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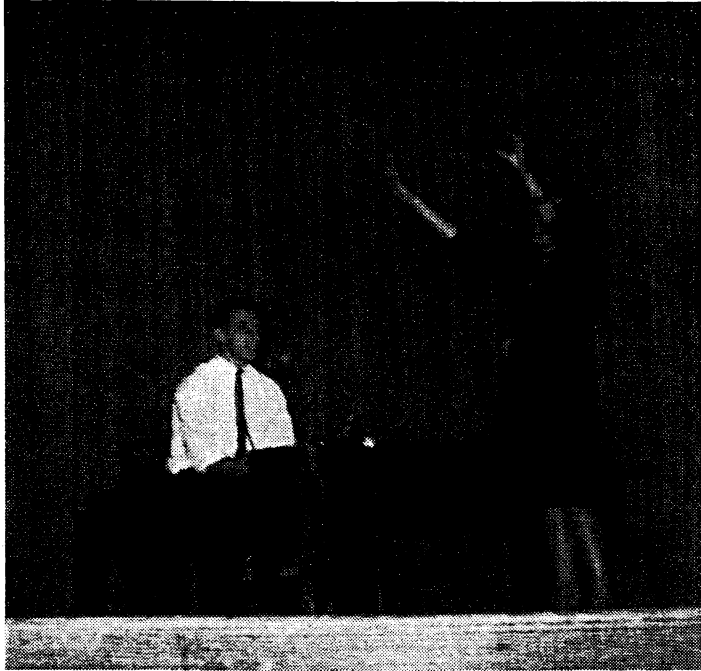
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Boone Junior College Presents *Blythe Spirit*



Annual Dramatic Production Given

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At 8:00 o'clock on April 3rd, according to tradition, the curtain rose on Noel Coward's play, *Blythe Spirit*. In this play, Charles Condomine, played by Ed Dittmer, was writing a book and needed a medium for some material. He called in Madame Arcati, played by Miriam Couch, who by some spectacular conjuring managed to produce the ghost of Charles's first wife, Elvira, played by Joan Welch. Naturally, Charles's second wife, Ruth, played by Marilyn Adix, fought for Charles and complications came up because only Charles could see Elvira. Ruth wanted to get rid of Elvira and Elvira wished to take Charles with her to the spirit world. Elvira succeeded in killing Ruth, by mistake, and then they both haunted Charles. In the end Charles apparently succeeded in getting rid of the ghosts—he no longer saw or heard them—but his house was still haunted. Other actors were Donna Cody, Phil Knudsen, and Marilyn Smith. The play was directed by Mr. Schaeffer.

Altogether 121 tickets were sold which, together with the student body, made a suitable sized audience. In fact, this audience appreciated the play so much that they asked Miriam if she wouldn't make them a ghost.

In preparation for this play the cast rehearsed two hours a night, five nights a week. Although it took a tremendous amount of work. Donna Cody said, "It was loads of fun working on the play even though there were lots of lines." It is the general opinion at junior college that each actor was well suited to his part and did a tremendous job.

Seniors Visit J. C. Campus

Senior College Day under the direction of Mr. Porter and Mr. Poyzer is being held today, April 19th. The purpose of this annual Senior Day is to give the graduating seniors an opportunity to see the college and campus and to assist in helping them plan for their educational future. During the day faculty members and students are giving orientation talks. Four program sessions are scheduled and refreshments are being served.

Twenty high schools have been invited to attend Senior College Day. Boone High, Sacred Heart, United Community, Ogden High, Madrid High, Woodward High, and East Greene High have all attended in past years.

Community College Week Completed

Boone Junior College participated in this year's Community College Week in Iowa during the week of April 1-7. The college building was open to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. Each of the departments provided interesting displays, and the Liberal Arts Club sponsored a Book Fair. Five movies were presented Friday night for the enjoyment of the open house visitors.

Blythe Spirit was presented by the college Tuesday night in the Boone High School auditorium. The week's activities were climaxed by a Spring Fling held at the Farm Bureau Hall Saturday night. Dancing music was furnished by 'Mo' Kelley and special entertainment by the Phantoms.

