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# Infirmary Fund Approaches CC Flying Club To Upperclassmen Invited to \$100,000 Mark With New Gifts Have CAP Official Frosh-Soph Weekend Lectures

#### by Nellie Hasson and Edith Manasevit

At noon on March 25, the Infirmary fund as a whole, including actual and promised donations, constituted \$99,437.53, with \$10,475 of the above amount representing contributions from the parents of undergraduates. Since last week's article was written stressing the need for contributions for the new infirmary, there has been an enthusiastic response from several sources. A generous gift of \$5,000 has been promised by a friend of the college. In ad-dition, seven parents of undergraduates, among them the parents of the president of Student Government and the News editor, have added to the fund. Several student organizations on campus have also responded with helpful contributions. Monday night, the \$100 obtained from the joint choir concert was presented at the choir coffee to President Blunt for the Infirmary fund. News has also contributed.

#### Suggestions

President Blunt and Miss Harris visited the new Hartford hospital last week to confer with its director, Dr. Allen, who is advising the college on interior plans of the new infirmary. They pre-viously visited the Wellesley and Vassar infirmaries and the Coast Guard sick bay to obtain helpful suggestions and ideas.

The total contributions to the Infirmary fund, although gradually growing, at present amounts to only one-third of the sum needed before actual construction

# CC To Be Scene of Food Panel Apr. 6

Discussions and talks about present-day food and nutrition problems will be the principal events of the conference of the Division of Foods and Nutrition of the Connecticut Home Economics association, which will be held at Connecticut college on April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m. in room 113, New London hall

The visiting speakers at the conference will be Helen L. Johnson, acting chief nutritionist of the State Department of Health, whose subject will be Where Does Connecticut Stand in the Enrichment Program?; Edith. M. Cushman, in charge of the school lunch program for Connecticut, whose subject will be A Review can begin. There still remains a void in the fund which must be filled by further donations. President Blunt emphasizes again the necessity for students to assume the responsibility in forwarding the fund. As the spring vacation approaches the students are asked to explain to their parents the necessity and benefits of the new infirmary, and approach them for donations which will make its speedy construction possible.

# **College Orchestra Presents**, Excellent **Classical Program** by Rita Hursh

The annual concert of the Connecticut college orchestra, given Thursday night at Holmes hall, proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the smaller concerts of the season. Credit for the performance goes first of all to Mrs. Eleanor Cranz, the conductor. With such a limited instrumentation, the choice of compositions is naturally small, but Mrs. Cranz chose those, mostly classical in nature, which were varied enough to make the program interesting. Under her skillful direction the hard working members gave a well-balanced performance.

#### Mozart

Of the orchestral compositions, the two movements from the Symphony in D Major by Mozart were performed the best. Although the most difficult of the works presented, and certainly a great undertaking for so small a group, the orchestra's interpretation and technique were best shown in this work. The girls' ability to grasp the Mozart feeling in the stately Andante and the brisk Finale was noticed here more than in the other compositions. The Stephen Foster medley, Old Folks Quadrilles, also was interpreted skillfully by the orchestra which entered into the humorous character of the Foster melodies.

#### **Small Ensembles**

Besides the orchestral part of the program, there were several compositions played by small ensembles. The first of these was Martha Alter's Romance for oboe, cello, and piano. A distinctive mood piece, it was well suited to art, a dance recital, and a prohaunting quality of the oboe, the gram of student music and posomberness of the cello, and the etry. It was climaxed by a lecof the Connecticut High School clear tones of the piano. Each of ture by Virgil Thompson, noted Lunch Program; and Mary L. the participants contributed in music critic, and the first per-Greenwood, professor of home making this one of the most outstanding moments of the evening. Connecticut, whose subject will The oboe and the cello were played expertly by Shirley Corthell and Mary Jane Coons. Rita Hursh played the piano. The success of the next two selections, Duetto by Haydn and Sonata No. 3 by Loeillet, was due to the fin-ished performance of the violinists, Helen Mae Knafel and Marion Walker. Helen Crumrine, an-

# As Guest Speaker All students interested in flying are invited to the first meeting of

Connecticut's newly-organized flying club, which will be held in the commuters' room of Fanning hall on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Irving Tier, of Chesh-ire, Conn., will be the speaker.

Mrs. Tier is an outstanding figure in aviation. She is the only woman to hold the rank of major in the Civil Air Patrol and is also a wing staff officer in that organization. A pioneer in the field, she has flown her own plane for many years and has an airport on her farm. She has flown in the Word transcontinental air races, and her part in aviation parallels the history of flying itself. Miss Elise Owen, formerly of the Watford airport, who has been active in encouraging flying at Connec-ticut, will also be present at the meeting.

