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ASSEMBLY

The Dean Will Speak
ARMISTICE DAY
November 11

Fellowship Drive to be Launched by Dean

Committee Will Select Barnard Graduate to Be Sent Abroad

The International Fellowship drive will be opened at the assembly on Armistice Day, November 11th when Dean Gildersleeve in her address on internationalism will officially launch the drive.

This is an entirely new kind of drive for Barnard. It was the Dean, fresh from her experiences abroad, who first suggested that the fall drive be devoted to raising a fund for some sort of international fellowship. The students who heard of the plan were enthusiastically in favor of it and when the proposal was brought before the Representative Assembly it was approved by a very substantial majority. The Assembly decided to have an exchange fellowship, and the plan in full is as follows:

A Barnard graduate is to be given a year's study abroad, and a foreign student is to be brought to Barnard for a year. The Dean, in conference with the Undergraduate President and the Alumnae Secretary, is to appoint a committee of three members of the faculty, one alumna and one undergraduate. This committee will select the alumna to be sent abroad. The selection will be made on the basis not only of scholarship but of personality and need of foreign study as well. The foreign student will of necessity be chosen in cooperation with one of the international organizations that make it their business to find the right kind of students for study in America.

The minimum fund needed is \$2000. This is considerably smaller than the quotas of former drives. The difference, however, is that they were sums vaguely hoped for, while this sum absolutely must be raised.

Armistice Day is a peculiarly fitting time for launching a drive such as this. While we are celebrating the cessation of the world's most terrible war it is a time to stop and ask what we are doing to prevent another catastrophe. This fellowship is a chance for concrete expression of Barnard's ideal of international good will. Never before has the necessity of international cooperation been realized so clearly. This is the psychological moment for introducing a precedent which it is hoped, will be followed in succeeding years.

At other colleges, a great many of the students have international fellowships. Barnard fellowship, however, will be one of the very few undertaken and carried through by the students themselves. Barnard prides herself on her advanced and cosmopolitan attitude and it is only suitable that she should be a leader in a movement for supported fellowships.

New Stress is Laid on Education in China

College System Is Similar To That of America

Popular education of the masses by a modern public school system is a new program in China which according to Nora Hsuing, a Chinese student at Barnard, is recognized as the only solution to China's many problems. Besides these public schools, since there is no compulsory education, there have been established many free but not official classes for short terms in assembly halls to instruct laborers and other illiterate adults who wish to learn how to read and write.

The fact that since the end of the 19th century China has employed largely the American system of education accounts for their colleges being in many ways similar to ours. However, a few interesting differences between Chinese and American colleges were pointed out by Miss Hsuing who expects to apply the sociological and education knowledge that she is gaining here to managing a children's house in China.

The universities in China are more interested in studies than athletics, but just at present athletic participation is being stressed as very essential. The university lectures and many of the text books are in English as before the end of the 19th century only men who expected to become public officials were given higher education. Thus, there was small demand for text books translated into Chinese. As English is required in the high schools, a rapid and immediate translation of books into Chinese is not necessary. The hope of Chinese civilization is to adopt the good points of our popular educational system and still retain the old Chinese culture.

ECONOMICS CLUB

IS ORGANIZED

To provide those students especially interested in Economics with the opportunity of getting a larger acquaintance with the subject than they would in ordinary class discussions is the purpose of the Journal Club formed in Milbank on Monday, October 20.

The Journal Club is to serve as a center for the Economics majors, people with a common interest. Here they may meet and exchange their points of view.

Various Economic and Sociological Journals will be discussed and students and members of the department will give reports on the various pieces of research work which they are doing. There will be an opportunity for an informal discussion of questions of mutual interest.

The members of the club will not commit themselves to any definite program. Their plans will be flexible—so that they may engage in whatever interests them at the time.

All Economics majors are eligible to membership.

Dartmouth Students Propose New Policy

Declare Educational System Makes Students Passive-Minded

The first step toward arranging for student aid in perfecting the college's educational policy was taken by the authorities when President Hopkins invited ten undergraduates to contribute their views as to how Dartmouth might approach as near as is humanly possible to those ideals which a privately endowed, historic, liberal college is justified in holding.

