

### Pardon Mr. John Porter Edge! Real Rivalry Score Is 30 1/2-17 1/2

CONTRARY TO THE STATEMENT made by Mr. John Porter Edge on the night of May 19 (Moving-up Day to you), the rivalry score between the sophomore and freshman classes was not and is not 27 1/2 to 17 1/2! According to John, (a math major—ich, tch!) a mistake was made somewhere, sometime, somehow in determining the totals—and it is therefore with great pleasure that the STATE COLLEGE NEWS rectifies the mistake:

The correct, official, unadulterated score was and is: 30 1/2 to 17 1/2. Short pause while members of the reading audience cheer, boo, or turn the page. For those of you who demand proof, listen my children and you shall hear a brief history of rivalry (the official kind) at State during the year '38-'39. So get out those pencils and rulers, and start checking carefully.

Way, way back last October, Campus day saw the sophomores gaining 3 points for men's pushball and 2 points for women's athletic events, while the freshmen were awarded 1 point for women's athletic events. There followed a long lull in rivalry affairs. Then Thursday evening during the last week of the first semester, the sophs threw a bombshell by finding 1942's banner (for which feat 5 points were given on Moving-up day). Next day came the assembly debate on "steadiness" in all its aspects, and the elated sophs gained 2 1/2 more points.

Women's basketball furnished the class of '41 with 3 additional points, and the rivalry sing in assembly gave them 2 1/2 points.

Then came a great turning of the tables, worms, or luck—as you will. The frosh emerged victorious from the men's basketball game, and thus accumulated 3 more points. McKown's Grove saw them also carry off the men's 3 baseball points, although the soph women again helped balance the score by gaining 3 points from the female baseball battle. In football, after two tie games, the frosh pulled down 3 more points by coming out on top in the third onslaught.

But, alas! The class of '41 once more came through. The discovery of the mascot brought them 5 extra points, which were also awarded on Moving-up day. Then, determined for revenge, the excited frosh proceeded to walk away with a little rope as well as the 3 tug-of-war points.

You know as well as we do the story of May 18 and 19: men's pushball—2 points for the frosh; women's athletic events—2 points for them there, too; stunt—3 points for the sophs; and sing—1 1/2 points apiece for the red and blue alike. So there it is—add it up! And if you can get anything but 30 1/2-17 1/2, well—just show us! We're willing to be convinced.

And now that all official mathematics are cleared up, we find that the frosh fellows are athletically superior to their rivals, but that in nearly all the women's events the sophomore Amazons seem to have the edge on the gals of '42. And thus, fellow citizens, ends rivalry till the arrival of 1943 and its little green banner.

### Alumni Association To Conduct Reunion

Initiation of Class of '39 Will Highlight Activities

The Alumni association of the college will conduct its annual Alumni day this year on June 17. The all day program of events is highlighted by meetings of the various classes, the presentation of "The Cradle Song," and the induction of the class of 1939 into membership.

Registration may be made on June 17 from 9:00 to 11:30 o'clock in the rotunda of Draper hall and from 11:30 o'clock on in the rotunda of the Residence halls. Alumni desiring to attend the luncheon to be conducted at 1:00 o'clock in the Residence halls and the Advanced dramatics offering at 4:00 o'clock in the auditorium of Page hall, must make reservations with the Alumni office on or before June 13.

The morning program features meetings of the various classes, the half and quarter century clubs, and a general business session in Page hall. In the afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Brubacher will receive those alumni in attendance. The day's activity will be climaxed by the beautiful, traditional torchlight ceremony at 9:00 o'clock.

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### 'All Neckties to Go' Say Eddie and Toya

Two wide-eyed people went on a rampage last Tuesday morning. They were out for blood—I mean ties,—dripping from the ends of a long, long, silvery pair of shears.

Toya and Eddie decided to make a rag mat from old rags—new neckties found around the necks of activities-minded students. So—giving ample warning to those who shall enter the activities office, they set out for their rag-ties.

