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Huffman, '12, to Serve as Alumni Group President

Josephine Gann Huffman, '12, was re-elected president of the Alumni Association at the annual meeting in June. She is beginning her second year as executive head of the organization.

A slate of officers to serve during 1949-50 was presented to the alumni by the Rev. Ralph D. Hinkelman, '23, who headed the nominating committee. It was accepted as read and the following officers will assist Mrs. Huffman: Daniel Kuttel, '41, of Williamsport, vice-president; Eva L. Keller, '13, of South Williamsport, recording secretary; Martha V. Slate, '11, of Williamsport, corresponding secretary; Nellie Lord Hutchison, '13, of Williamsport, treasurer.

Alumni Council members named for the year 1950 are Rebecca Shepherd Browne, '16; Alice Cheston Hicks, '84; Rev. R. W. Hinkelman, '23; Rev. Leland W. Keemer, '36, all of Williamsport, and Robert W. Ferrell, Sr., '12, of Picture Rocks.

1951—Dorothy Hoagland, '09, of East Aurora, N. Y.; Margaret Smith Hunter, '06; Mary Pyles, '13; John B. Willmann, '38, all of Williamsport, and the Rev. Frank W. Ake, '27, of Avis.

1952—Mary Elizabeth Flock, '36; Phoebe Rhoades Lyon, '08; Margaret Schuster Welker, '31; Don L. Larrabee, '23, all of Williamsport, and Randolph F. Glenn, '10, of Mechanicsburg.

Rev. S. Franklin Lodgson, '29, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, London, Ontario, Canada, is author of the recently-published book, "Crucified to Live." The work deals with the life of Saint Paul.

Do You?

Do you know a high school graduate whom you would be proud to have join your ranks as a Lycoming alumnus?

Thirty-four per cent of the present student body was recommended by alumni. The majority of these undergraduates stand high scholastically and are the leaders on campus—the kind of men and women Lycoming is proud of now and the kind she can be proud of when they take their places as community leaders.

Tell prospective college students about the opportunities at Lycoming College. When you forward their names the admissions office will send them pictorial bulletins and information on life at Lycoming.

Propose Library

A new library has been proposed for the college.

At the Spring meeting of the board of directors a recommendation was made that library facilities be expanded at once and the directors favored a new building on the campus to be erected "as soon as possible and not later than September, 1952."

No attempt was made to determine the size of the proposed library or to fix the cost of building and equipping it. These matters will be taken up by a library committee.

13,000 Miles for Son's Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. A. William Zecha traveled 13,000 miles by land, sea and air from their home in Batavia, Java, to attend their son's graduation as a member of Lycoming's first senior class.

Andrew B. L. Zecha received one of the first baccalaureate degrees awarded by the college under its charter as a four-year school.

When Mr. and Mrs. Zecha arrived on the campus they were united with two other sons and a nephew who are attending American colleges. Allen, '47, is now enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Adrian is a student at Dickinson College, and the nephew, Warren Yap, studies at the University of Delaware.

President's Message

Alumni and Friends of Lycoming College:

As one who has been connected with Lycoming College and its predecessor institutions for more than a quarter of a century, there are certain satisfactions connected with the recent Commencement events.

In the first place it was real pleasure to greet so many alumni and friends. We hope the increased number of returning alumni this year indicates a trend which will eventually bring many hundreds to the campus for Homecoming and May Day activities, for Commencement and for other college events.

In the second place, Dr. Horlacher, in his address to the alumni at the Saturday evening banquet, mentioned the opportunities of cleavage in our alumni groups represented by the Seminary, by the Junior College, and now by the four-year college. Fortunately this cleavage is more a possibility than a reality. All of the alumni with whom I have spoken and who have written me on the subject have indicated their very great pleasure and pride in the advancement to a four-year college which has taken place.

In the third place, there was, naturally, a certain thrill connected with handing to Miss Annette Piche the first diploma and degree awarded by Lycoming College. This diploma bore the special inscription, "This is the first Baccalaureate degree awarded by Lycoming College." It was an historic moment which gave all of us a great deal of pleasure.

In the fourth place, the increased activities of the alumni organization and the response financially and otherwise of the alumni themselves during the year is most acceptable. We want to keep you informed. We hope your interest will be maintained and increased and we hope that you will continue to recommend Lycoming to your own young people and those of your friends.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN W. LONG, *President*

College Will Be Host to 5 Groups In Summer Months

The college will be host to approximately 800 persons who are members of five off-campus groups between June 20 and Sept. 4, Dr. Long announced.

First to arrive were the 100 Methodist Youth Caravaners and their leaders. Representing schools and colleges from all over the country, the caravaners spent a 10-day training period at Lycoming before setting out on church assistance assignments across America.

