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Jacques Barzun to Speak Jan. 10 on Literacy and Life

Literacy and the Goal of Life will be the subject of Jacques Barzun, Professor of History at Columbia university, who will speak at convocation at eight o'clock January 10 in Palmer auditorium. He will concentrate on a discussion of the role of the educated person in modern society.

Education
Professor Barzun was born in France, and came to the United States in 1919. He was naturalized in 1933. After receiving his A.B. at the Lycee Janson de Sailly, in Paris, Professor Barzun continued his education at Columbia university where he received his doctorate.

A well-known authority on Modern Culture, Professor Barzun is particularly interested in education. Recently he was secretary of the committee which studied the curriculum of Columbia university and which published its reports under the title of Program in Action.

Work as an Author
Equally famous as an author, Professor Barzun is a member of the Author's Guild of the Authors' League of America. He has written several books on race, one entitled The French Race: Theories of its Origins, and Race: A Study in Modern Superstition. More recently he wrote Teacher in America, which discussed the profession of teaching and its problems.

Students Display Variety of Talent In 'Breadwinning'

The condemnation of college life which states that it is cloistered, overgrown with ivy, and does not face the cold practical world of reality is a familiar one. After a few interviews with students of Connecticut, one finds that this criticism is unfounded. The varied talents we've seen displayed in campus activities have pushed through the academic aura and been well received in commercial fields.

In Literary Field
In the literary field two freshmen have already proved their abilities. Nancy Yanes wrote a weekly column entitled "What teen-agers do with their summers" in the Newton Graphic Paper and Eve Yoars' short story was accepted for publication in the St. Louis Literary Monthly.

Norma Johnson '49 has created a character, "Chrysty," which should net some profits. Chrysty, a child exemplifying mischief and the resulting consequences, was born in the Crystallaire camp paper which Norma edited. She submitted her Chrysty comic strips to Polly Pigtales, the little sister magazine to Calling All Girls and Seventeen, and after a conference with the editor, was encouraged to submit literary copy in the same vein. Rhoda Meltzer '49 has also received recognition for her literary efforts. Her poem, Ferris Wheel will appear in the National Poetry Association Anthology.

Artists Prove Skill
The student artists whose skill we see daily illustrated in post-
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Amalgamation Meeting To Be Held January 8
There will be an Amalgamation meeting in Palmer auditorium on January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Student Reporters Cover Campus News For Local Papers

by Mary Bundy
"Miss Such-and-such, of this city, has been elected class historian for the sophomore class at Connecticut college, in New London, Conn." So runs many an item in a hometown paper. How do the hometown editors know? Who tells the hometown papers what's going on here? That's the job of Press Board.

Cover Student Activities
Press Board is a body of about twelve reporters, whose job it is to pick up any news about student life on campus which comes their way. They have been directed since 1931 by Mrs. Katherine T. Floyd. The reporters cover every aspect of student life and send items about achievements of students to the home town and high school papers. They also contribute material to local papers and others interested.

Serve as Correspondents
Some of the members of Press Board are paid correspondents for commercial newspapers. In this way they not only contribute news to papers but also give the college more publicity. The items are sent on official Press Board stationery, in the form of press releases. Pictures of outstanding students are also sent when available. Besides items about students, the reporters are on the lookout for feature items, such as a piece of new equipment in a laboratory or a new club policy. New trends among the students are carefully followed and covered.
Press Board was started about
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CC Concert Series Opens Jan. 7 With Boston Symphony

The first program of the Connecticut College Concert series, presented by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky, will take place Tuesday evening, January 7, 1947 at 8:30 in Palmer auditorium. This concert will be broad-



SERGE KOUSSEVITZKY

cast over a nation-wide hook-up. The program for the concert has not yet been announced.

Under the leadership of Serge Koussevitzky, the Boston Symphony orchestra passed the half-century milestone in 1941. The Russian conductor first began conducting in the United States in 1924, and his qualities of leadership were recognized by critics at the first concerts of that season.

The regular winter season of the Boston symphony orchestra, extending from early October to the end of April, includes many concerts in Boston's Symphony hall, visits to New York, a tour of Western cities, and concerts at various New England colleges, such as Connecticut, Rutgers, and Smith. In May and June members of the orchestra give "Pop" concerts under the leadership of Arthur Fiedler.

Christmas Pageant Will Take Place Dec. 19 in Auditorium

Freshmen Must Return By 11 Tomorrow Night

Freshmen are reminded that they must be in their dormitories by 11:00 p.m. tomorrow evening after they finish carolling.

C. Greenfield '47 To Attend Student Religious Meeting

Charlotte Greenfield '47 has been appointed to represent the Religious Fellowship of Connecticut college at the National Assembly of the Student Christian Association movement. This conference will take place December 27 to January 3 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

The National Assembly is the town meeting for student Young Men and Women Christian Associations all over the country. It is their legislative and program planning body, and is called every four years.

The assembly this year will include a program of hearings, in which students will discuss proposed policies and prepare reports; program laboratories to display exhibits of new program techniques; worship and Bible study led by Howard Thurman; and morning platform series led by Charles Bolte, chairman of the American Veterans' committee, and by Albert Outler, associate professor of theology at Yale university.

Charlotte will be joined by delegates from colleges all over the country.

Annual Party For Children Given At The Mission House

by Barbara Blaustein

As if by magic, on December 17, over one hundred youngsters of the Learned Mission house in New London received the answer to their Christmas wishes. Thanks to the efforts of Service League, the annual Christmas party at the Mission house was resumed after a lapse of several years.

Festivities began at 4:00 Tuesday afternoon. Included in the afternoon's program were entertainment, refreshments, and the distribution of gifts. A Santa Claus was present to add to the merriment, and there was a Christmas tree.

Children Entertained

Service league supplied the gifts and the refreshments to help make the party a success. This campus organization has long been interested in the Mission house. Many a Connecticut college student has spent heartwarming afternoons teaching games, arts and crafts, dramatics, singing, and piano to these youngsters between the ages of nine and fifteen.

Marion Peterson head of Service league, wishes to express her appreciation for the response and interest shown by the college students in buying the gifts that make this year's Christmas a merry one for many a New London child.

