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BY SUBSCRIPTION

Barnard will welcome students; from the University of South will visit City Hall for an inter-Carolina and Classin University this Saturday and Sunday as the laides. From there they will go to sixth annual Student Exchange the West Side Urban Renewal begins.

Four delegates from each school will stay at Barnard and attend classes in addition to daily trips around New York City, including a visit with one of Mayor Lindsay's aides, an appointment with the assistant superintendent of the Harlem school district, and a trip (observational) to Juvenile Court.

During their stay, the delegates will be housed in Rooms 840 and 841 in Hewitt Hall. Their Barnard hostesses are Mary Lu Christie '67, Pam Hill '68, Anne Jaffe '67, Karen Kaplowitz '68, Peggy Kent '66, Tina Kraskow '68, Stephanie Levin '68 and Bertha Walker '68.

Activities open to all Barnard students include a Coffee Hour in the Brooks Living Room Sunday at 8 p.m., a meeting with campus civil rights groups leaders in the '616' Lounge Monday at 8 p.m., and a Coffee Hour Wednesday with Paul Chevigny, director of the Harlem Neighborhood Legal Assistance Project.

The program begins with an afternoon dinner Sunday at which President Rosemary Park and Slaine Dow of the Planning and Research Department of HAR-YOU Act will speak. A Coffee Hour with live entertainment is planned for that evening.

Convocation

President Rosemary Park will address the community at the State of the College Assembly today at I p.m. in the

Monday morning the delegates view with one of Mayor Lindsay's Project and the Strykers Bay Neighborhood Council, Monday evening they will meet with campus civil rights group representa-

The exchangees will spend Tuesday morning in the office of the Harlem school district super-



Suzanne Crowell

intendent and the Harlem Curriculum coordinator. That afternoon they will speak with Marion White, director of the United Parents Association. In the even-

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Medicals

Marjory J. Nelson, College Physician, requests that all freshmen make appointments for their required medical examinations at the Medical Office, 202 Barnard Hall. Examinations begin Monday, February 7th. All examinations must be completed by May

Southern Delegates Arrive Faculty Accepts Five-Day Reading Period, At Barnard This Saturday Approves Special Exams After Shavuoth

Make-ups Friday

Orthodox Jewish students may take final examinations missed because of observance of Shavuoth on the last Friday of the May examination period, the faculty decided at its January 17 meeting.

Students who intend to be absent because of religious observance must file an application with the Registrar no later than April 1 .The Registrar will use the applications to avoid as much as possible placing examinations for those students on the holy

All applications must have the endorsement of Rabbi Isidore Hoffman or his representative. The Jewish Office is located in 102 Earl Hall.

A student who does not file by April 1 and misses the regular examination for religious reasons must take a deficiency examination in September. She will be subject to a deficiency fee of \$10.

A student who files an application is committed to taking the deferred examination and is not eligible for the regularly scheduled one. Resident students will rooms at the close of examina-

Seniors should sign up now for

their formal pictures for Mortar-

board, which will be taken Mon-

day and Tuesday, February 14-15.

The cost of the pictures is in-

cluded in the original \$5.00 sitting

Faculty To Give | Teachers Can End Classes May 6 As a stop-gap measure against which would make the 1966 trial

final examination panic the Fac- reading period unnecessary. ulty passed a resolution January period in the spring of 1966. Each instructor has the option of ending class meetings after Friday, May 6 instead of on Thursday, May 12, as now planned.

The reading period was adopted only for this semester, pending



Dean Henry A. Boorse

the report of the Faculty Ad Hoc | Then it will probably go before Curriculum Committee. Committee may recommend an a vote. The suggestions in the need to observe dormitory regu- innovation, such as a reading report could not be effected belations in regard to vacating period in the middle of the se- fore September 1966, at the mester or a four-course system, earliest.

According to Henry A. Boorse, 17 to adopt a five-day reading Dean of the Faculty, the current resolution passed by "a close vote." He noted that there is much faculty opposition to this reading period and so could not predict how many teachers would grant the optional reading period.

> Dean Boorse also commended Holly Gunner '66 and her Curriculum Committee for being "influential" in bringing the fiveyear discussion of a reading period to a faculty vote.

A reading period has been "in the air," Dean Boorse said, since last year, when the Committee on Instruction made certain proposals on curriculum.

Regarding Barnard girls enrolled in Columbia College courses, for which there is a two-day reading period, Dean Boorse stated that Barnard has "no control over Columbia."

