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## In Memoriam

Connecticut College has suffered an irretrievable loss through the death of one of her most valuable and most beloved teachers, Professor Mary Elizabeth Holmes, Ph. D., chairman of the Department of Chemistry.

Miss Holmes was born December 28th, 1870, in Mystic, Conn., where she completed her secondary education. She was graduated from Wellesley College in 1892. Then followed three years of teaching: at Flushing Seminary on Long Island, 1892-'93; at Alinda Preparatory School in Pittsburg, Pa., 1893-'95. She was a graduate student at the University of Chicago from 1895 to 1897, and a graduate scholar one year, 1896-'97. The following year, 1897-'98, she spent in teaching at Walnut Lane Preparatory School, in Germantown, Pa. In 1898, she was appointed Instructor in Chemistry at Mt. Holyoke College, and continued in this position for the next six years. In 1908, she received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania, after holding a Moore Fellowship at that institution during the year 1906-1907, and a Bennett Fellowship in 1907-1908. During the year 1906, she spent several months travelling abroad with her sister. She resumed her duties at Mt. Holyoke in 1908, with the rank of Associate Professor. After nineteen years of devotion to that institution, she accepted in 1917 the chairmanship of the Department of Chemistry at Connecticut College, with the rank of Full Professor. Although Connecticut College had begun its academic work two years before, Chemistry had not yet been developed beyond one course, and Miss Holmes came as organizer and first chairman of the department.

At the time of her death she was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a member of the American Chemical Society, the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers; Tau Zeta Epsilon of Wellesley College; and Eta of Massachusetts Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

No one who has known the departed on this campus, even superficially,

during the last ten years, can have failed to notice her unlimited devotion to her profession, her field, her students. The number of Connecticut College girls who majored in chemistry and went on, encouraged and helped by Miss Holmes to this day, making a place for themselves in chemical laboratories, clinics and medical schools, is sufficient proof of the essential value of her untiring efforts. She took a personal interest in everyone of those who worked under her, feeling a joyful pride in the best, wholeheartedly standing by those who needed encouragement; sparing no time, no effort; thinking nothing unworthy of her attention, lovingly considering the smallest detail as well as obviously important matters. The young women who worked with her as assistants and instructors found in her not only a wise director but a devoted and sympathetic friend. To students and faculty alike, her hospitable home was a centre of cheer and good fellowship. There, she was admirably seconded by her sister, Miss Evelyn Holmes, with whom she lived in close companionship; who had embraced her various interests, knew every one of her students, and kept the house in readiness, open to the numerous friends. How many of us have wandered with both of them in the little garden bright with flowers and blue birds!

Miss Holmes' interests were by no means confined to her department. There is no branch of activity on campus to which she was a stranger. Besides her duties as a major adviser, she was throughout a member of the Committee on Administration; served on the Committee on Instruction from 1917 to 1918, and was Chairman of the Committee on Student Organizations from 1918 to 1924. She belonged to the Committee on Residence from 1917 to 1925, as Fellow of Thames Hall for one year, as Fellow for Private Houses from 1918 to 1920, and Fellow of Houses in Nameaug Avenue Section from 1920 to 1925. In 1919, she organized the Appointment Bureau, taking infinite pains to help in securing the best pos-

sible positions for the new graduates. During three years, daily, she devoted long hours to this task, until her work unfolded and developed into the Personnel Bureau, in which she continued to take a vital interest as chief of the advisory committee. To this must be added several years as special counsellor to the Service League and as Freshman Adviser. This last duty, also her membership in the directing Committee of the Faculty Club, she relinquished only when obliged to, on account of her health.

Yet, when all is said about the scholarship and numerous activities of the departed, what remains prominently her characteristic feature what stamps her for the future in the eyes of all: faculty, officers of administration, students, families and help, it is her goodness.

It would be idle to try to enumerate here many of the well-known deeds of kindness, with which Miss Holmes filled her daily life. One or two reminiscences will suffice:

The day before she was taken sick, she was, for the second time in the week, visiting an ailing colleague on campus, and the mother of another, kept indoors by her health.

The reaction of one of the janitors' wives on campus, upon hearing the news of Miss Holmes' death is characteristic: "She was the best woman in the world. She never slighted anyone. When I was operated on, she came to the hospital to see me, and when I was recovering she came to my apartment, and cheered me up, and she was still waving from the trolley when she left me."

Abroad also, there will be sadness. During the war, Miss Holmes became "god-mother" to a young French boy to whom she sent regularly money and friendly letters. But, whereas so many others in the same case considered their duty done soon after the armistice was signed, she continued her gifts up to this day, taking great joy in the replies of a simple French working woman; asking her friends who went to Paris to call on "Raymond" and his

mother, and to report to her how he was, how he lived, what he did.

