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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS



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## FRANCES NEVINS NAMED WINTHROP SCHOLAR

### Study in Contrast Marks Coming Play By Dramatic Group

Play Production opens its season here on campus Wednesday evening, November 8, with a presentation of *The Contrast*, which is the first play by an American author ever produced professionally on the American stage. Written by Royall Tyler and first staged in 1787, it is a study in contrast between a homespun American servant, Jonathan, and an American who has traveled in Europe and come home with European notions and standards of behavior.

The play is most notable for the character of Jonathan, the fore-runner of other homespun American types, particularly Joseph Jefferson's interpretation of Rip Van Winkle. Until *The Contrast* was presented, the American public considered the English and classic plays and their popular imitations frivolous, but when an American play appeared they decided it worth while to attend the theatre. In fact, its list of 1000 subscribers was headed by George Washington!

### "Is Belief in God Reasonable?" Topic At Vespers Sunday

The speaker at the Sunday vesper service will be Peter A. Bertocci, professor of philosophy in Boston university. A graduate of that institution, where he also received his Ph.D., Dr. Bertocci has also done graduate work in Harvard and at Cambridge University, England. He began his teaching career at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, and was head of the department of psychology and philosophy there before taking his present post. He also teaches psychology in the Harvard-Boston university extension courses.

Dr. Bertocci has written articles in philosophy, psychology, religion and education, and is the author of two books: *The Empirical Argument for God in Late British Thought*, and *The Human Venture in Sex, Love and Marriage*. He has done much speaking and lecturing before young people and adults in high schools, colleges, and adult organizations in the church and the community.

Professor Bertocci is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Psychological Society and is at present secretary of the American Theological Society. His talk on Sunday will be entitled: *Is Belief in God Reasonable?*

### November 4 CCOC Meets Trinity Outing Group

The Trinity Outing club will meet with CCOC at 2:30 on Saturday, Nov. 4. There will be a hike in the afternoon, which will be followed by supper at Buck Lodge. Square dancing is on the agenda for the evening.

### Alumnae Will Meet to Discuss Alumnae Fund

Alumnae will gather on campus this weekend for the purpose of working on the Alumnae Fund. The work of the Alumnae Association is maintained by this fund. Since the fund consists of contributions solicited annually from all alumnae, those who meet do their best to encourage all alumnae to contribute as much as they can. The Alumnae Fund is used as the maintenance fund of the Alumnae Organization, as well as for an annual gift of money to the College.

This annual gift is partially earmarked for scholarships or for projects like the new infirmary. Unrestricted portions of the gift have been used in the past for equipment for the various departments.

Each class has a class agent of the Alumnae Fund, who assists in collecting the annual Alumnae Fund. Those on campus this weekend are the alumnae committee and agents. While here the agents will write personally to all members of their classes who have not contributed to the '50-'51 Alumnae Fund. The Chairman of the Alumnae Fund is Miss Dorothy Stewart, Dean of Women of Mitchell College.

The program for the weekend includes a luncheon on Saturday, at which Miss Monaco and three foreign students will speak about CC's exchange student program. President Park will address the alumnae at dinner. In the evening Miss Bloomer will talk about this summer's School of the Dance.

### Civil Service Meeting Scheduled by Board

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has recently announced its yearly examination for Junior Management-Social Science Assistants and Junior Scientists and Engineers.

The Personnel Bureau will hold a meeting November 7 at 4:20 p.m. in 301 Fanning for all those interested in taking the exams. Application forms will be made available as well as any additional information. The closing date for the JMA exam is November 14 and for the Junior Scientists and Engineers, November 30.

### Series of French Films Given by French Club; Program Starts Nov. 1

The French Club has planned a group of French movies and the first one is to be presented on November first in Bill 106 at 7:15 p.m. The movie is open to everyone and it is free. The first program will be *Le Notre and Chateaubriand a Combours*. Others will be: *Fanebique, Lamoidine, Matin de Frane, La Revolution de 1848, Vieilles Places de Paris, and Les Cathedrales de Chartres*. With the last film, there shall also be a program of "Giradone's reuarts."

### I. R. C. Announces Plans for United Nations Weekend

Plans are under way for the fourth annual United Nations Weekend at C.C. sponsored by the International Relations Club. The occasion will feature, as it has in the past, participation of foreign and American student delegates from colleges and universities throughout the New England area, in a program highlighting "The U.N. in Action." Never before in U.N. history has the international organization seen so much or such vital action take place within its structure as that occurring daily at Flushing Meadows and Lake Success.

