

Students Interviewed About NRT Offer Variety Of Job Interests

A group of students was questioned about Non-Resident Term plans this week. Although a surprising number of students are very vague about their jobs, many seem to have reason to believe that they will find work in fields which are very closely related to their own interests.

Roddie Burgin is working for the Harold Cabot Company where she will be an apprentice. The company is located in Boston and is an advertising agency.

June Wineburgh intends to study Art in a small studio in New York during the mornings and do volunteer work at a N.Y.C. museum.

Liz Bergh will work for the Penn Mutual Insurance Company and she will do clerical work. She also hopes to do window decorating for Lord and Taylor.

Susan Mack is working with Tobe and Associates doing Ad layouts, paste-ups and sorting.

Joan Sheckley is studying and teaching dance in New York City.

Caroline Crane will be working for the Tolstoy Foundation which assists in the establishing of Displaced Persons. Cici will be doing clerical and office work.

Nancy Connable will be working at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. She will probably be doing Aid's work.

Cathy Orloff hopes to be working for Daniel Mann who is the director of the current shows, "Paint Your Wagon" and "Rose Tattoo".

Liz Larsen will be working in Washington for the Navy Department Aeronautics Bureau doing clerical work.

Susan Powers will be working for a Naval Architecture Firm where she hopes to do tracing and some clerical work.

Fran Dugan intends to be a clerk or a page in the House of Representatives at the State Capital, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Margot Hartman will work for a T. B. Association in New York City.

Joan Rothbart will do clerical work in a Liquor Importing Firm.

Carole Cassel will be a receptionist for N.B.C.

Lucy Byck will work for The Al Paul Lefton Advertising, Inc., in Philadelphia, Pa.

Ann Blumbarten will do apprentice teaching of music and dance for the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, Mass.

Frances Smith will be a typist for the Western Electric Company in New York City.

Marty Buel intends to take a course in welding and shop.

Donna Bear will be a prop girl in a television studio. She also intends to study Dance every morning.

Sue Patrone will be working with Photography and also hopes to be studying acting.

Helen Schoenberg will be doing some writing of her own and also working with Art Smith in New York.

Don't forget the Christmas Party Tuesday Night in the Carriage Barn.

Dining Halls, Lounge To Receive Improvements

Plans are being made to brighten up the college dining rooms next term, according to Mr. Burton L. Winslow, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

The idea to paint the dining rooms originally came from a few students, who passed it on to an approving art faculty. Then the faculty received college approval.

As things stand, the college will provide the paints and supplies. The students and faculty, who are interested, will volunteer their artistic services.

The only dining room that has ever been painted is the Center Dining Room. The other rooms, however, have never received a coat of paint except for the wall bases.

Other good news is that the trustees are seriously considering ways to refurbish Commons' lounge, and make it more comfortable and attractive. Something will definitely be done about the poor lighting in the room. The refurbishing will probably be done during the Non-Resident Term. Any student suggestions should go to Miss Charlotte Brown, Administrative Assistant to the President.

Mr. Fowlie To Speak Tonight

Wallace Fowlie will speak tonight in a Drama-Literature Seminar which is to be held in the Carriage Barn Lounge at 7:40 p. m. The subject of Mr. Fowlie's lecture will be the French Theater from 1941-1951.

Officers To Undertake New Responsibilities

The new officers elected last week are students who will be working together under the new Community Government framework. Upon this group will rest the responsibility of a better system of campus communication, for they will control the actions and methods of procedure. They will work with the new ideas and concepts inherent in the changed organizational structure to develop the relationship of Community Council to the Government and to the Community, itself.

The new House Chairmen will be the direct channel of communication on the campus and will be in charge of orientation.

Executive Chairman—**Anne Topping.**

Executive Secretary—**Cree McPherson.**

Judicial Committee—**Fifi Leser, Mr. Bloom.**

Recreation Council—**Joan Geiger, Marjorie DeWitt.**

Non-Resident Term Committee—**Joan Larson, Ruth Miller, Barbara Nehin (from last election).**

House Chairmen

Bingham—**Barbara Levine.**
Booth—**Barbara Schwanda.**
Canfield—**Alice Edge.**
Dewey—**Sally Holt.**
Franklin—**Nola Spiero.**
Kilpatrick—**Judy Blake.**
Leigh—**Jill Warburg.**
McCullough—**Anne Johnson.**
Stokes-Sanford—**Susan Powers.**
Swan—**Mary Lynn Hart.**
Welling—**Carolyn Lissner.**
Wooley—**Joan Holt.**

(House chairmen elected from Bingham, Booth, Canfield, Dewey, Franklin, and Kilpatrick will serve for one term. House chairmen elected from Leigh, McCullough, Stokes-Sanford, Swan, Welling, and Wooley will serve for a full year.)