Among us on Connecticut College campus, who has approached Miss Holmes and has not felt her great heart? Not in the case of individuals only was this manifested: let us recall, for instance, the active part she took in our endowment campaign, and, in connection with it, her efforts to discover new ideas and new ways, appealing for suggestions both to Mt. Holyoke and Wellesley. And here again, the urge for service was not limited to Connecticut College. Faithful to her Alma Mater, she played an important part in collecting the fund for the Student-Alumnae Building at Wellesley. She fought to the last for what she thought was best. Her final achievement—for to her the credit is largely due—was the new requirement of two years of laboratory science for every student here.

And so this excellent friend is gone, leaving us all grieving. The funeral took place on March 15th, with a prayer service at the house at 1.30, followed by the ceremony at Elm Grove Cemetery at Mystic. The little home, which could not contain the many friends who gathered, was a bower of flowers. All arrangements were in the hands of intimate friends and colleagues, and the services were conducted by President Marshall of Connecticut College, and the Rev. Mr. J. R. Danforth, of the First Church of Christ of New London, of which church Miss Holmes has been a member for the last ten years, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Frederick C. Chutter of the Mystic, Congregational Church to which she formerly belonged. Representatives of Wellesley and Mt. Holyoke were present, as well as many Trustees, Alumnae and former colleagues. Among the old Mystic friends was especially noticeable Mrs. Lemuel Cliff, who was Miss Holmes' teacher in the Mystic High School during the last two years of her preparation for college.

Connecticut College has indeed suffered an irretrievable loss.

### CURRENT EVENTS

#### Conference

Both Great Britain and Japan have accepted President Coolidge's proposal for a three-power naval arms limitation conference. This plan has for its purpose the consideration of the economic and international problems connected with naval building programs so that the greatest amount of limitation consistent with national security may be obtained. It is probable that France and Italy will reconsider their former refusal to attend. The conference, which will be at Geneva this summer, will have no connection with the meeting of the League of Nations' Preparation Commission on Armament Limitation.

#### Invention

A new invention has made possible the transmission of electricity over unlimited distances. The present high-powered lines by an added cost of 20% could increase their capacity 75%.

### LORADO TAFT IMPRESSES AND PLEASES AUDIENCE

It was the college's good fortune on Tuesday to hear Mr. Lorado Taft, noted sculptor and teacher in the Universities of Chicago and Illinois, speak on his conception of beauty in life.

Mr. Taft had the assured attention of his audience at once. In a rather sketchy but very fascinating manner, Mr. Taft, by touching on points of his interesting life, led to the object of his talk.

First, he showed how one's ideas in  
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Since long distance high voltage lines present difficulties and are apt to behave irrationally, automatic voltage regulators are used. This invention is significant since it will enable the use of Rocky Mountain and Niagara water power current throughout the entire Mississippi valley and the northeastern part of the United States.

### SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE TO OPEN IN 1928

An entirely new sort of college is to be opened in Bronxville, New York, in 1928, with Principal Marion Coals of Bradford Academy as its president. Perhaps Sarah Lawrence College is going to solve some of the questions which are perplexing those interested in the education of women, such as the problem of the number of "required courses," for it offers an innovation in the form of a two-year course. President MacCracken of Vassar is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college, which was founded by William Van Duzer Lawrence of Bronxville, and named in memory of his wife. Mr. Lawrence has endowed it with \$1,250,000 in property and securities, and has given his Bronxville home for its site. The new college is the first junior college in New York state, although the two-year post-high-school course is rapid-  
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### SERVICE LEAGUE SPONSORS HAMILTON GLEE CLUB

The appearance of the Hamilton College combined musical clubs in a concert in the gymnasium next Saturday will be one of the chief attractions of the college year. An elaborate and versatile program has been arranged by the musicians, and according to comments from previous occasions, will delightfully entertain the audience.

The instrumental club combines a well selected group of 13 instruments under the leadership of Keith Preston, Utica.

The glee club is composed of 33 men under the leadership of Earl C. Whitbeck.

In a concert recently given by these clubs the audience was more than impressed by the extraordinary tonal qualifications which the Hamilton Glee Club offered. From first to last the  
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It is not only the Faculty, who no doubt knew her best, nor is it only the students who worked and studied with her, who feel a deeply personal sorrow at the passing of one of the most affectionately revered and highly honored members of Connecticut. We all knew her, in varying degrees of intimacy to be sure, but our knowledge, however much it grew, was always a steady progression of esteem, of honor, and affection. None came to her for counsel or for friendship who did not go away touched by her benevolent kindness. None came to her who were refused the best that she could give to them—and she had much to give.

Unquestioningly we recognized her authority of knowledge. It was the careful, certain, exactly criticized comprehension of the true scientist—and we honored her for it. But she was not only a scientist, she viewed that realm as but part of a greater reality—and we revered her for her wider understanding. Again, she was not only this, but a woman whose sympathetic insight was deep enough, and strong enough, and warmly human enough, to encompass the interests, the difficulties, and the joys of all she came in contact with—and for this we loved her—

MARY ELIZABETH HOLMES

### WELCOME, SMITH

Connecticut, quite conscious of its newly incurred honor in being a member of the Women's Intercollegiate Debating League, is very happy to welcome Smith College as its first opponent. We extend a hearty greeting to the Debating Team itself, and to those who come as its supporters; and we hope that our enthusiasm for what is to be to us a new event in college life, may be shared by those to whom it is no longer new. We do not, however, wish to welcome them only as debaters on our campus, but as friends.

