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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS



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## Post-War Problems Need Thought Now Advises President

### These Considerations Are Not Incompatible With War, She Says

Opportunities for broadening the minds of Connecticut College girls were discussed by President Blunt in her chapel address to the students on October 6. The president placed special emphasis upon the values of the convocation series to be presented this year.

"You want to be sure to keep your interests broad, and above all to keep up with events in the world today," declared Miss Blunt. "It is very easy for students to concentrate their interests too much in one field, particularly in the field of their majors," she continued.

The president pointed out that the concerts, extra-curricular activities, specialized lectures and convocations are a deliberate means of keeping students informed.

In announcing the coming of four outstanding speakers next week to lecture upon Problems of Post-War Reconstruction, the president warned against the tendency to overlook the urgency of winning the war first when considering these post-war problems.

"However," she emphasized, "we won the last war but lost the peace because we had failed to determine exactly what we wanted at the conclusion of the fight. The two ideas, that of winning the war and that of winning the peace, are not incompatible."

The president explained that a revolution is going on in our social, economic, and political world now which will prevent the recurrence of our pre-war world, and that a return to the isolation policy after the war would be disastrous.

The president concluded with a request that the students and faculty attend the convocations, to consider the problems presented, but to beware of using such considerations as a means of escape from the problem of winning the war.

## Reverend Adams of Mount Holyoke to Conduct Vespers

The Reverend David E. Adams, associate professor of religion and director of religious activities in Mount Holyoke college, will speak at the vespers service at seven o'clock Sunday night, October 11.

Prof. Adams is a graduate of Dartmouth college and pursued his theological studies in Union theological seminary, New York. For fifteen years he was in the Congregational pastorate, and for five years was assistant professor of religion at Marietta college, Ohio, before assuming his present duties at Mt. Holyoke.

He is a frequent contributor to The Journal of Bible and Religion, official organ of The National Association of Biblical Instructors. He is the author of Man of God, a recent life of Christ (1941), which has aroused considerable comment for its original approach to the subject. Prof. Adams is also interested in the study of worship and the liturgy.

## Attention All Actresses

**WHY . . .** Tryouts for Fall play  
**WHAT . . .** Letters To Lucerne by Fritz Rotter and Allen Vincent. Nine real parts for women!  
**WHEN . . .** Thursday, October 8, 7:30 . . . 9 p.m. Friday, October 9, 4:30 . . . 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE . . .** Palmer Auditorium, room 202.  
**NOTE . . .** Copies of play on reserve, please read before tryouts.

## CC Girls Come From Far Away Despite War

by Nancy Troland '44

Although the number of students attending Connecticut college this year has remained approximately the same in spite of the disturbing influences of the war, statistics show that the geographical distribution of the students has narrowed somewhat. Six distant states, in addition to Germany, Hungary and Sweden, which sent students to Connecticut last year, are no longer represented. The other states and countries on last year's geographical distribution list are still represented.

Heliadora de Mendonca '43 from Brazil is a student again this year at Connecticut. She will graduate with the senior class in spite of having come as a freshman only last year, because she earned additional credits at Columbia University this summer. She has not returned to college yet because of illness.

Puerto Rico is represented by Anita Galindo '46, who confides that she can hardly wait to see her first snow. In addition, Jane Anne Grimley '43 from Quebec is here again this year.

Transportation difficulties may be one reason why Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Washington, Arizona, Utah have no students here this year. The Swedish, German and Hungarian students have all graduated.

Of the 747 girls studying here this winter, 162 are from New York and 161 are from Connecticut. New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois have all sent large groups.

## Value of Generals To be Discussed

Student-Faculty Forum will discuss Four Years of Generals—What We Have Learned, at its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 7, at 8:00 p.m., in the living room of 1937 House.

The faculty represented on the committee are: President Katharine Blunt, Dean E. Alverna Burdick, Dr. Rosemond Tuve, Dr. John Seward, Miss Alice Ramsay, Dr. Chester Destler, Dr. Frank Dr. Morris, Dr. Hanna Hafkerbrink, Dr. Dorothy Bethurum, and Dr. Charles Chakerian.

The newly appointed student representatives include: Betty Gossweiler '43, Louise Radford '43, Marilyn Sworzyn '43, Pat Shaw '44, Frances Smith '44, Pat Hancock '45, Joyce Stoddard '45, and the curriculum committee members: Irene Steckler '43, Betsey Hodgson '43, Barbara Gahm '44, and Anne Hester '45.

## Convocation Series Opens with Symposium On War Aims and Post-War Reconstruction By Schuman, Corey, Kaempffert, and Tillich

### "News" Snaps Some New Faculty



Pictured on the steps of Fanning Hall are a few of the new faculty. Left to right; first row, Dean Mateer, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Schaefer, Miss Gonzalez; second row, Miss Austen, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Suttin, Miss Alter; third row, Miss Worthington, Dr. Cranz, Dr. Destler, and Mr. Hatch. Among the missing were Dr. Quimby, Mr. Cannon, Miss Tupper, Mr. Orbison, Miss McVeigh, Mr. Nova and various assistants.

### To Discuss Roles of Economics, Politics, Science in Peace

"War Aims and Post-War Reconstruction" will be the topic of discussion at the opening convocation series next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14. The lecturers will be Dr. Frederick Schuman, Lewis Corey, Waldemar Kaempffert, and Dr. Paul Tillich.

Dr. Schuman, a foremost writer and lecturer who holds at present the Woodrow Wilson professorship at Williams college, will speak at the first session Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium on The United Nations and a Free World. At 8:00 p.m. that evening Lewis Corey will deal with the economic phases. Mr. Corey, a member of the faculty of Antioch college, not only has lectured extensively but also has written The Crisis of the Middle Class, The Decline of American Capitalism, and other books dealing with the problem.

Science at the Peacetable will be discussed Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. by Waldemar Kaempffert, science editor of the New York Times. The final speaker is to be Dr. Paul Tillich who will lecture on Spiritual Reconstruction during and after the War. A professor of philosophical theology at Union Theological seminary, he has been active in planning con-

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## C. C. War Services Committee Will Hold Rally Oct. 12

Announcing its program of war services and war training, the War Services Committee (the Defense Committee of 1941-42), will sponsor an all-college rally Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, at seven o'clock in the Palmer Auditorium. The services to be rendered on and off campus, and the training courses to be given will be listed. Student and faculty speakers will explain several of the activities listed. Mimeographed registration sheets will be passed around to students at the rally to sign for a specific activity.

Campus-wide attendance at this rally is expected.

## Twilight Recital Given by Dr. Erb

The second in a series of Wednesday Twilight Organ recitals in Harkness Chapel was given at 5:15 today with Dr. J. Lawrence Erb as the guest performer.

Dr. Erb's program included:  
Fantasia in G minor—Bach  
Arioso in the Ancient Style—Rogers  
Summer Fancies—Cole  
Allegretto in E flat—Wolstenholme  
Starlight—MacDowell  
The Swan—Stebbins  
Fugue from the Pastoral Sonata—Rheinberger

The next program in the series will be given on October 28 by Arthur W. Quimby, head of the music department, assisted by Miss Grace Leslie, contralto.

## New Appointments to College Staff Number Thirty-three

New faculty and administration appointments as announced by the President's office show that thirty-three new members have been added to the college staff, including two department heads and a dean of sophomores.

Dr. Chester McArthur Destler had been named chairman of the history department. After receiving his A.B. at the College of Wooster, Dr. Destler achieved his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His diversified teaching experience includes positions at the College of Ozarks, the University of Chicago; Albion college; Georgia Teachers' college, where he was head of the social science department; and summer school teaching at Tulane, North Carolina, and Cornell. He was senior author of Studies in Social Progress, University of Georgia press; and has published many articles, including eight in the Dictionary of American History.

