

ALUMNI PAGE

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CALENDAR

Alumni Association—April 24—Dance 9:00 p.m. at the Men's Gymnasium, University of Kentucky.
Louisville, May 1—(First Saturday)—Regular luncheon at 1:15, Elk's club.
Philadelphia, May 1—(First Saturday)—Regular luncheon at 1:15, Engineers Club, 1317 Spruce street.

Buffalo, May 8—(Second Saturday)—Regular luncheon at 1:15—Chamber of Commerce, corner of Main and Seneca streets.
Chicago, May 17—(Third Monday)—Regular luncheon at 12:15—Marshall Field Men's Store. (Grill Room).

LOCAL ALUMNI CLUBS

In analyzing the field of the local alumni club we have naturally enough come first to inquire what manner of organization the typical alumni club is. A Yale man writing on the subject of graduate interest has referred to these local alumni associations as "the great federated outposts of past students." Further, he has written: "And once a year nearly every one of them meets somewhere be it in Hartford or Honolulu, be he a last year's B.A. or a reverend gentleman of '66, and sings and cheers himself hoarse all one long night for the simple and solitary reason that he went to Yale like the other men beside him. He does not always argue the cause of all this. But he knows there is going marching through his brain a regiment of old memories, gorgeous and proud and tattered—like the ranks of ancient battle flags that hang above the aisles in so many of England's churches. The loyalty of a college graduate is one of the most extraordinary and one of the humanest things in the world."

But, adds my fellow-Yale commentator the graduate associations are not mere reunion clubs. That is true, and the danger of letting the usefulness of the local club stop at that point very decidedly needs to be borne in mind. At the same time we must recognize at the start the importance of so planning and conducting gatherings of the association as to provide the greatest possible social benefit for the members. We can not agree with an earlier writer on alumni clubs in dismissing this phase of the clubs' activities as one which will simply take care of itself.

Quite to the contrary, we want to step right in with some suggestions born of distressing experience with lack of foresight and good management. The right man, or the right group of men, first, to take the planning of that meeting in hand. It may be the annual meeting and dinner, a smoker, a luncheon in honor of a visiting representative of the college or some other guest, an outing, or any one of the many potentially delightful and profitable gatherings which are possible for the local club. No matter what the occasion may be the right sort of planning should precede the meeting. And how essential that the plotters possess some of the divine fire of creative imagination!

Then the summons. We think we take too much for granted in this busy world of ours. The members of the club aren't going to come around begging to know what is being planned—not many of them. They have to be told. And it is upon the method of telling that much of the success of the meeting will surely depend. Those in charge will have to choose between the formal invitation, occasionally so effective, and the informal call which ranges all the way from the rarest subtleties to the sort of bad taste that ought to lead to hard labor and a two-piece striped suit. One invitation does not move us, and follows a gray morning's offering of second-class advertising matter into our waste paper basket. Another has been worked out as a semi-humorous local replica of the familiar college daily or as a blue print in the style of an engineer's plan or as a legal summons and is too good to be thrown away. We will save that and drop Tom Underhill a note of hearty appreciation and nothing short of laryngitis or sudden death can keep us away from that meeting. The notices, with the follow-up, the personal calls on the telephone perhaps by groups headed by captains reporting to a general chairman, and what the local press is persuaded to have to say—this is the publicity without which the executive committee and a few of the faithful are apt to find on their hands a very dull evening and a staring deficit.

It doesn't always seem quite right, we know; but substantially the process of advertising which is required for the successful marketing of a manufactured product is the absolute first essential of a successful gathering of your local alumni club.

A neat little volume, possibly done in one of those indispensable faces of Casio and bodied in a certain amount of morocco, could be written on the subject and character in meetings. We can't do that little volume just now. But reason forbids that you just go and hire a hall and tell the maitre d'hotel that we want a dinner served at 7:15 o'clock and then expect our guests to write to the Alumni Weekly about it afterwards. You couldn't grow Giant Swiss Chard Lucullus that way. If the divine spark, so casually disposed of in a preceding paragraph is in us, we will want to consider the character and possibilities of the soil, we will want to trim up the garden with flags and other decorative devices for the sake of appearance: We all want to create an atmosphere. We should broadcast that phrase: create an atmosphere. It can be done—provided we first succeed in getting our crowd there by fair means or foul—a vitally important preliminary effort which we have labeled publicity.