### BOSTON SYMPHONY HAS REMARKABLE CONDUCTOR

Two eminent names joined together for one purpose when Serge Koussevitzky came to America and the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1924. The fact that a conductor about whom almost incredible reports were heard from Europe was to direct one of the finest and oldest orchestras in the world, put our public in a state of expectancy.

Two seasons of Boston Symphony concerts under Koussevitzky's leadership have exceeded the most sanguine expectations. When the great Orchestra begins to play, there is evidence in every bar of the exacting, yet persuasive hand of the born commander. The hundred and eight musicians respond as a single, rare instrument to Koussevitzky's slightest gesture. In a word, it continues to be the orchestra whose name is traditionally associated with perfection in symphonic performance.

Such an instrument, subject to his will, liberates the evocative and delineative powers of Koussevitzky, the imaginative artist, as probably never before—not even in his far-famed concerts in Moscow, Paris or London.

These extraordinary powers of Koussevitzky are considered in Europe and America as quite beyond analysis or compare. They are felt in manifold episodes of a symphony concert—in the balance and delicacy of the myriad voiced orchestra, the impassioned songfulness of the string choirs, the heaven-scaling brilliance of a climax.

Even before Koussevitzky first arrived in America, all places for the Boston Symphony concerts were taken for the season. There are now waiting lists for each series in Boston, New York, and elsewhere. The coming concert here offers an opportunity which is not available to non-subscribers in the Orchestra's own city.

### DARTMOUTH JACK-O'-LANTERN SOLICITS JOKES

Are you clever? Here is a chance to make public the fact. If interested please see B. Tracy '27, as soon as possible.

Hanover, N. H.

The Student Council,  
Connecticut College,  
New London, Conn.

"Jack O'Lantern," the comic monthly of Dartmouth College, is eager to give Justice her due and so plans for a House Party issue in which there will be pages devoted to material from the more promising colleges for younger ladies. Jacko wishes original drawings, short paragraphs, and jokes, from the under-graduates of Connecticut to feature in this special number.

Would you turn this letter over to those who would be interested, or give it otherwise suitable publicity, in order that Connecticut may be adequately represented? Jacko will greatly appreciate your help and feels sure that at least one magazine page of very creditable, and need I add, humorous material will be forthcoming if this letter is brought to the attention of interested persons.

The reward for contributing will be a complimentary copy of this issue, autographed if necessary. This offer is guaranteed. On request, Jacko will put names and addresses on file in this office. It is suggested that photographs accompany this request, if made. House Party will be May 13 and 14.

The contributions should be sent before April 5. Please let me know, however, whether to expect contributions before this date.

Beseechingly yours,  
K. N. MEDERCORD, Editor.

### STATION CC ON HT BY S DIZ BROADCASTING

Most dear family: I am writing this nearer morning than evening so in case the subjects and predicates don't agree blame the hour not the company, ha-ha. There has been so much happening lately that I feel like a calendar of college activities.

Mascot hunt was supposed to be Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and at meals the Sophomores and the Juniors sat at different tables and sang charming songs at each other. For the first time since I've been at college, food is of second importance—the figures of '29 and '28 ought to improve considerably. We had song practices at all times and in between them made up new words to popular music. I discovered that as a musician my best talent is as a phonograph winder. However, I thought up two good lines to the tune of "How could Red Riding Hood." They are "Please let me ask it, who has the mascot" and the only drawback is that's all there is, there is no more. The hunt will be next week instead, having been postponed on account of the death of Dr. Holmes, the chemistry professor. Everyone was very, very fond of her.

Saturday afternoon there was a basketball game. Very exciting games enlivened by the presence of a manufactured two-piece elephant among the Sophomores, and a live and bewildered black cat among the Juniors. That evening was the Junior banquet. The Freshmen sent corsages to their Junior sisters and these added to the splendor of the evening dresses and to the party air of festivity. The banquet itself progressed nicely—the Freshmen serenaded us from the hotel lobby, the speeches were interesting and short. It was a change for the better, seeing people in civilized clothes once again. It is such a shock to see brocade where knickers once were, and golden slippers instead of clod hoppers.

Room-drawing is to-morrow night which means plenty around here. Am trying for a suite, but alas! so are some other girls! Very kind of both father and mother to send me a check for the retainers fee or whatever it's called. You two should get together on these financial questions! I was too stunned at first to think clearly, and even contemplated sending one check home but my friends shrieked. "Don't you know your Anita Loos better than that?" So I decided that even though I'm not a blond, I can still be a gold-digger.

With which noble sentiment I draw this letter to a close.

Very much love,

DIZ.

