



Vol. I

EASTER DANCE TO BE GALA AFFAIR

TASKER TALKS!



DR. ROY C. TASKER

(This is the first in the series of articles dealing with the lives of our faculty, their likes and dislikes, and their attempts to win fame and fortune.)

Coming to the Junior College in September, 1934, Dr. Roy C. Tasker started the work of the Biology Department. He has shown a keen interest in student life both in his classes and in extracurricular activities where he has mingled with the students in such capacities as class advisor, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Student Activities, Faculty Director of Athletics and member of the Premedical club. It is rumored that he was a member of the faculty cast of "Spreading the News" that won first choice in a play contest with two student groups two years ago!

As an undergraduate at Hillsdale College he majored in Biology and was Undergraduate Assistant in the Department. As Business Manager and (Continued on Page 6) The Irem Temple Country Club will be the scene of the most auspicious dance ever held by the Jr. College. One of the best orchestras in this section, namely Ralph Paul's, has been engaged for this most important affair.

Because of the ever-increasing demand for tickets, Bud O'Malley, chairman of the Social Activities Committee, has devised an excellent plan to take care of this demand. In order to be assured of gaining admittance to the dance, one must obtain an invitation. Invitations may be secured for students and their friends by getting in touch with Bud O'Malley.

Even though the previous dances have been outstanding successes, there can be no doubt that this dance will surpass by far any previous undertaking. No stones have been left unturned by either Bud O'Malley or the Choral Club in making this the outstanding social event of the year.

The dance is a semi-formal affair and will be held on Tuesday, March 30. There will be dancing from 9 till 1. Admission will be by invitation only.

CRITICISM OF CRITICS

A few weeks ago a representative body of our students was asked to voice its opinions in regard to the Bucknell Beacon. As everyone probably knows by now the outcome was devastating, to say the least. So severe was the criticism that if the editors were more sensitive than they are, their ears would have turned as red as the name of one of our students. (We beg Mr. Sgarlet's pardon and trust that our worthy critics will pardon this feeble attempt at humor, but it is only another example of what happens when one tries to please one's critics.) Now that the students have had their say concerning the matter, the editors of the Beacon would like to express a few thoughts about things in general, and critics in particular.

The majority of our students seem to have made the mistake of trying to compare our paper with other college publications. How foolish this is! It has never been our intention to put out a paper which could compete with journals published by institutions which are hundreds of times as large as ours. We just don't have the facilities, my dears. We spend about one-tenth as much money on an

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STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM!

Gladys Grushetsky has blue eyeballs—she claims that blue eyeballs have been found for generations in her family!

Professor E. Disque is a "doodler"—he sketches while he talks.

Betty Fenton is the progeny of Shakespearean actors.

Betty Tonks hails from England and Norman Costine comes from Tennessee.

Edith Basta traces her blue-blood to a countess in Italy.

Mary Ciesla's father was originally a carpenter, and strange as it may seem the name Ciesla means carpenter.

Henry Johnson has a hobby of collecting clocks and watches. He has one hundred and twenty-six time-pieces in his collection, and carries three different clocks upon every occasion.

One of Betty Lynn's ancestors carried the Liberty Bell in a covered hay wagon from Philadelphia to Bethlehem when the British were attempting to seize the bell in Philadelphia.

Rachel Capone expects to live to a ripe old age for her grandfather lived to be one hundred and five years of age and at that age climbed trees (consult library's book "Origin of Species").

Ernest Weisberger thinks that he "pulled a fast one" when he told us that his uncle sold Paul Revere the horse on which Paul rode on his midnight ride. We're giving Ernest the satisfaction of thinking so, because we don't.

A monument in Wyoming stands erected in honor of Betty Schlingman's great grandfather, Luke Swetland, who was captured in the Wyoming Massacre.

"Smoky" Tractenberg spends his hazy Sunday afternoons listening to and studying symphonic music. Ask him about the last movement of Caesar Franck's Symphony in D minor.

