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## UVAP Drive Seeks 100% Registration

### Mlle. Bree Urges Food Contribution From Americans

Stressing the difficulty France has had recovering from war devastation, in the UVAP assembly Mademoiselle Bree urged food contributions from Americans to help tide France over the period of reconstruction.

Mlle Bree described from her own observations the stagnation of France's economic life, the combined product of German looting, ruin following the passage of armies, and wartime malnutrition. Even were any degree of production possible, the transportation breakdown would prohibit distribution.

The severity of the food shortage is revealed by figures on the health situation. Mlle. Bree reported that there has been a 45% increase in tuberculosis, while the children suffer from malnutrition and underdevelopment. "A large part of the population is just above starvation level," she said.

Aid to France at this time, Mlle Bree declared, may well be the basis of a longstanding friendship between the two nations, and will tell France of our concern. "To tide over the ordinary man in the street," she said, "is to give a strong helping hand to the forces of order against those of disorder."

### 95% Contribute To League Drive

The annual drive of the Bryn Mawr League has so far collected \$3465.75, 90% of the goal for which it aimed. More important than this figure, however, is the fact that 95% of the resident undergraduate body contributed to the drive thereby proving that they not only recognized but actively upheld through their donations the community welfare work of the League.

Significant statistics reveal that Rockefeller led in the donations, with Merion coming in third, both these halls having a high percentage of freshmen and each contributing 100%. Betsy Kaltenhaler, chairman of the drive, declared that much credit for the high percentage goes to the hall solicitors.

Merion, Rhoads South, Pembroke East, Wyndham and Radnor and the Spanish House all contributed 100%, the amounts collected from these halls ranging from Merion's \$422 from 63 students to the \$118.50 collected from the 16 students of Radnor and the Spanish House. Among the other halls, 89% of the Rockefeller students contributed a total of \$677.85, and Pembroke West followed with the second highest total of \$465, 97% contributing. 97% of the Rhoads North students donated \$375, 92% of Denbigh \$362.50, 90% of the German House \$57.50, 70% of Low Buildings \$62.50, and 17 of the non-Reses contributed \$102.

### Page Calls Gov't On World Scale Answer to Bomb

"There is one way and only one way to control destructive atomic energy and that is international government. The potency of the weapon must dictate the potency of the control," said Mr. Ralph W. Page in a discussion of the political aspects of the atomic bomb, in the first Alliance Assembly on Current Affairs.

The atomic bomb has been instrumental in arousing people to a realization that the world lacks adequate means of guaranteeing peace. "The problem is not how to be rid of the bomb but how to be rid of war," he said. The popular clamor for an iron-clad guarantee was not satisfied at San Francisco, and people are increasingly coming to recognize the need for international government.

The root of the problem, explained by Mr. Page, lies in the conflicting interests of states whose sovereignty is unlimited by overall controls. "We have always been able to solve the problem of peace within sovereign groups of people. We have never been able to solve the problem of peace between sovereign groups of people."

Mr. Page emphasized that Congress is hampered by its conviction that the public will not brook any abridgement of our sovereignty. For this reason all the plans put forward in Congress would prove ineffective in practice.

### Action Promised On Orals' Status

Campus discussion of the future status of orals has resulted in much interesting comment from interviewed faculty and administration, plus a promise of definite action from the Curriculum Committee.

The Curriculum Committee stated that it plans to conduct a poll of student opinion within the week, but "Junior" Leyendecker, Chairman, emphasized that this poll is designed to ascertain points of view and elicit suggestions for reform or constructive criticisms.

The principal questions raised, the Committee feels, are three—first, the value and place of language study in the curriculum, the method of teaching languages so as best to contribute to the general knowledge and specific needs, and the establishment of standards to measure the student's grasp of foreign languages.

Opinion within the language departments varied widely from essential agreement with the assertions of the News editorial to a completely contradictory view. Mr. Diez pointed out that the superficiality of a student's knowledge was in great part her own fault. "All we can hope to attain," he said, "is to bring the student to the point where she can use the German in her advanced work if she

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### '49ers Welcomed With Ceremonies Of Lantern Night

Lantern Night at Bryn Mawr is a ceremony of dignity and tradition. It is then that the Sophomores formally welcome the incoming class in what is perhaps the oldest and most characteristic of the college's festivals.

The Freshmen, silent and invisible in their black caps and gowns file into the blackness of the cloister. They form a circle facing the west wing of the library with their backs to the reading room.

The Sophomores enter bearing lighted lanterns. As they walk they sing a Greek hymn, invoking Pallas Athena, goddess of wisdom, to make holy the lanterns and to change darkness into light. They form a second semi-circle, woven into the lines of the first. The song is done and each Sophomore hands her lantern to the closest Freshman and runs. The Freshmen answer: "We come O Goddess; we are lovers of beauty in just measure and lovers of wisdom also." They file out singing their song.

