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Some University News

Columbia University, according to the official catalogue which has just been published, easily ranks first in point of registration among American universities and colleges, for in the present academic year 7,429 students are taking courses in the institution. The vast majority of these are in the graduate and professional faculties, the undergraduate and scientific departments having a total registration of 1,456.

Nearly every department of the university shows an increase of from 5 to 20 per cent., and the most notable increase is in Columbia College, the academic department, which this year has 732, against 636 a year ago. The medical school, which for the first time required more than a high school training for admission has practically the same number of students as it had a year ago, 316 men fulfilling the requirement of two years college work, having entered the school.

The number of officers and instructors is the largest in the history of the university, numbering 761, including the emeritus professors of whom there are 16. The names of the two new university deans, F. P. Keppel, of Columbia College, and Harlan F. Stone, of the Law School, appear for the first time in the official records. Dean Keppel takes the place of Dean John Howard Van Amringe, who retired last June upon the expiration of his fiftieth year of continuous service in the university. Until occupying the deanship, Mr. Keppel was secretary of the university, having held that office since 1902. Dean Stone, the new head of the Law School, takes the place of Prof. George W. Kirchway who held the position of dean for seven years, and who still continues as Kent professor of law in the university. Dean Stone for several years has had a general law practice in New York City.

During the year just closed five special prizes and scholarship funds were established in the university. Mr. and Mrs. George Blumenthal endowed a scholarship by the gift of \$13,000.00 for the cost of tuition students of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The children of the late Abram Dubois established a fellowship to be known as the Abram Dubois Fellowship which is open to graduates of the College of Physicians and Surgeons devoting themselves to the subject of diseases of the eye. Two special prize funds of \$1,000 each were established by the Hudson Fulton Celebration Commission and Mrs. Charles M. Roelker, respectively.

Among the newly appointed professors who are giving instruction this year for the first time are Ernst Daenell, professor of modern history of the University of Kiel, and Kaiser Wilhelm Professor at Columbia; Ferdinand Brunot, of the University of Paris, the visiting French professor; William B. Fite and Herbert E. Hawks, in the department of mathematics; George Philip Krapp, English;

Frank Gardner Moore, classical philology; Walter Irvine Slichter, electrical engineering; George V. Wendell, physics; and Milton C. Whitaker, industrial chemistry. The new members of the administrative staff are Frank D. Fackenthal, secretary of the university, and Charles T. McFarlane, controller of Teachers' College.

Student Council

A meeting of Student Council was held on Friday, Jan. 13.

An application was granted to the Committee on College Singing, for the institution of a "Sing Song" at Barnard. Dates for various Varsity basket ball games were granted.

There was some further discussion of the noise in the halls. The general opinion seemed to be that most of the noise came from the Senior, Junior and Freshman classes. It is to be hoped that the whole college will be more careful in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

1913 Class Meeting

The regular January class meeting was held on Wednesday the 11th, at noon. After the regular reports had been read and accepted the amendment concerning associated members was passed. The election of an honorary member was then taken up. The names of Miss Gildersleeve and Miss Gerrish were proposed. Miss Gildersleeve was elected. The class moved to join 1911 in a Mid-year Finale, to be held after the beginning of the second term. On motion the meeting adjourned.

1911 Class Meeting

The regular meeting of the Class of 1911 was held on Friday, Jan. 13, in room 139. After the various reports had been read and accepted, and after the whole class had participated in a discussion on the price of tea, the business of the day—the election of the chairman for Class Day—was brought up. Madeleine Hirsh was elected. It was decided to hold the Mid-year Finale, under the auspices of the Senior Class as usual. The class is also to hold a luncheon with the Varsity team after midyears.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

1912 Class Meeting

A regular meeting of 1912 was held Wednesday, Jan. 11. After the regular reports had been read, the report of the Mortarboard Committee was heard. It was moved and passed that each member of the class pay 50c. in addition to the regular price of the Mortarboard, for having her picture inserted. It was then decided that the class should join 1911 in a Mid-year Finale on February 15th, and also bear half the expenses. As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting

On January the 13th, the Y. M. C. A. finally succeeded in collecting a sufficiently large number of girls to have a meeting.

The minutes and the report of the corresponding secretary were read and accepted. The president made several announcements—that Mrs. Merritt will be at home to the girls Fridays in February, at 7 East 41st street; and that the Y. W. C. A. associations of Horace Mann, Teachers' College and Barnard will give tableaux together on the 13th of February in the Horace Mann Auditorium. Tickets will be 25 cents. The Bible Study Committee reported a new class on the Prophets to be held at 12 on Tuesdays, for which a membership of ten must be pledged. The Blue Book Committee reported that there are still some books left in the exchange, and the starting of the round-robin was reported by the chairman of the Inter-Collegiate Committee. The Missionary Committee announced a lecture for Monday, and the Philanthropic Committee the gift of \$10 to a Day Nursery. After Miss Morris had explained what a Silver Bay Conference is like as well as one can to those who have never had the experience, the meeting adjourned.

