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SOPHOMORE CLASS GIVES SOIREE

Formal Affair Held in Gym

The class of 1922 held their soiree in the gymnasium of the college on Friday evening, April 16, from 9 to 1. The gymnasium was very prettily decorated with evergreens, bluebirds and the class numerals in blue and white electric lights. Much credit is due to the committee in charge, Clara Knickerbocker was in charge of the whole affair. Her committees were as follows:

Decorations, Ruth Heminover, chairman; Twybil Purdy, Robina Moore-Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Earl Mattice and Osborne. Music, Margaret Kirtland, chairman; I. Breslau. Refreshments, Charlotte Lynch, chairman; Lavina Lavell and Margaret Smith. Dance orders, Ethel Huyck. Floor committee, Marion Hunter, Edward Link.

The guests of honor were: Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Brubacher, Dean and Mrs. H. H. Horner, Miss Anna E. Pierce, Miss Helen M. Bennett, Miss Marion Card, Miss Minnie Scotland, Miss Helen M. Phillips, Miss Edith M. Wallace.

Faculty members and their wives were in the receiving line, and officers of the class assisted. Those in receiving line were: Wade Miller, President of '22; Clara Knickerbocker, Vice-President; Dr. and Mrs. Brubacher, Miss Pierce.

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TEACHERS' SALARIES' BILLS BEFORE LEGIS- LATURE

Important Clause Included

Lockwood amendments to the teachers' salaries' bills, which are before the Legislature now, will provide an appropriation by the State of about twenty millions in order to increase the quota to cities, villages and districts of from two hundred, to three to six hundred dollars, according to the size of the municipality.

The amendments also specify minimum salaries and will carry a clause compelling local school boards to give the benefit of the increased quota to teachers. In previous bills for appropriations, this clause was omitted and, in some cases, money was withdrawn from the teachers and used for other purposes.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY HOUR TO BE CHANGED

The Schedule Committee is working on a new schedule for 1920-21 which will bring the student assembly at 10:55 instead of at 9 o'clock. This new arrangement will especially favor commuting students, and it will also make it possible to extend the regular assembly period without interfering with college classes.

Annual Omicron Nu Conclave held at Madison, Wis.

Miss Van Liew Re-elected National President

The national conclave of Omicron Nu was held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., from March 14 through March 16. The delegates and representatives from the chapters numbered over fifty, including junior delegates, faculty, and alumnae members. The chapters represented are at the University of Michigan, New York State College for Teachers, Iowa State College, Purdue University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, University of Nebraska, Kansas State Agriculture College, University of Kansas, Oregon State Agriculture College, State College of Washington, Cornell University and Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College. Four members from Beta Chapter attended this conclave: Miss Marion S. Van Liew, Grand President; Emily Hamilton, '20, National Secretary; Harriet Church, '19, alumnae representative, and Florence Stanbro, '21, delegate.

Seven business meetings were

held during two and a half days at which important national and local matters were discussed and determined. It was decided to hold the conclave once in two years instead of annually as formerly. The next conclave is to meet with Epsilon Chapter at the University of Illinois.

Beta Chapter was proud to have Miss Marion S. Van Liew re-elected as National President of Omicron Nu for a term of two years. Miss Van Liew is exceedingly capable in this office and has spent much time and effort in furthering the interests of Omicron Nu.

Thursday afternoon the guests of Beta Chapter were given a delightful auto ride through the city of Madison and around its five neighboring lakes. Friday evening an Omicron Nu banquet was held for the members of the conclave. While in Madison the guests were entertained at Barnard and Lathrop halls.

BASEBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

Manager Arranges Good Schedule

After two weeks of getting used to the ball in the college gymnasium, State started its outdoor baseball practice last Thursday in Beverwyck Park. About thirty men reported at the field, and Coach Clarke started them off with practice in fielding and light batting.

The prospects for this year are very bright. There are several men out for each position. Johnson, Springmann and Bliss are in line for pitchers; Hakes, Ferguson and Miller are out as catchers, and the infield and outfield are well supplied.