The resultant report was first issued on May 15, and referred to the Faculty Committee on Educational Policy. There is to be published a supplementary report on extra-curricular life and activities.

The 40,000 word report opens with a singularly searching definition of a college. "It is the purpose of the college to provide a selected group of men with a comprehensive background of information about the world and its problems, and to stimulate them to develop their capacity for rational thinking, philosophic understanding, creative imagination and aesthetic sensitiveness, and to inspire them to use these developed powers in becoming leaders in service to society."

In its section, devoted to the faculty, the report asserts that whatever may be the educational policy, the faculty will inevitably determine whether the practice of that system be good or bad. In continuing, it comments that "we are weighted down with too many men who are by nature unfitted for lecturing or who lack knowledge of the subject." However, there are men who fail as platform-lecturers who would succeed as teachers of individuals under a system approaching individual instruction.

"The impersonal relationships between students and teachers and the present class-room, lecture-hall, final-examination system of education, is the inevitable outcome of the popular philosophy that men neither want an education nor possess the intelligence and the initiative to go about acquiring it in a non-paternalistic manner." The committee, seeks therefore, to counteract this condition by advocating the abolishing, to a large extent of the "formal lecture and the orthodox class."

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STUDENTS OF CITY TO HOLD PEACE MEETING

Students of New York City will observe Armistice Day by holding a forum discussion on War at International House on Monday evening, November 10, at 8 o'clock. Among the phases of the question to be presented is imperialism as a cause of war which will be discussed by Herberto Sein, a Mexican student who has studied the progress of American imperialism in Mexico. As people vary as to the possible means of eliminating war the discussion promises to be lively so all students interested are urged to watch for posters giving further details.

A. A. CIRCUS TONIGHT

8 o'clock
IN THE GYM

Sophomores Win First Place at Field Day

Freshmen Challenge Sophomores To Informal Contest

The Sophomores took first place at the Annual Field Day which was held on Friday, October 31, by winning first place in six of the ten scheduled events and scoring 152 points.

Quite a few innovations were introduced this year, among which were a new scoring system by which individual ratings were abolished and each event was divided into three levels of proficiency. The Freshmen challenged the Sophomores to an informal contest in gymnasium work, consisting of two obstacle relay races and a game of soccer. The Freshmen won the challenge 2 to 1. In addition, archery was put on an equal scoring basis with the track events.

The standing of the classes in the various events was as follows:

EVENTS	1st	2d	3d
Relay	'27	'27	—
Archery	'25	'26	'28
Javelin	'25	'27	—
20 yd. dash	'27	'26	'28 (Tie)
40 yd. dash	'27	'26	'28
High-jump	'27	'26	'25
Hurl-ball	'27	'25	'26
Basket-ball	'27	'25	'28
Hurdles	'26	'27	'28
4 day swimming race	'25	'26	'27

The total score of the classes was:

1927	— 152 points
1926	— 100 points
1925	— 93 points
1928	— 64 points

Miss Arthur Gives Talk to Wigs and Cues

"The audience is as much a medium in the production of a play as the acting, staging, costuming and lighting", said Miss Arthur, a director of the Neighborhood Playhouse, in her talk to Wigs and Cues, at a regular meeting, Monday, November 3, in the Make-up room. Unless a play is given before an audience as soon as it reaches perfection in production, it loses force.

Since the audience is such an important factor, the selection of plays depends upon the tastes of the audience, before which it is presented. The Neighborhood Playhouse is very catholic in its selection since it has included the popular *Grand Street Follies*, and a play of East Indian Life several centuries ago, *The Little Clay Cat*, among its productions

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COMMENT

THE glamour of campaigning over, it is no longer the "thing" to be on the soap-box with political opinions. We shall now be able to judge whether Barnard's recent activity was due to a temporary pseudo-interest stimulated by pre-election hysteria, or whether it was an indication of growing participation in political affairs. The lack of a distinctly student-mind in politics has been berated by many, while others have read into recent student manifestations the possible emergence of a class-conscious student opinion.