Girls who came to the campus July 3 with the Carrie Barge Houseparty had an added thrill when they were given rooms in Rich Hall, the new women's dormitory. About 200 teen-agers spent six days of a class, recreation and worship program sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church. Miss Frank W. Ake, of Avis, was dean of the school.

This year's session of the Pastors' School and Summer School of Religious Education, July 10-15, is expected to attract upwards of

First Honor Grad Weds

The distinction of top honor graduate in Lycoming's first senior class and the privilege of receiving the initial baccalaureate degree conferred by the new four-year college on June 6 went to Annette Piche, of Pasadena, Calif.

Miss Piche, a former Army nurse, was graduated summa cum laude. She was a modern language major.

Three days after she received her degree Miss Piche was married to Henry P. Meng, '48. The couple plans to enroll at Denver University in September where Mrs. Meng will do graduate work and her husband will finish his undergraduate work.

275 persons. Representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will join in the five-day meeting, it has been announced.

Two new religious groups that asked permission to use the college facilities this year are the National Methodist Student Commission, scheduled Aug. 27-29, and the National Conference of Methodist Youth, Aug. 29-Sept. 4.

NOTES FROM THE ALUMNI

1923

Charles B. Cranford is director of recreation at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, Calif. His work deals with the training of leaders in recreation projects and he is active as chairman of the California Committee on Recreational Personnel. In a recent letter to Dr. Long, Cranford said his plans include a trip to the East Coast in November when he will be ready for a final examination for his doctorate in education at New York University.

New Addresses: Rev. P. Gordon Gould, 404 S. Elmwood Avenue, Glenolden, Pa.

1933

Birth: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Orris Osborne (Edith Parmelee) of 237 Robinson St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Woodrow W. Ott has been named manager of Station WWPA in Williamsport. Program director at Station WENY, Elmira, N. Y., Ott has had 15 years' experience in radio work. His present address is 1631 Riverside Drive, So. Williamsport.

1934

John W. Long, Jr., was awarded a doctorate of philosophy at Duke University in June.

1937

Bill Burkhart, husband of the former Helen Brass Porter, died in an airplane crash in May, six weeks after the couple was married on March 26 in Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Burkhart is a commercial aviatrix and her husband was a captain with All American Airways in Pittsburgh.

1938

The degree of doctor of philosophy was conferred on the Rev. Paul M. Orso by Boston University at commencement on June 6. This Fall he will start work as assistant professor of psychology at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N. Y. The Rev. Mr. Orso is married to Kathryn Wickey, formerly of Washington, and they have two children, Donald and Carolyn.

1939

New Address: Mrs. Paul A. Shoemaker, (Alberta Willmann), Rear 1124 Chester St., Williamsport.

1940

New Addresses: Mrs. T. W. Markham (Margaret E. Kuhn), 47 Wyoming St., Warsaw, N. Y.

Mrs. William Adolph (Margaret Reynolds), 4642 York Road, Baltimore 12, Md.

Mrs. George W. Ballentine (Mollie White), Muncy, Pa., R.D. 2.

The Rev. Henry J. McKinnon was awarded the bachelor of divinity degree cum laude at Drew University's 82nd commencement in June. He is currently pastor of the Union Village Methodist Church near Plainfield, N. J.

1941

Howard H. Solomon, with the Socony Vacuum Petroleum Company's office in Sumatra, sent his best wishes via telegram to his classmates who attended the fifth reunion of the Class of '41 on June 4. Solomon left the States in January, 1948, and will return to this country in July, 1950.

His address is SVPM Soengei-Gerong Palembang, Sumatra, Indonesia.

A former Dickinson Seminary athlete, Jackie Freeman, goes Williamsport next Fall as assistant football coach at Williamsport High School. A triple-threat grinder at Williamsport-Dickinson 12 years ago during the coaching regime of Earl McKay, Freeman moves from McKeesport where he was an assistant mentor. During his college days here he played left half-back.

Freeman is an ex-serviceman, having served with the Navy at Okinawa. He and his wife and two-year-old daughter, Susan, will move to Williamsport this summer.

Earl W. Keller is an instructor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address is Box 86, Cambridge, Mass.

New Addresses: Mrs. Ernest W. Greenwood (Jane Brugler), 1007 Pennsylvania Ave. East, Warren, Pa.

Mrs. Stanley J. Turner (Letitia Turner) 201 Highland Ave., Detroit 3, Mich., Apt. C-4.

In an early Spring wedding Sarah Hays Bubb, '42, became the bride of John L. Bruch, Jr. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church, Williamsport, on Friday, May 6. Mr. and Mrs. Bruch are residing at 521 South Main Street, Muncy.

