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Red Cross Opens Drive

The War Fund Drive of the National American Red Cross began on Wednesday, March first, and will extend through Saturday, March eighteenth. The Red Cross has asked each individual to give liberal financial contributions in order that this organization might carry on its work on the battlefield and the home front.

The assistance the Red Cross has given to the war effort has been unprecedented. Not only has this organization saved innumerable lives of wounded men by the use of blood plasma and hospitalization, but it has also played an important role in the maintenance of the morale of the members of our armed forces. Likewise, in the rehabilitation of occupied countries, the Red Cross has given relief to the needy in the form of food supplies and clothing. This organization, moreover, has brought comfort to prisoners of war and assurance to their families. But the work of the Red Cross is by no means limited directly to war activities. When, on the home front, such catastrophes as floods, tornadoes, fires, and disease epidemics occur, the Red Cross is always at hand to aid those in distress. All in all, the Red Cross is ready at any time to give aid and support when and where they are needed. To continue its work, the Red Cross must have funds, and to contribute to this drive is to further the interests of humanity.

Students Present Lenten Services

One of the important religious undertakings of the Y. W. C. A. is the series of chapel programs held every Tuesday during Lent. These programs are held from 5:30 to 6:00 P. M., in the chapel and conducted by students. Their purpose is to give students a deeper understanding of Lent's significance as well as affording extra services for the Lenten season. The first program in this series was held on Tuesday, February 9th in the chapel. Midge Demorest made a very interesting and inspiring talk on "Lent as a Season of the Christian Year." Jane Pande, accompanied by Sara Speed, contributed to the musical part of the service.

The next program will be held in the chapel at 5:30 on March 7th. Glovie Sydnor will depict for us "Lent as a Season of Self-Discipline." Won't you be among those present?

Bumper Crop of Activities Appear During March 4th Week-End

If Herman had been on the old Hollins' campus this past week-end of the third and fourth of March, he would have been in for the fun of his life! Even an old faculty kangaroo like Herman would have been breathless, tired, but happy at the events of the past week-end. Things began popping fast and furiously with the commencement of the big day—Hollins' Day at Heironimus. The high spot of this day, Friday, was the fashion show given by fifteen Hollins lovelies in collaboration with Heironimus store, naturally. The second floor of Heironimus was packed with interested people—all watching the goings on. Then, after all this fun, the next day was the annual battle between the Reds and the Blues! To stir everyone up there had been a rally the night before—even Herman must admit that the game didn't lack excitement, and if he happened to be a Red, well, they can come through next year. The players got their just awards that night at the Red-Blue banquet, with Miss Anderson, Peg Harris, and

Erika Mann Lectures Here

On March 10th we are to have the privilege of hearing Erika Mann speak to us on the subject of "Europe from Where I Sat: A Picture of Europe Today." Some of us forget in the heat of our political convictions that there are still, all over the world, many Germans of the old school, who loathe the Nazi regime and look forward to the "twilight of the false gods." Such a person is Erika Mann, daughter of the eminent Thomas Mann, and author of many enkindling novels. Born in Munich in 1905, Miss Mann grew up in time to witness the first world war, and to participate in the second through her powerful use of words.

Before leaving England in October of 1940, she made a radio broadcast to the German people, telling them that the war was hopeless, and thus trying, in the only way she could to save Germany from destruction again. In America she has continued to fight through lectures and books, such as *The Lights Go Down* and *Escape to Life*, which she wrote with her brother, Klaus Mann. We all look forward to hearing a new slant on the European situation from a German who speaks with authority.

