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ASIDES

By Dudley Michael

ON BEING HUNTED DOWN

In boasting of its beautiful campus, learned faculty, and select student body Allegheny has overlooked one of its surest claims to distinction. I refer to an efficient detective system which, diverted to more useful pursuits of crime detection, could drive the sly talent of Scotland Yard to the highway patrol. This system has been so thoroughly developed that it is no longer necessary to hire mouchards from the student body. Gossip, magnified to incriminating evidence, glides into eager ears like water seeking a lowly level. No student is so unquestionable in behavior as to be certain that his name is not inscribed on the list of suspects. The art of detection has evolved almost to an uncanny omniscience.

This aptitude for sleuthing has been efficacious not only in capturing the midnight warblers but in satisfying the curiosity. Names which are obviously pseudonyms are sharp prods to the curiosity. And, when curiosity is combined with the skill of Sherlock Holmes, the mask must sooner or later be wrenched off.

I mean to say that my preference of anonymity has been throttled, at least by the faculty. This I very much regret, though I can appreciate and admire the expert technique that led to discovery. It was a most rigorous research, involving even a scrutiny of English Language I themes. Then, when the job was done, loquacity got the better of discretion, and the pseudonym became a nickname. Aha! Pst . . . Pst. T-t, t-t and ha, ha!

When the intimate knowledge was spread among the faculty, I was fearful lest I should feel the heavy hand of Javert. Instead, I was delighted to learn that most of the faculty favor the frank expression of student opinion. Allegheny, after all, has an incipient vigor that many colleges do not tolerate.

Those who do not relish my rambling dissertations can possibly excuse me on the basis that I am, as one instructor asserted, "mentally deranged." To me this assumption is most diverting. I only regret that such delicious slander is legal only for a member of the faculty. For three reasons I make no answer. Firstly, the accusation is possibly true. Secondly, I prefer insanity to indolence. Thirdly, if I were to publish my candid and truthful retort, the Campus would be issued as usual on Wednesday and Thursday would find me packing my baggage. However, to those who would adjust the noose and spring the trap I make the plea of insanity.

However insane, I have no monomania for deriding the professors. The faculty more closely approaches what a faculty ought to be than the student body comes to realizing its analogous ideal. For some time able teachers in the college have been trying to rouse the students from a lethargic indifference. But they have succeeded in provoking nothing but yawns and lazy nods of assent.

It is my insane purpose to disturb the cheerful calm, perhaps largely with the hypothesis that one can excite the mind by agitating the emotions. Believing that there are students who are capable of being ruffled, I predict that The Campus will be flooded with anonymity, much of which will be worth reading. I will be the subject of a volley of satire, the target of hitherto repressed feelings. This will be most amusing to all; I, especially, shall enjoy it. But, for the sake of the readers, I hope that the immanent tilt will not degenerate to a mere logomachy. I am admittedly and consciously careless in choice of words. Preciseness of diction is not my conception of the ne plus ultra of writing. So, when my critics say that there is no such thing as "prolix sorcasm," I shall reply that either their experience is happily limited or their ability to interpret the meaning of fluorescent word combinations is pitifully in the embryo. Then, in florid language they will call me an awkward juggler of abstruse terms, and the bored reader will wish that the anonymous writers, myself and my critics, would suddenly evaporate into the verbosity of their argument. Meanwhile, the effort that should have been utilized in building the bonfire beneath the college mule will have been wasted in trifling contention.

Obviously a mere sequence of lunge, parry, and riposte between amateur critics would only insure an evil which I have tried to minimize by means of my pseudonym. I refer to the strife of personal prejudices. I do not deny that many of my assertions are mostly prejudice, but I wish to sacrifice the pleasures of mere personal contention for the consideration of problems which are of interest to the whole college. If I cannot separate my thoughts from my personality, I can at least try to make an abstraction of my identity, thus lessening the exchange of libel as well as idle and insincere comments of fellow students. In short, I have honed to serve as an impersonal

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NOTED COLORED SPEAKER REVIEWS NEGRO HISTORY

DR. DU BOIS TELLS STUDENTS OF PART PLAYED IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

Allegheny students were very fortunate last week to hear Doctor Edward DuBois speak at the regular chapel services on Wednesday. Dr. DuBois is one of the foremost Negro educators of the day, having received degrees from Fisk University, Harvard, and the University of Berlin. At present, he is director of publications for the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. DuBais spoke to the students on the Negro in American History. "Most Americans believe that negro slavery was the greatest misfortune the United States has ever known," declared the speaker, "but slavery formed the central thread of American history. At the time of the discovery of America, the world was in a state of turmoil and uproar over much war and strife. The new land was settled because of pressure for freedom and a place of refuge. The four crops discovered and raised here, cotton, sugar, tobacco, and rice, were the direct causes of slavery. Labor, though much needed, was scarce, and because of adverse conditions in Africa, slave trade was simplified until Negroes became the chief source of workmen."

Although it is usually understood that Negroes were of little value except as workmen, they greatly aided the colonists in wars against the Indians and the French. When England demanded a share in the profits of the new country, the Negroes did their part in protecting their masters. They formed one of the chief sources for soldiers from the South in the Revolutionary War and again did their share in the War of 1812. A very serious problem arose over the Negroes after the Civil War when reconstruction was undertaken. They survived this trying period very well, although people believed that reconstruction would be a mistake.

Annual Mid-Winter Track Contest to Be Held on Saturday

As a climax to the period of training that has been underway since the opening of the second semester, the Allegheny track men will hold their annual indoor meet this Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium. It is scheduled to start at two o'clock.

The meet will be in the form of inter-class competition and medals will be awarded to the winners of first, second, and third places in the various events. Most of the events that are held in regular outdoor meets will be on the schedule for Saturday. The events are as follows: pole vault, high jump, shot put, 85 and 220-yard dashes, 29-yard high hurdles, 440 and 880-yard runs, and the mile and two mile. A large squad of men have been preparing for these events for five weeks and most of them are nearing their best form. Consequently some close races are to be expected and several attempts will be made to shatter existing records.

