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"RELIGION AND MY FUTURE" THIS WEEK

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W. A. Shirk To Describe Christian Work

Warren A. Shirk, travelling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, will be on campus October 24 to 26. He will speak to the student body and hold personal conferences with all students interested in some phase of "Christianity as a Life Work."

Mr. Shirk, now pastor of the Methodist church at Hilton, New York, was active in student religious work during his undergraduate days at Allegheny college. He served on the Y.M.C.A. Student Council for Pennsylvania, was president of the West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania Student Volunteer Movement,, and a delegate to national student conferences.

In the summers of 1936-1937 Mr. Shirk was a member of the Lisle Fellowship at Lisle, New York. In 1938 he went abroad, spending eight months in India where he visited missionary projects from the Himalayas to the sea, maintained by various denominations. He carried greetings from American campuses to students in India, Burma and the Philippines, studied a term in the University of Rangoon and lived for a time in the leper colony at Borbheta, Assam. These experiences have been recorded in his book, **Wider Horizons.** In the summer of 1940 he taught "Missions" in North Carolina for the Board of Education of the Methodist church.

Mr. Shirk has studied at Duke Divinity school, Colgate-Rochester Divinity school, and at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity school, where he received his B.D. degree. He was the pastor of the Creigsville-Covington Methodist churches in western New York before becoming pastor of the Methodist church at Hilton.

Hallowe'en Banquet October 26; Prize For Best Table And Skit

Helen Creeger, '46, social chairman of the Associated Women Students, announces that the annual Hallowe'en dinner will be held in Brooks hall on October 26. Ruth Hykes, '46, chairman of the A. W. S. formal dinners this year, is in charge of the veen.Dt ceoETNN charge of the event. Decorations will be planned by the social committee in co-operation with the Men's Undergraduate Council.

All Allegheny students are invited to attend, and those wishing to sit in table groups must sign up at the desk in Brooks hall before and after dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. It is advisable to do this as soon as possible, since the dining hall has limited seating capacity.

Each table group is to plan its own costumes and table decorations, a prize being awarded for the cleverest. Skits are to be presented by each of the freshman houses and each of the men's dormitories. Plans for the skits must be submitted not later than this evening to Ruth Hykes, 109 Brooks hall, and Helen Cavanaugh, '47, 326 Brooks hall. A prize will be awarded for the skit judged best.

Proctors For Quiet Hours Met Sunday To Discuss Problems

Quiet proctors met Sunday afternoon in Brooks hall to discuss problems which had arisen concerning the enforcement of quiet hours.

Freshman proctors met with Marjorie Sterett, '45, vice-president of Associated Women Students, and upperclass proctors held their meeting with June McGary, '45, president of A.W.S.

It was decided that "gripe" boxes would be placed in each section of the freshman dorms. Any complaints are to be written out and put into the "gripe" box with the type of complaint—noise, loud radio or any annoyance—and the time during which the disturbances occurred. At the end of the week each quiet proctor will call a meeting of her section, and a discussion of the complaints will be held.

On Sunday, October 29, at 3:0(p.m. the next meeting of the quiet proctors will be held.

Playshop Opens Class To Children

The Allegheny college Playshop announces the offering of two children's theatre courses to be presented on twenty Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock in the Playshop theatre, Arter hall. The first meeting of the children's theatre classes will be on Saturday morning, October 21.

One of the courses which is being offered is creative dramatics, which will be supervised by Mrs. Maurine Mitchell, a member of the staff of the drama department. The other course is puppetry and will be presented by Mrs. Margaret Long. In this course, during the twenty weeks, the students will prepare the script for a play, make their marionettes, rehearse the play and present a performance in the Playshop theatre.

Enrollment in the courses will be limited in number and applications will be considered in the order received. Children from the ages of seven to thirteen are eligible. But only one course may be taken at a time.

Tuition for the course is ten dollars for the twenty weeks. For two or more students in the same family the tuition is fifteen dollars. If preferred, one half the tuition may be paid at the time of the first class and the balance by January 6. No classes will be held on November 25, Decemebr 27 and 30. For further information concerning the course, telephone the Playshop office any afternoon.

Available Student Medical Treatment Announced By Staff

Dr. Robert J. Byers, resident physician, reports that 300 office calls and one case of appendicitis at Hammet Health Center during the month of September kept the medical staff busy.

No student will be excused from classes by phoning the infirmary as has been done in the past is a new rule affirmed by Dr. Byers.

Having paid the health fee charged at registration, each student is entitled to all medical treatment offered by the Center, plus two weeks of hospitalization. This hospitalization includes fees for the rooms, X-rays, necessary dosages and meals. However, if an outside doctor is called, the student himself must meet the expense. If any student has hospitalization insurance through his family on coming to college, it may be used in addition to the two weeks offered by the college.

The infirmary on second back is no longer in use for any medical treatment whatsoever and all cases will be taken care of at Hammet

New Chapel Plans

"Volunteer For Voluntary Chapel" Is Cry

Prove it can be done! Practice a smug look in front of your mirror to use after Christmas as you walk voluntarily to chapel! No more pink slips! Your activities number 643—or was it 346—need only be a memory! Volunteer for voluntary chapel! The chapel committee has received permission to inaugurate a new system of chapel attendance. Starting on October 30 and continuing until Christmas vacation chapel attendance will be purely voluntary. If attendance does not drop and Allegheny students prove that they can sponsor things without coercive measures the policy will be installed permanently.

