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By Dudley Michael

PROTECTING OURSELVES

It is always invigorating to talk with R—. You must sit quietly and listen when he grows fervid over the mention of a great name. The other day he thundered at me in praise of a Russian singer who has become a figure in Berlin. Beaten as a boy, always persecuted for his love of music, this Russian rose through the grossness of peasantry to artistic fame. The story summoned parallels in my mind.

I thought especially of Maxim Gorki who, at the age of sixty, coughs up blood and still smokes cigarettes. Here is a man who has sprung out of misery. He comes from a barbarian class—liars, thieves, vagabonds, sadists, and drunkards at their best. Life for the Russian masses has been consistently cruel, indicative almost of a criminal destiny. Yet Gorki, whose education was a constant lesson of hardship, and whose sensitive soul adopted all the bruises of his fellow men, has survived and transcended his torture. A callous man might live through hell, but Gorki is not callous. The quality which has preserved his genius is not protective but creative. He possesses, like no other, the courage to face reality, to relive it in his own mind, recreate it fearlessly in words. Thus his writing is sincere, vital, robust. His narratives are hammered from life, his characters moulded from the flesh.

We find this same prodigious conquest over reality in Cellini, Demosthenes, Napoleon, Beethoven, Poe. They did not flee from reality, but conquered it by their own creations. The index to their strength might also be an index to our weakness. We might learn why, with our good fortune, we gain nothing but soft intelligence.

The student of the American college maintains a standard of living that is wholly pleasant, a standard he could not readily earn by his own talent. His living quarters are always comfortable; he dines with complete satisfaction; he dresses fastidiously; he has plenty of leisure and recreation; for him infinite books and magazines are available. Someone else does his financial worrying. Yet, with all the advantage of society's good favor, how uselessly he spends his time!

It is a natural assumption that the primary pursuit of a student is knowledge. Yet he whimpers incessantly over translation and laboratory routine. He copies his daily exercises, cheats in examinations, and slips through every course like a lazy eel. And how careful he is to choose the easiest curriculum. Perhaps ten percent of the students are exceptions. And few of these are scholars in the true sense. But, granting exceptions, we must still conclude that college education is ninety percent waste.

The ambition of the average student is flabby. It is needless to discourse on spurious honors awarded for extracurricular activities of the most superficial character. Certainly there is little attempt at original accomplishment. Only when someone batters their vanity are students deflected from their conventions. And then they are moved only to cut down the critic.

It has become a proverb that college is worthwhile for its promotion of social contact and friendships. We must admit that college, like any other social institution, has great social value. Yet in most students there is an attitude which mocks the most progressive social impulses. The group consciousness of students is chiefly an assumed aristocracy. Living with physical contentment and intellectual priggishness, they acquire a snobbery toward the less fortunate. During more than three years at college I have heard only scornful opinions in regard to the working class. Just a short time ago I heard a fellow, who is by no means of aristocratic birth, say that laborers are "nothing but drunken sluts." My own observations necessitated my resentment. Many students scorn not only the working people but also their less pretentious fellows. This is so characteristic of women that one who works her way through college is nearly ostracized. Sororities shun the girl whose father is known as a barber. Yet they seek to pledge the washwoman's daughter, since she conceals her family skeleton and ridicules the student waitress. After all, students are recruited from commonplace people and, after graduation, usually fall into dull marriages and humdrum occupations.

I could never discover what college students gain by their petty factionalism. If they grounded themselves according to their principles or for the accomplishment of really practical ends, we might justify their clannishness. But what is the significance of the little offices, honors, and silly distinctions for which they strive? Fraternities have become mere factions battling over trifles. The condition permeates the college so thoroughly that when any effort is made in some new direction the cry goes up: "Fraternity politics!" And sooner or later

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CLEVELAND ALUMNI WILL AID IN SELECTING WORK

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE TO BE
GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF
ASSOCIATION

The Cleveland Alumni Association has formulated a plan of vocational guidance for Allegheny undergraduates which it will shortly lay before the students in the Campus. The college has in Cleveland an active group of alumni engaged in widely diversified pursuits of which law, medicine, teaching, engineering, and merchandising are representative. The men and women in these various fields believe they can be of assistance to the undergraduates by discussing with them the aspects of their business and professions.

The Association proposes that the undergraduate wishing to avail himself of this service should arrange through the Alumni Office for conferences, at his convenience, with an individual member of the Cleveland Alumni. For instance, the Cleveland graduates believe that the student who is wondering what profession he should take up, and who is thinking of law, would find it a distinct advantage to go to Cleveland to talk with a prominent member of the Cuyahoga County bar. It is not the idea of the Cleveland Alumni to assume responsibility for obtaining positions for graduates. Nevertheless, the undergraduate with the privilege of making an acquaintance of this character would not find his experience far amiss in the day when he would have to interview a prospective employer.

As Mr. Frank LaBounty, the Alumni Secretary points out, there will be a decided advantage in the student's going to Cleveland and meeting successful businessmen or women on his own ground rather than having the possibility of such an interview brought into the college atmosphere. Much more will be gained from interviewing the doctor in his operating or consultation room, and the lawyer in his conference room, than could possibly be gained were the same professional man to give one or several lectures in one of the halls at the college.

Local Phi Delt Is Awarded Trophy For Outstanding Chapter

At a banquet held at the fraternity house on Saturday evening, January 11, the Allegheny chapter of Phi Delta Theta was presented with the Cleveland Trophy. This trophy is awarded by the Cleveland Alumni Association to the best all-round chapter of Phi Delta Theta in a school of less than eight hundred and fifty students. The award is made on a basis of scholarship, activities, and athletics, and the members of the local chapter feel proud of the fact that they have won the trophy beyond any point of dispute. The winning chapter led the field by a wide margin; only one of the ninety-seven chapters of Phi Delta Theta, including the chapters in the large universities, had more points than did Pennsylvania Delta.

Mr. A. D. P. Miller, of Pittsburgh, acted as toastmaster at the banquet, and several of the local alumni were guests of the chapter. The principal speakers of the evening were Province President R. D. Evans and Dr. C. F. Ross. Mr. Beattie, Mr. Salz, and Mr. L. A. Wells were present as a delegation from the Cleveland Alumni Association; Mr. Beattie made the presentation speech.

The trophy consists of a bronze statue of a cowboy riding a bucking broncho. It was cast by Clinton Shepard, famous for his portrayal of Western life. The statuette has as its base a chest of wrought iron, worked by hand. On each end of the base is inscribed, with four kinds of metal, the coat-of-arms of Phi Delta Theta.

MEADVILLE MEN WILL PRESENT A COMEDY

On Thursday and Friday evenings, January 23 and 24, a comedy, "The Dream of a Clown," will be produced at the High School by an all-male cast of Meadville men. The proceeds are to go to the Meadville Business and Professional Women's Club for their educational funds which are used to help girls get higher education.