#### Short Business Meeting

On the following day, Thursday, April 4, at 5:15 p.m., a short business meeting will be held to elect officers for the coming year and to plan the write-up for the 'C' handbook. Tentatively named the Aerowits, the organization is open to all students who are at all interested in aviation, regardless of whether or not they ac-tually fly.

## **New Dates Announced On Five Arts Weekend**

Five Arts weekend is now scheduled for Friday evening, April 26, through Saturday afternoon, April 27. The Sat-urday afternoon program will take place in the museum. This is a correction of the last dates which were printed in News.

# **Miss Ramsay Shows Relation of Major To Future Career**

As a part of the program of Freshman-Sophomore week, Miss Alice Ramsay of the personnel office, will speak to the freshman and sophomore classes at meet-ings to be held on April 10 and 11, respectively. Both meetings are scheduled for 6:45 in Bill hall. The meetings, two of several included in freshman-sophomore

week, concern the relationship of college to after-college interests. such as jobs, families, and home life. Miss Ramsay will also discuss the problem of choosing a major intelligently. The talks will be based on the facts and information gleaned from college alumnae groups.

### **Three Talks Planned** To Aid Students in **Determining Majors**

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This year again, during the first week after return from spring vacation, a distinguished trio, highly conversant with recent educational experiments and ideas, has agreed to visit the college, to lecture and discuss different aspects of their fields of learning. Although this week, following last year's scheme, will be known Freshman-Sophomore week, as originally designed to aid students in learning about different fields of interest and in choosing majors, it also offers a fine opportunity for the entire college to be able to hear these men. They are all experts in their fields, and are known to give both informative and thought-provoking lectures. Juniors, seniors, and faculty will also be interested in the content of the lectures, and in the educational ideas presented. Faculty are reminded that a discussion period for them will follow each lecture

#### Social Sciences

The first division of the curriculum to be represented in this year's series is that of the social sciences. President Wilbur K. Jordan of Radcliffe college will open the week with a lecture in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 8. President Jordan knows students' needs and interests well, having taught until 1943 at Harvard university, Scripps and Claremont colleges, and the University of Chicago, where he was also general editor of the University Press. Dr. Jordan is an historian, the author of several studies of the development of religious toleration in England, and of a recent book, Men of Substance, published in 1942.

On the following day, Tuesday, See "Lecture"-Page 6

# **Zoo Major Meeting** The final event of the weekend To Be Fri., April 5

A meeting for all students majoring in zoology will be held on Friday, April 5. Marion Drasher '44 will be one

of the speakers. A zoo major here at Connecticut, she worked at the Jackson Memorial laboratories for cancer research on Mount Desert Island, Bar Harbor, Maine. Miss Drasher received her master's degree in endocrinology at the University of Wisconsin, and she now is working in the Haskins laboratory in New York city Miss Drasher, who will speak on mouse mammary tumor problems, has said that her work has been an "excellent example of how fields of endocrinology, genetics, immunology, and bacteriology can be marshalled to work together towards a single objective.' The other speaker at the meeting will be Mary Hall '41, who received her master's degree in physiology at Yale. She is now in her third year at the Albany Medical school, and plans to speak about her work as a medical student. Mary was Phi Beta Kappa, and did honors work on the nervous system in her senior year. There will be a chance for the zoology majors to meet these speakers at a coffee at 7:00 in the commuters' room. The talks will begin at 7:45 in New London hall, room 113.

# **Five Arts Weekend Includes** Student Work in Many Fields

Five Arts Weekend, which in der its new director, Miss Ruth two years has already assumed Bloomer.

an important place in Connecticut college tradition, will be pre-sented this year on April 26 and 27 under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothy Bethurum. The student committee is made up of Ruth Colcord '47, Marjorie Farrel '47, Virginia Pearson '46, Susan Rippey '47, Edna Mae Wander '47, and Priscilla Wright '46. The weekend is designed to provide a unified outlet for creative work on campus, and to encourage further original work by students in the fields of art, dance, drama, music, and poetry It was first undertaken in 1944. Mrs. Josephine Ray served as act ing chairman and Miss Bethurum as honorary chairman. The event

formance of "The Island of Lolii," an operetta written by two seniors.

The college is particularly fortunate in having Francis Taylor, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art as the guest for this year. Mr. Taylor will conduct an informal discussion of Trends in Contemporary Art, on Saturday morning

#### **Final Event**

will take place Saturday after-noon, April 27, in the Lyman Allyn museum. In these delightful surroundings, student art will be exhibited and a program of music and poetry will be given. The department of art will serve tea after the program, bringing the 1946 Five Arts weekend to its official close. The exhibition of student art at the museum, however, will be open through Sunday.

