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## "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER" CAST



Left To Right: Drake, Mrs. Lytle, Weihe, Burdett, Miss Macijauska, Kennedy, Miss Orr, Barclay, Mrs. Bensinger.

### FORESTER SUCCESS

The Foresters' presentation of Goldsmith's celebrated comedy the past Friday and Saturday evenings did much to establish a fine reputation in Dramatics for the University throughout the state. In conjunction with the Pre-Freshman day held at the university, the Friday audience was augmented by many delegations from the high schools around this part of Jersey. That the tireless efforts of the cast and those others who directly contributed to the finished performances were highly successful may be best attested by the enthusiastic reception of the audience on both nights.

Although an accurate check has not yet been made, it is hoped that all expenses will be covered. The financial question, however, is one of second importance. Of greater value are the fine climax the play offered to the program of "Pre-freshman Day," and the high craftsmanship which was demonstrated from the leading roles to the merest details in the production.

The casting was well managed and each player interpreted his role with true understanding and sympathy. There was no overemphasis on any one character to the detriment of the play, nor was there any great weakness to mar the development. Looking back upon the performance this reporter feels that but one great wreath can be tossed and that to the entire group of players, director, and other contributors.

After such a fine enterprise many congratulations and thanks are inevitably in order. To the rest, the Foresters wish to add their high appreciation of the work of those, who, although not directly connected with the college, contributed so much to the success of the play. In extending the congratulations of the Acorn to Mr. Johnson, the Foresters, and those others who so generously contributed their talents, we wish to express the hope that during the year they may bring forth at least one other production of this high order.

### HELL WEEK OVER

#### Only One Casualty

It is reported that the only casualty suffered during that reign of terror known as Hell Week was to the dignity of a Junior, one Mr. John E. Barclay who is said to be blushing still from the infamy of a paddling at the hands of incensed Frosh.

On the whole, the Freshmen were quite as resigned and meek as their behavior on the night of the Student Party indicated that they would be. They wore clothes inside out; they carried clocks, pails, brooms, and dolls, the changed tires for affluent sophomores, they chirped merrily with the chimes and after chastising Mr. Barclay, they carried a "sandwichman" sign advertising "She Stoops to Conquer." It is said that one lone Professor, who did not appreciate the interruption of his "schedule," requested that the Frosh refrain from imitating the chimes which he considered quite sufficient in themselves.

And so, although paddlings were quite frequent, Hell Week passed quietly and the Freshmen, now feeling themselves to be real human beings are strutting around with a new-found dignity.

### ORATORICAL CONTEST

Each year Brothers College sponsors an Oratorical Contest that is open to any new student in the college. The purpose of this contest is, in the words of Dr. Poole, the debate coach is "to bring to the fore any tongue-tied Demosthenes that might be in our midst." From the results of the contest, an estimate of possible debate candidates may be made.

This year's contest was particularly good, and it is to be expected that Brothers College will be able to retain its traditional place in forensic pursuits for a few years to come.

Ralph Porzia won first prize with his speech on "Tolerance." Earnest Arthur was second with his speech on "Force Will Win." John Schabacher, speaking on "Education for Peace," was third.

The other participants and their subjects were:

Alphenus Robbins, "Forward," Willoughby Senior, "Crime," Thomas Nevins, "A Shadow on the American Threshold," and Randall Phillips, "Refutation of T. V. Smith's first chapter of 'The Way of Life'."

The judges were the Rev. Victor Mori of Grace Episcopal Church, Mr. Wylie, and Professor Norman M. Guy.

### FIRST FORUM TONIGHT

#### ROBY AND CANNON FIRST SPEAKERS

On tonight, November first, son Lee Cannon, Jr., will speak in support of the policy of the Administration, and Mr. Alfred J. Roby, Jr., in opposition. At the close, a vote will be taken to determine the opinion of the House.

The Forum which is a new undertaking at Drew is designed to give men who would not otherwise appear on the public platform an opportunity to speak and at the same time to keep the men of the college face to face with the significant problems of the day. The amount of support which this project receives from the student body will determine its success so all those who are interested are urged to be present at this session.

