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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS



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## Opportunities For Volunteers at USO Now Open to C.C.

### Mrs. Setterholm Will Register Those Who Wish to Take Part

Several students have professed an interest in doing U.S.O. work here in New London in connection with the college War Service committee. The U.S.O. club at the Y.M.C.A. on Meridian street has made several requests that girls from the college participate in their entertainment.

No plans are complete as yet, but the following list of possible activities for those who would like to do this type of War Service activity has been submitted to the college by the Y.M.C.A. Faculty chaperonage is required both to and from the Y.M.C.A. for the evening activities; hence, organization of college students for U.S.O. work is possible only on weekends.

### Activities Listed

The activities are: Sunday evening entertainment programs, provided an organized entertainment is planned in advance by a chairman and the group scheduled to go; Sunday evening suppers, which include the preparation and the cleaning up afterwards; snack hours work, which means preparing food for late afternoon snacks; and dances from 8:30-11:00 Saturday nights. An exception to the evening work is the need for typing and clerical work, which is scheduled for weekday afternoons.

Students wishing to take part in one of these activities should register with Mrs. Setterholm, 211 Fanning, rather than directly through the U.S.O. If enough girls volunteer for this work, there will be meetings on campus for the group before starting the work.

The Coit street U.S.O. has not submitted as specific a program of activities to the college as yet; therefore, plans for work at this club are not definitely formulated.

## Dressings Needed For Battlefronts

An opportunity to prepare surgical dressings, urgently needed on every battlefield, is available for all students every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon between the hours of two and five. Located in the boiler room of the chapel, this subsidiary of the New London Red Cross chapter has two long work tables which can accommodate at least twenty volunteers at a time. The bandages are packed and sterilized and go directly to the front.

Workers may wear either a smock or a clean wash dress and a bandana, and should remove nail polish and jewelry in accordance with Red Cross rules.

The branch has a definite quota to fill, and it is expected that all who sign up for bandage folding appear every week. Anyone unable to attend should secure a substitute. There is a sheet on the War Services bulletin board in Fanning upon which all interested may sign. Volunteers may spend as much time in the work room as is desired, preferably an hour or more. It is necessary that many more people offer their services, and sign up as soon as possible.

## Students Reminded to Register by Jan. 21

Students are reminded that registration for the second semester will end Friday, January 21, at 4 p.m. in the Registrar's office. Failure to register before this time entails a fine of \$5.00.

## Father of Student Is Vesper Speaker This Sunday Night



Mr. James Edw. Sproul, program director for the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States, will be the speaker at the vesper service Sunday, January 23, at Connecticut college. Mr. Sproul is a graduate of New York university and has taken advanced work at the Union theological seminary and at Teachers College, Columbia university.

He has traveled extensively in this country and throughout the world, making four long trips abroad during the ten years preceding the outbreak of the war. He is a director of the Religious Education association and a member of the council of the American Association for Adult Education.

Mr. Sproul served in the army during World War I. Since the organization of the U.S.O., he has given much time to the development of its program and has been related in recent months to activities organized among younger workers in important war production communities. Mr. Sproul speaks as a lay religious leader. His topic on Sunday will be "The Nature of Religious Living."

The service will be held in Harkness chapel at 7 p.m. Mr. Sproul is the second C.C. father to address a vespers audience in as many weeks. His daughter Ethel Sproul Felts is in the class of '44.

## Four Chorale Preludes By Bach Are Included In Program of Recital

Mr. Arthur Quimby gave the sixth in the series of Bach organ recitals on Wednesday, January 19, at 5:15 in Harkness chapel.

The program for the recital was as follows: Chorale Prelude (18 Great No. 15) Jesus Christus Unser Heiland, Chorale Prelude (18 Great No. 16) Jesus Christus Unser Heiland, Canzona in D Minor, Chorale Prelude (18 Great No. 17) Komm, Gott Schopfer, Chorale Prelude (18 Great No. 18) Wenn Wir in Hochstein Nothensein, and Prelude and Fugue in D Minor.

## Upperclassmen Invited To C.G. Reserve Dance

Admiral James Pine, superintendent of the Coast Guard academy, has invited eighty juniors and seniors to a tea dance on Saturday, January 22. The dance is for reserve cadets and will be held in their recreation hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Arrangements for the dance are being made by the War Services committee.

## Relates Hardships Of WAC Company On African Voyage

### Capt. Marquis Tells Of Interesting Life WACs Lead Overseas

Captain Frances Marquis, commanding officer of the first contingent of the WAC in North Africa, gave a vivid description of the overseas service of her WAC company in an address Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at Palmer auditorium.

Captain Marquis related that when her company of WACs set out for an unknown destination a year ago they carried packs, clothing enough for fifteen days, pistol belts (without pistols) and mosquito netting. They boarded a ship along with several hundred soldiers, and their quarters during the trip were most confined. The WACs bunked 12 to 15 in a stateroom previously used for two people. They slept in triple-deck beds, had only cold salt water with which to wash and try to make suds; and the men, because of a lack of hot water, shaved in coffee. For work the girls manned the switchboard, got out a small newspaper, and ran a small store. For recreation the girls and men sang to the accompaniment of a portable organ and had concerts; deck games were also popular.