Reflecting the focus of the world situation upon United Nations political developments, this year's conference weekend at Connecticut will center on the immediate substantive matter of U.N. affairs. Instead of the model sessions of U.N. organs featured in the past, a panel and round table framework is planned, in which speakers prominent in the international relations field will join with students to discuss measures taken by the United Nations to solve some of the major power crises obstructing the path to peace.

Since the success of the weekend, to be held February 22-23, 1951, requires the support of not only members of I.R.C., but of the entire student body, International Relations Club welcomes the co-operation of other campus organizations and participation of all interested students. Further details of the planning and execution of the weekend will be considered at the I.R.C. meeting tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the Commuter's Room. If you are interested in contributing actively to a large-scale extra-curricular project, your opportunity is at hand.

### Concert Scheduled By Singing Groups

The Connecticut College Glee Club, together with the Schiffs, will appear in the Bronxville High School Auditorium Saturday, November 18, under the sponsorship of the Westchester Chapter of the college Alumnae Association.

The concert is being presented as the project of the year for the group's scholarship fund. Representatives in each class have tickets (general admission—\$1.80, single patron—\$5.00, double patron—\$10.00); and they will visit the dorms in the near future.

### Dance Group Will Hold Tryouts Wed., Thurs.

Dance Group tryouts will be held from 6:45 until 7:30 on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, in the gym. Tryouts are open to members of all classes. It is not necessary to go to both evening tryouts, but it is desirable. The emphasis on Wednesday night will be on technique, and Thursday night on creative work. Dance Group has many openings, and it is hoped that the tryouts will be well attended.

### Pres. Park Announces Honors, Phi Beta, at Chapel Today

#### Martha Alter Will Present Paper at N.A.S.T. Meeting

Martha Alter, of the Music department, will present a paper entitled, *The Song: Problems of the Composer and Performer Today*, at a meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Empire, New York City, on Saturday evening, November 4. Miss Alter and Arthur Berger, music critic for the Herald Tribune, will lead a panel discussion dealing with the problem.

For illustrative purposes, Ella Lou Hoyt Dimmock (class of 1950) will sing Miss Alter's *Songs from Time and Eternity*, a cycle of six settings of Emily Dickinson's poems. These songs received their first performance on Mrs. Dimmock's senior recital program last May.

#### Film in Spanish to Be Shown Here Saturday

"Dios se lo pague," a Spanish film, will be presented in the auditorium Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. The movie's dialogue is in Spanish, but there will be English titles for the accommodation of those who are not familiar with the language. Admission is 50c.

### College Fund Drive Opens at Amalgo

by Frances Wilcox

Amalgo on Tuesday November 7 will mark the official opening of College Community Fund — with a BANG! At this meeting Johnnie Johnson, Chairman, will present an outline of the drive, and its goals. The mystery of "How is Operation Shmop involved in the College Community Fund?" will also be revealed.

The drive this year will be divided into dormitory goals, and several methods of contributing will be open. There will be collectors in each dorm, and pledge cards will be available for the convenience of students. A new kind of carnival will lend a festive climax to this year's fund drive.

College Community Fund will support the same four international organizations that it did last year. These include the World Student Service Fund and the Student Friendship Fund, which concern themselves directly with the needs of students at Conn. College and abroad. The Allied Children's Fund and Red Cross, which help by allocating funds where they are most needed, are also aided by the contributions.

Nancy Bath is Vice-chairman of this year's CCF, while Corinne Fisher is acting as assistant vice-chairman. Jo McManus is the art publicity director, and Sis Brainard has charge of general publicity.

At chapel today President Rosemary Park announced the election of Frances Nevins to the society of Phi Beta Kappa. Frances, a member of the class of 1951, thereby becomes Connecticut College's Winthrop Scholar.

Members of Phi Beta Kappa are chosen chiefly on the basis of a person's academic standing. Other factors are taken into consideration, however, such as the types of courses taken by the student and her promise of leadership. By attaining membership to Phi Beta Kappa in the junior year, a student becomes a Winthrop Scholar. This honor was instituted by the faculty of the college in 1928 in further recognition of the superior student.

#### Honors List

President Park also announced at this time those who had made honors last semester. In the class of 1951 they are: Marilyn Alfieri, Elizabeth Babbott, Iris Bain, Lois Banks, Beverly Benenson, Mary Ann Best, Nancy Bohman, Natalie Bowen, Virginia Callaghan, Dorothy Cramer, Margery Davison, Joan DeMino, Phebe George, Mona Gustafson, Phyllis Hoffman, June Jaffe, Nancy Klein, Helen Olga Krupen, Paula Meltzer, Frances Nevins, Emily Perrins, Zita Purnell, Maria Rinella, Patricia Roth, Louise Stevens, and Joanne Willard.

