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WELCOME 1925

Wellesley College News

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND TOTALS OVER \$2,735,000

Headquarters Looks For New Enthusiasm From Freshmen

The most important Wellesley activity during the past eight months, and one of which no well-informed freshman can be ignorant, has been the Semi-Centennial Fund, so called because the drive ends in 1925, fifty years after the founding of the college. \$9,000,000 is the quota to be raised, in order to fill the most pressing of Wellesley's financial needs. A few of these, such as increased salaries for the faculty, the provision of campus dormitories for the freshman class, and the erection of a general auditorium, the Student Alumnae Building, have been satisfied by the \$2,700,000 which was the "imperative minimum" triumphantly raised by Commencement of 1921. But there are further problems almost as pressing, such as the need for an Administration Building to replace the present "Hencoop," for adequate Science buildings, for a new Infirmary, and a swimming pool.

Since February 14, when the drive was inaugurated, the interest of Wellesley's friends and the efficient organization of Fund workers has made possible a success unusual in a time of great business depression. Large numbers of alumnae devoted their time to raising money in various ways, by bazaars, rummage sales, raffles, and dramatics. Every contribution, from one of \$500,000 to the \$1.10 of a little girl who sold lemonade and pin-wheels, helped to swell the total. Publicity was widespread; and the result of all this effort is to give Wellesley a total of between \$2,735,000 and \$2,740,000 on September 1. \$52,605.51 of this was subscribed by the undergraduates last year.

Although so good a start has been made, much is yet to be done; and it remains for the classes entering Wellesley in the coming four years to carry on the enterprise to a triumphantly successful conclusion.

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 22

Freshman issue of NEWS comes out. Tea for freshmen at Tower Court from 3.30 to 5.30 P. M.

Vaudeville for freshmen at Barn, 7.30 P. M.

Friday, September 23

Registration of upperclassmen.

WELLESLEY GREETES FRESHMEN

President Pendleton and Village Seniors Speak for College

The President of the College is glad to join COLLEGE NEWS in extending a very cordial welcome to all the new students who are entering Wellesley this year. The NEWS as well as the College depends upon the student body to create an intelligent public opinion. One of the responsibilities of the new students is to give to COLLEGE NEWS a coöperation in its work of undertaking to present to the Alumnae and to other friends of the College the real news of the College community.

ELLEN F. PENDLETON.

Welcome, 1925, the newest of Alma Mater's daughters, to Wellesley, the College Beautiful! May we work and play together, discovering in our life here the joy of coöperation and realizing in all we do the high ideals for which our college stands. Welcome to you one and all!

PAULINE A. COBURN,
Vice-President of the Christian Association.

Most sincere greetings to the youngest members of the Wellesley College community. The College Government Association is looking to the Class of 1925 to bring fresh stimulus toward making this the most progressive year of our history. As sophomores may you take with you to campus the memory of a most happy year—a year which has bound you to each other as a class and to all other Wellesley classes.

MARGARET BYARD,
Vice-President of College Government Association.

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Saturday, September 24

Seniors' first appearance in cap and gown at Chapel, 8.15 A. M.

C. A. Reception to 1925 in the Barn at 7.30 P. M.

Sunday, September 25

Rev. Samuel V. V. Holmes of the

Westminster Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Flower Sunday Sermon, "God is Love," 11.00 A. M., Houghton Memorial Chapel.

Evening Service, 7.00 P. M. Address in memory of the Founders of the College, by Miss Ellen Hayes; Emeritus Professor of Applied Mathematics in Wellesley College.

WELLESLEY TO MEET CLASS OF 1925

C. A. Reception To Be Held Saturday

With the time-honored introduction, "I want you to meet my freshman," the Class of 1925 will be formally presented to the College at the reception of the Christian Association to be held at the Barn Saturday evening, September 24.

Tradition calls for blue and white programs which become so rapidly filled with the names of the upperclassmen whom each freshman meets that the result is a card literally covered with hasty signatures.

The signatures of those members of the college who are designated as "celebrities" are especially in demand. The crowd and noise are all a part of the sincere welcome that the upperclassmen are extending to 1925 when they say, "Pleased to meet you."

The newest members of the college are furnished with further entertainment by the process of "going down the receiving line," of meeting the president of the college socially for the first time, and of hearing some of the more prominent seniors tell of the organizations they represent.

