

Hope Seen For Growth Of Libraries

By NANCY McCORKLE

Within the next 10 years the libraries on campus hope to expand their present capacities by about 1,500 seats in order to accommodate the expected rise in enrollment. Mrs. Margaret K. Spangler, assistant librarian, said yesterday.

At present there are always empty chairs in Pattee Library, Mrs. Spangler said.

In the Agricultural Library and the Mineral Industries Library, however, conditions are overcrowded. These libraries hold only 48 people and 38 people respectively, but Pattee has 1,000 seats; so there is always room for more students.

Mrs. Spangler said that Pattee Library is usually crowded Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. Few people study at the library in the mornings, and there is no seating problem; so the library can serve the students more efficiently and quickly than, Mrs. Spangler explained.

Therefore it would be a good idea for students who have outside readings which are always in demand and consequently so difficult to obtain, to use the library in the mornings.

The total capacity of the campus libraries is presently 2,231. Since the libraries are to be used mainly for reference work, this should sufficiently serve the campus.

The plan of various college student councils to open several classrooms in some campus buildings to give students a place to study ought to alleviate crowded library conditions even more. Now many students use the libraries for this purpose, instead of just for reference work.

Mrs. Spangler also commented on how many of the library books are mutilated or stolen. Mostly periodicals and books on the open shelves are abused. Although some of these books are replaced at the end of the term, the students ought to want to "protect these books for themselves as well as for others," she said.

A more thorough check on the stacks is starting again to protect the books. Graduate students and faculty must still sign in and out as they enter and leave the stacks.



THREE COLLEGIAN COWARDS substitutes, Molla Edelstein, sophomore in journalism from Pittsburgh; Joan Hartman, sophomore in jour-

nalism from Bel Air, Md.; and Peggy Rush, junior in secondary education from Uniontown, practice diversionary tactics.

Senior Gift Suggestions Requested

Suggestion boxes for senior class gift ideas have been placed at various locations on campus, according to Judith Hanigan, co-chairman of the Senior Class Gift Committee.

The boxes are located in the Pollock, Waring, East, South and North dining areas and on the ground floor of the Hetzel Union Building, Miss Hanigan said. They will remain there until Tuesday.

Seniors are encouraged to make suggestions, she said, but any suggestions by underclassmen will be welcomed by the committee.

"This year we have approximately \$4,300 in the gift fund," Miss Hanigan said. "It is the first time that a class gift will be bought from funds completely contributed by a class."

In past years, the amount of money collected from a class has been matched by the University, she said. Because the class of '62 started collecting funds in its sophomore year, it will be unnecessary to procure additional money.

Boat docks and a landing for the lake at Stone Valley Recreation Area were the class gift from the class of 1961.

Suggestions for this year's gift include contributing money to the library, supplying information turnoffs and sponsoring a scholarship, Miss Hanigan said.

"However, no decision will be made on the gift until we see what other suggestions we receive when we open the boxes next week," she said.

Richard Kelley is co-chairman of the committee.

Constitutions Flexible—Wiseman

By MEL AXILBUND

The basic constitutional principles of the Western world are applicable in other parts of the globe if proper attention is given to local conditions, Dr. H. V. Wiseman, senior lecturer in government at Leeds University, England, said Thursday night.

Wiseman was the second lecturer in the current Graduate School series. His speech on the adaptability of Western constitutional experience to new nations, with emphasis on the emerging African states, was co-sponsored by the political science department.

It should be realized from U.S. history that the fundamental principles of government operate differently in varying circumstances, he said. "The form or kind of government must be related to the social, economic, religious, racial and tribal conditions in the area concerned."

"The successful beginning of independent self-government demands a certain amount of training," he said. In reference to Africa, he said, "we must not

withhold self-government until the African states have achieved a high level of civilization.

The longer the period of transition and the less the amount of self-rule in this period, Wiseman said, the greater will be the problem of ultimate release from colonial domination.

The tests of a successful African government, are the maintenance of a degree of law and order, a start on the improvement of living standards and the prospect of a period of relative political calm, he said.

While the British, who have supplied the model of more constitutions than any other nation believe that "political methods are the most appropriate methods for solving the problems that arise out of living together," they do not expect the immediate establishment of a two-party system, Wiseman said.

They realize that the African culture does not provide for a loyal opposition. Rather, the fragmented, isolated separatist movements are anticipated.

African political leaders in particular should not be judged by Western standards, Wiseman said. Our hasty branding of them as "Communist-inclined" represents

a fundamental misunderstanding of African nationalism.

When we charge these leaders with being Communists, he said, we fail to take into account the fact that "the emerging African leaders are frequently given charismatic attributes." The late Patrice Lumumba, first premier of the Congo Republic, remains highly esteemed in Africa.

"Most of the Congo tragedy could have been avoided if we did then for Lumumba what we are doing now for his successor," Wiseman said.

A constitution is the best gift the Western world can give to a newly emerging African nation, he added.

12th Ag Hill Party Set for Tonight

The 12th annual Ag Hill Party will be held at 5:30 tonight in Recreation Hall.

The party, which was attended by 1,000 students last year, will feature a buffet-style dinner, awarding of scholarships, crowning of Miss Agriculture of 1961, bingo, entertainment and square dancing.

Tickets for the party are \$1.25 and are available at the Hetzel Union desk and in the offices of all department heads in the College of Agriculture. Tickets will also be sold at the entrance to Rec Hall tonight.

Field Day Opens Today

The annual Forestry Field Day, sponsored by the Forestry Club, opens at 1 p.m. today in Hort Woods.

Events scheduled include log chopping, power sawing and log throwing. Winners of these events will represent the University against West Virginia in the spring.

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