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#### SING SONG

Although Sing Song was announced as a contest with a college party attachment, the attachment proved to be far the most important part of the combination. Anyone who sighed for the old-fashioned Sing Song no doubt consoled herself with the thought that since such a reallly good contest was impossible at this time/of year, it was best to have a good time together any-

way. Since the weather was not sufficiently "clement" for the projected outdoor festival, the gym was the scene of carnival last Friday evening. The party opened, as all college parties do, with stunts. A thrilling Spanish tragedy by Leonore Andrews, with the author in the title-role of the fair Lucita was the first event. The element of mystery was supplied by Garda Brown and "Peggy" La Porte, who danced gayly through the piece in costumes partly borrowed from Arizona's little scholars, without giving any clue as to what they were meant to be. A carping reviewer might perhaps have criticized a certain looseness of dramatic construction, shown by the tendency of the audience to think the play was over before the final catastrophe. However, this was probably their own fault for not remembering that a tragedy generally closes with the death (in this case the resurrection as well) of all the important characters. The sublime gesture with which the villain fell upon the fatal carrot brought down the house, and the play ended with a cheerful if unintelligent chorus.

The "Flora Dora Sextet," with their song appropriately addressed to the Undergraduate President, proved as popular as in their original appearance at 1922's party a week before. The sincere and spontaneous burst of enthusiasm that followed their exit was one of the most gratifying happenings of the evening, and put the crowning touch on the affectionate attitude toward the Seniors displayed in the songs of all three lower classes.

The four class songs which constituted the serious business of the evening followed. It was well that no decision was rendered upon them, for they were of essentially different types. In general the Odds were characterized by "pep" and the Evens by poetry. As was fitting, the two upper classes were supreme in their respective styles. They also scored by having original music. The songs were as follows:

1923 words by Edythe Sheehan. Husic: "Macaucha March" led by Charlotte Towson.

Let the Gold Dust Twins Do Your Work Go to Senior Play

> When Phoebe Snow To any show On Broadway bright Is asked to go, Her choice she tells One play excels It's called Trelaw-Ney of the Wells.

And today is the last day when Seniors may return their tickets!

#### INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATING LEAGUE CONFERENCE

A conference, as a rule, benefits only those few delegates who are privileged to attend. They are the ones who have the fun of going to picnics, breakfast parties and entertainments given for their benefit but unfortunately it is impossible to bring back the good times to the colleges which they represent. However, since Barnard is directly affected by the outcome of the Intercollegiate Debating League Conference held at Vassar on May 8, a report of the proceedings is necessary.

The conference convened about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon. After many minor questions had been settled, the discussion centered around four main points. First, the order of debate for next year was arranged and as things now stand, Wellesley will debate at Barnard and Barnard at Radcliffe.

The next question to be settled was whether there should be one long rebuttal of fifteen minutes on each side, or three rebuttals of five minutes each as there have been heretofore. The delegates decided to adhere to the latter plan for it was felt that the value to the speakers of individual rebuttals is too great to be relinquished.

Regarding the judges of the Intercollegiate Debate, all six colleges thought that the plan of having three outside and three student judges is not effective. For 1920-21 there will be three judges at each debate, one student, one alumna and one practicing lawyer.

The last question under discussion was whether or not rising to a point of order in the last rebuttal of the affirmative should be allowed. After the pros and cons of the matter had been represented, it was unanimously decided that to give the negative the power to challenge a statement made

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#### THE DEAN'S ADDRESS TO SENIORS

The Dean in her address to the Seniors spoke of the relation of the college graduate to the world and to her college after graduation. On Commencement Day comes the realization in a new and thrilling way that each of us is one of the vast multitude of sons and daughters of the University.

The test of the college depends upon our quality at the moment when we leave. Are we better now than when we entered four years ago or than if we had not come at all?

In the world as in the college we must give as well as receive, and give in order to get. The college graduate must steer between a priggish selfconceit and the tendency to undervalue her powers and responsibilities. We will be freshmen once more and should realize that in most of the important lines of work now open to women, we need still further technical training, as in medicine, finance, homemaking and child-rearing. But with our present training we must not hesitate to take up the social responsibility of leading, for college women are expected to do this and are looked upon much as West Pointers, trained and competent for any emergency.

