselves actually planting a little maple-tree out in the Quad with a bright blue sky overhead, while the Senior President, Evangeline Cole, gave the "Tree Oration."

Then followed the presentation of the green silk banner which Nineteen Seven had given their sister class; and which, at graduation, Nineteen Five had handed down to Nineteen Seven. The Senior president presented it to Nineteen Nine; and it was accepted by the Junior President of Nineteen Nine, Eleanor Gay, who promised that her class would pass it on to Nineteen Eleven.

The committee were Sophie Woodman, chairman; Beatrice Bernhopf, Eva Auerbach, Leslie Gardiner and Florence Gordon.

1908 COACHING PARTY

The 1908 coaching party was held on June 4. At 10:30 the party chaperoned by Miss Meyer and Miss Rockwell, started off amid cheers from the admiring Seniors. The two big yellow coaches rattled along the Shore Road and stopped at about one o'clock on Hunter's Island, from which the girls strolled over the narrow bridge to Twin Island. Here on the rocky shore of the Sound they partook of a delicious and bountiful picnic luncheon, after which the girls had an opportunity to indulge their special hobbies. The botanists roamed over the beautiful island, gathering wild flowers which grew in abundance: the biologists examined specimens of sea-spiders and other aquatic as well as terrestrial beasts; the oarswomen showed their skill in Miss Humsdon's dingey. Others had their fortunes told by Miss Casseres, who is skilled in scientific palmistry. The girls were shown through the fine old mansion situated on the highest point of the little island, overlooking the Sound, which is now the Jacob Riis Home. The poor little city children will be sent out there in about a week to enjoy for a short holiday, the cool Sound breezes. About 3:30 the party reassembled in the coaches and arrived at Barnard in good season after a very successful and enjoyable day.

THE SOPHOMORE TRIUMPH

The Sophomore Triumph of the class of 1909 was held after the Class Luncheon on Monday, June 3d, at the Hotel Astor. Several of the faculty were brought to trial for terrible crimes of which Eva vom Baur, as prosecuting attorney accused them; and in spite of Lilian Closson's excellent defense, they were sent to the gallows. Judge Wyeth presided behind the inevitable newspaper and Mildred Schlessinger was clerk of the court. It was somewhat noticeable that the judge and jury were prejudiced, and one surmised that the pocketbook of the District Attorney had been at work. Several witnesses were called to the stand, whose testimony was of great importance. It was not until six o'clock that the executioner had completed his deadly work, but no one was glad to leave the scene, even then.

1910

On Tuesday, June 4, the class of Nineteen Ten held a farewell luncheon at the Hotel Regent. The room was prettily decorated with yellow daisies and the class colors. The luncheon being progressive, the affair was very sociable, and was considered a fitting climax to a happy Freshman year.

ALUMNAE RECEPTION

The Associate Alumnae will give the annual reception to the Senior class on the afternoon of Commencement Day, Wednesday, June 12th, from four until six o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1907

At the commencement season the whole college world becomes reflective. There is many a head-shaking over the follies of the past years, many a boast of glorious achievements, and many guesses as to the future. Our own graduating class is taking with it the memory of very happy college years, and is promising loyalty with the customary ardor and sincerity. But the college to which it will return to elect its next officers, will, we believe, be a very different Barnard from that of to-day—it will be a Barnard with a real *dormitory*. It is of course, impossible to foretell how important a factor in our college life the dormitory is to become. We cannot even prophesy in just what ways it will influence the college, but one thing we sincerely hope—that it will bring about a *college spirit*. Barnard girls have no conception of what real college spirit means, because they have never had a chance to develop it. We do not feel that close intimacy with our college that a dormitory fosters; our affection for our college is as that for a dear friend, not for "a kindly mother." And this college spirit of which we speak will be shown not only by more intimate acquaintance among the girls or even by increased and better organized activity along social lines, but by devotion to the college, devotion in the sense of *active* love that strives not for itself nor for its own day, but for the future.

At the midyears and again at the final examinations, books and notebooks disappeared from the girls' lockers. Very lately money was taken from one of the lockers. There is no profit in descanting upon these facts; every one who reads of them must realize that it is disgraceful that such things

should happen in a college. We ourselves regret that it is our duty to bring such facts to public notice, but to public notice they should be brought and forcibly. There should be some authority within the college to hunt such cases down. We would rather the blame should be proved to lie on one particular head than upon the college at large.

A CRITICISM OF THE BEAR

The "Commencement Number" of the *Barnard Bear*, though bound in white and impressively labelled, is somewhat slender. It contains in all only five compositions, of which two are by graduates, one by a "special" and one merely a "filler-in." Miss Seeligman's "West Street—The Way of the Sea," is by far the best of them. It is a sympathetic, interesting, detailed and well-written description of one of those parts of New York unknown to most of us, the atmosphere of which Miss Seeligman seems to grasp so easily, and communicate to the reader so realistically. The essay has real literary merit.