The first game will be played April 24 with St. Stephens at Annandale-on-the-Hudson. May 7, State will meet Worcester Tech. at Albany; May 15, Mass. Aggies at Amherst, and May 29, St. Stephens at Albany.

SENIOR SONG CONTEST CLOSES

Dr. Richardson, Dr. Thompson and Miss Bennett were the judges of the senior song contest which was held in the auditorium last Friday morning. Florence Stubbs was song leader; May DeRouville was at the piano. Both first and second prizes went to Marie Rols.

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HISTORICAL EPISODES DRAMATIZED

Novel Entertainment Given by Frosh

Friday afternoon, April 16, Quiz Section F, under the direction of Miss Fay and assisted by other students of History 2, presented in the auditorium a group of sketches based upon historical episodes.

In the first scene Sir Walter Raleigh (Thomas Bentley) gallantly cast his cloak upon the ground so that Queen Bess (Agnes Scott Smith) might pass over the muddy spot. The queen's attendants were Katherine Betz and Laura Ebell. The first appearance of Virginia tobacco in England was then portrayed. Sir Walter Raleigh and a servant (Lea Wolinsky) were the characters.

Clarabelle Whitcomb was the author of the next sketch which told of the marriage of Henry VIII to his sixth wife. Dorothy Dangremond was the king and Anna Nachman was the "newest wife." Ethel Cummings, Castella Hees, Glennon Eastman, Clarabelle Whitcomb and Erva Lyttle were the five former wives whose ghosts came to torment Henry after the ceremony.

Members of Quiz Section F offered the next two scenes, "The Flight of Jenny's Stool" and "Martin Luther Posting His Theses on the Church Door." "Napoleon's Farewell Address"

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QUARTERLY BOARD CHOOSES OFFICERS FOR 1920-21

Marjorie Potter New Editor-in-Chief

The competition for membership to the "State College Quarterly" board closed when the outgoing board held its election on April 17. There has been more competition for editorships this year than formerly, and the present board feel that they have chosen efficient successors. The 1920-1921 board members are:

Editor-in-Chief, Marjorie Potter, '21; Assistant Editors, Myfanwy Williams, '21; Mary Grahm, '21; Margaret Kirtland, '21; Marion Hunter, '22; Marjorie Sibley, '23; Business Manager, Frank Bliss, '21; Advertising Managers, Isadore Breslau, '22; Katherine Drury, '22.

The new board will put out the June issue of "The Quarterly" under the supervision of the old board.

RULES GOVERNING STU- DENT CHOICE OF MY- SKANIA MEMBERS

Friday morning, April 30, in Student Assembly two members of the class of 1921 will be elected to the new Myskania. Every student who has paid his blanket tax is entitled to a vote. Every regularly enrolled academic junior is eligible. A list of such juniors will be posted the Friday before the election. Only one ballot will be taken. Each student will write on his ballot the names of the two students for whom he is voting, and will then cast his ballot in the box provided for his class. All ballots bearing only one name will be thrown out.

The result of the voting will not be announced until Moving-Up Day. Myskania feels that the present method of making known the names of the students chosen, should be preserved as a tradition. You will have difficulty in choosing just two people from so fine a class, but vote for the two people who, because of personality, qualities of leadership and attainments in scholarship, you feel are best qualified to hold a position on Myskania.

INTERSORORITY BALL AT TEN EYCK

The Intersorority ball will be held Friday evening, April 23, in the Ten Eyck. The sororities of State College have all banded together instead of having individual dances.

The committee in charge are as follows:

General arrangements, Psi Gamma; dance orders, Delta Omega; refreshments, Kappa Delta; invitations, Alpha Epsilon Phi; taxi, Chi Sigma Theta; music, Eta Phi.

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THE OVERALLS MOVEMENT

Overalls have taken the country by storm. The vogue has spread rapidly until it has invaded not only the city street but the business office, the school, the court, and even Congress and the pulpit, and with the popular spread of the movement, there has come much talk in regard to it.