We are under obligations to think seriously on the problems confronting our country. What will be the economic readjustment of this period and what relation will it have to our political organization? The field of international relations also has a serious claim on us. In brief, we have a social and political responsibility as leaders of thought in this democracy.

Our responsibility to our college as alumnae is just as real and the college reciprocates this. As we make useful citizens so will the college be judged. A source of strength in crisis is the knowledge that we are a part of a big community that is still really interested in us and willing to help us.

A cardinal point in alumnae etiquette is to answer all letters, blanks and inquiries promptly and politely.

This is a time for co-operation and mass action and every graduate should become a member of the Alumnae Association. Through this organization and through the Association of Collegiate Alumnae we can work with women of other colleges and universities here and abroad and can render more effective service to the colleges and to the world than by working as individuals.

It is an inspiring ideal of co-operation and joint service that the Dean

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### UNSOCIAL BEINGS

We hear a little about people who cannot adapt themselves to living in groups, who cannot abide by the more or less voluntary laws of society, but we think of such as belonging to the criminal class or the mentally unsound. We do not think of them as in a college library. Still it is so. The rights of the college community are being abused daily through the book shelves by people whose gray matter is surely lacking in social instinct. The college' libraries are a common privilege accorded to the student body of Columbia and Barnard and the free use of books is guaranteed to all with no other restriction than that imposed by. honor and a serise of obligation to one's fellow students. Nevertheless, the librarian of Columbia reports that the stealing, mutilation, and misuse of books has increased alarmingly in the last two years. Pages are torn out of expensive and rare encyclopedias. Il-

lustrations are cut from art books. But one volume remains out of eleven of Ibsen's works. Half of a costly set of Kipling has been stolen. Such acts of vandalism are discouraging; this is worse: A professor of chemistry announced a quiz to a class of tweny-five students and gave as reference a particular book. Before the librarian could put the book on the reference shelves, it had disappeared not to be returned until after the quiz. What can we say of the person who thus deliberately steals the chances of twentyfive students to pass the exam successfully? Is he a social being? Is it right that he be accorded the privileges of society? We hear much in these days about the community and the rights of private property, but we must not forget that property held in common, as library books, imposes sterner restrictions on the individual than anything privately owned. When you mistreat a library book, you are jeopardizing the rights, hopes, chances of every other student in the University. Especially now, at examination time, it behooves us to be most careful. Remember this, and let it not be said that Barnard students are in any way responsible for the barbarism that is going on in the University libraries.

# NEUROSTHENIA

To inveigh against the evils of examinations would be a pleasant but useless occupation, for no matter how -much we dislike the institution of final exams, it seems to be one built upon a rock foundation. However, as we approach our semestral bugbears, it might be profitable to meditate upon how to alleviate the strain of the last two weeks of the college year.

There are two things which heighten the discomforture of those taking examinations-anti and post mortems. To walk into an examination room just when you are frying to be cool, calm and collected and to have two or three flighty girls 4sk you unimportant questions that you have no idea how to answer is thost disconcerting. It is even worse to hear everyone voicing forebodings and making the other occupants of the room extremely nervous. For the sake of your fellow sufferers, try, to produce a cheerful atmosphere before an examination. Talk about the weather or anything rather than the subject on which you are going to be examined.

It is hardly necessary to delineate the effects of post mortems. Everyone has had the harrowing experience of

discussing the answers to the questions and finally deciding that she has flunked the exam. If you really want to know whether you have answered correctly, go to a text book and find out, but don't worry your friends with your own private qualms. As a rule, post mortems are the cause of a series. of night mares and unhappy days until the marks are posted, so even though they may be a channel for relieving surplus energy, remember that they are not justifiable if we use the greatest good for the greatest number as our criterion. F. K. M.

### ABSENCE AND LATENESS

All students who have been absent from or late in any class during this current half year, may file a list of the absences and latenesses at the office of the Registrar before 12 o'clock noon on Monday, May 17th, 1920.