The parliamentary procedure under which the Forum will be conducted calls for two speeches of not more than ten minutes and general discussion from the floor, speech by any member not to exceed five minutes. Mr. Wil-

### FOUNDERS DAY FULL DAY PROGRAM

Discussion Groups  
Lecture, Meetings  
Mark Anniversary

While the clouds held off and the sun filtered through the brightly colored trees, Drew celebrated one of its most successful Founders' Day programs on last Thursday. As this was the first year that a full day's program had been arranged, it was particularly fortunate that the weather was fine. Those who have been on the campus for some time could not but be reminded of the cold, raw day five years ago when the Brothers College Building was dedicated. Added to the bright natural coloring was the gayly colored gown with which Dr. Benton sought to relieve the monotony of the Academic Procession.

This year's program was opened with two discussion groups: one led by Dr. Lewis on "The Evangelical Theologian and Our Present Situation," the other led by Dr. Guy on "The Church and Our Economic Muddle." At noon, the faculty and trustees held a luncheon in the small dining room. There were reports from various faculty members of the Seminary and the College and Mr. William S. Pillings, President of the Board of Trustees, gave a short address. At a meeting of alumni, it was decided that alumni clubs should be formed throughout the country. These clubs will be under the sponsorship of the Alumni Council which was recently formed.

At the afternoon discussion group, Dr. Davies led a discussion on "The Parables and their Interpretation."

Dr. Albert E. Day, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church of Baltimore gave the main address. Dr. Day made a stirring appeal for a dynamic outlook for Methodism. He scoffed those who reject all change with a plea for the "good old days" which, as Dr. Day pointed out, were not always so good. Dr. Day believes that the outworn forms of theology must be discarded and around its spirit and concept of values must be built a new and more flexible form fashioned in the light of present day knowledge and conditions.

Tea was served by the Ladies of the Faculty in the Wendel Room following the address.

### STUDENTS CELEBRATE HALLOWE'EN

The annual University Halloween Party was held last night with Mead Hall as the center of activities. After gathering at Mead Hall the group was split up and went to various faculty houses for the first part of the evening. Later they gathered again at Mead Hall where refreshments were served. Mr. Haas was in charge of arrangements.





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## ORATORY

The oratorical contest which which was held on last Wednesday evening and which was open to all new students in the college began the college's activities for the year in the very important field of public speaking. It was quite evident that the some forty students in attendance were enthusiastically stirred by the program and awakened to a greater interest in the art of oratory.

Such an event has proved commendable for its stimulation of interest in an art in which every college graduate should show at least a fundamental training. We, who at no considerable sacrifice are struggling to attain a truly cultured background, owe it to ourselves to gain to the best of our abilities an ease, a clarity, and a forcefulness of expression in all that we say or write. In this aim many of our extra-classroom activities prove a valuable supplement to registered courses.

The debating society and team offer to a few of the students who are free to devote considerable time to the enterprise a worthy training in public speech, but in their limited numbers and required work they are beyond the possibilities of many students who none-the-less recognize the value of such training. For these latter students, especially, there has been arranged a new program of "Forums" which will, with their backing, afford a valuable training yet can be entered into by the busiest of students. Elsewhere in this issue appear the full particulars of the first of these parliamentary Forums. Read them carefully so that when you come you will be able to act without confusion and get the most possible out of the enterprise.

The Forum will serve in a triple function: it will train us in speaking before an audience; in weighing and organizing material for a speech; and it will keep us abreast of world affairs, at the same time giving a measure of campus opinion upon those important issues.

In every way the proposal of this idea and its fostering by Professor Guy afford an unusual opportunity to the students of our college and we are sure, it will meet with the enthusiastic support of every student who wishes to make the most of his college training.

## CHAPEL

Last year at the suggestion of the students, the chapel hour was rearranged to come in the middle of the morning session for the greater convenience of those who did not have early morning classes. The change, at first, brought about a marked increase in chapel attendance and a fair sized group continued throughout the balance of the semester. This year, however, a smaller group has been enjoying this source of inspiration.

