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Albrightian Celebrates 50th Year

Four Degrees To Be Awarded

Dr. John R. Spannuth, chief of the Medical Department of the Reading Hospital, is among the four men who will receive honorary degrees at commencement exercises on Sunday, June 6.

John A. Smith, of Allentown, will be awarded the D.D. degree; David T. Gregory, of Pittsburgh, the LL.D.; and Fred W. Druckenmiller, of Union, N. J., the D.D. Dr. Spannuth will receive the Sc.D. degree.

A practicing physician in Reading since 1931, Dr. Spannuth has specialized in internal medicine and diagnosis. He organized the first arthritis clinic in the Reading Hospital and has continued to be its chief since 1953.

Local Physician Honored

A graduate of Albright in 1921, Dr. Spannuth received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1926, and the M.S. from the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, in 1930.

Dr. Spannuth is a charter member of the American Diabetes Association and the American Geriatric Society. He organized the local chapter of the National Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and has been its chairman since 1948.

John A. Smith is the bishop of the Evangelical Congregational Church. Serving various pastorates in Pennsylvania since his graduation from Albright College in 1914, Bishop Smith was elected to his present position in 1950.

He is a member of the board of directors and vice president of the North East India Mission in Philadelphia, and a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Temperance League. He received an Albright alumni citation in 1951.

Bishop To Receive LL.D.

David T. Gregory is resident bishop of the East Central area of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He received his A.B. from Lebanon Valley College in 1917 and the B.D. from Bonebrake Theological Seminary in 1920.

He has served pastorates in the EUB church from 1914 to 1936, when he was elected executive secretary of the board of administration, and in 1946 executive secretary of the council of administration.

He served as president of Shenandoah College from 1922 to 1926 and was awarded the D.D. degree by Lebanon Valley in 1924.

Fred W. Druckenmiller has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Congregation of Connecticut Farms, Union, N. J., since 1928. He graduated from Albright in 1919 and has since received Th.B. and Th.M. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary.

He has three times been elected commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. He has organized the Free Public Library in Union and has served as president for 20 years.

President of the Albright College area club in New York and northern New Jersey, he is also head of the Princeton Seminary alumni group in the same area.

Pastor To Speak At Easter Dawn Communion Service

Rev. Ralph Bornman, pastor of the Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church in Reading, will be the guest speaker at the annual Easter Dawn Communion Service, Wednesday, April 14, in the Seminary Chapel at 6:00 a. m. Robert Miller will preside. The prayer will be offered by Raymond Horan and Oscar Jensen will read the scripture.

The Y choir will sing, accompanied at the organ by Allan Hock. Sonia Flicker, a member of the college octet, will sing a solo.

Rev. Eugene Barth will administer Communion. Student pre-theological assistants are Ehrhardt Lang and Brooks Holtzclaw.

Octet Will Give Sacred Concert

The Octet will present a sacred concert at the Park Evangelical United Brethren Church on Sunday, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. The program will include: "Gloria," Farmer; "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," Mendelssohn; "Lead Me, Lord," Wesley; "To Thee We Sing," Tkach; "Treasurers in Heaven," Clokey; "Jacob's Ladder," Wilson.

Also "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," Mason; "I Believe," "Eternal Life," Dungan; "Set Down Servant"; "Come, Come Ye Saints," Cornwall; "I'm In His Care"; "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Mason; "Beautiful Savior," Christiansen.

The Octet will also present a program for the Tuesday, April 13, chapel service.

Two Grads Receive Naval Commissions

Notice was received by the Albrightian that two 1953 Albright graduates have received their commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Donald Grigsby and Theodore Whitby were graduated from the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, R. I., on April 2.

Grigsby, a resident of Upper Darby, received his B.S. degree in chemistry last June. While on campus he was a member of the Kappa Upsilon Phi fraternity and student council. He served as president of Interfraternity Council. Grigsby will enter a branch of Naval Intelligence.

Whitby, who hails from North Hills, Pa., was graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology in 1953. He was a member of the Alpha Pi Omega fraternity and manager of the football team. Upon resuming duty, he will be stationed aboard a navy destroyer.

Approximately 700 Reserve Officers received their diplomas at the graduation exercise, which terminated a four month training period in Naval indoctrination. Successfully passing the courses in engineering, naval weapons, seamanship, navigation, operations and orientation qualifies the new Ensign as a Junior Officer aboard any one of the Navy's warships or supporting command.



Among the major offices to be filled in Tuesday's election are the presidencies of the Y groups for the 1954-55 term. Pictured above are the candidates vying for these key positions: (l. to r.) Lorraine Wagner, John Bubel, Thelma Arnold and Theodore Tietge. (Gilde Photo)

Lighter Side Of News Recorded In Albrightian Through The Years

By Sally Lanz

While glancing through Albrightians from 1903, some really rare humor and so-called headline data can be found. It's really worth a student's time to browse around in the dusty crannies of the Alumni Room to catch up on what's been in the news in the last fifty years.

