

# Barnard



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## Establish CU Group To Study War Cause

An Institute of War and Peace Studies has been established at Columbia University according to Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, Vice-President and acting head of the University. The Institute will conduct a series of research projects on the causes of war and on less costly ways of protecting the values of western civilization. Dr. William T. R. Fox, Professor of International Relations, is Director of the Institute.

Four special consultants have been named to help guide the research. They are Frederick S. Dunn, Director of the Center of International Studies at Princeton University; Edward Mead Earle, a Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; Pendleton Herring, President of the Social Science Research Council, and George F. Kennan, on leave as a policy planner in the Department of State to conduct research at Princeton.

### Research Areas

Dr. Fox listed the following as examples of the areas researchers would study: 1. all the international relations that lie between total war and total peace; 2. the way in which the use of force in wars shapes and is shaped by the formulation of war aims; 3. the measures that would lessen the impact of preparedness upon our way of life; 4. the methods evolved in recent years to coordinate military, diplomatic and domestic policy, which have led in the last decade to great modifications of governmental procedures; 5. the way in which new advances in science and technology, including the social sciences, are influencing our policy making.

The Institute has been planned for nearly two years and was first suggested by Columbia University President Dwight D. Eisenhower,

now on leave in Europe. University officials said money for the project was obtained from interested individuals whose support was enlisted by the General.

Dr. Fox is a former Assistant Director of the Institute of International Studies at Yale University and Editor of World Politics, a quarterly research journal. He has been a consultant to various Government agencies and had taught at Temple and Princeton Universities before coming to Columbia last year.

## Clubs Sponsor Joint Meeting

The International Relations Club and the International Zionist Federation of America will sponsor a round table discussion on the subject of Israel and its relations with the Arab nations in view of the current crisis in the Near and Middle East. The discussion will be held during noon hour on Wednesday, December 19, in Room 409 Barnard Hall.

Mr. William Henderson, Instructor in Government, will be chairman of the roundtable. The discussion will be led by Ellen Schleicher '53, Aimee Yaffitt '53 and Jane Naumberg '52, who were delegates to the recent conference on the Middle East sponsored by Brooklyn College.

The group intends to explore the problem of relations between Israel and the Arab nations since the Iranian oil crisis and the dispute over the Suez Canal in Egypt. If successful, the groups intend to apply the roundtable technique to other activities and topics in the future.

## Faculty Urge Club Advisor For Debators

Dean Millicent C. McIntosh and Mrs. Martha M. English, Director of Student Affairs, attended the Student Council meeting Tuesday to present to Council a decision of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs affecting Debate Council. The Faculty Committee decided to choose a professional advisor to train the group for future engagements. Student Council was asked for an expression of its opinion and possible agreement. It passed a resolution concurring with the administrative decision.

The Faculty Committee on Student Affairs had been presented with evidences of criticism of Debate Council actions in debating non-collegiate groups and in their method of approach to subjects under discussion. The Committee, extending a policy decision of several years standing, decided to place Debate Council in the same category as Wigs and Cues and Dance Group.

### Club Advisor

The general policy is that a club can choose its own advisor. Debate Council's advisor has been Dr. Frances K. Marlatt, Associate in the English Department. Due to difficulty with class schedules and the Debaters' meeting time, the club and its advisor were estranged.

Council's resolution states: "We approve the action on the part of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs in carrying out the established policy of providing this specialized assistance by qualified advisers for certain groups on campus, specifically in the case of Debate Council."

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## Oxford Victorious As Columbia Loses In Britain Debate

The Oxford University debating team won a victory over the Columbia College Debate Council in another one of the traditional debates between these two colleges. The debate, which was held last Tuesday night at the International House, concerned the motion, "The Sun Has Set on the British Commonwealth."

The Columbia team, which maintained the affirmative, was represented by Lawrence Grossman '52 and George Juergens '53, who argued that there was a decline in loyalty on the part of the members to the Commonwealth. Internal dissension, recent regional alliances, reduction in internal economic trade have all contributed to this decline. In conclusion, the Columbia team declared that the Commonwealth has lost its power and meaning and is being replaced by the United Nations.