From the class of 1952: Patricia Ahearn, Sara Backes, Susan Field, Margaret Gabaree, Ruth Gardner, Mary Harrison, Arlene Hochman, Doris Patenaude, Patricia Terrell, and Myra Tomback.

From the class of 1953: Beverly Church, Alice Dreifuss, Hildgarde Drexler, Harriette Fales, Elaine Fridlund, Jean Gallup, Joyce Hofheimer, Nancy Hudson, Elizabeth Johnson, Loel Kaiser, Marianne Kertesz, Barbara Marks, Patricia Mottram, Elinor Noble, Harriet Patur, Beryl Post, Shirlee Rhodes, Lydia Richards, Teresa Ruffolo, Beverly Sandbach, Caryl Scheinert, Dell Stone, Georgia Wiggins, and Sarah Wing.

### Christening Event On College Campus

The organization known as the Connecticut College Community Chest has just been re-christened the College Community Fund. Community Chest has been a convenient term long applied to the fund on campus, which collects for numerous drives simultaneously and then re-allocates the money to the individual groups.

This drive, however, has never in any way been a part of, or identified with the local Community Chest, which is a copyrighted term of the national organization.

The committee settled on the name College Community Fund, as the fund supported solely by student contributions, and the students decree where their money is to go. In recent years international organizations have been supported by the fund, the recipients may be changed. Thus, though the name has been altered, the relief work and the immense value of this fund remain the same.



**Food for Thought**

In her News interview, our new Winthrop Scholar has given us food for thought. Miss Nevins has remarked on her cleavage between "studying and living," on the dualism in our thought on the matter of education, which is prevalent in this country today.

This belief is undoubtedly true; the problem is a serious one and needs remedying. However, this belief is based on the assumption that in college the intellectual life is at its zenith (and then deteriorates when the every day problems of the "outside world" beset us.) Unfortunately, this basic assumption isn't entirely accurate. Since arguments make better sense when concretions are used, we will cite examples from our own college. A year or so ago a freshman of superior intelligence informed her adviser that she was transferring from Connecticut because she could not find anyone with whom she could discuss intellectual matters.

Again: one of our professors received a letter from a recent graduate of Connecticut who was doing further study abroad. Her comments centered around the sharp contrast between the attitudes of European students and American students regarding their studies, the conclusion being that abroad the oft-quoted "intellectual spirit" was there a living, vital spirit.

This is a sad state of affairs if it truly exists, and, though generalizations are notoriously dangerous, it certainly does seem to be true in college today. The problem then appears to be to strengthen this waning intellectual activity and from there, to return to Miss Nevins' point, to carry it over to the "outside world." By increasing the vitality of "book learning," by making it an inveterate part of everyday life while at an institution, then it seems that the intellectual spirit will become strong enough to continue through to make a satisfying "one world." AMT

**Space, Schedule Arrangement, Form Blocks Against Abolition of Saturday Classes**

by Helen Drysdale and Zan Mink

For a long time, students and faculty alike have been discussing the possibility of discontinuing Saturday classes. After being flailed a few hundred times by our superiors at the News office, we took our courage in hand and decided to interview a few representatives of both faculty and students on this question.

Dean Burdick very kindly gave us a few minutes of her busy day to say the following, "Many people even now try to crowd too much into a five day schedule, to the possible detriment of their health. Abolition of Saturday classes might serve to exaggerate this tendency. Also, there is the very real, practical problem of scheduling classes within a five day period."

The problem of the schedule was also mentioned by Miss Dilley, who is in favor of a five

day schedule of classes. She spoke of the greater demands on classroom facilities as being a problem to be worked out. Also, the arrangement of Saturday classes is out of the general social pattern of "weekending."

A statement by Miss Warner will perhaps throw another light upon the subject: "It is not feasible, at this time, because of the fact that classroom space is unavailable. We have an insuperable problem. Also, too many seminars interfere with club activities. If we could persuade all students to be here five days and Friday nights, we might do it."

**Constructive Criticism**

Miss Thomas, a member of the Faculty Schedule Committee, said, "Yes, I am in favor of abolition of Saturday classes if it could be worked out, and if there is enough classroom space. Inadequate classroom space was found to be the main problem when the schedule committee tried to work out a tentative five day schedule. I would like to see a five day schedule tried, however."