In the receiving line will be Emily Gordon, president of the Christian Association; President Pendleton; Miss Tufts, Dean of Residence; Miss Wilson, member of the Social Committee; Margaret Conant, '19, Alumnae Secretary to the Christian Association; Pauline Coburn, vice-president of Christian Association; Emmavil Luce, president of the College Government Association; Frances Baker, president of the Barnswallows Association; Mildred Durant, president of the Athletic Association; and Elizabeth Woody, Editor-in-chief of the NEWS.

UPPERCLASSMEN TO GIVE VAUDEVILLE FOR 1925

First Barn Event Scheduled for Thursday Night

The freshmen will have the opportunity of seeing members of 1922 and 1923 with their upper-class dignity completely laid aside at a vaudeville to be given at the Barn, Thursday evening, September 22, at 7.30 P. M. Most extraordinary performances are being planned under the management of Carol Rhodes, '23.

Village seniors will appear in such excellent disguise that their freshmen will be unable to detect the usual

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ONCE MORE—WELCOME!

The word "welcome" has been ringing in the ears of the class of 1925 so incessantly since its arrival in Wellesley, that the NEWS would be glad to find a synonym, less hackneyed, and more expressive of the genuine pleasure it feels in extending hearty greetings and sincere good wishes to the freshman class.

There is something inspiring in the addition of several hundred individuals to Wellesley including, no doubt, girls who will give and gain incalculable benefit. Wellesley has much to offer you, 1925, and looks to you for great things.

Meanwhile, the NEWS looks forward to knowing you, gives you a real welcome, and wishes you a happy year.

THE FRESHMAN ISSUE

Each year the News Board puts into the hands of the freshmen a special copy of the NEWS which is offered as a sample of the paper to which the entire college is asked to subscribe. The raison d'être of this initial issue is to act as a herald to Wellesley's only all-college publication. But this issue, like every sample, is only an indicator of the inclusive range of material found in the NEWS that fill the college mail boxes every Thursday.

The standard NEWS contains eight pages of information. In its columns is found a varied assortment of news to serve and interest the readers: Advance notices of all important college events, reports of lectures, plays, and athletic contests, college notes, alumnae notes, and college humor in a section known as the Parliament of Fools. The editorial and Free Press sections express opinions on current college topics; the former reflecting the opinions of the News Board, the latter voicing the thoughts of the college at large.

We ask you to read this issue carefully, and looking upon it as a miniature of future copies, to consider how indispensable to every freshman is a subscription to the NEWS.

A WISH AND A WARNING

F. Scott Fitzgerald, who is often asserted to be the voice of the younger generation, says that Amory Blaine, the hero of "This Side of Paradise," was one of only thirty students who received an education during four years at Princeton. Whether or not one approves of Amory's philosophy and conduct, one could not help feeling throughout the whole novel that he was certainly on the road to an education.

One could wish a freshman no better, nor more fundamental felicity than to stumble upon the road at the start. Not many have any idea what they are seeking, and so it is small wonder if only a few find it. No doubt more than thirty out of every senior class are on their way to being educated, but there would be many more if there were not so many distracting by-paths in college. There are the by-paths of friendship, of fun, of activities, of grade-getting, but all these are only off-shoots of the main road. Making friendship, for instance, the chief business of college is illogical, and yet many students own that it is their chief end. But try to outline the subject of friendship-making in relation to college. Where do classes come in, after one has put down the title: **Object of Coming to College: To Make Friends?** The subject **Classes** is simply irrelevant. But head the outline: **To Get an Education**, and Friendship falls quite simply into its place as one of the main sub-heads.

Getting an education then is a collegian's chief end. The student who is getting one can be recognized, not by a string of A's on her report, nor by a string of girls at her side, nor yet by a string of offices after her name. She takes an intelligent interest in what is going on about her and does not accept blandly and unquestioningly all that is said within or without the class-room. A college community is nearer the ideal the more the students there are who constitute themselves critics of the miniature contemporary civilization that is everywhere around them. There is a growing tendency to demand this attitude of students.

The task, then, for 1925, is to take a wide-awake interest in what is going on around it, to seek a theory of education of its own, and to set out in a search for the Main Road.

Free Press Column

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing the articles if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 P. M. on Sunday.

Contributions must be as brief as possible.

WHERE FRESHMEN CAN HELP

The class of '25, entering Wellesley with all the vigor and enthusiasm of loyal freshmen, does not need to be reminded of the duties which citizenship brings with it. But it can never appreciate too highly the value of its new life and interest to all branches of college life. Nothing is so destructive as apathy. And Wellesley seems peculiarly subject to attacks of this disease. Last year it completely killed our "Magazine." The college body had the talent, the organization, and the money, to produce a literary wonder. But interest was lacking and the poor thing struggled along in the most painful ill health until June, when its merciful guardians removed it from public life. The NEWS is now the sole representative of non-academic literary interest in Wellesley.