Before the report of Faculty Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee is published, there will be a staff meeting to discuss the report. This the faculty for discussion and for

$Bot + Zoo = \overline{Bio}$ Senior Pix

New Biology Dept. Creates Lab Introductory Course

by Dina Sternbach

nounced the merger of the Zoology and Botany Departments into the new Department of Biology at a meeting of the Faculty, January 17. Chairman Donald D. Ritchie of the Botany Department will head the new department.

Two significant revisions in the curriculum will follow. First, the introductory course Biology 1-2, with a required lab, will replace the introductory botany and zoology courses. At least two lecturers will present the introductory material.

Second, the major exam will combine the characteristics of the botany and zoology exams. It will consist of selected questions from sample topics plus the Graduate Record Examinations.

There will be no staff changes. Although courses will be renumbered, their contents will remain essentially unchanged. As was previously true in both departments, the curriculum of a biology major will be determined by the needs of the individual student.

The major shifts resulting from

English Test

The Junior English Test will be given Thursday, February 17, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in 304 Barnard Hall. Questions about the exam should be directed to Mrs. Janice Thaddeus at ext. 2530 or MO 6-3775.

President Rosemary Park an- the merger will occur in fiscal and administrative areas. Although the curriculum changes will not come into effect until the fall semester, Dr. Ritchie will present them at a majors meeting February 8.

Placement Office Plans 4 Meetings On Jobs, Majors

The Placement Office plans several vocational meetings this semester. Mrs. Jane Schwartz, Placement Director, will conduct two discussions on "Jobs After Graduation" Thursday, February 10, at 4 p.m. and Monday, February 14, at 4 p.m. The meetings, primarily for seniors although open to any undergraduate, will be held in Room 202 Milbank Hall.

In addition, a meeting for freshmen and sophomores will take up the problem of "How Important Is a Major in Planning Your Future?" Wednesday, February 16, at 4 p.m. in Room 204 Milbank Hall.

Mrs. Patricia Graham, Director of the Barnard Education Program, will co-sponsor a tolk on "Teaching Opportunities" Monday, March 7, at 4 p.m. in the College Parlour.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Placement Office for each of the scheduled sessions.

White House Responds to CUSC Letter Opposing Escalation, Draft as Punishment

by Nancy Doctor

The White House has replied to a letter sent by the Columbia University Student Council stating its opposition to further escalation of the Vietnam war and to "abridgment" of student defer-

CUSC, which represents about 25,000 University students, sent to the President two resolutions passed January 5. A resolution on student draft deferment maintains that students in good standing have the right to continue their education free from involuntary interruption for military service. The answer to the current crisis lies in an end to escalation of the war, the resolution states.

CUSC supports the declaration of the Eighteenth Congress of the National Student Association. Its recommendations include an immediate end to all offensive military action by the United States, unconditional negotiations with the National Liberation Front, and submission of the dispute to the -United Nations Security Council.

tive Service officials who have threatened political dissenters, including draft-card burners, with reclassification for their illegal acts.

The reply from the White House, signed by a staff member and received about a week after the CUSC communication said the President welcomed support of his efforts to achieve peace in Vietnam. The success of those efforts would depend on whether the Communist forces shared the President's interest, the letter continued.

The Administration spokesman said that since the CUSC resolution on political dissenters had been passed, the Attorney General had ruled that student draft status could not be changed because of opposition to government policy. He noted, however, that student deferment had no legal basis, but was dependent on local draft boards, who are obligated to "serve the national interest."

passed after several hours of dis-lissued no statement. The second CUSC resolution cussion by the entire council and

condemns the positions of Selec-Lafter weeks of research by committees, according to David Ment '66C, president. The final vote was 26-4 for the student deferment resolution and unanimous for the stand on the draft of political dissenters.

> The committee which drew up the final statements studied the cases of reclassified Columbia students, Mr. Ment said. The committee decided that because the "mistakes" involved in local cases have been discovered and are being corrected, no reference to them was necessary.

The Council also considered the reinstitution of the Korean War draft policy, which classified students according to their class rank and their score on a locallyadministered achievement test. Although the Council did not take a specific position, it disapproved of the plan by implication, according to Mr. Ment by suggesting long-range solutions to the

Grayson Kirk, president of the University, received a copy of the The CUSC resolutions were resolution, Mr. Ment said, but has

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF - SARA PIOYIA

Glimpse of Spring

The new semester has started brightly with three actions by the faculty: the institution of an optional five-day study period, the creation of a Department of Biology, and provisions for special examinations for students who observe Shavuoth.

The last of these three points is the easiest to deal with: we are glad that a sensible solution to the problem has finally been reached. We only wish it had come about years ago with a lot less controversy.

As for the reading period, it is welcome as a temporary measure. We regret that it will be optional this spring, and that, as a result, some students may merely find that they have four classes the week before exams instead of five.

