

## WELCOME FRESHMEN

### GREETINGS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The character of a college is determined not only by its faculty and its standards of instruction, but by its student body. We are delighted this year to welcome an outstanding Freshman Class. While in high school you have done excellent work; we anticipate that you will continue to do outstanding work while you are with us at Bucknell.

Although the Junior College is young, a high standard of scholarship has been set, and it is our hope that each succeeding class will raise this standard.

There are other standards, however, with which Bucknell is equally concerned. Education is not a matter of intellect alone, but is also concerned with the development of character and the formation of fine ideals. During your two years with us, you may develop personal qualities that will add to your happiness and increase your value to your community and to your country. Through your associations at Bucknell finer standards will be created. May all of us have the strength to adhere to these standards.

What I have said may seem to be in a serious vein; the thing that I really want to say is that we are delighted to have you with us, and we look forward to working with you during the next two years.

Dr. Eugene Farley.

### VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AID STUDENT STUDY

#### Heating Plant Installed at Chase Hall

Larger accommodations and increased facilities are the result of the past summer's work in the two buildings of Bucknell Junior College.

Improvements to Conyngham Hall, including renovations and painting of several rooms, have been completed. Workmen yesterday put the finishing touches on the newly enlarged lecture room on the third floor.

A new heating plant has been installed in Chase Hall and additional work in the cafeteria and lounges was finished last week.

The repainting and redecorating of the reception room in Chase Hall are among the many improvements completed earlier in the summer.

## TEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

A "LUCKY 13"



### PRES. MARTS, Dr. FARLEY ADDRESS ASSEMBLIES

#### New Junior Collegians are Advised to Stand Firm and "Grasp Every Opportunity"

Addresses by President Arnaud C. Marts of Bucknell University, and Dr. Eugene Farley, director of Bucknell Junior College, featured the opening of Freshman Week exercises which came to a close with open house in the College theatre on Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Farley, speaking to the members of the Freshman class assembled in the college theatre on on South River Street, contrasted the change in different generations and urged the students to grasp every opportunity in these changing time that will lead to self-improvement. He stressed the importance of setting an ideal and maintaining faith in "ourselves and others." He declared the "challenge of uncertainty" is facing the youth of America daily and that only through study can confidence be gained.

Greetings to the new students were extended by President Marts. After congratulating the students for having advanced so far in the field of learning, he stated that college is for those who are to rise above the others. President Marts told the students to set their course and follow it through "regardless of opposing winds."

He cited an example in Abraham Lincoln's life as an example of preparedness for the time when "your chance comes." In the future, Mr. Marts prophesied, historians will be writing that on September 1, 1939, when Europe embarked on a second World War, the center of civilization shifted to the Western Hemisphere. This, he claims, is a challenge to our youth to make a better world, since the leadership of civilization will be entrusted to them.

### FRESHMAN EYE-TESTS GIVEN

#### Corrective Measures Advised For Sight Improvement.

Dr. William Policoff, Wilkes-Barre optometrist and a graduate of the University of Scranton, University of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania College of Optics and Ophthalmology, completed his research work in the "diagnosis and correction of reading disabilities" among members of the Freshman Class on Monday.

Tests, which started the early part of last week, were given daily to about twenty-five new students at the Junior College. Dr. Policoff has examined more than one hundred students since he commenced the research at the Junior College.

Freshmen were given the Gray oral reading test and through the medium of an Ophthalmograph, a comprehensive analysis of the student's ability to read silently, the speed of the reading, the number of fixations (per hundred words), regressions, and binocular efficiency were determined.

Corrective measures have been instituted by Dr. Policoff where defective reading has been noted.

Dr. Policoff explained that scientific data shows that some of the more common types of reading disability are not due to disturbance of vision but rather in the student's failure to read correctly.

### DARTE SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED TO TWO SOPHOMORE STUDENTS

#### Eight Freshmen Win Honors

Ten Bucknell Junior College students have been announced as beneficiaries of scholarship awards.

Dr. Eugene Farley announced today that Robert Connelly, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Connelly of Kingston, and David Secunda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Secunda of Newport Township have received scholarships donated by Mrs. Franck Darte, Junior College trustee, to honor students of last semester's Freshman Class.

Eight members of the Freshman Class have been announced as winners of competitive examinations conducted several months ago. They are Harvey M. Wruble, Kingston High School; Ferris Miller, West Pittston High School; Julius Mandlovitz, Edwardsville High School; Ruth Lynn, Nanticoke High School; Betty Schornstein, Forty Fort High School; Lillian Rosen, Elinor Smuylan, and Jane Nagro, all of Meyers High School.