And did they find them—and how. Victim after victim walked into the spider's net that they had spun. With the help of Borneo-haired Lenny, our scalpers went to work.

As the "elite" walked into the office, Eddie grabbed their ties while Toya cut them off. Polka dots, red and blue striped, black, blue, in fact all colors of the rainbow were exhibited in the line that was strung across the activities office.

### Len Fennell and Band To Play for Seniors

The Senior class has been very fortunate in securing the services of Len Fennell and his orchestra to play for the Senior Ball on June 19. Fennell's great band has had a continuous run of more than five years at the George F. Johnson Pavilion in Johnson City and has shown up well in comparison to the finest swing bands of the country that play there weekly.

The band is distinctive in that it does not play all of its numbers in its own style. Instead it uses the best arrangements that Shaw, Goodman, Clinton, Dorsey and others have made, such as "Begin the Beguine," "What Is This Thing Called Love," "Marie," "Sugar-foot Stomp," "One o'Clock Jump," "Song of India," "Shoot the Likker to Me John Boy"—just to mention a few are some of the best swing things Fennell plays in the style we have heard many times. This year's Senior Ball promises to be the best in years.

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## News to Sponsor Informal Party

"Statezapoppin" Answers Requests for Socials During Summer

The Summer School News is sponsoring an informal party in the Commons of Hawley hall on Friday evening, July 21, from eight to twelve o'clock. Admission is twenty-five cents per person, and all students, faculty members and their friends are urged to come.

The purpose of the party is to revive the spirit of campus life and enthusiasm which seems to have been dormant during the summer sessions here at State college. So many students move from class to class for six hot weeks, making few personal contacts either with fellow-students or with members of the faculty. Those students who commute, or those who live in rooms other than group houses, are apt to find themselves with no opportunity for social contacts. Those students who live in a group house find that their acquaintanceship is largely delimited by the walls of that particular group house. In order to bring together into a more compact body the men and women engaged in summer study at the College, and in order to foster a spirit of friendliness during the Summer Session, we announce this informal "get-together" or what we call "STATEZAPOPPIN."

Music and room for dancing will be supplied throughout the evening, tables and playing cards will be available, and there will be every opportunity for idle, or not-so-idle, chatter. Several of the faculty have already expressed their intention of attending, in the hope of meeting their students in an informal atmosphere.

Those who desire refreshments will find coca-cola for sale at the usual five cents a bottle. So dress for a good time, bring your own cigarettes, if you will, and join the fun.

## Prominent Librarians To Present Lectures

The library school of New York State College for Teachers is sponsoring during its summer session a series of four lectures by persons prominent in the field of librarianship. The first of these talks was held last Wednesday at 2:45 p. m. in room 23, Richardson Hall.

Miss L. Marion Mosler, editor of "New York Libraries" and supervisor of adult education and the public library division of the New York State Department of Education spoke on "Adult Education and the Young of New York State."

Miss Ann E. Kennedy of the library extension division of the State Department will speak August 9th. Dates for the other two speakers are tentative.

## VITAL STATISTICS

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## Library Uses Funds For Book Purchases

Benefits from Carnegie Gift Reach All Departments

This year the State College library will receive the benefits of the Carnegie Fund. This fund will make possible the enlargement of the library's book supply. All sorts of orders for new books have been received and purchasing proceeds rapidly.

Purchase lists made up of departmental requests are sent to the Carnegie Corporation which does the purchasing directly. For this purpose an office is maintained at the University of Michigan library. Lists must be carefully prepared by the librarian with complete bibliographical information. According to the July 1st statement, \$1,360 of the \$3,000 appropriation has already been spent.

The books are assembled in four classes: American and British books in print, out of print books, and books from the European continent. Only two books have been requested from other continents, one from Australia and one from India. Such requests are handled through British agents.

