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MORTARBOARD ANNOUNCES THAT

Voting on
Class statistics

Will take place the week after the first Junior Class meeting of the spring semester. Announcements will be made to the class and ballots will appear in the BULLETIN.

Also that

Knocks and compliments concerning the members of the Junior class must be handed in at the office not later than February 19.

Also that

The Directory will be made up this month. Please do not fail to give in your name and address before February 21st.

N. WEATHERS, Editor

ALUMNAE VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE—FEBRUARY 15th

SPEAKERS

Margaret F. Carr, 1915. Supervisor, Juvenile Placement Bureau, New York State Department of Labor.

Alice B. Evans, 1912. Secretary, National Committee for Better Films, and Correspondence Secretary, National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

Irene Glenn, 1912. Psychologist, Children's Court.

Imogene Ireland, 1913. Secretary, Industrial Work, National Board Y. W. C. A.

Amy Loveman, 1901. Assistant to Literary Editor, New York Evening Post.

Margaret Pollitzer, 1915. Director of The Walden School (formerly The Children's School).

Louise Schlichting, 1922. Member of "College Squad," R. H. Macy.

Elise Tobin, 1915. Research Chemist, Merck & Company, Rahway, N. J.

Carol Weiss King, 1916. Lawyer.

Alma Wiesner, 1910. Manager of Co-operative Cafeteria.

Thursday evening, at 7:15, in the College Parlor, an opportunity to talk with the speakers individually over a cup of cocoa will follow the meeting.

ALUMNAE GIVE LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon of the Barnard Alumnae Association was held this year on Saturday, January 20, at the Hotel Commodore. Miss Estelle O'Brien, president of the Association, presided; Dean Gildersleeve and Professor William Beebe, director of the Tropical Research Station of British Guiana, were the speakers of the day.

Over 300 Alumnae, ranging from the class of 1894 to 1922, were present. The Undergraduates were represented by Gertrude Cahill, Senior President, and Edythe Sheehan, president of the Undergraduate Association.

The success of the occasion was due to the able management of Miss Amy Jennings, '20, and to Miss Anna Reiley, Alumnae Executive Secretary, Students' Hall.

JUNIOR CLASS WILL PRESENT T. N. T.

WILL OPEN FEBRUARY 16—TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 8

The Class of 1924 will present their Junior Show on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 16 and 17, at 8:15 in the Brinckerhoff Theatre. The show, as usual, will be musical, and is called "Twas Never Thus," the reason for which title will not be divulged until the grande finale. The book and lyrics have been written by Jeannette Mirsky and Lillian Harris, and the music by Florence Seligmann. The action is divided into two acts and four scenes. The plot centers around a young lady who, by her independent ways, creates enough action to force a most complicated climax.

Innovations in Staging and Costuming

The scene is laid in spots familiar to all who frequent Morningside Heights, and the characters and the lines are of types which never fail to furnish amusement. A scene laid in an after-theatre club provides opportunity for individual specialties, including "Chile Moon" and a tango number. The scenery is under the personal supervision of Christine Einert, and her talent will be well shown in a garden scene set at night. There will be many innovations in staging with every act, and an effort is being made to deepen the stage effect by the use of a cyclorama. New lighting arrangements are under the care of Georgia Giddings, and it is hoped to eradicate the old difficulty of lighting the front stage by the use of a spotlight. Luba Stein is creating wonders in the line of costuming; each act excels the previous one in novelties and picturesque color arrangement. She has done other work of this sort with the Theatre Guild under the direction of Lee Simonson, so it is easy to predict something far from amateurish in the costume effects.

Phi Gam Orchestra To Play

The Fiji Orchestra from Columbia will play during the show, and for dancing after each performance. Several of the hits of the evening will depend on a haunting saxophone obligato for their full effects. "Arms" and "Fraternity Blues" are two such; the latter song will be appreciated by a large part of Columbia and Barnard, and is marked to score

a sure hit. Several innovations are promised in the way of orchestrations, which were done by F. Seligmann, F. Felsher and N. Weathers. The music for the show has been published by a well-known music publisher, and will be sold after both performances at reasonable rates.