Many prominent business men of Meadville are included in the cast, there being seventy in all. The play promises to be a rollicking, side-splitting comedy full of romance, jazz, and fun. Mayor Charles W. Gill, '07, will be a train-bearer; Dr. J. R. Schultz will take the part of the famous actress, Pola Negri; and James Springer will be Miss 1840. The bride will be Mr. Ben F. Miller, '07; but the bridegroom's identity is a secret. "Not even your best friends will tell you." The sale of reserved seats for the comedy began yesterday morning at Ballinger's Drug Store.

BASKETBALL TEAM WINS ONCE AND LOSES ONCE DURING WEEK

Bakermen Win Handily Over Thiel But Experiences An
"Off-Night" Against Geneva

GENEVA

Far from their usual form, the Allegheny basketball team exhibited a mediocre brand of basketball in Beaver Falls last Saturday night and, as a result, the Blue and Gold found itself on the small end of a 31-22 score in the game with Geneva College. Allegheny experienced a real "off-night," with the offense failing to click and many shots going wild. The defense alone played fairly well.

At no time during the game did Allegheny hold the lead, and there were only two occasions when the Bakermen looked anything like their former selves. Just what the trouble was is hard to decide. It was probably a combination of factors which brought about the first Allegheny defeat of the season. As a result of Geneva's victory, Allegheny's perfect record was marred and the Alligator no longer stands at the top of the Tri-State district.

Len Friedman was the big gun on the offense for Geneva, and his five field goals proved a little too much for Allegheny. The first part of the game was closely contested, with the score stopping at 7-6 and 9-8. But then the Covenanters went on a little spree to boost their total to 17 points while Allegheny was scoring only one. The half ended with the count at 17 to 9.

Coach Baker's men made their best stand at the opening of the second half. Even then they experienced considerable difficulty scoring, but added five points before Geneva was able to penetrate their defense for a score. When the ice was once broken, the Covenanters could not be stopped and scored ten points while the Allegheny count stood still. This brought the score to 27-14. Baker's proteges next took their turn and registered eight points to their opponent's two. This brought the score to 29-22, a pair of fouls by McKinney finishing off the evening's work.

Dennison and Conn looked best for Allegheny, while Friedman and Kecker were Geneva's outstanding players. The Allegheny team has no other contest scheduled until February 5, at which time Waynesburg will be met in the local gym.

THIEL

Meeting little opposition, the Blue and Gold Alligator easily swamped the Thiel quintet, 29-12, last Tuesday at the college gym, thereby ringing up the fifth consecutive victory of the season for Allegheny.

Displaying a zone defense, the Lutheran squad kept "Granny" Bair and his mates in check for the first few minutes of play. But the Bakermen soon solved the defense of the boys from "the banks of the Shenango," and although they missed many set-up shots, the Blue and Gold quintet ran up a safe lead that was never threatened.

Not that the Thielmen sat quietly and watched the Alligator do his stuff; far from it. The Greenville team was fighting every moment, playing an offensive game at every opportunity. The Thiel outfit was by no means an easy victim.

Oxford Is Described By Doctor Swartley In Talk at Chapel

In chapel on Friday last, Dr. S. S. Swartley spoke on Oxford University, its buildings, curriculum, and student life. He told of his first disappointment at the sight of the town and of the campus enclosed in high walls. The students wander around the town in cap and gown, according to custom. But where is the University? The undergraduate has little to do with it, for he belongs to one of the colleges—Balliol or Christ Church—which is entirely independent of the whole. There are about 250 students in each college, and each college has its own faculty and buildings. But there exists an admirable reciprocity among the various colleges; a student may attend a lecture in Balliol and another in Christs. Nevertheless, they are strictly independent and have libraries, dormitories, chapel, campus, and halls.

An Oxford man's day begins at 8:00, when there is a chapel service which he may or may not attend; the lectures begin at 10:00. From 1:00 till 4:00 everyone must participate in some form of athletics. After that comes tea and dinner. At 9:00 a bell rings which means that the gates will be closed and a fine must be paid to enter.

At Oxford lectures are not important. The long vacations in which the student reads and studies are stressed.

After Allegheny had missed several shots, Lawson broke the ice for Thiel, making good a technical foul. Bair evened it up a moment later, but Morris sank a bucket from the side of the floor to send the Lutherans ahead. The lead was only momentary as Conn sank two fouls and Berger dropped one in from beneath the net. After a short time out, Frampton flipped a beauty from the corner, tying the score again. Conn scored on the pivot play and Dennison found the basket from the corner to give Allegheny a lead that she never lost. Two-pointers by Bair, Dennison, and Conn, and a charity toss by Bair carried the total to 16 as the half ended. In these last few minutes, the Bakermen reached their highest pitch, completely outpacing and outshooting the Lutheran five.

Garbark opened the second half with a basket from the foul line, Berger made good a free throw and a moment later sank one from beneath the basket. Lawson arched in a long one and Frampton chalked up a charity toss to temporarily halt the march of the Alligator. Granny Bair connected with a short one for two points and Garbark sent the ball swishing through the net twice before McCoy made the last Thiel point with a basket from directly under the basket. Berger flipped one in from the corner to chalk up the final Blue and Gold points.

Berger annexed the high-scoring honors, connecting with the hoop three times from the floor and once from the foul line. The points however, were well divided, Garbark also finding the bucket three times, while Bair, Dennison, and Conn each marked up two field goals. Thiel found the basket only four times from the field, no man scoring more than once, with McCoy and Bell sharing the individual honors for the visitors.

Noted Speaker Will Be Brought Here by College German Club

On Friday, February 28, Dr. Friedrich Schoenemann, of the University of Berlin, will speak at chapel on "The German Youth Movement." In the afternoon he will give another talk to the members of the German Department and all others interested on "Cultural Tendencies in After-War Germany." There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Dr. Schoenemann at the end of this talk. Both lectures will be in English.

Dr. Schoenemann lectures on the history of American literature and civilization at the University of Berlin. He was visiting professor at Hunter College, New York, in 1912, at Wesleyan University, Connecticut, 1912-13, and at Harvard University 1913-20. He is the author of several books on American literature and civilization, and one of his purposes in visiting the United States this winter is to gather material for the second volume of his work on the America of today, entitled "Von Kolonien zum Weltreich." While in Germany he interprets the American mind to the Germans. He has appeared on many college platforms in the course of his present visit to the United States to interpret the German mind to Americans. Dr. Schafheitlin, head of the department of German, had the opportunity of meeting Dr. Schoenemann personally at the meeting of the Modern Language Association of America in Cleveland during the Christmas vacation, and also of hearing favorable comments about his lectures by those who had heard him.

EDITOR OF CAMPUS IS RE-ELECTED AT MEETING

At the meeting of the Board of Publications last Tuesday, January 14, William C. Wycoff was re-elected as editor-in-chief of The Campus to serve until the end of the school year. The election of the editor-in-chief for next year will be held late in the second semester of this year. Dr. C. A. Darling, chairman of the Publications Committee, will be absent on sabbatic leave at that time, and therefore will not be able to preside at the election. The competitors for the position of editor-in-chief of The Campus are the present department editors: Athletics—H. C. Rael; Feature—M. K. Winterbottom; News—C. S. Greenwood; and Society—James Hamilton.

