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College Community Chest?

Last Friday morning a collection was taken in assembly. It was not the first this year. On the contrary, it came close on the heels of several others.

It is easily seen that these causes are worthy ones. That fact needs no proof. It is also realized by the discerning observer that the method of collecting money now used not only contains much unnecessary duplication of effort, but is also particularly inefficient.

It would seem that the time has come for State to organize a college "Community Chest." It has become desirable to substitute for these varied and repeated collections throughout the year one concerted, intensive campaign to collect money to establish a Charity Fund from which donations can be made to organizations outside the school as their need is brought to our attention.

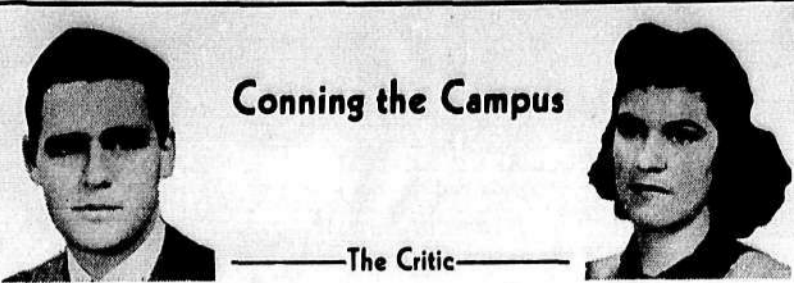
The benefits of such a system are obvious. A greater sum of money can be collected by one intensive drive early in October than by a large number of small campaigns throughout the year.

The Community Chest idea has proven itself successful throughout the nation. Is there any reason why it cannot work at State?

When Do You Want It?

Today's experiment is an experiment in the date of publication. Tomorrow morning, upon entering the auditorium of Page Hall for the weekly Friday forenoon get-together, State students will be handed still another questionnaire—this time to determine whether this experiment shall become a permanent feature.

Today's experiment has convinced the staff that the Thursday date is preferable from the point of view of more adequate news coverage. In addition, the earlier edition offers more advance notice of the highlights of the weekend social affairs.



Conning the Campus

The Critic

The first plays of the second semester did not raise the standard of the last term. There are many improvements in the actual stage production that are worthy of mention.

The set for Miss Real's rather heavy, morbid drama was an asset to the building of the mood. For once the lighting coordinated with the action. Sound effects gave a weird, mystic touch to the play.

We feel that top honors should go to Vince Miller for his negation of his own personality. This is the best of Mr. Miller's roles to date. We believe that a proof of good acting is a complete submersion of an individual to the requirements of his role.

We wish that Mr. Kiley had studied the manner and actions of a doctor before attempting an interpretation. His portrayal was too stagey.

Mr. Soderlind lent a touch of melodrama near the end of the play. With more experience, he will become a polished actor.

Mr. Seifert was well cast for the part of Death's secretary and successor. His was the missed opportunity of stepping up the tempo enough to keep the play from lagging.

Miss Real's direction was excellent, although the final speeches were definitely oratorical.

Miss Coarsey's offering for the evening challenges definition. Were it produced on Campus Day, it would undoubtedly take first prize. It offered an excellent opportunity for State students to play themselves and met popular approval on the ground. The confirmed bachelor, although subtly humorous in well-delivered innuendoes, slowed up what should have been a fast-moving comedy.

Miss Keeler's aim may not be so good, but her indignation proved the high point in the play. Mr. George saved his part from no mention in this column, by his pantomime. The actor cannot be blamed too much for the faults of the "play."

We refer our readers to Miss Hutchins' article on distortion in art in the second issue of the Statesman, as an introduction to the noted artist, Grant Wood, who will appear at the Commons next week. It is seldom that we are privileged to see and hear the artistes celebres. Mr. Wood has interpreted his native Iowan countryside in art that is becoming increasingly familiar to the layman and is delightfully influencing the modern school of American art.

Talking about artistes, did you know that Al Kavelin is a graduate of the Royal Verdi Conservatory of Music in Milan, Italy? Disdaining a career in the classics, he has become a favorite sweet "swinger," Betty Baker, a Myskonia member of the class of '39, reports that Kavelin is "good stuff" and produces extremely danceable music.