Dr. Hitti Discusses Near East Problem

Friday, March 3, Dr. Phillip K. Hitti, Professor of Semitic Literature at Princeton University, addressed the student body on "The Arabian Question." Dr. Hitti's talk was refreshingly informal and was well received by the students and faculty, as was evidenced by the large attendance at the discussion afterwards. He spoke of the problems of the Arabs in connection with the Zionist movement, with some interesting sidelights on the Arabic tongue. Dr. Hitti's approach was very clear since he stopped to define his terms as he spoke, and repeatedly stressed the important parts of his talk. His subject was pertinent, because the Zion-Arab conflict will assuredly be one of the major problems around the peace table. I'm sure all will agree that Dr. Hitti's talk was an immense success from his classic opening, "... and four gentlemen," to his abrupt close. We can only hope that more lecturers like Dr. Hitti will come to Hollins in the near future.

Rinky McCurdy doing the honors. But then to make everything perfect, there was the Roller Skating party. If Herman could have seen all the enthusiastic girls going to this party, even at the risk of fallen hair (courtesy of the weather department), his faith in humanity would have been renewed. People whizzed by while others bumped by, your reporter among the last group. After generally knocking themselves out, Betty Jane Sydnor and her partner, Mr. Granger, gave an exhibition. After watching their skillful antics, the rest of the party sheepishly stepped onto the floor, and soon gaining confidence were gaily whizzing by as before. The party was brought to a resounding close by singing some of Hollins' favorites on the bus trip home. For such a short period of time the girls certainly managed to keep busy and happy, and I'm sure that the girls will agree that the school provided some pretty good entertainment for the week-end of the third. So Herman will not lose his faith in Hollins College, I'm sure.

I. R. C. Furnishes News Room

The News Room Committee of the International Relations Club, under the capable leadership of Penny Beyer, has recently turned Little Keller into a news room for Hollins students. Here, while enjoying a cigarette, one may keep up with current affairs by reading *Crisis*, *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, and numerous other periodical new magazines and journals which are placed there for the benefit of all. Maps lining the wall will aid in locating unfamiliar places.

The International Relations Club, under the direction of Pamela Oline, president, also hold informal student discussion groups on problems of national and international interest each Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. in the Y. W. C. A. room. Students are cordially invited to attend these discussions where they may feel free to express any ideas they have. At 6:00 Miss Bigelow, faculty advisor for I. R. C., gives an interesting and educational analysis of latest developments of importance.

Interested persons are welcomed at all functions of the I. R. C. Enthusiasm seems lacking in some, but the I. R. C. by means of the Keller room and the new discussion periods, hopes to foster more concern in us for the activities occurring in the world outside Hollins.

Barnwell Announces Swimming Meet

When asked to say a few words concerning the activities of the Swimming Club, Margaret Barnwell would only smile mysteriously. "It's a secret," she said, "besides I don't know anything about it—I'm only the president." As she walked away leaving me discouraged, I wondered who would know? I rambled over to the gym, just hoping. Just as I entered the door a thought struck me. Why not spy on the sacred gathering of the Swimming Club when they met at four-thirty and see for myself? "The news must go through!" became my motto. The best place to conceal myself seemed to be under the diving board. It was a bit crowded since the floor was under the board, too. But finally I was settled comfortably, note pad and pencil in hand. I dabbled my dainty toes over the edge of the pool and hummed "Stardust." Suddenly lithe forms began whizzing into the pool room to dive into the water. After swimming several lengths most of them decided that the water was too warm. At this point Betty Cobbs and Tina Ryland began to use the diving board. After the stars cleared away I peered out once more into the silence of the room. "May I say a few words..." Miss Chevrax began, pointing out sevens, and thirteens and tens on the side of the pool to Lane Winship, Jane Smith, and Patsy Ryland. They all seemed to know what it was about... Maggie blew a whistle and announced the formation for twelve would please assume their positions. At last I was to see the secret ritual! Pencil poised and eyes aglitter I sat waiting. Kathy Russell and Judy Rogers will never know what they did to me when they decided to "dive in and swim to the other end." When I regained consciousness, Agnes Grace, Patsy, and Maggie were laughing uproariously. Whispers of "then I'll dive, Patsy," and "then you can drown too, Aggie," floated over. "A fine spy you are!" I told myself as I let the editor tape my head. "Now you'll have to go to the Swimming Formation on March 14th at 4:30 and find out just like everyone else!"