Constructive criticism comes from Elizabeth Babbott '51, who says, "If, perhaps, it could be managed that Saturday classes be held only in those subjects which have a limited registration, with less emphasis on gym classes or sections of required courses, it could be made possible that the Saturday class system would inconvenience fewer people than at present. I am, however, under the impression that our physical plant

would not allow complete abolition of Saturday classes."

Further words on the proposal come from Jo Willard '51. "My first reaction to the idea is, 'Great! Why not?' However, my second thought is that I really do not have the background to decide. How would a five day week affect a schedule which already appears to be crowded? Could we meet quiz and paper deadlines when we have trouble doing so now? Will such a move encourage activity off the campus when we are now trying to center activities in our own back-yard? I suggest a postponement of decision until a Student-Faculty Forum might be held on this topic and information from other colleges might be secured."

**Concentration on Work**

Jean Chandler '53 said, "Under the present system, I do not think it is possible to get rid of Saturday classes. It would mean that all the work would be concentrated in the middle of the week. If we only had four courses, no Saturday classes would be a good idea because there would be a two day block of time for studies."

A contribution from Pris Meyer '51 provides excellent food for thought: "Abolition of Saturday classes would tend to further crowd the week which is chopped up enough for most people as it is. I think blocks of time—at least two consecutive free periods—are necessary to do the type of work required by most courses."

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**Free Speech**

A Forum of Opinion On and Off the Campus

The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect those of the editors.

To the Editor:

In the article on the college Community Chest in the last week's issue of the News, there seems to be a missapprehension of the role of the American Red Cross. This organization, the article states, "works through non-civilian organizations such as the army, for disaster control." The fact is that the Red Cross works chiefly through civilian volunteers, and besides disaster relief in which the army is not primarily involved, it aids servicemen and their families in financial and personal problems. It also has a program in free home nursing, first aid and water safety courses, and nutrition service. Most important is the newly organized blood donor service, which collects and distributes free blood for hospitals and doctors throughout the state, and as recently happened to the U.N. armed forces in Korea.

These are the services which the Red Cross, chiefly through trained volunteers, is giving to this community.

Name Withheld

Dear Editor:

In answer to the anonymous letter concerning the tradition of Mascot Hunt:

The first point we wish to make is that Mascot Hunt does have a clearly defined purpose, and that is that the participating classes do become very well acquainted with each other, a purpose that is not usually accomplished on an academic basis alone. Furthermore, if anyone is so intellectually spirited, we are sure that she will be able to reach an equilibrium between her studies and the pursuit of enjoyment of the less esoteric things at Connecticut. We are certain, also, that the faculty cannot object to Mascot Hunt when this equilibrium has been reached.

As for a Mascot Hunt Club, we may as well have clubs for only those who want to participate in Competitive Sing, Competitive Plays, Senior Day, and Father's Day. In a larger sense Honor Court and Student Government could be eliminated also—they are completely student-controlled, and they do take time away from intellectual pursuits.

Introspection and self-centered intelligence are by no means the way to the good life as you seem to see it. Books alone are not the medium to the attainment of the interesting and alive personality that is so desired and admired.

Jane Rosen '53 and Muff McCullough '53

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**POLITICAL COLUMN**

A New Tradition?

Roldah Northup

Is the coming American tradition that the government owes one a living? This country was built on the tradition that if one had brains and ambition and the willingness to work, the limits of his achievement and of our country's progress were unbounded. This combination of ideas coupled with hard work and a wealth of natural resources have made our country what it is today: the richest and most influential of the world's democracies. Our wealth is so great, in fact, that we are able to contribute vast amounts of it to our less fortunate world neighbours without lowering our standard of living at all. If I am correct in assuming that our old tradition of progress through work played a large part in the rise of our country to its present position of material wealth and political leadership, then the value of the tradition cannot be denied.

Today this tradition, if it exists at all, does not mean the same thing that it has in the past. Unchallenged by a physical wilderness because of the disappearance of our western frontier, relieved of the hardships of the

daily struggle for existence by the inventions of the machine age, and released from many personal responsibilities because of the increased activities of governments, the people no longer see the field for or the need of exercise of the old tradition. Actually there is a "social frontier" and a large field of private endeavor still requiring some of those "rugged pioneers." But the "52-20 Club" of post-war fame, the demands of labor that old age security funds be maintained solely by contributions from the employer, and the provision by government of everything from farm subsidies to blood plasma is evidence that the less required of a people the less they will exert themselves. I do not want to discuss here the merit or demerit of increased government activity in all fields, but rather to deplore the attitude of our society that somebody else, usually the government, should provide them with all their needs. Democracy for us has come to mean all rights and no responsibilities. A nation that forgets its old tradition of progress through hard work cannot long retain its position of world pre-eminence.

