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## YOUTH AT THE HELM?

The "Youth Movement" is rapidly spreading around the world. It is a commonly known fact that the youth of Germany, Italy, Russia, France, Spain, and China are playing an important part in the dynamic social movements which are turning Europe and Asia upside down.

Youth in the United States have caught the fever. Strong organizations are springing up all over the country, and are already actively participating in public affairs. The largest and most important of these organizations is the American Youth Congress, which claims a membership of approximately two million young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five.

The Congress is comprised of various and diversified groups, including religious, educational, labor, agricultural, and political factions, the latter ranging from the Young Republican League to the Young Communist League. All these bodies have overlooked their differences of opinion and have joined hands in a united front of youth of America against war, fascism, unemployment, and racial discrimination.

The Third American Congress, held at Cleveland, Ohio, last summer, issued "A declaration of Rights of American Youth," the first paragraph of which characterizes the whole movement. "We declare that our generation is rightfully entitled to a useful, creative, and happy life, the guarantees of which are: full educational opportunities, steady

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## NOTED COACH TO SPEAK

On Tuesday, February 12, at Rooney's Restaurant, the Letterman's Club will be honored by having as their guest speaker, Mr. Edward Brominski, coach of Plymouth High School.

Mr. Brominski is known to all Wyoming Valley fans for his fine playing for Columbia in the Rose Bowl in 1934 against Stanford. He played no small part in the victory over Stanford in one of the best games ever held in the Rose Bowl. Although he has been coach at Plymouth for a short time, the teams there have shown a marked improvement and are sure to be heard from next year. Mr. Brominski will tell of some of his experiences.

The Letterman's Club asks all men students to turn out for the important luncheon.

## A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE?

JOSEPH BRISLIN

(The *Beacon* is a journal of student opinion as well as student news. From time to time it will print stimulating and provocative articles for the purpose of arousing thought and discussion among its readers. The opinions expressed in these articles are not necessarily those of the editors.)

With the recent advent of Bucknell Junior College in Wyoming Valley a large number of students have found it possible to proceed toward a higher education which otherwise they might not have been able to acquire. The advantages of the Junior College in this connection are not few in number.

Many students, however, still find it impossible to complete their college career because they lack the funds necessary to finance the two remaining years away from home. Others, with positions in the Valley, feel it inadvisable to sacrifice these positions, even if they were able to do so financially.

A two year institution suffers from a deficiency in the courses which can be offered. The alternation of courses provides many students with headaches when they try to plan their class schedules. There is a certain lack in class-rooms, lecture halls and athletic facilities.

I propose the enlargement and betterment of the Junior College. The size of our community merits at least one four year institution of higher learning. In many cases the student's parents are well on in years. With a four year institution they would be

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## BUCKNELL JUNIOR THESPIANS

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, a meeting of the dramatic club, recently named B. Jr. Thespians, by Ed Zurek, was held and committees for the forth coming major production were appointed. Publicity, Huddy Morgan; tickets and programs, Ben Davis; costuming, Marjory Honeywell; properties and furniture, Bideth Davies; lighting, Lilly Morgan, Bud O'Malley, Bill Atherholt, Frank Sgarlat, George Sauer, and Fred Miller; scenery, Ed Zurek, Stanley Daugert and Joseph Wesley.

The name of the play is *The Importance of Being Ernest* by Oscar Wilde. It will probably be given the second week-end in February and it is hoped that two performances can be given, one on Friday night and one on Saturday.

## SCOOPING THE SCANDAL

We are in favor of Anti-Feud Week—Perhaps Jean Moss and Ben Davis will talk to each other a whole week without scrapping—This also goes for Brislin and Mary Judge.

Pun of the week: There's nothing Spurr-ious about George's and Edith's love affair.

First it was Hurley, then Gallagher. Now it's Dave Smith, who pays attention to Blondie Jones at the tea dances.

Betty Fenton carries about with her a North 56th Street address, West Phila. Want to make her blush? Then ask her about it.

Wonder why Buddy Morgan wanted to have the dance on February 9. Oh no, it has nothing to do with a friend of hers being home from Cornell.

Millard and O'Malley drove their girl friends down to Lewisburg the other week-end. You know it would be awfully nice to have them go to school there, too.