The next four years will prove or disprove the sincerity of our political interest. Lack of any past organization along the lines of a Political Association led last month to a rather loose organization of partisan clubs, and the lack of time for the liberal group at least made them resort to makeshift devices for gaining popular support. There is, however, little virtue in getting on the band-wagon in the tenth and eleventh hours of a presidential election. The strength of our convictions is not to be questioned, moreover, by sporadic outbursts of enthusiasm and the flying of banners but rather by continued effort. The next election will not be determined by the stumping that takes place in November, 1928 but rather by the perseverance and activity in the four years now ahead.

The political opinions and social philosophies which in the past few months we have so loudly proclaimed adherence to may just be a matter of the "mob hysteria" which grips the country on the eve of a presidential election. It is hoped, however, that the interest of Barnard will take on a more permanent aspect. The time for immediate action is past, and we are now given the opportunity for more sober reflection. The necessity for continued action, that is, education, cannot be minimized. This, probably, would best express itself at Barnard in a Politics Club embracing people of all shades of opinion who

will study political, economic, and social trends and the means of their fulfillment. It is more than probable that such an organization will result, for the extent of Barnard's recent enthusiasm points to a more than skin-deep interest.

It is hoped that such an organization will not have to rely on artificial stimulation but will rather be the expression of a genuine interest in political affairs.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

"Guest Conductor" Sought

The New Student offers an opportunity to any one interested in writing epigrammatic columns. They are going to run a National column in this magazine every week. Those interested may send their contributions to the Editor of BULLETIN. The contributions should be original, never printed before and extremely clever.

Civil Service Examination Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held for the position of Immigrant Inspector for which both men and women are eligible, and another for the position of Senior Information Clerk, with writing experience, in the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin. Both of these are posted on the bulletin board of the Occupation Bureau.

SCARFS MADE BY VETERANS ON SALE

Miss Priscilla Webster is exhibiting scarfs made by the disabled soldiers on Monday, November, 10, from 2 to 6 P. M., at Mrs. Sterling's home, 430 West 116th Street. Everyone is invited to see them, and stay to tea. These scarfs are charming in color combination and would make useful and lovely Christmas presents. The price is \$3.50. Every purchase helps the men who are industrially disabled to become economically independent.

BOOKCORNER

We approached *Children of Morningside* described on the packet as a "Columbia Novel in Verse" with a definite prejudice, for we suspected a lengthy and erudite graduation ode full of "noble aspirations," "storied hopes, and "winged dreams." We expected to be exasperated by having Columbia addressed as "kind mother of our youthful happiness, sweet mistress of our joys" and we were prepared to stab Henry Morton Robinson, the author with a sarcastically pointed pen. To our intense relief we found homely and familiar pictures of college life drawn by a kindly and transforming hand. With adroit bravery Mr. Robinson chose as his meter the long sonorous line which heretofore we associated only with Longfellow and "the forest primeval." The whole poem read smoothly, the meter lending itself to engaging allusions to our old friends Biacake and the Broadway car as well as to dignity and idealism. The effect of such a meter upon subjects so common and contemporary was gently humorous and quaintly charming. We quote from the opening of the poem:

This is our college on Morningside, cresting the schist of Manhattan, leafless, a campus of granite, devoid of quaint trellising arches, bare of traditional ivy and classical alleys of cedar.

Bounded by Broadway and Amsterdam, cloven in twain by a pavement,

Set in a canyon of sky-scrapers, flecked by the dust of a city..

This is Columbia's campus, surrounded by street-cars and buses, girdled about by no walls but a love that endureth forever."

And later the heroine is introduced in true classical fashion:

"Goddess, now sing of the woman, a senior at Smith in Northampton."

