

COLLEGE HELPS IN LATER LIFE, FARLEY HOLDS



Dr. Eugene S. Farley

May I welcome the class of 1942 with a hope for the present and the future. In this period of uncertainty when jobs are all too few, and unrest and misunderstanding are too common there is perhaps nothing that we desire more than reasonable assurance of work and security.

Past generations have gone through periods of transition, as we are doing today, and during such periods they likewise have faced uncertainty. Ultimately, however, conditions improved and for a time there was both security and stability. These goals of our hopes do not continue forever and each generation must adjust itself to new conditions.

You are reaching the age when you will assume added responsibilities. It is possible that before you finish college, economic and social conditions will once more be stabilized and you will be offered opportunities that young people have not had during the past ten years. Security of this sort cannot be counted upon, however, and the wise student will prepare himself to face any situation that may develop.

The man who does this can make a place for himself under any circumstances, and can create for himself some sense of certainty in the midst of shifting standards and changing standards. He develops within himself qualities that enable him to face difficulties with poise, confidence and faith.

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PLANS FOR TERM'S ACTIVITIES KNOWN

The following calendar is that of the social activities for the year. Faculty advisers in charge of these events are Miss Barbara Ryerson for women's activities and teas, and Mr. Don Blankenship for semi-formal dances.

- September—
23—Tea for girls.
30—Tea Dance.
- October—
1—Reception for Lewisburg faculty.
7—Smoker for men.
14—College dance, semi-formal.
21—Tea for girls.
28—Thespians party.
- November—
4—Tea dance.
Night School dinner and dance.
18—Tea for girls.
23—College dance, semi-formal.
- December—
2—Tea dance.
9—Tea for girls.
28—College dance, semi-formal.
- January—
6—Tea dance.
20—Tea for girls.
- February—
3—Tea dance.
9—Smoker for men.
17—Tea for girls.
24—College dance, semi-formal.
- March—
2—Night school get-together.
3—Tea dance.
24—Tea for girls.
- April—
8—College dance, semi-formal.
21—Tea for girls.
28—Tea dance.
- May—
5—Tea for girls.
19—Tea dance.
- June—
7—College dance, Spring Dinner Dance.

New World Literature Text

Harry W. Robbins, of the Department of English at Bucknell University, and William H. Coleman, Professor of English and Director of the World Literature Course at the campus, are the compilers of *Western World Literature*, the book to be used in the World Literature Course this year.

The new book is a one-million-four-hundred-thousand-word anthology; its content covers a very large field—from Homer to the present, including America. Its four hundred and sixty-four selections from the works of more than one hundred and ninety authors make it representative of the whole span of literature in the western world.

GRADS OF EIGHTEEN SCHOOLS ENROLL AT JUNIOR COLLEGE

FIVE FRESHMEN WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The following freshmen have been awarded scholarships by the Junior College for attaining the highest grades in a competitive examination held last May: Eleanor Parry of Wyoming Seminary, Mary Brislin of Meyers High School, Clarence Steinert of Kingston High School, and Doris Weigand of West Pittston High School.

Chase Garage Now Little Theater

Many notable improvements and changes have been made in the buildings which comprise Bucknell University Junior College. These do much to enhance the beauty and grace of these stately old structures.

In Chase Hall, a beautiful rug has been placed in the reception room, and a business-like counter has been erected in the office of the Registrar. The garage behind Chase Hall has been renovated and will be known henceforth as the Little Theatre. It will be used as a lecture hall for World Literature, General Biology, and the History of Western Man. In addition, the Physical Education classes for women will be conducted there. The Little Theater will be used, as its name implies, for play practice and the presentation of plays. It may also prove to be an excellent setting for social functions—teas, tea dances, forums.

The interior of Conyngham Hall has been greatly improved by a new coat of paint which will do much to enliven the atmosphere and make the building a more enjoyable place of study.

Miller, Gage Receive Ph.D's

Mr. Joseph Miller, instructor in philosophy and psychology at the Junior College received his Ph D degree from New York University shortly after Commencement this summer.

Prof. Daniel Gage, of the history and political science departments, has completed his treatise, and it has been approved by Stanford University. Professor Gage will receive his Ph D degree next year.

Largest Group from Meyers; Kingston, G.A.R. also Send Many

The class of '42 consists of an as yet unknown number of students from every high school in Wyoming Valley and surrounding districts. Never before in the history of Bucknell Junior College has a class showed such an amount of enthusiasm toward its progress in the future.