The matter of the change in form of the Literary Magazine was taken up at the meeting, and the Board decided to leave the question to the decision of the staff of the Literary Magazine.

DEBATE TEAMS ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR SEASON

WOMEN'S, MEN'S AND FRESHMAN
SQUADS WORKING HARD
FOR FIRST DEBATE

Under the leadership of Hurst R. Anderson, debating at Allegheny this year has advanced considerably. Debate has been organized on a class basis, all varsity debaters being required to take English Language IV-A, for which they receive three college credits the first semester and two the second.

Other features which have been inaugurated this year are debating for women and for freshman men, and the policy of debating before various clubs in Meadville and vicinity. So far members of the varsity squad have spoken before six of these clubs and expect to be heard by six more before the season starts.

Eight inter-collegiate debates have been scheduled including ones with Wooster, Oberlin Dickinson, Westminster, Western Reserve, and Ohio Wesleyan.

Debating for women has been enthusiastically received, and a large number of women are competing for places on the team. Two debates have been scheduled to date and arrangements are being made to schedule another. The women will match wits with the Wooster girls on Wednesday, March 19, at the Women's Club in Warren, Ohio, and will take on the Ohio Wesleyan team on the Delaware campus later in the same month.

One dual debate with Thiel has been scheduled for the freshman debaters on February 28, and another may be scheduled. Competition for the places on the team has been very keen since freshman debating was inaugurated last fall, and Coach Anderson has cut down the squad from twenty-two members to eleven. Temporary positions have been assigned to each of the men for practice, working in pairs on either the affirmative or the negative side. On the affirmative are James Mansell and Clarke Beiler, Lloyd Thompson and Bramer Carlson, and William Boetcker. The negative includes Sturges Carey and Knighton Waite, G. E. Sutter and Norman Beebe, and Sanford Corcoran and Louis Haberman.

On the whole, Professor Anderson appears to be well satisfied with the way in which the teams are progressing, and he hopes that the new policy will prove to be a greater incentive for participation in college debating in the future.

The question which all the teams are discussing this year is, "Resolved, that the policy to provide a liberal arts college education for all graduates of secondary schools who seek it is unsound."

Armaments Discussed By Dr. Woodring at Wednesday Chapel

"Is the world out of control?" was the subject discussed in chapel Wednesday, January 15, by Dr. Warner F. Woodring. The background of disarmament movements and some of the difficulties attendant upon the latest disarmament conference in London were presented.

Dr. Woodring introduced his subject by a discussion of progress in war, particularly in respect to control of the seas, one of the most important features of a nation's defense. England, traditional "mistress of the seas," received especial attention, her successive conflicts with Spanish, Dutch, French and German naval powers being noted.

The new sea power today is the United States, which began building a navy of importance hardly more than a quarter of a century ago, with the beginning of the policy of imperialism. Japan, too, is becoming formidable on the high seas.

Before the London conference on disarmament opened, Italy said she should accept the same proportion of naval armament as France, but France threw a bombshell into the works by refusing to accept anything less than the right to build more ships than any other European power. Dr. Woodring declared that the only chance for the success of the conference lay in the unlikely possibility that America would "take a big chance" and take the initiative in declaring that she herself would stop all building for a navy.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD IN BENTLEY HALL FOR FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

English Language I, Sections 3, 5, and 10 (Dr. J. L. Ross' sections); Bible I, students whose names begin with A to E, inclusive; Chemistry II, report to Carnegie Hall lecture room for examination.

Art Appreciation, report to Room 11, Bentley Hall.

Students having conflicts must see Dr. Ling regarding time of special examinations.

MID-WINTER MEETING OF TRUSTEES IS HELD

THREE MEMBERS OF FACULTY
ARE GRANTED LEAVES
OF ABSENCE

At a meeting of the Trustees of Allegheny College, held in the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh last Thursday, many subjects of interest and importance were discussed. Doctor J. A. Beebe presented the customary president's report to the trustees, Mr. Arthur W. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the meeting.

Because of the condition of athletics found to exist in many colleges in this part of the country by the Carnegie Foundation, a committee was appointed to investigate conditions at Allegheny. The committee is to study all athletics from the viewpoint of the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Beebe stated that the appointment of this committee casts no reflection whatever upon the present athletic board. A vote of confidence was specifically given by the Trustees to the Athletic Board, its agents, and officers. In order to further ratify the work of the athletic board Graduate Manager Townsend was reelected for a term to run until September, 1930.

Allegheny has at present a larger number of students than it ever has had. The present enrollment totals 642 according to Dr. Beebe's report to the Trustees. The completion of Arter and Caffisch Halls were officially announced. The \$50,000 gift of Mr. Ries, donor of the present library, for an addition to the library was reported. Bids for the new section of the building are to be in by the first of February and work should be begun in March or April, according to the President's report.

The trustees accepted the resignation of Mr. Richard G. Long, Assistant Professor of the History and Political Science department. His position has not been filled yet. Because of ill health, Mr. Roessing, of the French department, was allowed to leave to go to a sanitarium. Leaves of absence for a semester were granted to Dr. Darling, Professor of Biology and Geology, and to Miss Antoinette Chevreton, Associate Professor of Romance Languages. Dr. Elliott, Professor of Greek Language and Literature, was granted a leave of absence of one year which he will take next year. Mr. Dale Thomas, Assistant Professor of Biology and Geology, was granted a year's leave in order to attend graduate school.

William N. Ridge was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He succeeds the late Judge John J. Henderson.

An advisory board was created for the purpose of meeting with officials of the college or the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity. The members of this new committee are W. N. Ridge, New York; Arthur W. Thompson, Philadelphia; James R. Mills, Cleveland; John A. Gibson, Butler; A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh; Miner Cleary, Warren; and Miss Ida M. Tarbell, New York.

During the meeting two gifts were announced, that of Will Reis, 69, of Pasadena, California, of \$50,000 to be used for an addition to the Reis Library, and that of John S. Craig, a sum of \$25,000 to be used for the founding of a scholarship for men students established in memory of his son, Sam Nesbitt Craig. Qualifications for this scholarship have not yet been determined.

Plans Being Made For Men's Glee Club To Give Comic Opera

With the planning of a tour through Northwestern Pennsylvania and Southwestern New York and arranging for the presentation of a comic opera, the Men's Glee Club has resumed the season which was interrupted by the holidays. The club expects to visit a number of high schools in this section of Pennsylvania to give concerts. The opera will be given this spring and will have an all male cast, the members of the Glee Club taking the women's parts. The cast will not be chosen until after the beginning of the second semester.

The Women's Glee Club held a vespers service on December 15, and a free will offering was taken. The money, amounting to twenty-seven dollars, was used to provide Christmas gifts for poor children in the city of Meadville. No definite plans have been made for the future activities of the Club.

