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Come to the Winter Carnival Saturday!

Ditty Wins High Prize In Contest

Mildred Ann Ditty, '46, Alpha Chi Omega, won first prize of $5.00 for her sorority, in the Women's Extemporaneous Speaking contest held last Thursday evening in the playshop. Her answer to the question, "What is the greatest single improvement that could be made at Allegheny?" was "to eliminate the attitude of indifference on campus by developing new interests and following them through to a successful conclusion."

Second prize of $3.00 went to Sophie Morrow, '46, Independent Women, who offered "a change in outlook in our attitude toward Allegheny." The third prize of $2.00 was awarded to Laurice Walls, '47, Alpha Gamma Delta, who suggested "co-operation and elimination of griping and indifference."

The other speakers, Sallie Lou Connor, '47, Kappa Alpha Theta, Marion Stewart, '46, Theta Upsilon, Georgia Kohl, '45, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Winifred Wolcott, '47, Alpha Xi Delta, discussed student spirit, student-faculty relations, physical education requirements and humorously, covering the rustic bridge with a roof.

Judges were Mr. Julian L. Ross, Mr. Paul B. Cares, and Mr. Allen B. Edwards. Melvin Furman, '47, representing the sponsor of the contest, Philo-Franklin Union, presided as chairman.

Gene Parlette To Play At Junior Hop

Gene Parlette and his orchestra will furnish the music for the A. U. C. junior hop next Saturday, February 24, in Brooks hall, announces Catherine Carothers, '45, general chairman of the event.

Ruth Fairley, '47, is in charge of the music; Gloria Keller, '46, is chairman of the decorations committee; and Helen Merseberg, '47, is heading the program committee.

Although the dance is a junior hop, it is sponsored by the A. U. C. and is open to all college students and their guests. Dress is semi-formal.

A.W.S. Section Meetings Scheduled For Tonight

A. W. S. meetings in all sections of both Brooks and Caflisch halls and in the separate freshmen dormitories are scheduled for 10:00 p.m. tonight.

The purpose of the meetings will be to elect new quiet proctors, to explain the paper salvage drive, to explain the Russian War Relief, and to hold "hash" meetings to discuss complaints about dormitory regulations and conditions. All women students are requested to attend.

Each section may pack a box for the Russian War Relief, which is purely voluntary as sponsored by the A. W. S. Each section wishing to pack a box may contact its senate member or A. W. S. president, June McGary, '45.

What Has Happened to Hitler's Face?

With but three months of the school year remaining, less than half our annual quota for war bonds and stamps has been turned in, reports Catherine Richards, '47, chairman of the War Bonds and Stamps committee.

In an attempt to meet the $4,000 goal, an increased effort is being made by all solicitors, and Hitler's face is being restored to the bulletin board in Brooks. The small newly-darkened area representing the amounts of paid pledges for December and January show clearly how far we are from reaching the goal.

All those soliciting ask the wholehearted cooperation of everyone in making this campaign go over the top. Turn in your pledges for February to your dorm solicitor by February 23.

What are yau going to do about Hitler's face?

This Week

Thursday, February 15—
Valentine dinner, 6:00 p.m., Brooks hall.

Friday, February 16—
A. W. S. tea, 3:30 p.m., pine room.
College canteen, 8:00 p.m., women's gym.
Kappa Alpha Theta radio party, grille.

Saturday, February 17—
All-college Winter Carnival.
Phi Delta Theta radio party.

Monday, February 19—
Basketball — SLIPPERY ROCK, here, gym.
Men's Undergraduate Council, faculty room, Bentley.

Tuesday, February 20—
History and Political Science club, Arter.
Chemii club, Carnegie hall.
Phi Beta Phi, Alden hall.

Wedesday, February 21—
Basketball — GENEVA, here, Montgomery gymnasium.

Mr. Guy Buckingham Speaks At Annual Freshman Banquet

Mr. Guy E. Buckingham was the main speaker at the annual freshman banqquet last night in Brooks dining room. Gerald Liebman, freshman class president, served as toastmaster.

The remainder of the program included a male quartet of Peter Albright, Jay Luvaas, Donald McClimans and Joseph Harrison; a vocal solo by Mary Ruth Adams; a monologue by Eleanor Laughlin; and a piano solo by Graciela Jiminez.

Nancy Brewster was in charge of decorations.

Valentine Dinner Is Tonight In Brooks

The annual Valentine banquet sponsored by the A.W.S. will be held at 6 p.m. tonight in Brooks dining hall. Dress will be formal for girls and semi-formal for boys.

Ruth Hykes, '46, is the general chairman for the dinner, with Janith Nutt, '46, and Marjorie Kerr, '46, as committee heads. The art work will be done by Shirley Everett, '48.

Weather Permitting

Winter Carnival Scheduled For This Saturday

Highlighting this week-end will be Allegheny's all-college Winter Carnival, scheduled for Bousson on Saturday, February 17, weather permitting. The event, the first of its kind since 1941, is sponsored by the Associated Women Students.

Main features of the Carnival will include skiing, sledding, snow modeling, ice-skating and tobogganing.

Ruth Fenn, '45, head of the Carnival committee, stressed that anyone planning to go **must** sign up immediately on the list posted in Brooks lobby, since the list will be taken down tonight. She also said that students who wish to take skis, sleds, skates or toboggans must leave them in the girls' gym before 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, with tags identifying the owners. Cars will take this equipment out to Bousson ahead of the students.

Those going to Bousson will leave in buses at 1:30 p.m. from the driveway in front of Brooks hall Saturday afternoon, and will return sometime after supper Saturday night. To cover the cost of transportation, students are asked to pay 50 cents bus fare.

