Dr. Lean Presents Dickens’ ‘Christmas Carol’

Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Other Favorites Come To Life In Church Concert

by Frederick W. Moore

On Thursday night in Memorial Chapel, Dr. Delbert C. Lean, the director of the Department of Speech, will read for the 26th time, “The Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. For three generations of Woosterians this annual gift of Dr. Lean to the College has become as essential and necessary as the tree in the Quadrangle, or the herald angels. Now for years since his retirement, Dr. Lean has flown back from Florida in order that once again Scrooge and Tiny Tim and send us all on the way home with a proper Christmas blessing.

A part of the loveliness of Christmas is its familiarity—the same angel who has visited at the top of the family tree for 40 years, the same Christmas cookies, the same Christmas spirit, so the Ghost of Marley, old Scrooge, the Fezlies, and the Cratchits are for Wooster found no longer only within the pages of a dusty book, but because of Dr. Lean’s inimitable presentation of the spirit of Christmas itself. The change of an intention or an act of theirs may be slight, but when we set down to hear the old familiar story told again with Dr. Lean’s inimitable gift, we cannot think of these loved characters except in terms of Dr. Lean’s. The “Carol” becomes somehow more than Dickens.

Dr. Lean skillfully recreates the very spirit of the “Carol,” while Dickens’ latest biographer, Edgar Johnson, says it “the lang of comic and cold air and crisp green holly leaves, and the glow of crimson holly berries and blushing holly, and Christmasevery where on earth,” but to Dickens, this was the story of Scrooge, and this was the story of his own life.

But the “Christmas Carol” provides more than an entertainment and fun. The fundamental truth in it is the sense of brotherhood. Hence it is particularly suited for public reading to groups of people. As Johnson says Dickens believed that the spirit of Christmas was the touchstone that dure with the gold of generosity, made us feel happiness in the giving and being of others, and from so the small circle of family and friends during the celebration of Christmas has never, more important to the spirit of the whole church. Dr. Lean gives you all these things—love, forgiveness, and great platitude, the giving and punch, the last laugh and Jefferson, and all the whole Christmas, sympathy, and warmth.

How gladly we all welcome him, and how deeply grateful we all are for the 26th reading of the Carol! ‘Twas no doubt would not be Christmas without Scrooge and Tiny Tim.

“As so to Tiny Tim observed, ‘God bless us everyone!’”

Required Courses Will Be Abolished

by Barry Clay

By a majority vote at the December meeting of the faculty last Monday evening, the program of required courses for all Wooster students was swept into oblivion and is to be replaced at the earliest opportunity—after due notice to the Board of Trustees—by a freely elective curriculum.

The compulsory attendance system is to be abolished and students may attend or be absent from classes as they please. This assumption is that students are mature enough to judge whether the control of a course is valuable or not.

While many of the existing courses will continue to be offered, the students are to be allowed to take only such a list of new and interesting courses is planned, in keeping with the liberalizing trend observable in many other colleges and universities.

P E O Student Offers Loans

by the Schreiners

College women in good standing who need financial aid to con- tinue their studies, may apply to the local chapter AP of the PEO. Sisterhood, Mrs. Harold Arnold, chairman of the educational loan fund committee, has announced. In the past 13 years 12 College of Wooster students have obtained funds from this source, which has a sizable national endowment. All applicants are cleared through the college and local chapter committee and are then put in direct contact with the national loan fund committee.

P.E.O., which was organized in Pleasant, Iowa, by seven women students in Iowa Wesleyan College, is among the first of the women’s national fraternities. Shortly after its organization, the founders decided to extend its influence outside the college cam- pus, and it became a close-knit adult society which holds the education of women as one of its main concerns. P.E.O. maintains its loan funds for both undergraduates and graduate students as well as for potential members. It also owns and operates Cotter Junior College in Nevada, Mis- sissippi, a liberal arts school.

The following is a selection of some of the proposed new courses:

-Night Climbing—Mr. Joe Bindley, field work under direction of Red Weavers.

-Maternity Science—Interdepart- mental course: Physical Education (Mr. Moe Hole), Biochemistry (Mr. Ralph Barnhart), Art (Mr. Don MacKenzie).