Then, in the name of humanity, do not asphyxiate our guests after we have got them there and exposed them to the U. of K. atmosphere. If we find we have made this fatal mistake, go right out and suicide before our victims revive. We will have killed or seriously crippled our association for some time to come.

Some Things to Avoid

We don't like don'ts, but here are some good ones:

Don't lug a long business meeting with those long reports and two-man discussions between the demi-tasse and the toastmaster's fanfare. Belasco was never caught making that mistake. Our jails are too sparsely populated during the alumni association indoor speaking season. Why not hold the business session just before exposure to the atmosphere of the dining room, or judiciously at a smoker or some other of the lesser gatherings? Why not?

Don't overload the speaking program. It will be a serious mistake enough if, instead of a dinner of the sort made famous at Mory's when you were in college—a mutton chop and a walloping great baked potato and that sort of thing—you have served a banquet, and Roman punch or a raspberry sherbert, because it was left to the steward to do what he could for two dollars and seventy-five cents a cover. Why not a maximum of three speakers and the threat of death to the toastmaster if he forgets that he is the toastmaster and must set an example of brevity?

And the toastmaster. Don't let the president of the club feel that the only function he has is presiding at the annual dinner. You didn't induct your tone-deaf treasurer into the roles of chorister because he had succeeded in collecting bank notes from the club's members. Get a real toastmaster, even if he happens to be the president of the association.

Don't overlook aids to success. Remember the music—the resourceful man at the piano who knows the familiar songs and can hammer them out so that the crowd can't resist joining in; the quartet that cared enough to get together before the party and can render good selections and lead the old glee club singers seated with them; and the crowd, as well; the song sheets at every place. Some crowds just naturally sing, and some won't unless they are coaxed a bit. You can't afford to take the risk of failure here. Include some stunts—the fellow who sings "Romeo and Juliet" and never fails to bring down the house, the solemn-jawed graduate of the late '60s who does Prexy, the mock Corporation meeting, and the faked messenger, and the sort of thing that makes people eager to secure invitations to the annual dinners of the Gridiron Club of Washington. Creative imagination—somewhere along the line someone who visualizes

the meeting and underwrites its success with his brain and his energy.

Don't forget that the little things anticipated count most, and that the party is devised for the enjoyment and profit of all present. And don't forget, either, that the greater benefit will, if the affair is rightly engineered, be experienced by the college or universities of which those present are alumni.

Finally, don't leave your meeting at loose ends. Let the master of ceremonies call for the college anthem, all standing, or for some other touch of ceremony in which preferably all present can participate, and the story will have the right kind of ending. Then stand in the lobby of the theatre and take in the comments as the players drift out. Find where your alumni meeting failed, and don't let it happen again.

After that don't don't; do do.

A Serious Purpose Essential

"What can the Yale Club do for Yale?" the president of such a club asked not long ago. We told him; he had put the question to us idly, and now his association is commonly referred to as a model Yale club. We believe the trick is to get every local club to ask that question in all sincerity. The club, like the class, conserves and strengthens the college spirit, but the best expression of that spirit is lacking until the organization, as such, has found how to add to the purely social interest of the association and the attitude of service to the college. The social success of a club is of great importance; the application of the answer to the question we have quoted, though curiously enough dependent upon that social success, is the most important objective.

At this point we want to take our epistolary hat off to the ladies. We call them the alumnae and pronounce it the way we were taught in school and college to pronounce it the way we were taught in school and college to pronounce "alumni." A survey of the local alumnae clubs, which the title of our discussion would seem indefensibly to exclude, suggests how far the women sometimes excel the men in making their local clubs function to best effect. In the first place, they organize thoroughly, with neatly ordered constitution and by-laws, and a clear notion of what they are setting out to accomplish. Then they appear to be pretty successful in keeping their numbers actively interested. That is most important. The slump that comes through lack of leadership takes on the complexion of tragedy. Having divided the country territorially, they proceed to preach their gospel in legitimate ways, to study the problems and needs of their college, to take an interest in their future fellow alumnae, and to work out a variety of meetings which we think rather put the men, who are not—quite properly—invited, to blush. We may, of course, be wrong in so doing, but we have taken it for granted that the problem of successful local clubs is, in the main, the same whether it be alumni or alumnae, wether it be a small endowed college or one of our great modern state universities.