Trials have been run in the 85, 220, 440, 880, and the mile run. The two men having the best times in the trials run against each other in the finals to determine the winner. The man with the third best time in the trials is awarded third place without any further competition. Any student is eligible to enter any of the events in which trials are not held, but their entries must be in Mr. Hammett's hands before 6 P. M. on Thursday.

The track men are anxiously awaiting the approach of better weather so that they may get outside for their practices. The sprint events and distance races seem to be in fairly capable hands, but there is still some question as to how the team is going to shape up in the field events. Al Moon will be eligible for service again this year and will undoubtedly strengthen the team in the shot put and javelin. The pole vaulters and broad jumpers are still a source of worry to the coach.

PLANS FOR OPEN HOUSE MADE BY PHI BETA PHI

On Thursday, March 21, Phi Beta Phi plans to hold an "Open House" at 7:30 in Alden Hall. All the members of the fraternity are planning to make this a long remembered occasion. Everyone who is interested in Biology is given a most cordial invitation to attend. An extremely interesting program has been planned in which all the members of the organization are to have a part. The program is to consist of stunts and amusements of a biological nature. Refreshments will be served. As this is an opportunity which is very seldom afforded the students of Allegheny who are interested in Biology, a large crowd is anticipated. It is guaranteed that everyone who attends will spend a very delightful evening as the guests of Phi Beta Phi.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON ENJOYED BY BLUE AND GOLD PASSERS

Team Compiles Excellent Record and Stands High in Tri-State Rating

Allegheny has just completed one of the best seasons of basketball in its recent history. A team of midgets, and young midgets at that, compiled a record and established a standard of play that won the admiration of all who know the team. The fighting spirit, the reckless optimism, the perfect teamwork as well as the individual ability of this remarkable team carried it through a season of hard opposition with a loss of only four games. Fighting and scrapping every minute, taking advantage of every break, and making breaks where none appeared, the diminutive Blue and Gold cut down giants to their own size and walked over anything smaller.

Four freshmen appeared on the team in the first game and remained there throughout the season. It was a new team—five men who had never before played together—but from the first they fitted together like the parts of a machine. It was an ambitious team, each man filling in with his own special virtues to compose a team fascinating to watch and a team to be depended upon to turn in a victory when at all possible, no matter what the odds. It is no wonder that Allegheny is proud of her team and looks so optimistically to the future.

The first appearance of the team was against Wittenburg, and many wondered when four new players appeared on the floor. All doubt was dispelled with the opening whistle. Allegheny unloosed a rapid series of fast rushes that netted twenty points to the visitor's three in the first half, and had the spectators on their feet cheering most of the time. Truly this team was something to cheer for. The devastation continued until the score stood at 32-5, when the subs, mostly last year's regulars, were put in. Quickly the difference between the two teams became evident as Wittenburg increased its score. The game ended at 47-29.

As a period of more than three weeks was to elapse before the next scheduled game a practice encounter with the Sharon Buhl Club was arranged. Allegheny won 29-24, but suffered a hard blow when Granny Bair sprained his ankle, forcing him out of the next game, with Westminster. Allegheny was accorded but a slight chance against this powerful team even with an intact lineup, and with Bair out of the game the chance was reduced to a ghost. So five nervous freshmen took the floor, expected if not expecting to be severely trounced, and held that powerful team to a one-point victory, 27-26. "With Granny Bair in there—"

And then after just two day's rest the same five freshmen journeyed to Grove City and took over that team by a score of 30-27. Dennison starred in the game by virtue of turning in a third of Allegheny's points while pitted against Ryan, the Crimson's star guard. The Blue and Gold used admirable strategy throughout the game and proved that playing ability was merely one of their strong points.

After a week's layoff due to the finals Allegheny next took on Thiel, winning with difficulty by a score of 35-31. The team was undoubtedly in a slump. None of the flash of preceeding games made its appearance, and Dennison was the only Blue and Gold player actually in form, turning in five field goals.

Then came Alleghe's worst showing of the season. Again pitted against the great Westminster team, the Blue and Gold continued its slump to lose 36-12. Allegheny netted but three field goals during the entire game, two by Garbark and one by Denny. Westminster, profiting by its previous experience with the freshmen's speed, retained possession of the ball most of the time, allowing Allegheny but little chance to score.

In the next game Allegheny snapped completely out of all semblance of a slump and soared to former heights to hold Bethany to another of those one-point victories, this time 32-31. Again Dennison starred, with twelve points, and Bair was back in form in

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TWO STUDENTS EXPRESS OPINIONS ON "ASIDES"

A NOTE ON "ASIDES."
By Anonymous

A most penetrating and illuminating mind is masking itself with the pseudonym, Dudley Michael. It is a relief to many who have longed to see certain institutions in the college shaken out of their composure and who have withheld their views only because they believe that all iconoclasts, of whatever sort, inevitably end as martyrs. The universal cry in the matter of published criticism is "Oh, but it might offend someone!" Such mistaken gentleness and consideration for the tender skins of various folk is not kind; it is stultifying and I am delighted to see that one individual has broken the shackles. I hope only that he will not suffer from that insidious undertone of disturbed dignitaries which seems inevitably attendant upon anyone who pronounces unpalatable views upon timely subjects. The best of luck to him!