Succeeding Dr. J. Lawrence Erb as head of the music department is Mr. Arthur W. Quimby, who received his A.B. from Harvard and studied organ and theory at Paris and Leipzig. He served as assistant curator of music at the Museum of Art, Cleveland, and later was associate professor of music at the Flora Stone Mather college in Western Reserve university.

### New Dean of Sophomores

The new dean of sophomores, Miss Dorothy Mateer, is also lecturer in English. An A.B. from Bryn Mawr, she has attended Bedford college, University of London and has taught English in the College of Wooster, the Dalton schools and at the summer sessions of the University of Chicago and Claremont college. Dean Mateer is now preparing a book on Brazil as a result of a year of travel and research in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile during 1940-41.

Mr. Irving Cannon, lecturer in fine arts, gained his A.B. at Antioch and his A.M. at Columbia. For many years he was engaged in architecture and allied engi-

neering, but in 1924 he became assistant professor of art at Antioch, and more recently has been the head of the department of the history of art at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Assistant professor of music is Miss Martha Alter, a graduate of Vassar, who received her A.M. at Columbia. Twice holder of the Vassar Alumnae Fellowship, she has taught at Vassar and at the Eastman School of Music, in addition to which she has composed over seventy compositions and songs to symphonic works.

Among the new appointees as instructors are Dr. F. Edward Cranz, history; Dr. Carmen Gonzalez, Spanish; Mr. David Hatch, economics and sociology; Dr. Jean Johnston, chemistry; Dr. Gina Racca, Italian and French; Dr. Alice Schaefer, mathematics; Dr. Vivian Sutton, English; Miss Ruth Thomas, physical education; Mrs. Martha Tupper, home economics; Miss Jane Worthington, English; and Mr. William Orbi-

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## Freshmen, Sophomores Grab Pen—Win the Ten

Quarterly, our campus magazine, is offering a \$10 prize of defense stamps for the two best pieces of original writing contributed by a Freshman and Sophomore.

The desire to write—poetry, essays, short stories, articles, and humor—is the only qualification necessary for entrance in this contest. The prize winners and the two girls receiving honorable mention will become members of Quarterly Board.

The Quarterly Board assisted by a member of the faculty will be the judges.

Drop as many contributions as you wish to make in the Quarterly box in Fanning by November 1st.

Grab your pen and win the ten!



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## A Wartime Welcome

By now the freshmen are all beginning to feel pretty much at home and, with the exception of possible qualms over the "C" quiz this coming Friday, probably consider themselves quite acclimated. In former years we would wish them a hearty welcome and offer our assistance in any way to help them along. Wholeheartedly we do the same now; however, this year there is more to be said than just that—there are things that you, the new members of our community can do for us and for our college in general.

This fall there has been a great deal of discussion as to the merits of women's colleges being allowed to continue at their usual speed while men's colleges are drastically condensing their terms. On us, therefore, falls the responsibility of showing that our type of college program can be just as beneficial as an accelerated one. We are being given the chance to receive a full, well-rounded cultural education so that we will have the type of knowledge and development which is essential whether it be in a period of war or of peace.

In recognition for this privilege, it is the least we can do to make the most of our leisure time and to apply it toward a constructive end. Here is where we call on you, the incoming freshmen, as well as on the upperclassmen to find your particular job for the year and to stick to it.

At the beginning of a new year all sorts of opportunities are open for us to allocate ourselves to the sort of extra-curricular work we like best. The newly reorganized War Service committee offers a splendid field for those of us who want to do something directly connected with the war effort. Service League, Wig and Candle, Quarterly, and the numerous clubs are all anxious to have volunteers to carry on their activities. Any one of these fields will help in broadening our interests and our outlooks. Now is the time to get in the run of things and to stay there!

So to you, the class of '46, we say—have a good four years here at C.C.; organize your time so that you do your work thoughtfully and systematically, and join us in an active program of participation—and we know that along with us you will grow to love and to respect our college and the principles for which it stands.

## Will You Be There?

In past years this space in News has been devoted to stinging editorials, subtly or openly urging students to attend Convocation. This year, is this urging necessary?

The Convocation series opens with a symposium, Problems of Post-War Reconstruction. Four experts will discuss the problems to be met by political organization, economics, science, and philosophy in reconstructing the world after World War II. Students will be given a chance to question the lecturers, discuss their ideas on the subject Wednesday at a student-faculty forum, and study pertinent material on reserve in the library. The faculty have cooperated by lessening assignments for Tuesday and Wednesday.

## 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:

I always thought the "poor old seniors" were mostly myth or at least just something to sing about—but it has hit me with a big, terrific, tremendous bang that I am a poor old senior. And why have I suddenly developed this conspicuous complex you ask—and I shout in reply—where are the men of my former years, serving their country as they should! That's all well and good, house parties were never meant for seniors. We don't begrudge the freshmen and the sophomores and even the juniors the pleasures we ourselves delighted in, week-ends in New Haven and meetings at the Biltmore, but we do begin to question our very existence when we hear that the sub-base has held a dance for Under Classmen to introduce them to the new officers. All I want to know is—do we really look that senile, settled, studious and stoogy?

Complexes are dangerous things—you can never tell where they may lead! What do you think?

A poor old senior who doesn't want to stay poor and certainly doesn't feel her twenty years (not one grey hair, honest!)

Dear Editor:

This summer my Koine was being passed around among my friends and the prevalent comment was that there were not enough views of buildings and campus scenes. They give no visual picture of Connecticut College. They suggested that an improvement could be made along this line. I presented this idea to some members of the class of '44, and they also agreed that the book should be more pictorial of Connecticut College. I thought I would pass this criticism along to the Koine staff.

Sincerely,  
Mary E. Crockett '44

Dear Editor:

Before the last fifty tickets available for the concert series are all sold, I would like to add one final expression of enthusiasm to tell the girls who

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Apathy and fence-sitting on the question of America's part in the war having well disappeared since Pearl Harbor, must we wait until a future Versailles before they disappear regarding the problem of post-war reconstruction?

### "News" Joins the Battle

With no malice of forethought we find that the release of our first News of the year is perfectly timed to fit into the celebration of National

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## Calendar . . .

<b>Thursday, October 8</b>	
Choir Rehearsal	4:30 Chapel
Transfer Students' Meeting	5:15 Fanning 308
Freshman Concert	7:30 Windham Living Room
Mathematics Club Meeting	7:30 Fanning 315
Wig and Candle Tryouts	7:30 Auditorium 202
<b>Friday, October 9</b>	
Wig and Candle Tryouts	4:30 Auditorium 202
Interclub Council	5:15 Branford
"C" Quiz	6:45 Houses
Sophomore Party for Freshmen	7:45 Gym
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	
Choir Rehearsal	6:00 Chapel
Rev. D. E. Adams, Vespers	7:00 Chapel
<b>Monday, October 12</b>	
Senior Song Rehearsal	4:45 Knowlton
All Student Rally	7:00 Auditorium 202
<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>	
Convocation, Frederick Schuman	4:20 Auditorium
Convocation, Lewis Corey	8:00 Auditorium
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	
Student Forum	11:00 a.m. Auditorium
Convocation, Waldemar Kaempffert	4:00 Auditorium
Convocation, Paul Tillich	8:00 Auditorium



Home was never like this!

