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Wellesley Acclaims Dictator

COLLEGE PREPARES FOR CO-ED INFLUX

Business Booms in Vill as Shops Import Novelties Designed to Attract Males

MEN TO LIVE IN QUAD

It is reported by the house mothers of Shafer and Cazenove that Wellesley's new male co-eds are already arriving at these dormitories which have been put aside for their use. Technically, they are not required to be here until Monday in order to begin the process of acclimatization to campus life in the week before the second semester begins. But many are so enthusiastic over the idea of being Wellesley's sons that they have arranged for this earlier advent. The college authorities are facing the probability of having to devote the other two Quadrangle houses, as well as to their use. The girls formerly occupying Shafer and Cazenove have been moved to the houses of the Washington group, which have been reopened.

The majority of these hundreds of young men who will invade the college during the coming week are former students of Harvard and M. I. T. who, bored with an unadulteratedly masculine society, have heartily welcomed the co-educational policies of the new Wellesley regime. Many of them contemplate with joy the opportunity of seeing girls daily whom they could formerly encounter only for two or three evenings a week. There are even some Boston University men among them who, seeking fresh fields of conquest among co-eds, are frankly curious about the Wellesley brood. The college authorities have made no definite plans for the eventuality of marriages among the student body, but it was tentatively suggested that the temporary installation of the newly-weds in the various society houses might be a feasible plan.

From statistics taken among representative shops in the Vill it was learned that business is expected to boom considerably. Two barber shops are preparing to open at the earliest possible date. With the cooling of even the first twenty or thirty early arrivals, the beauty shops have become enormously busy, appointments for a "thorough overhauling" have been booked far into the second week of the new semester and hurry calls for added supplies sent into Boston.

Among the Wellesley girls, the advent of their male companions is looked upon with much enthusiasm. Everywhere there is prevalent anticipation of the added sociability which is expected to characterize meals, particularly on guest nights. It is declared that additional "spoon-holders" will have to be built along the lake front and Tupelo Point and additional canoes bought to accommodate the numerous new admirers of Nature's beauties. Many girls contemplate adding the study of mathematics to their curricula for next semester, feeling sure that with so much masculine aid available it will no longer be a bugbear to the feminine mind. And finally, it is expected that attendance at daily and Sunday chapel and vespers will be greatly increased. As one fair damsel with an enchanting lisp, an engaging affliction which has recently descended upon her, remarked, "Walking home from church with your very betht date lth tho romantic!"

INQUIRING REPORTER

In our capacity as the organ of the recently instigated *Redeal* we feel that we should give our readers the benefit of our thoroughly biased views of what the heads of the departments in this institution think of the order which relieves them of the heavy responsibility of their departments. It is felt that the whole machinery of education can progress more efficiently, to say nothing of more calmly, with only the department heads in charge of their departments, subject to the student committee on courses. (B. R. O. A.)

Commenting not only on the great benefit of not having associates in her group but of the value of censored speech among the faculty, Miss Wail of the Speech Department is quoted as saying that she felt the new regime would give greater emphasis to individuality in that accents would be encouraged and a unified nasality fostered.

From the Art Department comes word that its leader feels that with this new freedom from the responsibility which is belog assumed by the student committee, comes more leisure to keep up with events in the *New York Times* and the cartoons in the *New Yorker*. Furthermore, she continues, a change for the better like this is to be commended. Mrs. Plodder of History is enthusiastic over the project. "It is a phase of history in the making. Since history is the basis for everything else, we must appreciate the great work in which we are engaged." The head of the Botany Department is joined by those of other sciences in endorsing enthusiastically the *Redeal*. It will give them all time to work in some of their proposed experiments which due to the difficulties attendant to the management of departments have too loog been postponed.

Dr. Watchman of the Philosophy Department is pleased to have Miss Collidge, the former dean of this institution, appointed to the office of Director of Propaganda. He continues that an accomplishment like this is to be carried forward philosophically ever in the spirit of pragmatism. He is supported whole-heartedly in his opinion by Miss Flues of the Department of English Literature, who has long since learned the efficiency of students when they do not read too much, but rather reason a thing out as best they can.

