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Gray, Bamford Voted Finalists

Volunteer Service Program Outlines Community Service

This semester, the volunteer service program, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Sharp, has been supplying volunteer work to almost one hundred Simmons students. In proportion to size this figure is higher than any other college in the vicinity. Volunteers are recruited by an intensive publicity campaign at the beginning of the year. The Social Relations Committee, of which Betty Marchant is chairman, sponsors the volunteer program.

The work is in conjunction with the Volunteer Service Bureau of the United Community Services; this is affiliated with the Red Feather Service. Through this Bureau, the girls are assigned jobs at volunteer workers in fifteen settlement houses and seven hospitals, plus two mental institutions.

The work varies from jobs as medical recorders and nurses aides to work in such fields as psychotherapy, sociology, and psychology. Two students, Alice Koerner and Betty Marchant, are working at the new Children's Unit of the Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham. The work consists of observing teen-age girls, most of whom are delinquents. The students work closely with Mrs. Ruth Roman, head psychiatric social worker. They observe and record experimental psychotherapy group sessions with these girls, which is an attempt to give the girls an opportunity to talk with the director of social workers. The girls bring their problems to the group in an effort to get the group's reactions, and to gain insight through group participation.

The Social Relations Committee presents meetings in accordance with the volunteer work. Speakers from the field of social work of community organizations are invited to speak to the students.

Concerning community organization, Mrs. O. Philip Snowden was presented at a recent meeting. She and her husband founded the Freedom House for the purpose of giving residents of the Roxbury community a center where all races and religions can meet to discuss community problems and to organize self-operating groups.

Last April a program was founded by the Boston Charitable Trusts under the direction of David Austin. Mr. Austin was guest speaker at the last meeting of Social Relations. As Executive Director of the Special Youth Program, Mr. Austin spoke of the demonstration program of community action in prevention of juvenile delinquency. He talked about the "street corner" approach in group work.

Dr. Raymond Gilbert, clinical psychologist at Massachusetts Memorial Psychosomatic Clinic, spoke to a group about research being done at the clinic on psychosomatic illness and the role of clinical psychologist in the hospitals.

April 13, Reverend Otis Maxfield will speak on the position of psychology in the church. He is a psychiatrist who works at the Pastoral Counseling Center which has been innovated in Springfield by the Springfield Council of Churches. There, teams of social workers work in conjunction with the clergy. This project proves that they can work together for the betterment of the community.

The following girls have volunteered to work this semester. Scattie Schaller —North House, Sandra Redman—Goodwill House, Marie Campisano—Mass. Eye and Ear, Carol Sorte—New England Medical Center, Mary Baker, Susana Kirchfeld, Pegi Carey, Leslie Dineen, Phyllis Fishman, Mandy Hammond, Mary Bilyea—Children's Medical Center; Joan Kemerson, Gretchen Kimball, Marlene Snyder—Deaconess Hospital; Jacqueline Icarito—Mass. Memorial Hospital, Elaine LaBarge, Sylvia Dyke—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Stephanie Lewin, Beverly

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SOPHS TO HEAR HEAVENLY MUSIC IN 57th HEAVEN

February 24, at the Parker House Roof, the sophomores will be enjoying their 57th Heaven. Jack Marshall and his orchestra will provide the heavenly music and the Harvard Business School Tycoons will sing during intermission to contribute to the perfectly heavenly time everyone will have.

The winner of the "Guess the Devil" contest will be announced at the dance. The clues have been posted and each person is given a chance to guess who the devil is when they buy a ticket. The first to guess correctly will be the winner. Tickets to 57th Heaven will be on sale through February 25, in the front hallway.

The committee chairman are: decorations, Julie Dillon; invitation and transportation, Bev Bolton; programs, Paula Bloomfield; flowers and ushers, Barbara Cluger; publicity, Janet Shapiro; orchestra, Phyllis Flaherty; and photography, Anne Somerjian.

The patrons and patronesses at the dance will be President and Mrs. Beasley, Dean Clifish, Miss Flege, Miss Friedli, Mr. and Mrs. Arvidson, Laura Parmalee, and Joan Buckley. The receiving line ushers will be the senior class officers.

Peggy Gray and Marian Bamford, the two candidates for Student Government President.

FORMAT FOR MIC TOLD BY BENNETT

At a special class meeting, Mon. day, Feb. 21, at 4:30 p.m., it was voted to have a directory-type yearbook. The book will have a hard cover and will contain approximately sixty to seventy pages.