The Women's Quartette consists of Eleanor Hughes, Florence Green, Vivienne Crippen, and Frances Greenwalt. The Mixed Octette is composed of the following: Florence Green, Frances Greenwalt, Eleanor Hughes, Edith Fox, Donald Knapp, James Springer, Paul Younger, and Lloyd Thompson.

More will be announced concerning the comic opera in The Campus early next semester.

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BULLETIN TWENTY-FOUR

In the report of the Carnegie Foundation a few weeks ago under the title of "Bulletin 23," the evils of professionalism which had crept into the field of college sports were bared. Now in "Bulletin 24" the same investigators state that conditions are not really as bad as they might seem, for in spite of all this degrading professionalism, athletes have, relatively, as high a scholastic standing as non-athletes, and the college athlete has a better chance for a long life than the mass population.

Professor W. Carson Ryan, Jr., of Swarthmore College, has found from investigation that such professionalism has in no way hindered athletes from making scholastic averages high enough to refute the generalizations of the Foundation. Herb McCracken, Lafayette's football coach and former Allegheny coach, produced data in 1924 to show that 152 team captains, representing 47 colleges or universities, were above the average in scholarship. Other investigations have produced similar results.

In the matter of longevity, Dr. Louis I. Dublin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company made a study which showed that among 6,000 athletes from ten American colleges—Am-Brown, Cornell, Harvard, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Aggie, Tulane, Wesleyan, Williams, and Yale—the death rate was seven per cent lower than the rate anticipated by insurance records.

Outside of the criticism of professionalism, the Carnegie Foundation reports find nothing wrong with the collegians; and after all, it is worth the perusal of 1,000 books, the expenditure of approximately \$200,000, and the visitation of 500 colleges and universities, to find out that our rugged "professionals" have something good about them.

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ASIDES

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everything becomes in some manner tainted.

The emotions of typical college students are soft-shelled, artificial, and distorted by hypocrisy. They are pumped with unconvincing evangelism, chauvinism, and the spirit of Rotary. Their expressions of passion are enigmas of sentimentality. To realize this one must only listen to the confessions of young lovers or read a few specimens of collegiate literature. Furthermore they are confirmed hypocrites. They will sneak down fire-escapes, in back doors, down alleys, and on the next day gossip about their neighbors' vices. They justify their sensual needs by accusing others or by affirming the necessity of sowing an occasional oat. Compared with the typical college student, voluptuous Sappho was a model of virtue, not because she governed herself by any of our modern moral prejudices, but because she was morally consistent. Her love and her poetry were the expressions of her true nature. She was no hypocrite.

The outlook of the student, his vision of the future, is passively optimistic. He has faith in the respectability of a college degree, realizing that a diploma will probably give him some advantage over those who have nothing in their favor except sheer effort. The student knows that his college will provide recommendations to ease his later economic struggle. Indeed some professors seem to consider the issuing of these letters a primary duty. Once, when I had antagonized a professor on some matter of opinion, he slyly reprimanded me by displaying two recommendations he had written for students of better behavior. My only conclusion was that it would be better to earn an honest living with the hands than to gain an unfair economic advantage by prostituting the intellect. But the rejection of individual honesty and purpose is pre-

COMMITTEE WORKING ON PLANS FOR JUNIOR PROM

Plans are being outlined at the present time for the annual Junior Prom to be held during the latter part of February or the first part of March. The following committee has been appointed and is now engaged in working out definite arrangements for the event. Donald Severn, Chairman; Warner White, Robert Patterson, Frank Johnstone, James Hamilton, Arthur Keltz, William Bair, and Robert Hoke. The committee states that arrangements are being made to furnish a band for the Prom that is very well known to lovers of dance music. The question of whether or not the Prom will be formal has not been decided as yet.

Mrs. L. D. McClean poured at the tea which Mrs. J. L. Ross gave for the senior members of Theta Upsilon at her home on Sunday afternoon, January 19.

cisely what ninety-five percent of the students do every day.

The intellectual flabbiness of college students, their lazy attitude toward learning, their trivial ambition, their social egotism, their petty factionalism, their artificial and distorted emotions, their moral hypocrisy, their passive optimism toward the future result from lack of acquaintance with sharp realities. They seldom experience great economic difficulties, strong social influences, or intense emotional reverses. They are protected by spurious ideals and consolations, guided by hypocritical moral standards. Their whole philosophy is protective rather than creative. Possessing a social advantage, they can neglect the evaluation of social difficulties. They seek to cast off rather than to weigh any burden. They protect themselves against those mighty and disconcerting realities which are lethal to a mediocre man but food for the genius.

THE SCRUBBING BRUSH

AT THE GAME

Someone hollering "bingo" after Thiel's play numbers. A Thiel player letting out a very profane word when Allegheny made a basket, at which a titter ran through the crowd, but the ushers caught it and put it back in the barn. Eight students sitting on five reserved seats. The little lad who sat with the Kappas. The extreme politeness of Mr. Fitting, the referee. "Mr. Berger, would you prefer to jump with a tall man?"

Exams may come and exams may go, but we go home for ever.

Methinks that "A-cids" would be a better name for the "Asides," column of our friend Dudley Michael.

They tell me that at the Geneva game last Saturday the score was nothing to nothing at the end of the third quarter, and then they discovered that the ball was too big for the basket.

Life is one darn fool thing after another; Love is two darn fool things after each other. (Not original, but not taken from College Humor either.)

Out at the University of Dakota they had, until recently, an old building known as the "sleeping barn" which was so dark that it was possible to sleep in classes without detection. However, it has been torn down and a new building is being erected in its place. Thank heavens we still have Ruter Hall.

Last week something was said about the way one's correspondence increased after vacation. It is equally amusing the way one's correspondence decreases after an extended vacation. Three weeks is ample time for a romance to break up, even in the best of families. This little item also acquired purely by observation.

The tie my Aunt Mary gave me for Xmas has disappeared. Five dollars reward for the one who finds it—and keeps it.

For the information of Geneva students, the two men in the bear-skin coats who took College Hill by storm the other night were from Allegheny, not Princeton.

The performance of "Hamlet" was advertised as the first quarto. That couldn't have been true, for the chief character (the name is the same as that of the play) said upon one occasion, "To be, or not to be, that is the pint."

Don't forget the indoor track meet to be held this week in the gymnasium, beginning this Friday and lasting for six days. There will be something different doing every hour of the day, and though the entertainment may not please everyone, it will at least keep you busy. And best of all, the cost of the big show-up is included in tuition.

C. C. !!!

Hans Merx to Give Second Concert Here Early in February

Hans Merx, famous baritone, who appeared here last April under the auspices of the German Club, will give a concert of Old English, Scotch, and German folksongs in the Ford Memorial Chapel on Monday evening, February 17, under the auspices of the American Association of University Women. Dr. Anna Schafheitlin, local secretary of the A. A. U. W., has arranged for this concert.