The offerings of the various departments will be described in deall in subsequent issues of News General plans for the weekend are complete, and much of the student material is in, but students who have not yet submitted anything are urged to take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible. It is your weekend!

economics at the University of Some Recent Research in Foods and Nutrition.

Other events of the conference will include informal discussions, an exhibit of current food and nutrition material, and a movie to be shown after lunch.

All interested faculty members and students are invited to attend.

# Freshman Class Meeting On Wednesday, April 3

The freshmen will hold a class meeting in Bill hall at 5:15 on Wednesday, April 3. At that time, they plan to nominate and elect class officers for 1947. Miss Katherine Noyes, dean of freshmen, will be present to explain the procedure for Freshman-Sophomore week, April 8-12.

other of the soloists, played the flute skillfully in the Muffat Gigue.

But all the members of the orchestra as well as the soloists deserve mention for their fine performance: Jeanne Harold, Marilyn Watson, Marion Luce, Joan Wilmarth, Marjorie Collins, Barbara Hobson, and Harriet Tinker. Let's hope that during next year we can have more of these enjoy- program. This will be the first able programs.

#### **Increase in Creative Activity**

After so auspicious a beginning, it was gratifying to find that Five Arts weekend in its second year showed a marked increase in student activity in the creative arts. More than 150 students took part in the three-program event under the chairmanship of Miss Martha Alter. Two round-table discussions took the place of a formal lecture, with Kenneth Bates in the field of art. and Normand Lockwood in music

Five Arts weekend this year will begin on Friday evening, April 26, with the presentation of an original drama and a dance formal recital of Dance Group un-

## Notify Powerhouse of Any Arboretum Fires

If anone sees smoke indi-cating fire in the arboretum, she should notify the power house immediately. The signal for the volunteers who are organized for putting out arboretum fires will be the ringing of class• bells in groups of three in the dormitories.

Wednesday, March 27, 1946

### The News Begins Another Year

# An Editorial

With the changing of staffs this week the News begins another year of recording the life of Connecticut college. We who have taken over this responsibility realize just how great a responsibility it is, and sincerely hope that we will succeed in our ambition to record the events of the ensuing months faithfully and accurately. We feel that we have been well-trained for our

We feel that we have been well-trained for our job, for those who taught us—the members of the outgoing staff—knew it well; but we know, too, that we have much to learn. Doubtless we will make mistakes, and probably there will be many occasions when we will receive, and deserve, the criticism of the members of the college commun-ity. We will receive such criticism gratefully, for we know that from it we can learn how to serve the college better. We hope, too, that such critithe college better. We hope, too, that such criti-cism will be made directly to us so that we can make immediate use of it.

# **Free Speech**

#### Dear Editor:

The amount which has been contributed to the Infirmary fund at this moment is a little short of \$100,000, less than half of the amount necessary to erect and furnish the new building. The gifts are coming in constantly but they are not coming in fast enough to warrant breaking ground as soon as it was hoped. It seems that for the most part parents of the students haven't come through. Why? Because the students haven't told them how tradly an on-campus infirmary is needed at Connecticut and because they have no idea how functional and magnificent the new building will be. They don't know how many students neglect going to the present infirmary when they should because "it's too far to walk." They don't know how well the new building will be able to handle everything from the annual crop of epidemics and contagious diseases to the common cold. They don't know that the building will include beds for 21. a solarium where more beds can be placed in an emergency, a wing which can be closed off for contagious diseases, and an out-patient dispensary.

Plans have already been made for a new recre-ation building and other new buildings but these

In reflecting the varied opinions on campus and political matters which we encounter, we will endeavor to be accurate and just; and when we state our own opinions on such matters they will be opinions carefully weighed and considered. Our tone will be basically liberal, for we feel that that is the prevailing tenor of the campus.

To our guardian angels-Ginny and Jerry Anderson-we offer sincere thanks for their help in the past, and all that we know they will do for us in the future.

And our thanks go, too, to the members of the outgoing staff, for all that they taught us, for the pleasure we had in working with them, and for the high standards they have set for us. We will miss

This will be another wonderful year, we know. We shall enjoy recording it.

cannot be built before the completion of the new infirmary

So, on behalf of President Blunt, I would like to ask the students to speak to their dads about the new infirmary when they go home for spring vacation tomorrow. And if they're not going home, would they please write.

#### Sincerely, Bryna Samuels '46

Dear Editor,

The student drive to relieve the food situation in Europe has proved very successful. By having simple meals, students have saved a total of \$430 to be sent to Europe. Although considerable, this saving will not go very far. Suggestions for continuing this noble effort after spring vacation have already been offered. Among them are giving up desserts, and having smaller quantities of food containing wheat and fats, the substances most de sired for shipment abroad. To be successful, an plan of action which is chosen must have studen backing. Through a united, unselfish effort, a sub stantial contribution can be made to world peac by building sound minds and bodies. Are you will ing to give your support?

