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ALUMNI NOTES

By Charles J. Moravec '37

Many alumni have spread the name of our alma mater far and wide because of their accomplishments...

About three months ago, THE NEW YORK TIMES carried an announcement of the election of Paul Fye '35...

Included in the field of attainment in scholarship, Albright gained additional laurels last May when Jack Lanz '37...

One of the more recent graduates who has earned distinction and honors in graduate studies is Kenneth Bergstresser '34...

Several years ago, former Red and White baseball star was going great guns for one of the major professional leagues.

While on the subject of athletics, many alumni will remember the first Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Baseball championship team of three years ago...

The initial undefeated football team that fell made Albright history. Alumni were proud to have their alma mater represented on the very short list of undefeated grid teams of the nation...

Another undefeated athletic squad of our alma mater was the tennis team of 1938 coached by Dr. Eugene R. Page...

One of the pioneers in a new profession is Leonard "Shorry" Miller. As director of vocational guidance at Rockland County, New York...

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The members of the sophomore class held the annual election of officers last week with Alan Duke, executive quarterback from Philadelphia...

Junior—I owe all I have to one woman. Soph—Your mother? Junior—No, my landlady.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Managing Editor The Albrightian Reading, Pa.

My dear Editor: I want to compliment you and your staff for the April 8th issue of the Albrightian.

One of the very bright spots, of course, is the account of Prof. Green's activity in science and his most recent contribution to it.

Dr. Cook and Prof. Danford can also be commended upon to avail themselves of gathering in, as well as dispensing, knowledge in their particular field whenever the opportunity affords itself.

Dr. Evans who, by his recent appointment as Arbitrator of the History Union, has given the college front page publicity, again breaks through the announcement that he will be a candidate for the 60th Congress of the United States.

It is interesting to note that in the main, it seems to be our younger faculty members who seem to be in the limelight, educationally speaking. This is encouraging and should cause some of our older members to attend universities.

The Alumni Notes by Mr. Charles Moravec are both interesting and wisely stated. We must remember we only improve by knowing our weaknesses. It is better that our friends tell us before our enemies or competitors learn that they exist.

Mr. Moravec's remarks in reference to the administration building do not fundamentally change from day to day. And they are the people who make up the greater part of the administration building...

It is by constructive criticism that progress is made. Cordially yours, E. L. MOHN, Albright College Alumni Association President.

Senior Scientists Present Papers At Skull and Bones

Harry Kowalski, Ralph Behm, and Harry Barrer presented scientific papers at the meeting of the Skull and Bones Club on April 25, 1938.

The speaker, Harry Kowalski, reported on "Histological Observations on the Issue of the Spleen from an animal; how it is prepared for fixation; how it is fixed; the process of impregnation with the methylene blue and fast green dyes; how it is cut, and finally how it is mounted on slides."

In addition to the above speakers, the meeting included nomination of officers and the announcement of the next meeting date as May 9, 1938.

GLEE CLUB ELECTS STAFF OFFICERS

The Albright College Glee Club recently announced the election of officers for the coming year. Mary Hall has been named president of the organization.

LIBRARY RECEIVES TWO NEW BOOKS

Robert Work, librarian, recently announced that two new books have been presented to the library by the members of the Glee Club.

SCHOOL DAZE

By Charles Joseph

ONE MORE MONTH

It's a beautiful, sunny day. From where I am sitting, I can see small groups strolling, sitting at ease on the grass, and standing near the back of the administration building.

In the past I have hurled quite a few written bars (slightly coated with chocolate) at the college, and, even at this moment, I do not regret having done so.

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To be sure, I shall never entirely forget about the exploits of our men upon the field of sport, the snake-biting of Mr. Riffle for isn't it spelled "le", the vicious tackling of Mr. Disend at the Bucknell game, the trickiness of Mr. Troist, and many other facts connected with our athletic heroes.

I suppose I should round out this theme by naming names, but I won't do so for obvious reasons. Anyway, as I sit here looking out over the Campus during this beautiful spring day, I don't feel like writing anymore.

PI GAMES TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET The Annual Initiation Banquet of Pi Jamma Mu, honorary social science society, will be held in the room, Jefferson Tea Room, Friday, May 6, at 8:30.

The class in Bacteriology will visit the city Public Health laboratory on May 15. They also plan to visit the Maidencreek Water Plant on May 16.

Examination Schedule II Semester

Table with columns for MONDAY, TUESDAY, SATURDAY and various exam times and subjects like English, Physics, Chemistry, etc.

SCIENCE NEWS

By Robert R. Gerhart, Jr.

Albright College now has a charter of student affiliates in the American Chemical Society. This charter was granted by Dr. Graham Cook and Professor Newton Danford.

Although it has not been stated as a definite fact, there is a possibility that eventually, this chapter of the Chemical Society will absorb the Alchemists Club.

Ralph Behm spoke before a convocation of Inter-Collegiate Student Chemists held at Delaware University last Saturday, April 30. Others from the college who accompanied him were Professors Cook and Danford.

The Alchemists' Club will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 4 p. m. when they will leave for the state of the year annual picnic.

Louis Labash has been offered a minor assistantship at Brown University. This scholarship allows for full time graduate study, and it covers the entire scholarship (\$800).

A new club is in the offing. This time, it is being organized by the Mathematics and Geology departments. The plans which are tentative, would take in students interested in mathematics, physics, geology, and astronomy.

Professors Clarence Horn and Marcus Green of the Biology department, and Dr. Robert Gerhart of the Audiology of the Vaughn Literature building at Bucknell University on Friday, April 15.

Dr. Bowe of the Botany department, and Prof. Kenneth Bergstresser of Beaver College visited the Albright Biology department.

Professor Marcus Green addressed an audience in the morning and evening services of the Bangor Evangelical Church, Bangor, Pa., on Sunday, April 24. Four days later, he was invited to the Luther League of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Reading.

The Alchemists' Club isn't the only club on the campus that will hold a social affair for its members, for the Skull and Bones Club is going to do the same thing on May 21.

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EDITORIAL

VALE

With this issue, the incumbent bids farewell to the duties of editor of the Albrightian. Despite the fact that this is a tedious, difficult, and thankless task, the editor is pouncing this typewriter for the last time with more than a faint tinge of regret.

There has been some criticism that the paper did not appear more often, but the reason for this is obvious. We were not permitted to go to press once a week for the simple reason that the condition of the exchequer did not allow it.

To the members of the staff I have a word. I feel that, on the whole, you have done an admirable piece of work. From associations with other editors, I know that you have been a great deal more efficient than the previous staffs.

I wish all the luck in the world to the new editor and I hope he or she will be able to rectify many of my mistakes, and will, at the same time, experience the pleasure of seeing his handiwork in print.

only for the few to scale the heights and most of us will have to be content to reach as high as possible and then hammer a niche into which we can crawl and pass the rest of our days. Our success in life depends on the method in which we do this and the way we decorate our particular cranny.

During the past eight months it has been the custom of this column to editorialize as little as possible. Certainly there have been no tirades against anything pertaining to the college and this, according to our viewpoint, is as it should be.

Albright alumni have reflected training and discipline in the vocations they follow. Students, faculty, administrators, and alumni are proud of the achievements of these men and women.

At the monthly meeting of the HEO Club on April 7, 1938 the members welcomed back the alumnae of the club. Geraldine Kershner, Kitty Hummer, Dorothy Fessler, Betty Krick, Mrs. Smith, and Jeanette Henry were those alumnae who accepted the invitations sent out to the alumnae by the secretary.

My husband has no idea what I go through when he snores. My husband never misses his small change either.

FACULTY MEMBERS GAIN NATIONAL FAME

(Continued from Page One)

ary Control in the United States (1931) Masters thesis, Columbia University; bound by Columbia University Press, now in Business Library. Social Control of Business by the Government (1932) Lancaster Newspapers Inc., magazine article special. Economic and Social Conditions in the Soviet (1937)—(a summary of personal observations made during trip there in 1936); Lancaster Newspapers Inc., magazine article. Application of special Record Material in Trust Department (1929) Central Bank and Trust Co., New York City. Prof. Wilson Miller—Education "Humanizing Higher Education," "The Message of Christ in the Machine Age," Propaganda, the Bane of Democracy; read before the Torch Club. "The Social Emphasis in the Preparation of Teachers;" read before the College Teachers of Education, at a convention of the Eastern District, P. S. E. A. The Story of the Development of Free Schools in Pennsylvania, address at Northeast Junior High School. Prof. Marcus Green—Biology. Annual proceedings of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, Vol. 6, 1932. The Development of a Technique for Brain and Skull Operations in Young Rats, Vol. 7, 1933. Brain and Skull Sizes in Rats, Vol. 8, 1934. Cerebral Atrophy in Rats, Vol. 9, 1935. Effect of the Expiration of Skull Parts in Rats, Vol. 10, 1936. Two Cases of Polydactylism in the Manus of Cats, Vol. 11, 1937. The Osteology of a Terrestrial Goose, Vol. 12, 1937. The Stereids in the Petioles of Nympha Avena. Thesis: Interactions in Postnatal Brain and Skull Development in The Rat. (University of Pittsburgh). Contribution to—Little, M. E. Structure of the Vertebrates. Farrar and Rhinchart, New York, 1937. The Proceedings of the 17th annual meeting of the Society of Mammalogists. Anomalies in Brain Development Resulting from Removal of Skull Bones in Young Rats. (Green et Collins) May 1935. Preparation of script for radio address and participation in—"Biological Curiosities," 2 "Pure Water," for the use of The Izak Walton League. In preparation for publication (for 1938-39) 1. An Anomalous Specimen of Gallus domesticus. 2. Drainage Adaptations in the Brains of Rats after Ligation of the Longitudinal Sinus. 3. Feature Article for Newspaper on "Abnormal anatomical structures in the animal body." Prof. George—Physics. Survey of Radioactive Materials of State of Washington. Positive Ion Field Currents. Miss Elsie Garlach—French. Robert Louis Stevenson and Sidney Lanier. Good—Just a matter of form. Skeleton—Bones with the person rubbed off. Adult—One who has stopped growing except in the middle. Sophomore—Merely a Freshman who has paid his tuition twice. Fortnight—Something English in plays haven't been home in. Weekend—Something with lots of time to work in except that it's suddenly Monday morning. Stability—a garage for horses. Underbred—Beneath the crust. "Watcha doing for a living?" "Selling salt." "I'm a salt seller, too." "Shake.")—(She—This dance floor is certainly slippery. He—It isn't the floor, it's just my shoes shined.

Student Problems (Continued from Page Three)

Conradship is an achievement which can be developed within ourselves the basic moral qualities which make for true manhood and true womanhood. Christianity and Sex—Marriage by Dr. Grell. The problem of sex is always a difficult one for religion to deal with. He who exalts the spiritual is likely to deny the physical. Fortunately, there is a spirit of statement as to what Jesus thought—a passage of critical value for getting at the mind of Jesus. They had asked Him about divorce and Jesus gave in answer His whole attitude toward the relation of men and women. Mark 10:2-12 "From the beginning of the creation, male and female made He them. For this cause shall a man leave His father and mother and shall cleave to His wife; and the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no more two but one flesh." In the opinion of Jesus, marriage was an institution of God corresponding to the fact of creation. It is not an accident, or a concession to human weakness, but the final divine gift of completeness of life. In higher terms than this one cannot speak of marriage. In itself, but husband and wife end in itself, but husband and wife each exist as a moral end for the other. To be united in life is to be found in oneness in the ideal life; that is, the doing of God's will. Jesus' whole teaching of life and duty might be summed up in the extension of the family so as to include all mankind. His teaching on divorce must be understood in the light of the practices which were followed in his day. Divorce was sanctioned by Jewish custom. In the face of the practice of His day, He declared that marriage was a unit and should be as permanent as that it was permanent and not subject to the inclinations of the moment; that it was the blending of two lives not a temporary association. Even though they are allowed to separate they still belong together. Divorce from the Christian standpoint should be the very last resort to be entered only with sadness and a sense of shameful failure. With these basic Christian facts as a background, we may turn to the essentials for happiness in marriage according to the Christian view. 1. Only real love offers a basis for a happy marriage. The crowning fact of sex is that it makes possible the experience of being in love. Love is the greatest thing in life. Marriage means and feels that life is supremely worth living. By what divine power it is awakened I do not know. One may be associated with hundreds of males and women, work with them, respect them and yet be emotionally unmoved. Suddenly some one without any conscious purpose will reach some secret spring in the depths of personality, and that person henceforth becomes the center of the world. The emotion of love is the essential element in marriage. Without it marriage is dull and lacking in power and dynamic to realize its possible values. Without love marriage lacks the strength to face responsibilities and problems when the enthusiasm kindled by love's experiences fades. The greatest purpose of marriage is not any one value but an organization of values, therefore marriage means an achievement, a process and not an event. Emotion is the all important basis but it cannot be left to emotion alone. It requires intelligence. Each must be willing to forego things for the good of the whole. Christianity and World Problems by Dr. Gingrich. The college student must first become aware of the problems facing us at home and abroad. Such acute problems as unemployment, militarism, legislation, and the many governmental problems now facing us, cannot be safely ignored by any of us, no matter into what vocation we are planning to enter. Further, the great problems of the world at large must likewise engage our attention, as for example, those concerning the distribution of raw materials, of colonies, the finding of outlets for excess population, and perhaps worst of all, the sheer desire for prestige. Concerning the attitude we should take aware of the problems, it is obviously impossible to give any easy rule that will serve as a panacea. However, two suggestions of value may be made. In the first place, we should make every effort to get at the facts in any given situation, and that in a day when it is becoming increasingly difficult to do this. However, our college education is missing one of its most vital functions if it is not constantly training us to distinguish fact from fallacy, truth from mere propaganda. Courses in the sciences, in philosophy and logic, and in the social sciences are especially helpful here. The second thing we can do is specifically Christian, although many Christians have refused to acknowledge it as such—namely, a disposition to work toward reconciliation and mutual understanding

in any given situation. Love toward God, linked with love toward man, is specifically given by the Founder of Christianity as the basis of all true Christianity. Any Christian who deliberately contributes to the bitterness, hatred, and even violence in a given situation is guilty of denying his Lord. Violence and hatred are, after all, self-defeating, because they set in motion a vicious cycle which, unless it is broken somewhere by common sense and conciliation, will destroy all those who come within its influence. The obligation lies heavily upon all of us to understand and appreciate the positions of those with whom we differ, even though our own position may remain essentially unchanged. Protestant must learn to live with Catholic, Christian with Jew, liberal with conservative, New-Dealer with Anti-New-Dealer, Japanese with Chinese, Democrat with Fascist and Communist, Nordic with Mediterranean, remembering always that no one of us has a complete monopoly on truth. Experimental Religion Charles E. Kachel. The early pioneers of our country suffered great hardships. There were cold winters, without the types of shelter or the adequacy of fuel that we now possess. The spring of the year was a time of mud and malaria. They faced the terrible isolation of wide-scattered families whose little candle might perhaps furnish the only spot of light in acres of darkness and for whom there were no libraries, hospitals or doctors. Their story is the story of hardships, and of something that enabled them to live above their hardships—their dreams for their children and their faith in God. Frequent reference is made to the faith of the pioneers in the studies of the early days; his faith in the Name that healed sickness and gave light and love. It is a tragedy that for many living today such a faith seems to be impossible. For better or for worse we have eaten of the tree of knowledge, our eyes have been opened to many facts of which our fathers were unaware. We have signed today a declaration of intellectual independence and are trying to think for ourselves. What has this meant for us? The religious faith of our fathers has become for us an absorbing topic of conversation. Our fathers did not discuss God—they worshipped Him. They did not talk about prayer, they prayed. They did not argue about immortality, they assumed it. They did not debate the significance of Christ; they sang "King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Hallelujah". Yes, the very earnestness of our discussion reveals our lack of faith. We cannot go back to a blind acceptance of authority, we must always move on from where we are at the moment. But we must be aware of the fact that religious discussion is not religious experience. The difference between religious discussion and religious experience is the difference between reading about aviation and going up in an airplane, of talking about love and falling in love. There are some things about aviation the groundling will never know; there are some things that he who never falls in love will ever know pertaining to love. There is also much in religion that will be forever unknown to those who merely discuss religion but have never experienced it. Thus historians, sociologists, and psychologists may fail to find its heart unless they have experienced it. How can we acquire this faith? We must act on the assumption that God lives, the only way we discover validating evidence for our faith. If you want to know what it means to fly you will have to get up in an aeroplane; if you want to know what it means to love you will have to do more than read and discuss 1 Corinthians 13. So if you want to experience the presence of God you must act as though God lived. This principle is stated by Jesus in John's Gospel as follows, "My teaching is not mine, but His that set me. If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself." Moral obedience is here given as the condition for spiritual insight; moral faithfulness as the price of faith. In our generation we have failed to see that discussion of religion is not enough; that like flying or love, religion calls for adventure. If we desire to know for ourselves the truth of the great affirmations of religion, we must make the venture of faith. We must pray instead of talking about it. We have had sufficient testimony as to the value of prayer but what have we done with it? Why not test it? Experiment and see how much value there is in prayer. Or consider our belief in God. "The eternal God is thy dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms," do we believe that? Then let us act as though we are not standing alone in these chaotic times. If we act as though God were our helper we will find Him so to be. In times like these we may take various attitudes even as do others. We may take the attitude of fatalism, of despair, or that advocated by Walter Lippman, "If you cannot adjust the world to your desires, then adjust your desires to the world—learn to rejoice in the world you have". But there is a fourth attitude possible: a attitude of hope and expectancy born of religious faith and issuing in appropriate action. It is the attitude that has been taken by all the heroes of history. They did not quit in despair, did not say, "What will be will be," did not say "Learn to be satisfied with the world as it is." With high hope, born of religious faith, they undertook to shape the future and shape it they did. One of them with his pierced hands, lifted an empire off its hinges, and turned the stream of history into a new channel. If we have faith in God, then let us act daringly. We will increase our faith by heroic action.

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