## Dean Nelson Greets Summer Students

Each year it is my pleasure to welcome the students of the summer session who seek to use the facilities of New York State College for Teachers. You have sacrificed most of your summer for further study in your chosen fields. We think your choice a wise one if you make the most of the opportunities offered here.

This year, as in the past, we are hoping to stimulate and guide you in the art of teaching. Yours is an important task, and our one hope is that you will at the end of the summer session return to your high calling better equipped to do your individual tasks.

Whatever we may do to help you will make us happy, for in that way we serve the public schools of New York State.

Accept, then, our greeting. The opportunities at State are many; we await only your acceptance of them.

## Dean's Office Releases '39 Registration Figures

Present Enrollment Decrease Result of Four Years' Normal Course



Dr. Milton G. Nelson, dean of the college, who is director of the summer school session.

## Milne Library To Be Available To Students

The model library of the Milne High School is open this summer under the direction of Miss Muriel Stuart for the purpose of making available a reading room for teachers and principals of secondary schools.

Hours are from 9:00 to 4:00 o'clock, except the lunch hour from 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock. There is a fine of five cents per day for each book kept overtime.

## Dean Nelson Greets Summer Students

The most popular department according to registration figures is the History Department, followed by the English and Education Departments, all of which have unusually large enrollments. The largest single class is Education 103, "Psychological Study of Problem Behavior."

Serving these 1939 summer session students is a staff composed of sixty-eight faculty members and seven administrative officers. Twenty-two of the thirty-six visiting professors and twelve of the thirty-two members of the regular college faculty here this summer have Ph. D. degrees. Seven visitors and fourteen regular faculty members have M. A. degrees.

The thirty-six visiting professors come from widely separated points of the compass, and represent institutions in seventeen states outside New York. Members of the regular staff of such nationally known colleges and universities as Vassar, Brown, Wisconsin, Princeton, and Michigan are at State this summer.

The summer session extends to August 16. Classes will end on August 14, but examinations are announced for the remaining two days.

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The NEWS will welcome any contributions from its readers. All articles must be signed but names will be withheld from publication on request. Communications may be left in the NEWS Mailbox in the basement of Draper Hall.

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## Complacent Scholars

The greatest danger that confronts formal education and the American mania for degree hunting is an attitude of smugness. We need to be jostled into the realization that there still exist original minds among that group which we so frequently brand as the laymen. Though they may never have had a single "course," which in many cases may be a substitute for original thought, they may still be valuable members of society alert to the basic principles that we can't see for the forest.

Sometimes these laymen are to be found among waiters in a restaurant. Another may be a Vermont rustic. I recall one such person who, though he had never learned to write, should have been teaching philosophy in a great university. It is perfectly possible that he would not have been so wise had he pursued a formal education.

We may wave these individuals aside with the thought that they are exceptions to the general rule but even that suggests an element of smugness that few of us will admit.

## Attention, Smokers!

Because a member of the group at Spencer Hall was careless with a cigarette, a fire that might have been disastrous occurred last Monday. It marked the fourth consecutive summer that a conflagration has occurred in the vicinity from the same cause. It is surprising that there are only four.

With so many indulging in the cigarette habit, it is important that we use care in our protection of property. A single match or a single butt may cause irreparable damage. It is well that we take warning from the accident at Spencer hall and use a little more common sense than has been our habit in the past.

There are four kinds of people, three of which are to be avoided and the fourth cultivated; those who don't know what they don't know; those who know that they don't know; those who don't know that they know; and those who know that they know.

(Disraeli quoted in the ELKON May '39)

## I Believe - Do You?

(With this issue the SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS will print the first of a series of "Credos" which will give the members of the faculty an opportunity to express briefly their ideas of what education should be. This week's "Credo" is that of Mr. Louis C. Jones, instructor of English.)

I believe in the people, the common people. I believe in a government which gives those people the greatest possible opportunity to make of their lives what they desire.

I believe that the best way a government can provide this opportunity is through an educational system that helps every child to find his ways of work and his most satisfying ways of pleasure.

