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WALLBERG SCIENCE HALL TO BE READY FOR SECOND TERM

Third Story Is Expected to Be Complete by End of Next Week

GOOD WEATHER NEEDED

With weather conditions permitting work to advance as rapidly as possible, the opening of the Wallberg Memorial hall of science seems certain for the spring semester of the 1934-35 school year at Augustana.

During the past four months the home of Dr. G. A. Andreen has been moved, the corner stone of the science hall laid, basement and foundation completed, first stories erected, and an entrance made at the east side of the building.

Favorable weather will make it possible for the third story to be completed by the end of next week, according to foremen of the Lind construction company of Chicago, general contractors. The third-story floor can be finished the succeeding week or 10 days, and the entire roof completed by November 1. Having completed these constructions, the contractors can go forward with no delay in completing the entire structure.

A \$155,000 bequest by the late Miss Marie Wallberg of Toronto, Canada, for a new science hall, together with one third the share of a \$150,000 educational fund bequeathed by Emil Wallberg, brother of Miss Wallberg, has made the addition to Augustana's campus possible.

All science classes previously conducted in Ericsson hall and Old Main will be transferred to the Wallberg Memorial hall of science for the spring semester.

HOMECOMING PLAY CAST IS ANNOUNCED

"Shakespeare? Shakespeare. Shakespeare!" to Be Given

"Shakespeare? Shakespeare. Shakespeare!" a composite comedy, tragedy, farce has been selected for presentation November 2 in the college gymnasium as the seventy-fifth anniversary homecoming play. An ultra-modern version of Macbeth and Hamlet forms the nucleus of this production.

Phil Johnson, sophomore of Galesburg, has been chosen for the principal male role in a cast of 20. Each person plays several characters. Other members of the cast are: George Fassett, Leroy Peterson, Emerson Miller, Woodrow Magnuson, Ted Knox, Paul Edstrom, Clarence Baker, Virgil Larson, Howard Adams, Hugo Sippel, Don Pierce, Paul Carlson, Barbara Fragg, Johnnie Mae Gause, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Amirette Baker, Leola Ossian, Mary Jane Kirk, and Ruth Evelyn Harris.

As their Christmas presentation, the dramatic department has tentatively chosen Channing Pollock's famous three-act drama, "The Fool." Later in the year an operetta is scheduled by the department in conjunction with the School of Music, according to Jack Leland, manager of dramatics.

New Registrar



DR. C. A. SERENIUS

AUGUSTANA OFFERS EVENING STUDENTS COLLEGE COURSES

Further Registration Will Be Continued Tonight and Tuesday

For the fourth year in succession, Augustana will offer evening courses to those who are unable to attend regular college classes. Eighteen courses are being offered this year in the extension school, eleven classes meeting on Tuesday evenings, while the other seven meet on Thursday evenings. Class hours are from 7:00 to 9:00.

Registration began Tuesday, September 11, and was continued on Thursday and last Tuesday. Further opportunity to register will be given tonight and on Tuesday and Thursday, September 25 and 27.

On Tuesday evening of each week courses in French, Spanish, German, Christianity, drawing, psychology, economics, biology, and chemistry are offered.

Thursday's program includes courses in comparative literature, English, speech, economics, philosophy of education, history, secretarial science, and college algebra.

These courses will be taught by regular faculty members and college credit will be given those who do satisfactory work in the various departments.

Because registration is not complete, exact enrollment figures are not available, but they are expected to surpass last year's mark of about 70 students.

PICTURE OF ANDREEN PUBLISHED IN DIGEST

Appearing on page one of the first issue of Collegiate Digest is a picture of Dr. G. A. Andreen, who is embarking this fall upon his 34th year as president of Augustana.

Collegiate Digest will be a weekly feature of the OBSERVER, and news and views of Augustana will appear in it from time to time. Anyone having interesting pictures of campus life is urged to get in touch with the editor of the OBSERVER. One dollar will be paid for all photographs or snapshots used in Collegiate Digest.

THREE ASSUME NEW FACULTY DUTIES AS CLASS WORK BEGINS

Serenius, Miss Naeseth, Halik Fill Teaching Staff Vacancies

ENGLISH PROF RETURNS

With the reopening of school last Thursday, three new instructors assumed their duties at Augustana college: Dr. C. Arnold Serenius as registrar and financial and alumni secretary; Miss Henriette Naeseth as instructor in English; and Professor Glen Halik as instructor in violin and band and orchestra director.

Professor A. T. Gustafson is back at Augustana this year to resume his duties as associate professor of English. He has been studying both abroad and at the University of Chicago for the past year.

Dr. Serenius was superintendent of schools at Lanyon, Iowa, and head of the department of education and psychology at Valparaiso university, Valparaiso, Ind. He received his Ph. D. and M. A. degrees at the University of Iowa. Dr. Serenius is a former Augustana student.