1942

The engagement of Marguerite A. Gehron to John Rich, 6th, of Woolrich, was announced by Miss Gehron's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

William A. Gehron, of Williamsport.

1943

New Address: Mrs. John F. Phillips (Rosemary Wagar) 1306 21st St., Des Moines 11, Iowa.

1944

New Addresses: Mrs. Paul B. Mason (Mary Jane Corbett) Westboro, Mass.

Mrs. F. Kenneth Springer (Bessie June Carson) Woodside Manor, Williamsport, R.D. 3.

Julia C. Carr, and James M. Cartey, of Lebanon, were married in early June. Before her marriage the bride was an English instructor in the Montoursville High School. The couple will reside in State College where Mr. Cartey is a student at Penn State. Mrs. Callie McHaffie Kingsbury, '44, was Mrs. Cartey's attendant.

Anne Whittier was awarded an arts degree from Stephens College in early June.

Anne Louise Williamson has been graduated from Westminster Choir College with a degree of bachelor of music. A member of the world-famous Westminster Choir for three years, she was soprano soloist and first soprano section leader during her senior year. Miss Williamson plans to return to Westminster for a master's degree.

1945

New Address: Mrs. William R. Kerr (Barbara Timberman) 238 S. Bennett St., Fontana, Calif.

1946

New Addresses: Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher (Ruth M. Myers) Polly Drummond Road, R.D. 3, Newark, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose R. Puente (Eugenia L. Szulgit) 90 Antlers Drive, Rochester, N. Y. The couple has a six months old son, Jose Raul.

1947

Mary Jo Ault and David Y. Brouse were married in June. The couple will live in Williamsport this Summer and in the Fall will go to Syracuse where Brouse is a senior in the college of applied science at Syracuse University. Mrs. Brouse is a member of the Class of '46. Mrs. Jean Ault Gibson, '40, was the bride's only attendant.

New Address: William M. Henninger, 131 Harvard St., Rochester, N. Y.

Ruth Lorrach recently qualified for the degree of bachelor of science in commercial education at Susquehanna University.

1948

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Marjorie Ann Ferrell, '50, to Robert B. Jones. A member of the last class to graduate from the former junior college, Jones is attending Penn State.

Mary A. Statts' engagement to Joseph D. Keller was recently announced. Keller was graduated from the former junior college and is now an engineering student at Syracuse University.

1949

This year's All-College President George B. Houtz has accepted a personnel training position with Firestone. He is located in Williamsport.

Jean Schaar Lytle is doing biology research at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine in the dermatology department.

Paul P. John, class president, is working in a Williamsport law office during the Summer. He plans to enter law school this Fall.

Obituary

Estelle St. Pierre, '95

Mrs. Estelle Welteroth St. Pierre, '95, died in Portland, Ore., on Feb. 14, 1949. She was 75 years old. Mrs. Pierre leaves her husband, two sons, Roland, and J. Donald, '18, and a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Spence, '30.

Births

A daughter, on May 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Dahlgren (Virginia Moore), of 433 Broad St., Montoursville.

A daughter, on May 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Casper D. Meals (Lola Rae Spangle) of Hampshire.

A daughter, on May 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starr (Eleanor Poff) of 1518 Whitman St., Williamsport.

A son, on May 21, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hetler (Florence Walters) of Montoursville R.D. 1.

A daughter, on May 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Hamish McLelland (Florence Brown) of Turbotville.

A daughter, on May 24, to Head Football Coach Lee Baer and Mrs. Baer.

Enter Law Schools

William Welsh and Chockley Hipple, ex-1950, have been accepted by law schools. Welsh will study at New York Law School and Hipple at the University of Pittsburgh.

Alumni Don't Have to Be Useless

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If you are a college alumnus, you probably want to know if your alma mater's football team will be any good next season. That's fine. But if you are really fond of the old school, there are more practical things that you and your fellow alumni can do for her—and perform valuable public service at the same time. Most alumni do not realize this. Here is what you can do:

- Interest outstanding high school students in enrolling.
- Help raise money.
- Develop a community adult education program.

These things help your college as well as your community. Here is what educators have to say about them:

Selling your college to prospective student

Most important, keep yourself up to date on what is happening on your former campus. Be familiar with what your college has to offer high school students academically. Sometimes a bright student would like to attend your college and can't because of money difficulties. Know what scholarships or loan funds are available to him.

Check your high school principal on the bright and well-rounded people in his current graduating class. Talk to them, if possible, and learn their interests and ambitions. If the high school principal objects to this approach, try to set up a "Go To College" day or week in which prominent men in the community could tell the high school senior class about their own alma maters.