An added attraction for the Carival is the possibility of a sleigh, complete with bells, horses, skijoring and blankets. A complete Saturday supper will be cooked at the camp while square dancing, singing around an open fire and other forms of entertainment will provide the evening's diversions.

Shirley McDonald, '46, is assistant chairman of the carnival. Committee members include Patricia Pittenger, '45, transportation; Carol Waechter, '46, and Geraldine Wallace, '46, food; Thea White, '47, publicity; Mildred Shurtleff, '45, clean-up; Harold Knappenberger, '47, and Helen MacCauley, '47, entertainment.

The committee urges everyone to attend, since the success of the Carnival depends solely upon student participation.

Red Cross Needs Student Support

New Unit Established On Campus, Alleghenians Are Urged To Participate

Mr. Julian L. Ross in a talk in chapel last Tuesday noon urged Allegheny students to alleviate the destruction that war brings by joining the Red Cross Unit to be established on the campus. The membership drive began yesterday and will continue through Wednesday, February 21. Students may receive a membership card on the payment of a membership fee of $1.00.

Mr. Ross related the ways in which the Red Cross keeps up the morale of men in the service and the work which it is doing to help prisoners of war and their families.

Mr. Ross outlined the program of the Allegheny unit. A Nurses' Aide Corps has already been set up and the training course is under way.

Both men and women students may belong to the branch of public information, which conducts the speakers' bureau, arranges to show movies or Red Cross displays and writes newspaper articles.

Women may aid in production by sewing quilts or afghans for wounded soldiers and civilian clothes for refugees in the liberated areas of Europe. They may join the staff of assistants' corps which supplies receptionists and clerical workers for offices of the Red Cross. Anyone who joins the staff assistants' corps must take a training course and pledge herself to work for the duration and six months.

Students who are interested in participating in any of these activities should see Margaret McKay, '47, Vera Lee Hampson, '47, Caroline Arentzen, '46, or David Floyd, '47.

Lt. Johannesmeyer Tells History Class Of South Pacific War

Lieutenant (j.g.) Charles G. Johannesmeyer, who graduated from Allegheny in 1940, and has been serving with the amphibious forces in the South Pacific, spoke in Mr. Paul H. Giddens' current events class Tuesday about his experiences, with a general discussion ensuing.

The son of Mrs. Ida Johannesmeyer, who manages the Allegheny branch of the Meadville post office, Lt. Johannesmeyer will be on leave till March 1. He will attend Annapolis for a year following his leave.

Five Alleghenians Attend Tourneys In Pittsburgh and Kent

Five Alleghenians attended the debate tournament, won by Penn State, at Mt. Mercy college, Pittsburgh, last Saturday.

Accompanied by Mr. Theodore F. Nelson, varsity debate coach and assistant professor of speech, the debaters included Maxine Taylor, '48, first affirmative; Joanne West, '48, first affirmative; Mildred Ann Ditty, '46, second affirmative; Sallie Lou Connor, '47, first negative; Yolanda Trucco, '46, second negative.

In four scheduled debates the affirmative met Pitt men and Penn State Women. Seton Hill did not arrive and forfeited, while W. & J. men conceded the last round. The negative debated with teams of Western Reserve, Mt. Mercy, Penn State Men and Penn State Women in four rounds.

This Saturday a debate team will travel to Kent State university, Kent, Ohio, to enter the Buckeye tournament.

A.W.S. Tea Guests Are Psych Teachers

Miss Laila Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Buckingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller, representing the phychology department, will be guests of honor at the A. W. S. tea from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Lee Lennon, '47, is chairman of the tea. Helen Creeger, '46, and Ruth Dahl, '45, will pour. Hostesses will be Marjorie Keppie, '45, Mary Louise Burhans, '45, Frances Smith, '45, and Barbara Moran, '46.

All students are invited to attend.

Quiz Program Given by French Club

A quiz program was presented by Le Cercle Francais at its monthly meeting Tuesday night, February 13. Jacqueline Ragner, '45, acted as quiz master. Martha Swoboda, '47, Winifred Sutter, '47, Dallas Hunt, '48, Janet Wagner, '45, Gloria Allen, '48, Julianne Purvis, '48, Eltie Smith, '48, Vera Lou Simonson, '48, and Joanne West, '47, were awarded prizes.

Plans for a French play and participation in the college carnival were discussed by the members. The meeting was adjourned after refreshments were served.

Dick Shaner, '48, Leads Sunday Vespers

Vespers this Sunday evening will be presented in cooperation with The World's Student Christian Federation in its special day of prayer.

Dick Shaner, '48, will lead, assisted by Nellie Marie James, '48, and Mary Ruth Adams, '48; Behrnad Berlowe, '47, will play the organ.

Mr. T. F. Nelson spoke on "Striving for Higher Ground" in the service last week.

Sixty-Five Couples Attend Cwen Dance

Sixty-five couples danced to the music of Judd Newell and his orchestra at the Cwen dance last Saturday night. The dance, headed by Marjorie Sweet, '47, was given at Ross house.

The house was decorated on the theme of St. Valentine. Columns and balcony were wound and draped with red and white crepe paper; the refreshment table was decorated with red and white carnations.

Committee chairmen included Betty Jane Bell, '47, and Betty Crabbs, '47, decorations; Janet Crossman, '47, refreshments; Helen McCauley, '47, invitations; Glenna Miller, '47, orcheestra; and Joan Young, '47, program.

Mrs. C. A. Peffer Dies In White Plains

Mrs. C. A. Peffer died at her home in White Plains, New York on January 19 after a long illness. She was the mother of Nancy Peffer Brown, ex '36, who for eight years was instructor in physical education at Allegheny college, and Betty Peffer McCracken, ex '36. Mr. Peffer is also a graduate of Allegheny, in the class of 1892.