We do realize that there is serious opposition on the faculty to the present study period. It is significant that much of this opposition is coming from young faculty members, some of whom favor radical curriculum innovation. We hope that the institution of this study period will not be the end of innovation.

In particular, we would like to see the faculty and the student body further examine the idea of a two-week reading period with extra, comprehensive assignments, such as the one which exists at Harvard and Radcliffe. Undirected study periods have had only limited success at other schools where they have been instituted, notably at Smith and Yale.

Although we are glad that the faculty listened to student opinion on the study period, we have our reservations about the way that opinion was expressed. Hopefully, in the future, student questionnaires and ballots will not be as biased as the recent Curriculum Committee ballot on the study period. We cannot coerce the faculty, but we can advise. We should aim for maximum cooperation, although we should not compromise our views.

When the report of the Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum is presented, students will have an ideal opportunity to express their views. The faculty will want and need their opinions, but not their commands.

The merger of the Departments of Botany and Zoology into one Department of Biology represents a realistic appraisal of the convergence of knowledge in those two biological sciences. The departments (or the new department) are also to be commended for effecting the transition in such a way as not to disrupt the studies of those majors who will be seniors next year.

There is, however, a danger in too many sporadic and piecemeal changes in curriculum, no matter how justified they may seem in and of themselves and to the departments involved, at a time when the College is attempting a thorough overhaul of the curriculum.

This particular change is in line with any modernization and liberalization of the curriculum, but a proliferation of uncoordinated changes could jeopardize the more comprehensive goal.

We open the new semester in the hope that the faculty will effect the realization of its promises. We look forward to a period of exhilerating discussion among the faculty and student body, and in this column, leading to constructive and beneficial change.

'Focus' Review

Miss Stimpson Finds Magazine 'Self-Conscious'

(Lecturer, Department of English)

Whether one is a student or a member of the, faculty, college literary magazines can be difficult power, but it seems a verbal ex- feeling from which the work to evaluate. When I was a student, my friends and ercise. A prose passage shows flows, is a gesture, rather than an I thought our literary magazine was a joke. We called it earnest, pretentious, and grimly serious. Secretly we wished to be acknowledged as marvelously poetic, but we shrank from institutionalized and public creativity.

Now I think it takes courage to write for and edit a literary magazine. It takes courage to beinexperienced, to risk ridicule, and simply to publish while others are content with private notebooks. I admire those who have it.

The 1966 winter edition of Barnard's literary magazine, Focus, consists of nineteen items: four drawings, one story, three studies or impressions, and eleven poems. It has twelve contributors, and Judith Bayne is editor-in-chief. Although it was not a vital literary experience, I am glad it was published. Like underground movies, most of the items are inadequate for several reasons, but they need to be seen for the potential they might carry.

I like Jayme Spahn's drawing of a baffled, wry Apollo, because it was incongruous. I liked Ann Cooper's ". . . To Make Much of Time," because she dared, in her final line, "Desolation," to break her rhythm; I liked Judith Tropiansky's "All Things Beautifully Die Young" and Francine Geraci's "Poem to be Danced," because they used meter boldly. I admired Christine Surawicz's lyric, "O Can you Stop the Tide," because it was fluid, coherent, and witty, and I admired Lois Wilson's ambitious story, "Vale," because it took the most common of feelings, a child's pain, and an excessive plot, and made them work together.

Much else was pleasurable: Naomi Scheman's encounter with the sonnet; Ann Cooper's parody of nursery rhymes and songs of sentiment; Judith Tropiansky's borrowings from Genesis: Judith Bayne's vision of an alien landscape; Jane Ward's pun on "spat;" and Susan Blair's extensions of metaphor.

But my pleasure was sporadic and momentary. The work was often responsible and con-



Miss Catharine R. Stimpson

scientious, sometimes audacious, occasionally moving, but it was self-conscious. Self-consciousness can be both genuine and false. Genuine selfconsciousness reflects the pain of being, but false self-consciousness is an elaborate disguise of pain. The contributors to Focus have the time and space for emotional honesty, but wear too many masks.

