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DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS MAKE PLANS FOR YEAR

History and Economics Clubs
Will Put Stress on Research

The History Club was organized last year in order to fill a definite need that was felt by girls majoring in history, its purpose being to bring together the history majors and to put them in touch with those who have achieved something in the field of historical research, and in so doing to acquaint the club members with the many fields and methods of advanced historical research. The membership of the club is restricted to history majors, although history minors will occasionally be invited to attend. Four meetings will be held each semester. At some of the meetings persons who are actually doing work of importance will address the club. Professor Knight, who has just returned from a study of the disturbance in Morocco, will speak at the first meeting. One meeting each term will be devoted

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A TERM ON LEAVE

By Charles Sears Baldwin

North Wales in Easter week seemed tardily bleak to a traveller from France. Not even Snowdon emerged from the cold mist settled over Menai Strait. But the Welsh welcome to Bangor would have warmed colder hearts than those of the Classical Association; and Lady Verney, superior at eighty to physical cares, made me forget everything but her own wit and energy, her intact seventeenth century library, and the persons who made of the meetings of a learned society a company of humanists. In her house with me were the Allens, husband and wife editing together the letters of Erasmus. Rhys Roberts returned to his native heath to compare, with that literary scholarship which has illuminated the Greek critics, the Odysseus of the tragedians with the Odysseus of Homer. Mackail's urbanity

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REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY PROVIDES FOR GLEE CLUB

The Representative Assembly met Monday, October 12, in room 304. After announcing the recent appointments by Student Council, the President brought up for discussion the question of financing Glee Club. There had been some opinion that no extra-curricular club should be singled out to receive money from college funds, but that the expenses should be met by the members, or, if possible, by funds contributed by interested alumnae. There was prolonged discussion on this subject, many Representatives feeling that the functions of a Glee Club were distinctly college duties, and that a

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DEAN ADVISES FRESHMEN CONCERNING ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE IN COLLEGE COMMUNITY HERE AT BARNARD

MISS GILDERSLEEVE STRESSES HONESTY IN SCHOLARSHIP
Invites Students to Confer With Her At Any Time

Dean Gildersleeve in an informal address to the Freshman, on Tuesday, gave them advice which would help them to meet the new conditions and experiences of college life. Miss Gildersleeve impressed the importance of watching bulletin board carefully, and of knowing the rules and regulations of the college. "We are part of a large city," the Dean said, and things which are done and said here are known by everybody. We must remember this in our actions, our manners, and our dress at college.

Miss Gildersleeve advised students

to confer with her at any time, for she is always happy to see them and to know them.

Good health is very necessary for happiness at college, the Dean said, and in order to obtain this happiness students should intelligently divide their work and recreation.

And above all these things, honesty in work should be remembered. "For if there is no honesty in scholarship, of what use is scholarship?" Miss Gildersleeve asked. She added that Barnard has already had a formal or an informal honor system, and dishonesty has been very rare.

MISS HUTCHINSON SPEAKS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Professor Hutchinson, in an interview, stated that she felt the whole problem of the interest in student government resolved itself into the question, *what does student government offer of interest to the individual student?* Miss Hutchinson believes that interest as it particularly is connected with student government is of a non-continuous nature, analogous to that which citizens have for their city government. There are few occasions indeed, outside of election time, when one finds great interest for the city administration evinced by the people. The reason is that in order to interest people the problems of the city administration or the student government must be of a certain magnitude and importance. What are such problems?

Professor Hutchinson was president of the first Student Council at Barnard in 1904. The reason for instituting Student Council at that time was to create a link between the faculty and the students. Since conferring with the student body as a whole was impracticable, the power of conference with the faculty on student affairs was delegated to a few undergraduate representatives comprising Student Council. At that time undergraduates had not begun to concern themselves with educational matters; they came to college and studied, they received and accepted the educational policies without comment. Miss Hutchinson considers that the student's reaction to her education is quite important, and that student curricular activities are therefore of a legitimate nature and to be encouraged.

The relation of the individual student to the undergraduate governing body, Miss Hutchinson believes, is a matter largely of time and temperament. One comes to college and finds a type of community organization; insofar as one is socially or individualistically inclined one will enter into its activities eagerly or not at all. The ideal held up to all is the social concept, the idea of

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REGISTRATION STATISTICS SHOW INCREASE THIS YEAR

Barnard registration statistics compare very favorably this year with those of the college year 1924-1925. We are still hovering around the 1000 mark, but we have gained over the number of students that we had last year.

