

THE BARNARD BULLETIN

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Interclass Debates Scheduled

Mass Meeting To Be Held November 5

There is to be a new departure in debating this fall as Interclass Debates are being planned for the first time in December. There will be two preliminary contests, one between the Freshmen and Sophomores, the other between the Juniors and Seniors. The classes winning these will meet in a final debate. A number of tryouts have already been held and the names of those who have been chosen for the teams will be announced later. There was a large representation from the Freshman class at all the tryouts. A surprising lack of interest has been shown by the Seniors. Those in charge of debating have decided upon these interclass contests as a means of discovering new material for the Intercollegiate debating teams and also, as a method of stimulating interest in debating at Barnard.

There are people in the college who are interested in debating but who hesitate to show their interest because they feel that they lack speaking ability. Alice Killeen, the Chairman of Debate, urges them to offer their assistance as the debating teams will need students to help with the research work and to take charge of publicity.

There will be a mass meeting for debate at noon on Wednesday, November 5. The subject for interclass debate will then be announced. A number of topics for Intercollegiate Debate will be suggested and voted upon. These suggestions must be sent to Mount Holyoke, the Secretary of the Debating League, by November 7. Recently, the Debating Council of

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ASK AID FOR ENGLISH LIBRARY IN MEXICO

A plea for help in collecting and organizing an English Library for Mexico has come to Barnard from the "Friends of Mexico Committee." There is no gift which the American people could make to Mexico, at this time, which could be put to better use. At present, there is no English Library in Mexico City, although there are many American students and many Mexican students, who are learning English, at the National University in that city. The Department of Education of Mexico City has decided especially to house and maintain, as a separate unit, an English Library.

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Work of Circular Committees Outlined

Student Council Will Present Undergraduate Opinions At Open Meeting

At Barnard, formal student criticism of the existing curriculum is of fairly recent origin, in spite of a tentative step in that direction which was made some ten years ago. The actual accomplishment has been slight; yet it is possible that some new means may yet be found whereby the earnest and feasible suggestions of the student body may become incorporated in the present plan.

A Barnard curricular committee was first appointed by the Student Council of 1914-1915. The sole effect of its activity was the incorporating into the curriculum a course in Bible Study.

The idea of a curricular committee was not revived until 1921-1922. The purpose of this re-organization was to suggest new courses and improvements in old courses, as to content or general plan. Class committees made an indexed catalogue of all courses, and the heads of the various departments were asked to consider these reports.

In the spring of 1922, Barnard's curricular committee presented what was by far its most ambitious work. After consideration of various projects in practice in other colleges, the committee drew up a new curriculum. With the approval of a group of "representative students" it was presented to the faculty for formal consideration.

The new curriculum sought, first, to give an extensive view of the various branches of study attained through required courses in such fundamental subjects as the natural sciences, the "History of Mankind" and "Introduction to Economics," and an "Introduction to Mathematics," which was to include the elements of the statistical method. Moreover, each student's work was to form a more consistent unit than is at present the rule. Such comprehensiveness was to be attained by various means. For example, the foreign language requirement was not to consist of an oral test. Instead, each student was to be required to give evidence of having attained sufficient proficiency in German or French to be able to read a specified amount in connection with her major work. Moreover, such a course as the required "Technique of Expression" was to consist of the writing of a research paper in conjunction with her work in one of the three major freshmen requirements. Yet another distinct advance was the use of the "group" system of required courses.

It was hoped that each student might, therefore, at the beginning of her Junior year, be enabled to choose her major subject on the basis of her actual experience with the various departments. Methods were suggested for still greater intensification, such as the possibility of cutting down the number of courses, with extra work

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INTERCOLLEGIATE RALLY HELD

PROFESSOR OGBURN PRESIDES

Professor Dewey, Dr. Holmes, and Student Representatives Speak For La Follette

Educators Endorse La Follette

Believe Progressive Party Will Remedy Economic Defects

Two hundred eastern educators, including fourteen Columbia professors, committed themselves as advocates of the Progressive party, headed by LaFollette and Wheeler, by a signed statement. The reason given for this action is the necessity for a realignment of parties on economic issues. Among the Columbia signers, indorsing this statement, were Franz Boas, Professor of Anthropology; John Dewey, Professor of Philosophy and William Ogburn, Professor of Sociology.

