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## Orientation Program to be For Benefit of New Students

### Student Council Party Traditions Night Highlight Activities Orientation Plan

There stands in the middle of the campus a statue of Francis Asbury, and somewhere nearby stands a bewildered new student. That student may be you. Fresh from the cloistered halls of some high school, or from the not so cloistered Armed Services you have come to drink from the fount of higher learning.

To help you the college has designed its orientation program. Today you have conferred with your advisers, who have been carefully chosen to aid you in selecting your courses. But do not confine your contacts to registration day. Tonight at 8 P.M. the Student Council will entertain you in the gymnasium. Meet the Council members, the students who are your governing board.

Over the week-end you are free. Enjoy it. A free week-end is a rare thing. Monday morning come to classes, but take time out to hear Dean Lankard speak in Chapel at 10:20. At 8 P.M. before a blazing fire on the athletic field some of the faculty and students will introduce you to the traditions of BC. Settle back; listen. You will be surprised how much this night will mean during your four years.

To end orientation the College Lounge will be open Tuesday at 8 P.M. for the Religious Orientation Program. Here the religious activities of the college will be explained, and the ministers of the town will

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## Dramatic Club Hopes Stated

"The work of the Dramatic Club during the year will depend upon the talent," commented Professor Ralph R. Johnson in an interview this week. He hoped that the club could produce "Macbeth" or "The Doll's House." These plays he felt would best express the timbre of the Drew campus. The Play Selection Committee will meet during the early weeks of school to make a final selection.

Professor Johnson also mentioned that the Radio Programs on Station WPAT are still in the process of negotiation. However, it is hoped that Dean Lankard will have a definite answer by the end of the next week. The tentative schedule of programs includes several one-act plays, a musical program by the Coeds' Glee Club, an address by a professor and, if possible, a religious program similar to the Sunday Evening Forum.

Professor Johnson hopes that all students interested in either project will contact him at the beginning of the semester.

## Wm. Burdett Has Retired

William N. Burdett, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at Drew for the past seventeen years, retired September 1 and was succeeded by Enoch W. Malm.

Mr. Burdett has been ill for practically the first time in his life since early last winter. His situation was complicated this summer by a broken leg from which he is now recovering in the Overlook Hospital of Summit.

The Burdetts will continue to occupy the first floor of their house adjoining the college building until July, 1947.

Mr. Malm, who takes over responsibility for the maintenance of the campus and the buildings, comes to Drew from Springfield, Massachusetts, where he has had long experience in a similar position with a real estate company. Mr. and Mrs. Malm have the second floor apartment in Sitterly House for this winter.

## To Learn or Not 'As You Will' Is Dean Lankard's Greeting

It is with real pleasure that we extend greetings to the returning veterans. We rejoice that your lives have been spared and that you now find it possible to resume your education. It is true that the college has changed, but so have you. It is not a question of getting back to some dream that cannot be recovered, but on to a new and brighter tomorrow.

We also extend greetings to the Freshmen. You are standing on the threshold of a new experience. Embrace it and make the most of it! Determine to study to the limit of your ability, for the chance to gain an education, as you find it in college, comes but once in a lifetime. Make all the friends you can, for college friendships have a way of lasting through life. Learn to separate the bad from the good, the false from the true, and take your stand on the side of truth, beauty and goodness. Cultivate the habit of gratitude and appreciation. It will make you feel much better than carrying about a sour and critical spirit; and the world will be the better for it, too. Do not allow yourselves to become pessimistic in the face of a most discouraging international situation. Many people, in every nation, possess a vast amount of goodwill within themselves. It is only through education and religion that this vast reservoir of goodness can be organized and directed toward justice and a durable peace.

Furthermore, remember, Freshmen, that there are millions of

capable and eager young men and women all about the world who are being denied the opportunity that you have to attend college because the economic and social conditions in their respective countries will not permit colleges of liberal arts to exist. You are among the fortunate of the earth. Grasp the opportunity firmly in your hand and make the most of it! For whether you secure a college education or not will depend upon you.

On a certain island there lived a very wise man. On the same island lived a cynical youth who doubted the legend of the wise man's wisdom. He boasted that he would put the sage to a test that would completely destroy this legend. He said, "I will come to the sage with a bird in the palm of my hand and say, 'Is it dead or alive?' If the sage says the bird is dead I will open my hand and let it fly away. If he says it is alive I will crush it to death." In due time the young man appeared before the sage and said, "What do I have in my hand?" "It appears by its feathers to be a bird," the sage replied. "Correct," said the young man, "but is it dead or alive?" And the sage said, "As you will."

