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BOAR'S HEAD IS QUEENS TRADITION

Six Seniors Are Listed In Who's Who

Announcement has been made by the office of the President of Queens that six seniors will be listed in the 1949-50 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The students so honored are: Peggy Barrentine, Grace Marie Childs, Eleanor Godfrey, Belva Morse, June Patterson, and Ruth Porter.

Students whose names appear in this publication are chosen by a special committee on the basis of scholarship, leadership, cooperation in educational and extracurricular activities, general citizenship, and promise of future usefulness.

Peggy Barrentine, of Charlotte, has served as treasurer of Day Student Council, as a member of legislature and S.C.A. committees, and as Vice-president of S.C.A. She is now President of the Senior Class and President of Alpha Kappa Gamma. She is a member of Phi Mu social sorority and has been in the May Court for four years.

Grace Marie Childs, also of Charlotte, has been Secretary of the Freshman Class, an active member on S.C.A., and legislative committees, and a member of Valkyrie and Alpha Kappa Gamma. She has been secretary and treasurer of Student Government and is currently Day Student Vice-president of Student Government. Grace belongs to Chi Omega social sorority and has been a member of May Court three times.

Eleanor Godfrey, Winston-Salem, was freshman representative to Boarding Student Council. She has successively been Secretary and Treasurer of Student Government, and at the present time is Boarding Student Vice-president. She has been President of the Sophomore Class, Vice-president of the Recreation Association, a member of Valkyrie, Alpha Kappa Gamma, Legislature and Honor Council.

Belva Morse, also of Winston-Salem, has been an active member of S.C.A. committees and cabinet and is now President of the Student Christian Association. She

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Alumnae Meet In Charlotte

The Charlotte chapter of the Queens College Alumnae had a luncheon meeting at one o'clock Saturday, December 10, in Ebird's private dining room in Charlotte. All alumnae of Charlotte and vicinity were invited to this meeting.

The plans for the luncheon meeting were made final at a meeting of the board of directors in the first week in December. It was decided that the program was to be brief and informal. The main idea was to meet and talk with old friends again. Special guests at his luncheon meeting included members of the Queens College Administration Board.

The officers of this alumnae chapter are as follows: President—Mrs. Thomas R. Gregory; Vice-President—Mrs. Mary M. Sonneborn; Secretary—Mrs. Edward M. Smith; Treasurer—Mrs. Frank O. Sherrill, Jr.

Loan Fund Is Available

The Lily Long Alumnae Memorial Loan Fund is available to members of the senior class in the amount of \$150 for each individual loan. With a view to the fact that students might be interested in using the loan fund for the second semester, the Alumnae Association is making this announcement. Information can be obtained from the Public Relations Office.

"Miss Lily," as she is remembered, was a member of the faculty and administrative staff of the Charlotte Female Institute from its beginning and continued to serve when the college came under control of the Presbyterian Church in 1901 as Presbyterian College for Women. She was its president from 1896 until 1900 and was retired in 1910.

In 1925 the Alumnae Association presented Miss Long with a gold brooch as a symbol of respect and esteem. Later she was selected as its first life member. Lily Long Dormitory was named in her honor, and in 1929 the alumnae established the loan fund in her memory.



Is There A Santa Claus?

(In the entire history of journalism no one has ever written an editorial on Christmas that could even compare with that of Francis P. Church in the *New York Sun* of 1897. Because of its appropriateness and charm, the *Blues* reprints it here.)

Dead Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "if you see it in the 'Sun' it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

S.C.A. Cabinet Leads Carols

New students may have looked at the white, somewhat obscured picture on page 101 of the Handbook. If they have, they have probably wondered what it was intended to symbolize, for the picture almost is not there. To students who know of the part that S.C.A. has traditionally played on the campus the picture is full of meaning.

The origin of the practice is obscure, but for many years following the Boar's Head dinner and the Christmas party for the servants in Burwell Hall, members of the S.C.A. cabinet, dressed in white, have formed a cross on the front steps of Burwell. Holding long lighted candles above their heads, cabinet members then lead all students and faculty, who are grouped in the drive and on the front campus, in singing carols. This carol service is the last of the annual Christmas celebrations on the Queens camps.

P.H.C. And S.C.A. Sponsor Drive

It has been traditional for Pan-Hellenic council and S.C.A. to sponsor, prior to Christmas, a white gift service. Gifts have been collected and distributed throughout Charlotte or have been sent abroad for the last four years.

This year when Pan-Hell and S.C.A. met, they discussed many projects which they might undertake, and their conclusion was to have a silver gift service, the proceeds of which are to be sent to the American Mission to Lepers. It was through an article by Dr. Kellersburger (who brought "Pete the Pig" to our campus last year) that this group realized that the needs of leper colonies in Africa and India are as great as ever.

As little as one dollar will take care of the cost of running the colony's farm area for one day; five dollars will provide medicine for a leper for a whole year; and twelve dollars will provide cloth-

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Students Observe Annual Christmas Festival Tonight

December 15, 1949, is an important date in the Queens calendar, first because it is the last full day on campus before Christmas vacation, and secondly because it is the date of the Boar's Head dinner. The Boar's Head is an annual tradition at Queens, and Miss Rena Harrell and Miss Helen Strickland, who share responsibility for planning the festive ritual, are the sources for the following facts about it.

About 1934 Miss Alma Edwards, then dean of students, collaborated with Miss Harrell in introducing the Boar's Head ceremony to Queens. The move held special significance because it had long been a feature of Queens College, Oxford. In 1939 Dr. Calvin Linton expanded and re-wrote the proclamation in the form which is now used. So far as can be ascertained, only two other schools in the United States perpetuate this service. One is Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania; the other is Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, an Episcopalian institution in Evanston, Illinois.

This year's celebration at Queens, an adapted version of the longer and more elaborate English original, will have the following students as principals: reader, Kellah Murray; bearer of the boar's head, Dot Thomas; trumpeters, Peggy Barrentine and Barbara Ann Jobe. In the past few years there has been a tendency to regard these parts as honors available to seniors.

Selected members of the Davidson College band's brass section under the direction of Professor James C. Pfohl supply music and

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Many See Q. C. Film

The movie on life at Queens that we have all enjoyed seeing has been shown in numerous places in the past weeks. It has been shown to the Central High School senior girls, to the Harding High, Tech High, and Mecklenburg County High School girls, and in the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Kingstree, South Carolina. In December it has already been presented at a Chapel Hill Alumnae Chapter meeting at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church, Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Avondale Presbyterian Church, Plaza Presbyterian Church,—all here in Charlotte; also to a group of high school girls in Shelby, N. C.

In the future the movie is to be shown at the First Presbyterian Church, Blytheville, Ark.; at the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., and St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, N. C. In February it is to be shown at the South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Ga.

Calendar Of Events

December 15
Boar's Head Dinner

December 16
Christmas Vacation

January 2, 1950
Return of the Natives