### PILOTS WILL BE TRAINED HERE

Bucknell Junior College has been selected to participate in the Civilian Pilot Training program now being inaugurated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority at Washington.

This means that the college is ready to accept registrants for training in the flight course for the academic year 1939-40. Students will receive a private pilot's certificate of competency upon successful completion of the course.

Dr. Farley said the college will co-operate with local Chamber of Commerce and Airport officials to get the training program underway by October 1 when ground school classes are expected to begin at the college. Flight instruction will be given at the airport between October 15 and November 1.

By Co-operative arrangements between the college and CAA students will pay a laboratory fee of about \$40 to cover cost of medical examination, 24-hour insurance coverage of \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment, and \$50 hospitalization and medical reimbursement.

Students eligible must be citizens of United States and between 18 and 25 and must not have had any solo flight experience.

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## EDITORIALS

### GETTING A CULTURAL BACKGROUND. . .

Of more than passing significance last semester was the failure of students to acquaint themselves with the BUJC Library. Circulation of books was low, and newspapers and periodicals received little attention from the students.

We hear continuous talk about acquiring a cultural background as if it were something passed out in a little package along with one's diploma.

The biggest single agency for getting a wide background is books and Junior Collegians are particularly fortunate in having a well-stocked library at their disposal.

Most students have discovered the value of the Library as a reference tool but they seem to be either unaware or completely disinterested in the library's other possibilities.

Current events can be reviewed and an insight on national affairs gained through constant perusal of the Library's newspapers and magazines.

True, the periodicals are, for the most part, in stacks but they are always on call and the library assistants are more than willing to be of service.

Use the Library as a source of pleasure and incidentally improve yourself culturally.

### DEMOCRACY. . .

Perhaps the best definition of the ethical concept which is sadly neglected these days was expressed by Thomas Parker when he said, "Democracy means not 'I'm as good as you are,' but 'you're as good as I am.'"

We who hold this democratic concept—do we live by this way of life?

Were we on this stricken globe to practice this, we would find a real solution to our political and social problems.

### GUESS WHAT? ANOTHER BRISLIN

Thomas Brislin, graduate of the Meyer's High School, is the third member of the Brislin family to enroll at Bucknell Junior College.

Tommy's older brother Joe, was a member of the Junior College swim team. He is completing his college studies at the University of Scranton.

Mary, a sister, is entering her second year at BUJC. She is a swimmer too.

Tommy is expected to uphold the aquatic reputation of the Brislin family when Coach Obitz starts the swim team to action.

### IT'S HERE TO STAY

Jack O'Malley offers his "appealment policy".

He would like it known, once and for all, that he has prepared a limited budget for the school term, and will be unable to support the financial obligations of his many "friends" for the next ten months.

The fortunate individuals who 'worked' the sympathies of O'Malley last semester for their weekly portions of cigarettes will have to turn elsewhere this semester.

O'Malley's budget is self-styled—for O'Malley's use only.

## "In the Good Old Summertime . . ."

### EVERYONE WAS BUSY--DIRECTOR BUYS FARM MUSIC PROF PLANS "BIGGER AND BETTER" BACH FESTIVAL ON POCONO MOUNTAIN ESTATE

#### Librarian Visits Europe; Sangiuliano Tours West

Spending the summer abroad, Miss Elizabeth Klinedinst, librarian, encountered many thrilling experiences. The excitement in London caused by practice air raid drills, "blackouts", etc., were among the many high lights of the journey. Before departing from the Junior College in June, Miss Klinedinst was dubious as to making the trip abroad because of the then gathering war clouds. Determined to visit England, she made the trip with a friend, Miss Claudia Montague of Scarsale, New York. The couple returned to the United States on September 6, thrilled by the spectacular events in Europe but nevertheless unharmed.

In his second annual report to the Board of Trustees of BUJC, Dr. Eugene Farley reported that comparative data from 355 colleges show that the students of the Junior College possess greater scholastic ability than do the students in more than seventy per cent of these colleges.

Prof. Elwood Disque, who returns to the Junior College this year, completed his studies for a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Marriage of Miss Barbara A. Ryerson, instructor of French and English at the Junior College, to Michael H. Harper of New York, took place at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eugene C. Ryerson, Worcester, Massachusetts.

John J. Emanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Emanski of Forty Fort, was admitted to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is a graduate of Bucknell Junior College.