### LUDICROUS SITUATION

Vote down the anti-evolution bill, implore University of Arkansas students in a letter to state senators and representatives. The letter is signed by representatives of prominent university organizations. "We do not want to be laughed at," the letter says, in part, "as are the graduates of the University of Tennessee, and practically boycotted by larger universities and medical schools when we seek to pursue our education further. For this reason we are appealing to you to give us the right to use the brain that God has given us, by killing this bill which would place our school in a ludicrous situation in the eyes of the educational world."

Thus the students show they are with the group of Arkansas professors who recently demanded that they be allowed intellectual freedom. The fight against an anti-evolution law is

## THE BOOK SHELF

### DOOMSDAY

By Warwick Deeping

Closely following the great success of "Sorrell and Son," Warwick Deeping has finished writing a new novel, "Doomsday", which is heralded by many critics with much praise. But this second novel of Deeping's seems to fall short. "Sorrell and Son" was written with charm and human understanding of the relationships between father and son, while "Doomsday" tells briefly and frankly of the relationships of man and maid. Although "Doomsday" is carefully finished and written with that distinction which only Deeping's style can give, yet it cannot be compared with the other.

"Doomsday" is the story of a young girl, Mary Viner, in search of her destined life and mate. She was born in one of those settlements of new houses outside of London, hastily constructed to meet housing situations following the war. The expressive name of "Cinder Town" has been bestowed on the section where Mary lives.

Her life here is nothing but work. Mary longs to get outside of the settlement, desires better things: brilliant social career, marriage and wealth, all of which she gets from Percival Fream, a millionaire. Before Mary is suddenly thrust into this new world, she has a love affair with a man whose only assets are love and hard work on a farm. Of course Mary refuses. Compelled by ambition and by her curiosity to see life outside her circle, Mary marries the millionaire. But the events through which at last she fulfills her destiny bring her back to the old "Cinder Town", and in humility and poverty she goes back to her former friendship and life of hard work. All of the events of her life are told with some understanding and real feeling.

### WHO'S WHO—AND WHAT

Neil M. Gunn, author of "The Grey Coast," is a native of Caithness, Scotland's remotest point; this is the "grey coast" he describes, and, he says, "the customs and habits of the people are my own." He is a prophet with honor in his own country, for The Glasgow Herald says: "It is no exaggeration to state that this novel will not suffer by comparison with any of its kind in the whole range of Scottish literature."

William Bowen, author of "Philip and the Faun," is a former Baltimorean who is practicing law in Los Angeles. Although it is a modern story, with its scenes laid in the redwoods of California, the gods and the goddesses and lesser divinities of Greek mythology appear in it.

Glenna Collett, author of "Golf for Young Players," will defend her title as Women's National Amateur Golf Champion at the Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa., in the week beginning September 27th.

Mrs. Grace P. T. Knudson, author of "Gift and Art Shop Merchandising," is a proprietor of The Torii Shop, Castine, Maine, one of the most successful establishments of its kind in the United States. She spent fourteen years in the Far East, including the Philippines, where she taught school.

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also being aided by several newspapers in the state—the Little Rock Daily News, the El Dorado News, and the Arkansas Gazette.

—New Student.

## LORADO TAFT IMPRESSES AND PLEASES AUDIENCE

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regard to beauty change. As a boy he had rejoiced when his parents displayed his childish efforts at self-expression. Later, however, when Mr. Taft went to Paris to study sculpture his triumphs resulted in a love of competition rather than in his former egoism.

However, his idea of our life responsibility grew and changed. When Mr. Taft returned from abroad he settled in Chicago where he soon had the uncomfortable realization that his art was not having an enthusiastic welcome. Mr. Taft noticed, however, that people were eagerly responsive to what he could tell them about art. In his frequent talks on the subject, Mr. Taft said that he gradually acquired new ideals and with these an understanding of his greater responsibility—that of pointing out beauty to others.

Later events made the sculptor more alive to his new responsibility. While he was waiting for permission to go abroad at the time of the World War, Mr. Taft learned that war records showed an illiteracy of 25% in American men. This discovery brought to his mind the remark of Theodore Roosevelt that "This world will not be a good place for any of us to live in until we have made it a good place for all of us to live in," and also Mr. Ratcliffe's statement that "Not money but the life that a community provides is its real wealth." Remembering this, when Mr. Taft went abroad, he endeavored to awaken the boys' interest in the beauty of French sculpture in church and cathedral. He was trying to carry out his responsibility of calling their attention to the beauty around them. At first he was not successful in his purpose. When, however, Mr. Taft found their interest to be centered more whole-heartedly on U. S. A. and in their "home-towns", he had discovered a sure way of carrying out his responsibility. Four thousand miles away these men fully appreciated their country. It was their sole interest and pride. Such an affection and interest in the human race is a fine thing and Mr. Taft encouraged the boys to make their attachment to their home-towns deserved; to make them lovable.