Governor Bickett of North Carolina in rejecting an invitation to join an overalls club denounced the movement saying: "There is no good in it. It will run the price of overalls up to a figure that cannot be paid by those who of necessity must wear them. I think that the members of such a club ought to agree not to buy an automobile until prices have dropped twenty-five per cent. So long as people are willing to pay any price for the things they want and are not willing to practice self-denial, all talk about cutting down the high cost of living is gabble."

If everybody adopts the idea after the manner of a certain Billy Rose who, according to the "New York Tribune," paraded down Michigan Avenue, Chicago, in trousers and jumper of blue denim, but with a two dollar silk handkerchief peeping from a pocket, a twenty dollar silk shirt visible above the rolled back collar, and a fifteen dollar hat on his head, we cannot help agreeing with Governor Bickett. Treated in this manner the movement becomes a foolish fad which can bring harm, but no possible good.

But on the other hand, if this movement is treated in what the "New York Tribune" calls the "overalls spirit," then we feel that the movement should be heartily indorsed.

The "Tribune" in an editorial says: "Overalls are not only cheap and economical clothes; they are a perfect symbol of just the sort of economizing and thrifty independence that every American, young and old, ought to learn—the sooner the better."

And farther on it adds: "Now, for various reasons it is highly important that we should get a new point of view. We need to realize that a large fraction of our life is

luxury or waste, and that all we really need, to be comfortable and happy, is a far smaller and far more simple equipment of clothes, food, everything. Simplicity should become fashionable—not as a fad, a foolish affectation, but as the only safe, sensible, and comfortable way of living in the present state of prices and strikes and taxes."

As future teachers it might be well for State College students to get the "overalls spirit," not only for their own good, but to pass on to the young Americans who will come under their guidance. '21.

TENNIS

When spring comes, one begins—think of once—to think of tennis balls and racquets and such things. The department of physical education has done some thinking along these lines, and it has made some very definite plans as well. Chief among these is a big tennis tournament—possibly a Moving-Up Day feature. An opportunity to sign up for this will soon be given to all those who wish to compete. The winner will be awarded a silver cup. The department is also hoping most fervently that some day some one or ones at the State Department of Education will permit our laws—a little bit of them anyway—to be cut up into tennis courts so we may practice at home. Until this day arrives, however, we must be content with the courts at Washington Park. These courts will be ready for use by May 1, at the latest. Everyone who can play tennis is urged to sign up for this tournament which we must make a big thing—and a great success. '23.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

The following is a matter in which every student at State College should be interested and it is for this reason that it is brought to your attention.

As you all know State College closed its basketball season several weeks ago in whirlwind fashion, with splendid victories over Manhattan at New York and Hobart here. So far as we were all concerned, the basketball season was a thing of the past, but there was another matter that has not yet been settled which concerns the men who had worked unselfishly for us all winter to make the season a successful one. It is in that connection that this article is written.

Rumor has it that the basketball treasury at the end of the season is empty. I hear some of you exclaim: "Well, what's wrong if it is empty? You didn't expect to have a balance left over to buy Pierce-Arrows for the players?" Right you are—we didn't expect it—but if you will consult your memories or brush up on State College customs and precedent, you will discover that at the end of the season the players who worked for State and for you five nights a week from October to the middle of March receive, as a token of their efforts in behalf of their college, their letter—a purple S—in close proximity to which is a sweater. This, as you can verify by consulting the proper official records, has been the custom at our college in past years.

Our proposition can now be stated as follows: Have the men who represented State College on the court this year earned the customary reward for such effort? If so, how are we going to give it to

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NOTICE CONCERNING REGISTRATION FOR 1920-1921

All students who expect to return to the College in September, 1920, will be required to register for the academic year 1920-1921 in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Obtain a trial schedule sheet from the registrar, during office hours, on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, April 21-23.