Please note that while the filing of excuses is optional with a student she is advised not to omit to do so.  $D_{0c}$ tor's certificates for specific dates do not always cover all absences. Furthermore, a student's failure to avail herself of the opportunity to explain her absences may give the impression that she has no adequate excuses therefore.

A separate blank should be filed for every course in which a student has been absent or late, and the report should cover every absence or lateness up to noon on Saturday, May 15th, with the reasons therefor. If the absence has been due to illness and the doctor's certificate has not yet been filed with the Registrar, it should be attached to the list.

Blanks may be obtained at the office of the Registrar Beginning with Wednesday, May 12th at 9 a.m. Completed lists may be returned by mail, but they must be in the hands of the Registrar by noon on Monday, May 17th, 1920.

Positively no lists will be accepted after that time.

ANNA P. H. MEYER, Registrar.

Bulletin wishes to express its deep sympathy to Dorothy Butler, its former Editor-in-Chief, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary Lewis Butler, on May 8, 1920.

#### I. C. S. A. NEWS

### Federal Legislation and the Consumer's League

It is difficult to report Mrs. Kelley's talk to I. C. S. A. last Friday in the usual manner. It is much easier to pass on her challenge to wake up and register our protest against the condition of things, of which most of us previously knew nothing.

Mrs. Kelley pointed out to us the facts in the case of the employees of the U. S. Post office Department. There has been no increase in salary in the postal service in twenty years. A strike has been prevented only by the splendid esprit de corps which is gradually being crushed out of the De partment. For the last fourteen months the Department has been kept going on promises of raises from the government. A committee of the Senate has supposedly been working on the question during this time, and has according to Mrs. Kelley, made expenditures amounting to \$25,000 in this work. The chairman of the committee admitted a few days ago that nothing was going to be done. If this committee adjourns without fulfilling definite promises, to men, many of whom have been faithful government servants for many years on salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,300 a year, and hours that begin at 5 A. M., last until night, and include eight hours of actual walking the pavements—if the confidence of these men in the government is betrayed what kind of mail service may we expect to receive after the news is out? Old post office men are now sorting mail for overtime at wages ranging from \$.41 to \$.53 per hour side by side with "floaters" from the street getting \$.60 for the same work, filling the places of men who left the service to take better jobs.

All the resources and energy of the Consumers' League are now being concentrated in an effort to get some legislation through for the postmen. Mrs. Kelley asked every one at our meeting to write to her senator and also to Lodge, who is responsible and ask for a report of the work of the committee, putting her request in such a form that neglect to answer would amount to rudeness. Address: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Remember what James says about habit — translate your sympathy into action!

# . BEAR ELECTIONS

The Bear takes pleasure in announcing that Marjorie C. Marks, '21, has' been elected as editor-in-chief for next year. Other elections to the Board are: Jewel Wurtzbaugh, '21; Elizabeth Reynard, '22; Garda Brown, '23; Virginia Herring, '23.

# FARMERETTES FOR 1920

Whenever and wherever Barnard's war activities are discussed, the Woman's Agricultural Camp at Bedford will have its place. Although never wonderful time? officially connected with the college, so many Barnard undergraduates, alumnae, and officers, did their bit at Bedford that it is often thought of and spoken of as the Barnard farm.

For the last three years during whichthe Woman's Agricultural Camp has been in operation, to increase food production has been its foremost aim. To this end the place was lent by its owner, a board of managers backed the enterprise and made up the annual deficit, and many gifts of time, effort, and money were contributed.

With the change to normal conditions, this kind of backing is no longer possible nor desirable. Nevertheless the labor shortage is as great as in any of the three preceding summers, and the farmers of Bedford have now come to count on women farm laborers. More applications for farmerettes have been received from employers this year than ever before, and if the women do not return in sufficient numbers there will be a serious curtailment in the planting of crops.