**CALENDAR**

- Thursday, November 1**  
Open Meeting, I.R.C. ..... Commuters Room, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 4**  
Outing Club Supper ..... Buck Lodge, 2:30 p.m.  
Spanish Movie ..... Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5**  
Vespers, Dr. Peter Bertocci, Speaker ..... Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 7**  
Amalgo ..... Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
Personnel Bureau, Civil Service Meeting ..... 301 F, 4:20 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 8**  
Play Production Play  
"The Contrast" ..... Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.  
Dance Group Tryouts ..... Knowlton, 6:45 p.m.



# House Presidents Are Chosen Survey Reveals '50 Graduates Put BA to Use

by Ann Dygert and Margie Stern

House meetings—gals sitting on the floor—the call to some sort of order—and secret ballots elect a president of every house. Here the C.C. News presents profiles of the gals who came out on top in the house elections. We present, the House Presidents!

**Katherine Blunt**—Shirley Kline '52 from Glen Ridge, New Jersey, is an English major active in Radio Club and Wig and Candle. As North's house junior she made a big hit with the freshmen and Shirley herself quite enjoyed the whole thing. She was very interested in their first impressions and finds that everyone seems to meet the same type of situations those first chaotic weeks. Shirley, for fun, particularly enjoys tennis and theatre work.

**Mary Harkness**—Nancy Libby is an economics major from Portland, Maine. This is not her first honor for her; the girls at Thames elected her to the same high office in her first year at Connecticut. Nancy is co-chairman of the Radio Club technicians, which means she turns the little dials that make things click. This year she is also interested in the Koine literary staff, and she's always interested in golf and a Coast Guard officer now stationed in Boston.

**Knowlton**—Sunny Wilson '54, from Logansport, Indiana, came to Connecticut after preparation at Madeira in Washington, D. C. She has been interested in Connecticut for many years and is really thrilled with her new Alma Mater.

She thinks that the wonderful people here make all the difference. Art is a favorite pastime that may well mean more to her in planning her future. She is very fond of classical music, too. Children are also very special to her, so a field in which she could work with them looks very interesting. For the present she's content to meet the C.C. gals and play the "do you know" game with many of them.

**Windham**—Margery Ludlow '53 was quite flabbergasted, and pleased, at being elected president of her dorm. Margery is an English major with some special emphasis on theatrical work. She has great ambitions to direct and is taking play production in order to learn more about the theatre. This gal is quite batty about C.C., and will cheerfully tell you that it far exceeds even her greatest expectations. We're looking forward to seeing this talented prexy in the ingenue roll of Wig and Candle's production of Years Ago.

**Freeman**—Sis Gueinzus, one of Conn.'s wonderful junior gals, is an anthropology major very much interested in social relations work. She was one of Winthrop's house juniors this year and enjoyed it greatly. Sis has been very active in her class's activities. Last year she served on the Soph Hop entertainment committee and looked mysterious as one of the members of the Mascot Hunt decoy committee. This year she had a wonderful time making the sophs think she was serving on the junior committee. Sis particularly wishes to express her thanks to the sophomores for re-arranging her room during Mascot Hunt. She loved every minute of it!

**North**—Casey Calloway from Knoxville, Tennessee takes over top duties in unpredictable North Cottage. Apparently freshmen there have an instinct for leaders, for Casey held the presidential post in her senior year at Rogers Hall. She is interested in such outdoor sports as tennis, golf and skiing. Indoors, she goes all out for shagging at which she's highly skilled. As a spectator, she's crazy about football. Casey has plans at this time to work in the field of child development.

**Grace Smith**—Bunny Godfrey from Rye, New York is a psychology major. Bunny is particularly interested in advertising research and may some day be commuting between Rye and some chic New York advertising agency. Bunny adores children and taking care of them. Sports rate very high too. Her enthusiasm for Grace Smith and the wonderful people at Connecticut is boundless.

**Jane Addams**—Jan Strickland is a name that even the greenest among the freshmen recognizes, for besides being a very wonderful girl, Jan is the talented miss who gave Connecticut our own illustrated book of humor. It seems logical, therefore, that she

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Everyone is interested in what last year's graduates are doing and here are some of the facts that the Personnel Bureau has received from the class of 1950.

Thirty-eight of the girls heard from are married. Eight of these girls are working and two are continuing their studies in other schools.

