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"GREAT BOOKS" by Wm. Parrott

Brookhaven, like many other organizations all over the United States, will have an opportunity to be a part of the Great Books Program which is sweeping the country like a cultural tidal wave.

In case you haven't heard about "Great Books Groups", they are a nation-wide extension of the Great Books courses conducted at the University of Chicago. The objective of this vast and inspiring program (of adult education) is to bring man's most original and influential ideas to men and women who have the ability to read and the desire to discuss and face the challenge of new ideas. To date, over 50,000 persons are meeting once every other week to read and discuss the Great Books.

These discussion groups are informal and nonacademic. Men and women meet in round table fashion to exchange ideas about the books they have read. (cnntd. on Page 2)

CAMERA CLUB TO MEET MARCH 1 by Joyce Harris

Justa reminder that the next Camera Club meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 317. This will be a demonstration lecture on "Lighting for Portraiture"-please bring your camera.

Now is the chance for all you would-be photographers to join the Club and take advantage of our lecture series and darkroom facilities.

THEATRE GROUP RECRUIFING MEETING by Ben-Ami Lipetz

Here's a reminder that today is the day for the Theatre Group recruiting meeting--5:15 p.m. in the Theatre.

If you have acting talent aching to be discovered, if you love to design sets, build furniture, stretch canvas, sew costumes; slap paint, go on scavenger hunts, rig lights, dream up sound effects, smear makeup, or write publicity, don't miss this meeting. Don't worry if you have no special experience to offer--there's plenty to do and fun in store for everyone.

The production being undertaken is "The Petrified Forest", by Robert E. Sherwood. Employees or members of their families who are interested in any phase of the work,but cannot attend the meeting should call Ext. 2272.

COMING EVENTS

Foreign Film, "Shoeshine - Main Theatre 8:00 p.m.	Feb. 27
Theatre Group -	Feb. 27
Main Theatre	
5:15 p.m.	
Journalism Club	- Mar. 1
Research Staff	Lounge
12:30 p.m.	-
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Camera Club -	Mar. 1
Building 317	
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Great Books Club	-Mar. 9
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Research Staff Lounge 12:00 m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1950

FIRE? NOPE! FLOOD!

Some staff members rushed to windows, others grabbed their hats last Tuesday morning when the BNL fire engines sped up Brookhaven Avenue and stopped in front of Administration A Building (T-134).

The fire fighters jumped from their trucks and in jig time had their hoses connected to the nearest fire plugs, waiting for the cry of "Water!".

But there was too much water. What was needed was a suction pump rather than a hose. A pipe, connected with the sprinkler system, that runs between the ceiling and the roof of the room occupied by the Accounts Payable Section had frozen and burst, showering down not only water, but the accumulated dust of ages. This attempt to add to the liquid assets of the Accounts Payable Section was not an entire success.

There is no truth to the rumor that Accounts Payable staff members are to be equipped with umbrellas and rain coats.

JOURNALISM CLUB ORGANIZATION MEETING WED.

A meeting to organize the proposed Journalism and Creative Writing Club will be held on Wednesday, March 1, in the Research Staff Lounge at 12:30 p.m.

Any staff members who are interested in joining this club are invited to attend the meeting.

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ASSOC. UNIVERSITIES TO ADMINISTER AEC PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Atomic Energy Commission's pre-doctoral fellowships for the northeastern part of the United States will be administered during- the academic year 1950-51 by Associated Universities, Inc., Dr. Frank D. Fackenthal, president, announced Feb. 12, 1950.

Similar regional fellowship arrangements with . the AEC will be made in other parts of the country by other university groups.

The new program-will differ from the pre-doctoral program previously administered by the National Research Council in that the subjects of research must be sufficiently closely related to atomic energy to justify a presumption that the candidate upon completion of his studies, will be especially suited for employment by the AEC or one of its contractors. This was not a requirement under the NRC administered pre-doctoral program.

