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DE PORTE TO QUIT STATE

Will Head Dept. of Health March 1

Doctor De Porte leaves the college faculty March 1, to become Director of Vital Statistics in the State Department of Health. He is appointed to take the place of Dr. O. A. Eichel who died recently in Switzerland where he was serving under the Assembly of the League of Nations. The Department of Vital Health in New York State is the most important position of its kind in the world. Dr. Eichel had an international reputation, and it is a very unusual compliment to Dr. De Porte to be selected for this important position.

Doctor De Porte was born in Russia. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Oklahoma, the Master of Arts degree at Princeton and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Cornell. All of Doctor De Porte's work as teacher has been done while he was a member of the State College faculty.

Miss Arlene Worth, '22, is to be substitute teacher during the spring months.

Dr. Ferry; Sage, Jester

Everyone's idea of why young men and women go to college and of what life there is like is wrong, President Ferry of Hamilton College declared in weekly assembly Friday. The general public, parents, alumni, and even undergraduates themselves often do not realize why students are at college, he said.

"American education, generally," Dr. Ferry declared, "is misunderstood by the public. The place of athletics is overstressed and the amount of publicity given athletic stars is all out of proportion to that allotted successful students. College officials have sometimes wondered where any time for study is to be found with football in the fall, baseball in the spring, and basketball in the winter.

"The purposes of college, as a general thing, are grossly misunderstood. Many persons think that it offers a chance for students to rest their weary backs for four happy years against sunny walls. Education, after all, is the real purpose of college, and this demands more than mediocre scholarship. Figures show that the student who does poorly in high school will be very unlikely to do well in college; that the student who gets C and D grades in college will do poorly in graduate work; that the graduate who has just slipped through college has much less chance of success in life than the man at the top of his class.

"When Wisconsin University compiled a list of its most eminent, successful and distinguished graduates for fifty years, half the valedictorians and salutatorians of those classes were listed. One-third were Phi Beta Kappa men and only one in ten fell below the Phi Beta Kappa scholarship standard. Character, too, is as necessary as scholarship to success in life."

State Closes Season With Sixth Victory; Wins Over Rochester College of Optometry

A field basket by Nephew in the last five minutes of its season gave the varsity basketball team a victory Saturday night over Rochester College of Optometry in a game played in the gymnasium. The score was 17 to 15.

The game was the tightest which the team has played this year, and in the first half resolved itself into a scoring duel between the two teams. The men by their victory finished their schedule with six wins against five losses.

The first half started slow and had gone three minutes before Gainor, Purple and Gold center, scored a foul point. Neither side scored from the floor until the half was well under way. Then Roese, Rochester forward, came through. Gainor followed with a basket for State. The half closed with the varsity leading 11 to 6.

Rochester spurred in the second period, and worked up its score until it was on even terms. State missed several easy shots from the floor and almost as many from the penalty line.

A basket by Howard, of Rochester, sent the score to 14 to 13. With two and one-half minutes to play, Kuczynski scored a foul and Roese came back with one for the Oenists. Nephew scored the deciding basket a

minute later.

State's points were well split among Nephew, Gainor, and Kuczynski. Roese was best for the visitors. The biggest crowd of the season saw the game.

The score:

STATE		FB	FP	TP
Hornung, rf	0	0	0	0
Griffin, rf	1	0	2	2
Kuczynski, lf	0	5	5	5
Gainor, c	1	3	5	5
Juckett, rg	0	0	0	0
Nephew, lg	2	1	5	5
Totals	4	9	17	17
ROCHESTER		FB	FP	TP
Howard, rf	1	3	5	5
Roese, lf	2	2	6	6
Simonsen, c	0	1	1	1
Hildnett, rg	1	1	3	3
Bardwell, lg	0	0	0	0
Westfall, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	7	15	15

Summary

Score at half time—State, 11; Rochester, 6. Fouls committed—By State, 9; by Rochester, 8. Referee—Humphries. Timekeeper—Feuner. Time of periods—Twenty minutes.

President Addresses Gathering at Hampton

The General Conference of the Residence Hall Campaign was held at the Hampton Hotel Monday evening, March 2. About thirty college leaders, trustees, and division chairmen were present.