Ed Zurek wanted a part in the forthcoming production of the Dramatics Club, but he thought he would be too nervous as long as a certain freshman girl was in it also.

Better open your eyes, Bill Atherholt. There's a certain sophomore girl who thinks you're not bad, not bad. Here's a lead—she's in the C. and F. course.

Al Shafer took Bideth to the Demolay dance. Certainly had us fooled, Bideth. We thought your affections were for another freshman.

Leo Simoson's sister (who seems to like Henry Johnson) needn't worry about Henry's ever being late, what with all those clocks and watches around.

That's all for this time, folkses—except this pert thought—"It's better to have lived and loved, than only to have read about it."

### BUFFALOED!

(The Public Health Officer of Buffalo, N. Y., recently declared that the Influenza epidemic would be considerably reduced if all kissing were forbidden for a while.)

One kiss will breed ten sneezes, so they say!

Quit kissing and keep the Flu away.

"Says who?" the youngsters answer with a grin,

"Oh flu-ey! Sneezing ain't no sin!"



## NORMAN COSTINE

Seventeen years ago in that great city of Nashville, Tennessee was born one who was destined to become a lover of nature and of outdoor life—Norman Costine. Norman's early life was more or less varied for when he was nine years old his family moved to Wyoming, Pa., where Norman attended the Wyoming Public Schools, later transferring to Kingston High School and there engaging in numerous activities, namely: Triple A Club, Biology Club and Engineers' Club. This year is Norman's first at the Junior College and his popularity is evident in his election as president of the Freshman Class and his selection as a delegate from the Junior College to the recent convention of College students at Bloomsburg.

Norman is also a member of the swimming team and a member of the Student Council.

Norman's greatest hobby is "Nature in the Raw"—camp life, hunting and fishing. His highest ambition is to enter West Point next year and enter the air corps there. Norman is also headed for South America this summer, where he has secured a position in an oil-field.

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## HELEN SHARPE MORGAN

Known to her friends as "Huddy", Helen Sharpe Morgan graduated in '35 from Wilkes-Barre Institute with flying colors, holding first place in her class. She started as a wee tot at the Institute. Her French instruction began in her first year. If you should fancy yourself as a good French student, listen to Huddy for a moment and change your mind!

Helen took an active part in Institute activities as assistant manager of the Basketball team, member of the Hockey team and of the Year Book staff, and a warbler in the Glee Club. With a 99% mark on a Chemistry test, rumor had it that Huddy would spend her life with test tubes and broken glass . . . ask her why she changed her mind on Chemistry!

Her classmates described her as "quietest, most innocent, greatest man hater" (hasn't she changed!) and as "most domestic." For that last we can vouch . . . try her meat-loaf.

At Bucknell Huddy was a member of the Glee Club and on the executive board of the Economics Club in her freshman year. This year she's Secretary of the Student Council, a member of Beta Gamma Chi, contributing editor of the *Beacon* and member of the Dramatics Club. When any one

## DEBATING

Friday, January 13, proved a busy day in the life of the Junior College forensic society. On this day the local team traveled to Lewisburg to compete against the campus in a dual debate. In the afternoon Morris Reishstein and Leon Rokosz upheld the negative side of the proposition, Resolved: "That Congress should be empowered to fix the minimum wages and maximum hours for industry."

Ralph Johnston and Donald McHugh defended the affirmative side of the same proposition in the evening. Both Junior College teams made an excellent showing against the representatives of our mother university.

In their verbal combat, the local boys were encouraged by a large number of fans who traveled to Lewisburg for the event.

This year an innovation is being made in the debating society. Plans are now under way for the formation of a women's debating team. This is the first time in the history of the college that the feminine sex has formed a debating team. Any woman desiring to join should get in touch with either Dr. Churchill or Ralph Johnston.

The women are definitely scheduled to debate Elizabethtown College at Elizabethtown on February 2. Invitations have been extended to several other colleges.

The men's debating team has an ambitious program for the remainder of the season. February 4th, the team will debate Scranton-Keystone Junior College at Scranton. February 10 Bucknell University will come to Wilkes-Barre for a dual debate. February 12 the team will travel to State College. Later the Junior College will debate New York University, both at New York and at Wilkes-Barre. Negotiations are in progress for the scheduling of debates with several other Colleges.

wants anything done the cry is raised "Where's Huddy?" and round the corner comes Helen with a smile and the Student Council note-book.