But while, for the most part, I heartily agree with and endorse "Asides" there are certain remarks in the column which seem to me stupid and pointless. I refer particularly to the last issue which contained a criticism of the Literary Magazine. Might I question the phrase "much hackneyed refrigerator scene" which appears in the criticism of "The Chilling of Mr. Dubbelman" by Richard Cheney? Mr. Michael speaks of "refrigerator scene" as though it were a time-worn literary device similar, say, to "the triangle." This, if true, is most revealing. If Mr. Michael will please suggest a bibliography of literature in which the "much hackneyed refrigerator scene" is used as the locale of the dramatic climax I shall be most gratified. I am sure this bit of research should prove a splendid field for Mr. Michael's talents. Also may I question Mr. Michael's statement, "The Chilling of Mr. Dubbelman's is a one-legged imitation of Sinclair Lewis' 'Babbitt'"? I see nothing resembling "Babbitt" about the piece except that the wife of the leading gentleman is named "Myra" as in the case of "Babbitt." If this is the ground for the comparison I can only admire his perspicacity and recommend proof-reading to him as a life work. To be sure the author has painted a man who, together with millions of other men, might be called "a Babbitt." But on

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A SOLILOQUY
Michael Dudley

It might appear to a casual reader that, inasmuch as my pseudonym is the exact reverse of Mr. Dudley Michael's, my intention is to oppose and confound that mysterious person. On the contrary, I join in the abundant applause that has greeted his writing. To have startled a college from its lethargy; to have transformed The Campus from a dull and inept chronicle to a periodical whose issues are anticipated with eagerness and read with avidity; to have prompted a Trustee to assert that not in forty years has the equal of Asides been seen; to succeed, even more than an improved football team and a revivified basketball team, in making Allegheny a cynosure for the eyes of its alumni—all this is no slight achievement, from which I would be the last to detract. To be sure, one cannot but be somewhat amused by the trace of precocity in Mr. Michael's style, by his tendency to parade erudition, and by his naive assumption that the maiden, in declining to be burdened by a wimple, must discard her skirt. Yet, in the face of his deserved recognition, to insist on these points would be carping. No, I offer nothing but encouragement to Mr. Michael.

My choice of nom de plume is easily explained: my disposition is too indolent to invent one of my own, and, finding a name which by a simple transposition could be made to serve, I adopted it. Similarly, observing that in his prolegomena Mr. Michael preferred asides to soliloquies as media of expression, I have made use of the rejected term as a title for my reflections, in the hope that at least a ghost behind the arras may read them. Anyone, however, who desires instruction or profundity would do well to read no farther. I have already explained that my slothful temperament hinders me from producing any but the merest trifles.

It is amusing to notice the insatiable curiosity of the college concerning Mr. Michael's identity. Instead of enjoying his productions for the pleasure to be found in them, the students, as well as certain teachers, could not rest until they had run him to earth. This seems an unfortunate waste of energy, typical of the childlike pursuits which sometimes keep human

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ALUMNI ARE DEFEATED IN SEASON'S FINALE

VARSITY HAS LITTLE TROUBLE IN DISPOSING OF VETS BY 44-27 SCORE

Allegheny's varsity basketball team defeated the Alumni by a score of 44-27 on the college floor last Saturday night. The play was rather slow, and sometimes a bit loose, especially on the part of the Alumni, who were handicapped in not having played together for some time. During the first part of the game neither team seemed able to score very much, but before the half was over the varsity found themselves and rolled up a 21-13 lead.

Berger made the first score of the game on a dribble in to the basket. Judd responded with a foul for the Alumni, but Bair and Dennison came right back with fouls for the varsity. Rhodes added another from the charity strip, and this time Garbark and Bair came back with a foul apiece. McClurg then sunk the first goal for the Alumni with a quick bank shot from the side of the floor. With the score 11-5, the Alumni came to life and added four points on goals by Rhodes and Judd. The varsity again put on steam, however, and soon left the Alumni far in the rear.

At the beginning of the second half Allegheny's second team was pressed into service. The scrubs succeeded in holding the Alumni about even. After Rhodes had begun the second half with a free throw, McClurg made two field goals in succession, one under the basket and the other on a long shot. The scrubs then made seven points on a foul by Eighmy and field goals by Mills, Massing, and Heffrin. Judd and Thompson each sank goals for the Alumni and then the seconds, as a parting shot, collected three more points on a goal by Heffrin and a foul by Moon. The first team then came back into the game and played the remainder of the contest.

One of the features of the last quarter was a one-handed shot by Dusty

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Seventy-Five Books Are Purchased For Allegheny Library

During the past week a shipment of over seventy-five new books has been received in the library. These books represent the latest and best writings in the fields of economics, philosophy, education, and fiction. In the following list will be found some of the most interesting and instructive of the books in this new shipment.

"Sceptical Essays" ....Bertrand Russell
"American Policy Toward Russia Since 1927 ....Schuman
"Montrose" ....John Buchanan
"Pere Marquette" ....Repplier
"The Worship of Nature" ....Frazer
"Founders of the Middle Ages" ....Rand
"Elizabeth and Essex"-Lytton Straehey
"The Early Life of Thomas Hardy" ....Hardy
"Grim Haven" ....Robert Joyce Tosher
"Story of the Gypsies" ....Konrad Bercovici
"The Normal Mind" ....Buhnham
"Germany Ten Years After ....George Danton
"The Divine Right of Kings" ....Triggir
"The World Does Move" ....Booth Tarkington
"The Empress of Hearts" ....E. Barrington
"Hunger Fighters" ....Paul de Kruif
"Madness of War" ....Harold Brewster

Allegheny Debaters To Participate In Triangular Contest

Tomorrow evening the Allegheny College debate teams will engage in the annual triangular debate with Oberlin and Wooster. Allegheny's negative team will meet Oberlin's affirmative team here while the local affirmative team will travel to Wooster to engage the team of that college. The question for debate will be: Resolved, That the principle of freedom of speech on all political and economic matters is sound. Last year the local negative team defeated Wooster College at Ford Memorial chapel while the affirmative team lost to the Oberlin College debaters at Oberlin.

This debate will mark the close of the first half of the schedule. The teams will remain idle until after the spring recess when they will once more resume their work. The schedule for the second half is still pending but it is likely that it will be completed before the Easter vacation. In the second half of the season the teams will hold discussions on the question, Resolved, That representative arts, literature, and drama should be exempt from censorship.

E. Frank Phillips, Jr., since his graduation from Allegheny in February, 1929, has been pursuing the study of journalism in the Graduate School of Cornell University.

EDINBORO IS DEFEATED BY ALLEGHENY CO-EDS

DEFEATS OF LAST SEASON ARE AVENGED BY 23-19 VICTORY

Last Friday night the Allegheny girls' basketball team completely avenged their two defeats at the hands of the Edinboro girls last year by defeating them by a score of 23-19 on the Edinboro floor. The game was fast and interesting, but the superiority of the Allegheny team was evident throughout the game. Only once and that during the second quarter did Edinboro rally enough to endanger the lead piled up by the Allegheny girls.