Barbara Bennett, Editor-in-chief, stated that the yearbook would be a pictorial book, mainly concerning the senior class. The reason for the drastic changes this year is that Bargent Studio went bankrupt owing the year-book committee $462.

It is hoped that the yearbooks will be ready in time for graduation. Necessary payments for the yearbook will be announced in the near future.

Candle Ceremony, Jamboree Planned For Frosh-Juniors

The traditional Frosh-Junior Jamboree will be held Tuesday, March 1, at 8:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. Skits will be presented by both classes, and refreshments will be served.

The Jamboree is a costume party and students will dress as Famous Characters from Fiction. There will be a Grand March, and prizes will be awarded for the funniest, prettiest, and most authentic costumes.

A candle ceremony will be held initiating the two classes. The ceremonies will be given by Laura Parmalee, Senior President, and then the presidents of the two classes will light their candles to symbolize the uniting of the classes.

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Club Holds Exhibition

"Rhapsody in Blue" will be highlight of this year's Modern Dance performance to be held Wednesday evening, April 13, at the Boston Conservatory Dance Theater. Dances portraying colors on an artist's palette will be featured in this sequence. Mr. Lyle Bush, Associate Professor of Art, is assisting with the production.

Other dances on the program, which is under the direction of Mrs. Anne Greene, are: Western Suite, Negro Spirituals, Rap-Super Epo-ed, Jazz and Bach Go to Town. Tickets will be sold for 50 cents per ticket or two for $1.50.

Joyce Davidson, Eleanor Kastel, Ann Asadian, Harriet Olstein, Adrienne Kennedy, Josephine Kirschner, Meryl Gray, Rhoda Solomon, Joan Benson, Shirley Miller, Leslie Markenshin, Mary Dreier, Judy Huff, Julie Dillon, Phyllis Isenman, Rene Edelstein, Joy Harvey, Susan Pitt, Diane Polsky, Nancy Sandler, Armig Johnnerian, Lois Rosen, Barbara Goldberg and Catherine Drummond are members participating in the performance.

The Drunkard, a melodrama in two acts, will be presented by members of Sock and Buskin, Friday and Saturday evenings, April 22 and 23, in the Boston Conservatory of Music. Between acts of the regular play, members will perform eight vaudeville acts.

David Shapro, sponsor and director of the group, will announce results of tryouts that have been going on all week. Members of all four classes are participating.

Volunteers are needed for back stage help. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Sock and Buskin bulletin board.

Frosted Cakes Seen At Home Ec. Lecture

At a recent meeting of the Home Economics Club, held Wednesday, February 16, in one of the home economics laboratories, a representative of the Boston Gas Company presented a cake decorating demonstration.

Before the actual demonstration, she explained the uses of the various sizes of tubes and showed how to shape flowers with them. She showed frosting replicas of lilacs, forget-me-nots, daffodils, and pansies on a display card.

The demonstration itself consisted of three cakes. The first exhibition, called the "bridge cake," was half an angel cake turned over on its side to represent a bridge. This was adorned with tors crossing the bridge and with two birthday candles depicting street lights. The second cake was a round layer cake decorated with a brightly colored clown's head. The final demonstration stressed the point of how to make roses out of frosting.

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CAMPS, RESORTS OFFER SUMMER JOB PLACEMENT

Summer placement has already begun. As of yet, camp jobs or counselor positions are all that are available. Waitress jobs are expected about the first of April, and in May, mother's helpers jobs, special openings in offices, and some laboratory jobs will be available. There are usually some out of town selling jobs in resort areas and in gift and sport shops which will come in about April. Hiring for in-town department stores is done directly.

There is never a large number of office and bank jobs available. The reason is that most offices are small and offices and banks want permanent help. For the same reason jobs with insurance companies are also scarce.

For the publication majors, or chemistry majors, the summer employment is very limited. Sometimes there are openings for publication majors on a trade journal. For home economics majors, jobs as student dietitians are plentiful.

There is not much help for girls who are looking for work out of the Boston area. They are advised to register, however, as something might result. If they are seeking a position in their own town, spring vacation is a good time to get an interview.

The hotel jobs that will be available will probably require little or no experience, and the girls will earn about $250 for the summer. Girls who wish to do waitressing in a large resort will have the experience are urged to apply on their own, as applications for these places are plentiful.

Where specialized jobs are concerned, preference will be given to girls who major in the fields mentioned.