Prominent Juniors in Cast

The cast is headed by Nelle Weathers as the heroine; Constance Tichenor, the hero; Ruth Ackerman, Natalie Heddon, Eleanor Steele, Ella Sherpik, Lucia Alzamora, Helen Miner, Ruth Cushman, Edith Kirk, Constance Auerbach, Helena Archibald, Mary Thompson, Laura Bang, Selia Caldor, and others. The play is being coached by Lillian Harris, who put across the last Wigs and Cues production, and the chorus and the dancing is being very ably directed by Jeannette Mirsky.

Tickets Go On Sale February 8th

The patrons of the show are confined to the parents of the members of the Junior Class. Every seat in the house will be reserved and the prices are 75 cents for guest tickets and 50 cents for the students. They will go on sale in the Lower Hall of Students on Thursday, February 8, at 12 o'clock. No tickets will be given out except on cash payments. The Juniors are requested to pay for their patrons' tickets at once and to send the money to Helen Le Page, the business manager of the show. It has been announced that no tickets will be sold at the door, and as they promise to go very rapidly, those who wish to buy any should do so at once. Any questions about the above should be addressed to H. Le Page.

The publicity has been handled by Laura Bang, and Virginia Harrington has assisted in the compilation of the tickets and program.

In all, the plans for the Junior Show seem to forecast a most entertaining performance, and the excellent music promises to last in the repertoire of the college in the songs, "The Book of Etiquette," "A Boy Like You," "Fraternity Blues," "Arms," "You Are Specially Maid for Me," and many others.

SPEAKERS FOR SPRING TERM ANNOUNCED

Dr. John Haynes Holmes, minister of the New York Community Church, will speak at Barnard at the first Undergraduate Assembly of the new semester on Tuesday, February 13, at 1 o'clock. Dr. Holmes is one of the foremost leaders of the Community church movement in the United States. Quite recently Dr. Holmes' new church was completed and dedicated, the older structure having been burned. During the interval Dr. Holmes has lectured in theatres and schools. He will speak on "The Church as a Community Activity."

The Luncheon Forum has scheduled three speakers for February. On Thursday, February 15, at 12 o'clock, Dr. Henry Hodgkin, of London, who has just arrived in this country, will speak on phases of the student movement in China. Dr. Hodgkin is one of the four secretaries of the National Christian Council of China, and is thoroughly familiar with the situation in China.

Mr. S. K. Ratcliffe, special correspondent for the *Manchester Guardian*, will discuss "The European Outlook" with the Forum on Monday, February 19, at 12 o'clock. For some twenty years Mr. Ratcliffe has been an editorial writer and special correspondent for London dailies and weeklies. He has an intimate knowledge of movements and personalities in England, literary as well as political. Mr. Ratcliffe has lectured on historical and sociological subjects under the Extension Board of the University of London.

Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free Synagogue of New York, will probably be the third speaker, for the week of March 2.

All students desiring to attend Forum Luncheon meetings should sign up on the seating plan posters immediately after they are posted in the main hall in Students. Class executive committees and clubs which wish to avail themselves of their two-day reservation privilege of two official delegates each should determine who these shall be as soon as possible for each of the February luncheons.

LOST AND FOUND

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of Barnard College recently adopted states that "On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds the Trustees hereby disclaim responsibility for the care and custody of articles lost and found, for a period longer than thirty days."

In view of the above, the following notice is published for the information of all concerned:

All articles found in and about the College building should be left at the office of the Comptroller, where they may be claimed upon identification.

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VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE,
Dean

ALUMNAE TO COME BACK

February 12 to be Alumnae Day on the Campus

Monday, February 12, is Alumnae Day. Brooks Hall will be used as a meeting place for alumnae and all classes will be open to Alumnae visitors. In addition to class luncheons, there will be special accommodations for Alumnae in the cafeteria between 1 and 2 o'clock. At 1:30 will be held a luncheon and meeting of Class Presidents and Secretaries in Room 401, Students' Hall.

