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IFC Plans To Expand Foreign Student Entry

A program for fraternity support of foreign students here was announced at the IFC meeting Tuesday night by new President Tom St. Clair. Some fraternities have indicated that they will offer room and board to foreign students. Each fraternity will have selective opportunities regarding application for these foreign students.

Selections will be in cooperation with the Allegheny College Foreign Students Committee, headed by Miss Ludwig and Mary Falconer, and the Institute of International Education. "Such cooperation by these fraternities might easily double the number of foreign students on Allegheny's campus," stated St. Clair in a **Campus** interview.



Tom St. Clair

Honor System

An evaluation of the honor system as applied by the IFC to the recent rush period is being undertaken. The possibility of the extension of such an honor system in connection with future rushing, as well as in all aspects of interfraternity relations, is being considered.

In cooperation with Brotherhood Week all fraternities will have one or two faculty members at their houses next Tuesday night for dinner and discussion.

The IFC, as well as certain individual houses, are investigating the area of fraternity housing on Allegheny's campus. There should be specific information concerning this subject in the near future, according to St. Clair.

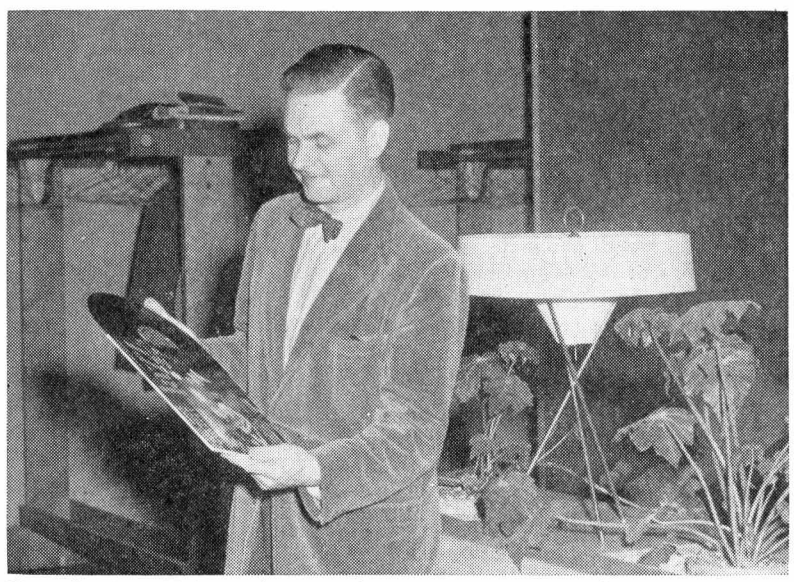
Kidd Refuses To Run On Democratic Ticket

Alton D. Kidd, professor of political science here, has decided not to run for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

He said he had given the matter serious consideration after George Hamilton, Democratic state committeeman, suggested the move. Mr. Kidd attributed his decision to the lack of financial support necessary to wage a vigorous campaign.

Mr. Kidd thought that to unseat the present Republican incumbent, Carroll D. Kearns, who has served since 1947, an all-out effort through the newspapers, radio, and television would be required to reach the voters. He estimated that 30 minutes of TV time would cost $1,500 alone, and the total bill would approach $5,000.

"Only people who have the financial resources or the support of people who have them can afford to run for public office these days," said Mr. Kidd in a **Campus** interview. "Since I have neither, I have no choice but to bow out of the race."



New Student Union Director Bill Cooper acquaints himself with a selection from the Union's record library in Cochran. —Photo by Foley

CU Takes On 'Homelike Atmosphere' Under New Direction Of Bill Cooper

by Yvonne Reed

Eyes have been brighter, spirits livelier in the vacinity of the College Union in Cochran this semester. The cause of this revitalization of Allegheny spirits is one Bill Cooper. Until this semester Mr. Cooper had confined his activity to the economics department, but in a surprise move late last semester the College Union Board appointed Mr. Cooper new director of the College Union.

Feeling that the College Union "should be what the students want it to be." Mr. Cooper stated that he is aiming to provide in the C.U. a homelike atmosphere conducive to spontaneous gatherings.

As a step in this direction, Mr. Cooper is hoping to have a fire in the fireplace each evening and popcorn on hand for students wishing to pop it. Already, new records have been purchased, and said Cooper, "The collection will be kept as much up to date as the juke-box downstairs."

Future Projects

Other projects contemplated by Mr. Cooper include scheduled dances throughout the week, weekly jazz appreciation sessions, and monthly singing sessions. Mr. Cooper expressed a desire to have activities to which students will feel free to come without dates.

Mr. Cooper stressed the fact that these plans can only be carried out "if the students want them." Speaking of students who complain of nothing to do, he admonished, "Here is an opportunity to create your own entertainment."

As Mr. Cooper walked through the C.U. he thought of numerous uses that could be made of its various rooms. He expressed the hope that more use would be made of the meeting rooms on the second floor, and he mentioned the possibility of using the apartment on that floor for birthday parties or other small gatherings.

Needs Volunteers

Asserting that there is much work to be done in the C.U., Mr. Cooper announced a need for volunteers to work on various projects. He is especially anxious to have girls come in to play records and to answer the phone at the desk in the lobby.

Anyone interested in volunteer work may contact Mr. Cooper at the C.U. He is there Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, all day Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday morning.

Commending Don Skinner and Ray Stark, student directors of the C.U., Mr. Cooper said that they have been and are still doing a wonderful job. Skinner and Stark were solely responsible for the organization of the C.U. during the time prior to Cooper's appointment when the C.U. had no director.

IFC, AWS Sponsor Bloodmobile Drive

Students will have an opportunity to donate blood next Friday in a blood drive jointly sponsored by the I.F.C. and the A.W.S. The chairman of this semester's blood drive committee will be Charles Thorne.

Last semester the winner of the blood drive was Theta Chi. The Theta Chis had the highest percentage of members donating blood of any social or independent group.

One change has been made by the American Red Cross in regard to the blood drive. The ruling now states that if a donor is under 21, he must have a parent's permission slip **each time he donates blood.** Former Chairman Tom Mawn has announced that the committee will send out the parent's permission slips and all that the committee needs is the students name, age, and college address.

A representative from each social group and the independent group will contact their members for volunteers for the blood drive. The bloodmobile will be at Cochran Hall from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. next Friday.

College Union Offers Rare Opportunity; African Sculpture Exhibit To Open Today

by Fred Quinn

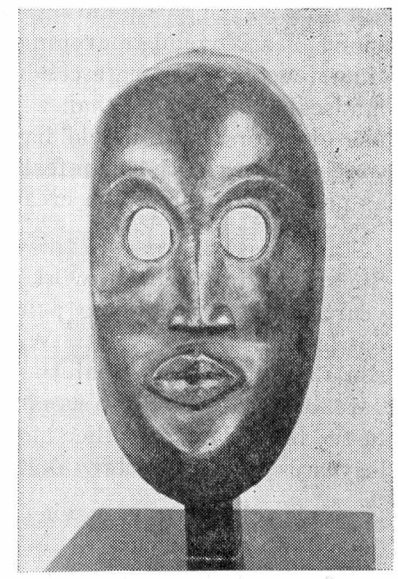
Alleghenians will have a rare opportunity to view an exhibit of African statues, masks, bracelets and gold weights opening today. The College Union is sponsoring the show which will be exhibited in the Quigley showcases until March 24.

