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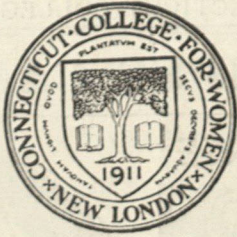
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## Prize Announced For Best Essay About College

Students Of Three Upper Classes Eligible For Competition

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

The essay should be between 500 and 1500 words in length; Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible. The criteria is: "A thoughtful, mature, and sincere consideration of the subject will be expected. The paper should be an honest appraisal of personal experience. Papers must be completely written. Sentimentality and generalization are discouraged." Essays must be in on or before April 25, 1938.

The total sum will probably be divided in two or three prizes depending on the number and merit of papers submitted. The committee, headed by Miss Gertrude Noyes, consists of Dean Nye, Dean Burdick, Katherine Walbridge '38, and Frances Walker '38.

## Majority of Senior Class Fails to Pass Government Test

By LEONORE WALSER '38

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

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

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

2. What unit of government determines the question of your eligibility to vote? (State) May other than natural-born citizens vote in a national election? (Yes) Do you have to belong to a party to vote in a primary? (This depends upon your state or locality. If the primary is closed, the answer is Yes; if the primary is open, the answer is No.) To vote in a general election? (No)

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## News Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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

(Editor's Note—The following article is reprinted from the 1936 Christmas issue of News.)

How, when, and why do college traditions start? Most of us accept them as part of college life without stopping to consider their history and evolution. The Christmas celebration on the night before vacation has a history which can be traced back through the years; slight changes have been made since the first actual coming together in the gymnasium in 1918. Before this time, little mention was made of the occasion; all that was mentioned of vacation in the Christmas issue of News in 1916, was a gentle reminder not to overlook the dates of the holiday—from December 22nd to January 2nd!

In 1918 the choir added to the simple service by appearing in cap and gown; another unusual event that year was that New Year's day was celebrated on campus—as reported "with war whoops and fire bells." The next year, the custom of dressing dolls for the Christadora Settlement House was inaugurated. A gala party was held in the gym the night before vacation; but not until 1920 did this include a pageant put on by the dramatic club, and the singing of Christmas carols. Two years later the pageant was more elaborate, and was known as a "masque".

The traditional singing of carols in the Quadrangle was initiated in

1925, and following this the Freshman midnight serenade and the Sophomore dawn caroling took place, characterized by most of the same songs we use today, including the joyous

"May God bless  
All friends here  
With a Merry, Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!"

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

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

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

## Figures Point to Discrepancy Between Checks And Chapel Attendance

(The editor is indebted to members of Cabinet and of Religious Council who cooperated in this experiment.)

How effective is the Honor System at Connecticut College? It has been recognized by other colleges as one of the most advanced systems of its type functioning on any campus in the country. At the same time, it is clearly visible that in some cases it is not working as efficiently as it is rightful to expect.

### Students—Important!

Students are asked to attend the Christmas Pageant on Thursday night in dress suitable to the occasion. Because it is a service of beauty and reverence, the tone set by the pageant should be kept in so far as possible. Seniors will wear cap and gown, as is the tradition.

Perhaps the outstanding example of this deficiency comes when daily chapel attendance is considered. The college voted last spring to continue the then existing system of compulsory attendance twice weekly for every student; and since three of the four classes which determined this vote are still in college, the decision cannot be considered invalid and out of date.

### Investigation Carried Out

Thus a fairly thorough investigation of the correlation of attendance at daily Chapel with the number checked on dormitory lists has been conducted for the week of December 6-10. The failure seems largely to be on the part of the two upper classes and thus these are used as example of the Honor System's failing to work adequately.

Of a total of 130 Seniors who are on their honor to attend Chapel twice weekly, making a total of 260 at all five services, a careful count reveals the fact that only 57 Seniors, or slightly more than 20% of the entire group attended the whole week's meetings. How does this correlate with the data of dormitory check lists? These show that 56 Seniors checked as having attended the Monday session alone, and during the course of the week there appear 89 more names checked than people present at Chapel. 31 Seniors in Mary Harkness and 25 Seniors in Jane Addams checked attendance for Dr. Lawrence's talk, while in reality there were 16 Seniors sitting in the front rows that morning.

### Juniors Also Guilty

Juniors are likewise guilty of this breach of the Honor System. In Windham House, 17 Juniors checked attendance for Monday, 17 others in Jane Addams and the 1937 dormitory; the actual number present (Continued on Page 6, Column 2)

## Connecticut Sends Oxford Delegates

Connecticut will be represented at the National Assembly of students to be held for the first time at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. There will undoubtedly be delegates from every college in the United States attending this meeting. Some of the outstanding leaders in social and religious thought will be present to direct and lead the sessions. In addition to this there will be small round-table discussions led by students active on campuses throughout the country.

There are over one hundred students going from colleges in New England. It is hoped that at least two students and possibly one member of the faculty will be able to represent Connecticut College at the nation-wide gathering.