Registration Is 561

The total number of students enrolled this semester is now 561, reports Mr. Paul Younger, registrar. Of these, 453 are women and 108 men. Eight students registered late, bringing the total number of newcomers to 38. This figure includes 29 new freshmen, two transfers, and seven returning Alleghenians.

DEADLINE TODAY

Sophomores, juniors and seniors wishing to enter the annual Wakefield Oration contest scheduled for March 7 must sign up today on the speech bulletin board in Arter hall.

Each contestant will prepare and deliver from memory an oration on a subject of his choice with a time limit of 10 minutes. Prizes of $25, $15 and $5 from the Wakefield Fund will be awarded first, second and third place winners, respectively.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD NEWS

by Jeanette Pyle

Results of Big Three Conference

Plans for controlling a defeated Germany, for assisting the liberated countries in achieving self-government, and for ironing out the Dumbarton Oaks plan were among the main decisions reached by the United States, Great Britain and Russia at the recently-terminated conference at Yalta in the Crimea. Below is a condensation of the nine-point program which was issued:

1. The chiefs of staffs of the three countries were present and final plans for military collaboration were made to finish Germany. The German people were warned that the more resistance they put up, the heavier their punishment would be.
2. Germany is to be divided into military zones which will be occupied by troops of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, and France, if she accepts. Naziism and militarism will also be destroyed and there will be strict control of all German industry capable of war production.
3. A commission will be set up in Moscow to consider German reparations payments.
4. A compromise on the Polish question, which includes a merging of the two conflicting Polish governments and a recognition of the Russian claim to the land east of the Curzon line.
5. A compromise of opposing governments in Yugoslavia.
6. The foreign secretaries of the Big Three will meet every three or four months, with the first meeting to be held in London about the middle of this year.
7. A conference of the United Nations will be held in San Francisco starting April 25 to discuss the settlement of the Dumbarton Oaks dispute over the power of an accused nation to vote on questions which concern it.
8. The Big Three will assist any of the liberated states in choosing their own government. This means that from now on the United States may play a strong hand in establishing the new governments of Europe.
9. The Big Three stated that victory and the Dumbarton Oaks plan "will provide the greatest opportunity in all history to create a lasting peace" with freedom from fear and want.

Flanking Drive

The Russians are pushing a flanking drive on Berlin in the south. They have practically encircled Breslau and on Tuesday were 64 miles past the Oder and 114 miles southeast of Berlin. Between the fortress cities of Frankfurt and Kuestrin the Nazis report several Russian bridgeheads across the Oder but these have not been confirmed from Moscow.

The Squeeze Is On

An offensive in the west has applied the double squeeze to Germany. The Canadian 1st and the American 1st and 3rd ramies are advancing on German soil. Tuesday two fortified cities, Cleve and Pruem, fell to Canadian and American troops. The Ruhr valley appears to be in considerable danger.

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TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

We all know there is a war on and we realize many of its implications. We couldn't read the newspaper or listen to the radio and not know. This realization and knowledge, then, will help us understand some of the problems encountered in the maintenance and supply for Allegheny college, or for any institution these days.

For example the meat supply. While the 31st C.T.D. was located on campus, the college got its meat supply from local and out-of-town sources. With the Army, however, went the meat supply. College officials were able to continue securing it through the Pittsburgh packer. But the situation grew serious three weeks ago with the notification by the packer, that he would no longer be able to take care of the college order. We are in the ironical position of having plenty of red points—but no meat.

Not only are supplies short, but an adequate maintenance staff is almost impossible to secure for institutions. There are five vacancies for maids right now at Allegheny. It has been impossible to get an assistant dietician since Miss Shafer left last year. Mr. Kraft has only a meager maintenance staff, and it is due to the purchase of a snowplow last year that we have been able to keep the campus walks cleared at all.

Compared to other colleges we are not in nearly so bad a situation. As was seen last week in view of the coal shortage, Allegheny is quite fortunate to have coal; furthermore, during exams the heat remained on later at night so we could study into the wee hours without catching cold. Until this last acute cigarette shortage, we were lucky to have as constant a cigarette supply as we did. Some colleges have been so short of help that girls have to pitch in and keep the dormitories clean.

These situations are not the fault of the administration at the college; it is doing exceptionally well under these handicaps. If we just remember these facts when we gripe about the food or maid service, it will help the situation all around.

AN ANSWER

In an answer to the "Letter to the Editor" this week and to many student inquiries and comments we offer reasons for the discrepancy in the number of faculty members in certain departments.

First, let us consider the number of instructors in the physical education department; before the war when there was an equality in the number of men and women registered (approximately 300 each), there were three physical education instructors, including coaches for men, and two for women. Now, with over 400 women registered and only 100 men, it was felt by the administration that three instructors were necessary for the women and only two for the men.

Second, the teacher load is a consideration in determining the need for new instructors in a department. In the art department, the two faculty members instruct a combined calss number of 84; in secretarial studies 93 students constitute the teacher load; in sociology, 84; in mathematics, 64. The instructors in other departments have teacher loads averaging from 70 to 80, and in many cases reaching well over the 100 mark—for example, the English and history and political science departments. Naturally, the nature of the department determines these figures to some extent. Demand for various courses influence the number of instructors available for them.

It is hoped by presenting these facts that a better concept may be had of the distribution of faculty members in the various departments, that there is, at least in part, a reasonable answer to discrepancies noted by the Allegheny students.