Dick Taverne and William Rees-Mogg, who comprised the Oxford team, upheld the negative, declaring that the problems of the Commonwealth were merely temporary ones. In spite of some independent actions by member nations, there is still considerable unity and strength within the Commonwealth. The Oxford team expressed the opinion that conditions will improve in the Commonwealth and that they can foresee a decline in the United States' power.

## Gala Events Highlight BC Christmas Season

By Joyce LeBois



MARCEL LEBON

Christmas celebrations will begin at Barnard next week, an appraisal of campus activities has revealed.

It will begin, gaily enough, with the annual Christmas formal. A giant Christmas tree covered with lighted candles will be placed in the middle of the Gymnasium, which will be converted into a "Holiday Inn." Marcel Lebon from the Empire Room will sing, and spiked punch and an outdoor snow scene on the stage will add to the festive atmosphere of the dance, according to Jacqueline Hyman '52, Chairman of the Barnard Hall Social Committee.

### Guest Star

The guest star, Marcel Lebon, a 25-year-old Frenchman, who after making a hit in England came to the United States, to open in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, has been compared by Broadway critics to Maurice Chevalier. Mr. Lebon will be escorted to the dance by Cherry Mata '53, a member of the "Holiday Inn" committee, and will be introduced at the formal by Phebe Marcus '52, Mistress of Ceremonies.

### Club Parties

Il Circolo Italiano will usher in the campus' language clubs' celebrations with a party tomorrow night at 8 at Casa Italiana featuring Il Coro d'Italia, a group of folk singers and dancers. The German Club will join the gaiety on Monday in the College Parlor at 3:30, with Maison Français following with a party Thursday, also at Casa Italiana. On December 21, the Chinese Club will join in the festivities.

This Sunday afternoon, the faculty and staff will be entertained at a tea given by the resident students in Brooks Living Room.

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## 287 Barnard Students Secure Benefits from Scholarship Assistance

Dr. Lorna F. McGuire, Associate Dean of Student Administration and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced Saturday that three out of every ten Barnard Students are receiving financial assistance. Of Barnard's 1,010 undergraduates, 287 are receiving a total of \$99,700 in scholarships and grants-in-aid assistance.

Dr. McGuire reported that sixteen international students are receiving a total of \$11,877 in aid. The foreign students represent Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, China, Colombia, India, Korea, Estonia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, and Spain.

This year, 32 per cent of the resident students are holding scholarships and grants-in-aid, and 27 per cent of the non-resident students are receiving assistance.

## Classes Vote Today

Seniors and Sophs will meet today between 12:30 and 1 p.m., to discuss and vote on the proposed amendment to the Undergraduate constitution, which would give each class an elected representative to Political Council. Class of '52 will meet in the gymnasium.

## '55 Approves Council Clause

The proposed Political Council amendment for elected representation from each of the four classes on PC was passed by the freshman class on Monday. After brief summaries of the purposes of PC and the arguments for and against the new amendment, 76 freshmen voted for it, fifteen against and eight abstained.

Kathy Burge '52, as President of PC, presented its purposes. Vice-President of the Undergraduate Association, Billie Haake '52, explained some of the prevalent sentiments in opposition to the amendment.

The amendment has not yet been voted upon by members of the senior and sophomore classes. It was defeated by the juniors last week, when it failed by two votes to obtain the required three-fourths approval needed to adopt the amendment.

Three out of four classes must pass the amendment, each by a three-fourth vote, and it must also be ratified by Representative Assembly before it becomes effective.

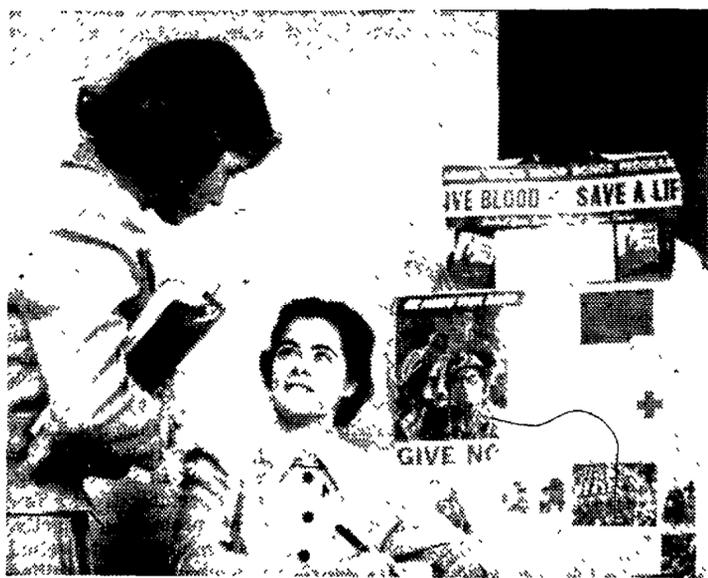
## Announce Casting For Junior Show During Next Week