Dorothy Fritz opened hostilities for the college girls by sinking the first basket of the game shortly after the initial toss-up. Ruth Farquhar followed with a shot from under the basket making the score 4-0. Smiley for the Edinboro passers made two shots good and these, together with a lone point from the foul line, constituted the entire Edinboro score for the first period, while Allegheny managed to pile up a lead of seven points, making the score at the end of the first quarter 12-5.

The second quarter found the Teachers much more at home and they succeeded in holding Allegheny scoreless for the entire period while they added two baskets by Smiley and a foul shot by Toohey, raising the count to 12-10.

In the third quarter Fritz added two more baskets to her total, Alice Luther too came into action and despite the excellent guarding of Leacock dropped in several pretty goals that brought the score at the end of the period to 23-19.

The game was well played; both teams, however, showed a decided weakness from the foul line, missing many of their attempts.

The lineup:

ALLEGHENY		EDINBORO
Fritz	r.f.	Toohey
Luther	l.f.	Shell
Farquhar	center	Smiley
Herr	g.	Kowalski
Norton	r.g.	Leacock
Dixon	l.g.	Terfoss

Substitutions: Edinboro—Proud for Shell, Long for Proud. Allegheny—Dawson for Farquhar.

Three Inter-Class Basketball Games Played Last Week

On Tuesday, March 5, Don Rowlingson led he Seniors to a 27-19 victory over the Freshmen in an inter-class basketball game. Don not only played a masterful guarding game but also scored four baskets in the course of the struggle. The contest had been postponed from the previous week.

The Seniors got away to a good start in the first quarter, leading 10-6 at the end of the period. During the second stanza their team-work went to pieces and they scored only once, the Freshmen taking the lead 13-12, just before the half ended. In the third quarter a stiff battle took place from which the Seniors emerged on top, 20-19. The Freshmen were unable to score in the fourth quarter while the Seniors added 7 points to their total. The Senior team as a whole played a fairly good game. Anderson played best for the Freshmen.

The score by quarters:

Seniors	10	2	8	7—27
Freshmen	6	7	6	0—19

In an inter-class basketball game that started slow but at the end developed into a game of varsity calibre, the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen by a score of 22-14 last Saturday. The Sophomores got off to a good start, piling up 10 points to the first-year men's 5 before the first period ended. The second stanza was more evenly matched, however, the Sophomores getting two field goals while the Freshmen garnered one foul point. In the second half the Sophomores steadily added to their score while the Freshmen fought a bitter but losing battle. Anderson and Milliken played best for the first-year men.

In the second contest Saturday afternoon the Seniors surprised the spectators by handing the Juniors a decisive defeat, 18-10. It had been anticipated that the game would be a close one, but no one had expected the Seniors to win in as decisive a manner as they did. As a result of their victory, the fourth-year men placed themselves in a position to threaten seriously the lead of the Sophomores. In the previous gome between the Seniors and Sophs, the latter were victorious by a one-point margin.

The Seniors led their opponents throughout the battle Saturday. Don Rowlingson was once again the big gun for the men who will shortly be graduated. Don gathered four field goals in the course of the games, besides upholding his position as guard. Slaven also played well for the victors, garnering a total of six points. G'Pies and Johnstone were the best for the losers.

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BASKETBALL

With the Alumni game last Saturday evening another basketball season has become history. The men who played on the Allegheny court team this season are deserving of a great deal of credit. They faced a difficult assignment this year, that of redeeming the College's standing in the basketball world. The end of last season found Allegheny at the bottom in Tri-State basketball realms and it was left to four Freshmen and one Junior to raise the Blue and Gold from this lowly position. The way that they have succeeded has been deeply gratifying to all Allegheny followers. If the team had succeeded in winning the two games that they lost by one-point margins, Allegheny would have headed the Tri-State district again this season, as she did in 1927. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the splendid season that has just closed. The players, the coach, and all others connected with the success of the team cannot be commended too highly.

THE PLAYERS

CHARLES BAIR

Allegheny's passers have just emerged from a successful season piloted by "Granny" Bair. Although he is only a Junior this is the second season he has led the Blue and Gold on the court. That in itself is a remarkable record. His continual fight and optimism make him an ideal leader.

Last year Bair was forced to do most of the scoring himself, but with a strong team back of him this year Granny has been content to drop back and play the part of field general. His lack of stature has not hindered his play to any great degree. As a matter of fact, it has made him more elusive. Bair is a master in every department of the game, whether it be guarding, shooting, or passing. As a proof of his greatness, Chuck was picked on the all-district second team, being kept off the first team only through the superbrilliancy of Hyatt and Glenn.

HARRY DENNISON

In spite of the fact that he is always more than willing to give another the shot, Denny was high-point man of the squad and a leader in Tri-state scoring. Denny follows his man with the eye of a hawk and generally breaks up whatever plays come in his direction. His floor play is fascinating. No matter how closely guarded, he repeatedly gets away for short shots. He is a dead shot from any position under the basket and is proficient from a distance as well, although he seldom tries long shots. Denny is highly able in any branch of play, is one of the hardest workers of the squad, and fits in perfectly with the rest of the team.

HENRY LANE

"Honey," a letter-man last year, has two more years in which to continue his work for Allegheny. When Bair was hurt early in the season, Lane and Mills alternated at the vacant forward post and both came through in the crisis. As a first string substitute after Bair's return, "Honey" broke into several games and performed in an admirable manner. With his past experience and natural ability, he has developed into a valuable player for the Blue and Gold.

HERBERT EIGHMY

Eighmy has also been playing a guard on the second string team and has been a consistent performer. With a little more experience he should develop into a very commendable guard. He played creditably against the Alumni.

HARRY MASSING

Harry has appeared in many of the later games of the season and has held up his end of things remarkably well. While not a spectacular player, Harry is able and steady and admirably willing to get in there and fight. The crowd invariably cheers when he is sent in. With his ever-present grin he can be depended upon to go in and give the best he has.

