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THE ALUMNI FUND INTERIM REPORT, DEC. 5

The 1951-52 Swarthmore College Alumni Fund got off to a fast start this year and so far has broken all previous records. As we go to press we can report the following information received from the Fund office:

One-third of the \$90,000, or \$30,448.43, has already been received by the college. This is truly phenomenal when we consider that this is \$21,257.42 more than had been donated at the same time last year.

There is also a new record for number of donors. 1280 donors have already contributed. This is 581 more donors than at the same time last year. In other words, so far this year nearly twice as many alumni have made contributions than at the same time last year.

In addition, there are approximately 250 new donors to this year's Alumni Fund; that is, alumni who did not contribute to last year's campaign.

This early surge of donations has the Fund office leading a hectic life but they couldn't be happier. Their only hope is that the hectic life keeps up.

BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS OF SWARTHMORE CLUBS

Philadelphia

Luncheon—Jan. 15, 1952—University Club, 12:30
Alumnae Club Dinner—Feb. 16, 1952, 6:30—Bond Memorial, on the campus
64th Annual Dinner—Feb. 16, 1952, 6:30—College Dining Room (Basketball game with Haverford in Lamb-Miller Field House after dinner)

New York

Luncheon—Jan. 8, 12:20 Zeta Psi Fraternity, 31 E. 39th St.
Luncheon—Feb. 5, 1952, 12:20 Zeta Psi Fraternity, 31 E. 39th St.
Meeting—Feb. 8, 1952, 7:30 Phi Gamma Delta Club, 106 W. 56th St.
Speakers: JOHN W. NASON, JOSEPH B. SHANE
Barnard College Forum, Feb. 16—Waldorf Astoria, 12:45
"The Modern School: Evolution or Revolution?" All College alumnae invited

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEN STUDENTS

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1952

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK TO SPEAK

Dec. 16, 1951; 7:30 in Clothier Memorial
Dr. Fosdick, world famed religious leader, is co-sponsored by the Swarthmore Christian Association and the William J. Cooper Foundation.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 1952 ALUMNI ELECTIONS

Twelve positions on Alumni governing bodies are now open for nominations it has been announced by the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association.

Nominations for these vacancies are open to, and can be made by, any alumni or ex-students. Names should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee: Mr. Morris Hicks, 205 College Avenue, Swarthmore or to the Alumni Office. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 1952.

Two Alumni are elected annually to the Board of Managers for four year terms. One man and one woman must be elected to this position and nominations are now being accepted.

Five men and five women will also be needed to fill vacancies in the Alumni Council from the following zones:

- 4 representatives from Zone I (Pa., Del., and New Jersey excepting the counties included in Zone II).
 - 2 representatives from Zone II (Conn., Maine, Mass., N. H., New York, R. I., Vt., and the following counties in New Jersey: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Union.)
 - 2 representatives from Zone III (Ala., Ark., D. C., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Md., Miss., N. C., Okla., S. C., Tenn., Texas, Va., W. Va.)
 - 2 representatives from Zone IV (Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kan., Mich., Minn., Mo., Neb., N. D., Ohio, S. D., Wis.)
- Vacancies will occur in 1954 in Zone V (Ariz., Calif., Colo., Idaho, Mont., Nev., N. Mex., Oreg., Utah, Wash., Wyo., territories, dependencies, and foreign countries.)

PSYCHIC PHENOMENON LECTURE PUBLISHED

Lectures on paranormal psychical phenomenon (telepathy, mediumistic spirit communications, etc.) will be given on the campus from time to time under the sponsorship of the John William Graham Lectures. Authorities on this topic, distinguished scientists or philosophers, will be invited to speak.

The first lecture in the series was delivered in April, 1951, by C. J. Ducasse, Professor of Philosophy at Brown University, under the title, "Paranormal Phenomenon, Nature, and Man." It has since been published in the *Journal* of the American Society of Psychical Research. Copies may be obtained, without charge, by addressing a request to the Publicity Office, Swarthmore College.

READ THE DODO

For the first time in its history, "The Dodo," the college literary publication, is offering a cash prize for the best prose work written by a student. This will be only one of the many pieces, prose and poetry, to be included in the magazine when it appears this month.

"The Dodo" staff invites the alumni to be among the readers of the magazine which represents the finest creative writing talents in the student body. Copies may be obtained by sending 50c to "The Dodo," Swarthmore College.

IS SWARTHMORE COMMUNISTIC?

Most small liberal arts colleges have to face the charge of being "communist." From time to time Swarthmore is called a "red" institution and alumni hear comments to the effect that the students—or the faculty—or both—at Swarthmore are made up of "radicals."