We suppose that the first serious and essentially altruistic purpose of a local club is to keep its members informed concerning the college or university. Happy the club that is regularly visited by an inspiring and informing representative of the college! Fortunate, too, the club whose members are fairly frequently in receipt of bulletins in one form or another designed to remind them of the healthy existence of their association, and of the things of interest in connection with both their club and their alma mater. Lacking the sense of continuity of established by the occasional meetings and the not too infrequent bulletins, the members of the club must inevitably look upon their association as a mere paper organization which affords a more or less agreeable annual opportunity to get together socially with one's fellow alumni or alumnae. Over against this picture we would suggest that of a well organized club, officered by members who regard their offices as opportunities for service rather than as flattering badges, seriously interested in maintaining scholarships, inquiring through committees (alive and not mere window dressings) and otherwise, into ways in which the club can help the college, maintaining an employment bureau for local graduates or students, or both, keeping in touch with the local schools and the school men, and last but not least, on the alert to make the club serve the community in which it exists. That, very briefly, is what we mean, or should mean, when we speak of holding to a serious purpose in maintaining our local alumni clubs.

Co-operation With the Alumni Secretary

And those charged with the responsibilities of making the club a success ought certainly to turn to the officer in charge of alumni activities for information, and general guidance, and in turn, to assist him in the work of his office in every way open to them. He, it is who has visited the various clubs, suffering acutely and needlessly at times, and can offer helpful suggestions. Let the clubs turn to the alumni secretary whether it be for a model constitution and by-laws to start them going, or for solid guidance to get them off the rocks and into navigable water once more. Let them remember that the alumni secretary can supply them with just about anything they want—from a member of the faculty or an administrative officer, signed, sealed, and delivered for after-dinner use, and such excellent aids as the "Guide for Wellesley Club Officers" and "Wellesley Model Constitution," to statistics for the club bulletin. He may do nothing more than provide a souvenir program for a dinner in Pittsburgh; he may help the president and secretary of the Philadelphia club to work out a somewhat elaborate scheme of county clubs for holding meetings when the students are home on vacation, or he may independently launch a plan of simultaneous meetings in various centers throughout the country. Then again he may specifically guide a club in determining that perhaps most important question of what the graduate organization can do to benefit the college, what different kinds of service it can perform—a sure medium of success for the club, which otherwise will remain merely social and therefore relatively insubstantial. If the alumni secretary is worth the powder that otherwise should be used to blow him up, he will find countless ways to help the local alumni clubs. If the clubs are awake to their opportunity, they will turn to the alumni secretary for the guidance and inspiration which he is best qualified to give.

Well-organized Clubs an Asset to the College

And the results of such well ordered activity on the part of the alumni clubs are fairly apparent. Let an occasional carping critic emit whatever sounds he will to the contrary, the fact remains that the college authorities are more and more turning to the alumni, particularly to the effectively organized alumni, for their intelligent interest and support and for their counsel. For, after all, the college is in large measure the sum total of the men and women it is educating and has educated. There is nothing more sweetly logical than this banding together of the alumni. They are simply obeying a rule of reason. And the turning to them by the college authorities is just as reasonable. Note how willing they send out administrative officers and members of the faculty to speak at alumni dinners, and how glad they are to prepare and distribute stereopticon slides and motion picture films of the college. That is all a perfectly natural development of the relationship between the organized graduates and the college.

Those of us who are called upon to utter truths in considerations of this sort can hardly resist the temptation to play oracle. The alumni advisory board representing the local clubs as in the case of Yale (and especially the same, the Princeton Graduate Council representing the classes), and the organization like the Associated Harvard Clubs, which provides an annual meeting with the opportunity not only to hear committee reports and speakers from the college, but to take part in the discussion of matters of college interest, have, with other forms of graduate association, rendered the alumni articulate. They will not, we think, make the mistake of thinking that the layman can do the educational expert's task for him better than the expert can do it himself. But they will earnestly and loyally study the problems which inevitably crop up in the modern institution of higher learning, and they will offer their counsel wholeheartedly and loyally, especially when it is sought by the college authorities. And, on its part, the college will think of the alumni less and less as a source of financial revenue (important though that expression of loyalty may be) and more and more as a source of counsel, moral support, and inspiration.