Explanations Are In Order

To the Editor of the STATE COLLEGE NEWS:
When the Pedagogue was first put on the Student Association Budget, the editor had figures to prove that if every one in the Student Association bought the Pedagogue, it could be had at one dollar less.

A single copy of the Pedagogue costs between \$3.00 and \$3.50 to produce. Each year, the Pedagogue budget estimates include approximately \$1500 from organizations in the school, and between \$800 and \$1000 from the student tax.

The 1940 Pedagogue started out with a surplus from 1939 of \$139. At the same time, a contract with the photographer netted \$215. This year, the photographer will pay only \$125 to the Pedagogue because last year's sales were greatly over estimated.

These above are the reasons why, after figuring the approximate cost of your book and our income available to date, the Pedagogue board decided it was necessary to ask an additional \$.50 contribution from each member of the Student Association receiving a Pedagogue.

The Pedagogue also wishes to announce that every one who has not yet paid their student tax in full should do so by the first of March. The number of books which will be needed will be ordered at that time.

To the Editor of the STATE COLLEGE NEWS:
One week has passed since I proposed in assembly that business and advertising managers of publications and all upperclass treasurers be commerece majors.

This was not a finished idea, I must confess. Business affairs of the school organizations have been running along smoothly in general. But you must admit steady satisfaction is bound to pull after a time. Progress cannot be static.

According to the reception of the suggestion in assembly, it might seem as if it were doomed to certain defeat. On the contrary, I welcomed the move to postpone discussion indefinitely. Here was my idea placed before the student body and in perhaps more memorable a fashion than if I had produced it in an orderly manner, according-to-Roberts fashion. Let it rest in the minds of our students' government. I am simply trying to increase efficiency, not revolutionize the student governmental system.

Since the public announcement of the proposal, I have been constantly challenged for the reasons behind it. If by "reasons" you hope to uncover some dastardly machinations, some scandal of embezzlement whose secret shall forever be mine, I must invite you to disillusionment. There is nothing behind the pseudo-resolution but the desire of a school citizen to take an active part in his government.

Stephen Bull, Editor-in-Chief.

Remorse, Resolve, Relapse

The Commentator

Last Monday, the marks for the three upper classes were released. There is always something strange and tense about the day when the marks come out, although there is no real reason for any commotion to be caused. Most students have a very good idea of what they are going to get. To those people to whom it really should matter—those students who are flunking a subject, it makes no difference at all, for they have long since been told of their failure.

We have it, though, every year—a day of intense excitement, a day marked by pledges running back and forth between group house and college building with the mail, a day of excited groups of students, all asking or answering the query, "What did you get?" a day of general commotion.

The most intense effect of this day is not an outward one, however. Its greatest impression is made on the people receiving the marks. Each and every individual opens his envelope, takes out the familiar yellow cards, and although he knows well what is on each, looks eagerly at them. There may be a surprise in one of the grades, but usually everything is as it has been anticipated.

Unless he is one of that handful of people whose every grade is an "A," the student is overwhelmed with a way sort of remorse and disgust. He looks at his "C plusses" and thinks sadly of how pathetically little additional work would have been needed to convert them into "Bs"—one less lecture cut, one special topic done more thoroughly, one more hour of study on the right subject, one afternoon in the library instead of in the Commons.

Everyone decides something else, too. Almost everybody in the school decides that next semester is going to be different. Of course, no one is going to forsake any extra-curricular activities, or miss any social life, or not play any bridge games, but just a little less time wasted will suffice to get better marks. Everyone decides to do just a little better.

Making the decision is about all that anyone ever does. The next day, the Commons is just as full as it ever was; the usual students are in the library; around the school as much time as ever is being wasted.

It is surprising how soon the disappointment caused by a set of mediocre marks ran disappear. It is surprising how little stick-to-itiveness the college as a whole has.

When grades were issued Monday, it is doubtful if more than three or four people were satisfied with the marks that they had received. It is even more doubtful if more than three or four people are doing anything about it now, or will be doing anything two weeks from now. The amazing lack of perseverance displayed here should be noticed and should be commented on.