Oral Conference For Seniors In Social Science Division

Garfield Club Issues Resolution

The Garfield Club voted December 5 to dissolve itself as a college social unit by the Spring Term, unless "positive steps are taken to institute immediately a plan for total rushing." Eighty per cent of the Club backed the resolution.

It was stressed in the resolution that the continual inactivity of a person or group to bring about a program of complete membership and, in an amendment, called on support from the student body to bring about total rushing.

The Resolution

In full, the declaration stated: "Resolved: The Garfield Club, deploring the continual inactivity and ineffectiveness of a person or group to rectify a social system which we consider archaic, intolerable undemocratic, and not in accordance with the liberal tradition of Williams College, hereby votes that:

The Garfield Club will dissolve as a social unit of Williams College as of the Spring Term, 1952, unless positive steps are taken to institute immediately a plan of total rushing which involves the admittance to a house for any man who so desires."

Added to the declaration was an amendment which stressed that total rushing is a college problem, not limited to the Garfield Club alone. The amendment points to last fall's student vote in which 58% of the college came out in favor of total rushing.

The Amendment

The Club amendment reads: "The Club takes this action, not as an independent step, but only as a move to implement the desires of the majority will of the entire college which voted less than a year ago for total membership. This problem is essentially a problem of the college and all students in it—both fraternity men and Club. We appeal to all Williams men for a better Williams College."

Out of a total of 199 Club members who voted Wednesday, 160 cast their ballots for and 32 against the measure. Seven students abstained from voting.

Miss Schlabach, the Secretary for the Social Science Division, has said that the oral conference is arranged for the student majoring in social science by her tutor. This takes place after the student has turned in the first draft of her senior thesis or project. Included in the conference are the tutor, the independent reader of the thesis who has been picked by the Secretary of the Social Science Division, and any other appropriate member of the faculty or administration.

The purpose of the oral conference is to give the student an opportunity to discuss and defend her senior project or thesis, and her total educational experience. It is expected that such an occasion will be of use to the student in securing useful suggestions for her senior project which may be incorporated in the final draft. The experience of extemporaneously formulating her ideas about her work in general will be valuable.

From the faculty point of view the oral conference will offer an additional important means for judging the effectiveness of the student's thinking as well as a check upon the adequacy of the social science curriculum in accomplishing the educational aims of the division.

In Defense Of Fraternities

by Kenneth H. Redmond, '54

In essence, the fraternity is the stronghold of democracy in this country. When I say fraternity I am referring to the concept of a group of men holding common interests and desires to live together, in a communal brotherhood. In America where the freedom of the individual is supposedly guaranteed, this right of man to associate with whom he pleases is undeniable.

The basis of what has happened at Williams is an attempt on the part of a relatively small group of students, with the approval of certain faculty members, to force their concept of rights and privileges on the majority group. They feel that they can snare the approval of the student body and the administration by appealing to the emotions. This type of thinking can lead to authoritarian

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EDITORIAL

In place of an editorial this week, we, of the staff decided to print the following letters. The letter from the Bennington graduate speaks for itself. But we hope that the letter from the First Marine Division in North Korea will elicit at least a few responses.

An Alumna Writes To Bennington College

.... "When I came to Washington I was determined to find a job all by myself and finally when I was feeling slightly ragged from trying to be so independent I found one and it served the purpose well of getting me oriented to city and government life. School has been occupying the evenings and so life seems pretty good. I guess you might say I've finally adjusted to the idea of being out of college—and it certainly is an adjustment that I don't think any of us quite realized we'd really have to make while we were at Bennington, which is, I suppose the way it should be. I know it isn't only me for I've

talked to others who also were quite surprised to find that there's just a certain amount of "preparing" that nobody else can do for you. Anyway, I have felt more and more strongly since I left Bennington that it does something for its students which is truly unique and which perhaps can best be borne out by the feeling that I know many others share with me: that we were given a wonderful start in the direction of learning how to become better human beings and now the rest is up to us. I think if any college can give you that feeling—especially if you weren't even aware of it when you came there—it's doing a swell job."

Letter From Korea

Nov. 27, 1951
North Korea

Dear Girls:

We are with the 1st Marine Division here in Korea. We have heard a great deal about the beauty and friendliness of the girls of your school.