At the opening meeting of the 1952 Alumni Fund Committee on the campus a few weeks ago, when 84 alumni were present, representing all college generations, some said they were disturbed by the "red" talk. Edna Shoemaker Mallen '28, asked President John W. Nason to discuss the subject frankly and when he had done so those present wished that the entire alumni body could have heard him.

William L. Jenkins, president of the Class of 1910, suggested that the President's statement should be published in the GARNET LETTER—and here it is.

By JOHN W. NASON

I have heard on the whole very much less in recent years about the "red" or "pink" tinge of Swarthmore College than I heard in earlier years.

To the best of my knowledge there are no communists at Swarthmore. I am certain that there are none among the faculty. I would do everything in power to prevent any Communist from ever becoming a member of the faculty.

I believe our Swarthmore faculty is inclined to be conservative. I believe that any good college faculty should have all political and economic points of view represented on it—but this does not include the communist. Communists are not allowed to follow, and do not permit others, to follow the free pursuit of truth. For this reason I would oppose any communist ever being on the faculty. Only out of a free atmosphere permitting different points of view does wisdom and a set of convictions come.

So far as the student body is concerned, there may conceivably be a half dozen who hold Communist party cards, or who deliberately follow the

party line. We have no way of knowing. In the 30's I knew of one student who became a member of the Communist party and I have had my suspicions about one or two others.

Students "Vote" Republican

We have students at present who are sympathetic to the Progressive Party. Some of them may be followers of the party line, but the majority, I am sure, are not. In every presidential straw vote during my 20 years at Swarthmore, the student body has always voted Republican.

The reputation of being "red" is the kind of reputation which is a long-time dying. New episodes to stir up such talk will always occur. Last year both the faculty and the student body of Swarthmore College passed resolutions protesting the action of the California Regents in demanding a special loyalty oath of all members of the University of California faculty. The demand on the part of the Regents was by a divided vote and it was rescinded at one point. It has now been declared unconstitutional by the Courts of California. Nevertheless, one

Swarthmore alumnus considered that our faculty and student resolution proved that Swarthmore was "communist," and I do not know what we can do about a person who takes such an attitude.

From the ultra-conservative point of view, college students are likely to look radical. Indeed, the student body ought to be left of center, and I would not be greatly interested in trying to teach a group of students if they were not eager to reform the world. If they are not left of center while in college, God help them; they will get conservative later in the natural course of events.

Youth Enthusiastic

Students in college today find the world a pretty unholy mess and most of us would say "Amen" to that. The difference between their point of view and ours is that they want to set about refashioning the world in accordance with their sense of what is just and fair, and they go at the problem with all the enthusiasm, energy and idealism of youth. For the most part they do not have much experience in the practical obstacles of reform. We learn what these obstacles are as we grow older. We even change our ideas as to what is fair and just.

GARNET

Frank H. Jackson '23, summed up the recent alumni discussion of "radicalism" this way:

"Swarthmore isn't Red. It isn't Pink. It's just Garnet—same as it always has been."

FOUR ALUMNI ELECTED TO BOARD OF MANAGERS



CAROLINE BIDDLE MALIN '28, wife of Patrick Malin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, is active in civic and community affairs, a member of the Society of Friends and the mother of three sons.



JACK THOMPSON '27, chief editorial writer and associate editor of the Chester (Pa.) Times, is a past president of the Alumni Association. He will be remembered by his classmates as the captain of the swimming team.



RICHARD C. BOND '31, is executive vice president, general merchandise manager and member of the Board of Directors of John Wanamaker. In college he was a member of Book and Key and captain of the soccer team.



C. NORMAN STABLER '23, is financial columnist of the New York Herald-Tribune and a member of the Greater New York Committee for the Hoover Report. At Swarthmore he was a member of the debating team.

Alumni Council Makes Annual Extended Visit

HOMECOMING, 1951

From Collection on Thursday morning 'til late Sunday afternoon of the 1951 Homecoming Weekend, members of the Alumni Council, the officers of the Alumni Association and the alumni members of the Board of Managers returned to the Swarthmore campus to savor many aspects of life at the college. They ate with the students, sat in on their classes, listened to the deliberations of the Student Council.

There were teas with the faculty and college officials, dances, sports events with Haverford. This year the GARNET LETTER takes you through that same extended weekend in order to give you some idea of what the alumni did during their stay on the campus.



The Alumni Council meets for tea with the President.

(below)

An informal chat with the President.



(right)

Former athletic captains meet with '51 captain and a teammate.



Tea after the game



A seminar and visitor

ROBERT PYLE DIES

The sudden death of Robert Pyle of a heart attack while undergoing a routine checkup in Chester County Hospital occurred on September 28, 1951. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him not only for his active influence on the college but because his death leaves an inevitable gap in the horticultural world.

