

Elizabeth Seward Hulburd

Yale Junior Prom - 1937

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Introduction

In February of 1937 Betty attended the Yale Junior Prom in New Haven, Connecticut as the date of long time St. Louis friend and then beau Elihu M. Hyndman. Elihu had attended St. Louis Country Day school and gone east to Yale for college where he eventually earned a Law degree before practicing in St. Louis. Through contacts like Elihu, Betty came to know (and in some cases date) a number of Yale students over a period of 4 or 5 years before she met and married Yale graduate Kirt Hine. Elihu would become a life long friend and when Betty moved back to St. Louis in 1963 after her divorce, Elihu served as her attorney.

Betty had attended Finch College in New York City during the 1935/36 school year. During the 1936/37 school year however she had stayed home in St. Louis to participate in the annual Veiled Prophet Ball festivities as a Maid of Honor and attend to her social responsibilities as a debutante so she had to make the long trip east for the Prom (I suspect by train).

The Prom itself was held on Feb. 26, 1937 however related activities and parties spread out over several days. Betty had a great time and wrote a 4 page letter to her father describing all the activities immediately after the long weekend from her hotel room in New York City where she was staying while waiting for her mother and sister to arrive. From New York the three headed for Bermuda for a several week vacation. The letter is evidently addressed only to her father since her mother was either already in or on her way to New York City.

The Junior Class of Yale University

requests the pleasure of your company

at its

Junior Promenade

on

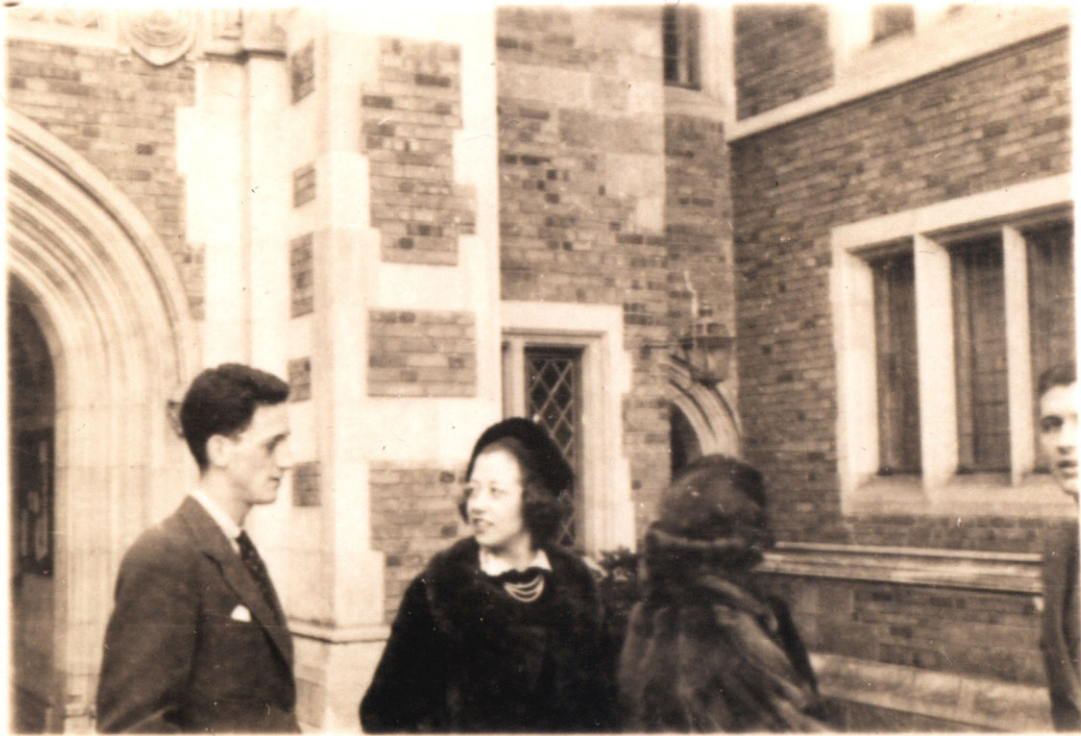
Friday evening, February the twenty-sixth

nineteen hundred and thirty-seven

at Woolsey Hall

The committee requests your escort not
to send flowers for the Promenade

Picture of Betty and Elihu at Yale



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The Barbizon

LEXINGTON AVENUE AT 63RD STREET
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Dearest Daddy,