They say that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but this doesn't seem to be true in our case. We know the people back home haven't forgotten us, yet we

just don't seem to be getting enough mail. Mail is the most important part of our lives out here. We look forward to mail-call with great anticipation.

We would appreciate it very much if some of you girls could find time to drop us a line. We would be very grateful and answer them all.

Expectantly yours,
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Pfc. Jesse Thomas.....	20	5'10	160	Brn.	Brn	Tenn.
Pfc. De Nigris.....	24	5'8	150	Brn.	Blu	Conn.
Pfc. Guy De Lottinville	33	5'11	205	Blk.	Brn	Vt.

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The following address is the same for all of us:

Rank Name
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And A Merry One To All!

by Olivia Hirsch

Well it's Jolly Old Christmas time again, and time for brotherly love and all that sort of thing. It's also time for grippe, mononucleosis and unpaid bills, but perhaps I'm being unduly cynical. Perhaps—but I don't think so. Let me tell you about last Christmas.

I left school early, because I had both mono and the grippe. Consequently I couldn't go to any of the parties that I had been breaking my neck to get dates for since last July. But no matter, into every life some rain must fall.

Mama greeted me at the door. "You've gotten fatter, dear," she chortled, "You'll never be able to fit into that new formal I bought you." I mumbled something about "having had to keep up my strength" and made for my room. My sister, Ann, was waiting for me. "You've gotten awfully fat," she chortled, "and guess what, that handsome guy you were so crazy about asked me out for New Year's, but don't worry, I said that I'd only go if you'd chaperone us." Papa came bounding into the room on the heels of this. "Ha, ha, how's the food up at Bennington, he leered.

The trimming of the Christmas tree is a "Happy Event" in our house. At least that's what Papa's psychoanalyst told him it should be. As a result we gathered 'neath it's leafy branches, determined to be happy at any cost.

Papa started the ball rolling by connecting the lights. Immediately there was a short circuit and all the lights all over the apartment went out. This, too, is an annual occurrence, so no great mind was paid to the matter. We trimmed the tree by the lights of some candles, kept expressly for the purpose. There was some small disagreement as to what should be hung where. Ann likes "masses of color", therefore she was in favor of hanging all the red balls on one side of the tree, all the blues on another, and so on. I was in favor of some mobiles, but Ann snapped, "Let's keep the modern museum out of this", so I was forced to give in. Mama liked tinsel, lots of it, we sometimes find it in the Christmas turkey, but that, of course is beside the point.

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Rummage Sale To Be Held Tues.

There will be a Rummage Sale on Tuesday, December 18. The terms and regulations are as follows:

Any portable articles, such as clothing, records, books, etc. may be submitted. No larger pieces of furniture will be accepted.

Articles should be brought to the Student Lounge between 7:00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. on the evening of December 17th. No articles will be accepted at any other time. The Store Board will not be responsible for articles left in the Store at any other time.

Articles must be tagged with tags provided on the Store counter. On each tag must be clearly written the name of the owner, description of the article, and the price. Tags must be secured to each article.

All sales are strictly cash. Nothing may leave the sale until it is paid for.

Nothing will be sold before 9:00 a. m. or after 5:00 p. m.

Owners must call for all unsold articles before 6:00 p. m. on December 18th.

Articles not collected by the owners and not sold in the Rummage sale will be given to the charity designated by the Store Board.

For sold articles, the owner will receive 65% of the selling price, 25% will be given to the Scholarship Fund and 10% will be retained by the Store.

All articles which are in the Lost and Found cabinet 6:00 p. m. on December 17th will be removed, priced, and put in the sale. 75% of the income from these sales will go to the Store and 25% to the Scholarship Fund.

The Store does not assume any financial responsibility for reimbursing people for missing articles. All articles are entered at the owner's risk.

COLLEGE FLOODS MEADOW

The college has flooded the meadow and made it a reasonable facsimile of a skating pond. The ice is safe (the faculty is not afraid to use it) and there are four more days for everyone to get into the swing of things.

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At The Stark

by Jimmie Violin

A rather intriguing mystery film entitled **The Thirteenth Letter** is in town this Sunday and Monday.

Based on the French film, **Le Corbeau**, this "poison pen" fable has all the suspense and melodrama of its predecessor, although the characters are lacking in the depth which the French have the knack of portraying so well. Depth is not really needed in this case, however, as the plot concerning a doctor and various other townspeople receiving threatening letters is enough in itself. The suspects are believable, and the culprit is not revealed until you are given a chance to squirm a little in anticipation. The cast includes Charles Boyer, Linda Darnell, Michael Rennie, and Constance Smith.

