80th Year Brings 35 New Students

PREP SCHOOLS IN ASCENDANT
Large Increase Over Last Year's Class

TWO STUDENTS RETURN
According to latest reports issued to The Barridan by the registrar's office, thirty-five new form- ers are enrolled in the school this year. This is a considerable increase over last year's incoming class of only thirty

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On behalf of the undergraduates, THE BARDIAN joins with the Alumni, the trustees and the faculty in extending to Mrs. Mestre the sincere sympathy that is within us all in this tragic hour. For many the initial shock has passed; in its stead is the universal thought and feeling that the Dean, having met all possible demands of his time and energy that this college might live, has given the last measure within man’s power toward the realization of that ideal.

ACT I... THE last crisis has passed. The holocaust is a reality. Each day splash headlines shout of new war in Europe. Yet the character of this second 20th century conflict has been more or less contradictory since its beginning. In Great Britain, imitation augments the Englishman’s determination to battle until Hitlerism and all it stands for is purged. Voice. What do we think with it? Why not be all for it? Why not be all against it? There are no devastating attacks? Why not a titanic blow at Germany’s Siegfried line before Eastern fronts force return? So far, mechanical warfare and aerial bombardment remains in Poland. Only pamphlets have fallen on Reich soil, to be quickly incinerated by local storm troops. Thus even the war lords of the countries involved hesitate to remain neutral in thought; we can be wary of this ubiquitous Hitlerism.

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On page 12 of the New York Herald Tribune of Thursday, September 17, nowhere in the four columns of small type is there any mention of this small, inconspicuous headline: "Britain Sends Denmark Appeal for Bombing of Battle of Britain. Polish soldiers have only bullied Ethiopia and Albania. Experimental ligions under Franco were known to flee when things got hot. The Balkan States are still neutral. Spain.

Over Russia hangs the opaque pall, nobody knows the mind of Stalin, or in what harbor the great Soviet tide will flow. Few experts can delve the unpredictable nature of the whole colossal map game. Surely the Nazi-Bolshevik paradox strained the wills of many propaganda machines.

There is in the United States we are alerted from the aspects of this armageddon. We have not seen thousands of children being shipped to rural areas, or public parks tunneled with protective shelters. We have not been in blackened cities, where everyone carries a mask designed to crush individuality and make him part of a horde of beastly looking things avoiding tainted wind. Indeed we are distant from the potentialities of modern combat. And the Nazi-Bolshevik paradox strained the wills of many propaganda machines.

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COACH PARSONS ACTING CHAIRMAN

Favors Intramural, Interfraternity Rivalry

by FRANK ROEBSIGAARD

The Intramural and Interfraternity sports of Vassar are beginning to take form. A new inter-fraternity league has been organized, and several new ideas have been added to the schedule for the coming season.

The Intramural League will consist of four groups: the Inter-Class, Inter-Fraternity, Intercollegiate, and Intramural. The Inter-Class League will be open to all students, while the Inter-Fraternity League will be restricted to members of the eight recognized fraternities. The Intercollegiate League will be open to all students from Vassar, Mount Holyoke, and Smith. The Intramural League will be open to all students, both men and women.

The Inter-Class League will consist of four groups: the Old Inter-Class, the New Inter-Class, the Old Inter-Fraternity, and the New Inter-Fraternity. The Old Inter-Class League will be open to all students who have been members of Vassar for at least three years. The New Inter-Class League will be open to all students who have been members of Vassar for less than three years. The Old Inter-Fraternity League will be open to all members of the eight recognized fraternities. The New Inter-Fraternity League will be open to all students who are not members of the eight recognized fraternities.

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Dr. Hirsch Lists New Books; Cites Library Improvements

Dr. Felix Hirsch, librarian of Bard College, has listed summer acquisitions for The Bardian. Among the outstanding non-fiction publications obtained were several dealing with the arts, with biographies on Turner, di Riviera, Waisman, and Carl Spitteler. Very fine books on sculpture have been added, with some by Brenda Putnam and Malvina Hoffman, photography, and the history of dramatic technique also are represented. Obviously contemporary works on international relations figure in the season's purchases, including Vincent Sheean's "Not Peace, But a Sword." Ourth's "Inside Asia," and Fraser's "The Thibaults," published after the author's principal over in the Catskills at death; Vardis Fisher's "Concrete," at Michigan State College this fall after successful winning a fellowship. Donald Worcester is out in California where he will attend Stanford University as a graduate student. John Steinbeck, who is on campus to take part in the play, is now working with the Steinbeck Piano plant. Richard Ringb has a job as school principal over in the Catskills at Pine Hill, N. Y. He is spending the week-end at college. Stanley Merrill is continuing his psychological pursuits at Columbia. Herman Holt is doing miscellaneous experiments with cinematography.

ALUMNI RETURN

(Continued from page 3) opening corroboration and returned again Tuesday to assist at the funereal service of the late Dean Mestre. Barrow is working with the Cunningham Line in their New York office. Whitcomb will go to M.I.T. this fall.

Fragmentary reports have reached the college from various other members of last year's class, some of whom have not yet visited Bard since their graduation last June. Iront Bacons, Robert Fisk, and Allan Fraser are all attending medical schools. Fiker is at Bellevue in New York while Fraser is at Cornell. Wesley Doehlertmann plans to spend the coming year studying dentistry at a school in Philadelphia.

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