Lowry Davidson Elected Student Body President



LOWRY DAVIDSON

At the regular meeting on March 7th of the student body, Lowry Davidson was elected president of Student Government for the coming school year, '44-'45. "Cis," as she is familiarly known, has proved her worthiness of this honor through the various activities in which she has participated and through the offices which she has held.

"Cis" was graduated with honors from Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia. Last year she was Sophomore Representative to the Y. W. C. A. "Cis" served on the HOLLINS COLUMNS Staff in '42-'43 as managing editor. She was among the marshalls last year, selected by Miss Randolph on the basis of poise and leadership as well as scholastic merit. Outstanding in sports "Cis" has been a member of her class hockey team for the past two years. At present she is capably serving as house president of West Building. Since the House President of West is also Secretary of the House Board and a member of the Executive Council, "Cis" has had ample opportunity to become familiar with the workings of the organizations. "Cis" was also the first of her class to be honored with membership in Freya.

The president of Student Government is one of the greatest honors which a Hollins Student can achieve. Her duties as President will include many responsibilities, such as calling and presiding over meetings of the Student Government, taking an active part on the Executive Council, and being a voting member of the Joint Legislative Committee. These various duties require speaking ability, leadership, and scholastic achievement, all of which qualities we find in our new president, Lowry Davidson.

Freshman Class Chooses Sponsor

In keeping with a long-standing Hollins tradition, the Freshman Class has elected their class sponsor. They have chosen Miss Margaret Scott to sponsor the class through its four years at Hollins. The Class of 1947 looks forward to working with Miss Scott when future class projects are undertaken, and doubtless will find their sponsor's advice wise and useful on many occasions. Miss Scott has her A. B. from Hollins College, her A. M. from Radcliffe College, and her Ph. D. from the University of Virginia. Here at Hollins she is Professor of History and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences. Asked about her new position as class sponsor, Miss Scott said that she greatly appreciated it. It is, however, the freshman class that appreciates Miss Scott.

Helion to Make Gallery Talk

Of equal interest to the faculty and students, is the gallery talk by Jean Helion to be given Sunday, March 19, in Presser Auditorium at 2:00 p. m. Jean Helion, author of *They Shall Not Have Me*, is a modern painter and could be called an abstractionist in that he completely departs from reality. He deals in line and color and not representation. We are very fortunate to have such an up-and-coming figure on our campus, so do not miss this opportunity.

Spring Play to be Given Saturday, March 25

The cast for the Spring play, "Yes and No," which will be a highlight of our long week-end, has been chosen. This cast consists of Patricia Aufenger, Judith Bell, Merrille Hewitt, Doris Bayley, Jane Smith, Mary Ann Summers and Ann Johnston. The play has an intriguing plot. In the first act, you find out what would have happened if she had said "No"; in the second act, what would have happened if she had said "Yes," and in the epilogue, what really happened. Rehearsals are already under way, and under Miss Blair's able direction, the play promises to be one of the outstanding events of the semester. It is to be produced in the Little Theatre on March 25.

Sophomores Plan Informal Dance

On Saturday, March 11, Hollins is having a dance in the gym with boys!!! Included in the guests will be those A. S. T. P. cadets from V. P. I. Miracles still do happen. A rumor has it that this dance will be the best yet. We can give our thanks to the Sophomore Class, under Molly Finn's able direction. So get out your prettiest togs and scoot down to the ballroom. (It's astonishing how those memories of forced marches with Miss Chevrax vanish when a bit of dimmed light hovers over the old gym and sweet music floats through the air.) Remember, too, that this dance means more than fun for Hollins girls. We can contribute our small bit to the war effort by showing these boys a good time.