"In the last fifty years African scripture has profoundly influenced Western art. It has firmly established itself as a unique and significant art form," an art department spokesman noted.

Characterized by an emotional intensity, African art is deeply ingrained in the religion and magic of the tribesman. To the African the small wooden statues, such as those displayed in the Quigley showcases, do not **represent** primitive forces, they **are** forces and spirits.

Many Functions

Such statues, fetishes, and charms surround the African throughout his life. They serve many functions, from aiding him through puberty and marriage, to acting as magical agents that help him destroy enemies.



A Primitive African Mask

The primitive mind, in an effort to gain some understanding of its surroundings, has constructed these statue-spirits to explain reality and contrive a crude metaphysical system, accentuated by strong cults of ancestor worship.

The African sculptured pieces and their relationships to folk myths have offered a rich field for anthropologists and psychologists. Likewise, these objects have exerted a profound influence in modern art. Landislas Segy, critic and collector,

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Selective Service Test Will Be Given April 19

The Selective Service College Qualification Test will be given on April 19, in Wilcox Hall Auditorium. A satisfactory score on this test, at present 70 or better, serves as one basis for the deferment of men students by their draft boards. Other bases are: enrollment in R.O.T.C. and relative academic standing in one's class. Academic standing in the upper half of the male freshman class, upper two-thirds of the male sophomore class, and upper three-fourths of the male junior and senior classes afford a basis for deferment.

All Male Students

All male students who have not previously taken the test are encouraged to submit their applications, even though they are presently enrolled in R.O.T.C. courses. Applications may be secured from the Local Draft Board No. 51, which is located in the Meadville Post Office Building on Chestnut Street. The applications must be postmarked not later than midnight Monday, March 5. Local board office hours are: Monday through Friday—8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 12:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Annual Frosh Contest Announced By Lit Mag

The Literary Magazine is announcing its annual freshmen writing contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning prose and poetry entries. The judges reserve the right not to award a prize if no outstanding work appears at this time.

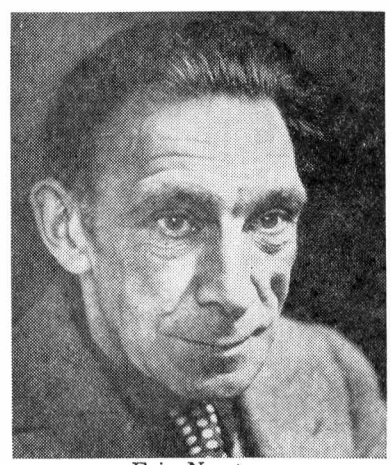
Contestants entering the contest are to attach an envelope to the manuscript containing the author's name and the title of the manuscript. Manuscripts are to be submitted at the Reis Library desk. The deadline for all entries is March 21.

London Art Critic Here

Eric Newton, distinguished art critic of the **London Times** and the **Manchester Guardian,** will speak on "Why Modern Art?" tomorrow night at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Chapel.

Eric Newton combines a wide and discriminating knowledge of the history of art with the power of clear and vivid expression, enabling him to deal with problems in aesthetics and art philosophy without resorting to jargon or obscurity.

This will be Mr. Newton's fourth United States tour. Newton, who has appeared frequently on the BBC, will lecture in several states from New York to Kansas, including talks at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Art, National Gallery of Washington, and several other colleges, universities and museums.



Eric Newton

Mr. Newton will spend Friday afternoon in the Quigley faculty lounge, where he will be available for informal discussions with anyone interested after 3:30 p.m.

Commenting on the Newton talk, an observor noted, "This will give everyone an opportunity to gain new insights into the field of modern art. It is wrong to assume that modern art is so much thick paint squirted onto a canvas. There are many forms of modern art, ranging from different abstract schools, to realism and paintings of social protest."

"Moreover," the spokesman continued, "we are coming to regard the true place of ceramics and craft work. These efforts number among the finest contributions of art in this century."

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Discrimination —— Yes

Historically the artist has served many functions, from glorifying emperors to leading movements of social reform. The creative artist, however, does none of these things directly. His historical or social message is secondary to the meaning of the painting itself.

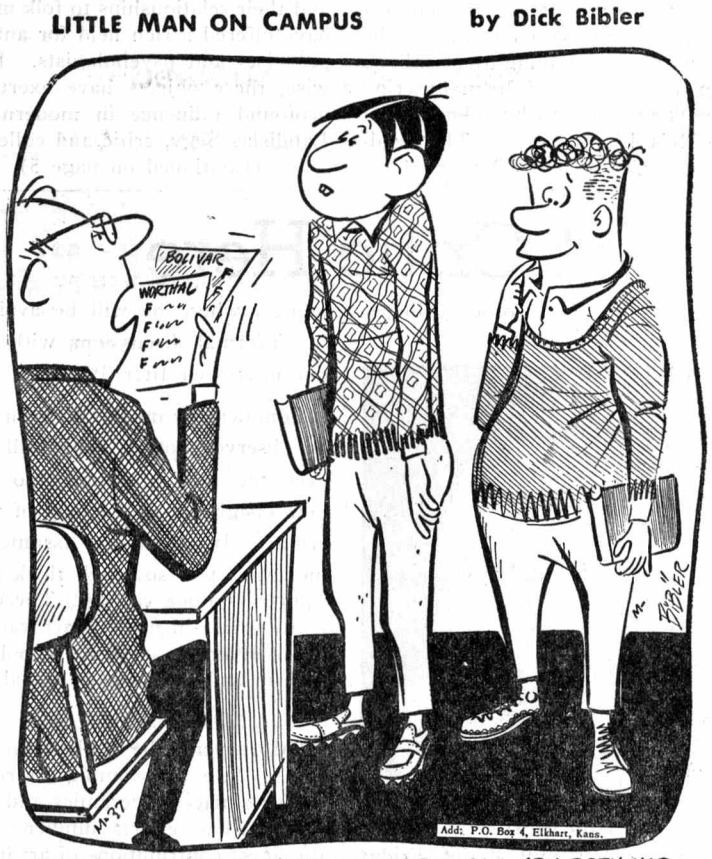
This does not mean that the artist is trying to photographically copy some scene. Rather, he is attempting to create something meaningful and beautiful. He may find elements of his finished work in nature, but these he blends with memory and imagination, and transfers the whole creation on to a canvas.