## Dr. Chakerian Sets Tone At Meeting

Opening Address Becomes Theme Of 3 Day Conference Of Social Workers

The organization of child welfare work in Connecticut is a mess in spite of the fact that Connecticut is one of the wealthiest and most cultured states in the union, said Dr. Charles G. Chakerian as he set the tone in an address before the Connecticut Probation Conference and the Connecticut Conference of Social Work meeting in Bridgeport last week.

"Not that we have achieved no progress," continued the speaker. "During the last thirty or forty years a number of important developments have taken place. But the evolution of child welfare services in our state has, of necessity, followed a staccato and an irregular course. On the whole, it is the result of trial and error rather than scientific research and thoughtful planning. It is, therefore, no wonder, that we are now faced with a number of rather intricate and serious problems."

In the field of juvenile delinquency, what is the situation that confronts us, asked the speaker? Even the casual observer knows that at the head of many so-called juvenile courts are judges primarily trained and experienced in criminal law and procedure rather than in the complex problems of delinquency. (Continued to Page 4, Column 5)

## C. C. Annual Report Is Sent to Parents

The annual report of Connecticut College issued by President Blunt is to be sent to parents of all students during Christmas week. By this supplement to the general catalog, parents are informed of the progress of the college and of the achievements of its faculty and departments, as well as receiving the statements of the president and other officers.

Mention is made this year of the new 1937 Dormitory and of the additions to the faculty, as well as of recently published books and articles by members of the faculty.



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## You Should Talk

When college closes on Friday and we return to our homes, we will all find that people are interested in hearing our ideas of our college. We will be comparing notes with friends from other colleges; we will be telling our parents what we think about Connecticut.

The reputation of Connecticut College rests upon us, both while we are in college and after we leave. If you want to look at the matter purely selfishly, it is to our own best interests to keep the reputation of the college high. We all must think it is fine and worthwhile, or we wouldn't be spending four years here.

When you tell friends about the college, remember that there is more to it than bull-sessions and dances. Tell about the fine convocation speakers, the interesting contacts you have made, the Honor System. In other words, remember the big things of life at Connecticut College as well as the interesting but trivial details.

No publicity is more effective than that which we ourselves give to our college. By taking pride in Connecticut College ourselves, we will find that outsiders will place a higher value on it as well as on college education as a whole.

## C. C. Praised by Governor

Two articles which appeared in the New London Day and the Hartford Current last Thursday covered a speech which Governor Cross made praising Connecticut College. Governor Cross said, "Work being done at Connecticut College for Women at New London is as good as at any woman's college in the United States, and better than most." The Governor lauded Dr. Blunt as "a great educator, a scholar to begin with, one who has developed a wonderful capacity for administration and one who knows how to balance the budget better than the federal government of the United States."

That, coming from the Governor who is primarily an educator himself (former dean of Yale Graduate School) should make us stop, if only for a second in our mad dash; should make us stop crabbing about our work long enough to appreciate the fact that perhaps the work is hard but it's "better than most" and it is

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## CAMPUS CAMERA

### MAJ. GEORGE MASON

GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT THE AGE OF 93! AT 21 HE WAS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OF RECEIVING HIS DEGREE WHEN HE ENLISTED IN THE CIVIL WAR. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH HIS SHEEPSKIN 72 YEARS LATER!



### DE-PANTSING —

AT ARMOUR TECH (CHICAGO) ALL FRESHMEN REFUSING TO WEAR GREEN CAPS ARE STRIPPED OF THEIR PANTS AND REQUIRED TO WALK IN SUCH A STATE TO ALL CLASSES DURING THE DAY



ALEXANDER WOOLCOTT WAS NEARLY VOTED OUT OF HIS FRATERNITY BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON WEARING A RED FEZ AROUND THE HOUSE. GAX - HAMILTON COLLEGE.

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## New Collection of A. Housman Poems Is Reviewed

By Mary Elizabeth Baldwin '39

There is one great art in this world that is too often overlooked for less obvious arts. That art is the ability to know when to leave. Noel Coward knows this accurately. Consequently you cannot buy tickets for his plays within a month of when you want them. A. E. Housman knew this art too, and left the world with only two slender volumes of his poignant melodies when he died. And he left a world that was completely unsatisfied. When he died he gave his brother, Laurence Housman, instructions that he might publish any poems he had completed and which his brother considered to be up to the average of his former published works. All else was to be destroyed, and so that part of his work that is invaluable to the student of poetry is lost. The world however has a small portion more of the work of that great artist.

Laurence Housman has taken the collection from those poems that were written in A. E. Housman's youth as well as those of maturity and old age. The result is a group of poems containing the impassioned cry of youth against an unhappy world as well as the spiritual happiness of old age at the prospect of near peace in death. This last is never more apparent than in "Alta Quies".

"Good night. Ensured release,  
Imperishable peace,  
Have these for yours.

