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THEN AND NOW

by BRUCE KELLY

Concerning the Author: *Born on a farm near London, the author was educated at Lambeth C.S., London South Collegiate and Queen's U. Following five years service with the R.C.A.F., he graduated from the University of Chicago with an M.Sc.*

In 1946 he joined the faculty of Waterloo College as a full professor of science, where he has taught until last November, when he was named acting Dean of Science.

Professor Kelly has been as much a part of the campus scene through its development, as has the man of whom he now writes.

I have been asked to write a few lines that might be of interest to the alumni of Waterloo College. Certain subjects were suggested by one delightful young alumna who has returned to grace our campus. Do I think that the geophysical year was a success? Are there moon maidens? What do I think of the co-operative plan? Should the staff fraternize with the faculty?

All these are worthy subjects, no doubt, and would merit consideration. At some future time, on invitation, I should be delighted to consider them in some detail.

But at the moment I should suspect that to all alumni, and to all students, except those who registered this fall, there is a subject of much greater import.

Therefore I should like at this time to discuss "The Life and Times of Nick Lauer".

I am certain that all alumni will rejoice to know that Nick is still with us, bigger and better than ever. Gone are the days when he trudged from what is now Willison Hall up the hill to feed his prize-winning poultry. Gone are the days when he jousts with the cranky heating system of the college and arose at all hours of the night

to come and extract unwanted materials from the worm gear that fed the boiler with coal. Gone are the daily jousts with buckets of ashes in a high wind. Gone is the tan lab coat.

If Nick has not quite graduated to the white-collar class, he has at least attained white-coat status. He is also a strictly indoor man. No more does he plod from building to building with his pockets bulging with assorted hardware.

The break from Waterloo College to the Associate Faculties was not an easy one. From a distance the newer fields looked quite green. But when the time came to actually sever connections with the College, the wrench was much greater than he had expected. But by grit and determination he forced himself to make the change.

He continues to be a man of multiple functions, both officially and unofficially.

He would, I suppose, be called a laboratory technician. He helps stock the lockers with equipment. He helps set up experiments. He has his hand in the stock rooms, and assists nobly in seeing that no other hands get in there if he can help it.

He helps build equipment and assists in the design thereof. By means of dexion and plywood almost anything may be accomplished.

He has now a growth chamber for plants at his disposal whereof the Biology department rejoices at his handiwork. But beware all ye who would bring in bulbs, roots or clippings with the idea of getting them started. The answer is "no". He functions here only as an academic enterprise.

He is still the guide and mentor of all from the most exalted professor to the low-

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MEMORIES OF THINGS PAST

WILLISON HALL

We walked through Willison Hall last week with Dave Barkman '51.

Eight years ago all classes were held at Willison Hall, a beautiful example of the traditional "ivy-league college". Perhaps you will remember many of the things Dave recalled as he walked through the altered building.

The old gym is now an annex to the upstairs library. The library took in 3 lecture rooms and the old library when it was enlarged several years ago. Dave noticed that a darkened brass plaque "President" was still on the second floor door, and the old wooden wall clock with the picture of "King Edward" still ticks away beside that door. Dave remembered that the science department was on the third floor (all dormitories now).

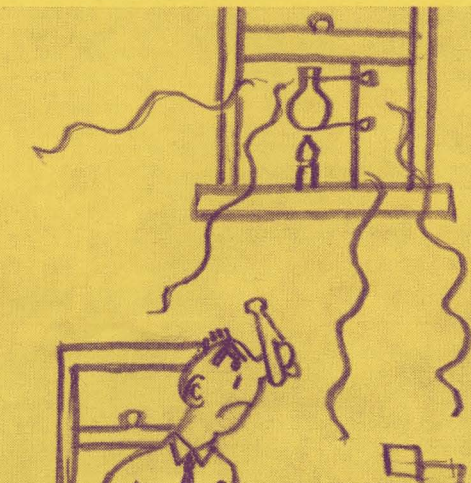
Walking down the first floor hall again he pointed down the widest flight of gym stairs and said "at the bottom of those stairs there was a tuck shop, and we used to hang around there every afternoon for cokes and chocolate bars. In the little room right off the gym, there was a piano and John Boothby used to play boogie-woogie until Dr. Schorten would come down and tell him to quiet down".

The old common room used to feature not bridge — but "Western Rummy". That room was for a short time the "Board of Publications" office, but as a recreational area is now extinct, having been partitioned into offices for Dr. Reaman, Dean of Men. The old locker room is now a janitors' store-room, and beside it Dr. Evans' office, now bears the sign "Board of Publications".