2. If you are a freshman, obtain from the registrar at the same time a major and minor card. Secure the approval of your major and minor officers and return the card to the registrar not later than April 29, Thursday.

3. Fill out your trial schedule sheet in pencil fully for both semesters, secure the approval of your major and minor officers, and present your trial schedule sheet to the Dean in accordance with the following schedule:

Freshmen — Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29, 9-12 a. m., and 3-5 p. m.

Sophomores — Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4, 9-12 a. m., and 3-5 p. m.

Juniors — Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11, 9-12 a. m. and 3-5 p. m.

4. In filling out your trial schedule sheet:

(a) Make sure that you have had the prerequisites for the courses in which you register.

(b) Include any required course in which you have failed and any course in your major and minor group in which you failed or received a grade of "D" in 1919-1920.

(c) Inform yourself concerning the requirements for your major and minor.

(d) Observe the general regulations on pages 19-23 of the new Catalogue relating to required subjects, number of hours permitted, distribution of work, etc.

(e) Use for each course the Department title, course number, and section letter appearing in the catalogue (e. g. "Biol. 2a," not "Bot. 2a"). Indicate laboratory hours consistently as follows: "Chem. 1. Laba." Abbreviate Department titles thus: Biology, Biol.; Chemistry, Chem.; Commercial Education, C. E.; Economics, Ec.; Education, Ed.; English, Eng.; Fine Arts, F. A.; French, Fr.; German, Ger.; Government, Gov.; Greek, Gk.; History, Hist.; Home Economics, H. E.; Latin, Lat.; Mathematics, Math.; Music, Mus.; Philosophy, Phil.; Physical Education, P. E.; Physics, Phys.; Physiography, Physog.; Spanish, Sp.

(f) Register for work only at hours scheduled in the catalogue. All courses not definitely arranged in the catalogue and only such courses should be placed under "Unscheduled hours."

5. After you have secured the Dean's approval, present your trial schedule sheet to the registrar who will issue to you one yellow schedule card and a sufficient number of class cards for your courses for both semesters. Fill out the schedule card and class cards from the trial schedule sheet legibly in ink. Obtain the signatures of your major and minor officers upon your schedule card, and file your schedule card, your trial schedule sheet, and your class cards with the registrar not later than the dates indicated below:

Freshmen — Wednesday, May 12.

Sophomores — Thursday, May 13.

Juniors — Monday, May 17.

6. Importance of Careful Registration:

Each student should bear in mind that he is registering for the work he is actually to pursue during the year 1920-1921. Changes in schedule will be permitted only in cases affecting the welfare of the student, and each case will be carefully scrutinized by the Dean. Each student is therefore urged to register carefully, considering his own comfort so far as possible. For example:

(a) A commuter should inform himself about train accommodations, and take care not to register for work at hours when he will be unable to be at college.

(b) A student who plans to engage in outside work should consider the hours that will be needed for that employment and should not register for college work at those hours.

7. Read these directions carefully, observe the procedure outlined and thus help to reduce to a minimum confusion and tiresome waiting in line.

RESULTS OF CLASS ELECTIONS

SENIORS

Prophet — Philip Auchampaugh.
Testator — Marion Beale.
Historian — Kathryn Chamberlayne.

Poet — Elizabeth Osborne.

Senior Ball Committee — Richard O'Brien, chairman; Harriet Woolsey, Ethel Hogan, Earl Dorwaldt, Dorothea Schwarz, Marion Beale, Rosina Fontana, Anna Lemka, Arthur Ferguson.

Senior Breakfast Committee — Agnes Nolan, chairman; Margaret Reuning, Marjorie Finn, Ruth Beattie, Jane Schnitzler.

Moving-Up Day Committee — Dorothy Banner, chairman; Helen Reitz, Edwin Nicholson, Florence Stubbs, Isabelle Johnston, Cecile Conklin, Thomas Castellano.