## O. M. I.

(Office of More Information)

by Mary Lou Elliott '43

### What Next in Argentina?

President Ramon Castillo of Argentina, whose government has not been overly cooperative with ours, received last week a vote from the Chamber of Deputies to sever relations with the Axis. This same Chamber defied the Court of Appeals by refusing to release two police officers who had insulted one of the Deputies at a public meeting held to express Argentina's solidarity with Brazil. Although Castillo and the conservative Senate will probably ignore the proposal, and the officers were freed, in these and similar incidents lie a hope that the majority of the people of that Latin American country are pro-United Nations.

The German propaganda agents, however, are very much on the job. With their news-sheet, El Pampero, banned from the mails, they now distribute at noon and after work El Momento Argentino which is cleverly given to newsboys virtually free, and which sell for ten centavos. This paper attacks the Monroe Doctrine, Harold Ickes, "U. S. Secretary of State," as leader of U. S. imperialistic aims in South America, and any liberal, pro-democratic stands. To counteract the great abundance of Axis material there have been chain letters, pamphlets, the newspaper La Prensa, and Oro Lanus' book Campo Minado (which was suppressed) against Castillo, his foreign Minister, Enrique Ruiz Guinazu, and other pro-Nazi elements in the government. The next few months will no doubt bring the important decision of Argentine sympathies.

### Why Appease Vichy?

Many of us students along with others are now asking why our country continues to appease the Vichy government as there are so many obvious indications of their intentions, first under the fossilage of Petain and now the Nazism of Laval. Dakar is being evacuated and according to Tass the French air lines are under German control.

### New Committee for Congress

Last week in the House Representative Dirksen of Illinois proposed

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## BOOK REVIEW

by Betsey Pease

An historical novel significant today, Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace is a colorful and rich tableau of humanity, a convincing picture of the world as a whole and in detail. Neither abstractions, superlatives, nor expletives can describe the universality of War and Peace, "the greatest novel ever written," in the opinions of John Galsworthy, E. M. Forster, and Hugh Walpole.

Tolstoy's subject, Russia of the Napoleonic era and its people, mostly of the aristocracy or gentry, serves as an example of the vast workings of civilization. Two parts of the novel can be distinguished; one concerns the military movements and the motives of the people and their leaders at war; the other deals with the daily lives of a group of wealthy young people. The family and social relationships of the people illustrate the primitive as well as the cultured characteristics of the Russians—their loves, their religion and ethics, their delight in debate, their family unity—all of which can be applied to any national group.

Tolstoy presents a philosophy of history which, refuting the theory that a group of men or any single man can control the events of history through their peculiar will, asserts that events occur as a result of innumerable previous happenings built around the abstract term, "power." Too often on the battlefield tactics are not carried out as the general and his staff direct; some external factor intercedes—perhaps it could be termed "momentum"—and carries on the flow of events in a logical and unalterable course. For example, why didn't Napoleon stop before he reached Moscow in 1812? His army as well as that of the Russians' was weakened beyond fighting capacity; Moscow was being burned and salvaged by its occupants; nevertheless, the French pushed on with no concrete purpose, loitered around the city, and then retreated southward and home; the Moscowites returned from the hills, and all was substantially as before. Other, more detailed examples make Tolstoy's "power" theory clear by way of his excellent and authentic accounts of

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## C. C. Attracts 103 Students to Second Summer Session

### Curriculum Included Courses Vital to War In 8 Weeks Schedule

For the second time in its history, Connecticut college threw open its gates to all aspiring summer students. Some came to equip themselves for secretarial work in defense centers, some, working under the new acceleration plan, to earn credits, and others just for the love of learning.

Summer school was in session from June 29 through August 22. The total registration numbered 103 students, 102 women and one man, ages ranging from 16 to 60. Among the student body were 39 high school graduates, 14 Junior Alumnae, 36 now studying at various colleges and universities all over the country, and 14 college graduates. There were 80 day students in addition to the 23 residents who lived at 1937 House.

Among the courses offered were accounting, chemistry, report-writing, shorthand, typing, government, and psychology. From the report of Hedy Seligsohn '45 who attended, the four classes per day schedule left little time for much indulgence at the beach.

Sidelights of the session included a current events discussion led by Miss Marjorie Dilley, and a picnic in Buck Lodge. The opening of the submarine yard in July was attended by the student body en masse. President Blunt made a short speech at the dedication, and the students formed a V for victory.

Miss Elena Mysterly acted as housefellow in '37 House for the first half of the session. Mrs. Edna Webster took over the second half of the term. Mary Anna Lemon '42 who took a secretarial course, acted as assistant housefellow.

Some of the C.C. junior and graduate alumnae in attendance were: Muriel Harrison '39, Madeline Sawyer '39, Mary Anna Lemon '42, Joan Henninger '44, Certrude Prosser '45, Farlee Eaton '45, and Hedwig Seligsohn '45.

## Dr. Chester Destler Delves in Athletics, Research, Liberal Politics and Biography

by Mary Lou Elliott '43

Chatting with the new head of the history and government department, Dr. Chester Destler, one could not help being assured that here is a friendly, good-natured liberal, a real addition to our campus. When he said he's been having "a big time," it was easy to jump to the conclusion that he was at one time from the south. So he was, but his birthplace was Wyncote, Penna., and his high school days were spent in Cincinnati, with a short period in New York thrown in. He'll tell you with a twinkle in his blue eyes that at Wooster, a co-ed college in Ohio, he had the "usual fun"; but it's only bit by bit that one can get him to tell of his successes there. Even with all the responsibilities of being president of the Men's Self Government, he was an enthusiastic member of the literary and oratorical societies. His broad-shouldered trim physique suggests athletics and true enough, it wasn't long until he was reminiscing about his football, track, and tennis days. Since he coached them later, we have a good suspicion he was a real athletic star.

Upon graduating, though not even twenty-one years old, he took a professorship of history and social science at the College of the Ozarks. After three years there of teaching, coaching tennis and track, and scouting for football, he had saved enough capital to take graduate work at the University of Chicago, where his main interest was recent American history. While there he was



DR. CHESTER DESTLER

a research assistant working with Miss Bessie Pierce on the History of Chicago, of which several volumes already have appeared. Albion college in Michigan was his next step. Completing three years as an assistant professor and tennis coach, he went into the deep south and joined the Georgia University system. As chairman of the division of Social Sciences at Georgia Teachers, he saw the workings of a small town and also the benefits of the university system.

A long search for the town library one afternoon, and the inadequate conditions he found

there, were the inspiration for much of the work he has done since then. As chairman of the University system's library committee, he made great steps forward, especially in the work of the Book-mobiles. With the southern circulation of literature one-fourth the nation's average, he faced a tremendous problem, but in his county he doubled the national average. When he finally obtained libraries for Negroes, the project of collecting books was offered a grant from the Rosenwald fund. One summer while working at Harvard on his extensive biography of Henry Demarest Lloyd, the nineteenth century liberal, he found that he had been purged (something to be proud of) from Georgia by Talmadge, then the reactionary governor of that state. As fortune would have it, he was offered the chairmanship of the social sciences at Elmire college, where he taught last year.

He persuaded the daughter of Dr. Irving Hardesty, emeritus chairman of the anatomy department of Tulane, to retire to private life as his wife. She had been acting secretary of the Council of Social Agencies in New Orleans. They have two little boys—Paul, aged four and a half, and Mac, aged three. Dr. Destler grinned as he told of Paul's ability to kick a rubber football at the age of two.

### A. A. Bikes Kept in Plant

The two A.A. bikes kept in the basement of Plant may be used for two hour periods by anyone who signs for them.