I believe that a teacher should be a guide to these children, not a drill master,—tho' I am aware of certain values in certain drills.

I believe in the value of the best traditions of the past, especially in those cultural traditions which reassert the dignity of the human race.

I also believe in an education which makes each student and teacher deeply aware of the present: its great accomplishments and its tragic failures.

I believe in an education which teaches a child how to achieve economic independence, but an education which aims only to do that has merely trained a cog in the industrial and commercial machine. It should provide him with an understanding of a wide variety of cultural and intellectual interests, so that from the many he may find some few to make his own life more endurable to himself and others.

I believe that a teacher should have an inviolable personal life as well as a professional life. The administrator who expects his teachers to give their entire lives to the school is a fool, for a teacher must have time to build his own life so that he may remain a person, and a person worthy of his responsibility.

I believe a teacher should be himself, not what other people think a teacher ought to be. He should think for himself and, within reasonable limits, speak for himself, even if those are not the words expected from him.

I believe that when a teacher enters the school building he must cease to be conscious of any differences among his students in race, creed, or station. If he can not forget these differences in his treatment of students then let him go out and be a banker or garbage collector, but not a teacher.

I believe that a teacher's first loyalty is to the people of the state, and to no single political, religious, or racial group or institution within the state.

LOUIS C. JONES.

## Communications

To the Editor:

The welcome "at-home" feeling given visiting students in New York State Teachers College in Albany is very pleasing. The friendly spirit existing between the students and faculty is a bit unusual for such a large student body; nevertheless, it creates an environment that makes work enjoyable and very profitable. It is so pleasant to be recognized by a student or professor when met in the corridor, on the campus, or in other common meeting places. True, we cannot expect to be called by name, at least not in the first few days, but it is gratifying to be recognized as a member of the group.

The regular students, as well as those who have studied here in former years, are kind in giving directions, answering questions and explaining details which help the stranger to become orientated.

As a whole State Teachers' College is a little community enjoying common interests. It deserves great praise for its friendliness, which will send many of us away at the end of six weeks having made many new acquaintances and friends. This commendable spirit sets an example that might well be followed by other institutions of higher learning.

V. A. THOMPSON.

## Highlights on the Highbrows

Another summer session at State!

We began it in an auspicious manner by looking over the elite.

Not bad, lots of familiar faces, lots of new faces.

We looked around for changes, which weren't extensive.

Didn't Dr. Donnal V. Smith wear a mustache last year?

We don't see it this summer.

Oh, well, grass doesn't grow on a busy street, or above it, either.

We went looking around for Mr. Hardy, only to find he's moved his office.

We didn't catch up with him, but then he's always been the nomadic type.

He tells people how to act and how to speak.

Well, he ought to know!

Mr. Clark is all over the place, too.

So is his hair.

We hear that Dr. Jordan is a decided asset to the English department.

Sort of a combination of the Hart-Schaffner-Marx and Arrow collar ads.

Of course, it wouldn't be our luck to get him in a course.

And environment is such an important factor in learning!

Mr. Wolgast, of the history department, hasn't much use for newspapers—or reporters.

He wishes newspapers would learn to print facts, unadulterated and unembellished.

Now, Mr. Wolgast, don't tell us you're one of those who don't believe what they read in the newspapers!

We were delighted to see Dr. St. John back again.

The man always has a pleasant smile.

Professor Hicks is that way, too.

When he walks down the hall, we are reminded of a Nazi field day, with everyone waving at him.

Not that we've ever been to a Nazi field day, but you get the idea.

Well, material for this column isn't exhausted, by any means.

But we are!

Are you?

## Meet Your Mentors

(This year State College has a faculty made up of many interesting members who'd like to know their students, and whom the latter would enjoy knowing. We are presenting two of them today.)