From Goucher college, Baltimore, Md., Miss Naeseth comes to Augustana. She formerly taught at Goucher and at the Normal college at Chadron, Neb. Miss Naeseth received her Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Halik, who replaces Clifford Julstrom, who is studying in the East this year, comes from La Crosse, Wis. He has been teaching violin and orchestra for eight years at the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., where he received his master of arts degree. Twice Mr. Halik has won first honors in violin at the Chicago Musical college where he received his bachelor of music degree. He formerly played with the Chicago Civic orchestra.

CHORUS TRYOUTS TO BE ENDED THIS WEEK

Ninety Students Seek Positions In Wennerberg, Jenny Lind Choruses

Try-outs for positions in the Wennerberg male chorus and the Jenny Lind women's chorus will be completed by the end of the week and announcements of the new members will be made soon by Henry Veld, director.

Between 80 and 90 students have tried out for the 11 vacancies in the Wennerbergs and the 12 openings in the Jenny Linds. The Wennerbergs need two first tenors, two second tenors, five baritones, and two basses, while the Jenny Linds are seeking two first sopranos, four second sopranos, four first altos and two second altos.

Plans for the coming year are tentative at present, but Mr. Veld stated that the complete program for the 1934-35 season will be announced in the near future.

SON BORN TO FRYXELL'S

Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Fryxell are the parents of an eight-pound boy born Tuesday morning at the Moline Lutheran hospital. A name for the child has not yet been chosen. Mr. Fryxell is professor of economics.

Music Instructor



GLEN HALIK

NEW RULE ADOPTED REGARDING COLLEGE CLASS ATTENDANCE

Plan Similar to That of Other Universities to Be Tried

Excess absences in senior college courses will not be reported to the dean's office, according to Dean Arthur Wald, who yesterday made public a new plan of conducting courses in the senior college.

Students will not be required to attend classes numbered above 20 if they feel that their time can be more valuably spent elsewhere. Attendance will be taken by instructors, but absences will not be reported.

The plan is similar to the one in effect at the University of Chicago, Illinois university, and various other larger schools. The new system will be used for the fall semester, and if successful probably will be continued during the spring term.

In commenting on the plan, Dean Wald said in effect that after students have been in college for two years they should be able to choose for themselves how to use their time to the greatest advantage, and that the plan of compulsory class attendance is becoming obsolete.

Attendance figures taken by instructors will be used to determine whether class attendance is less regular and whether those who are more often absent do less efficient work.

PLEDGING RULES ARE MADE CLEAR BY DEAN

Strict enforcement of the two-week's pledging rule for fraternities was announced by Dean Arthur Wald at a meeting of the Interfraternity council Tuesday evening.

No pledging shall be done by fraternities until after 6 o'clock next Wednesday evening, the rule, which was adopted by the council last year, states.

The rule that pledges can not be initiated unless they have a scholastic standing of at least 1.0 by mid-term of the spring semester also was stressed. Organizations breaking these rules will be subject to faculty action.

ENROLLMENT OF 411 EXCEEDS TOTAL FOR FALL TERM OF 1933

Freshman Class Numbers 164, Largest in Several Years

OTHERS PLAN TO ENROLL

Due to heavy enrollment in the freshman class, registration figures in the college of liberal arts have surpassed last year's total. Dr. C. A. Serenius, registrar, reported yesterday that a total of 411 students has been enrolled, and more registrations are due at the end of this week.

The freshman enrollment figure of 164 leads all other classes. Registration in the upper classes has been normal. Ninety-eight sophomores, 67 juniors and 57 seniors have returned to the college. In addition, there are 14 special college students taking courses, and four graduates doing further study.

The larger enrollment is probably due to an increased number of students from outside of the tri-cities, according to college officials. The enrollment from Minnesota and Michigan has especially been gratifying to the registrar. Escanaba, Mich., alone has sent 10 students to the Augustana campus, and other Lutheran districts have responded in increased proportion.

Student solicitors Kenneth Farb, Luther Fahlund, Elof Peterson, Rudolph Edmund and Granger Westberg have worked intensively among prospective students throughout the summer under the direction of Paul Hanson.

Dr. Serenius and Dr. Arthur Wald, dean, have aided in interviewing and soliciting tri-city students.

OLD MAIN AND OTHER BUILDINGS IMPROVED

Chapel Is Being Redecorated; New Steps, Floors Laid

New floors, new steps, and redecorations and remodeling of rooms are included in the improvements now being completed in Old Main and other buildings on the Augustana campus.

The college chapel is being entirely redecorated, and a partial section of new flooring has been laid. It is expected that the room will be ready for use soon.

Nearly all of the rooms in Old Main have been repainted, a new floor has been laid on the second floor and part of the third floor, and new steps have been installed between the first and third floors.

A new concrete floor has been laid on the first floor of Old Main, and the men's and women's rest rooms on that floor have been completely redecorated and refitted.

Work of converting the former Christianity and French rooms on the second floor of Old Main into a reception room is nearing completion. The reception room will adjoin the present registrar's office.

The college cafeteria has been completely redecorated in green and cream, and a number of tables for four have been set up. New draperies and chair covers also have been secured.