Press Club Meeting

The Press Club held a well attended meeting on Thursday of last week. The recommendations from Student Council, which were passed by the club at a meeting in December, were brought up for discussion, and it was decided that graduate members of the club be given a period of three months in which to make arrangements for the disposal of their papers. In the meanwhile the Press Club will draw up provisions whereby the papers can be passed on to the new undergraduate reporters by some fair method of competition. This method will be announced to the college at a future Undergraduate meeting, so that students can consider the advisability of competing.

Brooks Hall News

The Brooks Hall Self-Government Association held its regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11. It was decided by the residents that the annual Faculty reception should be held on February 17, to which all members of the Barnard Faculty and whatever Faculty members from Columbia and Teachers College special students may desire to include are invited.

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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1911

The question of the Junior ball and its relative extravagance is one that springs up each year just too late to settle anything definitely for that particular year. It usually arises around that fatal time when the committee is collecting a small tax from those members of the Junior class who are not attending the ball. The ball being a class affair, and the Seniors having made up their minds to come in large numbers, it seems only proper to the committee that those unfortunates who will miss the pleasures of Terpsichore should make up for that loss by producing a certain sum of money. Naturally those unfortunates and their friends object; in the first place, to the tax, and in the second, to a ball so expensive as to render such a tax necessary. Why should a college which stands for high ideals of everything consider it necessary to support each year an entertainment whose chief merit seems to consist in a crowded floor, at an expensive hotel, a new gown for everybody, and such expensive luxuries as taxicabs. Not that such things are delightful, but they should not be allowed to exist as causes whereby certain members of a class are prevented from attending their

class dance. Of course, we want the Junior ball to be organized and well carried out in every detail, but it seems at the present time to represent a monopoly of an expensive good time by those who are able to pay for it, branded with the name of the class.

The solution to the problem is that far-off indefinite new building, where we shall have our own hall, sufficiently large to cope with the situation. Then we shall not have to change the simplicity of a college dance into the grandeurs and splendor of a ball which the waiters at the Astor and Plaza demand of us, and we shall feel as if a class dance in a college atmosphere is far better than that in a hotel. Such a solution is, of course, intensely impracticable, for the new building seems like a mirage in the sky that disappears when we approach, but it serves its purpose as an example of how things ought to be. The idea of a Junior ball in a college building, lacking the vast expense fashionable nowadays, should drive this present notion out of our heads.

A bomb has been exploded in our midst. Without warning or undue excitement, the Press Club has reorganized and every one has survived to tell the tale. For a long time this ultra-exclusive organization has been the only collegiate body not under undergraduate control, as far as possible. Of course, the Press Club is slightly different from other Barnard institutions, in that it exists at the mercy of a few insignificant newspapers; consequently the amount of undergraduate control possible is always subject to change at their will. As far as the papers will allow, however, the Press Club will now be administered so that its pecuniary benefits and its large quota of experience in the journalistic world can be distributed for the good of the undergraduates themselves. If the editors of those papers which the graduate members now possess see fit to accept as correspondents those undergraduates selected by the Press Club and recommended by the former correspondent, the path of the new system will be an easy one. The surrender of those papers possessed by the graduate members is a sacrifice to the common good which should be duly appreciated.

We hope and trust that the new regime will not bring with it a series of new facts and hair-thrilling stories about our Alma Mater which we have fortunately escaped in the late past—with the exception of a few over-imaginative sheets. A good deal of caution and advice to the neophytes on the part of the older members may avert some pleasing diversions for the papers, and perhaps some losses of tempers on the part of the newspapers themselves. It may not seem moral, but it is safer and distinctly necessary to keep the newspapers in a cheerful mood. For it is a favor to us that we are allowed to have student representatives, and it is our duty to give the papers the best possible service. As long as we do that there will be no complaint from them.

Basket Ball

The Seniors played the Freshmen on Monday, and defeated them by the shocking score of 16—2. This was due, not so much to the poor playing of the Freshmen, as to the really splendid passing and shooting of the Seniors. The team work was so quick and skillful that the poor Freshmen were quite demoralized. Nevertheless, they got one basket, made by Eleanor Mayer, in one of the most spectacular plays ever seen at Barnard. On the whole, the game was a very pretty one to watch, and decidedly exciting.

