



Motion To Let Candidates State Issues Defeated

**Representative Assembly
Rejects Platform Plan
For Candidates**

MEETS FOR ONE HOUR

**Motion Part of Attempt to
Revise Undergraduate
Constitution**

A motion that all candidates for election to Representative Assembly be requested to state opinions on issues of student life was defeated at an hour session of Representative Assembly yesterday.

In pursuance of attempts to revise the constitution of the undergraduate body, Representative Assembly considered a suggestion that had been submitted to it at a previous meeting by Sofia Simmonds and Evelyn Lichtenberg. Miss Lichtenberg suggested that the issues would probably include student fellow, outside affiliations of Barnard organizations, and the sending of delegates to inter-collegiate conferences. She further explained that the adoption of her motion might mean a complete reorganization of the basis of representation in Representative Assembly.

Objections To Plan

It was in regard to this latter point that most of the objection to the proposal seemed to hinge. It was felt that club presidents, who now have seats in the Assembly, should not be asked to state opinions on all-college issues, since their election as club presidents is based primarily on their competence in that office. A further objection was that the adoption of the plan might lead to the development of parties of a political nature in the school.

The meeting passed a motion introduced previously to that of Miss Lichtenberg and pertaining to the size and constituency of Representative Assembly. The motion would keep the size of the Assembly approximately the same, but would revise the constituency; the motion as amended and in its final form provided merely that the Assembly shall retain its present number of members.

Opinion on the floor seemed without a vote having been taken, so he divided into two factions; first, that student council appointees should be deprived of membership in the Assembly; second, that members elected from the college at large should be deprived of membership. Neither of the factions had worked out any definite plans, it was voted and passed that the issue be carried until the next meeting of Representative Assembly, and that the meantime the co-chairmen of Constitutional Committee, Alene Adenheim and Ruth Inscho, should draw up two alternate plans for consideration.

The meeting also decided to send Charlotte Bentley, as delegate from Representative Assembly, to the National Assembly of Student Christian Associations, to be held at Miami University in Oxford Ohio December 27 to January 1.

**Senior Tea For Faculty
Scheduled For 4 Today**

The second Senior Class Tea to the Faculty will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in College Parlor. Faculty members of the French, Spanish, German, Italian, Music, Fine Arts, and Latin and Greek departments will be present, and all Seniors are urged to attend.

This is the second in a series of four teas being given to the faculty by the Senior class. Edna Jones, Senior class president, and Alice Krbecek, social chairman, are acting as hostesses.

A.S.U. Sponsors Rally On Spain

**Columbia Chapter Hears
Victor Hirschfeld
And Dr. Urey**

Predicting that the United States will not be able to resist the forces of Fascism if Spain is overcome by the Fascists, Victor Hirschfeld told of his experiences as an ambulance driver for the Loyalists. Mr. Hirschfeld, a New York lawyer who has spent the last year in Spain, and Professor Harold Urey addressed a rally of about 100 students sponsored by the American Student Union at McMillin Theatre Friday afternoon.

Mr. Hirschfeld, who has spoken at colleges all over the country on Spain, described the life of the million people who are still occupying Madrid. According to Mr. Hirschfeld, the war is supported by the Spanish people because they feel that under the Loyalists, "there is distribution" of the necessities of existence, while under a Fascist regime, the people would return to the serfdom from which they were liberated in 1924.

Describes Parties In Spain

Insisting that Spain is not Communist, the speaker told of the six parties which are represented in the Spanish Parliament. He also stated that there are only four hundred Communists in Spain, the total population of which is about twenty-seven millions.

A movie, The Heart of Spain, presented by the Frontier Films, illustrated the points about life in Spain which Mr. Hirschfeld made.

Dr. Urey of the Chemistry Department was introduced by Irwin Kaiser, editor of Columbia Spectator. Dr. Urey spoke on "A Scientist Looks at Spain." Blaming science and scientific advancements for the world's situation, Dr. Urey feared that "the differences of the world must as yet be settled by force." The basic cause of the world's economic and political trouble, is, according to Dr. Urey, the "greatly increased ability to produce" while the speed of distribution has not kept up with production. Dr. Urey believes that the "strength of Fascism and Communism lies in their offering a solution to the problem" of distribution.

\$375 Collected For Fellowship

**Freshmen And Seniors
Contribute Most
To Fund**

Over \$375 has been collected in pledges and contributions in the Student Fellowship Drive to date. The Senior Class is leading with the largest amount of money contributed, and the Freshman class is a close second. Joan Raisbeck, chairman of the drive, announced that faculty members have been contributing generously as in previous years, when their contributions enabled the undergraduates to put the drive over.

In commenting on the progress of the drive the chairman remarked, "I should like to bring it to the attention of the undergraduate body that collections for the drive are coming in very slowly. In as much as the drive was so wholeheartedly supported by the undergraduate body in the referendum, I believe contributions should be made promptly and willingly in order to put the drive over successfully."

The drive for funds has been extended from Christmas to the end of the semester and the collection of funds has been reorganized. Every solicitor must interview every student in her group by tomorrow and send a report of her progress to her class chairman. The class chairmen, Claire Murray '38, Ara Ponchelet '39, Janet Gowen '40, and Lorna Drummond '41, will then redistribute the students who have not yet contributed.

Shirley Adelson '37 who was elected last year's Student Fellow is studying housing now in the London School of Economics.