The local association is endeavoring by means of this concert to raise funds for the prize given annually to the freshman woman student of Allegheny College from Crawford County who ranks highest in scholarship. The concert will also add the Million Dollar Fellowship Drive being sponsored by the national association in order to promote higher scholarly work among women. Half of the fellowships which the A. A. U. W. hopes to establish as a result of this drive are to be given to outstanding American women for post-graduate or research work in this country or abroad. The other half are to go to outstanding women of any nationality for research work in any country, and it is hoped that they will not only help in promoting scholarship but also in promoting international understanding.

Those who attended the Hans Merx concert of classical "Lieder" and German folksongs last April were much pleased with his singing. It is hoped that a capacity audience will turn out to hear Hans Merx on February 17 in order to spend a very enjoyable evening and at the same time aid in a worthy cause. The admission will be fifty cents.

Elston R. Iliffe, '29, is working now in the Continental Illinois Bank, the largest in Chicago.

Ralph S. Greenlee, '02, has moved from Conneautville to Youngstown, Ohio.

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Doctor W. A. Elliott To Travel Through Europe Next Spring

At the mid-winter meeting of the Trustees last Thursday, Dr. W. A. Elliott, Professor of Greek, was granted sabbatic leave for the college year 1930-31. This action had been anticipated for some time and Dr. and Mrs. Elliott had their plans for the year largely determined, awaiting only the formal action of the board of trustees before making them public. They plan to sail from New York, June 21, on the S. S. Roma of the Italia-American line, reaching Genoa on July 1. The next three months they will spend in northern Italy, with headquarters at Siena or Florence, visiting all of the important centers of Medieval and Renaissance art.

Miss Ruth Elliott, '25, now doing graduate work in Radcliffe, will accompany her parents, devoting the summer to courses in one of the Italian universities and to private instruction in Italian. She will return to the United States early in September to continue her work at Radcliffe.

Dr. and Mrs. Elliott expect to spend the next five or six months in Rome, Naples, Sicily, Greece, and Istanbul. The early spring will be spent principally in the galleries of Vienna, Berlin, Dresden, Munich, Antwerp, Amsterdam, The Hague, and Brussels. May and June will be given to Paris and other cities of France, June and July to England and possibly Scotland. They plan to sail for home about the first of September.

Most of Dr. Elliott's classes will not be given next year. The advanced Greek and Art Appreciation will be postponed. Greek I and II, or III, will be given as usual.

Dramatics Have Had Steady Growth Since Organization Here

Duzer Du, the men's dramatic society of Allegheny College, was organized in 1909, while Klee-O-Kleet, the women's society, came into existence two years later. Until 1923, with the exception of the war period, both clubs were active, though rivals. In the plays presented by Duzer Du, the women's roles had to be assumed by men. Likewise in the plays presented by Klee-O-Kleet, the parts calling for men had to be enacted by—women.

After the 1923 plays, the interests of the clubs were bent toward securing permission for a joint production. "The Goose Hangs High," given on April 29, 1926, was the result. The play was a distinctly successful revival of dramas at Allegheny. The coaching of Miss Spalding and the work of the individual members of the cast combined to produce what was hailed as almost "professional" acting. The result was that the clubs were asked to re-present the play as part of the Commencement program that year, and "The Goose Hangs High" was presented a second time with equal success.

In those days the only places available for the production of plays were the old theater in Bentley Hall and the women's and men's gymnasiums. How great is Allegheny's good fortune today in possessing so fine a little theater! What scope has been added to her field of dramatics!

Stone Church Elects Three Alleghenians To Official Board

Dean C. F. Ross, Dr. O. P. Akers, and Mr. Ray F. Smock, '16, were elected trustees of the Stone Church at the quarterly conference held in Thoburn Chapel on Monday evening, January 6. They will serve as trustees of the church for three years. All three were elected unanimously.

Dr. Murray, district superintendent, presided at the meeting. He spoke to the conference on the church facilities in the Fifth Ward and of the use of the Fifth Ward Chapel, where C. E. Lunn, '31, is in charge of the services, as a house of worship. In view of the increase of population in that section which will result from the building of the new Viscose plant, Dr. Murray urged that a new site be selected and a new church building suitable to the needs of the future community be erected.

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Melville Jones, '23, To Conduct Tour to Europe Next Summer

W. Melville Jones, Allegheny alumnus of the Class of '23, Associate-Professor of English at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, will conduct a two-months' tour through Europe next summer under the management of the Temple Tours, Incorporated, of Boston, Massachusetts.

The party will sail from New York June 22 and will return August 21, traveling in France, Italy, Switzerland, Bavaria, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and England. It will spend five days in Paris and seven in London. Among other places of interest that will be visited are Rome, Florence, Venice, Lucerne, Heidelberg, and Munich. At the Bavarian capital an evening will be spent in a famous biergarten.

Another group will sail one week in advance to motor through Normandy, Brittany, and Touraine. It will meet the second group in Cherbourg.

In Professor Jones' party last year there were several Allegheny alumni. Anyone who wishes information on the tour should get in touch with Mr. Jones at the William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. Reservations must be made by May 25.

COURSE IN MEDICAL LATIN TO BE GIVEN

Medical Latin, a two-hour, one term course, will be offered for the second semester if enough students apply. This course is open only to students preparing for medicine, and will be taught by Professor Callaway. Political Science I will also be given for the second term.

PROFESSOR R. G. LONG RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Mr. Richard Grant Long, assistant professor in the department of History and Political Science since 1927, recently tendered his resignation. The resignation has been accepted and will take effect at the end of the present semester. Mr. Long has accepted a position in Wisconsin State Teacher's College at Milwaukee. Mr. Wesley Green, of the University of Chicago, will fill Mr. Long's place next semester.

Edys Carpenter, '28, is working now in Halle's Book Shop, Cleveland. She lives at Devon Hall, 1588 Ansel Road.

ALUMNI OFFICE WILL ISSUE BULLETIN SOON

It has been learned that there will be a mid-winter issue of the Alumni Bulletin. This bulletin will probably be available in the first week of February.

The bulletin will have many noteworthy features and in some respects will differ from the issues of previous years. Its featured articles will include the addresses delivered at the combined Homecoming and Housewarming celebration, a biographical sketch of A. W. Robertson, chairman of the Westinghouse Board, and a quantity of hitherto unpublished correspondence from Bishop James M. Thoburn. Among the other interesting material which has been collected and will be put into this edition is a group of new photographs of campus scenes, descriptions and pictures of the new addition to the Reis Library, and reviews of books by Alleghenians. There will also be statements by Mr. Luvaas, professor of the recently created musical department at Allegheny College, and Mr. Stuart A. Culbertson, president of the Little Theater Play Production. The bulletin will contain the usual editorial news notes and personal items, and promises to be one of the most interesting and informative editions in recent years.