-A Regional Geography of Flori- da (with emphasis on Miami Beach and Everglades). The Art of Harpooning—Mr. Frederick Murray.

-The Philosophy of Footnotes—Dr. Virgil Teunen, Abaran Fern. "Fenmeny York," (with emphasis on Trinidad Script). Mrs. Marion.

-Ghastly Cartooning for the New Yorker—Dr. Charles Adams.

-Statistical Evaluations and Theoratical Consequences of Experimental Methodology. Seminar conducted by Dr. Allen Stroup, Dr. James and Mr. Quinon Evans.

-Introduction to Cabbage Digging—Dr. Howard Lowery.

-Renowned Yeshida—Miss Eve Richmond.

-Interdepartmental Heli- Raising—Dean Bowe, Interdepartmental course, Mr. Allen Burns, Mr. Jack Carruth.
Another dull week found the faculty straggling against the pull of bead and class. With Faculty Club rushing over last week, the Club held informal initiation Monday night after faculty meeting. During Friday's meeting, a new member was initiated on Heilweil's, but there was no decision, and we can anticipate the usual routine with some members of our faculty coming in to help, while the rest go on making life hell. Hellmasten-Soyeuse performed the usual initiation ceremony, and all members were deducted and general I.A.M.

After initiation the Underclassmen and Upperclassmen met in separate parts of the building while the committee on Academic Standard met in the Library. After the committee meetings were concluded, Richard Tachi Gori decided that the Faculty Jesters in a carom bicewing up and down the Smithville Road before first hour classes, and the Social Science and the Physical Science and the Audio Visual Aids Committee met simultaneously with the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Recommendations were served, Melcher Folsen held the Faculty Night Climbers in the Men's and Kula Khan. It was a stimulating meeting of East and West.

Wednesday first hour classes began as usual with faculty and students partaking together of a light aperitif. In the evening Phi Beta Kappa met to discuss "A Night Before Christmas" after which egg nog and other essentials were served to the aforementioned faculty and through Wednesday faculty voted as usual to dispense with sleep for them, to comic relief of the dean of the college to continue his sausages tea service in Lower College.

On Thursday evening after a formal dinner in all the dormitories with faculty as guests of the students a general committee mixer will be held when members of the different committees will exchange in- centi duties with members of the same committee. In that way nobody will be making speeches and we will all be dismissed at 12:10 on Friday and the Men's and Women's Athletic departments will enjoy some peace and quiet. Any official business not mentioned in these columns is obviously still meeting with nothing to report.

Sometime next week members of the Better Homes and Gardens Club will meet with their host on the beach at Miami. Other members of the faculty will attend professional meetings throughout the country. Recommendations will be served.

A Plea for Boilermaking 101

To the Editor of the VOICE:

It has come to my attention that the faculty are at it again. To cut costs and get background on the students' majoring, would you consider giving a short session on the basic things that the students need to know? I am not talking about something that would be really hard or even much work. Just a few minutes of your time would suffice. They are needed, if they are not, the faculty would have to turn to issues of high level significance such as--here we go again--the time required to serve on committees.

The real danger in the current discussions seems to be the fate of the course Boilermaking 101. It might just be that future generations of students would be able to enter the field with a solid foundation of liberal education.

Our Monday morning an hour or two after the cage had been uncovered, the minister suddenly arrived for a short call. Horrified, one of them replaced the cage on the other side while the other went to the door. Everything was fine for a moment, but as the minister entered the room, all the birds flew out the cage.

"Damn! this sure has been a short week!"

Once upon a time there were three rabbits who were arrested on a charge of emergency and were brought into court. The judge asked the first rabbit: "What's your name and what's your occupation?"

"I'm Tiber Rabbit," he replied.

"And what's your name?" inquired the judge of the second rabbit.

"I'm Tiber Rabbit," he said. "I help him pick up pebbles.

"And what have you to say for yourself?"

"I Tiber Rabbit," he answered shyly.