Wigs And Cues To Hold Dance

**'The Admirable Crichton'
Will Be Presented
December 17**

Plans for the dance to follow the performance of "The Admirable Crichton," by Wigs and Cues on Friday night, December 17, have been completed. Mary Maloney, social chairman, announced yesterday.

Immediately after the final curtain the theatre will be cleared while punch and cookies are being served in the German room. It is expected that the dancing will begin at 11 o'clock and last till 12:30. Dr. Cornelia L. Carey and Miss Elizabeth Reynard will act as chaperones.

The other guests of honor will include: Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Professor Minor W. Latham, Miss Mabel F. Weeks, Dr. Lorna Maguire, Professor and Mrs. Frederic Hoffherr, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Read and Professor Marie Reimer.

The cast of the play includes Helen Lange, who played Emily in "The Brontes," Joan Roth, who has done summer stock company work in Westchester, and Anne Warren, Miss Agnes Morgan, the directress has worked on a number of the Federal Theatre Projects and was one of the original group which founded the Neighborhood Playhouse.

Mr. Kenneth Randall, who will play Crichton, has had many years of stage experience, having been one of the earliest child actors in Hollywood. Mr. Louis Townsend, co-star of last year's production, has been doing summer stock in Burlington, Vermont, and has spent a year with the "Old Vic" players.

Le Count Describes Life In Rural Puerto Rico

The following letter has been received by Miss Dorado from Virginia Le Count, who graduated from Barnard in 1937 and is now teaching in a rural school in Cayey, Puerto Rico:

Dear Miss Dorado:
It is hard to believe that one is still in the United States, while living in Puerto Rico. First of all, the scenery is so entirely different from anything we know in the North. The sky is a beautiful blue with the fleeciest clouds imaginable. The vegetation is strictly tropical—hibiscus, palms, flamboyants, poinsettias blooming everywhere. In the country, the wind murmurs through huge plantain and banana leaves. The mountains are low lying, rounded, with the most peculiar slopes.

The horses here are smaller than those we have in New York, but they are strong, and necessary for travel over the rocky mountain paths. One is continually rubbing elbows, as it were, with oxen. They are patient, resigned creatures, giving a very picturesque touch to the daily scene.

School life, too, is very different here. The schools are large square buildings, usually white cement. The windows and doors are really strong wooden shutters which stand open all day to let the tropical sun pour into the room.

The students are most interesting—showing imagination and personality seldom seen in an American elementary school. They speak Eng-

lish quite well considering their age and the scarcity of opportunities to use the language, since they speak Spanish at home and at play.

In the evening the chief diversion is a stroll to the Plaza where the young people walk about from 7:30 till 9:30, chatting with their friends.

There are movies, too. It is most fascinating to see an American picture all in English, but with Spanish titles—it is also a very handy way to learn more of the Spanish language.

There are dances given almost every week in some part of the Island. The women very often wear beautiful evening gowns, although the men seldom dress formally. At these affairs, between the dances, the couples stroll about the dance floor in a circle—the men fanning the women. This fanning idea is a very good one—could it possibly be introduced at Barnard?

In Cayey, situated in the higher, mountainous part of the Island, it is fairly cool in the early morning, evening and night. During the day, however, and especially at noon, it is very warm. In San Juan and other coastal cities it is really too hot for comfort, even in the middle of November.

Life here is quite routine—I rise at 6:45 every morning, get to school at 7:45. Classes begin at 8:00 and last till 11:30. Then there is an hour and a half for lunch. In the afternoon classes last from one till

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Forum Offers Five Plans For Achievement Of Peace

**Dean Will Speak Today
At Christmas Assembly**

Dean Gildersleeve will address the Christmas Assembly today at 1 o'clock. The Barnard and Columbia Glee Clubs, and the Barnard String Quartet are to participate in the program which will be broadcast over WJAF and the Red network of the National Broadcasting Company. The Glee Clubs will give the first performance in America of the Kyrie from the Christmas mass, "Fuer Natus," a composition by Pierre de la Rue. The college is invited to attend.

Youth Assembly To Meet Here

**Model State Legislature
Called Together By
125 Leaders**

A state-wide conference of young people to be held in the form of a model state legislature has been called by 125 youth leaders and adult leaders of youth agencies under the sponsorship of the American Youth Congress at the College of the City of New York from January 28 to 30.

All organizations of young people, including student, church, social, peace, trade union, 'Y', political, and welfare groups are entitled to send delegates to the Model Assembly.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mr. Aubrey Williams, National Executive Director of the National Youth Administration, will address the opening session on January 28. On Saturday morning, January 29, the delegates, divided into Committees on Public Health, Crime Prevention, Recreation, Housing, Consumer, and Labor, will be conducted on field trips under the guidance of adult experts to health, recreation, housing centers, prisons, industrial establishments, and trade union centers.

On Saturday afternoon, these same commissions, plus others on Education, Peace, Rural Problems, Civil Rights and Inter-racial Problems, will meet in regular sessions for panel discussions.

A dance will be held in the Pythian Temple on Saturday night and panel sessions will be continued on Sunday afternoon. The Assembly will close with a reconvening of all the delegates late Sunday afternoon.

Among the youth leaders who have signed the Call to the Assembly are: Dr. Henry MacCracken, president, Vassar College; Dr. Julian Park, dean, University of Buffalo; Dr. Walter Clarke, director, New York Social Hygiene Association; John B. Thacher, mayor of Albany; Representative Caroline O'Day; Austin MacCormick, Commissioner of Correction, Mary Simkhovitch, headworker, Greenwich Settlement House; Michael Quill, president, Transport Workers of America; high school principals, student editors, 'Y' officers, church heads, and ASU leaders.