ARSENIC

I and my friend Jane were just walking up Park avenue (Meadville) after having seen **The Thin Man Goes Home** when we stumbled on this. Perhaps if our senses had not been highly stimulated by the who-dun-it and a hamburger (plain) and a cup of coffee (black) we would never have uncovered this atrocity. Naturally, we stopped in and asked Joe the usual butt question on our way up the hill. Ae we were being chased out the doorway, we noticed a car was stopped, waiting for the traffic light to turn green. We discussed acute shortage as we sauntered up the hill. Jane noticed first a short, bowlegged woman coming down toward us. She stopped once and struck a match to light a cigarette. This did not arouse us. But she repeated this act of striking up a match another time and then still another time. Surely, this was a signal. I happened to look back just then and noticed the car that had been awaiting for the light to change was still there. Surely this car was waiting for this woman with the cigarette. We were right! The woman had reached the car now; she handed a cylindrical package to the driver, got in the car and they sped away. We thought no more of this but we went on, talking about cartoons and child psychology and Bucky. Then, like the scent of a gardenia, it came to us. This was no ordinary woman with a cigarette. This was no ordinary man with a car. THIS WAS A SPY RING. Clearly, just like in the last scene of all whodunits. We fitted all the piece together.

Burpy Moran (who works in the Psych lab and once visited in Japan) and Dr. Buckingham are an integral part in this SPY RING. Burpy types stencils—long, dark blue stencils. As she types these stencils, she purposely makes many errors, and as purposely fixes those mistakes with a thick syrupy type eradicator. These corrected errors make a distinct blot on the paper. Get it? Then this stencil with these blots is smuggled to the bowlegged woman. She lights a match three times to signal her driver. They speed away to Emlenton. Carefully then, the leader of this vicious ring, Honshu Kraki, cuts the blotted mistakes with a double edged razor blade (because he can't get single edge). The cut stencil reveals a pattern from which are made hundreds of miniature player piano music rolls cut to a width that may be fitted into a machine gun.

And what song do you think the roll plays? "I Lost My Heart to a Beta." **There** is the heart of this atrocity. These miniature-size music rolls are rushed to Alleghenians in service in the South Pacific area. These noble youths insert over and over again — I-lost-my-heart-to-a-Beta — I-Lost-My-Heart-to-a-Beta. Beta? Beta? The only Beta at Allegheny is Bucky. He's the head of bureau to test returning war veterans and knows many of these veterans. AHA! but in reality it is a date bureau for Allegheny coeds—the coed sweethearts of these boys in the service of their country. Immediately, of course, the ire of the Alleghenians so far away from snow and Meadville is aroused and they refuse to write their letter a day (letter a week if he's in the Navy) and keep up the morale of their Allegheny-coed-sweethearts. Morale at Brooks and other halls gets bad. Indeed if it were not for the new Red Cross unit organized on campus the girls would be reduced to forever hounding Rae M. with desolate looks. Again the Red Cross serves a worthy purpose.

A vicious spy ring expose right under your noses. Help stamp it out. If YOU see a short woman with bowlegs, three matches and a cigarette—do not ask her for that cigarette but notify your quiet proctor at once.

Editor's note: Any resemblance to living persons, things or places is **purely** coincidental.

Potpourri . . .

Designs for a club pin were discussed at the regular **Boots and Saddle** meeting Monday night at the apartment of Miss Mary Morison. Refreshments were served.

Dr. Lucius H. Bugbee will speak in **chapel** Thursday noon, February 22. Recently retired, Dr. Bugbee was formerly editor of the Church School Publications of the Methodist Church.

An Allegheny Christian Council program will be presented in chapel at noon on February 20.

"Einer Muss Heiraten," a German play, was presented by the **German club** Tuesday night. The cast included Behrnad Berlowe, '47, Fred Sturm, '47, Jane Jacobs, '47, and Jane Morgan, '47.

Heelers' Sports night, planned for last Friday night, has been postponed indefinitely, until the swimming pool, which is at present out of commission, can be fixed.

The **Meadville Orchestral society** gave a concert last Thursday evening, January 8. Jay Luvaas '48, played solo oboe selections.

Philo-Franklin Union will meet today at 4:00 p.m. in the Speech Library.

A mass meeting of the **senior class** will be held in chapel tomorrow at noon. All members are urged to attend.

A special bus will take students to the **Allegheny-Thiel** basketball game at Greenville this Saturday, February 17.

Round-trip tickets will cost about $1.38. Sign up on the Brooks bulletin board immediately.

The Social Whirl

by
By Tawney and Paggy

Mrs. D. R. Nordwall, Eastern Province Counselor of **Alpha Chi Omega,** will visit Delta this week. A tea is planned for Saturday afternoon in her honor. Rita Rogers, '44, and Mary Helene Hillstrom, '44, were recent guests of the **Alpha Chis.**

Alpha Gamma Delta announces the marriage of Anne Jenkins, '42, to Joseph Ivy at the First Presbyterian church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., on February 9. Anne, former vice president of the **Alpha Gams,** was attended by her two sisters, Marjorie, '43, and Sarah, '46.

Shirley Fleming or Flora Stone Mather and Janet Zook were guests of the sorority the past week.

Alpha Xis announce the marriage of Gladys Vanek, '46, to Ensign Charles W. Clark, U.S.N.R., at the Shaeffer Memorial church, Cleveland, on Wednesday evening, February 14. Janet Smith, '47, was maid of honor at the wedding and nine other sorority sisters were present.

A reception to honor Mrs. Howard M. Quackenbush, national first vice-president of **Alpha Xi Delta,** will be held in the sorority rooms on Saturday evening. Mrs. Quackenbush will be a guest of Alpha Chi Rho chapter this weekend.

The engagement of Nancy Konstanzer, '44, to David Crump, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Carnegie Tech, is announced by **Kappa Kappa Gamma.**

Dorothy Sales, a transfer from Oklahoma A. & M. and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, has accepted social privileges with the **Kappas.** A birthday party was held in the rooms Monday evening to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the founding of Gamma Rho chapter. Alumnae were guests. Kay White, '44, was a weekend visitor.