Theme Usually Varied Every Year; Madonna Nominated by Seniors

The Christmas Pageant, which is one of the oldest and loveliest ceremonies held at Connecticut college, will take place on December 19. The idea for the Christmas Pageant was born in the very early years of Connecticut college history. The college wished to present the Christmas Story in such a way that the spirit of Christmas Holliness would be combined with the spirit of beauty.

It was decided to reproduce the treasured Madonnas by the famous masters in living figures set off by the sound of Christmas carol. The central figure was to be the most beautiful member of the senior class who would be chosen by the art department. Through the years only the manner of selecting the Madonna has changed and each year a different painting is re-enacted.

Former Pageants

The favorite theme and the only one to be repeated was an adaptation from Fra Angelico of the Madonna surrounded by four angels who are supporting a decorated frieze rich with gold. Other well remembered pageants were The Madonna of the Stained Glass Window of Chartres Cathedral and the Blue Virgin which was set between two groups of three medieval statues representing the medieval porches of Chartrist, twelfth century statues. In other years, the Madonna of Guadalupe and the Statue of the Madonna in the Cathedral of Modena by Mazzoni were depicted in all their splendor. Last year the pageant centered about the Russian Madonna of the Snows which interpret the Virgin as ageless and timeless, while featuring light movement and color.

This year's pageant remains a deeply concealed secret for the identity of the Madonna is known only to those who have chosen her, and the picture will not be unveiled until Thursday night.

The people who have worked on this project include Mrs. Cranz, Miss Rosamund Tuve, Mrs. Josephine Hunter Ray, Dr. Laubenstein, Mr. Robert Logan, Mr. Gerald Jensen of the faculty. The student property chairman is Marian Lowe '47, the chairman in charge of the spectacle is Lucia Hollerith '47, and her committee consists of Jean Abernathy '47, Jane Cope '47, and Janet Humphrey '47. The members of the junior class who have worked on this project are Phyllis Barnhill, Jean Mueller, and Helen Cosgrove.

Philosophy Groups To Meet on Jan. 9

Philosophy students from Wesleyan and the University of Connecticut will attend the meeting of the Connecticut College Philosophy group on January 9, at 8:00 in the Commuters' room in Fanning.

Three essays written on the topic, The Moral Responsibility of Science, will be read by representatives of the three colleges. The subject will then be open for discussion. Sue Johnson '47, president of the Connecticut College Philosophy group, will preside at the meeting.

Botany Department Pursuing Extensive Research Program

by Barbara Earnest

The Botany Department of Connecticut college is carrying on an active research program at the present time. There has been a distinguished tradition of research in this department, as attested by the fact that over 54 botanical papers and books have been published by Connecticut college faculty members and students during the past twenty years. These publications have recently been assembled by the library and will be bound as volume I of the Contributions from the Matthies Botanical Laboratory.

Plant Hormones

Much of the research at Connecticut college has been done in the field of plant hormones. Miss Betty Thomson of the botany department has been collaborating with Dr. George S. Avery, Jr., former department chairman and now Director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bindloss Johnson, also a former member of the Connecticut college faculty, in writing a book—now in press—entitled Hormones and Horticulture, which deals

with many practical applications of the theoretical research carried on here by Dr. Avery and his associates, and elsewhere by other scientists.

Research Facilities

The facilities for research in the field of plant growth are very exceptional at Connecticut college. They include a very well-equipped laboratory, the gift of Miss Katharine Matthies, and two air-conditioned dark-rooms under the greenhouse, the gift of the Rockefeller foundation, Mr. A. C. Ernst, and Mr. E. J. Block.

Dr. Paul Larsen, a distinguished Danish plant physiologist, is visiting the college this winter to carry on some experiments on a plant hormone which he has recently discovered. Dr. Frank Schlenker of Rhode Island State college is also doing some research here in the field of plant hormones.

Experimentation

Professor Richard Goodwin, head of the botany department, has been collaborating with Dr. Frederick Kavanagh of the New York Botanical Garden in an in-
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Dangerous Split-Thinking

An Editorial

College students are accused of being overly idealistic; and of turning pink at the end of one semester and remaining that hue until five years, at the most, after they graduate. They are accused of talking in broad and vague generalities about the great need for economic security and brotherhood, without any real understanding of the various means proposed for working towards those important goals.

Unfortunately, these accusations are easily proved. After a few weeks or months of college, students become aware of the gross inequalities and prejudices which trouble the world. Then they hear of the innumerable remedies that have been, and are still being proposed. Of those who are sincerely disturbed by these problems and stimulated by the hope of solving them, all too few endeavor to secure a working understanding of them; the rest either secure a sprinkling of knowledge and talk in generalities, or grasp on to one so-called solution and support it without any real understanding of its implications.

It is the students in these two latter groups who have given colleges the reputation of producing impractical idealists. It is they who talk of world government as the only sensible means to peace without knowing anything about the bases of federalism; it is they who talk in high flown language about the necessity for bettering labor's

position without bothering to study the present situation or the causes which led to it. And all too often it is these same students who wail about the great amount of racial prejudice, and then turn around and bemoan the proposed movement of the UN to Westchester because "there are so many foreigners there already."

Such split-thinking is common to those whose social vision can perceive nothing deeper than the excitement which surrounds a "cause." They joyfully extoll the beauties of their cause until it becomes necessary to do something concrete about it, such as studying its details or actually living according to its precepts. And then, because their enthusiasm has no concrete base in knowledge, they do not know how to proceed and act in a manner which is opposed to the ideals of the cause which they have espoused. This situation is made even worse when the student does not realize that there is any opposition between her actions and her cause, and continues to mouth her favorite "truths" while undermining them in effect.

Thus it is that college students obtain their reputations as impractical dreamers. The remedy is obvious—it is the utilizing of college for the attainment of a knowledge of both problems and causes, a knowledge which is thorough enough to enable us to deal with concrete problems in a constructive and mature manner.

Free Speech

Dear Editor:

It is apparent, after the Christmas vesper service, that unless in the future some plan of controlling attendance at this service is made and carried out, one of our most impressive campus events will lose its significance and beauty.