From the very important department of Physical Education comes the report that Miss Tello thoroughly approves of the new hygienic costumes with their smart high collars for dress wear. She is also in favor of the new ruling by the B. R. O. A. that two of the members of the S. A. C. shall have flunked gym twice. This, she concludes, will promote a finer spirit and a greater cooperation among the whole student group who will try to emulate the committee-women in flunking. Miss Tello surmises that, at the end of one year, the department can be discontinued, thus furthering another aim of the project by cutting down all unnecessary expense.

But the most overwhelmingly gratifying approval from the departmental heads came from Miss Scotcher of the Biblical History group. She is vociferous in her praise of the plan to use the Chapel as the rallying ground of the forces of the *Redeal*. "It will alleviate a previous condition of neglect which was deplorable," she concluded.

What It Means To You

1—The colors of the *Redeal* are pink and olive green; pink to represent the dawn of a new era, green for the olive branch of peace and unity.

2—These colors will be carried out in the required uniforms for daily wear. Pink shirts with full sleeves and up-standing collars will be worn in winter over ski pants of the olive green; in spring over shorts of that shade. Students of Titlan coloring will be allowed, on presentation of a permit from the A. O. P. A. (Authority on Personal Appearance, one of the assistants in the newly-established Department of Love and Domestic Relations) to order yellow shirts. It will be seen that our Dictator is working for the happiness of all.

3—Classes, aside from those with the heads of departments, will be conducted by student volunteers, in accordance with the code elsewhere reproduced. Outside assignments which give trouble are to be brought in to the B. R. O. A. (Bureau for the Redistribution of Outside Assignments) where they will be pooled and given out again, so that each student is doing the work she likes and does best.

4—Chapel will be compulsory Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so that Premier Pendleton may have regular opportunities to announce new developments to the masses. It is hoped, however, that the co-educational factor will keep this duty from seeming at all irksome.

Dietitians will be dispensed with along with most of the faculty. A paper will be posted in each house every week whereon any student may list her favorite dishes. The first eighty-four signed up will be served during the next seven days.

Bibliophile

Psychopathic Phobias in Modern Academic Life by Wolfgang von Wurtzschnozzel, M.D., The Piking Press, \$6.75.

Dr. Wolfgang von Wurtzschnozzel's volume, *Psychopathic Phobias in Modern Academic Life*, is especially valuable for us now, when we have just abolished flunking at Wellesley. Dr. von Wurtzschnozzel is vehement in his denunciation of flunking as having a deleterious effect upon mind and body both before and after the fact.

During the pre-examination period, the phenomena occasioned by the thought of flunking are most apparent. The cerebrum and glabella suffer from shooting pains caused by the phenomenon of "burning the midnight oil," and the salivary glands and masseter cease to function, which brings about the phenomenon of loss of appetite. Later and more serious developments are inflammation of the medulla oblongata, extreme melancholia, manic depressive psychosis, schizophrenia, streptococcus throat, and appendicitis. In the college of the future, the student must never be allowed to hear the unfortunate stimulus word, "flunk," which brings about such reactions as these.

"The thought of flunking," concludes Dr. von Wurtzschnozzel, "prevents college students from a proper exercise of empathy and a successful fusion of their empirical non-perceptual concepts with a perceptual field. We have only to observe the undergraduates of today in order to see the insidious results of this common phobia."

