

BEACON POLL DRAWS CLOSE TO 100 PER CENT RESPONSE

DRIVE FOR FUNDS ENDS NEAR GOAL, WITH \$28,000 TOTAL

THE recent drive for \$30,000 made by the Junior College has ended successfully with \$28,000 pledged and additional contributions being made daily. It is hoped that the quota will be reached before the summer is over. Of the nine hundred individuals contacted, over fifty per cent of them contributed toward the fund. Committee heads were: Gilbert McClintock, general chairman; Edward Kent, chairman of the listing committee; E. B. Mulligan, chairman of the special gifts committee; Mrs. Edward Kent, James P. Harris, Charles Miner,

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Swarthmore Dean Convocation Speaker

AT eight o'clock Thursday evening, June ninth, the fourth annual convocation of the Bucknell University Junior College will be held at the First Presbyterian Church House. President Arnaud Marts of Bucknell University will present certificates to the departing sophomores, and Dr. Harold Speight, Dean of Men at Swarthmore College, will deliver the address.

The convocation exercises this year are taking on a more formal and significant aspect in that for the first time academic caps and gowns are being worn by the sophomores and certificates are being awarded.

The order of exercises follows:

The Academic Procession
Processional — "Coronation March" from "Die Folkung" Kretschmar
Invocation
Charles Stilwell Roush
Orchestral Selections
Adante Cantabile
..... Tchaikowsky

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Votes Scattered On Many Questions

THE annual Beacon Poll, in terms of the number of people voting, received close to a hundred per cent response from the student body this year. Opinion as to the various "favorites" was so scattered as to render the results rather inconclusive. However, we are able to conclude from the answers received that the average Bucknell student is strongly against another term for Roosevelt, participation in a foreign war, Fascism as embodied by Hitler and Mussolini; prefers swing bands, athletics, history, and has some pretty definite ideas on how *The BEACON* should and should not be run. Below is a question-by-question tally of the voting:

1. Would you vote for President Roosevelt for a third term?
91 no; 39 yes.

2. Would you fight for the United States on foreign soil?
95 no; 34 yes.

3. Do you favor isolation or collective security?

Collective security, 74; isolation, 47.

4. Who has done most to undermine democracy?

Several people voted for more than one "underminer" on this one:

Hitler, 64; Mussolini, 23; Roosevelt, 14; Stalin, 8; Hague, 8; John L. Lewis, 3. Scattered votes went to Henry Ford, "Imperialistic Britain," Capitalists, Trotsky and Costine.

5. Do you think LaFollette's idea of a third party is a good one?

63 no; 56 yes.

6. What is your favorite magazine?

32, Life; 25, Reader's Digest; 14, Esquire; 10, Time; 8, American; 3, New Masses; 6, mechanical magazines; 3, Colliers; 3, Liberty.

7. Who is your favorite columnist?

44, Winchell; 15, Pegler; 8, Boake Carter; 7, Walter Lipmann; 5, Damon Runyon; 4, Heywood Broun; 4, Dorothy Thompson.

8. What was your favorite film of the past year?

17, Emile Zola; 15, Lost Horizon, Snow White; 13, The Good

Earth; 9, Robin Hood; 6, Dead End, Hurricane; 5, In Old Chicago.

9. What is your favorite orchestra?

23, Horace Heidt; 19, Benny Goodman; 18, Guy Lombardo; 14, Kay Kaiser; 8, Tommy Dorsey; 6, Russ Morgan; 5, NBC Symphony, Sammy Kaye.

10. What is your favorite radio program?

24, Chase & Sanborne; 20, Jack Benny; 11, Lux Radio Theatre; 7, Lone Ranger, Eddie Cantor.

11. Who is your favorite motion picture actress?

23, Myrna Loy; 9, Olivia de Havilland; 8, Louise Rainer; 7, Loretta Young; 5, Betty Davis, Jeanette MacDonald, Greta Garbo.

12. Who is your favorite motion picture actor?

19, Paul Muni; 16, Errol Flynn; 14, Spencer Tracy; 10, Ronald Colman; 8, Clark Gable; 7, Tyrone Power, Garry Cooper; 5, Jimmy Stewart.

13. Who is your favorite writer?

13, Sinclair Lewis; 7, S. S. VanDyne; 6, John Galsworthy, Margaret Mitchell; 3, Alexander Dumas, Lloyd Douglas, R. L. Stevenson.