The old Woodcock place is no longer available, but arrangements have been made to take several other smaller places on which groups of girls can live. The Goodrich tent camp which all old Bedford farmerettes will remember, is to be reopened early in June. A group of ten girls with someone to cook for them is needed there. In all of the camps this year each girl is to receive the money she earns directly from the employer, the rate varying from \$2 a day for the entirely inexperienced, up to \$3.50 or thereabouts as experience is gained. Living expenses and the responsibility for getting and keeping the person who is to cook are to be assumed by each group for itself. In the case of the Goodrich camp there is no rent to pay, tents and equipment being still on hand. Farmerettes will also be needed for some of the other camps.

Barnard students who are interested in this kind of summer work can apply to Prof. Ogilvie, either in person or through college mail.

# 1921 CLASS ELECTIONS

Chairman Senior Week, Gladys Van Brunt; Chairman Senior Play, Gertrude Bendheim; Vice-President, Frances Marlatt; Treasurer, Dorothy Lind; Recording Secretary, Eloise Boeker; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Johnson; Historian, Ruth Clendenin; Song Leader, Clara Weiss; Cr. Entertainment Committee, Rhoda Hessburg; Ch. Decoration Committee, Vera Binzen.

# ARE YOU THIS GIRL?

Would you like the fun of traveling and living ten days with a bunch of other girls all determined to have a

Would you like to live out of doors

and do outdoor things?

Would you like the opportunity to meet lots of the finest girls from the other big colleges of New England and New York?

Would you like Barnard to stand high in the opinion of other women's colleges?

Would you like hearing speakers of the calibre of Dr. Fosdick, Robert E. Spear and John R. Mott?

Would you like to discuss college problems and subjects of broad and modern religious interest in a democratic manner?

Then come to Silver Bay June 15th to 25th. The delegation must be all signed up before exams, so that we can get our teams together, our delegation and song leader chosen, and a song for the intercollegiate song contest.

Think this over well and sign up today or tomorrow in the R. S. O. office. No girl who is interested in these things should miss going to Silver Bay sometime during her college course.

#### CUBS SUPPER

The final meeting of "Cubs" for this year took the form of a supper in Odd Study last Monday night. Animated discussion of vital topics supplied the place of the usual "stunts" which was fortunate because as one member pointed out, there were hardly enough present to furnish both actors and audience. We are sure that this was not due to lack of interest on the part of the absent "Cubs" but to the powerful combination of duty and a thundershower.

#### ALUMNAE—READ THIS!

Do you know that you can become a life member of the Associate Alumnae by paying \$5 a year for five successive years? Life membership relieves you from bills and increase of annual dues, and helps the Association. Begin now. Treasurer, Miss Myra McLean, 431. West 117th Street, New York.

#### ALUMNAE!!!

Order your Senior Play tickets now from Ethel Kossman, 1920, Barnard College, Broadway and 119th Street, New York. The play will be "Trelawney of the Wells" by Sir Arthur Pinero, and will be given Friday and Saturday evenings, May 28 and 29 at 8:15 in Brinckerhoff Theatre. There will be dancing Friday night. Tickets for Friday are going very fast.

#### LETTERS

May 11, 1920.

To the Editor of the Barnard Bulletin: Since Barnard-students do not apparently understand the working of the present cut system, Student Council has kindly suggested to the Committee on Instruction that a word of explanation would be helpful.

The present system is based upon the idea that the fate of students in the matter of penalties for absence should not be subject to the varying ideas of individual instructors, but should be

in the hands of a committee that can determine the matter impersonally and comparatively. With regard to the committee, the system is one of in-

dividual adjustments.

Records of absence and lateness as received from instructors are filed in the Registrar's office with such excuses as the students care to submit. They then go into the hands of the Provost, who at considerable expense of time, examines them and suggests a reduction of credit in certain instances. To my personal knowledge, the Provost always gives students the benefit of the doubt. His recommendations for warning or reduction of credit then go to the Dean, who approves of these recommendations, or, in view of additional knowledge, may change the recommendation of the Provost. As a matter of fact, the number of changes so made is usually less than one per cent, and in no instance that I can recall have the current recommendations of the Dean and the Provost been changed by the Committee on Instruction except through manifest clerical error or because of new facts. Such changes do not number more than one or two a year.