Joe Boyle spends his barbarous hours at Luzerne in his tonsorial parlor (proprietor—Joseph Boyle).

TRUST

There looms a lordly tower of deceit, But soft the flowers growing 'round my feet! The sullen mobs are filling sounding halls But still some sleepy bird at twilight calls. They cry against the insolence of pow'r And still the sand for them holds not one hour. A thousand voices screamed and choked with hate, But yet the hinge is squeaking on the gate. Despite the awfulness of war's commands, My spotless slender teak wood temple stands. What needs care I for fate.

—Betty Dawn Fenton.

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LAW AS A PROFESSION

By Leon Rokosz

In an attempt to impart to our students some helpful information, the Bucknell Beacon will publish a series of articles discussing the advisability of choosing the various professions as their life work. These articles will be written by persons who are planning to enter these lines of endeavor after their college careers.

Because more than one-half of our statesmen, presidents, and other important public characters have won their lofty positions through the study of Law, the legal profession is looked upon as the leader of all professions, offering the best possible opportunities for local, state, and national cognizance and fame. The successful lawyer is universally acclaimed and respected. His calling is an honorable one.

Are you planning to study law? If you are not, perhaps you should be. If you are, do you think that you should?

The desire to become a lawyer is, of course, the first requisite. Unless you are absolutely certain that you want to be a lawyer, Law is not your field. The student most likely to become a good lawyer must have a desire so great that he cannot be discouraged by ordinary discouragements, so strong that nothing but force of circumstance can keep him from so desiring.

But the desire means nothing in itself. There are other things far more essential to the study of Law. The successful lawyer must have a peculiar mind the kind that Nature bestows upon Her children only occasionally. He must be able to reason with a pronounced power of analysis. His mind, as well as his body, must be able to withstand the endless study that his profession requires and demands, not occasionally, but at all times. The successful lawyer finds rest only when his work is done. Nights mean nothing to him. He works alone with unwavering fervor, for his problems deal with the fortunes, the happiness, perhaps even the very lives of trustful, anxious clients.

If you are planning to study and practice Law, plan at the same time to become a good lawyer or none at all. To those who feel that Law is their goal, yet hesitate because the field is too crowded, may I give my humble encouragement. Yes, the supply of lawyers, even good lawyers, exceeds the demand. In New York City alone there is an approximate ratio of one lawyer to every 300 persons—20,000 lawyers in all. But along with those lawyers we may find even more complaints that there are too many poorly equipped lawyers, not enough good ones. There is room—plenty of

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CHORAL CLUB ACTIVE



P. A. C. S. CONVENTION

A convention of college students was held at Lehigh University on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 12, 13 and 14. Helen Morgan, Marjorie Shapiro, Joseph Donnelly and Stanley Daugert represented the Junior College.

Friday evening Miss Margaret Taylor of the International House in New York City spoke on the standards of living in foreign countries and the effect they have upon the life and opportunities of college students in those countries. Miss Taylor emphasized the fact that we must have an understanding of conditions in various countries before students can meet on a common basis. This, however, would take time.

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Deep down in the auditorium every Thursday and Friday a group of 25 students gather to sing just for the love of making a joyful noise. The Choral Club is unique in more than one way. It is composed of three parts, soprano, alto, and bass. This is rather unusual. Most mixed choruses have four parts, but because of the lack of tenors, the chorus has resorted to three part music. Of course the men have a little difficulty now and then, but if women can *talk* circles around them, heavens knows, what the females will do to them when they (the females) begin to yell!

All of the selections are sung a capella, that is, without accompaniment. Very few college groups are doing work of this kind, which shows that Mr. Clark has great faith in his group to let them tackle such an undertaking.

The Chorus is planning a trip to the Campus in April to sing at one of the Sunday afternoon concerts. A schedule is being planned for the Choral Club to perform in different places in this vicinity.

The Bucknell chorus has a great future at our Junior College and it is to be hoped that this type of activity will be fostered in the future.