14. Which do you consider most important: extra-curricular activities or scholastic work?

65, scholastic work; 23, extra-curricular activities.

15. Which extra-curricular activity do you consider most beneficial and most important?

53, the various athletic activities; 17, dramatics; 10, Beacon; 9, Debating; 8, International Relations Club; 1, chapel, apple polishing!

16. From which college course have you gained the most?

30, History of Western Man; 19, World Literature; 12, Mathematics; 8, Business, English, Economics, Drawing; 7, Sociology; 6, Chemistry.

17. Would you favor a marking system based on the principles of passing or not passing rather than our present system?

67 no; 60 yes.

18. Whom do you consider the

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GUINEY, EMANSKI, TUHEY ELECTED COUNCIL OFFICERS

STUDENT council officers for the coming year were elected at a recent joint meeting of the out-going council members and newly elected members. John Guiney, representative of the Athletic Association was elected president. Mr. Guiney has been prominent in student activities, and is president of the Lettermen's Association and a member of the swimming team. John Emanski, recently elected president of the class of '41, was elected vice-president, and Darina Tuhy, women's representative to the council, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

LEWIS, EDELMAN TO EDIT BEACON

BESSIE LEWIS and Murray Edelman have been chosen as co-editors of next year's BEACON. Appointment to the editorial staff is on the basis of interest actively manifested in BEACON work and journalistic ability. Selections were made by the members of the retiring staff and the faculty advisers. Instead of the system of three alternating editors, the procedure followed this year, each issue of *The BEACON* for the coming year will be co-edited by Miss Lewis and Mr. Edelman.

Several innovations have been planned by the new staff. *The BEACON* for next year will be a five-column sheet instead of the present four-column paper. Each edition, as at present, will consist of four pages. Print will be smaller, thus making possible the use of more words in each column. Standard type of paper will be used in place of the present heavy, glossy-finish paper. The staff has formulated a definite schedule of publication whereby *The BEACON* will appear on every third Thursday.

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Editorials

Suggestions Considered . . .

It is heartening to note that almost without exception the students manifest very definite ideas for the improvement of The BEACON. While the staff has endeavored to make use of many of the suggestions in the planning of next year's BEACON, we could not attempt improvement where, according to the poll, it is most needed. The majority of the criticism concerned frequency of publication, size of reporting staff, use of "stale" news and need for more school news.

Without a doubt a weekly or a bi-monthly paper would be desirable, but lack of funds, lack of reporters, lack of news makes the realization of such a plan impossible. The appropriation that The BEACON receives from the student activities fund allows for only a limited number of issues. Many of the students complained of the lack of representation on the staff; they seemed to feel that the present staff members are given too much responsibility; that there should be more opportunity for talent to exhibit itself. We heartily agree with this criticism; we have been trying, unsuccessfully, all year to increase the size of the staff, and we have been searching, also unsuccessfully, for hidden talent. Obviously being a BEACON reporter consists of something more than having one's name printed on page two; it means work and that, we have found, is the reason for our small staff. The proposal for less "stale" news and the one for more school news are, of course, contradictory. In a small college it is unreasonable to expect a vast amount of news, and it is even more unreasonable to expect an absence of "stale" news. We cannot manufacture news where it does not exist, nor can we assure our readers of "fresh" news in a paper which appears once every three weeks.

We were happy to see the interest in The BEACON evidenced in your answers to the final question in the poll. We should be happier if you would actively demonstrate that interest by working on The BEACON staff.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

FARLEYS TO DINE

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Editor, Bucknell Beacon:

After being subjected to eurythmics all year and grinning and bearing it, the girls finally got the long-awaited archery set. Who uses the archery set? Well, most of the time—the boys. The boys have a whole YMCA in which to be athletic. The girls have been busy developing dynamic personalities in eurythmics class during the year and now they would like to relax and have some fun with their archery set. But there are always males cluttering up the place. Someone should do something about it!

Dynamo.

M.R. and Mrs. Farley will entertain the sophomore class at the dinner before convocation on Thursday, June 9. It has been the custom for the sophomores to meet at Dr. Farley's home, but this year the Chase lawn will be the scene of the annual affair. It will be the last time before convocation, itself, that the class will be officially together. After the dinner the sophomores will proceed to Conyngham Hall to don caps and gowns for the evening, and from there they will march to the First Presbyterian Church.

