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# The Johnsonian

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## Editorial Asides

And again comes up the question of whether social clubs are "to be or not to be." It seems rather useless to get excited and upset over this issue every year. Social clubs might be abolished now, but we would be willing to be the nickel left from our September allowance that before the year is over there would be groups of girls working for social purposes.

Perhaps instead of abolishing clubs they could be reformed to bring about desired results. Less formality and more sociability would come near accomplishing the original purpose than the present set-up does.

Only one line out of two paragraphs was allotted to Rect: D. E. Veale of Clemmons, S. C., in the story Review of his visit last year for yes

pern at Winthrop. Another member of the faculty captured the attention of the student body. Last Sunday night he impressed his audience to the extent that his now six-year-old son faded from the spotlight. Rect: Veale discussed the constitutional sesquicentennial.

### STAFF TRYOUTS

Johnsmen tryouts for the editorial staff will begin Thursday night at 6:30 when all would-be members of the Fourth Estate meet in the publication room.

Details of the tryouts will be given at this meeting.

## Three New Instructors Added To Winthrop Faculty This Week

### Commerce, Music, And Social Science Staffs Enlarged

Three new faculty members have been added to the Winthrop college staff during the past week.

Louis Rostinger, a bachelor of music and master of music degrees from Illinois Wesleyan university, comes as instructor in the music department. Mr. Rostinger, formerly instructor in voice and theory of music at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas, will teach voice and sight singing, and direct the boys' glee club and mixed chorus at Winthrop Training School.

Charles Houston of New York city came to Winthrop last Saturday morning in the commerce department. Mr.

Houston received his bachelor's degree from Drury in Springfield, Mo., and his master's degree from Clark in Worcester, Mass.

He has completed two years of graduate work at New York university. Prior to coming to Winthrop Mr. Houston was connected with Granberry and Company of New York Accounting, Statistics, and Introductory to Business are the courses he will teach.

Miss Ruth L. Roettlinger comes as instructor in social science. Miss Roettlinger, formerly tutor and instructor at Mills college, received the A. B. degree from Ashbury college, M. A. degrees from Radcliffe and University of Kentucky, and she has completed most of the requirements for a Ph.D. Miss Roettlinger was a member of Winthrop faculty during 1937-38, and again in 1938-1939.

### Unusual Advertisement Received by Freshman

The Homanick (Homanick) for Missing the Bay (Homanick) freshman eagerly torn open the gray envelope postmarked Clemmons, S. C. A photograph dropped to the floor and was more eagerly grabbed up.

A started "Ooh!"

A girl with an incredulous stare,

followed by a long laugh said with good humor:

The picture was of The Bay Back Home, a freshman like herself, but not as she had known him. It was his grin, his eyes, but heaven help me—not his thick, curly hair. There was no hair—just stubble.

Underneath the picture in black printing ran the advertisement: "Did your house of mice the easy way. White rats will do the job. See her."

## JUNIORS ELECT REMAINDER OF CLASS OFFICERS

### Ida West Chosen Board Member; Other Positions Filled

A board member, a vice president, a cheerleader and three senators were elected by members of the junior class at a meeting Friday night in main auditorium.

Marie Davis and Mamie Hendrickson were elected vice president and cheerleader respectively.

Marie Davis is from Abbeville. She is president of the Music club and a member of Kappa Sigma Gamma social club.

Mamie, who is from Laurens, is a two-year commerce major and is a member of Pi Sigma Phi social club.

Edie West is from Greenville, elected board member. She is a member of Delta Sigma Chi, the Wade Hampton Literary society and Alpha Zeta.

Two permanent senators, Mrs. Darlene of Darlington, and Dolly Dugay of Charlotte, N. C., and one temporary senator, Hettie Smith of Abbeville, were elected.

Miss Ida West, who is from Whitthrop, was chosen to be the permanent senator. She was the first to be elected. She is a sophomore, and she said she was mistaken for a Winthrop daughter.