Robert Pyle was a graduate of the college in the class of 1897, and an emeritus member of the Board of Managers. Internationally known as a grower of roses and horticultural expert, Mr. Pyle was also president of the Conard-Pyle Co., of West Grove, Pa., the author of several books on roses and the editor of *Success with Roses*, a magazine.

Acts As Superintendent

Immediately upon his graduation from Swarthmore, Robert Pyle became acting superintendent of the college. In the years following he became active in the Conard-Pyle Co., and also did graduate work at the International School for Social and Religious Study, Woodbrooke, England. In 1909 he became a member of the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College and continued his active participation in college affairs until his retirement in 1949. He was particularly interested in the grounds and in the steady growth of the campus in natural beauty.

Mr. Pyle was founder of the United Horticultural Society and co-founder of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums. He was a past president of the American Horticultural Society. He was active in and an officer of many other horticultural societies, both here and abroad, and for his work in the latter, he was honored by a decoration from the country of Luxembourg and given a medal by the City of Paris. Of the many roses which he introduced the "Peace" rose is perhaps the most famous, and for which he was awarded a gold medal by the American Rose Society.

His classmates will remember Robert Pyle as president of the senior class in its first term, as editor of the *Phoenix* and the '97 *Halcyon*, and as an active orator. He was a member of Delta Upsilon, Sigma Xi, Pi Alpha Xi fraternities.

A Quaker with deep convictions, he saw his roses as ambassadors between men of all nations. It was his belief that Swarthmore College should



lead in upholding the Peace Testimony of Friends. He was "a man who walked in the quiet and peaceful ways of life and helped to show others the secret of happiness through the cultivation of flowers."

ALUMNI OF THREE COLLEGES MEET IN CHICAGO

The unique three-college cooperation program among Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr was extended into a new area in October when alumni groups in Chicago, from the three schools, met together for the first time. Approximately 170 alumni of the schools, twelve parents of students now in the colleges, and twelve headmasters of local schools, attended the dinner meeting at which the presidents of the colleges were the guests of honor. The success of the meeting insures not only its continuation in the Chicago district, but also the extension of the same practice into other metropolitan areas.

In her talk with the alumni, Miss Katherine McBride of Bryn Mawr told how the eight-year-old cooperation scheme worked to cut costs without sacrificing standards by interchanging classrooms, library facilities and instructors.

Gilbert White, president of Haverford, spoke of the unique role of the small liberal arts college in American education, while President Nason stressed the need for continued support for such schools.

Swarthmore representatives on the dinner committee were Elizabeth Pollard Fetter '25, Tom McCabe '49, Dorothy Anderson Bowler '22, Allin Pierce '19 and Jess Halsted '18.

CHARACTER, COURTESY AND TOUCHDOWNS

Swarthmore received nation-wide publicity recently when the football game with Haverford was scored on the basis of character and sportsmanship as well as on the conventional touchdown, extra point method.

The system for judging the "character" contest was devised by Joe Tomlin '27, who is now an insurance agent in Philadelphia and the head of the Glenn S. "Pop" Warner Foundation, "a public supported institution for the character education of young America." The Foundation, founded in 1930, is interested in boys under 12 and runs a sandlot football league, the Pop Warner Conference, for them.

Self-Control Sought

The games in the early days of the Conference were such rowdy affairs that the "character" system was installed in 1948 to try to induce self-control and more mannerly behavior on the part of the players, the coaches and the fans. The system has worked so well that the problem of rowdiness is now virtually non-existent in the Pop Warner Conference.

Joe wanted to use the system in a college game so he contacted Lew Elverson and Roy Randall. They agreed to the experiment and the first "character" contest in the annals of intercollegiate football took place at Alumni Field.

Fans and Players Scored

In the Swarthmore - Haverford game, two "officials, representatives of the Northeast Philadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce, followed the game from the sidelines. They noted player and coach conduct on the bench, the behavior of the fans. They checked the poise, mental alertness and physical condition (especially after the game) of the players, their will to compete, their respect for the authority of the officials. They scored each team from 0 to 5 in each of ten categories, making 50 the perfect score. When the final whistle blew in this much-publicized game, Swarthmore had carried off the "character" honors 45-43, as well as the regular game.

Actually the "officials" said that there was little to choose between the teams since both scores were in the "excellent" class. The real difference they said was in the action of several ardent Haverford fans who protested violently against a clipping penalty called against their team.

FALL SPORTS IN REVIEW

Swarthmore's 19-7 Homecoming victory over Haverford marked the close of the fall sports season and gave the soccer, cross-country, football and hockey teams a total win-loss record of 14-14.

The 1951 football record was at once brighter than the 1950 season, and yet disappointing. Starting the season against an already experienced Juniata team, Swarthmore, unsure and cautious, played the Indians to a 13-7 score that could just as easily been a victory for the Garnet. Against Wagner in the second game, the team lost its early season jitters and won a rough, rugged ball game, 20-15. With Ursinus it was again a matter of "breaks." With Bill Jones passing, Nick Cusano and Dave Hansen running, the team played one of its best games and lost, 25-20.