But apart from Mr. Robinson's pleasant technique and mannerisms there remained a true panorama of Columbia touched by a vision that was at once sane and idealistic. All through the poem we wanted to exclaim with a thrill of recognition: "Oh, I know that! I remember that time—that place!" Just as Homer spoke of ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings, so Mr. Robinson spoke of frats and dances, lunches and studies—easily, naturally and without once losing his poetic dignity. All the fashionable carping criticism of college life was absent, although some of the evils and tragedies were not minimized, and the flapper was treated uniquely and effectively: she was ignored and omitted. The heroine was a Romantic Revival; she was none other than our old idol, the Sweet Girl Graduate! Nevertheless, she varied the tradition of her kind by one worldly and far-seeing action—she married the Man with the Money. The love scenes were perhaps the weakest in the poem. They were true enough, but they made us feel a trifle embarrassed.

We wonder if our enjoyment of *Children of Morningside* was solely because we are of Columbia. We should like to fry the poem on Princeton and Harvard—and the public that knows only from *This Side of Paradise*. Probably we err in believing that *Children of Morningside* would sell as fast as the gummy iconoclasm of Mr. F. Scott Fitzgerald. We wonder

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MISS ARTHUR SPEAKS TO WIGS AND CUES

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for this season. The question as to whether the play at hand is the most interesting, beautiful and instructive play to be found also determines selection.

Miss Arthur gave *Wigs and Cues* an interesting character study of Lord Dunsany whose play, *Gods of the Mountain*, they are now producing. The Neighborhood Playhouse was the first to introduce a play of this to America. They put on *A Night in an Inn* which had a big success here.

Miss Arthur pointed out in conclusion that the producer should have the last word in the matters of staging and acting, and that the actors should work together to put across the effect he desires.

In the business meeting which followed the talk, Margaret Melosh, the president announced the inter-class tryouts for *Wigs and Cues*, to be held in the theatre, Thursday, November 6. Each class is to present a play which will be rated on staging, acting and costuming.

CALENDAR

- Fri. Nov. 7—Botany Club Tea R. 312 Milbank 4:00-6:00.
- A. A. Entertainment Gym. Students Hall 8:00.
- Mon. Nov. 10—1927-1928 Class Meeting R. 304 Students Hall 12:00.
- Tues. Nov. 11—Assembly by Dean Gildersleeve Theatre 1:00.
- Italian Club Meeting 4:00.
- Brooks Tea to the Odds, Brooks Hall 4:00-6:00.
- Wed. Nov. 12—College Tea, College Parlor 4:00-6:00.
- Thurs. Nov. 13—Menorah Open Meeting, Conference Room 8:00-6:00.

A. A. TEA

Wednesday, Nov. 12

4 o'clock

College Parlor

IS MADE FOR ORDER AT EXAMS

The student Council meeting of 1927 resolved itself into a discussion of the most efficient means of creating a public opinion through the college which will look with disfavor on the characteristic lack of order and quietness in quizzes and examinations and the general show of discourtesy in the classrooms and in the lunch line. Carelessness may not entirely account for the disorderly condition of rooms at examination-time, or for the fact that people leave orange peels and bread crumbs on the couches and chairs in the studies, but Student Council was unanimously of the opinion that something definite should be done to prevent the "tyrannizing of the many by the thoughtless few."

It was felt that the tendency toward individualism was commendable when it does not encroach on the comfort of the majority. There are written and unwritten laws. The former can be enforced by ordinary measures; the latter can depend only on the degree of responsibility assumed by each individual, since college society like the rest of the social order has not advanced to the stage of being able to live without regulation.

Madge Turner was appointed chairman of a committee to suggest methods of securing quiet and physical comfort in examinations. The condition of the studies is referred for consideration to the class executive committees. Student Council's policy in regard to the necessity for good-breeding and courtesy is to be submitted to the Assembly.

Marion Mansfield was obliged to resign as Chairman of the Curricular Committee because of the great amount of work she is carrying. Marion Mettler was chosen to carry on the work of the committee.

The council gave Marion Mansfield and Florence Andreen permission to open the envelope containing the Liberty Bonds bought by the Undergraduate Association during the War.

A letter from Miss Gildersleeve, a report from Dr. Griffin and suggestions from Mrs. Jameson, were read, all pertaining to the crowding of the cafeteria at noon.

