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## First Game of the Season

**"LOOK FOR THE WORST, HOPE FOR THE BEST," IS PHILOSOPHY OF NEW COACH**

Shades of pessimistic Gil Dobie! Under the tutelage of a "chip off the old block," State's grid warriors, with the memory of last year's creditable start still in their minds, have started to work with a determination to render a good account of themselves this fall.

Tomorrow's battle, the first of the 1923 gridiron season for the Purple and Gold jerseyed pigskin chasers, will reveal to some extent the efforts of Coach Fritz Wegner to develop a formidable football machine at State.

With St. Lawrence university's crack combination coached by the famous Cornell backfield star, Eddie Kan, and which trimmed Union last week, as the opposition tomorrow, Coach Wegner, like his noted Cornellian instructor always is before a gridiron conflict, is pessimistic as to the outcome. Little may be expected of State, however, against such a strong and fast array of football talent as will be presented by the up-state eleven.

As one famous coach once put it, these are still the "liniment days" for State College grid men. That is, the team is yet in formation. The material is more or less "green."

The return of Forrest "Peggy" Cato, last year's captain who was seriously injured in the early part of the season, has greatly strengthened State's backfield. Other men who are possible candidates for backfield berths are Gainer, Gilchrist, O'Brien, Cantwell, Nye, and Dwyer.

In the line reposes a pair of shoes to be filled that need a real star if State is to produce a team as formidable as that '22 outfit. Those shoes were worn by "Tiny Joe" Howard, stonewall guard who struck terror into the hearts of opposing lines.

Coach Wegner has a fairly good number of men to make a choice from, however, for his line. They include Captain Crane, end; Sage, end; Howe, guard; Crawford, tackle; Roberts, tackle; Beaver, guard; Hayes, tackle; Horn, end; Delchanty, end; Bader, end or tackle; Smith, center; "Herb" Campbell, guard; Donnelly, guard, and Davies, center.

The contest tomorrow will take place at Canton, the home of the St. Lawrence aggregation.

## Dorm Fund Swells

The Residence Hall Committee carried on a vigorous campaign among the students attending the summer session at State College, with the net results of over five hundred and thirty-five dollars added to the Dormitory Fund. Included in this fund was fifty dollars, turned over by the Summer School committee after all bills were paid. At present the Residence Hall committee reports a fund amounting to ninety-five thousand dollars, with immediate prospects of adding materially to this amount from the proceeds of the benefit movie play, "Main Street," given at the "Strand" all this week.

## G. A. A. Hike

Do you want to win G. A. A. points, to have one gloriously free day in the exhilarating October air, to satisfy your aesthetic sense, and to have good "eats"? Of course you do, so mark off October 6th as a red letter day and prepare to come on the Indian Ladder hike.

Freshmen, if you would have evidence of college spirit, come and join in the songs and cheers in vogue on the ride in the bus.

The Heideburg mountains are noted for their sightliness, and after seeing two or three states from its crest, formerly big worries seem small indeed. To have gone on the Indian Ladder hike is to possess one of the most stimulating and refreshing memories any college event can offer. And it wins G. A. A. points. Information regarding price and time of departure will appear on the bulletin board. Already a record number have signed up. Be sure your name is on the list.

## Sarah Bernhardt Jrs.

Registrar Overcome

A number of amateur actresses saw their ambitions defeated when Miss Futterer smilingly asked them to drop English 7. It was not known how dramatic State College really was until a glimpse of the dramatic class showed that underneath the peaceful, studious aspect, romantic souls longed to show their gracefulness in one of Miss Futterer's specials, "the imitation of ten wails." How far the laugh was carried is quite uncertain to the short-lived portion of the class, for just as a lot of fun was in store, the stage-door showed an exit to the poor underclassmen who did not absolutely need the course.

However, the dramatic class was not the only one that was overflowing with members. General conditions show overcrowded classes in most of the courses, especially in the English department. It is rumored that a certain young lady in English 3 blushing accepted Dr. Hasting's comfortable "rocking chair" when every other available seat was occupied.

It was a busy day for the registrar when a "gay young troupe of 'gay young Sophomores'" broke through the office and demanded change cards. What happened? The bands about the dramatics class suddenly broke and a rush was made to regain lost hours. The confusion was terrible. Dean Metzler was swamped with requests to allow more hours, and he, unwilling, finally consented to same. The requests granted, the registrar was left to recover in time for another onslaught.