Although we cannot answer the question, "Why are we on earth?" we owe it to our race, Mr. Taft says, to crystalize something of beauty for those in the future. In our country it is our responsibility to make it beautiful; to leave behind in it a beautiful record.

Some of the miracles of beauty found in cathedrals of France are such records left to posterity. They were made beautiful by the united effort of serf and nobleman. Perhaps our educational institutions, many of which are worthy to replace these beautiful sentiments, may be our record. Perhaps it will be our music, our drama. Mr. Taft particularly commended the efforts of the "Little Theatre". Perhaps it is in our art galleries that we are making records worthy of us.

The sculptor suggested, wisely, that some space in every college should be devoted to a miniature art gallery. For a small sum a very respectable collection may soon be made. Further, Mr. Taft suggested that each class make some addition to the art gallery of its Alma Mater. In such a way youth may have its opportunity of association with the beauty of the past as well as with that of the present. The speaker urged that we become acquainted with treasures of the past. He spoke reverently of

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## Connecticut College Debaters



From left to right: Mildred Rogoff '28, alternate; Katherine Mar '28, Dorothy Bayley '28 (affirmative team); and Louise Towne '28, alternate; Hilda Van Horn '28, Louise MacLeod '27 (negative team).

## BIG DEBATE TONIGHT

Tonight there will take place the big debate for which such eager preparation has been made. The Intercollegiate Debating League is composed of Radcliffe, Vassar, Smith, Mount Holyoke and Connecticut, and there will be two teams debating at each of these colleges. Wellesley has recently withdrawn from the league because of the lack of interest among the students.

The Connecticut affirmative team will debate here, with a team from Smith College. Dorothy Bayley '28, is the first speaker. Catherine Mar '28, is the second affirmative speaker, and Mildred Rogoff '28, is the alternate. After the second negative speaker has finished, Miss Bayley will be given ten minutes to prepare her rebuttal. The debaters from Smith are: Elizabeth Stoffregen '28, Jane Harding '28, and Virginia Hanna '28, alternate. A letter has been sent to Smith, inviting them to send fifteen girls with their team. The visitors will stay at Knowlton House. The Service League, which is to provide for their entertainment, has made careful plans to give the visitors a cordial welcome and a good time during their brief stay here. On Saturday afternoon they will be invited to watch the basketball game. They will then have tea at Knowlton House. Sunday morning, both our team and Smith's will have breakfast at the tea house.

Mount Holyoke is making plans for the entertainment of Connecticut College girls. They have invited Connecticut to send fifteen girls, besides the team to hear the debate. The team which will take the negative side there is composed of Hilda Van Horn '28, first speaker; Louise MacLeod '27, second speaker; Louise Towne '28, alternate.

Judge Christopher C. Avery, Judge Allyn Brown, both judges of the superior court of Connecticut and Mr. George S. Palmer, president of the board of trustees of Connecticut College will be the judges. Minnie Wachinsky '27, is the chairman of the bibliography committee which, with the willing cooperation of Miss Stewart, in the library, has been working

## COLLEGE AND CLASS ELECTIONS

PRUDENCE DRAKE  
Speaker of the House

Prudence Drake's election as Speaker of the House of Representatives culminates a connection with Student Government which began with her position as House President of Bannock her Freshman year. She took part in the Musical Comedy, the "Bells of Beaujolais," presented in the spring of that year. During her Sophomore year, Miss Drake acted as Treasurer of Student Government, which made her automatically a member of Student Council. Junior year, she has been an Honor Court Judge. She also served as a member of the competitive play committee.

Miss Drake has always taken an active part in athletics, being a member of all class teams for the three seasons of each year. Last year, she won the much-coveted skin presented by the Athletic Association for the highest number of points earned by one member of the class.

## ADELAIDE KING

## Vice-President of Student Government

Adelaide King has been elected to the responsible position of Vice-President of Student Government. During her Freshman year she was Class Treasurer. She was President of her class Sophomore year. At present Miss King is House President of Knowlton House and thus a member of the House of Representatives.

## ELEANOR WOOD

## President of 1928

The class of 1928 has elected Eleanor Wood as its President during the remainder of their time in college. During her Sophomore year, she was Class Secretary.

Miss Wood is noted for her interest in dramatics and her dramatic ability. Freshman year she played the part of Giles in the "Man Who Married a

faithfully to help the debaters secure the best of material. Whichever way the judges may decide, the debate will surely be a great success.

## WOMAN IS ORIGINAL SAYS ANNE MORGAN

Woman's inexperience in the business and professional world, far from being a handicap to her, is one of the elements of her peculiar value, Miss Anne Morgan declared last night, in an address broadcast over WEAJ.

"If I were asked to select one outstanding quality which seems to me characteristic of today's business and professional woman and chiefly responsible for her amazing progress," Miss Morgan said, "I think I should choose to name her utter disregard of business habits.