Charles Burchfield's "November Evening" shows a small Western town as night approaches; an errie winter sky threatens with snow. In this painting, Burchfield has captured the lonely mood of a November evening. Yet the painting is much more than a weather report, a candid shot of Zenith, or a Sunday roto landscape; more too, than a balance of objects and a sensitive use of colors. Burchfield has created and recorded in paint a timeless experience—man feeling the power and beauty of nature as preserved by his own creative process.

Each artist approaches this creative process in a different way. Some by painstakingly working on only one or two pictures a year; others by dripping paint on to a canvas, semingly without looking at the object. We do not mean to imply that a person should like every painting that is produced under the label "Modern Art." To do so would show a **lack of discrimination** and taste; to say, on the other hand, that the totality of modern art leaves us cold, is to show our own brute insensitivity.

Our role, then, is to view each painting as a work in itself, devoid of any historical or social message, or its relative value as a decoration over the buffet, competing with the wallpaper and a bountiful fruit dish. And if the painting is beautiful to us, let that be enough. We do not need to search for explanations in the painting, or to develop tales about it; for to do so is to replace a visual perception with words, and the two are vastly different. The perception of the beautiful is an end in itself and the first criteria of any painting. We need not search for words to describe away this experience. Great art needs no apologies, nor explanations.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS **by Dick Bibler**



"AFTER LOOKING OVER YOUR GRADES I'D SAY YOU BOTH HAD SEVERAL FACTORS WORKING AGAINST YOU — THE FACULTY."

READERS' WRITE-UP . . .

Students' Suggestion For Allegheny Improvements

by Bob Silberfarb, News Editor

This "Inquiring Reporter" is the cousin of a column found in many professional newspapers the world over. Whether in Paris or Peiping the reporter will stop a citizen and pose a question of consequence to him. By giving birth to this column we on **The Campus** hope to encourage spontaneous thinking within the student body here.

The column's initial question is, "If you were appointed President of Allegheny College what would be the first basic change you would make here?" It was asked by this reporter roving between Brooks and Cochran.

Alice Bowden, Senior:

"I would try to eliminate several of the rules of AWS—gradually of course—to give the girls a chance to develop a little responsibility on their own. This may be done by increasing the freedom and the permissions of the girls until we could learn to depend on our own best judgment!"

Mary Goodwin, Senior:

"I would encourage AUC to take the responsibility of promoting the use of the College Union by the students, thus inspiring more spontaneity and inter-relation among all of the students."

Joan Walker, Sophomore:

"I would try to build up and encourage the religious program at Allegheny College because I believe that religion is a very important part of college life!"

Wayne Quimby, Freshman:

"Being a vet I feel that the physical education program should not be mandatory for vets. I feel that the time allotted to physical education could be more constructively used in other fields. Having been in the service, our training has taken care of these requirements."

Mary Wible, Freshman:

"I think there should be more social life on campus. After-all, the movies downtown are about the only form of social life in Meadville and they get tiring after a while. I feel that the College Union is very inadequate in its social activities and other get-togethers. I believe that social activities would be accelerated if the CU would sponsor more social gatherings."

Ray Stark, Sophomore:

"The first thing I would do if I were made president of Allegheny is to have a traffic light installed on the corner of Prospect and North Main Streets. This light would operate on a push-button basis whereby the students could, when going to and coming from classes, cross the street safely. I have been amazed that no one has yet been seriously injured when crossing the 'North Main Speedway' between classes."

Trix at the Flix

by Monte Levitt

Feb. 16-17 (Academy) Forever Darling

With Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, and James Mason. Mason is slumming.

Feb. 16 (Park) The Big Knife

With Jack Palance, Ida Lupino, and Shelley Winters. Worth seeing —Hollywood "exposed."

Feb. 17-21 (Park) Helen of Troy

With Cedric Hardwicke, Rossana Podesta, and Jack Sernas. In CinemaScope and WarnerColor.

Homer on the screen again and like the recent "Ulyses", **Helen** is better entertainment than education.

Feb. 18-24 (Academy) The Last Hunt

With Robert Taylor, Stewart Granger, Lloyd Nolan, and Debra Paget.

Feb. 22-23 (Park) There's Always Tomorrow

With Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, and Joan Bennett.

Campus CALENDAR

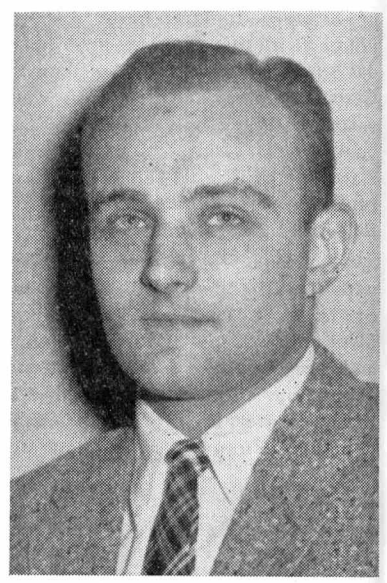
Thurs.,	Feb. 16	Organ Recital Ford 8:15 p.m. Wakefield Ortorical Contest Quigley — 7:00 p.m. Swimming — Wooster — Home
Fri.,	Feb. 17	Lecture: Eric Newton, "Why Modern Art?" Ford Chapel — 8:15 p.m. Phi Gam Pledge Dance
Sat.,	Feb. 18	Swimming — Grove City — Away Basketball — Grove City — Away Phi Delt Pledge Formal S.A.E. Pledge Dance
Tues.,	Feb. 21	Basketball — Slippery Rock — Away
Wed.,	Feb. 22	Men's Extemp Contest — Quigley — 8:00 p.m.

Senior Sketches



Marilyn Bennett

Marilyn Bennett . . . 21 . . . Middleport, New York . . . English major . . . Kappa Alpha Theta . . . member AUC . . . AUC Public Relations Committee . . . Junior Advisor to freshman women . . . College Publications Board member . . . served on **Campus** staff four years . . . **Campus** editor during junior year, previously served as News Editor, on the Editorial Board and copy desk, this year Marilyn is Advisory Editor . . . "Working on **The Campus** is a stimulating experience, more people should take advantage of it" . . . May Day pageant, Charm Queen of Junior Class . . . Junior Class Secretary . . . Vice-President of Senior Class . . . future is undecided, considering the fields of retailing or publications.



Bob Siemons

Bob Siemons . . . 25 . . . Highland Park, New Jersey . . . attended Pennington Prep School, Pennington, New Jersey . . . political science major . . . served in the army for **two years** . . . Phi Gamma Delta . . . Recording Secretary for his fraternity, Bob also worked on the Phi Gam newspaper, rushing brochure, and was chairman of their Publications . . . on Freshman Cabinet . . . Junior Hi-Y Advisor . . . College Publications Board member . . . active on **The Campus** for four years . . . Editor, first semester senior year . . . to Bob, serving on **The Campus** has been one of his "most meaningful experiences at Allegheny" . . . Block A, four years . . . outstanding soccer player . . . All Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware District Soccer Team . . . All-American soccer player (there has been one other person in Allegheny's history to win this award.)