Perhaps we should not be too severe in our criticism, however, of these people who cannot seem to get started. Next semester, maybe things will be different. Perhaps someone will decide that he is capable of getting better marks, and will really do something to get them. Perhaps someone will resolve to study harder, and will really study.

It is not too likely, but it might happen. Some day, someone might stick to it. Not this semester, but maybe the next. Energy might somehow overcome sloth.

We remain to be convinced.

The Weekly Bulletin

- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT: Feb. 21 Junior Prom, Aurania Club, 10 P. M. Feb. 22 Junior Luncheon at Jack's Restaurant, 12 noon. Feb. 22 Junior Tea Dance, Dingle Room, Alumni Residence Hall, 2:30 P. M. Feb. 22 Basketball: State Fresh vs. Union College Fresh, at Schenectady, 7:30 P. M. Feb. 23 Kappa Beta Tea for Honorary members, House, 2 P. M. Feb. 23 ABEH Open House in honor of its Freshman pledges, House, 8:30 P. M. Feb. 24 Albany Town meeting, Room 20, Richardson, 8:30 P. M. adults only 25c. Feb. 25 Forum of Politics meeting, Room 208, 8:30 P. M. Feb. 25 Advanced Dramatic Play Page Hall Auditorium, 8:30 P. M. Feb. 26 Student Christian Association presents Grant Wood, Page Hall Auditorium 8:15 P. M. Feb. 27-Newman Club meeting, Newman Hall, 7:30 P. M. Feb. 27 French Club meeting, Lounge, 7:45 P. M. March 1-Basketball: State Fresh vs. Siena Fresh, Wm. S. Hackett Jr. High School, 7 P. M. March 1-Basketball: State Varsity vs. Siena, Wm. S. Hackett Jr., High School 8:30 P. M.



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ROTOGRAVURE SUPPLEMENT
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LEFT - It'll be a lucky fellow who receives a call from this cute number MARION DUFFY searches for the phone number of heart throb No. 1 'Snuff said' Marion is usually on the receiving end of the line. Duff hails from Troy and State halls Duff A commerce major she has commuted her way through two and a half years of State life. For the benefit of the male element, Duff may be found in (1) the Publications Office (2) the Commons, or (3) the Troy bus. P. S. She goes to classes, too.



BELOW - With a broad smile, MARJORIE GAYLORD descends toward the photographic. This is the same smile that has won for Marie the presidency and administration for two years and as vice president in her third year. By tradition, to Marie has fallen the responsibility of general chairmanship of the Junior Weekend. It is no mean task that she has assumed what will be the most essential to the success of such an undertaking.



Photos by Bull



LEFT - No need for a "fountain of youth here." MILDRED SWAIN refreshes herself at a fountain in Draper. This Saranac songstress has just cause to pause in her activities at State. As president of Newman Hall and a member of Residence Council, she helps to enforce the curfew laws for State women. Tall and sophisticated, Miss Swain has brightened student assemblies with her presence on the balcony as class marshal. She comes to us with royal experience having served last year as an attendant at the court of Queen Jane I.



ABOVE - Typical student interest is shown by JUNE HAUSALTER as she surveys the main bulletin board across from the Registrar's office in Draper Hall for official notices of Prom, Slim and athletic. Gussie, as she is known to State, may often be found in the gym of Page Hall, engaged in one of her many favorite sports. When she is not busy on the athletic front, she records and transcribes the varied activities of the Junior class in her official capacity as secretary of the class of 1941. State has borrowed June from Hamburg, N. Y. Hamburg's loss for nine months is State's gain.