I am now very comfortably settled in Barbizon in a swell single room with adjoining bath. I may have to move into another room tomorrow at noon. I'm not sure yet. It just wrote to Elie to thank him for one of the swellest times I have ever had in my whole life. Daddy, it was just perfect from beginning to end. Don't know where I have had such fun. ^{not there at 4:35 after writing} Stayed at a ^{frick!} "swell frat house" - "Vermon Hall" - Phi Gamma Delta. Some of the cutest & swellest geets belong to it. Friday we took in dinner at Calhoun College where Elie lives with a girl from ^(Mary) Vassar & one of Elie's close friends who was plenty cute, ^(Garvis) Adele & Charlie - her date. Walked

to Frat house, dressed, & went to see
Club concert. Good. Went then to
Prom which was a magnificent
spectical - 2000 or over people, Rudy
Vallee, Elie got me a good program
filled so I had fun. That over
at 3:00 after supper & floor show
by Rudy. Saw lots of St. Louis people.
Then to Vernon where we danced &
had fun until 7:00 A.M. Then the
same 6 of us went to Calhoun for
breakfast & woke up Elie's English
room mate. It was so funny to
see everyone walking around the
streets in broad daylight with
evening clothes on. I don't think
the New Haven people like it so
much 'cause Yale is all over the
center of town. To bed at 8:30^{a.m. Sat.} & slept
until 1:30 or so. Elie Jarvis Mary &
I played bridge at Calhoun from
3:30 till 6 after getting lunch
(really tea) at George & Harry's - one
of these college town restaurants.
Went to Alpha Sig house & danced
to Hanbrau for dinner (all 6 of us again)

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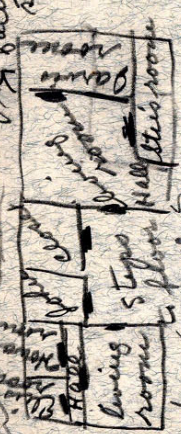
^{the} Yale - Harvard hockey game - ^{Harvard} ^{whipped} Yale.
 back to Alpha sig & danced to
 Claude Hopkins band - good stuff.
^{then} ^{to} Vernon & danced. Kicked out at
 1:00. ^{cause all Frats closed they} George & Harry & another
 George & Harry and walked streets
 to find place that was not crowded
 & finally went to G & H. Bed 5. a. ^{sun} till.
 12:00 Elie came & we took all
 my bags to Calhoun cause the
 boys moved back into Frat. at
 2:00. Had dinner at Calhoun, fooled
 around, played bridge, talked
 in "Grand Central" - name of Elie's
 room & "Pennsylvania" ^{Station} name of
 Jarvis's room with many men.
 (Elie, ^{Howard} are very popular & people
 are always in this suite - consequently
 name "Grand Central") Supper -
 Calhoun - & train 7:25 & arrived
 here 9:15. Having tea with ladies
 tomorrow. Having lunch at Jane

Rick's apartment Tuesday. Saw all
 French galks Friday but will go back
 again. Had wonderful time this
 weekend. Hope this gives you a
 vague idea of what we did. Will
 have to explain details in person.
 See, I had fun! Golly! golly! Please
 save this letter for future re-
 ference so I can write up any
 parts I have forgotten by the time
 I get home to write it up. It is fresh
 in my mind now & won't be then.

Lots of love, wavy hugs &
 kisses, to you & Buddy ^{the} Goodbye
 which I didn't call you up & say
 before I left.

your tired, pooled, hustled,
 but deeeevoted daughters.

Betty J. Hulburd
 78 Vandeventer
 Place
 St Louis, Mo.



This certainly is not as all clear as I had
 thought it was. I'm just
 a little bit confused & very
 tired.

I went about
 the
 of
 etc.

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