The solemn ceremony is finished but following, a gayer gathering assembles under Pembroke Arch. The four classes form a square and each sings its athletic song, class song and lyric song in the traditional manner; the Seniors calling on each class to perform. After "Thou Gracious Inspiration" the classes break up and parties are held for the Freshmen by their sister class in the different halls.

Tradition offers many superstitions about the lanterns. Inside each lantern is an invitation to tea from Sophomore to Freshman. The girl whose candle burns the longest and who stays awake to prove her claim, is fated to become hall president in one theory while others have it she will be the first member of her class to marry. Another tradition which has grown around Lantern Night is that the girl who finds wax dripping on her gown will earn her Ph.D., or according to Bryn Mawr custom, will graduate Magna Cum Laude.

"Pallas Athena" was the class of 1893's song and was adapted for Lantern Night in 1901. "Sophias Philai" was transposed in 1921 and the music was selected from a part of the Russian service by A. F. Lyoff.

### Calendar

Thursday, October 18  
8:15. Freshman Talk, Common Room.  
Friday, October 19  
Lantern Night, unless it rains.  
Saturday, October 20  
Advanced Standing Examinations end.  
9:00. Spanish and Italian Orals.  
Lantern Night, in case of rain Friday.  
Sunday, October 21  
7:30. Chapel, Rev. H. E. Hammond. Music Room.  
Monday, October 22  
7:15. Current Events, Dorothy Nepper speaking on "Spain and the Argentinian Situation." Common Room.  
Wednesday, October 24  
8:00. Memorial lecture for Howard Gray, given by C. H. McIlvain.

### Community, Relief Work Included In Volunteer Activities Program

#### UVAP To Send Food To French Relief Agency

Packing food and clothing for direct mailing to a relief organization in Europe constitutes the major project of the 1945-1945 U. V. A. P. program.

There is an urgent need for volunteers from among the undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff, to assemble the parcels, which will be sent for distribution to the "Maison Fraternelle" a foundation for the poor in Paris. Since both this agency and Bryn Mawr are small organizations, connections can be directed and the plan carried out with maximum efficiency.

\$3.00 will pay for the food and mailing expenses of one relief parcel. A campus-wide drive for money to support this college project starts tonight. Collections of second-hand clothing to be sent in the parcels will also be made. Faculty are asked to place clothing donations in the boxes in Taylor and Goodhart. Registration for volunteers to pack the relief parcels takes place tomorrow and Friday in Goodhart.

Madame Combemale of the American Relief for France recommends this project, the "Maison Fraternelle" choose the recipients from the most needy families. Soeur Dora of the foundation will receive the Bryn Mawr parcels, reply promptly as to the condition of their arrival, and personally supervise their distribution.

Soybeans, fortified cocoa powder, lentils and powdered eggs are among the items to be included in the relief boxes. All food will be

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#### Each Student Requested To Give 3 Hours Per Week

Goodhart, October 17. 100% registration for three hours of volunteer work is the aim of the UVAP drive as explained in the mass meeting. The registration will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 to 6 p. m. The following are a list of the activities offered by UVAP:

#### Community Activities

The Overbrook Blind School, which is under the League, involves reading to the blind at Overbrook. The usual hours are from 8 to 9:30 p. m., allowing the students time to return to college before 10:30 p. m.

Another League activity is the Haverford Community Center which is now primarily a nursery school. Children from three to six are there five days a week from 9:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 to 12 a. m. to help supervise play and lunch. The job presents an excellent opportunity to work with qualified teachers and would be of particular benefit to those interested in Sociology and Psychology. Additional volunteers are needed to teach basketball to the older children, play popular music for the weekly dances and to plan the meals.

The newest UVAP activity is the Joint Committee for Community Activity which is under both the League and the Alliance. Its purpose is to provide volunteer work for students along social and political lines. Various organizations offering opportunities for students are: the United Nations Council,

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### Wells Describes Ruin of Berlin, Urging U. S. to Feed Germans

By Laura Dimond '47

In a fascinating role as a special consultant for the State Department, Mr. Roger Wells is now in Berlin. Officially, he is known as the Chief of Local Government in the Civil Administration Division of the United States Group Control Council.

As the name implies, his principal work is concerned with setting up local government codes by which the German people are expected to govern themselves eventually. Also a part of his work is to draw up rules for elections to be held in German towns and villages, a mechanism which will probably become effective in 1946. Involved in his job is the selection of proper German personnel to carry out the plans of the Allied Governments.

