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MEADVILLE ALUMNI PRESENT REPORT ON ATHLETIC REVOLT

November 21, 1929.
To the Alumni of Allegheny College:
We, the undersigned, are a committee selected by the Meadville Alumni to report to you circumstances relative to the athletic situation at Allegheny College and the results of a meeting called by the local alumni to investigate the same.

Two weeks ago the Campus suddenly demanded the resignations of the Athletic Board and the Graduate Manager. Shortly afterward, a meeting of the students was held at which a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions relative to the athletic situation. At a still later date it was reported through the columns of The Campus that said resolutions demanding the resignations represented the sentiment of the majority of the student body. This seemed to the local alumni to precipitate a serious situation. With a view to clearing up the situation, the local alumni held a meeting at which were present representatives of those students making complaints as well as representatives of those students supporting the Board; members of the Athletic Board; the Graduate Manager and about fifty local alumni.

A series of charges against the Board and the Graduate Manager were read. Evidence was then introduced by the representatives of the students supporting the Board and the Graduate Manager in the form of petitions signed unanimously by four fraternities, a fifth signed by a portion of another fraternity and finally a unanimous statement by a sixth fraternity expressing confidence in the ability of the college administration to properly handle the athletic affairs of the college.

The charges as published in The Campus and as read at the meeting, together with the reply of the Athletic Board and the Graduate Manager are as follows:

1st. That the Board was not legally elected.

The minutes of the alumni meeting at the Commencement Luncheon in June, 1929, revealed that the alumni members were regularly elected.

2nd. That the Board had not reorganized as directed by resolution of the Trustees.

In answer the Athletic Board quoted from the report of the President of the College to the Trustees at their annual meeting last June. "The Board of Control of Allegheny College Athletics was reconstituted according to your direction at the last annual meeting."

3rd. That the Athletic Program at Allegheny was not appropriate.

To this the Board disclaims authority to radically change the program.

4th. That members of the Athletic Board co-erce the judgment of coaches.

This charge is emphatically denied by the coaches.

5th. That athletes who are "down" in their grades have been played.

The Board replied that the scholastic eligibility of players is entirely outside their jurisdiction but added that this had never been done and invited inquiry to the Dean on this point.

6th. That Allegheny should not play Class A teams such as Pitt and Dartmouth.

The Board replied that such teams were played for three reasons: "A" To satisfy frequent appeals from alumni and the team. "B" To give the college publicity. "C" The large guarantees are essential for the continuance of the program.

7th. That the Graduate Manager has failed to effect satisfactory arrangements with the players.

In answer to this, the Board submitted a statement signed by thirty-seven members out of forty on the squad, testifying to the individual fairness and ability of the graduate manager.

8th. That the Graduate Manager has failed to bring to Allegheny athletes suggested to him by alumni.

The Graduate Manager replied that from fifty to seventy-five men are suggested to him annually and from the entire number it is only possible to handle a small percentage.

9th. That the team was scrimmaged four nights during the week of the Grove City game.

In reply, the coaches stated only two nights of scrimmage were held that week.

10th. That our athletic teams have been unsuccessful while the personnel of coaches and players has changed.

The Board believed that an investigation of the facts will show that during the eight years which this program has been in effect, Allegheny has a preponderance of victories over rivals in its territory and class, with the exception of one school, when football and basketball are combined.

forcement of high scholastic standing and limited resources.

After considering the charges and their answers, the alumni present went into executive session and after a careful consideration of the charges and answers, a motion was passed unanimously endorsing S. S. Townsend, the Graduate Manager and the Athletic Board consisting of Professors Lee, Schultz, and Hammett, Chas. White from the student body, Fred McArthur, Carl Gilbert, Paul Thomas, (Continued on Page 4)

PHI BETA KAPPA HOLDS ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

FOUR PERSONS INITIATED INTO FRATERNITY PREVIOUS TO ANNUAL DINNER

Three undergraduates and one alumnus became members of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, last Saturday afternoon, December 7, 1929, at the initiation service of Pennsylvania Eta Chapter of the organization. The alumnus initiated was John L. Porter, '90, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; the undergraduates were Mildred Van Dusen, Laura Byers, and William Wycoff. All were elected to membership at a meeting of the chapter early this fall.

Following the initiation, which was held in the Faculty Room in Bentley Hall at five o'clock, a banquet was served in Cochran Hall at six-thirty. Members of the local chapter and all members of the organization in other colleges and now connected with Allegheny were in attendance. The Allegheny chapter was quite proud to have as its guest on the occasion Professor Clarke S. Northrup of Cornell University, President of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Professor Northrup was the speaker of the evening.