FRESH-SOPH PARTY

The Frosh-Soph Valentine Party was held last Thursday, Feb 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Penelope Karageorge, chairman, welcomed the guests.

A skit depicting a girl who comes home to Simmons from Wineburg, Ohio, was presented by Sandra Frank, Janet Shapiro, Sue Olson, Leslie Smith, Nancy Kratsch, Toby Hirkiman, Eva Virginia Mayo, Margaret Witton, Sandra MacLean, Patricia Hetherington, Dawn Anderson, and Janny Gordon entertained with a group of songs.

CANDIDATES HAVE SIMILAR POLICIES

Marian ("Mim") Bamford and Peggy Gray, the two finalists in the Student Government Presidential Elections, agree, primarily, in what they have to say concerning Student Government now and in the year to come. Mim and Peggy were elected from the six semi-finalists who spoke at the Stu-G Rally, held Friday, February 18, 5th hour.

"Mim" is a junior in the School of Science, majoring in Chemistry. She comes from North Andover, Massachusetts. In her sophomore year Marian was treasurer of her class and chairman of Parent's Day at Spring Spree week end in 1954. She was also sophomore representative to the executive board of the Ellen Richards Club. This year Mim is Vice-President of the Junior Class and Vice-President of South Hall.

In her speech Friday, "Mim" stressed the need of better dormitory relationships in order to achieve a unity within the individual classes and the college. She said, "The Brookline Avenue campus should be considered a part of the commuter's life as much as it is part of dorm life." To achieve this situation, Marian suggested using Alumnae Hall for more Off-Campus functions, such as teas, Glee Club concerts, and other productions. She added that Tea Dances held on Friday afternoons instead of weekend-mainstem dances in the evening would give the commuter a better chance to participate. Elimination of the social fee charged to commuters for starting overnight would enable more commuters to sample dorm living; this was another suggestion given by Marian. As the final solution for the Dorm-Commuter problem Marian encouraged individual classes to have more dormcommuter suppers in Bartol Hall.

"A vital and important issue to every Simmons student is the Honor System." Marian said. "Its policy should be publicized more to incoming freshmen and purchase students so that minor infractions would occur less frequently. The system of reporting in the dormitories can be improved in many areas but particularly the problem of checking sign-out slips. The main purpose of this system is to keep an account of the permissions used by freshmen and sophomores but it is also used as a double check on offenders." As an example of this "Mim" cited the fact that house presidents know who comes in late, "before the girl reports herself." Concerning this situation, "Mim" suggested that cards be placed on file as the recognition desk and that they keep an account of her permission slips. This would place every student on her honor concerning tardiness, carelessness, etc., instead of this finalist.

Also mentioned in "Mim's" platform were the issues concerning the installation of a Coke machine in Evans Mail Room, a competitive sports day in the spring with other girls' colleges, the possibility of a Simmons Choir, Glee Club, jazz concerts, etc. In order to raise funds for a T.V. set for Alumnae Hall, and a continuation of progress made by the present Stu-G members for a Dean's List.

Peggy Gray

Peggy Gray, a student in the School of Social Sciences, majoring in pre-teaching for the field of economics, is the junior dormitory representative to Stu-G Council. In her freshman year at Simmons, Peggy was house chairman, fresh rep to Dorm Board, sub-chairman of Social Relations Committee, and a member of the Debating

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● VOLUNTEERS

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orge—Trinity Neighborhood House, Lois Hawk—North End Union, Norma Beebe—Elizabeth Peabody House, Shirley McNei, Jo Stearns—North Bennett St. Industrial School, Jane Goodwin, Arlene Washor, Eleanor Nilson—Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House, Betty Marchant, Pamela Tamarkin, Alice Koener—Metropolitan State Mental Hospital: Children's Unit.

The following girls worked last semester at Boston Psychopathic Hospital and are continuing to do so again this semester:

Judith Cadigan, Carolyn Zaltman, Mrs. Helene Symonds, Rita Nufqueen, Carol Gassaway, Rhoda Hiatt, Sandra Frank, Joan Beck, Barbara Fingold, Sheila Orlinsky, Gloria Yanoll, Eleanor Morrison, Emily Schraeder, Jo Hudson, Dorothy Sharp, Sandra Gaston, and Mary Moran.

Cookie Hurevitz worked at the Deaconess Hospital; Joan Kenney, Lorraine Magnuson, and Audrey Wald—Children's Medical Center; Marjorie Melnick and Jeanne Potishman at the Cambridge Settlement House.