If you are an English major or minor, you probably struggled through the survey course in English Literature at some time or other. Dr. George K. Anderson, visiting instructor from Brown University, is in some ways responsible for this—he is the author of the text that is used, *The Literature of England*.

When asked for an interview and a picture, Dr. Anderson expressed his surprise but very charmingly obliged us. His family had gone away and he was unable to obtain a picture for the NEWS.

Dr. Anderson will finish a new book soon, *This Generation*. He will go to England on his sabbatical leave which comes in a year or two. He has already studied early English literature in England twice before.

Although Dr. Anderson has been at Brown since 1927, his teaching experience has been varied. He was graduated from Harvard in 1920 and since then has taught in that college and in the George Washington University in Washington. He has spent his summer sessions at the Bread Loaf School which is the English division of Middlebury College, and State college where he taught English courses last summer.

Dr. Anderson said that he likes State college—the location, size of the school and especially the students. He feels that they come here because they are really interested in learning. "Right now," Dr. Anderson said, "I miss my dog." He is also interested in tennis and music.

Mr. Lionel C. Pearson is a most delightful person. This comes as somewhat of a shock to one who has seen his name in the catalogue, for "Professor of Classics" is, after all, rather impressive. He has taught at Dalhousie University in Halifax, and at Yale. He was born in London, and prepared for Oxford at Ampleforth.

Having travelled extensively in Europe, he is most anxious to revisit Italy. His interests, outside travelling, and the classics are—golf (he shoots in the low eighties) and music (he plays the violin well, but the piano badly).

Typically British, Mr. Pearson does not appreciate the alleged literature of America, nor does he understand the enthusiasm shown in politics and football. He misses his tea, and he also misses the English gardens.

According to Mr. Pearson the virtual suppression of the classics in this country is very foolish, inasmuch as they are a definite aid to many other subjects.

If he happened to be of the unanimous English opinion that Americans are barbarians, he politely concealed it and admitted a liking, if not unqualified, for the United States.

## Co-op Has Nineteen-year Career Since Origin in Janitor's Office

Established in September, 1920, the State College Co-op has been steadily growing in service to students and faculty. That it will be open each year in its usual place with its shelves laden with supplies has come to be taken for granted by many students.

Few realize that the Co-op began its career across the hall in the tiny dark room now used as the janitor's office. Few, crowding in to buy books at the beginning of each session, stop to think what a boon it has been to professors. It was primarily to save them time, annoyance, and frequent money loss that the book store was first established, according to Olga Hampel Briggs who wrote a brief history of the shop on its 10th anniversary.

The first manager of the Co-op was Miss Helen T. Fay, then assistant in the history department, now nationally known in publishing circles and member of the staff of Holiday House, publishers of exceptionally beautiful children's books. Under her leadership the shop proved so successful that it was decided that the College Y.W.C.A. could take it over. But for three years under this arrangement its reputation declined and its debts increased to such an extent that Miss Fay had to be called back to rescue it. Through indefatigable efforts the Co-op not only re-established its credit but also became in its present quar-

ters a model for similar bookstores in many other colleges.

Since May, 1937, Miss Margaret Burnette, '36, has been managing the Co-op with the assistance of Miss Barbara Kelly, '35. Both attended the convention of the National Association of College Stores at St. Louis this year.

Today, continuing the ideals of Miss Fay, the Co-op staff and student assistants are constantly striving to gratify collegiate needs and desires. Their services are offered with intelligent friendliness and ready cooperation.

The Co-op has been the scene of many thrilling experiences for State College students. It was a gala day, for instance, when Christopher Morley dedicated the "Haunted Bookshop," that secluded nook of the Co-op, replica of a corner of the original Haunted Bookshop, where one may read in quiet and comfort. Mr. Morley brought with him a bag of walnuts which he autographed and distributed to the "nutty people" who would spend a fine Saturday afternoon in a bookstore.

Among the Co-op's other distinguished guests, students and faculty will remember Frederic Melchior of *Publisher's Weekly*, Robert Frost, Dorothy Lathrop, Carl Carmer, John Lomax and many others.