Take Note

Law Schoolers

The Law School Admission test will be administered in Wilcox Hall Auditorium on Saturday at 8:45 a.m.

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Air Films

The Arnold Air Society will show two films in Quigley Auditorium on February 27 at 4:00 p.m. The films which pertain to the Air Force are entitled: "The Eagles' Strength" and "The Air Force Procurement-Production Program".

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Lecture Cancelled

E. Harris Harbison, Henry Charles Lea Professor of History at Princeton University, has cancelled his annual Phi Beta Kappa lecture at Allegheny College due to illness. The lecture was to have taken place on Friday, February 24.

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Starting Wednesday, a series of jazz appreciation sessions will be held weekly in Cochran Hall from 9:20 to 10:30 p.m. These sessions will be completely informal as to allow free discussion. Wednesday's discussion will cover the beginnings of the present day jazz forms.

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4:20's

Thurs., Feb. 16: **Gershwin** — An American In Paris; **Copland**—Billy The Kid; RCA Victor Symphony Orchestra; Leonard Bernstein, conductor

Fri., Feb. 17: **Mendelssohn:** Concerto For Two Pianos; Oraxion Frugone and Annarosa Taddei, pianists; Vienna Symphony Orchestra; Rudolf Moralt, conductor

Mon., Feb. 20: **Shostakovitch** — Symphony No. 5; The Philharmonic — Symphony Orchestra of NY; Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor

Tues., Feb. 21: **Copland;** The Red Pony Suite; **Thompson:** Acadian Songs and Dances; The Little Orchestra Society; Thomas Scherman, conductor

Wed., Feb. 22: **Berlioz** — Harold In Italy; William Primrose, violist; The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor

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Organ Recital

An organ recital by Robert Lynn, Instructor in Music, will be presented tonight at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Chapel. This will be Mr. Lynn's second organ recital this season at the college.

The recital will include three outstanding organ compositions from the twentieth century, by the French composers Jean Langlais and Olivier Messiaen and by the American composer Leo Sowerby, whose Passacaglia from the Symphony in G Major will be played. Mr. Lynn will also play the Prelude and Fugue in C Major by Johann Sebastian Bach and compositions by the 17th century German composer Samuel Scheidt and the 18th century Belgian composer Jan-Baptist Loeillet.

ALLEGHENY SITUATION . . .

Conservatism For Conservatism's Sake Hinders Progress, Student Development

by Vincent Cusatis

I wish to speak of a type of conservatism which is unhealthy and destructive. It is **unlike** the great conservatism of Burke and Adams, Aquinas and Locke which was a healthy, legitimate philosophical position. Rather this conservatism of which I speak has all the vitality drained from it, all the strength of the new is suffocated in favor of an antiquated sense of values and a constriction of the mind. Here are some reasons why I believe the conservative is bound to fail.

I believe that the conservative is bound to fail. For implicit in his thought and action is the presumption that the world is static, and that he exists in a time of perfection. He invariably defends the present as being satisfactory, that there is little need for change. He speaks loudly of tradition, not investigated, re-evaluated tradition, but tradition for the sake of tradition. His is a life of memories, not vision. The past has a strong hold on his thoughts and the future is the present stretched beyond meaning. He emasculates every part of our culture, tears from it whatever vital principle it contains, and leaves only a hollow shell, which he carries about with him. He speaks with the voice of authority for he cannot tolerate the intransigence of autonomy. He classifies people within a system and sees each person as a particular of a universal, not as a singular, unique individual who needs to be dealt with as a singular, unique individual.

No Faith in People

I believe that the conservative, adult and student, fails because he has little faith in people. In many colleges, for example, the conservative creates a system, social and intellectual, and tries to force every student into it. The system is a mold by which one produces a product that complements and perpetuates the conservative's failures. Though he denies it, the keyword is conform or more speciously integrate or adjust. It is not right to doubt the system, doubt yourself. The system is right, the individual wrong, when he finds the system unrealistic and arbitrary.

I believe that the conservative fails because he cannot handle the loneliness and anxiety that plagues the student. His usual reply is to smother the person in a social or intellectual sedative. Where the student should be learning to develop courage to cope with his anxiety or loneliness, the conservative puts him in a lumber room, drowns him with paternal affections. When the student should be learning to handle his freedom, he is told he may be free as long as he does not violate the limits placed upon him by the authority of the conservative.

Provincialism Scored

I believe that the conservative fails because his view of the world is provincial. He does not see that a school like Allegheny, for example, is not like the world around it. That its social system and intellectual life has little relation to the social system and intellectual life beyond. Here a student is taught to see the world from his own special group. He is taught to see the world as my kind, and the other kind. The conservative student is usually unaware that the little fancies in which he delights, strangle his vision and stunt his growth in these important years. And what is more the conservative adult frequently performs a disservice by not helping him learn to cope with the problems he will face. It is no wonder that during the senior year some students become dissatisfied with the system that has surrounded them. They begin to gain a perspective on their past and become amazed at their blindness.

Call for Awareness

I believe that the conservative must fail so inevitably, because his ideas have failed. He is quite frequently a parvenu of intellectual pretensions and philosophical shallowness. He evidences a confusion between an understanding of the need for a cultural realignment and resurgence today, with a belief that archaic forms and artifices are by nature of their ritual and techniques efficacious. What is needed, I believe, is an awareness of the rich heritage of our civilization and cultural traditions, not the effiminate, chavinist traditions disguised as important to our lives.

I believe that the conservative fails for other reasons. None more tragic expression can be found than in that desire to aid the student, which ends in a closing of breadth of view and depth of understanding in the students development. How many students might well have been channeled into real growth in understanding and sensitivity to the human condition? How many students might have more richly expressed their individuality had they not been cajoled into conformity? Obviously each of us contains a conservative element. We try desperately to conserve what we value. But it is unrealistic to make this the manner by which we view the entire universe. This is not a static world, our values will deepen and develop and in this way we must be willing to change with the process. We must also be willing to act responsibly, not rest in lumber rooms.

Finally I believe that the conservative destroys the sense of wonder, that is part of our nature. That sense that asks us to try the new, to experiment, to change. That sense that sees the world as a perpetual miracle. The conservative stifles that sense of wonder that tells us to have the courage to affirm ourselves.



Babs Balish has been elected the new president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Other officers are first vice-president, Mary Whitfield; second vice-president, Marilyn Schweitzer; recording secretary, Margery Nuhn; corresponding secretary, Judy Hamill; treasurer, Jane Wahlin; and rush chairman, Mer Braglio.

An article by Henry Steele Commager, history professor at Columbia University, which recently appeared in the **New York Times** is being distributed about campus by The New Group. Entitled "The Problem Isn't Bricks — It's Brains", the article deals with many of the problems in education which are now facing and will continue to face Allegheny College.