Miss Sims had no childish yen for writing.

ing. Upon finishing school she taught in Georgia. From her experiences in that field came "World With a Fence," which she confided, is really autobiographical. After teaching history and French for two years and smattering of arithmetic and English and various other subjects for one year, she worked on six months as society editor on the "Collegian" paper in Abbeville. "The editor," she said, "told me I was doing a terrible job. She married after working for a time on the business of advertising, and since has lived for three years in Greenville and seven in Charlotte.

Marian Sims began writing only five or six years ago. "It was in the midst of the depression; I was married, and there was nothing to do, so I wrote."

She completed and had published three novels and 30 or 35 short stories, having written for nearly all current magazines.

"I suppose it takes about one year to write each novel, except my first, which took much longer—I wrote it over four times."

"Give me a padded cell," she exclaimed, straightening from the nonchalant position to tell of the quiet she must have when writing. "I'm too easily disturbed. But it's only habit, for I could I could get my lesson half an hour in a room where a dozen people were talking at once. But not now."

When asked about her favorite author, Mrs. Sims said she had favorites. "I like some for one thing, and some for another—but I can't think what I want to, anyway."

"But I do read a lot," she continued. "As far as I can remember, I've been acquainted with it, but I like some of it." She is "simply wild" about Edna St. Vincent Millay's latest volume, "Conversation at Midnights." "My copy of it is simply ragged. I've read it so much."

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## Angeline Towell Judged Queen In Freshman Beauty Contest



Angeline Towell, Batesburg, was judged queen of the freshman class in a freshman beauty contest sponsored by Zeta Alpha in Johnson hall auditorium Thursday night. Second place went to Anna Willmon, Greenville, and honorable mention to Betty Taylor, Lexington. Zeta Alpha is the campus club.

Other entrants in the contest were: Ethel Sleeper, Sylvia Nees, Augusta Godbold, Sarah Hicks, Cornelia Hipp, Francis Day, Florence Barker, Pauline Maye, Mary White, Franklin Henry, Vickie Miller, Virginia Gaudin, Neil Hamilton, and Peggy McAdoo.

Each entrant wore a number up to 17 and was judged by her number.

Judges for the contest were: Mrs. Eliza Wardlaw, head of the chemistry department, and Thomas W. Noel, head of the department of commerce.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Margaret McMillan at the piano.

Twenty-two out of the five hundred and forty-two freshmen who were tested during freshman week have been cited by the Registrar's office for their high scores. There are a few who arrived late and others who were excused because of illness still to take the tests, according to J. O. Kelly, registrar.

At the meeting which has been completed, the following list of those taken in one or more tests has been taken: Lillian Ann Blair, Columbia; Alice Elizabeth Blake, Darlington; Mary Elizabeth Bullard, Greenville; Hallie Chandler, Sumter; Mary Louise Cole, Washington, D. C.; Catherine Louise Davis, Columbia; Ned Carter Ecker, Columbia; Glynn Hope Fahey, Orangeburg; Mary Elsie Garner, Union.

Nancy Cobb Garrett, Bates; Morris Keister Glencoe, Walhalla; Virginia B. Givens, Kinston; Annie Davis Higgins, Donalds; John Knight, Page; Mildred Evelyn Lettice, Newberry; Helen Louise Metcalf, Aikenhurst; Julia Ray Netles, Leo; Mary Margaret Phillips, Belton; Elaine Alice Schwinge, Darlington; Elizabeth Wolf Shuler, Holt Hill; Catherine Gibbs Taylor, Ardmore, N. C.; Marion Elizabeth Thompson, Columbia.

Numbers of others made high scores, but these listed are the highest.

## PRESS CLUB TO SPONSOR STATE CONTEST

### High School Story-of-the-Month to Be Printed in 'The State'

The Winthrop college Press club and The State Columbia newspaper will sponsor a story-of-the-month competition for high school newspapers in South Carolina during the coming year, according to Virginia Davis, president of the Press club.

Five trophies will be awarded at the end of the contest in April. The school having the largest number of points in all classifications combined will receive The Columbia State award, a silver loving cup which becomes the permanent property of the winner. Trophies will also be given to the paper having the largest number of points in each of the four classifications: editorial, interview, news story, and feature.

