

HOOL HEARS THOMAS HICKS

Speaker Managed Sears, Pomeroy—Prominent as Anthracite Booster

IN accordance with Dr. E. S. Farley's policy of inviting distinguished local citizens to speak at assemblies, Mr. Thomas Hicks, prominent in business circles, addressed the student body today.

Mr. Hicks is well qualified to give the school an invaluable insight into both national affairs and local problems. A graduate of Dickinson and the Harvard School of Business Administration, he has lived in every state of the union. For some time he was Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and was associated with the Filene Department Store in Boston. (The late Edward Filene, proprietor of the store, gained international fame for his liberalism, although a business magnate.)

Later Mr. Hicks came to Wyoming Valley, and has been an energetic booster of local industry since that time. He first entered the local limelight as district manager of Sears-Roebuck, and then became manager of Pomeroy's. One of the mainstays of the expansion program of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hicks has done a great deal of special work in that line. Anthracite industries, which recently conducted an extensive campaign in connection with Anthracite Week, early enlisted Mr. Hick's aid.

LETTERMEN MEET

THE lettermen held their initial meeting of the current year on October 6. The first act of business was the election of Joe Conlon and Bim Thomas to the social activities committee. It was decided to hold the first luncheon on November 9. Mr. Louis Leach, director of swimming at the local Y. M. C. A., will be the principal speaker and Dr. Brown will act as toastmaster.

New Instructor



MISS BARBARA RYERSON

MISS BARBARA RYERSON, new addition to the staff of Bucknell University professors, granted an interview the other day which proved highly interesting and informative. Not at all the "professorial" type, Miss Ryerson is a very charming person, at home with students and faculty alike. Her manner put your reporter off his guard but following is the salvaged bit of evidence which came out of the interview:

Interested in dramatics, she holds the distinction of playing the leading role in a production given in Paris, honoring the American ambassador to France and the chief donor to the Universal Foundation. Since that time, among other activities, she has been directing French plays in this country.

Her earlier education was received in this country at LaSalle Junior College in Auburndole, near Boston. Graduating from Wellesley, she then went abroad for several years visiting France, Switzerland and Spain. At the Sorbonne she received a diploma. While in Switzerland she put in a year of study at Rausone.

When asked the most thrilling experience of her life, Miss Ryerson had a rather difficult time answering but finally admitted that playing the lead in the aforementioned French play thrilled her considerably. Secondly, skiing in the Alps, proved one of her big moments.

Not at all content merely teaching French, Miss Ryerson would like to teach Spanish.

Donald MacGuffie '41 President; Hopkins, Krashkevich Elected

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR CAGE SEASON

WITH basketball season already underway at Bucknell Junior College, prospects for the current season look very promising. Twenty-eight candidates responded to Coach "Hank" Peters' first call for tryouts, and the past two weeks have been spent in whipping the squad into preliminary shape.

Although hard hit by the loss of eight men through graduation, the 1937-1938 cage season should be a successful one, judging from advance reports on the individual records of veterans and candidates. Holdovers from last season include: Charley "Stretch" Romane, Bill Thomas, Walter Thomas, Clarence Jones, and Francis Ford.

"Stretch" Romane, who alter-

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BUJC GIRLS REVEL AT GET-TOGETHER

WHO said that only boys have large appetites? This theory was disproved Thursday night, October 7, at the get-together supper sponsored by the sophomores in honor of the freshmen girls, for all present dug into the meal with a vengeance, forgetting that there is such a thing as a calorie in the English language.

A sharp bang on the upper end of the piano by Marjorie Shapiro, mistress of ceremonies, to announce the program, served to bring the girls out of that "after supper" lethargy. The high spot of the evening's entertainment was the peanut pushing contest which Christine Whiteman won by a nose, defeating her fellow pushers, Lillian Stein, Dorothy Smailes, and Mary Donnelly.

The evening ended with piano selections and a humorous song by Mrs. Farley. The party ended with the singing of the Alma Mater by the entire group.

Joseph Gibbons, Treasurer; Lewis, Nagle to Represent Class on Council

THE Class of 1941 chose its officers for the current year at a meeting held Friday, October 15.

Donald MacGuffie of West Pittston was elected president by an overwhelming majority. The vice presidency went to Robert Hopkins. Marguerite Krashkevich was elected secretary and Joseph Gibbons was elected treasurer. Catherine Lewis and Robert Nagle were chosen to represent the freshman class on the Student Council.

MacGuffie, a graduate of West Pittston High School, was a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams at that institution. He intends to continue participating in these sports at B. U. J. C.

By virtue of his election, MacGuffie automatically became a member of the Student Council.

LOCAL LIBRARIANS RECEIVED AT TEA

ON Sunday, October 17, the women members of the faculty and the wives of faculty members entertained the librarians of the city at a tea. During the afternoon the guests were conducted through the buildings and shown the Bucknell Junior College library.

Guests consisted of librarians from Osterhout Library, Hoyt Library, Wyoming Valley Historical Society, city and high school libraries and Wide Awake Book Shop.

In the past, these librarians have been exceedingly kind in helping Bucknell students. It was in appreciation of this fact and in a desire to further a friendship already established that the tea was given.

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EDITORIALS

OUR NEW PAPER

YOU have undoubtedly noticed the comparative style and makeup difference from this, our second issue of **The BEACON**, and our first. The editors of **The BEACON** have been listening to past criticism of the paper and feel that the critics have had just cause for complaint. We therefore have changed our publication to the newspaper form, and the transition was not easy, we assure you, with new reporters and a new printery.

The **Collins Press**, conveniently located in central city is our printery. The **Dallas-Post** printery did our work last year. We express our thanks to its members for their excellent workmanship and always evident cooperation.

In last issue's editorial staff, three members of last year's sophomore class cooperated with the present editors to put out an issue of **The BEACON** for the freshman. Were it not for these three associate editors Walter Thomas and John Saricks and business manager Sidney Levine, we doubt that September twentieth would have seen 300 issues distributed.

We sincerely hope the difference pleases you and we invite suggestion for improvement.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

Date of Publication—1950

THE word library originally meant a collection of books, and, the place where a collection was kept. When the college system was instituted, someone hit on the fine idea that a library might be utilized very excellently as a place for study. So, for centuries, men and women went to libraries to find books, and, for years and years, students studied there.

But now we come to to the year 1937 when a group of entirely original students at Bucknell University Junior College instituted a drastic change in the word library. A library, to them was a place where one might lounge comfortably, argue freely and loudly, and converse pleasantly with the members of the opposite sex. The word, librarian, which formerly meant a person in charge of a library, was changed by these radical fellows, to "a pestiferous pussy-foot."

Fortunately for civilization, these new meanings proved ephemeral. These definitions became oblivious when the "**Bucknell Beacon**" for October 19, printed a most unusual editorial, which satirically alluded to the misdoings and foolishness of the originators.

Another factor which contributed to the restoration of the original meanings was an announcement by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, director of the college, to the effect that the mixed lounge would be opened in the near future on a scheduled basis, and that the conservatory would be transformed into a place for joint study.

Thus a library remains to this day a place where one may find books, and where one may study in perfect quiet.

YOUR LETTERS REQUESTED

THE BEACON is not merely a news agent which faculty and students read each month, nor is it merely a means for providing aspiring reporters with journalistic training—and, more emphatically, it is not an excuse for frequent and heated debates among the members of the staff. Of course it lends expression to all these purposes—especially the first. Next to its news-providing value, **The BEACON** serves as an organ of student-faculty opinion.