Academically yours,

Eve N. Pound,
Head (and tail) of the Dept. of Boilermaking

A Note of Sincerity

To do justice to the subject I've elected, one should write a letter to the editor of the VOICE. To do this I'm particularly interested in the possibility of doing this letter to the editor of the VOICE. But a line can at least summarize my appreciation of the high quality of the VOICE itself. The VOICE has a unique format, especially the italicized section that appears at the beginning of each issue. First of all, the editorials by J. C. and by J. H. can be counted on to shed more light on that most real than literal in this case, is the editorial perspective. This perspective is helpful in the analysis of the content of the newspaper. It is the editor's way of giving readers a sense of the background and context of the news. The editorials are written in an easy-to-read, engaging style that captures the reader's attention. They are well-researched and give a full picture of the issues being discussed. The editorials also offer a unique perspective on the news, giving readers a chance to see different sides of the story. The format of the editorial page is also unique. It allows for easy reading and scanning, with each editorial clearly separated from the next. This makes it easy for readers to quickly find the editorials they are interested in. The quality of the writing is also exceptional. The editors take great care in crafting their messages, using precise language and well-chosen words to convey their ideas effectively. The result is a newspaper that is both informative and enjoyable to read.

In any case, the tone and substance of these articles make for a respectable and engaging attraction. All in all, it would be fitting for me to recognize its contributors. Let 'Tell Freshmen' be your watchword.

Academically yours,

Eve N. Pound,
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Dear Ship Shape:

It is why people who would always make such good coaches end up as sports writers.

Jacob Festlap

Dear Jake:
The great sports columnist Shummers Woodhouse once said that "the most important side of sports is to see that people are given the facts as they should have been." Withnell K. Walters, another great writer in a moment of jaundiced inspiration, answered the question:

"The question is an interesting one. You might as well ask yourself what's the matter.

But the obvious answer, no doubt, is "bad luck in old age."

SSS

Dear Ship Shape:
I am exasperated. How can I keep track of the score and players' moves when all of my attention is occupied by observing the blunders of basketball officials

Sincerely,
Grae Kenetets

Dear God:
The well-known literary scholar and expert on human relations, by Reinheldt, once presented me with the following verse:

"I think that I shall never see
A satisfactory referee
About whose head a halo shines.
Whose merits rate Generals' lines,
One who calls them as they are.
And not as I would wish, by far;
A gent who leaves neither way.
But lets the ships fall where they may;
A guy who does as he pleases.
From Oberlin or Denison to 'Ol Milbaps.
Poets are fine by natures, but as for me
Only God can referee." (Anon.)

Sincerely,
SSS

Dear Ship Shape:
Would you please give me a repeat on Coach Hole's outstanding lifetime basketball honors?

Sincerely,
Dab Ahra

Dear Dab:

With the burning of Old Main in 1901, everything was lost, but the records will show that Moe has won 357 games and lost only 153.

SSS

Dear Ship Shape:

Do you know why the male students of this college are not permitted to witness the mud Intramural activities?

A frustrated Varsity Swimmer

Dear F.V.S.:
The mud dining privileges should satisfy you. Remember this is a typical small mid-western college. Besides, you should be tired after swimming practice.

SSS

Dear Ship Shape:

Is it true that there is a plan to install lights in Severance Stadium for night football?

Anxious Couples

Dear A. O.:

No, it is not true. The increased revenue would not be worth running the risk of disrupting Wooster's typical, small mid-western college social night life.

SSS

Dear Ship Shape:

How can we ever win a Homecoming game?

The Association of Campus Queens

Chosen by Preferential Ballot

Dear Queens:

Overlooking several obvious answers, I would suggest that you wear long skirts. Remember Vhd defeated Vh last week, which proves that, if you wait long enough, anything can happen.

SSS

SHIP SHAPE BY SHIPE

Season Opens For Volleyball

By Are Brinhauer

It has long been the custom at Wooster that after Thanksgiving vacation, the male members of the faculty take to volleyball for their winter physical education.

When the participants have climbed into proper costume, dressed to the nines in their Office, the show is on.

The first game passed quickly as Strong, Yeager and Reitsemer controlled the net play with high blocks and vicious spikes. Proper recognition should be given Bob MacKenzie who makes an art of the game by getting both feet off the floor at once. When this feat is accomplished, it draws applause from the opponents as well as team mates.