While sky and sea and land  
And earth's foundations stand  
And heaven endures.

When earth's foundations flee  
Nor sky nor land nor sea  
At all is found.

Content you; let them burn  
It is not your concern;  
Sleep on, sleep sound."

To lovers of his poetry this sentiment will seem like an old friend, perhaps not as well clad as in former times. This poem serves to close the new posthumous collection and to close forever the lines we have from him. It is very fitting in that respect. Yet I quote it here for another purpose as well. Housman was

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## New Column Lacks Contributions

By W40

We are disappointed in your receipt of *The Whatnot*. We carefully pointed out how the column is for you and by you. Of course, the headline said "Geniuses' Column", but we thought that would flatter you. However, it looks as though it scared you. We announce our disappointment and await further cooperation from you in the future.

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Let's help ourselves to a big portion of Christmas spirit. You know that unsteady, down-and-out feeling that comes when your allowance check fails to arrive when you expect it and need it; well, think how awful it must be not even to be able to expect a check—and then dedicate part of your treasury to the Salvation Army or some other charity. Don't forget the Christmas seals either—a little goes a long way, but not as far as a lot.

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We rise to do our good deed by proclaiming our list of "Suggestions for Christmas": for the aunt who has "everything", Yardley's sachets to make her drawers smell pretty. They're wonderful! For Mother, who seldom has breakfast in bed but probably would if she had the chance, a quilted bed jacket or a darling breakfast set. We suggest you buy (you probably won't be able to part with them) James Thurber's *My Life and Hard Times*, and *The Owl in the Attic* (one volume), and *Let Your Mind Alone*. The latter book is his latest book but the former his funniest. To Tom, Dick and Harry we are giving: cuff links made of his birthstone, hand-knit socks (you still have time to make them, and he'll love them even if they don't fit), monogrammed evening suspenders. Surprise Dad with a pair of warm mittens for driving (although he'll be indignant until the cold weather comes).

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And you'll be giving *The Whatnot* a wonderful present if you'll please remember to let us know the plays you see and what you think of them. Merry Christmas!

## 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 opinion, the editor must know the names of contributors.)

Dear Editor:

If the alarm of criticism is to be rung on campus, it might arouse a few of those who read *Quarterly*. The first issue has been out three weeks now and no particular opinion has been expressed by the students of its set-up, of the material included, or of any improvements they would like to see made. Is it because the students are indifferent to *Quarterly*? Or perhaps they accept it as they accept statements in *News*—"with a grumble". One of the editors heard a confused rumor about a group of students who argued half an hour over the merits of an article, but we don't know which contribution was being discussed nor what conclusions, if any, were reached. Yet, the rumor proves that some do talk about *Quarterly*. It's just that their opinions don't get to the editors in a constructive form.

To the early-birds who care, you could help make *Quarterly* a better magazine if you would send your criticisms to Free Speech along with those directed at *News*—or drop them in our contribution box.

The next issue is coming out just before mid-year exams. We expect Christmas vacation to produce some good literature. Please read it with a critical interest.

Frances Walker,  
Editor-in-chief of *Quarterly*

Dear Editor:

History repeats itself in quizzes—or observations on academic sadism.

Quizzes come and quizzes go,

—And students gripe forever.

I wonder if it would contribute to student-faculty accord to describe the conventional setting of a quiz or examination as seen from the professional desk and in a perspective of time. As a faculty member I have given quizzes for a number of years, and if one were to take the expressions of students as valid, quizzes and examinations get more difficult with every college generation, for every quiz and examination I have given over a period of a decade has been branded by one or more students in the class as the worst and hardest quiz she or they have ever taken. Never a quiz without a gripe and a superlative damning of its difficulty.

To the teacher who has seen this practice in the perspective of time, certain things seem indicated. This gripping seems to take its place in the student personality partly because it is a conventional habit—and you expect it of each other; partially because of the hope that it will cause the teacher to "ease off" in his requirements; and partly because it acts as a source of release from the emotional strain undergone in "building up" to the taking of the exam itself—a sort of safety-valve reaction.

Yet students who "blow off steam" in this fashion under the quiz and other similar situations, and pessimistically leave the room "down in the mouth" often do commendably well on the very quiz they condemn. This is true if their general standards of work are consistently good.

Quizzes and examinations are useless unless they call for a level of work of sufficient difficulty to discriminate between students of a superior level, those of an average level, and people who just reside on campus. No doubt the latter contingent forms the strongest "gripping section", but everyone seems to indulge to some extent.

Now you can understand why it impresses the teacher to so small a degree. Or can you?

A Faculty Member

Dear Editor:

The results of the questionnaire given by the Political Science Department to the Senior class revealed how little we as Seniors know of our government.