### Arrival in Africa

They arrived in Africa at night in the black-out. Their boat was anchored by the venerable Rodney and Nelson. They were transported rapidly, carrying their own baggage, to their new barracks in a convent school. Here life was still rather primitive without much water and with using "pink gas" for cooking. The stoves had to be cleaned after each use. Their food was strictly rationed, and Captain Marquis said that egg powder was all right for cooking but absolutely unsuccessful as scrambled eggs.

The WAC company had a recreation room with a piano and a ping pong table, the source of which is a "military secret." They played basket-ball, volley-ball, and soft-ball—beating a team of soldiers at the latter, much to the army's chagrin.

### French Hospitality

Captain Marquis stressed the fact that the French in Africa were so good to the members of her company; they appreciated the WACs' services and accepted all that they did on terms of whether it was done in America rather than according to their own standards.

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## Special Course Opening At Katherine Gibbs for Accelerating Students

The Katherine Gibbs schools of Boston, New York, and Chicago have announced a special mid-year opening of courses on February 14 for the benefit of students terminating their college work at this time. Candidates will complete the course and be ready for placement in the early fall.

Enrollment for the February groups is limited, and it is advised that applications be submitted as early as possible. A few resident accommodations will be available in Boston and New York and will be assigned in order of reservation.

## Valuable Work Done at CC by Dr. Scoville

by Shirley Armstrong '45

On Tuesday morning, January 18, Rear Admiral James Pine administered the oath of office to Dr. Dorothea Scoville at the U. S. Coast Guard academy. Dr. Scoville received a commission as surgeon in the United States Public Health service, a rank corresponding to lieutenant commander in the navy.

Dr. Scoville has been the resident infirmary physician for the past eleven years. Her Master of Public Health degree from Yale which she received this year well qualifies her for the important position for which she has volunteered. She will rank among the six women doctors in this country who have been assigned to this work at the present time. After a six weeks' orientation course in Washington, Dr. Scoville will be sent to some post in the West.

### Made Studies of Diseases

The interests of the students and the college were the primary concern of Dr. Scoville during her years of service at Connecticut college. She made several studies of the various diseases which are most common among college students and through a more thorough understanding of the symptoms and treatment of these diseases, it was possible for many critical illnesses and epidemics to be avoided. Dr. Scoville treated even the most minor illness with utmost care and attention in order to prevent serious difficulties.

### Instituted Mantoux Test

Upon discovering that tuberculosis is the primary cause of death among people of college age, Dr. Scoville spent much time in investigating the control of this disease. She was one of the most enthusiastic members of the program which furthered this research. As a result, Connecticut was one of the first colleges to use the Mantoux test as a means of determining the presence of tuberculosis symptoms.

Connecticut was also the first college to use the Powers Portable X-ray unit in x-raying positive reactors.

Dr. Scoville has spent many of her summer vacations in the State Health department, one in the laboratory, one in the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, and two in the Bureau of Maternal and Child Hygiene. Another summer she spent working in the medical department of the United Aircraft

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## Members for Election Committee Announced By Stratton Nicholson

The following girls have been chosen as the new members of the election committee as was announced by Stratton Nicholson '44 vice president of student government: Judith Mandell '47, Patricia Thomas '47, Kate Niedecken '46, Margaret Healy '46, Louise Parker '45, Jane Barksdale '45, Nancy Grosvenor '44, Janet Leach '44, and Francis Smith '44. These appointments were confirmed by cabinet. The girls have been chosen to handle the petition procedure, supervise the balloting, and count the votes after election.

At an amalgamation meeting to take place February 14 the ways and means of the election will be carefully outlined.

## President Reveals Overall Charge of \$1150 for Tuition

### Plan Will Eliminate Additional Lab Fees And Special Charges

In her chapel talk Tuesday morning, January 18, President Schaffter announced that at a meeting on December 15, 1943, the trustees put through a plan whereby all the special tuition fees are to be abolished in favor of one overall fee. This new plan will open to each student the opportunity of studying any course in college without having to pay any extra charge, after she has once paid the overall fee of \$1150, and assistance will be given where it is needed. Miss Schaffter estimated that the lowest possible cost for tuition charged by any college is \$1135, and she said that the amount generally adds up to that of the future overall fee. This plan, which was recently accepted by the faculty, will help to eliminate the bother and time involved in keeping track of all the extra charges, for examples, those connected with music and chemistry courses.

### Education Planning Committees

Miss Schaffter went on to inform the students that "A series of long-range, long-term education planning committees are now being formed all over the country" which will try to plan the best methods of education for the future. Dr. Schaffter then suggested that the students "arrange groups to express opinions to be used by the trustees. They would appreciate this effort and would be most considerate of any judgments that the students could offer." Miss Schaffter said that in doing this, the students would "perform the full duty of students in college."

The President announced that among the new courses to be offered are:

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## Butcher Knife of Farmer's Wife Is Outdone by OPA

by Priscilla Wright '46

It's not a mutation, it's the food shortage! Even the rats—and we mean real, honest-to-goodness ones—have been affected: they're losing their tails inch by inch!

It could be the butter shortage, since rat specialists advise a diet of whole wheat bread topped with slabs of butter, when misfortunes such as this occur. No fellow rat dismembered the bits of tail, and the mothers didn't bite them off; it's a matter of vitamin deficiency which possibly the home economics department can solve.

The rats seem to miss their butter medicine, especially since they delighted in smearing each other with the choice grease when the professor wasn't looking. Bet they were trying to tease human rationees.

Possibly the sensitive rats, slighted by the fad for stubby tailed puppies a few years ago, feel that this is a quick way to popularity. At any rate, all those people who have an aversion for long tailed rodents are cordially invited to inspect the new models on display in Bill hall, a special attraction of the psychology department.