### Bishop W. Lawrence Speaks at Vespers On Christian Life

The Right Reverend W. Appleton Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, spoke at Vespers on Sunday, October 4, on the convictions and life of a Christian as distinguished from that of the ordinary person. Bishop Lawrence said that a Christian should lead, "a quality of life stemming from convictions." He believes in God the Father as "the way, the truth, and the life," and in "the fellowship of all creeds, colors, and classes as children of God."

Bishop Lawrence explained that God must be worshipped not as a God who acts as a magician or a Santa Claus, but as a God who cares and punishes as a Father. Christ said, "He that giveth his life for my sake shall find it." We must learn that the joy of giving, to a person or to a cause, adds meaning to life. If you believe in the Holy Ghost, you must believe that "you are a soul and you have a body." We, as God's children are part of the spiritual power which has survived all struggles between classes and nations.

Bishop Lawrence concluded with the challenge that we, as Christians, realizing that a nation's greatness depends on the character and convictions of its people, will live according to these convictions, so that the difference between Christians and ordinary people will be apparent to all.

### Tryouts for Press Board on Oct. 7-8

Press Board announces that the annual tryouts will be held Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, in Fanning 110 A by appointment. Those who are interested are requested to sign up on the appointment schedule which will be posted on the Press Board bulletin board in Fanning.

The purpose of Press Board is to publicize the activities of the college and of its students. Members act as paid correspondents for local, out-of-town, and out-of-state newspapers.

### Typists Urged to Donate Services to War Effort

Volunteer typists are needed! The New London Report Center in City Hall needs typists for the afternoons, Monday through Friday, from three to five o'clock. Students interested in this service are asked to see Mrs. Grace Setterhome, newly appointed assistant to the War Services Committee, in 213 Fanning Hall.

## Typing and Spanish are Most Popular Studies This Summer

by Phyllis Schiff '43

"And what did YOU do this summer?" is a question which remains the same year after year, but the summer of '42 has furnished some amazing answers. It will take more than one issue of News to give all the facts and figures, but this quick survey of the actions of many C.C.-ers who did not actually hold down jobs these past three months reveals some impressive happenings.

### Summer Schools Popular

Summer school drew many ambitious scholars. Our own Lolly Bobrow '44 gained fame at Columbia while studying Radio Script writing. Lolly has had a script accepted by the O.C.D. and it is soon to be broadcasted.

Typing and Spanish were favorite summer school subjects. Betty Rabinowitz '44 studied these at Columbia and Marion Kane '44 conquered Spanish at Trinity. Mona Friedman '44 and Louise "Skip" Rosensteil '44 were also at Columbia, while Nancy Stecher '43 studied at Western Reserve, Zoe Haskell '45 at Boston University, and Louise Markley '45 at N.Y.U. There were others like Nance Funston '45, Helen Crawford '44, and Shirley Krasne '45 who attended secretarial schools.

Barbara Snow '44 represented C.C. at the Hudson Shore Labor School, while both Marilyn Swor-

zyn '43 and Mary Lou Elliot '43 attended International Student Service institutes. Marilyn was back at Compobello Island, New Brunswick, as a student assistant under the direction of Robert MacIver of Columbia and Mary Lou was at the Asheville Institute in North Carolina, which was directed by Dr. Edwin Mims Jr. and Louise Morley.

Accelerated programs in men's schools meant fewer dates at home but added a new note, summer college houseparties. Virginia Weber '44 says Dartmouth will do winter or summer and Virginia Bowman '45 can vouch for Princeton. Louise Markley '45, Carol Chandler '45, Barbara Riggs '45, and Shirley Krasne '45, all made trips to New Haven for summer festivities at Yale.

### Campus versus Colleges

People who predict that college girls will soon prefer weekends at Devens and Dix to Dartmouth and D.K.E.'s can ask Marilyn Bard '45 about her trip to the Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill.

And we can't help envying Keny Hewitt '44 who spent her vacation at Fort Monroe, Virginia, learning Spanish from four Brazilian Army officers.

This is just a sample, so if you want a real taste don't be afraid to ask—"And what did YOU do this summer?"

## I. Steckler Chosen Vice-President in Stu. G. Re-election

### Upperclassmen Vote On Officers for Various Class Jobs

Irene Steckler '43 was elected vice president of Student Government through the elections held in senior, junior, and sophomore class meetings during this past week. In her sophomore year Irene was treasurer of the Student Industrial Group and a member both of the House of Representatives and of Student Faculty Forum. Last year, as a junior, Irene was again a member of Student Faculty Forum as well as being a member of the Curriculum committee and house president of Windham.

Other officers were elected at each meeting to fill various class positions. In the senior meeting on October 1, the following were chosen: Honor court justice: Frances Yeames; Student Faculty Forum: Marilyn Sworzyn and Louise Radford; Curriculum committee: Betsy Hodgson; Cheer Leaders: Betty Crouch and Jean Forman; and Class Marshal: Katharine Johnson.

In the junior class meeting on September 30 votes were cast for members of the mascot committee, whose identity must remain secret until Junior banquet.

Dean Dorothy Mateer spoke to the sophomores at their meeting on September 29, and the following offices were filled: temporary song leader: Marilyn Bard; Curriculum committee: Anne Hester, and Student Faculty Forum: Joyce Stoddard and Patricia Hancock.

## Military Forces, Government Work, Engage Former Faculty

by Marilyn Sworzyn '43

From the military forces, from the Nation's Capital, and from other colleges comes word of many busy former Connecticut faculty who are taking an active part in the war effort. Many employers on the maintenance staff have also left to take war jobs.

Dr. Robert Gagne, instructor in psychology in 1940-1941, who is now in the Psychological Research Unit of the Army Air Force at Maxwell Field, Alabama, has just recently graduated from Officer's Training with top academic honors. Dr. Gagne, who writes that he is awaiting orders, received an extra large diploma, a medal, and a silver cup which he had to return after fondling it for a brief time. Dr. David McClelland, who succeeded Dr. Gagne, is now teaching psychology at Wesleyan.

### Miss Priest Going Abroad

Miss Eleanor Priest, for twelve years a member of the physical education department, has been recreation worker with the American Red Cross at the Base Hospital, Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, since June 15. Miss Priest has now received her order for overseas duty.

Ensign John Cochran of the U.S. Maritime Service, former instructor in history, has been stationed at Fort Trumbull since he left the teaching staff last year. Dr. Angelo Lanza, assistant professor of romance languages, is with the Office of War Information. Mr. Henry Hitchcock, Jr., lecturer in fine arts, is associate librarian in the Bureau of Aeronautics, at the Navy Department. Miss Elizabeth Ebert, assistant in fine arts, is in charge of the clerical and stenographic staff in the same office as Mr. Hitchcock. Mr.

Winslow Ames, lecturer in fine arts, is now with the American Friends Service.

M.I.T. has Dr. John Carter, assistant in English, as a member of its English department. Mr. Howard Bridgman, instructor in economics, is with the economics division of the Planning Commission, War Man Power Board.

Miss Mildred McKenzie, manager of the College Inn, is now a dietitian at the faculty house at Wellesley. Nurse Mary Carpenter, formerly at the Infirmary, is a lieutenant in the Army Nurses' Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Nurse Mary Thompson left to work nearer her home town.

### Miss Davidson at Storrs

Miss Marion Davidson, secretary to Dean Burdick, is in charge of the Community House at the University of Connecticut. Miss Margaret Davis, assistant in home economics, has a fellowship at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. J. Lawrence Erb, professor emeritus of music, remains in close contact with the college from his home on Williams Street. Miss Ray Ballard, assistant professor of music, returned to Georgia to be with her mother. Ruth Babcock Stevens, alumnae assistant in music, is with her husband who is at a navy station down south.