The following list consists of the freshmen enrolled up to September 8:

Meyers High School: Irma Bodycomb, Rosser I. Bodycomb, Shirley Brown, C. Connor, George I. Dickinson, Betty Farr, Steven Gacha, John F. Mangan, Florence S. Mangel, Zelda M. Mangel, Reese E. Roberts, George A. Scott, Jack Dickie Smith, Leon F. Wazeter, Ralph L. Wood, Edward Richard Amesbury, John Edwin Johnson, Ivan Bell Thompson, Anneliese Greenstein, James Benjamin Roski, George Bierly and Mary Brislin.

Coughlin High School: Armand M. Kolesar, Stanley Dresses, Helen Kirwin, and Matthew Stribaugh.

G. A. R. High School: Joseph J. Kornblatt, William J. Murphy, Jack Gelb, Dorothy Teresinski, and Joseph McDade.

Wyoming Seminary: Lawrence P. Casey, Robert W. Connelly,

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Debating—		
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Thespians—		
528.69	528.54	.15
Athletics—		
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Social Activities—		
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EDITORIALS

TO THE FRESHMEN. . .

In this first issue of the Beacon, we of the staff are proud to greet the sixth freshman class of Bucknell University Junior College. Just as the first week of school is set aside as Freshman Week, the Beacon presents its first issue as the Freshman Issue. The purpose of this issue, dedicated to the freshmen, is similar to that of Freshman Week—namely, to create an atmosphere of friendliness and welcome and to aid the new students in the process of becoming acquainted with each other, the faculty, and other features of school life.

We hope that this process of becoming acquainted will be applied to the Beacon—its aims, principals, desires; in short, that this issue will serve as an introduction to the issues of the entire year.

In these future issues, we will strive to present accurate accounts of school events and personalities. Editorially, we shall comment upon school affairs; however, in order that our paper may be more than a mirror of a narrow confined school life, we shall extend our editorial comments to outside events—foreign, national, and local. We do not think this latter to be an improper extension of editorial privilege; rather, we do think it only fitting that youth should inquire into and think intelligently about events outside the narrow, protecting confines of their immediate school-life.

As a final purpose of this issue, we want to welcome the freshmen to take part in the Beacon, both as a class and as individuals. As a class, we hope that you will read the Beacon, make helpful criticisms, and feel free at any time to express your opinions on any matter in a letter to the editor. As individuals, we hope that any of you who feel that you would like to write or do anything else connected with the paper will help us to make this a better Beacon.

THE SECOND WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS . . .

Though an editorial on the World Youth Congress, which convened at Vassar the week of August 16, may be rather belated, we feel that the movement is of sufficient interest to college youth to warrant comment here.

On the whole the gathering was disappointing. True, the Congress exhibited the degree of liberalism which most people expected of it; its condemnation of aggressor nations, the bombing of civilian populations, and treaty violations, and its resolutions to help established justice between nations and within nations, set right injustices against minority groups, and set up international machinery "to solve differences between nations in a peaceful way" are all to the good. But these resolutions are commonplace today in all liberal and decently humanitarian circles. The failure of the Congress to advocate any positive program or to specify the type and extent of the "international machinery" makes its contribution to world peace an extremely dubious one.

Another aspect of the pact drawn up by the Congress is even more disheartening; the emphasis it places on the fact that the Congress is a Youth movement. This reduces it from the status of a disinterested movement for international decency to that of a pressure group. Already the Congress has shown signs of being as much interested in getting prestige for itself as in attaining peace among nations. An international gathering of this sort would be far more effective if it consisted of all people interested in solving world problems instead of limiting itself to youth. For the role of youth groups in the past has not been a proud one. Such movements are only too likely to be swayed by herd emotions rather than reason; witness the ease with which Hitler and Mussolini organized youth behind them. And even Mazzini's Young Italy of the middle of the nineteenth century was quite fanatical—in a good cause, it so happened.

These are faults which the leaders of the World Youth Congress Movement will find easy to remedy. Let us hope they will see the need for taking prompt action.

CURRENTLY SPEAKING

By M. E.

How the democratic nations can most effectively deal with the dictatorships remains the most pressing problem of the international scene, and events of the last few months have enabled observers to weigh once again the relative merits of the three principal courses which the various democracies have urged: "realism", isolation, and collective security.

The factors which seem of most importance at the moment are these:

(1) Germany, acknowledged the principal menace to peace, has secured all its gains: virtual abolition of the Versailles Treaty, military occupation of the Rhineland, *Anschluss* with Austria, etc., by plain bluff, no fighting having taken place at any time.