The Chapel Committee this year has scheduled a greater number of student leaders for the short morning service and to these men we owe our support and encouragement. To consider the service as an obligation, however, is to completely misunderstand the basis upon which it is founded at Drew. Among us it is an opportunity to pause in the course of the day's work to gather inspiration for the tasks that remain ahead.

It is admitted that Baldwin Hall is not an ideal setting for such an inspirational service. We should all like to have a fine college chapel, rich in religious atmosphere, and perhaps, one day we shall. Meanwhile, if all those students who noisily and rather thoughtlessly tramp the corridors during the service were to attend and add their voices to the singing, we should have a service of high inspirational value. Chapel might then attain its proper place and become a fond memory in the years long after our graduation.

## AS OTHERS SEE US

### "Extra-Classroom" Activities

Brothers College students and faculty seem to have caught a new idea with regard to such half play, half work interests as Oliver Goldsmith's ever-popular drama, "She Stoops to Conquer," which the Drew Foresters are presenting this week-end.

Perhaps it is significant that a year or two ago the usual designation of "extra-curricular" activities somehow dropped completely out of use at Brothers, to be replaced by "extra-classroom" activities.

Dean Frank G. Lankard points out that college plays can develop along several possible lines. For the most part, youngsters and their elders, too, for that matter, get a great "kick" out of making-up and living temporarily behind the mask of an assumed personality, and college dramatics may be just this—just play. Or, again, the college stage may have a serious professional interest—training material for the professional boards.

Neither of these two aims, however, appears adequate to describe the entire work of the Drew Foresters. Their coach, an experienced instructor in English literature, finds countless ways to make the hours the cast spends in rehearsal count toward their whole development as men and women of culture. Ease with other people, cultivated inflection of voice, co-operation and understanding under the difficult, often irritating circumstances of rehearsals repeated many times, responsibility for details, and especially teamwork within the organization—all of these things are learned by these aspiring dramatists.

Dr. Sherman Young does the same thing at Brothers College in the widely different area of baseball. No longer "extra-curricular," since they now have a definite function and place in the teaching plan of the college, dramatics, baseball, literary work, music, all become far more significant than mere "outside" activities ever could.

The Dean acknowledges this result does not come by chance. The faculty gives its best consideration to these problems, as much as to any other integral part of the teaching function. "Concomitant learning," is what Professor Benton calls the process—lessons not printed in books, but still making their impression as deeply, and perhaps with as great significance for the future lives of these Brothers College men.

One clear point in such a scheme is that whatever is done must be done well. If "She Stoops to Conquer" achieves the stage success in the hands of the Foresters which indications forecast, these other values will take care of themselves. From the standpoint of the public, they offer a perennially popular play, understandingly presented. The public appears to be responding with ready support.

—Editorial Madison Eagle

Dr. Ralph R. Winn, City College of New York instructor in philosophy, claims that the student who sleeps during lectures retains the greatest amount of information being disseminated. —National Student Federation of American.

## EXCHANGE

### Senior Dumber Than Freshmen?

NEW YORK, N. Y. (NSFA)—To determine the quality of the mind trained by a four-year college course the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching spent six years studying educational institutions in Pennsylvania.

A few findings resulting from intelligence, culture and general knowledge tests given to thousands of students are:

30 per cent of all seniors in six colleges ranked below the average freshmen in the general culture tests.

Average college sophomores knew the meaning of 55 out of 100 commonly used words. Two more years of exposure enabled the same student to recognize 62 in 100.

Average intelligence of seniors in four high schools was above that of all college sophomore candidates for an education degree.

The group responsible for this disillusioning investigation points to the credit system as one of the reasons for uneducation of college students. They feel that too much emphasis is placed on grades as barometers of knowledge, culture and intelligence.