Many high schools already have such programs. Some colleges send their own representatives to them, but others can't afford to. You, as an alumnus in the community, can serve as representative.

Colleges usually look with favor upon prospective freshmen who have been recommended by outstanding alumni. Dartmouth relies almost exclusively upon the recommendations of alumni. Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., gets nearly

80 percent of its students from beyond a radius of 50 miles. And the college credits its far-flung alumni for this record.

Raising funds for your college

Many colleges have established alumni foundations which raise funds, both for general purposes and for specific uses, such as setting up a special chair of teaching or for research. University of Chicago alumni alone raise more than \$200,000 a year.

The President's Commission on Higher Education has reported gloomily on college finances—and one of the gloomiest aspects is the diminishing amount of revenue which colleges can count on from private gifts and grants. The big givers are not showing up as frequently as they once did. Colleges will have to look more and more to the small gifts from alumni and friends.

If you can't give money, you may have leads on people who can. Your own enthusiasm is a major factor in interesting others. Frequently, colleges dampen an alumnus' enthusiasm with their slipshod ways of raising money. Alumni can help correct this. Joseph E. Bell, 1947 president of the American Alumni Council, recently cited one of the major faults among colleges in their attitude toward fund-raising.

"Many colleges have not yet caught the definite and direct relationship between the small gift and the large gift," he said. "The gift from the young alumnus and the gift from the old alumnus. Some are led astray by the great and handsome gifts; we lose sight of their source. The men and bequests once gave modest amounts. women who make the substantial formed the habit of giving early and saw their small gifts made effective through collective giving."

Alumni with wide business experience can well advise their alma maters on some basic principles of fund-raising.

One important and worthwhile

way to help your college financially while assuring it of a high level student body is to establish a local scholarship. The method of award, and to whom, would have to be discussed with local school authorities. But a group of alumni should be able to establish one or more annual scholarships without too much expense.

Promoting Adult Education

The desire among adults to participate in some form of educational program was demonstrated recently in a Gallup Poll. Two out of five adults want to attend adult classes of some sort. Alumni groups can lead in establishing such programs, and thus perform a valuable community service redounding to the credit of their alma mater.

If no adult education program exists in your community, you can help get one started. If there is a problem is fairly simple. Many college or junior college in town, colleges are eager to lend their facilities and provide personnel for evening classes at little cost. Almost all colleges are ready to provide guidance and background material for a community which wants to get a program started. If there is no college in town, your own college may provide materials and guidance.

Formal classes constitute only one method in adult education. The University of Chicago and St. John's College at Annapolis sponsor reading programs. In Washington, a group of newspapermen and government officials are reading a series of books on political philosophy. Once a week they meet to discuss their reading among themselves and a St. John's professor. They each pay \$10 for a 12-week course.

On the negative side, alumni are a source of irritation to educators on one major count: Too many alumni are chronic beefers who don't keep themselves informed on what their college is doing. Their gripes are usually based on performance on the athletic field. So they exert pressure to fire coaches who don't

show up with winning teams. At homecoming day their main attraction is often the old fraternity house, where some may wind up drunk. For many a college president, the happiest day of the school year is the day after homecoming day.

Mr. Bell puts it this way:

"Every college has its share of juvenile alumni, men and women who think that fraternities, or intercollegiate sports, or smokers, or dramatics, or reunions—important as they are—are more important than the college itself. It must be made plain to these alumni that the great task of American colleges is that of training young America."

The choice that is open to all alumni is pretty well summed up by Dr. Roswell Ham, president of Mount Holyoke College:

"You can be a pain in the neck," he told some college graduates recently, "or you can be the greatest aid in the world . . ."

'49ers Name Delegates

The Class of 1949 elected three members to the Alumni Council, Paul P. John, class president, said. They are James Tyson Rich, of Woolrich, for three years; Marjorie A. Sundin, of Jersey Shore, two years, and Howard C. Beach, of Williamsport, one year.

Summer School Opens

Lycoming's 10-week Summer School opened June 20 with more than 130 students enrolled. The faculty members who meet the classes in either the first or second five-week sessions are Dr. Eric V. Sandin, Robert F. Smith, George John A. Streeter, Oliver E. Harris, S. Goodell, Armand J. VanBaelen, Robert H. Ewing, Dr. Helen B. I. Hinkelman, Mrs. Gertrude E. Weidman, Phil G. Gillette, Harold Jeffrey, John P. Graham and the Rev. C. Herbert Picht.

Pfc. Henry Long, ex-'52, has been assigned to Keesler Field, Miss. Private Long completed his basic training at Lackland Field, Tex., and spent a furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Long.

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