CURRENTLY SPEAKING

By M. R.

DURING the recent depression of 1929-'34 much thought and discussion was given to the issue of economic planning. The new recession has precipitated a revival of interest in this subject. Last week newspapers carried a report prepared by a group of advisers to President Roosevelt, which recommended a form of planning for the United States. It appears that economic planning is becoming a serious challenge to the economic system of the United States.

Economic planning is defined excellently by Mary Van Kleck of the Industrial Relations Institute: "The word planning . . . signifies controlled development based on facts and knowledge of the functioning of the parts in the entire structure of economic life . . . to plan is to determine what the future course shall be, not merely to forecast and not to dictate it arbitrarily, for the control which accords with planning is control by knowledge." The two main purposes of economic planning are to obliterate economic ills and to raise the standard of living.

But why economic planning? For answer, exponents of the theory point out the great irony in our economic system. On one hand science has presented us with an economic system which affords the possibility of obtaining universal prosperity. And on the other hand, we utilize that system so unintelligently that we have depressions, unemployment, waste in production and consumption, and widespread inequality of income, all of which destroy the harvest we might reap from the productive system.

Economic planners explain that our method of unregulated economy is a complex industrial society is the cause of economic chaos. A popular writer on the subject of economic planning draws the picture of a trans-Atlantic liner, manned by an inefficient and unorganized crew, having no captain and no nautical instruments. Most of us, no doubt, have our grave worries concerning the safety of the passengers on this boat. But this situation seems absurd. Nonetheless, isn't the operation of our economic system very similar to this? There is no organization and there are no scientific instruments to control production and consumption. We set out wildly and blindly on the economic sea, and the history of depressions shows us how many times we have been

wrecked and sunk. Economic planning proposes to substitute knowledge for the haphazard and unintelligent way.

Four important plans have been suggested for possible use in the United States:

(1) Van Kleck Plan (I.R.I.) This plan, modelled closely after the Russian plans, utilizes socialism as the economic and political system.

(2) Gerard Swope Plan—Business and industry initiate and control planning. Government acts in advisory capacity only.

(3) Stuart Chase Plan—Place Industries Board. This is shaped upon the principles of the War Industries Board and operates within the capitalistic system.

(4) National Economic Council—This is an investigatory and fact-finding agency. The Congress would act upon its suggestions and recommendations.

To this column the Van Kleck Plan is undesirable because it makes for the possibility of the loss of social freedom. The Swope Plan is inexpedient because governmental agencies could plan much more efficiently. It is our belief that the best economic policy that the United States could follow would be planning fixed to operate within the capitalistic system and under the regulation of government boards. The Chase Plan is too far-reaching for immediate acceptance. The formulation of a National Economic Council which would doubtlessly meet with the approval of the majority of citizens, would be a logical first step. Many champions of economic planning would consider the idea of such planning entirely too innocuous. It is! But if public opinion is to be convinced that economic planning is the proper instrument for the solution of economic ills and the raising of the standard of living, action must be slow, careful and convincing.

The setting-up of a National Economic Council, which would function as an investigatory, fact-finding, suggestion-making agency, would be a progressive move in the direction of a system of extensive economic planning. Toward the establishment of such a council, all exponents of economic planning should direct their efforts.

DINNER-DANCE
JUNE 8th

B. U. J. C. ATHLETES FETED AT LETTERMEN'S CLUB BANQUET

THIRTY per cent of the male students received letters and awards at the fifth annual banquet of the Lettermen's Club. This gala affair was held at Chase Hall on May 28. The largest crowd ever to attend a lettermen's banquet was assembled as the club celebrated its most successful year.

Ernest Weisberger acted as toastmaster while other speakers included: John Guiney, president of Lettermen's Club, 1938-'39; R. C. Tasker, adviser of athletics and presenter of letters; Henry Peters, coach and director of intramural sports; Walter Thomas, presenter of awards; Raymond Sparks, wrestling coach at Wyoming Seminary and principal speaker; Mr. Smith, coach at Wyoming Seminary, and John Casper, president of this year's club.

The committee for the banquet included: Francis Ford, chairman; Norman Costine, John Guiney, Robert Hopkins, Robert Peters, William Thomas, Donald MacGuffie, and Herman Propker.

