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1949 Class Memorial Under Construction In Inner Court

Undoubtedly everyone has noticed the uprooting of the flower bed in Inner Court and the beginning of the erection of "something new." This "something new" will be a fountain, presented by the Class of 1949 as a memorial.

The design will be a circular cement pool with brick venter. It will be a color-change fountain, changing the water color to blue, amber, red, and green, with three heights of water shooting upward. The source of the water is to be found in a circulation pump located in the basement of Waller Hall. The water works in a circular motion; after falling to the bottom of the pool, suction conveys it back to the pump, where it is used again.

The fountain was designed by Mr. Sharretts, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and the work is being done by the college maintenance department.

It will not be in operation until next spring, although the cement pool will probably be completed before very cold weather commences. The date of dedication has not been definitely set because of uncertainty of getting materials.

The Class of 1949 has given \$500 for this memorial, although the actual cost will be approximately \$750.

Class in Ethics Conducts Project On Lounge Problem

The Ethics class of the college is currently conducting a survey to consider the problem of misuse of furniture on the college lounge. Dr. Marguerite Kehr is the instructor for the course.

The survey will be made through a poll of as many students as can be contacted by members of the class. The poll bears such questions as the following:

- Are you satisfied with the general condition of the lounge?
- Have you been guilty in any way for misuse of the lounge?
- Would you be willing to serve on a committee to restore law and order to the lounge?
- Should destroyers of property be punished?
- Where do you think the money comes from for the furnishings of the lounge?
- Who do you think should be responsible for reporting offenders?
- Why do you think that people

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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

- FRIDAY—NOV. 10
Night Football Game8:00
At West Chester
- MONDAY—NOV. 13
A.R.C. Life Saving4:00
Centennial Gym
Band Rehearsal4:00
Navy Hall Aud.
C. G. A.7:00
Room L
Newman Club7:00
St. Columba's Church
Knox Fellowship Hayride ...7:00
- TUESDAY—NOV. 14
Band Rehearsal4:00
Navy Hall Aud.
A.R.C. Life Saving4:00
Centennial Gym
Women's Chorus4:00
Science Hall
Dramatic Club6:45
Carver Hall Aud.
- WEDNESDAY—NOV. 15
Band Rehearsal4:00
Navy Hall Aud.
Men's Glee Club4:00
To be announced
S. C. A.6:55
Soc. Rooms, Sc. Hall
- THURSDAY—NOV. 16
Bus. Education Club3:00
Navy Hall Aud.
Athenaeum Club3:00
To be announced
Poetry Club3:00
Room J, Noetling Hall
Band Rehearsal3:00
Navy Hall Aud.
Pi Omega Pi7:00
Soc. Rooms, Sc. Hall



Dr. Ralph S. Herre

Dr. Ralph Herre Back From Columbia Citizenship Project

Dr. Ralph S. Herre, instructor in social studies, has returned to B.S.T.C. after spending the past nine weeks at Columbia University where he represented the college in a citizenship project. B.S.T.C. is the only state teachers college in Pennsylvania that was chosen to partake in the project.

Dr. Herre has been a member of the college faculty since 1947. He received his B.S. degree at Colgate and his M.A. at Teachers College in Albany. He has held positions at the State Normal School in Brockport, New York; Central School in Wolcott, New York; and the Senior High School in Lockport, New York.

Men's Glee Club And Womens Chorus Plan Programs

The Men's Glee Club and the Women's Chorus are completing plans for assembly programs which they will present in the near future.

The Men's Glee Club will hold a Thanksgiving program on November 21. It will consist of three numbers: "The Worship of God in Nature," by Beethoven; "O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," by Hatton; and "Prayer of Thanksgiving," an old Netherlands tune.

In preparation for a program in assembly next month, the Women's Chorus is preparing to sing several Christmas selections.

Miss Harriet H. Moore is director for both choral groups.

L.S.A. Holds Party And Scavenger Hunt

On Monday evening, October 30, the Lutheran Student Association held a Halloween Party for its members. Games, including a scavenger hunt, were played. Among the items on the list for the hunt were a pair of men's orange socks, a yellow bathing suit, license plate, an ant, and autographs from the school librarian on duty.

The committees in charge of the affair were as follows: entertainment, Calvin Kanyuck, Gloria Benner, Marilyn Kuschel, Janice Pugh; decorations, Dick Kressler; refreshments, Eleanor Johnson, Marie Parrish, and Lorraine Wagaman.