In a recent letter to Mrs. Wells, Mr. Wells described his plans for a field trip in which he intended to study the political situation in Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, and Karlsruhe. The majority of his work to date, however, has centered in Berlin itself.

An excerpt from a letter to Miss McBride from Mr. Wells tells that "the Berlin Germans are hungry, badly clothed, without adequate

shelter, and with little or no fuel." He goes on to say that "as for employment, it is as if the whole city of Philadelphia were on WPA." Although it might seem an unworthy cause to many Americans, Mr. Wells feels that it is our duty to feed this starving people; for if it is worthwhile saving the country as a whole, it is vital that the people be fed.

Cigarettes, too, are extremely scarce and, accordingly, have become a medium of exchange. In return for four cartons of cigarettes the finest German cameras can be had. Mr. Wells has written that he uses cigarettes as tips for waiters and cleaning women as well as for calling cards.

Mr. Wells has had a great deal of background for the type of work he is doing. He has done a great deal of research in the field of German politics, publishing *German Cities* in 1934, a study of municipal administration and structure after the first World War. This book has been in great demand for its informative value to American military government officers. Mr. Wells also studied in Germany in 1927-28 and lived there in 1934, affording an opportunity to study Hitlerite Germany.

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**Volunteer Work in Peace**

Last fall the Undergraduate council sponsored a program of volunteer activity which enabled every student to participate in constructive work, not only for the community, but, on an even larger scale, for the country at war. The termination of the war has in no way lessened the opportunity for undergraduates to play an important role in the community. It has, moreover, increased the necessity and opportunity for work which will facilitate world reconstruction. The Undergraduate Volunteer Activities Program this year offers an organized means through which every student may take part in work of this kind. It is to be hoped that the undergraduates will not fail to take full advantage of this opportunity.

**Community Activities**

We feel that there is no one activity which is of greater importance than any other. Such organizations as the Blind School and the Haverford Community Center rely on Bryn Mawr students for their indispensable help. The continued acute shortage of nurses hardly warrants a nurse's aide not devoting as much time as possible to working in Philadelphia hospitals. The new Joint Committee for Community Activity offers an exceptional chance to obtain experience in social and political work which will at the same time be of benefit to the community. Moreover, it gives access to the United Nations Council enabling students to do something constructive in international peace work.

**Food for Europe**

The pressing need for food in Europe is of great importance. Its urgency demands and should give rise to an immediate activity under the campus program for sending food to France. This program, sponsored by the UVAP is particularly valuable because it enables everyone in the undergraduate body to contribute not only money but also, and as vitally necessary, our time and effort for a cause whose appeal is felt strongly by every American. Moreover, as Mlle. Bree pointed out this evening, food bought, packed and sent by students themselves will create a feeling of good-will which even arising from such a small effort is invaluable to international relations.

**All Activities Important**

The sending of food must be done immediately. For it to be done on a large enough scale to do any appreciable good a concentrated effort is required of all students. Yet the other volunteer activities should in no way be eclipsed by the food program. We can and will send the needed food to Europe, but at the same time we must participate in the continuing regular volunteer work so necessary in our community.

**In Print**

**'Plot Against The Peace' Reveals Pro-Fascist Revival Scheme**

By Monnie Bellow '47  
 Michael Sayers      Albert Kaen

**"The Plot against the Peace"**

A kaleidoscopic presentation of the backgrounds and methods of fascism serves today as a reminder and warning to the world. In this book, the authors have paralleled past German activities with present brewings, without attributing racial militarism to that nation. They observe that through three political regimes in Germany, militarism was maintained because the same powerful units were operating behind the scenes: the industrialists, Junkers, and German general staff.

**Policies**

The policies which have emerged from these controlling forces have been nationalistic, anti-bolshevist, racialist. With copious documentation, which at times becomes unwieldy, the writers describe these elements as they have reappeared in America. The Bund, nurturing its pan-Germanic fanaticism, the pre-war isolationist organizations, and the Peace Now Committee which sought a negotiated peace in July 1943 are here exhibited.

Sayers and Kahn review Nazi war history, and list atrocity stories. These may seem superfluous in the light of publicity already given them, but they are intrinsic to the historical approach of the book. The Kharkov trials serve as models for war criminal punishment.

**Aim of Book**

The aim of the book, as suggested by its title, is the revelation of an organized plot for the revival of fascism. The book describes German industrial foundations located in Sweden, industrial alliances between American and Nazi industrialists, huge funds banked in foreign countries by Nazi officials (e. g., in Switzerland alone, 60 million dollars have been deposited).

Sayers and Kahn, although mentioning the faulty London War Crimes Committee, do not emphasize sufficiently the apathy which can lead to a renaissance of Nazi-fascism. They have attempted to present a reference work, carefully indexed, and have, in the process, lost some force. Their courage in attacking a broad field of action is, however, far from fruitless.



Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Penna., Oct. 13, 1945.

"The most illuminating event of the week—the lights went out."

Light of my life, light that failed, where were you this week-end, out sparking with a plug? Son of my Knight (or am I getting my descendants confused) sun of my night, I really don't mind if you "go out", but the warden was frantic because you hadn't signed out.

I realize that a little enlightenment is a wonderful thing for a bulbous creature like you because I do burn you at both ends, allow you to share honors with my vic, turn you off at my fancy and leave you to turn yourself out. However, your sudden departure did de-light you, so in the future, you'd better watch your v's and w's (volts and watts).

To the de-lighted sufferers, may happiness light your hall (if nothing else is available) and more power to you!

**Opinion**

**13 Students Recommend Refresher Course In German**

To the Editors:

In view of the fact that so many Seniors and Juniors have not passed the German Oral, and that there is a dearth of tutors, we think it should be possible to have a German refresher course. This would consist of an hour class a week and suitable instruction to help meet the standards of passing the Oral.

It is obvious that, in most cases, one year of German is not sufficient training, nor is it possible for us to proceed with further training in light of our other requirements. Under our proposed plan, there would be less strain imposed on both faculty and student.

Caryl Ross '47

- Jean McAllister '48
- Jean McIlvried '47
- Jeff Fernstrom '47
- Dorothy Jones '47
- Elizabeth Willard '47
- Barbara Rubin '47
- Joan Hitchcock '48
- Ann Buffington '46
- Louise Ringwalt, '47
- Jean Boyer '47
- Betty Rouck '47
- Helen Dyson '47.

**Students Request End Of Superficiality In Orals**

To the Editors:

There is a case against orals, as we now know them. That case rests on their number and their method.

Two orals, which might seem to increase one's knowledge, actually handicap its development, for they force a student to acquire superficial learning—and to surrender time that might be spent more profitably. There are numerous seniors who have no real recollection of their hastily learned second language. And there are numerous freshmen who will be unable to gain a true mastery of one tongue, because their hours will be divided between two. In those two courses, they may often discover that the general aim is a reading knowledge that will earn a passing card, and they will surely discover that the passing card is a signal to drop the subject from next year's crowded curriculum.

In addition, translations alone are a test of the student's ability to equate idioms and to write fluent English, not a test for her comprehension. Why should girls who can read the most difficult foreign literature with ease and who have spoken the language for years fail their orals? Because they understand the material completely, they think in terms of the foreign idiom, and this deficiency in graceful English condemns them.

We therefore suggest that there should be one test, and recommend that it should consist of passages followed by questions. Then, the nature of orals would not be that of English examinations, and their existence would not bar the way to thorough mastery of a language.

Sincerely,

- Joan Eisenberg '48
- Gisha Linchis '48
- Joan Gould '47

**NOTICES**

**Hippocrene**

A new quarterly of verse entitled **Hippocrene** with headquarters at 125 East 72nd Street, N. Y., 21, N. Y., will appear shortly. For the two best poems published in the magazine there will be awards of \$100 and \$25 respectively. Subscribers are urged to contribute, and a special prize of \$20 will be awarded an author whose work has not been previously published. The Editors wish to make clear the fact that prizes and publication are strictly limited to subscribers. The subscription rate is \$1.50 per year.

**Freshman Dance**

The traditional Freshman Dance with Haverford will be held the evening of October 27 in the gym. Because of the increased size of Haverford's enrollment, all 167 men will be invited to entertain our 147 Freshmen. Admission is twenty-five cents.

**New Warden**

Miss Louise Winston has taken Miss Elly's place as Warden of Pem. West and will do graduate work here in history. A graduate of Radcliffe, she has spent some time overseas working with a radiation unit from M. I. T.

**College Inn**

The privilege of charging at the Tea Room is extended to all registered students. Due to the fact that Tea Room accounts are not included in the student Pay Day, at the end of each month a schedule of names and total of amounts due from each student will be posted on the hall bulletin boards of each hall of residence and in the non-residents' room. These accounts are due when posted.

**Junior Elections**

The class of 1947 takes pleasure in announcing the election of Marge Stevens, President; Dotty Jones, vice President; Rosemary Gilmar-tin, Secretary-Treasurer; Meg Urban, Song-mistress.

**Engaged**

Emily Webster '46, to Edwin Sprankle.

**UVAP Plans To Send French Food Parcels**

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purchased with careful regard to nutritional value and the present needs in Europe. Small personal items will also be sent.

A group of students headed by Dierdre Butler '46, organized a Committee for Relief of Europe at the beginning of this semester. Supported by the faculty and Undergraduate Council, the Committee drew up plans for raising money, collecting clothing, purchasing food and necessary supplies, and packing and mailing the parcels.