Bethy Anderson, alumnae assistant in botany, is now Mrs. Jacob Verdun. She is with her husband who is teaching in the botany department at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Dr. Margaret McLean, assistant in chemistry, is doing research at Yale on a problem related to the war effort. Dr. Colston E. Warne, visiting associate professor of economics, is associate professor of economics at Amherst.



**IT'S YOUR WAR**

by Marilyn Sworzyn

"Time is short" has grown to be a classic phrase in these times when we are striving to make every minute count toward victory. In the case of the November 3 congressional elections the brevity of time in which to act is measurable to the very day.

"And what can I do about it all now, and besides, I can't vote," is the retort of many well-meaning students and citizens. This very attitude can and will probably be the reason why many unworthy candidates will be returned to Congress. The real power still rests in the people of this country, yet many overlook this fact in shirking the responsibility of electing the proper candidates to exercise their delegated power. If we are too young to cast our ballot in November for the qualified candidate, we can expend our energy in persuading our parents and voting friends to vote down the obstructionists.

Another familiar John Q. Public retort is "Suppose one obstructionist does get in, what great harm can one man do?" Hamilton Fish, hailing from the New York 26th district of Dutchess County, is exhibit A in refuting that case. The same Mr. Fish, who gave free postal franks to Nazi propaganda, if reelected will continue to be the ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In this role his position of seniority will have considerable influence on the U.S. war and post war policy. Ham Fish is but one example of the many obstructionists who are very likely to be returned to Congress if too many honest voters continue to be defeatist instead of activists.

We have already seen the ill effects of politics as usual in sabotaging our war effort; Congress came close to stymie-ing the anti-inflation program, and nationwide gasoline rationing is practically taken for granted as a post-election procedure. Every delay in the needed action places us that much further from victory.

Many of us frown and very often justifiably, upon politics as an evil instrument. Politics in the form of adhering closely to party lines even to the point of backing any unqualified candidate, must be ruled out. We cannot deny the fact, however, that legitimate politics, when used for a worthy end, can achieve a great good. For example, Tom Eliot of Massachusetts, one of the most promising young Congressmen in recent years, was put into office in 1940 chiefly through the concerted efforts of Harvard students who actively backed and campaigned for him. Despite Mr. Eliot's splendid congressional record, the wrong kind of politics was responsible for restricting him out of the 1942 candidacy.

Last Spring the New Republic printed a Victory Supplement with a tabulation of how every Congressman voted on certain major national and international issues. This week the New Republic has in another Vote for Victory supplement, compiled for voter consumption the latest available data on congressional candidates. The New Republic is not to be taken as the bible on how to vote, but it should be valued for the facts it offers on candidates.

We can't stand by apathetically and see a Congress returned to Washington which will hinder rather than hasten our war effort. Don't forget, "Time is Short."

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**I. R. C. to Expand Activities; Relief Map is Planned**

A large relief map to be exhibited in the library, plans for International Weekend, commissions on the Near and Far East, The End of Imperialism, and Latin America will be some of the projects discussed tonight, Wednesday, October 7, at the opening meeting of International Relations club at 8 p.m. in 113 New London Hall. All interested freshmen and upperclassmen are invited to attend.

This year the club will work more closely with the language clubs, Religious Council and Student Industrial Group, in an effort to create a greater understanding of international problems, announces Barbara Snow '44, club president. In addition to student discussions the club plans to bring to the campus several prominent speakers on international affairs.

A member of the freshman class will be chosen as club secretary at the opening meeting.

**Dean Burdick, Transfers Attend Cabinet Coffee**

Dean Burdick and thirty-two transfer students were the guests of Cabinet at an after dinner coffee on Thursday, October 1, in Windham. Vera Bluestone '43, who transferred for her sophomore and junior years to Leland Stanford, was the only senior guest. Ten junior transfers and twenty-one sophomore transfers attended.

**Cupid Covers Co-ed Courses Of Model Majors in Matrimony**

by Alice Adams '44

Once more we play at being Cupid but having no beau we shall simply point the arrows at our nearest celebrities. Our celebrities are those who have moved from whatever state they lived in to the state of matrimony and those who are about to cross the boundary line.

In the class of '43 we have four new wives but only two additional resident ones. Ruth Wilson was married to Lt. j.g. Mat M. Cain Jr. on July 7, and has not returned to school. As Gus '43 said at Amalgamation meeting the other night, Nancy Crook, former v.p. of Stu. G., decided to become Mrs. Sherwood Martin and is now living in Pittsburgh. Sally Wagner '43 has done a unique job of maintaining the status quo. She has returned to school and kept her last name for the simple reason that her husband's name is Wagner, too. When calling, please ask for Mrs. Austin Wagner. Also Marge Fee is now Mrs. Raymond Manning.

To give you a fuller and more complete picture of the marriage statistics of this year's senior class, we have three more wives who didn't return to school. Debbie Burton is Mrs. Wallace Adler. Jane Geckler is Mrs. Charles Sellbach and Virginia Rowley is Mrs. John T. Morris.

Several members of the class of '43 have announced their engagements during the summer: Ann Christensen to Frank Carmen, Anne Godcheaux to Joe Pollack, Janet Ayers to Bud Leach, Fran-nie Adams to Robert Crane and Beth Smith who has not returned, to Charles Livesey.

In the class of '44, Joan Schreuder married Roger Banner during the summer and has returned to college. Sue Marquis has announced her engagement to John Ewing, and Margaret Johnson wears an attractive left hand third finger gadget, the gift of John Bayer.

In the class of '45 Lynn Williams is now Mrs. Louis Wright but she has not returned to school. Lucille Klau has announced her engagement to Bob Stern, Marjory Schwalbe is engaged to L. E. Freund and Almy Scudder has announced her engagement to J. S. L. Wharton.

We have such an inferiority complex after writing up all these engagements and marriages that

we couldn't deflate our ego to the extent of asking how many freshmen are married or thinking about it. By the next issue, however, we should be able to withstand the blow so in case we have injured any freshman's feelings just drop your name and your fiance's or your husband's in the News box on the first floor of Fanning and we will try to right any errors.

**All Freshman Choir At First Vespers**

by Constance Smith '43

A splendid performance by the Freshman choir at the first college Vespers, held on Sunday evening, September 28, gave the college an indication of the fine talent to be found in the Freshman class. Under the direction of Mr. Arthur Quimby, professor of music, the choir sang Rachmaninoff's "Glorious Forever" and a "Chorale" by Bach. Although these 45 freshmen had had only two rehearsals, they sang as though they had practiced together many times. Their tone quality was lovely, and their voices were

very well-blended. At the end of the service, the response by Charles Clemens was sung with a soft, but rich tone. By their excellent performance the freshmen have set a fine precedent for the college choir.

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# C.C. Tradition and WPB L85 Keep 1942 Fashions Alive

by Norma Pike '44

A blending of the old and new—a clever combination of C.C. tradition and L85—added to the success of the Junior-Freshman Fashion Show, under the direction of Stratton Nicolson and Trudy Weinstock, held Saturday, October 3, at 2 o'clock in Knowlton Salon.

The models from the junior class wore their own clothes, which were commented upon by Stratton Nicolson while Libby Travis provided the musical background. The show divided itself into two sections. During the first half, the type of clothes appropriate for week-ending at men's colleges were modeled.

