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DR. SHEAR ADDRESSES A LARGE CROWD

An interested audience of faculty, alumnae, and undergraduates assembled on Thursday evening, March 10, at 8:15 P. M. in the lecture room to hear Dr. T. Leslie Shear lecture on "The Etruscans in the Light of Lydian Discoveries." Dr. Shear is peculiarly qualified to speak on this subject since he is—a recognized authority in the field of archeology and has made special investigations in this particular branch of the subject. In addition to a keen appreciation of the privilege of hearing so excellent a lecturer, the audience felt a kind of personal pride in Dr. Shear as a former instructor in Barnard, and the general attitude of the college towards him in this capacity was well summed up by Professor Knapp's words, when he referred to Dr. Shear in his introduction as, "amicus dilectimus."

Dr. Shear presented his problem clearly and concisely, indicated the solution offered by Herodotus, to which scholars for many generations have refused to give credence, and gave unquestionably authentic proofs of the historians veracity from recent discoveries. The striking similarity between the art, religion, mythology, and symbols of Etruria and of Lydia make a common origin practically inevitable. Dr. Shear's illustrations were particularly well chosen from the really lovely head of a spirited steed to the picture of a Lydian plain, dotted with mounds beneath whose grassy outlines may be concealed priceless artistic treasures.

The remarkable success of the entire meeting was due in large part to the efficient management of Miss Hirst, whose skill in playing the part of hostess amounts almost to genius. The large audience, composed of undergraduates, (especially from Brooks and John Jay), Alumnae, Faculty, and distinguished visitors, seemed to indicate that evening lectures would be appreciated by undergraduates living in the dormitories or in the neighborhood, and that alumnae would welcome the opportunity of coming back to college again, and meeting the faculty and present students on a common ground of intellectual interests. If the alumnae feel interested in the scheme, it is hoped that next winter perhaps three or four lectures of general interest may be arranged with an informal reception afterward in the college parlor.

Barnard Loses Intercollegiate Debates

WELLESLEY VS. BARNARD

Barnard lost to Wellesley by the unanimous vote of the three judges in the intercollegiate debate held here on March 19, on the subject "Resolved, that the United States should further restrict European Immigration"; Barnard debating the affirmative side and Wellesley the negative. Our team made a very good showing until the recess when the two teams withdrew to plan their rebuttal. However, after the recess Wellesley appeared to much better advantage, showing good head work and clear thinking and by far the better debating of the two teams. What Wellesley lacked in wordiness and zest of attack which characterized at least two of the Barnard speakers, they made up in greater finesse of argument and much more logical summarizing of points.

It seemed incredible to believe that as the third speaker for Barnard finished speaking, the affirmative had advanced no constructive plan or outline of action to put forward as a bolster for the sweeping generalization of the affirmative position which in itself weakened the superiority of their side and which gave the negative side much less to argue against.

Eleanor Phelps as third speaker for Barnard was very good in her first speech, but as final speaker for the affirmative did not sum up her arguments as deftly and convincingly as we hoped she would and which her former performance promised. We know that our debaters made a valiant effort and did very good work and we do not want to take all the joy out of life for them, but perhaps if as much work had been put on preparation as Wellesley, for instance, put on theirs the results might have been different. Wellesley has been working since before mid-years on materials and for the three weeks before the final struggle held a formal debate every day between the teams and the alternates. If we are going to stay in the game, let's put more time on it next year and win both sides.

The lineup of the two teams was as follows:

Barnard Affirmative—Agnes Bennet, '22; Margaret Mead, '23; Eleanor Phelps, '22.

Wellesley Negative—Elizabeth Sanford, '23; Katharine Cook, '22; Marion Perrin, '22.

