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Mysteries

After weeks of preparation and rehearsing, 1914 were at length rewarded for their efforts by the dawning of October 6th, that day when they should take vengeance on 1915 for what had been inflicted upon them as Freshmen by 1913. All day the Sophomores in caps and gowns strutted haughtily through the halls "cutting" every tender Freshman who chanced to come their way. All went well for a while, but soon some one discovered that the dread warning pinned on the door of Sophomore Study, *Freshmen Not Allowed*, had mysteriously disappeared. At noon time 1915 became still bolder and with the help of the Juniors serenaded the Sophomores. On the campus, too, there was quite a little disturbance while a member of 1914 tied the sweater of a Freshman aloft on the flag-staff as an emblem of Sophomore authority.

Though various other episodes during the day proved to 1914 that they had an unruly class to deal with, the real mysteries did not commence until 4 P. M. By that time the audacious Freshman who had made away with the poster had been securely locked up and a stolen costume had been retrieved. Then the Sophomores, in single file and masked, marched to the Freshmen Study, where each one, having blindfolded a Freshman, conducted her by a circuitous route to the theatre. In spite of the awe-inspired aspect of the darkly robed 14ers, the Freshmen were not yet duly impressed, and the procession, in consequence, was not a very peaceful one. Finally, however, the victims were unblindfolded, to see, much to their surprise, a spectacle resembling 1913's pageant of last year.

The sketch, which was presented in Roman setting, typified the victory of college over class spirit. May Kenney, in the role of 1915, ably represented a virgin bound and condemned to death on the charge of having "betrayed college spirit by the worship of false class spirit." When the proclaimer announced that she was to be torn limb from limb by wild beasts, a suppressed titter arose in the audience, who were doubtless wondering how an arena scene could be produced in Brinkerhoff. But when the lion, the dragon and the bulldog were loosed upon the stage, roaring and barking, there was general applause. Just as they were about to pounce upon the praying novice, a streak of lightning brightened the stage, and after a loud clap of thunder the animals were discovered prostrate upon the ground and 1915 was freed from her bonds. The second act represented the temple of Vesta Alma Mater with the High Priestess and her attendants fanning the flame of college spirit on the altar.

We trust that the petition of the Roman Senator for a new gymnasium on the Campus Barnardinus was heard somewhere beyond the confines of Alma Mater's shrine. During this act a breathless messenger announces the miraculous rescue of 1915, who then enters and is welcomed by the High Priestess to serve in the temple together

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The Juniors' Party to the Freshmen

Last Tuesday morning we noticed that the chief topic of conversation among both Juniors and Freshmen was the weather. This was quite excusable, for on the weather depended the success of the luncheon which 1913 gave to its little sisters.

The luncheon took place on the campus. Each Junior had a basket, in which was enough food for herself and two, three, or half a dozen Freshmen. Every one sat on the grass and ate in true picnic fashion.

The campus is indeed a much better place for a luncheon than the lunchroom, because here there is plenty of room for every one to be comfortably seated.

There were speeches of welcome by Imogene Ireland, Molly Stewart and Helen Dana; then there was a little entertainment showing the adventures of a freshman at college. The little freshie entered the sacred halls of Barnard quite expectantly, when suddenly she was surrounded and almost teased to death by a bunch of naughty sophomores. At last, deserted by these and trying to console herself with a lollipop, she bumped right into a stately Senior, who immediately proceeded to squelch poor Freshie. Soon, however, a junior found her poor little sister and she in her kindly way comforted the child and made friends with her.

The words to this pantomime were sung by a chorus of selected voices. The affair ended with the usual singing and cheering.

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with 1912, 1913 and 1914. As the youngest member it is her duty to aid in keeping aflame college spirit according to the example of the higher classes. The play closed by the cast's unting in a chant to Barnard.