The presiding officer was Mr. John Blackburn, chairman of the campaign. The speakers, with their topics, were: President Brubacher, "The Need of a Residence Hall at State College"; Miss Pierce, "Our Present Housing Problem"; Professor Sayles, "What has been done and what is going to be done."

Mr. Frank L. Graves, Commissioner of Education, Miss Edith L. Wallace, chairman of the faculty and undergraduate committee, and Mr. Charles Gibson, vice-chairman of the campaign, were present. Among the division chairmen present were Mrs. DeBeer, '12, chairman of Division 1; Mrs. Mary R. Richardson, '14, chairman of Division 2; William A. Mackey, '90, chairman of Division 4; William S. Twickell, '89, chairman of Division 6, and Mrs. J. W. Scudder, '88, chairman of Division 7.

MORE BY DR. FERRY

"Parents who send their sons to college to get what is popularly known as 'college life' have a mistaken idea of its value. College graduates seem to indicate, from their reminiscences, that college is a place for engaging in various games either of hoodwinking professors or stealing apples from somebody's orchard. Many college students talk of little else than house

CRITIC OF DRAMA HERE

Woolcott To Speak Tonight At Hall

Tonight at 8:30 in Chancellor's Hall, the Dramatics and Art Association will present America's foremost dramatic critic, Alexander Woolcott. Mr. Woolcott will give "Enchanted Aisles," his famous lecture review of the modern theater. This review, in book form, has been described by G. P. Putnam and Sons, the publishers, as a "book about the stage and its varied associations, its gossip, and its great figures. A love for the theater and a love of good living and lively 'friends colors every page.'" Alexander Woolcott is also author of many other notable books on the drama, among them "Shouts and Murmurs," "Mrs. Fiske," and "Mr. Dickens Goes to the Play." His articles on famous actresses and actors and leading plays and playwrights are featured in leading magazines. Mr. Woolcott is charming as a speaker, however, as well as a literary personality. He has made the acquaintance of many leading men and women of the stage in this country, England, and France, and has many friends among the principal dramatic authors and playwrights of today. Upon his verdict the fate of many a new play depends. In his lectures, Mr. Woolcott presents to his audience the foremost stage personalities in a colorful and amusing parade.

Let your dramatic instinct lead you to Chancellor's Hall tonight where you will hear the mysteries of life behind the footlights and of New York stage life from an eminent dramatic critic's point of view. Students will be admitted on presentation of tax tickets, and the balcony at the hall will be reserved as usual. Tickets will be on sale at Chett's on March 5 and 6 and admission for outsiders will be seventy-five cents or one dollar for reserved seats.

Girls' Varsity Plays Russell Sage Saturday

The Girls' Varsity team of State College will play Russell Sage College tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, March 7, in the gym of the Troy Y. W. A chartered car will leave the corner of Robin Street and Central Avenue at 2 o'clock, and the game will begin at 3 o'clock. A large crowd is anticipated to help the game go "over the top." Upper classmen will remember that last year's game between State and Russell Sage was a great victory for State.

This year's team has great prospects. The probable lineup is as follows: Tompkins, Moore, Craddock, Hoyt, Empie, Hutchins, Maar, Dietz, Sweetman, Neville, Falle, and Daley.

SOIREE IN ONE WEEK'S TIME

La grande Soirée! The hour is set for the debut of the sophomore class, Friday, March 13. The sophomores take it as a good omen that the great event comes off on a so-called unlucky day.

The committees, appointed by Ralph Harris, president of the sophomore class, are headed by the general chairman, Ruth McNutt; refreshments, Dewitt Zeh; music, Melame Grant; floor, Page Mattice; decoration, Ruth Cox; invitations and taxis, Esther Milnes; favors and orders, Mildred Pawel.

The members of the faculty to be present are Dean Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. Brubacher, Dean Metzler and Mrs. Metzler, the honorary members, Miss Catherine Peltz, Miss Elizabeth H. Morris, Dr. Marion Collins, Miss Marion Fleming, and Miss Queenie Helman.