This situation is deplorable. As a group, it affects us since the college has a reputation of training graduates to be active and intelligent citizens, and certainly, that reputation should and must be maintained. As individuals, it affects us since we must all brush shoulders with government and agencies of government as we go about our pattern of living. Let there be no grumbling about high taxes, the inefficiency of government, and the poor caliber of public officials until we are prepared to remedy this deplorable situation. Just what are *you* going to do about it?



## Faculty Activities Include Meetings, Conferences

By HARRIET-ELLEN LEIB '41

The promotion of Allen B. Lambdin, who in civilian life is the business manager of the college, from the rank of captain to that of lieutenant colonel in the Connecticut National Guard has recently been announced by the adjutant general's office at Hartford.

Dr. Charles G. Chakerian, professor of sociology and former consultant to the state pauper law study commission speaking Wednesday, December 8, at a conference at Bridgeport on probation sponsored by the Connecticut Child Welfare Association and the Connecticut Probation Association said "The program of child welfare work in Connecticut is a mess. In many juvenile courts are judges who have been trained in criminal courts and who have never read a book of psychology in their lives. Many probation officers are political appointees."

"For all that Connecticut is one of the wealthiest, most cultured parts of the country, its child welfare work is moving backward in the midst of radical social changes."

Dr. Chakerian also presided at a panel discussion on Community Resources in the Treatment of the Probationer.

The library is adopting a new system so that hereafter history students who are doing outside reading will not come to the library only to find all the books in use. By having the student sign up for definite hours when she may have the book, it is hoped that the last minute rush for the books will be avoided.

On December 10, Dr. Leib, president of the New London School Board conducted the monthly meeting of the board.

## Carols of Nations Sung at Vespers

All the language departments of the college contributed to the program of the annual Christmas Vesper service which took place last Sunday evening at seven o'clock in Knowlton Salon.

The service was opened by J. Lawrence Erb who played "The Pastoral" from Handel's *The Messiah*. The opening hymn, which followed, was "Joy to the World". Dr. Laubenstein then read a poem related to Christmas which was entitled, "In Christ There is No East or West". A prayer and the scripture lesson immediately followed.

After the responsive reading, Dean Nye read a part of the Christmas story from the Gospel according to St. Matthew in Greek. The choir then sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful" in Latin, and the various language departments followed singing Christmas folk songs in the language of the country they were representing.

Dr. Laubenstein closed the service with the Benediction.

## C. C. Rates For Slang

The college rates—in more than one way. In a recent copy of the *Ladies' Home Journal* appeared a column stating various interesting slang phrases on widely scattered campuses. Twenty-one colleges were cited as having particularly unique expressions, and Connecticut College was one of those mentioned. The saying attributed to this group was "Goon—a silly or boring person". Others which are characteristic of campuses from Vermont to California were included.

## A. S. U. LECTURE

Dr. Joel Seidman, noted authority and lecturer on problems related to labor, will lecture at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Fanning 206. His subject will be, "White Collar Workers and the Labor Movement". The A. S. U. is sponsoring this lecture and invites interested students to come.

## Students Attend New England Conference

Helen Swan, Winifred Nies, and Anne Oppenheim, who was chairman of one of the three round table discussions, attended the New England Conference of the International Relations Clubs of colleges and universities, which was held in cooperation with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace whose official delegate was Miss Amy Hemingway Jones. This is the sixth annual IRC Conference for New England, and there are now forty-seven IRC Clubs in this district.

1937 is the centennial year of Colby Junior College, and the IRC Conference was held there as part of the 100th birthday celebration. Mary Trafton of Colby Junior College was president of the meeting. The previous gatherings of the IRC Conference for New England have been as follows: 1932, Wesleyan; 1932, University of New Hampshire; 1934, Wellesley College; 1935, Colby College; 1936, Clark University. Next year the conference will be held at the University of New Hampshire.

## Forty Nations Join Dance Festival

The peoples of forty nations get together upon a common aesthetic ground in New York this month in tribute to the art of the dance.

A 35-day festival of the dance of the 20th century, a great international exhibition in which 40 nations will participate, was opened on November 29th under the sponsorship of an American committee headed by Louise Branch.

The festivities were launched at a "preview" to be held on the evening of November 28 at Exhibition Hall, International Building, Radio City, to which distinguished leaders in the fields of art, education, the professions and public life were invited.

The festival, known as Dance International 1900-1937, is described by its sponsors as the greatest effort of its kind ever undertaken in this country or anywhere in the world to honor the dance. Two performances by the foremost ballet and modern dance groups in America; a series of 15 afternoon folk-dance programs by representatives of 27 countries; exhibitions of books, paintings, sculpture, costumes and photographs, illustrative of the dance; lectures and the showing of rare motion pictures on the art of the dance as it is interpreted by the various countries, will all be embraced in the comprehensive program continuing for five weeks through January 2.

Louise Branch, member of a prominent Richmond, Virginia, family, originated Dance International out of a desire, as she puts it, "to help bring together in friendly competition a closer relationship for better understanding of all nations. In this way may lie the hope of world peace."