The Man With a Cloak, showing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, has an interesting title and an interesting cast but it is not a very interesting picture. The story is concerned with strange characters (Joseph Cotten) who spouts poetry, involving himself with a murder plot (instigated by Barbara Stanwyck), directed against wealthy old degenerate (Louis Calhern). There is a squabble over a will, with a French girl (Leslie Caron) trying to get money for a French Republic organization or something. The man-with-a-cloak identity is disclosed at the end of this poorly acted and poorly written picture and may be a surprise to some of you, if you haven't already lost interest.

Note: A revival of the Alec Guinness masterpiece, **Kind Hearts and Coronets**, needing no further comment here, will be showing in Williamstown on Tuesday, December 18.

NOTICE

The riding school at the College, under the direction of Warren Baker, will continue in operation throughout the winter even though the College is not in session during the Non-resident Term. Mr. Baker has classes in all age groups starting as young as six years. He is an experienced and competent instructor with a stable of seven horses, most of them blue ribbon winners. Information about the classes and rates can be obtained by phoning him at Bennington 4874.

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Dean Of Missouri U. Defends College Teachers

Columbia, Mo. (I. P.)—Defending college teachers who concentrate on their own field, Dean Elmer Ellis of the University of Missouri College of Arts and Science, declares that specialization is a necessity of modern education, and adds: "Specialization is necessary if what we teach is to have more validity than what anyone can hear over the air or read in the newspaper. The broadcaster and the columnist can do the superficial. If we need colleges at all, it is for something different and something less common."

"To reward flashy, merely popular teaching," he said, "and to overlook solid, substantial instruction, is as harmful as to ignore distinctive teaching entirely."

Dean Ellis warned against overloading a young beginning teacher with a heavy schedule, and preventing his continued advancement in his own scholarship. "The manner in which we initiate a new instructor in most colleges and universities tends to prevent his developing his teaching skills to their maximum," Dr. Ellis said. "The new teacher is usually given the heaviest teaching load of his career when he has the least experience. The usual method is to load upon him not only a full schedule, but also one made up of the unwanted and cast-off courses of his department."

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A Student Speaks For Total Rushing

by Seth Shapiro '53

We all recognize that freedom has limits. In this country, act as you please as long as you don't infringe upon the actions and freedom of others. At Williams, the Fraternity man makes much of his right to select his own friends. Applying the limit of freedom principle no one would deny him this right as long as he doesn't hurt other people. In other words the selecting process should be weighed; in the Williams situation we should weigh the good that comes from selective small group living as compared to infringement of rights of the non-fraternity man.

The advantages that one received from eating, playing and living in a small group will probably be enumerated by Mr. Redmond to infinity. But what about the hurt inflicted upon the man who can't get into a fraternity.

Let us first examine the selecting process that puts one-fifth of Williams College into an organization dedicated to providing a social unit for those men who don't come up to fraternity standards. Upon entering Williams most of us thought that we were going to spend four years with our equals. But this turned out not to be the case. Dr. Weiss, a professor at Yale who delivered a lecture at Williams on this problem a few weeks ago stated, in essence, that having gained the recognition of admission because of certain common achievements and standards there is no valid reason for a contemporary to assert that another is unequal. At Williams we find that one-fifth of the student body is judged socially unequal and relegated to the Garfield Club because of the judgment of contemporaries. This happened the first week at school and is quite a blow to the students who find themselves rejected. The first blow might soon wear off and self-respect might be restored within a matter of days, or weeks, when the student finds out that there are a lot of other people in the same boat. He may take consolation in numbers and might even consider himself an acceptable person again, but for the fact that he is constantly being judged by his social affiliation. This might be hard for a Bennington girl to understand, but the fact remains that there is a stigma attached to belonging to the club. The initial rejection and the subsequent self-consciousness experienced by Club-men can attack a person at the roots of his being.

Should one fifth of the college be subjected to rejection by four-fifths? I think not, and furthermore fifty-eight per cent of this college thinks not, as was evidenced by a vote last spring on the Williams campus. Selective fraternity living has been found to be infringing upon the rights of others and should be modified so that it can play its important role at Williams without hurting one out of every five students.

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domination of the individual, and infringes upon his right to associate with whomever he pleases.

The argument has been misinterpreted by many students. They have listened to the appeals of the club faction and have been swayed into thinking that they are guilty because they have been "accepted". If many of these students could be brought to the realization that this is a revolt against the rights of the individual, I do not doubt that they would withdraw their support.