On its editorial page, **The BEACON** brings to you the views, the attitudes of its editors. This, we realize, is not enough. Although the staff attempts to be representative in its sentiments, this is not always possible. It is for this reason that we are instituting a column to be devoted to letters that you, our readers, send to us. We welcome constructive criticism, intelligent discussion, and questions that will be of interest to all of our readers.

For obvious reasons, it is requested that names be signed to all letters submitted. No names, however, will be published.

Professions

EDUCATION

(This feature is a continuation of the series begun in last year's "BEACON". The purpose of these articles is to give the student a kaleidoscopic insight into the potentialities and other phases of the various professions.)

"ARE you going to be a TEACHER! Oh, dear!"
"You don't really mean you're taking up teaching!"

With an attempt at bravado, we calmly reply, "Yes." What's so awful about that? True enough, we would agree with most anybody that teaching, as a profession, has probably the least recompense of any position, considering the amount of time and expense involved to receive one's degree, but the personal satisfaction derived from knowing that you have conveyed some slight knowledge into someone else's cranium would suffice us.

There are several phases of the teaching profession that should be considered before deciding to be a "teacher". Do you want to teach kindergarten youngsters, primary school children, high school people or college men and women? Are you psychologically fitted to cope with the problems that these different people may cast at you? Do you feel that you could endure going over and over the same fields year after year with only slight variations? These are only a few of the questions you should ask yourself before you even think of teaching.

The preparation required to obtain a teaching degree varies at different institutions. Some colleges and normal schools demand only two or three years' attendance, carrying only the average number of credit hours during this period, but the degree received qualifies the graduate to teach only primary grades with a primary-grade salary. Other colleges require from four to six years' training of a student with the hope of a higher position and the accompanying remuneration.

The possibilities for advancement in the field of education lie solely with the individual concerned. The old adage of "There is always chance for advancement" goes 100 per cent in this profession, even though many people would tend to discredit this statement.

SCHOOL DAYS—READING, WRITING, EURYTHMICS

THE sound of a drum, beating a steady rhythm, coming from the general direction of the Elk's Hall, signifies the meeting of the classes in eurythmics.

Miss Frances MacDonald, a graduate of Skidmore College, class of 1937, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education, is in charge of the classes. Miss MacDonald is a former pupil of Miss Susan Cassidy and is a member of her staff.

The course in eurythmics is designed to develop the eye, the ear and the motoric senses in order that the body may react naturally and by doing so express individual personality. The classes will first study the basic principles of posture and reaction to tempo. Slowly they will work into a series of body movements to various rhythms. These exercises, however, are more than a routine; they are comprehensive responses to tempo, phrasing, diminuendo and crescendo, using music or percussion instruments as the guide.

The aim of the course is to teach the correct posture directions of the body and degrees of speed. When these are mastered, a very definite control of the body is established.

Every girl at Bucknell is required to practice eurythmics for two hours each week.

PETERS ORGANIZES BOWLING CIRCUIT

THE intramural bowling league, which functioned so successfully last year, has again been organized under the leadership of "Hank" Peters.

Seven of the eight teams in the league are made up of students. Members of the faculty comprise the other team. Captains of the various teams are: Robert Peters, David Jones, Thomas Jenkins, Stanley Daugert. Al Wazeter, Kenneth Benner, John Gambold, and Professor Vorice B. Hall.

In order to stimulate more interest in the competition, prizes will be given to the winning teams and high scoring individuals at the end of the season.

CRYING CHORISTERS

AROUND about noon time on any Tuesday or Thursday the ear of the hurried passer-by will probably be greeted by the faint but unmistakable sound of voices raised in song emanating from the main lounge of Chase Hall.

Voila—what does he see—The Bucknell Junior College Choral Society—which is composed of men and women students who not only want to sing, but (what is more important), who can sing. There they sit caroling joyfully but always harmoniously, and beaming brightly, their leader who beams back even more brightly meanwhile keeping a stern eye on matters such as rhythm, tonal quality and the serious young tenor in the second row who inadvertently wanders off into the soprano part.