This wise answer applies equally well to education. Will you make the most of your opportunity? The result will be "as you will."

The faculty of the college is here to guide you. Give them a fair chance! Let us all pull together for a greater Drew and a fairer and better world!

—Frank Glenn Lankard

## Orientation Calendar

Friday, September 20

9:00 Registration  
8:00 (P.M.) Student Council  
Welcoming Party

Monday, September 23

9:50 Chapel (Dean Lankard)  
8:00 Traditions Night

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 (P.M.) Religious Orientation Program

Thursday, September 26

8:00 (P.M.) President Reception for students and faculty

Chapel Speakers: Sept. 25, President Brown; Sept. 27, Richard Morgan; Sept. 30, Walter Glass; Oct. 2, Rev. John Parks; Oct. 4, Rev. Parker B. Holloway

## Brothers College Opens Nineteenth Year; Largest Civilian Enrollment in History

### Faculty Adds New Members

Brothers College welcomes five new faculty members for the fall semester. To meet the increased pressure placed upon the Science Department Miss Miriam Sidran, Dr. E. Gilmore Ford, and Mr. Samuel Gushin have been appointed to instruct in chemistry. Mrs. Mary Richards will direct the women's physical education program and Mrs. Eva Bond Wagner will instruct in psychology and education.

Miss Sidran graduated from Brooklyn College in 1942 and has done graduate work at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, New York University, and Columbia University where she is a candidate for the M.A. degree. She has been employed by the British Purchasing Commission, the Cosmopolitan Chemical Company and the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Dr. Ford who has just been released from active service in the Navy, replaces Mr. Milton Wachtel who recently suffered a heart attack which forced him to relinquish his appointment as instructor in chemistry. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University. His rank will be Assistant Professor.

Mr. Gushin graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1943, then entered the Armed Forces. After his discharge he was employed by the Enduretta Corporation at Cliffwood, N. J., as Control Chemist. However, the position lasted only three weeks, for an explosion destroyed the entire plant.

Mrs. Richards, who replaces Mrs. Ada Finley, was graduated from Ohio State University. She was in the Spars for two years as a Specialist in Physical Education.

Mrs. Wagner received her B.S. from Teachers College, her M.S. in Commerce and Business Education at the University of Alabama, and the degree of Ph.D. in Psychology at Columbia University. For three years Mrs. Wagner was Senior Psychologist at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. She was Professor of Psychology, Richmond Division of the College of William and Mary for three years and has recently been employed as Psychologist at the Vocational Advisory Service, New York City.

### Rorschach Test Given on Request

Beginning July 1 the Personnel Office initiated in the college the Rorschach test as a substitute for the Bernreuter Personality Inventory. While it is not intended that all students of the college be tested, the Personnel Office will be very glad to make arrangements for testing any of the former students who wish to have a Rorschach test interpretation in their cumulative file.

### Male Students Are Two-thirds Of Student Body

Brothers College opened the fall semester of its nineteenth year today with the largest civilian enrollment in its history, seventy per cent above its highest prewar peak. Three-quarters of the men and several women students are World War II veterans.

The student body of about 360 includes a freshman class of around seventy-five, most of whom began their work here in July, and sixty Drew men returning to college for the first time from military service, in addition to those who resumed their studies previously.

Male dominance, lost for two terms last year but regained with a three-to-one lead in the summer session, continues in the fall, with men constituting two-thirds of the student body. The general intention of the college, expressed by faculty vote in October, 1944, is to keep the two groups in balance, but this is not held as a hard and fast rule. Admission priority given to returning Brothers College veterans accounts for the disproportionate number of men this year.

A number of freshmen who began in July and expected to have to drop out for a semester to make place for the returning veterans received last-minute okays to continue without interruption and are re-registering today, owing principally to demobilization slowdowns, which have held up the return of some Brothers College veterans. A few new freshmen benefited by similar late admissions.

Three hundred sixty has been viewed by the faculty since 1943 as the practical maximum enrollment of the college. The class day could easily be extended to accommodate a larger number, but other important factors are also involved, such as teaching staff, section size, housing, dining hall, gymnasium and library facilities. It is hoped that with this year's experience and expansion at some critical point the student body can be permitted to increase somewhat next year.

The outlook for the future is continued pressure for admission far beyond the college's capacity. Under these circumstances the problem is to limit the number accepted to the maximum the college can house and teach effectively, and at the same time choose the student body from the best of the applicants. Plans call for the admission of a limited number in January to replace those who will finish then, and the selection of the 1947 freshman class in February.