Marion McKee, '46, Martha Murray, '46, and Mary Shannon, '46, were initiated into **Kappa Alpha Theta** last Saturday afternoon. Ellen Boyd, '44, was a recent **Theta** guest.

Theta Upsilon announces the marriage of Elizabeth Bartlett, '43, to Ensign Robert Leuthner, '42, on February 3 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Ensign Leuthner was a member of **Phi Gamma Delta** here.

The marriage of Elizabeth Roberts, '44, to Ensign Paul Allen, '43, is also announced by the **T.U.'s.** The wedding took place in St. Brigid's church, Meadville, on February 12.

On Saturday night the **Phi Delts** will hold a Grill party in honor of their new pledges, Bob Sweet, '48, Dick Shaner, '48, Bruce Harrison, '47, Neal McGahen, '48, and Sveinn Olafsson, '48. Joseph Harrison, '48, is in charge of arrangements which will include a buffet supper followed by dancing until 10:30 p.m. Visiting the fraternity over the weekend were: H. A. 1/c Howard Elstner, ex '47, Peter Albright, ex '48, and Roger Albright, '44.

It seemed like old home week to the **Phi Psis,** who had as recent guests: Herschel Davis, ex '46, now at the Western Reserve School of Medicine; Ensign Paul Allen, U.S. N.R., veteran of overseas service; A/C Paul Dain, ex '47; and Donald Weller, U.S.A. William Walker, ex '47, has been sworn into the Merchant Marine as a midshipman. Elmer Grant, '48, was elected vice-president and Jack Scheller, '47, recording secretary for the coming year.

Charles Gallup, ex '46, medical student at the University of Rochester, was a guest of **Theta Chi** over the weekend.

S.A.E. received word that Jim Nordstrum, ex '48, is now in Arizona.

Delta Tau Delta initiated David Bossler, '48, Richard Davis, '48, Ralph Ketcham, '48, and George Potter, '48, on February 4.

If Bentley's Bell —Could Talk—

By Betty Crabbs, '47

Bentley's Bell may sometimes ring reverently for the memory of Allegheny's second president, Martin Ruter, for he is said to have been one of the extradorinary men of his age.

When Allegheny went under the patronage of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1833, it took as its president a preacher who was reputedly the best-educated man in Methodism. He had gained his knowledge by his own private study!

In his autobiography he writes: "I had a taste for learning and a thirst for knowledge from my earliest writings." He did not have an opportunity for regular academic training, but he studied so diligently, and over such a period of years at home, that he attained success at the age when most of us have hardly begun to think of choosing a college. When Martin Ruter was sixteen years old he was admitted as a preacher in the historic John Street church in New York!

In 1818 he was elected the first principal of a Methodist academy in New England. It was found that the example of the self-made man assuming the leadership of his church's educational interests brought waves of popularity to the school and to subsequent councils, conferences and committees.

A champion of popular education, Dr. Ruter used voice and pen to put forth his beliefs. He advocated a four-fold program including domestic, moral, religious and literary education, and held the belief that Methodism could be a great power in the diffusion of knowledge throughout the country. In contributing to this ideal, he wrote text books on arithmetic, part of a French grammer, an American primer and the new **American Spelling Book** and **Juvenile Preceptor.** Perhaps his most valuable contribution was his **History of the Christian Church,** which became the text for half a century for those studying for the Methodist ministry.

Dr. Ruter served the field of re-Augusta college, and as a pastor in Agusta college, and as a pastor in Pittsburgh before caming to head the Methodist church's new experiment in Meadville. Here, at the end of his first year he was able to report gains in the enrollment and scholarship of the college, with still larger successes to come.

For the next three years, he led Allegheny through innovations as a manual labor program, an endowment campaign and the addition of professorships. His personality, character and education made him a true leader, and the ideal of the young men at Allegheny. A friend of his youth said of him, "that in all the years of intimate association with him, he never knew or heard of his being guilty of a mean action or imprudent deed."

The call of evangelism, however, was stronger to Dr. Ruter than was that of education. In April, 1837, he volunteered to go as superintendent of a mission to the Southwest, and, having been regretfully relieved of his duties at Allegheny by the board of trustees he set out for his new field of labor, where his zeal in bringing Methodism to Texas earned for him the title of "Apostle to Texas."

Best Bets

Dennie

Books of the Week

"The snow swirls in grayish-black eddies around my little home on the hill. I sit within; the lamp on the table shines with a warm yellow light. I sit in my little house as in a diver's ball and look out into this prodigious, insatiable driving of the snow; everything else has been lost in it, the heavens and the earth, path, trees, and the view into the valley—there is only snow, snow, snow." The loneliness of his New England refugee life carries German-born Joachim Maass back in his memory to **The Magic Year** of his childhood; back to Hamburg during the early 1900's. It was a beautiful year, but there were undercurrents even then of the evil to come. Joachim Maass writes sensitively and poetically, though sometimes he seems to cover it all with an overdose of romanticism. But these are his memories and as such they seem sincere; his handling of them, especially in the "Prelude" (from which I quoted) leaves few loopholes for criticsm.

Winged Victory, The Searching Wind, Voice of the Turtle and **Jacobowsky and the Colonel** are four of the better plays in the latest Burns Mantle **Best Plays.** All the dialogue is not here as usual, but also as usual he has picked the best, and does not leave you un-

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LETTER to the Editor

Editor's Note:

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the **Campus.** However, students are encouraged to express their opinions here. Anonymous contributions can be given absolutely no consideration, but names of the authors will be withheld by the staff upon request.