If the local alumni clubs, by keeping the college loyalty bright and vigorous and directing it into channels of usefulness, will continue to strengthen the mutual regard that has always existed between Alma Mater and her sons and daughters, their future of service will know no limitation.

U. K. Graduate School Makes Rapid Progress

Fellowships Are Offered to Encourage Graduate Work

The Graduate School of the University of Kentucky has grown very rapidly during the past few years and at present has a registration which compares favorably with the other colleges of the university. This semester over one hundred students are enrolled for work leading toward advanced degrees.

Graduate work is now offered in all of the colleges in the university and approximately three hundred courses are listed in the catalogue, under the various departments, which are accepted for graduate credit.

The university confers the advanced degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science in Agriculture, Master of Science in Home Economics, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Metallurgical Engineer and Mining Engineer. The amount of work required for each of these degrees is minimum of twenty-four credits exclusive of the thesis and a year in residence. The degrees of M. E. and E. E. may be obtained for work done in absentia three or more years after receiving the bachelor degree, providing this time has been spent in practical engineering work and an acceptable thesis is presented.

For the encouragement of graduate work, the university offers each year ten university scholarships with a stipend of \$200 each, five university fellowships with a stipend of \$400 each and a Registrar's fellowship with a stipend of \$500. Fellows and scholars devote their whole time to graduate work and no teaching or departmental duties are required of them.

All graduate students are members of the Graduate Club which brings to the campus each year prominent speakers on subjects of interest.

This year the Graduate School will issue a special bulletin outlining the graduate courses, and listing the graduate faculty and students.

W. D. FUNKHOUSER

Dean Is Scientist and Teacher

The following is taken from the Kentucky School Journal of January, 1926:

"For several years the graduate work of the University of Kentucky was administered by a committee of the faculty. In September, 1924, Doctor Edward Wiest was made Acting Dean of the Graduate School and served in that capacity until he was made Dean of the College of Commerce. In September, 1925, Doctor Wm. D. Funkhouser, head of the Department of Zoology, University of Kentucky, was made Dean of the Graduate School. Doctor Funkhouser has made a great record for himself as a teacher and scientist. His education, experience and authorship give him unusual preparation for this work.

"Doctor Funkhouser was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis, graduating from Shortridge High School in 1898. He did his undergraduate work at Wabash College, graduating in 1905. He did his graduate work at Cornell University, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in 1912, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1916. He was honorary fellow at Cornell 1916-17.

"Doctor Funkhouser has had a very rich experience as teacher and administrator. He was instructor at Brazil, Indiana, 1905-07, and at Greencastle, 1907. He was headmaster at Ithaca, New York, High School, 1908-14 and principal of Cascadilla School, 1915-18. He came to the University of Kentucky in 1918 as head of the Department of Zoology and served in that capacity until September, 1925, at which time he was appointed Dean of the Graduate School.

"Doctor Funkhouser holds membership in the following learned societies: Fellow American Association of Advanced Science; Entomological Society of America; Member New York Entomological Society; Brooklyn Entomological Society; New Geographical Society; American Zoological Society; American Eugenics Society; Sigma Xi (president Kentucky chapter 1923-24); Wilson Ornithological Club; Kentucky Academy of Science; K. E. A.; University of Kentucky Research Club (president 1922-23); Kentucky Ornithological Society; Kentucky State Historical Society.

"He is active in the councils of the following organizations: Kappa Sigma (district Grand Master Kentucky and Tennessee); Secretary Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Chairman Athletic Council, University of Kentucky; Chairman Extension Committee, University of Kentucky, 1920-25; Vice-president Lexington Council Boy Scouts; President Lexington Rotary Club. He is author of about 100 technical papers, bulletins, books and manuals including Homologies of Wing Veins; Neotropical Homoptera; Biology of Membracidae; Outlines of Zoology; Membracidae of Connecticut; Philippine Hemiptera; Wild Life in Kentucky.