This contest will open to high school clubs and interclass newspapers, and school sections in local newspapers. Each month the school registered may enter two articles in each of the four classes, the best of which will be printed in The State during the month.

The winning school will be credited with points for first, second, and third places. Competitions begin with September entries and will end at April.

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## Mary Barnes Wins Extempore Contest

College Parliament Declares "Japan in China"

Mary Barnes, junior of Manning, won the extemporaneous contest "Japan in China," held at the College of the Palmettoes meeting in Clio hall Wednesday afternoon.

Parliamentary law and procedure was announced as the plan for the first semester meetings of the Parliament. All interested freshmen were invited to attend the meeting.

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Rev. Herbert Vespers Speaker Rev. Bryce Herbert of the Methodist church, Camden, S. C., will speak at vespers Monday night at 6:30 in the amphitheater.

## Artists of World Fame To Appear Here in Entertainment Series

### To Assign Chapel Seats

Chapel seats will be assigned at chapel services on Wednesday, September 26, at 11 a.m. by John C. Kelly, registrar. All students are required to stand so that they may be assigned their regular seats for the season 1937-1938.

Seniors are requested to occupy the right or south section, Juniors the center section, sophomores the left or north section, and the freshmen the balcony and seats in the rear of the auditorium.

### Metropolitan Bass, First On Course, To Sing October 6

Celebrated artists of world acclaim will appear on the Artists' Course numbers throughout the 1937-38 session of Winthrop college, beginning next month.

On October 6, Ezio Pinza, basso of the Metropolitan opera will be featured. Mr. Pinza is a native of Italy and joined the Metropolitan Opera group in 1926. In regard to his performances the San Francisco Chronicle's verdict



EZIO PINZA, OCTOBER 6

was that Mr. Pinza is "unquestionably the greatest singing basso of the day." Cornelius Otis Skinner will appear in a solo drama of her original sketches on November 4. Miss Skinner is said to be within herself a complete theater, comic and tragic.

November 26, the Salisbury Opera Guild, directed by G. Hurlock, will represent the combination of acting talent and music. The cast is made up of several well-known names in the opera orchestra, and will interpret operatic works, both old and modern.

Efrem Zimbalist, celebrated Russian violinist, will give a concert on January 10. Mr. Zimbalist made his American debut twenty-five years ago in the Boston Symphony orchestra.

On January 24, 1938, Engel Land brings to the stage a type of racial comedy that has never been seen before. Land directs the folk of the Negro race through songs by means of a few preliminary words of explanation, she sketches the content of each song which she then brings to life through (Continued on Page Four)

### Closed Study Period Begins For Freshmen

#### Faculty Committee Approves Recommendation of Senate

Closed study period in the freshman dormitories for the first semester was recommended by the faculty committee on study meeting for the fall session Tuesday at 5 o'clock in Johnson hall. The faculty committee on student affairs has approved the recommendation.

The main discussion was led by Mrs. Morgan, president, Ruth Benson, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

## Tribble to Head Town Girls' Group

Committee members were discussed at the meeting. Yvonne Tribble, a senior, was elected to the position of chairman of the town girls' committee.

Miss Hogarth presented a pattern for Y station. The cabinet decided to buy individual orders.

Groups To Hear Artists

### Fifty-Two Plan to Attend Performance in Charlotte

Committee members were planning to go to Charlotte October 26 to hear a group of famous musicians. They will be in Charlotte both afternoons and the night program.

The afternoon performance will begin at 3 o'clock. The artists to be heard are: Paul Draper, violinist; Claude Hackett, tenor; Mary Meade, contralto; and Jeanette Winterson, soprano. All of these except Mr. Draper will appear again on the night's program.

The concert at night will be at 8 o'clock and will consist of selections by pianist Joe Iturbi, two groups of selections by John Charles Thome, and two groups by Mme. Elizabetheth Retzberg, who is substitute for Mrs. Cigna. Miss Cigna is unable to make the trip because she has had difficulty with Almondin over her project.

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## McLaurin Dormitory Boasts Escapeless Fire Escape

BY SARAH ROSENMILK

"What is that big, green, funnel-like thing?" asked the inquisitive freshman who we were escorting around the dormitory. "It's called a fire escape," we mumbled. "Fire escape," and continued one contemplative of more serious matters.

