

1,500 Alumni Return For Class Reunions

Over 1500 alumni returned to their alma mater last weekend to participate in the traditional class reunions and the 11th Annual Alumni Institute.

More than 100 "Pioneers," representing the classes of 1899 to 1911, were among those present. Also present were alumni from the classes of 1916, 1921, 1931, 1941 and 1951.

Trash Collection Made Economical By New System

A new system of refuse collection has been inaugurated on campus this week, Alfred E. Diem, vice president for business administration, said. The system, he said, will not only improve sanitation but will pay for itself in less than three years.

Refuse from campus buildings is now dumped into large steel containers, newly located at various points on campus. The trash is gathered from these containers by a collection vehicle equipped to automatically pick up the containers and compress and store their contents.

The equipment and special containers needed to place the system into operation will cost about \$65,000, but the annual savings are estimated at \$25,000, Diem said.

Collections are presently being made during the day in order to arrive at an efficient schedule, Henry L. Yeagley Jr., director of maintenance and utilities, said. Later, he said, collections will be made at night to eliminate the service trucks from campus roads during the busy daylight hours.

Yeagley said the containers, which range in size four to six cubic yards, are insect-proof, rodent-proof and fire-proof. They will also eliminate the problems of overflowing trash cans and basement storage of trash, he said.

The containers are located at sites convenient to the buildings they serve. They are located along streets and service drives so that they may be picked up automatically. Initially, there will be 105 collection boxes at 85 locations.

370 Teachers to Enroll In '61 In-Service Institute

More than 370 teachers of mathematics and science in Pennsylvania high schools are expected to enroll during the 1961-62 academic year in the In-Service Institute to be conducted by the University on its various campuses and in other key areas throughout the state.

The National Science Foundation has authorized a grant of \$29,530 to sponsor the program, which is one of 236 In-Service Institutes authorized for next year. A total of \$2,700,000 has been allocated for the nationwide program.

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Children's Imaginations Used in Creative Drama

By NANCY BRADNEY
"Pow!"
"Get one?"
"Yep!"
"Yerrrrr — let's go back then."
"OK."

This is a dialogue between two boys, ages four and seven. They are sitting on a plush, red sofa which is cluttered with yardsticks, tinker toys, cardboard boxes, and a babysitter.

The sofa is really not a sofa — it's an airplane, and the yardsticks are throttles and brakes. The tinker toys are the rest of the gadgets that run an airplane and the cardboard boxes are the sides and nose of the airplane. The babysitter? She's a student in Theatre Arts 442.

We are coming back from Witchland now — that's where the good witch, Witch Hazel lives. So do many, many bad witches on broomsticks — that's who we have been firing at. We'll come back another day to visit Witch Hazel.

This is the basic plot — variations on this are inexhaustible. Not so the babysitter. She comes away tired, a little richer, and full of admiration for those terrific imaginations.

What the students take away

from this course is calculated to be more than admiration. The knowledge of new possibilities for demonstrative teaching of both the child in regular classes and the handicapped child, and basic knowledge of the evolution of a play are its goals.

Dr. Walter Walters, head of the Department of Theatre Arts, emphasized that it is not a course in theatre training for the child. First, he said, the child must be interested. Then, the student-leader of a particular session can work in an informal way.

The most common basis for a session is a child's story. There must be strong guidance throughout but the children are left to create their own dialogue, movements, plot variations, props, etc.

Walters said that this will be the seventh year the course has been given. This term a visiting instructor, George Latshaw, puppeteer and advisor to Children's Theatre League of America, is teaching the course.

Children of the State College area who have completed the second, third, fourth and fifth grades have registered for the course.

DOC Compiles Tutoring List

A list of student tutors will be compiled for students seeking a tutor and for persons willing to accept part-time employment as tutors, the Division of Counseling said yesterday.

Students who are interested in tutoring may contact the Division of Counseling in 110 Old Main or call UN 5-7576 before Tuesday for further information.

The arrangements concerning time, rates, and places will be decided by the individual tutors and students requesting the service.

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