Juke Box Rented

The College Council has rented a new juke box for the college lounge. The new record player was placed in the lounge on Wednesday, November 1. The Vumbico Novelty Co., Shamokin, Pa., has charge of servicing and record replacement.

The new juke box is a 1948 Wurlitzer machine with a 24-record capacity.

Knox Fellowship Hayride

Monday, November 13
Bronson's Farm
Group will leave long porch at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Martin Stewart Speaks to Business Education Club

The Business Education Club held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 2, 1950, in Navy Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Martin Stewart, Personnel Manager of the Magee Carpet Company, told the club what business expects of an employee, and he also explained how one should apply for an office position. He shocked the club by stating that he has actually had girls come in to apply for an office position with their hair in pin curls, and some fellows have come in wearing blue jeans and polo shirts. Of course, students from our Business Department know better, as Nancy Swartz demonstrated in a mock interview with Mr. Stewart on "How to Apply for a Position."

Mr. Stewart enlightened the club with the other side of the picture — what the company, in this case the Magee Carpet Company, does when someone applies for a position; having applicant fill out application blank; interviewing the applicant; calling of applicant when opening is present; giving tests, such as were used in the Armed Services; checking as to references; and passing credentials through several hands before final choice is made.

The session ended with Mr. Stewart's answering questions from the floor, clearing many of the club's queries pertaining to general business.

Students Enjoy Annual Halloween Dinner and Party

On October 31, the old Halloween spirit pervaded the earth, entering even the walls of BSTC. The annual Halloween dinner provided a welcome outlet for the restlessness, mystery, and drama associated with this time of year.

Diners in the college dining room, dressed in jeans and plaid shirts or other costumes, were greeted by waiters and waitresses in shorts, crepe paper, corn stalks, and miscellaneous articles of clothing appropriate to the occasion.

Tables, instead of being set, had silver, dishes, and glasses piled in the center as if by some zany prankster. The table numbers had been mixed up so that everyone had to search for his proper place.

Decorations were in keeping with the Halloween spirit. The eerie orange light revealed pumpkins on tables, cornstalks hiding in corners, witches and goblins sailing along the walls, and orange and black crepe-paper streamers festooned from the ceiling.

A delicious meal was served, consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, pumpkin pie, and cider.

Seventeen New Members Admitted To Phi Sigma Pi During Initiation

Russell Schleicher Added to Faculty Of Training School

Russell F. Schleicher is the new fifth grade teacher at the Benjamin Franklin Training School. He comes to Bloomsburg from Palmerton where he was principal of the Elementary School.

Mr. Schleicher graduated from Kutztown State Teachers College in 1927, taking a two year elementary course. He began teaching at the age of eighteen. Taking post graduate work at Pennsylvania State College, he received his B.S. degree in 1934. In 1948, he received his M.A. degree from Lehigh University.

Mr. Schleicher enjoys teaching in the training school because it offers freedom to both teacher and children. The teacher is allowed more freedom in methods of teaching; the children are less restricted than in a traditional elementary school. He thinks the idea of observation is good because it helps the pupils to realize that other people are interested in them.

Mr. Schleicher likes the town of Bloomsburg. He says, "It has a distinctly different flavor from towns."

The instructor is married and has three children.

Day Men Prefer Chess to Pinochle As New Pastime

Pinochle and ping pong have taken a back seat as far as members of the Day Men's Koffee Klatch are concerned. The current rage in Noetling Hall is, of all things, that intellectual pursuit commonly known as chess. Interest runs high over the progress and subsequent disaster which follows a brilliant piece of field strategy. Each contestant has his worshipful audience and sly bets often are exchanged on the outcome of a tense bit of maneuvering which may or may not end in a check-mate.

The Chess Club Regulars have plans underway for establishing an organization to perpetuate interest in this honorable game, if a faculty sponsor can be found. Members of the group, and all, incidentally, experienced "chessmen," include: Les Hornberger, Jim Arnold, Lyle Horne, Bob Luchs, George Gorda, Mike Hemlock, Ron Kaler, Bucky Price, George Blyler, Stuart Davis, and John Seebold.