After a C.C. variation on "Let's Get Away From It All," the models took us with them to Yale for the Yale-Harvard game where Ginny Weber wore a beige herringbone suit with matching top coat, hat, and bag for travelling and the game. Franny Smith had on a dressy, red wool with leather bows for dinner. Sue Marquis donned a draped, Yale blue silk dress for dancing. June McDermott wore a light blue wool for a dressing Sunday morning and Corky McCorkindale was her foil in a casual, grey flannel suit and saddles for the athletic Sunday morning.

At Princeton was Rusty Grosvenor in her blue and brown plaid dress, matching calot, and kolinsky fur piece. Jean Estes wore a grey country suit with a shadow plaid in it for the game. Later for dinner at Nassau Inn, Sue Balderston had on her black wool and fur jacket. Marge Geupel was there too in a striking purple wool with a dash of a purple velvet bow in her blond hair. Later that evening at the dance, Dawn Aurell had on a changeable blue taffeta evening gown. Jean Kindland wore her green and yellow wool.

Up at Dartmouth for Winter Carnival where it's a long white Christmas was Skip Rosenstiel in a tailored beige wool dress and short fur jacket. Trudy Weinstock travelled in a cherry skirt with a boxcoat, pill-box hat and bag to match, for late afternoon and evening. Sizzle Hotchkiss and Sylvia Haff wore frosty white wools, Mary White kept warm outdoors in a green-hooded, white coat, while Jane Bridgewater kept warm indoors by means of her beige topped, green skirted, oak leaf pocketed woolen dress.

We seven-leagued it from Hanover to New York city where Mac Cox and Jean Estes were the sophisticated metropolitanites at the Biltmore. Mac wore a black silk dress, black coat and hat which were leopard trimmed, and leopard mittens. Jean had on a black silk dress in the new pencil silhouette. For "This Is the Army" and later "La Rue" were Lib Williams and Mary White in well-tailored black suits and gay accessories.

In the second half of the show, the models presented correct garb for C.C. campus wear.

Corky McCorkindale hurried to class in blue jeans. Charlotte Hillas kept dry in the proverbial sou'wester. "Athletic" Algie Adams bore up under the weight of a catcher's mask, shin guards, gym suit, croquet racquet, baseball bat, and tennis racquet. Bobby Pilling, "Killer" Kane, and Pat Trenor wore the traditional skirt and sweater. Jane Bridgewater had on her plaid coat with its fur lining peeking through on the tuxedo front, a red scarf over her hair, huge white, decorated mittens, and stadium boots.

Trudy Weinstock and Sylvia Haff floated down the aisle in "angel robes" with their halos following after them. Sue Marquis wore a black dinner dress for a C.C. concert. Lib Wallace had on a cerise and green silk, ballerina length evening gown, ballerina slippers, and long cerise gloves.

Then came the air raid number with girls in pajamas—male and female—nightgowns, and carrying dolls and dogs.

Original lyrics to the tune of "There'll Be Some Changes Made" were sung and with laughter and appreciative applause the junior-freshman fashion show of 1942 ended.

## Book Review

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military engagements. This "power" rests in the hands of all the people concerned. The author's story of a group of people, their intimate lives over a period of some thirty years, serves to emphasize the relationship between world events and characters, if such a colossal task is possible.

Pierre and Natasha are two of the most colorful characters in the book; in the beginning both move in entirely unharmonious circles and lead discordant lives. Natasha, naive, romantic and esthetic, lives for society. Pierre, a hard, skeptical, self-centered man, lives for himself. Through several disappointing and unfortunate love affairs, Natasha grows up to be a woman—devoted to her husband, Pierre, and family—with no social interests whatsoever. Pierre, on the other hand, after being forced into society, makes solid friends, becomes socially and religiously minded, joins the army, and learns that man must cooperate with his fellows to reach the ultimate goal of happiness, which he, likewise, finds in his family.

Both the momentous and the trivial, the serious and the humorous, appear in War and Peace. For its variety, if not for its uni-

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versality and timeliness, Tolstoy's early novel of the Russians' struggle against the physical deprivations and the mental upsets of war should certainly be read by everyone. Not until you have read War and Peace can you appreciate the greatness of it.

## Musical Talent of Freshman Class to Present a Recital

A freshman music recital will be held as the opening meeting of the Music club at eight o'clock on the night of October 8. The recital, which will be presided over by Jean Corby '43, president of the Music club, will be held in Windham Salon. Approximately ten freshmen will participate, and everyone is cordially invited to attend the recital.

A tentative program has already been planned. A few more members of the freshman class will be added later to the list.

Peggy Blocker will sing Such a Little Fellow, accompanied on the piano by Harriet Kuhn. Elsie Williams will play Consolation by Liszt. Barbara Morris will sing the Land of the Sky Blue Water by Cadman and When I Was Seventeen. Mary Margaret Topping will play The Sunken Cathedral by Debussy. Louise Enequist will play the first Arabesque of Debussy. Dorothy Poust will sing but has not yet chosen her selection. Loona Henry will sing the Flower Song by Lare and the Norwegian Candle by Morel. Margery Watson will play the Polonaise in A Major by Chopin. Allison Rose will sing Summertime by Gershwin, accompanied by Ann Hogate. Betty Lyman will sing Because.

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## Frosh "Dated" for Big Soph Weekend

by Barbara Swift '45

Plans are now in progress for the evening of October 9th, when the class of '46 will be entertained at a bang-up party given by their Soph sisters. Specific details as to what's going to happen aren't out yet, but it seems there's to be a wild houseparty weekend crowded into one night. 'Tis rumored that after the houseparty, which will be staged in the gym, there will be doughnuts and cider in the sophomore houses for the visiting frosh.

Connecticut used to carry on the old initiation tradition until the class of '42 decided to inaugurate the gentler party tradition.

Sophomores in blue jeans will pick up their "dates," (in skirts, please). Watch the bulletin board for the appointed hour.

P.S. Free lolly-pops for all!

## Home Econ. Club to Aid in War Effort

The Community Education Committee, which will put up nutrition and child development displays downtown, was chosen at the first meeting of the Home Economics club on October 6 in Buck Lodge. Margaret Nash '44 and Dorothy Chapman '44 were

elected co-chairmen of the new committee. Barbara Barlow '44 was chosen secretary of the club.

Under the presidency of Jean Kohlberger '43, the Home Economics club plans to resume its work at the Mission House and take an active part in the war effort on campus.

After a picnic supper, Jean Kohlberger welcomed the freshman members and led a discussion of the tentative plans of the club for the coming year. The meeting was adjourned after an open discussion of the work members had done over the summer.

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# C. C. Flocks to New Snack Bar For Music, Food and Fun

by Mary Willard Lewis '44

The latest addition to the Connecticut College campus is the Sandwich Shop, or Snack Bar, located in the basement of East House. Judging from the number of patrons and the busyness of the waitresses, it appears as if most of the college has already made its acquaintance. The low ceilinged, gaily curtained room with its attractively modernistic air, is decorated chiefly in blue and grey, and is equipped with many small tables and chairs as well as with stools at the fountain. From the latter we behold the variety of purchases that can be made (pocket book and scales permitting): sandwiches, sodas, ice cream cones, hot dogs, candy, cookies, and, of course, that old stand-by—coke. Cokes, hamburgers, and hot dogs constitute the "piece de resistance," if popularity be the judge. All of the food is obtained from various concerns in New London. As yet there has been no shortage of cokes, although rationing is in effect, but such an occurrence may be looked for every now and then, say the authorities.