There are some campus occasions for which we are justified in restricting attendance to members of the college community. The townspeople are welcome at convocations, usual vesper services, and at many other events. Surely, especially since they will later have their own Christmas services in town, they will not think us inhospitable if we limit attendance at the Christmas vespers to those people for whom the service is primarily intended, and for whom it obviously is an important event.

May I suggest that in the future attendance be limited to members of the college community—to students if necessary—and, as it seems unlikely that there would even then be room for everyone who would like to attend the service, that consideration be given to the possibility of having Christmas decorations, the candle-light procession, and the same Christmas music on two Sundays, instead of one, before vacation. Perhaps the plan of admission by ticket should also be considered as a last resort if other plans seem ineffective.

I arrived at the chapel on Sunday at 6:30 to find all seats taken and standing room scarce. A few students gave their seats to people who were standing, and shortly before 7:00 ushers asked other students to relinquish their seats, which they did by rows. Although I thus obtained a seat, which I appreciated, I did not greatly enjoy its comfort, achieved at the cost of taking the seat from someone who had come so early that it may be assumed she wanted very much to attend the service.

Because of the nature of the service and the desirability of using the chapel organ, it seems suitable that this event be held in the chapel rather than in the auditorium as has been suggested. However, unless we can satisfactorily accommodate the people who wish to attend, the occasion will become noisy, and confusing, and interest in attendance may diminish.

Kathryn Moss
Alumnae Office

Dear Editor,

Those of us who attended the open house at Emily Abbey last Sunday were greatly impressed by the home-like atmosphere, the genuinely friendly attitude of our hostesses and the delicacies which they had prepared for us.

It would do many of the students good if they could live in that house for a while and get some firsthand experience in cooperation; not only do the girls in Emily Abbey do their own house-cleaning and cooking but many of them are high-ranking students and participators in campus events. The girls who live in Abbey house take as much pride in the little accomplishments of daily life as in the ones which receive publicity. Let us commend them.

Sincerely,
'48

Dear Editor,

Each year the problem of vespers and chapel conduct comes to the forefront on campus. Many students always seem to forget and whispering, giggling, and the crackling of the morning mail is again heard. This disturbs the people who wish to uphold the sanctity of the chapel. It certainly must annoy the guest speakers at the vespers or the regular chapel speakers.

Next time you are in chapel before whispering and rattling your mail, please remember where you are and the feeling of your neighbors!

'47

Dear Editor,

I would like to give enthusiastic support to the attitude expressed towards a college education in the fall issue of Quarterly.

Few of us can deny that marks are stressed in this college as symbols of intellectual achievement. But are they a fair standard? Isn't it possible for anyone with a minimum of intelligence and a measure of perseverance to sit down and memorize a text. It is true that some examinations not only test one's knowledge of certain material but also one's ability to apply this knowledge. In so far as examinations achieve this end they are a fair test of achievement.

But one is often tempted to ask the question, "Is this education?" This cramming of facts today which are to be forgotten tomorrow. We are told that we should not cram for tests, but learn day by day, review last time's assignment before starting the new one. But in our present system who has the time even if the allotted two hours are faithfully spent, and it is often difficult to find these two hours if we are to take advantage of lectures, concerts, and the various extra-curricular activities which we are reprimanded for not attending.

Many of us feel that we learn more from writing research papers than we do any other way, yet groans are heard when papers are assigned because they take so much time. Our system does not leave room for the extensive assignment of papers. A few a term is all a student is able to handle if she wants to do an adequate job.

I believe that what most of us who are upset by the present system are striving for is some method which will make us think and not merely memorize. The reason why we prefer research papers and class discussion methods is that here we must use our mind not merely in memorizing a few facts which we will soon forget, but to reason something out for ourselves.

The anonymous author of the Quarterly article writes of a desire to follow her own interests. How many of us have felt that complete frustration of wanting to follow through an idea that was puzzling or of wanting to read up on a certain subject? But the system at Connecticut makes no allowance for such pursuance.

Admittedly there is no simple solution to the problem. Few would advocate that we do away with the present system entirely and merely pursue our interests. But it is also evident that a great deal can be done to improve what we now have and to modify our system so that it does allow for a greater development of the individual and a more realistic intellectual achievement.

Bunny Leith-Ross '48

Dear Editor:

One of the ideas of many CC students has at last been embodied in a working form. A group of interested students has organized to take action on what had previously been simply good intentions—the improvement of inter-racial understanding. Several meetings have been held to launch a program which at present includes working for a larger Negro representation on campus and lectures, discussions and movies concerning inter-racial problems.

The organization was inspired by a group with similar interests at Swarthmore college, and plans are now under way for raising a scholarship fund for Negro students. The committee is working on one of the most vital problems in America today; with interest and cooperation, the problem may approach solution.

Edith Manasevit '49
Rhoda Meltzer '49

CONNECTICUT-UPS



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Thursday, December 19, 1946

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Tuesday, January 7, 1947

Boston Symphony Orchestra Concert 8:30 Auditorium

Wednesday, January 8, 1947

Amalgamation 7:00 Auditorium

Thursday, January 9, 1947

Philosophy Group Talk 8:00 Commuters' Room

USSA Meeting 7:00 NL 113

Friday, January 10, 1947

Prof. Barzun, Convocation lecture, "Literacy and the Goal of Life" 8:00 Auditorium

The
little mouse
wishes
you all
a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



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In One Ear

by Anne Ferguson

A disease hitherto unclassified has at last been separated from the other maladies from which college women suffer and we are now able to publish information on the results of a recent study. Knitting. Scientific analysis has proven that this disease is caused by two bacteriae. The first is recognizable only by its shape, long and slender, double-pointed or single-pointed. The bacteriae are usually found in groups of two or four. The other bacteriae, to be found attached to the former (often in astonishing clusters of seven) is ball-shaped and has a slightly fuzzy texture. The discovery was made that department stores and specialty shops are centers of contamination. Here the germs are picked up most readily, and distributed.

Infectious and Enervating

All reports have agreed that this "knitting" is as infectious as

the common cold and twice as enervating. Once a person has been proven susceptible to the germ, attacks may recur spasmodically throughout life.