Aiding in the direction of the Children's Home Center Camp at Noxen during the warm weather was Robert Hopkins, BUJC grad, who, incidentally was the first man in the history of the social institution to direct the summer-time activities of the youngsters. Bob will continue his studies at Lewisburg.

Dr. Eugene Farley purchased a farm in the Back Mountain region, and Prof. Gies, contemplating a bigger and better Bach Festival, vacationed at his Pocono Mountain Estate.

Miss Norma Sangiuliano, touring the west, gathered information on stage work and in other dramatic phases, which she will present to her dramatic arts classes with the opening of sessions this week.

Another marriage of local significance was that of Miss Mary Reiff of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Dr. Arthur Bernhart, assistant professor of mathematics at the Junior College. Mr. and Mrs. Bernhart are residing at 230 South River Street.

Attending his first military Jack Mangan, BUJC sophomore and member of the swimming team, made an unusual record for himself. Jack, in winning a medal for military conduct and efficiency offered by the Military Training Camps Association and also a medal for excellence in citizenship awarded by the Civilian club of Baltimore, won high regard among his fellow civilian soldiers at camp Meade, Maryland where he was stationed.

### THE SIGNS READ "No Parking"

Wilkes-Barre City authorities will again this year enforce the parking regulations on River street to the nth degree.

Freshmen are advised to heed the parking signs that are posted on both sides of the thoroughfare between Market and South Streets.

Parking time is unlimited in unrestricted zones. No parking is permitted on the east side of River street. Parking limits are marked on the west side of the street and in order to avoid a fine it is advisable to stay within the limits prescribed.

The Director of the Junior College also requests students to refrain from parking on the side or in the rear of Conyngham Hall. The same rule applies to open space in the rear of Chase Hall.

The Second floor has been reserved for smoking and recreation.

Upperclassmen are asked to comply with this new ruling, thereby setting a good example for the Freshmen to follow.

# SWIMMERS WILL BE SEEKING NEW RECORD THIS SEASON

## Obitz Has Only 2 Veterans Back As Tough Schedule Is Arranged

The Bison Tank Team will be out to establish a record for future teams to shoot at when they get underway this season. Last year under the captaincy of John Guiney, the best swimmer ever to register at the River Street Institution, they finally won their first contest and then went on to make it two straight for the Season.

In 1936-37 swimming was established as a major sport at the Junior College, with Wayne Gardner as captain. The team met some of the best College frosh teams in this section of the country but failed to win any of its contests, which was due more to lack of sufficient material than anything else.

The following season, John Kasper and Norman Costine were co-captains and with a much stiffer schedule than the preceding year, they were forced to remain in the ranks of the defeated aggregations. The bright spot of the season was the undefeated record of John Guiney, then a Freshman, who participated in twenty freestyle sprints in ten meets and won all of them. Guiney was elected captain for the 1938-39 season and it was under him that the Bucknelians won their first and second meets. The first win was over the Scranton University Varsity and the second over Franklin and Marshall Academy.

Only two lettermen from last year's squad will return to school this fall, John Mangan, a breast stroker and Kenneth Cranston a middle distance swimmer. Coming in with this year's freshmen will be Joseph Slamon, a back-stroker who won his letter at Meyers High School last year and from whom much will be expected this year. Another former Meyers High swimmer, Tom Brislin, also will be out for a place on the team. He is one of the best prospects ever to enroll at Bucknell. It was only because of illness that he did not compete at Meyers last season. An older brother Joseph was a member of the first Bison team and Tom will be out to uphold the record set up by his brother.

Many of the new enrollees will undoubtedly possess plenty of ability in aquatics but because of retiring natures will have to be found out through the medium of class periods in swimming. Ed Labak, who captained the baseball nine last year, has stated that he will be out for the swimming team. If he has anywhere near as much ability in swimming as he has shown in baseball he will be a welcome addition to the squad. John Jenkins of Taylor also possesses swimming possibilities but will not have a chance to prove it

as Thomas has him spotted for the cage squad.

A few new teams have been added to this year's schedule and as usual, the swimmers did not pick their spots as the new foes are all noted for the quality of their tank teams. Cornell Frosh, C. C. N. Y. and Lafayette are the new additions.

The season will open on Dec. 9, with Syracuse Frosh at Syracuse. 14, C. C. N. Y. at New York City. January 6, 1940, University of Pennsylvania Frosh at Philadelphia. 12, Cornell Frosh at Ithaca, N. Y. 19, Wyoming Seminary at home. 20, Lafayette Frosh at home. Dates following the ones mentioned are pending and will be against Franklin and Marshall Academy at home, C. C. N. Y. at home. Scranton University, home and home, Wilkes-Barre Y.M.C.A. home and Colgate University Frosh.

