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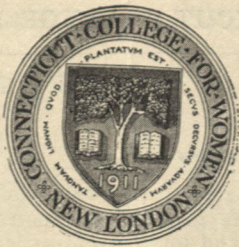
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## Juniors Entertained at Luncheon

Annual Event Takes Place at Mohican

The Mohican Hotel was the scene of a splendid occasion last Saturday afternoon, when the Juniors and Seniors were gathered together to celebrate the annual banquet between the two upper classes. The luncheon was given in the Mohican ball-room, filled with innumerable small tables, with several guests at each and one or two Seniors presiding. The affair began about one thirty and lasted until nearly four. President Marshall, Dr. Lawrence and Mrs. Erb, Miss Shearer, Dr. Benedict and Miss Leahy were the guests of honor of the two classes.

During the courses the Seniors sang to their Junior guests and the Juniors later replied, expressing their loyalty and love for the Seniors. Eleanor Wood who made a very charming and clever toast-mistress, introduced Dr. Lawrence as the first speaker of those present. He expressed with deep sincerity the great feeling of gratitude, love and respect that he himself and all of the students have for President Marshall. He had a word also for each of the two classes represented, a word that was strong and of good cheer and full of friendly interest. Dr. Erb was the second speaker of the afternoon, and his main message to the classes and to everyone present was the one significant word, "Congratulations—congratulations to everybody for everything!"

Miss Leahy's message was one of courage to all, a wish that the classes will always maintain their shining armor of courage no matter what prevails, and a hope that especially in the years to come, however trying they may be, we shall still be strong and of good courage.

Miss Shearer's word for the students was delicately couched in terms of art. She spoke of our four years at C. C. as the concentration upon a great art problem and how, as the years sped by, each year saw something added to the problem, something more of richness and beauty and development, until when the last moment came we found that we had put the final touches to a beautiful piece of work—that we had emerged from our four years with something of lasting value and beauty.

The last speaker was President Marshall who spoke to us of three words, Confidence, Courage and Construction. He expressed his deep confidence in us as workers of and for C. C., spurred us on to carry high the banner of courage, and pictured to those present, in glowing terms, the welfare, ideals and standards of C. C. as a rich tapestry, day by day growing to greater beauty and perfection under the skillful flying fingers of its workers, the students and faculty.

The banquet was brought to a fitting end by the college song to President Marshall followed by the Alma Mater.

As favors the Juniors were presented with unique little green glass boxes with a dashing black pirate on the cover, and the place-cards were decorated with a ship full sail ahead in token of the Junior class symbol.

## Various Officers Elected

At a regular amalgamation meeting held on Tuesday, April 24, the following officers of student organizations were elected:

### Service League

Vice President ..... Fanny Young  
Secretary ..... Genevieve Benezet  
Treasurer ..... Helen Oakley  
Chairman of Entertainment Committee ..... Constance Green  
Chairman of Campus Committee ..... Betty Seward

### Athletic Association

Vice President ..... Emily Tomlinson  
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Chairman of Outing Club ..... Mary Bond  
Chairman of Health Rules ..... Frances Gabriel

### Dramatic Club

Vice President ..... Norma Liebling  
Secretary ..... Eleanor Tyler  
Treasurer ..... Gertrude Smith

### Debating Club

Chairman ..... Frances Wells

## VESPER SERMON BASED ON NEW BOOK

Rev. J. Gordon Gilkey Speaks

Reverend J. Gordon Gilkey of the South Congregational Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, speaker at Vespers, began his sermon with the question, "Can a person who has no sense of God gain one?" There are many people eager to gain a sense of God and willing to try, but who fail to do so, continued Dr. Gilkey.

More than all else, he said, do small hindrances keep people from gaining this sense of God. As an uncomfortable chair at a concert keeps a person from enjoying the music, so little things have the power to limit our vision and blind our sense of God. It is only in a rare moment that we achieve that coordination of internal power and outside stimulus that gives far vision.