WALTER BERGER

"Wally" came with quite a high school reputation as an able performer and has lived up to the expectations of Allegheny basketball followers. As one of the four freshmen teamed with Captain "Granny" Bair on the varsity squad he has helped to bring Allegheny's basketball team back to a high plane after a year in the lower section of Tri-State squads. Already well-known and feared by the Blue and Gold opponents, Berger gives promise of becoming one of the best defensive men in the district.

ROBERT GARBARK

"Bob" was one of the most consistent players on this year's team. He always got his share of field goals in addition to preventing his opponent from scoring many points. Next year "Bob" will be a dangerous man to any opponent and will probably be one of the outstanding players of the district.

WILLARD CONN

Willard Conn, a lithe, seventeen year old lad from Point Marion, came up to Allegheny last fall and won the center position in the face of opposition from Al Moon and Ray Nesbitt, centers of last season. That is quite a feat for a freshman with little experience against big teams. He is a fair shot and a good dribbler. Despite his lack of height, he has been able to procure the tipoff with fair success.

ALLAN MOON

Moon has completed his fourth year of service in the ranks of the Blue and Gold. Coming to Allegheny with little basketball experience, he soon developed into a consistent performer and has been one of the hardest workers on the squad during the past four years. He was a member of the Tri-state championship team of 1927.

CHARLES MILLS

Although he did not see much actual service this year, Mills established a secure place for himself on the Blue and Gold squad. Churck is an excellent shot, especially at the middle distances. His best performance was in the 27-26 game against Westminster. He played in Bair's place in this game while the captain, with a badly sprained ankle, watched the game from the bench.

CLARK HEFFRIN

Heffrin transferred to Allegheny from Ohio Wesleyan where he made the Freshman team two years ago. He has been doing good work on the second team and has been pushing the first string guards for their positions. He saw action in but few games, giving a good account of himself whenever used. He made four baskets and several fouls against the Erie Business College and also showed up well against the Alumni Saturday night.

SCRUBBING BRUSH

Just one envelope in my last week's mail (I'm not referring to what I get under my right name) giving contributions to my list of the Week's Worst Wisecrack. That's not a very encouraging start, so some of you who have no trouble in keeping up your end of the conversation, please write out your best ones and send them in. I'll even put your name in print if you want. One little piece of irony that I received this week was too obvious in its references, so I was forced to change the characters involved, the reason being that the victim knows me and outweighs me about fifty pounds. Here it is:

Oscar—Going to the Inter-Sorority?
Herman—I guess so.
Oscar—Got a date yet?

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Also this one, pulled in History Quizz section: In the spring a young man's fancy turns to what the young woman has been thinking about all winter!

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George—Your eyes are beautiful, your lips are divine, your teeth are like poils, your golden hair is more glorious than—

Betty—Thank you, but I'm afraid that I can't say the same for you.

George—You could if you were as good a liar as I am.

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As a weather prophet I make a good dishwasher. Every week I start to write something about the weather, but by the time the paper is out my predictions are reversed. At present the sun is out, and spring seems to be hiding around the corner, so I invite my devoted followers to a sledriding party on Wednesday night.

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Did you notice the verbal struggle that ensued between Dudley Michael and another critic of the Lit magazine in last week's Campus? One thought that the Lit is rank, and the other thought that it was good except in the spots that the other critic thought were passable. Nobody would ever imagine that Carl is a competent literary critic. You guessed it—I'm not. But I have this much to say. The Lit isn't too good, but on the other hand it isn't too bad. We should be thankful that we even have a readable magazine of its character. It hasn't reached the stage of Harpers and the Atlantic Monthly, but it is coming right along. Give the kids a chance.

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There are no new developments in the Great Tuxedo War, but I'm hoping that something will turn up before Saturday night. I need something to write about.

C. C. III.

A SOLILOQUY

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beings diverted. Most interesting of all was the curious theory that, since Mr. Michael's writing is above the average, he must therefore be a member of the faculty and must possess at least a Ph. D. degree. Unfortunately the excellence of the writing might lead an observant person to make an opposite inference. The acquirement of an advanced degree seems frequently to result rather in a throttling of the creative power and a consequent sluggishness of oral and written style than in Mr. Michael's vigorous and pointed expression. Even his fondness for esoteric terms seems more sophomeric than academic. I feel, then, that we should deplore this tendency to attribute to the faculty whatever is good, on the ground that students are too immature to produce it. For me personally, however, any resentment would be a waste of energy.

Why, indeed, when so much relish might be extracted from these matters, should we trouble ourselves about them? Consider the delight of approaching them with nothing more animated than a yawn—a yawn not of tedium but of soporific enjoyment. Mr. Michael, I take it, is not a reformer; he writes for the pleasure of expressing himself. Yet those who are dampened by his shower of words take them for thunderstones and bestir themselves to no purpose. Doubtless, if he were to attack you or me, the effect would be similar. If he should dilate on the imbecility and fatuousness of fraternities, pitying the unfortunate freshmen who attain their membership through much tribulation only to find the puerility of their ambition, the loyal fraternity men, though pretending to smile, would mutter in their throats. If his arrows should fall upon the girl who inflates her grade by smirkingly inquiring of Professor Credulous whether he does not think her work is improving in consequence of the midnight oil she has burned, the lady would assuredly feel righteous indignation. We would not, however, desire that our associates should be less unreasonable than they are. Their foibles and mannerisms serve to amuse; their determination to take things seriously is a continual source of entertainment.

Clearly, then, for our delectation things should remain as they are. The Literary Magazine should continue to publish nerveless poetry and invertebrate stories. Professors should persist in dispensing commonplace delusions to their classes. The female students should idiotically perpetuate the feminist movement, and the male students should continue stupidly to ridicule it. Even the strange affectations of Mr. Dudley Michael and Mr. Michael Dudley should be allowed to remain.

The ghost, I perceive, grows impatient; the soliloquy is over.

Campus Clippings

The Dean of the Harvard Theological school believes that compulsory chapel does more harm than good. He says that its chief aim is discipline and that this is acquired but so is a lasting antipathy towards religion. According to him, the stoutest defenders of compulsory chapel are not those who care very much for religion or they would not continue the travesty of worship which goes on in most compulsory services.