In the initial occurrence of the disease, there are a series of four stages through which the normal patient passes. The first stage is of the plainsockus type and is characterized by sudden shifts of mood and temperament—moments of extreme elation and depression (the latter has been attributed to a by-product of the aforementioned germ known technically by the name, dropstitchues.) This type of suffering is generally of short duration.

Cablestitched Sockus

Only by extremely careful supervision can the next stage, or cablestitched-sockus be avoided. This stage is divided into two sub-classifications—cablestitched-sockus, mens and cablestitched-sockus, wimmens. The latter has fewer complications and is of much shorter duration while the former usually lowers the resistance of the patient and may easily bring on an attack of argylesockus mens, a form to be avoided at all costs. This type of the disease leaves the patient in a state of nervous exhaustion. Unintelligible cries such as "My diagonals don't meet in the center" and "I forgot to cross the blue under the gray" have been recorded in medical journals. No satisfactory explanations have been found for their meaning.

From the fourth and final stage of the disease—the most deadly of all—very few patients ever recover. The first sign that this stage has been reached is a zealous self-absorption, almost a mystical abnegation of the surrounding world. This is followed by a great lassitude and a numbing of the fingers. The type is Sweater, Norwegianus—produced by a large foreign germ that is known to thrive on ski-wax and snowflakes. Its effect is long-lasting. Fortunately few patients ever arrive at this stage.

Innoculations of a small amount of dropstitches vaccine has only a temporary effect. Students are reminded of the advisability of staying out of crowded dormitory rooms because the disease spreads quickly.

\$143,868 in Gifts For New Infirmary

Gifts to the Connecticut college Infirmary fund now amount to \$143,868, according to a report to donors released this month by Dr. Rosemary Park, Academic Dean, acting as president, and Dr. Katharine Blunt, President Emeritus. Eighty-eight per cent of this money is now in.

The fund begun last year in anticipation of building a new infirmary for the college, has received contributions from parents of graduates and undergraduates, alumnae, students, trustees, and many friends of the college. The alumnae have jointly given about \$28,000. There is also a gift from a foundation of which an alumna and her father are trustees. Shortages, high costs, and limited funds make building plans impractical at this time.

Donors of \$2500 or \$3000 have usually named a room. There are to be student rooms or larger special duty rooms named for living alumnae, given by parents, a grandmother, or the alumna herself. One room, the lobby was jointly given by the parents of a student killed during the summer of her freshman year and by her classmates as their graduation gift in 1946. Other rooms have been named by friends in memory of a mother or wife.

Economic, Social Survey Center Set Up at University

Ann Arbor, Mich (I.P.)—Organization of the University of Michigan Survey Research Center, to provide facilities for social and economic research and for student training in survey techniques, was announced here by President A. G. Ruthven.

Director of the Center will be Dr. Rensis Likert, who has also been appointed professor of psychology. Dr. Likert has since 1939 been head of the Division of Program Surveys in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Surveys Conducted

The facilities of the Survey Research Center will be used to conduct surveys for governmental and commercial agencies on problems of economic, social and psychological interest, President Ruthven explained. The surveys will be made on samples representing a national cross-section as well as on samples of small areas or regions or of special groups. The surveys are conducted by detailed interviews.

The University has four major purposes in establishing this new agency: (1) to provide a staff for conducting surveys on economic and social problems; (2) to provide graduate training in the method of conducting surveys; (3) to conduct research to improve survey procedures; (4) to secure data that will help to integrate the social sciences.

Data Obtained

"The important results obtained in recent years through surveys and polls have convinced officials in many government agencies, social agencies and business organizations of the need for data which can be obtained this way," Prof. Likert has declared.

The Center will accept contracts from business organizations and government agencies desiring its services, as well as serving the University directly. Results of studies will be published.

No Complete Program

No university in the country now offers a complete program of graduate study in survey methodology, Prof. Likert points out. The Michigan Survey Center will enable this University to offer such work, with staff members of the Center offering courses and seminars in various social sciences. In addition, all students enrolled for such instruction will serve an on-the-job apprenticeship on one or more of the Center's contracts.

USSA Members Will Visit New York on Field-Trip Friday

Dr. Hartley Cross of the economics department has arranged a field trip to New York for members of USSA on Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21. Dr. Colston Warne, who was a visiting professor here last year, and a group of Amherst men will also go on the trip.

The Connecticut college group will leave for New York at 11:23 a.m. on Friday. That afternoon they will attend a Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative discussion, and they will meet officials of the American Arbitration Association. On that day they will also meet Broadus Mitchell, who is the research director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and will have dinner with the heads of the League for Industrial Democracy.

On Saturday the group will meet with an official of the American Civil Liberties Union, the assistant to the president of the New York Cotton Exchange, and the assistant director of education in the National Maritime Union. They will be joined at luncheon by Miss Deborah Tilton, of the Eastern Cooperative League.

Spirit of Holiday Joy is Inspired by Christmas Vespers

by Pat Dole

The Christmas vespers service for this year was presented at Harkness chapel last Sunday night.

By six-fifteen the chapel was already partly filled, and by six-thirty there were hardly any seats left at all. As many people as possible squeezed into the pews, but more and more newcomers kept arriving until the side aisles were lined with standees and the back of the chapel was crowded.

The chapel itself was decorated in a dignified and beautiful manner with Christmas greens banked on the window sills and wreaths hung here and there. The star of Bethlehem gleamed above the cross. To complete the effect of grace and dignity, as the congregation sang Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, the choir, carrying lighted candles, entered from the back of the chapel.

The first choir selections were sung from the balcony by a group of members of the auxiliary choir led by Susan Rippey '47. They sang a Czechoslovakian carol, Now the Rarest Day of All, and a motet, Hodie Christus Matus Est, composed by Sue herself.

The regular choir presented three selections: Angelus Ad Pastores Ait, an Alsatian Christmas song, Slumber, My Tiny One; and As it Fell Upon the Night, an English carol.

One of the most popular of all the chapel speakers, Dr. James Cleland, gave the sermon for the

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Connecticut College Radio Programs

WNLC 1490 kc

Thursday, Dec. 19, 10:15 p.m.