Mary Meagher '49

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# Calendar

CONNECTICUT-UPS

Is	Thursday, March 28
e-	Spring recess begins 11:00 a.m.
У	Tuesday, April 2
it	Spring recess ends 10:00 p.m.
b-	Wednesday, April 3
e 1-	Freshman Class Meeting 5:15, Bill 106
1-	Flying Club Nancy Tier, guest speaker
	7:00, Commuters Room
	Thursday, April 4
-	Poetry Reading 5:15, Auditorium 202
٦	Junior Class Meeting 5:15, Bill 106
	Flying Club 5:15, Fannisg 301
	Freshman Class Meeting 6:45, Bill 106 Home Economics Club Meeting 7:00, New London 411
	Friday, April 5
	Junior Class Meeting 5:15, Bill 106
	Saturday, April 6
	CCOC Square Dance 8:00, Gym
	Sunday, April 7
J	Sunday, April 7 Vespers
e	Monday, April 8
d	Freshman-Sophomore Week
	Lecture on Social Sciences, Pres. Wilbur K. Jordan, Radcliffe -
	7:00, Auditorium
S	Tuesday, April 9
1-	Lecture on Natural Sciences, Professor George Wald, Harvard
t	4:20, Auditorium
-	Wednesday, April 10
y	Organ Recital 5:15, Chapel
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# **Liberals Protest Domination** Of Atomic Power by the Army

#### by Julia Cooper

Today we are confronted with a choice that will determine the fate of history. It is within our power-yours and mine-to decide between self-destruction and an era of peace and unsurpassed material progress. We must choose life and advancement, and demand the development and ap-plication of atomic energy under civilian control.

This is proposed in the McMahon bill which calls for the establishment of a civilian commission free from military domination. The bill reflects the view that atomic energy should be directed toward peacetime pursuits and be employed for world good, rather than merely for the security of the U.S. In the light of present notes of international discord it is absolutely imperative that we adopt and support the McMahon bill in order to assure the world that we are sincerely planning and thinking in terms of peace.

army be at odds with the very men who made the bomb pos-sible? A heavy percentage of key men have already begun to desert government service in the field of atomic study because of the pres-ent secrecy requirements which hamper freedom of science. To mention just one example: At the recent Atlantic City conference, N. J. Curtis and J. D. Teresi of the Clinton laboratory at Oak Ridge were prepared to present a paper on the effect of slow neutrals on living bodies, after hav-ing been granted army permission. At the very last minute per-mission to deliver the address was revoked. This is the same sort of suppression of scientific information to which we may look forward if we allow passage of the Vandenberg amendment. The army has no right to reach

out into all related fields of atomic energy which, of course, means every aspect of science. It has shown itself decidedly inept in its nandling of the problem of transition from wartime atom bomb production to peacetime atomic research.

YOU Think by Grace Lurton, Betty Leslie

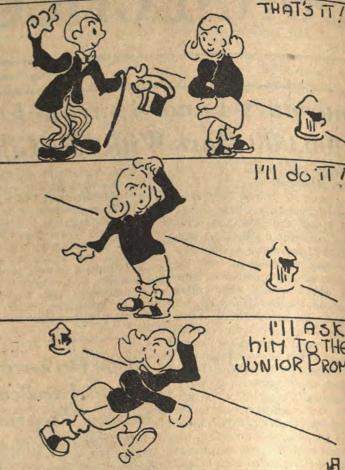
What do

Do you think Connecticut college should have courses in drama and possibly a drama major?

Ada Maislen '47: Drama courses seem necessary for a rounded out liberal arts curriculum. But I don't think they should be of fered unless the student body gives them good support.

Edith Aschaffenburg '48: Drama courses would be appreciated by more students if the prere quisites were lowered. Person ally, I would like to see more opportunity for learning the ropes backstage and studying technique of stage manage ment.

Betts Johnston '49: Even if only a few students elect drama courses, they should be in-National Advertis cluded in the curriculum. If the field were open to more people, popular interest would grow.



#### **Bill Robbed**

Unfortunately, the bill has been mercilessly robbed of its original purpose by Senator Vandenberg's amendment which, if passed by Congress, would establish within the framework of the commission a military body with the broad power of making recommendations aimed at strengthening na-tional defense. In effect the board would be subject to military domination. It would serve to compromise any attempt to avoid the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes. This placement of an official label of secrecy on a U. S. bomb-building program would undoubtedly destroy effec-tive cooperation within the U. N. 0

If we survey atomic energy as it now stands under military contific information. Why should the ic club. Sky Fodder, a play.