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## "Cut System"

It is no secret that the students of Connecticut college are in distinct danger of having their privilege of cutting classes taken away from them if the present rate of absences from classes continues. Allegedly, the students are in the habit of abusing this privilege.

There is no cut system at Connecticut college. In the words of the college catalog, "Regular attendance at all classes and other scheduled appointments is expected of all students, and required of those students who are on academic probation. Every absence represents a loss to the student. . . . The student, not the instructor, must assume responsibility for determining the validity of the reason for absence. No student, regardless of the quality of her work, ordinarily receives credit for a course from which she has been absent more than one-third of the meetings of the class for the semester."

The students, it is seen, have the responsibility for determining the validity of the reason for an absence. If this responsibility is to remain in the hands of the students, they must use judgment in determining the validity of their reasons. Every student who sleeps through her eight o'clock class for the pleasure of an extra hour of sleep endangers the privilege of exercising judgment which now belongs to the student body. Any student who misses a class because she "is not in the mood," or "is tired of studying" is likewise evading her responsibility and endangers the liberty of her fellow students.

The students do not want to see the inauguration of a "cut system" at Connecticut college. They believe, and a great many faculty members agree, that girls who come to college are adult and are capable of making wise decisions. Coming to college is part of the individual patterns of their lives. By the time a girl reaches college age, the guidance

## FREE SPEECH

The Editors of the "News" do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column. In order to insure the validity of this column as an organ for the expression of honest opinions, the editor must know the names of contributors.

Dear Editor,

It's just grand to be a member of a wide-awake, up and coming college community such as that which we have here at C.C. Everyone realizes the great changes which are daily taking place. Everyone is so aware of the war with its privations, blood, and stench of death. Everyone buys war bonds and stamps weekly so that they will be able to end the war in Europe in 1944 by giving the aid which General Eisenhower requested. Yes, all 30% of them. And where were all the others? Were they sitting in their safe, dry, and comfortable dormitories worrying about their own smug, self-satisfied little selves? Is "too little too late" their motto?

Is it yours? '45

Dear Editor,

The dieticians and cooks of Connecticut college have certainly joined forces this year in doing a truly remarkable job of feeding us students! In a recent dormitory bull session, we were commenting on the constantly improving meals which we receive, and which we appreciate even more with each letter from the "home" front describing the difficulties of meal planning these days.

Sincerely,

'44

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, January 20

Connteen 5:15 Auditorium  
Home Nursing Course 7-9 Plant Playroom

### Friday, January 21

Registration ends 4:00 Registrar's Office  
Junior Dance 7:30-10:30 Knowlton Salon

### Saturday, January 22

Recital, Prof. Ross Lee Finney, American Ballads 8:00 Holmes Hall

### Sunday, January 23

Vespers, Mr. James Edward Sproul 7:00 Chapel

### Monday, January 24

Amalgamation Meeting 6:45 Auditorium

### Tuesday, January 25

Psychology Club Meeting, Prof. Ralph Linton 4:20 Bill 106

### Wednesday, January 26

Home Nursing Course 3:50-5:50 Plant Playroom  
Organ Recital 5:15 Chapel

of her life according to her individual purposes and patterns is in a very large measure made her individual responsibility. She chooses her own courses according to her own desires and interests. She attends the lectures of the courses she has chosen because she elects to do so, not because of compulsion. If some other activity coincides with a lecture, she substitutes at her discretion.

It is important that the poor judgment of a few does not endanger the privilege of the many.

## Ermintrude and the Town Girl

An excellent editorial column dealing with a topic which should be given consideration by all students living in dormitories at Connecticut college was printed in The Carolinian, published by North Carolina Women's college last November 19.

The column spoke of a girl named Ermintrude and is quoted verbatim:

"Every now and then Ermintrude finds herself envying the town students. They have ice-boxes to raid and parents with shoulders to weep on and little brothers and sisters to bother them. They have individual telephones and no amplifiers, and they don't have dozens of people who come in and talk when they want to go to sleep.

"And some of the town students envy Ermintrude, too. She is on the scene of amusing and edifying bull sessions, and she has people who can help her on her assignments. She can dash home between classes and leave her books. Her friends are extremely accessible.

"Ermintrude's set and the town students could profit mutually if they knew each other better. She knows, for instance, that town students have to stay on campus all day, sometimes into the evening, and that they would like to have a place where they might relax and leave their books and "freshen up"—and, incidentally, take part in some of the gab that is the college girl's rightful heritage. As for Ermintrude, she gets tired of dormitory life occasionally, and she would enjoy a session with a town student's family, at her home.

"Ermintrude would like to see more get-togethers between the two groups, and she is confident that it can be arranged if enough people agree with her."

## CONNECTICUT-UPS By Nancy Faulkner '46



There goes Wilberforce—trying to break the ice again!

## O. M. I.

(Office of More Information)

by Hedi Seligsohn '45

## MOVIE MINUTES

by Marjorie Alexander '44

### You Can't Have Both

President Roosevelt's message to Congress caused heated debates on Capitol Hill and elsewhere during this past week. The most important bone of contention appeared to be the President's proposal to enact a National Service Law. This suggestion not only enraged the leaders of organized labor who took it more or less "personally," but prompted several Congressional leaders to make vehement statements with regard to slavery, fascistic methods, and related subjects. The point that the President advocates conscription of labor only if his other four proposals are acted upon was not brought up in most of these denunciations; nevertheless the five point program as a whole provides the clue to every one single point. In addition to a National Service Law, the President urged Congress to act upon each one of the following four subjects: sensible taxation, stabilization, price control, and renegotiation of war contracts. No one of these matters can be taken care of without considerable attention being paid to the other four. Congress does not quite see it that way.