Paradoxically, these disguisers exalt sensibility. They seem to know that they ought to write out of their nerve ends, and they want desperately to feel. But in their work, stock emotions too often occur and reoccur: sorrow, loneliness (present and remembered), loss, waste, despair, and toughminded self-mockery. The writers disguise their real pain with conventional pain, and I do not know why they find it necessary to do so. Perhaps it is still too difficult to fuse technique and real feeling; perhaps real feeling is still beyond definition; or -perhaps, nourished on the literature of sturm, drang, and sadness, they confuse, in their own writing, that which is read and that which

Images thus become remote, literary, or pre-

by Catharine R. Stimpson | cocious. One poem develops a | setting, are too abstract and inconceit about the phoenix, and flated. In brief, the dramatic situthe passage shows promise of ation, the moment of action and consciousness of the possible grandeur of language, but lines like, "When she laughed, she twined her hair around the waist of a newly-born wind," fail to balance metaphor and action.

than images that fail is lack of their knowledge. Thus, they bestructure. The living center, the core, of the work in Focus does not hold, because the work represents a literary, rather than an emotional, point-of-view. Thus, "Vale" is marred, because the opening paragraphs are the voice of a bard, rather than the voice of a child forced out of innocence. Two sonnets about nature are hurt, because the sestets, which detail the speaker's response to

In the college literary magazine, the Achilles heel is possibly college. For the work in Focus is that of writers who have not yet assimilated their learn-However, a far more vital flawling, and yet they wish to show come too explanatory and strangely academic. A sketch, "Testament of a Madwoman," which unnecessarily changes its point-of-view, ends with the statement, "You see I am gone mad, when there is no place to hide." It intrudes; it overly defines; in the search for precision, flux of character is lost.

> Focus could be a laser beam of (See 'FOCUS', Page 4)

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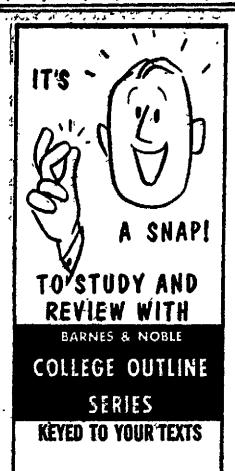
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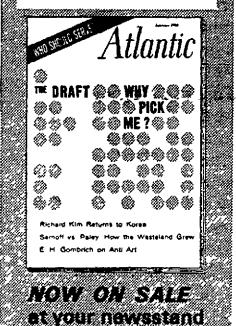
Students interested in attending the dinner with the delegates, Miss Park, and Elaine Dow on Sunday at 1 p.m. should contact Suzanne Crowell, 8-C in '616', by Friday.



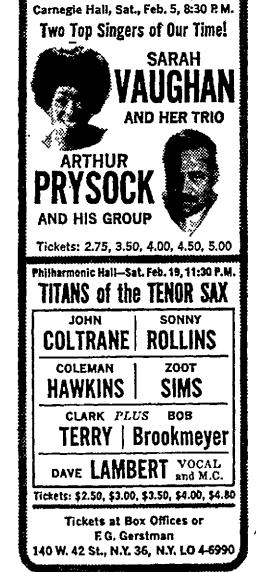
HOW COLLEGE

Even administrators of the draft admit its inequities and imperfections. Many question its fairness. A special section in the February ATLANTIC considers all sides: two college men view the draft m Taking a McNamara Fellowship and How to be Patriotic and Live With Yourself. A third article, Who Should Serve?, probes the dilemma and explores improvements and alternatives.

Also in this issue: In Defense of the Negro Colleges and Art and Anti-Art in Painting and Books.



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CUSC is believed to be the first student government in this region to take such action on student drafting and on the war. Mr. and an on-campus debate be-Ment said, "We are doing our tween "important people,"

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'Focus'

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self-exploration and exposure. It fails to expose either acute and hidden feeling or the ordinary common world in which the writers live. Interestingly, there is little satire, when the writers work in a nation, city, and university that calls for satire. Where, too, is real sex, error, panic, or indecision?

As I finished the magazine, I thought about William Butler Yeats. His early poems were artful, but his magnificent poems, written when he was older, are either immediately personal or admittedly rhetorical and disguised. One of his best lyrics, composed when he was no longer young, begins:

The fascination of what's difficult

Has dried the sap out of my veins, and rent

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I am taking the lines out of context, but in reading Focus, I missed sap and spontaneous joy. The contributors do aspire to the difficult, but their verbal patterns too often remain patterns, rather than formal transfigurations, tensile shapings, of momentary, but

vividly personal, experience.

Exchange...

(Continued from Page 1) ing they will see two off-Broadway plays. 🚶

Judge Justine Polier will speak with the delegates Wednesday morning at Juvenile Court That son House, a Harlem psychiatric | Human Rights. Thursday after- commodate the visiting schools.

evening Paul Chevigny, Director of the Harlém Neighborhood Legal Assistance Project will meet with them in the Brooks Living Room. 3

Thursday morning the exchangees have an appointment with a representative from the afternoon they will visit Patter. New York City Commission on

treatment center. Wednesday | noon and Friday have been left unplanned; delegates are expected to attend classes and tour the city at these times.

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