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BUSY SEASON AWAITS B.U.J.C. DEBATERS

The program of this year's Junior College Debating Society is proving an interesting one. On Monday, January the ninth, four of the members journeyed to Lewisburg to debate the question, "Resolved that the United States should cease to use public funds for the purpose of stimulating business." During the afternoon Lydia Greenbaum and Bernard Greenberg capably upheld the negative side before a high school audience. In the evening debate Margaret Moore and Murray Edelman took an affirmative stand.

Besides the above question the following two are to be used in the of the year: (1) Resolved that the United States should maintain a policy of isolation toward all nations involved in international or civil conflict. (2) Resolved that a system of socialized medicine should be adopted making available to all complete medical service at public expense.

The schedule of the remaining debates is as follows:

Feb. 17, 18--Convention at Penn State.

Feb. 24--Hofstra at Hempstead, N. Y.

March 13--Scranton-Keystone at Wilkes-Barre.

March 23--Penn State at Wilkes-Barre.

March 28--Hofstra at Wilkes-Barre.

April 17--Scranton-Keystone at LaPlume.

April 18--U. of Scranton at Scranton.

MRS. FARLEY, KERR, PLAY

On Tuesday, January 10, Mrs. Farley and Robert Kerr gave a program of music in assembly. Mr. Kerr played two groups of selections on the flute, accompanied by Mrs. Farley. Mrs. Farley also played three solo numbers on the piano. These represented dances of different ages and peoples.

Mr. Kerr's selections were:
Pan—by Doujon.
Stars in My Eyes—by Kreisler.
Sparklets—by Miles.
Gavotte—by Gossec.
Dance of the Reed Flutes—by Tchaikowsky.
Waltzing Doll—by Poldini.
Melody—by Charles G. Dawes.
Thine Alone—by Victor Herbert.
Mrs. Farley's selections were:
Rigaudon—by Grieg.
Juba Dance—by Nathaniel Dett
Spanish Dance—by Navarro.

ENGINEERS VISIT SCIENCE EXHIBIT

The engineers started their Christmas vacation in a very scholarly way by spending Saturday, December 17, at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Prof. and Mrs. Hall and twenty engineers left Conyngham Hall about six o'clock in order to be at the Institute when it opened at ten. Because the displays were so vast, the students did not remain as a group except in the sections concerning their studies, where Prof. Hall explained the exhibits. Not least interesting was the planetarium in which the lecture delivered at the time was on "The Star of Bethlehem."

A glorious time was had by all playing as the captain and his crew in the model ship in the nautical department. The trip was a great success except for a few magnetized watches and many bruised thumbs that resulted from pushing too many buttons in order to start the exhibits. Everyone enjoyed himself and the engineers are looking forward to their next trip to the glass works at Corning, New York.

TASKER REPORTS ANNUAL SCIENCE CONVENTION

Dr. R. C. Tasker, biology professor, spoke at the first assembly of 1939 on January 3. His brief but interesting report of the events at the Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held at Richmond, Virginia, was well received.

Eighteen hundred papers were read to the five-hundred scientists who attended. They dealt with such interesting matters as the new electronic microscope which magnifies a millions times, the discovery of invisible glass, experiments with neurotic rats proving that animals react to illness as humans do. The highlight of the convention in Dr. Tasker's opinion was the report that air travel is reaching the end its advances insofar as sustained flight, height, and loads are concerned.

The speaker complimented the Virginia hosts of the convention for their display of "southern hospitality."

Total Apportioned Among Departments Of College

The library is making good use of its recent \$2500 gift. Each department of the College was allotted a portion of the gift toward the purchase of greatly needed books to be selected by the department head. With the assistance of Miss Klinedinst, college librarian, the latest books have been ordered and will soon be catalogued and ready for use. Additional shelves have been purchased to make room for the flow of new books which will greatly augment the present inventory.

Cambridge Natural History, ten volumes, and George Gray's *The Advancing Frontiers of Science* are two of the many titles to furnish biology students with new material.

The Business English department will be enlarged by such volumes as *A Course in English for Engineers* by Naether and Richardson, and Poffenberger's *Psychology in Advertising*.

Many fine sets of classic were ordered including Milton's *Complete Works* in 18 Volumes, Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, works of Dickens, Thackeray, Mark Twain, Marlowe, and others. Of interest to drama as well as English students will be *The Elizabethan Stage* and *The Medieval Stage* by Chambers. Elton's *Survey of English Literature* in 6 volumes and many choice novels as well as plays by Coward, O'Neill, Barrie, and Shaw.