### Results of Message

The first result of the Presidential message was the failure of the Worley committee to pass the Green-Lucas bill, this after the President's emphatic recommendation of the bill which would insure our armed forces the right to vote. The second incident took place Monday morning, when a committee of the Senate voted against the bill providing for the renegotiations of war contracts which would enable the government to buy war materials at the lowest possible prices as well as prevent the accumulation of huge excess profits.

There is no need for further speculation as to what will be done by Congress on the other four points; the answer is: probably nothing. After all, this is an election year; who wants to worry about the war?

### Correction

In the story of January 12 on the presentation of "Good Morning" at the Coast Guard training station, an error was made in calling the play part of the Connteen Show. "Good Morning" is being presented under Wig and Candle, and is known as the Wig and Candle Camp Show.

\*\*\*\* Excellent      \*\* Fair  
\*\*\* Good              \* Poor

### The Gang's All Here\*\*\*

The Capital theater will show the new 20th Century-Fox film The Gang's All Here commencing on Friday, January 21 and continuing through Tuesday, January 25. This is a musical comedy which, unusually enough, also boasts a rather amusing plot. Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, James Ellison, Edward Everett Horton, and Phil Baker of radio fame are included in the cast of stars and the music of Benny Goodman and his band is featured. The story concerns the romance of a night club singer with a war hero and the events which result from this affair are quite entertaining. This picture is in technicolor and the costumes and scenery are especially effective. Another feature which greatly adds to the popularity of The Gang's All Here is the presence of several new songs which are already proving their popularity on the radio. This film represents light and enjoyable fun.

### What a Woman\*\*\*½

What a Woman, starring Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne, starts its New London showing on Wednesday, January 19 and continues through Saturday, January 22 at the Garde theater. This is one of the funniest comedies which has come to the screen in some time and rivals The More the Merrier for providing the audience with laughs. Miss Russell portrays a successful novelist who is searching for a male lead to take the part of the hero of one of her novels which is about to be made into a movie. She manages to become involved in several scrapes which are very amusing, to say the least, but Brian Aherne also aids in supplying some highly entertaining sequences in the film too. This picture has recently completed a several weeks run in New York.

### Lassie Come Home\*\*\*\*

The Victory theater will feature the Roddie McDowell film, Lassie Come Home, from Wednesday, January 19 until Saturday, January 22. This picture was shown at the Garde in the fall and concerns the adventures of a young Yorkshire lad and his devoted dog. It is an entertaining and very worthwhile movie and, this is an excellent opportunity, for all those who have not yet seen it, to enjoy one of the finest films of 1943.

# Babies, Odd Queries, Pins Befuddle C.C. Baby Sitters

by Alice Adams '44

"Baby Sitting" is the title given to the occupation of some of our students who stay with the children of faculty or other New London families while the parents go out. From the stories gleaned through this extra-curricular activity, the title is more than a misnomer. Some of the children would be insulted if they were classified as babies, and the "sitting" part of the title is obsolete with this season's crop of charges, if it was ever applicable.

## Need of Educated Nursemaids

The Destler offspring have furnished some mighty amusing stories, and incidentally, young volumes of information to two seniors, Alese Joseph and Barbara Wieser. It seems these two dared to take care of Mac and Paul Destler without boning up on the subject of trains. "Miss Alese Joseph" (as Paul insists upon calling her) thought she would draw a few trains for the lads but she was soon told she knew nothing about their construction and design. She decided to tell Paul they were streamlined trains and this stumped him for a moment, but no longer. Paul informed her that the engineer always stands on the right side of the train and the fireman on the left.

## Diaper Experience Necessary

Reading to them also involves a show of ignorance since they correct all mispronunciations and the baby sitters mumble incoherently something to the effect that "that wasn't the way we were taught in our day."

As a side comment, the Misses Joseph and Wieser would like to compliment the Destlers on their choice of children's books. Even though they don't understand how some of the tricky ones work, they are fascinated by them.

The other type of baby sitting (where it is really a baby, but still no sitting) demands less intellectual savoir-faire but more

"practical" knowledge. Your reporter recommends (that is if the reader is interested in this line of work) a home course in putting diapers on baby dolls before undertaking this task in the world of reality. Practice and experience are both excellent teachers but neither was available at the time.

Your reporter substituted for someone who could not "make it" one night and the diaper changing process which takes the experienced handler about five minutes, probably not that long, took her thirty-seven and a half minutes. Chasing the infant around on a double bed is certainly not good use of one's time, but became necessary because the baby's ability to "get out of hand" is phenomenal.

The folding of a diaper is an ingenious process, and the safety pin routine calls for pure determination and an insensitivity to the insertion of the sharp point into one's thumb and index finger to the extent of approximately one half inch. The idea is, not to prick the baby, but to practice on yourself.