W. O. W., '37

STUDENTS HAIL FLUNKLESS SYSTEM AND CHEER ABOLITION OF FACULTY

PERRY

A Changless Figure In a Changing World

PERRY is frankly skeptical about this dictator business. Not that he minds the no-class, no-flunk, no-faculty part of it. But when it comes to co-education, he is—well, skeptical. It's going to complicate things for him considerably, and he's not sure but what he ought to appeal to the S. A. C. for satisfaction. He has listed his grievances:

a) Probable doubling of the territory he must cover, if men's dormitories are to be installed. Solution: cutting down on the amount of material for his column by abolishing freshmen—also bicycles.

b) Need of a feminine point of view in getting material about the new co-eds. Solution:—appointing of an assistant from among the unemployed faculty members.

c) Difficulty of distinguishing him from the co-eds and possible embarrassments resulting therefrom. Solution: a new uniform—something dainty in a pastel shade, perhaps a ballet skirt and parasol. (Maybe then they won't confuse him with Adonals!)

STORIES are pouring in of dramatic events taking place in the last meetings of classes. There was, for instance, the Professor of Speech who had slept through the revolution and knew nothing of the new regime. When she entered the classroom, she saw that all the desks had been removed and the students were standing on soap-boxes singing "We are free, we are free, we are free!" The instructor shook her head sadly. "Still invertlog your R's, girls."

PERRY hears that with few exceptions the ex-faculty are co-operating nicely in the ice-cutting and sand-shovelling projects. Only one group—that assigned to shovelling out the chemistry building, which disappeared during the recent blizzard—has been suspected of sedition. To safeguard the Premier's person in the event of actual violence, bullet-proof glass has been installed in her runabout.

PERRY saw a wisp of smoke curling from under the door of a class-room used by the philosophy department this afternoon. Aghast, he rushed into the room (after reaching intuitively for a heavy coat and a valuable article—forgetting that all fire-drill regulations have been abolished). He saw immediately that there was no danger—except perhaps for the life of the professor who was cowering in a corner. The smoke was issuing from a small bonfire built in the center of the room, about which the students were executing a sort of war-dance. Demanding an explanation, Perry learned that the professor was guilty of keeping a set of quizzes over three months. Feeling among the students, which had been mounting higher and higher, was brought to a head by the recent crisis. When the professor entered the class-room today, they forced him to get the quizzes, correct and return them. When the last quiz had been handed back, the class tossed all the papers in a pile and began the rite which Perry had burst in upon.

Dictator's Coup d'Etat Ta College by Storm as Rein of Power Shift

OUTLINES MAIN POINTS

The screech of fire alarms at three a.m. this mornlog woke fifteen hundred students from their blissful and untroubled sleep. The steely, January winds blowing across the lake from the President's house were electric with grave portent. Pale, solemn house presidents ordered the students to assemble in the Chapel. There in the stillness of the cold winter night the President seized the reins of power and declared a Dictatorship.

It is the beginning of a flunkless regime at Wellesley. This proclamation of a *Redeal* for the college called forth loud shouts and cheers of acclaim.

The occasion for the *coup d'etat* was the current examination period. For some time the new Dictator has realized that there was dissention between the radical left wing composed of the Student Body and the ringleaders of the Faculty Corps which comprised the right wing. Different views on the subjects of cutting and quizzes were the cause for constant antagonism between the S. B. and the F. C. Realizing that a one-party system was the only solution whereby Wellesley might rise from chaos and take the foremost position among colleges, the Dictator resolved to seize the power and crush the oppositio.

The main points of the Dictator's program were outlined later this morning. The announcement of primary importance was the plan which wipes out the possibility of flunking an exam or a course. Clause I of this plan provides for the abolition of all faculty not approved by the Student Abolition Committee. The S. A. C. is composed of ten students appointed by the Dictator, none of whom shall have been on pro less than twice and at least two shall have flunked gym. The S. A. C. drew up late this morning a code which remaining faculty must sign.

- The code is as follows:
- 1—Unlimited cuts means unlimited cuts.
 - 2—Roll calls shall not count toward grades.
 - 3—Quizzes shall not count toward grades.
 - 4—Class work shall not count toward grades.
 - 5—Grades are abolished.
 - 6—Students shall not be called on in class unless they have stated in writing that they have prepared the lesson.
 - 7—Unlimited conferences at the students' convenience.
 - 8—All outside assignments to be approved by the Bureau for the Redistribution of Outside Assignments. (See Clause III.)
 - 9—Half an hour of each class period to be devoted to criticism of the course.
 - 10—Classes abolished.