The religious music of the Connecticut College Christmas Pageant:

Et Incarnatus Est—des Pres
Ave Maria—Arcadalt
Gloria In Excelsis Deo—Lawrence Reb
Glory to God in the Highest—Paul Laubenstein

There will be no radio programs on Friday, December 20 or Tuesday, December 24.

Union Leaders Discuss Labor Education with USSA Members

Forty-five students from ten Eastern colleges rode, drove, and hitch-hiked to discuss labor education with union leaders at the United States Student Assembly's institute at Hudson Shore Labor school in West Park, New York, December 6 to 8. The purpose of the week end was to acquaint students with what is being done in labor education and to suggest ways in which they can assist local unions on these programs.

J. P. S. Hardman, Director of the Inter-Union Institute, spoke on The Philosophy of Workers' Education. He emphasized the need for builders, who have a knowledge and understanding of the whole, rather than mechanics who understand only in detail. John Connors from the AF of L's Workers' Education bureau said that their objectives were to educate new members, train leaders, train members in citizenship.

Know Labor Movement

Joe Glazer from the Textile Workers Union Education department said there were many opportunities for students to do volunteer work in Workers' Education but that first they must get the labor leaders' confidence in their willingness and stability, and really know about the labor movement. "Read everything you can, talk to everyone, hang around the union hall, learn the language, go to meetings, get the feel of it," Mr. Glazer said, explaining that doing odd jobs in a union office, stapling, licking stamps, gives you a chance to see the people who come in, hear conversations and get an idea of union activities. Other jobs are working on a paper, doing research for articles, proof reading, setting up speakers exchanges with local unions and college faculty.

Newspaper Guild

Another thing students could do was suggested by Marguerite McCollun from the American Newspaper Guild. The Guild offers an associate membership to students working on college publications which means that such students can go to union meetings or have their own meetings and in every way be a regular Guild member except that they can't vote. Miss

What do YOU Think?
Helen Crumrine

Last week we interviewed students for their opinions on the cutting situation, and the need for a cutting system. This time it is the faculty's turn to express themselves. Although some of them were reluctant to be quoted, we were able to get a good consensus of opinion, which turns out to be variations of one theme—that a cutting system is not in order, but that something should be done to improve the situation.

Miss Bethurum said she would not like to see a compulsory cutting system established, but the student should remember that she is not the only one who suffers from excessive cutting. Over-cutting injures the unity of the class, so that the professor is unable to develop his or her ideas continuously, she said.

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Aspects of Trusteeship Will Be Topic for Next USSA Meeting on Jan. 9

Aspects of Trusteeship Under the United Nations will be discussed at the next meeting of USSA to be held at New London 113 on January 9 at 7:00. Miss Dilley will open the meeting with a short resume of the situation and open discussion will follow.

McCollun is going to help the USSA set up this program.

Clifford Rosmond and Effie Riley of Rhode Island and New York State University Extension services, respectively, explained their programs which offer the university's facilities to labor unions.

Other aspects of Workers' Education were discussed by John Edelman, Textile Workers Union Washington representative, David Kaplan, Research Director of the Teamsters Union, Peggy Wood and Rhetta Arter, Director and Educational Director of Hudson Shore Labor School, respectively.

Student Panel

Sunday morning a student panel was held. Evert Bancker of Swarthmore explained the Labor Extension Service bill that is coming up before Congress next session and urged all students to back it. Micky Virden of Sarah Lawrence college discussed the USSA's survey on the possibilities of students doing volunteer work with local labor unions. Plans were made at the institute for students to do such volunteer work with labor unions, using this survey as a guide. Students interested in these plans should contact their chapter president or USSA National office, 9 East 46th street, where they may also obtain a copy of the survey.

The following colleges were represented at the institute: Swarthmore, Brooklyn, Middlebury, Bennington, Sarah Lawrence, New York university, Hunter, New Jersey college, Rutgers, Simmons, Radcliffe, Cornell.

Dean Pleads for a New Holiday Goal

The recapture of the esthetic significance of Christmas was urged as a holiday goal by Rosemary Park, in her chapel talk on December 17. More than permitting an absence from work, Miss Park pointed out, the coming vacation offers opportunity for the re-consideration of the Christmas spirit and values, which are allowed to wane in the course of every-day routine. She emphasized the need for reviving old Christmas customs in the maintenance of the holiday's spiritual significance which is now in danger of being over-commercialized by gift-giving.

Miss Park quoted a letter from an acquaintance in Europe who had written to thank her for a clothes bundle. The writer particularly indicated her delight in a red dress included in the bundle which, she declared, radiated appealing gaiety amidst the contrasting misery of war-ravaged surroundings. Even peace-time conditions had never allowed them such pretty clothes, the writer added, for economy and service had been the primary determinants of purchase.

Miss Park quoted the woman's reference to a single flower pot of golden brown and violet pansies—another survival of beauty amidst destruction, which her friends regarded with the same admiration as they did the red dress. Thus the letter revealed that just as people were deprived of their material possessions by the war, so were they cleansed of all pettiness in the interests of co-operation. A new sense of values was free to develop, Miss Park stated, which allowed for an esthetic appreciation without the desire to possess.

Miss Park emphasized that the Christmas season can similarly purge people of petty values by bringing them together through holiday spirit as they were united in purpose during the war. For some, the customary celebration will retain its original religious significance; for everyone, however, there remains the rewarding esthetic experience, Miss Park concluded.

Profiles ANNE FERGUSON

by Naomi Gaberman

"I really haven't done anything outstanding!" Fergie began thoughtfully—at that point, one of her more complimentary friends breezed in and said firmly, "Versatile, that's the word for her!" Obviously Fergie's modest view of herself is quite different from the high opinion that others have for her. For all who know and work with her realize, what an active part she plays in campus life and what an energetic, likable person she is.

Born in Buffalo, Fergie grew up in Leroy, New York. The outstanding event of her childhood occurred in her sixth year when she was chosen to present Amelia Earhart with a bouquet of orchids. She claims that she acted like a typically stubborn, ungracious six year old child. From Leroy she moved to Scarsdale and was graduated from Scarsdale High School, where she was secretary of the Student Government

association. The Fergusons moved again recently, and Anne is now a bona fide New Yorker.