## Pajama Problems Perplexing

Whoever designed flannel pajama suits with feet in them (and four buttons to attach the pants to the waist) must have reached the advanced stage in dressing babies with ease and nonchalance. While getting the human feet into the flannel feet, the buttons must remain unbuttoned and, by the time the buttons are buttoned, the feet are nowhere near the territory designed for them. So it goes. Of course this whole process goes on to the tune of screams and yells powered by a remarkable set of lungs and when this war of attrition is over (just temporarily) and the supposed alleviator of the situation has won, only because she is bigger, there is an unhappy moment. The look of disgust the infant gave your reporter baby sitter would have made Hitler call for a powder. The baby won after all.

# Accelerators Attack Books Against Oncoming Generals

by Jane Rutter '46

Connecticut's first winter graduation, scheduled for February 14 in Palmer auditorium, is not too far off now, and nine members of the class of 1944 are becoming more and more aware of the fact as each day goes by.

From a first glance, graduation would seem to be a grand and glorious occasion. That's true, but if one were to go a little deeper into the subject, proof enough would be found that it includes a tremendous amount of work beforehand. The inevitable generals now loom larger than the joys of that B.A. degree.

Previously generals were given but once in each academic year. But not this year! January 27, a little more than a week away, is the date set for generals to be given to Connie Geraghty, Trudy Weinstock, Sally Ford, Helen Rippey, Jane Day, Margaret Roe, Janet Giese, Priscilla Martin, and Jacqueline Pinney, our accelerating seniors.

## Generals Now Going On

The art majors, Jane Day and Sally Ford, have already started work on their projects and papers which are part of their generals. As for the others, they've started plowing through their books, old exams, and reams of notes. But nobody seems to be able to decide just what they think of the matter yet. Comments by seniors on generals of other years have been that the torture beforehand was terrific, and that when everything was finally over, they didn't think it was so bad after all. "Howev-

er," comments one accelerating senior, "we can't see it in that light now."

## Post-graduation Plans

Plans for after graduation for most of the nine are indefinite as yet. Some plan vacations for a short time, and then off to work. Others plan to start work at once. The questions of "Have you started studying for generals?" and "What are your plans for after graduation?" are the two principle ones that our first winter graduates are being asked. To avoid answering these any more than absolutely possible, Trudy Weinstock found the solution to the problem by putting a sign on her door, "No, I have not started studying, and no, I don't know what I'm going to do after graduation!" The sign on Helen Rippey's door reads "Generals: Cave Canum."

## Anthropologist Will Be Guest of Psych. Club

The next meeting of the Psychology club will be held Tuesday, January 25 at 4:20 in 106 Bill hall. Dr. Ralph Linton, chairman of the anthropology department of Columbia university and author of many books, will be the speaker. The subject of Dr. Linton's talk, "Culture in Personality Development," is of interest to both sociology and psychology students.

Before the meeting there will be a tea to introduce the psychology majors to Dr. Linton. The lecture is open to all students.

## Skating Begins



STRATTON NICHOLSON '44

# C.C. Goes All Out For Arboretum Fun As Pond Freezes

by Sara Levenson '46

Bang! And another C.C. girl bites the ice. It's ice skating season on the Arboretum pond, and skates are being dragged out from the backs of closets as future Sonja Henies take to the ice.

No other winter sport is quite like this. For beginners, there's the new experience of finding that they can't stand up on frozen water. They find their knees wobbling and their ankles caving in the wrong direction. But courage! Let them push out their right foot, and then their left, and then—bang! This is where we came in.

Now don't get the idea that ice skating is all falling down. In fact the idea is to stay up on two feet and skim gracefully across the ice. There are people who can do it. Watch that group of girls over on the corner of the pond practicing fancy turns. One of them is whirling around in a circle on one foot. She's certainly encouraging those who are having trouble standing up on two feet. Oops—careful there! Somebody help her up so that she can try again. "This ice is like a washboard," she says, or, "The wind was blowing in the wrong direction."

That's the advantage of being an expert. They can't be considered at fault when they slip down.

Now's the time to skate before the skiers' earnest prayers for snow are answered.

## 70% of Student Body Passive in Stamp Drive

On December 12, Connecticut college's war stamp drive came to an end. The drive began on November 12 and continued for one month. The total sales reached were \$515.45, but the purchasers of stamps comprised only 30% of the student body. The results were as follows:

	No.	%
Freshmen	39	16.2
Sophomores	60	26.6
Juniors	85	51.2
Seniors	49	40.2

Betty Brown, chairman of Connecticut college's War Bond and Stamp committee, has announced that a new drive will begin in the near future.

## Juniors Hold Reception For Submarine Officers

On Friday, January 21, the juniors are holding a reception for student submarine officers in Knowlton salon from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Patricia Turchon '45 is in charge of proceedings and music will be furnished through the medium of records. Dean Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Record, Commander Ellwood, and Dr. and Mrs. Avery have been invited to attend the reception.

# No Elephants; Practically All Else Lost

by Janice R. Somach '47

College may be the place for a girl to find her education, but, judging from the notices on the bulletin board in Fanning hall, Connecticut college still remains the best place for a girl to lose her textbooks, notebooks, fountain pens, socks, feathers, wash towels, etc.

The staggering amount of articles lost seems to be making the girls themselves dizzy—witness the notice, "Found, one face guard, hockey?" High on the lists of common "losts" are scarves, twenty to date; fountain pens, advertised as blue, grey, tan, orange, gold, green; and mittens of all colors and sorts, some listed without number, such as "brown leather mittens—many."