The declaration of these professors, bases the choice of LaFollette and Wheeler on the strength of the Progressive platform which they adhere to; on the force they represent in political life and on their personal character and record. One of the most important and interesting reasons for the support of this ticket, is the obtaining of a more satisfactory balance in the social life of the nation. The Progressive party is being depended upon to insure the interest, heretofore neglected, of the farmers, city workers by hand and brains, and others dependent on their earnings. An adequate representation of all classes, and a policy of treating domestic issues to make social progress a surety sum up the spirit of Progressive proposals.

The danger of war under a Progressive reign is to be diminished by investigating the economic cause leading to war and remedying the defects in our economic system. War will be most surely abolished as a factor in a nation's affairs, by international agreement and by placing the responsibility for making war directly on the conscience of the people.

As a conclusion to this intention of supporting the Progressive candidate, the statement declared "Senators La Follette and Wheeler have stood consistently for the public weal against special privilege, for honesty in administration and for making governmental agencies more serviceable to the people and more responsive to their will."

WIGS AND CUES HOLDS TRYOUTS

On Thursday afternoon at 4:00 in the Theatre, tryouts for membership in Wigs and Cues will be held. Those interested in becoming Wigs and Cues members in each of the classes in College will present a play. Choice of members in staging, costuming, coaching, publicity, and acting will be made on the basis of these plays. The College is invited to attend.

A new note was struck in politics at the Intercollegiate Youth Rally, held at Terrace Garden, on October 23rd. The fact that the meeting was primarily one of students gave it an intellectual character in place of the usual rowdiness found at political gatherings.

Professor Ogburn, professor of Economics at Barnard and Columbia, spoke on the nature of the rally. He said that in other lands student groups have long been active and effective forces in the advancement of political liberalism. In India the students gave effective impetus to the Nationalist movement. In China also, and in the European countries, student liberal movements have been constant factors in politics. Although American students have not added to this record as yet, perhaps this rally will mark a turning point. "The hope of the future lies in the Youth of the present," Professor Ogburn said; "for young people have not had their feelings misshapen by the yoke of civilization. Adults are not free to think or act—each has some special interest—either a business or profession dependent on him. Students are free from these interests; they can approach problems with sincerity and frankness. The educated college students of today represent the potential leadership of the future. Most of the famous political leaders—Hamilton, Lincoln, the younger Pitt, Washington, Jefferson,—started their great careers, and were well-known at a very early age." Professor Ogburn said that "the forces of prog-

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DEAN GIVES ADVICE TO FRESHMEN

The Dean addressed the Freshmen, Tuesday, October 28, in the Theatre. She told them to whom they could go in case they desired assistance in their work. She urged them to consult with their instructors every once in a while as to their progress in class. In this way they can find out if they are doing well or poorly, and check themselves according to their progress before the final examinations.

Dean Gildersleeve also gave the Freshmen a little advice on etiquette that should be practiced in the hallways of Milbank and Students'. She said complaints had been made to her regarding the shoving and general bad manners which take place in the hallways. The least the students in college can do, Dean Gildersleeve said, is to be mannerly.

After urging the girls to be more punctilious in the hallways and other parts of the College buildings, Dean Gildersleeve gave the Freshmen ten minutes in which they could ask her advice on any matter troubling them.

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COMMENT

THE results of the first three weeks' balloting in the students' straw vote conducted by the "New Student," seem to bear out the observation that student opinion follows in the trail of general popular opinion. There is nothing distinctive about the student vote as is shown by the following total to date:

Republicans	2818
Democrats	903
Progressives	324

These figures do not as yet represent returns from the country at large but returns from sections of the country, and point out that the college vote is following traditional lines. A Pennsylvania college, for instance has gone Republican; a Virginia college, Democratic.