Along with this new plan for attendance, the nature of chapel programs is to have a complete overhauling. Chapels will be shorter—15 to 20 minutes long; scarcely long enough to warm the chapel pews. They will begin promptly and the door will be closed to latecomers. Elimination of the usual queries—"What's for chapel today?"—"Is it a minister?"—"I heard those three girls were going to sing duets." Chapel programs will be announced! This new plan will do away with a biweekly rat race to lunch, too, if students cooperate for everyone will be out early enough for early lunch. That means you won't have to hurry to play bridge before one-thirty and you can walk to class without running the risk of indigestion.

The students have nothing to lose and everything to gain by going to chapel regularly during this trial period. Two sororities have already pledged 100% attendance.

The first voluntary chapel will be a talent show put on by the freshman boys. The local theatres charge for entertainment—at Ford chapel it doesn't even cost more to sit downstairs.

Allegheny Students Receive Recognition In 'Atlantic Monthly'

Two Allegheny students received recognition for their entries in the **Atlantic Monthly** literary contest for college students last spring.

Dorothy Schuchman, '44, received third honorable mention for her entry, a poem entitled "Postcard". This was one of 290 original poems submitted by students from forty-seven colleges.

"The Funeral," a short story, submitted by Audrey Grimm, '45, won tenth place among the top twenty stories of the contest. One of the judges rated "The Funeral" as the best of the 290 original stories entered in the contest by students from fifty-eight colleges.

Audrey Grimm is present editor of the **Allegheny Literary Magazine,** and Dorothy Schuchman was editor of this publication last year.

Brooms and Brushes for Bousson

By MARY ELEANOR PAGAROLL, '46

Bousson camp is technically a 324 acre tract of land owned by Allegheny college, located seven miles east of the campus and used for student and faculty recreational activities and for experimental work. However, after activities of the weekend of October 15, the technical description has been really broadened. The Lodge was transformed into a shining, spic-and-span, outdoor haven with the help of four stolen tin pails, two brooms (and McCauley's pigtails), eight boxes of Super Suds and a special committee appointed by A. U. C.

The need for an outdoor recreational spot was recognized by the Administration in 1934 when Bousson camp was established. However, in the past few years, many of its latent possibilities have been overlooked. The committee headed by Barbara Bender, '45, and consisting of Melvin Furman, '47, Harold Knappenberger, '47, William Walker, '47, Mary Eleanor Pagaroll, '46, Anne Hartman, '47, John Hawes, '47, Gordon Elliott, '48, Caroline Arentzen, '46, Peter Albright, '48, Jay Luvaas, '48, Florence Graham, '46, Margaret McKay, '47, Elizabeth North, '45, Geraldine Wallace, '46, Helen McCauley, '47, and Louise McCoy, '47, has been selected as a nucleus to stimulate interest. Miss Miriam Brubaker, Miss Dorothy Deach, and Coach H. P. Way are acting as faculty advisors. The college wants Bousson to be a place to go for supper hikes, ice skating parties, skiing spills and any outdoor activity that's fun and very far removed from books and book-learning.

Miss Brubaker and a decoration committee of John Hawes, Caroline Arentzen, Elizabeth North and Mary Eleanor Pagaroll are at work studying Pennsylvania Dutch artistry to select designs to decorate the interior of the Lodge. Harold Knappenberger is heading a committee of hardy out-door souls to explore the trails. Plans were made for making a map of the camp and to establish trail markers.

Inclement weather just adds to the fun at Bousson. Peter Albright and Mel Furman refused to let rain dampen their ardor and went for an icy dip while resting from dish washing. Bill Walker inaugurated a new method of washing floors—just wrapping Paggy and Bender in wet clothes and soliciting Vitamin to push them along the floor. Anne Hartman and Sammy K. are

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Dr. Claxton Is Week's Speaker

New York Methodist Pastor Is Leader For Religious Emphasis Week



Dr. Allen E. Claxton

Dr. Claxton is pastor of Broadway Temple Methodist Church in New York City. He is a contributing editor for the **Zion's Herald,** is a member of New York City Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, and is chairman of the Inter-faith Clergy Association of New York City.

In January of this year **Time** gave him a citation as "outstanding contributor to inter-faith goodwill."

Dr. Claxton received his B. S. degree from the University of Illinois, S. T. B. from Boston university and worked for his Ph. D. at Boston, Columbia and Harvard.

After spending some time as an ambulance driver in World War I, he became captain of the Illinois National Guard and for three years was assistant professor at Illinois university teaching military science and tactics.

Dr. Claxton has spent weeks similar to our Religious Emphasis Week on other campuses, notably Harvard, Boston and Columbia.

Religious Emphasis Week began last Monday afternoon, October 16, with an informal faculty reception for the guest speaker, Dr. Allen E. Claxton. President John R. Schultz introduced each faculty member individually to Dr. Claxton.

A reception in honor of the speaker was held in Brooks hall on Monday evening at 8:15 p. m. Student leaders of the various campus organizations attended the reception which was under the chairmanship of Carolyn Wise, '46.

Mr. Claxton's opening speech, "The Christian Primer," was made in chapel Tuesday noon, October 17. He stated that before considering a "brave, new world" based on general ideals, personal ideals must be strengthened. A constructive world cannot be built with destructive people, said Mr. Claxton. "Religion is not one facet of life; religion is a way of looking at all life," stated the speaker. God talks to us in four ways, continued Mr. Claxton, namely our common sense, the accumulated spiritual wisdom of the ages, advice of experts in the field of religion and direct revelation.

"Perspective" was the subject of Dr. Claxton's speech on Tuesday evening in the chapel. A brief devotional service led by Bert Simon, '48, included an anthem by a student choir under the direction of Harold Knappenberger, '47, preceded the main lecture. Dr. Claxton said that only by evaluating things in their proper relationship to one another can a philosophy of life be formulated. Only religion which includes all of life is comprehensive enough to provide the proper perspective, stated the speaker.