Mr. Clemmer, assistant professor of history will be the chapel speaker for next Sunday. His sermon will concern "A Christian Understanding of History."

Dateline — A few more engaged couples to announce: Ruth Richards to Bill Williams (Syracuse); Janet Geist to Ron Hartman (Grove City); Doris Mueller to Ray Gillott (Rider); and Margie Stevens to Elmer Bailey.

Among the recently pinned are Sue Glenn and Gordon Waddle (Marines); Sue Hungerford and John Bair; Harriet Blanning and Joe DeVittorio; Mimi Boarts and Frank Baker (Grove City); Pat Morehead and Chuck Barton; Peggy Goldsborough and Ralph Witherspoon; Judy Baddeley and George Palmer; Cordy Nuzum and Mike Glenn; Rosie Langford and Lou Scibetta; Bert Samas and Dick Wigton; Ethel Scott and Dick Collins (Ohio State); Ruth Jenkins and Jerry Striling; Carol Wagner (Fredonia) and Dick Royal; Gayle Brown (University of Colorado) and Don Trask; Margie Poshard and Bob Stauffer; Evelyn Falrey and Bob Brooks; Linda Simpson and Paul Hepner (Wilmington).



Jim Altman and Sue Reiber dance out the fast tempo of Dick Ford's "Dixieland Combo" at Saturday's Mardi Gras Dance in Brooks. The evening's spontaneous and informal activities attracted a large part of the student body. —Photo by Dunham

AUC Elects Wheeler Drive Leader; Brotherhood Week Programs Planned

by Marilyn Bennett

The appointment of Ann Wheeler as new Fund Drive chairman was approved by the AUC Sunday. Miss Wheeler will replace Tom St. Clair who was recently elected IFC president.

Brotherhood Week scheduled for February 19-26, was announced. Theme for the week will be "Towards a Democratic Campus." Discussions will center about human relations in the student - administration, student - faculty and student - student areas. Next Sunday the council is planning to meet at President Pelletier's home to discuss the principles of a democratic campus.

Faculty Poll

Results of AUC talks with faculty members, concerning the role the student can play in making Allegheny a more inviting community to the teaching staff, were discussed. Several general conclusions were reached upon the topic. Many faculty members expressed the desire for a more personal relationship with the students. Some teachers felt that a sincere interest in education was lacking.

The faculty would like to see more interest, not only in books, but in outside intellectual improvement. It was also pointed out that student allegiances should be concentrated more toward the whole Allegheny community rather than toward their own separate groups.

It was explained that lack of effective communication was responsible for numerous rumors heard lately. The suggestion was made that use of the Coordinating Committee should be increased for the prevention of such rumors.

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Don Wigton Is Big League Prospect May Sign Cincinnati Red Contract

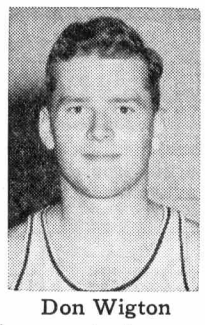
by Don Anderson, Sports Editor

Don Wigton, former Allegheny basketball star and baseball hopeful, may be wearing a uniform of a major league baseball team soon.

Wigton, who left school February 1, has been scouted by several big league baseball teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds of the National League. The Cincinnati front office has reportedly been looking Don over quite thoroughly in hopes of signing him for their Class C team at Butte, Montana in the Pioneer League.

The Reds' annual spring training camp opens March 25. According to **Campus** informants, the Cincinnati brass has high hopes to have Wigton in the fold by then, getting him to ink a contract.

When asked about his future plans, Wigton commented, "I would like to try to come back to school in the fall if things work out that way. I may be able to work out something to that effect in my contract."



Don Wigton

He might well prove to be another Dick Groat of the Pirates or one of the O'Brien twins in Pittsburgh who starred in both basketball and baseball in their respective schools. They all turned to baseball when appropriate bids came along.

Last year Wigton pitched in five decisions with the Gators, winning three while losing two. He batted .333 with eight hits in 24 trips and scored five runs.

Wigton played sandlot ball in his native Butler with the Butler Athletics in the Tri-County League. He pitched and switched off in the outfield. Before this experience he participated in Junior American Legion competition.

Also Basketballer

Wigton, a standout on the basketball court as on the baseball diamond, had gained better than 119 points in eight games this season. He was averaging better than 15 points per game, scoring 27 points in his last game against Alliance.

Since Wigton's recent departure the Gators have won one game in five contests. Only victory this semester was posted against Fenn, 68-62.

Cagers End New York Roadtrip Two 71-63 Losses Make 3 In Row

by Dal Matthews

Allegheny suffered two straight setbacks to Hobart and Rochester last weekend identical scores, 71-63, giving the Gators a 5-8 record this season.

The Allegheny dribblers got off to a bad start at Rochester Friday night and never caught the high-flying Yellowjackets. The Gators used a zone defense the first half that proved inadequate as the Rochester team built up a 40-27 halftime lead.

Rochester made good use of 6′ 5″ Dick Slocum under the basket. Slocum not only helped control the boards but set a fast scoring pace for the Jackets with his shooting from the pivot.

Gators Switch Defense

The Gators switched to a man-to-man defense in the second half and improved their shooting with 15 in 38 attempts. They narrowed the lead in the closing minutes to six points with two minutes to go but were unable to hold the pace.

Captain "Red" Wigton continued his torrid scoring pace by dropping through nine field goals and four fouls, totaling three more than Slocum, the leading scorer for Rochester with 19, 15 in the first half.

Allegheny's shooting percentage was a sub-par 25% in 10 for 40 tries from the field. Wigton and Eighme coupled to give the Gators an even break on the rebounds while shooting for 39%. Jim Lauffer, playing a reserve guard position, filled a gap with 12 points.

Hobart Game

In a tough game at Hobart, the Gators went down the wire before being defeated by the Statesmen. The victors were leading 64-61 with 1:24 remaining in the game. Using a semi-freeze, Hobart forced Allegheny to foul them to gain possession of the ball and gain a scoring opportunity. Hobart strategy worked as they displayed near perfect soul shooting in the remaining moments to force the Gators to accept a second 71-63 defeat in two nights.

Tankmen Best Tartans Gain 3rd Straight Win

by Bill Burns

Allegheny's swimming team ran their season record to four wins against two losses last week by dumping Carnegie Tech, 45-39. Ray Cox and Carter White led the way for the mermen with Cox scoring 11¾ points and White garnering 10.

Cox added two more pool records to his record by chopping four seconds off the 200-yard individual medley record, and seven seconds off the 200-yard backstroke record.

The Gators jumped off to a good start by chopping the 300-yard medley relay (Perecca, Poulson and Brand).