Volunteers will assemble the packages in the Red Cross room in Goodhart. Experienced workers will be in charge, and records will be kept of all work done. The parcels will be transported in bulk to the Bryn Mawr Post Office, where they will receive special attention as to mailing. The food and other supplies will be purchased from wholesale houses and will be stored in Goodhart.

A combination of League and Alliance personnel head the sub-committees:

- Money raising—Margaret McPhedran (students) '46, "Mickey" Manning (faculty) '46.
- Food—Helin Reed '46.
- Clothing—Rosalind Oates, '48.
- Registration for wrapping—Marge Richardson '46.
- Equipment—Thelma Baldasarre, '47, Monnie Bellow, '47.

## Thomas States Religious Needs

The place of religion in the modern world was the topic of a discussion October 13th presented by Mr. George F. Thomas, Professor of religious thought at Princeton University.

Mr. Thomas traced the role which religion has played in the past and in modern times and cited the increasing need for it in the future. Until the time of the Reformation religion was the principal centralization force of the world, an integral part of every phase of life. Gradually, however, every field has declared its independence, so that today religion is essentially peripheral in character. It is impossible to foretell what form religion will take in the future, but if it is to continue to exist at all, it must lose some of this peripheral nature.

The results of a religious revival Mr. Thomas pointed out, would be threefold. The intellectual stagnation which is enveloping the world would be brought to a halt by the stimulating influences of a new religious inspiration. Coinciding with this would come a moral regeneration of mankind. The modern world falsely believes that it can live by intellectual standards alone, but the experiences of this century have proved that these are not sufficient. Finally this new force would counteract the mass and individual egotism which has caused man to lose sight of fraternity in his search for liberty and equality.