An evening in a gypsy camp was the social event of the week, held last night in the girls' gymnasium. Mary MacNiven, '46, and Gloria Keller, '46, were co-chairmen of this affair. A native dance by Graciela Jiminez, '48, of Peru, a song fest and fortune-telling by six different methods were featured. Refreshments were served.

Personal Conferences

Among popular topics considered in the personal conferences with Dr. Allen E. Claxton, leader of Religious Emphasis Week, are religious doubts, courtship and marriage, Biblical interpretation and praying effectively. Conferences will be held today and tomorrow from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Any student interested is invited to come for help and advice. Shirley McDonald, '46, is in charge of making appointments.

For the purpose of exchanging student opinion, an informal discussion led by Dr. Claxton will be held in Ford Memorial Chapel, Thursday at 8:15 p. m. The ques-

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Panhellenic Council Plans Extensive Year

At a meeting Monday evening, Panhellenic council planned an extensive, interesting and varied program for the year.

Tomorrow night at 7:00 p. m. an intersorority sing will be held in the alumni gardens. Barbara Nicholas, '45, **Kappa Alpha Theta,** is chairman of the committee in charge which will provide printed sheets with two songs from each sorority. The intersorority outing, planned for October 28, has been postponed until spring because of the large number of activities planned for that date.

Future plans include a progressive bridge party, with Janet Bland, '46, **Alpha Chi Omega,** chairman of the committee in charge. Martha Jane Tawney, '45, **Alpha Xi Delta,** is chairman of a committee organizing a bridge tournament to which each sorority will delegate its shrewdest enthusiasts. Also being arranged are a skating party at the Meadville roller skating arena to be rented for the occasion, an organized game of "battleship" and a swimming party.

Elizabeth North, '45, president of the Panhellenic council, wishes to announce to the freshman women that every effort on the part of the council will be exerted to hold the customary Panhellenic dance for freshman women sometime in the near future.

History And Political Science Club Initiates Members

Thirty new members were initiated by the History and Political Science club last Tuesday evening in the Speech Workshop of Arter hall .

Mr. R. C. Baker, instructor of history and political science, led a discussion on the aspects of the present presidential campaign.

Cwen Ghost Walk Is Scheduled For Saturday, October 28

The annual ghost walk, presented by the Cwens, honorary organization for sophomore women, will be held on Saturday evening, October 28.

All freshman women are asked to meet in the Green room in Brooks hall immediately after dinner on the night of this event. Each girl is requested to bring a towel and safety pins.

FRESHMEN! IMPORTANT

Election of freshman class officers will be held at 12:00 noon in Ford Memorial chapel on Wednesday, October 25, it was announced by David Johnson, '47 sophomore class president. All freshman are requested to be present.

The Allegheny Undergraduate Council has drawn up a tentative slate for the officers. Nominations from the floor will also be received.

If a majority vote is not cast for any office, run-off elections will be held Friday, October 27, at noon in the chapel.

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Dewey or Roosevelt?

"The New York Times says Dewey hasn't a chance." "You know Roosevelt couldn't stand a fourth term. Haven't you seen his pictures." "Sh! Dewey's speaking!" "Did you hear what Roosevelt said last week?" These are typical campus comments. It's heartening to see so many students interested in the campaign, even though a majority have not reached voting age.

As college students we **should** be interested, not just content to repeat hearsay remarks, but to follow the newspapers and to read current articles on the campaign. No, we can't vote, perhaps, but we can find out what the vital issues are, we can follow through the election, we can see just how national and international policies are developed by those in power. When we do get a chance to voice our opinions, we want good, solid thinking behind our reasons, a basis for our beliefs. We are vitally interested in the outcome of the war, and even more so in the outcome of the peace, so that in future years we shall not have another world war on our hands. If we know our own country and its politics and understand the problems of foreign countries, we can be useful citizens who can wield real power. The presidential campaign is a good starting point in developing interest.

The campus spirit on the Dewey-Roosevelt race is fine. Let's have more of it! Let's find out more about it! Let's see how well the campaign promises are carried out!

The Allegheny Spirit

The Allegheny spirit is an intangible thing, difficult to define or explain explicitly. We were accustomed to think of it in terms of turning out in full force for pep rallies, football games and basketball games, and shouting ourselves hoarse for the Blue and Gold. Perhaps that spirit pervaded the atmosphere at the Junior Prom with the crowded dance floor, gaiety and laughter, or at the many fraternity parties. Others felt it most strongly in campus activities—Playshop, debate, outings, writing, club meetings. Yes, it even was a part of our classroom work.

Repeatedly students wish for the old spirit and talk of the "good old days" at Allegheny. The realization is finally beginning to dawn that this spirit is a part of themselves; it is something that is carried down through the years by each class, not in the same methods or activities, but it is always there.

This year that Allegheny spirit is taking the form of planning together campus-wide activities, of rejuvenating every organization and of participating in activities, however seemingly small or insignificant, with wholehearted enthusiasm.

New activities are coming to the fore this year, while some few lie dormant until the war is over. But most of the traditions are still being carried out—the Cwen Ghost Walk, A. W .S. campus speaker, social activities. How can we lose our Allegheny spirit if we enthusiastically enter into all-colloge sings, intramurals, outings and parties? Campus activities—the Playshop, debating, the **Campus,** the **Lit Mag,** the **Kaldron,** the language clubs, the history club, the science organizations, student government—all offer unlimited possibilities for progress and new ideas.

Active cooperation in helping with the War Bond Drive, Consolidated War Relief Chest, Religious Emphasis Week—any campus-wide event—gives you a satisfied feeling, brings your Allegheny spirit out.