Judy Kassow, Director of the Junior Show, has announced that casting will start this Friday from 4-6 in Brinckerhoff Theater, and will be continued next week for the show which is scheduled for performance on Friday evening, February 29 and Saturday evening, March 1.

The show is a musical comedy with a surprise plot, a departure from the traditional variety shows of the past, revealed Judy Leverone, Chairman of the Book Committee.

The other committees working under the leadership of Chairman of the Show, Barbara Kerewsky, are headed by the following girls: Lida Traum, Music Director; Janet Schreier, Production Manager; Tessie Afendulis, Business Manager; Jan Hunter, Stage Manager; Clare Greenberger, House Manager. Other committee heads are: Nancy Underwood, Publicity Manager; Joan Steckler, Choreography Chairman; Barbara Kumble, Costume Chairman; and Susan Seider and Maxine Austin, Make-up Chairmen.

## Pledges 600 Pints Short In University Blood Drive



Patricia Ring '53, Chairman of Barnard's Blood Drive receives a pledge from Abigail Gurfein, also a junior.

Almost 100 pints of blood were pledged by Barnard students in the Columbia University blood drive which ends tomorrow. 600 of the 1,200 pint University goal was pledged, the committee in charge has announced. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus January 8 and 9.

Pat Ring '53, Chairman of the drive at Barnard, has announced

that although the campaign is formally ended this week, volunteers will be accepted until the collection dates to contribute blood.

Pledges must obtain their parents permission to donate blood if they are under 21. Slips may be obtained on Jake or by contacting Pat Ring through Student Mail. The drive is under the auspices of the Red Cross.

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## Star ★ Reporter

Sue Nagelberg

## Honorable Mention

Gerry Kirshenbaum

The Bulletin Editorial Board announces additions to the News Board: Judy Elvet, Sue Markowitz and Lenore Self. Promotions have also been made to the Associate News Board: Amelia Bleicher, Tobia Brown, Donna Click, Beryl Greidinger, Joyce Lebois, Barbara Lyons, Shirley Marlowe and Sondra Perlmutter.

## NSA Report

The National Student Association Report setting up NSA on the Barnard campus has been approved by Representative Assembly. At yesterday's meeting the Assembly accepted the report in its entirety and elected the two delegates and two alternates. The present organization of NSA is approved until April 1953 with the concurrence of next year's Assembly.

The structure of NSA on campus is a good one. It is an extension of our student government into inter-college affairs. It provides enough discretionary power on the part of the delegates and yet holds them responsible to the representative body on campus, Representative Assembly.

Delegates will be required to report back to the Assembly a week after regional meeting. They will submit a written report to be filed with Assembly minutes. They are required to attend all meetings of the Assembly to keep them in the closest possible touch with student opinion on campus.

Power has been given to the delegates and alternates to choose a working committee consisting of equal representation from all four classes.

The NSA delegates are: Sara Chapman '52, Audrey Weissman '52.

The alternates are: Marlene Ader '54, Meryl Young '53.

The Bulletin Staff

Wishes Everyone

A Happy Holiday

## 'Merchant of Venice' Shows Fine Direction

By Anne Sibek

Weeks of decorating, costuming, rehearsing and directing on the part of the Columbia University Players culminated last night as the curtain rose on the initial performance of "The Merchant of Venice" in Brander-Mathews Theatre. With the reservation that a campus production cannot be compared or criticized with professional standards, the performance was extremely well done.

### Laurels for Director

Not a small share of the laurels must be awarded to Preston Munter, a Columbia alumni of '46, for directing the show to a successful conclusion. His insistence on precision, coordination and fast-moving pace retain the audience interest throughout.