	1924-1925	1925-1926
Seniors	124	154
Juniors	258	267
Sophomores	232	225
Freshmen	249	278
Unclassified	42	38
Special	21	30
Students	926	987

The total gain in the primary registrations at Barnard this year was one of sixty-one students.

	1924-1925	1925-1926
Primary Registration at Barnard:	38	34
T. C. students at Barnard:	104	73
University students at Barnard:	1068	1094

The total gain of the number of students registered for this academic year over the number registered for the last academic year, is 26 students.

There are 116 transfers from other colleges to Barnard this year. There are 19 Junior transfers, 36 Sophomores, 18 Special Students, and 25 unclassified transfers.

In the dormitories there are accommodated this year, 14 members of the Faculty and the staff, 74 Seniors, 82 Juniors, 62 Sophomores, 51 Freshmen, 25 transfers not yet assigned to classes, and ten graduate students. Altogether there are 79 transfers in the dormitories. This makes a total of 304 dormitory students, and a remainder of 790 students who commute.

Dr. Duggan To Speak.
Attention is again called to the college assembly on October 20, at which Dr. Stephen P. Duggan will speak on the European situation, with special reference to Russia. The assembly will take place in the gym.

ANNUAL MYSTERIES TAKES PLACE TO-NIGHT

To Mark End of Sophomore
Hazing of Freshman Class

Mysteries Supper, the Sophomore annual welcome to the incoming Freshman Class, will take place tonight, at 6:30, in the cafeteria in Students' Hall. Those who have not already purchased their tickets are cordially invited to come to the gymnasium for the entertainment which will take place.

There have been song practices this week in preparation for the general singing by all the classes at the supper, and the Mysteries committee have planned and worked hard toward the success of the formal debut of our umbrella-carrying Freshmen into Barnard society. Mysteries Chairman, Margaret Cowley, and the Mysteries Committee, which consists of Emma Hunter, Helen Gambrill, Sidney Stemmons, Harriet Taylor, and Edith Wood, will divulge little information as to what particularly horrible form Mysteries will take this year.

PROFESSOR HIRST SPENT SUMMER IN ENGLAND

Professor Hirst of the Department of Greek and Latin spent the summer in England, except for a short trip to Paris for the purpose of studying the classical objects in the Louvre. In England, besides spending some time at Cambridge reading in the University Library, she visited Uriconium, the Latin city on the Severn, where the impressive colonnade of the ancient forum has been laid bare. Besides the excavations, there is a museum on the spot containing the finds, most important of which is an inscription of the time of Hadrian, the largest Roman inscribed slab yet found in Britain. She also visited Bristol University and went through the splendid new buildings, opened by the King and Queen in June, and thought by some people to be the finest academic buildings in England. They are certainly the finest modern ones.

VOLUNTEER WORK BECOMING MORE POPULAR

Volunteer Social Service Work at Barnard is carried on under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Community Service Association. An adviser from this organization investigates all calls for volunteer help, and then makes these opportunities available to Barnard girls.

The girls at Barnard who apply for volunteer positions are interviewed by the Social Service representative of their respective classes. This method makes it possible to send the girls to the work for which they are best fitted.

The Senior Class representative is Mary Armstrong. The Junior representative is Everita Edes.

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COMMENT

Student Government

We have been invited to attend Student Council meetings; we have been requested to attend Representative Assembly meetings; and we have been compelled to attend Undergraduate Association meetings, all for the purpose of acquainting ourselves with the mechanism and purpose of student government.

But, as Professor Hutchinson has so aptly pointed out in another part of this paper, what does student government offer of interest to the individual student? After all there are two types of people, those who are socially minded and those who are individualistic. The phrase "duty as a member of the community" however inspiring it may be to the social person is empty of all meaning to the person who is concerned only with the development of herself. She does not care how much student government there is at Barnard, as long as they leave her alone, and who shall say that this is a selfish point of view? Some people come here exclusively to study. Why should they be bothered about student government?

It is conceivable, however, that student government may occasionally be forced upon their attention. But it is only when an issue arises that deals specifically with some aspect of their individual lives that it can command such attention. The curriculum question is the outstanding example. This does not affect every student, and all will not more or less naturally be concerned over any action on this subject.

But the curriculum is practically settled. Is there anything else to warrant an active enthusiasm in student government?

FORUM COLUMN

For the Expression of Public Opinion

To the Editor of the Bulletin.

Dear Madam,

I should like to explain the "compromise" made by the student advisors, and the so-called "failure of the plan".