## Virginia Belden Is On Music Staff

1936 Graduate Takes Place As Assistant To Dr. Erb

Miss Virginia Belden, who was graduated from the college last year has returned to Connecticut as part time assistant to Dr. Erb in the music department. Miss Belden was teaching music at her home on Long Island, when she was recalled to Connecticut College to be a graduate fellow. She returned after Thanksgiving and plans to remain



VIRGINIA BELDEN

here the rest of the year. Other than this she has made no definite plans for the future.

Miss Belden transferred from Swarthmore after her Sophomore year and finished her music courses here. She majored in music and is very enthusiastic about her work. As a student at Connecticut, Miss Belden was active in sports, particularly hockey.

Miss Belden is sharing the playing for daily chapel services with Miss Ballard. She also teaches a beginning course in piano.

President Blunt wishes to take this opportunity to wish the students and faculty of Connecticut College a very Merry Christmas.

## Senior Art Majors Plan Pageant

On Thursday night at 8 o'clock the traditional Christmas Pageant will be presented by the Senior art majors. This year the theme of the pageant is entirely different from anything ever presented in the college before. The music, singing, and speaking parts have been carefully centered around a theme which is kept secret until the night of the pageant.

Palamona Williams was elected chairman of the pageant. The costume committee consists of Emily Agnes Lewis, chairman, Frances Willson, and Mary Caroline Jenks, with the help of Betsy Parcells, Winifred Valentine, Betty Leech, and Priscilla Pasco. Laura Brainard is chairman of scenery, and working with her are Jeanette Austin, Marjorie Beaudette, Betty Gilbert, Elizabeth Mulford, Betty Bishard, and Jane Guilford. Helen Daghighian is in charge of the properties.

Writers, let's make this a fruitful vacation!  
Quarterly contributions are due January 12.

## ART SHOW PLANS

There will be an Art Club show in January. Students are asked to bring back after vacation anything that could be exhibited—paintings, drawings, prints, posters or sculpture. Watch the bulletin board for a notice after vacation. There will be an announcement of date and place of submission; work must have been done away from classes here.

## Winifred Nies Chairs At Mock Congress

The students of the College Parliamentary Law classes were invited to attend the mock session of the House of Representatives conducted by the Yale Law School Parliamentary Law Class. It was held Monday evening at New Haven. Because of her recent handling of these sessions held here several times under the leadership of John Q. Tilson, Winifred Nies '38 was asked to preside in the chair while in Committee of the Whole.

## Signs of the Times—Christmas Spirit Pervades Even College Haunts

By ANNE DARLING '38

Although most of us a long while ago discovered the facts about that jolly, jovial old saint, Santa, everyone on campus is captured by the merry infectious mood of the Christmas spirit as soon as the first hint of snow is in the air. Immediately all Connecticut becomes a constant flurry of activity.

Perhaps we were one of a group, who of an evening gathered about on the floor of the Mary Harkness living room and sang 'Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht' to the accompaniment of a cheerful crackling fire, preparing for a delightful Vesper service of carols and Christmas readings. Maybe we dressed a Christadora doll or two in a bright Mexican costume or as Little Red Riding Hood. Some of us were in the merry throng that set up the Christmas tree gaily festooning it with shimmering strands of gold, glittering tinsel, and many-colored lights. Others of us helped trim President Blunt's tree. The art majors still struggle valiantly against time to get the right shades and lines to the Madonna's gown, gilding immense stretches of backdrop in curleques and spirals, and

tearing about town for green, blue, and red Christmas tree balls that might do for jewels. Whatever it is from the block print of fur trees to composing a limerick to accompany that funny little gift for the house party, we have experienced that 'joy to the world' feeling.

In a day or two we will be leaving behind the memories of the Christmas pageant with that exquisite tableau of the adoration of the Madonna, the carolers in the Quadrangle vainly trying to keep candles alight while lustily singing 'Good King Wenceslas' and the warm cheerful dormitories with their gaily trimmed spruce trees and huge evergreen wreaths with saucy red bows. Something greater than the excitement of the moment with Jim under the mistletoe, Bob at Soph Hop, or Carol at the card party has invaded our being. Love for everyone outside of the big ME has suddenly changed a drab existence of colds, books, and studies into an unbelievably glorious world of happiness, joy, and friends. We really have not lost sight of Santa or forgotten the sweet taste of the delightful red and white striped candy cane.

## Trustees Luncheon

President Blunt spoke at a luncheon of Hartford lawyers and bankers arranged by the Hartford trustees. Mr. Harrison B. Freeman presided, and Governor Wilbur L. Cross, Senator Frederic C. Walcott, and Mr. Clement Scott represented the board of trustees. There were between forty and forty-five guests present.