Before discussing what people can do to gain a sense of God, Dr. Gilkey explained just what he considered "a sense of God". A sense of God is an experience of God. Contrary to common thought, an experience of God has no element of the strange, the bizarre or the spectacular. The precise form in which this performance comes to one is conditioned by his temperament, training and environment, and it comes often as a sudden, overwhelming experience, at an unexpected time and in a climactic way.

Dr. Gilkey then proceeded to list the actual things one can do to increase his own sense of God, three simple, modern things that tend to increase the vividness of the sense of God.

First, said Dr. Gilkey, put out of your life that which seems to you yourself unworthy. No one can tell you what is worthy or unworthy. Each one of us must learn to understand his higher nature and undertake his own personal purging.

Secondly, deliberately repeat whatever act stimulates your own higher power. Again there is no universal rule—each one knows what the particular stimulus is.

A third point—one overlooked by most Protestant Christians—is to re-

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## Plans Nearly Completed for Junior Prom

Interest Increases As Event Draws Near

May fourth and fifth are the dates set for Junior prom week-end. Early Friday the campus will begin to look like a co-ed institution and by Friday night it should be necessary to have the New London police officer at the intersection between New London Hall and Blackstone to regulate vehicle traffic. Social activities will start off no doubt with many dinner parties Friday night. The first scheduled entertainment for the royal guests is a vaudeville performance put on by local talent. At ten that evening there will be a dance in Knowlton which lasts until two. Saturday morning there will be the usual baseball game between the Prom men and their hostesses. A tea dance will be given Saturday afternoon and finally Saturday night will be Junior Prom, the great event. It will begin at eight-thirty and end at twelve. There will be twelve program dances and two extras. Supper will be served between the sixth and seventh dances.

Larry Golden's orchestra will furnish the music. The Prom committee is composed of Alice Safford, Margaret Burroughs, Elizabeth McLaughlin and Helen Smith, chairman.

## DR. ROSENBACH BUYS ORIGINAL "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

The original *Alice In Wonderland* which was written in Lewis Carroll's own hand and presented in her childhood to Mrs. Alice Pleasant Hargreaves has recently been sold in Cothby's auction rooms in London to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach for \$75,259.80. This is the highest price that has ever been paid for an author's manuscript. The British Museum bid vainly trying to save it for the British nation. Dr. Rosenbach feels that this is properly a British national treasure and offered to sell the work for the price paid and also offered to contribute 1,000 pounds toward raising a fund by popular subscription to purchase the book for the nation but added that if the book was to go into private hands he wanted it himself.

The book was started sixty-five years ago when the young teacher of mathematics used to take three little girls out rowing. They used to beg him for a story with the result that he chose one of them as his heroine and produced the classic, *Alice In Wonderland*. Later, he wrote it down himself on ninety-two sheets of paper and illustrated it with drawings which later became the basis for the famous illustrations by Sir John Tennel. He then placed a small picture of the real Alice on the last page and wrote in illuminated letters on the first page, "A Christmas gift to a dear child in memory of a Summer day," and presented it to the little girl. Today she lives in a house that may be called a mansion and she has been forced to put up a sign that reads: "To rent, furnished, this historic mansion," and Dr. Rosenbach owns *Alice In Wonderland*.

## "College Blues" Presented Tonight

Musical Comedy To Be Given for Endowment Fund

Tonight in the gym at 7:45 will be given something new and different for the college to witness. There have been plays, both long and short, separate entertainments, concerts, and debates for amusement, but the entertainment tonight is in a class by itself. In short, it is a musical comedy entitled the "College Blues", to be given for the endowment fund and dedicated to the Seniors.

This musical comedy will be given in two acts, of two scenes each. The scenes are familiar college scenes and every little touch will be added to make the proper atmosphere. The plot revolves around a group of college girls, showing the experiences and misunderstandings which may happen to anyone.

The features of the evening will be several new song hits, dance steps, and several surprises. During intermission, the orchestra, which will play for the Service League dance to be given at Knowlton directly after the musical comedy, will play for the audience. Come and bring your man. Plan to be in your seat early.