We all were very happy to see the appearance of a new member of the faculty on the campus several weeks ago, and as a student who has learned to grow very fond of Allegheny, I know we are very pleased that the administrationn has been able to enlarge the staff of one of its courses. I see this as an advancement and a very useful one. However, I can't help wondering how many of the student body (or even the faculty) will put the study of physical culture in a liberal arts school above the studies of sociology, psychology, art, education, typing and shorthand.

The art department has suffered from an insufficient staff since its innovation at Allegheny. The psychology department labors with three instructors, one of whom devotes most of her time to administrative duties. Mathematics is taught by one instructor, as is sociology. The education department is blessed with but two hard-pressed instructors, and the situation in the secretarial department is so acute (we have but one instructor here also) that it promises to make the new choice nothing short of ridiculous.

If it was possible to enlarge the faculty one member it is to be wondered whether the administration gave enough serious consideration to where this new member should be placed. I hate to bring in the mercenary consideration, but I know more than one student who has left Allegheny regretfully at the end of his sophomore year to continue his studies in art elsewhere. In lesser degree this situation is repeated in other departments for lack of courses and instructors to teach them.

I think the administration should be made aware that the students feel this loss seriously. We need more instructors in many fields, and this need should definitely receive first consideration in choosing new members of the faculty. It is doubtful that the new courses in physical fitness will be received by the student body with much enthusiasm.

A Believer in Progress.

Yesterday solicitors started around the dormitories to seek membership in the Red Cross, this membership consisting of the payment of $1.00 dues to establish the new college unit here on campus.

This immediately raises a question, "Didn't they tell us last fall when we contributed to the Consolidated Relief Chest that we would absolutely not be solicited for any more drives or campaign funds this year?"

Granted, the Consolidated Relief Chest gained only half its goal. Yet there are those of us who contributed our $3.00 to the Red Cross then. Is it fair that we should be solicited again? Certainly enough was allotted to the Red Cross then to constitute at least part of the amount we need to set up the unit here on campus (or hasn't the allotment been made yet?).

Perhaps you feel it is trivial to quibble over $1.00—the Red Cross needs it. Yes! But it would be different if we were earning our own money. However, most college students operate on a limited allowance from home. Furthermore, our parents contribute to the Red Cross at home, we contribute to the Consolidated Relief Chest here (including the Red Cross), and now we are asked to contribute again to another Red Cross drive! We're not being selfish, and we do want to do our part for the war effort, but we can't afford it.

You say, "Give up your cokes and cigarettes for a week!" But you know as well as we that you write home, saying you need more money for another drive on campus, and your parents send it to you, wondering meanwhile why they ask college students for so much when they aren't earning their own money.

The fact that students could give of themselves and their time, rather than monetary contributions, was one reason for establishing the unit on campus; the fact that the Consolidated Relief Chest didn't meet its goal is evidence that money drives do not go over well in college.

We ask, is there not enough from the Consolidated Relief Chest for our new Red Cross unit? If not, is it fair that those who paid their pledge in full for that drive be asked to contribute again? We offer a vigorous protest to the breaking of a promise made earlier in the year that we would be solicited for no other drive or campaign.

An Indignant Contributor.

Oklahoma College won't settle for less than 90 per cent student participation in the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps. When purchases fell below 90 per cent at Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, students and faculty assembled around the flag pole and stood at attention while a bugler sounded taps and the flag was lowered. More than 90 per cent participation has been recorded every month since.

A. C. P.

BASKETBALL . . . .

By Sally Garver, '46



Come, Come, Men! A little more perspicacity!
The exigency of our situation is becoming noisome!

Can Spring Be Far Behind?

by Jane Bailey, '46

Ever since grade school my strength has lain in my ability to avoid answering a simple "yes" or a simple "no". From the time I found that if I answered a direct question (Did you throw that paperwad?) evasively (No, not exactly), I could gain time and confusion, I have had no urge to answer queries any other way until Percy B. Shelley and I came to know each other better this fall.

In many ways Mr. Shelley knows his way around. I respect that in a person. I think that an invaluable trait. But when he dares to ask so hopefully, "When winter comes, can spring be far behind?" there is nothing to say but "YES!"

One can only suppose that Mr. Shelley spent his winters in chamber-of-commerce Florida or California. He certainly never struggled through a Meadville winter. Of course, this is my first winter in Meadville and the seasons may not be running on schedule this year—the war, you know—but how on earth winter has ever managed so long a run, I don't know. Please do not misunderstand me. I love snow—in moderation. But for winter to be so impervious to public opinion is, to me, a mark of ill-breeding. Certainly we welcomed the first snow and it would not be hard, I suppose, to mistake our hearty applause for a request for an encore. But to return again and again, after the time for a graceful exit has come and gone, is no less than ignorant, not to say rude.

The trouble and inconvenience this winter weather has caused when everyone and everything should be taking care that trains, buses, and cars run as smoothly as possible, is inexcusable. I shouldn't be a bit surprised if Mr. Roosevelt changed the dates of winter to shorten it considerably next year and I certainly wou dn't blame him. If it snowed while I were being inaugurated, I would do the same.

I have wondered how the other seasons feel about this unfair distribution of time. Probably there was a lot of lobbying before the schedule for the seasonal year was even submitted and more before it was approved. I suppose winter and spring have collaborated on a deal for a long winter and a whooping big flood as soon as spring comes. Then again, winter has seniority rights. These things must all be taken into consideration. Even so, I'm disappointed in spring. It could show a little more fight! This sit-back-and-take-it view it has adopted is an entirely selfish one. It might think of me. It might at least consider others like me. I want some spring clothes, and who can exert decent judgment about spring prints and pastel suits when it is snowing?

The . . . Woman's Side

By Hartman and McKay

Terrapin pageant has been canceled since Montgomery pool cannot be used. There will be no meeting of Major or Minor Terrapin until announced.