RADCLIFFE VS. BARNARD

Although Barnard's negative team was defeated unanimously at Radcliffe, the debate was lost solely on the technique of debating. There are two theories which may be held concerning the part which the negative should play in a debate. Barnard has always maintained and still maintains that the negative has a right to build up a case of its own. Since the judges at Radcliffe believed that the only function of the negative is to knock down the affirmative's points, the decision 3-0 was inevitable, for the three Barnard speakers had a well-knit case which they proceeded to establish before they rebutted Radcliffe's points. However, they did not forget rebuttal. At the specified time all three Barnardites proceeded to overthrow the points established by Radcliffe. Deborah Kaplan, the last Barnard speaker, gave a most effective rebuttal which clinched the arguments that had previously been advanced by the negative. Of course Barnard's debating could be improved. The debate would have been much better if the sides had clashed more strongly or if the arguments had been more pointed, but on the whole the debate was both interesting and lively. Barnard certainly has the brains—but how are Barnardites to acquire debating technique when there are but twenty really active members of the Debating Club, and half of whom are on materials and entertainment committees so they cannot debate? Barnard, let this be a lesson. We can never withdraw from the Intercollegiate League in defeat. Next year we must have first place!

The Barnard girls were delightfully entertained at Radcliffe. Despite defeat, we were sorry to leave. The weather, the country, was glorious—and cosy old Cambridge seemed so homelike and restful. Some of the Radcliffe girls will visit Barnard during their vacation about April 18th. We hope to make them as much at home in Barnard as we were in Radcliffe.

The lineup of the two teams was as follows:

Radcliffe Affirmative—Frieda Silbert, '21; Dorothy Curriel, '22; Kathleen Middleton, '23.

Barnard Negative—Helen Le Page, '24; Frances Marlatt, '21; Deborah Kaplan, '21.

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THE DISGRACE OF STUDYING

It is not the effect of the spring weather that inspires us to rationalize about our lack of concentration. We have a thought which will seem to some to be priggish, too others unnecessary, but to all, unfortunately, true. Space is short . . . you have heard of **Bulletin's** woeful limitations. You must pardon us, therefore, that we refrain from characteristic details, and confine ourselves to mere topic headings. To wit:

We come to college, ostensibly, at least, to study. Once here we go to any possible subterfuge to escape studying. We postpone term papers to the last minute. We do the minimum amount of required reading . . . or less. When, at last, we are driven by approaching exams to do a little work, we spend a good part of the time we can afford for it, in cringing before the amount to be accomplished, and elaborately discussing the petty inadequacies of the course with our sympathetic but similarly situated friends. There are those of us who work, who even enjoy working. But do we admit

it? Perish the thought. We glibly assert that we "haven't cracked a book in a month," and nonchalantly elaborate upon the details of the "other night," when we . . . er . . . did not study. It is a mark of great friendship to tell anyone that we have been working. Sometimes someone, who is oftenest a verdant freshman or an emancipated senior, will declare that she spent all yesterday in the library, or the lab. We reply, with studied, but not glitteringly sincere congratulations: "How splendid." And then we give a glowing account of what we did yesterday, which was not . . . er . . . studying

L.A.

NEWMAN ALUMNAE REUNION

The recently organized alumnae chapter of the Barnard Newman Club held its first reunion on the afternoon of Saturday, March 5, in Students Hall. The enthusiasm that reigned over meeting old friends threatened for a while to disrupt the salamungundi games that had been arranged as part of the program. Fishing for shoe buttons and modelling clay pigs, however, soon held sway even over the most socially inclined. The alumni and guests of the occasion numbered over two hundred.

After the games tea was served in the college parlor, where the Reverend Henry F. Riley, newly appointed chaplain to the Catholic students at Columbia University, addressed the gathering. Enjoyable entertainment was provided by Miss Mabel McGivney, an alumnae of the club, and by Miss Margaret Spatz, an undergraduate club member, who played several piano selections. The party was a decidedly successful one, which gives promise of continued activity on the part of the alumnae organization.

CAST OF "IF I WERE KING"

François Villon . . . Clelia Benjamin, '23
Katherine Myra Condon, '24
Huguette Garda Brown, '23
Louis XI Beatrice Crafer, '24
Tristan Louise Schlichting, '22
Thibaut Florence Seligman, '24
Noel le Jolys Adele Bazinet, '24
Olivier Georgia Giddings, '24
Mother Villon . . . Eleanor Phillips, '24
René de Montigny Louise Rissland, '22
Guy Tabarie Jeanette Mirsky, '24
Robin Turgis . . . Cicely Applebaum, '24
Isabeau Isobel Strang, '22
Guillemette Ruth Ackerman, '24
Captain of the Watch Juliet Clark, '21
Astrologer Marion Durgin, '22
Toison d'Or Eleanor Marples, '23
Lord du Lau Ruth Sims, '22

This year for the first time Wigs and Cues has decided to have a student coach. They have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Clara Weiss, 1921.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting of Student Council was held on Monday, March 9. A motion was passed that Greek Games athletes be allowed to enter two events with a possible substitution in a third.

