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Students of Bryn Mawr College
Anne Erroff, '54
Speaks on Self-Gov
Following is the text of the speech given Thursday evening by Anne Erroff, president of Self-Gov.

Well, first of all, a very hearty welcome to Bryn Mawr! I suppose you've been hearing that throughout the day, but this is our first chance of saying it to you on your own...so you'll have to take it!

When Bryn Mawr trustees sixty years ago, granted to the students the original Self-Governance charter, there must have been many parents and friends who felt this early experiment in student rule over their own social life was a hazardous, unwarranted, and hopeless adventure. The majority, however, evidently felt that it was outweighed the drawbacks and has been so proven again and again—this theory that the capacity for self-government, in the individual or on a college campus as a nation, is so much a question of opportunity as of ability; that, granting ability to be a necessary condition, there certainly is a field for in service, and the ramifications of responsibility, failure, and criticism are absolutely indispensable.

We will never get it right until we've made, and corrected, a great many mistakes...and the opportunity to make those constructive mistakes is ours here. I don't mean this to sound pessimistic, but I am sure you see the point: the very fact that we are operating under a somewhat inadequate or nonexistent system is an added incentive to the reasoning which calls such experiments absolutely necessary particularly in a democracy. This ability for self-government will grow, given the chance!

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Firemen's Band
To Head Troop
As '57 Parades

by Joan Havens, '54
"Hurry up, freshmen! Keep that line straight, now. And kind of stop the giggling back there under the arch. Oh, here's the Firemen's Band! Don't forget the words of our song! All right! Ready—GET IN LINE! We're not interested in hearing all about the positively exciting character who took you to Eighth Street after the dance: it's time for Parade Night!"

Thus, accompanied by the extremely un-military march of out-step, feet tromping from Pennbrooke Arch through the campus, Parade Night officially gets under way. This festivity ends the first day of classes, on a note that is anything but serious.

Earlier, usually that afternoon, the freshmen in each hall have learned the words of their Parade Night song, which they will sing in some familiar tune. The joy of the Sophomores is that of discovering this tune, and gruitious much, of being in attempting to do this. Sophomores posting as freshmen are plentiful about the campus, slipping into closed freshmen meetings wearing looks of utter innocence. Beware that 

"strange sophistication!" (Freshmen.) Rushing everywhere on this day!

After Parade Night begins, the freshmen learn whether or not the Sophomores have stolen their parade. Of course, by the faithfully perennial Firemen's Band, the classes march down to Continued on Page 5, Col. 1

Upperclassmen Welcome Class of 1957
To Bryn Mawr's Collegiate Traditions

especially contributed by Diana Forbes, '54
On Thursday, September 24, there were more people up and abroad at an early hour than are usually found the morning a year paper is due. This was occasioned by the delightful necessity to meet freshmen at the station as early as six-thirty. There were 177 all told, but somehow Bryn Mawr had managed to stretch her seams and make room for them all.

A good breakfast was waiting for those who arrived between eight and nine, and there was considerable traffic in the wardens' offices. Taking freshmen to their rooms proved to be a refreshing course in the geography of their

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Freshmen, 177 Strong,
Invade Community
Of B.M.C.

Frontman of the Parade of the Class of 1957, fronted by bell, and accompanied by the Freshmen Firemen's Band! Don't forget but somehow the music of the Bryn Mawr who won't put something across, be it club, an organization, or her candidate.

Thursday night Nano Erroff told the freshmen about Self-Gov, and bell meetings with the wardens and presidents followed, with the purpose of enlightening freshmen about the value of the forty-watt bulb and other more serious matters. Hall parties ended the evening officially, but in time-honored custom most of the freshmen stayed up and got acquainted into the small hours.

Friday afternoon at the Curriculum Committee tea in Wyndham, representatives for the different departments and with each other in attempting to attract freshmen to their particular field. The rest of the day was spent most actively, with the traditional "Pincus and Davenport Hunt" craftily arranged so that the picnic boys would hold informal hall teas. The Pincus and Davenport hunt was really a treasure hunt, thereby ensuring the safety of all stray mustaches and other valuable property. That evening all bands gathered in the Appleton Field for refreshments and singing to the excellent accompaniment of Bryn Mawr's guitar.

Saturday started promptly with the 'French' Oar' for Freshmen and ended with a dance in the gym for Bryn Mawr and Haverford freshwater...