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## Drew Welcomes You, Civilian

As Brothers College goes into its fall term, the second World War is more than a year behind us; demobilization is all but completed, and a large majority of the Brothers College men who interrupted their studies to go off to the wars have returned. To those returning veterans, and to those veterans who are now starting their first full term at Brothers College, we wish to extend a hearty and thankful welcome.

To have one's education interrupted by a war is indeed a distasteful and disastrous thing—both from a private and a public point of view. However, there is, perhaps, one small measure of compensation. There is probably no better or easier environment in which to re-adjust to the task of becoming a useful citizen than the college campus. There is none of the strife and competition for existence that one finds in the outside world and that so often confuses the veteran returned from the comparative economic security of the armed forces. There is, unfortunately, a certain amount of competition for grades; but the veteran should not find himself at any great disadvantage here. True, he undoubtedly has lost touch with "effective study habits" but if he ever had them he should find little difficulty in recovering them. And the veteran does have a distinct advantage in that his powers of observation have been sharpened through training and necessity. Most veterans have traveled much more extensively than they would have otherwise and have developed a more mature and cosmopolitan outlook on world affairs. Also, a veteran has had more time to "think it over" and reach a definite decision as to his career, a career, incidentally, that has only been deferred and not in any way, and more disastrously, interrupted.

The point is this: do not return to Drew with the attitude too often assumed, that of a stranger on the defensive. You are now duly constituted and gratefully accepted members of the Drew community. Drew, as well as the rest of the world, is under obligation to you for the part you have played. But you, in turn, are under obligation to Drew and to the world to make full use of the knowledge and abilities you have acquired. You fail in your obligation and make your sacrifice meaningless if you remain defensively a veteran. It is up to you to become as quickly as possible a useful, aggressive citizen. As such, the college community needs and welcomes you, civilian!

## Here Comes Opportunity

It's one lousy situation. This is no bright new world, this is one lousy situation. There are two ideologies on this earth today, and today, September 20 in the Year of Atom 2, the two ideologies face one another across a peace table that is only a mockery of peace.

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## RIDING THE CIRCUIT

By Rod Barr

The leaves come tumbling down; the crack of pads resound from the football games; cheers roll towards the sky, for this is fall. The fall of 1946. To Drew comes the largest student body in its history. So much for an introduction.

A word of explanation about the program at Drew. In the fall the intraclass competition will get under way with a football league. The rules are two-hand touch; after that it is up to the officials to catch you.

Later in the fall Coach Simester will post the word that the basketball squad had better hustle over to the gym. Coach heads the Physical Education Department, as you new students will learn only too soon.

About the same time that the basketball boys start, fencing practice will open with matches to determine who uses the foils, epees, and sabers this year. If you have a desire to learn something new we suggest fencing. (The we refers to my typewriter and me.)

Towards the end of the winter season Doc Young stretches, then calls for a pre-season warm-up of the baseball nine. Doc has played, seen, and coached baseball and puts out a team that will play. Also, at this time Bob Smith walks

around the tennis courts testing them to see if they be in shape. If so, the volleys begin, and the tennis squad wears the fuzz from the canned spheres.

All this except football is inter-collegiate. During the winter a college basketball league pounds the court trying to prove that one class is better than another. Volleyball comes into its own near the end of the indoor season, and again the various classes vie for top honors. As the grass turns to lush green a softball league fills the evening hours before darkness obscures the umpire (some of them remain in darkness).

The swimming pool is open for all. The schedule will be posted. What the coeds will have in the way of an athletic program remains unknown 'cause I hain't met the lady who does the work.

There is a place for every student in the activities around the gym, and the exercise does us good (so I've heard). Any way, the gym is open. Coach and Mrs. Richardson will help the new students and also the old. Till next time when with any luck I'll have some dope on the football league. Also, who is taking Navy over Army this year? Please see me. We could talk a little business.

## 'Nuff Told Tales for Freshmen

Lansdowne Brandywine had come a cropper. Women, Lansdowne had just discovered, were not always what they at first appeared to be. Shockingly disillusioned at first, he already had sunk into a mood of burning chagrin, accepting the facts at their face value, accepting the evidence as his own eyes had seen it.

Naive Lansdowne. To him, Psyche Skupshtina had been something new, something refreshing, like the first white winter snow that covers a Pennsylvania culm bank. Goosie Scuppernong had introduced them at the bookstore one afternoon, after he and Scup had finished a romping good game of croquet on the south courts. Lansdowne had slyly bought her a whole bottle of Seven-Up, and one for himself, too, and they had stood there by the candy machines and looked at each other. They looked and looked, they did.