## College Calendar

Friday, October 5.  
"Get Wise" meeting—8 P. M.—Gym  
Saturday, October 6.  
Indian Ladder hike—12 A. M.—College.  
Monday, October 8.  
Music Club—4:30 P. M.—Auditorium  
Tuesday, October 9.  
Y. W. C. A.—3:00 P. M.—Auditorium  
Menorah Society—4:00 P. M.—room 100  
Newman House meeting—Newman House  
Wednesday, October 10.  
Spanish Club—4:10 P. M.—Room B  
Thursday, October 11  
Political Science Club—4:00 P. M.—Room 101  
Friday, October 12.  
Chemistry Club—4:10 P. M.—Room 250

## Office Hours

CALL ON THE NEWS

Little did we expect so much talent for interior decorating on the News board, but we have visible proof of its existence—just take a peek in the office sometime while you are loitering near the mail box and judge for yourself what hard work and a little paint can do. Oh, we are looking quite nicely, with many thanks to Mr. Deyo and those who applied the gifts presented.

And now here's another innovation. A schedule of hours has been formulated during which the office will be open to those who would like to offer suggestions for improvement, enter pleas and petitions for or against a new or existing method of procedure, and submit complaints of any reasonable nature. By this means we aim to make State College News one of the best collegiate publications of its type. Please come in and help us do it! There will be some one there to welcome you on:

Mon.—9:05—10:30 o'clock.  
Tues.—9:05—10:00 o'clock  
Wed.—10—11; 2:05—3:00 o'clock  
Thurs.—1:10—2:00 o'clock  
Fri.—10:00—11:30 o'clock

## Assembly

Student Assembly, Friday, September 28, opened with the singing of the Alma Mater. "Billy Heineman" led the students in a peppy cheer, after which the notices were read. Especial emphasis was laid on the Strand Drive for the Dormitory Fund. While the other three classes sang, the Senior class, then the others in turn, marched outside to have its picture taken.

FRESHMEN!

Try out for the NEWS  
See the Editor today

## New York State College For Teachers

The following is a copy of the article by Professor Decker, which appears this month in the Teachers' Journal of Summer Schools in New York State.

The first session of the summer school was held in 1917, with an enrollment of two hundred and fifty-two students. For the last session in 1923, one thousand, twenty-six students were registered. Just what this means from the physical standpoint alone, can be imagined when one remembers that the buildings of State College were built to accommodate a student body of five hundred. During the morning hours of the last session every possible room available for recitation purposes was in use. Many rooms not intended for such purposes had to be pressed into service. Of course, some of them were poorly adapted as class-rooms. The conditions in the college reading-room and the laboratory were equally inadequate for the demands made upon them.

It might be inferred that such an increase in enrollment had been attained by increasing the number of courses offered. This was the case in the first three or four summers. Because of the size of certain classes it became necessary to divide them into sections. As rooms were not available and funds were lacking to hire additional instructors, the work in some departments was discontinued with the results that the curriculum was narrowed instead of being broadened. Unless the enrollment decreases, this process of elimination will have to be carried still further.

The conditions described above can be relieved in several ways. More class rooms and laboratory space will be available when the new building provided for by the last legislation is completed. In the meantime, the overflow could probably be taken care of by getting permission from the proper authorities to use as many class-rooms in the city high school as might be necessary. More money for janitorial service would have to be appropriated. The seventy-five dollars appropriated for such service in 1917 has never been increased. A larger faculty is necessary if any increase in the number of classes is made. This, too, can be accomplished only by increased appropriations. With one or two possible exceptions, the faculty of State College receive less in the summer than many of the instructors in the summer sessions of the normal schools. In order to run the summer school in the same business-like manner that the summer schools of privately endowed institutions are run, the appropriations should be made a year ahead. It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure a faculty where the director is forced to wait until almost the first of May before he can definitely engage anyone for the session which begins in July. The salaries are much smaller than those of the privately endowed institutions so that there is no inducement to wait. Thus

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## NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

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far, State College has been extremely fortunate in getting an excellent faculty together in spite of conditions. Each summer, however, finds it a more difficult task.

Just what class of teachers does State College aim to reach in its summer school? First, it aims to give superintendents and principals courses in school administration in which they, as well as the instructors in charge, contribute to the solution of the many problems arising in this field and peculiar to our State. State College ought to be able to command the services of the ablest instructors in this work and be the gathering place of the superintendents and principals of New York State. Secondly, it aims to give all connected with the public schools of the State an opportunity to come into contact with new developments in educational theory and practice. Thirdly, it offers an opportunity for teachers to increase their knowledge of subject matter by offering courses in English, economics, history, mathematics, etc. Up to the present, the courses have been largely of an undergraduate character. If the institution is to be the training school for high school teachers for the state, it will be necessary to begin to give graduate courses in all the departments of knowledge usually found in a college of liberal arts.

