Coming Events.

April 27th.

Dramatic Club meeting at 4 o'clock, Room 206 N. L.

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Regular meeting of the Student Government Association at 5 o'clock, Room 206 N. L. The remaining officers for next year will be elected.

April 27th.

Glee Club Concert at 8.15, in Slater Memorial Hall, Norwich. A special car will leave the car station at 7 o'clock.

April 28th.

Meeting of the Pageant Committee in Room 201 N. L. The remaining officers for next year will be elected.

April 28th.

Meeting of the Pageant committee in Thames Hall at 8.30 A. M.

April 28th.

Try-outs for baseball and volley-ball at 10 o'clock.

April 29th.

Rev. N. A. Merrill will be the speaker at Vesper Services.

May 1st.

Following the custom started last year, the Glee Club will sing the Magnificat, Hymn from the east balcony of N. L. at 6.45 A. M.

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A special meeting of the German Club at 4 o'clock, Rest Room N. L. Officers for next year will be elected.

May 3rd.

The Mandolin Club will give a concert in Thames Hall at 5 o'clock.

Convocation Reports.

April 17th.

The students gladly welcomed Bishop Acheson on his second visit to this college. His talk at Convocation was a real inspiration and a guide to our patriotism. He spoke of the very different conditions just over our border in Canada, of the seriousness of purpose in every Canadian's life today, and then he touched upon the lightness with which the burden of war was resting upon the shoulders of Americans. Not all of the talk was pleasant to hear; although it was quite just. "Don't accept things without reasoning," he said, "but when you see your duty before you, face it bravely and accept it as a God-given task. Face the principles and make your decision, then hold to it. Keep your minds open; love your country passionately."

April 24th.

In answer to an invitation from the Student Government Association, Miss Leslie Blanchard, executive secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spoke in Convocation on "The Work of the Young Women's Association." Miss Blanchard aimed to give the students of this college a clear idea of the work and purpose of the Y. W. C. A., so that after careful consideration they may decide whether it is the organization wanted in this college, by Dr. Sykes. Miss Woodhull's interpretive dancing class is already at work on its part in the interlude.

Pageant Plans.

Plans for the Pageant which is to be presented as the final event of the college year are rapidly nearing completion. At the last meeting of the Student Government Association, Miss Julie Hatch was elected chairman of the Pageant committee and the other members were appointed at the meeting of the Council Thursday. The authors of the Pageant were selected from Dr. Barstow's English class on the merits of their work. The pageant is to consist of three plays within one frame work and a prologue written by Dr. Barstow and an epilogue, representing this college, by Dr. Sykes. Miss Woodhull's interpretive dancing class is already at work on its part in the interlude.

Miss Helen Townsend was selected to write the Captain Kidd scene and Miss Alison Hastings the Evangeline scene. Dr. Barstow was requested by the committee of writers to combine the three best plots for the climax of the pageant, the Benedict Arnold scene, because they could not make a choice between Miss Esther Batchelder's, Miss Mary Strange's, and Miss Julianne Warner's. At a meeting of the authors and other committee members last Saturday morning, Miss Hastings, Miss Strange and Miss Pomroy were given the task of finishing the verse and Miss Florence Lennon and Miss Rosa Wilcox appointed to take charge of the printing of the book.

The text is to be finished this week and the public reading held next, after which the girls will have an opportunity to sign up for parts.

Class Team Elections.

The following are the captains of the class teams for baseball and volley-ball:

1919

Volley-ball—Alison Hastings.

Baseball—Mildred White.

1920

Volley-ball—Dorothy Stelle.

Baseball—Justine McGowan.

The Relief Fund Complete.

We have succeeded in raising the money for one bed in the Edith Wharton Hospital, for Mrs. George F. Fenner has announced that she will contribute the balance necessary to make the amount six hundred dollars. We are indeed glad that the Vassar Miscellaneous insisted on our taking up the proposition for the pleasure we have all had in working for the fund has been very great. Though the sum needed seemed large at first, through the splendid work of the committee in charge and the fine cooperation of the entire College the Relief Fund has grown steadily. The News wishes to thank and congratulate all who have helped in so many ways in raising this fund.

Prizes Offered in Biblical Literature.

It is with pleasure that we learn that Dr. Acheson will establish two prizes in Connecticut College; one for the girl who passes the best examination in the literature of the Old Testament; the other for the best student in the literature of the New Testament.

Outing Club Trip.

Saturday, April 14th.

"Brite and fair— all day long"

Groton Monument and Fort Griswold 10 - 11.30

Fort Hill and Lunch — 12.30 - 2

Noank to Mystic by car — 3 - 3.15

Hike up the River road to the Oral School — 3.15 - 4

Home by trolley 4.30 - 5.30

Dreams, 'brite and fair' — all night long

Twenty-two of us, including Miss Woodhull as chaperone, and heaps of fun.

This was the club's third trip. Have you heard of the Fisher's Island trip coming soon, also an over-night hike to Lantern's Hill? Watch the Bulletin board for news. All A. A. members welcome to the ranks.

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**Editorial**

The Committee of the Board of Trustees have given their report of the hearing for President Sykes. The report and the subsequent act of the Board of Trustees of the College are facts well known to us all. But the question still unanswered in the minds of many people is, "Why is President Sykes being removed?" This question has not been satisfactorily answered either by the reports that have come out in the daily papers or by the Trustees in their statement to the Student Council several weeks ago.