## MT. HOLYOKE TO HOLD POETRY CONTEST

Anna Lundgren C. C. Representative

Mount Holyoke College conducts annually an Intercollegiate Poetry Contest for a prize of one hundred dollars given in memory of Irene Glascock of the class of '22. To this contest are invited various colleges by Mount Holyoke, the participants differing from year to year. This year Connecticut has been invited to participate, and Anna C. Lundgren '28, has been chosen by the judges who examined the manuscripts submitted as being the most competent representative. Each representative reads verse of his own composition for about ten minutes. After the reading, the judges examine the manuscripts submitted and award the prize in consideration both of the reading and the poetry. The participants announced for this year are Mount Holyoke, Dartmouth, and Connecticut. In past years Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Harvard, Yale, Bryn Mawr, and Amherst have all been represented.

## "NEWS" ELECTIONS

At a recent meeting of the News board the following elections were made:

Managing Editor—Betty Kane.  
Business Manager—Katherine Congdon.  
Junior Associate Editor—Eleanor Tyler.  
Assistant Business Manager—Marjorie Nash.

Mary Slayter '29 has been selected to represent C. C. in New York at Junior Month.



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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

During the past week we have witnessed the official passing of Student Government power from the hands of the class of '28. To the heads of this organization we owe a great deal for the inspiration and ideals which they have upheld before us. Surely and firmly they have gone about their task of building up a Student Government that will be a prominent factor in the lives of the student body. So capable have they been in their work, that after only two years of a new Student Government, they have passed to '29 a stable, well-grounded organization. As '28 has proven itself competent, so we believe '29 will be able to follow the path that has been so clearly pointed out.

### SPRING IS HERE !!

Although the wintry winds still may blow, and you may even yet awaken some morning to find C. C. buried 'neath a soft white blanket of snow, there are never-the-less, occasional delicate little green shoots of grass sprouting here and there on our heretofore barren campus. As the ideal is a beautiful velvety greensward by May Day, it behooves every faithful daughter to aid the few sunbeams that struggle through the clouds rather than to retard Mother Nature's progress with a heavy sole or a sharp "spike" heel. In other words, when you start across the grass next time, stop and look at those signs you have been stumbling over since February, and KEEP OFF THE GRASS.

### WHILE OTHER COLLEGES—

#### Harvard and Pathe Film Company

Harvard University and Pathé Film Company have joined forces to give motion pictures a new place, and an important one, in education. Harvard laboratories will be the "production lots" in which educational films, to supplement lectures and text books, will be made. Present filming is in the geology field. The pictures will be made under the direction of experts in the educational field traveled upon, so that the films will be thoroughly authentic. Upon completion they will be available to colleges and secondary schools. Cameramen will follow Harvard expeditions, and record all phases of research activity.—*The New Student*.

#### Would You Marry Lindbergh?

Only 29 of 159 girls in South Hall at the University of Missouri would marry Colonel Lindbergh, if they had the chance. Eleven of the 29 were ready to marry the airman without hesitation; 15 wanted to "date him" first, and three felt that it "wouldn't be bad at all to stand beside so famous a man." Of those who voted negatively, 63 were in love with some one else; 17 said the Colonel is too popular; 12 did not care for his type; 6 were afraid he might be killed any minute, and 3 refused to marry a famous man and be known only as his wife.—*The New Student*.

#### New Jersey College Planning to Establish French House

At the New Jersey College for Women the establishment of a French house on Campus is contemplated for next year. This is to be a dormitory housing twenty-nine students and two members of the French faculty. The rules of the house will be the ordinary college regulations with the exception that the occupants must take a pledge to speak French only as far as possible. Besides learning to speak the language, the students will discover something of the charm of French life. They will subscribe for a number of French papers and magazines and receive the best of the new French books. The establishment of this house is regarded as a great step in the teaching of the French language.—*New Jersey College for Women News*.