**Raebeck, Murray, Bentley,
Van De Water, Jacoby,
Give Views**

OPINIONS EXCHANGED

**Students Differ Widely
In Attitudes Toward
Peace Work**

At the panel discussion on peace which was held on Friday, and presided over by Ruth Inscho, the five possible stands on the issue were defended. Pacifism was defended by Charlotte Bentley, defensive warfare by Mary Jacoby, isolation by Janice Van De Water, nationalism by Claire Murray and collective security by Helen Raebeck.

Miss Jacoby was the first speaker. She emphasized the fact that preparedness with adequate military forces would discourage would-be invaders. She cited the example of China which has been invaded by Japan because, for one thing, she was helpless to defend herself. Japan did not attack Russia, or the colonies of either Great Britain or France, Miss Jacoby, declared, because these were adequately protected.

Defends Pacifists

The next speaker was Charlotte Bentley who defended the pacifist stand. In her definition of pacifism she said, "It is the belief that war is useless as a method of settling international disputes, or, for that matter, any other kind of dispute." As to the necessity of preparedness to stop aggressor nations, she declared that the armed state of France or any of the other countries in 1914, did not stop Germany from invading France. In fact, Miss Bentley added, she did it in order to prevent France from invading her territory. It has been said that the world war was fought to crush German autocracy. This end, it did accomplish, but it succeeded in sowing the seeds of fascism, which Miss Bentley feels, will breed more wars.

Miss Bentley presented six points of action for both nations and individuals: 1. The wars now going on must be stopped by mediation. What China will lose by such a plan, would be much less than her losses would be if she continued the war; 2. The causes of war must be determined and there should be concessions on the part of those nations that have colonies and raw materials to those that have not; 3. There must be the abolition of compulsory military training, the ROTC and the CMTC; 4. There should be lower appropriations for the army and navy; 5. Independent action should be concentrated in a refusal to send munitions to belligerent nations. Labor unions can do this effectively; 6. The Neutrality Act should be invoked and no implements of war should be sent to warring nations.

Helen Raebeck defended the position of collective security.

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Policy

The great amount of student interest which has been aroused by the interview with the German exchange student requires that *Bulletin* again clarify its position in regard to such matters.

Believing that the majority of the students are interested in the opinions and impressions of the foreign students, *Bulletin* has this year continued the policy of interviewing them for publication. In the interview, each girl is given the opportunity of speaking on whatever subject interests her most. The reporter in no way influences the discussion nor does she inject her own opinions into the writing of the interview. The final copy is given to the girl for her approval and then printed.

This procedure was followed exactly in the interview printed in Friday's paper. That this particular article has given rise to so much discussion is the result of the great amount of student interest in the subject which the German exchange student chose to speak about, and is in no way a reflection on the policy of *Bulletin*, which has been thoroughly consistent.

The principle of freedom of speech is still fundamental to American life and American journalism. If the application of this principle sometimes brings results that give rise to a conflict of opinions, democracy also provides a medium for the testing of their relative validity through the mechanism of public opinion.

We are not concerned here with the subject of the present controversy. We are deeply interested in reaffirming the principle which called it forth. The *Barnard Bulletin* has always been and will continue to be a medium for the expression of any and all student opinions on any topic whatsoever.

Through the Din

Concerning Those Plans For Christmas

by Kathryn Smul

This is just the time when all the phenomena connected with Christmas begin to appear. The post-office embarks on its annual exhortations, department stores glow with holiday cheer and bargains, and college students usually a homogeneous crowd divide up into several groups, according to their holiday activities.

The first group can be easily identified. They sit in the library with a small pad and pencil and write out long lists of "what I have to do over Christmas." Papers, preparations for examinations, reading worthwhile books, and visits to long-neglected relatives cram their agendas. All fourteen days of vacation are taken up with conscientious missions. To their friends the Girls Who Are Going To Work Over Christmas are like martyred beings, a minor group of later day saints.

More numerous is the gang of Girls Who Will Fling All Care To The Winds. They too, have elaborate plans, but these revolve around a house party in Connecticut, a date with "that cute boy from some place or other", and the prospect of Florida or Placid. They sit in the library too, but gaze out of the window with a faint smile on their lips and a vacant look in their eyes.

They are not, however, a brittle and flippant lot. They surely "won't do a stitch of work over the holiday," but when they come face to face with a G.W.I.G.T.W.O.C. (group number one) their vestigial consciences often twinge and they say, "Maybe there'll be a library in Florida or Connecticut and I can do some work, what do you think?" To which question the G.W.I. etc. replies with only a sickly smile and a shrug of despair. She knows human frailties.

And then there is the third group, of In-betweeners, girls who readily admit that they need not return to college at all if they don't put in an enormous amount of work over the Yule-time but who also admit that they can't see how they'll do it, what with their imperative need for relaxation. Being fairly neutral, they give quantities of excellent advice to the two other groups, and let their own fate depend on circumstances.

After Christmas, when people slowly file back through the academic portals it is obvious that the pre-vacation groupings no longer hold good. In fact, there often has been a radical switch. Many of the Girls Who Were Going To Work it is true, still sink into the library, quickly dispose of their pile of books, and sink out. They have lived up to their agendas and fear to flaunt their accomplishments in the face of others. And many of Those Who Were Going to Fling Care enter haltingly and yawningly to face the grim four weeks before them with the memory of a glamorous two weeks behind.