President James A. Beebe was the toastmaster at the banquet and introduced the newly initiated members to the rest of the chapter. He called on William Wycoff, representing the undergraduates, and John L. Porter, of the alumni, for short talks preceding the speech of the evening, given by Professor Northrup. "A New Confession of Faith" was the subject which Professor Northrup spoke on. He first gave his reasons for thinking that a new confession of faith was necessary, and then discussed some of the things in which he placed his faith. His talk was well received, and the Allegheny chapter considered it a distinct honor to have Mr. Northrup as its guest.

DEAN KNUDESON, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, SPEAKS HERE

ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY AT CHAPEL SERVICE ON DECEMBER 5

Dean Albert C. Knudson, of Boston University School of Theology, addressed the student body in chapel Wednesday, December 5. Dr. Knudson was for four years professor of the Bible and Philosophy departments of Allegheny College and is the successor of President Beebe as Dean of the Massachusetts school. He is now on a lecture tour recruiting young men to enter the Christian ministry.

Dr. Knudson emphasized two points in his address. The first point was that religion is in the world and is going to remain there. "We are witnessing today," he said, "the greatest organized propaganda against religion that we have ever witnessed. Russia is persecuting religious people, professing to believe that religion belongs to the past, that it is the 'opiate' of the people and the preachers are 'chloroforming agents.'"

"Human nature, however," said Dr. Knudson, "is an obstacle to this belief." "Religion," he said, "is imbedded in the very nature of man as is instinct in animals. Either the Russian government will have to change its policy toward religion or go down itself."

His second point was that while religion is instinctive, it needs guidance. "Religion is power," he said, "the greatest power on earth, but when allied with ignorance, it is an extreme danger. What we need is religious, intellectual men who will apply religion to our social problems."

In concluding, Dr. Knudson said that we have great problems in every field that faces us today, but that religious problems overwhelm all others. "We need the best men, the best minds from the colleges of our country to enter the field of the Christian Ministry. It is through them that these problems may be solved."

The student body enjoyed Dr. Knudson's address; it is hoped that he will return. During the time he was here, many students availed themselves of the privilege of interviewing him.

FORMAL OPENING OF LITTLE THEATER SET FOR TOMORROW

"Dear Brutus" Will Be Presented At Opening of Alice Spalding Theater Tomorrow Evening

Realizing the ambition of many years, Miss Alice Spalding will formally open a Little Theater in Allegheny College tomorrow evening at 8:15 o'clock with the presentation of Sir James M. Barrie's well known play, "Dear Brutus." A well-equipped Little Theater, for which there has long been felt the keenest desire, has at last been realized.

It is Miss Spalding's desire that the opening of the theater tomorrow evening be as formal as possible. Although it is not compulsory that the audience be formally attired, it is desired that as many as possible can appear in evening clothes. No invitations are necessary, and tickets are available at the box office which is located in the east entrance of Arter Hall. The box office will be open every day from 11:45 to 12:45 and from 1:30 to 3:00 o'clock. In addition to the performance tomorrow evening, the play will be repeated informally on Saturday afternoon at 2:15 P. M.

Miss Spalding is confident that she has an efficient producing staff and a most capable cast for the play. The producing staff, which is composed of students enrolled in the classes in Public Speaking IV and V, has been busy for quite some time working on the setting for the play. New theater lights, modernistic in effect, have been installed and give a very beautiful touch to the theatre. New scenery has been built by the staff and has been installed most effectively. Nothing has been left undone in preparing to make

the evening's entertainment the finest that has ever been given in Allegheny College.

The cast for the play is an admirable one. The play demands very mature and efficient acting to make it successful, and the cast which Miss Spalding has selected is meeting the most exacting requirements of Barrie's masterpiece. Included in the cast are Charlotte Merwin, Minna Gruskins, Marjorie Cole, Violet Troutman, Adele Ely, Virginia Sigendall, Robert Bugbee, Lloyd Thompson, George Johnstone, and Benjamin Anderson. This cast has been selected from the best dramatic talent which the college affords, and the effort tomorrow night is sure to be a success.