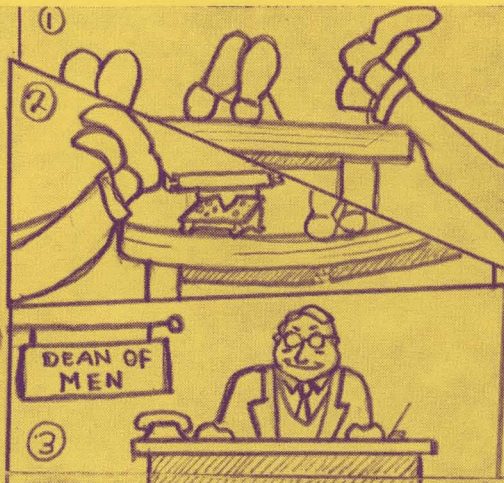
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WILLISON HALL — Not so many years ago there was a real danger of being soaked by playful students.



THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT was located on the third floor — All dormitories now!



THE OLD COMMON ROOM became Board of Publications office and is now Dr. Reaman's office.

Pat's Patter

by PAT HEDRICH

For this issue of the bulletin, we decided to arrange an interview with one of the future Alumni, who was the recipient of the twenty-five dollar Alumni scholarship. Meet Fred Zimmerman, class of '60! A quiet, pleasant, and hard-working student, he is in the junior year of the Honours French and German course. He received his early schooling in Switzerland, and also served a three-year business apprenticeship there. After moving to the United States, he attended the Emmaus Vivle School in Chicago for two years and in Toronto for one year. One reason he came to Waterloo College was that he could complete required preliminary year subjects here while taking first year college courses.

At first, Fred considered taking a pre-theological course, but changed his mind. However, he does preach occasionally in the Plymouth Brethren Church of which he is a member. Since he is married, a father and an "A" student, he does not have time for hobbies, although he was president of the German Club in 1957-58. Summer earnings as a labourer, and scholarships have helped to finance his college career. In 1957, he was awarded the Dr. George A. Hayunga Greek Prize, and this year in addition to the Alumni Scholarship, he was awarded the Waterloo Lions' Special Bursary and the Canadian German Society Prize. He hopes to do post-graduate work after completing his course here, and we wish him every success for the future.

Unfortunately, no one received the other three scholarships of one hundred dollars each, which were originally included in the proposed 1958 budget. Let's resolve to correct this situation in 1959.

Births and Marriages:

Congratulations to Lauri KANGUS, '54 on the arrival of a son. Lauri is teaching high school and his new address is 90 River Road, Welland. Dick CAPLING, '57, our Assistant Editor, is elated over the birth of his first daughter. Carl TOTZKE, '47 and his bride, the former Joan Pfeiffer have returned from a trip to Mexico. Their new address is 251 Sunview, Waterloo.

In Memoriam:

Friends will be saddened to learn that Waldo Ryerson, '57 was killed in a car accident, in Stratford January 18. He was a teacher at G. A. Wheable Collegiate Institute.

MEMORIES OF THINGS PAST

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New green rubber floor matting covers all the darkened varnish of the halls. A coat of light paint has brightened up the whole interior. The spectators' screen above the gym has been blocked out with a series of frame-type partitions.

Editor's Note—Our thanks to Dave Barkman for an enjoyable half hour of reminiscing.

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est of the quavering freshmen. Age is beginning to mellow him and he looks upon the shortcomings of his associates with more tolerance than he did some years ago. That does not mean that one transgresses with impunity, but the "wages of sin" is less severe.

A reversion to the old days makes him unhappy to see a tradesman leave the premises with any remnants that might conceivably be of later use here. One never knows when that handful of bolts or short piece of pipe might further some noble cause.

Finally, he has reason to rejoice in the fact that he is now associated with a faculty composed in the main of younger people, recently married. It is also a faculty with a high percentage of non-smokers. Married faculty means babies, and babies mean cigars. Non-smoking faculty means cigars left about for someone to clear out of the way.

The measure of the man today is shown by the fact that in his haze of cigar smoke he is likely to philosophize. And the tenor of it all is, "I never hoped to live to see the day".

I am quite certain that most of us rejoice that he did.

WATERLOO REVIEW

"We can only wish a long life and adequate measure of reader support for the Waterloo Review . . ." — Toronto Globe and Mail.

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Editorial:

LOOKING BACK!

Reminiscence carries with it the dangers of overly sentimental attachment to the past. It does have, however, the singular advantage of providing a frame of reference for the measurement of progress.

In this issue, we have sought to recall some of the memories and scenes of previous years on the Waterloo campus. Through these retrospective glimpses we hope to project a picture of modern Waterloo — a Waterloo on the eve of university stature.

Professor Kelly; himself a figure of Waterloo's past, present and future; comments on the changing role of one of the college's "trademark staff", Nick Lauer.

Meanwhile, our assistant editor conducts an alumnus on a guided tour of Willison Hall, which in pre-1954 days was the main college building. Dave Barkman passes on his impressions of the changes through Dick's composition and artistry. Why, even our advertisement is an indication of growth for when an institution has a background sufficient to occasion the publication of cultural interests, then that institution has matured.

In short, we have attempted to focus attention on what is Waterloo today by reflecting upon what was Waterloo, yesterday.

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