At this time it is our duty to ex-See "Atomic Energy"-Page 4

**Connecticut** College **Radio Programs** WNLC 1490 kc

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. Department of Music. Miss Martha Alter. Music of the Stratosphere-Martha Alter: Through Space, Through Time, Beyond.

Thursday, March 28, 3:45 p.m. it now stands under military con-trol we can see the unforgivable ineffciency and blackout of scien-tific information. Why should the Joan Brower '47: People interested in dramatics should have a way for developing their abilities.

Barbara Cowgil '49: Drama courses are an essential part of a college education. A beautiful auditorium with so many possibilities for good dramatic productions goes to waste when drama courses are offered only to the minority. Drop the number of prerequisite courses and let's have some wholehearted participation.

Mary Lou Brainard '49: I think that these courses should be open to underclassmen. Only by doing away with some of the many requirements will we be able to take advantage of this opportunity. See "?"-Page 5

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Versatile Phi-Betes Work Hard, Play Hard; Knitting, Jazz, 11 p.m. Curfews, Sports and **Concentrating Powers Add Up to Brilliance** 



HARRIET KUHN '46



#### SUSAN HANNOCH '46

#### by Babs Giraud

The idea that a Phi Bete must be of the "long haired professor," bespectacled, and buried five feet deep in books, variety of person is entirely erroneous—as is proved by four of the newly elected members of that illustrious society.

One glance at Harriet Kuhn, better known as Kuhnn, will serve to shake off the old stereotyped picture. She's one of those girls who does not have to work at night-thus leaving time to pursue her hobbies, which include knitting, listening to music (Gershwin preferred), and above all, seeing all the movies in town. This latter activity being indulged in at least three times a week. This, together with a pursuit of movie magazines, makes Kuhnny quite an authority on the latest from Hollywood. Besides an interest in Spanish, in which she is majoring, Kuhnny has partici-pated in the choir, Student-Faculty forum, Connecticut College radio, and dramatics. If you're looking for the formula to success, Kuhnny's your example. Maybe it can be attributed to her non-community has had reason to fee



#### **BARBARA RUBENOFF '46**

#### by Norma Johnson

Phi Beta Kappa is the hopeful dream of many aspiring under-classmen. To Nancy Faulkner, Polly Garland and Juanita Guru cita, members of the class of '46, this dream has become a reality.

Nancy Faulkner discussed her plans for the future in a room that told more than words could about the "eccentricities of a gen-ius." Jazz records are playing constantly and surrealistic paint ings occupy a good deal of space in Nancy's room. One would have to look pretty hard to find the furniture, which is covered com-pletely with four years of accum-ulation of college mementoes.

#### For the Record

Nancy is an art major and plans to do summer theater scenery on the Cape during the sum-mer months. Come fall, she hopes to be doing layout work for a fashion magazine. During her college career, Nancy was active in basketball, hockey, directed the class of '46 Competitive plays for four years, was vice president of her sophomore class, headed a jazz concert, worked on scenery for Wig and Candle, was on the reading committee for Wig and Candle, and was editor of Koine this year. Nancy loves jazz-the kind that migrated from New Orleans to Greenwich Village-and surrealistic painting. Her ambi-tion is to go to the Mardi Gras to hear the jazz and celebrate for three weeks! Ultimately, she hopes to "wander around the world looking for an honest



**POLLY GARLAND '46** 

#### **NANCY FAULKNER '46**

ly Garland. Polly is a German major. She came here in her sophomore year from Wheaton, and began her college career in Emily Abbey. She spent a year in Washington working for the War department and came back to Connecticut for the summer term. While Polly was in Washington, she took a few courses at George Washington university. During her college career, Polly has been in the choir, U.S.S.A., and headed the cooperative drive in New London this year. Right now, Polly has a distinct interest in playing the organ.

world looking for an honest man." Under the heading of "she's lively, she's engaged," comes Pol-

Polly will become a Mrs. in

# **Of Cabbages and Things**

by Bettsey McKey '47

cleaning; housecleaning is a good time to haul the year's accumulation of skeletons out of the dim, forgotten recesses of desk and closet, bureau drawer and brain. These skeletons are generally of two kinds: things done and done

tion to read as manifested in the book painfully gleaned from the stacks and now reposing on the desk under an ashtray, which, to judge from the height of the pile of cigarette butts, hasn't been disturbed for a long time by the eager reaching of a book-seeker's hand. Also among the items included in this first type of skeleton is the pair of shoes which needs reheeling, but which has been languishing in the box la-belled "Cobbler" ever since the belled "Cobbler" ever since the day you returned from Christmas vacation and turned your ankle on the curb.