Oski Injured

Swarthmore lost the next one too: F & M, 53-13. Clearly outmanned and overpowered, the team committed itself creditably. Hopkins and Drexel were the next opponents and both games are still thought of with puzzlement. Despite the 39-6 and 35-6 scores neither of the opposition was as good as the difference in scores would seem to indicate. The Hopkins game was especially heartbreaking since it deprived the team of the services for the rest of the season of blocking quarterback, Frank Oski, who pulled a back muscle.



Then came the Haverford game. Both teams were out to atone for poor seasons. Together their records showed only one victory between them going into the final contest. Swarthmore, possessor of the lone victory, was, on the basis of the victory and the fact that it had fared somewhat better than Haverford against several common opponents, slightly favored.

After a scoreless first quarter played entirely in Haverford territory, Swarthmore finally got rolling and scored twice in quick succession in the

ASPLUNDH RECEIVES MAXWELL AWARD

Bob Asplundh, captain and center of the football team, not only received the Maxwell Club (of Philadelphia sports writers) college award of the week November 26th, but he also became one of the important speakers on the program. The Philadelphia *Bulletin* said, "His talk was by far the best made by a Maxwell-honored athlete."

Many of young Asplundh's remarks had to do with his father, Lester Asplundh '23, who was an outstanding football player in his day. This was the trouble, said Bob, since any write-up about himself invariably mentioned Les, who then proceeded to carry off all the wordage. Calling him the son of the immortal Les was another handicap, mentioned by Bob. "The other week when it rained before a game, my teammates rushed up to me: 'Your old man is immortal, isn't he? Well, tell him to call on that guy to turn off the rain!'"

Bob was chosen over all other college players in the area for his outstanding work in the climax game against Haverford. It was the second time he had won the award, being first honored in 1946 as a high school star at Bryn Athyn Academy.

second period, with Bill Jones, Nick Cusano and Mike Freilich bearing the brunt of the offensive thrust.

In the third quarter Haverford finally managed to get possession of the ball in Swarthmore territory as the result of a recovered fumble. They quickly drove across for a score. Swarthmore scored again in the same period and the game ran its course without any further excitement, although Swarthmore attempted a field goal in the last quarter, a weapon it had been secretly preparing all week. Final score, 19-7.

Soccer Team Best

The soccer team made by far the best record of the fall sports, seven wins and two losses in the regularly scheduled season. Starting with a win over the Alumni, the Garnet defeated a strong Penn team, 3-1, in the second game, and then went on to conquer Rutgers, Princeton, Ursinus, Stevens and Lehigh. In the Rutgers, Princeton and Lehigh games the team was forced to come from behind to get their victory. George Place (son of G. W. Place '21) was the playmaker on the offense, with freshman sensations, Jim White and Connie Inglessis, leading the scoring. White was particularly effective in the Ursinus game when he scored half of the team's ten goals.

With seven straight victories under its belt the team seemed to fall apart, for in the next game it was defeated by Navy, 2-0. Ten days later defeat struck again, this time at the hands of an alert and "up" Haverford team, 5-1.

This loss threw the southern division of the Middle Atlantic States Conference into a four way tie among Swarthmore, Haverford, Lehigh and Rutgers. In the first round of the play-off games, the Garnet got sweet revenge for their previous defeat by whipping Haverford, 3-2, but a 3-0 defeat by Lehigh eliminated them from the play-off.

The cross-country record for 1951 was two wins and four losses. The outstanding performer was captain of the team, Avery Harrington, Jr. (son of Avery Harrington '22). He finished first in three of the six matches this season, despite which the Garnet lost two of the three. In the second meet of the season, Avery set a new Swarthmore course record but the team lost to Delaware, 29-28.

Hockey Wins 3, Loses 3

The hockey team finished the season with three straight victories allowing them to end their schedule with three wins and three losses.

The team opened its season against a star-studded Temple team and lost, 4-0. Against Ursinus and Penn, the team continued its losing ways, but by less wide margins, 2-0 and 1-0.

They finally opened up in the Rosemont game and swamped the opposition, 8-0. Victories over Chestnut Hill and Drexel closed the season.



Honors for the season go to Cornelia Wheeler, captain of the team, Ann MacMillan, the team's high scorer, Mary Jane D'Emilio and Sue Slaugh (daughter of Francis Wills Slaugh '21). These girls placed on the Philadelphia All-College first, second and fourth teams respectively. After tournament play against All-Philadelphia club teams, Cornelia and Ann were chosen to try out for the All-American team at Wellesley College during the Thanksgiving holiday.