## Y. M. C. A.

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## OPINION

Every other day the question seems to arise as to whether there is going to be an international conflict in Europe. Then invariably the question follows: "If there is a war in Europe will America be drawn into it?" Many reasons will then be given why America will or will not enter. According to tradition America will enter the next war. Or will this be the exception to the rule?

If President Roosevelt's neutrality acts are obeyed they will eliminate one reason for war. But the strongest urge still remains—that of sentiment. Either by hopes or by fears we shall be lined upon one side or the other, then we shall fail to be level headed and the inevitable will result. From sentiment grows public opinion and public opinion can make us go to war or remain at home. There is little chance that in our generation at least that America will be attacked by a European nation—so it will be America who will wage war. Sometimes we become quite bored by all discussions of war. It may seem remote now, but when it does occur it will be more real to us than to any one else. It will be our generation who will sacrifice and suffer. So let us show the nation through **PUBLIC OPINION** that we wish to keep our minds and bodies for the preservation of our ideals and not for their destruction.

## THINK BEFORE VOTING

In a few weeks elections will be held to select the presidents of the Freshman and Sophomore classes for the second semester. It is hoped that persons of responsibility will be chosen by students who will carefully form their own opinions as to the merits of the different candidates. For a college student to be influenced and carried along by the opinions and sentiments of others, rather than by his own judgments, is childish. Some part of his mental makeup is as yet undeveloped. His mental capacity is much the same as when he, as a mere child, was forced to rely on the reasoning of his parents. Surely along with an increasing physical development, there should be a corresponding mental development, yet when the matters such as class elections come up many students are controlled by the judgments of others. Many students accept as true all that their comrades tell concerning the worthiness of candidates without the slightest thought on their own part. If you are real college students, show it by "thinking for yourself" in the selection of officers for the second semester.

## WHAT BUCKNELL NEEDS

When approached concerning the question "What do you think about Bucknell University Junior College, its building, and its facilities?" the boys responded with a wide variety of interesting opinions. Some offer helpful suggestions while others are merely humorous, but all are distinctive.

A member of the sophomore class and a prominent debater in college, Leon Rokosz, has some very definite ideas concerning the subject. He said, "A school is what you make it. As far as I am concerned, the school building is only a shelter from the rain, snow, and sun. What goes on inside is an altogether different matter. If there is anything wrong anywhere in the Junior College, why blame the building? Perhaps the persons complaining are the only things wrong with the school."

Edward Davis, captain of the basketball team, regrets the fact that the school lacks a campus. He feels that the college should buy the parking spaces which stand on each side of the building and make them into a campus.

Frank Drexinger, an engineering student, expressed himself as follows. "The college should gradually increase its number of laboratories until it can provide a four-year Engineering course for the students of Wyoming Valley. As it is, there are some courses given to sophomores at Lewisburg which students cannot take up here because of the lack of shops."

Joseph Boyle of the Class of '39 thinks that scholarships should be awarded to athletes of the

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**"BILL" THOMAS**

RIGHT: Bill is one of the few consistent point-getters for the team. He is one of the freshmen who have broken into the varsity line-up, replacing last year's players. His red head is constantly seen wherever the ball is. His ability should show itself completely next year.



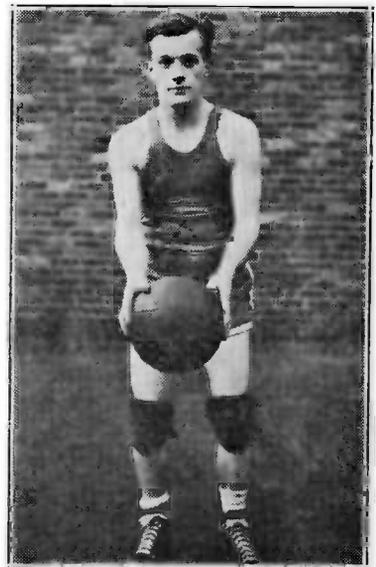
**WALTER THOMAS**

BELOW: Shorty has been a varsity guard for two years. Though small he has made up for his size in his aggressiveness. He has become a familiar figure to Bucknell basketball followers, constantly dodging and bobbing in an attempt to further the fortunes of his team.



