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STRING QUARTET DELIGHTS HOLLINS

On Monday evening, January 11th, at eight o'clock, in the Little Theatre, the New York String Quartet played to a most enthusiastic audience. From the first group, "From My Life," by Smetana, these four men lulled the audience until it seemed as if a spell had been laid. The interest in the exquisite melodies was quickened by the explanation with which Mr. Rath preceded the playing of these four movements.

In the second part of the program, two movements from the quartets of Haydn and one by his contemporary, Boccherini, were chosen to represent the classic period of composition.

The *Variations* constitute one of the most famous compositions in this popular form. The theme was originally composed by Haydn as a national anthem for Austria, and later incorporated with a masterly set of four variations in the so-called "Emperor Quartet" in *C major, Opus 76, No. 3*. The strain, almost sublime in its simplicity, and so devotional in its character that it is used as the tune for a hymn, was his favorite work, and towards the close of his life he often consoled himself by playing it with great expression.

Boccherini's "Minuet" has become a great favorite, and is played in arrangements for every conceivable combination of instruments. It was originally a movement of a quintet, but has lost none of its charm and delicacy in the present arrangement by Albert Stoessel.

Haydn's rapid movements are distinguished by dash and vigor. The "Finale" was the last movement from his *Quartet in G minor*, popularly known as the *Riders Quartet*.

An interesting contrast was provided in the final group by four composers of different nationalities.

First the Russian, Borodin, was represented by the "Notturmo," from his *Quartet in D Major*. The French composer, Debussy wrote only one string quartet, but the "Clair de Lune," written for piano, might well have been written for this medium, judging from the transcription by Ludvik Schwab. Mendelssohn, who stands for Germany, wrote no more charming number than this "Canzonetta," from his *Quartet in E Flat Major*. Norway, too, had as its representative, Edvard Grieg, whose compositions are rooted in the folk music of that nation. His Scandinavian harmonies set the character of his music.

It is generally conceded to be true that the string quartet is the most perfect type of music. After hearing the New York String Quartet the Hollins campus fully agrees with that opinion.

Miss Kellam Returns After Her Illness

Upon coming back to college after the holidays, everyone was glad to find that Miss Kellam also had returned after her illness. All the students extend to her a hearty welcome.

Dean Williamson Holds Convocation

Dean Williamson, in Convocation Wednesday night, January 13th, discussed the topic: *Wanted—Perspective in College Life*. Her remarks proved very timely in the face of approaching examinations. She compared them with close-ups in the movies, which have no background and engender solely an emotional response. It should be remembered, however, that, while exams are important, they do not comprise the whole of the final grade, daily lessons, writings and papers making up from one-half to two-thirds of it. Students are prone to let exams loom large and terrible, but, with a little clear knowledge rather than vague scattering facts and a mind functioning accurately because of proper sleep and exercise, there is little to fear. Since the first class at the opening of school, the mind has been storing up facts and forming habits that will be surprisingly useful in a crisis.

Next, Miss Williamson asked that students look at the place of examinations in their life plan as a whole. Many, particularly after holidays, ask themselves why they waste their youth in studying and grinding through tests. But examinations in college, while they are practically nothing compared with those one meets in after life, may, in some measure, be a preparation for them. Instead of letting emotions run away with them, students should make an intellectual effort to see the part in relation to the whole, just as when a close-up fades, the subject is seen again in proper relation to its background.

Enthusiastic Reception is Given Mrs. Bauer

Juanita Prewitt Bauer gave a reading of *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* in the Little Theatre on the night of January 9th. The curtain rose at 8:15 P. M. and Miss Susie Blair presented Mrs. Bauer to the audience. Besides performances in New York, Mrs. Bauer has given many interpretations in this vicinity and at Lexington, where she lives. She described the stage setting for the play and explained the circumstances of the opening scene. From the very start she won the interest of the audience from her own charming personality and her splendid interpretation of the love story of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett. She made the scenes very vivid through her dramatic ability. Those among the audience who had seen the production in New York were able to recapture the atmosphere of the story, and for those who had not seen it, the atmosphere was admirably created. The tones of Mrs. Bauer's voice and a certain lift of her chin were reminiscent of Katherine Cornell, who has made Elizabeth Barrett live again on the stage in New York. Mrs. Bauer's interpretation of Mr. Barrett and Henrietta Barrett were exceptionally well done also. And who can forget her sweetly simpering Bella Hedley? Taken as a whole, Mrs. Bauer's performance was very good and was appreciated to the full by her sympathetic audience.

REPORT ON N. S. F. A. CONVENTION IS GIVEN

At Convocation on January 6th, Leonora Alexander reported on the Seventh Annual Congress of the National Student Federation of America, to which the University of the City of Toledo was host, from December 27th until January 1st. Miss Alexander was introduced by Miss Williamson.