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MEN OR MICE?

Peace, we all agree, is wonderful. In fact, when anyone mentions war, we glower impressively, shake our heads sagely, and say something about the power of propaganda, the horrors of war, and the need for a neutral policy in world affairs today. This is all very well, but what the Cause for Peace needs is concerted action. Nothing ever has been accomplished and nothing ever will be accomplished by vague and sad expressions to portray disapproval and even more vague and sadder threats to "do something about it."

Definitely something must be done. It is for us, the youth of today, to accomplish this "something." First, we must educate ourselves for Peace—so that we will be able to distinguish propaganda from truth, individual greed and ambition from a national policy which is basically humanitarian. It is necessary to know, for instance, whether one is fighting in order to make the world safe for democracy or to enrich a few armament manufacturers. We moderna like to pride ourselves upon our so-called sophistication and our cynicism. Let us be cynical about war. Let us question its right to exist; let us look askance at militaristic policies and ideas.

We, the students of Bucknell Junior College,

have cause to be ashamed when the cause for peace is mentioned. Last fall there was a Peace parade, the first of its kind in Wilkes-Barre. We were given ample opportunity to participate, but not one of us responded to the call. Instead of actively demonstrating our sympathy with the peace movement, we stood placidly by and admired the floats as they passed in review. Then we forgot all about the matter.

On April 22 students all over the country will stage what is known as a Peace Strike. We do not suggest that the students of B. U. J. C. adopt a militant, y pacifistic attitude, but we do suggest that a part of this day be devoted to the discussion of peace problems and to participation in a parade (if one is held). Are the students of Bucknell Junior College to stand idly by AGAIN or are we all willing to champion this vital cause, World Peace?

OUR ATHLETIC FUTURE

If the records of the swimming and basketball teams were able to speak for themselves, hardly a whisper could be heard. As a result of the shortsighted policy of this college, the athletic teams as well as those in charge of the athletic program have brought condemnation down upon them. How is one man supposed to coach a basketball tcam, a baseball team, a tennis team, and run a successful intra-mural program? Instead of dividing the burden between at least two men so as to make a more successful program, this college has gone along feeling that everything is well in hand. Has the college ever really tried to get good athletes of high scholastic standing to enter the Junior College? Perhaps a little foresight on the part of those in charge of the athletic program will bring the desired results for the future, or do they want to continue as in the past. I am not attempting to cri-ticize Mr. Peters, for I am quite sure that he has done his part in attempting to bring about a successful intra-mural program and successful athletic teams. This criticism is directed against those in charge of the whole athletic policy.

Letter To The Editor:

What has happened to the Commerce and Finance Club and the Social Science Club? As I recall, there were only two meetings, one held by each club, which meetings were held months back. Since then these clubs have shown no sign of activity. Is it the fault of the sponsor or the officers of these organizations? It seems to me that the officers of these clubs have been elected just as a matter of formality and there was no intention of making these clubs outstanding in their field.

-A C. and F. student.

SPORTS NEWS

The basketball and swimming teams have closed their seasons without either having registered a win. The basketball team finished in last place in the Northeastern Pennsylvania League, but our high scorer, Joe Wesley, won a place on the second allstar team, which was chosen by the various coaches of the teams in the league.

The swimming team has finished a dismal season, but with few experienced men on the team and with recurring illness hitting the team, not much more was expected of them.

Now the attention of our young athletes is turned toward baseball. Jack Saricks, holdover from last year's team which won two of the six contests, and captain of this year's nine, reports that prospects are exceptionally bright. Bill Ottaviani, Walter Thomas, and Bill Atherholt are also holdovers from last year. Francis Ford, Joe Boyle, Ed. Johnson, Sid. Zimmerman, Joe Leyba, Norman Costine, John Gambold, Joe Neary, Ernest Weisberger, John Mundry, Robert Maguire, and Chick Sutton are promising candidates.

Chick Sutton, Back Mountain League star, is practically assured of the first string pitching berth, replacing Walter Thomas, last year's diminutive moundsman.