Fergie's interests are many. She likes skiing and diving, the latter interest being cultivated no doubt, by her brother who was top man on Yale's diving team in 1945.

Her main interest, however, is her English major under which she is specializing in writing. She came to Connecticut intending to become an Auerbach major, but two English courses in her freshman year changed her mind. One has only to look around her room to find traces of her classical standbys—the works of Chaucer, Virgil, Dante, and Ovid and, of course, the Bible. Fergie is known to take an active part in a good discussion both eagerly and thoughtfully.

Her contributions to college activities have been felt in almost every field. In her freshman year, she was vice-president of her class. She has also been Feature Editor of Quarterly, a member of Choir, and a representative to the Student-Faculty Forum. This year she is kept constantly busy as a member of the Schwiffs and as Associate Editor of both News and Koine.

Fergie, who proudly states that she will have reached the advanced age of twenty-one by the time this issue of News is off the press, received a slight jolt this month when the Personnel Bureau's blue blanks reminded her that the time has come for all good seniors to make up their minds about their future plans. Fergie's are as yet uncertain, but she does know, however, that she wants to enter the writing field, perhaps in a publishing house or possibly in magazine work.

Music Courses are Vital for Liberal Study, Says Cooke

Aurora, N. Y. (I.P.)—Urging that more attention be given to music in the nation's colleges and universities, Dr. James Francis Cooke, editor of The Etude and president of the Presser Foundation, commended several institutions for their programs of applied music including the University of Rochester, Yale University, the University of Texas and Oberlin college.

In an address at Wells college, Dr. Cooke said the University of Texas Music building is the finest in the world and ranks above the Hochschule in Berlin and the Paris Conservatory.

Many colleges and universities have neglected music because of an old prejudice which considered music suitable for finishing schools only, since it was through their courses in music that these old institutions derived a great deal of their revenue, Dr. Cooke reasons. Colleges which hoped to achieve higher standing, therefore, omitted the study of music, except for elementary courses in music appreciation and theory.

The study of music is of great help in training the mind, Dr. Cooke asserts, and for this reason it is as vital a part of education as training in the sciences or liberal arts. In addition to the fact that it has been proved to be of great aid in establishing healthy and happy home lives, new fields are constantly opening for vocational work such as the still developing one of musical therapy.

Botany Dept.

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Investigation of a new chemical substance found in the roots of plants. He has also been working on the effect of light on plant growth and on a method for determining very small quantities of the green pigment, chlorophyll. It is possible to measure less than a millionth of an ounce of this pigment. Dr. Goodwin is being assisted in his work by Miss Helen Stafford. His assistant last year, Miss Olga Owens, is now a graduate assistant at the University of Minnesota.

Miss Katherine Heinig, also a member of the botanical faculty, is making a study of flower structure in the Thymelaeaceae, a group of plants to which Daphne belongs. She is scheduled to make a report on some of her findings at the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Boston immediately after Christmas.

notables as Marsha Hunt, Artur Rubinstein, William Prince, and Toni Singer. Toni, play director for the junior class, worked for the United Artists in New York City in the lucrative position of extra this past summer.

Her knowledge of the equestrian art has led Jane Gardener '48 into the public eye. Jane, whose parents have their own stables in blue-grass Kentucky, has put her horses through their paces from Madison Square Garden to Santa Barbara, California, in the three gait, five gait, and fine harness classes.

For those who agree that the spirit of adventure is in itself a talent cannot help but be somewhat in awe of Frances Sharp of the class of '48. Frances has acquired the skill which enables her to fly a seaplane with ease ascending on wings of peanut butter, jam, and cheese sandwiches. Frances' flying, an expensive avocation, has been partially financed by student purchases of that welcome evening snack.

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"I am in favor of the present policy," said Dr. Laubenstein, "as long as it doesn't get out of control." Excessive cutting injures the class morale and defeats the purpose of college. It is a question of relative values, up to the honor and the good sense of each girl, he concluded.

Miss Peak, a new-comer this year, believes that a voluntary system is best, but only if we are willing to accept the responsibility of it ourselves. It is a personal affair, she added.

Miss Mulvey, another new-comer to the college, has taught in schools employing both cut and non-cut systems. "There are advantages both ways," she said, "although, generally speaking, I am in favor of putting cutting on a personal basis, as long as the student realizes she has a heavy personal responsibility." Miss Mulvey also remarked that the amount of excusable cutting depends upon the nature of the subject-matter of the class. Miss Thomson agrees with Miss Mulvey on this point, and added that her classes have been well-attended, perhaps because they are small lab sections for the most part, and do not meet on Saturday.

Mr. Quimby is another one who said there should be no compulsory cutting system. "I do think a study should be made of the situation," he said, "for excessive cutting on any particular day is hard on both the student who comes to class and the professor, especially when new material is to be presented."

Miss Thomas agrees that cutting should be on a personal basis. "Think of the professor," she said, "who has spent a great deal of time preparing for her classes." Miss Thomas believes that the student who says that she is the only one who will suffer is mistaken. No one begrudges one or two Saturday cuts, she concluded, but an excess is unnecessary and inexcusable.

Language Teachers Discuss Methods

The autumn meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Slavonic and East European Languages took place this year at Connecticut college, with Academic Dean Rosemary Park as hostess. Mr. Michael Nagurny, Secretary of the Chapter, opened the meeting with a talk on a number of innovations in the teaching of Ukrainian. He spoke especially of the new Ukrainian Grammar being prepared at St. Basil's in Stamford, and at the Winnipeg Summer school.

Miss Regina Okleyewicz, of Meriden, gave a report on the Polish Reader which she has ready

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Professor Kasem-Beg of Connecticut college next delivered an address on the problems encountered in the teaching of Russian. Following this, Mr. Nagurny called on Professor William Cornyn to discuss the Yale system of Russian instruction.

The main speaker of the day was Sir Bernard Pares, who delivered a most absorbing address on various Russian liberals whom he had known in the day when he and Professor Harper were students together in Russia. Among these were Petrunkevich and Rodichev. Relatives of these liberals are to be found in considerable numbers, Sir Pares said, in the Russian colony of New Haven.