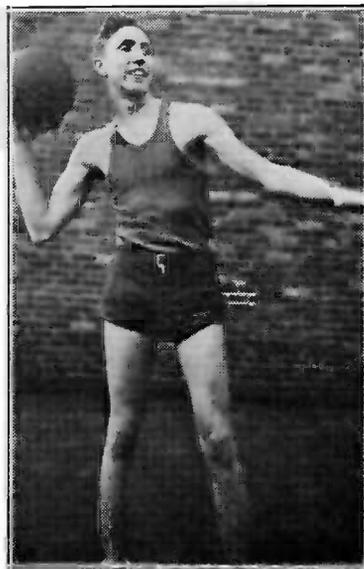
**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

- Jan. 30—Bucknell Frosh at Lewisburg.
- Feb. 5—St. Thomas at Wilkes-Barre.
- Feb. 6—Keystone Junior College at La Plume.
- Feb. 13—Wyomissing Poly at Wilkes-Barre.
- Feb. 19—Bucknell Frosh at Wilkes-Barre.
- Feb. 20—Y. M. C. A. at Wilkes-Barre.
- Feb. 27—East Stroudsburg Frosh at East Stroudsburg.



**"BILL" ATHERHOLT**

ABOVE: Bill has been the varsity center for two years. His ability in retrieving the ball off the back boards has earned him considerable praise. Although he is not a consistent point-getter, his ability as a ball hawk plays a big part in helping the team to get points.



**CHARLEY ROMANE**

LEFT: So far this year, Charley has been an understudy to Atherholt as the pivot post. His 6 ft., 4 inches of muscle and bone have been a constant worry to all opposing players, who have nick-named him "Stretch". His ability to get the tap has earned him a starting post in many games this year. Next year should be Charley's big year.

## EXAMINATION TIME

She walks in gladness, ev'ry care is gone,  
And joy supreme is reigning over all.

Why? The reason's plain to see:  
She passed her French!

Yet here we have a sad and gloomy case,  
A look that's fraught with sorrow and with grief.  
(The Physics test's the thing to blame.)  
Why, Mr. Hall?

And over here a wailing mourner sits;  
"It wasn't fair!" she cries between her sobs.  
She can't get chem, the poor dear thing.  
Who can, I ask?

But all will rejoice for but one cause.  
Mumbling of Good and Truth and Beauty,  
The one who took Philosophy, poor fool;  
What can he know.

And there they go, in endless march along,  
The glad, the sad, the happy (few are they!)  
But all with rejoice for but one cause,  
When exams are over.

—J. P.

## YOUTH AT THE HELM

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employment at adequate wages, security in time of need, civil rights, and peace."

The most important activity of the American Youth Congress at present is its fight for the passage of the American Youth Act, which has been introduced into the United States Congress. The Act would provide jobs at adequate wages for all unemployed youth, and would also afford financial aid for the education of all deserving but needy youth.

The American Youth Congress is active locally through the Anthracite Youth Congress, which represents five thousand young people, and is made up of many of the most significant youth organizations in Wyoming Valley. Nine representatives of the local Congress attended the national Congress at Cleveland.

This writer had the opportunity of being a member of the local party which attended this convention. He saw these young people representing all sections of the United States, serious, idealistic, and enthusiastic, not interested in ice cream sodas or movies, but concerned with the problem of the United States, and their solution.

The American Youth Congress is rapidly increasing its membership. The young people of America are awakening to the fact that youth plays an important part in any civilization. The American Youth Congress aims high. This writer believes that the youth of America can accomplish these aims.

—M. R.

## TAKE MY HAND

I can not think of anything  
I can do or say  
To ease you of your sorrow;  
I can't even pray.  
For prayer of mine can't stop your cries,  
Wake your leaden soul;  
I can never bring him back,  
Death will not parole.

I, too, thought that all was lost  
Life seemed meaningless  
With no surcease from endless pain  
And I was comfortless.  
I can only stretch my hand,  
Knowing what you need,  
You may cling to me until  
Time can intercede.

—B. D. F.

## MY LOVE

(Apologies To Dorothy Parker)

My love has eyes, deep sunken wells  
Wherein a myriad fairies dwell.  
His skin so smooth with soft, fine down,  
His hair a crisped autumn brown.