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The girls of Waynesburg college have rebelled completely against their better halves. They have decided to hold their annual co-ed prom without male escorts; half of their own number will dress as men. It's to be hoped that the party will not be formal.

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Yale College Seniors, according to the "Yale Annual Review" prefer a Phi Beta Kappa key to a major "Y" earned in sports. Harvard is their favorite college after Yale, English is said to be the most valuable subject, and psychology is the least valuable.

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Night football is to come into its own November, 1929, when the Notre Dame team meets Drake University at Soldier's Field, Chicago. Chicago is expected to turn out to the tune of one hundred thousand specators to view this battle.

NOTE ON "ASIDES"

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the same basis we might call Arnold Bennett's "The Old Adam" an imitation of "Babbitt." The type is so great in latitude that it seems doubtful that we can call all works of literature portraying the average business man imitations of "Babbitt." To do so would be a piece of ridiculous presumption of which I should not suppose even Mr. Michael to be guilty. As for the other criticisms I believe them justified with, perhaps, the exception of his remark on "Redemption." I believe that Mr. Michael has mistaken Miss Cole's description of a perfectly possible psychological reaction in a man who has "got religion" to be sentimentally sympathetic with Christianity. It is no more sentimental or Christian than Theodore Dreiser's description of Clyde Griffith's conversion after his trial, in "An American Tragedy." What is sentimental or pro-Christian in a scientific revelation of a convert's psychological reactions? I fear that Mr. Michael has allowed his prejudice to obscure his judgment on this point.

But above all these minor matters what I object to is that unfortunate characteristic of puerile writers and amateur critics, namely the tendency to confuse criticism with invective. To say that a thing is "sapidless" is interesting but not very graphic. If Mr. Michael can not give a logical analysis of what is wrong with what he criticises he should at any rate, not dwindle into mere epithets. "Vituperation and scorn," interesting as it may be, is not generally supposed to indicate a keen critical faculty. In this respect Mr. Michael resembles that Irishman in the age-old tale who upon entering a new country inquired if it had a government and being told that it had, responded immediately with great positiveness "Then I'm agin' it." Mr. Michael, unlike some more civilized men who are against many things, has so far not shown that he can analyse what is the matter with the things he is against.

Lastly I would comment on Mr. Michael's diction. It is excellent in most portions but in parts is nothing less than picturesque. A great advantage in the use of such phrases as "diaphonous foulard" and such words as "teichopsia" is that he not only adds to his grace of style by using such melliflous syllables but also renders himself totally unintelligible to ninety percent of the students, thus automatically weeding out the mundane uninitiated and appealing only to that cultured minority of which he appears to be the guiding spirit. And then, too, Mr. Michael, keen psychologist that he must be, probably knows that they (the lowly philistines) instinctively respect a man who uses words they do not understand, yes, even as the Voodoo respects the sounds issuing from the elephant's tusk. I can not too highly commend the verbal facility of Mr. Michael.

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ALLEGHENY ALUMNI NEWS

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William Thomas, '08, was the speaker at the regular Tuesday noon luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Lafayette Hotel on March 5th. "Rotary in Mexico" was the subject upon which Mr. Thomas talked. In recent years, while doing missionary work in Mexico, he has picked up some very valuable bits of first-hand information concerning the spread of the Rotary Club through Mexico. Mr. Thomas, since his graduation from Allegheny in 1908, has been doing quite an extensive piece of work in Mexico as a missionary.

Ethel Isherwood, '27, who is teaching near her home in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, was a week-end guest of Mina French, also of the class of '27.

We just received from Professor Swartley a wonderful present in the form of two fine books. Not chemistry.

After reading a few pages of one of these books it will be found that the main thing to be considered by the writer is the problem. (And it's a mighty big problem.)

This idea, as you students must know, is divided into four main parts. First is the subject, which is you and me: although we might be called the subject just as the people of England are subjects of the King. We are always subject to your likes and dislikes and your goodwill.

The second consideration is the writer's attitude, and at all hazards he should convey the truth, which involves both sides of the question.

The main thing is that we are not acquainted with enough of the students and it's somebody's fault. We would like to be able to say at commencement time, "there's John ————, I didn't know that he was to graduate this year. Well, he's a mighty fine fellow and I'm glad to see his picture there." Or, "Did you know that Jim So-and-So graduated this year? He's a fellow that never let his studies interfere too much with his college education, but he got there just the same."

The reader is the third item of the problem, and as the reader must be you, a student, it is commonly known that a college student is usually hungry or thirsty. (We mean thirst quenching drinks.) Now, we supply the remedy for both hunger and thirst; so what more can be said except as to quality, etc., and of these you must be the judge.

Lastly is the relative value of sources. Now, this item is still somewhat vague to us, but the source must be the origin of the supply, like the spring on the hillside. We know that there is not a student on the hill who can recall a time in his college career when this spring was not in existence.

Much obliged,
HICKORY NUT.

Adv.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON ABOLISHES THE PADDLE

No, you will never hear it again. The sharp stacatto crack of breaking barrel staves will be heard no more. Never again will a large crowd gather to see fleet-footed freshmen dash through a long avenue of howling, deadly-hitting upper-classmen. The gauntlet has passed and who will mourn its passing?

For some time there has been a great deal of agitation among fraternities to abolish the paddle as a means of impressing upon untried neophytes the necessity of walking the straight and narrow path. At the meeting of Penna. Omega Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on Monday evening it was unanimously voted that the paddle should be abolished from all future initiations and that ceremonies more becoming to college men should be put in practice. Minerva, the patron goddess of S. A. E., as she looks down from Olympus must be proud of her sons, of whom one at least exercises the wisdom which she represents.

In taking the above action the active chapter feels that they have taken a step that is in keeping with the fine, progressive spirit of Allegheny.