The gymnasium will be transformed into a veritable garden, with the help of Danker's florist shop, and the accompaniment to dancing feet will be supplied by Zita's orchestra. Although the favors have not been announced, there is much buzzing over the form which the treasures will take.

Fresh and unscarred from any mark of battle the sophomore banner will hang in the gymnasium as a challenge to all little green freshies. The number of the enemy, the sophomores, will be greater, but strategy, in the history of class rivalry, has fouled many a well laid plan.

parties, society, and sports. Is it any wonder that the outside public gets a wrong impression?

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ATHLETICS AT STATE

Dr. Ferry's interesting lecture, delivered in Assembly last week, made it apparent to those who were in doubt that scholarship, and not athletics or social events, should hold the first place in college life. The lecture, seasoned with jests and personal anecdotes, contained many philosophical generalizations drawn by a man whose actual life-experiences had furnished data. Albany High School, State College, and Mine High School were all fortunate enough to hear Dr. Ferry, and many attended both lectures delivered in the auditorium.

Hitherto State College has had a tendency to under-estimate athletics, rather than over-estimate them, as Dr. Ferry implied was the case in many colleges. Possibly this under-estimate was due to a realization of our own inferiority along the athletic line. However, this year, under Coach Baker's skillful management, the basketball team has won numerous home victories, with its last game, played Saturday night, as no exception. The team has been rewarded by a dinner given by the coach, as a result of Saturday night's victory. Such loyalty and labor on the part of the coach and the team should certainly be appreciated by the college at large. A baseball season will open in the spring. It should be our pleasure, and it certainly is our duty, to be on hand at every baseball game to cheer the team. In this way at least we can show our appreciation of the successful winter athletic season.

CANTERBURY CLUB NEWS

The candy sale held recently by Canterbury Club netted them a profit of about seven dollars.

The Canterbury Club will hold communion at St. Andrew's next Sunday.

Miss Martha Bullard of New Jersey, will address the club March 26. She was to have spoken before, but on account of illness was unable to come.

LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday, February 25, began the Lenten season, the period of forty days before Easter which commemorates the trial, conviction, and crucifixion of Christ. Observance of the period is practiced to a greater or lesser degree throughout all Christian countries, and at no previous time has it been more universal than it is now. Each individual directs for himself his form of devotion and praise. It may be a more frequent and regular church attendance, or abstinence from customary indulgence. What are the effects of such observance? Earnest thought of the meaning of the Lenten season makes more evident real unity of all denominations of the Christian religion. Among the tangible results—a higher standard of citizenship may be listed. Citizenship, like all moral and spiritual qualities, begins with the individual. The moral status of a city depends upon those qualities, moral and spiritual, of its citizens; thus the influence of the individual is effective to a far greater scope, state, nation, and the world. A united people aroused by the direction of its hearts eradicates existing wrong when sponsored by serious thought. This period of increased religious activity cannot but have a beneficial influence on the student body of any college.

J. P., '26.

EARTHQUAKES AND EXAMS

Earthquakes produce a peculiar reaction in all who experience them. A feeling of fear, uncertain expectancy, and dread floods the heart. A bewildering surge of emotion is experienced. Did you ever think how much an earthquake is like an examination? We have passed through both of these experiences recently. To those who were not prepared, each seemed a calamity. These fears and forebodings are mere shadowy forms which have now sunk to oblivion.

We should always be prepared for earthquakes and—examinations. Let us not wait until the opportunity for study is passed and our examinations are upon us. Each morning let us arise with the thought that we are to pass through a skirmish. Let us arm ourselves with a shield of determination through which no dart of discouragement can enter, and let our keen swords of application and study pierce every lesson, so that when the day is done we may rest in the assurance of a victory won, and a large step taken in the direction of winning the battle of Education. With this attitude in our daily life we need no longer fear examinations. We will be prepared.

V. H., '28

ALUMNI DINNER

The New York Alumni Association held a dinner last Saturday night at the Hotel Majestic. President Brubacher addressed the gathering on "State College from Day to Day." Miss Pierce presented the dormitory fund campaign, and Professor Gilbert Raynor, class of 1890, State College, president of a Brooklyn commercial high school, spoke upon modern trends of education. The music was led by Dr. Thompson.