Gator Streaks

White won the 220-yard freestyle, Fisher the 50-yard freestyle, Cox took the individual medley, Poulson won the 100-yard freestyle, Cox the backstroke, White the 400-yard freestyle, with Fisher, Brand, and Cox completing the day by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay.

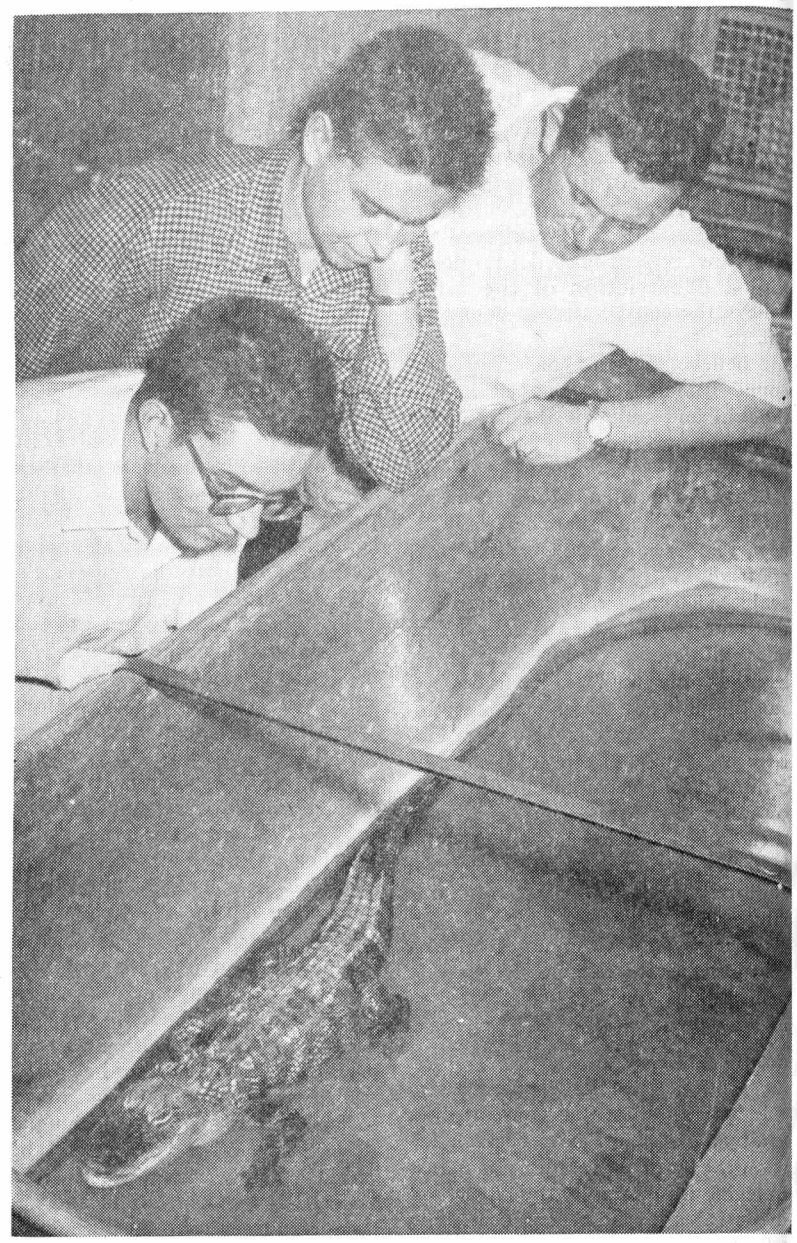
Hanson's tankers won all the events except the dives and breaststrokes. The breaststroke loss was due to the absence of Alex Hill who is still on the sick list. The many points the Gators poled up in capturing eight first places were nearly offset by the many seconds and thirds turned in by Tech.

Wooster Today

With three straight victories under their belts, the Hansonmen take on Wooster here this afternoon. This will be the tankers second home meet of the season. Last year they beat Wooster 46 to 38.

Grove City tripped the Gators last year in their first encounter but the tables were reversed in the second meet. Hanson believes Grove City is his toughest competition in the district and is slightly fearful of the outcome of this encounter on tap for this Saturday afternoon.

"GATOR" Of The Week



With the basketball, swimming and wrestling squads meeting their opposition in foreign territory last weekend, the only Gator on campus was Alden Hall's. Fred Adams, Pete Ellen and John Bursewicz (left to right) pay their respects to the College's mascot in his Alden basement lodgings. —Photo by Meyer

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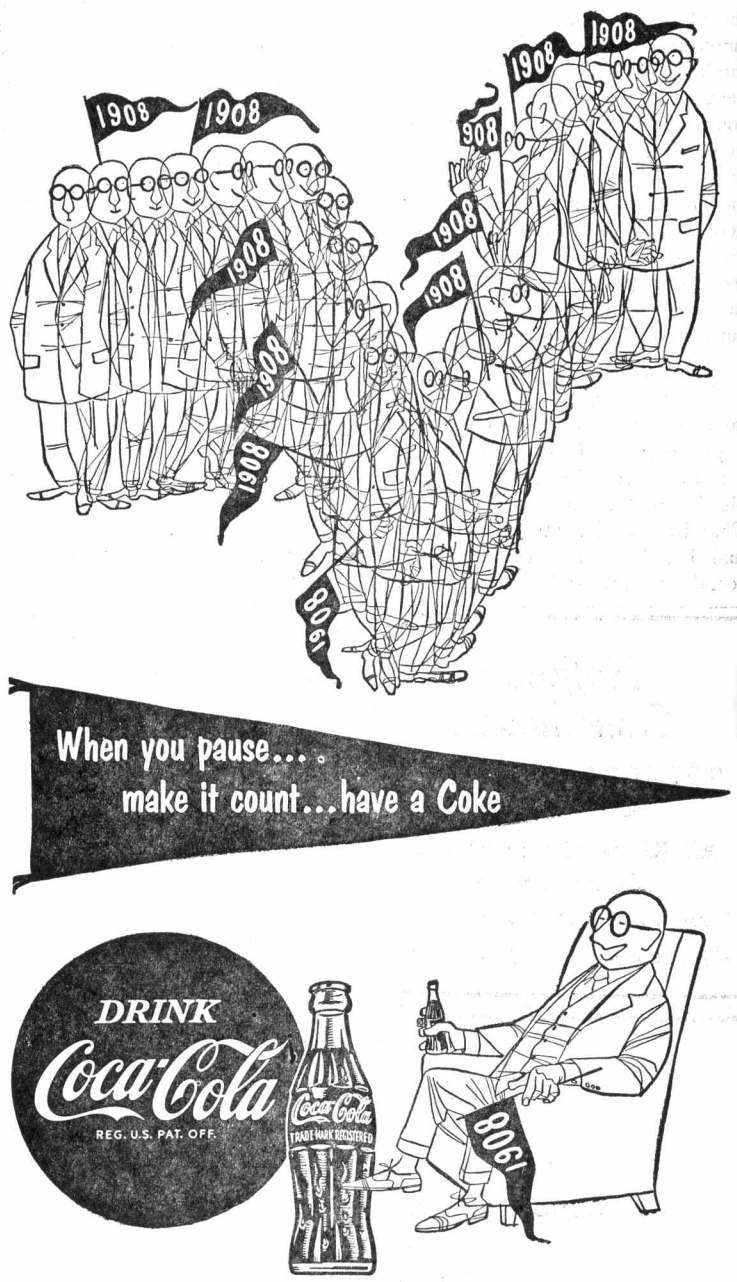

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Foreign Student Leader Likes Program Here

by Bev Wilkinson

Ted Harris, director of the Foreign Students Leadership Training Project sponsored by the NSA and the Ford Foundation, visited here Sunday. Mr. Harris appraised our campus to find out if we were qualified to take part in the project next year. During his stay he attended numerous meetings, including the AWS and AUC.