It was not to be expected that the faculty would, from the very first, turn over all of this work to the students. The fact that they did not immediately have sufficient confidence in the ability of inexperienced and often over-self-confident undergraduates as advisors to entering students is hardly deplorable. The author of the editorial forgets that the faculty too has been "through the mill", and that, although members of the Junior and Senior classes may have had a great, great deal of experience, the members of the faculty have, perhaps, had more. It is only sane to recognize these facts and only justifiable that we should have to prove our ability and thus gradually attain the status of advisors proper.

Although, to all appearances, the work of the students was purely mechanical, it did, as a matter of fact, involve the giving of a great deal of friendly advice to the new students. We had not, it is true, the authority to put the final check to their programs, our word was not law, but nothing prevented us from discussing and, as a matter of fact, we did discuss fully and freely with those who wanted advice. Sharing authority with the faculty or writing during the summer to the new students would have caused indescribable confusion. Every entering student receives as much literature from the college and from her Junior sister as she can stand. To add to this, something more would only cause a most hopeless chaos in her already bewildered mind.

The ultimate practicability of the use of students as advisors must be determined by experiment, but no entering student should be made to suffer as the subject. The only sane and least harmful thing to do is to go slowly and test carefully, step by step, our eligibility, as much in respect to the faculty as in justice to the new student and to ourselves.

Sincerely yours

Sylvia Surut.

CLASS MEETINGS

1928

Noel Stone, Sophomore President, was welcomed back to college at the meeting of the class on Thursday, October 8. Miss Stone's tardy return was due to illness.

There was a discussion of the question of the Barnard ring in an effort to decide whether to use the old seal or the new one. As the price of both rings was not known, the class made no decision.

1929

The Freshman class held meetings on Monday, October 5, Wednesday, October 7, and Friday, October 9. On Monday Miss Rockwell explained the library system, on Wednesday Dorothy Miner spoke of the honor code, requesting all those who had not signed it to do so. At the Friday meeting Florette Holzwasser was elected song leader of the class. Marion Churchill was appointed temporary secretary.

FROM THE SECOND BALCONY

POLLY

In a rhythmic, racy manner decked with satire and with humor, sallies forth this gallant "Polly" of two centuries ago. Mid the Village atmosphere of freedom the swaggering rum-runners and treasure seekers at the Cherry Lane Playhouse, "laugh boys, laugh, with a fig for all their sorrow" and "drink, boys drink, let the devil take tomorrow."

The opera, "Polly," which is the second part of the "Beggar's Opera" suffered a rather checkered career. When first Polly Peachum and her crew appeared, to entertain the London fashionable, the court and all society of Merrie England in 1729 took to its heart the author, John Gay, and fashioned of this minor poet, a popular idol. To augment his greatness, and incidentally to attempt to satisfy the popular appetite for virtuous heroines and pirate bravados, Mr. Gay wrote "Polly," in which reappear Polly Peachum and those of her crew who withstood the rolicking terrors of the "Beggar's Opera." But, alas, Mr. Gay and his creatures became too clever and too pointed, so the Lord Chamberlain at a rehearsal of the play in 1729, wrecked them all on a cold, lone island, where the plays barred by censors linger and fade away. There the unfortunate opera dwindled for years, because the Court believed it to be a political satire, lampooning, in the person of Macheath, the statesman Prime Minister, Walpole. Towards the close of the century, the play emerged from its confinement and has been produced in England at intervals ever since. It made its debut in America with the current production at the Cherry Lane.

The pungent savor which flavors all plays banned by censors, leaves not its impress on "Polly". The once rasping satire seems to have worn off as the centuries passed, and all we can see now is a little moralizing fun poked at worthless magistrates, indulging in the extravagant fashion of mistresses, for as Gay declares, "tis better far to go without, than have too much of woman." Gay makes of war too a feeble cowardly thing—three men against five.

The scant tale of the suppressed opera is of virtue triumphant. Goodness and wifely devotion to her swashbuckling hero, who almost reforms from the evils of drinking, the horrors of war, and the susceptibility to women, force Polly to venture all the way from England to the Indies, there to seek and find her husband. Garbed in billowy satin flouncings, or sporting man's attire of a red military coat with round brass buttons and lacy frills, over smooth green trousers, Polly wends her way through strange adventures. At last she finds her lover husband after singing all the while that "virtue's treasure is a pleasure."

