UNIVERSITY RECEIVES TYPE-SETTING MACHINE

The printing department recently received a Mergenthaler Linotype machine and a trimming saw as a gift from a Christian friend. The installation of the Linotype is also being arranged by the donor.

Several changes have been made in the printing department to accommodate the newly acquired equipment and to increase the efficiency of the department. A partition separating the press and Linotype equipment from the mailing division of the department has been built, and many of the paper and office supplies usually kept in the print shop have been centralized in a second floor storeroom.

According to Karl Williamson, comptroller, the Linotype will especially facilitate work on the Newslette and other major printing jobs. Formerly copy for these jobs had to be set outside the school by commercial plants.

John Miesel, George Haberer, and Lawrence Schatz, student printers, will be operating the machine. Mrs. Earl Williamson is supervisor of printing and mailing.

Octagon Rewired; Shop Has New Office

Expansion and improvements have been the keynotes of the most recent advances made on the administration building.

During the two-week Christmas vacation period, a number of improvement jobs were completed. The Octagon dormitory was rewired and a survey was made for the steam line to be laid between the Octagon and the administration building. Heating facilities in the dining hall were improved, and in the dairy the electrical wiring was revamped.

The maintenance shop was recently expanded to include a new office for Calvin Jaynes, supervisor of maintenance and repairs.

In the girls' dormitory, work has been done on a "fudge kitchen." When it is completed and ready for use, the kitchen will serve as a place for the girls to pop corn or make fudge. The room will also act as an agency in preventing accidents and in eliminating fire hazards caused by the use of electrical heating units and pop corn poppers in the dormitory rooms.

Earlier in the year the Office of Public Relations and that of the Christian Service Association received a face-lifting. The registrar's office, which was made ready for use just before the opening of school, has also been improved.

STUDENTS PLAN, DIRECT 'SPIRITUAL MEAL'

Realizing the need of prayer and personal sacrifice as essentials to life on Bryan Hill with Christ above all, the student body recently carried out plans for a "Spiritual Meal" which took place December 2.

Aware of the financial burden of the faculty and staff, a group of students presented the need as they saw it to each of the dormitories at their respective Sunday evening prayer meetings.

The dormitories decided to make a contribution to the staff by way of a financial gift, and under the direction of the Lord, each student gave as he was able. Although the amount turned in to the financial office for staff distribution the next morning was several times larger than had been anticipated, the students felt that something else was needed.
I want to give you a word of testimony that comes from the bottom of my heart. It was with deep emotional feeling that I gave this testimony to the students in chapel the next morning after the “Spiritual Meal,” described elsewhere in the Newslette. The Student Council was in charge of the chapel program, with the council’s president, John Rathbun, directing the service.

I was greatly stirred within as I walked along in front of the building on my way to the dining room and heard the students singing. A question came to my mind. On how many campuses in the United States could one ever find the students seated for an evening meal with only spiritual food to be served? I didn’t know just what the “Spiritual Meal” planned by the students would be like, but I was sure that something good was in store.

As on several occasions before, I was almost overcome with a sense of God’s goodness in giving me the privilege of working with such a fine group of young people. I thought of the many schools where the administration must be continually on the alert to keep students from getting out of hand, whereas, here at Bryan, student leaders can always be depended on to promote those activities which result in a closer walk with the Lord.

I was not disappointed. The “Spiritual Meal” was all that I anticipated and more. Prayer and fasting came to be much more meaningful and purposeful to all of us. I am sure God is going to hear our prayers. The Lord is at work in this place.

I would rather be president of Bryan University than of any other college or university in the land. It is a real privilege to be associated in any capacity with such godly young people.

These were my own words of testimony. I know that “we have not followed cunningly devised fables.” The Apostle Paul describes the reality of our experience in II Cor. 4:7-18. Verse 18 reads, “While we look not at the things which are not seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

JUDSON A. RUDD, President

Pillai Centers Talks On Oriental Customs

During the month of December, the chapel services featured a variety of programs. Special speakers included representatives from some distinctive types of Christian work and service.

Bishop K. Pillai, Indian representative of the Evangelical Missionary Society, brought the messages December 5 and 6 and spoke to a number of classes. A native of India, Bishop Pillai, was a high-caste Hindu in his country until he made a confession of Christ. The Bible being Eastern in its setting, Bishop Pillai is seeking to bring a better understanding of the Bible through the light of Eastern thought and way of life.

Telling of his work among the Jewish people, the Rev. Coulson Shepherd, founder and director of the “Message to Israel” magazine and broadcast, spoke December 2.