The Editor Speaks



Junior colleges are becoming, more and more, an important part of the educational process. Each year there is more interest and larger enrollments in this type of institution.

Junior colleges, also called community colleges, act as a proving ground for the high school graduate. It is here the student can make the difficult adjustment from high school to college life. He can decide if college is the right path for him to follow, if he will be successful in this venture in education, and if he is actually college material.

The cost of attending a junior college is much less, and affords the individual two years of fine, comparatively inexpensive education. This fact allows many, who otherwise wouldn't have been able, the privilege of at least two years of college.

The advantages and opportunities offered by the junior college are many. It is well worth the high school graduate's time to look into the possibility of attending one.

B. J. C. Campus Is Cleaned Up

On Clean Up Day, or Arbor Day as it is euphemistically called, all the junior college turned out to help celebrate. The j.c., inside and outside, was thoroughly cleaned: windows were washed, the yard was raked, trees trimmed, etc., in the spring house cleaning. The center of concentration was the improvement of the front of the building. At noon, after the morning's hard work, there was a picnic and in the afternoon a baseball game.

The Student Council sponsored the clean up, and Delta Tau the ticket sales and picnic. Committee chairmen were: raking, Mike Ahlstrom, Larry Jackson, Bob Rains, and Le Roy Wessling; washing windows, Kathy Gibbons, Connie Miller, Jan Schroeder, and Steve Shaler; trucks, Pat Duffy and 'Chuck' Ahrens; tree trimming, Mr. Poyzer; and planting, 'Butch' Judge and Denny Ladd.

Plans Are Made for Dinner-Dance

The semi-formal All-College Dinner and Dance, sponsored by the freshman and special students to honor the graduating sophomores, will be held this year on April 28th, at the Holst Hotel. The faculty and student body are invited to the dinner and outside guests to the dance.

The over-all chairmen are Pat Franz and Mike Ahlstrom. The program committee chairman is Miriam Couch, and on her committee are Jim Hatch, Bill Pemble, and Mary Shaler. Laverne Ivis and Ann McDermott head the decorations committee of Janice Carlson, Dick Vaudt, Bessie Longhenry, Marie Wilson, and Nancy Parkinson. Ray Ross heads the sales and publicity committee composed of Donna Cody, Jerry Thatcher, Marilyn Adix, and Bob Ashbaugh, all of whom may be contacted for tickets.

J. C. Is Accredited

Boone Junior College is accredited by the Iowa Committee on Secondary Schools and College Relations. Credits earned at B. J. C. can be transferred with the full value to a senior college. It is important that a student know his educational goal so he can choose the subjects which will fit into his curriculum. Sixty-six semester hours is the maximum number of semester hours accepted by most colleges.

A total of 60 credits is necessary in order to graduate from B. J. C. Between 12 and 18 hours of work is considered a normal load. A student must average 15 hours a semester in order to have enough credits to graduate. A person must carry at least 12 hours and maintain a 1.8 grade point or higher to be able to participate in college activities. A student taking less than 12 hours is considered a part time student.

The ping-pong tournament began March 26th with 12 participants in the singles division. The tournament games had priority over the facilities. In the first rounds of the tournament, the winners were decided by the winner of two out of three games. The championship match consisted of the best three out of five games. The champion of the ping-pong tournament was Jerry Cooper.

Available Scholarships

There are several organizations in Boone that offer scholarships to students planning to attend Boone Junior College. The American Legion, Arthur D. Lantz Post No. 56, offers a full tuition scholarship which Edward Dittmer received this year. The Boone High Twelve Club offers a full tuition scholarship and this year they selected Karen Bennett to receive it. The Boone Educators Association awards a full tuition scholarship to a student entering the teaching profession. The applicant must be a graduate of Boone High School, and this year Kathy Gibbons received it. The City Council of the Boone Parents and Teachers Association offers two half tuition scholarships to two students entering the teaching profession. The association chose Mary Keeney and Nancy Parkinson to receive the scholarships this year. The Citizens National Bank awarded Ann McDermott a scholarship and the Kiwanis Club awarded Bessie Longhenry a full tuition scholarship. The Lions and Rotary Clubs offer a full tuition scholarship to a student to be selected by the Boone Junior College Scholarship Committee. Anneliese Gardner was the recipient this year.