William Rainey gives to Polly a swaggering Macheath, who expands wide his chest to add noise and zest to the pirate scenes. Edmond Forde, as the old-young profligate, the caricatured old magistrate, carries his part with a certain antique and delightful manner. Dorothy Brown as Polly, is indeed charming and pretty, but smacks a little too much of the Ritz Revue. And would unsophisticated Polly sing her dull despairs with the tragic breath-catching of a Russian tragic singer? Jeanne

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MISS REIMER SPEAKS AT MATH-SCIENCE CLUB

On Thursday, October 8, Math Science Club held the opening meeting of the year in the Conference Room. Miss Reimer, the Honorary President, gave an informal talk on the general subject of "Science" and the scientific spirit. Miss Reimer turned her attention mainly to a discussion of the origins of science. The early sciences were mixed up with tradition and superstition. The Babylonians and Assyrians were among the first to turn their attention to science in any form.

There particular interest centered in watching the stars and they laid the foundation of the science of Astronomy. The early Egyptians had to devise methods for finding the boundaries of their lands after the subsiding of the Nile every year. This called into being the process of surveying the land. Egyptians knew how to construct the perfect right triangle by placing three sticks in the ground at certain distances apart and tying a string around them. They used this principle in their temple construction, where all the corners are true right angles. The Egyptians knew directions also, for the line of axis of their temples runs a true north and south. One need only take a trip to the Museum of Art where a wonderful exhibit has been set up to realize how proficient they were in making jewelry. Egyptians, moreover, Miss Reimer pointed out, were skilled in embalming, and their making of cosmetics indicate a basis of chemical knowledge. This points to a knowledge of various medicines and their properties.

For example the skin of a certain toad was used by certain peoples to stop bleeding. The toad skin has been found to contain properties of use to physicians today.

After the very delightful talk, the Club enjoyed a social hour in which tea was served.

VOLUNTEER WORK BECOMING MORE POPULAR

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The Social Service work at Barnard will be financed by a fund of \$50. Each class will contribute \$10, the remainder is to be donated from the college treasury.

Due to the fact that there is now a class in Forms of Social work, it is believed that a larger number of girls will be interested in volunteering their services. Last year there were thirty girls from Barnard doing volunteer Social Service Work in different parts of the city.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Action Taken on Assembly Absences

At the meeting of Student Council held on October eighth at twelve o'clock, the names of the students who had failed to attend the compulsory College Assembly were read. It was felt that some action should be taken in regard to these members of the Undergraduate Association, as only about twenty from each class had not made the effort to be present. A committee, consisting of Madge Turner, Alice Killeen and Ruth Richards, was appointed to compose a letter to be sent to each of the absentees. If these letters are not answered to the satisfaction of Student Council, further action will be taken.

Appointments Made

Due to the election of Dorothy Ashworth as Representative Assembly member on Student Council, her place as Senior Proctor was left vacant. Ruth Bass was appointed her successor. The position of Vocational Chairman resigned by Mary Armstrong was filled by the appointment of Alma Davis, '26, with Helen Rundlett and Fanny Ellsworth, '26, as alternates.

Miss Walton Thanked

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Lillian Walton for her kindness in assisting to balance the books of the Undergraduate Association.

It was voted that the Undergraduate Treasurer be given the authority to inform members of the Undergraduate Association that tickets to Junior Show and Wigs and Cues performances will not be sold or issued to those who have not paid the blanket tax.

Drive Object Discussed

The object of the Drive for the year 1925-1926 was discussed, the Students Aid Fund and exchange fellowships being suggested. Further suggestions will be brought up for discussion in the Representative Assembly.

Glee Club to Organize

The committee selected by Ruth Coleman to assist in the organization of the Glee Club was approved, and she was given the authority to prepare plans to be submitted to the Charter Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Miner,
Undergraduate Vice-president.

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being one or a group. Following the matter of temperament, comes the question, how are you going to spend your time? We hear of the girl who says "I don't care how much student government there is at Barnard, as long as they leave me alone." This girl chooses to spend all her time in studying or some other definite occupation. In any centralized representative organization such as a college community, the bulk of the work falls to a few people at a great cost of time and energy. It is up to each individual to decide whether her interest warrants such an expenditure as this required of the governing leaders, and to just what degree of activity.

Interest is not measurable or definable according to set standards. Miss Hutchinson believes one has no right to say, for instance, "There

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and suggestiveness are not confined to his printed page. Academic consists of persons. To meet these new and these old friends was to renew my confidence in its future.

Cambridge will remain with me in two aspects, a university library organized ideally for research, and undergraduate sport at its best in the crew races of the "Mays". To add that my approach to both was from an English garden and through the accumulated beauty of the historic colleges by the river is not to excuse my enthusiasm; it is to remind any one who has seen Cambridge or Oxford that their setting is an integral part of their potency.