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New Class Joins
Ranks of Colleges
At Campus Halls

Map of the College — Note Error: Yarrow and President's Home Reversed
Welcome

The College News would like very much to join in the chorus of "Welcome, Freshman." We want you to feel at home and enjoy Bryn Mawr as much as those who have already found a home here.

By now you must be acquainted with the halls of residence, the library, Taylor, and Goodhart. You have learned rules, tradition, and that you are ipso facto a member of this and that. The College News, along with the other journals on campus, welcomes your interest and support—for we are interested in you.

We know that you have been harried and hurried with speeches and instructions, names and places, schedules and courses; but we know that when you are settled in a normal school life, you will derive a great deal of pleasure from the curriculum and activities of Bryn Mawr.

There are three sides to college life. There is the academic side, the extra-curricular side, and the social side; in order for the student to have a well-balanced career her time should be divided among all three sides.

The academic side, dealing with the requirements of the college and study in the different fields of endeavor, should not be taken lightly, nor should it assume a crushing importance.

Extra-curricular activities are an important phase of college life. They are instrumental in forming lasting friendships, and they help to develop interests in the community about you—your home for the next four years. Be active, and help your campus and fellow students.

However, not only to be overlooked, is the social side of college life here at Bryn Mawr. Whether it consists of a trip to the hearth, a movie with a friend, a dance, or an activity on campus, every campus visitor finds something that interests him.

A happy trio of these three aspects, sharing the student's time, can and will lead to a deep fulfillment of life at Bryn Mawr.

Track Down All of Your Hard-To-Find Friends; Discover Them Here As Listed By Their Halls

First Day Drives To End In Parade Night Fun

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the field in back of Rhode, where a huge bonfire is waiting.

The Sophomores form a huge circle around the bonfire, and if they have managed to find out the Freshman song, sing a parody of it. If their antagonists have struggled in vain, Freshmen charge through the circle and form one of their own. The flames leap up, illuminating the campus, Parade Night, one more of our Bryn Mawr traditions, is over.

NOTE: Powers, Louise Breuer, and Nancy Peto are pleased to report that the Beer Fountain will open at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

To Locate Stores

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THE VILLE Offers

Foods, Knicknacks, Many Necessities

Use Map and Intuition

To Locate Stores

In Bryn Mawr

by Barbara Drysdale, '55

The only occasional hazard of traveling along the Main Line is the problem of finding the stores.

A rule to follow is to visit the Ville take care of your immediate needs and Armdore supply luxuries, such as clothes and furniture.

Finding the Ville is relatively easy—one block down from Rock brush past Shipley school which is recognizable by the green gym and the girls wearing shorts, then one right past Baldwin (with turrets and green lawns) and on down to the railroad station.

The Acme Supermarket is the stop on the tour.

It's really a supermarket, where you can find almost everything, including lots of fattening food for tea. Next stop in the Country Bookstore, and even down pastPinch's, where Pat (Downstairs, down on the right) is a occasional when you are hungry.

Further down Bryn Mawr Avenue, past the Post Office and the Bryn Mawr Trust Company, is Lancaster Pike, where you find the York Drug Store.

On the right hand side of the street areMiss Marie's—expensive cloth and shoes; the window shopping—Janelle's and Schmidt's. Several cleaners are on this side, as is the famous Hamburg Hecht, a three-clock hang out where they serve good food.

Joyce Lawless, next door to the Hecht, features antique clothing. Down toward the end of the block is Richard's—for five-fifths—and Rene Marcel, hair dresser. The Mexican Shop, in the next block, has unique furniture and room accessories, although it seems strange to come in Pennsylvania and buy Mexican articles.

Crossing the street, the tour comes to the Wilson Laundry. Back toward Bryn Mawr Avenue at the small Italian is the best place for the odds and ends—two must for the and ends ever since.

Describing the News Agency is a little difficult—it seems to have a many-interesting storefront: drug store—fonduy, paper and magazine, and even school books without the books. The News Agency is famous for its necklaces. Try them when you're feeling adventurous.

Mary McClary has notions and yard goods. The Suburban Hardware ranks with the five-and-dime as a must for things like shoe-pa and paint. The Sun Ray Drug Store is a fascinating place even for wandering through.

Past the court of the Bryn Mawr movies (where another jewel is located) are the Greek's—an eating place similar to the Hecht—and Dinah Frost's. At Dinah Frost's—no temptation collection of yarns, as well as a selection of greeting cards.