In 1903 the biology department was pleased to receive a peculiar Begonia leaf as a gift. The "young ladies" of the college gave a Leap Year Social in 1904. Another of the main social events was the entertainment provided by the Elocution club. Tragedy marred the social calendar fun by the loss of the chemical laboratory by fire in 1914. Students grievously mourned the loss!

The young ladies of 1915 proved to be a little less demure than usual by forming the noisy "Kinky Cowbell Society" to promote the general welfare of the sex. They were known as personal liberty sexfragists.

Paper Called Sophomoric

In 1918 the co-eds had to beware! At a Y.W. and Y.M. Hallowsen social the girls were sold at an auction block. This sounds a little like the Roman Empire days. But the college was progressive, nevertheless, because an Intercollegiate Prohibition Association was organized this year. It even became the largest group in Pennsylvania Colleges. 1918 was really the year for social whirls. In the fall the junior class held a straw ride as did the senior class. An "apple dumpling" supper followed the senior event! However, all was not well because a frantic editorial was written in one edition to make a plea for deliverance of the paper from a sophomore college paper. Staff members were afraid the "unity" of the paper was not being maintained.

Apparently in 1919, although social correctness was the keynote of the day, slight "agonizing errors" were made occasionally. During the regular annual faculty receptions a worthy junior boy was introduced by a dignified senior

as "Miss King." One of the main social events was the first reunion of the Albright military association. This was held at the Y.W. and anything from "Mess" to "Jazz" seems to have been on the program.

A slightly morbid tone was characteristic of the 1921 editions. Instead of publishing a theatre column of later issues, arbitrary columns appeared. As was the custom, the usual frosh-soph rivalry was introduced in the traditional football bout called the "battle of the little red dragon."

Radical Twenties

In 1923 frosh customs were similar to the ones today but other classes, excluding seniors, also had customs. Frosh wore black socks and ties. When "knickers" were worn, black socks were worn over golf shoes on the outside. No sweaters were allowed except under coats or in the dorm. The sophomores were required to keep their heads covered until emancipation day when they advanced to junior customs. Class seniority was observed when entering and leaving doors. Only seniors were allowed full dress at social functions. Only seniors could wear white flannels.

1926 marked the year for "radical" ideas. But the campus tried its best to subdue modernism. Although a dermatologist claimed fast life and wild parties would make a flapper old at thirty, Albright girls were regarded as exceptions. A chapel speaker renounced evolution in favor of fundamentalism.

Women Took Honors

Stop! Look! and Listen! you students who complain about cutting classes. In 1932 only seniors earned the right of a free cut system if they maintained a dean's list standing. The feminine brains were really showing then. The two college groups which had the highest scholastic averages in the school were senior women and the Pi Alpha Tau sorority.

Freshmen classes have increased slightly in size since 1933. That

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Issue Recalls Past History

First Paper Published In 1903 At Myerstown

The Albrightian staff is used to making news out of old happenings, but this week, the staff has reason to celebrate, for something old has proven to be big news. The Albrightian is now marking its fiftieth year of publication.

In the following pages, the reader will find several special articles and features which bring to life the past history of the Albrightian and also past happenings on the Albright campus which have been recalled to memory through the now yellowed pages of antiquated issues.

As the reader will discern, The Albrightian has come a long way from the days when the horse and buggy brought the copy in from the printers. The first issue was known as the "Albright Bulletin," was published at Myerstown and was first distributed to the students in October, 1903, to the tune of ten cents per copy. Albright College was then in its second year of operation, having been produced by a merger of Albright College and Central Pennsylvania College. The first editor-in-chief, Harvey Bassler, termed the merger as a move toward a "Greater Albright" in his initial editorial.

Kelchner Coached Sports

The first Albrightian gave notice of the fact that the Bell telephone had been placed in the college office. Charles "Pop" Kelchner, for whom the college baseball diamond was dedicated, was coach of all "major" sports in that year and even played on some of the teams which he coached. The Albright Alma Mater was first sung in 1904 as a college song during a concert. Unknown to most of us, the original contained three verses instead of the one which we sing today. A local livery agency in Myerstown advertised first class teams supplied to commercial agents, funerals, picnics and private families.

With the move from Myerstown to Reading, "The Albrightian" became the official title of the Albright "press service." As the years progressed, successive editors pondered the lack of news and gave out stern warnings to students to "conserve the grass." The February 8, 1938 issue noted the appointment of Dr. Harry V. Masters as president of the college. The sports world saw Albright aspirants to fame in the persons of Dick Riffle, "Lone Star" Dietz, "Biggy" Munn and Eddie Anlian.