Announcement was made that the Charity Organization Society of the City of New York offered a scholarship to a Barnard Junior for a brief but extensive study of social welfare work during the month of July. A committee of five members was appointed to act on the applications, consisting of the Director of the R.S.O., President of I.C.S.A., the Junior President, the Undergrad President, a member of the faculty from the Economics Department.

It was announced that on April 4th a supper would take place, at which vocational talks would be given by Alumnae.

A regular meeting was held on Thursday, March 5th. In view of the following clause from the Undergraduate Constitution Section VI, Part 3. Powers and Duties of Student Council, Clause VI—"Student Council shall act as judicial body and shall judge in any matter pertaining to any branch of the Undergraduate Association" and in view of the fact that Garda Brown's mark in Physical Education has been changed from an "F" to an "Incomplete," and that this change makes it clear that she has been entirely eligible to hold her office throughout the year for which she was originally elected, Student Council unanimously passed the following resolution: Resolved. That the President and the Vice-President who were originally elected for the year by the class of 1923 shall resume their offices; and that the Vice-president more recently elected shall retire from office; thus automatically reverting to that order of officers which was the first choice of the class and which therefore—all persons involved being eligible to hold office—should be upheld as the right and proper order for the remainder of the year.

After the Treasurer had read her report, the meeting adjourned.

IS IT YOURS?

On February 18th at about three o'clock a sum of money was found at the Loan Desk in the Ella Weed Library. If the girl who lost it will apply at the Loan Desk for it, it will be returned to her.

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R.S.O. DANCE

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"Sure, give me the 14th." When you find she has that taken and most of the others too, for that matter, after you have finally settled on the 7th, hustle around and get your program filled or you'll find yourself left in a lurch. And you had better hurry and get your ticket too, before they are all gone, while you still have the money. That means only \$2.00 a couple and we're telling you, you're going to get more than \$2.00 worth of fun out of it! We'll look for you Friday night, April 1st in the gym.

ATTENTION, COLUMBIA

The college and perhaps the Columbia Law School will be interested to know that Frances Williamson, '21, who is now in the freshman class of the Yale Law School made the highest average, 94%, in the class which contains 99 men. She was the only student who made a grade of A in five subjects.

LABOR VS. EFFICIENCY

I.C.S.A. has made an auspicious beginning to its new plan of visiting the immigrant in the various stages of his career.

The first trip, held March 19th, was attended by a small and interested group. At ten-thirty they started from the Rand School to the Nemo Corset Factory. There they found that every appliance for efficient productivity has been provided. Some 1,600 employees, after a short training course, when they are paid a minimum wage of \$12 per week, are put on a piece-work scale and wages average about \$30, forty-four hour week. The management has provided welfare work in the form of a cafeteria, where lunches are sold at cost, a piano and a combination rest room and dispensary. The place is entirely non-unionized and calm.

After visiting this example of what some were pleased to call a glittering example of "paternalism." The girls went to Local 25 of the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union where Miss Elsie Glude told the union's place for educational and recreation work of which she is the local chairman. While she spoke several remarkably stylish union members came in to get special rate passes to the National Symphony Concerts. Besides this the union arranges hikes, a vacation hotel, and educational courses. The latter are given on Saturdays and Sundays at the Washington Irving High School and cover a variety of subjects all the way from boycotts to Lady Gregory's plays.

After an excited lunch at the Rand School Cafeteria a few faithfuls progressed to hear some of these lectures. They found the inspiring sight of a willing audience tremendously interested in what they heard—and anxious for the background that would throw the facts presented into a fair perspective. Incidentally, it made them a little more appreciative of the cultural background which they were fortunate enough to have.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kleban announce the birth of a daughter, Ann Edith, on March 11, 1921. Mrs. Kleban was Marian Baer, '21.



