

[Apr 12]

Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

We had debate practice from seven-thirty to ten last night. Miss Yost was there to criticize. Lucy spoke to fill out for the sixth-person. Clara Cheney got back last night. I don't know if she will debate or not. She thinks it would be a good thing for her, to occupy her mind. I should think she would need something to occupy it, all right. Her father is dead, and she has no brothers or sisters. It must be an awful feeling to be as alone[sic] in the world as she is!

It might interest you to know the following. It is all strictly confidential, because it was told to me confidentially by two members of the committee who should not have cracked it. We had a meeting eighth hour yesterday to discuss chairmen for next year for debate. As each possibility is discussed she had to leave the room, and if ever frank judgment is passed on people it is done there. There is nothing that is not said about them, it seems to me. Well, I left, and thought, what a waste of time it was to discuss me. Well, the long and short of it is, that they were unanimous in thinking that I would make by far the best chairman, but they were almost unanimous in agreeing that I was needed for a speaker, that I was the best speaker for next year and that they couldn't sacrifice that for the sake of a good chairman who is not necessarily a good debater. Minerva, particularly, urged them to let me be a speaker. They thought the college needed it! When one of them said that they needed me to step into Marian Chaill's place, I thought I would drop on the spot. I don't know which I would rather be. Debating is more fun and more spectacular, but chairman is a wonderful honor and lots of fun, too. But it is a tremendous responsibility and takes even more time than debating, I think. At any rate, I will be whatever they make me. It really makes me very happy to think of it. Jewish girls don't have honors like that thrown at them around here every day of the year. According to what they said, if I am not made chairman, it is because they think me indispensable to debating. You see, all the fine debaters agree graduating.

Pete, for goodness' sake, don't waste part of our precious day Sunday by not coming up till morning. If you come that night, you will get a good night's rest and we can enjoy Sunday together.

Campus is perfectly beautiful again. Spring certainly is a wonderful time of the year around here.

Bernice Rosenbaum, your acquaintance Fritz's cousin, came back after vacation with a new nose. She had the kink taken out in Cincinnati! That is the first sample of it I have seen. She certainly had some kink to take out.

Did Evelyn Goldenson thank anyone for the hdkfs? TR. S. V. P.

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