An ambitious schedule has been arranged with the best schools in this section.

April 17-Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport.

April 24-Scranton Keystone at LaPlume.

April 28-Bloomsburg Teachers at Wilkes-Barre.

Mny 5-Bloomsburg Teachers at Bloomsburg.

May 8-Scranton Keystone at Wilkes-Barre.

May 15—East Stroudsburg Teachers at East Stroudsburg.

May 19-Wyoming Seminary at Kingston.

May 26-Wyoming Seminary at Kingston.

The intra-mural boxing program has started off with wild enthusiasm. In the opening matches Edward Johnson defeated Walter Thomas by a decision; Norman Costine and Francis Walters fought to a draw; Bill DeRose defeated Charles Romane in a wild slugging contest. The contests will continue till winners have been declared in each division. There is a possibility of the Junior College winners engaging with the intra-mural winners from Wyoming Seminary.

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SCOOPING THE SCANDAL

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The biggest joke of the month—The Brislin and McHugh vs. Gallagher and O'Malley feud, in which the bright boys smash each other's notebooks to smithereens. Come on boys, you've passed the high school age, or have you?

Eye-opener-John Mundry carrying Ann Griffiths across the street the day of the big snowfall.

Dick Roush, Francis Ford, George Beiswinger, and Dave Smith were on the outs with Mr. Disque but we hear that "all is forgiven."

The height of something or other—Ben Davis was inspecting someone's ring, and saw inside the inscription 10K. "Who is this person I. O. K.?" asked Ben.

Betty Fenton's hair style certainly caused a lot of comment, but we see that she has not kept up the idea. What's the phrase about comparisons, Betty?

O'Malley and the girl friend certainly love the snow, to be tramping around after ten P. M. . . . or maybe they wanted to be alone. . . Costine claims that Josephine Shuck serves swell tea and tidbits and he should know.

The Choral Club dance promises to be somewhat unusual—it's the first dance to be held outside the school this season. . . . Heard that the German Club is planning another hike early in April. If it was as much fun as the last, it will be worth going.

What the school wonders about—What happened to the Dave Jones-Marge Phillips affair? Why were all the fellows laughing at Bill De Rose last week? . . . What happened to the Social Science Club? With three or more professors as advisors it should function, but it hasn't. Must be the curse of the machine age . . . as soon as a piece of machinery which is complicated breaks down, it is as hard as (censored) to get it running again.

Things that could be improved—The second floor fountain that is filled with cigarette stubs and wads of gum . . . the conduct of some of the boys at the noon dances.

The way the late-comers banged the door at the Pre-Med Club meeting . . . was enough to make anyone believe in socialized medicine.

TASKER TALKS!

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Editor-in-Chief of his college paper in his junior and senior years, as President of the Student Council, President of the Y. M. C. A., and of the Student Volunteer Association, and in his senior year as President of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association he took an active part in student affairs.

Upon graduation he attended the University of Michigan as a Teaching Fellow and received the Master's degree. Then after three years of teaching Biology at DePauw University he went to China where his experience of three and one-half years at Yenching University and at Soochow University gave him personal interest in the Far East.

At Cornell University, to which institution he went upon his return from China, Dr. Tasker was granted the Schuyler Fellowship in Animal Biology. He held this scholarship for two years, after which he was appointed Instructor in the Department of Zoology. It was from this position that he came to the Junior College. From Cornell he also received his Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The honorary societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi claim him as a member. He also belongs to the American Association of Zoologists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Indiana Academy of Science, the American Association of University Professors, and is a charter member of the Peking Society of Natural History.