(2) Economically and financially the Reich is in a desperate plight, making it highly improbable that she could stand a war. Moreover Germany's military machine appears to have been vastly over-rated, judging by its lack of efficiency in the march to Vienna last spring.

(3) Despite Prime Minister Chamberlain's apparent willingness to compromise with Hitler, *der Fuehrer* continues to force crises, and to rattle his saber, making it quite clear that Mr. Chamberlain's unrealistic "realism" will not insure world peace.

(4) France, with Russia's backing, has announced that she will fight for Czechoslovakia, and there is every evidence that Britain will also soon see the light. Thus it becomes increasingly improbable that Hitler will risk war.

A consideration of these factors makes it clear that, although war is unlikely, it is to Hitler's advantage that everyone else fear war, and make overtures to him in order to avert it. Moreover, most experts agree that a dictator who fails to gain more for his nation periodically is soon overthrown, especially if the people are suffering economically because of the dictator's measures—as the Germans certainly are. Thus it is quite probable that if all the anti-fascist nations agree to maintain a rigid boycott of German and Italian goods and assure Hitler and Mussolini of their willingness to fight, thus bringing the bluster-

ings and threats of the latter to naught, not only would war be averted (Both dictators realise—or should—that although they might conceivably survive a war, they could not hope to survive the peace), but these gentlemen would soon find themselves and their respective parties without jobs.

Considered purely from an ethical point of view the propriety of pursuing a course which might overthrow the government of another nation might be questioned by some. However, anyone with a spark of humanitarianism or ideals who appraises the situation rationally will have no qualms on that score. Forgetting for the moment the horrors to which minority groups within the Reich are subjected, it is still undeniable that the modern world is too closely interdependent to allow a few nations to bar all progress and retreat to medievalism. In the Introduction to his *Outline of History* H. G. Wells wrote: "There can be no peace now, we realize, but a common peace in all the world; no prosperity but a general prosperity. *There can be no common peace and prosperity without common historical ideas.*"

Although we are not yet agreed entirely as to what these common ideas should be, we are indubitably agreed on one of them: tolerance and the maximum individual freedom compatible with the continued welfare of society are essential if mankind is to advance. And such tolerance and individual freedom are exactly what the fascists abolish.

It behooves us, then, to quit being frightened by recurrent, fascist-inspired crises. It has often been pointed out that the nations which deny the effectiveness of leagues of nations and collective security are the very ones which killed the last League by deserting it. There is no reason why a new League in which ALL the democracies will join and continue to co-operate with each other, and which will recognize the force of Mr. Wells' argument quoted above, should not end the world-wide reign of terror which the dictators of Germany, Italy, and Japan have sponsored, and initiate that new era of progress and peace which Woodrow Wilson once believed he had secured for humanity.

Farley's Message. . .

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The man or woman who can do this has developed inward resources that surpass in value an accumulation of material possessions.

It is my hope that during your years at Bucknell you will not only gain a broader knowledge of the world, but that you will develop the personal strength to solve your own problems and also have a surplus that you may give to others.

by Dr. EUGENE S. FARLEY,
Director.

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"Shorty" THOMAS RELEASES YEAR'S INTRAMURAL PLANS

Many Opportunities for Competition Offered

An intramural program, complete in every detail and including every phase of athletic activity will afford opportunities for individuals of specialized ability to participate according to the program released by Walter Thomas, assistant in the Physical Education Department. Tournaments in billiards and wrestling and alumni swimming and baseball matches have been added to the five programs already set up by Henry Peters, former Physical Education head. The program follows:

- Softball—
September 26—October 7.
- Handball—
October 14—November 14
- Ping-Pong—
November 1—November 14.
- Basketball—Gym Classes—
November—March
- Bowling—(Intramural)—
October 3—March 31.
- Boxing—
December—January
- Wrestling—
February—March
- Basketball—
Freshmen—Sophomores.
- Bowling—
Freshmen—Sophomore.
- Swimming—
Freshmen—Sophomore.
- Basketball—
Freshmen—Sophomore.
- Bowling—
Alumni—December 30.
- Swimming—
Alumni—December 29.
- Baseball—
Alumni—June 17.

All intramural activities will be features at the Bucknell All-Sports Nite to be held at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday, April 14. Finals of various tournaments will be staged as well as exhibitions of other activities.



John J. Emanski

Sports Shots. . .

By Walter Thomas
Assistant in the Physical Education Department.