Truly, in the words of the late Professor Kirkland of the Education Department, the "Co-op is more than a supply house or a bookshop; it is a place of intriguing suggestion. Two minutes there always remind one of the good things he once meant to write; and of the better things he still means to read."

### Dean Announces Hours

Dean Nelson announces that he is in his office for consultation with students from 8:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M. each day and at other times by appointment. When the doors are open, you—and you may walk right in. And don't bother to knock.

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## Residence Halls House Students

Summer session students are making use of practically the same housing facilities that are available to the regular session students. Ten houses are open to women students and eight to men while the visiting faculty are occupying North Hall, on Ontario Street, and various apartments vacated by regular session faculty, according to Miss Mary Morton, Supervisor of Housing.

From the twelve sorority houses used in regular session, only six are opened for residence this summer. Those six are: Delta Omega, Kappa Delta, Chi Sigma Theta, Beta Zeta, Phi Delta and Sigma Alpha. All four of the fraternity houses are open: Kappa Delta Rho, Edward Eldred Potter Club, Kappa Beta and Sigma Lambda Sigma. Four additional houses are available to women students: Newman Hall, Wren Hall, Maison Francaise, and the Main and South halls of the Alumni Residence Halls. Other group houses for men are Avalon Hall, College House, Spencer Hall and Pierce Hall, the latter of the Alumni Residence Halls.

Miss Morton also has announced women's residence regulations. All group houses close at twelve midnight, every night, and men callers may remain until that hour. Permission may be obtained from the housemother or head resident in charge of the house to remain out later. All non-resident students registered at New York State College for Teachers during regular session are required to live in approved houses during summer school.

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### Prospective Freshmen Swelter Under Fire of Qualifying Tests

With palpitating hearts and sweating brows, fifteen prospective freshmen enter the halls of State College every day for the final tests of their fitness for acceptance in a teachers' college. The roll of applicants, already cut down by scholastic standards for admission, will be further depleted by the results of personality, speech and physical examinations.

Mr. William G. Hardy, instructor in the English department, who makes all speech tests, stresses the importance of eliminating those who, although boasting Regents' averages of over 90%, are not possessed of the personal and physical qualities essential to good teaching. "The ability to communicate the English language clearly and pleasantly," says Mr. Hardy, "is essential." Whatever else he teaches, the teacher sets an example of good or poor speaking before his students. For this reason, a careful analysis is made of the speech characteristics and the speaking apparatus of each prospective freshman. Any serious defects which cannot be corrected by means of the College clinical facilities serve to disqualify the prospects.

Successful in his speech tests, the perspiring applicant proceeds to interviews before three other imposing members of the College faculty. Now he finds himself critically ex-

amined in the light of personal habits and characteristics, yet the whole process is made as pleasant as possible by the obviously friendly intentions of the various interviewers. Among those who enjoy the pleasure, or perhaps bear the burden with a smile, of these private chats, are Dr. J. Allen Hicks, Dr. William M. French, Dr. Carleton E. Power, Dr. Ralph A. Beaver, Dr. Harry Birchenough, Dr. Ralph G. Clausen, Dr. C. Currien Smith, Dr. Donnal V. Smith, Mr. Chester J. Terrill, Mr. Harrison M. Terwilliger, and Miss Katherine E. Wheeling.

Thence goes the freshman prospect to one of the staff doctors for a thorough physical examination, the men being taken care of by Dr. Earl J. Dorwaldt, the women by Dr. Matie E. Green.

And finally—to the Dean himself, Dr. Milton G. Nelson, where all interview records are gathered and interpreted as carefully as possible. Our applicant has reached the end of a busy day, alternating spasmodically between hope and doubt. If he succeeds, he can look forward to a college career of work and fun here at State College. If he fails, he can console himself with the knowledge that he has discovered his lack of fitness for teaching before putting in four years of futile preparation, only to find that there is no place for him as a teacher.