The Juniors and Sophomores also played on Monday, the game resulting in a victory for the Sophs. Not that this was any great achievement for the latter, however, as the Junior team was badly disabled and, indeed, showed a good deal of spirit and pluck in coming out at all.

The line ups were:

Seniors.	Juniors.
Center—L. Schoedler	E. Wigand
Side Center—F. Randolph	M. Halprin
Forward—E. Leveridge	L. Weil
Forward—E. Gleason	G. Segeen
Guard—M. Conroy	A. Wilson
Guard—A. Weil	C. Streiton
Sophomores.	Freshmen.
S. Pero, M. Kelley	W. Boegehold
B. MacDonald	R. Hilborn
D. Cheesman	E. Mayer
D. Fleischman	I. Randolph
M. Van Duyn	E. Hadsell
H. Dana	

On Saturday a scrub team, made up of a little from each of the four class teams, played the Horace Mann team, and were badly beaten, the score, at the end of the second half, was 9-1. There is really very little excuse for the scrubs, unless it is that they had never played together as a team before, and consequently had no team work to speak of.

The Varsity then played the Alumnae team and defeated them, 12-8. The playing was excellent on both sides. It was one of the most exciting games ever seen at Barnard, and the first really successful Alumnae game that has been held here in a long time. The line-ups were:

Varsity.	IV. Alumnae.
Center—L. Schoedler	M. Wegener
Side Center—F. Randolph	F. Sammet
Forward—D. Cheesman	H. Smithers
Forward—E. Leveridge	A. Smithers
Guard—A. Weil	F. Mastin
Guard—E. Bunce, A. Bishop	M. Hamburger

1912 News

The engagement is announced of Miss Cornelia Dakin to Mr. Oliver Horn. Miss Dakin will leave college after her mid-year examinations.

The engagement is also announced of Miss Doris Shelley to Mr. Allen R. Burchstive.

Notice

The BULLETIN wishes to correct an error made in last week's issue, in the notice of Mrs. B. J. Weil's death. Mrs. Weil was Irene Kohn 1907.

Around College

A friend of the BULLETIN has suggested that a weekly "litany of thanks" published in our columns would be a grateful antidote to the quantity of pessimistic comment which we devote to college life in general, and to our own college life in particular. This friend reports that much as she enjoys the BULLETIN, she always feels singularly blue, on laying it down—depressed by the self-confessed imperfection of human nature.

Now, since the BULLETIN strives to keep its finger on the college pulse, and faithfully to record the conditions which that pulse indicates, it is safe to assume that all Barnard is to some extent afflicted with an over-active conscience. This is a fault which leaves the virtue's side, and we may accept the criticism quite complacently; but at the same time, it might be well to relax our severity somewhat, regard ourselves and our college more optimistically, and review a few of our blessings. We have selected for this general thanksgiving perhaps the most inauspicious season of the year—a season whose message is neatly summed up by the placard standing guard in the main hall and pointing due east; but it is at just such a time that optimism shines most conspicuously.

First of all, we would express our gratitude for the faculty and other officers of instruction; we rejoice that our men are not as other men; that we are probably blessed with the most brilliant, the kindest, the most clement body of instructors ever gathered together in one college. We hasten to add, however, that no ulterior motive incites this little token of appreciation. We expect no reward for so inadequate a tribute, even though our need is so patent. We are only doing as we should hugely like to be done by, and we know—and we hope that the faculty also knows—that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We are grateful that so conspicuous a setting already waits to receive our term marks—that our A's no longer reach us through the U. S. mails as they have done in the distant past, but challenge public attention, and congratulations, posted on the main bulletin boards.

We are heartily thankful for all the quizzes, papers and assignments of outside reading which bring to us such keen and poignant anticipation of the great days to come. They force us to work a bit harder, it is true, but this fact is a blessing in disguise—for we shall have to labor in all earnestness, "soon, too soon," and it is well to form the habit.

One more blessing, although not yet assured, is still practically certain to fall to our share. We cannot doubt that the office has provided an adequate supply of those orange-colored books—or are they pink?—which are as essential to the season as were Christmas trees a month ago. The office has never failed us yet in this respect, and I think we may count upon its reliability—there will undoubtedly be enough to go around.