Clause II provides for the setting up of a Commission to Economize by Re-employing Unemployed Faculty. The money heretofore spent for professors' salaries will be used to redecorate classrooms in the manner of the Brooks (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

We Do Their Part

We, the Editors of the News, feel that, in view of the drastic, overwhelming changes which have so recently occurred in this community, some statement of policy on our part is necessary. We have become the official mouthpiece, the spokesman, of the Redeal, the glorious new government which insures security against flunking for all of us. In view of our new position, we feel that an elucidation of our attitude toward freedom of the press is required. We declare ourselves to be immutably opposed toward any such freedom. It is an antiquated notion, a hang-over from the era of rugged individualism, a Victorianism unworthy of such a modern and progressive movement. The Press should be the moulder of public opinion, not an organ for the expression of carping criticisms by anti-Redeal propagandists. Look at other great dictatorships. Is there freedom of the press in Germany, or Russia, or Italy? Shall we alone continue to carry this Old Man of the Sea on our shoulders? Shall we be weighted down by this millstone about our necks? No sensible person would want to criticize the Redeal anyhow. Shall it be said that the News is not sensible? A thousand times, no! Yet because we feel that in the past many of our readers have obtained great pleasure from writing to the News, and seeing their literary efforts in print, and because we wish to stimulate and encourage such efforts, and allow as many students as possible to express their favorable opinions of the Redeal, we have decided to continue the column formerly known as the Free Press column, which will now go under the heading of the Re-Press column. We shall, however, retain the right to censor all publications which might be construed to contain propaganda injurious to our common cause. We hope that this arrangement will meet with the approval of all. If not, write to us about it; we will arrange your communication for publication, and print it in the Re-Press column.

Re-Press Column

A WORD OF PRAISE

To the Wellesley College News:

Taking advantage of your generous and broad-minded offer to print adverse criticism of the Redeal, we should like to point out to your readers that

In addition, the Redeal will never

Another fact to be taken into consideration is that

Our experience with dictatorships proves

Therefore

and we regret to say that this innovation

In conclusion, allow us to express our appreciation of your willingness to print the views of the opposition on this all-important subject.

1883

Dartmouth Daily Announces Free Trip To Carnival, Prize For Letter Contest

CONTEST RULES

1. All undergraduates of Holyoke, Skidmore, Smith Vassar and Wellesley are eligible to compete.
2. Letters must be written on the general subject of: "Why I want to attend the Dartmouth Winter Carnival."
3. The writer of the best letter will be invited to attend the Dartmouth Winter Carnival, Feb. 9 and 10, with all expenses paid, including railroad fare, as the guest of THE DARTMOUTH.
4. Letters shall not exceed 350 words in length, and must be typewritten or written in legible handwriting on one side of the paper.
5. The editors of THE DARTMOUTH will act as judges of the contest and their decision will be final.
6. Judgment will be based on originality, style, and humor.
7. The writer's full name and address must be appended, although same will be considered confidential upon request.
8. In the event of a tie THE DARTMOUTH will invite two girls.
9. Letters should be addressed to Contest Editor, THE DARTMOUTH, Hanover, N. H., and must be post-marked not later than midnight of Tuesday, February 6, 1934, or not later than midnight of Wednesday, February 7, for special delivery letters.

I hereby affirm that the above is a bona fide offer and that the contest will be run strictly according to the rules.

THOMAS H. LANE, JR. (signed)
Editor-in-chief.

State of New Hampshire,
Grafton County ss.

On January 25, 1934, the above Thos. H. Lane, Jr. appeared before me, and signed the above document in my presence.

PHILIP R. SHERMAN (signed)
Justice of the Peace.