AS Professor Ogburn has pointed out, perhaps the Inter-Collegiate Youth Rally held last week marked a turning point in the emergence of student participation and leadership in political ideas. "In other lands student groups have long been effective forces in the advancement of political liberalism—student liberal movements have been constant factors in politics." Let us hope that this attempt to bring together the liberal youth of the vicinity is the indication of a new trend and the genesis of an active student interest in politics. A student body conscious of the advantage of the perspective which they alone possess should be the forerunner of new political ideas and contribute the impetus for further advancement.

IN contrast to the traditional attitude of the students, the fact that college professors realize their political responsibility is indicated by the resolution signed by two hundred and eighteen professors advocating a political realignment "so as to make our parties stand for fundamental principles. There is a natural cleavage between Conservatives and Progressives." The resolution goes on to pledge the support of these members

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Museum of Art Offers Lectures

Nov. 1—11:30—Outline History of Painting, by Edith R. Abbott (fee).

Nov. 1—4:00—General History of Art, by Edith R. Abbott.

Noted Illustrator Will Speak

On Saturday, November 1, at 1:30 P. M., Mr. J. F. Horrabin, the illustrator of Wells' "Outline of History," and editor of Plebs Magazine, will speak at the Rand School Auditorium, 7 East 15th Street, on "Working with H. G. Wells." At 3:30 P. M., Mr. Robert Haberman, head of the English department of the University of Mexico will speak on "Mexico of Today."

DEBATES PLANNED

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Barnard attended a conference at Hunter College. Several different kinds of debating were discussed. The Discussion Method, advocated by Professor Overstreet was very favorably considered. This is a system of non-decision debate followed by open forum discussions. It will enable the debaters to develop their ability to analyze and to present without prejudice the real issues—rather than to attempt primarily to win a decision. The Mid-West Debate Conference has adopted this system for the coming season. Barnard will have to confine itself to the old methods, because it is a member of the Eastern Inter-Collegiate Debating League.

of the faculty to La Follette and the Progressive campaign, and gives adequate reasons for their so doing.

However diffident students may be in facing fundamental issues and developing premises from which they can purposefully decide the course of their actions at least we can look to the leaders of our academic life as competent leaders of our political thought.

FROM THE SECOND BALCONY

~~Provincetown Players~~

The Saint

Perhaps memories of "Saint Joan" interfered with our accepting the conception of a saint put forth in Stark Young's play at the Greenwich Village Theatre. The obvious device of making Valdes revered by his fellow ecclesiastical students, by Marietta, and by every one else with whom he came into contact, was nevertheless not enough to make him great in the eyes of the audience. His melancholy brooding in the first act of the play forecasted deeds that were never achieved. Perhaps we expected more than the playwright intended. At any rate, the character of the saint was unconvincing.

The author had a good idea when he tried to express the intangible something for which Valdes was looking. The procession of the Virgin in the first and last acts, the pantomime, an amusing bit in itself, and the antics of Charlie Chaplin, all suggested that there was something spiritually significant behind the actual event.

Leo Carrillo did the best he could with a part that was lacking in brilliant possibilities, and Marie Ouspenskaya provided a few tense moments in an otherwise unexciting play. The best dramatic moments were found in the second act, the first and last acts sinking into a colorless background.

The Crime in the Whistler Room

The oft-repeated injunction to playgoers to abandon the standards of the conventional theatre and judge the plays of the Provincetown Playhouse by their inner content, leads one to a serious dilemma in the case of this first play of their season. For here, a play charming in its surface values, makes its intellectual appeal in a muddled second act which has only few moments of power.

Given a situation with many time-worn elements—the uncouth girl adopted into the cultured family, the reaction of both to each other and the ruin of a young girl by a slightly more sophisticated young man—Mr. Wilson's skill in handling his characters, has revived it, at the same time supplying a background of implicit satire against a worn-out culture. It is when Mr. Wilson attempts to introduce the Freudian technique into the theatre as the vehicle for an explicit satire, that he fails. His satire becomes thin and the sympathy of the audience shifts to the satirized, who do not merit the savageness of the attack against them.