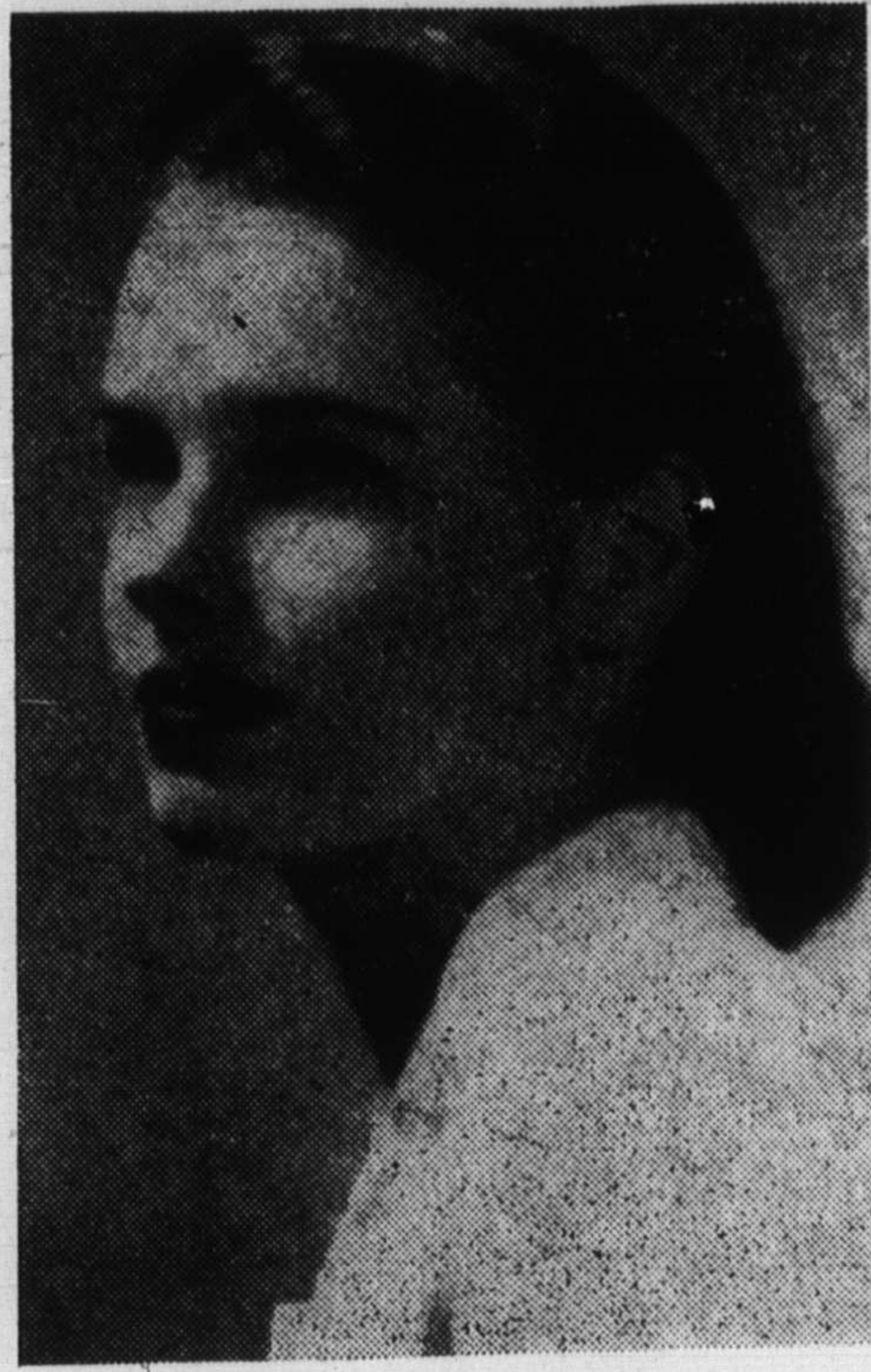
## Exhibit Illustrates History Of Books

By Louise Gorham '47

The History of the Book is the subject of the current Rare Book Room exhibit. Here the development of books is traced from their earliest type to the modern form. It is the first time that such a resume has been attempted, and the Library is proud of possessing all the exhibits, with the exception of the Babylonian tablets and papyrus examples for which it is greatly indebted to the University of Pennsylvania, and without which the display would have been impossible.

The oldest type of books known today are the cuneiform tablets from before 4000 B. C., two fragments of which can be seen. The samples of hieroglyphics traced on papyrus rolls with a pen or brush represent a later development, originally along the Nile Valley. In the western world, parchment was used until the advent of paper from China. There are several volumes of these artistically done manuscripts in book form, one dating from the twelfth century.

The exhibit includes representative books from all these periods, closing with a modern copy of T. S. Eliot.



PAT EDWARDS  
2nd. Frosh Chairman

## Jobs, Marriage Occupy Alumnae

Graduate study, teaching, marriage, and wage-earning claimed the majority of the class of '45 after graduation last June.

Returning to Bryn Mawr this fall as graduate students are Betty Blommers, Coleen Grimm, and Marguerite Hutchins. In Cambridge Gina More, Ann Fitzgibbons, Hannah Kaufman and Jean Alice Potter are doing graduate work at Harvard. Edith Brunt and Helen Einhorn are at Columbia, while Katherine Pike is studying at the University of Minnesota.

Julie Turner is studying art in Chicago, and Esterlee Hutzler is continuing her work in dancing by studying in New York. Yvonne Townsend and Betty Updegraff are medical students, and Mary Sax is studying Hematology at Washington and Jefferson Medical School in St. Louis.

Alison Merrill is continuing her journalistic career as a copy girl on the New York Herald Tribune. Margaret Browder, former president of the radio club, has a position in the advertising and promotion division of NBC. The ability to speak Spanish gave Bobby Egert an opportunity for promotion at Young and Rubicam advertising agency when an emergency arose. She is now being trained to represent the company in Mexico.

In New York, Betty Gunderson is working for the Norwegian shipping and trade mission, and Lucy Hall is at the French Colonial Trade Mission. Lydia Gifford is working on McCall's. At the American Machine and Foundry Co. in Brooklyn, Diana Marks is Assistant Director of Public Relations. Nina Montgomery is working in a Brooklyn Museum.

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## Current Events

The principal causes of the failure of the London Council of Foreign Ministers were traced by Miss McKown in her discussion at Current Events to the Potsdam Declaration, by which the Council was instituted.

The first Potsdam factor influencing the London failure was the pressure of wartime conditions which molded the first conference and not the second. Potsdam was hurriedly and badly drafted, and the resultant confusion in London contributed to the virtual breakdown of negotiations.

### Haste

Similar haste, as shown by the brief time the Council was given to start meeting, led to the lack of adequate preparation by the deputies in London, notably in the case of the non-existent agenda. Further, Miss McKown pointed out, the Potsdam agreement included for the principals a certain area of verbal arrangement, while the subsequent conference was compelled to restrict itself to the letter of the written agreement.

### Groundwork

The chief point of disagreement arose over the American draft of the Roumanian peace treaty in which the Potsdam requirement of a democratic regime signing the peace was explicitly demanded. The American contention that the present government of Roumania is undemocratic brought up the whole question of the Russian, as against the Anglo-American, conception of democratic government.

This was the chief "substantive" conflict, which, Miss McKown emphasized, should not be confused with procedural points more readily settled in preparatory negotiations. Miss McKown pointed out, however, that a considerable amount of groundwork was laid for future discussions.