Glancing about the room during "rush hours," which are usually from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 5 to 6 as well, we see more or less of a cross section of college life outside the classroom: girls spasmodically letter-writing; others intent upon "knit one purl one" whether it's socks for the army or a fuzzy sweater; and the majority deep in the discussion of anything from Plato's Republic to the latest New Yorker. From the general scene arises a wave of chatter, smoke, and laughter, occasionally submerged by the tune of the nickelodeon.

Yes, the Snack Bar is fast becoming a social center on campus and is greatly appreciated by these who are using it as a pleasant break from their work. But the students are not the only ones favored, for the faculty too have been supplied with a recreational center—the Faculty Lounge which consists of a hallway, living room and dining room just above the Sandwich Shop. The dining room, very attractively decorated in red and grey, accommodates from forty to fifty people at a time and is the most frequently used room. The living room, equally gay and comfortable, contains many chairs, couches and tables and even a fireplace. Seeing this lounge really lures one toward the teaching profession.

The great problem of choosing a name for the students' retreat in the new East House addition still confronts those in charge. Shall it be simply the Sandwich Shop or can we produce a catchy nom de plume for all? News gladly offers to publish any suggestions offered.

The only complaint towards the shop itself is the fact that as yet it is not open in the evenings. The reason for this is that so far no one has been found who can take charge of it at this time. Student help cannot be used evenings; although there is one afternoon vacancy for any girl who is interested. So here's hoping we shall be able to have more of it in the future, but ne'ertheless—"something new has been added" at Connecticut.

The only minor catastrophes to report are of the household accident variety. One girl is supposed to have fallen down the steps and two more are reported to have fallen off their stools.

(Editor's note: We wish to verify the fact that only non-alcoholic beverages have been served.)

## Faculty

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son, psychology. Mr. Orbison was part-time assistant last year in the psychology department. Dr. Ilda McVeigh has been appointed instructor in botany.

A refugee scholar, Mr. Fritz Nova, who attended the University of Berlin, the University of Milan, Havorford college, where he received his A.B. and A.M., and the University of Pennsylvania, where he worked on his Ph.D., is now part-time instructor in government.

Other appointments include: Miss Mary Old and Miss Mary Sanders, research assistants in botany; Miss Eleanor Southworth, assistant in music; Mrs. Vernon Setterholm, part time assistant in economics; Miss Dorothea Burton, assistant and secretary to the dean of students, and four Connecticut alumnae—Mrs. Susan Carson Bartlett '40, part-time assistant in psychology; Miss Shirley Austin '42, part-time assistant in chemistry; Miss Lilly Weseloh '42, who will assume her duties in November as part-time assistant in fine arts, and Miss Marjorie Mitchell '42, part-time assistant to Mrs. Wessel.

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## Free Speech

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# Freshman Week Wins Praise Of House Juniors and '46

by Jean Howard '46

Never will I forget the utterly barren sight which greeted me as I stepped hopefully and yet fearfully across the threshold of number 104, Grace Smith, on the eventful afternoon of Sunday, September 20. Knowing perfectly well that most C.C. students have experienced similar feelings, I shall, nevertheless, recall the white cold bedspread, the bare bureau, and the empty desk which I knew only too well would very soon be piled high with books, papers, pens, and no doubt coke bottles too! Startling is the contrast between the room then, with its total lack of ornaments and junk, and the room now, a masterpiece of confusion!

Be that as it may, my "masterpiece of confusion" was well on the road to completion by the time supper hour rolled around. After nibbling an extremely refined and politely dainty meal in Thames, where turmoil reigned on every hand with about two hundred and seventy of us there, we, the class of 1946, went to Palmer Auditorium for a general assembly—our first in college! President Blunt told us of the general college rules (they sounded appalling at first!) and a little bit about our class. The house meetings that evening were fun and proved to be a starting point for the task of learning new faces. Two "brand new" faces appeared however, and, being a little suspicious, our house junior checked the list, only to find out that these two were in the wrong house. That was taking an unfair advantage.

Our bright and youthful spirits were a little duller and more aged the next morning because of the prospect of placement and exemption tests, scheduled for the unearthly hour (so we thought then) of eight o'clock! From that time on came a flood of meetings, appointments, and all sorts of things which lasted the whole week long. There were teas, library meetings (we're still confused about the floors and stacks), medical and physical exams, photographs, games, picnics, and oh, just everything imaginable!

All during the week, there were heard on every side, intense and lengthy discussions about what subjects to take. It was all so complicated, as subject after subject was ruled out because a good sophomore friend didn't like the course, another because someone's junior sister flunked a test in it once. After enduring many midnight discussions on this grave issue, there came a day when each freshman group met with its faculty advisor and was given a formidable looking schedule sheet. Home was never like this! Before this new and pressing question was settled, groups could be seen gathered on campus, holding more intense and more lengthy discussions than ever. At long last registration day came, everything was settled, and we all filled out what seemed to be endless cards, until at length both the cards and we were exhausted.

All the excitement of our week was climaxed by the much heralded arrival of upperclassmen on Wednesday and Thursday, and by the college assembly and the convening of classes on Friday. It had been an exciting week, filled to overflowing with new experiences and wonderful things to do.

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by Alice Adams '44

"Where's my group?" This seems to have been the theme song of the house juniors during freshman week. Groups one through umpteen were scheduled for various and sundry events. Even so the freshmen seemed to find time to buy the all important metal waste baskets, spreads and drapes "a la Bates" for the well dressed college room (you've seen them in the magazine ads) and—a little later they bought books like the rest of us.

We understand that the house juniors spent their evenings with their feet in buckets of hot water and their heads in their "C's" trying to prepare for future questions on the morrow. They made a desperate effort to refrain from "academic advising" as Dean Burdick calls it and so when one of the freshmen came forth with plans for taking chemistry, botany, home ec., zoology, English comp. and a language all in the same year, she was sent to her faculty adviser with a clear conscience on the part of the house junior.

Cooperation on the dimout regulations is definitely to be commended and one freshman over in North really took the fire alarm regulations seriously. For her most valuable article she transported her cello to the first floor.

The freshman teas at President Blunt's were most pleasant and if by chance one group was still in Miss Blunt's living room while another was ringing her front door bell, the first group retired by the back door and at the President's request picked apples for an additional afternoon snack.

At the general assembly, the freshmen were officially introduced to the rest of the student body and we were told that the class of '46 is the largest freshman class in the history of the school with its 251 members. The 251 have been functioning for some time now and they function well.

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posed a joint House and Senate committee staffed by experts on post-war planning and reconstruction. In this manner the whole problem could be centralized and approached more efficiently. To this committee colleges and universities could submit the ideas they find in such meetings as our convocation series next Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Why About India?

An appeal for immediate reopening of negotiations for India's independence was expressed by a group of 55 prominent Americans in a full page statement in the September 28 edition of the New York Times. Urging President Roosevelt and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to use their influence, the group contend that India's needed force would be thrown on the side of the Allies if its freedom were assured. And after all, did the presence of the British save Burma? Dr. Frederick Schuman, who speaks here

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next Tuesday was one of the signers.

It is interesting that news comes from England (through other channels than the English press) of a large meeting which calls for the reopening of negotiations on the Indian question. And the Parliament which was elected in 1935, three years before Munich, just voted to eliminate elections and to extend its life another year!

combat in which freedom of the press is but one of the liberties for which our nation is fighting.



