

DELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY
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Mnemosyneans, we entertained the students in two of the most enjoyed socials of the year. The two societies carried off more honors in November, when the play "Green Stockings" proved to be a real success. The joint meetings of the Delphians and Mnemosyneans have been marked by the great amount of enthusiasm and interest shown. In one of these meets the faculty was impersonated by various members, an original program that we remember with pride and pleasure. The Delphian spirit was well shown in a contest arranged by the annual staff between the Delphians and Clions and their respective sister societies. As a reward for their victory, the Delphians and Mnemosyneans were given a page of honorable mention in the college annual. During the first of May the society day debate was held. Many members entered and the contest was close.

These are mostly outside activities, but we do not forget that the real function of a literary society is its weekly meetings. The most important work of the year has been the enjoyment and valuable training received by each member from the weekly programs.

EUTERPEAN ACTIVITIES

The Euterpean activities began this year with their open program in the auditorium on the evening of September 16th. One of the most enjoyable parts

of this program was a short talk given by Mrs. Pyne, who was a charter member of the Euterpean Society, in which she gave a brief history of the founding of this society.

The following Saturday evening the Euterpean and Clionsophic societies gave a social in the lobby of Skinner Hall, where small cedar chests were given as special favors.

Romance seems to have run wild among the faculty members of the Euterpeans this year. Soon after the first of the year we learned that Miss Hooper, our faculty adviser, was no longer Miss Hooper but Mrs. Weese. A shower promptly followed. In the spring the Reagan-Duncan shower almost turned into a cloud burst.

This year the Euterpeans have taken an active part in all phases of college life. They have been favorably represented in athletics, religious activities, and dramatics as well as doing good work with their studies. This society has signed a note taking over one-fourth interest in a thousand dollar note to help the Weaver College building program. One hundred dollars of the principal has already been paid and the remainder will be taken care of within the next five years.

We have tried hard to make this year a success, but we hope to accomplish more next year.

ARGUMENTATION

Weaver College is devoting a considerable amount of time and

attention to the science and art of debating. It has historically been one of the dominant interests of the institution. When the present Administration Building was constructed, soon after the Civil War, society halls were prominent parts of its plan, and they have been used constantly since then for training in public speaking, and especially in debate.

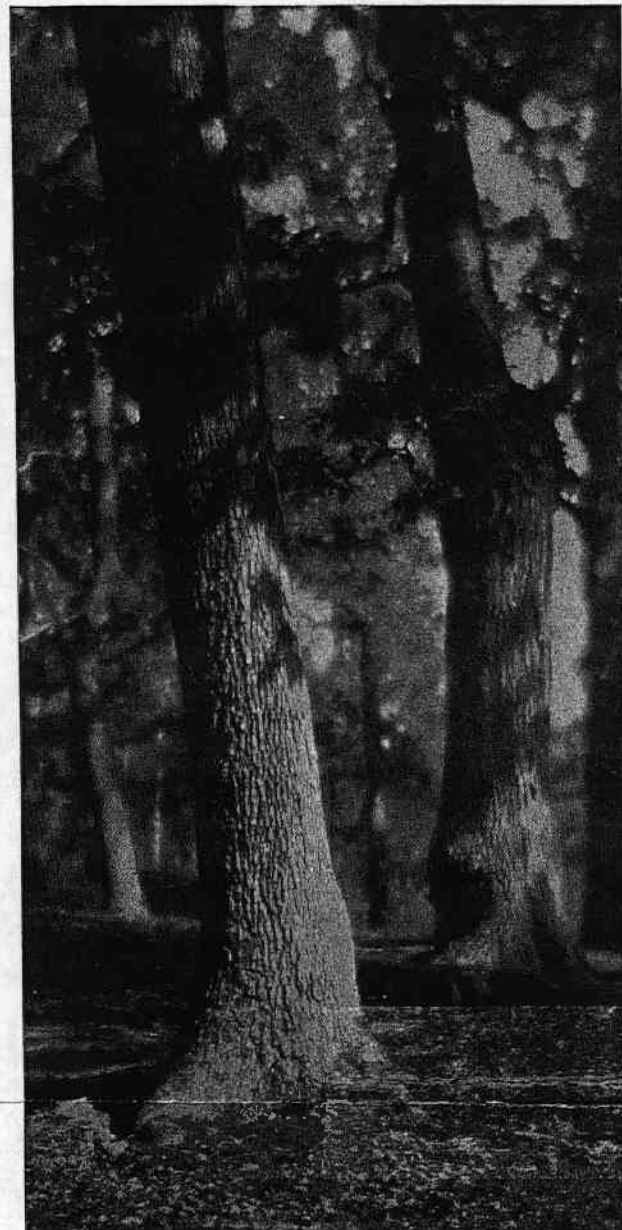
At the present time, the class in Public Speaking is organized in the fall. It discusses the various phases of argumentation: Choice of a Question, Determination of Main Issues, Building of a Brief, the Laws of Evidence, Reasoning, Refutation, Stage Strategy, etc., and later works over certain selected queries to illustrate the principles laid down in the theoretical study.

The affirmative and negative sides usually study the question together until the brief has been constructed. They then divide for intensive study and modification of the brief until each side is ready with its own presentation of the topic. The classroom debate which follows gives opportunity for detecting weak points in one's own argument as well as that of the opponents.

Only one triangular intercollegiate debate was held during the year 1926-1927, and both sides won for Weaver College. The debaters were Howard Wilson, '27, and Edgar Swann, '27, who took the affirmative against Mars Hill College, and R. G. McClamrock, '29, with Harold Groce, '28, who presented the negative against Rutherford College. None of these men had

had previous experience in intercollegiate debates, but all had utilized every opportunity to secure practice in society meetings.

Whatever may be the record in athletics, Weaver people like to hold their own in mental contests with students in other colleges.



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