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VARSITY TO MAKE TRIP

Will Play Four Games; Men Make Progress

The victorious varsity basketball team will have its first 1925 game January 7, with Seton Hall College at South Orange, New Jersey, as the first of a four game trip to New York City. It was announced Wednesday by Harvey C. Fenner, manager. The team will go to South Orange the day after the opening of college and play that night there. Thursday evening, the day following, they will play in New York City. Manager Fenner is trying to book a game with a team there. Friday evening they will play Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, and Saturday evening they will end the trip with Cooper Union in New York, returning home Sunday.

After the trip, every game will be played in Albany, the management having arranged ten of the fourteen games for this city, so that students may have more opportunity to see the team in action. Jamaica Teachers will play here Friday evening, January 17, and the Alumni will play January 24. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

February 7, open at Albany; February 13, Brooklyn Pharmacy at Albany; February 14, Oswego Normal at Albany; February 20, Cortland Normal at Albany; February 28, Rochester School of Optometry at Albany.

This week there have been practices and the team will be ready for its New York games after vacation. Both games scheduled with St. Stephen's College have been cancelled by the Annandale management. St. Stephen's was defeated 33 to 14 by Union four days after the Schenectady college defeated State by one less point.

The work of the team thus far this season has drawn praise from most of the sports writers, who seemed particularly pleased with the Union game. Probably the Purple and Gold has a better court five this year than it has boasted for several seasons. In Gainor, State has a center who can outjump anybody who has yet been encountered in the pivot positions of opposing teams. Kuczynski and Nephew, who played at forwards in the early games, have been fast enough to pile up points in both games. Hornung, utility forward, was used at guard in the first two games and worked well. In Johnson and Juckett State has two former varsity basketball captains and guards, Juckett having captained the Purple and Gold last season and Johnson two years ago. Both have won praise for their work this year. In reserve, Coach Baker has been keeping Gilchrist and Dobris, guards, and Griffin, Kershaw and Donnelly.

Hammersley Appointed Stage Manager; Vincentian Institute Has Been Secured



Marion O'Connor
"Margaret"
(Courtesy Albany Evening News)

Mildred E. Hammersley, '25, has been appointed stage manager for the production January 17, at the Vincentian Institute, of the annual bill of three one-act plays by the elementary dramatics class by Miss Agnes E. Futterer. Other committees for the presentation are: Ruth Blumauer, prompter; Mary Flannigan, secretary-treasurer; assistants on stage and lighting committee, Alice Spencer, Walter Morgan, Doris Begor, Muriel Buckbee, Beth Ogleby, Mildred Whitegiver; advertising, Edwin Van Kleeck, chairman, Mary Tracey, Anna Koff, Mary P. O'Hare, Georgia De Mocker, and Marguerite Hadleck; properties, Marion Cheesbrough, chairman; Frances S. Cheney, Elizabeth Falls, Mary E. Herman, Mary Nolan, Louis Doyle, and Niles Haight; costume and make-up, Miss Donner, chairman; Ethel M. Bisland, Zelma Gorman, Clara Schairer; house committee, M. Campbell, chairman; Marion M. O'Connor, assistant; Agatha Flint, Dorothy Haight, Viola B. Hewitt, and Beatrice Hodgins.

Very encouraging rehearsals of all three plays were conducted this week and last by Miss Futterer. Outsiders who have seen the dramas in rehearsal say they will prove a sure success when they are given January 17. At the present time the work is well advanced. Over vacation the members of the cast will be left to perfect themselves in their parts individually and following it Miss Futterer will have ten days to bring the work up to its best point for the public presentation.



Margaret Hutchins
"Thyrsis"
(Courtesy Albany Evening News)

The stage committee began work this week and the committee on sets has also been active. Several new ideas are being worked out in the setting of the plays. In "Aria da Capo," the sets used in the productions of the same play in other colleges, chiefly that used at Vassar and at the presentation here by the advanced class last year, are being studied.

Miss Hammersley and two of her assistants will each take charge of the setting for one of the plays. The Vincentian auditorium which seats more than 1500 has been engaged for a dress rehearsal for Friday afternoon, January 16.