DOCTOR ROSS RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dr. C. F. Ross returned Saturday, January 18 from Washington, D. C., where for the past week he was attending the annual meetings of the Association of American Colleges, and the Educational Institute of Methodist Episcopal Colleges. Dr. Ross states that while in Washington he called upon Mr. George Akerson, ex-'09, the present private secretary to President Hoover.

DR. ELLIOTT SUSTAINS BROKEN ARM IN FALL

On Thursday morning, January 9, on leaving his home for the college, Dr. W. A. Elliott fell at the steps, breaking his upper left arm close to the shoulder. The break, a very painful and serious one, will prevent Dr. Elliott from meeting any of his classes until after the opening of the second semester. He is convalescing quite satisfactorily at his home, but has been suffering much from the pain and shock.

Noted Sociologist, Dr. E. A. Ross, to Speak Here Feb. 5

On February 5, Allegheny College will be honored by the visit of Doctor Edward Alsworth Ross, distinguished sociologist and economist and professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin. Doctor Ross will address the students at the regular chapel session on Wednesday, and will speak to students in Economics, Sociology, and History that afternoon. In the evening he will address the public at the Stone Church on some subject pertaining to Sociology.

The speaker has studied at Coe College, at Johns Hopkins University, and at the University of Berlin. He has spent much of his time in public lecturing and in writing. He has written voluminously in the field of sociology, a few of his works being: "Honest Dollars," "Sin and Society," "The Outline of Sociology," and "Principles of Sociology." Some of his works have been used in Allegheny both as text books and as reference books.

Alpha Xi Delta held a party on Saturday evening in honor of its four members who will not be in school next semester. These are Grace Reynolds, Betty Scheick, Lillian Hamilton, and Jean Adams.

MILLER-BOGARDUS
Theodore S. Bogardus, '26, and Mildred A. Miller were united in marriage recently in the parsonage of the First M. E. Church in the presence of immediate relatives. Dr. G. S. Lackland read the ring service. Mr. Bogardus is in the engineering department of the City of Meadville, where he has served with distinction for two years. Miss Miller has been employed in the art department of the Keystone View Company during the past six months. Prior to that she taught school in Long Island.

Robert W. Thomas, '12, was recently elected vice-president of the Meadville School Board. Walter Irving Bates, '96, and Ben F. Miller, '07, are also members of this School Board.

Mrs. Louis E. Myers and her son Eugene, sailed January 6 for a cruise around the world on "The Resolute." The trip is in the nature of a commencement present for Eugene, who was graduated from Allegheny in 1929. They expect to be in Japan for cherry blossom time. The trip will extend for five months.

Alumni Notes

Mrs. Paul Thomas (Sylvia Barnes, '26) who is now living in Wilmington, Delaware, is becoming well known in musical circles there. Mrs. Barnes, it will be remembered, spent three years as a missionary in Singapore. While there she was organist and choir director of the Wesley Methodist Church choir, director of the Sunday School orchestra, public school music supervisor and teacher in three Methodist schools, teacher of piano for Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Eurasian, English, and American pupils.

Mrs. Thomas is now studying organ with Ralph Kinder, of Philadelphia, and is organist and choir director of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wilmington.

On January 4, 1930, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Mrs. Ernest Ashton Smith (Rosalee Bork, ex-'11) became the bride of Attorney John Hugh McCloskey, prominent Pittsburgh lawyer. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. William F. Colmar, at high noon. The Reverend Albert L. Benze, a brother-in-law of the bride, and pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio, officiated. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served for members of the immediate families. Later Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey left for the south to spend the remainder of the winter. Upon their return they will reside at St. Claire Terrace, Mount Lebanon, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. McCloskey has been for the past three years in Evanston, Illinois, where she was prominent in club and university circles.

Mrs. Arthur Bave, formerly of Meadville and now of Ridgefield, New Jersey, has had for a number of years the happy custom of having open house the last Saturday night in each month for Meadville and Allegheny people who happen to be in New York City and vicinity. There is always good music, and much happy conversation, too. Mrs. Bave cordially invites any Alleghenian who may be in New York to visit her home on the occasion of any of these Saturday night social hours. Mrs. Bave recently had dinner with Mrs. J. A. Weber (Ruth Miller, '19), in Leonia, and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Beck, '13; and Isabelle Marvin, '18.

Word has been received of the death of W. W. Johnson, '90, on December 27, 1929, at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. Mr. Johnson was formerly a member of the State Legislature and a justice of the peace at West Middlesex for 28 years. He was secretary of the West Middlesex Sand Company and engaged in real estate and insurance business.

Word has been received confirming the death of the Reverend George Nelson Gage in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. Mr. Gage was a member of the Class of 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Coe have resigned from their positions as host and hostess in Cochran Hall and are now living at 610 Park Avenue.

Chester W. Shirk, '27, who has been for some time with the Jones-Laughlin Steel Co., Ambridge, is now living at home in Meadville and working with the Viscose Co.

Ruth Greenwood, '26, is now a student at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, in preparation for work in the foreign field. She expects to sail next October for South America.

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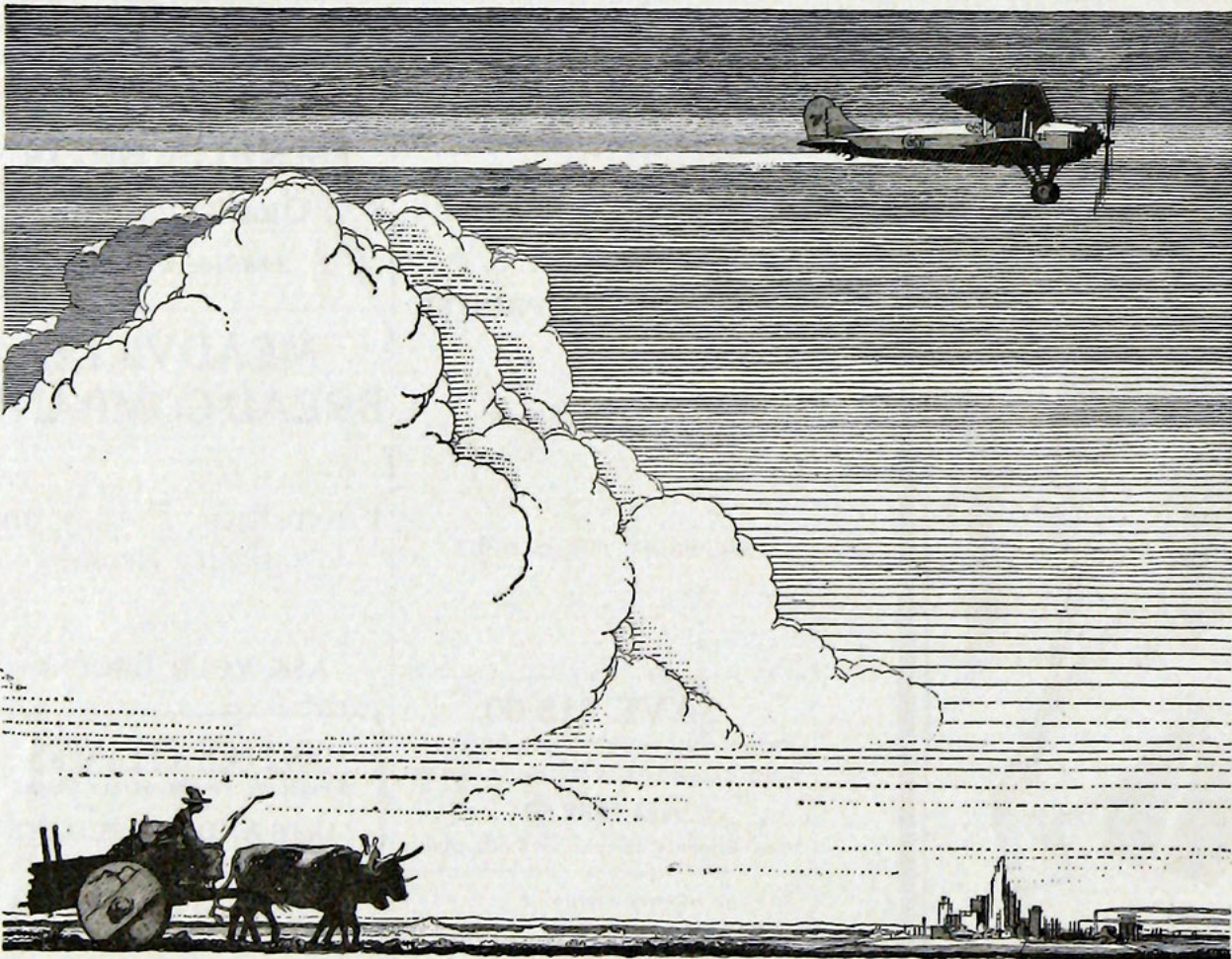
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FROSH AND SOPHS FIND UPPER- CLASSMEN EASY MARKS IN FIRST GAMES