The actors delve into their parts with enthusiasm and emotion, perhaps too much enthusiasm. A gen-



A scene from the production 'A Merchant of Venice'

eral aura of over-confidence seems to pervade the production. Too much emphasis is placed on playing up the parts to avoid the flatness which sometimes results from amateur productions of Shakespeare.

### Individual Actors

Saul Elkin '52C portrayed Launcelot Gobbo, the merchant's servant, adding sparkling humor in between the more serious scenes. Sam Kaplan '52C, as Shylock, alternates between deeply moving emotional scenes and points where he doesn't quite convey the full meaning of the situation.

Geoffrey Brown '52C gives a forceful and dynamic presentation as Antonio, while Mary Altschuller '54 as Portia speaks her lines with conviction, especially in the courtroom scene. Faith Rome '53, enacts the varying shades of Jessica's character with ease and femininity.

In spite of the sincerity and earnestness of the entire cast, however, one leaves the "Merchant of Venice" with a feeling that the actors failed to transcend their lines and transform the play into a Shakespearian mood.

## Barnard Snow Ball Bounces Through Annual Water Ballet

[EDITORIAL NOTE: The following report is merely the personal impressions of one of the participants in the water ballet. Any resemblance between it and reality is purely coincidental. The water ballet, "The Snow, Ball Bounce," is one of Barnard's most popular annual features.]

By Shirley Marlowe

The gym department at Barnard offers a full and sufficient course in sports, but I always take swimming. Through years of experience, I have recovered from the trauma of being locked in the hair-drying room, surrounded by wheezing machines; I have learned to dive over the bamboo pole, disregarding the resulting black and blue marks and I have discovered just how much water I can get in my nose and still be able to breathe. And now, at the height of my career, comes the water ballet!

### Rudiments

The first class period, we spent in learning to swim slowly to music. This is definitely a toughie, because although a body displaces its own weight in water, some twelve amateur Eleanor Holms take up much space. In anticipation of the event, I dug out my battered ballet costume, (positively a Pavlova relic), from the trunk, and practiced a few Charleston steps. I was scheduled to do a mad

Charleston on a floating mat in the center of the pool, surrounded by the rest of the class, in 1920 bathing suits, chanting "Yes Sir, That's My Baby."

### "Naughty Waltz"

I was also asked to assist in a few other routines. Figuring you can't always be a star, I accepted. Little did I know that this would mean hauling fifteen floating girls (in a star pattern) about by the heels, while the band played the "Naughty Waltz," or beating a mambo drum under water while Miss Posture of 1953 did a carefully planned strip tease under water.

When I tried to protest, I was cast in the greatest number ever to be offered in any Aquacade. Twenty-five girls, all those at Barnard who can swim, were to form a perfectly symmetrical, (and that's not, easy in those bathing suits), parallelogram in the absolute center of the pool, and revolve slowly while a small atomic reaction is set off within the colored spotlights. This will be the greatest effect of any year. There is only one thing that worries me. Due to one strange law of physics, that parallelogram revolves twice and then sinks slowly to the bottom of the pool, revolving all the while. I hope they can get the lights out in time for us to recuperate.

## Barnard Political Clubs Tap Many Opinions

By Barbara Lyons and Beulah Sternberg

Political clubs at Barnard offer to the student an opportunity to supplement and coordinate the political views expressed by her parents, other students, daily newspapers and college courses. In forums, study groups and informal meetings, Barnard students are able to investigate important issues in the current scene. These groups, from the Liberal Action Club to the Republican Club, attempt to cover the whole divergent field of contemporary political thought.

### Liberal Action

The Liberal Action Club, a non-partisan political group, devoted to the extension of human liberties, is primarily concerned with the discussion of civil liberties and related issues. The main function of the club, according to its president, Ruth Canter '53, is "to bring issues to the student body at large and to be the focus of liberal opinion on campus."

To achieve these aims, the club has sponsored forums and polls on such issues as the McCarran Act and price control. Future plans include a forum on the controversial Smith Act, which was passed to enable the government to regulate communist activity in this country.

In the past Liberal Action has cooperated with other groups, such as the International Relations Club and the Students for Democratic Action group at Columbia in order to present most effectively an issue in which both groups were interested.

