





Neither Storm Nor Sleet Nor Fire Drill
Shall Keep the Show from Going On

REVELATIONS

On Thursday evening, December 18, the hall was filled with a crowd of 300 alumnae and guest, all invited for a sneak preview and dress rehearsal of the 93rd *Revels*. But just as the heralds began to sing their carol, the fire alarm sounded! What to do?

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Seniors in *Revels* costumes in lab theatre could not be sent to the chapel with the underclasswomen or the secrets of *Revels* would be revealed a day too early. And what about the guests who were not used to fire drill procedures? As luck would have it, a senior spray painting in the basement of Kiggins had set off the alarm quite by accident, but the fire marshals insisted a full evacuation was in order. Out we all tromped into the chilly night, with seniors in their costumes huddled on the front circle while the audience struck out for the chapel until the drill was completed. We reassembled 20 minutes later, the heralds resumed their carol and once again, it appeared we were back on track.

On Friday the weather forecast was grim. And it lived up to the predictions.

By mid-afternoon we had a choice: Open the tunnels so the girls could prance through in *Revels* finery, or run the risk of Emma girls in stiletto heels traipsing through a foot of newly fallen snow. It was an easy call; the tunnels were opened with great care. Interestingly, since no current student had been in the tunnels (they have been closed for four years), we had to put guides at both ends to show them the way!

That night, we had some unexpected sleepovers. Over 40 of the many young alums who returned with good cheer for this annual tradition settled into the dorms following the performance as road conditions were abysmal.

And the drama was not over yet. Saturday dawned with more weather alerts, snow, cancelled flights, and delays, but the show must go on. Many parents and grandparents missed the finale, and a number of seniors were stranded on campus given the winter weather. As the week concluded, with winter white all around, there was great pride in this class that had succeeded through inconvenience and calamity to present the 93rd *Revels* with the requisite zest and spirit. **e**