LETTERMEN Basketball

William Thomas, captain, '38; Albin Baker, '39; Edward Gayewski, '39; Walter Thomas, '37; Herman Propker, '39; Robert Hopkins, '39; Donald MacGuffie, '39; Robert Royer, '39; Clarence Jones, '38; Charles Romane, '38; Albert Shafer, manager, '38.

Baseball

Walter Thomas, captain, '37; Philip Netzel, '39; William Thomas, '38; Quentin Walters, '39; Edward Gayewski, '39; Edward Labak, '39; John Gambold, '38; Ernest Weisberger, '38; Stanley Henning, '39; Charles

Rogers, '39; Robert Maguire, manager, '38.

Bowling

Robert Peters, captain, '38; David Jones, '38; Herman Propker, '39; Quentin Walters, '39; Thomas Jenkins, '38; Clarence Obitz, '39.

Tennis

Thomas Melson, captain, '38; Irving Cohen, '39; Albert Shafer, '38; Henry Doran, '39; Stanley Daugert, '38; Joseph Conlon, '38; Albert French, '39.

Swimming

John Casper, co-captain, '38; Norman Costine, co-captain, '38; John Guiney, '39; Jack Batey, '39; John Mundry, '38; Robert Conway, '39; Joseph Conlon, '38; Robert Maguire, '38; Wayne Gardner, '38; Wilard Warmkessel, manager, '38.

INTERCLASS CHAMPIONS

Basketball - - Sophomores
Bowling - - - Freshmen
Swimming - - - Freshmen
Volleyball - - Sophomores
Softball - - - Sophomores

INTRAMURAL BOWLING

League Champions

Brown: Alexander Wazeter, captain; Clemens Pell, Leonard Osherof, John Gambold, Joseph Kotalik, Quentin Walters.

High Single Average

Robert Peters - - - 172.6
Quentin Walters - - - 172.4

High Single Match

Robert Peters - - - 268
Anthony Spotanski - - - 268

High Individual Match

Quentin Walters - - - 672

Invitation Tournament

Singles champion, Clarence Obitz; doubles champions, Robert Patton, Robert Peters.

Intramural Boxing Champions

110 lb. class, Irwin Freed, Eu-

N. Y. BAND TO PLAY AT DANCE

THE annual dinner-dance will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at the Westmoreland Club. As is the custom, the dance will be a closed affair, and will be semi-formal.

Artie August and his orchestra of New York City, have been engaged for the evening. Dinner will be at 6:30 p. m. and dancing will follow from 9 until 1. The price is three dollars a couple.

MATCH WITH U. OF S. ENDS DEBATE SEASON

THE Debating Society closed its season with a hard-fought, non-decision match against the University of Scranton on May 6. John Gambold, Murray Edelman and Bernard Greenberg debated for the Junior College, and Maurice Reishtein was chairman. The National Labor Relations Board question was used. About thirty students and parents, many of whom had come down from Scranton for the purpose, attended.

gene McDonald; 125 lb. class, Quentin Walters, Ernest Weisberger; 135 lb. class, Edward Labak; 145 lb. class, John Emanski, Robert Kerr; 155 lb. class; James Campbell, James Hunt; 165 lb. class, William Thomas, Wilbur Troy; heavy-weight, William Morton, Herman Propker.

CHORAL CLUB GIVES CONCERT AT CAMPUS

THE Bucknell Junior College Glee Club presented its annual concert in Lewisburg on May 22. The musical was given at the First Baptist Church before a group of approximately 100 attentive listeners.

A good many of the 32 members of the club went to Lewisburg early in the day and spent the time in visiting the campus and friends. The concert, which was held at four o'clock, was in charge of Dr. Stolz, dean of the music school at Lewisburg. The club was accompanied to Lewisburg by Mr. Blankenship, director; Mrs. Farley, accompanist; Miss Roberts and Professor Disque.