After the sketch, Constance von Wahl in her speech to the Freshmen exhorted them not only to college and class spirit, but to a spirit of friendship and fellowship for each and every member of Barnard. Then Jean Möhle, chairman of the Mysteries Committee, gave over to Louise Walker, temporary chairman of 1915, a book which she is to keep locked until the Freshman Luncheon, when she is to open it and read it to her class. Thus was revived an old Barnard tradition which seems to have been lost for a few years. Miss Möhle further commanded the Freshmen to wear, until October 20, the green goat tags which had been tied around their necks, not to ride in the elevator, not to walk arm in arm, or to enter the Sophomore Study uninvited, and placed several other restraints upon them. Then followed refreshments, dancing and cheering. The committee consisted of Jean Mohle, chairman, Louise Fox, Louise Adams, Frances Mills, Caroline Allison and Rosemarie Wise.

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Dean Gildersleeve in Chapel

Miss Gildersleeve addressed the college in chapel on Thursday last, October 5th. The subject of this, her first talk to us this year, was "The Prospects and Plans of Barnard."

First, in regard to chapel—the statutes, she reminded us, call for religious services twice a week, at which attendance is voluntary. No one religion is specified, and so the services are made as non-sectarian as possible. Columbia is traditionally an Episcopal institution—the president must needs be a member of that church. For Barnard there is no such regulation, but because of its connection with the university it is likely to take on occasionally an Episcopal tone. The management of chapel here at Barnard is under a faculty committee, most ably headed by Dr. Braun, and assisted by an undergraduate committee whose chief duty is to get the opinion of the student body in regard to chapel.

One of the purposes of chapel is to bring us together as a college, when the dean may speak to us as a whole. Another great purpose is to get a spiritual uplift. Different people get this spiritual uplift in different ways—and one way of getting it to a certain extent is by being together and breathing together. We also get it by ~~contact with outside people who have a special message to give us.~~ The more purely religious services, the dean reminded us, are to be the Monday ones. The Thursday services are to be held by lay speakers.

Now turning to the prospects of college, we do not need to be told that "we want a building," but we do need to be reminded that Barnard needs added endowment. Our college was founded twenty-three years ago, on the promise of fifty people to give \$100 a year for four years. There were then under fifty students—this year we have an enrollment of 829. Moreover, it costs college a great deal more to educate each girl than that girl pays. Thus it becomes necessary for us to depend upon gifts and benefactions. How are we going to impress it upon a millionaire that it will be worth while to give us, say, a Students' Building? Perhaps the best way would be by an appeal beginning "Barnard College thinks the best way to benefit New York is to give her abler women." This puts a distinct responsibility on us. If we are to be part of an institution endowed especially to fit selected women to be of special benefit to the community, we must be worthy of our calling. Each one of us should ask herself if her college course and life are making her an abler and a better woman, and she should have her whole college career governed by that high ideal.

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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11th, 1911

In this sheet appears a column alluringly headed "Mysteries." We wonder what the average outsider would remark, when, having been inveigled thereto by the attractive title, he has completed reading the account of the mysterious and mystifying actions of Friday afternoon. He would of course say, "Why do they call them 'Mysteries'?" And then he would add further comment. He might say, "Is this supposed to be hazing, or isn't it?" If it is, we must consider the object of hazing, which is unquestionably to subdue the recalcitrant spirits of unruly Freshmen. At Barnard it has some time since been decided to abolish these methods of subjugation. Therefore, the Mysteries cannot be a form of hazing. If they are not, then what under the sun is the object of that most ludicrous spectacle—the Sophomores, gowned and masked, parading in single file to the Freshman study? What is the object of blinding the Freshmen, and going through the horribly mystifying process of leading them "by a circuitous route" to the theater? These things cannot but be relics of the past, when there was real hazing, and are absurd as such. They have no connection whatever with the symbolical performance which follows; in fact, the two events coming together form a glaring inconsistency. The account of the "Mysteries," written by a Sophomore, concludes as follows:

"We hope that the precedent established by 1913 and followed by 1914, of abolishing all rough forms of hazing, and substituting in their place an entertainment showing the value of true loyalty to Alma Mater, may be successfully continued by future classes so that the spirit of enmity between Freshmen and Sophomores may give way to one of fellowship."

An excellent way to bring this spirit of fellowship about, isn't it, that of blindfolding the Freshmen, "mystifying" them, and then issuing a ridiculous code of rules, and coercing them to accept it, thus flatly ignoring the purpose of the entertainment. The absurdity of the entire proceeding must be obvious to every one.