Educational Fraternity Presents Riotous Program On Wednesday Evening

Phi Sigma Pi, national honorary educational fraternity for men, held its informal initiation on November 8, 1950, in the old gym. Seventeen pledges participated in the program. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Robert Sickinger.

The first pledge to take the spotlight was Mike Dorak, who gave a discourse on marriage. Mr. Dorak offered some "helpful advice" to prospective husbands and wives. The oration gained a round of applause.

Donald Cesare continued the ceremonies with a recitation of "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. He was followed by Jack Williams, who literally brought down the roof with his imitations of a "dummy."

The audience went into riotous laughter when Walt Troutman presented his imitations of prominent personalities.

Charles Brennan sang his own version of "Mammy." Next, Harold Carey, dressed for the occasion, gave the audience a glimpse of "Life in Greenwich Village."

Vincent Nawrocki made his debut as a ventriloquist. Edward Sliks gave his performance by proposing marriage to Maynard Herring. George Baksi acquainted the student body with some new points of view on education when he delivered his philosophy on B. S. T. C. James Creveling completed the round of solo performances with an entertaining act.

A burst of applause arose in the gym when the Phi Sigma Pi Chorus' Line made its appearance. The quartet composed of Homer Zeigler, Henry Hurtt, George Reck, and Claude Renninger, brought the program of the evening to a close.

The formal initiation of the pledges took place the following evening in the social rooms of Science Hall.

The objective of the fraternity is to maintain a professional educational fraternity for men in teacher-training institutions. It endeavors to advance ideals of education, promote fellowship, improve the quality of teachers, and uphold justice and efficiency of government. Officers of the group are Gerald Bacon, president; Merlin Beachell, vice-president; James Whitney, secretary; and Lewis Ballantine, treasurer.

Students Hold Big Rally and Parade Before Wilkes Game

The town of Bloomsburg knew there was a college on the hill on Friday, November 3, when BSTC held a pep rally with all the trimmings: cheerleaders, a bonfire, a parade of fraternity pledges, and an automobile parade and snake dance led by a lovely Queen. The affair wound up with a square dance, sponsored by the Day Men's Association, in the College lounge.

The pep rally was held in anticipation of the BSTC-Wilkes College football game, which was played on Saturday afternoon; and college spirit reached a new high as the Huskies neared the end of the 1950 gridiron season.

The rally opened on the Benjamin Franklin School playground with a bonfire and a parade of Phi Sigma Pi pledges; the cheerleaders, assisted by the Maroon and Gold Band, led the assemblage in college cheers and songs. Coach Redman made a few brief remarks; then the lovely Queen of the pep rally, Joan Enama, was introduced.

The group then adjourned to the Colonnade, where the automobile

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TAKE IT EASY

Going to and coming from the game at West Chester tonight!

Observe all rules of highway safety.

Gentlemen, The Line Forms at the Left!



Dr. Nelson, president of the Alumni Association, bestows his thanks upon M. & G. twirler, Hazel Thompson, in appreciation of the large cake presented to him during half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming Day game. Be careful of your blood pressure Doctor!!

Dancer Stunned . . .

Dancers literally knocked themselves out at the Day Men's Round and Square Dance on Friday, November 3.

Jo Ann Fornwald was stunned by a blow from an over-exuberant dancer's elbow and had to be assisted from the dance floor.

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An Open Letter

I would like everyone to understand before reading this article that I am not condemning anyone or anything in general.

I believe it is only right that a member of this year's soccer team should give his views on the question of dropping the sport. From what I can gather, this is to be the last year for soccer at this institution. Before I go any further I think I should mention that I am the only senior on this year's squad, so whether the sport is continued or not will not affect me in any way. From this I want you to understand that I can gain no benefit at all from the continuation of the sport, so my views are equal to those of an outsider.

The chief claims of the people who are against the continuation of the sport are that in no way does playing soccer help any one receive a teaching position, and that there is no interest in the sport on campus. As for the first claim, I am not too well acquainted, but I do know that two of my friends are established in high schools and coaching soccer is part of their job. I intend to look further into this part of the problem and see just how many of the former soccer players of this school have been benefited by the sport.

For the second claim, I ask, "Why is there no interest?" The answer is very simple. The college in general does nothing more than furnish a small amount of money, a coach, and a field to play on.