—National Student Federation

### Cleveland A Laboratory

"There is something wrong when graduates come out of college self-centered, socially unconscious, and political morons," said Dean Marion B. Tolar in announcing the program of new Fenn Liberal Arts College, Cleveland, Ohio, an extension of Nash Junior College. "We have set up four years of work in liberal arts that will make students face the present world about them."

"The City of Cleveland as a Laboratory for American Citizenship" is the first three-month problem to be approached by Fenn's first Freshman Class. Beginning at 9 A. M., the first hour of each day will be devoted to the development of oral and written expression in discussions of the City Council. There will follow an hour of foreign language study, a "tool subject" along with the sciences which in most cases will be approached with a specific problem of their own.

At 11 the City Council is analyzed from a sociological angle at a round-table discussion led by a speaker from the Council. The first part of the afternoon is devoted to science lectures and laboratory work, followed by an hour in which the City Council is approached historically, its origin and development examined.

—National Student Federation

The Acorn is now affiliated (The faculty will know what that means) with the National Students Federation of America, the first of whose exchange releases appear in this issue.

## FAULKNER HOUSE

At the initial meeting of the year, Faulkner House elected Harold E. Pitkin as house president. A social committee composed of Arthur Brant, Ed. Voegtlin, and Dave MacCracken was appointed. A varied series of entertainments is being planned.

## CHATTER

By Senor AEsop  
A? B? C? D? E? E! (Gee!)  
(with apologies to Dr. Gilbert)  
Seniors, Juniors, Sophs and Frosh—

Why looks of great dismay?  
"Goodness!"  
"Gracious!"  
"Oh, heck!"  
"Oh, gosh!"

(Yes, marks are out today).

NOT HEARD IN THE MAIL ROOM: . . . What prominent Brothers College senior has all good intentions of prancing to the tune of the wedding march in the near future? . . . Austin Tidabach has not as yet recuperated from that recent visit to N. Y. (the nasty man!) . . . Bill Page was seen riding in a rumble seat with a goat during the recent scavenger hunt . . . A rowing team for Drew? The Frosh can paddle—ask Barclay! . . . Puzzle of the Week: Why so many B. C. boys have joined the Presbyterian choir . . . A few for Ripley: Brothers College has a Senior who is a Freshman, a Freshman who is a Darling, and a darling who is King . . .

AESAP FABLE . . . Once upon a time a certain lady lost a number of valuable jewels which at length found themselves in the city dumps. A searching party was organized to find the precious stones and the master of the house offered a \$100 reward to the finder. Among the youths who were seeking the jewels and the subsequent reward was one, Cecilocrates Wrightspanes, a struggling scholar. The lad, after praying to Zeus, came across the jewels in the thick filth of the city dumps and was given the reward.

Moral: If you're down in the dumps, don't be discouraged! Note To The Forum: Of course, you've heard about that wealthy frankfruter magnet who had his own ideas about this country going to the dogs.

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The campaign for funds with which to purchase a radio-phonograph is being pushed vigorously. On Oct. 29 the total contributions and pledges amounted to the sum of \$190. This is an excellent showing and reflected the spirit of the school as out of a total of 120 students 110 have contributed. We urge that the student give his full support to the campaign and thus make the number of students who have subscribed 100 per cent.

A committee to choose the radio-phonograph has been appointed by Chairman Jordy of the Extra-Classroom Association. This committee is composed of Professors Benton, Harrington, Young, Mrs. Ben-singer, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Brant. If everything proceeds smoothly the committee hopes to have the radio in the Tolley room by the middle of the month.

Some of the members of the student body have expressed the opinion that those on the purchasing committee would be quite likely to choose a preponderance of classical records. However, we have the assurance of Mr. Brant that a varied selection will be made to insure the various programs which may be desired.

## ELEMENT 93

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## KEEP THESE OPEN

NOVEMBER  
1 Thursday—Drew Foresters, Green Room, B. C. 218, 8 p. m.

Brothers College Forum, B. C. 8 p. m.