Sixty-four of the graduates have interesting, well-paying jobs. Included in this group are Marlis Bluman, who is a secretary in the Program Department of the National Broadcasting Company, Radio City, New York. Joann Cohan is teaching piano and junior theory at the Julius Hartt School of Music, Hartford, Conn. Barbara Gold is Associate Editor of Modern Screen, Dell Publishing Company, New York; and Frances Keller is a receptionist at the House of Italian Handicraft, New York.

### Variety of Jobs

Mary Jo Mason is a proofreader and typist at Dancer, Fitzgerald, and Sample Inc., advertising agency, New York. Interior decorating and sales at the H. M. Bullard Company, New Haven, Conn., have attracted Barbara Mehls, and Ann Mitchell is doing student teaching in the kindergarten of the Brearly School, N. Y.

Marilyn Packard is a Family Agent for the Connecticut Humane Society, Hartford, Conn.; and Lois Papa is a psychiatric aide at the Institute of Living in the same city. Cornelia Pratt is at the Submarine Base as a research psychologist. Marcia Dorfman is on the staff of Seventeen. Isabelle Oppenheim is on the training squad at Jordan Marsh in Boston.

Thirty-four of the girls are doing graduate work and taking professional courses. Music majors Anne Clark, Rachel Ober and Gloria Sylvia are continuing their training in various schools. Edmee Bush and Carol Booth are traveling in Europe.

The survey covers only 143 of the graduates as the rest have not yet answered the Personnel Bureau's inquiry.

### Reeves Morrisons At Math Dept Tea.

The Department of Mathematics is entertaining its majors at tea on Wednesday afternoon, November 1, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Morrison.

Mrs. Morrison is Martha Boyle, CC '43. Mr. Morrison is a son of Mrs. James Morrisson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the college. He is head of the analysis section of the research department of the United Aircraft Corporation. Mr. Reeves will talk to the group on the use of computing machines in industry and the part which women may play in this interesting work.

On Saturday, November 4, the Department of Mathematics faculty together with seniors Renate Aschaffenburg and Marilyn Alfieri will attend the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Section of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England, at the University of Massachusetts.

Miss Bower is president of the organization. Speakers on the program are chosen from representatives of colleges, private schools, and business.

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## Profile

FRANCES NEVINS

by Anita Tholfsen

Undisputed champion of academic feats and apple of our eye this week is one Frances Nevins who is, as of today, a member of the society of Phi Beta Kappa. Because she achieved this honor in her junior year, Frances Nevins also gains the further distinction of being Connecticut College's Winthrop Scholar.



Frances Nevins

As is the case with most remarkable people, it is difficult to do justice to their personalities in black and white. The vital statistics are easy enough: born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Frannie moved three years ago to East Granby, Connecticut, where she still resides. Before coming to Connecticut College she attended Dobbs Ferry school. Her major here is history. During her summer vacations she has held jobs taking care of children, and clerking in a department store. Last year Frannie won the Student Forum essay contest entitled Why is the Democratic Way of Life Important?

### History Honors

Needless to say the above is hardly an accurate description of our twenty-year old wonder. Frannie is as unique as snow in July. To illustrate—how many people do you know who are doing exactly what they want to do? Barring the older generation, we warrant there are few. Frannie is, however, in this enviable state. This year she is taking honors work in her first love—history. The subject of her choice is a comparison of the philosophies of Nicholas of Cusa and St. Augustine. These two theologians begin from basically the same point but work out different interpretations of Christianity, and it is these divergent views which Frannie will treat in her honors paper.

This past summer Frannie took a trip to Europe during which she gathered some material for her work but spent most of her time getting to know the people, especially those in Germany. Many were her impressions, too many to relate here, but one observation she made we cannot fail to include. It concerns the two distinctly different views concerning education held by Europe and by this country. The two worlds—of education and of the "outside world"—are separate, even foreign to each other. We sometimes feel that learning acquired in college is more or less a temporary activity, to be laid aside when we enter the "outside world." In contrast to this view, Frannie points out the unified aspect evident in European education. There is no split between study and living, but rather, the one is incorporated in the other. It is a common experience to hear shopkeepers, farmers, businessmen discuss philosophy, and "they talk of a philosopher as a person, whereas we tend to talk about him as a theory."

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### Fancies Barefoot Strolls

This sensitivity and awareness in Frannie is manifested in other ways also. She and Nature are more than speaking acquaintances. Her chief delight (much to the despair of her friends) is taking barefooted walks in the evening on our more often than not dewy campus. In music also, Frannie takes a more than casual interest, though she claims (falsely) that she can't carry a tune.