In the afternoon there will be a demonstration of physical education activities by undergraduates. The program is as follows:

Gymnasium—

2:20—Group Apparatus Work.

3:20—Exhibition of Dancing.

Swimming Pool—

4:20—Swimming Meet.

Demonstration of Life Saving.

Seniors and Undergraduate friends of Alumnae will have a chance to meet alumnae personally in the College Parlor from 4 to 6, when tea will be served. Undergraduates will want to take advantage of this opportunity to welcome Alumnae, and to give them all possible information about undergraduate affairs.

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COMMENT

A UNIQUE CONTINUITY

One of the peculiar advantages which Barnard derives from its position as a city college is the continuity which can be so easily maintained between undergraduates and alumnae. Although there has been much agitation lately in some quarters over the danger of the Alumnae in a big institution exacting a reactionary influence upon their Alma Maters, Barnard is surely in no danger in that direction. We are rather in the position of suppliants for more and more of the Alumnae's interest. The specific enterprises which the Alumnae have managed in the past, such as the Co-operative Dormitory, the Students' Aid Committee, or the Alumnae Committee on Vocational Guidance have served to bring some undergraduates in closer touch with them. But it is hardly here that the Alumnae can, to our mind, exert their greatest influence, although such activities are of the greatest value to the undergraduates. Other colleges in more isolated spots can and do receive similar assistance, inspiration and encouragement from their Alumnae.

But Barnard Alumnae can, and to a certain extent do, give something more. For the Barnard Alumnae differ from the Smith or Vassar Alumnae in that they never go away. The employment office bears witness to the fact that Barnard girls, whether originally New Yorkers or not, plead for New York girls. So, geographically speaking, our Alumnae are ubiquitous. Though no high railway fare or long journey separates them from us. They may come back at any time. On Monday they will formally do so, and it behooves the undergraduates to give them a most gracious reception. For, although the formal return is only one day a year, yet it is an outward and visible sign of the continuity existing between succeeding classes, and as such, Alumnae Day should be celebrated with all festivity.

But the real backbone of the Alumnae influence lies in the little groups which are scattered through the city, which contain a few members from each class for five or ten years back, and still know and keep in touch with a few of the undergraduates. A Freshman who is a member of one of those student alumnae groups exclaimed once over its size: "Well, how can you expect to get us all around one table? The new ones keep coming and the old ones never die off."

This outburst might be taken as typical of what the undergraduates would like their relation to the Alumnae to be. We would like new ones to be always coming, not after they graduate, but as Freshmen and Sophomores, so that there may be real continuity between us and the Alumnae, so many of whom are fortunately in New York.

THE POWER OF ANALOGY

It must have been through the operation of the principle of analogy that the psychological examination for Freshmen who did not take it in the fall was scheduled for the middle of the regular examination period. The selection of the middle of the period is particularly good proof. The reasoning might seem to have been on this order. Here are psychological examinations which must be given as the three examinations. They must be given during the examination period, and to show no favoritism we will put them in the middle of the examination period so that they will be sure to inconvenience everybody. As a result the Freshmen, already sincerely apprehensive of their first college finals, had their existence further complicated by the psychological examination, which, had it not been for the fatal similarity in the sound, the occurrence of the same word, "examinations," the psychological examination might have been scheduled for some more auspicious moment, but the analogy was there, so they weren't.

BARNARD AS THE TRANSFERS
SEE IT

Random Interviews With Newcomers

We, who have attended Barnard since our freshman year, are quite apt to discount the value of other colleges, being fully occupied with our own. But the transfers from these other colleges naturally make comparisons and these should be of great interest to us.

Being a city college we cannot expect to have the variety of sports enjoyed by colleges with large campuses, but we can be interested in the sports we have. Smith has a far greater interest in athletics than do we. Games and matches are all enthusiastically attended and there is scarcely a girl without some pet sport. A recent transfer says also that she was particularly struck by the difference in clothes. Sport things predominate at Smith while here one wears anything from a middy-blouse to orchids.