On Sunday afternoon the opening plenary session of the Congress was held. After the officers had been introduced by the President, Ed Murrow, Dr. Doermann, President of the University of the City of Toledo, made the opening address. He complimented the delegates on taking up the challenge of the "lack of seriousness" cast at them by European students and advised them not to become discouraged, as ideals and quick results are incompatible. Dr. Doermann ended by extending a cordial welcome to the delegates. A short address was then given by Ed Murrow, who stressed the fact that broadness of thought should characterize the activity of the delegates so that American students might not be accused of political apathy and a lack of interest in the problems affecting the world to-day.

Following dinner that evening, an informal reception was held in the lobby of the hotel.

At the morning session on December 28th, the delegates divided into groups to discuss: (1) Way and Means (2) International Relations (3) Travel and (4) The Program—1932. It was interesting to note that although only five delegates attended the International Relations group three years ago, it proved by far the most popular group at this meeting. Both extreme pacifists and extreme militarists being present, the discussion proved so exciting that nothing could be accomplished; a committee of thirteen was appointed to draw up resolutions for discussion.

That afternoon the delegates divided into groups according to the type of college which they attended to discuss specific campus problems. At 4:30 Dr. Wilkins, of Oberlin College, addressed the convention on "Modern Trends in College Education." His general points were the steady enrichment of the college curriculum, the opening of colleges, universities, etc., to women, and the rise of extra-curriculum activities. Among the more recent trends, he suggested the differentiation between a general education during the first two years and a specialized one in the last two, selective admission, better student-faculty relations, etc. Dr. Wilkins pointed out that the existing college seems to be a preprofessional institution; there

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Mr. Dickinson Back at Hollins Again

After what has seemed a very long absence, Mr. Dickinson has at last returned to Hollins. He has been missed by all, and his many friends are very glad to see him back on campus once more.

Society



According to her custom, Miss Maddrey will serve tea in the Green Drawing-Room every afternoon during exams.

Ann Minor, ex-'35, will marry Whitney Stone, of New York City, in February.

Blue Steele visited Martha Burke Rouse and Mary Seibels Lanier in Montgomery, Alabama, during Christmas.

Jane Weightman and Roberta Gordon are going home after exams for a few days.

Suzanna Turner, Susie Cocke and Peggy MacDowell made their debuts in Roanoke during Christmas.

Sarah Simms and Emmy Lou Wilson are going to visit at Sweetbriar after exams.

Boots Houston visited Louise Spurrier in Gastonia during the holidays.

Tola Hankins is going to Philadelphia after exams.

Jane Daley intends to spend several days in Baltimore the last of this month.

Rosalie Hooper will visit Frances Briggs next week.

Mary Louise Rhodes will be the guest of Julia Taylor at her home in Suffolk for several days after examinations.

Jessie Taylor is spending several days at her home in Montclair, New Jersey, between semesters.

Margo Huffard is leaving school after examinations and will return for graduation in June.

Ann Kimmons, Helen King, Ruth Johnson, Lelia Hornor, Ann Harlan, Blue Steele, Peggy Hill, Martha Burke Rouse, Elizabeth Beasley, Clair Backs, Margo Huffard, Barbara Delle Simmons, Charlotte Hampton, Carolyn Huffard and Marion Walker are attending Fancy Dress Ball at Washington and Lee, January 29th.

Jane Folk is going to New York after examinations to attend Betty Trenbath's marriage.

Elizabeth Young was the guest of Page Rudd in Richmond during the Christmas holidays.

REVELATIONS

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many particulars the "Remarks" resemble the present policy of the school. Some extracts from the circular are as follows:

"The Principal is far less ambitious of a large, than of a well regulated and happy school; and wishes no pupil that cannot come with teachable disposition—intent, not on amusement or on empty gratifications, but on the great business of improving herself. For that, his school has always, he thinks, afforded scope, and will continue to do so."

We trust, however, that Mr. Johnston was wrong in his estimate of some pupils thus:

"Instead of that Patriarchal rule which formerly held families in order, there reigns a Democratic Equality in which the children—as forming the majority—are sovereign. In-supportable in the household, they are sent to the teacher."

After closely examining the old circular, which contains many other interesting remarks, we returned it carefully to its place, and turned to hear more from Mr. Turner. That, however, had to be postponed for the next issue when he will tell something of the moving of a seminary for girls from Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia, to Botetourt Springs, and will give extracts from the circular referred to in the above articles, also something about Monsieur Villegrande.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Rachel Geer, '31, has announced her engagement to Mr. J. C. Keyes.