SENIORS TO HOLD BALL LATTER PART OF APRIL

Preparations are already being made for the Senior Ball which is to be held the latter part of April. A committee has been appointed to take care of all arrangements and tentative plans have been decided upon for the festivities. Bert McGill is chairman of the committee and is busily engaged in arranging for an orchestra for the dance. As yet no definite band has been chosen but it is expected that the selection will be made within another week. The Seniors are planning to make the ball one of the outstanding social events of the year and every effort is being put forward to make the occasion a success.

ASIDES

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medium for stirring up thought.

The sleuths, having had their fun, should now refrain from gossiping about my identity, which, after all, is of no importance. I wish to advise my few friends that, although my feelings are indurate, I am fond of abscondence. I abhor scholastic honors, felt letters, mysterious badges, glittering keys, and the sight of my name in print.

C. W. Skinner, '21, and Mrs. Skinner (Ruth McCafferty, '23), are living in Chicago at 5616 Ellis Avenue. "Doc" is in his senior year at Rush Medical College.

ERIE COUNTY ALUMNI HEAR GLEE CLUB SING

Saturday evening, March 9, at 6:30 o'clock, the Allegheny College Men's Glee Club presented a fine concert for the Erie County Allegheny Alumni Association, at Erie.

The Association held its banquet at the Lawrence Hotel. After the dinner, the Club gave its program, which consisted of many of the songs sung in chapel and on the Pittsburgh trip. The trip was made by bus. Before the Easter vacation, the Glee Club will make a week's trip to a number of cities and towns in Pennsylvania. Practices are being held regularly on Wednesday and Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTER-SORORITY DANCE

We wanted this to be printed on flypaper so it could catch your attention and hold it, but the editor put his foot down on the suggestion (not the flypaper.) So hark ye—The annual Intersorority Hop is approaching and the committee promises that it will be good, surpassing all previous efforts on the part of the students or the Men's Senate, or even the Junior class. Furthermore, it is understood that the ancient and now almost obsolete custom of wearing evening clothes will be revived, and those who have not yet seen a college man in a Tux will find an added attraction at the dance. Dr. Ling guarantees a perfect moon, Kress has learned some new numbers, and the girls are paying for it. What could be sweeter?

McKELVEY-BENTLEY WEDDING

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. McKelvey, Meadville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Alan Lawall Bentley, son of Mrs. L. C. Bentley, of Beaver Falls, on March 4. Mrs. Bentley attended Meadville High School, and she entered Allegheny as a freshman in the fall of 1927.

Mr. Bentley is a graduate of Nazareth Military Academy, Kiskiminetas Springs School, and attended Allegheny College 1924-27. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley will reside in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Bentley is connected with the Armstrong Cork Company.

The freshman members of all the women's fraternities were guests of Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at a tea dance on Tuesday afternoon, March 5. Forty-five guests were present.

Ahuskota chapter of Tallagewe entertained the faculty ladies at a tea on Tuesday afternoon, March 5. Mrs. S. S. Swartley poured.

COMPULSORY CHAPEL DISCUSSED BY FORUM

Compulsory chapel services should be abolished at Allegheny. At least that was the decision rendered by the members of the Philo-Franklin Forum at its regular meeting last Friday. The affirmative side of the question was supoprted by Nathan Morrison and Howard Plate, while the negative was ably upheld by Richard Marker and Glenn Lewis. The affirmative stated that since we now have anything from jazz to cheerleading at chapel services, they are no longer a source of general good to all and compulsory attendance should be abolished.

The meeting was one of the most beneficial and most interesting held by the Forum this term. It is planned to have many more such meetings, discussing questions of general interest to the students of Allegheny. If you enjoy lively discussion, you are invited to come to the regular meeting of the Forum next Friday at 4:45 P. M. in the Forum room of Bentley Hall.

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Allegheny in Athletics

SPORTS REVIEW

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his floor play. The Bethany aggregation was one of the best in West Virginia, and Allegheny's record was considerably enhanced by this showing against it.

Geneva was the next victim in another "upset." The Covenantors came here with expectations of continuing their drive for the Tri-state championship, but Allegheny virtually overplayed themselves to score a 30-25 win. The Geneva team had a great size advantage, but the Blue and Gold unloosed a whirlwind of speed that bewildered the Geneva outfit. Allegheny's playing surpassed even that of the Westminster game. There was no special star in this game; the whole team starred individually and collectively.

Grove City fell in the next game by a score of 40-25. The Blue and Gold did not exert themselves to any great extent in this game and played rather loose basketball. The game was rather slow, but the margin of victory over these old rivals proved quite satisfying to Allegheny followers.

Then back at Geneva and another victory resulted. Just to prove that the first game was no upset, the "Flying Frosh" won this one by a 31-23 score. The game was hard and fast, just such a game as the Blue and Gold likes, and their speed proved the winning margin against Geneva's desperate defense.

Alleghe's last defeat of the season came in the next game, at the hands of the Mountaineers of West Virginia. The big team on the big floor proved too much of a handicap for Allegheny, and the Mountaineers won 38-29. The Blue and Gold played well, but the big team was too strong.

The second game with Thiel, next on the schedule, proved an easy encounter. Allegheny played with the Lutherans in the first few minutes accumulating a lead, allowed the game to progress evenly until the last ten minutes, went on a scoring spree, and finished in the lead, 33-19.

The final inter-collegiate game, with Waynesburg, fell on the victory sheet by a score of 38-23. The play was varied in its quality, but Allegheny won easily and in the second half opened up and finished the season in championship form.

Much interest was centered on the Alumni game on the ninth of March, Most of the 1927 combination was back, and the game was regarded as a test of the comparitive qualities of the two teams. The old grads put up a good game, but were never dangerous, and the modern warriors marched through for a 44-27 victory.

That can well be called a successful season. A record of nine wins with but four losses in inter-collegiate matches is a good enough record, but the fact that two of those losses were by the bare margin of one point makes it appear even better. In giving plaudits to the team Coach Baker cannot be forgotten. Not only did he teach and direct the team, but he built up a spirit of fraternalism and congeniality among the players that made them the perfectly cooperating team that they are. A great deal of the season's success was possible only because of this.