High Intellectual Standard Noted

A transfer from a Western University stresses the greater intellectuality at Barnard. The work is harder than at Indiana, but the students take more interest in it and in intellectual pursuits outside of college. But she adds that at Barnard there is not nearly such a good time. Our social activities do not have the backing of the college.

But again we have our "highbrow" tendencies noted. A former Adelphi student says that she thinks Barnard's interest in current events, new movements and the like, particularly of interest. Discussions between students do not begin and end with clothes and men but take in far wider topics of conversation.

Social Life Loosely Organized

From the South our social activities are once more criticized. A girl from Randolph Macon found Barnard far less socially organized. But she accounts for it in that the sororities at Randolph Macon practically run that end of college life. The work, on the other hand, has more requirements, three sciences being needed for graduation.

A transfer from a smaller New England college makes a severe criticism of our college life. It is non-democratic, she says, and the cliques and organized groups make it practically impossible for a newcomer to enter in.

At Mount Holyoke there is a great deal less freedom than at Barnard and the students here are more liberal-minded. Barnard is also less studious and has less religious tendency, both of which points the transfer from Holyoke thinks in Barnard's favor.

General Lack of College Spirit Noted

From the foregoing comparisons we can deduce that to many transfers Barnard is less restricted than most colleges; that she had wide, and more liberal interests, that the social life at Barnard is not so well supported as it might be, nor are athletics so well backed. Repre-

THE INDUCTIVE METHOD

A careful student, well tutored in the inductive method, might find food for thought in the grades as posted, and perhaps devise a little list of principles which would cover the discrepancies found on the Bulletin boards. Evidently an A in some courses means you are the best in the class; in others, that you tried sufficiently hard to be, while in others, gracious attentiveness and constant attendance are the chief requirements. Some professors do not give A's, others give dozens. Where is there a reconciling principle? We ask those skilled in such things to issue their official dicta and put our puzzlement to flight.

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A special meeting of Student Council was held on Tuesday, January 16. Student Council voted that the Faculty be petitioned to allow the Class of 1924 to give three evening performances of Junior Show. Due to the fact that some of the seats in the Theatre are practically useless—as far as seeing anything on the stage goes—the Class of 1924 purposes to sell only 325 seats for each performance. After careful calculation it was decided that more than 650 people will want to see Junior Show, so that the two regular performances will not be sufficient. Cicely Applebaum was appointed Chairman of Assemblies for next semester.

A regular meeting of Student Council was held Thursday, January 18. Gertrude Cahill read her report of the Student Forum Conference. The matter of collecting Blanket Tax was discussed. The Undergraduate Treasurer said that there seem to be a number of girls in college who do not pay their Blanket Tax until they are elected to some office, or chosen for some play, or team; in other words, who do not pay their Undergraduate Association dues until they are assured that they will derive some personal benefit from belonging to the Association. These people—Student Council feels—are not only bad citizens, but the cause of a great deal of trouble to the Undergraduate Treasurer. Accordingly, Student Council passed a rule that all Blanket Taxes must be paid within three weeks of the opening of a semester.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE LOUD,
Vice-President Undergrad

representatives from three large universities, Alabama, California, and Wisconsin, have all noted these points and further they have all been struck by something else, not yet mentioned, but namely the lack of college spirit at Barnard. To have spoken of this in connection with every college would have necessitated too much repetition. But it is to note that literally three-fourths of the girls interviewed have remarked on this as the most salient point of difference between Barnard and other colleges.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of BULLETIN.

Dear Madam:

Permit us a word of explanation concerning the "columns" which the students attending the Christmas Conference of the N. S. F. hope to establish in their college publication. Their motive is not to provide therein the "free expression of every kind of thought however unpopular." The notions of approval or disapproval, of majorities or minorities, are quite beside the point, and in no way contributed to the formulation of their intention. Nor did these students conceive the function of their pseudo-handbill to be the seducing of our modest student critics from their sheltered retreats.