The pilot project Mr. Harris is directing will be a four-year one. If successful, it will become a permanent part of the collegiate foreign student program. Every year a maximum of twelve students from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America will take a special academic schedule and be exposed to extracurricular activities at selected colleges and universities in America for a year.

Tries To Buy

Since Allegheny does have sufficient interest and facilities for such a project, Mr. Harris stated that he was "trying to buy Allegheny" on the subject in his address to the AUC meeting. He continued to explain what the foreign student would obtain from one year's experience in an American school. The student's program would be so arranged so that he could learn those techniques and skills having to do with leadership. He then can be more responsible for leadership in his country.

The program offers the opportunity for the student, being a representative of his college community, to show American students something about schools and students in foreign countries and gives him a chance to find out more about American schools and students.

Allegheny's Mr. Fix-it

by Peg Denda

Every college student should graduate with some practical knowledge or skill which he can put to a concrete use in his later life, says Wilbor G. Kraft, head of the maintenance department here.

Discussing the currently widely-publicized need for better educated technical and scientific personnel, Kraft asserted:

"The liberal arts program is certainly essential, but it is also important that the individual specialize in some practical field, within the liberal arts framework."

Joins Allegheny Staff

A tall, quiet-spoken man with the refreshing quality of unexpected humor, Kraft originally lived in Erie. After taking his bachelor of arts degree in engineering at the University of Michigan, he was in the construction business for 12 years. In 1935 he came to Meadville, where he was associated with an architectural firm engaged in work on community housing developments then in progress. For a time he worked in the research department of Talon, Inc., before assuming in 1938 his present position at Allegheny.

"At that time," he said, "the maintenance department had its shops in the basements of various buildings on campus. But after the war, in 1947, we were able to procure our present buildings from the Keystone Ordnance Works. We now have 35 to 40 people on the payroll, including plumbers, carpenters, roofers, a welder, and painters, besides clerical and other personnel. We operate on a budget of approximately $120,000 to $130,000 yearly."



Maintenance Department Head Wilbor G. Kraft at his blueprint file in the department headquarters behind Cochran. —Photo by Meyer

Heating System Project

The main project underway now, according to Kraft, is the conversion of the college central heating system to an individual gas heating system for each building.

Kraft smiled when asked if he had any particular "pet peeves" connected with his work. "It's all pet peeves, to be truthful about it," he answered. "Trouble is practically the whole extent of maintenance's business."

But there is satisfaction in working at Allegheny, Kraft said. "Contact with young people keeps you young."

Perhaps Kraft himself is the best evidence in support of his belief that specialization need not cripple one intellectually. He reads extensively in a variety of fields including anthropology, science, and history, his favorite historical interest being the Civil War period in the United States and the Lincoln administration.

Art Display

(Continued from page 1)

has said, "The modern artist said he was no longer interested in making pictures about how reality looked. What he wanted to do was to show how he felt about it. So did the African."

Reality in Art

There are no embellishments or trappings to African art; no suggestions of sentiment or flattery.

The African artist did not have the slightest intention of photographically snapping some scene. Rather, the African is interested in dealing with the spirits and fears he encounters.

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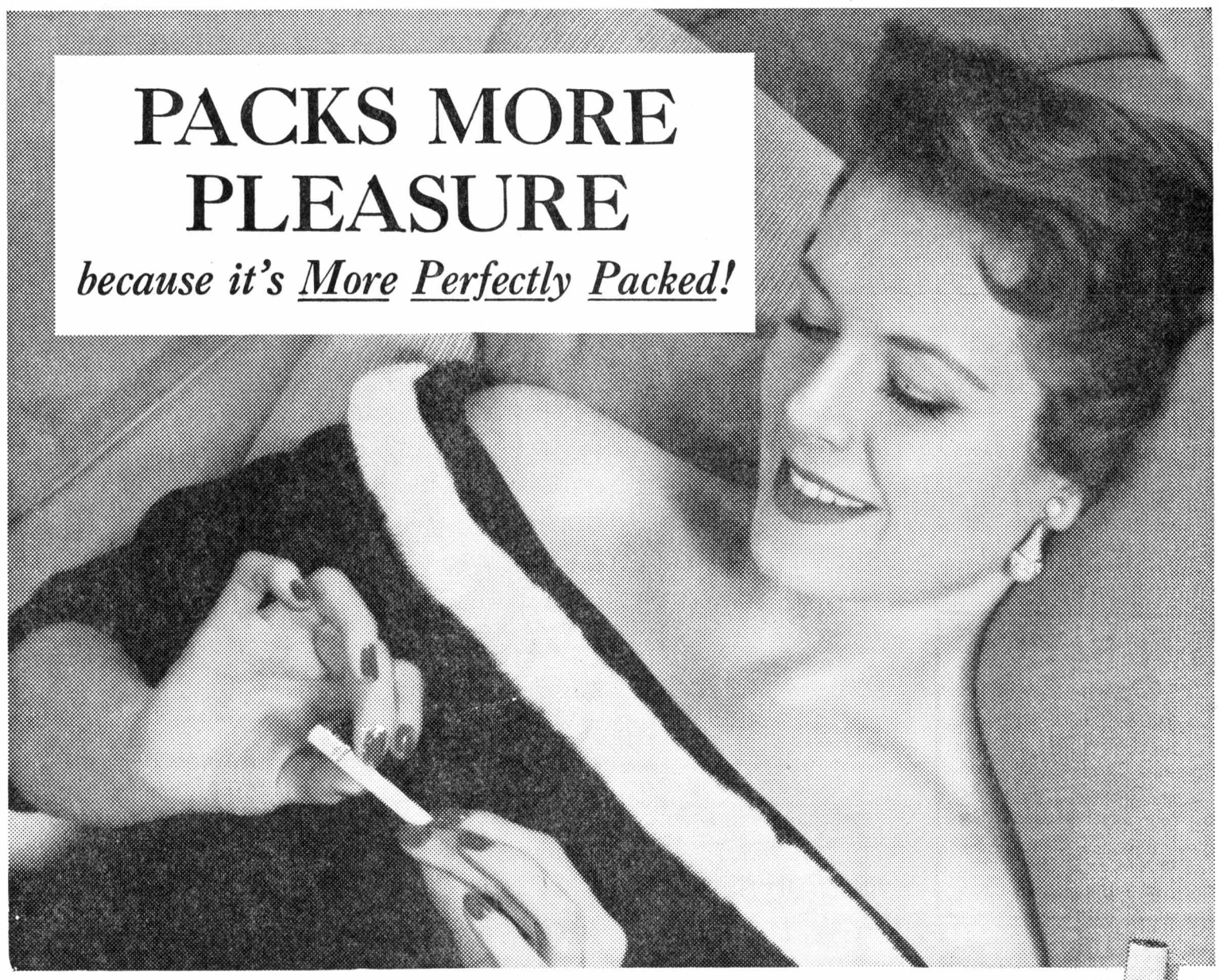

