Prize Announced
For Best Essay
About College

Students Of Three Upper Classes Eligible For Competition

The administration of the college wishes to announce the sum of fifty dollars to be given as a prize for the best essay on the subject: "What Connecticut College Has Done for Me." The money was presented by Mrs. Brouck in memory of Dr. Frederick Taber Cooper and is to be the Frederick Tuber Cooper Prise.

The essay shall be between 200 and 1500 words in length; Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible. The criteria is: "A thoughtful, perceptive, and sincere consideration of the subject will be expected. The paper should be an honest appraisal of the author's experience. Papers must be completely written. Sentimentality, distortion, or generalizing are discouraged." Essays must be in on or before April 25, 1938.

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Majority of Senior Class Fails to Pass Government Test

By LEONORE WALKER '38

In view of the fact that Connecticut College has attained a reputation of interesting students in good government and training graduates to be active, intelligent citizens with a sound knowledge of the mechanism and principles of government, the Department of Political Science, prepared a test to determine the extent to which the present Senior class had a working knowledge essential for participation in government. It must be understood that the test was by no means complete or thorough. It was in a way superficial—touching upon only a few fundamental principles behind government.

In cooperation with the president of the Senior class, the following test was given. Because of the active discussion aroused by the test, the answers to the questions are included:

1. Underline the following governmental divisions in which you live, and, check those that have sovereign powers: (indicate in the margin your home state) 1) county; 2) town; 3) village; 4) city; 5) city; 6) village; 7) state; 8) school district; 9) parish; 10) country. (The state has sovereign power.)

2. What unit of government determines the question of your eligibility to vote? (State) Md., rather than the state: "Who shall be allowed to vote in a primary? This depends upon your state or locality. If the primary is closed, the answer is No. To vote in a general election? (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

Gala C. C. Christmas Festivities Are Product of 19 Years' Evolution

(Editor's Note—The following article is reprinted from the 1925 Christmas Issue of News.)

How, when, and why do college traditions start? Most of us accept them as part of college life without stopping to consider their history and evolution. The Christmas celebration on the night before vacation has a history which can be traced back through the years; slight changes have been made since the first actual coming together in the gymnasium in 1918. Before this time, little mention was made of the occasion; all that was mentioned of vacation in the Christmas issue of News in 1916 was a gentle reminder not to overlook the dates of the holiday—from December 22nd to January 1st.

In 1918 the choir added to the simple service by appearing in cap and gown; another unusual event that year was that New Year's day was celebrated on campus—as reported "with war whoops and fire bells." The next year, the custom of dressing dolls for the Christmas pageant began. In 1920 the meeting was moved to the gymnasium, and the tradition was established. The first permanent Missus Santa was put on by the dramatic club, and the singing of Christmas carols. Two years later the pageant was more elaborate, and was known as a "masque." The traditional singing of carols in the Quadrangle was initiated in 1925, and following this the Freshman men's night serenade and the Sophomore caroling took place, characterized by most of the same songs we use today, including the joyous "May God bless All friends here, With a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year."

The faculty and choir led the carol singing in the Quad, and President Marshall, Dr. Jensen, and Mr. Lumbold had solo parts. The 1928 celebration added having the Seniors dress in cap and gown, and parties in the dormitories making the vacation festivities more gay.

Each year the dramatic presentation has been more energetic. In 1932 the production was a pageant representing two paintings, The Madonna by Giotto, and Angels by Fra Angelico. The idea was taken from a Pre-Renaissance custom of wearing a beautiful painting as a gift to the Virgin Mary. Peasants from the nearby country flocked to the cathedral to witness the unveiling. Last year the theme was a "masque," centered on the painting, The Madonna of Castelfranco.

And now we're that within a year or so of taking part in the events which have been celebrated for nineteen Christmas at Connecticut College, we begin to feel that there is more than the inspiration which comes from the service itself. It is as if we can see the long line who have gone on before us, lighting their candles, singing carols, in the Quad, and trudging out to serenade on this night of nights.

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Investigation Carried Out

Thus a fairly thorough investigation of the course of study of women has been carried out for the past two years by Harriet Cole, chairman of the Women's Committee of the College, and Miss Gladys R. Burack. Furthermore, this year, Miss Burack has been able to secure a few additional persons to help with the work, and the committee is now ready to present its findings to the faculty, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors.

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Signs of the Times—Christmas Spirit Pervades Even College Haunts

by ANNE DARLING '38

Although most of us a long while ago discovered the facts about the jolly, joyous season, we are all too conscious that one campus is captured by the merry infectious mood of the Christmas spirit as if it were the first hint of snow in the air. Indeed, all Connecticut becomes a constant flurry of cheerful activity.

Perhaps we were one of a group who of an evening gathered about on the floor of the Mary Harkness living room and sang "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!" to the accompaniment of a cheerful crackling fire, preparing for a delightful Vesper service of carols and Christmas readings. Maybe we dressed a Chastadora doll or (two in a bright red tights and Riding Hood. Some of us were in the mere clothes of the '40s and others were in the guise of the Christmas tree gaily festooning it with shimmering strands of gold, glittering bird feathers, and many-colored lights. Others of us helped trim President Blunt wishes to take this opportunity to wish the students and faculty of Connecticut College a very Merry Christmas.