Another season of intercollegiate and intramural sports is about to get under way. . . This will be the first time in six years that such a program has not been under the direction of Henry "Hank" Peters. He has been transferred to Bucknell University at Lewisburg where he will serve in the Physical Education Department.

The swimming team under Coach "Slats" Obitz will inaugurate what is expected to be their best year in intercollegiate competition. . . With the return of four of last year's veterans headed by Captain John Guiney, who was undefeated in the intercollegiate meets, prospects are more than usually bright. . . Jimmy Campbell, forced to leave school last year, may again enroll in the Junior College. . . This would be a decided break for the swimming team.

Eddie Gayewski, dazzling floor-worker and one hand artist for "Hank" Peters' cage squad, will enroll in the University of Scranton where he is expected to duplicate his amazing work with the basketball squad. . . Practice sessions for basketball will start earlier than usual this year. . . Freshmen candidates will be given a two weeks workout to familiarize them with the intricate system used in college basketball. . . Captain Albie Baker, Bob Hopkins, Herman Propker, Wilbur Troy, Bob Royer, and Al Ringstrom form the nucleus for what promises to be a fast cage squad. . . Games with leading college freshman teams in the East have been arranged. . .

Again this year some Junior College students will have the opportunity to witness the Annual Bucknell Homecoming Football Game at Lewisburg. . . It has been the custom in the past to reward the winner of the handball tournament, as well as the runner-up, a ticket and free transportation to the game. . . The same procedure will be followed this year.

The Varsity bowling team has felt the loss of four of its members during the past year. . . Captain

MESSAGE TO FRESHMEN

By John Joseph Emanski, Jr.,
President of the Class of '41

I have been privileged by the class of '41 to welcome you to our college and to assure you that you have been wise in choosing Wyoming Valley's own college for the start of your education.

Bucknell Junior College although one of America's youngest colleges, is highly accredited. Its small size makes possible more intimate relations among students

NEW ATHLETIC HEAD ANNOUNCED

Joseph Curley gets Post



Mr. Joseph Curley is a graduate of St. Leo's High School where he starred in football, basketball, and baseball. During the past few years he has been affiliated with the Wyoming Valley Playground Association as head of the softball department. He is familiar with the workings of the physical education activities and will aid in that department as well as serving as head baseball and assistant basketball coach.

Bob Peters, Dave Jones, Tom Jenkins, and Al Shafer are the quartet lost by graduation. . . Slats Obitz and Herman Propker are the only experienced men remaining. . . A series of elimination tournaments may be held to select Varsity material. . . Joe Curley, latest addition to the Physical Education Department, is quite a bowler, not to mention his ability in softball, baseball, and football. . .

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and provides the faculty with with opportunities to become familiar with the student not only in classes but individually as well; a factor of prime importance in a well rounded education.

The preceding classes have established an enviable record which aroused the community's interest in our college as a cultural center of Wyoming Valley. Let us not allow that enthusiasm to wane, but let us substantiate that interest through new activities and a more vigorous program.

The Junior College was established with the hope that it would be soon recognised as Wyoming Valley's own. The civic minded citizens of this community have displayed more than expected interest in our college and have materially proven their faith through generous donations and endowments. The donation of Chase Hall and Con-

MISS ETTA PENCE, LIBRARIAN, RESIGNS

Miss Etta Pence, college librarian, has announced her resignation from the Bucknell University Junior College Staff. Miss Pence, who came to the Junior College in 1937, is a graduate of the University of Washington, and has been associated with Reed College, the Seattle Public Library, and the New York Public Library.

Miss Pence did not disclose her plans for the future.

GRADS ENROLL. . .

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Mary E. Parry, Thomas Slattery, and John H. Ferguson.

Forty Fort High School: Jack O. Austin, and Raymond M. Eaton

Larksville: James B. Aikman and John Joseph Dooley.

Ashley: Charles Fehlinger.

Newport Township High School Lilyanne W. Babski.

St. Leo's High School: Joseph T. Curley.

Kingston High School: Rosina B. Curtis, Donald R. Kersteen, Robert Lecher, Robert E. Most, Mary L. Pace, Eugene L. Rogers, Merle Seeherman, Clarence Steinert, Wesley Hershkowitz, and John Francis O'Malley.

Nanticoke High School: Lydia Greenbaum, Joseph M. Iishel, Adam J. Voyton, Elizabeth White-night and Melville Hopkins.

West Pittston High School: Earl C. Haefele, Doris Wiegand.

Plymouth High School: Gertrude R. Jones, Grace F. Matthews Charles R. Piatt, Ruth Selma Goldstein.