On the other hand, football has its ranks filled with many outstanding football stars from all parts of the state. Also, the football team receives so much publicity in the local papers that there is no room left for the soccer team. Please don't get the idea I am against the football team, because I'm really proud of them.

This year's soccer team is composed of fellows who really like the game, and in no way does the college do anything whatsoever to bring good soccer players to this institution. Some people advocate that there aren't any good soccer players to bring here. Contrary to this comment, this school is located in one of the counties where the high schools play a terrific brand of soccer. Many of my own friends, with just a little inducement, would now be attending this school.

As for publicity, the soccer team receives so little that it might just as well be forgotten. For example, on Saturday, November 4, we had a soccer game against Indiana S.T.C. There was no mention at all in the local paper about the game, the time, or the place it was to be played. This, to me, is the most important way to gain interest, because most of the people who attended the game were outsiders who understand or who have played the game. How can you expect to build up interest when people don't even know there's going to be a game? How many games were announced in assembly this year?

Many times people have asked me when our next soccer game was going to be. In many cases, they said if they had only known they would have attended. I also believe that the faculty could have helped interest along in many ways. I take my hat off to Dean Kehr, Dr. Engelhart, and Mr. Reams. Need I say anymore?

I will whole-heartedly agree with anyone that it takes a winning team to gain interest and hold the fans. I sincerely believe that if the sport is given another chance, and some of the sore spots I have mentioned are remedied, the sport can become a tribute to a fine school.

C. R. G.

The Significance of National Education Week

The purpose of National Education Week is to call to the attention of the public once a year to the vital role of education in the life of our democracy.

The general theme "Education for a Strong America" is indeed a timely one. During the World War, we made our battle-cry "Make the world safe for democracy" but now we know only the strong can survive and that no democracy is safe unless the people of that democracy are strong.

A fundamental step in making America strong is the building of physical fitness. Selective Service has called to our attention some of our physical defects. The encouraging fact that today we are in better physical condition than at the time of the World War shows that our education is producing results. Since much of our lack of physical fitness is caused by an inadequate diet due to poor earning power, it is our duty to strive for the economic well-being of the nation. This should be no nation where wealth accumulates and men decay. Once the economic insecurity of society is overcome, the main threat to emotional stability will have been removed.

Once the people are physically fit and emotionally stable, we have gone a long way toward strengthening national morale. It is our schools' duty to give the children daily experiences in democratic living so that they may see the advantages of perpetuating this form of government regardless of the type of government predominating in the world outside our nation. Through education we must build up a morale which will be unshaken no matter what crises arise.

Another problem in building a strong America is the safeguarding of school support. In times like these there is always a tendency to curtail expenditures and the schools will be the first to suffer unless we can justify the cost of the schools by showing their value in maintaining a democracy.

The last problem in building a strong American is insuring the cooperation of home and school. These two things, more than all other factors, mold the lives of the youth of America. When they are working hand in hand, we shall have a sound basis upon which to build a strong America.

Speaking of . . . OPERATIONS

by Calvin Kanyuck and
Max Kaplan

After two and a half years of careful observation, we have come to the conclusion that there is one operator around here who stands out among all the others. His life may have its ups and downs, but nevertheless, he gets around. Needless to say, he is in constant demand as far as many of the girls in the dormitory are concerned, but this hasn't gone to his head. He still tells the young ladies where to get off. With both admiration and envy, we salute "Art", the elevator operator.

Something new in football? . . .

It was late in the fourth period of the Wilkes game, and the crowd had settled back to enjoy the remainder of the contest. The Wilkes center snapped the ball to the runner who was stopped in his tracks before making any gain. Everything seemed to be in order except to the official who picked up the ball and paced off a five-yard penalty against Bloomsburg. "Wha hoppen?" was the question asked by many. It seems that Coach Redman had inaugurated a new defense system of which the officials did not approve. For some reason they thought twelve men were one too many.

Who bungled the job?

According to many self-fashioned humorists this was the question supposedly being asked by the Republicans when the would-be assassins failed in their job on President Truman. We doubt that they had anything to do with it, and surely this is no matter about which to joke, but the American people have a tendency to treat such things lightly. This attempt on the life of a President is nothing new, and it certainly does not make Harry a man of distinction. This sort of thing started when some character by the name of Booth decided to knock off Lincoln. Since then, it has been tried on McKinley, Garfield, and both of the Roosevelt boys. In fact, an attempt of some sort is made on the life of each President. Some of the more common means include incendiary letters and packaged bombs. Fortunately, the alert secret service men have means of detecting such contrivances.