Accepting the fact that campus life has changed, and working to fill the gaps left by the war is a challenge to all of us. We're meeting that challenge with new ideas and plans. The Allegheny Spirit is still ours to cherish and to hand down to those who follow!

ARSENIC

Gee, the things girls are doing these days to keep busy. Went into Joyce Lidstone's room last night and stayed there for hours under the magic power of the Ouija board. It told me the most amusing things. I'm going to be married in 1970 and have ten children. My husband is going to have Eddie Cantor's eyes, Joey Brown's mouth, and Mickey Rooney's stature. It thinks Barnum and Bailey might be willing to take an option on the children. I don't know why it can't tell me nice things like it did the other girls. Ronnie Ronneberg doesn't have to wait as long as I do to get married. Her dream-man, well anyway her man, will come along in 1963. Ouija told Betty Lee that she was going to pass her coming hour test but she just laughed and laughed because she knew better. Marty Cahill thinks she is going to beat us all in the marriage racket but I know I saw her hand pushing towards 1944. Quiet proctor Jean Moore wanted to know if by some remote miracle the quiet hours in her section would improve. She's still sporting a sprained wrist from the near fatal accident she had as the Ouija raced toward "no." Rosebud soon came popping into the room demanding her turn. Being of a naturally tight nature she wanted to know who was going to win the coming election so she could get her bets in right away. But all Ouija would say was that "as Maine goes so goes the State with the possible exception of what happened in 1936." Someone, I won't mention who, myself being a naturally reserved and unnosey person, wanted to know who was going with who. The answers were amazing. Couples we had never dreamed of going together were seen around the campus by the all-seeing eye of Ouija. It mentioned that Pat Painter and Jack Hawes were seen walking downtown together. I wonder if it means anything? And that wasn't all—Sue Lachman and Bill Dickey were at the show Saturday night. Why before you know it, Bill Walker and Gerry Wallace might be dating. According to the Ouija board Peter Albright is the most collegiate dresser on campus. That I can easily believe. Did you see the yellow sports jacket he thrilled us with at dinner Monday night? And Susy Stringer is the most deceiving girl because that new smooth roll she is sporting is done wtih the help of rats. I wonder where she bought them. Then came the big question of the evening. Who was the prettiest girl on campus? Everyone was tense. Breaths were inhaled deeper and deeper but since the Ouija took a long time in answering everyone had to exhale. Once again we tried. Frannie Wallace asked the question. Her voice quivered. Everyone inhaled. But still the Ouija wouldn't tell, so once again everyone exhaled. Now Jean Stark tried. Air once more was taken into the pure lungs of college girls. Air once more was let free. About this time I got tired and left and never did find out the results. For all I know the girls are probably still inhaling and exhaling because the Ouija is a wise fellow and would never give out an answer like that which might rock the world or at least Allegheny campus.

The Social Whirl

by
TAWNEY AND PAGGY

Alpha Chi alumnae served the activities and pledges a tureen dinner Saturday in honor of Founders' Day. The pledges entertained with an original skit based on the founding of the sorority. Miss Suzanne Brewer, alumnae advisor of Delta chapter, was a guest at the meeting Monday night. Virginia Douglass, ex '46, Shirley Clothier, ex '46, and Jean Campbell, ex '46.

The annual Feast of Roses, held Saturday evening in the rooms, climaxed **Alpha Gam** events this week. The program included supper, singing and some short speeches. Among the many alumnae present was Miss Edith Riley, one of Kappa chapter's early founders. Miss Skinner was also a guest of honor.

Alpha Xi announces the recent pledging of Barbara Brooker, '46, Anne Eberts, '45, and Joan Weiler, '46. Activities of the week included a banquet Thursday night at the Kepler hotel in honor of the town alumnae, a bowling party downtown on Saturday night, and a Hallowe'en party Monday in the Garden club of Meadville. The latter proved to be a real success, even to bobbing for apples.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held Founders' Day banquet last Friday night at the Meadville Country club. A party in the rooms on Saturday was given in honor of Mrs. Bernard Dusenberry (nee Eleanor Evans, '44), Mrs. Lawrence Larson (nee Wilma Beck, '43), and Jean Risser, '43.

Last Wednesday the **Theta** pledges had a "hayride" party for the pledges of all the other sororities. Barbara Monroe, ex '46, was a guest last weekend. Miss Skinner and Mrs. Knapp were guests at the pledge banquet held at the Kepler the past week.

The **Alpha Chis** were guests of **Theta Upsilon** Monday evening when Mr. Julian Ross spoke. His subject was "Words," which proved interesting to all. Cokes and crackers with cheese spreads were served as refreshments.

At their meeting Monday night, the Independents elected a new secretary, Marion Plum, '47. Other officers are Helen Houghton, '45, president; Jane Gauger, '46, vice-president, and Jane Jacob, '46, treasurer.

If Bentley's Bell Could Talk

By NAOMI LUTZ, '45

Today Bentley's bell recalls the days when to debate and speak publicly was the aim and ambition of every man at Allegheny. There was as much enthusiasm for the glory of a debate society as there is today for the Greek letter fraternity. The Allegheny Literary Society and Philo-Franklin were our leading debate groups.

Rules were strict. There was a fine for walking across the floor during meeting, for being late, for being absent, for yawning or leaning one's head against the wall, for failing to sign a composition, for rude conduct in meetings, for quoting the Bible in debate, for using notes when speaking. When one of the societies bought a $200 rug the members were forbidden to chew tobacco or to wear shoes with heels. All brought their slippers to meetings—and no one was allowed to enter the rooms between meetings except the roomkeeper.