But the greater debt of my eight sabbatical months is to France. The bulk of my readings was in the Bibliotheque Nationale. The bookshops of Paris, still the most striking evidence of the French pervasiveness of reading and activity of intellectual commerce, are mines not merely for the book-fanciers, but even more for the questing professors. To live in Paris so comfortably as to obviate all waste of friction one has only to turn from what is demanded by tourists to what the French have adapted to themselves. They are expert in the art of living. What they provide for idle Americans remains external to French life, which achieves a distinctive combination of frugality and ease. I was thinking not of those superfluously luxurious hotels and those costly lewd shows which in Paris, as in New York, depend on tourist trade, but of the cafes. The people who in Paris sit by the hour over little glasses to see life see most of all foreigners like themselves. The students who appear to be making enrolments in one of the arts an excuse for wasting time and character are not usually found to be French. The characteristically French habit expresses a view of life at once shrewder, more intelligent and more serious. Nor does this habitual view hamper civility or frustrate expansiveness. The edges of routine are still rounded in France by conversation. The tension of affairs is relaxed in regular margins of leisure. So the wise traveler will take his recreation with the people. Two of the pleasantest conversations that I remember from these eight months both sprang up easily in the same country town, one with a mason, the other with a watch-maker. Our common social democracy has accustomed both nations to freedom of intercourse. The habit is too precious to be lost through crowds and hurry; and one of the boons of France is to restore an American's appreciation of it by exhibiting it in forms at once kindly and gracious.

ought to be more than ten girls out of a thousand interested in debate." One should see that there is a certain amount of interest, great or small, as the case may be, and this should be made the most of by acquiring the best possible results along the line of activity.

Since, then, by right of the inherent nature of student government, interest in it is apt to be sporadic, and interest as such cannot be made according to any definite standards, it would seem that the burden of arousing undergraduate cooperation rested upon the student government to offer problems worthy of the students interest.

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trained group of singers would contribute as much to the community as to themselves, and on that account college help should be given them. It was also brought up that no group of people who spent considerable time and effort on an undertaking of importance to the college, should be supposed to support the project financially. The expenses for a coach for Glee Club would be far more than could be met by the customary club dues of one dollar. It was at length voted to request the Dean to lay aside from college funds a certain sum which, together with the membership dues, would be sufficient for the club expenses during the coming year.

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Owen in the role of mercenary Mistress Trapse, woman of the world, does indeed try hard through "wanton wiles" to make the good old magistrate woman-loving and fashionable, but, alas, for virtue! Maude Allan as Mrs. Ducat gives an adequate performance, as does also Geneva Harrison as Jenny Diver. The Footmen for their sad and stupid facial expressions alone, deserve special mention.

And the honors for solo singing go to Helen White, as Suky Tawdry, a minor character, one of the women of Mistress Trapes' school for gentlewomen.

The setting, the arrangement of a sole group of cactus plants with kegs thrown in for pirate scenes, suggests sufficiently John Gay's un-geographical idea of the Indies.

Departmental Clubs Make Plans For This Year
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to a study of current events. The History Club is a joint co-operative enterprise, which intends to reduce organization to a minimum, in order to increase the time that can be spent in behalf of the students who are majoring in history.

Journal Club Studies Economics and Sociology

After one year of success the Journal Club has decided to continue its plan of making clear to its members the fields and methods of economic research, although nothing definite has been formulated as yet. For this purpose people who are doing economic research, both graduate and undergraduate, often address the club, rather than outside speakers. The subtler points of economics and sociology are also discussed and it is expected that all who are present will participate in these intelligent discussions of present day conditions.

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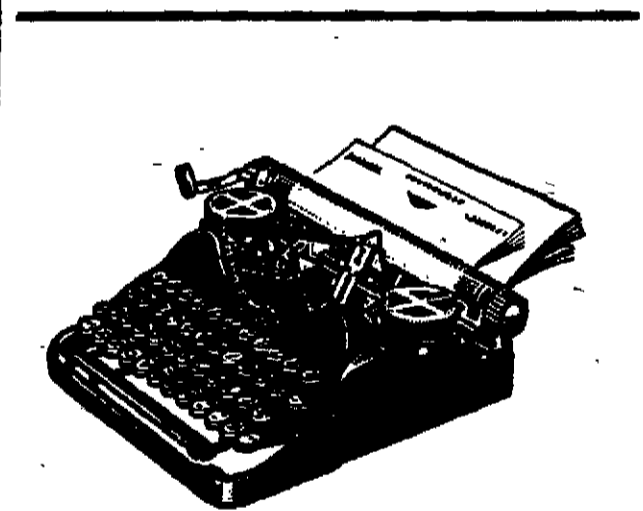
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