Miss Kang Tong Pi gives, rather quaintly, an account of a thrilling adventure: that of being lost in an Indian forest, where snakes, lions, tigers and precipices abound. The tone is, of course, quite different from anything the *Bear* has hitherto produced, and is therefore pleasing. The charmingly romantic quality is enhanced by the simplicity and evident naturalness of the style.

The poem is above the average *Bear* verse. Miss Closson's sonnet is better than most translations, even, and contains some really good lines.

"The Shrouded Crib," by Miss Brown, is the only story in the number. It does not seem convincing to me. It has some slight atmosphere, but drags a bit, and seems to "try hard."

The last number:—"A Question of Weight" seems put in merely to fill space. It may be said on Miss Loeb's behalf that it is not a literary effort, but merely a Sophomore theme. The humor is obviously Sophomoric—and somewhat crude. Still, it is humor.

As a whole, this *Bear* has very little "excuse for being," and yet it is better far than no *Bear* at all. It shows at least that we are not entirely without literary ambition and interest. Under the most unfavorable circumstances this *Bear* must be judged gently, leniently, and the editors are to be sincerely congratulated that any *Bear* of any sort has come out. Yet it is only the third this year!

It does seem as though a college like Barnard ought not only to be able, but even to be eager to publish a representative magazine. We can but try to do better next year. And by that is meant not only that we hope for improved printed matter—we must, no matter how good the *Bear* might be, always try for that—but the girls as a whole, ought to be interested enough in the literary activity of the college to subscribe, and to make the *Bear* pay. Otherwise it can never be successful no matter how hard a few girls try to make it so.

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CLOSING CHAPEL SERVICE

At chapel on the last Friday before examinations the college had the great pleasure of hearing Sir Gilbert Murray, of Glasgow University. His theme was Euripides, and his aim to show the relation of Euripides and his work to the critical period in which he lived—how he represented a breaking away from tradition in all directions. To give instances of his character and the vague longings that filled him he recited some beautiful translations of his own. Dr. Murray's personality was so attractive, his English so wonderful that he fascinated his hearers and enabled even those who knew nothing of the subject to catch the spirit he described. Members of the classical departments and the Dean were also on the platform. Dr. Murray was introduced by Dean Wheeler of Columbia.

At the closing chapel service the college missed the annual pleasure of our President's address, but this regret was more than made up to them by Dean Van Amburgh's charming reminiscences of President Barnard, his life and his work. What proved particularly interesting to his audience was the account of the strong fight the president put up for years for the admission of women even to a part of the university's privileges, and how step by step he overcame prejudice and gained what he desired. The students, who were all assembled in caps and gowns marched out singing "Fair Barnard."

CLASSICAL CLUB

At the last regular meeting of the Classical Club, May 20, Mrs. Jeidell was elected to the presidency for the year 1907-1908. Ada Muller was elected secretary-treasurer.

PERSONAL

Sophie Rich 1909, has announced her engagement to Emil Lemach.

Bessie T. Scott '05, was married on June 4th to Mr. Frederick B. Conant.

Helen Cushing Perry ex-'07 was married on June 6th in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine to Mr. Francis Bradley Reynolds, of this city.

Gulielma F. Alsap '03, who is studying at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, was recently elected to the presidency of the college Medical Association. This office corresponds to that of the Barnard Undergraduate Association presidency.

Annie Carroll '07, will teach next year in Glencoe, Maryland.

Sabra Colby '07, has announced her engagement to Mr. Walter Alvin Tice, who is a graduate of Columbia '04 and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Anita Cohn '03, was married on June 4 to Mr. John Block of this city.

CLASS REUNIONS

The class of 1897 will have a reunion on the evening of commencement day in celebration of the tenth anniversary since their graduation. The class of 1903 will also have a reunion on commencement evening.

A reunion of the class of 1906 was held on May 18.

The class of 1905 will have a supper and reunion at college on Wednesday evening, June 12th, at six o'clock. Following the supper the class will give an entertainment to the class of 1907 in the theater.

SENIOR DANCE

On Monday evening, June 10th, the class of 1907 gave the Senior dance in Earl Hall. Although some of the Seniors were absent at this last college dance, nevertheless the majority were present, and besides members of 1907 there were many present from the other classes.

The dance was a decided success and much credit is due the committee, which consisted of Cora Bennett, chairman; Mary Lipe, Daisy Yale, Josephine Pratt, and Perina McLaughlin.

Among the patronesses were Miss Laura D. Gill, Mrs. Averil J. Adams, Mrs. Robert N. Disbrow, Mrs. Henry J. Gordon and Mrs. S. P. Johnson.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday afternoon, June 9th at four o'clock in St. Paul's Chapel.

A procession of all candidates for degrees in the order of the various schools marched from the library to the chapel where they were seated in divisions. The procession made a very beautiful and impressive sight as it crossed the campus.

The Rev. Hodges of Cambridge, Mass., delivered the sermon.