Rather these students wish to provide a medium, through which may be expressed the findings and meditations which are the intellectual product of a new spirit, new in the subjective sense, to somewhat limited groups of students in probably all centers of learning where there is real intellectual activity. The essence of the spirit is the application by the student of the scholarly disinterested and relentlessly inquiring mind, so habitual and congenial in the physical sciences, to the problems of his education, and his relation to the society in which he is soon to be a more active and responsible participant. With this attitude of mind the student would ask for what purpose he is in college, what is the character of the education he is receiving, whether he is cooperating to the fullest extent with those who are struggling to solve educational problems, and whether he has any responsibility or not to try to understand the complex activities of the society of which he is a member.

For the immature to concern themselves with questions of such magnitude, which baffle the sage and experienced, may seem to bristle with insubordination, the more so because, not only will they probably at first arrive at mistaken and fantastic conclusions, but the very method of their thinking requires as its sine qua non that they shall have no respect for any authority or dogma whatever except that of truth, which may be approximated only by honest, tolerant and wholly unrestrained intellectual competition.

These then are the rules of the game. There is an inarticulate but profound stir among youth which makes us believe that there are large numbers of students throbbing to play cleanly, fearlessly, and in earnest. We would provide for them a gymnasium—not because there do not already exist facilities for expression, but because specific dedication leads to a clearer understanding of their purpose and spirit which eliminates the tiresome task of continued explanation.

We would add, that in our belief, the need of the column may be negligible at Barnard. The spirit of BULLETIN makes this obvious, but in this respect we are among the pioneers in collegiate journalism.

Sincerely yours,

ELEANOR MIX PHELPS

To the Editor of BULLETIN:

Dear Madam—I have read with much interest the January 19 editorial concerning the posters, "REMEMBER THE HONOR CODE—MID YEARS ARE COMING." As I

was responsible for these posters, may I take this opportunity to explain to the college the attitude of the Honor Board. We, the Board, have been entrusted with the enforcement of the Honor Code. As you know, this code states that we, the students, shall not act dishonorably; and that the "witness of an infringement shall be urged to speak to the offender privately." The question that has faced the Board is how to enforce this code. In the days of the reporting system, a few cases of infringement were reported by students; since this new system has been in force, the reports have come only from the faculty. As the system is supposed to apply chiefly to those occasions when faculty are not present, this system of faculty enforcement is scarcely effective—or is it desirable. We, the students, have taken it upon ourselves to govern ourselves; we have made a law and established a court of justice; but we seem to be either forgetting or shirking our police responsibilities. One hears it said that if we are on our honor, we should not have any proctoring or other means of enforcement. Ideally, we are all honorable. Practically, I am sorry to say, we are not all honorable. The Honor Board feels that we should look facts in the face; and, realizing that there are among us certain individuals who do not conform to our standard of honor, we should do our best to make them conform. Our only way of enforcing this present code is through public opinion. We have tried to keep the code in the consciousness of the student body by interviewing all the new students, in order to tell them about the code; and by talking about the code to old students whenever occasion would permit. Apparently our efforts have been unavailing, for we have lately heard of seven cases of cheating. The girls who have told us about these cases have refused to give the names of the offenders, or to take any responsibility in the matter. When there are at least seven girls who can cheat, and the girls who witness the cheating do not feel it incumbent upon them to make any sign of disapproval, is it entirely out of place to say, "REMEMBER THE HONOR CODE?" To those who feel that the posters are an insult, we wish to say, "Forgive us. Remember that all the students do not understand the Honor Code as well as you do." And most important of all, "Help us to create a public opinion that will at once make cases of cheating, and admonishing posters, things of the past."

Sincerely yours,

MARGUERITE LOUD,

Chairman of the Honor Board

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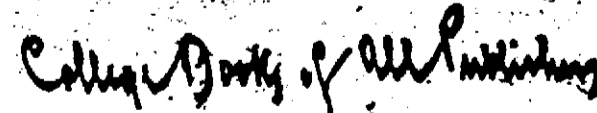
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Not content with deserting the cafeteria, with its scarcely-trodden carpets, students who dine downtown must needs rationalize their lack of style, deck humble Americanism in society French, and report that they had dinner at the Cafe de l'Enfant.