### IRC and the UN

One of the primary functions of the International Relations Club has been, as a member group of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations, to support and interest students in the UN and its activities. In connection with this aim, trips to the UN have been an important item on the group's schedule. Now, however, IRC is emphasizing the international situation as a whole, with the accent on American foreign policy.

A unique feature among student political organizations is IRC's policy of personally presenting foreign students views so that

other members may understand the individual problems of every country. To help further this aim, club programs this year will be concerned with the cultural as well as the political aspects of countries under discussion.

"Aiding the student to know the relationship of the Jew to his religion, to America as his country, and to the state of Israel, is the work of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America," said Sarah Max '54, national education chairman of IZFA and former president of the Barnard group.

This non-partisan group achieves its end through semi-monthly meetings with the Columbia chapter and study groups. It sponsors seminars on such topics as "The Meanings of Judaism to the Modern College Student." Every summer IZFA also conducts a tour of Israel for college students.

### Liberal Republican Movement

The Republican Club is concerned at the moment with beginning "a movement to start within the confines of the Republican party a liberal second party which we feel is more representative of the sentiments of the voters," Lee Budd '52, president of the group, stated.

A second force behind the Republican Club is the "idea that anyone who comes out of college, regardless of political orientation, should have a knowledge of the tactics and techniques of party campaigning and the mechanics of the ballot box." To achieve this goal of education, the group has presented prominent party members as speakers, will present next semester a forum on women in politics to which Mrs. Wendell Willkie and Mrs. Fiorello LaGuardia have been invited. The club provides opportunities to work at party organizations and social activities with the Republican Club at Columbia.

### Loss of UFW

The demise this year of the United World Federalists group at Barnard caused a gap in the political coverage of college organizations. According to Janice Donetz '53, former president of the UFW,

"It was a struggle last year for UFW to keep going. We were chartered," she added, "with the minimum of members." The question of the ability of such a group to act effectively when the campus cannot itself be politically active was another factor in the death of the Barnard chapter of UFW.

In general, political clubs at Barnard are marked by clearly-drawn lines of action, dividing one group from the others. An interesting gap in the political set-up on campus, however, is the lack of a true opposition to the Republican Club. There is no Democratic group or any group which specifically presents ideas in contrast to those expressed by it.

## Peace of Campus Disturbed By Roaring Columbia Lions

The customary serenity of the Barnard campus has been more and more frequently disturbed of late, especially as the evening draws on. One obvious evidence of this fact is the broken bench reclining on the lawn in front of Brooks Hall. Of a less tangible nature are the barber shop quartettes which have a habit of serenading Hewitt Hall at the romantic hour of three o'clock in the morning.

A recent letter to Columbia Spectator from a few irate Barnard girls stated the problem succinctly. "It is absolutely impossible to pursue our intellectual endeavors to the roaring accompaniment of falling beer bottles, water bombs and the insipid meows of various Lion cubs. The chaos is unbearable when there is a strong east wind."

A clever group of Columbia scientists have now devised (according to the latest reports from an undisclosed source) a new and more unique means of disturbing the peace. Waiting until the appropriate hour of 12 midnight the erring Lions have made a practice of turning a powerful spotlight located in the upper stories of the Science Building on the eighth floor of Brooks Hall. Although this is undoubtedly done in the interests of scientific research, it has not led to amicable relations between Barnard and Columbia.

## Letters to the Editor

### PC Amendment

To the Editor:

A decision on the Political Council Amendment is pending in the Sophomore and Senior classes. This move to extend the representative principle to all groups which concern the student body as a whole has been met with the opposition of a small minority.

They seem by their arguments to hold that the right of the college to control the action of all organizations which speak for them should be sacrificed to the convenience of holding one less election a year. Let us carry this contention to its logical conclusion and ask why any student government should exist in the university, or for that matter, why any democratic government should continue in the country at large?

This minority has claimed that Political Council is solely an administrative body whose function is to articulate the programs of the political organs on campus. Certainly this statement is part of the truth, but let us look at the rest of the story. PC is the instrument by which all the political opinions of Barnard are expressed within the college and without. By means of polls, College Forums, Town Meetings, they have attempted to rouse interest and discussion of topics which are political in the sense that led Woodrow Wilson to remark, "nothing human is alien to the science of politics."