The line-up and score: ST. MICHAEL'S

	fb.	fp.	tp.
Boiselle, r. f.	3	3	9
O'Connor, l. f.	0	0	0
Gassette, c.	1	0	2
McAlpine, r. g.	0	1	1
Perotta, l. g.	2	0	4
McInery, l. f.	0	0	0
Flannery, l. g.	0	0	0
Shea, r. f.	0	0	0
Totals	6	4	16

	fb.	fp.	tp.
Hornung, r. f.	0	0	0
Kuczynski, l. f.	6	1	13
Gainor, c.	1	1	3
Nephew, r. g.	2	0	4
Johnson, l. g.	0	1	1
Griffin, l. f.	1	0	2
Totals	10	3	23

STATE BEATS ST. MICHAELS

Ruczynski Stars For State, Score 23-16

A Purple and Gold whirlwind, with Tony Kuczynski at the bellows, swooped down upon St. Michael's College from Winooski park, Vermont, Saturday night, and brought victory to State College by a 23 to 16 score. The game was played before a capacity crowd in the college gymnasium.

Coach Baker's revamped team, coming through for the first time this season, ran away with St. Michael's, its traditional opponent, building up a fourteen point lead in the first half and piling on the tallies in the closing period. State closed the game with three freshmen on the floor.

With Nephew, forward in the Union and Brooklyn Law games at guard and Hornung, utility man, shifted from guard to forward and the rest of the line-up intact, Coach Baker sprung a surprise on the fans and the Vermonters.

Tony Kuczynski, a freshman forward, did most of the scoring. The Polish star, totalled 13 of the college's points. Nephew, the second freshman on the floor, held his man scoreless and caged two baskets. Griffin, the third freshman, sent into the game in Hornung's place at right forward in the closing minutes, made another, and Captain Gainor scored twice, once from the floor and once from the fifteen foot line. Johnson, guard, playing Boiselle, St. Michael's star, accounted for the other point.

The game started in good tempo and after five minutes State was playing faster than any time before this season. The passwork, weak spot of the game Monday night, was a sensation. Late in the second half the Vermonters rallied temporarily, but the Purple and Gold stopped the rush and started its scoring again.

Perotta of St. Michael's opened the game with an easy basket and McAlpine, captain, caged a free throw. Kuczynski then made a sensational shot one-third the length of the court. Gainor followed with another and the team had full sway until the half when the score was 17 to 4, Kuczynski having come through with four more fields.

During the opening period and later St. Michael's substituted frequently in an effort to stop the flow of points. Nobody went out of the game on either side on personals.

State scored first in the second half when Nephew pulled down an easy one after a long dribble down the floor. Kuczynski followed it up and then Perotta came through for the opponents. Boiselle scored twice in succession and a moment later sent the sphere through the basket for a third, making two fouls in addition.

Griffin broke the visitor's streak with a neat shot and the game ended a few moments later, the score 23 to 16.

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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

GOOD ADVICE

"Five more days until Christmas" seems to be a general slogan for all colleges. Without trying to throw a wet blanket over exuberant spirits we might also begin counting up the days before mid-years—just for amusement, of course. Every holiday is followed by a certain "let-down" feeling and the passing of this season is especially to be regretted by students, for it involves not only a return to work after an enjoyable vacation, but a crisis—examinations. These tests should mean merely a "falling back upon restored resources" according to our professors, but to most of us it means a last frantic effort to reach a desired goal. If we have been satisfied with "getting by" rather than "getting on" we are probably in danger—not only from examinations, but also from mental inertia. Although it is rather a late hour to sound the alarm, let's shake ourselves and make a few New Year's resolutions; we shall not spoil our Christmas vacation by taking home our History 2 and calculus books; we shall do our best to take advantage of the instruction given between the close of the holiday session and the mid-years; we shall not sit up the night before our finals—drinking black coffee and cramming; we shall fool our instructors by passing the most fiendish of finals.

No Christmas tree too small to hold a "Ped."

EDUCATION WORTH WHILE

"Is education worth all the study, worry, and work that it is costing me?" The dejected freshman may well ask this question. Years ago, a girl was considered educated if she had finished Grammar School. Wasn't she trained well enough? Wasn't she as successful in life as many of our college graduates of to-day? At first thought we might say "yes," but if we really think far enough, we will come to the conclusion, that she lacked very much. One can learn just for the sake of knowing. This is selfishness. One can learn because it is required of him. This is indifference. But the one who learns that he may help others to get a better appreciation and fuller knowledge of the life worth while, is grasping the real object of his existence. A teacher has the opportunity to do this. A girl who goes to State College prepares herself to come in contact with, and to help mould countless young minds, thus adopting for her motto "Sapientia non sua sed docendi causa."