The passer-by has now departed and your reporter who has been standing attentively if unobtrusively in the background, steps forward to learn facts. We discover that Mr. Blankenship, the new director of the Choral Club, anticipates an extensive program and therefore, a successful season; that for the present the club will concentrate its energies upon simpler work so as to be well acquainted with the rudiments of choral work; that in the spring the chorus will display the results of its practice in a concert or musicale; that club members and director alike are looking forward with much anticipation to the first social event on the club calendar which will probably be an outing; and that new members are more than welcome—especially sopranos and tenors for which there is a crying (no pun intended) need.

The Y. M. C. A.

URGES

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ing Alleys Programs, etc.

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BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

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nated at the pivot post with Bill Atherholt last year, will probably cover the same position regularly this year. Bill Thomas, captain of this year's team and also one of last year's high scorers, will be in action this year. "Shorty" Thomas, who has two years of experience with the team, will also be available.

Outstanding among this year's new candidates are: Al Baker, former Nanticoke High School all-scholastic guard; Ed Gayewski, who was a member of Newport's state championship squad; Herman Propker, graduate of G. A. R. and Y. M. H. A. luminary; Bob Hopkins, ex-Meyers forward; John MacGuffie, West Pittston; Ed Laback, Kingston; Ivan Stamper, Youngstown, Ohio, and Bob Conway, Meyers.

This year's team will face one of the hardest schedules ever carded for a Bucknell team, meeting such outstanding teams as Long Island U. Frosh, St. Thomas Frosh, Colgate and Cornell Frosh, Wyoming Sem, Wyoming Polytechnical of Reading, Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A., Keystone Junior College, Albright Frosh of Reading, Bucknell U. Frosh, Syracuse U. Frosh and Susquehanna varsity.

The opener will be played against the Y. M. C. A. on the "Y" court, November 27.

Guiney, Campbell, Learch Should Cop Free Style, Backstroke Wins

WITH a host of excellent material turning out for the swimming team this year Coach "Slats" Obitz is confident that the Junior College is in for a very successful season in that division. Besides a good number of regulars from last year's team, the most promising array of freshman candidates since past years have responded.

Hold-overs from last year include co-captains Norman Costine and John Kasper. Others who have returned to see action in this sport of rapidly rising popularity in Bucknell Junior College are Robert Maguire, Charles Millard, Joe Brislin and Jack Mundry. These sophomores will be hard pressed by freshmen of unquestioned calibre, among whom are Arnold Learch, backstroker; John Guiney, a star in the 50- and 100-yard free-style, and James Campbell, former high school distance record-holder, who should cop first place in the 200-400-yard free style. Other promising freshman candidates include Melford Hyman, Albert French, Josef Ratajske and Robert Hopkins.

Changes have been made in the schedule printed in the first issue of *The BEACON*.

The corrected schedule for the 1938 season follows:

Jan. 7, Hazleton YMCA, at Hazleton.

Jan. 8, St. Thomas College, at home.

Jan. 14, Wilkes-Barre YMCA, at home.

Jan. 21, U. of P. Freshmen, at Philadelphia.

Jan. 28, Scranton YMCA, at home.

Feb. 5, Wyoming Seminary, at Scranton.

Feb. 12, St. Thomas College, at home.

March 5, Colgate Freshmen, at home.

Between February 12 and March 5, there are several open dates which may possibly be filled by Cornell and some New York City college.

The swimming team this year is a member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Swimming League of which Henry Peters is president. The schedule which has been arranged by Mr. Peters and Coach Obitz, should create some exciting interest in Bucknell Junior College as competition will be keen and the team's ability will be tested to the extreme. As Coach Obitz said, "With the incoming men to bolster up our team we should have a very successful season, provided that illness, which has handicapped my team and me in the past, does not put in an appearance."

Pointing to the future, Manager Warmkessel has admitted, "Things look pretty good."