The Whistler Room, arranged with such perfection that the moving of a table breaks entirely the spell of its frail beauty, takes on certain values when the rebel generation cries out against it, recognizing no beauty in it. The anemic litterateur whose life has become a pale ritual—from mild irony at his morning newspapers to mild pleasure at his afternoon in the garden, mild emotion with Jane Austen and Anthony Trollope at night, and mild activity at his biographies of important men—becomes pitiful when he lies in the dream denuded of the fretful activity that characterizes him in life. The Y.W.C.A. worker whose empty emotional life necessitates vicarious living in reform, and whose reform is so largely a quotation of moral sentiments from Browning and Tennyson, awakes our pity in the dream because the girl has so completely deserted her.

That the play is enjoyable, what and thoroughly worth seeing may be the result of Mr. Wilson's technical skill, or the sensitive production of the Provincetown Players have given it. Miss Blair strikes just the note of garishness that her part requires. Perry Ivins, a few years ago on the Columbia Campus, gives a performance as the charlatan of the girl, the always unsuccessful proponent of new schemes, weak still fine.

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Dear Madam:

Many students in college this year have wondered just exactly what the athletic association is doing. Briefly, the policy is to develop an interest in athletics for every girl in college. The managers in making their plans for their respective sports, have kept this purpose clearly before them.

Field Day has been so completely reorganized that about three or four times the usual number of participants have entered the events. The Varsity tennis team has been eliminated with the result that more interest and time have been put into the interclass matches and the open tournament. The "four day race" in swimming has brought out quite a few new swimmers, as well as old ones. Interclass games between the second teams in basketball have been officially scheduled. Definite hikes to different sights of interest have been arranged besides the four week-ends at Bear Mountain. It was encouraging to see that on the week-end of October 25-26, about three-fourths of the thirty-five girls had never been there before.

To stimulate activity and to recognize ability, the A. A. award system has been established and is now in effect. The awards will be given at the A. A. banquet in May.

The upper right hand corner of the Physical Education bulletin board will be reserved for A. A. notices.

FERN YATES,

(President of Athletic Ass'n)

ANNOUNCEMENT

All those who have paid their blanket tax and who have not received a Blue Book may get one in the Mail Room at any time.

CAT ALLEY

ings, friends! Although I do tend this to sound like a campaign-speech, you will forgive me, I if I occasionally indulge in of oratory. You see, I became st in politics during the sum- acation, and, in fact, campaign- is kept me so busy that I have aken an earlier opportunity to me you back to the Alley.

Freshman and Transfers, I by fling wide the Alley gates and you the keys. May your foot- often carry you hither, bringing e morsels of news for the feline- inclined.

st at present I am very greatly ated. My candidate, who is none er than our own Raphael, fears the publishing by the newspapers of his income tax will seriously af- ect his chances for the presidency. He has found from time to time small pieces of money while fixing the boardwalk, and has not reported this tem in his income tax return. Should his opponents discover this fact, his honesty in government" plank would be hopelessly splintered.

I must hurry now to a meeting of the Progressive Bridge and Political Club in Even Study.

RATHERCLEAN.

NOTICE

Several cases of petty thieving have been reported recently. As there are probably sneak thieves gaining access to the College buildings, all students are warned to be very careful to lock their lockers and guard their possessions. It is earnestly requested that each case of loss and all circumstances connected with it be reported in writing to the Comptroller at once.

VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE,
Dean

CORRECTIONS

BULLETIN wishes to correct two errors in last week's issue. At the Social Service tea, given October 11th, Miss Tousley spoke of the activities of the Charity Organization Society and not on Junior Month.

Dorothy Miner, '26, and not Helen Miner, was present at the conference at which Marion Mansfield was chosen Greek Games Supervisor.