The summer school has been successful in spite of the handicaps with which it has had to contend. May its future be a record of increased service to New York State education.

## THRU THE KEYHOLE

Many Freshmen are getting that collegiate attitude. Haven't you noticed the increased number of brief cases and little "brown bags" about the building?

Have the Angells come yet? We have not seen the white-winged, lightly clad figures flitting about college, but Dr. Morris evidently is expecting them as evinced by her lofty and abstract expression.

That there is such a thing as sacrifice is maintained by Professor Kirtland, Head of the English Department, and to prove it, he cites himself as an example of the truly self-sacrificing individual.

Argument waxed loud and furious in the men's division of the English I A class this week, as some of the Freshmen boldly asserted that all things were done with the idea of self-gain. "Cynics," scoffed the Professor, dodging dangerous ground by shifting to a discussion of shot guns, photography, and other points of vital importance in the study of the English language.

Ruth Tefft, '23, was a week-end guest at the Psi Gamma House.

Mrs. Grace Mead Van Ness, president of the New York Alumnae Association of Psi Gamma was a dinner guest at the house Saturday night.

Clarissa Huyek, '23, spent the week end at the Psi Gamma house.

About this new topic of conversation—horseback riding—we are a bit flustered, but we remember that the danger of the beast lies in the head and heels and after all one rides in the middle.

Heard in History Quiz:—  
Instructor: "Describe the course of the Rhine."  
Frosh: "The Rhine rises in the North Sea and flows to the Alps Mountains."

## HELP

The "News" is not a one-man enterprise, but a distinctly co-operative one. Its success depends entirely upon the size and efficiency of the staff. At present there are only four reporters on the staff. There should be fourteen or even more.

It is said that each one of us harbors a secret fancy that he or she has an inborn genius for acting. We have, whether or not we admit it. We also have talents for gossip. Every one of us!

Gossip is nothing more than news if it be the normal, chatty, informing kind, and that is the kind we want for print. Happenings of all kinds are continually being recounted among small groups, the sort which would amuse or interest the greater number of college students if they knew of them. The "News" is literally hungry for notice of such events and it asks earnestly for the support of every college student who is desirous of having the college paper become a worthwhile record of college life. All we ask is that you tell some one on the board of any amusing or interesting bit of news you know, no matter how trivial. Visit the "News" office whenever you have some bit of information to give.

Please co-operate, it is OUR paper!

An informal supper was held on Wednesday evening, September 26th, at the Home Management House. Miss Fleming gave a report on the National Home Economics Conference which she attended in Chicago during the first week of August.

Miss Helen Shannon Metzlar, daughter of Dean William Metzlar and Mrs. Metzlar, became the bride of Chauncey Hale Fairbanks of Syracuse on Monday evening. Miss Metzlar is a graduate of Syracuse University in the class of '23.

Miss Gillet spent Saturday and Sunday in Annapolis.

Dr. Brubacher is in Binghamton giving an address at a teacher's and an Alumni meeting.

Miss Mary Cobb, State College Librarian, attended the State Library Association meeting at Silver Bay in September.

Dr. Conwell and Professor Birchenough were present at a meeting of the Mathematical Association held at Vassar College the week before college opened.

Miss Cobb, in freshmen lecture on library science: "If you wanted to look up a special topic in a book you'd look in the index, wouldn't you?"

Frosh in second dow: "Huh! I should say so. Anybody'd know that!"

Freshman girl to Junior man: "What's your Major and Minor?"

J. Man: "C. E. Major and Economics Minor."

Frosh: "I can't imagine you in a cooking class."

## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. service of October 9th will be in honor of the alumnae. We are fortunate in having quite a number of them in college or near by and from them will come the leader, the speaker, and possibly a soloist. Everybody is welcome, but we extend an especially hearty welcome to our alumnae to be with us Tuesday afternoon, October 9th, at 3 o'clock in the Auditorium.

## BASKETBALL QUADRANGLE

Skidmore, Russel Sage, Emma Willard, and State College are making a successful attempt to form a quadrangle for basketball. Such a series of games as planned would attract wide attention to State and arouse more than the usual amount of interest in watching the interclass games.

## G. A. A.

The G. A. A. fall season of State College sports has commenced with plans completed for horsebackriding, hockey, organized hikes, tennis, and basketball. Arrangements for special swimming parties are being made. For time of practices see the G. A. A. bulletin board. In regard to this

bulletin board, the G. A. A. president made this statement: "It is the vital index of the personal welfare of this institution." See that your name appears there signed up for some sport.