Class Day Committee — Gertrude Green, chairman; Louis Masson, Marjorie Bryant, Adaline Hall, Agnes Rabe, Mary McCarthy, Philip Auchampaugh.

Alumni Day Committee — Elsie Hanbury, chairman; Kenneth Holben, Edward Springmann, Bertha West, Eugenie Smith, Ethel Hane, Edythe Sherman.

JUNIORS

President — Maurice Hathorn.
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President — Frances Stilson.
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Reporter — Clara Knickerbocker.
Athletic Council — Leland Foster.

Song Leader — Martha Parry.

FRESHMEN

President — Robert MacFarland.
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Athletic Council—Adrian Johnson.

Managers of Athletics—Edua Waugh, Adrian Johnson.
Debating Manager—Susan Collier.

Song Leader—To be decided later between Marion Vines and Agnes Truax.

Cheer Leader—Georgiana Bergh.

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS FOR 1920-21.

President—Frank Bliss, '21.
Vice-President—Wade Miller, '22.

Secretary—Leland Foster, '22.
Treasurer—William Strain, '21.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Practice for track meet (Moving-Up Day) has started. Events for girls are:

Runnings high jump, standing broad jump, basketball throw for distance, dash, relay race (inter-class).

The gymnasium is free Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday noons for practice. All are urged to come out and try. Instructors will be in charge to help.

WHO'S WHO

Bertha West, '20, and Alice Kiesor, '20, visited the State Education building last Friday evening.

Home Economics

The following have been recent visitors of the department: Elmetta Van Deloo, '18, teaching at Lawrence, L. I.; Agnes Austin, '18, at the Sevilla Home for Children, New York City, and Fannie Plusch, '19, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Mildred Brown, '12, has resigned from her position at Corinth, N. Y., to go into work in the Amsterdam Continuation Schools.

Agnes Moore, '18, has resigned from the Oneonta Normal faculty to take a place on the staff of the State Aided Homemaking School at Hudson, N. Y.

Amy Rextrew has resigned from her position in Glens Falls to accept a similar one at Chazy, N. Y.

Y W

At the elections held on Monday, March 22, the following were elected officers of Y. W. C. A. cabinet for 1920-21:

President, Harriet Holmes, '21; Vice-President, Katherine Ball, '21; Secretary, Elizabeth Renner, '23; Treasurer, Mabel White, '21; Annual Member, Eunice Rice.

Ethel Rooney, '20, and Eunice Rice, '22, represented State College at the big Y. W. C. A. convention held in Cleveland, April 13-20.

Y. W. will hold a debate Friday, April 30. The subject will be "Honor System in State College."

THE "Y"

We are glad to have Beatrice Haswell, '23, with us again after her illness. We are glad, too, to be out of quarantine.

The House girls congratulate Ethel Rooney, '20, on her election as delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

Charlotte Lynch, '22, attended the Sophomore soiree. Marion Moore, Winifred Slegler and Elsie Kennedy, '20, attended the Albany Medic dance at Wolfert's Roost, Friday, April 16.

Lorine Lavell was the dinner guest of Charlotte Lynch, '22, Friday night.

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Delta Omega welcomes as pledge members Millicent Burhans, Helen McKenna, Marjory Mathewson, Elizabeth Renner, Marjory Smith and Agnes Truax.

Miriam Smith, '20, and Beatrice Buchanan, '21, attended a dance at the Delta Upsilon House, Union College, Friday evening.

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Eta Phi welcomes Gladys Hagner, Viola Holmes, Ethel Rusk, Marjorie Sibley and Eva Williams as pledged members.

Helen Selkirk, ex-'21, and Edith Chandler, '18, were luncheon guests at the House Sunday evening.

Miss Geraldine Murray and Miss Marjorie Tuttle entertained the faculty and members of Eta Phi at tea at the City Club, Sunday, March 30.

Georgia Koch, '22, visited Helen Van Aken, '22, at her home in Amsterdam during Easter vacation.

Harriet Church, '19, and Florence Stanbro, '21, have been attending the Omieron Nu convention at the University of Wisconsin during the past week.