We often hear men and women say that their lives have been greatly influenced by a former teacher. That teacher's efforts were not in vain. Each freshman can look forward to the day when she will stand before a group of eager young faces, looking to her for the instruction, sympathy, and understanding which only a truly devoted teacher can give. This goal toward which we are all striving is so glorious that we can easily forget our present struggles with History 2 and Chemistry 1, and rest assured that our education is worth far more than it costs us. So instead of flinging down our books with, "This eternal homework makes me tired," let us pick them up with, "The more I learn, the better I'll teach, so here goes!" V. H., '28.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

There is a rumor about that the students do not advertise State College enough. Why not abate this rumor? Upon inquiry it was ascertained that if the students bought more State College seals and literally covered all their books and suitcases with them State would have more renown, for the students would advertise it at the many and various places they visit.

Be proud of your college! Don't be afraid to let everybody know what college you are attending. Let them discover it for themselves by letting them see the New York State College seals on your luggage and books. When you go home for Christmas vacation, let your home town see that you're proud of State. "And," said my informer, "there is no need to say that you can't get seals, for one may obtain them at the "Co-op."

L. V. S., '28.

SENIORS PLEDGE LOYALTY

The Residence Hall committee announces that until Monday, December 15, forty-eight seniors have pledged, \$4,900. It is hoped that by the end of vacation, everyone will pledge.

For some time, the Residence Hall committee has been getting together reports of the year's work. A copy of this report is being sent to each alumnus who has subscribed, together with a statement of the purchase of land for a dormitory.

DEAN METZLER PLANS TOUR

Dean Metzler with his family and a group of friends will spend next summer touring Europe, visiting especially England, Ireland, Scotland, and France. From several previous experiences as a traveler in Europe, he has mapped out a very fine itinerary, which he will be glad to show to anyone wishing to visit these countries. The Dean expressed his willingness to assist any of the college people who would like to plan a trip, or to have a few join his group if they so desired.

Y. W. EXHIBITS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Thirty-one settlement children, each hugging a Christmas gift, gave a last look at the Christmas tree in the College gym at five-thirty last Saturday. Ethel Van Denburgh had decorated with holiday colors of green and red. Marjorie Seeger saw that each child received a present. Katherine Saxton tried to satisfy them with ice cream cones, and, Marjorie Robertson and Dorothy Rowland kept them entertained for almost three hours. The freshmen, it appears, have made their debut in Y. W. social service work.

SOPHOMORES WIN FROM FRESHMEN

The freshmen bid farewell to their first basketball season at State by a game with the sophomores at 4:00 last Tuesday. The contest was uneven throughout and ended by the sophomores carrying off a victory of 23-2.

Sophomores	Freshmen
Sweetmann	R. F. Wright
DuBois	L. F. Reid
Hartmann	C. Seeger
Falle	R. G. Roland
Couch	L. G. Lee

SENIORS VICTORIOUS

The freshmen lost on Monday, December 15, their second game with the seniors. "Dot" Roland's long passes and "Bee" Wright's shooting tied the score at the end of the first half, 12-12. However, the "never-winded" senior five held the freshmen scoreless in the second half and gained a victory of 24-12.

Seniors	Freshmen
Craddock	R. F. Wright
Hoyt	L. F. Green
Moore	C. Roland
Hutchins	R. G. Lee
Daly	L. G. Cohen

PROM PREPARATIONS

"And don't neglect to get a man for Prom—" with January 30, 1925, in view, the upper classmen and sophomores see off their friends. Exotic favors, enticing music, inviting floor, all this the committees under Hilda Klinkhart, '26, are planning. The members of the upper classes are taking care that the Ten Eyck ball room will be crowded for the event. Those directly responsible for this festivity are: favors, Percy Briggs, chairman; Marion Landon, Mildred Babcock, Margaret Leishman, Anna Koff, and Elizabeth Milmine; house and decorations, Sarah Petherbridge, chairman; Herbert Campbell, Florence Henry, Blanche Merry, Rosaline Greenberg, and Burton Sage; refreshments, Janette Manville, chairman; Ione Hunter, Zelma Gorman, Betty Doyle, Marion Hitchcock, Agnes Lee; invitation and taxi, Marion O'Connor, chairman; George Kershaw, Leo Cantwell, Bernice Quinn, Lorena Shaffer, Mildred Loman; music, Alice Spencer, chairman; Mary Rhein, Elizabeth Falk, Catherine Bermingham, Thyra BeVier, and Ethel Persk.