Our freshman persisted: "But how do they escape?" "Oh, they don't escape. Those were used for what was once known as 'freshman rating,' but now they are still there to make topics of conversation and feature articles for the Johnsonian," we proudly replied.

Gazing at the fire escape back of South with what was a look of sorrowful remembrance of that which has gone forever (meaning, of course, rating), we were suddenly thrust back into the realm of reality. How did they escape? There stood the "green funnel," but if there was to be any escape down it, it would have

to be done by a Naijinsky in a flying leap into the air. For there was no approach to the escape from the dormitory.

Our detective instincts were aroused and we went on the trail of the why-see-and-hoistee of the missing approach of the South fire escape.

The whysee was simple: porch approaches removed; result—approaches and escapeless fire escape.

But the howfore angle had us baffled for a time. We interviewed all manner of people—gardeners, maid-servants, etc.—and all of them had the same answer.

"It's closed," said the maid-servant.

"Closed?"

"Yes, it's closed."

"Closed?"

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The Johnsonian wants to merit a reputation for accuracy, thoroughness, and fairness in covering the Winthrop campus. Will you kindly call our attention to any failure to measure up in these three fundamentals of good journalism?

## NOBODY BUSY

(A guest editorial)

A life of rich and varied experiences, which we need for fullest self-development, never comes wrapped up in a package with the bad or undesirable eliminated. We must do the sorting and choosing, and if we are not careful, we may play tricks on ourselves that we will not enjoy.

At Winthrop there is much sorting and choosing to be done because of the numerous experiences found here. There are, however, some fundamental experiences that lead to the self-development of each of us. Yet, these activities cannot accomplish this purpose unless each student fulfills the responsibility to herself, to others, and to Winthrop by cooperating to make these experiences richer and fuller. By this cooperation, we have become "nobly busy."

We are all busy at Winthrop. Yet, to accomplish our task, we must be "nobly busy." When the college is ended, and you look back over its hours, what will have made its success, and what will have made its happiness? Have you been "nobly busy" today? I leave to you the answer.

—Briggs Anderson  
(President Student Government Association.)

## "BARBAROUS!" SAY ETIQUETTE BOOKS

If you moved into a strange town and were invited by one of your acquaintances to a party, would you not be very much amazed if your hostess asked you to share the expenses of the entertainment? And suppose you were invited out several times a week, maybe every day for a while—always being asked to bring a certain amount of money.

Incredulous and preposterous? Not by a long shot! For that is exactly what is happening here. Almost 600 new students have moved into our midst. Social clubs immediately started the mad rush to "get" the students of their choice. It is against rules to spend money on rushes before a certain date, so we evade the rule by "dutching" all entertaining. Because a few clubs started this method of pre-season rushing, most other clubs have felt the necessity of "keeping up with the Joneses" until the system is now general over the campus.

The situation, which is not a normal one, is deplorable. We are doing something that in our own homes would be unspeakably bad taste. If clubs want to "rush" early—and presumably they do—their should be by all means assume the entire expense of any parties, suppers, teas, etc., that they give. To do less is a reflection on the social clubs.

And if unauthorized rushing is to start early—and it has—formal rushing and pledging should be set early in October in order that the student body might settle down to normal living as soon as possible. Then the remainder of the social activities could be spread more evenly over the year, rather than being lumped together in a few months. Moreover, we feel sure that more than one freshman's pocketbook is feeling the strain of its owner's popularity.

Social clubs, we believe, are splendid in a school like Winthrop. They help furnish a phase of life that is most missed here. But the value of these clubs lies in the way they are handled. Our present "rushing" tactics certainly are not worthy of the purpose of the clubs.

## CLOSED QUIET HOUR IN FRESHMAN HALLS

The recent action of the Senate and faculty committee in recommending closed quiet hour for all freshmen during the first semester was timely and constructive. The legislative group met an unfortunate situation with the best solution they could find.

Having a closed quiet hour in Roddy and Breazeale does not mean that we are going back to the dark ages of needless restrictions. But it does show that we recognize undesirable conditions and are desirous of adjusting them sensibly and wisely.