Samuel Ellner, '13, succeeds William C. Witte as president of the organization. The new vice-president is John McNeil, '17.

Newman Club Will Hold Sale Mar. 17; Communion Mar. 29

The Newman Club calendar for the month of March includes two important events, as announced at the regular meeting held Wednesday, March 4, at four o'clock in Room 211. The annual cake and candy sale is scheduled for March 17. A table in the lower hall of the Administration Building will be laden with some delicious confectionery surprises designed to tempt the "sweet tooth" of State. Decorations will be arranged in the St. Patrick's Day colors, green and white. The date for the third Quarterly Communion of Newman Club was announced as set for Sunday, March 29, at the 9:10 mass at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. A breakfast at the Academy of the Holy Names will follow. Tentative plans were also announced for the conference of the Albany Province of Newman Clubs to be held under the auspices of the local club on May 8-10, in this city. Newmanites are requested to watch the club bulletin board for reports of Treasury Drive results and, incidentally, to consult the list still posted there and to sign up for the Quarterly Communion Breakfast.

Y. W. Events

About fifty State College students took their initial trip to the penitentiary last Sunday morning. Dr. Van der Wort, the chaplain there, conducted the visitors through the building. Later a very interesting sermon, delivered by the chaplain, was enjoyed by those in attendance. Iva Hinman, '25, and Dorothea Dietz, '25, read the scripture for the service, and Bertha Zajac, '27, played a violin solo.

The snowstorm last Sunday decreased the numbers but not the spirit of Y. W. Vespers. Iva Hinman, in charge of the service, announced as speaker Dean Metzler, who had chosen a subject appropriate to the Lenten season. Violet Pierce, a member of '28, by a solo introduced herself as another gifted singer in college.

At the tea following the service, Miss Wallace and Miss Thompson poured.

Miss Eunice Rice will speak at Y. W. next Tuesday. She is thinking of taking as her subject the life of Alice Freeman Palmer. No further inducement for attendance beside mention of the speaker and subject should be necessary.

VARSITY TEAM BANQUETS

The varsity basketball team which brought its season's scoring out on the credit side of the balance sheet Saturday night by defeating Rochester College of Optometry will be given a turkey dinner Monday by R. R. Baker, coach. The team won six straight games and polled the best record the Purple and Gold has made for years.

The duel between Kuczynski, forward, and Nephew, guard, both freshmen, for first place in scoring honors was settled in Nephew's favor when each pulled 5 points in the final game. Third place honors went to Captain Gainer, center.

State broke into the winning ranks defeating St. Michael's.

The team has trimmed Jamaica Teachers, January 17, and since then has taken the measures of the Alumni, Oswego and Cortland Normals, and Rochester.



The Residence Hall Committee sent out an emergency call for help last week-end. The response was immediate, and centered in Page Hall and Newman Hall. Other similar calls will be sent out in the future. It is hoped that the whole college will help. Sign up on the bulletin board, do your bit by folding and addressing letters, and help bring State's Residence Hall a little nearer.

At the senior class meeting held last Friday the following Class Day officers were elected: poet, Ruth Moore; historian, Edith Higgins. A revote will be taken today for class prophet, testator, and councillor. The names to be voted upon are: prophet, Gertrude Olds, Mary Driscoll, Mary Vedder; testator, Margaret McGeeney, Kathleen Furman; councillor, Mary Bull, Dorothea Dietz, Gertrude Olds.

Evelyn Bacile, '28, of Page Hall, spent the week-end at her home in White Plains.

Consuelo Van Orsdell, '28, of Page Hall, spent the week-end at her home in Hudson.

Esther Sherman, '26, of Page Hall, spent the week-end at her home in Schuylerville.

Margaret Provost, '27, of Page Hall, spent the week-end at her home in Haines Cave.

Margaret Calhoun, '28, of Russell Sage College spent the week-end at Page Hall. She was the guest of Alva Pietschker, '28.

Miss Johnston's Citizen Scouts held a meeting at college Wednesday, March 4.