Margaret Meyer, '22, recently visited Georgia Koch, '22, in Schenectady.

Helen Van Aken, '22, spent the week-end in Rensselaer.

May Truman, '21, is detained by illness at her home in Unadilla.

K Δ

Olive R. Wright spent the week-end at her home in Cambridge.

Robert Lloyd Blair of R. P. I. visited his sister, Hilda Eliza, Sunday.

Addie Jackson and Dorothy Hagan were taken into full membership last Tuesday.

We welcome the following as pledges to K Δ: Pauline George, '22; Castello Hees, '21; Katherine Sauter, '23; Delia Hadsell, '23; Erva Littell, '23; Helen Leary, '23; Dorothy Baker, '23.

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Chi Sigma Theta welcomes as pledged members Frances Flannery, '23; Marjorie Sinnott, '23; Eleanor Maderer, '23; Caroline Berberick, '23.

Aileen Russell, '19, and Mildred O'Malley, '18, spent last week-end in Albany. While here they attended the Albany Medical College dance at Wolfert's Roost.

Marion Haskins, '20, and Mae Cronin, '20, also attended the Medical College dance.

K Δ P

We welcome Dean Horner as an honorary member; Francis Donohue, '21, of Rochester, N. Y., as a member, and Elton J. Hakes, '21, of Troy, N. Y., and Charles Reilly, '23, of Albany, N. Y., as pledged members.

Jack Carson, ex-'20, spent the week-end of April 10 in Albany.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Connell, '16 and '17, on the birth of a son.

"Eli" Whitney, ex-'19, now a student at Cornell, visited several of the fellows while home on his vacation.

We shall miss Jack McCluer, '21, who has withdrawn from college for the rest of this year. His address is Franklinville, N. Y.

Don Tower, '19, spent his vacation in Washington, D. C.

The Tonawanda papers report Paul Manville's, '19, marriage to Miss Applegate of Ossining, during Easter vacation. We hope it's true. Here's our best!

Brothers Levett, '20, and Freestone, '23, spent a couple of days with Van Lobbell, '20, while here with the Colgate Musical Club.

"Slim" Landon, '21, spent his vacation in Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa., Washington, D. C., and New York.

We were glad to hear that Ernest Puderbaugh, '17, had "embarked on the sea of matrimony." We congratulate him, and would like to do the same for his wife, but "Fudly" forgot to tell us her name.

Kappa Delta Rho is now listed in Baird's Manual as one of the sixty-seven recognized National Greek letter fraternities of the United States, having seven chapters in four different states.

SOPHOMORE CLASS SOIREE

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Professor and Mrs. Risley, Mr. and Mrs. Hildley, Miss Wallace, Miss Phillips, Miss Bennett, Miss Card, Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, Dr. and Mrs. Hale and Dr. Painter.

The refreshments consisted of pineapple sherbet, fruited punch and wafers. The music was furnished by Symonds' orchestra.

SENIOR SONG CONTEST

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whose songs were: "Come on, Let's Go" and "The Four Ages of Twenty." The decision was given by Miss Bennett.

The class has voted to give a memorial window, which is to be dedicated to all those who paid the supreme sacrifice during the past great war.

HISTORICAL EPISODES

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by Viola Holmes completed the series.

The program proved very interesting and well planned. The costumes and appropriate music by Dorothy Danglemond and Florence Dorsey, piano, and Grace Aronowitz and Castella Hees violin, contributed much to its success. It is hoped that this will not be the last of similar entertainments.

NORMANSKILL HIKE

On Saturday afternoon, April 17, Dr. Evans, Dr. Croasdale and Dr. Douglas went on a hike to Normanskill with a number of the girls. About twenty girls went and they had a very pleasant time. The hike was held to give the people a good time as well as to improve the health of State College students. Probably many more hikes will be held in the near future.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow morning in Student Assembly Father Slattery will give his last lecture on Dante's "Divine Comedy."