College teas during exam. week should by all means be encouraged—as one faithful habitue remarked, they afford such good opportunities for verbal antagonistics.

Where, oh where, is John Jay's name? As we inadvertently climb the steps of Peter Minuit or Gouvernor Morris, we wonder; as we try to direct our maiden aunts to our abode, and have to fall back upon directions which run a close second to the old country man's, "You go down the road till you see a red barn, then turn, the next road but two you'll see a big tree, and the second house beyond which doesn't look like anything in pertickler, that's his'n," we wonder. Is it an attempt to keep us cloistered while we are at home, at least? Or is it a mere burst of negativism, an attempt to flamboyantly deny the existence of ourselves? Anyway, I don't mind, because reading is always difficult for one in the daytime—and this way I just sneak in the door which ain't got no name.

A new way to commit suicide. If a girl got a blank for a deficiency exam, sent her by the Registrar—and she hadn't heard her grades in two exams in which she was sure she had flunked, and she now was sure she had, and so she went up to the viaduct and pricked the gas tank with a pin, could her family sue the college for inducing death under false pretenses?

By the way, we wonder who stands claimant for a letter from the Corn Exchange Bank addressed to Mr. Bernard Bear?

Suggestion for an ad. for the North East campus wall, now that the Evening Journal flaunts its luridly at the South East corner:

"Show your College Spirit"
"Have you a Columbia in your room?"
"Hear your own voice yell."

Said one girl—"See my lovely daffodils—they're all out."

Said the other—"Oh, dear, have they permission?"

One of the prominent members of the class of 1922 sends us this from the school where she teaches. It is a notice posted on the Bulletin Board:

"Young ladies using rouge will be required to walk for one-half hour in the Italian garden to assist in obtaining the desired color, which Nature will thereby provide."

And from our "mother's helpers" comes the following suggestion for a door plate:

"Don't knock.
We sell nothing and buy nothing.
Moreover, within lies a sleeping child
Guarded by an unmuzzled dog.
Should a knock on the door—
Bring a bark from the dog
And waken the child
We will not be responsible for the consequences."

From the number of slips Add Anthropology 3 which have been turned into the office, we fear that Professor Boas will have to meet his class in the Gym. next semester.

What's more, I should like to say parenthetically and pathetically—my name isn't Colonel—it is

RATHERCLEAN

Riding up to the Lunchroom yesterday morning, I heard one girl tell another that Mary was a cat. I wondered why for a while, but the cream was very good and I fell asleep soon. Ratherclean shook me up towards noon time, with a very indignant story about a cat from Amsterdam Avenue. He was as bad as a girl, Ratherclean complained. That reminded me, and I'm still wondering. Of course Ratherclean is much more sensible.

Two members of Dance Club in search of pure sensation decided to try choking each other so as to experience the choking feeling. One choked the other, who was to say "stop" when she had had enough; but unfortunately, she was unable to, and she turned purple in her friend's solicitous hands.

I think the girls have no better way to show Mr. See what they think of him than to snub him. I'd suggest that they don't take the elevator up to the lunchroom any more.

CALENDAR

- Friday, February 9—
8:30—Sophomore Dance.
8:30—Philolexian production, "Julius Caesar," at Town Hall.
- Saturday, February 10—
8:30—"Julius Caesar," Town Hall.
- Monday, February 12—
Alumnae Day.
- Tuesday, February 13—
1:00—College Assembly. John Haynes Holmes, Speaker.
- Wednesday, February 14—
4:00-6:00—All college tea. History Department and Students particularly invited.
- Thursday, February 15—
8:00—Vocational Conference in College Parlor.
- Friday, February 16—
8:15—Junior Show.
- Saturday, February 17—
8:15—Junior Show.

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