Sir James M. Barrie is considered as one of the most distinguished of English playwrights. "Dear Brutus" has the distinction of being his first production, and although it is not as well known as "Peter Pan," it has the reputation of being one of the most exquisite of Barrie's plays. The play is based on the frequently expressed desire of all classes of people for a "second chance." How things would be done differently, how mistakes would never be made again, how different careers would be chosen in the world of "second chance!" In "Dear Brutus" people are actually given this "second chance." You will be interested to see to what extent the people do avail themselves of a second opportunity.

DELTA SIGMA RHO CONTEST WAS WON BY HOWARD PLATE

Howard Plate, representing Alpha Chi Rho, won the annual interfraternity extemporaneous speaking contest sponsored by Delta Sigma Rho on Friday, November 22. As a result he received the loving cup for his fraternity for the coming year. The winner's speech was based on the subject, "What is wrong with our college teachers?" The speaker presented his details in a forceful and most logical manner. He stated that everyone realized that college teachers are human and thus are subject to human fallacies. Most college classes seem to be based on the fact that man does not think. This is the first great mistake of college teachers. Students are never able to take the initiative but are forced to bend their minds to the professors' ways of thinking. In the second place the method of lectures and quizzes is not one that enables the student to do his best creative work.

Having diagnosed the mistakes of college teachers, the speaker went on and brought forth ways to solve these problems. In the first place, the speaker showed that a conference method, in which the pupils would gather around the instructor and discuss freely the problems on hand, would work out most satisfactorily. The student would then be able to take the initiative and thus do his best creative work. To replace the lectures and quizzes it would be best to give up the marking system. Thus the quizzes would naturally terminate, as there would be no purpose in giving them. This system, Mr. Plate pointed out, is already working out satisfactorily in several colleges. Education must be more than mere learning. Instead it must give a way for the student to get in closer personal contact with the faculty of the college.

Harmon Gilbert, representing Phi Delta Theta, gave the first address. He spoke on, "College and Old Traditions." The speaker stated that there are three kinds of college traditions: first, individual traditions, such as tugs of war, water battles, and other such contests; second, the tradition of razzing freshmen; third, the tradition of ostracizing co-eds. Traditions, the speaker concluded are the center of college life. Without them the school would change to the business school type.

"College in the Movies" was the subject of George Johnstone's speech. He represented Delta Tau Delta. He stated that the pictures of college life were not based on actual facts but merely upon what the public wishes to see. Thus the college tea room becomes a place where quartettes and banjo players predominate. Such examples always cast a wrong influence on college life.

Donald Knapp, speaking for Phi Gamma Delta, used for his subject, "Apple Shining." He stated that this was merely an attempt on the part of the student to make the professor believe that the student was worth more than was the case. Such students have

a wrong impression of colleges as they are influenced mostly by the desire to get good grades.

The final speaker was Robert More, of Phi Kappa Psi, who spoke on, "The Curse of Coeducation." The speaker stated that the co-eds may be regarded as a curse in three ways. First, in athletics, the players find it harder to keep in condition because they are always tempted to keep late hours. In the second place, many students make it a habit to take girls to athletic contests. This endangers school spirit. Finally, the studies suffer as the students are unable to concentrate on their school work as much as they should.

The judges were Drs. Swartley and Schultz, and Mr. Anderson. It is the purpose of Delta Sigma Rho to place forensics on a higher basis in Allegheny College and this annual extemporaneous speaking contest has done much to help realize their aim.

Rev. G. S. Lackland Was Chapel Speaker On December 2nd

Departing from the usual custom of chapel speakers, who tend to "quiz" the students, Dr. George S. Lackland, pastor of Stone Church, Meadville, whose talk featured chapel exercises Monday, December 2, provided a means for self-examination by the students themselves. Listing, and when necessary appropriately interpreting, a number of important questions, Dr. Lackland laid down the general lines of a survey of one's self aimed to be of great service in determining how college life has been of benefit in the building of character.

Ridding the mind of prejudices was Dr. Lackland's first point. Discussing the subject through guide questions, he advised the study of prejudices by the laboratory method; gathering all the facts, and then interpreting the meaning of these facts, with particular regard to the historical and social background of the subject.

The self-questionnaire brought out many other important points: college should develop one's sense of the beautiful; it should teach one reverence for the present by study of the past, particularly of the development of college traditions; it should bring home one's obligations to carry his advantages to those not so fortunate. College should develop a sense of proportion in judging merit; one should not judge a man solely by his economic position. Above all, since the most significant features of college life are the associations and friendships formed, one should look for the best in others and strive to make a friend of everyone possible. Dr. Lackland concluded by naming other questions helping to clinch his idea that the end of education is the development of a personality and a vision of service.