Each case is determined by the Dean and the Provost entirely upon its individual merits. The recommendation of the instructors, the distance one lives from the college, the state of the weather, personal health, and the hour at which classes meet, the previous dockings and warnings for bad attendance, and so forth, are all taken into consideration. It may therefore often happen that a student with comparatively few absences loses credit, whereas a student whose attendance is on the face of it not so good may be excused without penalty. The Committee on Instruction would be glad to answer any queries at any time from any student in college, but the outlines of the system should be clear from this short sketch.

I have the honor to be, Very truly yours, W. J. BREWSTER, Provost.

# CLASSICAL CLUB ELECTIONS

President ......Ruth Patterson Sec.-Treas. ............Ruth Kneiper

#### A. A. NEWS

#### Baseball

Teachers College has emerged victorious from the annual varsity baseball competition by defeating Barnard in the first two games. That T. C. won on her pitching, there is not the least doubt in the world. The versatility and control of Miss Frymer knocked a hole in the Barnard batting that could not be remedied by the splendid defense put up by the Barnard fielders and basemen. Still, we feel that given a little more practice in hitting a swift delivery, and there would have been a different story to tell now. In base running and in playing bases the two teams were quite equal. Miss Tiemann at catch for Barnard gave a particularly brilliant performance last Thursday. One wondered just when she would reach her limit in reaching for high ones. On the whole, it cannot be said that the playing was as finished and snappy as that seen in the first game, but one may beg as an excuse the Thompson Gymnasium which was surely never intended for a baseball field. In batting, you aim for the heavens and pray that the ball will hit a skylight, lamp, rope, or the running track before coming down. T. C., however, demonstrated that she can play good baseball in a good gym when she beat Barnard in the first game, and we are glad to congratulate her on her victory. Our very deep appreciation and thanks go to Miss Finan, baseball coach, who has made the season one of fine spirit, fine playing, and good feeling throughout. The team, though beaten, feels the season far from lost and realizes its debt of gratitude to Miss Finan. Eleanor Tiemann, our efficient manager, has attended to every detail with a consistency that is amazing and awe-inspiring. The season has been a good one, and the team has had a splendid time working together. The pleasure of retrospect may be somewhat marred by two defeats, but we trust we are good enough sports to take our dose and look for bigger things. The end of varsity this year has left a great many thoughts buzzing around in our cerebellum, not the least of which is the question of continuing varsity competition in a sport where there is such an inadequate season and such difficulties of competition. That is a big idea to tag on the end of an article, but it is just as well, in balancing this year's sheet and turning the page, to carry over the net sum of experience and observation as a foundation for the new year, and we would like to leave with those who have been interested in baseball, the thought of Varsity in 1921 and after it, a large question mark.



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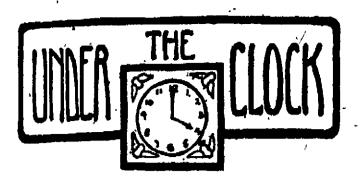
Hours for return of keys: Week of May 24th, daily from 12 to 1 and from 4 to 5.

Any clothing left in the lockers of the laundry after May 29th will be confiscated.

The swimming pool will be open the week of May 17th, daily except Saturday, from 4 to 5:30.

# SENIORS PROCTORS FOR 1920-1921

Edyth Ahrens, Helen Ball, Gertrude Bendheim, Eloise Boker, Ruth Clendenin, Lillian Horn, Sarah Kitay, Mary Jennings, Ruth Lazar, Frances Marlatt, Elizabeth Mayer, Ethel Ramage, Grace Sinnigen, Elinor Tiemann, A. C. Beatrice Wormser.



#### SPRING

Spring has come with pleasant breezes to emancipate our hair, and the sound of vernal sneezes echoes on the balmy air. It is time for shooting marbles and for bouncing rubber balls, while the hurdy-gurdy warbles, and the high cash clothes man bawls. Now we gyrate on the campus in strange dances yet unsung, and our next door neighbors lamp us, and are glad they are not young. We have penned this pensive ditty for a reason strange and sad—not because we think it's witty nor because we're slightly mad; not because we were so very anxious to burst forth and sing, but because it's customary to make mention of the Spring.