"Because of her newness and inexperience, the phrase 'It's never been done before,' with its insidious assumption that therefore it can't be done, holds for her none of the restraint that it frequently exerts over the masculine element of the community, sobered and rendered ultra-conservative by a long past of up-and-down business experience. She has no such past, therefore she is unafraid. Thus 'It's never been done' strikes women merely as a challenge, not as warning, and they step boldly out, unhampered in their march by the excess baggage of doubt and fear.

## Accepts No Boundaries

"It is largely because of this psychological condition that there exists today so wide a range of business and professional opportunity for women. With their own hands they have pushed further and further back the boundaries which held their opportunities within prescribed limits, by refusing to confine themselves to the accepted avenues and stepping calmly over into whatever fields looked greenest, whether or not these fields have previously been considered purely masculine territory.

"I think that here, too, there is a point worthy of note in the story of the modern woman, in that to her the greenest field is far more likely to be that one which appeals to her most, which most captures and holds her imagination, rather than the one which might make the largest financial returns. Perhaps the fact that she is not the traditional breadwinner of the family and, therefore, is more

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Dumb Wife," by Anatole France. In the spring of the same year, she did several dancing numbers in the musical comedy, the "Bells of Beaujolais." Sophomore year she acted as Treasurer of Dramatic Club, and took part in "Thursday Evening" as Laura, and in the class competition play as Lucy. She is, at present, President of Dramatic Club. In the fall she took a leading part in "The Romantic Age," by A. A. Milne.

Athletics have claimed a share of Miss Wood's time. She was a member of Freshman and Sophomore hockey teams, Freshman dancing team, and is at present a member of the Junior basketball squad.

## ELEANOR FAHEY

## President of 1929

Eleanor Fahey, recently elected Class President of 1929, has served her class before. She was Vice-President of her class until mid-year's of Freshman year. From this time on, she acted as President. She was a member of the class track team Freshman year. At present, she is a member of Honor Court.

## GWENDOLYN THOMEN

## President of 1930

Gwendolyn Thomen has been elected Class President of 1930 for the year 1927-'28. She is at present manager of the Freshman basketball squad and House President of Thatcher House.

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### '28 UNVEILS MASCOT AT FESTIVE BANQUET

The Junior Banquet which was held Saturday evening, March 12, in the main dining room at the Mohican Hotel was the most important event so far in the career of 1928. Special trolleys carried the Juniors, each with her lovely corsage down to the Mohican. The banquet began promptly at seven. The tables were arranged around the four sides of the room, with the mascot standard in the center. The place cards were folded with a cover design in black and white, drawn by Joanne Hoge, portraying the mascot cat walking down an aisle of trees. Within the folder was the delightful menu which had been planned by Virginia Hawkins and her committee.

Henrietta Owens, president of 1928, made a very gracious toastmistress. After her welcoming address the class mascot was unveiled. As the drapes fell, the class arose and sang the mascot song. The mascot of 1928 is a bronze plaque about eighteen inches in diameter, and is to be sunk in the top step in the vestibule at Knowlton House. The plaque bears two unicorns holding between them the college seal on a shield. Below the shield is the class motto, "*Non sibi sed omnibus.*" On the outer edge of the plaque is "Connecticut College Class of 1928." The design is a combination of the class and college seals, for the unicorns are part of the Junior class seal.

Shortly after the unveiling of the mascot, the Freshman class, under the leadership of Eleanor Roberts, serenaded its sister class from the lobby of the Mohican. The Juniors responded with two songs.

The two speakers of the evening were President Marshall and Doctor Lawrence. The latter spoke first. After an entertaining introduction, he opened his speech on "The Amount of Truth in History." The main part of the talk was the contrasting of World War History as taught in a French and German school, just across the river from each other. Each believed its version of the war to be the true and correct one. President Marshall, in his speech, commended the high standards and ideals of the class, and the spirit with which it was carrying on its work. He said that the class was not only the largest Junior class in the history of the college, but that it was probably the first class in a women's college that ever came back with the same number in its Sophomore year.

Songs were sung at intervals throughout the banquet. In addition

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### DOES THE COLLEGE LITERARY MAGAZINE STILL FUNCTION?

The College literary magazine is rapidly disappearing according to Mr. Hapgood of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer". A similar view is found in the "Yale Daily", where an editor writes, "We are in danger of losing the force for literary production by the undergraduate, if we have not already lost it."

But there are numerous indications that the undergraduate "Lit." is not yet in the least dead. In fact, a recent reviewer of the "Harvard Advocate" finds that even from the point of view of the suspicious "average reader" the stories are good, the articles worthy of professional magazines, and the poetry creditable.

The general attempt among the student editors of these publications is to keep the standards of worth and originality high. And this is well, because it is probably true that there are those outsiders who judge a college by its "Lit." as others judge it by its football team. Another reviewer believes college publications interpret the undergraduate mind and touch college life at more points than any other agency.