IMPORTANT LIBRARY NOTICE

There are two or three matters to which I wish to call the attention of all Barnard students for their own good as well as for an easier, quicker and more efficient service at the Loan Desk.

1. Never on any account take a book from the library or a reserve book from the Loan Desk without leaving a complete record of it at the Loan Desk. Be very sure to return all books for which you have signed to the Loan Desk in order that they may be discharged. We have had several instances lately where books have not been signed for and it has caused much delay and trouble in trying to locate them and the person using them.

2. If you have reserved books for home use, be sure to remember which ones and also give the correct titles to any other person who may be delegated to get the books for you. If you do not bear this in mind, you will probably be asked to wait until others who do remember have been served. The reserve cards for purposes of reference must necessarily be arranged according to the "call number" of the books and not alphabetically according to the name of the persons reserving the books.

Make a list of your reservations.

3. If you have reserved a book to take home and are using that book in the library before you go home, be sure to come back to the Loan Desk and see that your reserve card is looked up and record of the book and copy taken. It has happened quite frequently that books have been taken and used in this way and we have not known whether the one who reserved the book has taken it home or not as her card has remained filed with the cards of the books which were still to be taken home.

4. Please remember that there is to be absolutely no talking either in the main reading room or at the Loan Desk unless it is in the form of an inquiry addressed to a library assistant. If there is unnecessary talking at the Loan Desk, it is very difficult to carry on the work there. All conversation must be carried on entirely outside the library.

BERTHA L. ROCKWELL,
Librarian

STUDENT COUNCIL DISCUSSES DRIVE

The regular meeting of Student Council was held on October 23. Marion Mettler reported that she and Miss Cottey thought that a joint committee of alumnae and students might be responsible for the work on the proposed Greek Games book.

The members of the Council gave Margaret Hatfield a vote of thanks for serving so willingly and efficiently as Undergraduate Secretary when the office was vacant.

Petitions were read from Dorothy Muller, '27, Isabel Smith '25, and Dorothy Vickery '25 asking for permission to pay blanket-tax late. Student Council considered their excuses, but, since the Undergraduate treasurer was absent, it was decided to defer decision until later.

There was discussion of the definite end toward which the fund raised in the fall drive should be applied. Prevailing sentiment is strongly in favor of using this fund for an International Fellowship, to send a Barnard Student abroad. Miss Gildersleeve feels that a graduate should go, and that possibly a committee of alumnae and students could choose the person. Student Council felt that this would be an excellent plan. As matters stand now, the fund will provide for one year only. It was suggested that, if a similar drive were held each year, there should be means whereby the money might be applied differently each time if it should seem desirable.

Margaret Goodell '27, was appointed chairman of the drive. It was decided to have a meeting of the Representative Assembly on Wednesday, October 29, to consider plans for the campaign.

Marion Mansfield spoke of the danger of rousing antagonism in the ranks of those interested in curricular reform by means of any sort of undesirable publicity. Student Council suggested that Miss Mansfield ask BULLETIN, to give its co-operation by helping to maintain an amicable spirit

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This committee will deal (1) with laws restricting teaching, such as those attempting to prohibit the teaching of evolution, of pacifism and of certain concepts of history; (2) with college and school rules restricting student liberal and radical activities, and (3) with interference with freedom of opinion of individual students and teachers outside the class-room.

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WORK OF CURRICULAR COMMITTEES OUTLINED

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in those taken; credit for research and for seminars under the major professor in the senior year.

The Faculty Committee on Instruction considered this ambitious attempt to re-organize Barnard's educational plan to be far from attainable. The members of the committee seemed to have felt that some points were weak; others, on the whole, wise. Their main objection was that the plan as a unit was not feasible.

In the following year, 1922-1923, it seemed wisest to the curricular committee to begin its work with the faculty's suggestions. Accordingly, a number of the faculty were invited to take part in a series of informal discussions under the leadership of the chairman of the curricular committee.