But generally speaking, the weather, Mother Nature, and just chance have combined to destroy the rest of the groups. Ambitious damsels with four papers to write confess to having started only one before Aunt Magsie and the boys came down for a visit and sent all their plans aglè. Others, faced with holiday temptations on all sides just succumbed, locked up their desks, and burned the lists of things to do. Still others "found romance."

But, enough of this bitterness. For in the opposite class, among those Who Were Going To Fling, many can be found who wrote papers, read books, and made museum trips with a vengeance. They are generally hard put to explain their radical reversal, but sudden illness and confinement to bed for a sobering interval of time often account for their accomplishments. Then too, being snowed in, being lectured to by irate papas, and getting a type-writer for Christmas often lead to a turn-about.

Perhaps this is too gloomy and fatalistic a view of the college Christmas scene. It is, nevertheless, a true one, and while not depressing certainly should make all those of us who are given to extensive vacation planning a little skeptical about the old ritual and happily prepared for the inevitable unexpected, whatever it may be.

Query

What do you expect to be the high spot of your Christmas vacation?

"Back to bally old Boston beans, smooth Harvard men, a Saturday evening at the Statler, and cocktails at Copley's."
—R. P. '40

"New Year's eve - to catch up on my reading (?)"
—G.M. '40

"Dreaming of dear old Barnard and wishing I were back."
—M. H. '38

"Seeing how an American Christmas compares with a Bulgarian one."
—S. N. '39

"Winning \$500 in a raffle, so that I can fly home for Christmas."
—R. V. A. '39

"Going out and not having to worry about a curfew."
—B. C. '41

"Going to Florida."
—V. N. '38

"Going to the Riviera—I hope!"
—C. A. '38

"Tobogganing—if it snows."
—P. D. '41

"Going to the All-College ball in Buffalo."
—F. H. '39

"The Vassar A.S.U. convention."
—F. D. '40

"Sleeping."
—L. S. '38

"Playing golf on Christmas day in Florida."
—V. G. '39

"Mom's mince pie."
—R. S. '40

"How do I know until it happens."
—E. H. '40

"Eating and sleeping."
—R. H. '41

"New Year's Eve. OH, boy!"
—Half of Barnard College

"Fourteen days with THE man."
—J. J. '39

"Six parties and two formals—eight high spots."
—H. F. '40

"A six foot two-er—and that is high enough!"
—M. W. '40

"I never thought about it."
—J. L. '40

"A trip to Canada—I hope."
—P. K. '38

"Seeing what I get for Christmas, of course."
—M. W. '40

"Abstinence from work."
—L. S. '40

"Writing a term paper."
—G. R. '38

About Town

Lecture on Henry Purcell—Prof. E. J. Dent

Professor Edward J. Dent, the eminent musicologist of Cambridge University, spoke of Henry Purcell and his music at Philosophy Hall last Friday afternoon.

Painting a vivid picture of Restoration England at the time of Charles, Nell Gwynne, Dryden, and Pepys, Dr. Dent declared that "Purcell remains the greatest interpreter of English literature," he cited Purcell's musical interpretations of the works of Dryden, numerous minor poets, and most particularly the King James' Bible.

Purcell's birth in 1658 or 1659 was described as "not quite as obscure as Wagner's," but it is not generally known whether it was "his father or his uncle who was actually his father." The music which young Purcell began to write in 1675 was categorized as to its composition for the church, chamber, or theatre.

Purcell's church music was ranked with that of Palestrina and William Byrd by Dr. Dent who said, "The sacred music of Purcell is interesting more than any other of the period from a literary point of view than from a religious point of view." Purcell's inspiration and his melodic gifts as one of the greatest commentators on the Bible were cited. "You will find nothing in Bach's or Schütz's interpretations of Luther's Bible that can surpass Purcell's interpretations of the English Bible," said Professor Dent.

In discussing Purcell's contribution to chamber music, Dr. Dent suggested that it was in Queen Elizabeth's day when the people had beautiful homes in which they could perform and listen to music for their own pleasure that chamber music first appeared in England. "Chamber music," he continued, "begins when people have suitable places in which to perform it. It is the chamber music of Purcell among which are his Italian sonatas for two violas and bass, that is the ancestor of the quartet of Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven." Concerts, as chamber music for the public were described as beginning in 1671. A Mr. Thomas Briton, a coal merchant of London had in his home a "great hall where people could come in for a shilling and listen to music—and even have a cup of tea."

In England of the Restoration, Italian music was extremely popular. "And so Purcell in his chamber music follows the Italian." As to Purcell's opera music, Professor Dent called the theatre the "most important focus of music" saying, "the theatre, the opera is the source from which all human expression comes." Dr. Dent further scored the popular tendency to consider the more abstract symphony as of a higher plane than opera; he said, "All the great music of Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn comes from the theatre for it is descended from the Italian comic opera."

Dr. Dent declared that the "theatre of the Restoration was linked up with the romantic plays of Shakespeare." This in turn assured music's place in the theatre. "Shakespeare," pointed out Dr. Dent, "used music as the expression of the supernatural, the spiritual, the abnormal. Ariel, for instance is always singing; we could hardly call him human." Dr. Dent further cited Caliban and Ophelia, as other characters who bore out his observation. He said, "People sing more readily when they are drunk or in love, or insane." The people of the day liked their theatre music so well that "the play was often preceded by a concert, an hour of music to entertain them."