In conclusion Mrs. Manning drew attention to the extreme importance of the Anglo-American loan not only in settling the pattern for Anglo-American relations with the world but as absolutely fundamental to the revival of world trade.

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THE COLLEGE INN

## Ingenuity and Poetic Grandeur Revealed by Self-Gov. Exams

by Rosina Bateson, '47

'49 seems to be serious in its conception of the responsibility of members of the Self-Government Association. With Tennysonian grandeur one Freshman wrote "I am a part of Self-Government with an amount of responsibility equal to that of all other members. If I fail, Self Government fails. (metaphor)." On the other hand, there is the cynic who stated that a council will scold you if you don't watch out.

Some people look at life the hard way. According to a budding pessimist, "no beverages are allowed at college". Could that explain the recent lack of milk at lunch? She was rather confused too about smoking: "allowed on the college grounds until the beauty or usage of it was destroyed."

Several Freshmen aren't quite sure whether Washington and New York are in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Those who did know, however, were firm about signing out to a certain Miss Forbes' house in Washington to return by car, permission 2:00. Horror bristling from her pen, and obviously annoyed at such a foolish question, one Freshman wrote "tsk tsk! Returning by car after 10:30 from a distance greater than Princeton?"

Never! She should go by train. (or helicopter)."

Last, but not least came the deluge of opinion and concern about halters. "Never wear them, so don't have to bother about the rule," remarked one independent soul.

Then there were the upper classmen who to show off asked what the exam was like. When they were told in no uncertain terms they found that they too got confused. With a good deal of chagrin one senior who couldn't figure out the funny business of why she wasn't able to pop into the Greeks on the way home from a concert in Philadelphia at 12:30, was heard to remark, "It all depends on the route you take back from the train!"

Hamburgers that

deny description,

Food that inspires

poetry

THE LAST STRAW

Haverford



All together they spell a

BIG RUSH

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# LAST NIGHTERS

## Erratic Acting, Dull Plot Mark Hedgerow Production

Specially Contributed by  
Elizabeth Dowling '47  
"Girls in Uniform", Hedgerow's latest offering at the altar of drama is more of an insult than a compliment to the presiding Muse.

Christa Winslow's play of school life in the Prussia of the 30's, anachronistically translated by Barbara Burnham into colloquial English of the 40's advertises itself as "an authentic account of the one-sided development of universal human interests which has led so much of the world into what we now call fascism." This is possibly what the author originally had in mind but is most certainly not what she has put into the script.

The net result of her work is complete confusion of idea and nebulousness of theme. It is to be assumed that Miss Winslow intended to set forth evils of the Junker might in its training of the children in the principles of supremacy, self control and discipline.

In her attempt to do this she has focused the plot on Manuela, a fourteen year old orphan, and Fraulein Von Bernburg, a teacher. Manuela being starved for affection looks for love from the teacher and mentally imagines her as being a foster mother. The reaction of the sensitive girl to the code of strictness and the inability of the teacher to show favoritism toward the student are the two strands of continuity in the play.

Given such a plot, one which was apparently as boring to the cast as the audience, it is unfair to judge an actor's worth by his performance in it. However if the direction and characterization had been better defined the play would have been clearer. Fraulein Von Bernburg, Fraulein von Kester and Mlle. Aralet carried the honors in that they were the only persons who created and maintained a character throughout the performance.

Fraulein Von Bernburg used expression and gesture with restraint and is showing a capacity to sustain a role. Manuela displayed a keen sense of timing and an ability to make much of a simple line, but her acting rose and fell with the curtain, reaching a peak just before a scene ended and then recommencing stiltedly. The general performance of the rest of the cast leant toward over-characterization and showed the hand of a director given to staginess.

The general confusion and poor workmanship of "Girls in Uniform" sadly betrays the reputation that the Hedgerow theatre has maintained in the past.

## Light Musical Comedy "Girl From Nantucket" Opens Season

By Dembow and Dimond  
If you are pleasure bent  
This show is heaven sent.  
If your mood's not funny...  
Stay home and save money.

"Girl from Nantucket" opened at the Forrest Theatre on October 10 and has one distinction: it is the first musical of the Philadelphia theatre season.

The book, written by the team of Fred Thomson and Berne Giler, has a good deal of meat in which the cast could put its teeth, but for the most part this chorus and cast show evidence of being minus an upper plate. Beginning on the sidewalks of New York, the first act gets off to a snappy start which involves the adoration of a spying house painter for a pretty and young artist, the girl from Nantucket. A clever scene transition takes us to Nantucket where we and the authors become entangled with the local politicians. In hope of commissioning an artist, Enrico Nicoletti, they send the notorious sea-dog, James Barton, to New York in quest of him. Barton, more than slightly inebriated, mistakes Nickerson (Bob Kennedy) for the famous artist and Nantucket accepts him at his face value. From then on the audience is on its own to ply its way on a rough sea of complications which calms down before the curtain falls.