#### STUDENT ADVISORS

We like advice.
It is so nice
To have some one advise us,
But if ever they solved
This question involved
It certainly would surprise us:—
When all the courses you must take
And all your favorites, too,
Are scheduled for the self-same hour,
Whatever should you do?

#### EXAMS.

Exams are a bother. But iminent—rather, As mother and father Unhappily know \_ -By our irritation In anticipation Of great celebration Till midnight or so. Some frantically funk 'em, Some fatally flunk 'em, Our fears may be bunkum, But how can we tell? Exams, though unpasted, Careers never blasted, But, oh, while they lasted, They surely were conducive to unladylike remarks.

JIM JAM.

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1922 words by Song Committee. Music unknown. Led by Orilla Holden.

1921 words and music by Majorie Marks. Led by Clara Weiss.

1920 words by Mary Opdycke. Music by Margaret Nolan. Led by Felice Jarecky.

Instead of the award of the Sing Song cup, each class received a prize, a wholly delightful kewpie, fetchingly attired in class colors.

After some further singing and cheering, the party broke up with a long "olla-le-gay" for Felice.

Ch. Costumes ..... Helen Muhlfeld Ch. Programs ..... Ruth Lazar Secretary ...... Mary Taliaferro

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MATH. CLUB ELECTIONS

# HEBREW CULTURE SOCIETY ELECTIONS

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presented to the Seniors and comes at a time when they are realizing that henceforth they will be individuals more than members of Twenty. We realize now more than ever before how serious is the Dean's interest and concern in the students of Barnard College and how sympathetic her understanding of their problems.

#### NOTICE

Don't forget that the Undergraduate Blanket Tax of \$4.35 is payable at the time of registration.

KATHERINE COFFEY, Undergrad Treasurer for 1920-1921.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

The Christian Science Society of Columbia University will meet in Room N, Earl Hall, at 7:45 P. M. All present and former members of the Faculty, students and officers of the University are cordially are invited to attend.

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by the last speaker of the affirmative would further the purpose of the League which is to present only the truth of the matter under discussion.

Although no very important changes have been made, it is hoped that these slight variations from former plans will serve to improve the standard of Intercollegiate Debating.

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# BEGINNER'S SWIMMING MEET

The 4 o'clock open hour on Tuesday, May 4, was devoted to the Beginner's Swimming Meet. A courageous squad of swimmers whose only qualification was that they should belong to this year's beginning swimming classes, gathered at the shallow end of the pool and waited for the starting whistle. Although by necessity this was the first swimming meet that these girls had ever entered, no one would have guessed it. The assistance of the life guards was scorned except in extreme cases when, as in the back stroke events, heads might have collided with the side of the pool.

The meet was run off smoothly from the back stroke for form to the last dive from the spring board. Emily Galt carried off the honors with 18 points, and Dorothy Shatz came in a close second with 14 points.

### Results of Beginners' Swimming Meet

First place, Galt, 18 points; second place, Shatz, 14 points; Third place, Tiemann, 5 points; fourth place, Ware, 4 points; fifth place, Newton, Marples, Lewis, 3 points; sixth place, Kellogg, MacDonald, Levin, Biber, 1 point.

#### Events

- 1. Back stroke for form—1st, Galt; 2nd, Marples; 3rd, Kellogg.
- 2. Ten yard dash—1st, Shatz; 2nd, Lewis; 3rd, Mac Donald.
- 3. Side stroke for form—1st, Galt; 2nd, Shatz; 3rd, Ware.
- 4. Crawl stroke for form—1st, Shatz; 2nd, Newton; 3rd, Levin.
- 5. Diving—1st, Tiemann (25 points); 2nd, Galt (24 points); 3rd, Shatz (23.5 points).
- 6. Back stroke for speed—1st, Galt; 2nd, Ware; 3rd, Biber.

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