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Literary-Minded Freshmen Record Hazing For Posterity

By L. S.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Heaven help me!

Dear Diary:

Sometimes I wonder whether I wasn't tricked into enrolling by being made to believe that this is an institution for learning. Sights of young men and women wearing heavy gloves on hot days, huge colored sun glasses on sunless days, bathing caps when a pool isn't in sight for blocks, and clanging bells for no sane reason, have all the earmarks of another well-known type of institution. Will hazing never cease?

Friday, October 1

Ye gods!

Dear Diary:

At the command of our superiors (in years, not mentality) we grimly marched lock-step to classes. Then we were forced to line up in front of Chase Hall and sing "How Dry I Am" to the accompaniment of mildly-hysterical voices yelling "Louder! Louder!" When we finally became hoarse our names were put down in those evil-looking notebooks for disobeying orders. I'm resolved to banish all freshman rules!

Tuesday, October 8

OOh!

Dear Diary,

Threats of "inquests," "court martials" and "juries to decide fate of Freshmen" are reaching our unwilling ears. Today I was measured for a barrel.

Wednesday, October 13

Horrors!

Dear Diary:

The bloody accounts of inquisition are too terrible to describe.

Friday, October 15

Dearest Diary:

Boy that was fun! Wait till it's our turn!

By P. A.

Monday—Dear Diary: Well, I guess we freshman better not be too fresh or else—into the little black inquisition book we go. Diary, I am just scared to death because my name is down so often—and if they think I am going to wear a bird cage, well they will just have to—well—they'll have to get me the bird cage, anyway.

Tuesday—Dear Diary: We freshman girls don't have a chance! You can't tell me that the rule about no cosmetics was not made up by the sophomore girls, who were afraid of competition (who wants any of their precious sophomore boys, anyhow?) They figure that "paintless we are harmless"—but oh, oh, ain't it the truth?

Wednesday—Dear Diary: Did I get back at public heckler No. 1. (Three guesses who it is—you're right the first time.) After I had sung the Alma Mater to him correctly—I asked him to tell me the words and believe it or not, he didn't know them!

Pell-Mell

Verses for Very Little People

PASSION

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going to classes, sir," she said.

"Have you some matches, my pretty maid?"

"I'm sorry I haven't, sir," she said.

"Then I can't love you, my pretty maid!"

"Nobody asked you, sir," she said.

TO BE CROONED IN A LOW
THROBBING VOICE

Hush-a-bye, baby, my cherub
Or you'll get hit with a cop's club.

Pelly welly delly all the day.
Hush-a-bye, baby, my freshman
You'll maybe get stuck in the can.

Pelly welly delly all the day.
Remember, my sweet, to be meek;

Remember to turn the other cheek.

He has the most intriguing pan
I ever saw on any man.

Hush-a-bye, baby, my gem.
We love him, yes, love him, our Clem

Clim, Clam, Clem,
Pelly welly delly all the day.

TOLERANT BODY SENTENCES FROSH

ON Friday, October 12, the freshman class came to grips with Fate and the sophomores. Fate willed it that they enter the class of '41 at B. U. J. C. and willed that they answer to charges of insubordination of one sort or another. We venture to compliment those who conducted the trial on their fine sense of integrity and their knowledge of the more intricate points of court procedure.

It is with much regret that we make note of the unethical conduct of the defendants and their attorney. Mr. MacDuffy has too often resorted to what is purely and simply perjury. We regret that the bar tolerates such actions. It is too bad that the defendants could not confine themselves to activities countenanced by the laws laid down by the sophomore class which is assuredly an able law-making body if there ever was one (and we think there was.). It is utterly deplorable that after flaunting these laws that they resorted to even more unlawful practices in order to acquit themselves.

States Attorney Pell, Judge Ford and the jury displayed remarkable tolerance in the face of the problem that confronted them.

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