The second type of skeleton is, in the case of some people, larger

# Dr. Park Talks on **Poetry of Rilke**

The style, ideals, and opinions of the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke, one of the greater German poets, was discussed by Dr. Rosemary Park, head of the German department, at the open house in the Palmer room of the library on Thursday, March 21. This lecture is one of the series of faculty talks on modern literature sponsored by the library and the bookshop.

It is obvious in Rilke's verse that the poet creates distance around an object, no matter how common the object may be, Miss Park said. This distance seems to form an obstacle which the poet tried to overcome throughout his life time. That desire to overcome distance is shown by Rilke's in-terest in the mysticism of the Russian peasant, the speaker con-tinued. It is also evident in his poetry, written during the first months of World War I, in which he pictured the whole population of the world as being under the influence of a warlike God, Miss Park stated.

In his last poems, Rilke was still trying to find the answer to the problem "what is the place of the human being in the universe" the problem "what is the place of the human being in the universe," Miss Park declared. He finally concluded that the reality be-neath the surface of everything in our lives is important reality of human life, and that that real-ity is one of the most difficult truths to find truths to find.

Miss Park added to the effec-tiveness of her lecture by reading

Spring is a good time for house- than the first-and the bones, when you pull the skeleton from the corner of the closet, rattle quite loudly. This includes a variety of things, all of which cannot be enumerated, but the nature of which can be seen by a few examples: "it would have been nice to have written so-and-so," "Great-aunt Hezekiah might have gotten badly, and things contemplated and not done at all. and not done at all. and not done at all. The first type encompasses such items as the blouse bor-rowed from Janie Gulch Army-Navy weekend and used as a dust-rag ever since, and the determina-

Now a skeleton in a closet is a rather useless thing-hauled out, however, it can provide quite a bit of activity. You can dust off the bones—and if the rattle disthe bones—and if the fattle dis-turbs you enough you can throw it out altogether. You can re-trieve Janie Gulch's blouse from its dingy corner, you can empty the ashtray and read the book, you can take the shoes down to the cobbler and find out that they are going to look quite well with the new Easter suit, and you can go, sometime, and find out just what the bells are ringing for, and if they ring for exactly the same thing every Sunday evening

Spring is a good time for housecleaning, and the skeletons in the closet like to gambol around with the first robin as much as you do.

# **UNO Is Supported ByRussia**, Simmons **Declares at Convo**

Eight students elected to Phi Beta Kappa this semester were honored on Tuesday in Palmer auditorium at the special convocation marking the first Phi Beta Kappa day at Connecticut college. These are Nancy Faulkner, Priscilla Garland, Juanita Guruceta, Susanne Hannoch, Harriet Kuhn, Barbara Rubenoff, Barbara Thompson who was graduated in June, and Constance Hopkins Hyslop who was graduated in September. Dr. Rosemary Park, president of the Delta chapter, conducted the initiation ceremony in Knowlton house immediately in Knowlton house immediately

after the lecture. Dr. Simmons, Slavic language head at Cornell, told the convocation audience that an historical approach to the present crisis will show that Russia gives full support to the UNO. It is wrong to accuse a nation whose past work in the League is a record for the future, he said. Education about Russia in the United States and Russian education about the United States would lead to understanding and the abolition of fear.

Russia's sensitiveness in policy is caused, Dr. Simmons said, by the fear of war. In 1919 she was thrust into isolation and sur-Her fear of war later materialized. Russia's present actions in Iran were preceded in the United States by auspicions, talk of war, and defense preparations against Russia. Russia again fears war, Power politics have again replaced international cooperation, Dr. Simmons said. The United States has committed herself to be: Fantasie in C minor; Choral Preludes for Holy Week—Christe, Capitalist imperialism led by the United States opposes social-ist imperialism led by Russia, Dr. Simmons declared. All countries are playing the game of power politics and are equally guilty, but Russia is played up because she is blunt in her methods and because she is a communist coun-try, Dr. Simmons said.