Associated Universities, Inc. will award fellowships carrying stipends for studies in the biological and physical sciences ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,400 per year. They will be available for the coming academic year ending June 30, 1951. Fellows will be selected from among candidates who are citizens of the United States and who wish to work for an advanced degree at a university or college in the northeastern part of the United States (this includes Pennsylvania, excepting the Pittsburgh area, and Maryland, but not the District of Columbia). With the approval of the institutions in which they propose to study, some of the fellows may also work here at the Laboratory.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

After selection, but before final appointment, each fellow will be required to have security clearance as provided by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, or "fellowship approval" as required by the Independent Offices Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1950. Fellows requiring access to secret data or secret areas will be required to have full clearance; all other fellows will be required to have "fellowship approval." Both are granted by the AEC after investigation by the Federal Eureau of Investigation.

In announcing the program, President Fackenthal said, "It is essential to continue the training of scientists in the field of atomic energy to meet national needs. We are glad to undertake this interim program at the request of the AEC as an emergency measure so that the supply of scientific talent potentially available to the Commission's projects will be maintained."

Detailed announcement of the program will be sent to the universities and colleges in the area within a few days. Applications from candidates must be sent to Associated Universities, Inc., at Room #1611, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York by March 1. "We hope," Dr. Fackenthal said, "that the faculties and Deans of the colleges and universities in the northeast will make a special effort to assist in getting prompt notice of this program to qualified students since time is very short to make selections and announce awards in good time for coming the academic year."

The Trustees of Associated Universities, Inc. voted to agree with the Atomic Energy Commission to administer the modified pre-doctoral fellowship program be-

BAND NEEDS FLUTE

The BNL Band has a flute player, according to Abe Edelman, director, but does not have an instrument.

If any staff member has a flute that may be borrowed by the Band, please call Ext. 367.

"GREAT BOOKS" (contd, from Page 1)

The meetings are led by two persons who will not lecture, nor answer, but rather ask questions. The participants are urged in this manner to active thinking, discussing, defending and criticizing the ideas contained in the book under discussion.

The Great Books are the real teachers in this program: books which provide new and profound insight into the fundamental problems of mankind--ethical, social, and economic.

No one needs a college education to join a Great Book Group, nor does it lack interest for a person with a Ph.D. A Great Books Group gets it vitality from men and women of different background and with different interests, who have the readings of the work as common ground for a two hour discussion.

An organization meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, at 12 noon in the Research Staff Lounge. For further information call Ext. 2467.

- He couldn't be delayed.
- But a car was coming the other way.

They're patting Mike down with a spade!

cause of its emergency nature and only after satisfying themselves that it meets the objections voiced by the National Research Council last year.

Mike passed six cars on Upton Road,

FEBRUARY 27, 1950

AS OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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2.	Purchasing	12	6
3.	Administration	10	.8
4.	Claecephacs	9	9
5.	Communications	9	9
6.	Biology	8 3	10
7.	Medical	8 2	10
8.	InfoPub.	4	14

Schedule - Feb. 28

Communications vs. Medical Information & Publications vs. Admin. Purchasing vs. Biology Claecephacs vs. Fiscal

Wednesday - Men

No Bowling

Schedule - March 1

Cosmos vs. Cyclotron Purchasing vs. Paint Shop

CHESSCLUB STANDINGS

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Surprise! Vassilopolous and Byrne did not win at the Bridge session held last Tuesday night. Herb Lehr and Ben Rubin stepped out this time and won the honors (North and South).

James Amick and Robert VanReen were East and West winners.

BNL BOWLING STANDINGS

Schedule - Mar. 1-contd. Machine Shops vs. Cen. Drafting Physics vs. Pile Opera-, tions Thursday - Men W L 1. Accel. Techs. 12 6 2. Electronics 12 6 3. Photography 12 6

4. Fiscal 11 7 5. Bldgs, & Grnds. 10 8 6. Pile Drivers 10 8 7. Meteorology 3 15 8. Bookacs 2 16

Schedule - March 2

Electronics vs. Photography Meteorology vs. Accelerator Technicians Pile Drivers vs. Bldgs. & Grounds Bookacs vs. Fiscal

TAKE IT EASY!