Chemistry students will be pleased. (Continued on page 3)

TO HOLD DINNER

On Thursday evening, February 2, the annual dinner for the extension course students will be held at Hotel Sterling. The toastmaster of the dinner will be James Driscoll, Bucknell alumnus and present professor of Education at the University of Scranton. Other entertainment will be provided by Con McCole, popular Wilkes-Barre humorist. Judge Farrell will be the guest of honor at the dinner.

The committee for the dinner includes BUJC faculty members and the following former extension students: J. F. Moran, Stephen Emanuel, Emory Diffendafer, James Driscoll, Nicholas Bianco, Bruce Lamont, Zigmund Jacobzky, Alice Hughes, and Arthur Dymond

1000 VOLUMES WERE NEEDED TO MAKE ACCREDITMENT PERMANENT

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Junior College, one of the Trustees gave to the College a gift that is tremendously appreciated and which was much needed. Learning that the accreditation could only be made permanent through expansion of the Library, this friend inquired how many books were required, and immediately proffered the funds which would enable the library to meet the requirements of the accrediting agency. In consequence of his generous act 1000 new books will be added to the Library within the next few months.

All who are associated with the College and interested in its growth are deeply grateful for the assistance rendered by this member of the Board of Trustees.

THESPIANS TO PRESENT THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS

The Thespians will soon stage three one-act plays in the College Theater. Due to frequent inter-play switching of characters, necessitated by the painstaking casting of *Tartuffe*, rehearsals of the one-division dramas have been somewhat irregular; hence, it has been impossible to set a definite date for the performances.

The theatre has undergone a number of changes since the days when it sheltered the Chase means of motivation. A stage has been built, and the front part of which is so constructed that it can be dismantled and neatly stored under the permanent portion of the platform. A ladder leading from the dressing room above and behind the stage is so connected by means of hinges and pulleys that a slight tug on a rope will elevate the entire stairway out of sight of the audience. Further lighting equipment is being planned and any males handy with the saw, etc. are asked to offer their services for this phase of the renovation. A domestic air has been imparted to the theater by the addition of drapes to the side windows. A new main curtain is another factor which is doing much to effect the magical transformation of the former auto inn.

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THE A.S.U.: A BIASED APPRAISAL--

Many young students will find it difficult to approve the resolutions adopted by the American Student Union at its convention in New York City during Christmas vacation. We refer, of course, to those resolutions which voiced approval of R. O.T.C. training in colleges and of the recent armament program. One cannot escape the conclusion that the leadership of the Union has fallen prey to the militarist hysteria which appears to have overcome practically all "liberals" and "leftists" with the notable exception of the Norman Thomas hue of socialists.

The other A. S. U. resolutions were quite commendable. They endorsed the social security program, advocated increased emphasis on civil liberties, and were genuinely liberal—as A. S. U. resolutions have consistently been up to this time.

We have heard students advocate the establishment of a branch of the A. S. U. here at B. U. J. C. The views expressed above are not to be construed as condemnatory of such a move. In fact, a student union here would be welcome if only to destroy the smugness, indifference to current affairs, and anachronistic ideas of many amongst us.

That such smugness, indifference, and anachronism exist is proven by recent discussions in Economics 103. Some of the reactionary views there might well destroy one's faith that evolution is progress upward.

CURRENTLY SPEAKING

By M. E.

Our Debating Society has been asked to play a leading role in a Convention to be held at Penn State which will discuss the relative merits of isolation and collective security as techniques for preventing war. This is a timely topic and worth considering. The Society would appreciate hearing the views of anyone interested.

The view that we should—or can—isolate ourselves from other nations politically, economically, culturally, or socially is untenable to anyone with a realization of contemporary historical forces. Secretary Hull recently put it this way:

"Deliberate renunciation by us of any participation in international affairs would make for an easier triumph on this planet of lawlessness, brute force, and war. In a world growing internationally more disordered and chaotic, we would be compelled to increase our armed defenses on a scale that would impose a truly crushing burden on our people. And even so, we would have to live in constant danger that the rising wave of international anarchy would, sooner or later, reach and batter down

our own walls and engulf us as well as the rest of mankind."