If encouraged Dr. Tasker may be persuaded at times to discuss his experiences in caring for the wounded Chinese soldiers in the battles around Peking, of excursions into the famous Western Hills, beyond the Imperial Summer Palaces near Peking, of visits to the Great Wall of China, of the civil war around Soochow and the midnight evacuation of the Americans from Soochow, of his hiking trip with Mrs. Tasker through Japan when they knew no Japanese but depended on a phrase book and the sign language to make their wants known, of his varied experiences during the six-months trip back from China including unique Siamese baths, native hotels in Penang, moonlight in the desert city of Aden, shivering across the Sahara toward Cairo, on foot through Italy, France and Switzerland, bedbugs in Brussels, a rough night across the English Channel, and "on the loose" around Oxford. Windsor and London.

In his own words, Dr. Tasker considers it "a rare privilege to have a part in the establishment of an educational institution that is so vital a part of its community as Bucknell University Junior College is at present and is assured of being even more completely in the future."

CRITICISM OF CRITICS

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issue as the editors of publications in larger colleges. If our critics can tell us how we can improve our paper without additional expenditures so that it will be on a par with these other college papers, why in the world don't they enlighten us instead of attempting to tear our humble Beacon to pieces by means of their criticism?

Many of our honorable critics are of the opinion that our paper is not better than the average high school publication, although most of them will concede that some of our articles are slightly better written than those coming from the pens of high school students. Now, my friends, what more can you expect? Even the average high school paper is permitted to spend more money per issue than the Beacon.

Having helped edit a high school paper in his younger days, the writer should have a slight knowledge concerning such matters. Also, high school students are able to give more time and take more pains in putting out a paper than the Beacon editors. Our complicated schedules often make it impossible for the entire editorial group to meet at one time. If our readers will glance at our masthead, they will see that our staff is composed of students who take active parts in practically all the other organizations in the college. These other activities also demand some of their time, as do their studies, which must not be overlooked entircly although some of our students show a tendency to do so. We assure our critics that our editors have an abundance of talents, but are handicapped by a scarcity of time.

In conclusion, allow the editors to compliment their critics on the many humorous and satirical comments which their written opinions contained. So witty were some of the remarks and so biting was some of the sarcasm that we cannot help laughing ourselves. It seems a shame to us, however, that we have to ask for criticism of our paper in order to discover the literary talents latent in certain members of our student body. How much better it would be if these students would utilize their talents in trying to help us improve our paper instead of in critizing it.

Critics, you are, indeed, a woeful lot!

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P. A. C. S. CONVENTION

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Saturday morning Helen Morgan of the Junior College led a question box discussion, as did David Weddel of Penn State. Some of the questions discussed were: The powers of the Student Council, student-faculty relationship, freedom of the college newspaper, conduct in the social rooms, and finally the place of a course in hygienic education in the college.

Saturday afternoon there was a business meeting at which James Bergen of Lehigh was elected president, and Helen Morgan of the Junior College, Secretary. There was also a discussion of peace problems and a continuation of the discussion of student-faculty relationships.

Saturday evening a formal dinner was held at the Sun Inn at Bethlehem, and later a dance at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house. At the dinner, speeches were given by the dean of Lehigh University as well as the newly elected president of the P. A. C. S.

On Wednesday, April 8, the Junior College delegates will have charge of a special assembly at which they will discuss their trip in greater detail.

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So we HURLEY'd to town, 'EVANS, we was like TOURIS, RUSHIN and ROMANE around the streets all day. GOSS darn, my cousin always wants to eat and just to show him I was no WELCHER, I takes him to a place and it COS-TINE plenty. WAZETER better place, he says. The guy's always SCHLING (man) slams. ATH-ERHOLTin' the door open for a coupl'a minutes, he goes in and orders some soup. Wy'n'cha BOYLE the BOHN down ya CIESLA, he says to the girl and besides the soup's SAUER. I gets SMITH and CLARK's ice-cream. M'HUGH, boy I was gettin' some cold! We NEARY got thrown out, so I takes him home. GROVER your high school stuff I says. FRITZ'ance, he says "I wanted TASKER how's about it.

We goes home when the SGARLAT sun comes up and I was SORBER 'n him. We was BROTH-ERTON's under the skin and goes home to our little 'WARMKESSEL.

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