A new sport captain, Mildred Loman '26 for horseback riding, has been appointed. The sport captains are meeting every week to secure special closer co-operation. Students desiring special arrangements, such as points for Y. W. C. A. gym work should ask one of the council to bring up the matter at that time.

Soccer and hockey practices begin this week. The practice field is Beverick Park at the corner of Quail and Western avenue, two blocks from college. Everyone is urged to come, especially as the field is large enough for two games to be played at the same time.

The swimming captain, Dot Hoyt, is arranging for a college night at Y. W. C. A. or Bath 3. This would mean one night kept free G. A. A. members at special rates.

At a varsity basketball meeting last week, it was decided that practice would begin on Thursday, October 4. After that time strict adherence to training rules will be kept. The freshmen are forming a basketball team under the direction and coaching of the Junior captain.

The tennis tournament is being played off on the courts in Washington Park. Watch the bulletin board and play your game promptly as scheduled. Plans are being formulated for a gym frolic during the next month.

## HOCKEY

Field hockey practice began October 1, at Beverick Park. That announcement places State at the front rank of colleges having up-to-date sports. Hockey is reported to be the favorite fall sport at Smith and Skidmore Colleges. The rudiments of the game are easy to understand and the technique is simple to master. For these reasons hockey is the ideal sport for those inexperienced in athletics; moreover, hockey is invigorating and an excellent route to G. A. A. points. An interclass hockey match is always a feature of the Campus Day program. Try for your class team.

## RIDE A KOCK HORSE

Horseback riding, State College, and G. A. A! Consider that mighty interesting triumvirate and you will discover what is to be the feature sport of fall athletics. The girls' athletic association has arranged with Captain Taylor of the U. S. Army, to give a course of fourteen lessons in horseback riding to its members. The class will have the benefit of the best rates in Albany, of skilled instructors, trained horses, and English saddles.

No longer need S. C. T. folk feel pangs of envy at seeing a riding corps out for a canter. The opportunity is ours. The best part of the program arranged for Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30, beginning on October 13, and which includes cavalry tactics and military instruction, is the unusual reduction in rates from twenty-five to fifteen dollars. And, not only that, but a good authority states that the captain is most likely

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**WATCH FOR THE BIRDIE**

Eddie Vines has been doing a lot of publicity work lately in the form of taking pictures. He and the Knickerbocker Press photographer are in league with each other in looking for feathers to "snap." If you do or see any funny or clever stunts that you think would look well in print—page "Eddie!"

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to become so interested that the course will not be limited to the stated fourteen lessons.

The instructions will be given in a huge tankard rink at the Armory and in an attractive field back of it. Thirty-five must sign up in order to make this opportunity possible for all. Therefore, attach your name to the notice and make possible a State college riding corps.

**STEP CHILDREN**

State College is very glad to welcome fourteen (14) graduate students, a record number this year. These students represent various parts of the United States and also other countries. Because of their unfamiliarity with the city and lack of affiliation with any one class at college they should receive the special consideration and friendly attitude of the entire student body. They are not presented with handbooks nor have they any "Junior sisters" to assist them. One of them has said that he was even "greener" than a freshman. They have chosen State College from all other colleges to come to, so let each State College student do all that he can to welcome them and to make them feel that they have chosen wisely.

**MOORE ADDRESS AT CONVOCATION**

Students of History and Government, particularly those of international law and political science, will have an opportunity Friday, October 19, to hear John Bassett Moore, judge in the permanent court of international justice at The Hague and recognized as one of the foremost living authorities on international law, when he speaks at the annual convocation of the State Regents in Chancellor's Hall, Albany.

The convocation this year, with the exception of Judge Moore's address on international relations, will be especially devoted to a discussion of the problems of colleges and junior high schools. Governor Smith, Dr. Frank P. Graves, state commissioner of education, and Harlan H. Horner, former dean of State College and now secretary of the State Teacher's association, will be among the principal speakers. The sessions will start Thursday, October 18.

**NEW DORM A REALITY**

State Senator William T. Byrne, of Albany, who has made possible the enlargement of State College after a long fight in the Legislature, is preparing an appropriation bill, to be presented to the 1924 session in January, which will provide for the construction of Milne Hall in the property adjoining the college and Albany High School. Governor Smith has assured its passage.

Preliminary work on the new structure, including the razing of old buildings, formulation of architect's plans and other attendant details, is practically completed and it is expected the foundation will be started before cold weather sets in.