Begun 16 years ago, Mr. Shepherd’s work now has a widespread approach to the Jews. The broadcast, which is being transmitted over 56 radio stations, including HCJB in South America and a fairly new but powerful station in Manila, has an estimated radio audience of some 300,000 Jews. This is evidenced by weekly requests for New Testament books which the “Message to Israel” offers to any Jewish person who promises to read it. The nation of Israel itself is hearing the message of its Messiah through the medium of this work.

A familiar visitor on Bryan Hill, the Rev. Paul Zimmerman, director of the Cedine Bible Mission, spoke December 9. The mission, which is located near Spring City, sends out workers each month to 15 colored schools in the surrounding counties.

By memorizing scripture verses, the children in these schools can attend a week of summer camp conducted by the mission. Last year’s sessions had a total enrollment of 439 boys and girls.
Following is the summary report of progress at Bryan as released by the Office of the President recently:

1. Student enrollment has increased each year since the war, more than tripling the pre-war figure. The present student registration is 270.

2. Academic standing of the university has been steadily improving. In May of 1951 the University of Tennessee gave full recognition for the four years' work offered here.

3. Gift income has increased year by year until it is about six times as much as sixteen years ago. There has been an even greater increase in total income.

4. Net assets invested in buildings and equipment have increased each year. Accelerated progress in recent years brings the net building investment to $375,000, three times as much as sixteen years ago.

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needed. With this in mind, they voted to have a "Spiritual Meal" that Tuesday evening.

At 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, students and staff filed into the dining hall and took their places at the tables as usual. In the form of hymns and spiritual songs, the "appetizer" followed opening prayer led by Professor Glen Atkins. For the "main course," Bible reading and study was held around the individual tables. "Dessert," a time of prayer, was followed by the school hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." The meal was led by the Student Council.

As a follow-up of this new challenge, big and little brothers and sisters have set aside at least half an hour each week to pray together for the university.

HITT ACCEPTS POST IN EUROPE MISSION

Adding to his interests as news editor of Christian Life and public relations consultant at Bryan University, Russell T. Hitt has accepted appointment as foreign secretary of the Greater Europe Mission.

Mr. Hitt expects to spend the month of January in Europe where he will assist in the business management of the European Bible Institute near Paris, France, and study other aspects of the mission's work in several European countries.
Bryan Faculty Selects Five Seniors, Juniors To Appear in 1952-53 ‘Who’s Who Among Students’

Five students were selected from the present student body to appear in the 1952-53 issue of “Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.” Dean Koontz of Crown Point, Indiana; Charles Thornton of Wesco, Missouri; and Mary Grover of Willoughby, Ohio, are the senior members of the group. John Rathbun of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Alton Witter of Columbiana, Ohio, members of the junior class, are the two others elected.

Dean Koontz is president of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, vice-president of the Student Council, and a member of the cross-country team. He was editor of the Commoner, the university yearbook, last year, and has traveled as a member of the Gospel Singers during two summer tours.

Charles Thornton is president of the a cappella choir and an active member of Student Pastors Fellowship. Mary Grover is secretary of the Student Council, a member of the Forensic Union, and is past president of the girls' dormitory.

A member of the Gospel Singers group last summer, John Rathbun is editor of the 1953 Commoner and was president of his class during his sophomore year. With the exception of Charles, who is a mathematics major, all are majoring in history.

Janice Brown, a senior, was among those selected to appear in the publication last year.

The last cross-country meet of the season for Bryan saw the Lions upset by the University of the South 20 to 38. First man for Bryan was Dean Koontz, who placed second in the final line-up. Held at Sewanee, the meet took place November 22.

In a triangular meet with Emory University and the Berry Schools at Berry, November 15, the Lions emerged on top with a low score of 33 points. Berry chalked up 39 points and Emory trailed with 48. This was the only victory for Bryan in four scheduled meets.

Volleyball dominated the intramural sports scene during November and December. The senior men won all four of their games to become undisputed volleyball champions over the other three classes. This gives them a total of 90 points stacked up for the sports trophy to be awarded at the end of the year.

In comparison, the second place sophomores have only 50 points.

Among the girls the sophomores continued to wield the upper hand as they, too, emerged on top in each of their four games. By the end of December they had 90 points; the juniors had 60 points to hold second place.

November Financial Report

| Operating Fund | $ 1,367.73 |
| Building Fund | $ 689.64 |
| Total November gifts | $ 2,056.77 |
| Fiscal year totals | |
| (June 1, 1952 to Nov. 30, 1952) | |
| Operating | $13,201.92 |
| Building | $17,838.43 |
| Total both funds | $33,150.35 |

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