**Redeeming Features**  
Although the first act will probably undergo a rewrite job before meeting New York audiences, the second act is very redeeming. Not only do the actors feel more at home on the stage, but the musical numbers show unanticipated improvement.

The choreography is well executed by Val Raset, and particular credit is due the two ballets, without which it would seem that no modern musical is complete. The most outstanding scene in the second act, in fact, is the ballet interpreting the excellent narrative poem of the sea as embodied in a woman.

**Clever Sets**  
Unusually glittering costumes of post war vintage and fast and furious changes of cleverly done sets add to the glamour of the production.

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## Changes Desired For Point System

There has been much discussion in the past year about the present point system for regulating the number of offices a person can hold on campus. The complaint has been that one person can hold many offices in extra-curricular activities, with the result that a very small minority of the college fills all the positions. The Undergraduate Board hopes to arrange a better system this year so that the various offices include a wider range of people. The present point system is posted on Taylor Bulletin Board and anyone who has suggestions concerning a new point system should see Betty Coleman, second Sophomore member of the Undergraduate Association and Chairman of the Point Committee.

## Editorial About Orals Criticized By Faculty

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continues to progress by habitual reading."

Mr. Diez declared that the recommended plan of two years study as a substitute for passing the oral has been proved unsatisfactory through the experience of other colleges. It places the entire burden on the language department which cannot fail 30 to 40% of its students and is therefore compelled to lower its standards.

Miss Gilman condemned the false distinction between comprehension and translation, pointing out that the ability to write clear and comprehensible English is required of every student in all her college work. She did emphasize, however, that the memorizational character of elementary language work belongs properly to the sphere of the preparatory school.

Characterizing many of the editorial's assertions as "wrong", Miss Nepper pointed out that the method of correction of the orals is such as to eliminate those possessing superficial knowledge. She drew attention to the plan in several colleges of major and minor languages, a greater degree of knowledge being required in the major than in the minor.

Agreeing with the general contentions of the editorial, Miss Lograsso pointed out the artificiality inherent in permitting students to wait until the fall of their senior year to pass the oral while knowledge of the language is supposed to be a tool

## Registration Begins For Volunteer Work

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the League of Women Voters, the International Institute, the Citizens Council for City Planning, the American Friends Service Committee, the Foreign Policy Association, the Fair Employment Practices Committee, and the CIO and A. F. of L. unions.

### Red Cross

The need for Nurses' Aides is even greater this year for work in hospitals in Philadelphia and vicinity.

The Home for Incurables is a nursing home for bed-ridden children and adults. The work is similar to that of Nurses' Aiding, and involves entertaining children as well as giving them evening care.

### Valley Forge

Work at Valley Forge, a hospital for wounded veterans, includes the teaching of Arts and Crafts. Those skilled in leathercraft or other handicraft may after approval serve as part of the recreational program, provided they are willing to devote at least five hours a week. For unskilled volunteers, lessons from the Red Cross are compulsory before work in the hospital.

Dancing classes will be held at the V. F. Hospital every Tuesday afternoon. Transportation will be provided. For those who can stay up on skates, there will be roller-skating parties on Thursday afternoons.

### Red Cross Canteen

There are plenty of opportunities for anyone trained in Red Cross canteen work. Also, for those who are interested, the cafeteria at the Bryn Mawr Hospital needs volunteers.

### Relief

The most immediate need for volunteer effort is the Feeding of Europe program. Students will be needed this fall for the wrapping of the collections of food and clothes in the Red Cross workrooms.

## Workshop Opens For B. M. Plays

The Theatre Workshop, located on the Baldwin School campus re-opens this year, having been closed during the war. Freshmen Hall Plays and minor productions will be held there, as they were before the war, instead of in Goodhart.

The Theatre Workshop was opened in 1939 as a memorial to Mrs. Otis Skinner and to the dramatic work she did at Bryn Mawr and Baldwin. Mrs. Skinner's close association with the two institutions throughout her daughter's student days and her invaluable assistance in organizing dramatic activities in both schools made such a memorial peculiarly appropriate. Mrs. Skinner coached the Dramatic Club plays at Baldwin for five of the years her daughter was there and in 1920 and 1924 she directed Big May Day at Bryn Mawr, from which all succeeding May Days have been patterned.

Originally a stone barn, the building was converted into the Theatre Workshop by the architect Thomas Pym Cope, as a joint workshop for Bryn Mawr and Baldwin. The workshop is divided in half by a curtain, that part to the north being reserved for the College and to the South for Baldwin. Each half seats 175 and the entire room can be used by the removal of the curtain.

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