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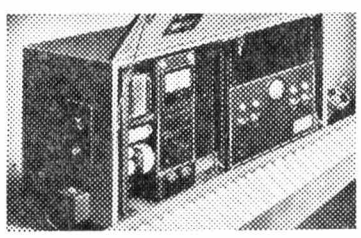

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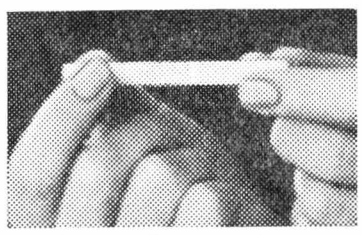

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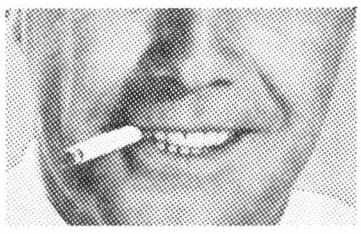

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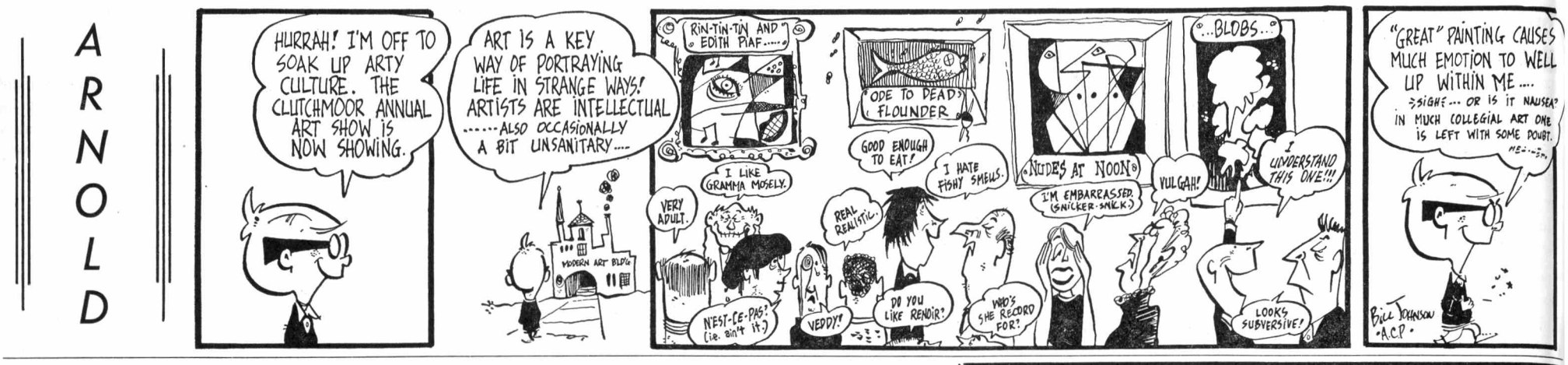

Skala Cites Importance Of Education In Keeping US Living Standards High

by Fred Adams

"In order to remain free we must have intelligent citizens since ignorant people do not remain free long." This was the philosophy expressed by Falk Foundation Speaker, Dan V. Skala last Friday in Quigley auditorium. Mr. Skala said that there is a direct relationship between the interest in government and social problems and the amount of education a person has had. This was revealed by a survey which the Standard Oil Company conducted in New Jersey.

Also there is a correlation between education and the high standard of living which we enjoy in America. Mr. Skala mentioned that Mexico has more natural resources than the United States, an educational system which does not reach the entire population, and a lower standard of living than we enjoy in the United States.

Mr. Skala reported that President Eisenhower took an interest in education while President of Columbia University and in January, 1954 requested $900,000 for the White House Conference, the first time in history that a White House Conference on Education has been held.

Skala Supports Kelley

Skala said that the bill on school construction sponsored by Representative Augustine B. Kelley (D.-Pa.), is a good bill which he supports and a bill which has a very good chance of passing this session of Congress.

Skala reported that about two out of every three persons at the conference favored federal aid to education in the form of financing school construction. Before long high school enrollment will increase 55%.

Skala further mentioned that we will need 20,000 new teachers a year for the next ten years to meet this increased need. The Erie educator mentioned that one problem facing the field of education dealt with at the White House Conference was how to get good teachers since teachers work with our most precious resource, our nation's youth.

At the present time education is a big business requiring the spending of between 8 and 10 billion dollars per year, a figure which will double and some think even triple by 1966.

Alumni Lane

Philip M. Benjamin, college librarian, reported that 20 Allegheny graduates were present at the Jacksonville, Florida alumni meeting last Wednesday. No report has been received yet on the Orlando meeting which took place last Saturday. The Miami and St. Petersburg meetings have not yet been held.

Alumni Achievements

The members of the class of '55 are engaged in a variety of employments. Virginia Rogers is employed as an airline stewardess for United Airlines in Chicago, Illinois. Terry Szmagala is working with United States Steel in Cleveland, Ohio. Sue O'Connor is a secretary for **Mechanix Illustrated** in New City. Robert Ozmun is working with the Talon Zipper Company here in Meadville.

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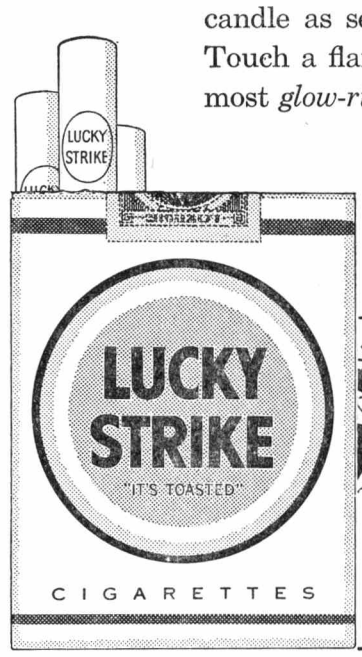



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