A white evening bag "probably lost at the Coast Guard academy dance" (one month ago), seems to be hopelessly devoid of the hope of returning to C.C. Three pairs of eye-glasses have also gone the way of all mittens, and the silver earring that was left behind is pining for its twin. Two large feathers, "one green, one blue," have evidently gone and stayed in the happy hunting ground, possibly prodded by "needle, one green knitting." Someone has lost an Army Air Corps pin, another "one large blue flowery thing." "Three and a half pairs of white sneakers" seems hard to figure out, but not quite as difficult as "one-half of a pair of Navy Air Corps wings."

One "red felt collar" somehow detached itself from whatever it was attached to and made its way off to parts unknown.

By the bye, if anyone sees an internal revenue blank I left somewhere on campus...

# President Schaffter Attends Meeting of College Presidents

Last week, Dr. Schaffter attended the annual association of American College Presidents. While there, she had luncheon with alumnae and former students of Connecticut college, and the two groups were told of the wartime changes in the curriculum of the college and they were informed of future plans. Among those who attended the luncheon, which was held at the Netherland Plaza Restaurant Continentale, was Mrs. David R. Hensley, formerly Miss Alpha T. Hack '40, who majored in philosophy and who was very active in sports here at college.

## Panel Discussion

While she was in Cincinnati, Miss Schaffter attended the panel discussion by women college presidents, on Wednesday, January 12, sponsored by the Cincinnati Branch of the American Association of University Women at the University of Cincinnati. In the discussion, which was presided over by Dr. Kathryn McHale, general director, A.A.U.W., the press reported Dr. Schaffter suggested that "College women should be encouraged to carry over into politics what they learn of government in the course of their higher education. Women must be patient in their activities in the political field and carry on even in the face of defeat. Even New Jersey has made a dent in Mayor Hague."

## Study Organizations

The Cincinnati Post published an excerpt from Dr. Schaffter's speech in which she "urged women to form an active program as well as an educational one, saying that she had found that most women attended meetings, listened carefully to excellent pro-

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# English Fortitude In War Praised by Rev. R. J. Clinchy

## British Morale Stays High; People Endure The Hardships of War

"The spirit of the British people, who have undergone far greater hardships than most Americans realize, is something that cannot be put into words," declared the Rev. Russell J. Clinchy of the Center (First) Congregational Church of Hartford, at vespers Sunday night, January 16 in Harkness chapel.

The speaker showed that there are chiefly four factors that have drawn this spirit into manifestation, the principal factor being the bombings. While the extensive effects of the explosive bombs have been publicized, Mr. Clinchy said, "great fires raged through the city from the impact of the incendiaries," which were far more devastating than is generally known. These bombings were heroic experiences, he declared; almost more difficult to rise above is the housing situation, for as no building is done in England these days, children whose houses have been destroyed must be evacuated to special homes for the whole duration. Everyone has relatives, billeted children, or billeted families sharing his house, pointed out the speaker; no family lives by itself.

## Diets Are Insufficient

The third factor is the food, "which," continued Mr. Clinchy, "is monotonous, insufficient, and lacking in energy." The adult diet is devoid of fruit, liquid milk, fresh eggs, white bread, and many other so-called commonplaces, he said, and every American who goes to Britain these days loses about twenty-five pounds within a few months.

While Mr. Clinchy never heard a single complaint about any of these three hardships, he mentioned that the British blackouts have raised queries as to how they can be endured for a fourth winter. Requiring total darkness save for a faint purple glow from the light of a taxi or bus, they extend from 4 p.m. to 8 or 9 a.m. every day and night throughout the season, he said, yet they are withstood.

## Praises British Spirit

The British have shown they possess "a majesty of human spirit that no one can overcome," declared Mr. Clinchy, "which is something we probably won't have to prove ourselves." He expressed his belief that the secret of it is that no one told them what to do: "Churchill just reminded them what they were; then they remembered." They have been a nation of free men for a thousand years, and "free men and free women can never be beaten."


At this service the choir sang "Peace" by Franz Schubert and "Evening Hymn" by Orlando di Lasso.

## Martha Alter's Work to Be Heard in New York

On Saturday evening, January 22, two Plato settings, Country Gods and Country Music by Martha Alter will be performed by the Golden Hill chorus, George Meade conducting, in Town Hall, New York City.

These two short choral works for women's voices, flute and piano were published last fall by the Galaxy Music corporation. They were performed last spring on different occasions by both the Vassar and Connecticut college glee clubs, Prof. Arthur W. Quimby conducting the latter.

Miss Alter, a member of the department of music, will attend the New York performance of her composition.



# GYMANGLES

by Marjorie Lawrence '45

### Badminton Trimming

Challenges accepted, rejected, constructed. In the fall, the students challenged the faculty, athletic souls that they are, to a badminton tournament in the winter. The elite accepted, and now they are wondering where and when the challenge will be played. Suggestions have been received that

we offer it as a relief during the gruelling exam period. Shuttlecocks, swift and sure footed, we hope that the faculty won't stay rooted. Watch this column, for dates, etc., then come out and trim and win from the faculty.

### Revolution in A.A.

A new method for heading up winter activities is being introduced by the A.A. for this season. The idea is that a girl taking a sport is nominated to head up that activity. During the particular season she then is an active member of the A.A. council. When these girls have been elected, there will be a meeting of this sub-committee with A.A. president and the sports advisor, and the following questions will be decided: the form of competition, the dates of competition, the character of the actual committee including when the managers, squads, etc., will be elected, and everything else pertaining to that activity. Chips Chapman, president of A.A., says this: "It is hoped by the council that this plan, which is on trial for this winter season, will serve to increase interest among the participants in their own sport activity."