Senior Art Majors Plan Pageant

On Thursday night at eight o'clock the traditional Christmas Pageant will be presented by the Senior Art majors. This year the theme of the pageant is entirely different from anything ever presented in the college before. The music, singing, and speaking parts have been carefully prepared and it is hoped that the evening is kept secret until the night of the pageant.

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LIFE BEGINS AT NINE

Do you want to be one of the smart set who know New York City's antique? Come scabbald at Tomodachi's to the Christmas Pageant. December 28th in the popular Palm Room. Arrive early. Time and reservations are limited, so write that letter today.

College Delegates Hold Interfaith Meeting at Brown

Students from eleven colleges who attended the Inter-faith Conference of New England Colleges at Brown University, December 4 and 5, were asked to bring the house party home. The conference, announced here today, was "increasing the number of leftist and communist cells, organized on the campuses of European and the American college," Senator John Moffat said, "makes it high time that American students loyal to American democracy and believing in religion, unite in defense of both.

The colleges which sent representatives to the conference at Brown University were Yale, Harvard, Wesleyan, Connecticut State, Con-necticut College, New Hampshire, Providence, Rhode Island, Holyoke, Wellesley, Smith, Providence College, Holy Cross and Pembroke College.

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This is the sixth annual meeting of the New England Conference for New England has been established as a result of the program of the college. The library is adopting a new system so that legacy history students who are doing outside reading will not come to the library only to find all the books in use. By having a sign-up list for the books, it will be easier for students to find the books when they may have the book for the hour or the twenty minutes. The sign-up list will remain in effect for two weeks.

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Many Magnificent Memories of Successful Sophomore Hop

By JACQUES D. SINCERE '40

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New Collection of A. Housman Poems Is Reviewed

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by Evelyn McGill . . . Peg Goldspinney in bright red . . .

A Hardest Subject Is Organic Chemistry

What is the most difficult college subject?

Organic chemistry.

This is revealed in a study made by the Bureau of Educational Surveys, New York City.

The Bureau found that the use of college outlines and other supplementary aids to study was in direct proportion to difficulty in the subject. Among the students, and that the number of students in organic chemistry using college outlines far exceeded that of any other course.

According to the study, science courses are a major source of difficulty—with history, particularly ancient, medieval, and European not far behind. Study of Shakespeare's plays rates "hardest" of the English literature courses.

The subjects most baffling to students, in order of their difficulty as revealed by the survey, are inorganic chemistry, statistics, physics, general psychology, inorganic chemistry, principles of economics, political science, general biology, history of the Middle Ages, history of Europe, American government, and English literature.

Students questioned during the study stated that the college outlines simplified their work by giving them a picture of the course as a whole in advance of the field to be covered and were especially valuable for review purposes. Faculty members, while generally opposed to their use in cramming for exams, found them useful around which to build lectures and class discussions and in encouraging students to do supplementary reading.

Editorial

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only the work and effort of every student that makes it so. Along with that we should take into consideration that in the last analysis school work comes first. You may think you'll not exist unless you see that movie. You may feel that a week-end away is just the thing for you. That is all very well, but the school work must still come first. You owe that much to the college and its alumnae so that people will continue to say "Work being done at Connecticut College for Women is as good as any woman's college in the United States and better than most.""
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a. rivers and harbors (National); 2. printing postage stamps (National); 3. factory inspection (State); 4. narcotic traffic (National); 5. water supply (Local)

b. Who are the inasaurally candidates in the present New York City campaign? (LaGuardia—Macyhony).

c. Does your state have a merit system in its civil service? (Yes, if one of the following states: New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, New Jersey, California, Ohio, Maryland, Kansas, Tennessee, Michigan, Connecticut, Maine, Arkansas.)

d. Can a state court hold an election? (Yes)

e. In what way do the others get office? (Appoint mount)

f. Has the constitution of the United States been changed more by amendment or by interpretation? (interpretation)

The questions were marked according to the normal grading system on a basis of points. And now, what are the results of that test? They are nothing to be proud of. Of the 76 papers handed in, 20 received a grade of A, B, or C, 26 were graded D, and 24 rated F. This means that only one-third of the 76 did a creditable job, that the remaining two-thirds had not even the minimum knowledge that active-thinking, intelligent citizens should have about their government.

Discrepancy Between Checks and Chapel Attendance

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that day was 10. Of the 141 Juniors who should have filled a total of 282 places last work, only 49, or 17% were counted covering the attendance at all free Chapels. On the whole, Juniors are more honest in their checking; the actual attendance on Wednesday (15), and on Thursday (3) tallies exactly with the numbers checked on the three Junior house lists.

It is well to note here that figures for this survey were taken before reminders were made to sign up before lists were removed. It is a generally known fact that after these announcements students rush to the bulletin boards to sign up regardless of attendance on the regular Saturday campus will not be given them.

The greatest discrepancy of lists and attendance occurred on Tuesday, when 43 Seniors and 21 Juniors checked their names; only 10 Seniors and 4 Juniors were actually present. In each case, over three-quarters of those who checked had not been to Chapel.

All these facts lead to the deduction that the Honor System is failing in this case. Why is it that such a strong sense of honor regarding checking and rules pertaining to social life while the problem of Chapel attendance is so lightly taken? Students are asked to consider these facts carefully in preparation for the home meetings and discussion prior to the January Adjournment meeting.

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