Thornhill Played For Ball

Somewhere along the line, the first Sadie Hawkins Day was planned. Claude Thornhill arrived to play for the spring ball and the student union building was purchased and erected. Chapel dormitory suffered a conflagration and one editor was brave enough to print just the news that reached her desk by the deadline and no more. The result was a "pretty sick looking newspaper" as she put it, but it's there in the bound copies along with other stories of tragedy and good fortune recorded over the years.

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Golden Anniversary

A scant 50 years ago, the first faint rumble was heard from the vicinity of a newspaper office at the then infant Albright College. It was natural, in the course of events, for the young school scarcely two years old to desire an expression of its activities, aptitudes and achievements, thus "The Albright Bulletin" became its sounding board for the early Albrightians. In the words of the first editor, it was to be written "not only for students of 'Greater Albright' but to bring back memories to alumni as well."

The days of the cloche hat and the arm garter have long since passed. The college, as well as the country, endured the pangs of hard times and war efforts. The ratio of men and women students fluctuated with the times, and college dormitories were ruled first by counselors and then by house mothers. The "roaring twenties" saw the raccoon coat in evidence at football games and echoes of "Oh you kid" were heard along Maple Lane.

Gradually, the few college buildings gained additions and improvements and the "Albrightian," emerging out of the "Albright Bulletin," gave evidence of the fact that the college was one which had survived the test and could stand firmly on its feet. The move from Myerstown to Reading allowed space for growth to continue—thirty-five rolling acres, remember?

It is unfortunate that we at Albright could not have witnessed the growth and progress of the college. Recent changes are familiar enough—so familiar we have ceased to think of them as steps forward. We make the daily trek to P.T. class without a thought of the first athletic facilities at Myerstown, where the football stadium was bordered by farmyards. The acquiring of a new dormitory for women fails to remind us of the days when Selwyn Hall was sufficient to house an entire academy for boys!

All of these changes are brought back forcefully when we read the old Albrightians. Locked in these old issues, which were written for a particular week, not for posterity, is the true history of Albright College and the true natures of the people that lived and studied there. As surely as former writers left an impact of their personalities and the character of the times along with the historical fact, so, in the future, will the Albrightian strive to present not only the facts, but a true representation of the spirit and tradition of Albright College.

The Most Joyous Day

How far have we come from the real meaning of Easter? Do we think of Easter as a time for spiritual re-evaluation, or is it a day to display new spring clothing? Do we think of the Lenten season as a period of preparation for the true religious celebration of the resurrection, or do we think of it as a period of forgoing some luxury for the sake of appearance only?

Easter is the most joyous day in the Christian calendar. The earth was glad when the Christ child was born, but man reached his pinnacle of faith and hope when the Christ who had died to save man from his sins arose from his grave and reappeared among the living. An understanding Father realized that his children needed a sign, and in the rolling away of the stone, provided a sign that would endure throughout all the generations of man.

At this uncertain time, when man's brain has created instruments which will bring about either his total destruction or the complete coming of the kingdom on earth, tormented mankind cannot stand alone. Its need for God is greater than ever.

Let us remember this, and lift anew to God our humble heart at Easter.

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Mighty Mites

Note to People Without Much Money and With Time To Spare:

Some very fine and inexpensive lit is being put out these days by the pocket-book publishers. No doubt you've noticed the new Mickey Spillanes in the bookstore, but have you seen the revived classics (don't let the seductive covers fool you . . . they're classics) there and at other places around town? Everything from *The American*, by Henry James to a nifty little *Pocketbook of Modern Verse* is available for culture vultures.

In addition, new writers and contemporary but little-known artists are reaping a kind of hey-day in the pint-sized books. Editions like the *New Short Novels*, and *Discovery*, numbers one and two, are featuring works that are the wrong length to be published in magazines and originals that are printed only in paper-backs.

The quality of the works in these magazines is uneven but they are often worthwhile. Typical of this era, the best works are written about crazy mixed-up people, usually adolescents. The authors, like Capote and Salinger and other contemporaries, hit the mark best when reaching back to their youth. "Ride Out," by Shelby Foote, and "The Horn" reflect interest in the people that create jazz and bop; "Lullaby" will bring chuckles to any insomniac; "Laughter in the Graveyard" deals with the thoughts that may lie too deep for tears, but not too deep for laughter. The last three mentioned above were featured in *discovery* no. 2, which goes in for lower-case headings.

Teen-age hoods, the type pictured in the movie, "The Wild One," are characters of a surprising number of the short stories; they wander through the scenes like wild animals or collect around the edges like a nightmarish Greek chorus. Evan Hunter's "To Break the Wall," the story of a moral, idealistic young teacher battling with a group of these hoods is recommended to all future teachers as a gem of a horror story.

—P.D.W.