After graduation, Frannie plans either to teach or write (squeeze-

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**House Presidents**

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is an art major with a particular affection for cartooning. She loves every kind of sport, too, and has served on the A.A. council since her freshman year. The C. C. News recognizes her as their very helpful art editor. We all wish for Jan much greater recognition after her days at Connecticut are over.

**Winthrop**—Marion Goodman attended Western High School in Baltimore, Maryland. Marion was quite an active gal there, being president of her senior class and a member of the Student Council. As far as sports are concerned, she was on the basketball team and played varsity tennis. Marion also displayed her talents in the Science Club. While at Connecticut she hopes to become a member of Wig and Candle, since she is especially interested in dramatics. We wish all the good luck in the world to her!

**Vinal**—Sarah Snelling was a student at the Chaffee School, in Windsor, Connecticut. She was interested in team sports and dramatics and was a member of the Yearbook committee. Sarah would also like to be a member of Wig and Candle, but at present she is on the Service League and the speedball team.

**Thames**—Lois Starr was a pupil at Concord Academy, in Concord, Mass. She was active in Glee Club and dramatics, and was treasurer, secretary, and vice president of her class. (At different times, that is!) She was also sub-captain of the Blue team. At Connecticut, Lois is in the Glee Club and Choir, and would also like to be active in dramatics. As far as sports are concerned, she's an avid fan of tennis and sailing.

Her summers have been spent in a delightful way—traveling to Bermuda and Nova Scotia.

**Blackstone**—Julie (Julie's) Griggs comes from St. Paul, Minnesota, where she attended the Summit School. She was second vice president of Student Government and was a member of the Glee Club. Julie finds a place for her talents at Connecticut in the field of music, belonging to the Glee Club and the Choir.

**Plant**—Bev Sanbach comes from West Hartford, Conn., and, like Sarah Snelling, attended the Chaffee School. She was interested in Glee Club and dramatics. Last year at Connecticut she was in the Freshman play, and belonged to the Glee Club. This year she is mainly interested in weekends. We can't blame you, Bev.

**Emily Abbey**—Nan Vail attended Macduffie School in Springfield, Mass., where she was president of student government and business manager of the yearbook. Her main interests are dramatics and sports, which is shown by her membership in Wig and Candle and the Basketball team. Nan is also on the Honor Court. At present, however, her chief interest is in her fiance—she's to be married in June.

**East**—Ann Wiebenson attended Hathaway Brown High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. There, she was on the Drama Club and the class teams. Right now she belongs to Wig and Candle, is the sports head for the AA teams, and has been treasurer of Knowlton and the sophomore and junior classes. She majors in Zoology, and would like to be a research assistant to a doctor.

**Branford**—Susie Bloomer attended Newark High School in Newark, New York. She was active in sports, the yearbook, dramatics and dance. At Connecticut, she is mainly interested in dramatics, sports, and dancing. She is also an English major. Susie worked in an office and did playground work during the summer. She also did a bit of sailing. We know that versatile Susie is bound to do well no matter what she does.

**Library Committee  
Elects First Slate**

At its meeting on Oct. 25, the Student Library Committee elected officers for the coming year: Harriet Elizabeth Hamilton, chairman; EmiLou Starke, Secretary and Publicity Chairman; and Justine Shepherd, Student Council representative. The committee, which was formed last Spring, consists of persons from each class, who plan to meet every two weeks with members of the library staff to discuss library improvements. Its accomplishments have already been observed in the reserve room, where the new rules include that of being allowed a book out for three hours, instead of the customary two. Another improvement will be noticed soon when new books are added to the shelves. Any suggestions should be given to the above mentioned people.

**Skits, Singing, Fun  
Highlight Evening**

by Jane Rosen

Men from Mars, who, from reliable sources, were AA members, greeted the guests who portrayed their favorite cartoon characters at the annual Halloween party Friday night. The guests were amused by bobbing for apples, and trying to make Sue Weinberg, with an apple in her mouth, crack a smile.

Mr. Beebe took over as MC. The first act was the faculty sextet from "Skitsophrenia" with the Misses Bloomer, Monaco, and Brett, ably assisted by Messrs. Strider, Baird, and Currier.

We then heard a story from Miss Burdick about Oley, who it seems "clang to new undershirt" unto death. Little fairies cavorted about the stage in an unusual dance arrangement to the rhythm of a hand on a pot! Gloria Jones sang After a While, and Margie Weeks followed with I Wanna Get Pinned from last spring's Father's Day show Make Mine Mansize.