Those taking swimming at the 'Y' on Wednesdays can now buy tank suits at the book store.

Basketball tournament games will begin next Tuesday, February 20. The schedule will be posted today in Brooks gym. Important meeting of scorekeepers will be announced sometime before the start of the tournament. A representative from every team planning to play must be present. Notice of the meeting will be posted.

There will be no basketball games or practice in the gym from February 26 to March 3.

If weather permits, a basketball team will be chosen from Miss Marker's and Miss Deach's gym classes to play Villa Maria college in Erie on Friday.

Dance club will meet at 7 p. m. Thursday in Montgomery gym under the direction of Miss Morison. It's a wonderful opportunity for improvemnet—so let's all **turn out!**

Sveinn's skiing class is still open to anyone interested. It meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m.

My Sun, My Sun!

by Nan Kennedy, '46

"Sun shinin'?"

"Are you kidding? It's snowing again!"

"Oh, no!"

"Yes, it is. It's comin' down in a big way. There isn't a bit of sun."

"Well, here we go again."

And that is the usual morning greeting Allegheny roommates exchange as the nine o'clock class looms near.

The sun is a luxury which the East merits nine months of the year. But somewhere in the nether regions of our country it isn't so coy, so shy. In the mountains of Colorado it is a utility as well as a pleasure for it serves as a snow remover in deepest winter. Up on the cragged peaks it makes possible our water supplies.

It flings its rays down to the hills bringing comfort from prairie winds. It causes the broad-sombreroed Mexican to squat and bask and absorb its goodness while rolling a homemade cigarette and discussing his favorite topic—politics. The leather-faced cowboy removes his cowhide jerkin in its warmth. It encourages the cattle to graze on the dun-colored mesas instead of eating their supply of oats in the corral, and the herds of the deep snows of the high coun-wild horses have some relief from try as they run free as the wind. The sun makes it possible for lean ranchers to drive their cattle along the roads during spring branding, and to make hurried trips after their "vacas" when they go astray. It means comfort for the lonely sheep herders perched far up on the desolate mountain sides. And it means warmth for the few old men who still pan gold in Colorado creeks.

Day after day we Westerners look up and see the sun until finally we take it for granted. Then when we leave the West in winter we awake with a start to the absence of its most noted feature—Old Sol. Looking out into the gray bleakness we are confronted with a different kind of Day-Star, one that is sullen and tantalizing. From the dorm windows we watch it slipping away more often than not, and we yearn for the beauty of an eastern fall or spring.

The sun's light penetrates very little, so that we do not squint constantly as the Westerners do. We look out on snow piled on the walks for days, untouched by sunshine—a thing Western people can't believe until they see it. Here we look forward to sunny days, and we appreciate them so much more when they come. The dampness that causes us to turn up our coat collars and wear warm boots is the most vivid sign of the lacking sun.

But even now in winter Allegheny college with its gray mantle is a scene never to be forgotten, and we can overlook our snowy days in thinking of what is soon to come—spring!

Gators Lose Close Game

St. Bonaventure Winner Of Contest By Narrow Margin

by Richard Victor, '46

Last Saturday night in Montgomery gym the Gator quintet dropped a closely contested game to St. Bonaventure, 49-48. Dick O'Connor, stellar forward for the visitors, scored the winning point in the last 30 seconds of the game on a foul shot which climaxed a thrill-packed fourth quarter. Despite the fact that the Garbark five exhibited their best shooting form of the year and outscored the visitors in three of the periods, they were again jinxed by a third-period slump and only scored one point to the visitors' 12.

In the opening period the Gators, sparked by Fuhrer and Donaldson, were red hot and tallied from all parts of the court for a total of 19 points to the Bonnies' 16. During the second stanza the Gators scored 12 more points and the half ended with the score standing at 31-23.

The Gators held the lead until the last six seconds of the third quarter when Lynch and O'Connor of the Bonnies dropped in two quick baskets to cut the Allegheny lead to one point. O'Connor stretched it to 35-32 with a sensational one hand shot, and four charity tosses found the visitors ahead 41-33.

Lee Donaldson retaliated for the Gators and sank the first field goal since the end of the second quarter. Ward scored on a foul shot, and Fuhrer hit the hoop for four successive long shots and tied the score at 44-44.

The game then see-sawed back and forth, and with only a few minutes remaining the game was tied up at 48-48. Lynch was fouled with only a minute left but missed his shot and left the honors to O'Connor who won the game in the final 30 seconds on a charity toss.

Scoring honors were shared by the captains of both teams. Knobby Lynch led the visitors with 19 points, and Frank Fuhrer, although playing under a terrific handicap, scored 18 points. Lee Donaldson was runner-up with 15 points.

ALLEGHENY	fg	fp	ft	tp
Hollenbeck	2	0	0	4
Fuhrer	8	2	3	18
Donaldson	5	5	7	15
Reed	1	1	1	3
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STARS and STRIPES



by GERALDINE WALLACE and GLADYS FLEMING

The Campus
Allegheny College
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Dear Editors:

This is to advise of new address, indicated below. The **Campus** has followed me around through three changes of stations, until finally the Postal Division informed me that if I didn't notify my correspondents of my new address, they would stop forwarding the paper. I couldn't take that chance, so here it is.

I have been here since Thanksgiving Day and am currently on duty as a regimental personnel officer in an Infantry Replacement Training Center. It's quite a job, exhausting and satisfying, and though there are times when I long for what passed for civilization in my undergraduate days, after two years it seems quite natural and more than worth it all.

Camp Hood boasts one other Alleghenian that I know of, and he is many years my senior. It's Capt. Ed Culver of about the Class of '28 or so; I'm not sure. We remember our respective days at Allegheny with great pride, no little amount of nostalgia, and something of a feeling that it never really happened. Even for me, it seems many times three years since I left the now unbelievably luxurious life of a coed at Allegheny. It seems very far away.