We have said sufficient, we are sure,

to transmute the pessimistic, misanthropical and ungrateful spirit of this college into one of happy and trustful appreciation. If the few words we have been privileged to speak may bear the fruit of good works in the student body, and of a gentle and lenient spirit among the faculty, we shall feel amply rewarded for the little labor of love here humbly proffered to the college.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN:

No letter in the BULLETIN has ever given me greater pleasure than the one in last week's paper about economy in running the Junior ball. Since I graduated I have thought a great deal about the way we used to run things at college. As far as I can judge, our only idea of economy was to make our projects cost a little less than the greatest amount we could possibly raise to pay for them. The idea that we should try to do things a little cheaper than the year before rather than a little more expensively never seemed to strike us. There is one thing important for every chairman of a committee. "My play, my luncheon, my dance, must cost more than 19-20 and so's." "If last year's class gave their dance at the Marseilles we must give ours at the Knickerbocker." "Last year's undergrad paid \$100 for their costumes. They did not look professional. We will pay \$150. The college will be willing."

I do not ask that college girls should be responsible practical business women. I am sure we would not love our college days as much had we gone through them measuring and weighing each action methodically. There is one thing though I think we can demand of our college life—some principles to help steer us along after we leave. A great deal of the wrong and misery of the world is based on the fact that some few people want luxuries. Why should we girls give extravagant affairs at college and make fathers, whose incomes are already strained to the stretching point, pay \$5 for our dances and \$1 for tickets to our shows?

It is easy to say that many of us can afford these things. That is no excuse. For these girls are the only ones who could possibly have the courage to oppose our extravagance. No one can persuade me that we could not have a \$2 ball and 25-cent play. They may not be as societified or as professional as our present functions and performances, but what of that? I think that the class that has the courage to do things a little more cheaply than the last year's class should deserve our admiration, and not any loss of respect.

GERTRUDE R. STEIN, '08

To the Editor of the BULLETIN:

Since the last edition of your paper a great many of us have been talking over the letter written by A. Lamb, in which the author expresses her belief that the whole expense of a junior ball should be borne by the Juniors attending the ball. I don't know how much the writer knew about the financial side of such an event,

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but we beg leave to point out that the amount required for such a dance would be heavy enough even without the added expense of entertaining the whole Senior class. The Junior ball is the big social event of the four college years, is distinctly a class event, moreover, and as such, deserves to be made a success. The contention is actually raised that it is unfair to levy this added tax upon many girls who can ill-afford it, and I have found that the college, as a whole, sympathizes with this view. But did you ever stop to think that such girls are only members of the class organization at their own will? Of course, it would be hard for them to have to stay out, but this one tax of one dollar would scarcely render that necessary, and, by the way, this is the only tax demanded so far all year. Moreover, it is extremely unlikely that the whole dollar will be required in the end, as it is generally possible for the committee in charge to return all but about 25 cents after the returns are in.

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The amount is simply required in the first place more as a security than anything else. It seems too bad, after the committee have done all in their power to reduce the expenses of the coming ball to a minimum and have announced their decisions, for the rest of the college to fail in their support at just this time. It is most discouraging to the poor financiers, to say the least, who really feel as keenly on this subject as anyone else, if not more so. If the suggestions would only have been offered a little earlier, in order that they might have been considered and perhaps acted on. And what suggestions were given as remedies, anyhow? If the author had proposed that the Seniors attending the ball each contribute a dollar, for instance, which sensible suggestion I have heard given, there would have been something more definite to work on. As it is, with the invitations to the Seniors already issued, it is too late to change the financial scheme, so let us have mercy upon the committee and stand by them until "after the ball is over" at least. Then, perhaps, we fussers of the Junior class may magnanimously decide to levy upon ourselves as future Seniors a gift tax to be paid in welcome support of 1913's Junior ball!

GENÉE.

Socialist Club Reviews the Year

The Socialist Club held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday of last week, and the usual discussion was held in the Under-graduate Study. A paper was read by Miss Rivkin 1911, which reviewed all the events of the past year. The deaths of four great people, William James, Tolstoi, Goldwin Smith and Mrs. Eddy were discussed, and the life and teaching of each from their somewhat individualistic point of view, were brought out. Miss Rivkin also spoke of the progress of Socialism as a political force, as shown by the election of a Socialistic mayor in Milwaukee. After some general discussion the meeting adjourned.

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Craigie Club Meeting

The speaker at the Craigie Club meeting, held on Tuesday of last week, was the Rev. Dr. Denis MacMahon, Supervisor of Catholic Charities in New York City, who spoke on organized social investigation. The indiscriminate charity toward the masses of a generation ago is a thing of the past now; the stress and complexities of our modern civilization are so great that every type of energy, even that consumed in remedying the evils of the poor must be conserved and organized so as to effect the greatest possible results. Taking care of the poor to-day is not merely looking out for a few people that have not enough to eat; rather is it investigating and bettering the condition of human beings that have not wages sufficient to keep themselves above the level of starvation or mere subsistence.

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