B. J. C. History

The idea of a junior college was first started by William Rainer Harper, President of the University of Chicago. In 1892 he designated the freshman and sophomore years at the University of Chicago as "Academic College." In 1876 he changed the name to "Junior College." His idea led to the establishment of Joliet Junior College, which now has the honor of being the oldest public junior college in the United States.

On March 21, 1927, the Board of the Boone Independent School District authorized the establishment of Boone Junior College. Up to that time there were 12 junior colleges in Iowa.

In September of 1927, B. J. C. first started holding classes with an enrollment of 60 freshmen. Until the fall of 1955 all classes were held in the Boone High School building. In the fall of 1955 the college moved to a separate building with a 1¼-acre campus which is its present site today.

Departments of Study at Boone J. C.

B. J. C. offers several advanced courses in mathematics. The Mathematics Department is headed by Mr. Lyle Poyzer. Basic Mathematics is offered for the students with limited background in math or for the students whose required freshman courses consist of Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Trigonometry, and Analytic Geometry. Intermediate Algebra introduces the students to the fundamental concepts and techniques of algebra. College Algebra, Trigonometry, and Analytic Geometry form a one-year course of 10 semester hours and each is held for approximately 12 weeks. Mr. Poyzer is the instructor for all freshman math courses as well as for Physics which deals with mechanics, heat, magnetism, electricity, sound, and light.

Mr. Jack Porter is the instructor of Calculus which is primarily a sophomore course but is open to superior freshman students.

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Science

Boone Junior College offers two general courses in science for the students who are not interested in advanced science. These are, Physical Science which deals with man's relationship to the physical world, and Biological Science which is an introduction to the basic principles of biology and their relationship to man.

The field of biology offers a course in General Zoology and a course in General Botany. Mr. Kittilson teaches both of these subjects as well as Physical Science and Biological Science. General Zoology is an introduction to the entire field of animal life, and provides a good foundation for advanced studies in zoology, medicine, etc. General Botany is concerned with the structures, processes, and economic importance of plant life.

Two courses are offered in chemistry; these are, Inorganic Chemistry and Qualitative Inorganic Chemistry. Mr. Bruns usually teaches these courses, but because of illness, Miss Brown is substituting for him.

The major purpose of the Social Science Department is to increase the student's knowledge and understanding of the culture of which he is a part and the world in which he lives, thus helping him to become an effective citizen living a satisfying life in our society. These courses, which include Introduction to Social Science, Introduction to Philosophy, Economics, Introduction to American Government, Western Civilization, and Geography, have value both for the transfer students and those who plan to terminate their formal education with the Associate of Arts degree.

"Next year the emphasis will be on extensive reading of primary courses in the Introduction to Social Science, Geography, and Philosophy courses to gain an understanding of the basic concepts of these disciplines," according to Dean Heyen.

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Education

Introduction to Education, Basic Skills in Education, and Children's Literature are all courses offered by the Education Department. The first gives a broad overview of American public education, its growth, and its programs. Basic Skills in Education offers self-appraisal of abilities, interests, and skills needed in teaching various grade levels and different subject areas. Children's Literature presents an introduction to good authors and illustrators of children's books.

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Psychology

The Psychology Department offers three courses in this field of study. General Psychology presents the basic concepts and principles in the study and interpretation of human behavior. Child Development traces the growth and development of childhood with special attention given to the mental, emotional, physical, and social development of the child. Educational Psychology instructs in the field of psychology related to problems in education and as applied to the learning process.

The Communications Department features courses in English, World Literature, Speech, and French.

Mr. Porter is the instructor for Communications Skills I and II. This is a general study of grammar, literature, and creative writing. In World Literature a study is made of the literature of the various periods in history and contemporary works.