Interclass basketball opened Saturday afternoon with a general free-for-all in which the Freshmen defeated the Seniors, 17-10. The game was characterized by a remarkable disregard for rules. The Seniors began to get rough in the second quarter, the Freshmen caught the spirit, and it was all fun from then on.

The first-year men showed strength throughout the game, both in the starting combination and in the reserve string. Lee Gamble led in the scoring with six points, and was followed closely by Koehler, who gained five points by virtue of many tries. Roos, though not in the scoring, contributed considerably to the Freshmen's strength by mainly in superior individual play, the Seniors worked somewhat better as a unit. No Senior player was outstanding.

With more organization and less individual play the Freshmen should make a strong combination. Too much dribbling, too many long shots, and a general lack of teamwork cut their power in the opening game.

Summary:
Freshmen 8 2 2 5-17
Seniors 3 3 2 2-10
Referee—Don Williams.

The second interclass basketball struggle of the year took place on Monday evening, with the Sophomores and Juniors coming together in a fast battle which ended with the second-year men on the better end of a 22-14 score. The quality of the basketball played in this encounter was far above that displayed in the opening struggle on Saturday.

The Sophomores acquired an early lead, running up a score of 10-2 before the first quarter ended. The team was functioning beautifully and had their opponents well under control. But the combination was broken up in the second quarter when substitutes entered the game, and before the whistle for the half blew, the Juniors had climbed within one point of their opponents, the count standing at 12-11 when the half-way mark was reached.

The Sophomores repaired the damage in the third period by again using their regulars, who soon drew the game out of the fire. By the end of the third quarter the count stood at 18-13, and the final period was again all in favor of the second-year men.

Allegheny Suffers In District Rating Because of Defeat

With the defeat of Allegheny by Geneva, and of Geneva by Westminster, 22-20, five teams remain alone in the list of perfect Tri-state records—Bethany, Westminster, Pitt, W. V. U., and Duquesne.

And hard times are scheduled for these quintets this week. One must fall in the Bethany-Duquesne game, and another in the Bethany-Westminster meet, which should be the battle of the week. Pitt will have no trouble at Carnegie, nor should W. V. U. at Wesleyan, or Duquesne at Thiel. Discounting upsets, the only significant changes of standing will occur among the undefeated leaders.

There was considerable activity among the Tri-state teams in the week just past, and most of it ran according to advance indications. Grove City took over Carnegie, 57-46; and W. & J. did likewise, 33-24. Westminster defeated Geneva, and Geneva defeated Allegheny. Duquesne defeated American U. and Catholic U. and Michigan State, and W. & J. Waynesburg lost to Colgate. Bethany further proved its strength by rinking Waynesburg, burg submerged D. & E., W. V. U. beat Wesleyan and Penn State. Thiel lost to Allegheny.

Allegheny is now in fifth place, with nothing to do about it until February 5.

SOPHOMORES LEADING IN GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Each week a few more interclass basketball and volley ball games are played off by the girls. So far, the sophomores lead in basketball, having won a close game from the juniors by a 6-5 score and topped the freshmen, 27-4. The juniors hold a victory over the seniors.

In volley ball, the juniors now hold high honors. They have won two games out of three from both freshmen and sophomores, and the freshmen stand in second place by virtue of their defeating the sophomores.

The game ending with a score of 22-14. Wescott and Moody led the attack for the victors with three baskets and a foul apiece. Bill Slaughter was high point man for the losers, also getting three baskets and a foul.

Summary:
Sophomores 10 2 6 6-22
Juniors 2 9 2 1-14
Referee—Bair.

Bowling Leagues to Open Season After Final Examinations

At a meeting of the representatives of the various fraternities at the bowling alleys in Cochran Hall last Thursday evening, the constituency of the two leagues for the coming season was determined. In one league will be found the representatives of Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and the Faculty. The other league is composed of Alpha Chi Rho, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Kappa, Non-Fraternity, and Phi Gamma Delta.

Both bowling leagues will swing into action on Saturday, February 8, when the Deltas and B. U.'s and the Chi Rho's and Non-frats meet in the opening games of their respective leagues. Games will be rolled every day from that date until February 27, when the first round will be completed. At that time a schedule will be drawn for the second round, and when it has been played the leading team of each league will meet in a series of games to decide which group of bowlers will be champions.

Games will begin at 4 o'clock every week-day, except Saturdays. On Saturdays, when two games are scheduled, the first will begin at two o'clock and the second at four. All league games will be rolled during the afternoons.

The alleys will be open between the hours of 4 to 6 and 6:30 to 8 until Friday, January 31. On that date they will be closed due to the mid-term vacation, and will not be opened again before Tuesday, February 4. During those few days the managers intend to improve the alleys and put them in readiness for the league games.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM IS PRACTICING

Miss LeRoy, Girls' basketball coach, is holding regular practice of the girls' varsity squad every Monday and Wednesday. There is every reason for the team to be entirely successful this season. At least nine members of last year's squad are back this year, and this force is strengthened by the addition of several very good freshmen. Ruth Farquhar has been elected captain, and Ted Andrews is filling the managership.