After a lively discussion of teaching problems, the meeting broke up and a social hour with some of the faculty of Connecticut college and a group of Professor Kasem-Beg's students was enjoyed.

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Round-Table

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Round-Table's question this week is, "Do you prefer private or public worship? Why? The following replies have been submitted.

"I prefer private worship, because there are so many distractions in public worship. My thoughts tend to wander from the main purpose of my worship. I like to pray when I am inspired; this time may or may not be at the time set aside by the church.

"I do feel, however, that there should be public worship since if there were not, the majority of people would not take time out for prayer. Some people must be compelled to attend the house of worship at certain times or they would never have time for spiritual thought and enlightenment."—47.

"I enjoy public worship, because I am stimulated by the presence of others. Hearing a good sermon and the beautiful music at church does more to inspire thoughts within me than would my own thoughts. Written prayers sometime express my feelings better than I alone could have expressed them."—49.

"Both private and public worship appeal to me. I suit my mode of worship to my moods. There are times when I like to hear an inspiring sermon. On the other hand, I often like to be alone with myself and my thoughts. The

place of worship should not be the important thing, for a true follower of Christian ideals and religion should be able to pray in any place at any time."—50.

If you have any special questions or discussions that you would like to present to Round-Table, please let us hear from you. Drop your ideas in the News box, in Fanning.

Allowances Denied Veterans for Time Lost in GM Strike

Veterans Administration has denied readjustment allowances to certain veterans who were out of work during the General Motors Corp. strike last winter, it was announced on November 14.

The decision was rendered in the cases of three employees of a G. M. plant in Michigan, which was appealed to Washington for review by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Readjustment Act

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act, which provides the unemployment allowance, disqualifies any veteran whose unemployment is due to a stoppage of work because of a labor dispute in which he is directly interested or participating, or who belongs to a grade or class of workers so involved.

The claims originally were denied by the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, which ruled that a stoppage of work existed because of a labor dispute and the veteran-claimants were directly interested in the dispute.

The veterans contended that the primary cause of their unemployment was material shortages and other circumstances for which they had no responsibility.

The State appeals tribunal upheld the ruling of the commission, but the VA agent in Michigan, who is final authority in the state, reversed the finding and held that the veterans were eligible. Today's decision reaffirms that of the state commission.

Cases Considered

VA explained that the case of each veteran is considered on its individual merit to determine whether the facts in his situation are such as to disqualify him under the law. It has been estimated, however, that several thousand veterans in circumstances similar to those of the three appellants may be affected by the decision.

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News

from other colleges

by Mary Meagher

The Student Council of Smith college recently sent members of the student body as official representatives to forty colleges in western Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont to arouse interest in electing delegates to the Chicago Student Conference to be held December 28, 29 and 30. The purpose of this conference is the formation of a national student organization. The general conclusion of the representatives was that although male students were not so idealistic as Smith students in regard to the conference, students in all areas visited were in favor of the purpose of the conference.

A new political organization known as the Harvard Society for Industrial Democracy recently became a functioning campus organization. Formed at the end of the summer to fill a gap among campus organizations, the group aims to devote much thought and effort to a constructive program for full employment, high living standards, democratic social planning, equitable distribution of the fruits of industry, social and religious tolerance, and international cooperation for peace. Through the organization progressive speakers will be secured in an attempt to put before the students the problems inherent in all plans for full production and equitable distribution.

The faculty of Wheaton college recently carried out a program to obtain funds for the World Fellowship Organization. The Wheaton faculty members themselves were auctioned off to student groups, bringing liberal offers from the floor. Through their efforts in the auction and their successful efforts in waiting on table and entertaining in the dining rooms, they collected a sum of \$265.00 for the fund.

The Fort Trumbull branch of the University of Connecticut recently organized a French club to aid students of the French language by giving them a bit of atmosphere. Several lectures on French culture have been scheduled and several skits written for the regular meeting of the club. Phonograph language records and popular songs are available to club members.

An active Jewish organization is also functioning on the Trumbull campus. The program of events included dances, movies on Jewish cultural background, and lectures on the Zionist movement and Palestine.

Many Antioch students are spending their "coop" (practical working) periods working for radio station WNYC in New York city. The good pay that usually accompanies such a job is lacking since the work is on a volunteer basis for the New York Civil Service Commission. One of the "coops" has organized a weekly broadcast, Around New York Today, which is a roundup of special events in the big city; and another student is directing an original play. Among the other types of work carried on by the students are writing "continuity" for recorded music programs, managing production departments, and appearing on radio series programs.

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Progressive Weekly Begins A New Era Under Henry Wallace

by Bunny Leith-Ross

This week marks the beginning of a new era for the weekly liberal publication, The New Republic. Henry Wallace has taken over the position of editor-in-chief, and it is the earnest hope of every progressive, here and abroad, that he will succeed in his fight to bring the progressive forces of the world together.

One cannot overestimate the importance of this occasion in that it represents a renewed and more determined effort on the part of progressives to extend and unify their membership in order to be able to take an effective part in the shaping of the future of the world. Mr. Wallace expresses with simple eloquence the essence of the philosophy of the progressive movement in the conclusion to his first article as editor of The New Republic:

"My field is the world. My strength is my conviction that a progressive America can unify the world and a reactionary America must divide it. My enemy is blind reaction, placing profit before production, depression before effective government and war ahead of a rising standard of living for the peoples of the back-

Vespers

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evening. His topic was: What was it God ignored in preparing to reveal his mind and will at Advent? When God showed the world the greatest token of his good will in his son Jesus Christ, he did not choose a country with political power or intellectual mastery nor people with social prestige. Instead, he chose the tired and defeated nation of Palestine and people of the land, a poor carpenter and his wife.

Therefore although the Advent season brings joy, it should also bring to us, citizens of the United States, a warning. Although our country has political power, intellectual mastery, and social prestige, we cannot be sure that we are the chosen leaders of the world.

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Caught on Campus

Choddy Somach Schwalm '47, recently married, will bask in the Florida sun on her honeymoon during Christmas vacation. Stanley, Choddy's husband, in addition to working in New York, has been attending night courses at Columbia.