And it demands the same fuel "Maggie" did. And it is fed largely through the Free Press. The time to give money is Pay Day, and the time for talent is "try outs," but interest is needed everyday. And your college life needs it too. Read your NEWS clear through every week, and react; attend all college activities and have opinions. Be alive, and register the fact through the columns of the Free Press.

You have the advantage over upper-classmen in more ways than one. You have not yet felt the deadening effect of a life that is largely routine. Time has not dimmed your appreciation of Wellesley, and you are more generous with your energy in her service. In fact, we know that you only need be told you are wanted and you will plunge whole-heartedly into anything which is for the good of the college.

And you are certainly wanted here. This is not a place where experience

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Foreword

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Library

A large tomb near the lake. The attendants are always eager and anxious to show you in, or out of this building. Students desiring a few hours alone may come here at their will. See footnote 1004 for detailed plan of the Library, with which it is necessary to become familiar before attempting entrance, for many people have been lost here for months at a time.

Hen-Coop

This is not what the name implies but merely a temporary structure of the bungalow type, nestling between the Chapel and the Library. Do not be afraid to roam around here as much as you please, for it is expected to fall down at any moment on account of its temporary nature.

Mary Hemenway Hall

A country club on the outskirts of the campus. Civilization has scarcely penetrated this far yet among its milder sports are to be found, aquaplaning, auto racing and prize-fighting.

Barn

It is very difficult to gain admittance to the Barn, as thousands throng here, all at the same time, and also on accounts of a small fee required upon entrance to its sumptuous entertainments. Bed-room slippers or sneakers are appropriate wear for such accessories.

Conclusion

Space is here left for each reader to draw her own conclusion.

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Freshmen, my dears, a long four years You have ahead of you,
In which to train, with might and main,
For the ranks of those who do.

There are just scads of Wellesley grads
At work throughout the land,
With pep and zeal, in woe or weal,
Revered on every hand.

A few we'll cite—their names are bright—

To spur your emulation;
You too, perchance, crave to advance
And gain a reputation.

Miss Lotta Sticks, of '56,
Is weighted down with glory;
She drove a bicycle in France,
Despite her years so hoary.

The recent war was cheerier for
The work of Ruth Van Rafter.
Despite her age she trod the stage—
Preached on "The Life Hereafter."

The Hall of Fame contains the name
Of Beatrice McBimble.
Upon her first the notion burst
Of a left-handed thimble.

The class of '08 doth venerate
The name of Hortense Farrel;
'Twas she, I wot, who lately shot
Niagara in a barrel.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Crofton and Birches which have hitherto been freshman houses will be used for sophomores this year.

Carol Roehm, who was to be the village senior at Birches, will have charge of the Belair district.

A long-standing Wellesley tradition was broken when a shining sun greeted the freshmen on Monday, registration day, instead of the usual rain.

Elms, used last year for sophomores, will be a freshman house this year.

Joslin will no longer be a college house but will be the residence of the Congregational minister.

President Pendleton, Miss Tufts, Miss Smith, and the Heads of Houses met with the village seniors at a dinner at Tower Court, Sunday, September 18.

Wellesley's athletic season opens with the first call-out on Monday, Sept. 26.

The mysterious excavation project going on at the foot of Beebe is none other than the building of a service tunnel between the Power House and the Quadrangle.

"Christmas Tree Alley," officially Main Avenue, has been remodelled with many new and imposing curves and isles of shrubbery.

Upperclassmen who returned early met at Tower Court for their meals.

WHERE FRESHMEN CAN HELP

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is a particularly valuable asset. The most heated or rash article imaginable will not dry up Lake Waban, recall the Vill Seniors, or demolish the society houses. All that would be subject to more mature deliberation. A Free Press merely makes suggestions and registers opinions. And Freshman opinions are very valuable. Custom has not blinded you to facts. All things being new, you tend to notice them all. And all things are equally in place here. A good many years ago a fierce battle was waged in these columns over the Society question, more recently Vill Seniors was the burning issue, and last year there was a little splurge over examinations and some other academic reforms. In fact the only criterion for a good Free Press is the number of people it will interest.

So, '25, fall to! Give the college your interest and the NEWS your opinions.

C. S. E., '23.

UPPERCLASSMEN TO GIVE VAUDEVILLE

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Senior dignity. Christian Association and College Government officers, who have returned early, will take on the rôles of footlight favorites, and Adonais, the NEWS hound, will bark his welcome to 1925.

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