Georgia Koch, '22, and Ethel Rusk, '23, were week-end guests at the Eta Phi house.

Eta Phi entertained her faculty members and their children at a Christmas party on Saturday, December 13, from three to five. The guests were Mrs. John Sayles, Mrs. Adna W. Risley, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hastings, Professor and Mrs. Jesse Stinard, Professor and Mrs. T. F. Candlyn, Professor and Mrs. Harry Birchenough, the Misses Dorothy and Barbara Birchenough, Betty Candlyn, Mary Margaret Stinard, and Alice Hastings and Masters Robert Birchenough, Harry Hastings, and Charles Stinard.

Miss Florence Dorsey, '23, was a guest at the Eta Phi house recently.

Mary Elizabeth Vedder, '25, of Catskill and Alice Spencer, '26, of Saratoga Springs, spent the week-end at their homes.

Gladys Weaver, '24, was entertained over the week-end at the Delta Omega house.

Frances Cowan, '24, Syracuse, was the week-end guest of her sister Anne Cowan, '27, of Page Hall.

Josephine Newton, '28, of Page Hall, spent the week-end in New York.

Ruth Tefft, '23, visited the Psi Gamma house last week.

On Thursday, December 18, Psi Gamma held a Christmas party. A buffet supper was served after which the sorority had a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Arthur Wilsie, formerly Mildred Kuhn, '24, visited Gamma Kappa Phi house last week-end.

Helen Quackenbush, '26, is ill at her home in Johnstown, and is not expected to return until after the holidays.

Thursday, December 11, Kappa Delta Rho welcomed into the fraternity the following men: DeWitt Zeh, Clarence Nephew, Harold Crouse, Gilbert Ganong, Harry Briggs, Howard Goff, Alexander Bryant, Richard Jensen, Erwin Allen, Ralph Stanley, and Francis Griffin.

Miss Helena A. Hallihan, '04, died at Faxton Hospital, Utica, Saturday, December 6.

There will be a college concert in Chancellor's Hall, Friday, February 6, beginning promptly at 8:30 P. M. All the musical organizations of the college will take part. There may be an assisting artist.

For the benefit of those students living in Albany, attention is called to the Oberlin Glee Club concert held in the college auditorium Monday, December 29. Tickets will be on sale December 15 to 25 at the Central Y. M. C. A., and December 25 to 29 at Cluett's, 49 State street.

Arthur P. Abbot will address the student assembly January 16, on the subject of our relations to Mexico. Lantern slides will accompany the address.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

'28 DEFEATS WATERFORD

Nephew Stars; Scores 12 Point

The freshman men's basketball team won its second victory in three games Monday night in the college gym, defeating the fast Waterford High school varsity, 23 to 16, in a speedy and rough game.

The freshmen were trailing 5 to 4 at the end of the first quarter but after that were never headed and came through with a fine brand of ball. Nephew, captain, was high man for the yearlings with 12 points, four fields and four successful free throws. Griffin scored 6 points, four on shots from the fifteen foot line and the other on a basket from the floor. Kuczyński scored a field, and Goff a field and a foul. Dobris and Jensen completed the team.

Wallace and Captain Hartnett played best for the high school boys who lost their second game in eight contests thus far this year. The freshmen came through in their best form this season, playing far superior to the Rensselaer High game. They have booked a return game with Waterford at Waterford for January 23.

Waterford had defeated Rensselaer High school twice this season.

S. N. K. ABOLISHES HAZING

Believing that the day of hazing as a means of initiation into college life has passed, members of Sigma Nu Kappa have voted to join the nationwide movement among the leading colleges and universities to substitute a more civilized form of fraternity ritual. This year, for the first time in the history of the fraternity, Sigma Nu Kappa will not subject the freshman members to the customary physical initiation. A new form of initiatory exercise has been arranged and will be established as a precedent for the future.