## Editorial

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Newspaper week from October 1 to 8. We consider it an honor that we have been asked to join in this country-wide observation, for it makes us feel that we are united with all the papers of the nation in the all-important task of keeping the American people the best-informed and the best-read public in the world. As our contribution to this cause, News is going to do everything in its power to keep its own public up to date on war work here and on other campuses, on releases from important sources which relate to the work of colleges and universities, and on national and international problems and events with which we think every student should be acquainted. If you feel we are failing to tap some source of important information, of value to student education, we want to know about it! Our aim is to turn out a paper that can be considered a participant in the present

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# Caught On Campus

Talk about physical fitness enthusiasm! One of the freshmen had great plans for the fall season of gym. She wanted to take hockey on Mondays, tennis on Wednesdays, and military drill on Fridays. The Phys. Ed. department informed her that this was not exactly possible but we hope the winter and spring seasons for athletics will take care of her plans.

Freshman week is always the source of unnerving questions and one of the strangest to report was the result of a two-hour freshman house meeting in East for the purpose of explaining rules and campus boundaries. The house juniors succeeded in explaining the boundaries with the aid of the trusty little campus map in the back of the "C" that has the red line for boundaries. At least they thought they had succeeded. A discussion followed on the places on campus that are off the campus and with that, one of the group raised her hand as in a discouraged tone said, "How do you know when you're off campus?"

On the way up to school a group of incoming juniors (they haven't quite come in yet) met in Grand Central and were loudly exclaiming their joy at getting back to school and seeing everybody. One of the more intelligent members of the group exclaimed: "Just think, we'll all be sophomores." Speak for yourself, sister, the emphasis of late has been on an acceleration program but when last heard about was meant for a forward direction.

The friendly attitude we're known for at C.C. was given a new little twist the other day. Some freshmen were engaging in a conversation with some upperclassmen and one of them said, "Oh, you're snobmores!" How to win friends and influence sophomores! We understand from a direct source that this was merely a mistake in spelling and the poor girl no doubt had temporary adenoids trouble.

The unquestionable purity of the class of '46 (Good Heavens, they'll be using rocket ships by that time) is displayed by their white gym suits. Cast a glimpse

in the direction of these little angels in gym classes some time!

Mr. Destler has been informing us of the world situation for two weeks now but Monday morning his talk furnished us with some really concrete advice "for the duration." He mentioned the fact that there is now a nation-wide 35 mile an hour speed limit and that when our gentlemen friends drive us home (he has that postitive view we like) we should "keep them down to 35." Either start earlier or be late is his opinion on the matter. He should realize that with the priorities on and the rationing of men, we'll be glad to keep them down to 35. We'll even be glad to keep them down to 5 m.p.h.

The physiology lab. room is unhappily just across the hall from the home ec. lab and the other day a home ec. lecture was going on to the tune of a dying cat. It seems that the cat wasn't in pain at all but just wouldn't take to the chloroform treatment and our friends, the culinary art students, thought they were operating on the cat while it was still alive. Tear stained home ec. students soon blotted away their tears when they found out that there was no operation without complete asphyxiation.

## Convocation

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structively for post war and is the author of "War Aims."

To enable students to attend all sessions the Administration has advised that Wednesday and Thursday assignments be lightened where possible. By omitting Wednesday morning chapel, the 10:20 class will begin at 10:00 and be over in time for an 11:00 a.m. student-faculty forum in which the audience will ask questions and discuss the problems with Dr. Schuman and Mr. Corey. Almost all classes will be dismissed for this meeting.

Set aside in the Palmer library reserve room there are numerous books and pamphlets pertaining to the subjects of the various lectures. The committee and faculty urge all to take advantage of this opportunity.

Dr. Schuman was one of the first of our writers to see the fallacy and futility of appeasement and for years has voiced this view in his books, such as The Nazi Dictatorship, Europe on the Eve, Night Over Europe, and Design for Power. In addition to traveling and studying extensively in Europe, he has taught at the Universities of California, Chicago, and Harvard. He has also become known by his appearance on the University of Chicago Round Table, Town Meeting of the Air, and other nation-wide programs.

Many audiences have been impressed by his accurate predictions, for in 1933 he forecast the Second World War; in 1935 he prophesied a major European crisis on March 12, 1938—the day Austria was invaded by Nazi troops; in 1940 he predicted the Nazi conquest of Rumania; the reelection of President Roosevelt and other important events.

Of Mr. Corey's writings the most recent is The Unfinished Task; Economic Reconstruction for Democracy, which has been characterized by Max Lerner as "a book which will do much to shape our thinking for the next decade," and by Dr. Niebuhr as "the ablest analysis of the economic and political problems which face us that has come to my attention."

Mr. Kaempffert, who spoke here four years ago, will approach his subject from the point of view that science and technology shape our world and must be heard in the planning of the future peace.

A well-known lecturer on our campus, Dr. Tillich is at present the president of "Selfhelp," the country's largest organization for assisting refugees.

## Officers Elected in Wig and Candle

At its first meeting held Thursday afternoon, October 1, Wig and Candle elected the following officers: co-chairmen of lighting, Isabel Vaughn '43 and Eleanor Murphy '43; co-chairmen of costumes, Virginia Foss '43 and Barbara Gahm '44; and chairman of publicity, Phyllis Schiff '43.

On Monday evening, October 5, freshmen and transfers were entertained at a party to introduce them to the inner workings of Wig and Candle. After a backstage tour of Palmer Auditorium, refreshments were served and Ruth Anne Likely '43 presented a short history of the club.

## Two Logarithms Classes Sponsored by Math Club

The Mathematics Club sponsored a class on Monday, October 5, at Fanning Hall in the fundamentals of logarithms for would-be statisticians, chemists, and other scientists. This Thursday evening, October 8, there will be another class at 7:30 p.m. in Fanning, room 315, conducted by juniors majoring in mathematics. Anyone who has difficulty in understanding logarithms is cordially invited to attend.

## A.A. Discards Point System; Change in Awards Announced

### House Managers to be Elected, Will Plan Interhouse Games

The Athletic Association wishes to announce the main points of its revised system and the reasons for the changes. For years A.A. has been trying to drop the Point System, but has been unable to do so for lack of a suitable substitute. The Point System, in its beginning, was fairly simple. It became more and more complicated and overrun with by-laws to fit particular cases and situations, thus making it less elastic for changing times and conditions and unable to meet new situations.

The war has wrought many changes. Our country stresses physical fitness at this time; therefore, our including everyone in athletic activities, as has been our aim, and not catering to the top few, grows even more important. The costs of commodities have risen; therefore, our awards have become more expensive, but if it is true that the enjoyment is in the doing, awards are unnecessary.

In view of all this, it seems that a revision of our A.A. system is necessary. Below are the main points of our revised system:

1. Instead of Varsity, Honorable Mention Varsity, etc., we shall have Clubs for each individual sport. At the end of each sport season, the members of these Clubs shall be picked according to their interest, effort, sportsmanship, and skill, by the Sports Boards.

2. "Outside Hours" will be dropped.

3. The three upperclasses may enter two competitions in the same season (Interclass competition and all-college tournaments will be continued as in the past); Freshmen may enter one.

4. Girls below point or on pro may play in no all-college tournaments, but may play in interclass competition if it is played in class time.

5. Awards will be as follows: (numerals, silver charm, silver disc, and the old English "C" will be omitted).

Blazer: a girl must make two different Clubs in one year to qualify for a blazer.

Seals: Seniors, 2 different Clubs in one year. Juniors, 4 Clubs (provided blazer has already been won). Sophomores, 6 Clubs (provided blazer has already been won). Freshmen, 8 Clubs (provided blazer has already been won).

Gold "C" Charm goes to the senior or seniors who have done the most for the A.A. This is the highest award given.

6. The Council will be increased to include House Managers. This is not only to make possible informal interhouse games and competition, but also to make a closer contact between the student body and its Athletic Association. These House Managers will be elected within the next two weeks.

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