The societies rivaled each other in membership and literary achievement. It was the custom in the days of debate to confer honorary membership on persons of literary fame. In return these members donated gifts to their society and appeared before the college as speakers on request. The honor was sincere, and sincerely accepted. Among their honorary members the Allegheny Literary Society had F. F. Cooper, Abraham Lincoln and John Quincy Adams; the Philo-Franklin had H. W. Longfellow, Washington Irving and Horace Mann.

In order for a student to become a member he had to write a note petitioning the society he wished to join. This had to be undersigned by a member of the society. Each society had a badge that was to be worn on all public occasions.

The libraries of the societies were amazing. Periodicals were subscribed to, books were donated by honorary members, given by regular members and bought and repaired from a fund for that purpose. There were librarians to check the books and enforce the rigid lending system. Sometimes girls were allowed to use the books over vacation—if they had special permission. Goldsmith and Byron were popular, as were Dickens, Scott and Bret Harte; but they were insignificant compared to the circulation of Plutarch, Locke, Milton, Webster, Bancroft or Agussiz! Each society also published its own periodical.

The societies worked to promote Literature, Friendship, and Morality. There were original works and speeches, but the greatest love was debate. In the line of politics they debated questions such as the following: "Would Texas be justified in executing Santa Anna?" "Should the capital of the United States be removed to the Mississippi Valley?" "Does the present aspect of our country portend the dissolution of our government?"

Topics of contemporary interest were, "Should phrenology be ranked among the useful sciences?" "Are labor saving machines productive of more good than evil?" Conventional questions were, "Were the Athenian judges justified in condemning Socrates?" "Is the civilized state more happy than the savage?" "Is the society of intelligent ladies beneficial to the student?" "Is it proper for a student, whilst pursuing his college course, to make matrimonial engagements?"

These literary societies had rooms on the third floor of Bentley—one that is now the Economics classroom and the other, the **Campus** office. So if some day you are staring at the ceiling in Eco class, stare at the molding; it's the original put up by our literary ancestors. In fact, take a good look—it's so interesting you can stare till the ringing of Bentley's bell.

The Boy . . . . . From Iceland

By AUDIE GRIMM, '45

"Well, if I were sixteen or seventeen, I would enjoy this," said Sveinn Olafsson, commenting good-naturedly on the gaudy dinks of the class of '48. The fact that he has reached the mature age of twenty-five accounts for the lack of enthusiasm.

His age—and that curly blonde hair parted in the middle—aren't the only features that make "the boy from Iceland" a distinctive member of the freshman class. Sveinn is also one of the leading contenders for the mythical title of "Most Cosmopolitan Allegheny Undergraduate."

At seventeen, when many American boys were looking forward to starting college, Sveinn was touring Europe—from Norway to Denmark, Germany, Belgium, France, then England and home again. In Iceland he worked—for a while. Enthusiastic letters from his sister at Bethany college, West Virginia, awakened the spirit of wanderlust again. "She told me about all these chances in America. And I always wanted to go to America. So, I took this big chance."

Sveinn came to the United States in June, 1943. He had heard so much about America before he came, in the letters from his sister and in the movies of Hollywood, that he was not too surprised at what he found here. Even New York was as he had expected it to be.

Not Alleghe, but the University of California was his destination. Sveinn was one of about twenty Icelandic students at the university. "We didn't associate with Americans—as we should. And we didn't speak the language as often or as much as we should. Well—what do you call it?" he hesitated. "We 'stuck together' too much. So, I decided to leave and go to a small typical American college in the East."

Sveinn read bulletins from between thirty and forty schools before he decided on Allegheny. He admits one of the selling points was the catalogue picture of students skiing. Sveinn the Student likes the school very much, he says, "the campus especially. It is beautiful at this time of year." But Sveinn the Skiier has to admit he **was** disappointed. He expected mountains, and "I have not even seen many good hills."

Iceland, according to Sveinn, is not as cold as Americans believe. Because of the Gulf stream, the climate is moderate. Ski enthusiasts often have to go to the glaciers for their sport, for in the southern part of the country, in the capital, Reykjavik, they can ski only a few times each year because of the lack of snow—a deficiency we can promise Sveinn he won't find in Meadville.

After he gets his degree from Allegheny, and after he becomes an aeronautical engineer, Sveinn plans to return to Iceland. The construction of new air bases, he believes, will make Iceland a "stepstone," a link, between Europe and America.

One more vital statistic on Iceland which might explain Sveinn's lack of interest in the Allegheny co-eds—Iceland is where Sveinn met and married the girl who writes to him so often from a college in Florida.

Dr. Claxton Speaker

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tion of the conflict between religious and the scientific method is expected to figure largely in Thursday evening's discussion. Comment on the topic of divine guidance or God's speech with men and the difference between sophistication and maturity are other subjects which will be discussed if the students are interested.

"Scruples" is Dr. Claxton's topic for tomorrow's Morning Watch at 7:05 a. m.

Festival of Lights

Religious Emphasis Week will close tomorrow night, Friday, October 20, with the "Festival of Lights" in the chapel at 8:00 p.m. The service will be similar to the one held at the close of Religious Emphasis Week last year.

Dr. Allen E. Claxton and Marjorie Sweet, '47, will read the service as the candles are lighted on the altar.

The Allegheny Singers under the direction of Mr. Morten J. Luvaas will sing several numbers.

Brooms and Brushes

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thinking of writing a book on the **Psychology of Passing the Buck** when you are picked to wash dishes, which should prove useful to future campers.