No man can coerce recognition. Coercion is what the club faction is promoting. Fraternity life is based upon free association. Fraternity acceptance is based upon free association. When you take away this element of freedom you accept a man merely because of his status and not because of his individual attributes. This leads to lack of self-respect on the part of the man who has forced his own acceptance.

How have the members of the Garfield Club tried to overcome the fact that they have not been accepted by a fraternity? Have they utilized their potential power to better their organization? No, they waste their energies and resources on rationalizations and criticisms of the system that they believe has caused their exclusion. By forcing their acceptance, they are, in actuality, defeating their own purpose; attainment of fraternity membership.

You cannot correct evil (their conception of evil) by destroying a system. Evil is in man as an individual and can only be approached through the individual.

I am not denying the fact that the fraternities at Williams have extended their influence beyond a purely social sphere. This is a particular problem of the fraternity as an organization and can only be corrected from within the fraternity, assuming that we are to act within the limits of democratic processes.

We should keep in mind that the fraternity is a free, private organization of a social nature.

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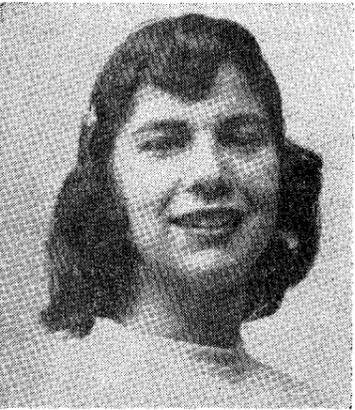
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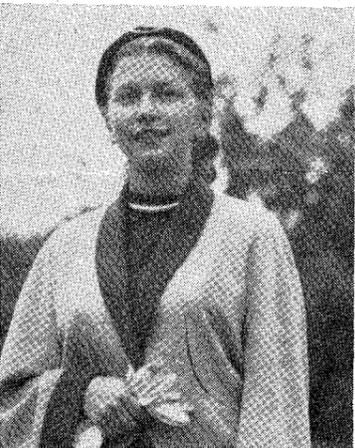
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A Merry Christmas From The Bennington Weekly

Pres. Baxter Offers Statement

In light of the Garfield Club move to dissolve by the spring term unless positive steps for complete rushing are immediately instituted, College President James P. Baxter III, announced Saturday that the Board of Trustees will consider the Club resolution in its January meeting.

At the same time, President Baxter stated that the college will provide eating facilities in Currier Hall if the Club dissolves and that plans for a new Club building under the present circumstances "would seem useless" while a Student Union project now "calls for a high priority."

In regard to college plans in the event the Garfield Club dissolves, the President remarked, "If the Garfield Club should go out of existence in February, the College will take over the provision of meals in Currier Hall and endeavor in every other way to make the change as smooth as possible."

And A Merry One To All!

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As for Papa, he wanted to get the whole thing done with and get back to Milton Berle. The argument ended when one of the candles accidentally set fire to one of the branches and the whole tree burnt up.

Christmas dinner is another annual Happy event in which the whole family participates. Last Christmas our board was graced with the presence of Aunt Marion, Uncle Lewis, Grandma, Uncle Peter, Aunt Bess and Cousin Liz, who was visiting cousins Marcell and Odette, (one can find out all about them if one reads Adlar's book on Childhood neurosis.) It was a Merry Gatherin of the Clan. The first subject we got on was diets (I never could figure out what brought that up, or perhaps I didn't want to figure it out). "I've weighed a hundred and ten pounds for the last ten years," said Aunt Marion, complacently.

An Experiment Held In Undergrad. Social Sciences

Athens, W. V. (I. P.)—To give unity to undergraduate social studies and the sciences, Concord College, on the experimental basis, is scheduling for summer terms a workshop in each of the fields, according to an announcement by Dean David Kirby.

In one workshop called Social Science Synthesis an attempt will be made to bring together into a third dimensional view the social studies in the undergraduate's program. The foci of the undertaking will be the bearing of social studies on community life of the individual citizen and the purposes of the study for the public schools.

"You're a liar" snapped Aunt Bess (she could never stand Uncle Peter who was married to Aunt Marion, thus she tended to be a bit hostile). "Stand up, look at you, fat, all fat." "Don't you talk to me like that you..." "Hehe heh, said Mama "What does everybody think of the world situation." "I voted for Wallace in the last election", snapped Aunt Bess. Papa turned purple, so that subject was dropped, too. It was then that I started counting the days until school started.



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