Contestants Write on "Why I Want to Attend the Winter Carnival"

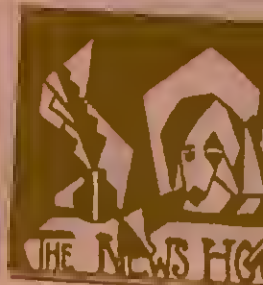
Only seven hundred girls can go to Winter Carnival and over seven thousand want to go. Nothing is more maddening than to have to sit back and wait for an invitation that may never arrive. How much simpler, how much more satisfaction there is in being sure that you'll be one of the chosen few, in being entirely independent of the beck and call of some conceited male. Here is your chance to write your own ticket to Carnival.

There is nothing shady about this contest. Every letter will be read by the Contest Editor and his staff and will be judged entirely on the merits outlined in the contest rules. The entire competition is an honest attempt on the part of THE DARTMOUTH to find out from the girls themselves, in their own thoughts and their own words, just why the Dartmouth Winter Carnival is a particular plum to the prompter and Phi Beta alike.

And the Carnival Queen herself will have nothing on our Duchess of Dartmouth. From the time she leaves the cheering mobs in her home station and heads toward the frozen North, her week-end will be packed with excitement—basketball, hockey, and swimming contests with Yale, Harvard, and Princeton respectively, winter sports events, dancing in twenty-six fraternity houses, and skiing and skating by floodlight.

The winner will be met on arrival by the editors of THE DARTMOUTH, who will conduct her to one of the large fraternity houses which will be her Hanover home. There she will meet her escort for the week-end, a man to be selected by THE DARTMOUTH editors from a group prominent in campus activity.

And all it will cost the winner is three cents for a postage stamp—plus a few minutes of her time.



PAEAN TO PENDING

Hail, Liberator!
All hail, Dictator!
You have freed us, the man
From the bondage of class
Hail to you, hail!
All hail!

Chorus: We are free, we are free,
are free,
Classless and flunkless
Loosed from our n
At last we are free

What's an examination?
In our enlightened nation
We have no need for it,
No one would plead for it,
Fear it,
Come near it,
Due to Dictator,
Our Innovator,
Hail to her, hail,
All hail!

Chorus: We are free, from
we are free,
Classless and flunkless
Escaped from our agon
At last we are free.

Once unemancipated,
We slaved and we hated.
All hail, Dictator!
You banished our midnight oil,
Broke down our prison of toll,
All hail, most Royal,
All hail!

Chorus: We are free, we are f
are free,
Classless and flunkless
Loosed from our miser
Aye, free.

PRESIDENT PLANS WELLESLIAN UTOPIA

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Room. In return for bed and board the unemployed faculty will under this project under the direction of C. E. R. U. F. Those faculty members who lack artistic taste will report to a sub-committee of the C. E. R. U. F. which will supervise ice-cutting, snow shoveling and sanding the roads. The commission immediately approved the plan and professors Monnan and Dussey as supervisors to prevent the new labor force from shirking their jobs.

Clause III. The Administration Building will be turned over to the Bureau for the Redistribution of Outside Assignments. All outside assignments must be approved in advance by the B. R. O. A., and any student who finds that she must spend unnecessary time and effort on an assignment must apply to the Bureau for assistance. Professor Poohel has been appointed to write papers at the students' request. Miss Pandaring has consented to act as chief caretaker and Miss Olive Bolger, as stewardess and purveyor, will preside at the El Table.

Clause IV. Due to the fact that new students will now be admitted to Wellesley, it was thought wise to establish a new department, namely, Studies in Love and Domestic Relations. Miss Start, by general acclaim, was appointed head of this department. In order that those who find it inconvenient to take this course may nevertheless benefit from Miss Start's wisdom, she will conduct a column of advice for the love-lorn in the News. In accordance with the Dictator's ringing declaration that sixty per cent of the S. B. must marry and eighty per cent must have children, Miss Pagan, ex-assistant Dean of Residence, will conduct a Date Bureau. Miss Pagan is quoted as having said, "Ah fo'bid you-all t' sacrifice mah daughter."