If there is a desire for some form of initiation, why not appoint an undergraduate committee to submit plans? The same initiation could be used from year to year, thus establishing a sort of ritual, or ceremony. It could be the privilege of the Sophomore class to administer the initiation. Then according to the methods of procedure, we could either have true mysteries, or abolish the false title and empty forms.

What does the college think about it? "If you have a thing to say, say it!" And say it now.

News From the Office

The growth of the College has recently made necessary an increase and re-adjustment of the administrative staff. It will be useful for the students to know something of the new organization which went into effect on the first of July.

Miss Meyer is now Registrar. As such, she has charge of the registration, keeps all the records of the students, with their election of courses, their grades, debars, conditions, and honors. She acts also as Secretary of the Committee on Instruction; the important Faculty Committee which has general supervision over all matters of curriculum and academic discipline.

The new Secretary of the College, Miss Doty, has charge of our relations with the outer world. She is the officer to whom all inquiring strangers should apply for information. She carries on the correspondence with prospective students; she gives out official news; she recommends graduates and undergraduates to employers who apply to her for aid in filling positions. In various ways she will keep us in touch with the new movements for opening up occupations for college women, and at her office students and alumnae desiring positions should register.

The Clerk, Miss Boyd, has charge of various matters pertaining to the buildings. She assigns rooms for courses, meetings and social functions; she apportions lockers; she supervises the distribution of mail; she attends to placing all official notices on the bulletin boards; she receives all lost articles found in the buildings. At her office all students should apply for information concerning the social calendar, the engaging of rooms, and all similar matters.

The office of the Bursar remains unchanged. Mrs. Liggett still guards the Treasury, and all money is received and paid out by her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours of the Undergraduate President

In order to facilitate the arranging of dates, etc., the undergraduate president will be in Room 209 during the following hours:

Monday, 2-3.

Tuesday, 4-4:30.

Wednesday, 11-12.

Thursday, 11-12.

Chapel

On Thursday, October 12th, Professor Trent, now acting provost of Barnard, will speak in chapel. Of him the "1912 Mortarboard" said, "Bid me discourse, I will enchant thine ear." We should all go to hear him on the "Mortarboard's" recommendation.

On Monday, October 16th, the chapel speaker will be Dr. Henry Everston Cobb, of the West End Collegiate Church.

Deaconess Goodwin

Deaconess Goodwin is to conduct a Bible class on Wednesdays at 3 o'clock. The subject will be "Essentials on Christianity."

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 11—Tea in Undergraduate Study, 4 P. M.

Thursday, October 12—Chapel at 12.

Friday, October 13—Lecture, Dr. W. L. Johannsen, "The Problem of Personal Character," Room 305, Schermerhorn.

Sunday, October 15—St. Paul's Chapel at 4 P. M., Rev. Charles L. Slattery, D. D.

Monday, October 16—Chapel at 12, Dr. Trent.

Wednesday, October 18—Tea in Undergraduate Study 4 P. M.; Botanical Club Tea, Botany Laboratories.

Died, on June 5, 1911, Louise Rusk, ex-1911.

Hockey

Hockey practice began Tuesday afternoon, and judging from the attendance, hockey is as popular this year as it has been in former years, if not more so. As usual most of the players were from the two lower classes, who showed the usual lower-classman enthusiasm and energy, which, after all, is a mighty good thing to have. The Freshmen had a good showing, and developed one or two really good players, besides plenty of promising new material. Miss Beagle, the new instructor of Physical Education, refereed the games. There was a second practice Thursday, which showed some improvement. If only the constant fouling can be eliminated, partly at least, we ought soon to have some very good games.

1912 Class Meeting

A regular class meeting of 1912 was held on Wednesday, October 4th. After the regular reports had been read and accepted, the class proceeded to the new business. Elizabeth Jones was elected chairman of the Senior Tea Committee in place of Florence Van Vranken, who had resigned the chairmanship. Georgia Cerow was elected chairman of the Study Decoration Committee in place of Anna Hallock, who had also resigned. Grace Greene was elected sub-treasurer of the Undergraduate Association, and Beatrice Stegman appointed on the Auditing Committee. After discussing various proposed amendments to the constitution the meeting adjourned.