Kingston Twp. High: Frances J. Pierce.

Hanover Twp. High School: John M. Pisano, John Elliott Sorber, Kenneth A. Cranston.

Plains High School: Aloysius C. Switch.

Edwardsvill High: Morris Veigh.

St. Mary's: Albert Stets.

Valley Forge Military Academy Wayne Swanbery.

In 1933, the freshman enrollment consisted of 150 students; in 1934, 75; in 1935, 84; in 1936, 89; in 1937, 115; in 1938, ?.

ingham Hall gave us beautiful surroundings, which provide a college environment in every sense of the word.

The freshman class is included in all activities of the Junior College and is expected to maintain an active participation in all activities. The attitude and actions of the sophomore class may cause you to doubt the sincerity of our welcome, but further association will dispel any doubts that may arise. Allow me to assure you that you will be well taken care of by the sophomore class; as a matter of fact, very well taken care of.

- TRIVIA -

By B. L.

We know that we're letting ourselves in for a lot of name-calling—we'll probably be branded as radicals, even Communists—but we'll brave the storm. We are going to stick to our decision—we are not going to greet or welcome the Freshmen. Besides being conventional, it would be redundant and unnecessary; by the time the freshmen get to the back page, after wading through three pages (all right, we know that's exaggeration) of greetings and assorted sentiments to make them feel better acquainted, they'll feel as though its Old Home Week. Anyway, they didn't ask for our cut to put above the greeting.

Furthermore (we're in a very defiant mood today) we are not going to explain our purpose as our editorial confrere did—see page 2. Frankly, we're rather puzzled ourselves concerning the Purpose. Sometimes we think that to the editor this colum means only filler while it is doubtful if it means anything to Beacon readers since they probably give up before they come to it. A three-minute

interval was just observed during which we felt very sorry for ourselves. Unlike the aforementioned editorial confrere (use a word twice and its yours) we cannot promise anything about the future. We certainly cannot promise accuracy and as for intelligent comment upon anything. . . well.

Flash news—Exclusive news—

Women's rights come to B. U. J. C.! No longer will B. U. J. C. girls have to brave the wind, rain, snow, and sleet in the long trek up to the Elk's Home. No longer will they come straggling into class with hair uncombed and shoelaces untied. No longer will they look pale, wan, and haggard because of undue exertion. All this is ended. Henceforth the home of Eurhythmics will be the Little Theater (known as the Chase garage in the pre-glamor days). At this moment all the sophomore girls who survived last year's terrible experience will observe a moment of silent prayer in honor of those stalwart individuals who effected this momentous change.

WITH THE ALUMNI

By Hank Peters

The Alumni Association has brought to a close its second year of existence, having carried out informal meetings, teas, dances, and an outing. . . An executive committee composed of Henry Peters, Ambrose Saricks, Walter Thomas, Betty Tonks, James Ramsey, William Thomas, and William Atherholt were responsible for the fine program of activities. . . Bill Atherholt, as chairman of the dance committee and Bill Thomas of the outing committee did unusually fine work. . . The outing held at Harrison Park and attended by over forty people climaxed the summer's activity. . . "Snitz" Rumensnyder and his gang were given a bad shellacking by Henry Peters' lads in an interesting ball game. . . score 13-9. . . Rumensnyder claimed that the sun got in his eyes.

A program has been set up by the Alumni for a formal dance during the Christmas recess as well as the Alumni Sports Nite at the Y. M. C.A.

Beverly Jones, '35 has accepted a position as teacher of the social studies at Lake Ariel. . . Ambrose

Saricks, '35, has returned to Muncy Pa., where he will resume his teaching.

Francis Antoinelli, '35, of Hazleton, successfully passed a Civil Service examination and is now employed as a Junior investigator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Robert Mayock, '36, will enter the University of Pennsylvania Law School while James Ramsey of the same class will enter the Law School of Georgetown University.

The Executive Committee is anxious to hear from any of the alumni, especially of any interesting incidents, change of address, etc. You will be doing your correspondent a favor by forwarding any information to the Junior College in care of the Alumni Association.

SPORTS SHOTS. . .

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It is a little early for predictions but it is safe to say that the Junior College will again be represented by a mighty fine tennis team. . .

All in all, the athletic program arranged throughout the year will amply take care of the many interests of the student body. . . As for the alumni, a night has been set aside, January 13, 1939, as Alumni Night at the Y. M. C. A. . . Bowling, swimming, and basketball with the Long Island University Frosh team will be featured. . .

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