The charges that have been made against Dr. Sykes have been either so indefinite and non-committal as to convey no clear idea of the grounds for the accusation, or have been on matters of minor importance, mere personal differences which, it seems, called for no such drastic action as has been taken.

We cannot but realize that the intention of the Board of Trustees was to dismiss our President without even the usual formal proceedings. The hearing that was granted him was granted only because of influence outside the Board of Trustees that was brought to bear upon the situation. We will admit that the granting of any hearing by the Trustees gave a fairer appearance to the matter, but as to just how much the one given really meant to the parties interested and its true value as a hearing, many people are in doubt. We are proud to know that Dr. Sykes refused to accept the invitation of the Trustees "to slip away" when he was asked to resign. Instead he chose to stand, as a man should, and face any charges that could be brought against him. We honor him for this, and appreciate what the stand that he took meant for the Connecticut College of the future.

The hearing being private and representative of the Student Body being deposed as witnesses, all that we know of it is the statement made by the Committee of Investigation at the meeting of the Trustees on the 18th of April. In that statement no reasons for the decision are given in detail, nor are any of the charges preferred by Dr. Sykes refuted, with the exception of the question of a certain coal deal which was treated at some length.

The situation is, then, that from the statements made by Dr. Sykes and members of the Board of Trustees, we can see no just cause for the present state of affairs. The evidence that has been given us as students and the decision of the Board of Trustees seems irreconcilable. If we are in possession of all the facts we feel that a great and good man is being unjustly treated. The Trustees have admitted that as an educator Dr. Sykes is entirely satisfactory. They can bring no charges against his moral character. His business inability is the cause of the trouble, they say. We ask for proofs that shall be sufficient to depose him from the Presidency.

As thinking reasoning individuals who are vitally affected by the controversy, (for in the last analysis it is only for and because of the students that a college exists), we must make a decision. And having made our decision we must stand for it until convinced that we are wrong.

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To the News:

In view of recent unpleasant developments, vitally affecting our College community, we are reminded that that same Madame Ruruo- with whom we first became acquainted in the sad, weary hours we spent alone with Mr. Vergil (and a Latin dictionary) has of late been engaged in her reputed occupation and has hovered close over the domestic Tudor architecture of "dear C. C."

And being discontented to pursue mere banshee-like operations she fumed her "foul wings" and settled down among us to shriek north, south, east, west and heavenwards. But the Demon Nicotine was lurking among the same domestic-Tudor halls. To say nothing of the humbler architectural structures that adorn our fair campus.

Being fresh from the reading of Lady Gregory's "Spreading the News," and being thereby duly impressed with the possible enormous configuration that may result from a tiny spark, we hasten to raise our voices in an endeavor to discourage further spread of such "news."

To take a serious view of the matter, there are few students who do not resent the way in which the alleged "practice" of smoking was treated by some members of the Faculty; since by immediately referring the matter to the Trustees they manifested a lack of confidence in the ability of Student Government to cope with a situation which essentially involved the activities of the student body.

The right to govern ourselves was given us by the Faculty. The Student Government Association subsequently organized has proved to be entirely efficient in handling all matters relating to the conduct of students.

Student government means government of students by the students—but does not therefore exclude all Faculty influence. By reason of the usually friendly feeling which has always existed between students and Faculty of Connecticut College, it has heretofore been a simple and natural thing to go for advice and approval to this Faculty.

In partial justification of ourselves, and for the good of our consciences, we may truly assert that since Student Government was organized, we have never taken any action without the knowledge of the Faculty as a whole, or in part. And so, along with resentment, comes a feeling of hurt pride.

And in addition to this, there has crept in the question, "Was this action for the moral welfare of C. C. students, or was it intended as a detrimental factor in the case against Dr. Sykes?"

If for the latter—he has scored one point, by the very certainty that if such a practice could flourish without the knowledge of the House Fellows it could well flourish without his knowledge.

However, the real state of affairs as shown by statistics compiled by the President of Student Government and the House Fellows is that, not only do such conditions as have been inferred not exist, but that the student body is and always has been overwhelmingly against the existence of such a practice in the College.

—Mary E. Strange '19

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Amendment to A. A. Constitution.
The following amendment has been made to the A. A. Constitution:

Article V. Section 1.
3. One-half of the membership of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

Article II. Section 2 of By-Laws:
3. If a girl makes a class squad but does not play in at least two-thirds of a series of championship games, she shall be awarded four and one-half points for first team and three and one-half points for second team.
4. If a girl makes a section squad but does not play in at least two-thirds of a series of championship games, she shall be awarded two and one-half points for the first team and one-half point for second team.

Joke Column

BEFORE THE DANCE.
Excited Student—"Oh girls, the railroad strike is declared and all the mails (males) are uncertain!"

Another Student—"The freight department will be affected too!"
Third Student—"But how many were coming by freight?"

BEAST, BIRD OR FISH?
(A biological discussion in a history class).
Mr. Crandall—"Are bacteria animals or plants?"
D. Taylor (glancing up from her crocheting)—"They're plants, because my father is a civil engineer and he told me so!"

CHEMISTRY LECTURE.
Student (waking from deep sleep to hear the latter part of a question)—"what would the weight of the sodium bee?"

Student (bewildered)—"But I never heard of a sodium bee!"

QUESTION.
If Harriet a huge meal, how much could Dr. Barstow?