

Guide to the Pham Bach Tuyet Notebooks BC20.11

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Summary Information

Repository:	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
Title:	Pham Bach-Tuyet Notebooks
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Date [inclusive]:	1951-1961
Physical Description:	0.83 Linear Feet
Physical Location:	This collection is located in the Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or archives@barnard.edu.
Language of the Material:	English, French, Vietnamese
Abstract:	The collection consists of the undergraduate government and history class notebooks of Pham Bach-Tuyet, Barnard Class of 1961. It includes her class notes, reading notes, course outlines, bibliographies, draft essays and brief personal reflections on her coursework, international events, and her time at Barnard.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Pham Bach-Tuyet Notebooks, 1959-1961; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

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Biography

Pham Bach-Tuyet was born December 7, 1936 and lived in Saigon, Vietnam. Before matriculating at Barnard College Pham attended the Lyceé chu vau au Vietnam and studied at the Faculty of Law, University of Saigon. She may have benefitted from a December 1954 Book Drive for Indo-China sponsored by the Columbia University Student Council. The program

collected and sent books in the 1950s to the University of Saigon after Vietnamese troops defeated the French in the Indochina War and before American troops entered the conflict.

Pham entered Barnard in 1959 as a government major and member of the Class of 1961. During her undergraduate years a U.S. civil rights movement was gaining energy, support, and participation. The Congress of Racial Equality recruited growing numbers of citizens, including Barnard alumnae, to join Freedom Rides, which were non-violent protests against racial segregation in the U.S. Faculty, students, and alumnae also discussed a possible Peace Corp recruitment program on the Barnard campus. Junior year abroad opportunities included programs at the University of Moscow and the Free University in West Berlin.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson won the 1960 U.S. Presidential election. Barnard's Class of 1961 witnessed the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba. In Indochina, Vietnamese troops defeated French troops, Cambodia was entering the conflict, and President John F. Kennedy was about to send additional equipment, advisors and personnel to assist South Vietnam's war against the Vietcong.

On her permanent registration for Barnard's Placement Office, Pham listed her occupational choices as "United Nations job, foreign service, teaching." Her extracurricular activities while at Barnard included the International Student Club and the National Union of Vietnamese Students. A 1961 Barnard Bulletin article describes the International Students Club as, "an organization which provides a meeting place for students from other countries and students from America in order that they become acquainted with each other and exchange ideas."

After graduation Pham, who was fluent in French and Vietnamese as well as English, worked for the U.S. Joint Public Research Service as a freelance translator. She continued to live in Morningside Heights for a while and in September 1961 began pursuing a master's degree in international affairs at the City College of New York.

In 1962 Pham left the United States after entrusting a classmate with her notebooks from government courses at Barnard from 1959 to 1961. It is believed Vietnamese representatives might have had her deported back to Vietnam, but she hoped to enroll at the Sorbonne in Paris. A Barnard friend writes, "She lived in the campus dorms when I did during the spring of 1961. I typed a research paper for her on the brewing Vietnamese War, although I didn't realize it would come to that at the time, though she may have. I promised to keep her notebooks until she contacted me, but I never heard from her again."

Class of 1961 alumnae worked in more than 33 different fields, including teaching, social service, medicine, scientific research, media, "plastic" and performing arts. Five alumnae later earned doctorates, and 26 entered doctoral programs. According to the fifth class reunion June 1966 report, at the time of the reunion Pham was living in Paris. No further information is available.

References

"Book Drive," Barnard Bulletin, December 13, 1954, p. 2.

"Mr. Hassan, Arab Chief of Press, Speaks on Nasser and Neutrality," Barnard Bulletin, February 23, 1961, p. 4.

Barnard College. A History of Barnard College: Published in honor of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the College, 1964. New York: Barnard College.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

Pham Bach-Tuyet Notebooks date from September 1959 to May 1961. Materials consist of ten spiral bound notebooks plus one collection of notecards, all hand written. Pham Bach-Tuyet majored in government while at Barnard, and the notebooks contain her class and reading notes from courses in Government, History, History of America, International Relations, International Organizations, and the Soviet Union.

Of special note are extensive and amended notes on the Soviet Union, including a hand drawn "Outline of the Structure of the Soviet Union" and a one-page analysis of American and Soviet "differences," as well as personal reflections on "An Ideal University" and "Our Struggle."