Herb

The Dandy Lion this week is really a dandy—Herbert Mackler. This erstwhile lad has been a key-stone in Coach Gulian's gridiron "wall" for the past three years. Those of us who witnessed the Temple game of 1952 thought that Herb, although weighing 215 lbs., must be a tract star when he caught Tex Robinson, one of Temple's fastest backs that year. By way of his occasional residence at 1616 Olive St., Herb has contributed much to the APO's stunt night programs and will long be remembered in his diaper-clad role of cupid in the fraternity's operetta. This scandal sheet has also benefitted from Herbert's services, for he has been its dependable business manager this year. Perhaps his success in this position may be contributed to the fact that he can be counted as one of "Guy" Gates' Business Administration scholars. This is certainly discernible from his usual greeting—"I can get it for you wholesale."

Ah yes, Herb has his eye toward the future and will not accept any job offering less than \$25,000 a year. And what is more remarkable, he says he has such an offer. You see he will enter the Marine Corps after graduation. Another thing you may see in Herb's future is a certain resident of the Reading Hospital, whose initials are Pattie Upczak. With all this ahead of him, how can Herb go wrong?



Dot DeLaney, De Lady With Dash

From the size aspect, this dandy-lion might well be introduced as a cub, but from the talent and ability angle we think she can lay claim to as much as the biggest dandy-lion ever. This description fits a chapel dorm co-ed and the editor of *The Albrightian*, Dorothy DeLaney. We might further describe her by telling you about that quick smile, and those Irish eyes—with which she usually looks at people about the chin level (we hear that one of her main ambitions is to be able to peer

down at someone, just once, from her 4' 10".)

You probably don't need any such description, because this busy co-ed from Sayre, Pa., is well known around campus. Those who need help in keeping awake can find her serving coffee over the counter in the bookstore. And many of her chapel dorm-mates will tell you that she rates just about the top in the home ec department as a cook (we'll let you in on a secret—she bakes a delicious lemon meringue pie.) Also in the home ec line are Dot's services as president of HEO.

Among many of the other activities which fill Dot's schedule are serving as president of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity, adding her talent to the decorations for Mu dances and pledging Phi Delta Sigma, honorary alumnae sorority. The excellent job that Dot does in these various capacities are proof, we think, that our dandy-lion will be successful as a commercial home economist, or whatever else she chooses to do. This is one mite who really has might!

Nosey News

Dr. Kistler, cheating while taking one of his own tests . . . Kenneth and Henry Greenwald, running around South Temple in pajamas and with baseball bats looking for robbers . . . Jackie Zwayer, keeping all sorts of late hours—studying? . . . Curt Zillhart, congratulated on being accepted to the school for horse doctors . . . Marilyn Wertz and Lynn Hagenbuch singing happy songs at the request of her sorority sisters . . . Dr. Merritt, stopping physics class to kill termites . . . Kretzingitis, a new disease found on campus . . . Betty Trevaskis, looking for her name in this column . . . Jack Sudol, wondering if humor (liquid) means funny ha-ha . . . Ann Koehler, sleeping through physics class . . . the Pi Tau's, having a terrific open house . . . the baseball team, doing a fine job on beating the ivy . . . Eddie McNeill, nursing a sore arm as a result of the big game . . . Jim Barrett, losing pounds as a result of his student teaching . . . Ira Fishman, calling his "brothers" kids . . . the Mu pledges, collecting demerits . . . Pro Gates, wanting to know which has two tails: one pig or no pig . . . Barbara Topkin, Roz Cowan, Beth Emmett, going to the circus and munching on pop-corn.

Now it's 1954 and I realize I'm growing old and starting to wither away. Since 1952 I was put on a diet and I've shriveled up to eleven by seventeen inches, my present size. At this point I don't know why, but I have a strange feeling, I am being stared at—and I hope to enjoy this feeling for many years to come.—R.C.F.

Lions Face Temple Today At Kelchner Field



By Jack Lewis

Way Back When

"Fifty years ago, a group of journalistic pioneers ventured forth in the good ship Albrightian upon a sea of printer's ink. In that first issue on October 19, 1903, (Albrightian postal permit arrived in 1904) Charles "Pop" Kelchner was the name attached to the first sports column. The column had a sad note in that, the Albright Football Lions were rather soundly defeated by Lehigh, 83-0. In the following year, the football season came to an abrupt ending when it was discovered that half of the football team were playing without permits from their parents, and the other half was so injury-ridden that the Lions could not field eleven players. Such was a football coaches' sorry lot in the early days.

Boo-hoo-lah

About 2,500 fans (according to a local crowd estimator) witnessed the Elis of Yale fall flat on their "ivy tradition" before Albright's scrappy Lions. No one could raise a doubt that the Bulldogs tasted the bitterness of defeat, from a ballclub out-pitching, out-fielding and out-hitting them. Ed McNeill pitched brilliant ball for this early in the season, but was forced out of the ball game via the sorearm route. He was relieved by Tom Pollack, who, after a shaky start, settled down to pitch steady ball until the ball game was called at the bottom of the eighth inning, as darkness crowded Kelchner Field.

Ursinus

On Monday, the Lion baseball squad met a very sound defeat at the hands of Ursinus. The Lions had a bad inning—number four when Ursinus got four runs on four hits. The Lions scored their lone tally in the eighth inning, on a single by Wenger followed by a free pass to Seaman. Wenger then scored on an error. Wenger led the Lion batsmen with three hits for four trips to the plate.

Weight & Cinders

Tomorrow the Albright track and field squads open their 1954 season against Swarthmore. Jim Croke and Jack Fetterman have been named co-captains for the season. Croke holds the Albright records of 15.4 seconds for the 120 yard high hurdles. He also competes in broad jump and high jump. Fetterman's specialties include the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Sophomore Bill Shirk will also be counted on in the mile and two mile events. Shirk holds the Albright mile record of 4:32.3. Among the other returning lettermen, Rudy Becker, Harold Kretzing, Jim Rockkashel and Mahlon Frankhauser, will be very valuable assets to the track team. The field squad has only three returning lettermen, Bob Krize, javelin and shot-put; Jack Huntzinger, shot, javelin and discus; and Jim Barret, broad jump and high jump. There of course is a large group of new talent which Coach Shirk should be able to mold into a better than average squad.

Lions Seek Second Win

Linksmen Travel To Play West Chester Club

Albright College baseball team will meet Temple University at Kelchner Field at 3:30 this afternoon, and the golf team will travel to West Chester to oppose the teachers. It is expected that Coach Eddie Gulian will use either Duane Goldman or Tom Pollock against the Owls.

Last year the Temple Owls downed the visiting Lions by a 4-2 margin despite the fact that Ed McNeill limited Temple to only three hits during the nine inning chore. The two rivals didn't meet the previous year.

The sixth inning proved the downfall of McNeill. He had limited the Owls to only one hit over the first four innings, however a single, a hit batsman, and a disastrous error on a bunt, caused the trouble. Another single by the Owl pitcher, John Lario, drove in two more runs.

Albright collected eight hits off Lario, but they were not able to bunt them, except in the first inning when Mickey Harbach, Tony D'Apolito, and Connie Dettling singled for one run. Another Lion run was scored in the sixth inning as Connie Dettling hit a long fly to score Ray Stoneback from third.

Coach Gulian is expected to start lettermen D'Apolito, Stoneback, and Conrad in the outfield, and Bob Sulyma behind the plate. Roy Dragon and Bobby Kovacs will form the Keystone combination with Jack Sudol at third base and Bernie Seaman at first.

Last year Coach Paul Matten's golf squad lost to West Chester 7½ to 1½. Returning lettermen from last year's team include Jim Rutter, Jack Lewis, and Mike DePaul. Ted Whitby was lost through graduation and Ken Nase transferred to Wheaton. Mike Silberkleit is expected to join the team later on in the season.

This is the last issue produced by the 1953-1954 Albrightian staff, so it is only fitting and proper that a small section is dedicated to two excellent sports writers—LeRoy Brendle and David Widland—who gave much of their time to making this year's paper a success. Their names are now revealed to their admiring public. My personal thanks. (Sports Ed.)

"ARM OF FATE, BECKONS STONEY HOME"



The arm of Duane Goldman is indicating the way home to Ray Stoneback, shown here on his way to score the Lion's second tally in the third inning. The Lions went on to defeat their Ivy-League opponents in their first game of the season, 8-3 on the combined six hit pitching of Ed McNeill and Tom Pollock, coupled with an eleven hit scoring punch.—(Gilde Photo)

Ivy Leaguers Lose To Lions

Coach Eddie Gulian's Albright Lions opened their 1954 baseball season on a successful note last Friday by upsetting the visiting Yale team by an impressive 8-3 score. Ed McNeill and Tom Pollock shared the pitching chores with the latter becoming the winner after two Lion bobbles and a walk got McNeill into trouble in the fifth inning after he got Ray Walker out on a force play.

An estimated 2,500 spectators turned out to cheer the Lions on to victory. Albright jumped away to an early lead in the first inning on the strength of a long fly by George Conrad. Roy Dragon got on first by singling past first base and then advanced to third on Tony D'Apolito's walk and Ray Stoneback's sacrifice.

McNeill Retires Side

McNeill retired the side in order in the first and third innings and hadn't allowed a hit until he faced the second man in the fourth inning. Bob Walker opened the second inning with a walk, but McNeill retired the side after that. Phil Mathias reached McNeill for a double in the fourth after Joe Johnson grounded out to third.

The Lions increased their lead in the third inning to 2-0 as Ray Stoneback, who had previously doubled, raced home on Bob Sulyma's sharp single. Yale scored their first tally in the fifth inning on a fly ball to George Conrad, but Albright bounced back with another run in the same inning as a walk to Jack Sudol forced home Conrad.

Yale Retaliates In Sixth

The Eli retaliated in the sixth inning when another long fly to D'Apolito scored Mathias who lofted a 400 ft. blow for the game's longest hit, a triple. Doubles by Tom Pollock and Ray Stoneback and a walk to Roy Dragon accounted for two more Lion runs in the sixth.

Yale scored its last run in the lucky seventh as a result of Johnson's single. Darkness ended the game in the bottom of the eighth with the bases loaded and already three Lions across the plate. Singles by Bernie Seaman, Jack Sudol, Pollock, and D'Apolito sparked the Red and White rally.

Connie Corelli, Yale's starting pitcher, was the losing pitcher. Their ace, Bob Davis, lost 5-0 to Lafayette last Saturday afternoon.

Former Lion Signs With Cardinals

Connie Dettling, an Albright graduate last year, has signed a contract to play baseball for the St. Louis Cardinal farm system. Dettling played first base for the Lions during his three year career at Albright and hit .320 in his last season besides showing a potent extra-base punch. He also starred on the Albright basketball team.

Dettling went to the Cardinals' minor league training site at Columbus, Ga., at his own expense, and it was his powerful bat which caused the scouts to take notice. He received a bonus of \$500 for signing as well as reimbursement for the costs of going to Georgia. Dettling will probably play baseball for one of the Cardinal Class C teams. At the spring training camp he hit several of the balls out of the park.

Writer Reviews Baseball Changes

By Dave Widland

When the first issue of The Albrightian went to press fifty years ago, it contained a resume of a baseball game. If any Albright College students of today had witnessed that contest, they probably would have been in a quandry as to what game was being played. The pitchers were throwing many funny types of pitches, and they were not relieved. The ball was dirty, and only one was used in the course of the game.

Baseball has undergone a terrific change in the past half-century. The major leagues are a prime example. In 1904 the Detroit Tigers, spearheaded by the legendary Ty Cobb, were the power in the American League. In the senior circuit, the Pittsburgh Pirates and John McGraw's Giants engaged in titanic struggles for supremacy. The minor loops were still under their own control, for Branch Rickey had not yet hatched the idea of a farm system.

The national game at that time was controlled mainly by the pitchers, and not by the hitters, as it is today. Babe Ruth had not yet ushered in the era of the home run and the rabbit ball. The early mound stalwarts, led by Brown, Walsh, Young, and the immortal Matthewson, were allowed to use any type of pitch that appealed to them, without fear of being chastised for throwing a spitter or a duster. A batter took his life in his hands when he stepped up to the plate, while nowadays the umpire prevents a pitcher from throwing within a foot of a batter's valuable anatomy. Spitballs, shine balls, and emery balls are outlawed, for the fan of today wants to see home runs and high scoring games, not pitcher's battles.

Scientific hitters such as Willie Keeler have almost vanished from the game. Present-day strategy calls for a round-tripper, rather than a punch single or a hit-and-run. Do not get the idea that men like Kiner and Williams are not scientific, it is just that they apply their science to how to hit the ball farther, rather than placing it where it will do the most damage.

Today's ballplayers seem to be much more fragile than did those of 1904. The minute any of them

suffer a slight stomach-ache or a hangnail, they rush to a hospital for X-rays. If a pitcher feels slightly tired when on the mound, he instantly complains to the manager and a bull-pen specialist is called for. Never again will be seen the likes of the old-timers, who thought nothing of playing with sundry spike wounds or abrasions covering half their bodies, or pitching two games in succession with nothing but a bottle of beer between for stimulus. Of course, this stamina bordered on foolishness, and would not be permitted by anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of modern anatomy or medicine, but, just the same, present-day players are carrying things to extremes.

Back in the days of Cobb and Wagner, players did not wear gloves. The two hands God gave them were enough; they saw no reason to be encumbered by pounds of stiff leather merely for the sake of protection. Nor was there a cow ball put in play every half-inning. A ball was used until the seams split, no matter how scratched and dirty it became. It could not be hit nearly as far as the ball of today; when one of those rocks cleared the fence it was really tagged. Today's manufacturers pour every possible type of go-juice into their balls, for they know that a home run pleases the crowd far more than a strike-out, and that the home run is much easier to hit if the ball is of the rabbit variety.

Bonus babies were unknown at the turn of the century. If an aspiring youngster wanted to be a ballplayer, he went to a team's training camp and asked for a tryout. For a rookie to break in then was a job worthy of testing any man's character, while today's embryo heroes are pampered and flattered as much as possible. Small wonder that so many of them suffer such swelled heads that they have to buy new hats.

All in all, baseball today is not the same game that was witnessed by our grandfathers. But it is still our national pastime, regardless of how many people watch it with tongue in cheek and exchange sly reminiscences about the good old days. I advise all of you to enjoy the game the way it is, for that is the only way that it is going to be played.

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By Bus !

Reading Bus Co.

Cut Notices To Be Sent Out After Fifth Chapel Absence

At the last meeting of student council held on Tuesday, April 6, announcement was made that the office of the registrar will send notices to students who have five chapel cuts. They will not be posted on the bulletin board.

James Hall announced that it will be assumed that organizations not sending representatives to the meeting of the Mardi Gras committee do not intend to participate in the affair.

Paul Hetrick, chairman of the Centennial Committee, requested program suggestions from the student body. All ideas may be submitted to Hetrick or to Carole Althouse and James Barrett who are serving on the committee.

Only organizations representing the entire student body will appear on the all-campus ballot to be voted upon next Tuesday, April 13. The organizations appearing on the ballot are student council and the men's and women's Y organizations.

Lighter Side

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year 95 enrolled at Albright. These 95 were really "beaten" by the sophomores. The peak of orientation was reached when the annual initiation of frosh took place on Penn Street. Their ridiculous escapades ended by a performance of a frosh snake dance for the sophomores. Too bad this custom had to end! The Home Ec. department was more concerned about the diet of the day students than about the boarding students! They opened a lunch room for commuters to provide wholesome food at a low cost. The dining hall though, seemed to be more interested in promoting better relationships with boarding students, waiters and the chef. Thus the Waiter's Club was organized.

All Kinds of Festivals

In 1934 a sudden interest was taken in festivals. These festivals were of all types. A music festival was inaugurated. Besides this, the first annual Greek festival was presented. Athletes as well as dramatists had their chance to display talent. Greek games and intramural track and dramas presented on the science hall steps gave a suitable Grecian atmosphere. Even a so-called Greek princess was crowned. Looks like Albrightians banished Roman for Greek customs! Dr. Douds surely must have promoted such ambitions. This same year it was found that since '21 Albright had contributed the most to the teaching profession.

Lowell Thomas Speaks

Big personalities really invaded the campus in 1935. Clarence Munn, an all-American and all around athlete, became head coach of sports. Lowell Thomas was the commencement speaker.

In 1936 the caretaker really stumbled upon some unusual treasures. He found old rare volumes stowed away in the locker rooms in the basement of the ad building. It was also at this time that the science hall was dedicated.

Home economics majors would have been fow and far between in 1937. Just imagine! Physics was required of the girls. Dr. Masters was installed as president. About the same time, the Albright commuters really got hard up! Can you imagine. They started a drive for second hand furniture.

Dr. Memming and Dr. Geil rated headlines in 1938. Memming presented his views on Hitler while Geil described the operation of a device for hypnotic sleep induction to Albrightians. Students went slightly bizarre by revealing a strong attitude in favor of a compulsory chapel system.

Y To Hold Easter Egg Hunt At Home

Next Tuesday evening, April 12, the Y group will hold an Easter egg hunt for the children of the Children's Home on Centre Avenue. The group will hide the eggs and award prizes to the winners. The event will take place immediately following dinner. The children will be up to ten years old. All students are invited to go to the home that evening, and it was also announced that students are invited to help dye eggs on Monday evening.

150 Students, Pastors Attend Church Day

Approximately 150 prospective students and their pastors attended the first annual Church Day last Saturday, April 3. The group heard talks by Dr. Harry V. Masters and Rev. Eugene H. Barth and were conducted on tours of the campus buildings.

The college Octet presented a program for the group during the afternoon. The schedule ended with individual conferences planned for the students.

Juniors Vote Deadlock In Presidential Ballot

Robert Brown and Donald Wise tied for president of the junior class next year at the recent class elections last Tuesday. Re-elections will be held shortly, after a chapel meeting. Other elections included William Davies as vice-president, Glenn Lambert as treasurer and Patricia Brown as the secretary.

In 1939 Dean Walton's former residence was turned into a new Zeta house. Male frosh outnumbered the girls 3 to 1. The Domino Club journeyed to Philadelphia for participation in the University of Pennsylvania Cultural Olympiads.

1940 Mardi Gras

The girls' dorm was turned into the scene of gay festivities and a coronation ceremony at the Mardi Gras in 1940. The faculty also had their night of fun. Some of the merry makers were President Masters, Dr. Horn, Dr. Memming, Mrs. Douds, Dr. Geil, Prof. Speicher and Miss Benninger. As Abba Dabba Indian prince, Dr. Salami, thrilled students and faculty at an Easter banquet. Everything from the political science of worms to the cultures of crayfish was presented to students as an April Fool's joke when professors switched eight o'clock classes and attempted to confuse sleepy, bewildered students. Relieved students witnessed the long awaited cessation of chamber music sessions in chapel.

Another group of relieved students were the seniors who in 1945 were not required to take gym. The 1946 May Day theme was "A Perfect Day." Each dance contributed to one phase of a day. The Clair de Lune dance ended the day. 62 women, selected for "grace, beauty and agility," participated.