## CALENDAR . . .

for Week of December 15 to 17

### Wednesday, December 15

Christmas Doll Display . . . . . Windham, all day

### Thursday, December 16

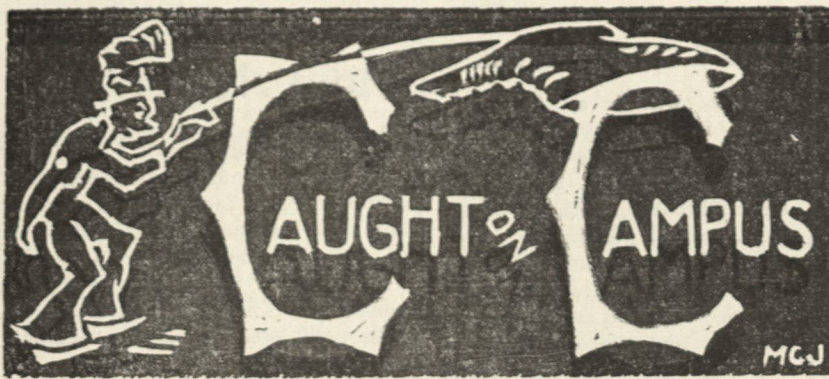
Joel Seidman, A. S. U. . . . . Fanning 206, 2:00

Christmas Pageant . . . . . Gym, 8:00

### Friday, December 17

Christmas Recess Begins . . . . . 11:00





There was one Sophomore who simply couldn't decide which one of her many men she should ask to the Hop, so she put all their names in a hat and picked—the right one?

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If the basement of Jane Addams has turned into a rabbit nursery don't be surprised. It seems that Anne Stern '40 had a bet with a Harvard man and the stake was a rabbit. Anne lost the bet, and is now seeking Peter's transportation to Cambridge.

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Seen on campus the first snowy day—Miss A. Ramsey printed in big letters on the snowy windshield of her coupe. Who done it?

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Residents of the third floor of Winthrop House eagerly anticipate Friday nights, for E. V. Butler, one of their clan, never fails to bring back from downtown a quart of ice cream and sauce, which doesn't taste at all badly round about 11:00 p. m.

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Kay Caldwell: You know her . . . she's in our Soc. class.

Joan Roberts: What page?

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Tony Holcombe and Irene Kennel asked if they could bring their dates for Soph Hop to class. Miss Garetson said, "If it won't phase you, it won't phase me!"

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A sweater stretcher served as a base for a lot of fun and a lot of scares in Mary Harkness and the '37 Dorm Friday night. Middy Weitlich, Jimmie Ellis, and Janie Krepps furnished it with a sweater, sock stretchers, long underwear, red socks, topped it with a hideous face and a grey wig, and, after gathering a crew of excited spectators, scared "bosom pals" by dangling the "thing" outside their windows. Beth McIlraith got a little excited when she saw a "man" just outside her window.

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She who had the Governor's car call for her outside Fanning Thursday deserves our deepest respect.

Persistence pays—just ask the fourth floor of Mary Harkness! 'Way back in Freshman year, Mory and her various smoking friends started to save the premiums they received at Schulte's. Ever since then the little box of coupons has been steadily growing, and now at last they're going to reap the results of their saving. With the four thousand coupons they have accumulated, they are going to get a toaster, a bathroom scale, a handy-andy orange juice squeezer, a luncheon set, a dozen cups and saucers, a bread box and two cookie tins to match—oh, the list of things goes on and on. All these things are supposed to arrive in time for the Christmas party on the night before vacation. What a party it's going to be! If the cigar store stops giving out coupons, you'll know it's because it's been driven to bankruptcy.

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This is to deny the report that some members of the student body are losing their senses. The queer antics that a group of girls were going through last Thursday in front of the gym were merely ski exercises for outdoor sports.

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First Student: "Ruth didn't come to Zoo lab today. I missed her."

Second Student: "Is that so? I thought you had gotten used to cutting up that stuff Ruthlessly."

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The Misses Day and McNicol read in an English History book something so amusing that they were invited to leave the library without further notice.

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One Freshman will be forever thankful for Freshman initiation. Lee Barry has had frequent, amorous letters from a man some Sophomore made her write to and received his picture the other day.

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What was the rhyme we heard the other night on Tommy Dorsey's program? Oh yes. "How many rhymes can you get" for sensation? Vacation!

## Exchange Editor Gleans Tidbits From Other College Newssheets

This came from the *Alabamian*:  
A sensible girl is not so sensible as she looks because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.

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Here is something they called "Professor Pushbuggy's Lectures". My little starlets:

You are all familiar with the little poem "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The smoothie of the 1800's said:

Mica, mica  
Parva stella  
Miror quanam  
Sis tam bella  
Splendens emines in illo  
Alba vallet gemona caelo.

She was followed up by the fastie of the 1920's:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
Who do you think you are,  
Up above the world so high  
Twinkling like a flashlight.  
And the flapper of 1925 was even better than Gertrude Stein:

Twinkle, twinkle,  
Little,  
How I wonder  
Whackoo.

But the college girl of today is intellectual, a bit of information which may startle you. You might even think she's a heavenly body.