For some time now our college

In Wig and Candle's spring pre-

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vegetable diet, or her passion for satisfaction and pleasure in the imitating, or her good sense of See "Giraud"-Page 6

# Square Dance, Breakfast And Outing Planned For Big Weekend Apr. 6-7

C.C.O.C. is planning a grand outing for the April 6 weekend. The details are not absolutely certain as yet, but there is a good chance that everything will work out. It will be an Outing club affair for the girls and their dates. To start off, there wil be an "outing" to Lantern Hill or to Rocky Neck State Park. Trucks will take everyone out and back. That night, in the gym, there will be an old-fashioned square dance. The next morning, C.C.O.C. is planning a breakfast in Buck lodge for the girls and their dates.

quickening spirit of Wig and Candle. Early in March one of our competitive plays stressed an interest in creating for the college changes throughout the play and theater; the others emphasized the desirability of working with finally emerges as Nora, the free

woman. She interpreted the comdramatic literature that truly plexities of Nora's somewhat enchallenges the finest efforts of igmatic character with delicacy; the actors. Each of these laudable and Joan Jacobson as Mrs. Linimpulses calls for our encourageden was effective as the stern and ment; as playgoers, if we want to embittered foil to Nora's carefree joie de vivre. The part of Nils Krogstad, the

see the best in creative effort on the part of both writers and ac-"villain," was read by Sheldon Ross due to the illness of Mr. tors, we must make our wishes known and our approval felt. To Bouvier. He is to be commended a number of the audience it was gratifying to remark again this on his reassuringly calm and cool reawakening of interest and amperformance. Robert Hogg as Dr. bition in Wig and Candle's pro-duction of A Doll's House, by Rank gave a sympathetic and forceful interpretation of the old Henrik Ibsen, in the Palmer audifriend of the Helmers. His hantorium on March 22 and 23. Although perhaps it is difficult

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Meg Healy played with great subexcerpts from the English transtlety and grace the leading role of lation of Rilke's poetry. She closed by reading from Rilke's Norma Helmer, the delightfully irresponsible dollwife who 'Duino Elegies."

# Bach Music To Be Given he added. In Recital on April 10

The twenty-ninth recital of Bach organ music will be presented by Mr. Quimby on April 10 international politics. Russia has at 5:15. The program, including projected her influence into Eur-some special Easter music, will ope and Asia. This shifts the pow-

du Lamm Gottes, Christus, der uns selig macht, O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig; Fugue in G minor; Chorale Preludes for Holy Week -Wo sollich fliehen hin, Aus der Tiefe schrie ich zu dir, Wir glaudling of the scene in which he ben all an einen Gott, Schopfer; takes leave of Nora and Torvald Chorale Prelude on the Magnifi-See "Ferguson"-Page 4 cat; and Fugue in C minor.

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# **Caught on Campus**

With profuse apologies to Deedee Moore '48 we'd like to print an announcement which should have been printed a long time ago. The important event-Deedee's engagement to Edward E. Davis. After long months of waiting while Budd, a j.g. in the Merchant Marine, went traveling about the seven seas, Deedee officially became a fiance on Janu-ary 19. Since Budd is now going to Brown, their plans are indefinite, or, at any rate, as Deedee says they're "not for public consumption.

Another engagement, this time a brand new one-Jean Compton '46 has just announced her engagement to Carroll Boyce. Jean and Carroll met at a fraternity party at M.I.T., and now that the groom-to-be has graduated, their plans have been made. The future, far from indefinite, begins with the wedding on July 19.



Tuesday - Thursday Along Came Jones Loretta Young; Gary Cooper and **Bedside Manner** Friday - Sunday

She Wouldn't Say Yes Rosalind Russell; Lee Bowman **Captain Kid** Charles Laughton



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After a lively discussion in the drama class on the obscure meanings of some playwrights, Miss Oakes remembered a rather in-teresting remark made by one of her English 3-4 students. The befuddled Paradise Lost reader had asked, "Miss Oakes, just what did God mean in this passage?"

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humor-but most likely, it's the possesion of the right amount of that enviable commodity-a welldeveloped brain.

Then there's Bib Rubenoff, another Spanish major, who completely disproves all the old theories about the "all work and no play" Phi Bete. According to friends, Bib has that wonderful power of concentration which allows her to do the maximum in the minimum of time. In extracuricular activities, she has been interested in competitive plays, Spanish club, community chest, and the jazz concert of last year. The latter shows her especial enthusiasm for jazz-as does her large collection of records of this variety, and her frequent trips to Greenwich Village to hear the music in the original. If you're wondering what goes to make a Phi Bete, from a look at Bib we'd say-a subtle sense of humor, a vivacious personality, and originality.

#### Sue Had Busy Schedule

To prove that it can be done, our next illustrious student, Sue Hannoch, has been taking six subjects for the last two years and was still elected to Phi Bete. Besides this accelerated schedule, Sue has been active in many campus affairs. As secretary of the U.S.S.A., last year, co-chairman this year, and contributer to the News, she has had a busy extracurricular as well as academic schedule. Even a glance at her room shows her main interests for it is piled high with newspapers. Sue's an Ec major who hopes to get a job with the government or U.N.O. when she graduates this June. Along with this interest in current events she still finds time to knit, read, and play tennis.