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CLAYTON HAMILTON TALKS UPON THE THEATER

On Thursday night, March 18, the Dramatic and Art Association presented Mr. Clayton Hamilton, who gave a talk on the economic condition of the theater. Mr. Hamilton, who has seen all the noteworthy plays for the last twenty years, said that a prosperous theatrical season from the standpoint of the box office was usually a poor season for the drama. This year has been just such a financially prosperous time, for people crowd the theatres regardless of the plays that are shown. People complain because there are not enough serious and important plays produced. They say that American authorship is at fault; but they do not understand the situation. For there are plenty of important and serious plays written; but they cannot produce enough money weekly to stay in a theater in New York. So the plays that draw the crowds are given: bedroom farces and "who killed cock robin" plots. For even with the price of theater tickets doubled, these plays can run indefinitely.

Mr. Hamilton explained briefly the aim and history of the theater guild. To satisfy the desire that a great many good people have to see great and classic drama, a number of artists, actors and designers organized a theater guild whose aim was to produce great plays by great authors. The theater guild realized that its greatest problem was an economic one, and made it possible to save money by eliminating the stage manager. A business manager only was hired.

Their first great success was "John Ferguson," which has taken its place as a great play only through the guild. So, in so far as it can, this organization has solved for itself the economic problems of the theater.

Mr. Hamilton named the best plays now running in New York: "Beyond the Horizon," "Mamma's Affair," "Clarence," "The Famous Mrs. Fare," "Wedding Bells," "Abraham Lincoln," "Jane Clegg." Then Mr. Hamilton talked delightfully of what makes plays or any literature great. "The material is not important," said Mr. Hamilton, "but the mind of the author through which the material passes."

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

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them on an empty treasury? Knowing the enormous drain on the time and energy of the squad while it was endeavoring to uphold State's reputation, and appreciating the sacrifices and restrictions undergone by the men while doing so, we cannot help but grant that the customary reward has been earned by them in the full sense of the word.

That brings us to the question, how can we perform our duty on an empty treasury? Several ways suggest themselves—we might have a tag day for this purpose; or we might give a dance, the proceeds of which could be applied as above stated; or the amount necessary to do justice to our men could be transferred from some item in our blanket tax which has a surplus and where it could be spared without hindering the activity for which it was appropriated.

In considering the ways here suggested we can pass over the first two because with a \$9 blanket tax there should be no necessity for

a tag day for any student activity, and because a dance means a lot of work for some people and uncertain results, financially—even though we all like to dance.

We come now to the third means out of the difficulty—what might be termed a reappropriation of our tax money from one of our items which does not need it to one which does. At this point one might mention some figures for a clearer understanding of the situation. Last year's team had appropriated for it \$900 to finance a total of nine games, an average of \$100 a game; this year we appropriated \$1,000 for 15 games—an average of \$67 a game. Viewing these figures, it seems that we owe thanks to the management that we are as well off in the treasury as we are—instead of being empty, it might be full of unpaid bills. Somehow, from the above figures, one feels that the appropriation for basketball this year was rather conservative. Is it to be wondered at then, that there is no money left over for sweaters for the men?

There are several items in our 1919-20 budget which have fared better, financially, than basketball. Why couldn't part of the surplus amount of one of these items be applied to clean up the basketball slate? As an argument against this, it has been stated that whatever surplus there remains from any item is to be applied to that item on next year's budget. If that be the case we would be applying money paid expressly to support 1919-20 activities at State College, for supporting uncreated obligations of next year, while an existing obligation contracted this year would remain unsettled. Does such a construction seem logical? If not, why not make the reappropriation, as the simplest and most logical solution of the matter.

Bear in mind this fact—if we don't play square with the men this year, how much of a showing for basketball are we going to have next year?

This is merely an expression of opinion which does not aim to intrude upon the duties or privileges of the athletic council. Should the council have taken favorable action in the matter before this appears in print, I am sure that we are all behind them in their action.

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