The college news and the college humor magazines have their functions and their reward, but the function of the "Lit." is a harder one and the reward possibly a greater. It aims to furnish a workshop where students may learn "the art of saying something in a readable way, discover methods of story writing, and the subtleties of poetry." It is a chance to develop ability for literary work after college. As the "Yale Daily" remarks in an editorial entitled "A Nursery," the college must supply our future authors as it has our best ones in the past. It must not neglect this duty, and the "Lit." publication can definitely further this by being a concrete object for literary productions of a high order, and by creating a live interest in literature.

—Mt. Holyoke News.

to the mascot and Freshman songs, they included songs to the honorary guests present, to the class president, and the class song. They were led by Margretta Briggs. During the banquet telegrams were received—one from the Rampant Lion to the Kitty, one from '27's Junior President, Lois Penny.

The honorary guests were to have been President and Mrs. Marshall, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Dean Benedict, Dean Nye, and Miss Sherer, but because of illness only President Marshall and Dr. Lawrence were able to attend. The banquet closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

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## WOMAN IS ORIGINAL SAYS ANNE MORGAN

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likely to be in a position to pick and choose her vocation, has something to do with this tendency.

"A woman's choice of a career, again, obviously cannot be, as is often the case with father and son, a matter of following in the maternal footsteps, since women in general have not been independent factors in business long enough to have established something for their daughters to carry on. All these, therefore, are reasons why the activities of women in the economic world are as a rule directed by their individual tastes and interests, rather than accepted custom and convention.

### Steps Into New Fields

"Let me mention a few of the many instances where these guiding interests have led women into occupations formerly confined to men workers.

"I am thinking of a woman in this city who is a steel window estimator, the only one of her sex to be employed anywhere in such a capacity. Up to the time she entered this rather limited field, no one had ever thought of considering a woman for such work. But, because she had become interested in working with blueprints and deliberately sought a job that involved their use, she eventually found herself a pioneer woman in a unique field. She followed the leading of her particular interest without stopping to consider whether or not it was leading her away from the beaten path.

"In New York, too, is a woman who learned the oil business from positions with several of the important companies, and recently has established her own firm as a dealer in such products. Another New York woman has made a notable record as a stock broker, while still another is the active owner and manager of a large electrotype plant, having taken up the work laid down by her husband at his death, although until that time she had known nothing but a life of luxury and social gaiety.

### Creates New Business

"Besides refusing to allow the absence of precedent to bar the doors of so-called masculine pursuits to her, there is still another direction in which women are doing many things that have 'never been done before.' This is in originating various kinds of unique businesses which had not only never been done before, but had never even been previously conceived. Apparently, women are endowed by nature with a gift for supplying lacks, for devising ways and means of filling different needs of everyday living. Or possibly this is the result of years of training in the home, where the ingenuity and creative ability of the housekeeper and mother are called upon a dozen times every day.

"Feminine characteristics put to work in the business world have resulted in a whole new field of opportunity, which goes under the general name of 'home economics in business.' Public utility corporations, manufacturers of food products, textiles and house furnishings, advertisers and many others have found that the well-known 'woman's viewpoint' is an invaluable asset in the promotion of what they have to sell.

### Why Women Succeed

"And it seems to me that it is just here that women have their great contribution to make to the business and professional world. They have something that is all their own to give, and it is in adapting this to the larger sphere that they will find their greatest success. Not competition with men, but cooperation—supplementing the work of the world with their distinctive abilities—is the aim of women today.

"On the other hand, just because of

## A. A. CHANGES RATING FOR BASKETBALL

There have been several changes made by the Basketball Board this year concerning championship. Previously, championship was determined by games won, but as in some sports of last year and all fall sports this year, class percentage will also count. By percentage is meant, the class which has on its squad the largest proportion of the class enrollment in that sport. Skill has been added since the Board feels that a game may be won by a team having one excellent basket-maker although its technique and teamwork are inferior. By judging skill, credit will be given to the team which as a whole exhibits the better technique. It will be judged as to passes, tactics, team work and freedom from fouls, with a definite system, by the two managers not connected with the competing teams and one member of the Department of Physical Education.

Another change is that of having the second team games as well as the first count toward championship. In this way, it is the whole squad which determines the championship, by games won, skill exhibited and percentage of participation.

Just as records are kept of the games won, so records will be kept of the winning of skill. At the end of the season the class whose total of games won is the highest will receive five points; the next, three; the next, one. Skill will be evaluated in the same way. Percentage is automatically determined with the choosing of the squad and five points are given to the class having the highest, three points to the next, and one to the next.

The games are arranged in sections so that each class has a first and a second team game during the week. At squad practices, members of the squad will be compared. If on a squad there are more than eight players of equal ability, interchanging will take place from week to week. In this way, a player who has played first team one week may be played on second the next week to make room for an equal player on first. A member of the squad may not be played in both games of one week. At the end of the season players will be awarded second, first and varsity points. With these changes it is hoped that a higher standard of basketball will be attained.