### Chit-Chat And Sherbet Highlight Dean's Party

Dean and Mrs. Nelson informally welcomed all the members of the faculty and staff at a reception in the Ingle Room of the Alumni Residence Halls, Monday, July 10. About one hundred resident and visiting faculty members chatted and ate sherbet with the college staff.

Two interesting observations deserve comment. First, the number of visitors slightly overbalances that of the resident faculty. Secondly, the faculty enjoyed themselves finding people who knew someone else. In other words it was one of those, "Do you remember?" or "Did you ever meet?" evenings.

Mrs. Nelson used delphinium from her garden for her decorations.

### Business Hours

The Co-op will be open daily from 7:45 to 4:00 and Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00, according to the announcement of Miss Margaret Burnette, Co-op manager.

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### Book Exhibition Opens Under Co-op Direction

Through the efforts of Miss Burnette of the Co-op, State college is provided with a most interesting display of textbooks for all courses, which is being held in the Activities office on the bottom floor of Draper hall. These displays, which are provided by several of the larger publishing houses, are similar to the ones constructed at nearly all of the larger schools for teacher training during the summer, as well as at the educational conferences.

Each of the companies J. P. Lippincott Co., John C. Winston Co., McGraw-Hill, L. W. Singer Co., Scott, Foresman & Co., and the American Book Co., has its own table in the activities office.

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## Mohawk Festival Resumes Activity

### Charles Coburn Heads Group in Seven Week Season at Schenectady

Sixteen miles from Albany at Union college, Schenectady, there is now playing the only professional dramatic organization chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

Modeled after the Malvern and Stratford-on-Avon festivals, the theatre has been playing annually to more than 90,000 spectators from every state in the union since the beginning of the venture in 1935.

Charles Coburn has charge of the entire project.

Prominent men of the theatre like Clayton Hamilton and Walter Pritchard Eaton have lectured at the festival; plays including *Lysistrata* and *High Tor* have been offered in previous seasons. This year the repertoire extends from *Taming of the Shrew* to the two season New York success, *Our Town*.

The festival idea includes a training school for students of the drama who attend classes each morning during the seven weeks' drama course. In the afternoon these students take part in designing, lighting, and acting along with the professional actors who present the play. In the period of a single summer the student-apprentices have the opportunity of working with 40 to 50 professionals from New York and Hollywood.

From time to time those who take the summer course present their own versions of the current play and act bit parts in the major productions. The enrollment of the Institute has been limited in the past to 50 members.

In praising the Union college drama festival Owen D. Young, Regent of the University of the State of New York, commented: "It is significant that the great Foundations such as the Carnegie and Rockefeller are realizing this trend and supporting such activities as this." The Carnegie Corporation, after the first year of the festival, gave "a substantial grant" to the Institute for a period of three years.

This summer will see the world premiere of *Charlotte Corday*, with Eugenie Leontovich in the title role. Helen Jerome, author of the play, recently dramatized two stage successes, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Jane Eyre*.

### Mann Wins Championship

Lloyd C. Mann, State college student, last week, won the Spencer Hall Barnyard Golf Tournament eliminating Robert Hogan 21-8, 21-8. Mann, top-seeded player, eliminated Donnelly, Gurtland, Hughes, Damanda, Helmer and Normie in rapid fashion to enter the finals against Hogan, also a top-seeded player. Mr. Mann was awarded first prize of \$5.00 and was tendered a dinner at Hotel Ten Eyck last Saturday night.

### DO YOU KNOW?

- That Albany contains—
- 4 public libraries
- 4 high schools
- 22 private academies
- 24 elementary schools
- 5 degree-granting colleges
- several private business-training schools
- 85 churches distributed among some 16 denominations
- A replica of the Grotto of Lourdes, France
- 25 parks occupying almost 300 acres
- An observatory where visitors are allowed to observe the heavenly bodies
- Nearby points of interest—particularly John Boyd Thacher park at the edge of the Helderberg cliffs, where, on unusually clear days, a view carries to the foothills of the Adirondacks?