A very intellectual quiz contest on cartoon characters ensued, with Mr. Strider and Mr. Destler, and son, for the faculty, and Louise Durfee and Francine La Pointe representing the students. Mr. Lewars and Miss Wylie, the noble judges, decided in favor of the students.

Mr. Lewars and Miss Wylie also judged the costumes, selecting Lonesome Polecat (Lauralee

Lutz) the best for the students, Joe Palooka and his manager (Mr. Destler and son) for the faculty, and Betsy Haines for the faculty children.

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**Saturday Classes**

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Louise Durfee '52 emphatically states: "NO! I am against a five day class schedule. I think it is impractical to push all your classes into five days. To those who say that other colleges have no Saturday classes, I would like to ask how many colleges make their students take five courses. Taking five courses and packing them into five days just isn't practical."

The question of Saturday classes was found tricky by Sue Askin '51. Sue said, "Ideally, I believe there should be no Saturday classes. I think two full days with no obligations is important in many ways. Yet, realistically, trying to arrange the class schedule so that all classes meet in five days would crowd things terrifically—as long as we have five courses. I hope the day will come when every class will carry only four, but until then it would mean that too many would meet at the same time, and that each individual's schedule would be hard to arrange. I don't think eleven o'clocks on Saturday are necessary, though. Let's try to re-schedule these anyway."

Helen Fricke '52 says: "Unless someone wishes to build a new class-room building, I don't see how we can eliminate Saturday classes. But, since Saturday classes can be painful to the faculty and to the students, both here and away, I think that when a big weekend comes along the class in question could be held at some other hour during the week. The class as a whole knows, at least a week in advance, when there's go-

ing to be a general exodus and could, possibly, ask the professor to move the class up to Thursday night or another time convenient to the instructor. After all, no instructor wants to talk to empty chairs, and no student wants to carry on a class alone."

These are a few of the ideas de-

livered for publication at this time. There are undoubtedly many more innovations and new ideas circulating around the campus. News invites the members of the Student Body and Faculty to participate in this topic. Letters to News are welcome.

**Chapel**

Thursday, Nov. 2 → Marion Fay '52—Devotional  
Friday, Nov. 3—Organ Meditation  
Monday, Nov. 6—Current Events  
Tuesday, Nov. 7—Mary Lee Prentis '53—Devotional

**Nevins**

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ing in another trip to Europe somewhere along the line). Whatever her field of endeavor, she is bound to be a credit to it. The name of Frances Nevins has become to us synonymous with excellence, and it won't take the world long to find it out.

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# Caught on Campus

by Nancy Morton

In case anyone on campus was confused by the wild flurry of C books combined with freshman jitters, they can both be traced to the annual C quiz given on last Thursday. For days prior to the exam, the Athenian Oath was proudly orated in the Snack Bar, Starr's, and every freshman dorm, while weary upper classmen mused, "Just how many times can you listen to anyone's Alma Mater?" Just the same, freshmen, we're proud of you—you're doing a fine job.

### Engagements Here to Stay

Mascot Hunt and the C quiz may be things of the past, but it appears that engagements are here to stay on the Connecticut campus. Grace Smith house was elated recently over the fact that Joan "Lucky" Berson, of the Junior class will become Mrs. Robert Armour in June of this year. Joan's fiance, from New York, is a Brown graduate. The Freshman

class has also entered a candidate to the ranks of the engaged and lovely. She is Laurel Kaplan, of Mary Harkness, who recently announced her engagement to George Swave, a Dartmouth alumnus, from Wethersfield, Connecticut. Best wishes to you both!

But to those who face only the dim prospect of term papers, exams, and more term papers, we have only one consoling thought—Thanksgiving vacation is but three weeks away! It seems, though, that one Junior is already way ahead of the rest of us. After seeing the date, she began to make out a wildly frantic Christmas list during one of her lectures, much to the consternation of the last minute shoppers. But remember, everyone, an extra stitch on that pair of argyles now will insure a broad grin from a special male next December!

As for the term papers and exams, we're afraid that we'll have to agree with Babbie on the re-

mark that, "This is the only place in the world where you can get a month and a half behind in three weeks!"

### Comments Overheard on Campus Department

"Got a letter!" "He's divine, absolutely divine!" "Who does she think she is, making us come to class on Saturday?" "But I won't have any more overnights!" "Haven't slept in a week!" "Anyone going to class?" "But how

many gym cuts can you take?" "Well, one more hand, but honestly, I've got to study!" "Is that what he calls a short quiz?" Sound familiar?

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