Student Art Work Shown in Y. W. Room

Another attraction is the student art exhibit which is now on in the Y. W. room and will be until March 15th. There are numerous oil paintings, both still lifes and portraits, on display. Incidentally, several of the frames were made by these students of Art 20, 30, and 40 who offer their work for your appraisal. These art students are: Kitty Barnes, "Frankie" Belser, Frances Carver, Kitty Ford, Betty Philips, Jeanne Chare, Jane Senter, "Mimi" Smith, and Helen Anne Symons. You will be very proud of the numerous Rembrandts and Cezannes who are, amazingly enough, your classmates. Later in the spring, several of these paintings will be sent to the student exhibit in Richmond, Virginia.

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SPRING FEVER

*Flossie and Myrtle were two little freshmen,
Typical, I am quite sure.
You never have seen two girls study so hard,
Notebooks and knowledge their lure.*

*But it seems that one morning, toward the
middle of March,
They sniffed in the air something queer.
They'd smelled it before, they swore that they
had,
Then they shouted together, "Spring's here!"*

*Now both you and I know the meaning of
this,
That desire to learn—where'd it go?
Tennis court, sundeck, a picnic or hike
Or in class looking out the window.
(Accent on the last syllable, please.)*

*Oh, woe to the writtens, oh, woe to the grades,
God bless each book and each brain!
Well, what is the matter, of course, you
guessed right,
Spring fever is here once again!*

JUDY ROGERS

SPORTLIGHTS

The big Red-Blue week-end got under way with a Red-Blue rally in Keller where the teams were announced as follows: Reds: Forwards, Betty Albergotti, Midge Demarest, Lee Stewart; Guards, Ann Biggs, Betty Phillips, Betty Hamnett; Substitutes: Anne Moore, Anne Rose, Lavinia Embleton. Blues: Forwards, Rinky McCurdy, B. A. Lentz, Nika Thomas; Guards, Patsy Ryland, Franny Campbell, Merille Hewitt; Substitutes: Anne Kreuger, Frances Miller, Molly Finn, Helen Hart. Nika Thomas was captain of the Blues and Ann Biggs was captain of the Reds.

The game began at 3:00 Saturday afternoon and though they fought hard the Reds couldn't bring defeat to the Blues for whom victory in the Red-Blue basket ball game is practically a tradition. The score: Blues, 28 Reds, 16.

At 6:00 the forty-eighth Red-Blue banquet took place with Peggy Harris as chairman. Elizabeth Chewning, Betty Albergotti, Mary Frances Smith, Carol Proebel, Dodi Jones, Elizabeth Bradley, Lane Winship, and Pat McClement received chevrons. Monograms were given to Mary Nolde, Armin Cay, Betty

Hamnett, Molly Finn, B. A. Lentz, and Midge Demarest. Patsy Ryland and Peggy Harris received gold pins. The Varsity team is as follows: Forwards, B. A. Lentz, Anne Kreuger, and Neka Thomas; Guards, Patsy Ryland, Merille Hewitt, and Betty Phillips. Congratulations!

The climax of the big Red-Blue week-end was the Red-Blue roller skating party at the Westpark Roller Skating Rink near Salem from 7:30 to 10:00. Though not everyone claimed to be champion skaters, everyone had a wonderful time! Betty Jane Sydnor and Robert Granger kept everyone breathless with the intricate steps executed during their exhibition.

With the basket ball season ended we have yet to look forward to the completion of the tournaments under the supervision of Kip Milyko. The horseshoe and deck tennis tournaments haven't started yet but will when weather permits. The finals of other tournaments should be played the last week in March.

Don't forget the exhibition of formation swimming which the Swimming Club will give and riders had better plan for the spring horse show.