In this way the permanent council members are left a bit more time in which to arrange for any extra sports activities which the student body may desire—such things as faculty-student competitions and Saturday afternoon activities.

### Stiffness Relieved

Are you still stiff from keeping fit, modern dance, or some other muscle-tearing, stretching fun that is yours this season? We have the answer, a way to relieve your agony. Repeat each day, adding more and more to your sport, to relieve stiffness. More exercise, more muscle control, less creaking joints. Try it.

### War Themes Preeminent In the Lyman Exhibits

Two exhibits are now being held at the Lyman Allyn museum this month. The Artists for Victory committee has compiled a group of etchings, dry-points, woodcuts, lithographs, and silk screen prints for its present exhibition having to do with war themes.

The second exhibition representing work of a group of the Lyme Art Association arranged jointly by the department of fine arts of Connecticut college and the museum is now open to the public. In conjunction with this exhibit, there was a reception for the museum members, college art majors, and others at the museum on Sunday, January 16.

## College Registrar Will Wed Saturday

Miss Katherine G. Hunter, Registrar of the college, and Mr. Milton H. Peugh, U.S.N.R., will be married this Saturday afternoon, January 22, in the First Congregational Church in New Britain. The Reverend Theodore A. Greene will officiate. The couple will be attended by Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Hunter.

Miss Hunter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hunter of 131 Winthrop Street in New Britain. Mr. Peugh is the son of Mr. George W. Peugh of Grand Junction, Colorado. Prior to his enlistment in the Navy, he was engaged in the manufacture and distribution of food specialties in the western states and is the author of numerous articles on this subject.

## Freshmen Pick Four to Fill Additional Posts

At a meeting of the freshman class held Tuesday, January 18, in Bill hall, Joan Jensen was elected chairman of competitive plays; Ruth Colcord, chairman of banner committee; and Patricia Thomas, cheerleader.

Joan Albrecht was elected secretary replacing Ann Reed, who resigned from office.

## Five Faculty Members Assigned New Offices

The Office of the President has announced that on Tuesday, January 18, the following shifts in office assignments were made:

- Mr. Cross from F401 to F403.
- Mr. Record from F207 to F401.
- Mrs. Sutton from F207 to B114.
- Mr. Moore from B114 to F207.
- Mrs. Cummins from B114 to F207.

A student is not allowed to be off campus alone after dark. She must be in a group of three or more.

## Ryder Painting Chosen Masterpiece of Month

The January Masterpiece of the Month which can be seen now in Palmer library is Albert P. Ryder's Toilers of the Sea. Ryder has been called by many America's leading romantic painter, and this painting of a moonlight scene falls into the romantic classification.

The painting was loaned to the college by the Addison Gallery of American Art.

## New Connteen Managers Schedule Show at USO

The 1944 Connteen is starting its tour March 5 with a new program, new organization, new costumes, and a new chairman, Grace Wilson '45. Doll's new committee consists of: Cherie Noble '44, Sue Balderston '44, June Sawhill '45, Connie Arnoldy '45, Margaret Healy '46, and Bernice Riesner '45.

As soon as exam period is over, the show will start on a definite schedule of rehearsals with the first show in mind. The U.S.O. on Coit Street will be the first stop in the new Connteen circuit.

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**WAC.**

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Captain Marquis stated that perhaps one of the most impressive things a WAC could have said was a remark made by one of the girls standing one night on her balcony watching the boys, tanks, jeeps, guns, and supplies being loaded aboard ships to set out for the Sicilian invasion. She said she would not rather be anywhere else in the world but just where she was, doing her part toward victory.

**Positions WACs Filled**

The working day of the WAC begins early; and her week lasts for 6½ days with ½ day of rest. The girls are so placed that their best talents may be utilized. Some are drivers for generals, some are secretaries, others operate telephone switch boards. The post offices are run by WACs, where they sort mail and trace missing soldiers with frequent success. Other girls learn secret codes and take care of cables and teletype machines. And some return after a while to attend officers training school in America.

**Religion Important**

For recreation parties are given by the soldiers and for the soldiers; here the main topic of conversation is, "What is happening back home?" Religion is extremely important to all, and church services are held even in the barracks, explained Captain Marquis.

**Inspection by Eisenhower**

Captain Marquis stated that perhaps the proudest moment for the WACs in Africa was the time General Eisenhower inspected them. He passed bruskiy down line after line not wasting any of his precious time. When he was finished he said, "You're as good as my best soldiers; I'm proud of you!"

Captain Marquis pointed out that more and more WACs are being requested every day—they are wanted and needed in places like Africa and India. There is work to be done everywhere, she stated.

**Schaffter**

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grams, worked out perfect setups for achievement and then walked out of the meetings and everything stopped there. She urged them to work through action clubs if they preferred keeping their educational groups as study organizations."

**Marriage Claims Many Votes  
For '43 Post Graduate Work**

by Muriel Evans '46

What has become of the class of '43? Since it was turned out into the cold world last June, its members have taken divergent paths on the road to success.

Investigation shows that marriage has already claimed thirty-eight of last year's graduates. Fifteen of the class are now working in war industries—nine are at United Aircraft and the rest have jobs in other large companies. Further study in their particular fields attracted ten members of the class of '43. Physiotherapy, social work, music, art, flying, nursing, zoology, botany, and dietetics are some of the courses upon which they are concentrating.