Few drivers realize the force they control when driving their cars even ten miles an hour. To be safe, the distance between you and the car ahead of you should be at least one car length for each ten miles an hour driving speed. This is not always possible, because just when you drop back to a safe distance, along comes some other car that slips in ahead of you, But you canalways stay a reasonable distance in back of a car preceding you, and remember, when you run into a car from the rear, the burden of proof of fault rests on you.

Take it easy! Playing safe may prevent an accident.

WHAT'S YOURS? by Saul J. Harris

The first application for the old-timer's league seems to be a real oldtimer. Going way back to pre-BNL army days. Some typical supporting claims as remembered are Charlie Barnett's orchestra in T-197, Brookhaven avenue looking like the Pile road now, the "Dug Out" where the Cloud Chamber Group is now, and the visitor's log book in the old tower mentioned last week.

One of our in-laws remembers going AWOL for five days from here and living on rabbits and berries, not much change in diet.

All pre-BNL oldtimers will have to be stacked into one group. We still are interested in the "New Oldtimers" claims after BNL or AUI took over the site.

An old report on the origin of the Meteorological Group said that the observation by a top scientist, of smoke coming from the old cafeteria and dropping to the ground led to concern about pile gases. However interesting, the facts state that the program was well thought out in advance.

We noticed that an exhibition of basketball of a girl's team versus the Patchogue Terriers was announced in last week's edition. We've observed that a large group of athletic women exist here on site and suggest that they form a softball team for next year. How about it ladies? Suggestions for "the girl we'd like to see get to first base" are now in order.

Which department has the best looking personnel? We take no stands on that but how about you fellows coming forward with observations. What's yours?

Safety is ace high in the game of life.

FACT 'N FISSION

Little Tommy was going to his first party and his Mother was a bit worried about his manners.

"Now what are you going to do when you've had enough to eat," she asked. "Come home", said

Tommy.

One way of getting back on your feet is to miss a car payment.

A young man engaged to a twin was asked how he could tell the girls apart.

"I can't," he said, "but when I feel affectionate I grab one of them and if she ain't mine she defends herself."

A great man shows his greatness by the-way he treats little men.

--Carlyle

"Honey," said the young husband, "I've bought something for the one I love best. Guess what?"

"A box of cigars," said his wife.

No matter what happens there is always someone who knew it would.

The reason the governess was leaving, she told her employer, was that the child was backward and the father was forward.

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For Sale

- 1 500-20 tire and tube new-
- 4 500-20 tires and tubes used

Best offer accepted - J. J. Hicks, Ext. 559.

l typewriter - Underwood standard office machine -



\$40 - Works like new -W.J. Ware, Ext. 2193.

1949 -Kaiser Special Sedan - Driven less than 5,000 miles - Excellent condition - Heater, Nylon seat covers, clock - Price: \$1450 - Bought new on June 20, 1949 for \$2210 -Miss Foster, Ext. 326.

For Sale or Swap

3-wheel bike - Practically new - Originally \$35 -Very sturdy - Would sell or exchange for a girl's 2-wheel bike - Leslie Balint, Ext. 694.

For Rent

Attractively furnished room in new house in Patchogue - A mile from the four corners - All modern improvements - Jhare use of house with owner -Kitchen privileges if desired - Call Patchogue 4235R or Ext. 2229.

Thiesmeyer House for Sale

Located in Bayport on Gillette Avenue - Price: \$15,750 - Five blocks from schools and two blocks from the Bay.

Well-landscaped lot 100 x 300 ft. located on attractive residential street.

House has seven rooms, four bedrooms, 1-1/2baths and a two-car garage. The garage has a room at the back suitable for summer guest room. Full basement with oil hot water heating system.

The first floor has a glass enclosed heated sunporch, large living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen with breakfast nook, and lavatory.

The second floor has four good-sized bedrooms with ample closet space and one bath. Full attic suitable for catchall or hobby room.

For further information call Mrs. Lincoln Thiesmeyer at Bayport 1115 or the Housing Office, Ext. 2218.

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