4 Sunday—Recital by Francis Xavier, M. E. Church, 4 p. m.

7 Wednesday—Lecture, Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Sem. Chapel, 3:20 p. m.

15 Thursday—Lecture. The Rev. T. Ferrier Hulme, LL.D. Sem. Chapel, 3:20 p. m.  
23 & 24 Friday and Saturday—Fall Week-end Dances.

## FORESTERS

To those who have been disturbed from their studies or their slumbers by strange noises in the south wing of the college building, let it be known that the worst is over and that in a short time, the Drew Foresters will have the stage in their Green Room completed and open for inspection. Work was started even before school closed last spring and has gone steadily on until the present.

Having secured the permission of the administration to use room 218 and having further secured the backing of the school, the group went to work to produce a practice stage which could become a permanent fixture in the school. Most of the credit and thanks for this work must go to Oliver Drake and to his father. Between them and with what help other college men could give them, they have produced a stage which, considering limitations of space and funds, is truly remarkable.

Probably the most fascinating feature of this structure is the fact that it has been carefully planned and built so that the room was not marred in the least and the whole stage could be removed if necessary without leaving any disfiguration. A stage of a small size but of excellent proportions has been provided and equipped with lighting equipment of which, many larger stages would be proud. Collapsible footlights, full border lights, convenient outlets for spots, floods, etc., and full dimmers on each circuit are among the features. Using curtains which were already owned by the University, a full set of draw curtains, "teasers and tormentors" and side curtains have now been put in place by Mr. Drake and his assistants.

Although the space in the room which may be used for an audience is very limited, the stage will serve excellently as a practice stage and as a place for practical instruction in dramatics. As a result, a class in dramatics has been started by Mr. Johnson and on any Monday night the immortal lines of Mr. Johnson's bosom friend, "Billy" Shakespeare may be heard floating out over the campus.

## SUPPER CONFERENCE

A supper conference was held in the small dining room on Monday evening, October 29. Dr. Lankard was the speaker and gave a very challenging message on the subject, "The Art of Being Critical."

## QUILL AND SCROLL

The regular meeting of the Quill and Scroll Society was held Tuesday evening, October 23, at the home of Mahlon and Alden Smith with Chester Hodgson presenting the paper.

Mr. Hodgson's paper was a short called, "Coal-Mining Town." The setting was a small, provincial, West Virginia town in the mining district. Mr. Hodgson gave a very vivid description of the town and its people, and his story showed that he had drawn from his own experiences in writing. Interesting comments from the members followed the presentation.

The next meeting of the Society will be with Robert Williams and Chester Hodgson. Several prospective candidates from membership will be invited to this meeting, and the purposes of the Society will be explained to them. At the following meeting the papers of the candidates will be read, and a member chosen on the basis of the merits of his paper. Those invited to the try-out at this meeting will be either Sophomores or Juniors, as the vacancies for Freshman candidates will be filled later.

## ROGERS HOUSE

On Monday evening, October 8, the Rogers House was entertained at a tea in Professor Harrington's rooms. The following appointments were made to the committees for the ensuing year:

Wilson Lee Cannon, Jr., President  
Leighton E. Pitkin, Vice President  
Leo Burnell, Treasurer  
Oliver Drake, Director of Publicity

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PRE-FRESHMAN DAY

On last Friday some fifty students with fifteen of their teachers and principals invaded the campus for the annual Pre-Freshman day. This is the first year that this day has been held in the fall instead of in the spring. The men were greeted in the Foyer of the College building by members of the Faculty and representatives of the Student Council. Dr. Lankard spoke briefly in Baldwin Hall and then the students were turned over to the Student Council while their principals were guests of the Faculty Club. Here a discussion was opened on "What the High School May Expect from the College" with Mr. Frederick W. Reimherr of West Orange and Dr. John K. Benton of Brothers College leading.

Supper was served in the Dining Hall. President Brown gave a brief message and Chester Hodgson sang. After supper the men were escorted to the Madison High School for the performance of "She Stoops to Conquer."

MUSICALE

On Sunday afternoon, October 28, Mrs. Brown entertained some 25 or 30 students at her home. The afternoon was spent in enjoying the philharmonic concert after which a buffet supper was served.