During the second game with the score tied 36-36, a long shot hit the floor near the back line and some huk warm discussion followed. Mose said the ball bounced up, so it must have hit the floor. Buck er pointed out that the ball was bouncing because he contacted the wall first. Dean Young sent out a limit, called the shot good and added something about being struck down if it wasn't. We all hope Rackey is re covering from his fall (7) down the game to all underground.

Fenm takes the philosophical view.

The game moved along with little gromemanship and one noteworthy bit of sportsmanship.

Bill Kafter set up a beauty to Warren Anderson who descended upon the ball full steam ahead. When the ball had been reestablished, Huckins suggested he may have touched the net but he wasn't sure.

The opposition took the point and the net, leaving them no jus tification. Hypothesis reports that a faculty matter was reviewed for third degree rope burns extending from his elbow to his shoulder.

The atmosphere of persecution accompanied by heavy breathing and a desire to be reduced in size would become warm, brought on an early confession of guilt and 15 minutes of extra ball session. Laugh not, you Shark and Union heroes, the Faculty has yet to lose its rope.

Mythology, Millar Massey.

Ohio Conference History Reviewed

By Dr. Charles Maker

At its 1954 meetings the Ohio Athletic Conference approved an 18-page revised edition of its history, constitution, and by-laws which will be printed and distributed to member institutions in April, 1955.

It is obviously impossible to reproduce the entire document in the space provided but parts of it have been used to give the reader some idea of the history, purpose, and operating procedure of the Conference.

The history of the Ohio Athletic Conference is the story of a successful search for the elusive principle of amateurism in intercol legiate athletics. Administratively, it is a record of over 50 years of intelligent and dynamic executive direction. Institutionally, it is a history which has reflected the growing pains of organized intercollegiate sport in the United States.

Founded in 1912, the Ohio Athletic Conference is the third oldest organization of its kind in this country. Largely through the initiative of Professor C. F. S. John of Oberlin College, invitations proposing an informal meeting for the purpose of considering the organization of an athletic conference were issued early in 1912 to six Ohio colleges (Oberlin, Case, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve, Kenyon, and Ohio State). After two preliminary meetings, the final details were completed on October 11, 1912 with the six institutions listed above as charter members. The Western Conference rules, slightly modified to fit the local needs and demands of the Ohio situation, were adopted as Ohio Athletic Conference rules.

These rules attempted to define, control, and regulate individual and institutional athletic policy.

During the near few years the Conference proceeded to extend the principle of amateurism in every possible direction.

The question of enlarging Conference membership was an early one. In 1916 it was decided that any institution of the Ohio College Association that adopted and observed the rules of the Conference would be eligible, upon application, for membership. In 1970 Wooster, Denison, and Heidelberg were added to the Conference and during the next 20 years membership increased to 23. From 1920 to the present the membership has fluctuated through withdrawal, re-entries and additions. At present there are 15 members of which Ohio State is inactive.

While all the problems facing the Conference have not been solved and while perfection has not been achieved, the Ohio Athletic Conference has moved into its second half-century of service to its membership firmly committed to the principle and practice of amateurism in intercollegiate athletics. Its recent history has clearly shown its growing dedication to this self-imposed proposition. Physical Education is truly education in the best sense of the word.
Faculty Meeting

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been made to rent a small house, in order to lure prospective students, was not in keeping with general college policy. Mr. Kieffer also stated that funds from the faculty play would be used to replace silverware removed from the club this year.

The matter of student cars was introduced for the third time this year by Dean Young. He proposed that no student car would be licensed unless it were an older model than the average driven by the faculty. He reasoned that this was both a matter of public relations, as well as in the interest of faculty morale. The motion was approved. Therefore, next year no car more recent than a 1950 model will be permitted on campus.

Following this business, a move to censor the editor of the VOICE was interrupted by a point of order, both of which were initiated in the spirit of the times.

The last report was made by Hans Jones of the Student Faculty Relations Committee who indicated that the Student Senate was demanding that all student events such as the beginning of classes, examinations, and registration be first approved by the Senate in order not to conflict with dances, rush parties, and Sadie Hawkins Day activities. After some quiet discussion, Mr. Peyton's recommendation for appearance in order to support a peaceful co-existence policy was approved.

Mr. Carl Monson's suggestion that steam vents be removed from the grounds since they give the impression that someone is working on campus was referred to the visual aide committee.

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