Margaret Ross, ex-'33, is working in a department store in Cleveland.

Jinx Perry, ex-'33, visited Midge Walters, ex-'33, in Cleveland during the Christmas holidays.

Peggy Penick, ex-'34, made her debut in Montclair, New Jersey, during the holidays.

Florence Underwood, '30, has an honorary position in the New York Metropolitan Library.

Betty Trenbath has announced her wedding date as February 6th. Shirley Newbould, '31, Virginia Pleasants, ex-'31, Margaret Huffard and Siddy Wilson, '30, are to be attendants.

Ethel Keesler, ex-'32, is a laboratory instructor in Physiological Chemistry.

Virginia McClamrock, '29, has announced her engagement to Mr. James Hoge, of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Jessie Pollard, '31, is to read a paper on World Peace at a conference in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zay (Florence Millner, ex-'32) are announcing the birth of a daughter.

Rebecca Atkinson, '33, has pledged Pi Phi at the University of Missouri.

Margaret Anne Bryant, of Newport News, Virginia, a former Hollins student, was married December 28th to Lieutenant Armistead Denson, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Peggy Barker, '32, has pledged Alpha Phi at Northwestern University.

Gertrude Price, '33, has pledged Pi Phi at George Washington University.

Martha Grimes, '31, has recently announced her engagement and will be married soon.

Kay Slabey, '32, is studying at Barnard College.

Jean Neal, '32, is now at Connecticut College.

Hollins Has New Alumnae Secretary

Mrs. Ruth Crupper Reeves has recently been appointed the Hollins Alumnae Secretary to succeed Miss Camilla McKinney. While regretting the loss of Miss McKinney, who after three and a half successful years here has moved to New York, Hollins welcomes the new Secretary. Mrs. Reeves, an active alumna worker since her graduation in 1913, is also a prominent club woman and civic worker in Roanoke, where at present she is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Young Women's Christian Association.

Raffled Puppy is Won by Miss Virginia Messmore

Gone, but not forgotten, is the Springer Spaniel which was raffled off by the Endowment Committee. The puppy was donated by Mrs. Eunice Wetman Lindsay, of Minocqua, Wisconsin, an alumna of Hollins.

Mrs. Lindsay is the owner of the Berlin Kennels, situated on an island in one of the Wisconsin lakes. She has won many prizes at bench shows on the Cocker and Springer Spaniels raised there.

The winner of the dog, Virginia Messmore, drew number thirteen and paid only thirteen cents. The raffle produced over one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

The raffling of the puppy created much interest. Several articles describing the puppy appeared in the Roanoke papers. One of these was a feature article published in the *Roanoke World-News*.



Now that we're back at school, we can fold our napkins and pour water again, thank goodness. Christmas was a perfect nightmare as far as table manners were concerned, for it rather hurts to have one's newly acquired dignity shattered by the look of a waiter.

Speaking of Christmas, we heard then that overalls are all but a uniform at Bryn Mawr. That must be worse for education in the ways and means of dress than our eternal shirts and skirts. Think what the campus would look like if constantly overrun with students attired as if for Tinker Day.

What with all the rain 'n' everything, everyone must have decided that it is spring in spite of the calendar. Why, even Dr. McGinnis came out in gray knickers the other day.

We advise you to take all Christmas engagements, except Seniors, with a grain of salt. They usually wear off by exams. We except Seniors because it seems there is a movement on foot to have the whole class run around the table in June. As it is, eighty-five per cent. of Hollins graduates marry. The remaining fifteen per cent. doesn't seem to value its freedom, perhaps because they have never married.

If there's anything in the principle of adaptation to environment, and if the weather of last week continues much longer, webbed feet and fins should be the predominating characteristics of Hollins girls.

Because this is the "flu" season, and the season of ailments in general, let us tender a word to the wise. Vanilla ice cream to infirmity inmates; chocolate is so hard to digest!

An auto in distress, a fog horn, or a lost calf straying down the hall? The answer was all-too-forcibly brought home to sleepy heads when they grasped the fact that the mysterious noise meant one of Miss Brown's fire drills.

Strange how everyone was on time for chapel on the fourth! But, once again, a word to the wise—

Ain't it a shame about the Juniors and underclassmen pining to be Seniors so they might leave the dining room in time to get a swat at the checker board.

Did the habitués of Kellar realize that last Thursday marked the first anniversary of a very important event? And did they heave a sigh of thanks or mutter a prayer of gratitude? If they realized, it is probable that they both hove and muttered.

That a geography course is needed on campus has been shown by the delusion under which a certain Senior has been laboring. One Dorothy Sorg, has just discovered that Baltimore is not located in Virginia. Just like one of these F. F. V.'s to try and steal Maryland's thunder.