The following numbers were rendered:

"Calm As The Night".....Bohm
"Robin In The Rain".....Cain
Girls' Glee Club

Flute Solo—

"Adagio Mobile".....Donjon
"Melody".....Dawes
"Sparklets".....Miles

Mr. Robert Kerr
"Homing".....Del Riego
"Pretense".....Clokey
"Homeland".....Cain

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MANY ADDITIONS MADE TO COLLEGE LIBRARY

THE library has received recently, through purchases and gifts, many much-needed volumes. The Osterhout Library made a useful gift of a 12 volume set of Shakespeare, and a complete set of the works of Charles Darwin and Thomas Huxley. Mrs. Franck C. Darte presented the library with a 15 volume set of the *Historian's History of the World*. Among books given by Reverend Gardiner Day is a valuable set of Bradford's *History of Plymouth Plantation*. Dr. Crook and Dr. Miller also have given books recently—the former having contributed a large number of sociology and economic books and the latter books on mathematics. The library has purchased several indispensable works: a 24 volume set of the 1937 edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and a 12 volume set of Frazer's *Golden Bough*. Besides these standard volumes the library has purchased some new best-selling fiction and non-fiction. Among these are: Thurman Arnold's *Folklore of Capitalism*, Stuart Chase's *Tyranny of Words*, Lin Yutang's *Importance of Living*, Michael Foster's *American Dream*, John Dos Passos's *Big Money*, Hemingway's *To Have and Have Not*, and Millen Brand's *The Outward Room*.

— CONVOCATION —
JUNE 9th

PROF. DISQUE TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE

IT has been announced that Professor Elwood Disque has been granted a leave of absence for next year. Professor Disque will work for graduate degrees at the University of Pennsylvania. He already has credits for work done at the Universities of Berlin, Marburg and Freiburg, Germany.

Professor Disque's successor has not yet been selected.

SCIENCE SOCIETIES HONOR BUJC STUDENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by two Bucknell honorary societies of the election of two Junior College students as members. Earl Rhodes has been elected into Alpha Chi Sigma, honorary chemistry fraternity, and John Lewis into Beta Epsilon Sigma, honorary engineering fraternity. Election to honorary societies is made on the basis of specific ability and general scholastic achievement.

SWATHMORE DEAN

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Interludium in Modo Antico Glazounoff
Address
"Life Means Selection"
..... Harold Balme Speight
Choral Selections
"Calm as the Night" Bohn

"O, for Wings," from
"Hear My Prayer"
..... Mendelssohn
Presentation of Certificates
Arnaud Cartwright Marts
Junior College Song
Benediction
Samuel Wolk
Recessional

VOTES SCATTERED

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most all-around (i.e.—scholastic ability, extra-curricular participation, etc.) student?

Maurice Reishtein received more votes than any of the contenders, but opinion was very scattered.

19. Do you think the Thespians should attempt to produce Shakespeare and like classics?
69 no; 60 yes.

20. Can you offer any suggestion for next year's BEACON?

The predominant idea was that of more frequent and more regular publication, and more people doing the reporting. We second the motions; (see page 2).

DRIVE FOR FUNDS

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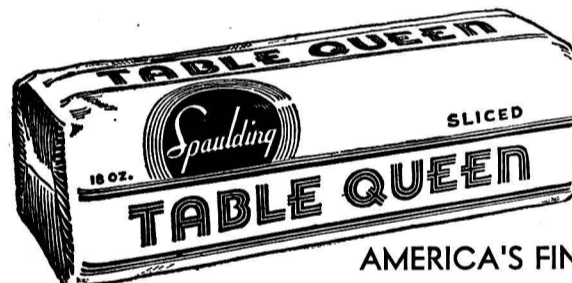
William Ruff, divisional leaders.
The bulk of the fund will be

used for reconditioning Conyngham Hall. A large lecture hall with a seating capacity of eighty and a drawing laboratory for the engineering classes are among the proposed additions. Necessary painting and floor recovering will be done throughout Conyngham Hall. Part of the money will be used to improve the grounds of both Chase and Conyngham Halls. The remainder of the contributions will be used for the establishment of several scholarships.

CHORAL CLUB GIVES CONCERT

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Mixed Glee Club
"The Snow" Elgar
"Lullaby" Cain
Girls' Glee Club
Two Pianos—
"Sonatina" Clementi
"Sicilienne" Bach
"Wedding Day" Grieg
Darina Tuhy and
Marguerite Krashkevich
"O, For The Wings" from
"Hear My Prayer"
..... Mendelssohn
Mixed Glee Club
After the concert the Glee Club was given a supper at Larison Hall. Miss Melrose was the hostess.



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