"Under the leadership of Doctor Funkhouser the graduate work of the University of Kentucky will take high rank with the graduate work of other state universities. The University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville are the only schools in the State doing graduate work. With the fine co-operation that now exists between the university and the several colleges

Alumni Plan Big Commencement Reunion

Alumni Day Is May 29; Alumni Banquet To Be Held at Shakertown Inn

Extensive plans are being made for elaborate entertainment for alumni returning to the campus this year for the commencement exercises. The program that has been arranged is as follows:

Friday, May 28—Senior Ball.

Saturday, May 29—Reunion of alumni, Art Department, Euclid Avenue, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Annual business meeting of alumni, Little theatre, 10:30 a.m.

Meeting of Board of Trustees, President's office, 11:45 a.m.

Trip to Dix River dam, leaving campus at 2 p.m.

Alumni banquet, Shakertown Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 30—Baccalaureate sermon, new gymnasium, university campus, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 31—Address to graduating class and delivery of diplomas, 10:00 a.m.

Classes that will hold reunions this year and their secretaries are as follows:

1881—Dr. A. M. Peter, Experiment Station, Lexington, Ky.

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1891—Prof. V. E. Muncy, 104 West Ninth Street, Cincinnati, O.

1896—Dr. Harry L. Davidson, 666 Frances Building, Louisville, Ky.

1901—Frank Daugherty, Scofield Engineering Co., Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia, Penna.

1906—Mary E. Sweeney, Merrill Palmer School, 71 Ferry St., Detroit, Michigan.

1911—Mrs. R. C. Wilson (Olline Cruickshank), R.F.D. 1, Box 385 G. West Albany, New York.

1916—Erle McGuffey, 608 Fayette Bank Building, Lexington, Ky.

1921—Robert J. Raible, 171 W. Brookline St., Boston, Mass.

1923—Charles D. Graham, Room 408 Board of Edu. Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Buffalo Entertains U. K. Senior Engineers

Several of the Graduating Class Will Locate in Buffalo

On Sunday, April 4, the senior engineers arrived in Buffalo from Pittsburgh for a five day stay on their annual inspection trip. These days were spent in visiting the various industrial plants in and about the city, and on sight seeing trip to Niagara Falls.

On Monday evening the Buffalo chapter of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers were hosts at a banquet and entertainment for the boys, alumni and friends of the university. The entertainment was given by two melody making Kentucky Parsons who made a big hit. "Molasses Nutting" also contributed to the evening's entertainment with his dry wit.

Thursday evening was a big get together with the alumni at an informal banquet at the Chamber of Commerce. A jazz band furnished the music to which the boys did some mean "Charlestoning." All present gave a standing vote of thanks to Mr. Roger Thornton, chairman of the entertainment committee. "Rog" put in a lot of work on the party and with the help of Messrs. O. K. Dyer, E. E. Elzey, A. H. Mason, C. R. Perkins, of the inspection trip, and L. U. Milward, L. C. Davidson, and T. R. Anderson of the entertainment committee made the visit of the class to Buffalo a big success. Seven of eight of this year's graduating class have signified their intention of locating in Buffalo and we have hopes of getting a few more. Thursday was the final day of the trip and some left that night for New York City while the remainder started for Lexington the following morning.

On Saturday, April 10th, the regular monthly luncheon was held at the Chamber of Commerce. The club was unanimous in its praise of the various committees who completed so successfully all the details involved in the inspection trip.

It was a pleasure to us to renew friendships with our old friends Dean Anderson and Professors Freeman, Terrill, Dicker and O'Bannon who accompanied the class.

We enjoyed having the boys here just as much as they seemed to enjoy being here, and hope that the next and all succeeding inspection trips will include Buffalo.

J. B. Slater '23, Secretary.

BIG DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Final arrangements have been made for the big alumni dance to be held in the new gymnasium at the University of Kentucky. Music will be furnished by the Strand orchestra, and it is expected that this will be one of the best attended functions that the alumni of Lexington have sponsored. The dance is being given by the Lexington Alumni Club and through the work of their committee, many tickets are being sold. J. White Guyn, ex-'04 is chairman of the ticket committee in Lexington, and there is also another committee on the campus.

of the State, one of the best graduate schools in the South should be the result."