**Variety of Positions**

Eight alumnae '43 are doing government work, the details of which are strictly confidential. Teaching physical education is now occupying the time of three of the graduates. Two are teaching in nursery schools and another is teaching English in a high school. The Auerbach majors, as would be expected, are at work in

department stores—two at Fox's in Hartford, one at Altman's, one at Bloomingdales, and one at Macy's.

The personnel departments of General Electric, Socony Vacuum, Aetna Life Insurance company, and R. C. A. each have a Connecticut graduate '43 in their employ. Four members of the class are working at the Guaranty Trust company. Busy at typing, shorthand, and dictation are three more who hold secretarial positions.

One graduate is working for Time, and another journalist is working on the Hartford Times. Two donned uniforms by joining the Waves and two more are doing laboratory work. Radio, insurance, and International Business Machine each have one of last

year's graduating class. Twenty-six of the class have not reported their activities to the Personnel Office yet.

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Dr. Scoville has done considerable work in New London being the clinic physician of the Visiting Nurse association. She also belongs to a large number of other organizations, among them the American Student Health association and the American Public Health association.

The appreciation of Dr. Scoville's faithful service by all persons connected with the college was voiced recently by the members of the infirmary staff when they wrote:

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Jodie Jenkins '45 has announced her engagement to Flight Officer Ben Johnson of the R.C.A.F.

In the class of '46, Betty Morse was married to Clu Flu Lusk, an instructor in the Coast Guard Reserve. Jean Howard has announced her engagement to Russell Wilson, a chemist at Merks Chemical company in Rahway, New Jersey. Anne Williamson has announced her engagement to Roland L. Miller, a member of the Navy V12 class at the University of Illinois.

Pithing frogs is a physiological prerequisite which bothers several of Miss Botsford's students. Barbara Wieser '44 had had a little trouble on the first frog so she asked Miss Botsford to help her on the second poor victim. Miss Botsford wanted to know what she would get for being of assistance and Twese guaranteed her a chocolate ice cream cone. Miss Botsford did her part but thought no more about the cone. But, just to show how much Twese appreciated this aid, she ran over to the Snack Bar after class (noticing her heart beat all the way so she could report the increase in activity to Miss Botsford) and brought back a generous chocolate cone. From the smile on Miss Botsford's face at sight of the cone, she would be glad to pith more frogs than she usually does if she could be rewarded this way more often.

**Fees**  
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ferred to students next year are Latin-American studies and one in the study of the Portuguese language, the latter to be taught by a new instructor.

Dr. Schaffter explained that the main purpose of her frequent absences from college has been to acquaint herself with our trustees and alumnae. Next Thursday, January 20, she plans to attend a luncheon in New Jersey to be given in her honor by the alumnae of New York, New Jersey, and Westchester. On Friday, she will be in Washington where there is to be a dinner meeting of the Washington alumnae of the college. Dr. Schaffter described our alumnae as "the best representatives we have," and she added that "It is important that they represent us accurately." Miss Schaffter recalled that the alumnae were so very anxious to know everything going on in college today.

**Desires More Student Contact**  
Dr. Schaffter told the students that her one criticism of her work so far at college is that she does not have enough direct contact with the students, and that this is the first time in 20 years that she has not felt close to a large part of the student body. Miss Schaffter ended her talk by saying that she wants the students to realize that what she is doing directly concerns them and their welfare and that she will report periodically on her travels and activities.

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# Dag, Despite Huge Size, Is Perfect Pet and Companion

by Betty Reiffel '46

Dag, familiar to many a girl at C.C., is a Great Dane. He's a beautiful, graceful, and sleek dog, who, in spite of his huge size, is only five years old. Miss Ruth Stanwood, chairman of the physical education department, acquired Dag when he was just a puppy, and by the time that he was two years old, he had already attained his full height.



DAG

Dag manages to put away more than a pound of meat a day, but this doesn't worry Miss Stanwood since neither horse meat nor canned dog food, which constitute Dag's diet, is rationed. Although he weighs 129 pounds, and is so tall that he can easily see over the top of the dinner table, Dag is very aware of his size and never bumps up against furniture.

**Has Possibilities Show Dog**

Dag is a very friendly dog, and because he makes such a wonderful pet and companion, Miss Stanwood hasn't sent him into the K-9 Corps. The fact that he is so huge makes him almost ineligible for the army anyway. Dr. Bitgood, a veterinarian, advised that Dag be trained as a show dog, but this would be too grueling for the dog, and Miss Stanwood is so fond of him as a pet that she is reluctant to force Dag into the dull life that showing requires.

**Attended Behavior School**

None of the girls on campus have anything on Dag—he went to college for three months! His devoted owner sent him to get some "larnin'" at a dog school in New Jersey. There he was taught to obey ordinary commands and do simple tricks. However, Dag came under the category of "You can't teach an old dog," so he doesn't have much of a repertoire to boast of. These days it's a case of doing tricks when he is good and ready. But he's the kind of a dog that doesn't need a repertoire—he's got the looks and the charm that count! His favorite trick is to sit in somebody's lap.

**Named for Hero of a Book**

In case you're wondering about the origin of Dag's name, Miss Stanwood borrowed the name of the hero of a book she once read.

She had asked a friend for some Danish names which was only proper considering Dag's breed. But the only names that were offered her were too difficult to pronounce, so "Dag" it was.

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