PC has realized the vast measure of responsibility resting in the hands of eleven members — elected partially by the clubs and partially by Representative Assembly. They have felt the need to work more closely with the College at large, to determine their desires and to correlate the PC program with them. In line with this PC has asked for one representative from each of the classes.

So far, the freshman class has passed this amendment overwhelmingly; the junior class, while giving it a majority, failed by one-and-three-quarter votes to obtain the approval of the necessary three-fourths of the class.

The fate of the amendment rests with the sophomore and senior classes which will vote on it this week. Its passage is insured by a fair consideration of the issues at hand.

Sincerely,

Lee Budd '52

### Holiday Events

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The students will obtain sprigs of holly at the traditional Christmas Assembly, Tuesday, at which Dean Millicent C. McIntosh will deliver a religious message. Jacob Avshalomoff, Director of the Columbia University Chorus, will direct the group in the singing of Christmas hymns, after which carols will be sung by the entire student body.

Dean McIntosh will be serenaded Tuesday by Representative Assembly; she in turn has invited the Assembly members to lunch in the College Parlor.

A Christmas story from the New Testament, highlighted by Christmas music, will be given at St. Paul's Chapel Candle Light Service Thursday at 5:15.

### St. Paul's Chapel

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16  
9 and 12:30 ..... Holy Communion  
11:00 ..... Morning Prayer and Sermon  
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of Washington Cathedral

Candlelight Service, Dec. 20th — 5:15

For Weekday Services See Campus Posters

THE REV. JAMES A. PIKE J.S.D.  
Chaplain of the University

### Chapel Services

To the Editor:

Miss Fierstein's thoughtful letter poses the ever difficult problem of worship in an institution with a pluralistic constituency, and she has stated well our basic policy — to use her own words, "to give each tradition an opportunity to express itself to the fullest." Obviously then, when we invite a Christian clergyman to preach, we cannot tell him not to speak as a Christian any more than we ask our Jewish preachers not to speak as Jews.

Contrary to Miss Fierstein's comment, Thanksgiving Day originated as a Christian festival with the Pilgrims, not with the Federal Government. But one thing that does rest on American constitutional tradition is the principle of freedom of the pulpit. It is one thing for a student to disagree with what Bishop Boynton said — I oftentimes disagree with what Chapel speakers say — even sometimes, by way of afterthought, with what I say; but it is another thing to question the right of the Chaplain, in selecting our Thanksgiving Day preachers, to invite by rotation the principal clergymen in the Morningside Heights community, in accordance with longstanding custom. If the aim of proposing a separate Barnard assembly is to circumvent this very freedom, then the result would be what Miss Fierstein herself describes as "a watered-down interdenominational service acceptable to all but inspiring to none."

Sincerely yours,

The Reverend James A. Pike

### PC Polls Students On Social Problem

Political Council is preparing to conduct a poll on social activities at Barnard, Kathy Burge '52, PC President has announced. The various plans which students have suggested as a method of improving college social life will be voted on tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Political Council will present a composite of the various plans submitted by Jacqueline Hyman '52, Chairman of the Barnard Hall Social Committee, Ellen Schleicher '53 and Sondra Kleinman '53. Miss Hyman has suggested that a Social Council be formed to plan events in coordination with Columbia University. Miss Schleicher's and Miss Kleinman's plan calls for an extension of those activities already in progress. House plans, as originally suggested by Lynne Bresler '53, will also be voted upon.

Kathy Burge explained that if students vote on the plan which they like best, Representative Assembly will have some working basis on which to formulate a new social program.

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### Columbia Students Attend Discussions In Modern Living

A contingent of Columbia College juniors and seniors attended the Barnard freshman Modern Living discussion-hours this week, on the invitation of Mrs. Tilla Van Everen, conference discussion leader. The Columbia students were volunteers from an elective hygiene course given at Columbia under the title of "Marriage and Family Living."

The arrangements for the panel were made with Ernest E Stewart, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, who teaches the hygiene course at Columbia, on the request of the Barnard discussion group, who felt that a man's point of view was needed in their consideration of dating and marriage questions.

#### Various Queries

Among the questions which were asked of the Columbia panels were: How do you feel about married women working? What are men's ideas about the double standard? Is it up to a girl to say how far you can go on a date? And, is this an American cultural pattern?