DEUTSCHER KREIS

At the last regular meeting of the Deutscher Kreis held Tuesday, May 14th, the following members were elected as officers for the coming year:

President, Mabel F. Stearn, '08; vice-president, Berenice Leerberger, '09; secretary, Mathilde Abraham, '09; treasurer, Gretchen Franke, '10; fifth member of executive committee, Rita Hochheimer, '09; chairman of entertainment committee, Gertrude Stein, '08.

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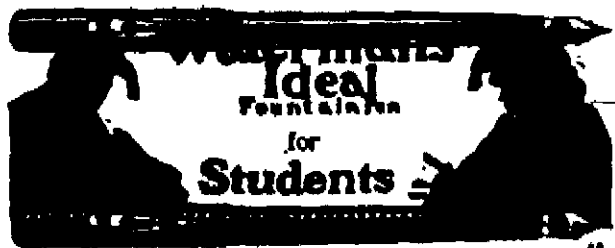
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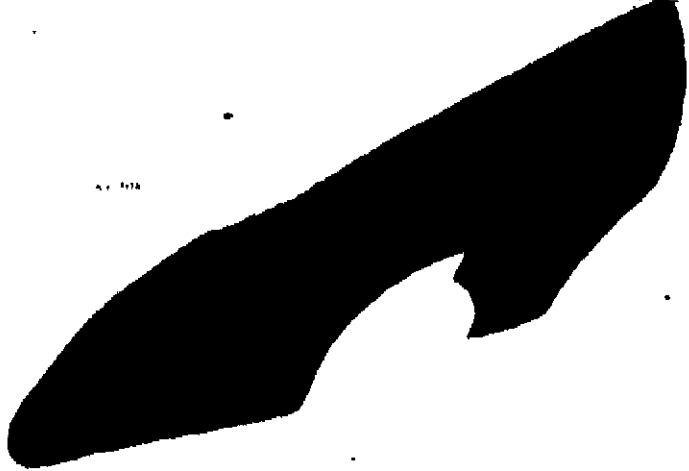
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Yet, let's hail this new and vibrant life of doing
Stern and forbidding tho' it be;
Let's hail the hidden rock, keen joy; the battle shock,
Farewell to Barnard's cloistered life.
Tho' scattered far in unknown lands we strive,
O'er us will float our mother's mantle,
Charm of our youth's roseate dreams, power of youth's ideals.
Barnard, comrades all, farewell.

Jean Disbrow then announced the class gift to the college in a brief but admirable address. The present was a sun-dial, which is to be placed in Milbank Quadrangle. It cannot fail to be a constant reminder of 1907's earnest regard for Barnard.

The announcement of elections to Phi Beta Kappa were then made by the secretary of the Barnard Chapter, Katherine Doty '04: They follow: elected in Junior year from 1907, Gertrude Cannon and Juliet Points; elected in Senior year, Amalie Altheus, Helen Carter, Lilian Hellin, Marguerite Israel, Elizabeth Lord, Laurie Manley, Louise Odencrantz, Charlotte Oesterlein, and Elsie Schachtel.

The presentation oration by Agnes Ernst was the next feature of the occasion. Each member of the class received a playful "knock," gentle or otherwise, on her individual shortcomings or virtues. After the various girls had been called up to receive their gifts, the presidents of the three lower classes were summoned to the stage to get presents for the organizations which they represented: 1908 received a book entitled "The Tree-Day Revenge; or, The Power of the Press;" 1909 got a sailboat, so that they might be able to "take a reef in their sails every time they got a blow." while 1910 received a bottle of what Miss Ernst declared they most lacked—ginger.

Preceding the valedictory, which was delivered by Juliet Points, came another song, the words of which were written by Evangene Cole. They follow:

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Ere we launch into life's wild sea,
Then with courage and loyalty our parting song shall swell,
Our Barnard, a toast to thee!
Our Barnard, a toast to thee!
And to the class of nineteen-seven we'll fill our glass again,
For it's a name that time can never dim.
Here's to our joyous comrades and our college on the hill,
To the end we'll stand fast for them.

CHORUS

Oh Barnard, fair Barnard,
'Twas a name known to fame in days of yore;
May it ever be glorious,
Till the sun shall climb the heavens no more!

After the valedictory, the entire audience sang "Fair Barnard," standing, while the Seniors marched out of the gymnasium. They were showered with confetti at the door by the Sophomores.

An informal reception on the green, in the court and in the cloisters and corridors at Barnard concluded the afternoon. All the numbers on the program had been so concisely arranged and promptly carried out that a full hour and a half remained for the girls to see their friends in before the Class Day supper was served as a fitting climax for 1907's great day.

BARNARD ZOOLOGICAL CLUB

At a regular meeting of the Barnard Zoological Club held May 16th, the following officers were elected for the year 1907-1908: President, Catherine Wolsey, '08; vice-president, Elizabeth Tredwell, '07; secretary, Louise Traitel, '08; treasurer, Pauline Steinberg, '08; members of executive committee, Miss Dederer and Ida Ray, '07.

Dr. Crampton was unanimously re-elected honorary vice-president.