WAKEFIELD ORATION CONTEST WON BY ROBERT RUTHERFORD

Last Wednesday evening, December 5, Robert F. Rutherford, of the Senior class, was given first place in the annual Wakefield Oratorical Contest by a unanimous decision of the judges. Because of his victory, Rutherford will represent Allegheny College in the annual Intercollegiate Civic Oratorical League Contest which will be held next May. Lloyd Gordon, also of the Senior class, was given second place. The winner received a prize of thirty-five dollars, and a prize of fifteen dollars

was given for second place. These prizes are provided by a fund left by the late James A. Wakefield, '90, in memory of his grandfather, the Reverend Samuel Wakefield, D. D. The other contestants were Charles White, who was given third place, Howard Plate, James Hamilton, and George Moultrie. The chairman of the contest was Dean C. F. Ross, and the judges were Mayor-elect Charles W. Gill, '07, Robert W. Thomas, '12, former Professor of English at Allegheny, and A. Dickson Andrews, '08, attorney, all of Meadville.

The winning speech, "Minds in Chains," by Rutherford, was a warning against the concentration of the power of the press in the hands of a few men. The speaker first pointed out that there are many chains of different kinds in this country, and that such organizations as chains of restaurants, hotels, stores, railroads, and theatres are beneficial to the country because they can lower the prices which the consumers must pay. Then he showed that a newspaper chain is quite a different thing, because it can control public opinion, and such control is entirely in opposition with the American idea of democracy.

The oration winning the second prize was "Yellow Journalism," by Lloyd Gordon. He also criticized the modern newspaper, saying that it uses intimidation and persuasion to accomplish its ends. The special topic which he mentioned was that of Prohibition, and he contended that newspapers are attempting to break down the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment by encouraging disobedience toward it.

The other orations were "Outposts," by Charles White, a recognition of the debt of the present generation to the past generation; "Bridges," by Howard Plate, a comparison of life to crossing bridges; "The Sea's Strength," by James Hamilton, an exposition of the way in which civilization is constantly being advanced by the formulation and adoption of new ideas; and "The Tenth Man," by George Moultrie, a defense of the American Negro.

SECRETARY WRITES OF PITTSBURGH REUNION

ANNUAL BRIDGE-DANCE HELD AT P. A. A. WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL

Many Alleghenians renewed old acquaintances at the Annual Fall Reunion Bridge-Dance sponsored by the Allegheny College Club of Pittsburgh, on Saturday evening, November twenty-third, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association Annex. The members of the football squad were our honored guests, and they sure do deserve a lot of praise for the glorious way they wound up the season.

Music was furnished by the Collegiate Imps and a peppy time was had by all who attended. Refreshments of punch and wafers were served. The only thing which could have added to the enjoyment of the evening would have been a larger representation from the classes prior to 1920. Bridge was added this year as an attraction for those who do not care to dance, but very few took advantage of this opportunity to talk over old times between hands. We hope that we shall have a more well-rounded group and a larger percentage of the six hundred Alleghenians in the Pittsburgh district at our next function which will be a reunion dinner early in the Spring. Plans are now under way to secure a nationally known figure as the principal speaker.

All alumni, ex-students, and undergraduates will be interested to know that the Allegheny College Club of Pittsburgh is holding bi-monthly luncheons at McCreary's every second and fourth Wednesday at 12:15. Make it a point to eat with us when you are in town at those times.

You of the Pittsburgh district will be very sorry you did not attend our Reunion Bridge-Dance and will resolve to attend our next big function when you see many of your friend's names in the following list of Alleghenians who attended with their friends: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Alder, Eleanor Arbuthnot, David H. Behrhorst, Marian Blake, Dr. George Booth, Theodore A. Borrell, James A. Bortz, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bozie, Anne E. Cochrane, Dr. Charles H. Cochrane, Mrs. Anna Carter Davis, Ralph H. Demmler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Flint, Dr. Wilson R. Flint, Mrs. Inez Brumbaugh Frawley, John B. Gordon, David B. Heiner, Richard J. Helmstadter, Louise Hibbs, Fred L. Homer, E. Alexander Hill, E. Alden Hunston, Robert Ingram, Glenn C. Jones, Everett B. Kunselman, Grace Kengle, John S. Lindsey, John H. Louthan, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne A. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. P. Miller, James E. Meadowcroft, Mary Louise Murphy, Theodore McQuiston, Mr. and Mrs. G.

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