Dr. Slater Addresses Students in Chapel

In chapel last Tuesday morning Dr. Slater of the Psychology department talked on the "Tools of Life". The content of Dr. Slater's speech brought forth these ideals.

The progress of tools for making a living since the seventeenth century has brought about improvements in our living conditions. These improvements have been made possible by the machine age. We are consistently making more progress possible. Economic development is made feasible by this consistency in that we can have mass production through advertising. There are many tools for making a living.

This progress is all well and good, but are we improving the tools of life or belief in the same proportion? More attention should be given to social, government, and aesthetic things of life. Our beliefs are about the same as those back in the seventeenth century. We still have the same kind of government, enjoy the same kind of beauty and have taken few steps forward in our ways of thinking.

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Bennington College System Successful

Bowling Green might well learn a little from Bennington College for girls—a school where the authorities have been able to recognize the fact that mass production methods have crept into academic fields and where they have done something about the condition. Of course, their whole program would seem a bit extreme to the average person, but a few of their ideas applied would at least teach the women students at B. G. how to take care of themselves without getting special permission and to develop a small bit of judgment so that when they leave school they won't be at utter loss when they have to solve problems that are now taken entirely from their hands.

It has been often remarked around the college that when we enter B. G. "we are on our own". But are we? Haven't we gone back a step when we are deprived of privileges allowed at home by our parents? Of course, if having to eat out or to room out would seem a bit extreme to the average person their whole program is to recognize the fact that mass production is made possible by this consistency in that we can have mass production through advertising.

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Local Debaters in Tournament at Bera

Last week six of the local debaters, John Moore, William Noble, Donald Cryer, Gale Herbert, William Hill, and Arthur Halberg, accompanied by Professor J. W. Carmichael traveled to Bera to take part in a tournament held there. The question for debate was, resolved that the U. S. should consent to the cancellation of all inter-allied war debts. Following each debate special critics analyzed the whole debate in an effort to find out just where the real issues were and how to attack them. In this way all profited to the fullest extent from the discussion and each came home with a clearer view of this difficult question.

Music Students Prepare for Christmas Season

While some people are still thinking of the fun during the Thanksgiving recess, there are those who are and have for some time been thinking of the Christmas season. These people are the ones referred to by a goodly number as the Music Students. Each Tuesday and Thursday at four o'clock, they assemble together to practice the music for the Christmas program to be given...
secure a response of some kind. How true it is that grades are not the measure of education. How true it is also that many who are not members of Book and Motor, nevertheless use clever devices to gain these same symbols of scholarly achievement. Such tactics as an adroit chat with a friendly professor on the way down the street, or the voicing of a succint desire to read a “good book” that the same professor has mentioned, are often styled by collegiates as “long straw” methods. The writer has observed such tactics working too often on our campus. They reflect upon the sincerity of both professors and students who are good, steady, independent workers.

It is quite a novelty to stand on the side lines and observe these wily aspirants for honors, either grades or distinction, pompously acclaim their attainment of “real learning”. In the next breath, these same individuals who assert that they have reached the acme of broadmindedness, are found destructively criticizing this or that organization or body of students, and hence admit that they will not all their own. One would wonder sometimes if these scoffers have ever heard of the old fable, “The Fox and the Grapes”!

A truly educated person is tolerant of the whims and fancies of his fellow men but still adjusts himself to them. This adjustment need not mean that he conform or adopt any of these patterns of behavior in which he does not believe. But it does mean that he be capable of living and cooperating with the whole society, and at the same time overlook many weaknesses he may find there.

As the president of the Book and Motor Society states, in another article in this issue, the true standard of the members of this society one can only assume that the writer of “Grades At Any Price” formed a hasty “snap judgment.” The “ability to suspend judgments” is one characteristic by which to attain after “real learning”. True this is not a label for intelligence. Only the accomplishments of the “truly learned” are a valid measure of their value. Book and Motor can point with pride to many graduates who are quite worthy of B. S. C. Many are prominent educators in high schools and colleges; some have written books, while others are to be found in the friends of science, music, politics and religion. When life is ended we shall acclaim us great accordingly as we have “left our footprints in the sands of time.”—Wesley Watson.