Also, do fellows type girls, i.e., the type that goes to fraternity parties, the type that goes to football games, the type that you bring home to mother? How can a girl ask a fellow for a date when she has never been formally introduced to him and is interested? What is expected of a girl on a first date? Do you hesitate to go out with intelligent girls?

The topic which attracted most attention was "How a girl should act on a date?" The various panels presented several suggestions.

### WKCR to Dramatize 'Antony and Cleopatra'

The second in the series of plays to be presented by WKCR, in conjunction with the Humanities Course offered at Columbia College, will be Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra." Casting for this production will take place today from 2 to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. Casting is open to all interested students.

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## HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 13

12:30 p.m.—Thursday Noon Meeting, Professor David A. Robertson will speak.

4 p.m.—University Christian Association Open House, Reverend Frederick T. Schumacher will speak in the Dodge Room, Earl Hall.

4 p.m.—Seixas-Menorah Discussion Group in Room L, Earl Hall.

8 p.m.—Jewish Graduate Society, in Earl Hall, Miss Dorothy Thompson will speak.

8:40 p.m.—"The Merchant of Venice," December 12-15, in Brander Matthews Theatre.

Friday, December 14

12 noon—Columbia Christian Fellowship Luncheon in Dodge Room, Earl Hall.

4 p.m.—Open House Christmas Weekend at Barnard Camp, December 14-16.

4 p.m.—Christian Classics Study Group, Room M, Earl Hall.

4 p.m.—French Club Christmas Party, 409 Barnard Hall.

5:15 p.m.—Water Ballet, "Snowball Bounce," Swimming Pool.

8 p.m.—Collegium Musicum recital in the College Parlor.

8 p.m.—Italian Club Christmas Party in Casa Italiana.

Saturday, December 15

9 p.m.—Christmas Ball, "Holiday Inn," will take place in gymnasium.

Sunday, December 16

4 p.m.—Residence Halls Christmas Tea, Brooks Hall.

Tuesday, December 18

1 p.m.—Christmas Assembly, address by Dean Millicent C. McIntosh.

12 noon—Representative Assembly luncheon and carol-sing.

4 p.m.—Spanish Club Party and Play in College Parlor.

Thursday, December 20

5:15 p.m.—Candlelight Service in St. Paul's Chapel.

8:30 p.m.—Maison Française, "Bal de Noël" at Casa Italiana.

Friday, December 21

8 p.m.—Chinese Club Christmas Party in College Parlor.

### Student Council

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The action of the Faculty Committee and Student Council was taken without the consultation of Debate Council, the Dean stated. The one abstention to Student Council's resolution was based on this. Debate Council, however, will be asked to meet with Student Council to discuss its function on and off campus in relation to its charter. The Debaters have not been authorized by charter to appear as representatives of the college in speaking before non-collegiate audiences.

Student Council also resolved to recommend to the Dean that the fourth floor cafeteria in Barnard Hall be renovated so as to provide a place for students to meet informally for social purposes. The Dean presented this suggestion to the Trustees yesterday.

A motion of disapproval was passed by the Council preventing freshmen from trying out for parts in the Columbia University Players production of "Murder in the Cathedral" to be presented next February.

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## Prof. Brennan Discusses War Novels About Italians

The contact of American novelists with Italy during World War II may be compared to their contact with France during the first World War, said Joseph G. Brennan, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at a meeting of the Italian Club last Tuesday. Discussing examples of American novels which were written about Italy during the last war, Professor Brennan related his criticisms of the books to his own experiences in Italy as a naval officer.

The best of these works, he believes, is "The Gallery" by John Horne Burns. "The heat and pace are set on the opening page and are kept up, with very few exceptions, to the very end," he declared. The book consists of a series of portraits which the author ties together by having them walk through the Gallery, an arcade in Naples.

Professor Brennan compared two of Ernest Hemingway's novels about Italy during wartime, "Across the River and into the Trees" and "Farewell to Arms." In both of these books he compliments the author's handling of the

background, but pointedly criticizes Hemingway's chief women characters. Each girl has "no autonomy of her own, but is simply an instrument in the hands of the male characters," he said. Professor Brennan declared this to be a "somewhat reactionary" view of women and a main weakness in Hemingway's writings.

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