With the present crowded conditions of three girls in a room that was designed for only two, order and quiet are more necessary than ever if any work at all is to be accomplished. The nocturnal "open-house nights" which would surely result if free visiting were allowed would help to make the congestion "an awfully mess." Closed quiet hour, therefore, is to protect the freshmen from themselves by insuring an environment conducive to study.

Furthermore, if the battle is begun right, it is already half won. This is only another way of saying that when good habits are formed, the need for rules is destroyed. Half a year's practice in "working while you work and playing while you play" should be sufficient to teach each new student that there is a definite time for both in her schedule.

## WINTHROP DAY BY DAY



Diary: Up—but rather in a vague fashion. To breakfast in a blue mood, and a lovely morning. Final examinations are over, and my mother said my boy had been spiffy-bound and I was cheered suddenly—until I found it to be that of a fellow boarder. (There happens to be three of such to see box these days!) To classes, then, and to a very interesting session under Dr. Robert, where form music was discussed in the manner of 25 true connoisseurs. Imagine, my dear! (Well, at least I could try.)

To bed, to bed, to bed. To dreams!

To bed, to bed, to bed.



# TRAINING SCHOOL

## Four Out-of-Town Games

Scheduled by W. T. S. Team

Coach R. E. Blakley of Training School has announced the football schedule in district competition, the schedule consisting of four games, three in the district competition; and one other, all away from home.

Coaches of district four (York, Chester, Lancaster, Kershaw, and Fairfield counties) of the state high school league met at Chester, September 18, to map schedules. They divided the district into upper and lower divisions. In the upper half are Lancaster, Fort Mill, York, and Training School, in the lower half are Kershaw, Winnsboro, Great Falls, and Kershaw Springs.

The coaches in division will play and decide a division champion by October 22. Then on October 29 upper and lower champions play to decide a district winner, this winner to enter further elimination with other district champions.

The Training School schedule to date is as follows:

October 8, Lancaster, there.

October 15, Fort Mill, there.

October 22, York, there.

October 29, Kershaw at Kershaw.

Coach Blakley hopes to schedule three or four additional games to be played on the home field.

## Dr. Wheeler Discusses Plans For Kiwanis Club Hobby Show

A hobby show sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will be held October 22, announced Dr. P. M. Wheeler in Training School chapel last Tuesday. It has not been decided just where the exhibit will take place.

The show is divided into four classes—art, nature, science, and miscellaneous. Sixteen prizes are being offered, four in each class. Bob Bryan is offering a trophy as the best exhibit in the entire show. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is offering a second prize for the next best exhibit.

## Winthrop P. T. A. To Have Reception

Winthrop Training School Parent-Teacher association will entertain at their annual meeting parents and teachers of the school Friday evening from 8 to 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. D. Thornton in Cherry

## Wins \$650 Scholarship



Lewis McDowell of Rock Hill, son of Mrs. S. T. McDowell, left Sunday for St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, as winner of the Matthew Fontaine Maury scholarship, awarded by the U. D. C. on the basis of Confederate ancestry and scholastic record.

The scholarship has a value of \$650 per year for four years at any college in the United States. Lewis was granted it from Winthrop Training School in June, and was administrator of his class.

## Freshman Debaters Hold First Meeting

Kelvin Discusses Activities; Delegates Divided Into Groups

The Freshman Debaters' league held its first meeting Thursday afternoon in Civic hall.

Dr. Warren Keith explained the purpose and usefulness of the Freshman Debaters' league and discussed the activities planned for the coming year.

Manager Ann Gilpinson, assisted by Mary Ellen Adams, secretary, divided the group into the three orders of Coronets, Martlets, and Hussars in accordance with those orders in Debaters' league.

"Resolved that freshmen should have upperclassmen privilege" was announced as the topic for debate at the next meeting.

MARIAN SIMS REFUSES TO TAKE HERSELF SERIOUSLY  
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She sighed, then muttered, "Oh, golly, it's wonderful!"

"I can't think of anything I don't like," she said. "I like golf, walking, working in the yard, bridge, swimming, and everything."