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Collection Arrangement

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Processing History

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Related Materials

Related Collections

Barnard College Announcement Barnard College Occupation Bureau Student Publications - The Barnard Bulletin (1901-present) Student Publications – Mortarboard

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women's colleges -- New York (State) -- New York
- Vietnamese students
- United States -- History
- Undergraduates
- Students, Foreign
- Notebooks
- International students
- Extradition -- Asia
- Barnard College -- Alumni and alumnae
- Barnard College
- Bach-Tuyet, Pham

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Government 1 Notebook, Between September 25, 1959 and May 12, 1960	box 1	folder 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Class notes on theory of state and government, theory of international law, U.S. as a world power, law of treaties, territorial integrity, collective security, imperialism.</p>		
Government Notebook, Between December 4, 1959 and April 22, 1960	box 1	folder 2
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Class notes on moral law and power in international relations, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democratic theories, women's rights, socialism, the U.S. Civil War, slavery, Russia and the Soviet Union, communism. References to Karl Popper on the role of philosophy and Hans Morgenthau's Politics Among Nations. Inserted: a two-page draft essay, "116th Street and Broadway."</p>		
History 9, History of America Notebook, Between September, 1959 and January 1960	box 1	folder 3

Scope and Contents

Class notes on religious, commercial, political, agrarian, industrial, and social revolutions; Puritanism; demography; revolution as class conflict; slavery; the "Classical Period" of U.S. foreign relations; expansionism; colonialism; civil war; Jacksonian democracy.

Government 11, International Relations Notebook, Between September 28, 1959 and January 13, 1960	box 1	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

Class notes on power, the emergence of the modern state system, nationalism as a force, propaganda and education in formation of public opinion, incrementalism, power as a relational concept, imperialism in U.S. policy, geopolitics, Utopianism, war.

Government 12, International Organizations Notebook, February 30, 1960 and May 9, 1960	box 1	folder 5
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Scope and Contents

Class notes on the historical development of international law, treaties, neutrality, League of Nations, United Nations, International Labour Organization, UN Security Council, UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Also notes on the Soviet Union and nuclear weapons/disarmament.

History 10 Notebook, Between February 3, 1960 and May 12, 1960	box 1	folder 6
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Scope and Contents

Class notes on geographic approach to civil war, reconstruction, liberalism, money policy, election organizations, T. Roosevelt's domestic policies, varieties of progressivism, Wilsonian experiments in foreign policy, World War I, Woodrow Wilson, the Great Depression, the New Deal.

Government 15 notebook, the Soviet Union,, Between 1960 and January 18, 1961	box 1	folder 7
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Scope and Contents

Notes on the Russian Revolution, socialism, the relationship between individual and society, meaning of freedom in the West and Soviet society, ideals of social justice, Soviet economy, materialism, capitalism, Marxism, communism, Khrushchev and a "cult of personality," agitation, control, propaganda, the Soviet

administrative organization, instruments of coercion,
social ideals.

Notebook, February 5, 1960-1961

box 2

folder 1

Scope and Contents

Notes on various topics including: Russian imperialism, resources of the Soviet State, Vietnamese resources, classical music. Also, a rough essay draft on "An Ideal University," a one-page reflection on "Our struggle," a bibliography of English language publications on Communist China, Indochina, Marxism in Asia, and Vietnamese revolution. Some notes in French.

Government 18 notebook, Between February 16, 1961 and May 18, 1961

box 2

folder 2

Scope and Contents

Class notes on morality and national interest, Monroe Doctrine, Spanish-American War, public's role in decision making, branches of U.S. government, World War II foreign policy, American strategic doctrine. Some notes written in Vietnamese.

Government 18, Reading Notebook, 1961

box 2

folder 3

Scope and Contents

Notes on Edward S. Mason, Economic planning in Underdeveloped Countries; George Barr Carson, Jr., The State and Economic Development; Edwin P. Reubens, Opportunities, governments, and economic development in Manchuria, 1860-1940; Norman J.G. Pounds, Economic Growth in Germany; and others.

Government 18, Reading Notebook continued, 1961

box 2

folder 4

Scope and Contents

Notes on T.R. Fox, The Reconciliation of the Desirable and the Possible; Hans J. Morgenthau, In Defense of the National Interest; Gabriel A. Almond, The American People and Foreign Policy; Pendleton Herring, Presidential leadership: the political relations of Congress and the chief executive; William Yandell Elliott, United States Foreign Policy; and others. Inserted: Government g242, Determinants of American Foreign Policy, outline; English reading quiz; Government 18, Spring 1961 books recommended for purchase.

Notecards, No date

box 2

folder 5

Scope and Contents

Notecards on periodical articles (U.S. News and World Reports, Newsweek, The New York Times) and U.S. Department of State bulletins from the 1950s on events, issues, and developments in Indochina and on U.S. involvement in the region. Also notes on French foreign affairs under DeGaulle.