The motion to abolish hazing was not carried without opposition. It excited considerable argument. On its final vote, however, it was accorded unanimous approval by special motion. Members of the fraternity believe that the new ritual will make for more loyal support and will tie the fraternal bonds closer than the antiquated method of hazing.

To top off this year's induction of new members, Sigma Nu Kappa conducted a theatre party at Harmanus Bleecker Hall, Wednesday night, December 17, which was attended by twenty student members and two faculty members.

SPANISH CLUB TO INITIATE

The regular meeting of the Spanish Club was held Wednesday, December 10. The initiation party for new members was fixed for the first week after examinations. There will be a supper at the college after which the new members will entertain the club. Sara Bailey, '27, and Blanche Merry, '26, are in charge of the supper. Abbie Crawford, '27, is making arrangements for the stunts to be put on by the initiates.

A committee, consisting of Anna Steidinger, '27, chairman, and Anne Raynor, '26, has been appointed to raise funds for the memorial window to be given by the Spanish Club in memory of Miss Martinez.

MUSIC RECITAL SUCCESSFUL

A memorable concert rendered even more enjoyable by the personality of the artist was the pianoforte recital given by Ossip Gabrilowitsch under the auspices of the Music Association in Chancellor's Hall, Friday evening, December 12.

The famous pianist captivated the entire house by his masterly rendition of a program which included numbers from Handel, Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and his own compositions. Preliminary to each of several selections, his comments on the works of the great masters and their interpretation were instructive as well as thoroughly enjoyable.

The entire program was characterized by the strength and brilliancy of Gabrilowitsch's technical perfection and by the beauty of his interpretation. The Beethoven sonata, Op. 27, No. 2, was given superbly and proved to be one of the most popular numbers. The Chopin ballade, nocturne, and valse were also brilliantly rendered. Gabrilowitsch's melody and his sprightly caprice-burlesque completed the scheduled program. The Music Association certainly scored a distinct triumph in offering this concert to Albany.

H. E. VISITS G. E. CAFETERIA

The Cafeteria class visited the General Electric Cafeteria of Schenectady, Friday, December 12. This was the first of a series of four inspection tours to be made in the near future. Among those who made the trip to Schenectady were Margaret Buckbee, Beth Ogleby, Muriel Buckbee, Zelma Gorman, Jeanette Manville, and Llewellyn Gill.

On Friday morning, December 12, the entire Home Economics Department held a mass meeting under the direction of Miss Winchell. Plans were made for closer cooperation through class organization and the appointment of faculty advisors for each class. The trimming of the H. E. halls was also a topic of discussion.

SHOP AT THE "CO-OP"

The "Co-op" will have on hand a supply of the best new books, both fiction and more serious literature. There is no better way to spend Christmas gift money than to buy good books. If you wish a book that is not on hand, the "Co-op" will gladly order it.

There are still a few of the sport hats, and if none of the selection pleases, an order will be taken for any kind desired.

There will be a complete line of new banners, pennants, pillows, and stunt books, some different from any shown here before, others like those already admired at the "Co-op." Don't fail to visit this beautiful selection.

In addition to the college stationery, beautiful Ravelstone paper in different tints is offered at a reduction of fifteen to forty cents from the prices charged by retail dealers. This splendid opportunity to economize ought not to be neglected.

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H. E. News

Dr. Marion Collins broadcasted on Monday, December 15, in place of Dr. Croasdale. She spoke on the topic, "Keeping the Children Well During the Winter Months."

Miss Jessie Lane, a State College Alumna, called on the Home Economics Department this week, and told a little of her work in the Adirondack Power Company, Schenectady. Miss Lane is very happy in her work in planning the activities of a department of Home Economics in a business concern. She is directing the demonstration of electric appliances, giving lectures on the proper use of electricity and gas, and various other topics of like nature. She is enthusiastic over the opportunities in her field for the girls trained in Home Economics who are more interested in business than in teaching.

Miss Grace Barends, of Madison Junior High School, Rochester, visited the Home Economics Department this week. She was particularly interested in seeing the millinery and clothing classes, and in talking over the work of the department.