She had just returned from her vacation, which took the group a while to Peewee's Island. "That's the place," she affirmed. "She loves the surf as well as the informality of the island. She didn't have to dress drink cocktail, and go to tea. That's what I call living."

As for living, Mrs. Sims thinks there is no other place she could live but the South. "It's just like a family, though. Sometimes it makes me sad."

"Now I have to get on back to Chicago and start work again," she concluded. "I just got back in town last night and the maid met me at the door this morning with a list of necessities that I measured off at least a foot, then plumped her hat haphazardly on her head.

## SENIOR PROCTORS APPOINTED IN FIVE DORMITORIES

### Two Assistants Are Appointed For Each Hall

Fifteen senior proctors have been selected to serve on house councils of the five dormitories.

In each residence hall there are three senior proctors who are chosen by a committee composed of the board members in the dormitory, the student government president, and the house officers of the dormitory. Each senior proctor appoints two or more assistant proctors to work with her in carrying out house rules.

Those serving in the dormitories on first, second, and third floors respectively are: Ursuline—Mrs. Ruth Jones, Alice; and Ruth McDavid, Cherryville; Tre—Florence McMillin, Newberry; and Alice White, Spartanburg;

Northeast—Mrs. Allen, Conway; Mrs. Edwards, Darlington; and Neil Lide, Ellenton;

South—Ethel Sherrard, Irva; Florence McMillin, Newberry; and Alice White, Spartanburg;

West—Mrs. Allen, Winnsboro; and Lillian Greene, Manning.

## Seventh Heaven Stars

Simone Simon, Stewart

"Seventh Heaven," starring Simone Simon, James Stewart, and Jean Harlow, will be shown in main auditorium Saturday night at 7:30.

It is an idyllic love story with comedy, humor and thrills.

A never scavenger denies God and love, yet he is still a "remarkable fellow." A girl is tossed out of a brother after being shipped by her sister. Fate makes them companions. He becomes a street washer. "Diana" and "Chico" plan marriage, but war breaks out and Chico must go.

Everyone who sees "Seventh Heaven" will appreciate how a picture can bring out feelings.

## Observatory Open

Monday and Thursday Evenings Free to Students

The college observatory will be opened to college students every clear Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30, according to Dr. Ruth Stokes, professor of astronomy.

Special observations may be planned by consulting Dr. Stokes.

## To Attend Alumnae Meet in Anderson

President Phelps, Miss Wardlaw, Speak at District Conference

President Sheldon Phelps, Miss Wardlaw, freshman dean, and Miss Russell, alumna secretory, will attend the meeting of the Winthrop-Alumni Association of the Northeastern district at the Central Presbyterian Church in Anderson, Saturday morning.

This district includes the counties of Genesee, Pickens, Greenville, McCormick, Greenwood, Abbeville, and Anderson.

The program will consist of a talk on "The Needs of the College" by President Phelps, "My Work With the Freshmen" by Dean Wardlaw, chapter reports and special music.

## Poetry Society To Meet

The Poetry society will meet Monday evening in Johnson hall to select new members.

Everyone who is interested to submit their poems to her so that they might be read and discussed at this meeting.

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## District Alumnae Conferences Scheduled

Six district alumnae conferences are scheduled to convene in the next few weeks, according to Miss Lila Russell, alumna executive secretary. The northern district with Mrs. Burnett Womack as president met on September 11 in Winnsboro.

The other six districts will hold their conferences as follows: Northern district, Mrs. John C. Taylor, president, September 18 at Andrews; Eastern district, Mrs. John C. Taylor, president, October 2 at Winthrop; Western district, Miss Suzy Egerton, president, October 26 at Aiken; Central district, Mrs. A. H. Ziegler, president, November 2, at Orangeburg; Southern district, Mrs. J. G. Green, president, November 20 at Summerville; Northcentral district, Mrs. John Hargrove, president, December 4 at Rock Hill.

A delegation from Winthrop college headed by President Sheldon Phelps who attended all the conferences. With the group attending Northwest conference at Andrews Saturday, will be Miss Russell, President Phelps, and Miss Eliza Wardlaw, dean of freshmen.

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