And so as the years roll by, and The Albrightian weekly stores away in its dusty volumes the data which will comprise future memories and serve as a bridge in time. Now after 50 years of progress in The Fourth Estate, The Albrightian includes in its 1954 edition a Happy Birthday wish to itself.

RELIGION SPEAKER



Rev. John T. Shaffer was guest speaker for the Religion-In-Life Week services which were held on campus Monday through Thursday of this week. Rev. Shaffer spoke to many groups during his four day visit, the theme of his talks being "What is the Kingdom of God?"

About Nothing

Earlier we said it takes fifteen minutes to walk from Albright to the high school. We were wrong. On damp, dismal mornings such as this one, Hampden Park seems as near as never and as far as ever. This is especially true when you've only had a few hours sleep the night before and are going forth to do battle with one of the cruellest strata of humanity—the gangly, angly adolescent.

The natural habitat of said genus of humanity includes the "Y" on a Saturday night, drive-ins, the juke box joint across the street from the school, hot rod races, Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis movies and other and sundry sorts of enlightened living.

Take said adolescents out of this natural environment, place them in a classroom and watch the reaction. (Or variable behavior resulting from an attempt to circumvent the frustrating factor, namely you, the student teacher.)

We don't mean to be bitter. Kids are great. (Key they think they're the greatest.) It's the American way of life to let our teenagers live it up big. (Don't tell them about the need to think out there beyond the sanctified walls of alma mater.)

Pay lip service to the idea of equal educational opportunities for all—morn, bright boy and genius alike. (And shrug your shoulders blasely when you realize the vote of the kids who got through school via breathing silently, smiling at appropriate moments and never questioning anything counts as much as that of the select group of award-winning proteges.)

Sorry to harangue you with our educational ulcers. The Arabs folded their tents and silently stole away. We'll pack up our soap box and sneak into another subject.

Trivial Trivia Department

See Carole Althouse for a copy of "Barabbas," the novel Professor Reppert has been recommending to his classes. This study of the original city of thieves and cutthroats, Jerusalem's underworld, should be seasonal reading. Barabbas, you may recall, was one of the earliest versions of an exchange prisoner. He was the choice of the mob. And like many others in high office, Pilate washed his hands of the choice. . . Congratulations to Curt Zillhardt on being accepted at the U. of P. vet school. 'Taint the easiest place to get into. . . If you thought you saw Nat Filbert's portrait in the window of a downtown photography studio, you were right. See Nat for details. (Then grab four friends to watch the birdie and you'll be set to win a life-size—well, almost—portrait.) JFZ.

Editorial Staff Of '55 Cue Announced By Editor Lewis

Prof. Gates Tells Of New York Trip

Donald S. Gates has announced the itinerary for the field trip to New York City which was held from Thursday, April 1 to Saturday, April 3.

The following places were covered: the Linden, New Jersey plant of General Motors where the famous continuous "assembly-line" technique was viewed; the electronic calculator at the International Business Machines "World Headquarters" on Madison Avenue; New York Stock Exchange in operation; the Fire-Insurance Museum of the Home Insurance Company; a boat trip around Manhattan Island which included the Statue of Liberty and the United Nations building. All students were invited to participate in the field trip.

The editorial staff for the 1955 Cue has been announced by John Lewis, editor. John Clopper will serve as assistant to John Sherman, business manager. Assistant editors include Claire Speidel and Patricia Weiherer and sports editors are Lorraine Wagner and Peter LaRocco.

The photography will be done again by George Deininger, Reading photographer who did the work for this year's Cue; Melvin Horst will be student assistant. William Hillyer was appointed as photographic editor. Also slated for positions are Marilyn Hill as proof-reader and Joan Neilson, typist. Junior editor for next year is Helen Schoener.

Chess Club Wins Contest Against Marshall Team

The Albright College Chess Club emerged victorious in their contest against the Marshall Chess Club of Reading. The contest was held in connection with the annual Reading Chess Tournament sponsored by the Reading Company Y.M.C.A.

Seven members participated in the tourney, which was headed by Adolph Butkys, president of the group. They were Butkys, Robert Berkstresser, Moshe Zirin, Mario Napoletano, Roger Spang, Edgar Warner and Peter Maniwiller. Warner and Maniwiller are former Albrightians who were invited to enter with the active group.

This marks the third year that the Albright team has participated in the annual chess tournaments.

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Fifty years marks some kind of a milestone in most cases. It can only be said here and in the copies of past Albrightians on file in the library what the editor of the first "Albright Bulletin" stated—"We must work for a 'Greater Albright.'" Whatever progress is made in the future will again be recorded in the pages of the college weekly. We, of the 1953-54 Albrightian staff, wish our successors the best of good fortune. D.D.



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