1913 Meets

The Junior Class held its first regular class meeting on October 4th. Several formal reports were read and accepted, most interesting of which was the report of the Junior Show Committee. The play, which won the competition for Junior Show is "The Card-House," a musical comedy by Edith Rosenblatt and Joan Sperling, with songs by Helen Dana interpolated. This news was enthusiastically received, and 1913 expects its Junior Show to be the "best ever."

Sarah Vorhees was elected member of the entertainment committee, and Louise Bartling was elected chairman of the Junior Ball committee.

The meeting was then adjourned, as the noon hour was at an end.

1914 Class Meetings

At a regular class meeting held Wednesday, October 4, after the reading of the various committee reports it was moved that a Friday evening performance of the Sophomore Play be held in place of the customary Saturday afternoon performance. The question was laid on the table.

The secretary then read the resignation of Dorothy Fitch from the presidency. Upon its acceptance the vice-president, Edith Mulhall, took the chair and announced a special meeting to be held Friday for the election of president.

At a special meeting held Friday, October 6, Edith Mulhall was elected president. The Chairman of Mysteries gave instructions in regard to conducting the Freshmen to the theatre at Mysteries. The secretary read the resignation of Miss Schorr from the office of Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Upon acceptance of this, Margaret Reid was elected chairman of this committee in her place.

A letter was read from Marguerite Stitt, last year Barnard 1914, now in Wellesley, and Miss Stitt was elected associate member of the class.

The discussion in regard to giving a Friday evening in place of a Saturday afternoon performance of the Sophomore Play was reopened, and it was decided to keep to the original plan of giving one performance Friday afternoon for the college and one Saturday afternoon for outsiders. The meeting then adjourned.

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Social Work and the Barnard Girl

"Social Work and the Barnard Girl"—that is what the Rev. H. Roswell Bates is going to talk about at 12 o'clock this Friday in the Columbia Chapel. Mark the date and be there!

Mr. Bates means to direct his remarks to the Columbia men and the Teachers College women, as well as to the "Barnard Girl." In fact, he designates his talk by the impersonal title, "The Need of College Students in Social work and the Opportunities Open to Them." But don't forget that he means you, just the same.

Also, don't forget that Mr. Bates is an expert on social service. In his capacity as head worker at the Spring Street Neighborhood House he enjoys unusual opportunities for observation and investigation. And in a few months he will need even less of an introduction, for the Barnard Y. W. C. A. is planning to concentrate its forces this year at this same Spring Street Neighborhood House, instead of scattering them among the various settlement houses throughout the city. Columbia has tried the plan for the past few years of massing its settlement workers down at Spring Street, and it has worked so admirably that they are anxious to have us co-operate with them in trying to make this a University affair.

So be at St. Paul's Chapel Friday at 12 to get acquainted with Mr. Bates and to be enlightened as to the needs and opportunities of social service.



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1915 Meets

On last Wednesday the Freshman Class held their first class meeting to elect their temporary chairman, secretary and cheer leader. Miss Stewart, who presided, welcomed the class in a brief address, and gave some excellent advice concerning the elections. The nominations for temporary chairman were as follows: Louise Walker, Cora Senner, Kathryn Fox and Freida Kirchwey. Miss Walker received the election. Miss Butler was elected secretary, Miss Jackson cheer leader, and Miss Fox chairman of the constitution committee. On motion the meeting adjourned.

The Suffrage Club Meets

The Suffrage Club held its first meeting last Friday. The secretary read her report, and announced that the club had been asked to send a delegate to the convention of the National Equal Suffrage League, to be held in Louisville. This invitation was declined, for financial and other reasons. It was moved that the dues of the Suffrage Club be raised from twenty-five to fifty cents a year, and this was agreed to, with practically no dissension from any of the members. As there is no written constitution, it was decided that the secretary write up one before the next meeting. The president, Miss Naomi Harris, urged that every girl who believed in suffrage should join the club—that is, with the exception of Freshmen—and she also made it very plain that no persons should consider themselves eligible unless they were in favor of the movement.

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