## Wyman Bull Sessions Draw Large Crowds

### Students and Faculty Join to Discuss All Problems

Bull Sessions are being conducted every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock in room 12 of Richardson hall under the supervision of H. B. Wyman, Dean of the Junior college in Phoenix, Arizona.

The aim of this "informal summer conference" is to "air your own opinions freely," said Mr. Wyman. Each time he appoints two chairmen who preside and keep the discussion moving.

Next Tuesday, July 25, the topic under discussion will be, "To group or not to group." The following points will be considered:

a. Is it desirable to establish classes to accommodate the abilities of pupils better equipped mentally than the average, or in a democratic system of education is the average pupil entitled to the stimulation that class contact with the upper level can give, even though the brighter pupil must therefore go at a slower pace?

b. Can homogeneous grouping be justified upon any basis other than learning rate?

This discussion group again claims the attendance of summer students who have been dropping into these bull sessions for the past couple of summers.

### Faculty Frolic Freely At Annual Picnic Party

Faculty members of State college, with their families, threw aside professional restraint and enjoyed heartily the annual faculty picnic held Thursday afternoon and evening at Thacher State Park.

In the afternoon the dignified "profs" could be seen pitching horse shoes, playing soft ball or quietly talking. At 6:00 o'clock the usual picnic supper was served.

Dr. C. C. Smith was chairman of the event and announced that the annual stag picnic has been planned for August 3.

## All-State Party Highlights Social Events of Summer

### DANCE CHAIRMAN



Janice Friedman, '40, who will act as general chairman of the dance to be conducted in the Commons tonight.

### Informal Affair in Commons Offers Entertainment Tonight at Eight

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Commons of Hawley hall, the staff of the Summer School News offers "STATEZAPOPPIN," an all-State party. The affair is open to all students, faculty members, and their friends, for the price of twenty-five cents per person. Informality will be the keynote.

The purpose of the party is to bring into closer contact the faculty and students of the State college summer session, and to foster a friendly spirit on the campus.

To fulfill this purpose, various types of entertainment will be offered. Music for dancing will be available; and if you wish to reserve a table and cards for a game of bridge, twenty-one, or casino, drop a note in the student mailbox to Enes Novelli.

In addition, the opportunity for pleasant chatting with fellow-students and faculty members is offered to you. Of the professors and instructors, several have already signified their intention of attending.

### Chaperones

Chaperones for the events are Miss Mary Morton, Dr. and Mrs. Milton G. Nelson, Mr. William Wolgast, Mr. William Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hardy.

Arrangements for the party have been made by Janice Friedman, general chairman; Enes Novelli, music and entertainment; Alice Brown, chaperones; and Frank Augustine, arrangements.

Members of the News staff will act as hosts and hostesses throughout the course of the evening, serving as a kind of "mixing" committee. The event is scheduled to close at 12:00 o'clock midnight.

## La Maison Francaise Opens This Autumn

La Maison Francaise, a new residence hall for women, located at 824 Myrtle Avenue, will be opened next fall under the direction of Monsieur and Madame Millet.

The distinguishing feature about La Maison is that only French will be spoken in its halls. Each student, upon entrance, must sign a pledge to speak only French while in the house or on the grounds. Aided by Miss Dobbin, the students will spend one hour each day studying the elements of every day speech.

For the first time in their lives, many young ladies will be lost for words. Just imagine a young man approaching the reception desk of the dormitory and stumbling through, "Voulez vous bien dire a Mademoiselle Jones que je suis ici." And then Miss Jones rushes down the stairs only to be stumped for words on meeting her beau.

Undoubtedly the experiment by the French Department will prove successful, but then the Sociology Department will have a new problem on its hands—what to do with willing-to-talk, but silent belles.

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