The team will be coached by Clarence "Slatz" Obitz, who will be starting his fourth year as the Bison mentor. Don't forget if you are interested in swimming, be sure to contact the coach at the earliest possible moment.

## Three Man Bowling Teams to be Formed

The much talked of bowling league will start its fourth year of intra-mural competition with a complete change in league teams and rosters. Instead of the usual five-man team composed of members picked at random, a series of three-man teams selected from the social Studies, Engineers, Education, Commerce and Finance, and A. B. groups will go to make up two six-team leagues to operate on Monday and Wednesday afternoons on the Y. M. C. A. alleys.

The faculty team, composed of Messers. Hall, Tasker, Schuyler, Bernhart and Thomas, winners of the Intra-mural crown last year, will not enter this fall, leaving the league open to student competition.

The following are holdovers from last year's league: A. B.'s John Bush, Steve Gacha, Robert Patton, Adam Voyton, and Joseph Kornblatt; Commerce and Finance: John Dooley, Ray Eaton, Charles Fehlinger, Earl Haeefe, Wesley Hershkowitz, Merle Seeherman, and John Stanchak; Engineers: Jack Berry, Paul Padlick, Charles Piatt, Eugene Rogers, Clarence Steinert, and Al Switch. There are no students in the education group returning.

A reorganization meeting will be called with notices to be posted on the various bulletin boards.

## --BUCKNELL PATTERN--

As another school term rolls around, upperclassmen are looking forward to a successful season in sports. Last year's freshman class produced many good athletes and if the incoming class duplicates, Junior College teams will be tough to stop.

The coaching staff is intact from last season. Clarence "Slatz" Obitz, who was an outstanding athlete in high school, will be starting his fourth year as swimming coach. He is one of the foremost figures in the sport in the valley and is responsible for the increased interest in swimming throughout this section in the last few years.

The other three leaders, Walter "Shorty" Thomas in basketball, Joe Curley in baseball and Steve Gacha in boxing and wrestling, got their first starts here last year. However, Thomas assisted Hank Peters, former coach who is now working in the physical education department at the University and studying for his master's degree at the same time, while a member of the varsity team.

Curley knows his baseball, having played with many teams in

these parts. He kept in condition during the summer by pitching two softball teamsto championships. Gacha engaged in a few fights outside of the city during the vacation period.

As far as the coaches are concerned, Junior College teams should hold a top rating since the mentors are well experienced and know their sports thoroughly. However, lack of material plagues the teams year after year. When athletes do not have to fight hard to gain a place on the varsity, they are lax in their training and it shows up in competition. For example only enough students turned out for the swim team at one time to round out the squad. The coach did not have a chance of cutting or shifting since the performers were not available. As a result the boys were not forced to earn a place on the team.

With more good athletes entering the school each year, competition for starting assignments promises to be keen and we should see some good results this year.

## Lettermen To Have First Meeting Oct. 3

The Lettermen's Club again leads the others with its first meeting of the 1939-40 season scheduled for Tuesday, October 3. The program will include a short business meeting; an address of welcome by Dr. Roy C. Tasker, faculty adviser of athletics; and motion pictures.

A special invitation has been issued to the following sophomore students who participated in some form of athletics during the past year to attend the meeting: Lee Wazeter, Jack Mangan, Victor Urban, John Dooley, Earl Haeefe, David Secunda, Wayne Swanbery, John Kuschel, Edward Labak, Charles Templeton, Jack Smith, David Evans, Jack Batey, Stephen Gacha, John Bush, Kenneth Cranston, Charles Fehlinger, Robert Most, Raymond Eaton, Edward Roberts, Albert Stets, Paul Trebilcox, James Aikman, Jack Berry, Wesley Hershkowitz, Donald Kersteen, Robert Patton, and Clarence Steinert as well as all freshmen students who are interested in any line of athletics.

Kenneth Cranston, President, has enlisted the aid of a special committee to make arrangements for luncheon meetings to be held in the Y. M. C. A. It comprises David Evans, Lee Wazeter, John Dooley, and Earl Haeefe, representing swimming, wrestling, baseball, and basketball.

## All Teams Expect To Have Banner Season

The physical education department will again play a major part in the everyday life of the Junior College student. . . A program of intra-mural, inter-class, and regular class period activities consisting of competition in volleyball, handball, bowling, ping-pong, billiards, wrestling, basketball, softball, and archery will fulfill the needs and interests of all male students.