Behind the Photo Center is the Community Kitchen. This is really the place to go for that extra special tea. Finally the tour comes to the Bryn Mawr National Bank right across from the Trust Company on bankers' corner.

The Suburban Shopping Center in Ardmore has branches of Strawbridge and Clothier, Park and Peck, and Beart and Company. There are numerous other shops around the Center as well, and down on Lancaster Pike are several first- and second-hand furniture stores.

All that remain to be said is "Good shopping" to all of you.
Observer

You, an up Dills a, have
planned for this week a long time.
You remember a certain-step-dling
last spring when Mrs. Brought
ton walked past Taylor, reading a
towering pile of paper, in her
arms—next year's Freshmen said she as. You laughed, thinking of
the veritable army into which some alchemy would have turned those printed pages by Septem
ber.
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hand of unknowns. You met them
at trains, you watched for them
at windows, you showed them their
rooms. You talked to them and
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much, you looked at them and
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and hoped you weren't arrogating
them with over familiarity.
You wanted to welcome them.
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through their eyes, and hoped they
found it good. You wanted them
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each in her own way would become
a part of. There were certain
things you could not tell them,
things which they would discover
as you had discovered them, gradu
ally as the year went on and the
students became more familiar.

Anne Eristoff, This Year's Self-Gov President
Delineates Role of Organisation at Bryn Mawr
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cept of individual integrity and
honor. "Self-government" implies
this as its cornerstone, and with
out an absolute faith in the sense
of honor and personal integrity of
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what ways you could help that
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Capeskin Jackets
Sacony Coordinates
Joyce Lewis

PARVIN'S PHARMACY
"The College Drug Store"
30 Bryn Mawr Ave.
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

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Interesting Gifts
Fine Stationery
Amusing Greeting Cards
Stop in at
Richard Stockton's
Bryn Mawr

How the
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I started smoking CAMEL
When I joined the Yanklies
because I'd many of my Aemanies
smoked them, that was a smart
decision. Camels are mild
and small tasting.

Mickey Mantle says:
"My Dad played semi-pro ball
and wanted me to play ball, too.
He put a glove on my hand when
I was just a kid, I loved
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worked hard at it to be good.
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aromatic—better a cigarette can be.

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Library Features Works Of Bryn Mawr Graduate

by Marcia Director, '55

An interesting exhibit of books
by Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant, Bryn Mawr '52, featuring her last
book, Willa Cath.er, A Memoir,
now on display in the Quita Woodward Room in the west wing
of the library.

Willa Cather, A Memoir, which
we are fortunate to have through
the compliments of the author,
deals with a long friendship be­tween the author and the subject,
Willa Cather was managing editor
of McClure's Magazine at the time
that it was attempting reform. It
was then that Miss Sergeant sold
her an article—her first—dealing
with industrial abuses, a topic that
she had been investigating in New
York.

Miss Sergeant had just graduat­ed from Bryn Mawr, and her brilli­ant article led to a large friend­ship with Miss Cather. Just then,
however, Miss Cather left her
career with McClure’s Magazine to
center the field of creative writing.
Miss Sergeant, in her book about
Willa Cather, deals to a great ex­tent with her sources and materials.
Writing a story filled with
wanton and appreciatefulness for
their literary friendship, Miss Ser­gent traces Willa Cather's prog­ress in her field, as well as her
development as an individual dur­ing changing times.

Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant her­self was born in New England.
Her first book, which also appears
in the exhibit, is French Perspec­tive, dealing with her understand­­ing of France.

Other books by Miss Shepley are
on display. They are Shadow
Shapes, the story of a wounded
Woman looking back to war and its
scene approaching peace; Fire
Under the Andes, containing por­traits of Americans as seen in the
Twenties; and Short and Sweet,
about her New England origins.

News Cheers Committee
A Freshman Week End

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When two days to go, and with
so much accomplished already, it is
fair to say that this year's Fresh­man Week will be remembered as
a success. And it will be due equal­ly to the efforts of a hard-working
and efficient Committee and the
ideas we are so glad to welcome—
nineteen fifty-seven.

Chesterfield is best for
me—my steady smoke
for 7 years.

Ben Hogan
WORLD'S GREATEST GOLFER

LARGEST SELLING CIGARETTE IN AMERICA'S COLLEGES

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