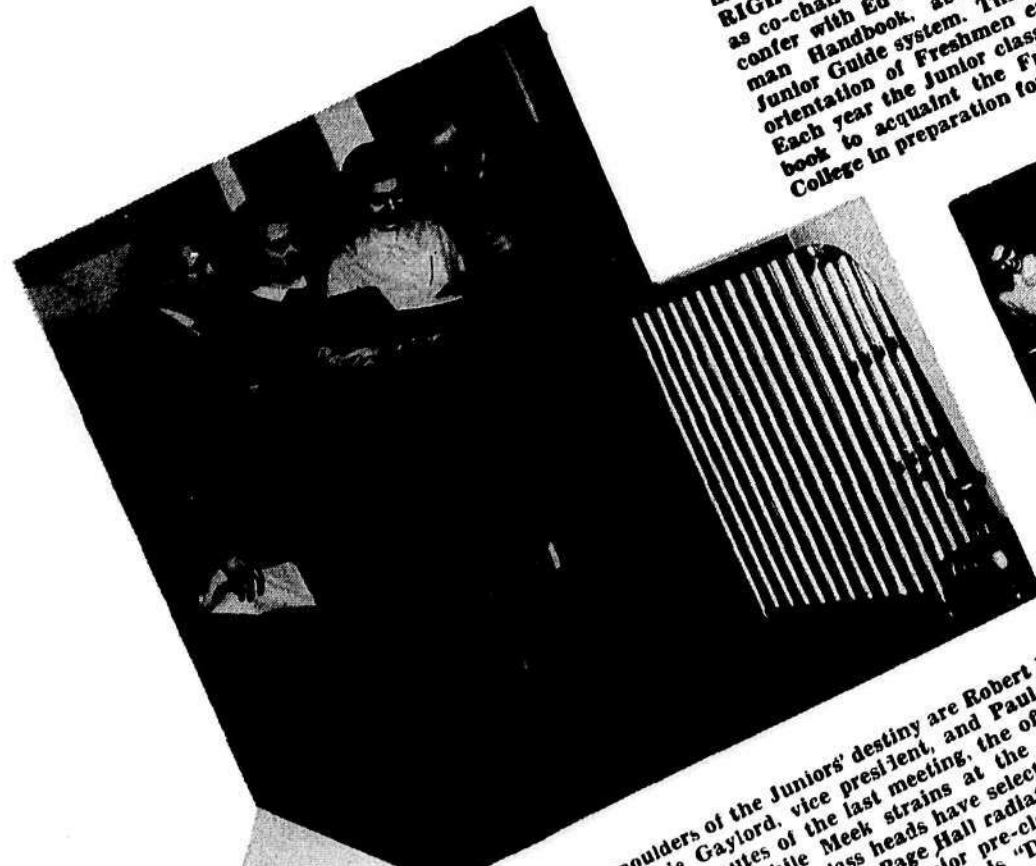
SAFE NOW IN THE JUNIOR CLASS



IN CIRCLE The Junior Editors of the State College News hilariously edit the news that two per cent of the sophomore desk editors have resigned to them. Reading from left to right: Bill Dorrance, Harry Pascoe and Ed Holstein. This trio each assisted the editor in supervising the gathering, editing and publishing of the news of State College. Bill, Harry and Ed are in complete charge of editing this, the Junior issue. If it's news, these boys want it.

RIGHT ABOVE The committee chairman meet in general session for the last minute Prom preparations. Reading from left to right are Marjorie Wilson, luncheon general chairman, tea dance; Bill Matthers, Jeanette Eyerson, tea dance; Harry Pascoe, publicity; Al Stiller, publication of a Junior chaperone; Ruth Keeler, chaperone; Ed Holstein, only one phase of the promotion; Miss Eyerson and Miss Wilson, sharing responsibilities with the general chairman as heads of two of the three major events of the weekend. Credit for obtaining the man as head of the Junior Prom goes to Bill Matthews, as chairman of the music committee.

RIGHT Ruth Vincent and Harry Pascoe, as co-chairmen of the Junior Advisory system center with Ed Holstein, editor of the Freshman Guide system. This group directed the orientation of Freshmen earlier in the year. Each year the Junior class publishes a handbook to acquaint the Freshmen with State College in preparation for their entrance.



ABOVE The moulders of the Junior's destiny are Robert Meek, treasurer, June Haebecker, secretary, Marjorie Gaylord, vice president, and Paul Merrill, president. Checking together over the minutes of the last meeting, the officers consider a suggestion from President Merrill while Meek strains at the leash ready with his meritable financial report. The class heads have selected for the scene of their gathering not a fireside but a Page Hall radiator.