The origin of the English opera was in the music written for plays presented at the schools for young ladies and gentlemen. "These academies," said Dr. Dent, "were usually kept by dancing masters, called 'hop merchants' in those days." It was in the music written by Matthew Locke for school performances that English opera had its origin.

It was for this purpose that Purcell wrote his music to *Dido and Aeneas*, known to us today mainly through the beautiful contralto air of *Dido's Lament*. The forerunner of this opera was Blow's *Venus and Adonis* in which appeared as Venus, Moll Davis, who was a popular favorite of the day through her singing of *My Lodging Is On the Cold Ground*. This is the tune to which we now sing *Fair Harvard*. Moll Davis soon afterward became the mistress of King Charles.

Dido was performed in 1689 in a girls' school in Chelsea. The girls sang all the soprano roles and Dryden who was present was so impressed with Purcell's music that he suggested their collaboration on the opera *King Arthur*. Dr. Dent pointed out that the libretto in this case was, as it seldom is in modern times, as great a work of art as music. This is not the King Arthur of the round table but Arthur as the defender of the Britons against invasion.

After he had discussed the beauty of the opera Professor Dent said, "You must get it out of the library and you must perform it. You are the inheritors of Shakespeare, of Byrd and Morley and all English culture as far back as you care to explore it." With this thought and an expression of his good wishes, Professor Dent concluded his lecture.

New Yorkers' Almanac—

The "1938 Almanac for New Yorkers," compiled by workers of the WPA Federal Writers Project for New York City, is on the newsstands, selling at twenty-five cents a copy. This "oracle of the metropolitan modesty admits that it knows all. It presents a calendar of past, present and future events; it embraces everything from mean temperature, holidays, festivals, recitals, lectures, and conventions, to the election platform of 1856; it even gives fair warning that it is a violation of the law to sleep in a bathtub. This is a compendium of what's what and why on any given date from the days of Pocahontas to the last day of 1938, with statistics, poetry, charts, quips, and footnotes. For those who enjoyed the language of New Yorkers listed in last year's Almanac, there are included such fruity and full-flavored expressions as: Braykiddup, Assawaygoze, and Waddadajitzdoodisaf. (If in doubt about this last, consult About Town Staff. We had to telephone the Department of Information to find out. Hint: it concerns baseball.) A special supplement has been added with information about the man-mountain of the Bowery, the legendary Gargantua, Big Mose Humphrey, for whom the price of grain rose and fell with his zest for bread and pie. Reporters, economists, and versifiers have all contributed to the "Almanac." Their data has been gleaned from sources as varied as ancient graveyards, inscriptions on the Statue of Liberty, and statistical reports on the population.

Mercury Theatre—

The Mercury Theatre announces that Vincent Price, former leading man of Helen Hayes in "Victoria Regina," has joined the Mercury's acting company. Mr. Price will make his first appearance in "The Shoemakers' Holiday," which will be presented for special performances during the holiday season, and in subsequent Mercury productions, including "The Duchess of Malfi" and "King Henry V."

Swing Music at Carnegie Hall—

Benny Goodman and his orchestra will offer a concert of swing music at Carnegie Hall on Sunday evening, January 16, marking the first time that a swing band will be heard at that institution. Mr. Goodman will offer a definite program of swing numbers, interpreting contemporary songs in his own style. Mr. Goodman's music is the true folk music of America and that Mr. Goodman is its most authentic exponent.

Forum

(This column is for the free expression of undergraduate thought. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Bulletin staff.)

China

To the Editor
Barnard Bulletin
Dear Madam:

The International Student Service and the World Student Christian Federation are conducting a drive for funds to aid Chinese students. The entire sum which is collected by the ISS here and abroad will be used to develop a three-fold program. These points are:

1. Temporary district universities will be established in four centers away from the war zone.
2. Students' Hostels will be established as temporary dormitories for the students assisted.
3. A scholarship fund will be founded to care for the neediest and worthiest Chinese students.

However, the first money will be used to evacuate non-combatant students from the dangerous areas, to provide medical supplies and food. Books and equipment will also be purchased to furnish the school.

In China two committees have been formed to assure the utmost efficiency in the handling of these funds.

I feel that this is an exceptionally worthy cause and one broad and general enough to permit support from all Barnard students. Contributions to this cause will be helping fellow students who are in grave difficulties.

I am fully aware of the many demands made of the student body of Barnard by different organizations on campus. Therefore, although I have received the permission of Student Council to conduct a drive, I have decided simply to allow this letter to present the case and to trust that students will contribute voluntarily. Members of our faculty have already contributed to this cause.

Contributions of any amount may be sent to me through Student Mail.

Sincerely yours,

Edna M. Jones '38

Interview

To the Editor
Barnard Bulletin
Dear Madam

Miss Ilse Wiegand's point of view as expressed in last week's Bulletin is rather difficult to discuss without entering into heated political controversy. But it is a point of view that cannot go unchallenged, particularly among students. We are here at college, it seems to me, primarily for the purpose of acquiring such knowledge and information as will make it possible for us to think and act like reasonable human beings. We are here to learn not only how to do things but why we do them. This process depends ultimately on free discussion of all matters pertaining to the subject at hand. That this discussion should lead finally to the acceptance of some particular point of view is perhaps inevitable. The process cannot stop, however, with the acceptance of a point of view. The essence of open-mindedness lies not in avoiding opinions but in being able to modify one's point of view with the acquisition of new information and new ideas. It is perhaps more comfortable to retain one's opinions unchanged. But it is dangerous.

This weakness, I think, is most apparent among those who have accepted modern dictatorships. They have deserted the struggle for clear and independent thought and have turned instead to the absolute acceptance of ideas dictated for them. As a result, they have lost all opportunity for independent thought and have instead committed themselves to one of two alternatives unquestioning acceptance or opposition. Neither of these alternatives is conducive to the maintenance of free discussion. Both

are dangerous and both are becoming increasingly prevalent. Both are to be guarded against if we are to preserve what small gains our civilization has made.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Lichtenberg
Adelaide Murphy

Interview

To the Editor of Bulletin:
Dear Madam:

Obviously the interview with the German exchange student printed in Friday's issue of *Bulletin* has occasioned a great deal of unfavorable comment, but above all it has placed the foreign student herself in a more embarrassing position than she could have foreseen.

The object of this letter is not to take issue with the content of the article, but rather with the policy of the editorial board that allowed it to appear. Although, we are completely opposed to every ideal of government embodied in Miss Wiegand's interview, we do not see that she can be censured for expressing her views in a country that upholds freedom of speech. If any exchange student is burning to print her own political views, she is quite within her rights to do so voluntarily in her own article. But we feel that in a newspaper interview the reporter is in a position to determine the tone of the article, and the *Bulletin* representative can, with a little tact, obtain some interesting information concerning the student's native country that would not arouse so much unpleasant comment on the campus. Surely the adverse criticism provoked by a similar article last year showed the inadvisability of such a policy.

Let us try to give our foreign students every consideration owing to a guest!

Mary Walrath, Janet Younker, Ann Mendelson, Harriet Kennedy, Anne Elliott Kremer, Claire Stern, Elizabeth Wise, Jean C. Goldstein, Elizabeth Jackson, Miriam Spencer, Elizabeth Eldredge, Mary Ryan, Dorothy Alberta Smith, Claire Murray, Margery Reese, Jane Bell, Dorothy Stockwell, Ruth Stibbe, Claire Miller, Virginia Thomas, Jane Sayen, Isabel Crystal, Honora Dalton, Anne Milman, Charlotte Hall, Irene Pellus, Helene Jaffin, Dorothy Bromson, Muriel Byer, Elizabeth Stevens, Marchia Meeker, Helen Lange, Betty Wharen, Carolyn Hurst, Barbara Ridgway, Jean Allison, Marion Halpert, Frances Bailey, Jay Huling, Mary Fleming, Margaret Neville Boyle, Margaret Blum, Grace Gottlieb, Emma Poulter, Jane Martinson, Elinor Stiefel, Ruth Aronson, Joan Weber, Jacqueline Barasch, Elizabeth Suppes, Barbara Shloss.

Interview

To the Editor
Barnard Bulletin
Dear Madam

The following statement was unanimously accepted at a meeting of the Social Science Union on Monday.

In the New York Times for August 27, 1937, p. 4 there is an article on the training accorded in Germany to prospective exchange students. The following information is included. "German exchange students were mobilized here yesterday for a week of final intensive training in National Socialism. . . . The week spent in Neustrelitz is only the last stage in the course of ideological training that students must undergo for a year preceding their period of residence abroad. During the year each is thought to be a 'political soldier' in the Reich's service on foreign campuses."

Under these conditions we do not see how a person, so trained can do anything but support her country and attack its objects of attack. If it is generally realized that propaganda is one of the primary objects of the Exchange fellowships as set up by certain countries, then that propaganda will be critically received and will have little disturbing effect. The Social Science Union therefore

Italian Club Presents Lauda

Ancient Manuscript Forms Basis For Circolo's Presentation

Members of the Circolo Italiano reverted to an old manuscript as the basis for their Christmas festival this year. Yesterday, Monday, December 13, they presented a "Lauda" by Jacopone da Todi in the auditorium of the Casa Italiana at 5 o'clock. Under the coaching of Professor Ricci and Miss Carbonara the following students performed in the play: Claire Murray as the Virgin Mary, Elvira Ferrer portraying the Herald, Mary Jacoby taking the part of St. John and Virginia Mull depicting Magdalene.

The Lauda was sung by a chorus composed of: Agnes Cassidy, Carolina Fessia, Marjorie Ashworth, June Carpenter, Amelia Corona, Marlon Crescenzo, Frances Dinsmoor, and Dorothy Boyle. Cynthia Laidlow was the flutist.

"Lauda," according to Claire Murray, president of the Italian Club, had no plot as such. They were simply lyrical effusions on the subject of a religious event and were presented in ancient times before cathedrals or in the town squares. The manuscript, *Laudario di Corbana*, upon which the club's presentation was based was one written in the thirteenth century contemporary to Jacopone da Todi and discovered about a year ago.

voices a plea for an objective, broadminded and critical view rather than one stressing the same weapon, propaganda, to which we are objecting.

Very truly yours,
Social Science Union

To the Editor
Barnard Bulletin
Barnard College
Dear Madam:

Miss Wiegand in her interview in the last issue of *Bulletin* made the point that the Jews in Germany are regarded not as citizens but as guests. Miss Wiegand is here in America as the guest of Barnard College and is therefore in a sense the guest of the Barnard student body, which to our pride, is made up of students of many nations, faiths and races, living and working together in the spirit of mutual tolerance and respect.