The first discussions were held on "the project method in college courses." The idea was explained and illustrated, and its advantages and faults discussed. The second topic was the "Group System of Courses." The concrete issue was the group system as opposed to required subjects and from it arose the discussion of such related subjects as free electives, synthetic courses, and "advised" electives.

The result of these informal discussions was the reorganization of a few general courses somewhat along suggested lines.

In 1923-1924, there was no definitely organized curricular committee. It was felt that the issues involved were sufficiently important to warrant their consideration by student council directly. The main problem under discussion was that of required subjects. The council felt that a group system of required courses whereby the student chooses one of a group of related subjects, would be more satisfactory.

This year student council has continued to assume the office of curricular committee, but with an important variation. Three members, K. Brown, M. Irish, and M. Mansfield, have been appointed to act for the whole council in this capacity. They are to study the criticisms and suggestions of undergraduates as to advisable changes in the college curriculum. The method of procedure is such that each of these three students will interview as many members of the faculty and student body as are interested and will report to the others the most salient points which have arisen. These general results are to be codified and presented for discussion at an open meeting. The result, a concentrated form of the opinion of the student-body in general, will be brought to the attention of the Faculty Committee on Instruction.

UNDERGRAD SECRETARY TO BE NOMINATED

A meeting of the Undergraduate Association will be held on Wednesday, November 5, in 304, Student's Hall, at 12 o'clock to make nominations for Undergraduate Secretary. Marion Wadsworth, recently elected, has been forced to resign because she was unable to obtain the doctor's approval.

BULLETIN NOTICE

The first of a series of three lectures on the Fundamentals of Journalism will be given to the Healer Board of Bulletin on Monday, November 3, in Bulletin Office at 12:20 by Cicely Applebaum, Journalism '25. All wishing to attend are cordially invited

SOCIETE FRANCAISE ATTENDS MATINEE

On Saturday, October 25, members of "La Societe Francaise" enjoyed the matinee performance of Rostand's historical play, "L'Aiglon", in which the famous French actress, Mme. Simone, played the leading role.

INTERCOLLEGIATE YOUTH RALLY HELD

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ress and liberalism reached the hope of a dawn of a better day in the early times of the war. Then, after the war, as is always the case, reaction set in. There are signs in European countries as of a re-awakening now. Perhaps this re-awakening will stretch over to us in America, and shatter the course of normalcy and reaction, and bring in the principles of La Follette.

Professor Dewey, the next speaker, declared that the Progressive party is an honest party, based on honest issues—"It faces the facts of this industrial and scientific age." The aim of La Follette as head of the Progressive party, is to make investigations and discoveries, and to base subsequent legislation on facts learned from these investigations. "He is a go-getter after Truth." Professor Dewey has himself visited Central Europe, and learned the true conditions of the so-called Balkan situation and other international problems, and he considers the Progressive foreign policy of revision of the Versailles Treaty, the best solution offered.

Representatives from Barnard, Columbia, Princeton, Union Theological, Hunter, C. C. N. Y., University of Pennsylvania and De Witt Clinton High School spoke on "Why we should uphold La Follette." Sarah Rosenthal, from Barnard, said that Barnard's liberalism was not a fad, but was the outcome of a conscious, well-deliberated decision.

Reverend Dr. Holmes, the last speaker of the evening, characterized the new movement, viewed from the present Progressive platform as honest, straightforward, courageous, and idealistic. The coming election will be a contest between a continuation of the dead past, and an establishment of a living present and future.

STUDENT COUNCIL DISCUSSES DRIVE

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in its columns toward the plans that may be offered.

It was suggested that larger signs regarding the smoking rule be put in the studies, since a good many students appear to be ignorant or careless of the fact that smoking in the studies was ruled out by vote.

Respectfully submitted,
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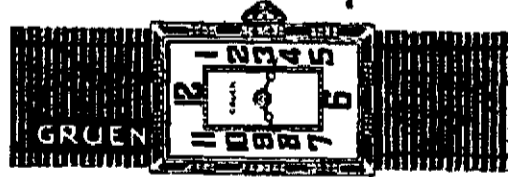
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