And suddenly the realization had come to young Brandywine. "This is for me," he thought, and he proceeded to make it his. He dated the auburn haired Psyche on every occasion, took her on a mad whirl of afternoon bicycle rides and post-breakfast ping pong games. Sakes, they enrolled in Marriage and the Family together. He even let her smoke his cigarettes in the lounge between classes. Love had enmeshed Lansdowne and Psyche. The future was for them alone.

It was a beautiful affair. Often they were seen strolling across the campus in the moonlight, arm in arm, he quoting the Spoon River Anthology, she, Doin' What Comes Abnormally. Men of the world like Contagious Thweeny and Lamont Homatropine were inclined to view the couple and to shake their shaggy heads sagely, saying, "They've had it."

He had talked of building her a maroon Quonset hutsut in the

Canadian Rockies, and she had purred like a kitten, cat that she was, and had talked of waiting for him evenings, grilling him toasted cheese sandwiches with chocolate icing, broiling caribou steaks, baking graham cracker cream pies with Scotch and Bourbon insides. The future was for them alone.

And now, the disenchantment. Just this moment, Lansdowne had come upon Psyche in the arms of Griswold Booperthatchathwagerius, the basketball star. They were not discussing basketball. They were not discussing the zone defense system. In fact, at the moment defense of any kind seemed far from Psyche's mind. "Goodness," thought Lansdowne, and he drove on, completely atomized. This was the end. Psyche was nothing but a nasty old amphisbaena.

In the stress of the immediate instant, he almost had forgotten Desideria Glud. Now she raised her pretty head from his shoulder, and he kissed her again. The future was for them alone.

—O'Gismo.

## Orientation

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Thursday at 8 P.M. President Brown will hold his reception for students and faculty in Mead Hall. Courage, friend. The receiving line is not that long.

And now, a part of Brothers College, you turn to thoughts academic. But, should the first attempts at studying seem discouraging, the Personnel Office will help you out with study aid materials. Stop in the Office at your earliest convenience. Perhaps you may wish to supplement your Strong Vocational Interest Test with aptitude tests in the field of art, music and the sciences.

## Opportunity

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There are only thinly veiled insinuations, insults, accusations.

There is a shooting war in China.

There is hell loose in the Holy Land.

The vultures feed and wax fat in the streets of Bombay and Calcutta.

American soldiers have been killed by foreign ack-ack much more recently than V-J Day.

Helen of Bikini was a kid in pigtails in comparison with what's coming. A democracy will fight only a war of retribution. Those of us who are left will blast an aggressor from the face of the earth.

It's great to be alive this day. It's great to have just a little part in the show. Admit it. You've got the nerve to face the future, or you wouldn't be registering in a quiet American college today. Or is it something more than this?

Any man or woman who will plan a future, a career, in these chaotic times is either a fool or an optimist. A complacent fool who shelters his apathy within the thinly insulated walls of academic learning, or an optimist who nourishes the hope that the world is not yet a goner, that there are better times ahead, and who realizes that education and more education is one instrument for finding those better times. An optimist or a fool. Perhaps we are all a little of both.

But as long as there are men and women in a group—a body of students and a college faculty—as long as there is freedom to speak and to write and to listen, there shall be ideas, and an exchange of ideas. Such is the essence of progress; such should be prevalent in the spirit of Drew.

Men with their dreams have brought the world a long way. Men with ideas could destroy it. Only thoughtful men and women, working together with new ideas and still fresher ideals, can save the civilization of their own creation. Here comes another term. Here comes opportunity.

## S. C. President Speaks

Hello again! September, and back to the "old grind." Welcome, classmates, from your Student Council. This new semester brings us together again for a new year of educational, social, and athletic events. Back to our old traditions, the college stag smokers of yesteryear, dreamy dances in the refectory (?), the terrific week-ends, the big athletic rallies for some great teams, and concerts in the Pilling Room.

Your Council this year will do its best. The membership of this body consists of seniors, Stan Raub, Jeanne Van Camp, Henry Kruse, Dana Coe, Maurice Hand and myself; juniors, Dixon McGrath, Ted Bushell, and sophomores, Bob Gunsell and Dick Krumm. Also members are the Acorn editor, Jean Elmore, and the College Social Chairman, Bob Lundberg.

In our efforts this year, whether educational, social, athletic, or administrative, we must have the co-operation of the entire student body. Gripes! Complaints! Your Council representative wants to hear them all. Come to us first. It's your quickest and best way. You can sit around and watch if you wish, or you can be a part of the "team" and pitch in on all activities. Let's really make this an outstanding year and one to remember. Support your Council!

—Stan Oppenheim.