“Grades At Any Price”
Mr. Editor:

I feel that your article “Grades At Any Price” is unjustified in its criticism of the Book and Motor Society.

This paragraph from that article is not based upon facts:

“Of course, it is a good thing to be singed up as a member of an honorary society. But we note that well-advised students start their first year with ‘snap’ courses, pile up good grades, are elected to Book and Motor, then sail along on their reputations.”

—BGN

In the Editor’s Mail Box

“Real Learning”

The few editorial remarks made last week concerning the election of ten new members to the local scholastic society has occasioned a veritable uproar on the part of the individuals who happen to be members of said society. Possibly the author of “Grades At Any Price” was, after all, only voicing an adversese criticism in order to
News Brevities

We still need seventy-five subscriptions for the Key. We all want a Key for Nineteen thirty-two. Let’s go on those subs so that the staff can start their preparations.

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Logan county club meets tonight at 7:30.

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The Wesleyan Epworth League gave a Thanksgiving party at the Methodist church for the college students last Tuesday night.

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Moliere’s play, Tartuffe, was broadcast as one of the series of famous plays that are being given via the air this winter. A large number of college students are taking advantage of this fine opportunity to hear some of the outstanding plays of history. Another will follow next Monday at four o’clock in the auditorium.

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Professor J. W. Carmichael gave a short talk in chapel this morning outlining the work of the debate squads and the purpose and aim of college debating. Two members of the debating team, William Noble and Donald Cryer discussed the question, resolved that U. S. should consent to the cancellation of all inter-allied war debts.

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The debaters are particularly active this week. This afternoon a three man team from Heidelberg meets a team composed of William Noble, Donald Cryer and John Moore, debating the question, resolved that the State of Ohio should enact legislation providing for the compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes. Thursday evening the same team meets T. U. here debating the same subject, and the following evening another trio, Wallace Lackey, Harold Siebert, and Gale Herbert travel to T. U. to debate this question. On the same evening four of the local fellows will fight it out in a church in Maumee. This time the war debt question will be used.

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MUSIC STUDENTS

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on Thursday, December fifteenth. Upper classmen well remember the programs of former years with the effective procession of a robed chair, the thrilling Hallelujah chorus, and the caroling afterwards around the big Christmas tree. But this year they say that the program is to be quite different, but of course equally as effective. It must be a secret, but I’ll wager we won’t be disappointed when we do discover it.

We shall see! —BGN—

Little John: Aw-shut up Willie—you’re the biggest dunce here.

Student Teacher: Boys, Boys, don’t forget I’m here. —BGN—

Our Professors are people hired by the State of Ohio to help the students run this college.

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BENNINGTON COLLEGE

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grades? Just because some parents have failed in the proper training of their children at home is no reason why many other people should be treated as incapable juveniles and receive no experience in developing judgment. How can any girl go out and give a school child the benefit of her experiences if she herself has no ability when it comes to making a choice in vital matters?

If course in every group there are people who couldn’t learn to use any common sense or judgment no matter how much chance they had. But aren’t such people exceptions that should certainly be dealt with in another way? Those who abuse privileges should not make others suffer from their incapacities.

To get back to this ultra modern college. Periodic examinations, required subjects, compulsory attendance, grades in subjects are all done away with. And yet at the end of three or four years a B. A. degree is waiting for the girl who satisfactorily completes her work!

The students do not have to attend classes. But they do.

They don’t have to do “homework”. But they do.

The girls can stay out nights with no questions asked. But they don’t.

And would you believe it, this school was started by a conservative pastor of the old school, Dr. Ravi-Rooth, head of the first church of Bennington, which is the oldest Protestant congregation in Vermont.

Here are some of his thoughts: “Mass production, highly characteristic of so many American industries, has even crept into our academic fields.”