The whole weekend was a start to a new Bousson with lots of fun for everyone. Start thinking and making plans with your friends for that next outing.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

By JEANETTE PYLE, '45

On the fighting front in France, the Americans have destroyed Aachen and are mopping it up. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting is still going on in Metz. The Canadians and Germans are fighting it out at the mouth of the Schelde river in southwest Holland. This river mouth must be captured in order for us to have free use of the great port of Antwerp, now in our hands. The Russians have captured Riga, the capital of Latvia, and are concentrating on Memel. The drive in Hungary is closing in on Budapest, the capital. The British in Greece have liberated Athens, while other British units coming down from Albania captured the Greek island of Corfu.

In the Pacific war, carrier-based planes made a mighty attack on the powerful Japanese base of Formosa, which must be rendered ineffective before a successful attack on the Philippines can be made. The score was 396 Japanese planes destroyed, 63 ships sunk or damaged, and 45 U. S. planes lost. This raid was followed by another carried out by B-29 Superfortresses. Meanwhile, the raids on Luzon and the rest of the Philippines continued in force.

Premier Mikolajczyk joined Churchill in Moscow, so it is hoped that a settlement of the Polish question will be reached. The main problems concern the Russo-Polish boundary and the form of government.

The death of another leader was announced this week. The German radio admitted the death of Marshal General Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox," who has been rumored dead since July.

In Washington, the National War Labor Board voted against asking the president to revise the Little Steel Formula, as requested by some 2,500,000 CIO and 6,000,000 AFL members who wanted wage increases.

Republican presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey spoke in St. Louis Tuesday night. He continued his tactics of emphasizing demobilization, failure, and quarreling.

French Tea Given By Freshman Club, "Le Chateau Bon Heur"

Forty-five students and French-speaking faculty were guests at the tea held Sunday afternoon in Caflisch hall by members of "Le Chateau Bon Heur."

The tea was held in the Caflisch lobby, guest room and proctor's suite, which were decorated with flowers. Miss Mildred Ludwig and Mrs. Armen Kalfayan poured, while assorted sandwiches and French patiserries were served. The hostesses wore their coat-of-arms as badges, and stimulated the conversation which was entirely in French.

June Traver, '48, who lived in Europe for five years, was chairman of the event.

"Le Chateau Bon Heur," or "House of Happiness," is a group of thirteen students in one section of Caflisch hall who are interested in cultivating French conversation. It has adopted its own coat-of-arms and the French tricolor, blue, white and red. Members of the group plan to speak only French daily from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Plans for expansion of the group are also being made. Miss Blair Hanson is sponsoring the organization.

The Manpower Shortage . . . . . •ALICE LOWRY, '47



"A moon, the rustic bridge and - - - - oh, for a man."

The . . . Woman's Side

By Hartman and McKay

The freshmen outings at Bousson are reported to be a great success. Rumor has it that half of the Tarbell girls ate 45 hamburgers—no reflection on Miss Gregory—just the husky women we have this year. Miss Deach, not fazed a bit, took Cochran girls Wednesday, and the first section of Caflisch goes today.

Biking — good weather, good company, good fun, and good for figures. What are you waiting for, girls? The bikes in the gym are ours to use, if we sign up ahead of time. Better yet, if we send home for our own, we can have real bike trips. Think of the possibilities—suppers around a campfire,

Tennis for women has been confined to gym classes for the past few seasons. Now at last we're in the midst of a real honest to goodness tournament. Games started Tuesday, October 17, and must be finished by Friday, October 20. Winners of the first round matches will play starting Saturday, October 21. Waxy is to be notified beforehand, but aside from that, games may be played at your convenience.

If any of you are too bashful to defend your side of the court alone, how about picking a partner and entering the doubles contest. Notify Waxy before this Friday, October 20.

Have you ever wanted to cut dinner on Friday night? Have you ever had the urge to cook over an open fire? If so, glance at the bulletin board in Brook's gym and see when the next supper hike will be held. There will be short ones each week, building up to longer ones to various points of interest, and eventually to staying all night. Days for which these hikes are scheduled will vary, so don't give up if you can't make it one week—just try again.

The hockey tournament is about to start. If you haven't heard about the strenuous practices, ask Rannie how she got her nose cracked, or the lump on her shin. The schedule of games will be posted soon on the girls' bulletin board.

Freshmen: . . . Caflisch Hall

by Sally Siefke

Do you like to explore? How about coming with me to discover the strange secrets within the walls of Caflisch? BUT if you are a sophomore, beware! This is freshman territory.

In Caflisch we will discover Caflisches are proud of their home, or perhaps we should say homes. As we explore we will discover that there are many homes within Caflisch, such as Dew Drop Inn, Share-it-or-Else Hall and Personality Row.

In one of the studies we may discover the Caflisch Comets in a huddle with their co-captains, Ginnie Anderson and Tex Walters. We also will discover that every Caflischite expects that the Comets will win the hockey tournament.

In Section Two we will discover that Personality Row has a constitution and a "Kitty" to supply eats. The constitution imposes the fines and the "Kitty" collects them. If you lived in Personality Row it would cost you one cent if you skipped a meal, one cent if you stayed up after midnight, five cents if you skipped church, one cent for an untidy room, one cent for swearing, one cent for attending a bull session before all your assignments were done, five cents if your debts to the "Kitty" were not paid within two weeks and one cent for a bad conscience.

In Section Three we will meet the girl who is visited nightby by J. Christopher. Oh, don't worry, he is polite and knocks before entering. Wait till you have heard his rather weak, squeaky voice with its French accent; then try to decide if he is a man or a mouse.