Considerable interest will be centered around the wrestling program. . . Though still in its infancy here, enough interest has been shown to select a varsity team from all intra-mural competition this fall for matches with neighboring schools. . . Lee Wazeter, Paul Trebilcox, Ed Roberts, Al Stets, and Dave Evans are among those returning this fall who won honors in the intra-mural tournament.

Something new in the way of bowling will be tried out this fall when the season gets under way. . . Instead of the usual five-man team, there will be a three-man team. . . Two separate leagues of six teams will operate, the winners of each league to engage in a play-off series. . . The faculty team, long the nemesis of all student teams, will not enter into intra-mural competition this year. . . They say that there isn't enough competition. . . Oh yeah!

## Freshmen "Grin and Bear It" . . . Many Have Very Interesting Hobbies

### Even a Goldfish Swallower Among the Initiates

All in all, the Freshmen are taking their medicine like real college men and women. (Heaven help those, who are belligerent.)

Since Wednesday morning the new college students have been the targets of upperclassmen.

Rubber aprons, dinks, buckets for books, odd shoes, and divers other requirements are being enforced rigidly by the Sophomores.

Sophomore class officers will conduct an inquisition at the end of the prescribed "initiation period" and the guilty students will be penalized.

Aside from custom, the initiation requirements seemed more than interesting this year. The hobbies of many of the Freshmen are varied and interesting. Several horseback riders, a few "sleepers", and even a "singer" have enrolled here.

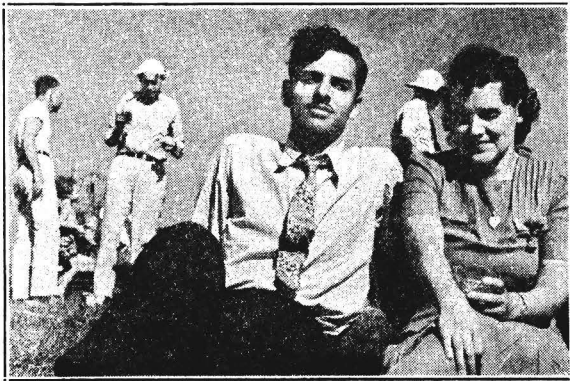
Surprising of all is the fact that a "gold-fish swallower" is in our midst. Subsequently he will display his collegiate spirit.

### WITH THE ALUMNI

Majority of Bucknell Junior College graduates who finished two years of work in June will begin studies at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, today.

Those who will begin their Junior year include Genevieve Brennan, Jacob Murray Edelman, Rose Frantz, Robert Graham, Dorothy Hughes, Abraham Mandlovitz, Marion Martin, Julia Place, Dorothy Smailes, Wilbur Troy, William Dowdell, Robert Kerr, Milton Goldstein, Robert Hopkins, Dudley James, Marguerite Kraskevich, Robert Nagle, Alfred Ringstron, Robert Royer, Darina Tuhy, Christine White-man, Carl Matukeitis, Frank Donnelly, William Morton, Stanley Henning, Philip McCabe, Philip Netzel, and Joseph Vlodowski.

## Faculty Frolic Before Work Begins. . . .



The Bucknell Junior College faculty and members of their families held their first reunion of the school year at the Director's farm in the Back Mountain section. It was a glorious occasion—the celebration having as one of its main events, the welcoming home of two members of the faculty who married during the vacation season. To the left, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernhart are pictured in a candid shot as they watched the festivities. In the rear can be seen Dr. David Brown, clad in picnic attire—while nearby Dr. Roy Tasker is observing the beautiful scenery surrounding the Farley summer home.



"Rare or well done"—that was the call for dinner and none other than Dr. Farley himself was in the "kitchen" supervising the preparation of the "hamburgs". It's rare that hamburgs are "well done" but in this case the faculty found the repast quite enjoyable. There were other delicacies too which the wives of the faculty members prepared. "Tempting and delicious" were the words Dr. Tasker used in commenting on the dinner. Professor Paul Gies, a cook in his own right, complimented those responsible for the eatables.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harper, shown at the left, were also present. While congratulations were being offered, the newlyweds managed to obtain a little snack. The picnic continued throughout the day and everyone had a "grand time."

## THE COLLEGE BOOK STORE AND CAFETERIA

Supplies

Open



Pennants

11 a. m. To

Jewelry

2:30 p. m.

Chase Hall