QUADRANGLE QUIPS

Wedding bells galore . . . Agnes Reid to Fred Jenny, and Virginia Davenport to Charles Chewning. Well, girls, this is leap year. What are we waiting for? *

We hear tell that the "Holy City" was really represented by Hollins the week-end of the 26th and that a gay time was had by all. *

Did y'all hear about that young man (aged four) at the fashion show who, after ignoring every other model, exclaimed at the sight of Pris a la bridal gown, "Oh, mamma, ain't she the purtiest thing!?" Taking them young nowadays, Pris? *

Information, girls . . . Just ask T. Tucker how to get six dates in one week. . . . She did it!!! *

After watching a "sweet young thing" swim the length of the pool in a classification test, Miss Chevraux complimented her on her good form. Her modest reply: "Oh, thank you, Miss Chevraux, but this suit doesn't do me justice." *

Wonder why Betty Lynch missed her roommate in town the other day?? Can't understand it!!! *

And then there was the biology professor who said, "Mares eat oats, and does eat oats, but little bacteria eat everything." *

Mystery of the week . . . WHO sneezed THAT sneeze? *

Betty D'Arc left us slightly stunned the other day with the remark that the saddest thing in her life was the fact that she had never been in a wedding. *

We hear tell that Freshmen worked hard scrapping up those ten dollars for the Red Cross. Seems there was a rummage sale on third floor West the other day and a great deal of buying and swapping went on; so, if you see what you think is Anne walking across campus and it turns out to be somebody else, it's not you that's wacky. *

Oh, these brothers! Mystified Keller fiends were beginning to look under couches the other day when they heard a deep male voice, but couldn't find its source. It turned out that Sally Henn's brother had sent her a recording of his voice. And speaking of Sally . . . we hear there's a feud on between two Freshmen over Cary's brother.

Editorial

Pursuing our heritage of liberal education we Hollins girls day after day tread the paths of our college, which is pocketed away so securely in its ring of mountains. It is natural that we come to feel isolated from the rest of the world and almost begin to doubt that beyond Tinker decisions are being made which shall affect our lives profoundly. No, we can't hear the guns of war—they are too far away. But we can read the records of the effects of those guns, and we can discuss the meaning of new political moves in our student meetings. Of course the natural rejoinder to this is, "I feel ashamed that I know so little about the war, but I really never get a chance to see a newspaper or to attend a meeting." We do, however, have two parts of our education. The first part is our studying, which is preparing us for life after college. The second part is to understand the obstacles we will meet in trying to apply our learning. Our study of world events is in this category. Only by trying to understand day by day the changes taking place on battlefields and in the council rooms can we hope to use our education to the best advantage. It is, therefore, our responsibility to follow the news, as much as we are responsible for our studying. As future American career women, wives, and mothers we must see clearly the road ahead if we are to take our place among the British, Russian and Chinese women.

FACULTY FREQUENCIES

To the publishers of *Faculty Fragments*: Orchids . . . for their most entertaining account of Hoiman's, I mean Herman's, visit to Hollins. We enjoyed both the account and the visit. But we were wondering how Herman could have missed, with such acute powers of observation, so many members of the faculty. After two whole visits to the classrooms of Hollins, does he know about the pet classroom expressions? (. . . as well as about the chocolate cake . . .). Do you? Think of your favorite faculty phrase and see if it's one of these: "But let's get back from this digression" (. . . could the digression have been on the subject of mares and does?)—"Is every living soul here?"—"I have a little moral lecture to give today" (but you have to understand French to know that . . .)—"I know this is taking coals to Newcastle, but . . ."—"Now this shouldn't take you very long, etc., etc." . . . eek! Those assignments!—"Well, T. S. Elliot . . ."—and "One word, please." Guess who? "Well, yes, yes, well, yes . . ." (Could he be agreeing with Wordsworth?) "What doin'? Where get this??" . . . "Is that clear?" . . . "A la fin de la derniere class . . ." "For your valentine present you will now write a paragraph of three hundred words" . . . These and many more faculty phrases float through the class rooms on the warm spring breezes. Maybe you and Herman could tell us some others; and we imagine the teachers could think of quite a few that characterize us . . . but this is where we came in.