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**HAMPTON QUARTETTE
BECOMES A DUET**

Undergrad assembly on Tuesday was an example of how really interesting the unexpected may be. The Hampton quartette was scheduled to sing plantation melodies, but unfortunately one of the number was taken ill and another lost somewhere on Broadway, so that as Dr. Grown said "our quartette consisted of two instead of three." It might almost remind us of that old nursery rhyme, "four little, three little, two little indians." But although we regret that Barnard is hard to find still we cannot be sorry that we thus had an opportunity to hear more of Hampton University than we might have otherwise. The Field Secretary of Hampton spoke of the meaning of the plantation melodies and their value, being our only real American folk songs and also the real expressions of the feelings of the negroes. He pointed out the great work of Hampton and its purpose, "first to teach the young people how to live, and then how to make a living." Mr. Samango, a native of Portuguese East Africa and a graduate of Hampton, made us realize vividly the hard fight the negroes have had to make in order to get an education and emphasized that we must not treat each negro as "a problem to be solved," but as a human being. During the last few minutes the two members of the quartette sang us "Old Black Joe" and "Walkin' in Jerusalem just like Hohn," so that we were loath to leave for classes. An announcement was made by Miss Towley of the Charity Organization that they are awarding a summer scholarship in charity work for one month to a Barnard Junior who is to be chosen from those interested. There was also an announcement of I. C. S. A. excursions, and a resolution was passed to send a note of thanks to Mrs. and Miss Jenkins for the gateway in front of Students Hall which is being erected in memory of Helen Hartley Jenkins Geer.

DR. MERRILL'S LECTURE

Dr. Merrill's lecture Tuesday afternoon was on how we can make a religious creed work and register in everyday living. He used the Apostles' Creed as being one on which the largest number of Christians unite. He concluded that the characteristics of a Christian who has a working creed are vitality, poise, spirituality coupled with the practical efficiency, and holiness or the ability to overcome faults. There were a few more girls attending the lecture than the last time. Those who wish to gain full benefit from the course are reminded that it begins not later than 4:10 each Tuesday afternoon in March.

LOCAL ECCENTRICITIES

Our Own Photograph Album

Here's Katherine Doty!
Sweet creature of leisure
Who never relinquishes
Business for pleasure.

Here's Dr. Howard
So surely a lady
She'd blush at the thought
A street could be shady.

And there's Mrs. Liggett
A charmante élève
Who's intéressée
In "What the girls revent."

Behold Mrs. Jameson
Who thinks that we should
Have archies and splinters
Along with our food.

Broadway and 117 St.:
Here's a ball for Barnard,
Big and white and round . . .

Perennial Poem

Because the weather's growing hot
We know that spring is on the spot.

Signs proclaiming the debate
Enlighten us that Spring's not late.

With mid-term quizzes everywhere
We feel that spring is in the air.

The yawning in the library
Tells us of spring's proximity.

"Quartet's sung by three, not two"
Spring is here, I think, don't you?

Prof: Quand etes-vous nee?
Etude (taking aural): Il y a une
semaine.

Prof.: Depuis quand etudiez vous le
francais?

Etude: Le vingt et une mai, dix
huit cent quatre vingt dix neuf.

Seen in the World March 4.
Daily program of our two presidents:
7:30 A. M.—Wilson arises.
Wilson shaves and bathes.
7:30 A. M.—Harding arises.
Upton Sinclair please notice.

Frenchman: Splendide! Magnifique!
As you say in English "pretty good."

My shoes are sensible,
Hail the ground gripper;
Points—Reprehensible,
My shoes are sensible,
Quite indefensible,
Dub I the slipper.
My shoes are sensible,
Hail the ground gripper;


MATH CLUB

Evelyn Baldwin and Katherine Piersall, Barnard '20, spoke before the Math Club on March 1. Miss Baldwin is in the computation department of the American Telephone Company, and Miss Piersall is a statistician for the General Chemical Co. Each from her own point of view told what a great help her general college training as well as her mathematics major was to her. Both talks contained interesting first hand information and were very practical.

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