According to her:

Seintillate, seintillate,  
Globular vivific,  
Fain would I fathom  
Thy nature specific,  
Gracefully poised  
In an ether capacious  
Strongly resembling  
A gem carbonaceous.  
Which is ether here or air,  
S. S. Pushbuggy.

x x x x

Dedicated to the classroom sleeper.

Now I lay me down to sleep  
And pray sweet slumber me to keep,  
If I should snore before I wake,  
Shut me up—for goodness sake.

—The Aquinas

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Seen on an eminent sophomore's door: "If we are studying when you come in, please wake us up!"

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The *Hunter Bulletin* defines lunch as a repast consisting of a cigarette, a sundae, and two cigarettes, partaken of anytime between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. And an assignment is a one-way ticket of exile to a library.

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Freshman: Pardon me, does this train stop at Tenth Street?

Passenger: Yes, watch me and get off one station before I do.

Freshman: Thank you.

—The Tatler

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According to the *Mississippi Collegian* love is the quest; marriage, the conquest; divorce, the inquest.

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Encouraging is the report of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, that all elementary science, mathematics, four year commercials, home economics, physical education, and music teachers have been placed and more positions were offered than could be filled. The one student who majored in Latin has also been placed. In addition, 100 former students have found positions.

—The Carolinian

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The same paper offers this example in English punctuation.

Woman—without her, man is lost.

Woman—without her man, is lost.

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The *Wesleyan Argus* has this to say about us: After reading the *Connecticut College News*, we are just dying to go down quick-like-a-rabbit and visit that where-to-go-ish place snuggling at the bottom of the hill. (The College Inn) It must be oh-so peachy. Besides other delicacies, there is "a place to roast your toes" and "tables to mix and mingle amongst." And what's more, they sell toasted sandwiches "without charging a nickel more for the toasting, where they are going to put new tables and benches." A wildly enthusiastic freshman exclaimed, "It's a nice place to go. In fact, we'd like it nearer!" Many more such unbelievable statements were made. The Inn started off on the wrong foot by giving the Prexy only one egg for breakfast when they know he likes two. (Wonder where they got that?) However, student opinion seems to approve and we are just dying to dash down and see the "delovely place", oh you, kid!

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## Home Economic Club Has Wassail Party

The Christmas Wassail party of the Home Economics club on Thursday. It began with Marthe Barratte describing the exciting activities of the Christmas season in France, and continued with Greta Anderson telling of the extensive preparations for the long Christmas season when hundreds of cookies are consumed by welcome callers.

The traditional Wassail bowl was brought in filled with a spicy hot drink simulating the Wassail which the English landlord served his serfs as they came to wish him good health for the year. Christmas carols were sung by candlelight before the meeting was ended.

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## M. Nelson Christens Tanker At Launching

Few people have the honor which Margaret Nelson '38 knew last weekend. She went to Baltimore, Maryland, on Saturday, to christen the tanker *Gulfdisc* at its launching. The *Gulfdisc* is the latest addition to the fleet of the Gulf Refining Co.

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## Dr. Chakerian Sets Tone At Meeting

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According to Dr. Chakerian, "sadder is the fact that probation officers who have the most to do in this field of welfare, are, by and large, political appointees. It is reported that the turnover of probation officers is in the neighborhood of 50 percent every two years. Under such circumstances it is obviously not possible to provide the delinquent child with the proper type of intelligent care.

Recent advances in the fields of psychiatry, medicine, and the social sciences suggest that delinquency is only incidentally a legal problem. Juvenile delinquency consists essentially of one or more maladjustments. Society's function is not to punish the individual delinquent, but rather to help him adjust himself to his family, and to his community. Such work can best be done neither by inexperienced political appointees nor by judges who have no training in psychiatry or the social sciences. Desirable adjustments can only be effected by qualified individuals irrespective of their political affiliations or beliefs.

"The day may yet come when juvenile courts will be obsolete agencies their work having first been transferred to children's clinics and child guidance centers. This does not mean that we need not promote any further the extension of the Fairfield and Windham counties juvenile courts to cover the rest of the state. It does mean, however," concluded Professor Chakerian, "that in the promotion of such reform measures the emphasis had better be placed on psychiatric and social treatment rather than on legal precedence and legal procedure."

Dr. Chakerian and Dr. Scoville were elected members of the executive Board of the Connecticut Conference of Social work to serve until 1940.