My love's as stalwart as a cow  
And just as dumb, I'd take my vow,  
And like a cow he's eas'ly led,  
And Oh I wish my love were dead.

—Lee Vine

## WHAT BUCKNELL NEEDS

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valley, who have high scholastic standing. He maintains that this move would boost the Junior College into a prominent position in the sport world and would tend to attract more students to the institution.

## A BETTER BUCKNELL?

Bucknell needs a social room where men and women students may meet. The library is most unsatisfactory.

—Betty Tonks

Lounges situated far enough away from class rooms to permit free exercising of the vocal chords; lockers for the girls; a larger auditorium with a stage more suitable for dramatic productions.

—Dorothy Thomas

Colder water in the drinking fountains!

—Virginia Steele

A cafeteria, since the B. & B. candy bar business seems to flourish so well.

—Ruth Rosner

Bucknell should have a gym and a swimming pool in the college building.

—Marian Jones



Dr. Crook: "Who was Pharaoh?"  
 Student: "Pyramid's son."

Found on a Freshman's registration card:  
 Question: Give your parents' names.  
 Answer: Mom and Pop.

Parkinson: "I studied last night but I couldn't understand the assignment."

Mr. Godcharles: "You must have had something else on your mind."

Parkie: "No. Last night was Thursday night."

Dr. Churchill: "What does *etc* mean?"

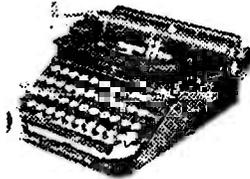
Hank Peters: "It's a sign used to make believe you know more than you do."

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With red-hot spears my eyes are pricked,  
 Failure echoes in my soul—  
 Relentless, like a clock, it ticked—  
 "Give up, you'll never reach your goal."

Each tiny imp torments my brain,  
 My heart skips beats when class is o'er,  
 The thought of Flunk is gruesome pain:  
 Oh, would to God I'd studied more!

—Lee Vine

**A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE**

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able to gratify their wish to keep their children at home with them, and, incidentally, effect a substantial saving in so doing. The student who wished to work his way through college would stand a better chance to secure and retain employment here in the Valley, where he would be better known.

Our college, if a four year institution, would naturally be able to provide a larger and more varied curriculum, and a larger faculty. Picture a group of college buildings upon some nearby location surrounded by a genuine campus, with its own stadium in which our own local team would oppose teams of other prominent colleges to the accompaniment of our own songs, cheer-leaders and band. This could be our college, the college of Wyoming Valley.

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Dancing at Bucknell as well as at other universities in the country, has played an active part in the social life and extra-curricular activities of the students. It provides a means of relaxation as well as a way to acquire the social graces which are necessary for a complete college education and a mark of good breeding.

Until the new student government went into effect in September, 1936, the Bucknell dances were sponsored and under the supervision of individual organizations within the college. Now all dances are conducted by the Social Activities Committee of the college and they are held directly responsible for them. However, in order that a larger number of students may take part in arranging for the dances, organizations of the college may, with the approval of the Social Activities Committee, assist them in preparations for the dance.

Dances during the past semester have had two new features previously untried at Bucknell, the serving of punch and the broadcasting of the music from the dance.

The largest dance ever associated with Bucknell Junior College was held Easter Monday, 1936, at the Irem Temple Country Club, and was sponsored by the choral club. Next largest was the Sen Bau Christmas Dance in 1935.

Three dances are planned for the second semester of the current school year. These dances will be held on the nights of March 29, April 30, and the dinner dance June 2.

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## PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The tournament is rapidly drawing to a close, with few candidates remaining for the first prize. Ed. Zurek, John Parkinson, John Saricks, Walter Thomas, Philip Mushowitz, James Mayock, Stanley Daugert and Tom Jenkins remain with the outcome very much undecided. The winner will be awarded a brand-new text book of his own choosing. This should add the needed impetus to the contest.

## BOWLING TEAM SCORES UPSET

The Junior College team scored a stunning victory over the highly-touted St. Thomas College varsity. The match was played on the Y. M. C. A. alleys on Saturday, January 7. The Junior College team was composed of Capt. Ed. Zurek, John Parkinson, Stanley Rushin, Tom Jenkins and Stanley Daugert. Matches have been arranged with the Y. M. C. A., Clark's Jewelry, and St. Nicholas club.

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