Other provisions will be made by the Dictator as needed, but with these meager beginnings she hopes to lay the foundations for a community of unparalleled unity.

Picture The Poor Editors Choosing Between These Literary Masterpieces!

To the Dartmouth Daily:

Dearest Editor:

Your "Duchess of Dartmouth" contest sounds perfectly thrilling! I can think of nothing so divine as to actually go as your Carnival girl, because I've heard that you simply ravish the femmes. Really I have! A Smith girl I know simply worships you—from afar of course (she has astigmatism and buck teeth).

Of course I'm not writing this with any ulterior motive. I know you would never even consider taking me! I'm from Georgia and of course don't know much about skiing and all the marvelous things you-all do, but I did get the most attractive ski suit for Christmas! It's blue and has a yellowish-gold scarf and cap to match. A Sigma Chi told me that it just matches my eyes and hair and that I certainly am a perfect sweetheart in it! But of course that was probably just a line. You know how men are that way—especially attractive men. Why, you'd probably say the same thing!

But seriously, I do think this is the sweetest idea of yours. You must have an awfully generous and noble nature to start something that would give a really beautiful girl who doesn't know anyone in the North such a heavenly time! And it's such an individual thing to do! What a splendid combination of characteristics you must have! Incidentally, my friends all say that they just don't see how anyone with such a sweet disposition and innocent smile as I have could do the devilish things I do!

From this letter I'm afraid you'll think I don't belong in this cbinate at all, but really I adore it! I can skate

better than most of my Boston friends and as for skiing—we'll most people say they just don't see how I have the nerve to try the things I do! Of course I can't begin to do the things you-all do up at Dartmouth but whatever I do, I have such a good time that people say I just make the fun! Now, dearest editor (that sounds awfully formal, doesn't it?), I must stop—

Till we meet—(?)

Sookie Tallferro
(pronounced Tulliver)

P. S. Oh dear! This letter is three hundred and ninety words! But I just can't cut out a word!

To the Dartmouth Daily:

Dear Sirs:

It was with considerable gratification that I read your magnanimous offer of a trip to your annual hibernal festival for the writer of the letter elucidating most clearly her reasons for desiring to attend that fete. It denotes in you an extraordinary appreciation of the intellectual virtues so often ignored by the American youth of today. To be brief, then, I have a twofold reason for wishing to be present at your most interesting Carnival.

In the first place, I have, in the course of my pursuit of learning, encountered many references to the remarkable library on your Campus. What an invaluable opportunity is yours! To browse in that inexhaustible treasure trove of the wisdom of the ages! Conceive, if you can, how greatly I have envied you your opportunities. And now those opportunities are open to me!

Secondly, you must know that I am

an avid student of psychology. I am most desirous of noting the reactions of the modern girl to the contest for the choice of the Carnival Queen. Does the gaining of that proud title engender a superiority complex in the winner? And may one watch the beginnings of ineipient inferiority complexes in the losers? I shall take notes of their reactions most carefully, and endeavor to follow up the results in the future lives of the entrants. What an invaluable opportunity for scientific research!

Thanking you for your most kindly offer, and trusting that I may have the pleasure of making your acquaintance during the aforementioned week-end, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Matilda Murp, '34

To the editors of The Dartmouth:

Dear Sirs:

So you want me to come up to Hanover sometime, do you? Well, I'm really rather bored with your Carnivals—they're all alike, you know; but as it happens, I have six conflicting dates down here for that week-end, and since I've seen all that Boston has to offer, I'd just as soon get away from it all for a while. The outdoor life and quiet celebrations will be a refreshing contrast to the life I've been leading. Carnival couldn't really get along without me anyhow; and after all, I suppose that since I turned down Tom and Steve and Bob when they asked me up to Hanover, it might be tactful to go as the guest of the editors—and you know, I think we might get along, you and I. . . .

Hold on to your hats, boys,
Sandra Van Schuyler de Swank