H. E. 3, sophomore course in meal planning and service, has entertained a number of guests for luncheon and dinner in the week of December 8. Dean Metzler, Dean Pierce, and Miss Winchell were entertained at luncheon; Dr. and Mrs. Brubacher were entertained at dinner on Thursday evening.

Miss Winchell and Miss Jessie Wayman, President of the Home Economics Club, both spoke to the Student Club in Home Economics in the Schenectady High School, December 12. The girls had asked particularly to know about the work at State College, and about the activities of the Home Economics Club, wishing to get help in conducting their own club activities.

Miss Marion Flemming entertained the Home Economics staff at dinner on Tuesday evening, December 9.

The family in the Home Management House entertained Mrs. Frear at dinner on Thursday evening, December 11.

The seniors in Home Economics entertained the faculty, at a Christmas party, Wednesday at 6:30.

JUNIOR-SENIOR DEBATE

The junior-senior debate is to be held in the college auditorium January 9. The proposition is taken from the twentieth amendment proposed by Congress and is as follows:

Sec. 1. Congress shall have the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

Sec. 2. The power of the several states is unimpaired by this article except that the operations of state laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by Congress.

The juniors will uphold the affirmative; the seniors the negative. Gertrude Olds will take Muriel Weber's place in the negative.

THAT'S GOOD—GO ON!

A fighting team wearing the Purple and Gold of State College was victorious Saturday night. State College broke into the winning ranks after two losses, defeating St. Michael's while almost four hundred students, crowding the gymnasium, cheered the live on.

The college was proud of the team Saturday night, and to-day it is no less pleased with the victory. Prophecies of a stellar team, lavished by sports writers since the fine showing made in the Union game, have become partly true and before the season ends will be definitely proved right.

Coach Baker and his team have deservedly won the college's praise. State did not hesitate to cheer a losing team in the closely fought Union and Brooklyn Law games. It did not hesitate to applaud a winning squad Saturday night. And, many times again before the season ends, it will cheer another victory.

A year and a half ago, just before the late President Harding died in San Francisco, he said to his wife as she paused in reading aloud to him: "That's good, go on." Today State College says to its winning team, in praise for the past and confident hope for the future: "That's good, go on."

REV. DUNNEY ADDRESSES CLUB

The Quarterly Communion of Newman Club was held Sunday, December 14, at the 9:10 mass at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. A breakfast followed at the Academy of the Holy Name. At the speakers' table, Senator William T. Byrne, Rev. Joseph E. Dunney, Mrs. Newman, and Miss Mary Driscoll were seated. Miss Driscoll, President of Newman Club, introduced the guest of honor, Senator Byrne, who presented a memorable speech, his topic dealing with the religious element in true success. Senator Byrne said in part: "I do not believe there is any success in life unless we are constantly appreciative of the Power that gives us success. In this country of ours, there are marvelous opportunities, but the basis of accomplishment is religion. Never let us be pleased with our self-sufficiency, our present day attainments. There is always an undiscovered way to a new thought, a new ambition, a new reality."

In behalf of Newman Club, Rev. Joseph E. Dunney, Spiritual Director, expressed his appreciation of the honor of having Senator Byrne present on that occasion. Father Dunney also spoke of the present day tendency to draw away from Christ and from religion and of the absence of that Spartan-like element of religious perseverance which characterized the pioneers. Another very enjoyable part of the morning's program was the piano solo by Aga.ha Flick, '27.

Y. W. BAZAAR A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The net proceeds from the Y. W. Bazaar total \$386.00. This certainly shows the support given by the students to college functions.

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80 Years Ago State Opened To Students; Registration of Twenty-Nine Pupils

STORY OF STATE

Part 2

Yesterday, eighty years ago, State College opened its doors to New York State's students. Yesterday, in 1844, its first class matriculated. How this and other early classes lived and worked is an important phase of the mass of facts surrounding the college's history.

It will be remembered from last week's article that after years of agitation New York had voted a normal school and what preparations for its beginning had been made. When the day came for opening exercises, December 18, 1844, twenty-nine students were there. Most of them were from the Hudson and Mohawk valleys but some came from farther away. Up State street they came to what is now Van Vechten Hall and on the third floor where Beaumann's Dancing Academy is to-day they discovered their school and their principal, David Page, and the little faculty. They met the first board of trustees and they attended the opening "exercises." Principal Page made a speech and Colonel Young made another. