

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT
COGS
1944-1945

Officers:

Chairman	Mary Louise Merritt	Harding Boehme
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Chn. Pegram	Clarice Hall	Harriet Green
Chn. Southgate		Sandy Tesklin
Chn. Town Girls	Cecilia Thompson	Naldi Poe

In January, 1944, Merle Levy resigned as Alspaugh House Chairman and was replaced by Beverly Neely

Adviser: Miss Mary Grace Wilson

Membership:

The entire student body of the Woman's College are automatically members of COGS, which is steered by a "Hub" Committee of about 32 members, averaging about four from each House, including the officers. There are selected by recommendations from the house Counsellors and former members of the Committee, which are decided upon by the old and new officers of the Committee.

Members for 1944-'45:

Gwin Barnwell	Lois Ritch
Margie Dravo	Barbara Sachs
Barbara Gosford	Peggy Schroder
Virginia Hawkins	Barbara Seifert
Kill Kalquist	Mary Jo Taylor
Mary Claire Lewis	Pat Ward
Patricia Mickelsen	Erin Woodall
Mary Morgan	Maxine Yates
Lucy Mae Oakes	Pat Hartz

Freshman members selected in November: Marth Rudy, Janet Camphausen

Gwin Barnwell resigned from the Committee, January, 1944.

In the fall recommendation blanks are sent to each counsellor (see files) for two freshmen from each house. From these, two freshman members of the Committee are selected.

Purpose and Objectives:

COGS was founded in 1943 for the purpose of encouraging and organizing war work for the students of the Woman's College. It has broadened into a service organization which may have a place on the campus even after the war is over.

Accomplishments:

Throughout the entire year the central "HUB" Committee worked willingly and well, and the student body cooperated in all activities.

Total hours of work completed for the fall semester of 1944 are:

<u>Red</u>		1322 hours
	Bandage rolling	
	Blood donation	
<u>Green</u>		3005 hours
	Nurses' Aide work	
	Community welfare work (sponsored by the Y.W.C.A.)	
<u>Yellow</u>		1704 hours
	Alumni Office work	
	Miscellaneous	
<u>Black</u>		1730 hours
	Red Cross Knitting	
	War Stamp booth	
	Stationery night	
<u>Blue</u>		1334 hours
	USO	
	Camp Butner	
	Episcopal Dances	
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	Total	9095 hours

The activities for the year may be divided into four categories:

a. Publicity

At the beginning of the year the freshmen were acquainted in an Assembly of their own with COGS activities and were given mimeographed sheets listing all phases of work and the chairman of each. These sheets were also posted by the COGS charts in the houses.

Several letters from other colleges and universities have been received asking for information. COGS has already been founded at Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas, Carnegie Tech, and George Washington University. Those who have obtained information about our set-up include William and Mary, Carleton College, Minnesota, Salem College, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Carolina, and Queens College in Charlotte, N. C.

On November 20 the COGS Committee presented an Assembly program, at which keys for the past semester were awarded and the new freshman members were announced. Through the help of Lt. A.K. Davis of the V-12 Unit, a restricted Navy training film, "War on the Seas," was shown. The Durham Army Recruiting Office showed the WAC movie, "To the Ladies." Efforts were made to secure the educational series, "Why We Fight," from Camp Butner and the National Film Service, but these were unsuccessful.

In December a series of pictures were taken by the News Service to be used in a Sunday feature of the Durham Herald about COGS activities. An article explaining the various phases of COGS work was written and included. These News Service articles from the office on West Campus have been especially helpful and this office's cooperation and help in publicity work throughout the year, featuring COG of the Month pictures, etc., is most appreciated.

b. Drives

The several drives sponsored by COGS were most successful when handled by a chairman for each house, with about six girls under her who did the actual door-to-door soliciting. At the beginning of the year it was made

plain to the students that the only campus-wide drives would be the National War Fund and the Red Cross. This resulted in a much better student response than the usual frequency of many smaller drives. Smaller drives were handled by booths placed in the Union or the archway between the Post Office and Dope Shop for a day or so.

To the Red Cross in March the Woman's College donated \$577.00, in addition to helping in the theaters downtown and the local office with typing, filing, etc., during the campaign. They also worked in the display windows downtown.

The National War Fund Drive in October and November netted \$977.86, four per cent of which was given to the World Student Service Fund, which did not have a separate drive here.

During an emergency seventy-seven girls did volunteer work in the Union, earning \$174.42. This amount, plus \$45.00 in private contributions and \$38.78 from the Nation War Fund, made a total of \$243.20, which was sent to the World Student Service Fund.

Girls helping with Tag Day sales and Christmas Seal sales on West Campus netted \$428.25 for the Tuberculosis Association.

During the Sixth War Loan the appeal for the purchase of War Bonds, made especially to organizations of the Woman's College, resulted in the sale of \$1500.00 worth of bonds at maturity value. The War Stamp Booth netted sales of \$330.65.

A Cancer Control booth was set up on campus for one day and received \$27.00. Girls also helped in addressing envelopes and folding letters.

Throughout the year magazines were collected at Monday night Assemblies for the USO-Traveler's Aid station for servicemen in the Union Station in Durham.

The national old clothes drive, held in April, resulted in the donation of 14 packing boxes of clothes from the Woman's College. This was done by door-to-door soliciting in the houses, with collection in the lobby of the Panhellenic House.

Scrap paper was collected each week in the houses and taken to Alspaugh, where it was bundled and sent down town.

Two drives were held for the collection of fiction for the USO.

The total amount raised by the Woman's College in contributions and sales, such as War Bonds and Christmas seals, amounted to \$4044.85.

c. Classes

Two special Nurses' Aide Class courses were held for the students of the Woman's College. Eighteen were capped in the spring of 1944, eighteen in the fall of 1944, and three who entered a Durham class in the spring of 1945.

Students also participated in the Red Cross Motor Corps course which was held in February and March, 1945.

d. Service

202 garments were knitted for the Red Cross.

Over 300 letters were mailed to Duke alumni in the service through the stationery booth.

Two bulletin boards were placed in the Union with the news of the day posted each morning.

Thirty small packages were purchased and wrapped for the Dillard St. USO Christmas party and tree.

The policy was begun of sending girls to the General Hospital at Camp Butner to participate in the daily ward shows and to help with Saturday night dances and Sunday afternoon teas. However, the actual work of organization fell to the new COGS Committee, and it is a very promising field of activity.

Other activities included attendance of Camp Butner dances, regular attendance at the Dillard Street USO on Wednesday and Thursday nights (6 or 7 girls with a chairman), help in planning and giving special parties at the Morris Street USO and the Main Street USO, work on psychological experiments, OPA work, Red Cross Bandage rolling, help in the sewing room downtown, erasing of books collected for the WSSF, and regularly scheduled afternoon work in the Alumni Office.

Commendations:

Special commendation should go to the entire "EJUB" Committee for their untiring work and willingness and to Miss Mary Grace Wilson, COGS adviser, for her never-failing help and advice.

Special honors and awards:

An Honor Roll is kept of girls who have earned more than one COGS key. To the list of Dorothy Chorpening, Betty Mead, and Lucy Mae Oakes may be added the following:

Ruth McElvie	Mary Ranger
Virginia Carter	Clarice Hall
Carmen Huntsman	Mary Claire Lewis
Amy Franklin	Janice Bell
Pat Hanson	Martha Yokeley
Mary Louise Merritt	Harriet Rile

For the spring of 1944, 52 girls earned keys with 65 or more hours:

Ruth McElvie - 107	Dot Rice
Carmen Huntsman - 101	Nancy Spangler
Virginia Carter - 95	Margaret Allard
Eleanor Cauldwell - 95	Clarice Hall
Mary Jane Gott - 95	Ann Harrell
Margaret Lukens	Mary Claire Lewis
Nancy Wenger	Jill Kalquist
Jeanne Colbert	Margaret Ann Frans
Julia Zollicoffer	Harriet Green
Lucy Mae Oakes	Lois Johnson
Dorothy Groome	Pat Pickering
Beverly Dykes	Janice Bell
Nancy Bentley	Joneta Burdette
Dorothy Sugg	Marjorie Cameron
Amy Franklin	Augusta Cardo
Ann Succop	Nancy Donovan
Ruth Jolly	Vivian Etzel
Elizabeth Scholz	Barbara Perkins
Harriet Boddie	Harriet Rile
Mary Gordon	Lois Ritch
Mary Louise Merritt	Ann Sears
Pat Mickelsen	Barbara Smith
Virginia Suiter	Carol Stark
Pat Hanson	Edith Stapf
Mary Ranger	
Elizabeth Prather	
Martha Yokeley	
Margaret Zehmer	

For the fall of 1944, 26 girls earned keys for 65 or more hours:

Betty Ann Beggs	Betty Metzner
Lucy Blue	Nannette McCreery
Virginia Carter - 83	Nancy Nicklas
Marjorie Clute	Ruth Northrup - 83
Pat Corbett	Lucy Mae Cakes
Patricia Crim - 94	Harriet Rile
Sarah Dickerson	Gloria Rita
Amy Franklin	Peggy Schroder
Carmen Huntsman	Anna Ruth Scott
Margie Knowles	Mary Jo Taylor
Mildred Maddox	Leah Vigodsky
Katherine Mayers	Jean Walker
Mary Louise Merritt	Carolyn Young

Summary of Treasurer's Report:

Total Income	\$381.55
Total Expenditures	306.43
Net Gain	<u>\$ 75.12</u>
14 COG Keys on Hand @ \$2.75	38.50
Balance	<u>\$113.62</u>

Recommendations:

In view of the encouraging changes in the war situation, COGS as an organization must broaden its scope even wider to include more phases of service in addition to those directly connected with the war effort. It should continue its efforts to reach every student and to make all students feel their personal responsibility. Perhaps it may be widened to include educational benefits to the campus, especially concerning world events, etc.

Should USO work be reinaugurated of the type done formerly with the Dillard Street USO---regular attendance of about 6 or 7 girls on specified nights of the week--- it would be wise to have co-chairmen for each night to insure that the list is always filled. During the first semester, at least one of these should be a junior or senior.

Blanket USO permissions and Camp Butner permissions should be mailed to all parents so that these may be filed in Miss Wilson's office at the beginning of the year, thereby eliminating the discouraging effects of girls' wishing to help and being unable to do so.

Although the Committee for 1944-'45 was unable to secure materials or labor, it is hoped that soon a plaque may be made for the Auditorium containing the names of all girls on the COGS Honor Roll.

Some discussion has already taken place with the Y.W.C.A. concerning a jointly-supported poster room for the Publicity Committees of both organizations. It would greatly facilitate the making of posters, which are so necessary.

It is easier to order COGS keys through the Balfour representative in Durham, Frank McGinnis, than by ordering direct.

It is recommended very strongly that any news which concerns the Committee or activities, particularly the COG of the Month (the girl who earns the highest number of hours in three different activities during the month), be taken immediately to Mrs. Boyden in the News Service office on West Campus. It is much more satisfactory than giving all information to the Chronicle alone, since that publication is always limited in space.

(Signed) Mary Louise Merrit, Chairman

(Signed) Mary Grace Wilson, Adviser