It seems to me that the duty of a guest in such an environment is to adjust herself to its spirit as fully as she can. Ideally she should avoid expressing herself in such a way as to offend personally any member of the group which is her collective host.

It seems to me that it is quite possible to accept this concession to courtesy without in any way limiting one's freedom to express political opinions.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Lichtenberg

To the Editor
Barnard Bulletin
Dear Madam:

I have read with great interest the interview with Miss Ilse Wiegand, the German exchange student, in today's *Bulletin*. I must admit that I was not much surprised by Miss Wiegand's various remarks concerning Nazi Germany for Miss Wiegand is herself the leader of a Nazi youth group.

Indeed, the New York "Times" of August 22, 1937 carried an article from its German correspondent to the effect that all German students who would be permitted to attend foreign schools must be loyal Germans i.e. loyal Nazis. These students must all take every opportunity to propagandize for their government and the political ideology it represents. In fact they were to keep in close contact with their local consuls and to report whatever progress they have made in this direction.

Very truly yours,
Sofia Simmonds

Notices

Employees' Christmas Fund

The attention of all is called to the Employees' Christmas gift boxes which have been placed in the entrances of Barnard and Milbank Halls. This is done annually at this time to afford the faculty and students an opportunity to show their appreciation of the constant and loyal service of members of the operating force.

John J. Swan
Comptroller

Debate on Women

That Women Should Not Engage in Business will be the resolution discussed at the next debate presented by the Debate Club, on Thursday, December 16, 1937, at 4 o'clock in College Parlor. Upholding the affirmative will be Cecil Golann and Annette Hochberg, while the negative will be defended by Charlotte Schwartz and Ann Strobbridge. Tea will be served; the entire college is invited. The audience will be the judge.

Camp Open House

The dates of that mid-semester highlight, Open House at Barnard Camp, where you can rest, relax and recuperate after examinations, will last from January 26th to February 2nd inclusive. It is suggested that students planning to go to camp get a group together before they go. Further details as to signing up, etc., will appear in future *Bulletin* issues.

Newman Club

Dr. Frederick W. Rice will discuss the Catholic attitude toward birth control this afternoon at a meeting of the Newman Club. The meeting will start at 4 and all Catholic students are urged to attend. Tea will be served following the discussion.

Mathematics Club

The newly-formed Mathematics Club will hold a meeting for the purpose of electing officers Wednesday at 12 in Room 401 Barnard. Everybody interested in Mathematics is urged to attend.

Forum Offers Five Plans For Peace

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She declared that the division between the democratic and fascist countries is becoming more apparent and clear cut. The demands of these fascist countries can be met in two ways, resistance or acquiescence. Acquiescence will lead to greater demands. After a certain point of concession by the democratic countries is reached, there must be war. The position of the collective security is for resistance. Miss Raebbeck's definition was, "Collective Security is the union of the peaceful powers of the world, that is the United States, Great Britain, France and the U.S.S.R., against fascist aggression by economic sanctions."

Miss Van De Water prefaced her speech by saying that she was not an isolationist but was merely taking that stand for the instruction of the audience. She pointed out that Washington, Jefferson, and Adams were all against permanent European alliances. The Monroe Doctrine took this same stand. The swing today is in favor of isolation, she stated, since the United States has the economic self-sufficiency necessary for such a position.

The nationalist view was defended by Miss Murray who declared that the United States must put her own house in order before attempting to enter into and straighten European difficulties.

Graduate Tells Of Puerto Rico

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three thirty. The students of the eighth grade study English, Spanish, arithmetic, social and elementary science, health, home economics and manual arts. All subjects except Spanish are taught in English. I am teaching four classes of eighth grade English, one of sixth grade vocabulary building, one of seventh grade health, and one of seventh grade library work.

The work is interesting, but the discipline is a problem. While not really bad, the children (like all the people here) like to talk a great deal. They are quite fascinated by anything or anybody American. Daily they bring in strange gifts—oranges, bananas, grayabas, native candy and flowers in confusion.

In spite of the interest of new work and a new life, I find myself homesick at times and look forward to the possibility of a trip home during the Christmas holidays.

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Dr. Clark Leads Field Studies

Government Class Uses New York City As Laboratory

The class in social legislation under Dr. J. C. Perry Clark, which is listed in the catalog as Government 23, is including first-hand study of housing and labor relations in its projects for the semester.

Dr. Clark has emphasized the importance of colleges keeping abreast of developing conditions in the country, and specifically for Barnard, the importance of using New York as a laboratory for the study of government.

When the federal government went into housing on a large scale in an effort to provide better homes for those unable to pay high rent, and when the government began to assume the role of arbiter in industrial disputes, it became time, according to Dr. Clark, for the colleges to provide opportunities to study such developments and their effect on social problems.

"Barnard is particularly fortunate in its location," said Dr. Clark, "to make first-hand investigations of the living problems of the government."

About twenty-five or thirty students have made field trips, and a smaller number have done intensive field work in studying particular governmental problems in the city. Recently the class visited the Williamsburg housing project accompanied by a representative of the New York City Housing Authority who explained the details. Students also visit old-law tenements for comparative purposes. It is planned to have an exhibit of housing models and photographs under the auspices of the class.