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1927 DEBATING TEAM IS SELECTED

Try-outs for the 1927 Debating Team resulted in the appointment of Helen Robinson, Irma Simonton, and Harriet Wilinsky, (alternate).

BLANKET TAX IS DISCUSSED

At the special meeting of the Representative Assembly held on October 29, it was decided that Newman Club should be represented by its vice-president and *Barnacle* by its assistant editor-in-chief, in the Assembly since the heads of these organizations are already members from organizations.

The Undergraduate Treasurer presented a resolution to the effect that any girl who wishes to pay her blanket tax after the time set by Student Council shall pay a dollar fine in addition to the tax. The Assembly voted against this measure. Miss Hatfield moved that the blanket tax be payable in installments of \$2.50 at the time of registration.

door one day, the presence of Columbia students does not increase the crowd very much. It was suggested that people in line learn to figure up their checks, and make up their minds what dessert they want. The Council felt that a change of the food counters might facilitate the progress of the line, and that ice-water might be placed outside the line near the silver. It seems, too, that noon meetings might be arranged as often as possible so that a large crowd will not descend upon the room at once. Those who can are requested to eat at 11:30 or at one o'clock. Mrs. Jamson has been kind enough to see that some of the more popular food is saved until the rush is over, so that those eating after 12:30 may be amply fed. The administration is eager to cooperate if the students are willing to do their share in the matter.

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DARTMOUTH STUDENTS PROPOSE NEW POLICY

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As for the method of instruction, the committee feels that it is the manner in which studies are administered which causes their neglect. Present methods are based on the assumption that the student is unwilling to work. This is the chief indictment—that the student is pitifully dependent upon the instructor for information and for directions as to how to acquire it. Another undesirable result of this "spoon-feeding" system, is that the student becomes uncritical of information and must rely on the instructor's personal opinions. "Courses should be so taught that the student acquires certain information and handles critical problems on the basis of that information, and thinks about it."

The committee suggests practical applications of the new principle in the virtual abolition of lectures, long time assignment by topic, small classes meeting weekly, office hours for consultation with the instructor, written work in the form of short, assigned papers, and finally, this additional check on students' work—making it necessary for him to complete one quarter's work before undertaking the next.

For immediate consideration, the committee recommends the plan of assigning sections on the basis of ability; a program of periodic papers in place of the daily quiz, occasional quizzes only in very elementary courses, and the use of hour examinations when unavoidable during the first two years; and the permitting of a number of cuts in proportion to the student's scholastic standing.

The committee also submitted a curriculum which provides that the first two years be devoted to required courses calculated to give the student a cultural background. The last two years are to be thrown open to electives, of which two full courses each year are to be at the disposal of the major department and the other three wholly at the disposal of the student.

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SOPHOMORES ELECT TREASURER

At the Sophomore Class meeting held on Tuesday, October 28, Gertrude Hargrave was elected treasurer to succeed Margery Meyers, who resigned because of her election as Greek Games Business Manager. After several nominations for Ring Chairman, Alison Bryant was elected. Margaret Irish spoke in defense of the Honor System at Barnard.

FOREIGN FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED

The Commission for Relief in Belgium Educational Foundation announces that a limited number of American graduate fellowships for study in Belgium during the academic year 1925-1926 will be awarded by April 1, 1925.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained by addressing the Fellowship Committee, C. R. B. Educational Foundation, Inc. 42 Broadway, New York

NOTICE

Cicely Applebaum, Journalism '25 will address the BULLETIN staff on Monday, November 10, at 12:20 on "Feature Writing." All interested are invited to attend.

R. RICHARDS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF 1928

On Friday, October 31, at a meeting presided over by Midge Turner of '29, the Freshman class unanimously elected as president Ruth Richards, their temporary chairman.

Marion Mettler announced to the class that its petition for a revote on the question of smoking in the Studies had been refused by Student Council because it considered that sufficient notice had been given to all the classes. The girls were asked to abide by the decision of the College against smoking.

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