Miss Barbara Bergmans, an assistant in the zoology department, became Mrs. Edward Jazombeck in Mattituk, Long Island on November 30. Upon the completion of the second semester, Mrs. Jazombeck will leave college to live with her husband on their Long Island farm.

Two weeks ago, the 'phone, changing from merely a means of communication to an instrument of Cupid, served to engage Posey Wittelschafer '48 to Richard Mintz. Posey and Richard plan to be married in June and remain at Cambridge a year in order that Richard may receive his degree from Harvard Law school.

The serenade that took place last week outside of Freeman was in honor of Charlotte McCorkin-

dale '48 who was leaving to marry Richard Hemingway. The wedding took place Sunday in the Skinner Memorial chapel, Holyoke, Mass. Corky will return to college as a day student and will live in Noank, Conn. Her husband is affiliated with Electric Boat company.

Those "illustrious" seniors on the second floor of East house have made and can be seen wearing dresses of their own original design. The dresses are made of light wool and styled along straight, loose lines. Terry Farnsworth modeled her "attempt" at the Christmas informal, and it proved to be a very attractive casual dress of a coral shade.

Shwiffs Offer Yuletide Note At Sat. Dance

by Norma Johnson

Service league's informal dance Saturday night proved to be a festive beginning to the holidays. A large tree, a glitter with Christmas decorations, added to the "Christmas-is-in-the-air" feeling in the Knowlton ballroom. Punch was served from a table decorated with red candles and sprays of evergreen to carry out the holiday motif of the dance.

The best part of the evening was the entertainment provided by the Shwiffs. Their entrance produced a mild shock since the girls were rather unconventionally dressed. Long black stockings, black sweaters, gloves and faces with angel robes and silver halos bobbin over their pigtailed made the group look for all the world like a pickinny angel choir. The Shwiffs' presentation of their songs, which included "My Home Town," and a very novel version of "Harrigan," made a hit with the audience and they were called back for encore after encore.

Everyone who danced the hours of eight to twelve away to the music of Peter Emanuel's orchestra will agree that the informal was a very successful start for the Christmas festivities.

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Hursh Ends CC Minn. Plans Joint Registration for College Students

by Marion Koenig

Palmer radio concluded the series of programs known as America's Music, written and directed by Rita Hursh '48, last Friday, December 13. The series which consisted of seven programs was initiated October twenty-fifth, and each week a different aspect of the general theme was treated and illustrated by student performances. Mrs. Eleanor Cranz was faculty advisor. She was assisted by Ann Parryman '49, who was narrator, and Barbara Miller and Mary Lee Gardner, both of the class of '49, who were the announcers.

The scope of the seven weeks presentation included Early Revolutionary Composers, Immigrant Composers, Impressionism, and later Modern Music. The performers included vocalists and instrumentalists, from the four classes at the college. This group includes Doris Lane '47, Jane Wassung '50, and Enid Williford '48, vocalists; Joann Cohan '50, Jean Templeton '48, Shirley Nicholson '48, and Rita Hursh '48, pianists; and the College Ensemble whose members are Helen Crumrine '48, flute, Shirley Corthell '48, oboe, Mary Jane Coons '48, cello, and Marion Walker '49, violinist.

The programs were followed with a great deal of interest because of their musical originality and competent execution. Another series of five programs is being planned for next fall.

Press Board

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1923. Miss L. Alice Ramsay, who was then a student, was one of the first members. It was initiated as a student organization, with no supervision but the advice of a newspaperman who came periodically from Springfield, Mass. Later, the college authorities decided that college news in the public press should go through some kind of a central office, and Press Board was given a director. Now there is also a Publicity Bureau, which handles all news other than student news.

"All the reporters are supposed to be wide awake to what's going on around them," said Mrs. Floyd. This gives them good experience, she explained, and soon they develop good news sense. They prepare themselves for a vocation while doing the college a service.

This year, there are ten members of Press Board. The two officers are Ellen Hasson '47, president, and Phyllis Hoge '48, business manager. The other members are Gloria Read '48, Jean Handley '48, Helen Crumrine '48, Jane Tilley '48, Clare Willard '49, Iris Herbits '48, Jean Gregory '48, and Artemis Blesiss '50. Those who are paid correspondents to nearby newspapers are: Ellen Hasson, for the New London Day; Phyllis Hoge, for the Hartford Times; Helen Crumrine, for the Hartford Courant; Clare Willard, for the New Haven Register; Jean Handley, for the Newark Evening News; Jean Gregory, for Associated Press, and Jane Tilley, for the Bridgeport Post.

Minneapolis, Minn. (I.P.)—A plan for full utilization of the facilities of all institutions of higher education in this state through a process of joint registration has been adopted as a measure aimed at giving the estimated 41,000 college students in the state a chance for a college education. Inaugurated this fall on an experimental basis, the plan will also be used in the fall of 1947.

In substance, the plan will enable students, through joint registration, to make certain that their programs in the freshman and sophomore years in one institution will conform to curricular requirements of another college to which they expect to transfer later.

The State Teachers College board and the University of Minnesota have approved an arrangement under which students who wish to take their degrees ultimately from the University of Minnesota may register jointly in one of the teachers colleges and in the division of the university in which they would be enrolled if they were in actual attendance at the university. They must, however, meet the admission requirements of that university division.

These students must complete one year and may complete two years of their college work at the teachers college which they select. They will then be admitted to the appropriate college or school of the university exactly as if they had taken all of their work on the university campus.

Comparable cooperative arrangements may be made between the university and the junior colleges and also with the private four-year liberal arts colleges. In the same manner, joint registration will be possible under this plan between the private four-year colleges, on the one hand, and the teachers colleges and junior colleges, on the other. A recent survey of estimated enrollment for the present school year disclosed that the teachers colleges were not anticipating capacity attendance, while private

colleges of the state were expected their facilities.

It is believed that the joint registration program will make it possible for many students to complete a substantial part of their college work in their home communities, thereby relieving the pressure on the University of Minnesota for student housing and for classroom and laboratory facilities.

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