

Greek Games

THE chief factor in the interclass competition between the Sophomore and Freshmen is the annual contest in athletics, lyrics, costumes, and dance, held each spring, and entitled Greek Games. The event is dedicated to a Greek God or Goddess, and each class chooses a myth with which their patron is concerned. Every girl in the competing classes may take part in developing those features of the story which it is desired emphasized. The myth is worked out in pantomime and dancing, and allows for a great deal of original work in its interpretation of dancing and costuming. The attempt is made to keep the costumes as nearly like the old Greek costumes as possible—a tunic arrangement which allows freedom and grace of movement. The various colors of the costumes are another problem which when carefully considered add much to the beauty of the myth and its interpretation.

Contrary to contemporary times, the Greek criterion for athletic competition was form, not speed, and anything which detracted from the perfect execution of an athletic performance, counted off the individual's score, even if he were finished the soonest. Thus in Greek Games, the hurdling and discus throwing were judged for form, and the chariot, charioteer, and the four girls who acted as horses, were judged for effect and movement. In the torch race the main object is to keep the torch well above the head of the runner, so that a well balanced figure will be the result.

The three girls who write the best lyrics to the god of the occasion receive the honor of first, second, and third places. Genuine lyric form must be observed, together with lyric rhyme principles.

Greek Games are an all-'round activity. They provide an opportunity for the expression of practically every kind of temperament in athletics, art, dance, and literature; and their management necessitates a practical, business-like attitude. Surely any girl is interested in at least one of these elements of life, and can develop it within herself even as she is aiding her class to win.



Shades of the past