BELOW A typically Junior "Dutch" Schatz, who in the Ed 10 class, is "Dutch" Schatz, who in the Ed 10 class, is contentedly enjoying a between-class snack. From the ground is contentedly enjoying a between-class snack. From the 8:10 Methods classes and the numerous "Seven Carcass the Juniors glean the all-important Learning how to educate Principles of Education." Learning how to educate Juniors observed are in anticipation of senior practice teaching.



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Sayles States College to Aid Those in Draft

Queries of Students Answered At Meeting of State Men By Hale, Bulger, Semanek

Urging draftees to keep in touch with the college, and declaring that State would look out for their best interests while away, John M. Sayles, acting president of the college, spoke Friday at a meeting in Room 20 of all students eligible for the draft. Approximately seventy men attended.

The benefits and requirements of Flying Cadet training were outlined by Dr. Clarence F. Hale, Professor of Physics, who stated that the Physics department would cooperate in every possible way to help students meet the requirements, giving evening classes if necessary.

SEB To Ignore Draft
Paul G. Bulger, Director of the Student Employment Bureau, stated that selective service numbers would be ignored and all eligibles who were not definitely drafted would be recommended by the bureau.

When questioned as to the advisability of enlisting while still an undergraduate to complete the year of service, Dr. Sayles expressed doubt, due to the fact that one now enlists for the "duration of the emergency," and not merely a year. He went on to say that the drafted men would be in the front line for jobs, Civil Service ratings, and general prestige.

The meeting disclosed the fact that any Juniors drafted during their senior year would return under the sway of the five year plan, and would have to finish two years of training before becoming eligible for jobs.

In reply to a query concerning the drafting of contract holders, Dr. Sayles presumed that the holder would be given a leave of absence, and his job held for him. Five of the faculty are eligible for the draft, and Sayles asserted that their jobs would be held for them in case they were called.

Training Year's Intermission
Bulger explained further that the Student Employment Bureau would defer recommendation of draftees for the year they were in training, but would recommend the men for jobs open after the training period was over. It will merely be a year's intermission.

Bulger added that students hired to fill draft vacancies will have the benefit of one year's experience and will be recommended by the bureau as experienced teachers when they are released from their substitute positions by the return of the original contract holders.

Captain Lane, connected with the U. S. Air Force, was scheduled to explain the requirements for admission to the Flying Cadets Corps, but was unable to be present. Dr. Hale spoke for him.

Newman Club Will See Movies at Next Meeting

Three religious movies will be presented to the Newmanites by the Reverend Brother Florinus Penz at their bi-monthly meeting at Newman Hall. According to President Frederick Ferris, 42 the meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, February 27 with benediction administered by Father William Cahill, chaplain.

The main feature will be "Life in a Benedictine Monastery" which was filmed in a French monastery.

Leary First Senior To Secure Position

Congratulations to Helen Leary—the first member of the Class of 1941 to obtain a teaching position! Late last week, Irene Semanek, Assistant Director of the Student Employment Bureau, announced that Miss Leary had been awarded a contract to teach English and do library work in the Millbrook High School near Poughkeepsie.



"When I was first told about it, I was surprised. I still haven't gotten over it," Miss Leary remarked, adding, "I haven't any idea why I was picked for the position. They certainly didn't look at my marks."
Miss Leary was given her contract after an interview in Albany with the principal of the Millbrook High School.
Good luck, Helen!

37 Frosh Receive Mid-year Honors

Fifteen percent of the freshman class of 37 in all, earned places for themselves on the first freshman mid-year Dean's list, Milton G. Nelson, Dean of Students, announced today.

The class of '43, moreover, placed only 21 students on the honor list this year, while its probations were more than this year's. A third of the group holds State scholarships. Several of the honor students have, in addition, four or five A's.

Dr. Nelson followed the statistics with praise for the faculty advisory system. Adopted with the class of '42, the system has worked more smoothly in succeeding months. "Frosh," he claimed, "have come to treat their advisors with increasing frankness and subsequent success. It would be interesting to consider the ratio of honor and flunking students to respective advisors."

"It is safe to say that this class is particularly well-adjusted to college life. Consider that the two highest class officers are on the list, that the freshmen named are active in other fields, and it must be admitted they have a higher proportion of honors than we have seen in many a season."