### SERVICE LEAGUE SPONSORS HAMILTON GLEE CLUB

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Glee Club was unusually fine. The Instrumental Club offered by way of diversion several novelty acts. Two racoon-coated gentlemen indulge in a mouth-organ-saxophonic duet; a trio, introduced by Coburn Goodwin harmonized amazingly; and eventually two fiddlers tried, successfully, to "string things along." Tunes were included in the "stringing" process.

Hamilton's vocalizing four, Earl C. Whitbeck, Henry L. Heyl, Max M. Wyle, and Arthur W. Browne blended their interpretation of negro melodies. It is expected that a program similar to this one will be given here next week.

Immediately after the concert a dance will be held at Knowlton House, for which the Hamilton orchestra will play. Tickets for the concert and dance are on sale in each house for \$1.00. Service League hopes for a good sized response to this attraction.

these very traits of women which I have mentioned—their indifference to established precedent and their quickness in applying their particular traits and abilities—they have need to

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Saturday, March 19—Debate with Smith.

Sunday, March 20—Rev. Danforth at Vespers.

Monday, March 21—Presentation of mascot to 1929.

Tuesday, March 22—Miss Clare Towsley to lecture on Junior Month.

Tuesday, March 22—Senior-Junior first, Sophomore-Freshman second team basketball games.

Tuesday, March 22—Mascot Hunt.

Wednesday, March 23—Mascot Hunt.

Saturday, March 26—Hamilton Glee Club Concert and Dance.

Saturday, March 26—Sophomore-Freshman first team, Junior-Senior second team basketball games.

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## WOMAN IS ORIGINAL SAYS ANNE MORGAN

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guard against certain faulty tendencies that go hand in hand with these qualities. Where their long taking account of past experience has bred in men a patient persistence in following one chosen line, women are more apt to have difficulty in holding single mindedly to one concentrated purpose.

"Moreover, many women are still allowing themselves to be handicapped by nearsightedness, by a lack of perspective in their relations to their jobs and their associates and, consequently, fail to acquire that detached, impersonal point of view which is so essential to business success. Regarding their ideas and opinions as an intimate part of themselves, they consider it a personal affront when these are subjected to disinterested scrutiny, or called into question."

In this connection Miss Morgan referred to the plans of the American Woman's Association, of which she is an officer, to erect a twenty-six story clubhouse in New York as a means of conserving and developing women's contribution to business.

"After a campaign of two years for funds with which to make this clubhouse a reality," she said, "these 5,000 women are approaching very near to their goal. If present plans eventuate the clubhouse will be ready for occupancy in the Fall of 1928, ready to take its place in the community as a centre where the interests and activities of all those women who are engaged in the many different branches of work can be localized and from which a tremendous stream of energy and influence will go out through the entire community."

The woman's association will give a dinner in honor of the Diplomatic Corps of Washington, on the evening of March 16, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The speakers will include the Ambassadors of Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Spain, Cuba and France, the Ministers of China, Greece, Poland, Canada, and the Charges d'Affaires of Norway and the Netherlands. Dr. John H. Finley will preside.

—New York Times.

## SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE TO OPEN IN 1928

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ly gaining in popularity in the West and parts of the South. Miss Coats announced that Sarah Lawrence College will open in the fall of 1928 for about 250 students, with a tuition fee of \$1,500 a year. The courses are to be suited to those who wish an education for leisure instead of the more intensive scientific or classical courses of the four year colleges. Its aim is to inculcate an interest in social problems and the liberal arts, and to teach the best use of leisure, a new departure in the liberal education of women.

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There is, first of all, the education of children before they are of school age. Compulsory education for all Russian children by 1932—that is the program of the Peoples Commissariat of Education. A detailed system of education has been completed, beginning with the pre-school institutions—children's playgrounds, kindergartens, etc.—and continuing through primary and secondary school terms of 7 or 9 years. On January 1, 1926 there were already 1,146 pre-school institutions, including many children's playgrounds in the villages.

In the field of higher education, pedagogical institutions have shown the greatest increase. Formerly there were only three, while now there are 388 of these training colleges. There has also appeared a brand new type of institution—the Communist University. Students are now prepared for the universities not only by secondary schools and colleges, but also by Workers' Faculties (Rabfaks). By means of these Workers' Faculties the way to education is opened for workers and peasants. In 1925 there were 114 of these faculties with nearly 50,000 students.

One bureau of the Education Commissariat functions chiefly to liquidate illiteracy. Special anti-illiteracy stations are scattered throughout the country at which nearly a million and a half people are studying. For carrying on this work of liquidation it will be necessary to publish nearly six million copies of Russian primers, also 400,000 in 20 of the non-Russian national languages.

All the cultural forces in the villages are ingeniously mobilized for erasing illiteracy. Reading rooms are established as cultural centers, with committees upon which sit the local agronomists, doctors, jurists, representatives of Soviet trade unions.

By means of the moving picture and the radio, a great deal of information is disseminated. There are special films, the "Rural Kino", for peasants. Over 1,500 loud speakers transmit popular scientific lectures of various kinds and the music of the theatres in clubs and village reading rooms throughout the country.

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