Mr. Schaeffer is in charge of the speech classes. Fundamentals of Basic Speaking presents the basic principles of speech and the practical application of these. Advanced Speech offers further work in this area.

Mrs. Tisdale is instructor of the French classes at Boone J. C. First and second year French is offered. The fundamentals of grammar, speaking, and writing of the French language are presented.

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Art and Music

Man and Materials is taught by Miss Osborne. It meets three times a week, two of which are lectures. At the third session students work with materials. The purpose of this course is to better the understanding of the culture of different peoples, ancient and modern, through painting, ceramics, architecture, and sculpture. This is accomplished by lectures on the history of art, art appreciation, and work with materials. In the lab the students first mix paints and then proceed to the other arts: ceramics, sculpture, and painting. In this course skill is secondary—the first objective is for the student to become better acquainted with and better understand art and its techniques.

Man and Music, taught by Mr. Konrad Scholl, has the purpose, according to Mr. Scholl, "to teach students what a powerful force music has always been in the world; music has always been important even to the primitive man." The students become acquainted with the great composers and the social, political, and historical importance of each period in history in relation to music. Students also learn how music is constructed, and analyze the forms by listening to records. The course shows that music is not isolated; it is related to the people and is a reflection of the times.

Seniors Attend Fling

The seniors from Boone and surrounding areas were guests of the junior college at the Spring Fling held Saturday, April 7th. The Farm Bureau Hall where the dance was held, was decorated with multi-colored streamers and balloons. Although the dance lacked quantity it had quality. 'Mo' Kelley, a local sportscaster, lent his stereo tapes which were played most of the evening and for an added attraction Billy Sturtz and the Phantoms performed. As always, the twist was very popular.

Committee chairmen for this dance were: program, Jerry Cooper; tickets, Gary Gustafson; and refreshments, Bonnie Bass. 'Butch' Judge had charge of the refreshments at the dance.

Life at B. J. C.

Junior College has much to offer in the area of social life. In j.c. there are five social clubs: the Diogenes, Math, Delta Tau, and Liberal Arts Clubs and the Honor Society. The main events of the year are the Mr. and Miss B. J. C. Dance, Christmas Dance, Blue and White Ball, and the All-College Dinner and Dance. There also is a fall picnic get-together at the beginning of school, and throughout the year the clubs sponsor other activities as the hayride, Sadie Hawkins Dance, and Spring Fling. Then too, for the talented, there is the spring play, the variety show, chorus, and a newly organized band. The monthly films, besides being educational, provide an opportunity for socialization as does the swimming class. All in all j.c. has a lot to offer one for one's social life.

Beginning with the 1959 graduating class, 11 Boone Junior College students have been awarded scholarships to attend senior colleges. These colleges are State College of Iowa, Drake University, and University of Chicago.

The scholarship awards have ranged from \$200 to \$1,450 a year.

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Student Organizations at Boone Junior College

The Liberal Arts Club is a student organization for Boone Junior College students enrolled in the liberal arts curriculum. This organization sponsors and plans several of the social functions throughout the college year. It is also actively engaged in raising funds for the college to be used for payment on the B. J. C. snack bar.

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Math and Science Club is an organization for those students particularly interested in the fields of science and math. The members are kept up on the latest developments in these two areas. Math and Science Club also helps with the various social events of the school year.

J. C. to Be Represented at Drama Festival

On Thursday, April 26th, Larry Jackson and Mike Ahlstrom will represent B. J. C. at the Speech and Drama Festival held at Emmetsburg. They will attend four one-hour discussions on civil rights and will also attend a noon banquet. The Speech and Drama Festival is an annual affair and all 16 junior colleges in Iowa attend. The play cast will also attend to watch the one-act plays presented by the other junior colleges.

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Delta Tau, a member of the Student National Education Association, is one of the college organizations at B. J. C. The basic objectives and purposes of this group are: to introduce students to professional associations and develop common aims and secure group thinking about professional problems, to improve professional standards in education and stimulate professional enthusiasm and high ethical conduct, and to provide opportunity for leadership and development of personal competencies. This organization is open to all students interested in the teaching profession.

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