#### Dr. Cadman Gives His Views on Chapel Exercise

Asked by the Harvard Crimson if he thought college chapel exercises should be made compulsory, Dr. Samuel Parkes Cadman of the Central Congregational Church, New York, replied: "They are no longer necessary in colleges. Many institutions still insist upon students attending chapel, but a great many have abolished the idea, and in a university like Harvard it is indeed justifiable. The mere fact, however, that there is no required chapel attendance does not mean that one must turn his back upon it. President Angell, of Yale, told me recently that voluntary attendance had proved more satisfactory at Yale than the old system."—*New Student*.

#### BULL-SESSIONS APPROVED

The *Daily* of Northwestern University recently published an editorial lauding the "bull-session" as one of the most educational features of American college life. Probably this is a first stroke for a movement which will put the time-honored sport on a level with college lectures. For years there has been a constant plea for "individuality," "independence of thought," "originality" and many other desirable qualities in the col-

### ODE TO A RAINDROP AT C. C.

"Gee—Isn't this the greatest weather!"  
Gaily shouts a laughing girl,  
And I smiled and shook the raindrops  
From my own dejected curl.

All about me fell the raindrops  
Not a thin spray, like the mist  
But a beating storm and blowing.  
See the sailing vessels list!

Yet no one among these girls here  
Seems dismayed by April's springs  
Maidens, stronger than the flowers  
Each poet names them when he sings.

None but loved this April torrent  
"Why?" the grumbling townsfolk say,  
"Why?" oh hear the laughing answer—  
"Why?"—We have no Gym today!"  
D. D. '28.

### FROM THE PRESS

A recent survey of the college rules that restricted the conduct of students at Harvard and Mt. Holyoke in their early days revealed that at Harvard where religious liberty is boasted of today restrictions were stringently enforced and that at Mt. Holyoke girls were required to wash potatoes as an entrance requirement, it was learned yesterday. The Harvard rules in 1734 governing religious observance were as follows:

"All the scholars shall, at sunset in the evening preceding the Lord's day, retire to their chambers, and not unnecessarily leave them, and all disorders on said evenings shall be punished as violations of the Sabbath are. And every scholar, on the Lord's day, shall carefully apply himself to the Duties of Religion and Piety. And whosoever shall profane said Day by unnecessary Business or Visiting, Walking on the common, or in the Streets or Fields in the town of Cambridge, or by any sort of Diversion before sunset—shall be fined 10 shillings."

The rules governing Mt. Holyoke girls were as follows:

"No young lady shall become a member of Mt. Holyoke Seminary who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes, repeat the multiplication table, and at least two-thirds of the shorter catechism."

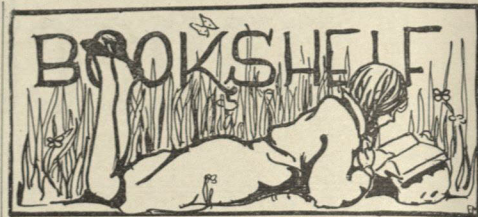
"No young lady shall devote more than one hour a day to miscellaneous reading. The *Atlantic Monthly*, Shakespeare, Scott's Works, Robinson Crusoe, and other immoral works are strictly prohibited."

"No young lady is expected to have any gentlemen acquaintances, unless they are returned missionaries or agents of benevolent societies. Daguerrotypes and plaster busts are also prohibited."—*Boston Herald*.

lege man, and an ever-accompanying wagging of heads over the failure of such admirable virtues to appear. Yet what chancellor or president, dean of men, or women, for that matter, would do aught but claim the bull session as "born in vice and bred in iniquity."

The fact remains, that in the humble, the out-cast bull-session, is the lordly "seminar" in full action. Where is there found a greater, an equal frankness? Where is there liberty of expression, with repression, in equal degree?

We know of no college class where the rapid exchange of enthusiasm, of facts and ideas goes on with the pace of such a grouping, say at two o'clock in the morning."—*Hamline Oracle*.