Can't tell you how much seeing the **Campus** means. I know that all of us on your mailing list appreciate it and hope that you can continue it. Particularly do we like to see where others are, and your Stars and Stripes column is a good index for that. No matter how remote your way of living seems to all of us, and it does, we wouldn't miss hearing of your squabbles over stacking and examination schedules, your lectures, your concerts, your ideas of rehabilitation, the Singers, the new faculty, or anything that concerns the Allegheny we remember and still love. Keep sending them on.

Jean Chamberlain ('42)
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15th AAF IN ITALY . . .

Sergeant Kenneth L. Sample, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sample, Allison Park, Pa., is a member of a Fifteenth Army Air Force Liberator group recently accorded the War Department's Distinguished Unit Citation for a particularly successful bombing mission against the Florisdorf oil refineries at Vienna, Austria. Members of both the ground and air echelons were included in the citation.

Sgt. Sample is an ordnance worker in his squadron. His duties include the "Belting" of ammunition and the fusing of bombs on the big Liberators. He graduated from the Etna high school and attended Allegheny college before entering the service in March, 1943. He arrived overseas just one year later and holds the Theatre Ribbon with two Battle Stars in addition to the Distinguished Unit Badge.

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23 December 1944
Somewhere in France

Today I received the first copies of the Allegheny **Campus** that I've seen since 1938. And when I say they brought delight, I mean just that. Back in 1935 and 1936 I was Editor of that grand reflection of Allegheny spirit, **The Campus.** So you perhaps understand what a sight it was to see the first copy of it since 6 years ago, when I got the Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and 9th issues.

They kind of came at a very good time, for the flood of memories they brought sort of softened the mixed feelings in our hearts at this time, and eased the tiredness that has been present for the past few days. For if you notice the date you'll see that this is written during the height of "Jerry's" big counter blow, when a fellow hasn't had much opportunity to observe anything that would bring reminiscence, cause it's all business. We're trying our darndest to prove Hitler a liar, when he promised his hordes they'd be in Paris for New Year's Eve. Tho he's made progress and had all of France a bit jittery, the guy is just plain out of luck—cause it seems a lot of Yanks have the same idea about celebrating New Year's Eve there, and have already made reservations. And you know how it is back in the states when you have reservations, the late comer takes a back seat, unless you've got pull and that, Adolph hasn't got.

I enjoyed reading when, in your Stars and Stripes column, some of the ex-Alleghenians (why I call them ex, I don't know, cause once an Alleghenian, it's for always) have come across brother collegians or fraternity brothers. Because this lad has been in three years and has yet to meet one familiar soul of either category. And it's a pleasure I'd sure welcome and have often thought about.

Can't expect to find names of a class back in '36 in a paper of 1944, but I sure scanned every line trying to find a familiary name of an old friend. If your paper is reaching many of the grads of that day, in your next issue, say that old Hawkins was asking for doggoned one of them and wants to say a big Hello. Maybe they're scanning your pages for a familiar name as I did. In fact I know they are.

Some letter writer to your column said a return to Allegheny was included in his returning itinerary. He hit it on the head. I've been overseas for a year, in France five months, and even if I got home for only 30 days, after that time of absence, I'd still make it a point to make that trip. It would do wonders for anyone. A glimpse of the old Allegheny campus would be one more way of making a fellow realize that much more what he's been fighting for. You present tenants, keep alive all those wonderful ideals and atmospheres. You'll see how much they mean to you and how much a part of you they are, two weeks after you've graduated.

Wish I could write a bit about what's going on here, but censorship is a bit on the strict side now.

Have had different views of Paris in my time over here. From the air, via trips from England before and after—and on the ground since it's liberation. You can keep all the Paris's in the world. Give us New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, and Meadville. It's no different than any city back home except that the prices are more exhorbitant and the designs of jewelry and such more flamboyant, and too, the signs read French instead of English. There was more excitement about the place when they were throwing flak up from the place than there is now thronged with sightsee-ers, mostly Yanks on a rest leave. But no matter what goes on, I guess Paris will always be a symbol of fashion for you women. N'est-ce-pas?

Guess I've taken up enough of your time. But it feels good to be writing back to Allegheny. Hope I'm surprised soon again with some more papers. That's a grand thing you're doing. Your efforts and time are being thanked and appreciated a million times. My best to you and your staff.

Orin R. Hawkins
1936

Would be a treat now at this time of the season to hear those good old Allegheny Singers.

Editor's Note: We still are unable to publish A. P. O. or F. P. O. addresses.

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Best Bets

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satisfied. For a quick summary of the best of last year's theater, Burns Mantle's **Best Plays,** like Abou Ben Adem, heads the list.

Movies of the Week

The Academy will have Bing Crosby this weekend, combined with a double dose of Betty Hutton and the heighth and breadth of Sonny Tufts, in **Here Come The Waves.** It's no great shakes as a movie, but it has a good cast and a good musical score, "Accenchuate" for one. Crosby does an imitation of Sinatra singing "Black Magic" that's a riot and worth the price of admission all by itself. Sonny Tufts gets a slight chance to show what he can do with his vocal chords; he used to be the singer with his own band but so far Hollywood has decided he's much more effective as a romantically slow-moving hunk of man.

Together Again will be at the Park Sunday. It's a light and very amusing comedy starring Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer and Charles Coburn. She's a lady mayor, Boyer is a sculptor, and the plot is full of complications. There's a 19-year-old, Jerome Courtland, from the real-life socially elite of San Francisco, who gets engaged to Miss Dunne during one of the complications, and, as far as I'm concerned, steals the picture. He can say "Well, good night" like no one else in this world.

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