There is one more place we must stop before leaving. We must drop in at Section Four and say "hello" to George. George is a bit of a dummy, but he is not sensitive about it—he's perfectly happy if we just remember to speak to him. Who is he? Well, it seems that one night some enterprising Caflischites took a pair of pajamas, a pair of slippers, the sleeves to a sweater someone was knitting, a face and a cap, put them together, added paper stuffing — and there was George. Ever since, he has been popping up in all the comfortable chairs of his section. George has one unpleasant trait, trying to scare people every chance he gets—even Miss Chiles.

These are only a few of the main points about Caflisch. If you want to learn more just come and explore, or ask any Caflischite; but sophomores, remember this is freshman territory!

Potpourri . . .

Entries for the annual **freshman writing contest** are due November 6 in the registrar's office. Judges for the contest are Mr. Stanley Swartley, Mr. Frederick Seely, and Mr. Philip Benjamin.

Lieutenant Potts of the **Women's Army Corps** will be recruiting in the Y. W. C. A. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. She will be glad to answer any questions concerning the Corps.

Tryouts for the **freshman men's chapel program** will be held tonight in the green room at 8:00 p. m.

Tryouts for the **freshman girls' chapel program** will be held at 8:00 p. m. on Thursday, October 25, in the oratory.

Phi Beta Phi, honorary biology fraternity, held a picnic supper last Tuesday evening. Following the meal a short business meeting was held.

All freshman women are required to attend a meeting with the senior representatives of the Panhellenic council in Alden hall, Wednesday, October 25, at 7::30 p. m.

Meetings of the Allegheny Christian Council will be held on the second Sunday of each month during the coming year.

University of Texas has received final clearance on purchase of an electron microscope for its electrical engineering department.

Discovering Ameba

By BAMBI MILLS, '46

"Isn't science wonderful?" I said to myself. "Just imagine, the whole world is made up of little unseen bugs and I'm going to actually see one." This was the day we were going to look at Ameba. Excuse me—Proteus Ameba. I felt just like a Louis Pasteur about to make a wonderful discovery.

"First you must polish your slides and cover classes carefully," explained Dr. Ogilvie. The first I succeeded in doing, but no sooner did I pick up the cover glass when "crack" and the cover glass just wasn't. Assembling all the little pieces, I presented it to my professor, who glaringly explained to me that cover glasses did **not** grow on trees.

When everything was ready, they gave me a drop of water and assured me that there were just heaps of Ameba in it.

"Try looking into the microscope with both eyes open," Dr. Ogilvie continued. "That is how a real biologist works."

Of course I wanted to be a real biologist, so I tried this at once. First I saw one side of the table, and then shifting to my other eye, I saw the other side of the table. With my fist planted over one eye, I proceeded to look for Ameba. I had expected to find four or five Ameba dancing to and fro, but to my great disappointment there were none. Instead, there was a something else, long, wirey and black, jumping up and down.

"There is something in my telescope," I cried. "There is something in my telescope!"

"The word is microscope," said one of the assistants dryly, as she glanced with experienced eye into it. "You must be mistaken," she said, "I don't see a thing."

"But I saw it; it's long and wirey and black and . . . ."

"That's your eyelash," interrupted Jane Miller, who sits across from me.

Still nothing could discourage me. Oh, how I wanted to find an Ameba. In fact, I wanted to find one so much that I looked into everyone's microscope and declared that black spots and rays of light were Ameba. The funny part of it all is that they believed me, and I gained quite a reputation as a scientist. This reputation, however, was short lived, because Huffy came along and explained that Ameba didn't look like that and besides they moved.

Finally everyone without my assistance found an Ameba, but could I find one? Not on your life! I began to feel like a social outcast. I was so unhappy. Then I got a new drop of water from Jane Jacobs, and still having no luck, a drop of water from Huffy, and then one from Jane, and then from Huffy, and then . . .

At last I found an Ameba. It was so beautiful, I could have kissed it, but it didn't move.

"Dr. Ogilvie," I whimpered as he passed near my desk, "it doesn't move. I've looked at it a full half minute, and it hasn't moved."

"Well, they don't gallop," he said in a mildly reproving tone.

He looked into the microscope, and then gave me a long look and passed on.

I returned to my prodigy and there my sweet dear Ameba was moving around and changing shape. However, I had no sooner gotten all settled to draw it, when suddenly it stopped, stared at me, winked its eye (anyway it would have if it had had one) and then—the nasty thing purposely died just for spite.

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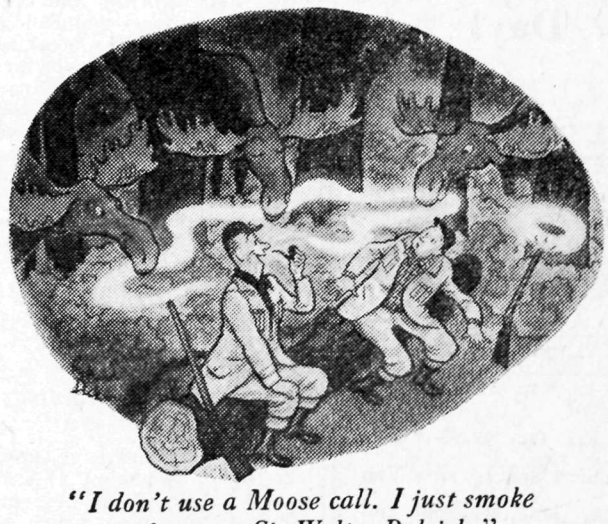

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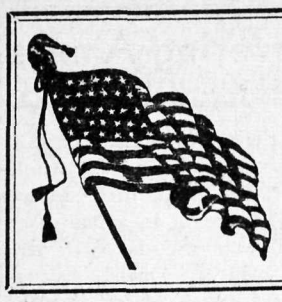

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by GERALDINE WALLACE and GLADYS FLEMING

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Best Bets

by "Dennie"

BEST NEW BOOK

Nothing like Jean Burtons' **Heyday of a Wizard** was ever within my eyesight before. It's the perfectly fascinating biography of Daniel Home, probably the only nineteenth century medium no "exposer" really discredited. After all, how could you when with your own eyes, in your own living room, you watched a quite good looking and quite charming man grow visibly paler and call "Bryan, are you there" (Bryan was Home's favorite spirit), a second later saw a table tilt at an odd angle while the candle on it remained in place and continued burning, only now sideways, then saw a bunch of flowers from a vase in the corner sail through the air and land on your lap—no strings attached.