### "ENOUGH ROPE"

By Dorothy Parker

"Oh, life is a glorious cycle of song,  
A medley of extemporanea  
And love is a thing that can never  
go wrong,  
And I am Marie of Rumania."

In this vein, a little bitter, a little foolish, not too poetical, and still altogether captivating, Dorothy Parker has written all the poems in her brief collection, "Enough Rope." In fact, cheerful cynicism is the keynote of all her poetry (it really is poetry in that it rhymes.) Each little verse, boiled unrelentingly down, becomes a mere cynical idea, usually the same idea as that of the verse before. Each frivolous jingle mocks life as dreary and love as fleeting. And yet, for all their lack of art, all their seeming lack of sincerity, there is real charm in the singing quality of these poems and in the rather bitter truths that underlie their frivolity. You feel as you read them that you might have written them yourself at a bitter, careless moment. "Autobiography," for instance, finds a responsive chord.

"Oh, both my shoes are shiny new  
And pristine is my hat,  
My dress is 1922 . . . .  
My life is all like that."

Of course, "Enough Rope" is not really worthwhile, as "worthwhile" books go. It is too light and gay, in spite of its germs of truth—too inconsequential. But it is charming entertainment for a light, appreciative moment. And while you are being entertained, you wonder curiously about Dorothy Parker herself. Does she write these verses to satisfy a really cynical turn of mind, or merely because she can write them easily? I hope, for her sake, it is the latter. It must be rather difficult to look at life always cynically, even with a little cheerful philosophy thrown in.

### UP AT NEW HAVEN

Seniors at Yale, following one of those traditional customs which are sometimes meaningless and stupid, have been declaring themselves on many matters in the annual Class Vote. Among other things, they think English the most valuable of their studies and psychology the least valuable. They admire Lindbergh more than any other living man, and they consider him and Mussolini the most outstanding figures of the day. They believe that prohibition has harmed college life.

Perhaps it is fortunate for the comfort of these Yale seniors that they are asked only their opinions, and not the reasons for these opinions. We could really enjoy hearing the captain of the football team explain just why "If" is his favorite poem and Thomas Hardy his favorite prose author. We'd like to hear more about how college life is injured by prohibition. This doubting nature of ours may still lead us into trouble.

—*New Jersey College for Women*.



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know the course as cold as the Arctic  
regions. For this reason, and only  
this, have we devoted one hour a  
week to American government."

**VESPER SERMON BASED ON  
NEW BOOK**

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member that God is trying to find you  
all the time. Dr. Gilkey in conclud-  
ing, said, "Tonight as you pray, re-  
mind yourself that God is trying to  
find you more than you are trying to  
find Him."

It is interesting to know that Mr.  
Gilkey based his sermon upon the  
last chapter of a new book, *The Cer-  
tainty of God*, which he will publish  
this spring.

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## CALENDAR

Saturday, April 28—"College Blues", a musical comedy; Service League dance.

Sunday, April 29—Vespers, Rev. Malcolm Taylor.

Monday, April 30—Philosophy Club.

Tuesday, May 1—German Club.

Wednesday, May 2—History Club.

Thursday, May 3—Syc Club lecture; Math Club.

Friday, May 4—Vaudeville; dance.

Saturday, May 5—Baseball game; Tea dance; Junior Prom.

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## HOOVER POPULAR CANDIDATE WITH STUDENTS

According to the *Independent* the results of their country-wide university ballot show that Hoover received almost half the votes of students and faculty in thirty-nine colleges and universities. Smith came in only a fair second with Reed following for the Democrats and Dawes and Lowden trailing after Hoover. The ten men chosen to appear on the ballots received in all 46,879 votes while the total count for all choices approached 60,000. However among those were some names not generally listed, such as Will Rogers, Aimee Semple McPherson, "Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago, Lindburgh, Norman Thomas, President Butler of Columbia, and a college professor. In the five women's colleges that took part Hoover was overwhelmingly the winner. The entire list follows:

## DEMOCRATS

College	Smith	Reed	Ritchie	Walsh	Donahey
Cincinnati, University of .....	436	34	13	8	..
Cornell .....	436	33	63	24	10
Pennsylvania, University of ..	3,036	246	169	..	..
New York University .....	1,522	89	153	21	..
Wesleyan (Connecticut) .....	119	122	44	55	10
Middlebury .....	110	..	..	..	..
Kentucky, University of .....	146	32	5	38	10
North Dakota, University of ..	72	31	..	16	..
Arizona, University of .....	147	41	6	23	15
Penn State .....	390	58	39	21	13
Harvard .....	1,380	363	274	266	48
Wellesley .....	68	2	10	7	5
Dartmouth .....	272	20	33	12	3
Connecticut College for Women	57	9	14	11	..
West Virginia, University of ..	331	49	24	44	175
Mount Holyoke .....	47	6	7	14	2
Michigan, University of .....	728	75	64	53	19
Ohio University .....	146	9	5	12	93
Nevada, University of .....	72	17	3	2	1
Smith .....	127	10	19	7	2
Bryn Mawr .....	93	2	18	9	..
Princeton .....	256	20	81	7	5
South Dakota, University of ..	98	10	..	25	..
George Washington .....	337	183	74	61	19
Vermont, University of .....	245	2	9	..	2
Montana, University of .....	108	7	6	102	..
Alabama, University of .....	140	19	49	12	3
Colgate .....	80	4	4	9	3
Idaho, University of .....	159	17	1	12	1
Bowdoin .....	34	3	..	2	..
Brown .....	279	14	9	17	1
Washington University .....	173	240	2	1	8
Syracuse .....	427	9	7	13	2
Missouri, University of .....	25	18	1	14	2
Louisiana, University of .....	255	148	44	31	16
Chicago .....	291	181	20	90	19
Georgia, University of .....	196	31	10	12	..
Iowa, University of .....	568	42	..	not reported	..
Johns Hopkins .....	127	12	90	7	1
	13,534	2,208	1,370	1,058	488

## REPUBLICANS

College	Hoover	Dawes	Lowden	Curtis	Willis
Cincinnati, University of .....	1,281	106	34	9	32
Cornell .....	816	149	39	10	17
Pennsylvania, University of ..	3,139	395	106	43	24
New York University .....	1,220	206	50	15	2
Wesleyan (Connecticut) .....	278	61	14	2	..
Middlebury .....	357	38	6	..	..
Kentucky, University of .....	172	8	4	2	..
North Dakota, University of ..	84	11	44	1	..
Arizona, University of .....	206	48	44	2	1
Penn State .....	1,043	215	66	18	29
Harvard .....	1,841	230	183	52	40
Wellesley .....	435	89	18	3	2
Dartmouth .....	638	171	48	6	5
Connecticut College for Women	350	74	23	6	5
West Virginia, University of ..	335	32	41	11	21
Mount Holyoke .....	570	67	31	5	2
Michigan, University of .....	2,540	152	95	10	27
Ohio University .....	604	80	9	4	145
Nevada, University of .....	107	9	5	1	2
Smith .....	373	155	77	2	1
Bryn Mawr .....	114	13	7	1	1
Princeton .....	724	119	66	3	1
South Dakota, University of ..	122	56	158	..	..
George Washington .....	521	79	62	22	12
Vermont, University of .....	289	22	6	7	3
Montana, University of .....	183	72	33	7	5
Alabama, University of .....	44	2	..	..	..
Colgate .....	426	62	28	4	2
Idaho, University of .....	250	54	23	5	3
Bowdoin .....	130	9	2	..	1
Brown .....	640	90	57	1	17
Washington University .....	196	3	24	2	12
Syracuse .....	594	60	74	3	4
Missouri, University of .....	48	2	..	3	..
Louisiana, University of .....	362	66	17	1	2
Chicago .....	363	122	155	10	15
Georgia, University of .....	60	24	7	3	5
Iowa, University of .....	407	67	524	not reported	..
Johns Hopkins .....	222	5	14	..	5
	22,086	3,223	2,194	275	443

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