There was a meeting of Scout Leaders at Miss Johnston's home Thursday evening, March 5.

State College is inviting all high school teachers and principals of the nineteen districts in the Albany area to a round table conference to be held at the college March 21.

The conference will begin at ten o'clock in the auditorium with a round table talk on administrative problems. At twelve o'clock a luncheon conference, to take place in the college cafeteria, will consider rural problems.

The sections of the area are to be presided over by members of the college faculty who will arrange the programs for their separate sections.

Gamma Delta welcomes Betty Trowbridge, Sallie Goldsmith, Janet Gow, Evelyn McGee, and Abbie Crawford as pledge members.

Marjorie Ferris, '21, spent the week-end at Psi Gamma house.

Psi Gamma welcomes Mary Campbell, '27, as a pledge member.

Freshmen, freshmen, don't feel blue,
The sophomores have their trials too,
But if you'll both just buy a "ped",
You'll find your troubles all have fled.

Found: A sum of money on Western Avenue, below the College Dining Hall. Will loser please tell when and where lost, and amount of money missed? Anyone having lost same please give above particulars to Jessie Wayman.

College Cullings

WISCONSIN U, long in the forefront of state educational institutions and now in search of a new president, is being slowly starved to death by the state authorities who control its purse strings, according to charges of some of its faculty. Meanwhile the Wisconsin legislature is appropriating millions for disposing of tubercular cows and for other purposes which the scholastics see as far less important than maintenance of the big state institution for the education of its youth. Something like a parallel to this may be found in New York State. As President Brubacher showed in his annual report, the state spends five and one-half times as much money to educate a student of veterinary medicine as a school teacher, and three and one-half times as much to train a forestry student as a student of education. Preceding legislatures have been niggardly in their appropriations and near-sighted in their conception of the college's actual needs. To the present legislature the question is squarely this:

Does the state think more of horse doctors who will cure for the bodies of its cattle, and tree surgeons who will look after the limbs of its trees than of school teachers who will train the minds of its youth?

HAMILTON college students tell this one on President Ferry, who spoke in assembly Friday. Dr. Ferry presides over chapel at Hamilton, and in his absence the senior member of the faculty present takes his place. A few weeks ago President Ferry did not appear at the assembly and, since no professor was at hand, chapel exercises were dispersed by everybody's consent. The Hamilton men hint that oversleeping caused Dr. Ferry to "cut."

The following remark by the Hamilton president, made in his speech last week, is considered significant. "We, New York state educators, have watched with greatest interest the development of State College under able leadership into one of the five real colleges of the state."

EVERYBODY'S suspicious that sophomores are a wilder lot than the rest of the college are confirmed by results of an investigation on the average bedtime hour of State College students. Ten students of each class chosen at random confidentially imparted the information. The general retiring hours shown were: Seniors, 11 p. m.; juniors, 11:30 p. m.; sophomores, midnight; freshmen, 11 p. m. The student investigator concluded that the advised 10:30 o'clock retiring hour is not strictly adhered to and reported her findings to a college class.

The ten seniors gave as their reasons that they cannot get their work done by 10:30 o'clock if they remain at home and that they are unable to return from a place of amusement by that time if they go out.

FROM other Temples of Learning this week come these tidings:

Alexander Woolcott, a Hamilton graduate and a classmate of Dr. Thompson, who speaks here tonight, gave his fraternity chapter a baby grand piano for the new house which it opened Sunday.

Canaries are barred from the new dormitories for women at Columbia university.

Pratt Institute basketball team which trimmed State by two points this year took the measure of Rensselaer Polytechnic institute's varsity by four points. Hamilton College lost to Union College on the basketball court for the second time last week. Union's winning margin in each game was greater than that which it had over State.



Stage directions for this scene from William Vaughn Moody's play, "The Great Divide," call for a woman's muffled scream, a pistol shot, and the crash of breaking furniture. The microphone on the right sends them all to your home.

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State College's birthplace, now known as Van Vechten hall, on the north side of State Street, near Eagle, has been bought by the Albany Masons and will be torn down to make way for the new Masonic Temple. The century old building that housed the colleges first classes eighty years ago has, in its career, been railroad station, school house, dance hall, office building and what not.