Self-interest, then, if nothing else, dictates that we should cooperate with other democracies in an effort to insure international morality and destroy fascist savagery.

This can be done without war if we act resolutely, immediately, and in concert. Stringent application of economic sanctions against Germany, Italy, and Japan, the establishment of a new League of Nations with far greater power over member nations than the last one enjoyed, greater education in current world problems, in the dangers of militarism, and in the value of civil liberties—these measures would go a long way in aiding bewildered statesmen to keep the world at peace.

America simply cannot expect to live at peace unless it does its part to promote international morality by methods like those suggested in the last paragraph—and these methods, especially the last one, will in the end, prove far more effective than building armaments.

Splash! A streak of white flesh in the water and up comes the first in a series of Bucknell Junior College personages. He is John E. Guiney, slim, blonde, aquatic star of the Bucknell Swimming Team, and holder of divers pool records. Guiney's Coughlin High School career is replete with activities which carried the Bucknellian from swimming to dramatics thence to the Presidency of the Aviation, Science, and Hi-Y Clubs. Graduating in 1936 the young natator entered Bucknell Junior College and at present is studying a Pre-Law Course.

Springing from the captaincy of the Y. M. C. A. swimming team, an honor conferred upon Guiney in 1933, the popular BUJC enrollee immediately commenced to garner aquatic laurels. To date, Guiney has been undefeated in ten consecutive meets; is holder of the Pennsylvania State YMCA 100 yard free style and Pennsylvania AAU 50 yard free style. Guiney is captain of the BUJC swim

team and president of the Lettermen's Club. He is chairman of the school's most honored and responsible society—The Student Government.

Guiney plans to enter the University of Pennsylvania next year as a junior. His ambition to become a lawyer serves to introduce the second of our personalities, Darina Tuhy, who has ambitions of becoming a court stenographer.

Miss Tuhy, likeable Coughlin High School graduate, class of '37 is enrolled in the Commerce and Finance course at the Junior College. During her high school days, she attained recognition as a member of the National Honor Society and "Masquers" (dramatic club.) You'll remember Darina as Dorine in *Tartuffe* produced recently in the Little Theater by the BUJC Thespians. She is also taking an active part in Glee Club affairs at the Junior College. Darina hopes to continue her studies next year at Lewisburg.

In addition to the promotion of international morality, it behooves us to improve social and economic conditions at home if we wish to prevent war. There is evidence that the President is coming to realize the truth of this assertion. In his message to Congress he said:

"Our nation's program of social and economic reform is a part of defense as basic as armaments themselves."

Many feel, like O. G. Villard, that this is only a half-truth; that "social and economic reform is infinitely more important than armaments, which. . . never kept any country out of war or insured its victory."

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Tankers Capture Two Swim Meets; Trounce U. of S., F. & M. Same Week

B.U.J.C. Quintet Downs Dickinson Junior College 40-36

After absorbing a sound trouncing at the hands of the Bucknell University Freshmen last Friday at the local "Y", the Jay Cee cagers went on to Williamsport to topple a strong Dickinson Junior College five by the score of 40-36.

The game was a nip and tuck affair until the last three minutes when the locals forged to the front by spectacular shots of Bill Thomas and Bob Hopkins along with the fine defensive playing of Wayne Swanbery and Capt. Albie Baker. Dave Secunda, regular pivot man, was forced to remain at home due a severe cold and his place was taken by Wesley Hersh-kowitz.

Bill Thomas with 16 points; Hopkins with 12; and Swanbery with 8 points led the barrage for the "Baby Bisons". This week the cagers will encounter Wyomissing Poly. Tech at Reading on Friday and will be at home on Saturday against the Scranton-Keystone Junior College team in a Northeastern Penna. League game as the main attraction of a double bill.

KEGLERS IN FIFTH PLACE

Playing in the company of experienced keglers in the Keystone Major Bowling League, the Bucknell Varsity Bowlers are in fifth position at the end of the first-half of the league schedule. Games are played every Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A. First place is held by the Esquires, a team composed of "Y" members. Captain Obitz is a member of the League's big ten with his commendable average of 521.

The Intramural Bowling League will resume action again immediately after the exams. The three men attaining the highest averages will represent the Junior College at the Intercollegiate Bowling Congress at Philadelphia at the end of March. Last year, Bucknell placed third in a field of eight entrants.

WITH THE ALUMNI

Many former students of Bucknell Junior College have gone on to further their education. Among these are Donald Koselle, chemical engineer, and Edward Davis, electrical engineer, both of 1937, who have been elected to membership in Pi Mu Epsilon, National Honorary Mathematical Fraternity. Both Davis and Koselle were student assistants in physics at the Junior College.

Albert Rolphs, another former student assistant in physics, is now

Guiney, Mundry Take First Places

The Junior College swimming team captured its first mee of the current season—and of the entire school's history—by defeating a University of Scranton team recently.

As usual, Captain John Guiney was high "point-getter", placing first in the fifty and hundred yard heats. John Mundry, one of last year's veterans, came through in the 220 with the only other first. Jack Mangan garnered two seconds—in the 200 breast stroke and the diving competition—and Dave Evans placed second in the 150 yd. breaststroke. Ken Cranston and Bob Conway garnered third places in the 150 yd. backstroke and diving specialties respectively.

With the score deadlocked at 31-31 and only the final event remaining, the medley relay team composed of Guiney, Jeter, Cranston, and Mundry came through, making the final score 36-31.

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ed to find such recent books as Sherman's *Chemistry of Food and Nutrition* and *New Methods of Volumetric Analysis* by Oesper and Boettger.

Students of economics will find an abundance of excellent reading in such works as Seidman's *Labor Czars; a history of labor racketeering* and Sydney Eliot's *The English Co-operatives*.

In the language department additional dictionaries and grammars have been selected.

Prof. Gage was delighted at the opportunity to obtain such history classics as Baker's *Public Papers of Woodrow Wilson*. History students will also have at their disposal *Diplomatic History of U.S.* by Bemis and *Causes of International War* by Dickinson.

associated with Woolworth Co. I. R. Shoemaker has been making special progress in physics.

Ralph Ford, who graduated last year has been teaching at Lewisburg High School.

Beiswinger and Simmer are working for the Western Union Co.

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- SPORT SHOTS -

The Swimming Team finally came into its own when it defeated the University of Scranton nators in a thrilling last minute rush. The team would be much improved if the boys would take their practice to heart. . . . The highlight of the present basketball season is the annual Wyoming Seminary tussle which always packs the "Y" gym and offers a bang-up game. . . Last year under the tutelage of Henry Peters the cagers defeated the Seminary lads for the first time in five years, only to lose later in the season to the same team on the winner's court in close game. January 28th is the nite that promises to bring home the bacon for the Bucknellians. . . .

The Physical Ed boys have been limbering up their long latent muscles under the careful supervision of instructor Joe Curley. . . The "Y" gym is the home of many aches and pains as evidenced by the smell of rubbing alcohol administered freely after the gym classes. . . However the boys seem to enjoy the workouts and claim that a sound body and sound mind go hand in hand. . .

The ping pong rooms are scene of much activity especially in regard to the female sex. . . They are quite adept at playing the game until tournament times comes around and then they are harder to find than the hole in the scotchman's pocketbook. . . The boys' tourney is progressing rather slowly after the Christmas layoff but promises to finish before June. . .

Red Wallace of Scranton-Keystone will again plague the Junior College team this Saturday. . . In

The philosophy list includes modern works on personality as well as the classics of renowned philosophers.

Engineers will have more handbooks as well as such works as Friser's *The Story of Engineering in America*. and the well-known *Builders of Empire* by Darrow.

A twelve volume set of the *Cyclopedia of Religion and Ethics* and Johnston's *Confucianism and Modern China* will contribute materials to students of the religion courses.

The sociology department, which is constantly in need of recently published sociology books, has finally been enabled to purchase Rainey's *How Fare American Youth* and Glueck's *Preventing Crime*, Calvin Hoover's *Dictators and Democracy* and many others.

one game last year at LaPlume he scored 40 points against the local team. . He was the unanimous choice for All-League center last year as well as high scorer, being followed by Albie Baker. . . Mac Jones of Seminary now at Keystone, is another one the boys will have to watch. . . Dave Secunda is probably the most improved player on the cage team. . . Wayne Swanbery and Bob Hopkins are the hard luck pair while Bill Thomas absorbs the bumps. . .

The basketball team has run into some of the strangest men who call themselves referees. . . Colgate Frosh and Dickenson Junior College were considered the worst case of home influence. . . The Dickinson affair resembled a good game of kill them quick or sooner, if possible. . . Bill Thomas came out of the melee with a battered lip while several of the other boys were battered and bruised. . . .

The Intramural Bowling League will open the second half immediately following the mid year exams. . . . The faculty all-star game has been postponed until a favorable time can be found for the faculty to bowl. . . A complete revamping of the teams will be necessary before the faculty will suffer any opposition. Oh yeah. . . .

An intramural wrestling tournament will be conducted by the Physical Education Department with Steve Gacha in charge. . . Efforts are being made to enlarge upon such a program so that wrestling eventually will become a major sport here in the Junior College. . . A fine crop of heavy weight bouts are looked forward to. . .

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- TRIVIA -

By B. L.

This writer, the other day, accidentally came by a bit of knowledge that saddened us. We no longer believe that man is instinctively good. We always suspected that there was a fair percentage of evil in the world, but, high up in our ivory tower, we never realized how close to us this thing called cheating was, or to what lengths people go to achieve this nefarious end. But now, roughly snatched from our ivory tower, we realize and, we repeat, it saddens us. Last year, since Junior College English finals were scheduled prior to the Campus tests, certain people lacking ethics exerted themselves to send parts of these tests to friends at the campus, with the result that there was an abnormal number of high marks and that scores on certain sections of the tests had to be deducted from the totals. This story seems especially timely in view of the approaching finals. And we don't mean timely in the sense of suggesting a repeated performance. Anyway, those people to whom this might seem a good idea may as well abandon their plans now, for in view of last year's occurrence it seems a sure thing that the campus's and our exam schedules will coincide this year. This incident of cheating, which undoubtedly was only one of many, is particularly funny (and we call it funny only for the lack of a better word) when we recall that it was last year when the air was filled with controversy

over the advocacy (by students) of an Honor System at BUJC. We hope that those people who participated in this occurrence are no longer at BUJC—and if they are, that they don't sit next to us at any of the coming exams.

For a long time now we have been mulling over the fact that the positions of the bulletin boards have been changed and that we do not approve. We finally have decided to act—well, at least to let people know what we think about it. In the beginning we did not say anything about the change, thinking we would be fair and give it a chance to prove itself. Now, time enough has elapsed for students to have become conscious of the change and to have become familiar with the new locations (which, we obstinately think, are in very out-of-the-way places), and one would expect, that on posting an announcement, students would see it and respond—well, see it at any rate. This has not proved to be the case. The Beacon posts announcements for a staff meeting, the editors hopefully sit in the office waiting for the reporters to appear, the reporters do not appear, and on being questioned later, say they did not see the announcement. On second thought, it might not be the fault of the bulletin boards but rather that of the reporters. At any rate, we'd like a change—either more prominent bulletin boards or a more observant staff.

LACK OF RESERVE MATERIAL HANDICAPS COACH THOMAS

Hindered by lack of reserve material, Coach Shorty Thomas's BUJC basketballers were handed a heartbreaking defeat by Colgate 42-41, at Hamilton, N. Y.

With two seconds of play remaining Taft, Colgate center, made himself the nemesis of the Bucknell squad by letting the ball fly wildly for a Colgate two-pointer and victory. The score is a true indication of a closely fought game.

Shorty attributes his defeats to tough breaks and to the fact that the Jay Cees carry a squad of only eight men. The opposing schools are not subject to weakening in the last moments of the game because they can be bolstered by fresh men from their squads of 15 or 16 men.

The approach of the second semester brings a ray of hope to the Jay Cees' basketball chances for a former Seminary man, Vic Urban, will bolster the squad. A Sem varsity player for two seasons,

Urban is expected to strengthen the team at one of the forward positions.

The next four games are of unusual interest to Bucknell fans. After a trip to Reading to play Wyomissing Poly Tech on Jan. 20, the team returns home for a series of three home games: Scranton-Keystone—Jan. 21, Wyomissing—Jan. 27, and Wyoming Sem.—Jan. 28. The keen rivalry between our cagers and the Sem aggregation is sure to bring forth a large turnout of fans on the night of their encounter.

Scores of games to date:

- B.U.J.C. 32-Y.M.C.A.-46.
- 54-Susquehanna-51
- 45-U of Scranton-57.
- 40-Alumni-31.
- 30-Long Island U.-46.
- 30-Syracuse-64.
- 41-Colgate-43.

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