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HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is a curious mixture of classical mythology and Christian superstition. It is one of the beliefs that dominated the religion of the Middle Ages, especially that of the Anglo-Saxons.

In England the peasants went about on Hallowe'en day from house to house singing songs and repeating verses. If their entertainment was well received, the peasants were given foodstuffs for a common feast. If their entertainment was bad, they were given foodstuffs also, but in a different manner.

On the night of Hallowe'en the family gathered about the fireplace to tell stories of adventure and supernatural beings. As the fire died out each member of the family would throw into the fireplace a stone marked by themselves. At daybreak if anything had happened to any stone, that person to whom it belonged would suffer during the year to come.

Today Hallowe'en is marked by broken fences, chalk marks, smashed windows, missing furniture, house to house canvassing and rowdyism. Much of the old spirit has been lost in the dim past, but some of the superstition has carried on. W. T.

CLUB NOTES

The German Club met in the Women's Lounge on Tuesday evening, October 13. Robert Bohn and Betty Fenton were elected to the Social Activities Committee. Plans for a party are under consideration.

At the first meeting of the Letterman's Club it was decided that luncheon meetings should be held monthly. A committee, composed of William Atherholt, Edward Davis, Donald McHugh and John Saricks will arrange for speakers of prominence in our local sports world.

Dr. Isaac Humphrey of Nanticoke, a Bucknell alumnus, spoke before the Pre-medical Club at its meeting on Oct. 15, on the topic of Appendicitis. Many questions followed his interesting address.

On Friday, Oct. 16th, the Engineering Club held its first meeting, for the purpose of organization. Business transacted included the election of Joseph Conlon and Clement Viglotti to represent the club on the Social Activities committee. Mr. Hall announced plans for inspection trips. The first of these trips will be made on Saturday, Nov.

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CLUB ANNOUNCES CONTEST

The Dramatics Club has decided to adopt a new name for its organization. In order to have a variety of names to select from, they have decided to promote a contest in which the entire student body can participate.

The final selection will be made for its originality and relationship to the whole dramatic group. A desirable award will be given to the person suggesting the most unique name.

Entry blanks may be secured at the office. The contest will be held for one week, starting Monday, November 2nd. Any number of entries may be submitted by one contestant. All entries must be in by Friday noon, November 6.

In order to create an objective and incentive for the Freshmen interested in Dramatics, the Sophomore members of the Dramatics Club have drawn up a tentative system of merits whereby Freshmen can obtain membership in the Dramatics Club.

As soon as the required number of merits is secured, a group of Freshmen will be initiated. It is planned to have the initiations take place several times throughout the year. Freshmen who desire to be admitted with the first quota should start working now.

THEY SAY THAT

Taylor is too far away for O'Malley to travel these days.

Astaire Hurley has found his Ginger Rogers for the dance.

D. J. took the Plymouth sophomore blonde home the other night.

I. S. just won't give the fellows a break.

A tall, good-looking Pre-Med is going to croon for the College Orchestra.

Four freshmen "act that way" about our best sophomore giggler.

The Wilkes-Barre Record has christened our institution "Bunk-knell College." We bow for the compliment—but was it intended?

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ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS

MISS HELEN HUNT

Miss Helen Hunt, on the faculty of Judson College, Rangoon University, Burma, and daughter of former President Hunt of Bucknell, addressed Assembly on October 13.

Education in Burma, said Miss Hunt, was neither compulsory nor free. Many languages and diverse racial groups complicate the situation. Despite this fact, and the native desire for greater use of the vernacular, English is the only language used from the fourth grade up. In Rangoon University the same method is found as in Oxford and Cambridge. The separate colleges, of which Judson is one, provide the teaching, while the University examines the students at the close of the sophomore and senior years and grants all degrees. There are no "make-up" examinations, and a student who fails in part of his field must take the whole field over again.

In view of the diversity of racial groups and religious beliefs the University of Rangoon offers an exceptional opportunity for learning how to discard prejudices. Nationalism, said Miss Hunt, was a very strong influence in Burma and the students of Rangoon were naturally considerably affected by that spirit.

J. D.

MR. VILLARD

Mr. Villard, descendant of William Lloyd Garrison of anti-slavery fame, and one-time owner and editor of the N. Y. *Evening Post* and the *Nation*, spoke on Peace at a special assembly, held Friday, Oct. 16.