Our hats are off . . .

To the would-be chemists, physicists, and biologists who haunt our hallowed hall of science, we remove our hats. It has been said that we must suffer for science, and these students are getting an excellent grounding along this line. How they can drink the water served there is beyond us. It has a lovely mist color and tastes like it was just piped over from the boilers in the power plant. This is just one of the many features of this building. It is also air-conditioned: hot in summer and cool in winter. There are so many leaks in the roof that the place looks like a public shower whenever we have a substantial rain. Rumor has it, however, that this building is to be repaired in the near future. We are glad to see that they finally realize that this building is also a part of the college campus.

Orchids . . .

This week we send our orchids to the Day Men's Association who provided the college community with another of their evenings of entertainment on Friday, November 3. The Day Men have come a long way in the past year. From an organization of rather passive interest in school affairs, we now find them showing the way. A rough count showed over thirty-five sets on the floor for the first square-dance. With eight people to a set and a goodly number of students sitting out the dance, we would hazard a guess that over three hundred attended the dance. Free refreshments were served, and few are the people who can honestly say that they didn't have a good time.

'Tain't so . . .

A check of statistics shows that the United States grows more than seventy per cent of the world's corn. There are those friends of ours who insist we are going to boost the percentage if we continue this column. We reply, "tain't so."

Well, twenty-three skidoo for this week, and keep a stiff upper lip. Better times are ahead.

It would be better to be able to enjoy the things you cannot have than to have things you are not able to appreciate.

—Elbert Hubbard

It's Your Move . . .



Glances Behind the Scenes In the Day Men's Room

To the students of this school who do not recognize those strange characters that appear in miscellaneous classes, let us tell you about them. They are the forgotten people who are called day men.

These people arrive here at the college from communities such as Shamokin, Catawissa, Danville, and other out-of-the-way places. They travel in luxurious limousines or beat up jalopies from their respective haunts and then converge in a place called the day men's room in Noetling Hall.

These people, some three hundred strong, are led by Jim Cannon, who is the president of the Day Men's Association; John Seebold, who is vice president; George Young, secretary; and Robert Hileman, treasurer.

Let us look closer into the haunt from which these day men emerge. We will see upon entering the door a room which has many tables. On these tables may be found collections of books, bottles of soft drink, a chess or checker board, or a partly consumed lunch. Around these tables in all probability we would see some day men in a discussion which might center upon an involved problem of calculus, a well-delivered opinion about some faculty member, or oration on why the Phillies are the best baseball team. The average person might obtain a well-rounded college education by listening to the cussings and discussions of these square-table conferences.

In furthering our investigation, we might see at a table two fellows who seem to be doing imitations of "The Thinker"; but, in reality, they are absorbed in planning an intricate maneuver in chess. We might also see an amateur two-some playing checkers; these are freshman and know no better.

At one end of the room, the brash beat of boogie or the restful rhythm of the classics wells from the small radio and, upon occasion, John's Other Wife sneaks across from the speaker. At times, an eager group of Philly fans are hunched about the set in nervous anticipation. From the other end of the room we can hear the staccato of a snore from someone assuming a prone position on one of the four soft sofas.

The noon hour brings the assorted members of this organization trooping into the room and every chair and sofa is quickly occupied. Here the great moment arrives . . . from the well equipped kitchen comes the appetizing aroma of coffee such as only George Young can brew. Lunch is served by digging into home-prepared lunches and washing the sandwiches down with the delicious coffee. Then the square-table discussions start anew and are only quieted by the ringing of the class warning bell. The occupants of the room disperse and are engulfed by various classrooms.

At the stroke of four, they scurry off to their abodes in Shamokin, Catawissa, Danville, and other outlandish places. The day room is deserted, but tomorrow they will be back full of desire to learn just a little more.

There are other things which the day men do to bring credit to the school. For instance, this year they have held a square dance; and later on they will sponsor a student smoker. In this way, they contribute generously to student activities. In the future, they plan to participate more fully in the college program by setting up a scholarship for some needy student.

So fellow students, if these strange characters appear in your classes, don't worry because they disappear from this community daily at the four o'clock bell.

Hmmm! Boy, Smell That Coffee . . .