All these activities would seem to add up to a 24 hour per day schedule-but not for Sue. She's in bed by 11:00 week nights and week ends she's seldom here to keep the record straight. Maybe her formula of "work hard and play hard" is the key-it certainly has been successful for Sue Her roommate, Pat Goldman, when questioned as to living with a Phi Bete, replied, "It's frustrat-ing—but nice."

### Barbara Was Class Songleader

A fourth Phi Beter, Barbara

# Pres. Blunt To Speak **On Thursday April 11**

President Katharine Blunt will not speak on her regular chapel day, Monday, April 8. She will speak instead on Thursday, April 11, at the regular chapel time when the new officers of Student Government will be installed.

# **Flower Show Hails** Spring With True Skill and Beauty by Jan Coakley

#### Mother Nature's hand, ably guided by the botany students, triumphantly brought forth last weekend the thirteenth annual Connecticut college flower show, which was indeed a fitting tribute to spring.

The show was a skillful combination of both the practical and beautiful sides of gardening. One of the most interesting exhibits was the freshman one dealing with methods for controlling the erosion of our most valuable re-source, soil. The students had made skillful and realistic models, of the before and after type, illustrating soil erosion. The former clearly demonstrated that hills and fields ploughed in a regular way facilitate gullying and erosion, while the latter showed that scientific methods such as contour ploughing and strip farming are effective counteractions against erosion and gullying

The landscape design for a farmhouse was undoubtedly the most engaging exhibit of the The farmhouse, a replica show. of Miss Botsford's farm in Vermont, was complete in every detail, even to a miniature model of Miss Botsford working in her strawberry patch. The farmhouse, delightful in itself, was enhanced by excellent landscaping and the model included a mailbox, tiny chairs, a well, stone walls and other ingeniously constructed details.

#### **Attractive Miniatures**

Miniature flower arrangements were placed attractively in the various rooms of the show and they rightfully deserved all the "Ohs" and "Ahs" that were showered upon them by visitors.

One huge window was over flowing with plants such as Bos ton fern, begonia, fuschia, alyssum and philodrendron, and there was also an interesting variety of evergreen and deciduous shrubs exhibited.

The research lab had one exhibit dedicated to showing that two of the effects of light on plants are to inhibit excessive growth in length and to produce chloro-phyll. Research is being carried out to determine the effectiveness of different colors (wave lengths) of light in bringing about each of these effects. This exhibit demonstrated typical experiments.

In the greenhouse a profusion of vividly colored flowers met the Thomson, who was an accelerated eye. The exhibits there included 46er from New London is another polyploid plants, growing plants

# CAST YOUR VOTE

For the movie you'd like to see on May 18

and return to Virginia Pond via campus mail

# Lecture (Continued from Page One)

April 9, at 4:20 p.m., Dr. George

Wald of the biology department

of Harvard university will speak

for the natural sciences. Profes-

sor Wald has much interest in the

border-line fields of biochemistry

and biophysics, and has done re-

search on some of the fundamen-

tal problems of vision. He has al-

so been a member of the Harvard

Committee on General Education,

which recently put out the much

discussed book, Education for a

The last of the three visiting lecturers, President Howard F.

Lowry of the College of Wooster

in Ohio, concludes the series of

talks on Friday, April 12 at 7 p.

m. His past experience parallels

that of President Jordan but in a

different field - nineteenth cen-

tury literature. Before becoming

president of Wooster, Dr. Lowry

taught at Yale, Wooster, and

Princeton, and also was general

editor of the Oxford University

Press. He is co-author of the Ox-

ford Anthology of English .Po-

etry, and has done a number of

studies on Matthew Arnold. He

has always been vitally concerned

with students' problems and with

a search for the best methods of

Freshmen and sophomores will

be notified of the hours for group

major conferences, and opportun-

ity will be given them to sign up for one or more of these times.

Later in the term, freshmen will

have individual appointments

with the major adviser of their

chosen department, and sopho-

mores will also have the oppor-

tunity of making a change in the

choice of major, if that is desired.

be of real value to the students,

helping them both to gain a broader view of college education

as a whole, and a clearer insight

into what the different, somewhat

arbitrary, divisions of man's pres-

ent knowledge have to offer. The

tentative major choices of the

freshmen made during registra-

tion period and the more final

choices of the sophomores may be made more intelligently after

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Conferences

# **Outline of Ec. Courses** Will Be Given Frosh At April 10 Meeting

The economics department will hold a meeting on April 10, at 4:20 p.m. in the faculty lounge. All freshmen and sophomores All freshmen and sophomores who would like to know more about the courses given by the economics department, and the type of major that the department offers are asked to attend.

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