The fact that only one player, Al Moon will be lost from the squad gives auspicious promise of the future. Great hopes are held for the coming year. While it is difficult to see just where the team can improve, it is generally accorded that a squad improves in a year of playing together. But our praises need not be sung in terms of the future. The present is worthy of its own.

ALUMNI GAME

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Rhodes from the corner of the floor. The ball went through the net without touching the rim. Bob Garbark also featured in this quarter by making two long shots in succession from the same spot on the floor. Dennison saved himself from being blanked from the field by Rhodes when he flipped one in from beneath the basket just as the final whistle blew.

VARSITY	FG	FP	FT	TP
Bair, rf	2	4	5	8
Dennison, lf	1	2	3	4
Conn, c	1	1	1	3
Garbark, rg	4	1	1	9
Berger, lg	2	3	7	7
Mills, rf	1	0	0	2
Massing, lf	1	1	1	3
Moon, c	1	1	4	3
Eighmy, rg	0	1	1	1
Heffrin, lg	2	0	0	4
Totals	15	14	23	44
ALUMNI				
Thompson, rf	2	0	0	4
McClurg, lf	4	0	5	8
Judd, c	3	2	3	8
Rhodes, rg	2	3	7	7
Wescott, lg	0	0	2	0
Totals	11	5	17	27

Varsity 11 10 8 15—44
Alumni 5 8 9 5—27

Referee—Hart.

William McClurg, '27, was a visitor at the Phi Gamma Delta house over the week-end.

Alumni at the Delta Tau Delta house over the week-end were: "Dusty" Rhodes, Ben Avon, Pa.; Herbert Carpenter, Connellsville, Pa.; and Dean Fiscus and Harold Deibler, both of Apollo, Pa.

This and That

AFTERMATH

Now that the noise of battle has died away, the smoke cleared, and the last enemy—a friendly one—has fled far down the road, let us review the situation, determine the heroes, and reward the deserving. With the defeat of the Alumni, Allegheny's victorious 1929 basketball team registered its twelfth win in sixteen starts. Of the four defeats which the team suffered, it must be remembered that two of them were dropped by the margin of but one point. This wonderful team record is surpassed only by the record of those individuals who comprised the team. Their individual scoring records follow:

Player	FG	FP	FT	Tot.
Dennison	50	29	43	129
Bair	44	34	48	122
Garbark	30	26	40	86
Berger	24	36	59	84
Conn	18	11	19	47
Moon	5	6	12	16
Massing	4	6	7	14
Mills	4	3	3	11
Lane	2	1	1	5
Heffrin	2	0	0	4
Allison	2	0	0	2
	183	154	234	520

One interesting fact to be gleaned from this record is that Bair and Dennison practically divided scoring honors, the slight difference being explained by the fact that Bair was out of two full games with a sprained ankle. Berger and Garbark were seperated by an even slighter margin. Conn, playing the difficult role of center, also held up his end of the scoring. From such even scoring it is evident that the team was perfectly balanced and that a spirit of teamwork prevailed. Then too, the foul record of the team is exceptionally good. The squad as a whole had a percentage of .658 for the season, and the record of the first five men was .650. Considering the fact that .500 is a good foul record, this is a particularly enviable showing. And what will next year bring!

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONS 1927

It sure looked good to see the class of '27 trot out on the floor last Saturday night. Since graduation they have not forgotten basketball, although business claims their first attention. To attempt to return and, in one short night, take up the game where they left it that memorable night in 1927 is, of course, impossible. Their attempt was indeed gratifying. Two of the boys who played are still directly connected with basketball. Lawrence Judd and Bill McClurg are coaching the court game, the former at the University of Rochester, at Rochester, N. Y., the latter at Oakmont High School near Pittsburgh. Dusty Rhodes is working for the Duquesne Light Co. in Pittsburgh, where as a member of their basketball team. He was chosen one of the four best guards in the West Penn Floor Loop. Joey Thompson is living with his wife and son in Rochester, N. Y., where he is working in a furniture store. Leon Wescott, of Meadville, is now employed in Pittsburgh. Here's hoping the boys come back often to visit us.

CLOSE MATCHES ROLLED BY COLLEGE BOWLERS

The Chi Rhos and the Phi Gams won their first matches last week in the fraternity bowling league. The Chi Rhos took three games from the Non-Frats and the Phi Gams captured two out of three from the Beta Kappas. The Non-Frats defeated the leading Delts two out of three games. In Section 1 the Phi Delts dropped their first match, losing two to the Phi Psis. Their three game win over Beta Upsilon kept them in the lead. The Sigs captured two from the Phi Psis in the other contest. The standing in both leagues remained the same.

Games last week:

D. T. D.	476	581	568
Non-Frat	635	555	667
Phi Delts	477	598	641
Phi Psi	591	578	645
B. K.	654	602	589
Phi Gams	609	614	594
Phi Psi	621	552	559
S. A. E.	582	619	596
Phi Delts	565	576	574
B. U.	471	456	398
Chi Rho	612	605	543
Non-Frat	564	572	516

Phi Delta Theta fraternity entertained with a full chapter party last Friday evening. The music for the occasion was furnished by Sullivan's Band of Sharon. Coach Baker and his wife chaperoned the party. Refreshments of cake and punch were served. The guests of the chapter at the party were: Lawrence Judd, '25; William Reed, '28; Robert Corbett, '27; Paul Weyand, '25; Howard Hubbell, ex'27; Paul Gibson, ex-'29; Homer Anderson, ex-'29; Richard Hatch, ex-'28; and Troy Pringle, ex-'28.

Week-end guests at the Phi Delta Theta house were: R. J. Corbett, '27; Paul Weyand, '25; C. H. Neely, '22; William Reed, '28; Lawrence Judd, '25; Robert Allen, '27; Joseph Thompson, ex-'28; W. E. Pratt, '27; C. R. Griffing, '25; T. E. Brookhauser, '24; R. H. Ellsworth, '21; and Mr. and Mrs. Ekey of Greenville, Pa.

Donald H. Hauck of Fairview, Pa., visited at the Alpha Chi Rho house on Sunday.

Mr. William E. Babcock of Erie, Pa., was a guest at the Beta Upsilon house over the week-end.

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