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Things that caught your eye at the unforgettable "Soph Hop" . . . afternoon . . . Jean Sincere's black silk dress trimmed with a gold flower and belt . . . the swing skirt and fitted blouse of dark grey satin worn by Marilyn Klein, a freshman waitress . . . Lucie Dix's very clever shoes—black sandals with straps wound around her ankles . . . Sue Spinney in bright red . . . a brown velvet halo hat faced with blue worn by Evelyn McGill . . . Peg Goldsmith's bloneness set off by a Sandringham blue dress with silver trim . . . the princess styled gold dress of Polly Carroll . . . the bright embroidered flowers covering the front

of Janet Waters black dress . . . night . . . Hazel Rowley, chairman of the Prom, in black taffeta with puff sleeves . . . a wide silver sash on bright blue chiffon worn by Peg Bear . . . at Dutchlands, Margery Geer in a black velvet wrap with a white collar and gardenias . . . Irene Johnstone in black net trimmed with green velvet bands around the bodice and wearing a black veil with a bow on her head . . . the two huge orchids of Fran Morley . . . the waitress' costumes of full white skirts sprinkled with gold stars and short sleeved, fitted black jackets . . . Mary Heedy in blue velvet and rhinestones.

## Many Magnificent Memories of Successful Sophomore Hop

By JEAN M. SINCERE '40

And Soph Hop is a memory . . . For the all two short five hours of its existence, Knowlton Salon was a riot of stars. The waitresses in their unique and clever costumes glided about the room, the acme of graciousness. Art Shaw and his band made never-to-be-forgotten history as he filled the ballroom with his clarinet's shrill music. I have never seen so many happy couples in all my life. I think the whole occasion got under everyone's skin, in a pleasant sort of way, and the entire Sophomore class declared "lids off" for a jolly party.

Knowlton itself was perhaps the starriest place you have ever seen. Stars, black and gold, covered the long white drapes, and from the gold fuzz, strung from side to side of the room, hung great black stars. It seemed like a kind of fairy land to most of us I think, for I have never seen such enthusiasm during, or following any previous school dance. There was something different in the air—perhaps it was the music, but the skipping feet had a time keeping up with the beating of our hearts.

I saw Nat Maas and her date taking pictures, plenty candid camera, I imagine. They seemed to be having a perfect time, and think of what they'll have to show for it now that the dance is over. Everyone liked the waitresses, and I believe that one boy's remark "They're the best this college has ever had" was not far from wrong. But it was the Sophomores who were really in their glory. "Snooky" Rowley was positively radiant, and with every reason. She did a perfect job, and deserved the several corsages she

had pinned in various places. "Andy" Anderson looked as Florida-y as anyone could. She said it all came from the sun lamp in our infirmary. Yes, the general consensus of opinion is that this Soph Hop was truly the best. That may be true, and it may not. At any rate we had fun, and despite it's being a mile-stone in our history, I hope that someday we can have as much fun again—and the same goes for you!

## Editorial

(Continued from Page 2, Column 1) only the work and effort of every student that makes it so. Along with that we should take into consideration that in the last analysis school work comes first. You may think you'll not exist unless you see that movie. You may feel that a weekend away is just the thing for you. That is all very well, but the school work must still come first. You owe that much to the college and its alumnae so that people will continue to say "Work being done at Connecticut College for Women is as good as at any woman's college in the United States and better than most."

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

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

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

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## New Collection of A. Housman Poems Is Reviewed

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enough of an artist to know which of his poems were his finest. He did not publish these poems previously. It is generally conceded that these poems are not up to those of either "Last Poems" or "A Shropshire Lad" his first and greatest book.

To publish more and less excellent works of so great an artist is like adding another act to "Hamlet". It is not needed, and while we get neither enough of the Melancholy Dane nor of Housman, it is better to stop while the tone is still exquisite and let the curtain fall. And with this volume the curtain falls on one of the great poets who is still too close to this age to be judged, yet who has the mark of enduring genius.

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## Majority of Senior Class Fail to Pass Government Test

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3. Which unit of the government regulates or has charge of the following: 1 rivers and harbors (National); 2 printing postage stamps (National); 3 factory inspection (State); 4 narcotic traffic (National); 5 water supply (Local)

4. Who are the mayoralty candidates in the present New York City campaign? (LaGuardia—Mahoney).

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

6. Can a state court hold an act of the Congress of the United States unconstitutional? (Yes)

7. When is the next session of Congress to begin? (November 15)

8. Is the President bound by the advice of his Cabinet? (No)

9. What national officers are elected to office? (President, Vice-President, members of Congress) How do the others get office? (Appointment)

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

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



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## Discrepancy Between Checks and Chapel Attendance

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5)

that day was 19. Of the 141 Juniors who should have filled a total of 282 places last week, only 49, or 17% were counted covering the attendance at all five Chapels. On the whole, Juniors are more honest in their checking; the actual attendance on Wednesday (15), and on Thursday (3) tallies exactly with the numbers checked on the three Junior house lists.

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

The greatest discrepancy of lists and attendance occurred on Tuesday when 45 Seniors and 21 Juniors checked their names; only 10 Seniors and 4 Juniors were actually present. In each case, over three quarters of these who checked had not been to Chapel.

All these facts lead to the deduction that the Honor System is failing in this case. Why is it that

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Students are asked to consider these facts carefully in preparation for the house meetings and discussion prior to the January Amalgamation meeting.

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