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Clubs Are Active

Political Science Club held its meeting Tuesday, February 24, in Room 101. Miss Marion Bessette, '26, gave a most entertaining talk on the work of the Albany Guild. Miss Bessette is employed as a night clerk at the Guild.

The next speaker whom Political Science Club will introduce to State College, is Miss Ruth Minor, prominent woman lawyer of Albany. Miss Minor will talk on "The Poor Man's Share of Justice," on Wednesday evening, March 11, at 8 P. M.

The Biology Club held its second hike Friday afternoon, February 27, at 3:30 o'clock. In spite of the rather disagreeable cold wind a number of the members started from the end of the Delaware Avenue car line with Dr. Douglas. They went through Graceland to the woods above the Normanskill. As they expressed it, "The wind wasn't a bit cold there," and they really enjoyed themselves while learning how to identify new trees and shrubs, and observing other things of interest. The hike continued through the woods and ended, all too soon, at Southern Boulevard.

Señor José Guerrero, of Costa Rica, conducted an imaginary journey to his native land when he addressed Spanish Club, Wednesday, February 25, at four o'clock in Room 209. Señor Guerrero illustrated his lecture by reference to maps showing the location of Costa Rica, its topography, and economic importance. Señor Guerrero lectured entirely in Spanish.

Remember the Home Economics Club party tonight, March 6, in the Home Economics corridor. Special plans are being made for decorations, entertainment, and refreshments. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the other members of the department. Miss Bertha Duerschner, State College '23, who is now teaching in Millbrook, New York, visited the college on Monday.

On Thursday evening, February 26, the seniors of the Home Economics Department entertained the sophomores of that department at the Home Management House. The entertainment and decorations were appropriate for Valentine's Day and Washington's Birthday.

The Chamber of Commerce Club began its social program last Wednesday evening, February 25, with a dinner in the college cafeteria. Although it is almost the youngest club in college, its progress was shown by an attendance of seventy members.

Mr. Roy S. Smith, executive secretary of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker, and a trio of girls entertained with songs and ukuleles. Mr. Smith spoke on the relation of a Chamber of Commerce to its community, and the attitude of the teacher toward his home town. Dancing followed the speeches. Floyd E. Landon, '25, was in charge.

"University Life in Toulouse" was the topic upon which Miss Fay related personal experiences at the meeting of the French Club on Tuesday afternoon, March 3. Miss Fay devoted a year to study at the University of Toulouse last year.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Art students will be glad to know that the Co-op now has a full selection of Esterbrook lettering pens. Buy your poster paper at the Co-op and thus save a trip down town as well as money.

Following a suggestion given by many students, and backed by both Dr. Croasdale and Miss Johnston, spring water will be sold for one cent per cup. Help yourself and the "Co-op" by drinking pure water. More suggestions are in order.

To suit the tastes of those giving up candy there will be crackers on sale during the Lenten period. At times when the cafeteria has sandwiches left over, these, also, will be sold afterwards. If Cornell "Co-op" can have a local and mail order business for Whitman's chocolates State's Co-op does not appear altogether like a country grocery.

BARN DANCE PROVED LARK

Twilight and moonlight featured in the "square dances" of Si and Mirandy at the Barn Dance last Friday night. The costumes were original beyond the point of being rustic, especially those of "Si" Temple and "Sally" Sarr, who were awarded thoroughbreds as an increase to their barnyard fowl. '28 has learned, early in its career, the trick of putting on a good stunt, for the entertainment they provided was "choice." Then, to finish, fried cakes and refreshing drink completed the "airy" atmosphere of the evening.

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8:15 P. M. Dramatic and Art Association Lecture—Chancellor's Hall.

Saturday, March 7

Russell Sage Basketball Game—Troy.

Tuesday, March 10

3:00 P. M. Y. W. C. A.—Auditorium.

4:00 P. M. Political Science Club.

4:00 P. M. Home Economics Club—Room 160.

Wednesday, March 11

4:00 P. M. Spanish Club.—Room 103.

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