The schedule, so far incomplete, includes two games with Edinboro and two with Ohio Northern. Dates have not been announced as yet. The interfraternity games will be played off some time soon after the beginning of the second term.

Dr. C. A. Darling And Party to Leave For Europe Shortly

On the twentieth of this month Dr. C. A. Darling and his party will sail for Europe and Africa. The party will include, in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Darling and son Richard, Miss Antoinette Chevreton, and Wilson Stoner, an alumnus of the college. They will leave Meadville on the nineteenth of January, sailing from New York the next day. The first stop will be the Madeira Islands, and from there they will go to the Canary Islands, and thence they will continue on to Morocco. The rest of the itinerary includes a trip through Spain to Madrid, a visit to Algiers, Tunis, Cairo, and a voyage up the Nile. After touring the Holy Land—Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem—the party will return to Naples on March 15, completing the conducted part of the tour. After that the Alleghenians will travel through Italy, France, and Holland, arriving in Holland in time for the flower shows. They will also visit England and Scotland before sailing for home.

During all this trip the group will not always be together, but Dr. Darling will act as the general business manager for the party.

Tenor Gives First Of Concert Series On Monday Evening

Monday night, January 20, at 7:15 o'clock, Mr. Steuart Wilson, one of England's greatest tenors, and Mr. Dalies Frantz, his accompanist, gave the first of a series of concerts sponsored by the public schools of Meadville, in an attempt to increase an appreciation of good music. The next entertainment is to be on the evening of February 26, when the Corneliuss Van Vliet Trio, composed of a violin, cello, and piano, will be heard at the High School Auditorium. The final entertainment is to be the opera "Hansel et Gretel," which will be presented by the Eastman Opera Company on April 21. This affords an excellent opportunity for the best sort of entertainment and it is hoped that many will take advantage of it.

In addition to his ability as a pianist, Mr. Dalies Frantz is an accomplished athlete. When captain of the Huntington School swimming team he broke the New England record for the 440-yard and half mile swim. Mr. Frantz studied under Guy Maeir while at Michigan University. Press comment has been very favorable to his playing wherever he has appeared. He met with great success in a concert at the Boston Concert Hall recently.

Kappa Alpha Theta held its Founder's Day banquet at the Kepler Hotel on Friday, January 17.

Y. M.-Y. W. Will Give Dance the Evening Of February Fourth

News to the effect that Allegheny was going to have an All-college dance in the near future leaked out the first part of the week. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. were discovered to be the promoters of the affair, which will take place in the college gymnasium on the evening of February 4, 1930.

The Y. M. and Y. W. seized upon one of the dullest evenings of the entire college year and decided to enliven it with a real peppy party. They went to work and secured Dutch Kress and his Olympians as the feature attraction of the evening. Furthermore, they have dropped hints to the effect that refreshments will be served. So all that is needed is the support of the students. The dance will not cost much—only \$1.50—and it will be well worth the money.

MISS CHEVRET GRANTED LEAVE NEXT SEMESTER

Miss Antoinette Chevret, professor of Romance Languages, has been granted sabbatic leave for the next semester, and she will accompany Dr. Darling and his family on a cruise of the Mediterranean. Then she will make an extended tour through France. The leave was granted at the recent mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees. Miss Chevret has been a member of the faculty since 1919. The classes which she is teaching at present will be taught by Mr. Kalfayan and Miss Thompson during the second semester.

On Saturday afternoon, January 18, Mrs. Akers entertained all the girls of the Senior Class at luncheon at her home. Tiny china dolls of different nationalities were given as favors.

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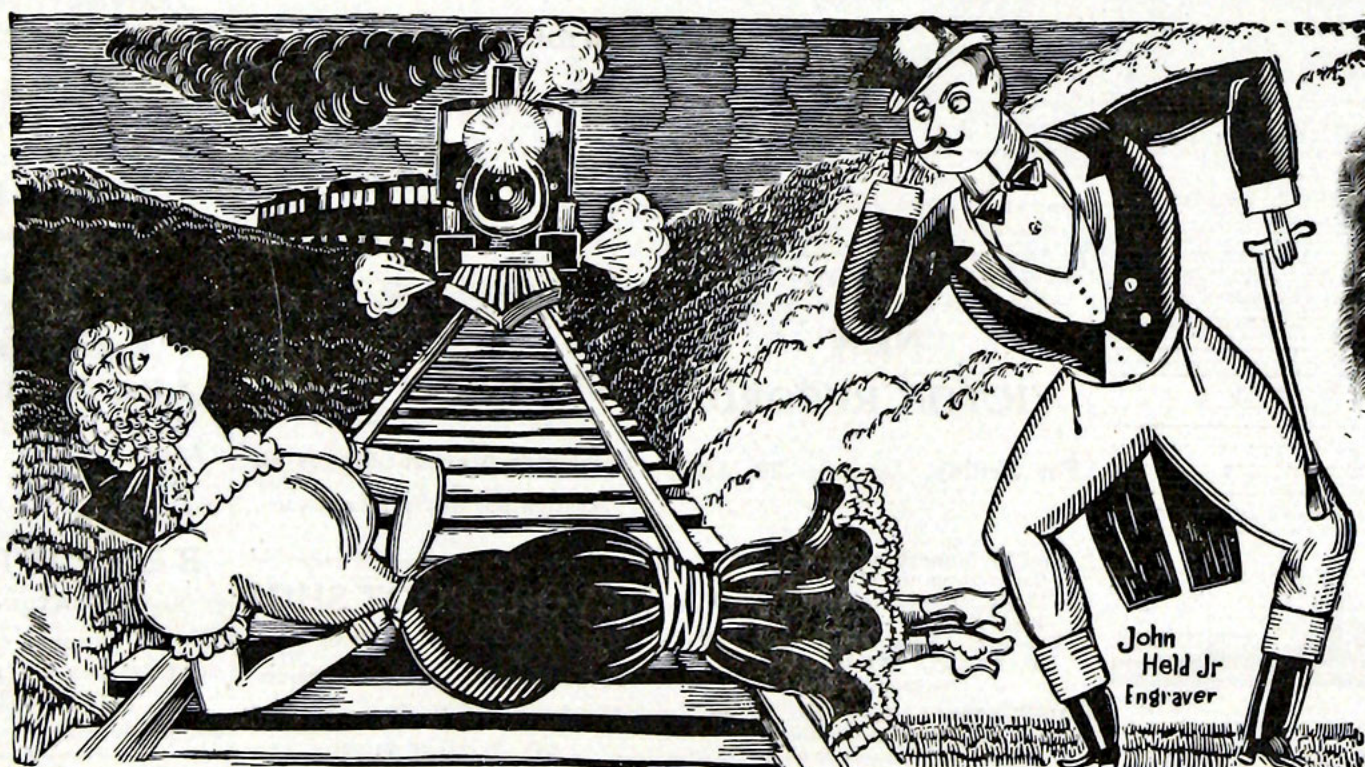
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