**OPPORTUNITY**

Want to be Business Manager of the NEWS? Want to get advertisements? All Freshmen interested see Dorothy Jones at once.

**STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS**

You are cordially invited to the Young People's and Nyack Rally at the Gospel Tabernacle, 252 Washington Ave., between Lark Street and Northern Blvd., Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sat. night at 7:30.

Speakers: Rev. C. F. Ave, Congo, Africa, Evangelist T. J. Black, Syracuse, and Rev. C. Eicher, India, now dean of the Missionary Training Inst., at Nyack, N. Y.

Special missionary meetings Sunday 10:45 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Invite your friends. Covention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance now in progress at this Church.

**CHOOSE YOUR SPORT**

Through G. A. A., an opportunity for participation in all popular college sports is offered to students. Surely there will be one title on the list to make an appeal to the student who "was never athletic in high school and wonders just how she can get in the five to six hours of active exercise which Dr. Crossdale advises urgently for all students. If you have never participated in any sport, choose one such as tennis or hockey. Then, if you have chosen a sport which has special practices, attend them, all and every one and the chances are you'll make your class team. If you choose a more individual sport, such as tennis, write a note to your sport captain and she will arrange instruction, if possible.

By choosing one sport, the inexperienced person may become really skilled in the five or six hours advised. Regarding participation in such sports, Dr. Crossdale stated: "It is the foundation in the life of a freshman for building and maintaining health, ideals, and will engendre a keen mind and receptive spirit. The student who neglects exercise cannot compete with those who take it. Moreover, such neglect invites bodily ills the avoidance of which is our purpose." Choose your sport and stay on top.

**DRAMATIC TREAT**

**Home Talent**

The new class in advanced Dramatics, English 12, will present a play every two weeks, managed by the students themselves, under the supervision of Miss Futterer. The first play, "Suppressed Desires," will be directed by Marion Farrell. "Suppressed Desires" is a one-act comedy by Susan Glaspell. It will be given in the auditorium about the middle of October, in the evening, and students will be admitted on their Student Tax Tickets. Plans are being made for another play to be given at the end of October, and a big play will be presented in June, under the

direction of Miss Futterer, in which the members of English 7 as well as of English 12 will take part.

Eighty students enrolled for Dramatics class, English 7, so that the Sophomores had to be dropped, leaving 45 students. This class will present three one-act plays in January, which have not yet been decided upon.

What do you think of College, of existing conditions, of any phase of student problems? Write signed opinions to the NEWS on any subjects which would be of student interest—then keep on writing them!

**A REVOLUTION**

Thursday afternoon, September 28, an air of mystery pervaded the corridors of State College. Through the corridor a peculiar odor seemed to be wafted, and no one could tell from whence it came. It even penetrated to the upper hall, and many a conjecture was made as to its source.

On descending the stairs to the lower hall, the trail seemed to grow stronger, but yet the perfume remained a strange one. More than one freshman stood by the mail box and meditated. It was evident that the source of the excitement was not far away. At last one brilliant freshman exclaimed "Ah! Now I remember. About half an hour ago I saw the janitor, wearing knickerbockers, come down the hall with a pail of paint. I recall it distinctly because I had to dodge the horrid thing to save my new sweater." At that the whole group gathered around the mail box shouting, "Why how stupid of us, of course it's paint." And indeed it was. But then came the question, "What was being painted?" Could it be true? It was the NEWS office.

When 3:00 o'clock classes were out, the members of the News board flocked to the office. More than one nearly succumbed to the surprise of seeing the color of the office walls undergoing such a change.

The office has now had two coats of paint and the improvement is very noticeable; a new electric fixture has been added which will further improve the facilities of the office. The News board has taken the first step toward a better paper: better conditions under which to work.

**LOST AND FOUND**

The News office will be, from now on, the one and only custodian of the Lost and Found box. Come in any time it is open and one of the staff will open the box. It will first be necessary, however, to describe the lost article in order to claim it.

On account of the frequent demand for house matrons in the present student houses, Dean Pierce asks any student knowing women who would meet the requirements for such a position to report their names and addresses to her office.

The NEWS regrets the absence of Orena Ryleya, '26, who served as assistant business manager on the staff.



Dorothy V. Bennett '24

(Listening to the president's speech) — "Jimminy, I was lucky to get in —"



State College — I do wish he wouldn't keep his eye on me when he talks about the aimless pleasure-seekers — I'll



try and look dignified like Myskanis —



but it's no use — I'm only a freshman."

**WHO'S WHO**

Cut out this list and pin over your desk beside your class schedule.

**Student Association**  
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