Daniel Home was born in Edinburgh in 1833. His mother, by the way, had second sight. He came to Connceticut when he was nine, saw his first important vision when he was thirteen, was turned out of house and home at eighteen when his "spirits" became unruly. The rest of his life he spent convincing, or flabbergasting, kings, queens, scientists, and authors like Mark Twain and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. To this day Daniel Home has remained a curious and yet unsolved problem.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

You've probably all seen "Two Girls and a Sailor" which will be at the Academy this Thursday and Friday, or I'd rant and rave about it. As it is, "Up in Arms" which starts Sunday at the Park runs a close second. Danny Kaye is to comedy what Daniel Home is to the spiritual world. He ran riot on the stage in "Let's Face It" several years ago, and is just as funny on the screen. He plays a private of questionable mentality who insists on taking his medicine chest to the wars. It has technicolor, Constance Moore, Bill Terry, and some neat singing by Dinah Shore—but it's Danny's show. He's not satisfied just to leave you convulsed, he wants you rolling in the aisles to prove it. And if he can't do it, no one can.

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Sat. through Fri., Oct. 21-27—"Rainbow Island," with Dorothy Lamour, and Eddie Bracken and Gil Lamb.

"Jesus, Lover Of Man" Was Topic At Vespers Sunday

Dr. Albert Marriott of the Old Stone Church was the guest speaker at the vesper service last Sunday evening. The subject of his talk was "Jesus, Lover of Man." Dr. Marriott emphasized that Jesus was a lover of the individual, and that this fact had been lost in the activities of the modern age. He stressed the point that now, more than ever, it is becoming increasingly important that we return to his way of living.

Dr. Marriott was assisted by Mary Louise Fulton, '48, Carolyn Wise, '47, and Fred Sturm, '47, members of the Allegheny Christian Council. The student choir, under the direction of Harold Knappenberger, '47, with Mary Jane Keith, '46, at the organ, provided the music.

Boots and Saddle Tryouts Will Be at 1:00 Friday and Monday

Tryouts for the Boots and Saddle club will be held at the ring on Park avenue tomorrow and Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. All juniors and seniors are eligible to try out. Requirements will include mounting and dismounting, walking, trotting, cantering on both leads, and backing. Judges will be Miss Mary Morison and the members of the Boots and Saddle club.

An early morning breakfast ride was held this morning for members. A box lunch was carried and the riders enjoyed themselves for several hours on the back roads.

The club had a supper meeting at Miss Morison's Friday night at which officers were elected and plans were made for the year. The new officers are Phyllis Campbell, '45, president, and Elizabeth Munson, '45, secretary-treasurer.

Heelers To Attend Next Outing Club Meeting

All Heelers and any persons interested in becoming Heelers are invited to attend the next meeting of the Outing club, which will be held on Tuesday, October 24.

This year the Heelers are to have their own separate organization, electing officers from their own group. However, they will be represented on the Outing club committees.

The Outing club will hold a business meeting the fourth Tuesday of every month and plans to sponsor one outing each month during the year.

Emery T. Filbey, president in charge of educational administration of the University of Chicago, will retire July 1.

Consolidated Relief

Norma Fix, '46, chairman of the Consolidated Relief Fund Drive, requests the students look over their financial situation now so that on October 30 when the solicitor for the Drive comes around they will be ready to donate either the full individual student quota of $3.00 or make a down payment on the installment plan which will end in January.

The goal for the entire student body is $2,500 which will be divided among the Community Chest, Red Cross, World Student Service Fund, United Nations War Relief, and the Allegheny Scholarship Fund for returning servicemen.

Alden Men Adopt New Constitution At Meeting Thursday

A new constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Alden men last Thursday, October 12, at Ross house. All independent college men are eligible for membership in this organization.

Officers elected for the year include Andrew Mihalic, '47, president; David Floyd, '47, vice-president; Fred Sturm, '47, secretary, and James Root, '47, treasurer. Raphael Miller, '46, was appointed chairman of the membership committee, and Fred Sturm, '47, will head the social activities committee, of which Behrnad Berlowe, '47, and Bruce Harrison, '47, are also members.

A kitten named Timothy Alden was adopted as mascot of the group.

Students Help In Interviewing For Psychological Survey

Thirty interviews with Meadville residents for the purpose of determining public opinion about world affairs and domestic manufacturers have been completed by Allegheny students under the direction of Mr. Guy Buckingham, head of the psychology department. The interviews were made as part of a survey being conducted by the Market and Social Research Division of the Psychological Corporation in New York.

Students participating in the interviewing were Jeanne Carr, '45, Frances Smith, '45, Helen Thomas, '45, Elinor Slutz, '45, Martha Mitchell, '46, Sallie Lou Connor, '47, Phyllis Campbell, '45, Jean Griffith, '45, Mary Burhans, '45, and Marjorie Keppie, '45.

THE PARK THEATRE

Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 19 and 20—"Take It or Leave It," with Phil Baker.

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Sat., Oct. 21—"Mademoiselle Fifi," with Simone Simon. "Falcon In Mexico," with Tom Conway, Mona Maris.

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