Quoting both Presidential candidates as favoring American neutrality, Mr. Villard claimed that the President's powers in war-making had been

steadily growing for some generations. He declared that Wilson had put the United States into a state of war against other nations more than once before the declaration of war against the Central Powers.

Armaments producers and those who sell the materials of war to belligerent nations bring immense pressure to bear on any President when foreign wars arise. Only the strong "will to peace" of the whole nation would enable a President to resist such pressure, Mr. Villard concluded. W. H. C.

Prof. Hall: "What is the measure for electricity."

Edward Davis: (waking up) "What?"

Professor Hall: "Correct."

Dr. Farley (In Assembly): "Order, please!"

Voice (from rear of hall): "Ham sandwich."

THANKSGIVING DANCE

Another College Dance is being planned for the night of Wednesday November 25th. Students! Put this date in your note-books!

CLUB NOTES

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7, and includes a visit to the Franklin Institute and Planetarium at Philadelphia. The members of the group will leave late Friday night or early Saturday, and visit the Institute Saturday morning and afternoon. A transportation committee headed by Gardner will arrange transportation. An invitation is extended to the student body, and anyone who can furnish a car for the trip is requested to communicate with the committee. The club's program also includes inspection trips to local industries.

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He knew the majesty of temples to the sun,
 The set of temples' shadows when the day was done.
 He breathed the heavy, sleepy air of rare incense,
 And here he lies in eminence.
 And in his rigid, claw-like fingers holds a gem
 Embossed and cut to seem a bud without a stem.
 Here all around the dim-lit tomb stand silent shapes
 Of grinning, guarding apes. *idol* B. D. F.

FRESHMAN LIST ADDITIONS

Since September 10 the following freshmen have been registered:

Lincoln High School, Brooklyn, N. Y., Soterios Touris.

Hazleton High School, George Baran.

Luzerne High School, William H. Thomas.

Fairview Township High, Mountain Top, John J. Patrick.

Nanticoke High School, Vincent Mickewicz, Lillian Morgan.

Plains High School, Russell Bilby.

Central High, Scranton, Elsa Feigenbaum.

Tunkhannock High School, Marian Clark.

Wilkes-Barre: Coughlin, Joseph Drier, Ruth Rosner; G. A. R., Michael Shard; Meyers, Anne Reinecker; St. Mary's, John Neary.

The editors regret the incorrect spelling of the following Freshmen in the previous issue.

George N. Beiswinger, Charles G. Golob, Robert Maguire, George Spurr, Jr.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB

The success of the Economics Club luncheons last year demands some kind of similar organization for the coming year. It has been suggested that a slightly wider group might be interested if all three of the social sciences, Economics, History and Sociology, were included. In order to get the ball rolling a Social Science luncheon has been arranged for Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Y. M. C. A. Rabbi Wolk will be the guest speaker.

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HUMOR

What the College needs is:

Fewer, thinner and smaller books.

Lounging robes and candy in the lounges.

Cocoa cola at the fountains.

High chairs for the Profs. so that they won't be falling off the desks.

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Mr. Faint: "Donald, what was that lesson about yesterday?"

McHugh: "This is a fine time to ask me."

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Dr. Crook: "What do you know about Solomon?"

Answer: "He was the guy who pulled down the pillars of the Temple to drive out the money changers."

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Dr. Churchill: "Give me a synonym for betrothal"

Answer: "Betrayal."

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Frosh: (Showing toothbrush in lapel) "This is my college pin."

Soph: "What college?"

Frosh: "Colgate".



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 As we leave Thy guiding spirit
 To prove our way as men,
 We'll take thy mem'ry with us,
 To help us to the end.

Thou hast led us onward
 In search of finer heights.
 May we leave no mem'ry
 To mar thy spirit bright.
 May our deeds and deep devotion
 To one we love so well,
 Stay with thee for others.
 Oh Bucknell, dear Bucknell!

WANTED! A SONG TITLE

Cudgel your wits, Bucknellians, for a good title to our new College song, printed on our last page. Mrs. Eugene Farley has composed the words and music. It is up to the rest of us to find a good title. Best suggestions will be published.

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