Chester Hodgson gave an evaluation of the program and an interpretation of it which was appreciated. This concert is of the type for which a desire has been expressed and the number of men who attended indicates that there is a genuine interest. One of the chief reasons for the instigation of a campaign to buy the radio-phonograph was that these concerts might be enjoyed.

Supper was served at 5:30 and it was regrettable that several men just made the "deadline." While there was, no doubt, a valid reason for this is some cases. It should not become accepted as a general custom.

The interest and cordiality of Dr. and Mrs. Brown in making this gathering possible was greatly appreciated by those present.

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With this incentive, Wright and his fellows went to work again and soon Wright came up with the missing rings. So Mrs. Hersey is happy again. Wright is in \$100, and Mr. Hersey has every right to say that the man always pays. Your editor will pause to sympathize with the less fortunate hunters among whom were Freshmen Hamilton and Shabacker, and will then go to seek Wright who should be good for a "two-bit-touch."

RAMBLIN' ALONG

Congratulations, likewise, to Ralph Porzio and the other winners in the oratorical contest. We will expect to see these men using their eloquence in debates and the newly organized Forum. The Forum, by the way, meets on Thursday of this week for the first time under the guidance of Dr. Guy. Speakers will be Cannon and Roby. Turn out and join in the argument.

The Sopomore vs. Freshmen Football Game. Despite the boasts of 2nd year men and the fact that bets ranged from 3-1 and 7-1 in their favor, the initial struggle presented little evidence of their vaunted superiority. With Simpson nonchalantly passing to Reckhow and

the Frosh managed to confuse the spectators as to which team was the Sopomore squad. However, the Sopomores were enabled to march victoriously off the field as a result of an intercepted pass by Bartlett, shining star of the Sopomores. Credit is also due to Burrell and McKinley, the latter directing his men to their advantage. It remained for Beck, however, to demonstrate the maternal love and solicitude of the Sophs for the new men as his feet clipped Barrett's head in an effort to stop a threatening end run. This incident enabled, "Popeye" Brown, Frosh captain, to express his opinion that the Sopomores were a rotten bunch of nice boys. The next clash in the opinion of this reporter, however, will witness a large score in favor of the 2nd year men.

The noon hour in Charlie's Coconut Grove. In one booth are Turner and Herslow et al. Opposite are a group of High School girls. Disliking the radio program, the Drew men requested (?) Tidabach to change the station. The new program evidently displeased the girls. One

TENNIS COURTS

One can now stand on the baseline of the Drew Tennis Courts and swing his racket behind him without being hindered by the backstops. This fact was a very pleasant discovery to the tennis players of Drew during the fall tennis tournament. It was made possible by moving the west-end backstop back about fourteen feet and centering the four courts.

But this is not the only improvement. In fact, there are enough of them to quiet even Salny and Campbell. The surfaces of the courts have been improved; new net posts have been put up; steel cables have been put in place of cotton net cords; center straps enable the net to be kept tight and at the right height; and those terrible tapes have been replaced by nice white lines.

The courts have been worked on almost constantly for several months and are probably in the best condition of their existence. Tennis enthusiasts at Drew are certainly glad these improvements have been made. The tennis team can now treat their opponents to much better playing conditions than was formerly possible. Let's hope that the courts are kept right and that the players treat them right.

BIBLE CLASS

The Faulkner House Bible Class is the Sunday morning discussion group for the college men. This year the meetings are being held in the lounge room of Faulkner House from 9:30 to 10:30. We have been fortunate in securing the dean and many of our faculty men as leaders.

At its initial meeting of the year the group decided to establish a cabinet to work with Professor Young and the College Committee on Religious Life. The cabinet consists of: E. M. Smith, chairman; Guy M. A. Leinthal, senior; John Burclay, junior; Leighton Pitkin, sophomore, and Dudley Ingerson freshman. These men will plan the programs and secure the speakers. It is hoped that this plan will insure a more co-operative spirit among the students and also that the group will become a permanent feature of the college life.

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