“Thousands of students in one college, or one university—what can those persons responsible for their guidance, no matter how conscientious or capable, do in the face of swamping, overwhelming numbers?”

“A college is supposed to specialize; it teaches, ultimately, each student his, or her, speciality. But how can it take cognizance of each one of those thousands?”

“To say that no two young people are alike would be trite. Each has his, or her, own personality, reactions, aims and ideals, inhibitions and psychological make-up. How, then, can we treat two young people alike, much less thousands? But it’s being done in almost every acclaimed center of learning today.”

“Academically we treat the girls as individual personalities, depending on their own spirit and eagerness—which has so far proved magnificent—in acquiring an education and the accompanying accoutrements which will help them in their careers. And so we must do the same thing socially.”

“And so the girls at Bennington college have complete liberty. They have their ‘private lives,’ and they may do what they like. When they go out from their college to live their independent lives, they’ll know what to do, and how to do it.”

Prof. William H. Kilpatrick, of Columbia university, is chairman of the board of trustees. The president is Dr. Robert Dewere Leigh, formerly professor of government at Williams college. And the faculty is said to be the highest paid in the country.
Intramural Handball Tourney

One of the main features of the intramural program which is being sponsored by the P. Ed. dept. is the handball tournament. Twenty-eight men of this college signed entry blanks to participate in this tourney, and each man was given an opponent to play in the first round. (By the shut-your-eyes and draw method.)

The first round was played off in great shape; some of the contests were hot and furious. Of course, the men who were the most experienced won, but the newer players gained plenty of experience from these matches and will undoubtedly give the old handball players some stiff competition the next time.

In the second round the players were more evenly matched and it was skill plus experience and speed which won for certain individuals. As the semi-finals draw nearer there seems to be no program in the tournament. What is the matter players, afraid to play your opponent? Come on! Let's get together and decide, by fair play and good sportsmanship, who the champion handball player of this college really is. Let's go!

W. A. A. PLANNING BIG PROGRAM THIS WINTER

Every Tuesday afternoon from four to five o'clock Gym A is to be kept free for contests in individual sports—bowling, shuffle board, table tennis, ring tennis, and badminton. This is a recreation hour for all college women, students and faculty. Members of W. A. A. will be credited with four points for participation—and additional points for winning first, second, or third place in any contest.

Come down to Gym A tonight at four and try it out. Drop in any Tuesday. Regular attendance is not required.

A real program is being planned for the college women in basketball this year. Practice starts this week and if you have not already signed up for a team do it at once. Sign on Physical Edu. Bulletin Board. Beginners—there is a squad for you too.

For the sake of the Sophomores who are doing practice teaching a new plan for basketball is starting this year. The season is divided into two units. Unit one—December and January. Unit two—February to March. If you can't make it now, join a team the second semester for the second series of games. W. A. A. members can earn points in either or both units.

Watch this paper and the bulletin board for further basketball news.

Mr. Paul Landis

Mr. Landis, head basketball and track coach of Bowling Green State College was graduated from Oberlin in 1923 with an A. B. degree and received his Master's Degree from Columbia University in 1930. While at Columbia, Coach Landis served as instructor in Physical Education department besides doing research work for Dr. Jesse Farring Williams and writing a chapter in his book on Physical Education which is used as a text at Bowling Green.

Coach Landis regards his eight years at B. G. as being most fruitful and enjoyable as well and he feels that we all should be encouraged by the growth of the institution, not only in buildings and equipment but student body as well.

Mr. Landis has proved himself a most excellent coach and instructor; ever ready to give aid and assistance wherever needed. We are all very glad that Coach Landis is a member of our college faculty and we extend to him our sincere good wishes.

HOCKEY SOCCER SEASON ENDS; WINNERS DISCLOSED

The Cardinals grabbed the title from the Bob-o-Links in Hockey winning eight games out of nine. The victorious team, captained by Hope Conrad and managed by Elizabeth Crawford. Think of it.—He was in the same city that she was in, at the same time.