Dr. Clark has been consultant to the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C. and is just publishing a new book, "The New Federalism," written under the auspices of the Columbia University Council for Research in the Social Sciences. The book is a study of the relations of the federal and state governments today. Dr. Clark is the author of "Deportation of Aliens," and of numerous articles on federal and state relations as well as on constitutional law and immigration matters. She is now working as technical consultant to the committees on labor and housing of the New York State constitutional convention preparatory committee, and has just been elected a member of the executive committee of the New York State committee of the National Municipal League.

Other subjects of new interest in which the students of the government department at Barnard are working under the guidance of Dr. Clark are minimum wage legislation and the relation of the government to labor disputes. "Since the United States Supreme Court declared the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the New

Send Ambulance To Aid Spain

The Federation of Faculty Committees for Aid to the Spanish People held a mass meeting on Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m. in the City College Auditorium, 23 Street and Lexington Avenue. On display at that meeting was the ambulance which will be sent by several Hollywood actresses and actors to aid the Spanish government.

The ambulance is being sent through the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, an affiliate of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

This bureau, through which a number of other ambulances have been sent to Spain, is engaging at present in a nation-wide campaign for an all American college ambulance fleet.

Secure Organ for German Club Play

At the German Club play to be given this year on December 20, in Brooks Hall, a Hammond organ, which is an electric instrument without pipes or reeds, will accompany the songs by the girls acting as angels, and will also play the incidental music usually provided by a string accompaniment. An experienced organist will be sent to play the music.

Besides having this extra attraction at the presentation of this year's Christmas play, the Deutscher Kreis is to broadcast the play on December 17, over short wave. A complete phonographic record will be made of the program, and this record will be rebroadcast over local German stations by the Reichs-Rundfunk. The music for the broadcast here is to be provided by a string quartet composed of Barnard students and organized by Vera Blecker. It is expected that this program will be an even greater success than the one given on October 20, since it has been widely publicized in Germany.

York Minimum Wage Law constitutional," Dr. Clark said, "there has been increased enthusiasm among the students in the study of those two subjects. As we are interested in the administration as well as the constitutionality of laws in our study of government at Barnard, we have speakers come to us who are authorities on practical administrative problems in those fields—for instance, Miss Frieda Miller, director of the division of minimum wage of the New York State Department of Labor, and Mrs. Elinore Herrick, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board. Then other authorities representing different viewpoints in regard to social legislation are also to speak to the class. New York offers us many opportunities for such contacts, and the students at Barnard therefore have a splendid opportunity to learn the practice as well as the theory."

A. A. To Sponsor Posture Contest

Competition Is Patterned After Major Bowes Programme

A posture contest is to be held this coming Thursday, December 16, at 12 in the gym. Those participating in the contest are to be specially chosen by the Athletic Association. However, all students are invited to attend as spectators.

The contest is to be run in a manner similar to that of Major Bowes amateur hour. Elimination of the contestants with poor postures will be by the gong. When the number of participants has been cut down to twelve, the spectators will take over the judging.

The special judges will include Miss Wayman, Miss Tuzo, Miss Holland and Miss Gregg who is from Teachers College. The student in charge of the contest is Winifred Rundlett.

C.S.C.A. To Hold Dance Tuesday

The Columbia Student Christian Association will hold its Christmas Dance at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, at Brinckerhoff Theatre. The Council Dance will be the last social event to be held before the Christmas vacation, and is open to all students. The bids are \$1.00 the couple and may be procured from Millicent Bridegroom or Winifred Rundlett. Barnard representatives, or in the Chaplains and Council to Protestant Students offices in Earl Hall.

The C.S.C.A. is an organization consisting of representatives from the Wycliffe, Lutheran and Episcopal Clubs of Barnard; the Episcopal and Lutheran Clubs of Columbia; the Columbia Student Christian Association and similar groups from Teachers College. The Council sponsors a social program for the combined organizations composed of the Spring and Fall Dinners, the Christmas Dance and the Council Outings.

Hanya Holm Dances Here January 10

The Physical Education Department and the Athletic Association have invited Hanya Holm and her dance group to give an informal demonstration of dance technique and dance forms in the Barnard Hall Gymnasium from 4:30 to 5:30 on Monday, January 10. Hanya Holm was Mary Wigman's first assistant for a number of years in Dresden and opened her own studio in New York about seven years ago. Three Barnard Alumnae have been members of her group: Marguerite de Anguera, Marjorie Bahouth, and Lucretia Moller. The latter is still a member of the group and will dance here on January 10.

Miss Holm is recognized for her interesting and suitable approach to the dance for the college girl. She is considered one of the outstanding teachers of the dance in America and is a member of the Faculty at the Bennington Summer School of the Dance.

Movies of Martha Graham Exhibited

By Ruth Landesman

Seven hundred dance enthusiasts crowded into 304 Barnard Hall at noon on Thursday to a movie of Martha Graham's dance *Lamentation*, and members of Doris Humphrey's group in exhibition of technique. The film, which Miss Agnes Wayman obtained from Pictorial News, was shown several times to enable students to understand and discuss the works of those outstanding modern American dancers. Miss Marion Streng commented on points of the dances that photography was unable to portray.

Miss Graham's composition was of great interest to the group. It was a unique series of movements that were overwhelmingly convincing as a mood of deep sorrow. Someone noticed that it conveyed the same feeling of depth as does the statue by Saint-Gauden on the Adams Memorial.

The dancers from Doris Humphrey's group did a variety of exercises displaying her technique.

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