The freshmen list is the only one to be issued at mid-year.

The list of Freshmen honor students follows:

- Edith T. Avey, Virginia C. Armstrong, Edythe M. Baker, Paul Barselton, Edith F. Beard, Herman P. Blumel, Gertrude M. J. Bove, Adella A. Bucci, Patricia Carroll, June Clark, Gilbert Corbin, Madona E. Fackey, Josephine DeCostanzo, Richard W. Deits, Dorothy G. Demarest, Helen Governaki, Marion Harding, Etnel Belterline, Theodora M. Jay, G. Bertram Kiley, Patricia Latimer, Adele Lewis, Doris M. Lichtwart, Evelyn M. McGowan, Vivian Marston, William E. Murray, Beverly Preston, Alice Sandell, Jeanette Shay, Earle R. Snow, Alan Stone, Margaret Taub, Angela Wierziowski, Nancy Wilcox, Marjorie Wilkinson, Harry S. Wurtz, and Mary K. McKay.

Attention Men—Typical State Co-ed Proves Existent; She Prefers Individualism, Dating, Early Marriage

by Virginia Polhemus

Gather around, fellows, and read about what State considers its typical co-ed is like and what she likes. In the first place, only 128 of the fairer sex admitted they were a typical State College girl, but 155 of them emphatically denied the description. Her existence was even doubted by many of the girls answering the questionnaire in assembly. As one girl stated it, "What is one?" We'll leave it to you to decide whether or not the typical State College co-ed exists.

According to statistics (for which we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to Messrs. Bob Patton and Will Weyant), the typical State College co-ed stands 5'4 1/2", tips the scales at 124 lbs, and wears size 14 clothes. Her medium coloring is set off by deep brown eyes and brown curly locks. Sounds quite alright, don't you think?

With all this talk going around about being individualistic, we wondered about individualism at State. It seems that 155 of the femmes would prefer to be included in this category while 113 of them wouldn't. A happy medium is sought by 35 of our colleagues.

One girl declared that she did want to be distinctive, that is, "at

least enough to be interesting!" Another said, "I think State College girls are quite individualistic." Lack of money prohibits one lassy from showing her individualism. Too bad!

Just what does the typical co-ed do when she is not concentrating on teaching (which quite a few denied, anyway)? In the sports line, despite the cold wintry winds outside, swimming was far ahead in the favor of the co-eds. Another summer sport, tennis, sought recognition. Skating—either roller or ice—also occupies their time. It might be advantageous if it could be ascertained who the two young ladies are who prefer dating as their favorite occupation and the third one who frankly declared necking was her first choice.

Opinions about the newest style trends on our campus were obviously influenced by the recent Hell Week initiations, causing votes to be cast for such things as pigtails, striped shirts, boxing gloves and onion necklaces. Heaven forbid a widespread adoption of the latter! In a more serious vein, the newest trends advocated were boots, knee socks, p-j tops for blouses, suspenders, earrings, Jerkins, Dickies and Junk jewelry. One young sheltered soul could not reveal the prices she paid

for her wardrobe because, as she stated it, "My father pays my bills and informs me about their excessiveness." Quite an ideal state.

Now that we have the typical State co-ed, what is her goal in her chosen profession? An amazing person stated, "Sapientia non sua sed causa locandi." For those who don't know—that is the State College motto. More power to her! As was to be expected, numerous co-eds openly declared "A Man!" One even said, "Not Ma, but Mrs."

Undoubtedly, early marriage is foremost among the intentions of State femmes, as many of the co-eds agreed with the sentiment of one—"A good job for a couple of years; then—praise the Lord—marriage!"

There she is—what do you think, fellows?

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WITH A SATISFIED EXPRESSION on his face clearly evidenced, Robert Meek, who is everything but what his name suggests when it comes to collecting dues, writes a receipt for the class assessment of Elizabeth Simmons. Bub has a job on his hands for it is only by constant effort and successful collection of dues that such class affairs as Junior Weekend are made possible. Still not weary after three years of handling the finances of the class of '43, Bob always has a ready smile for tax-payers, tardy and otherwise.

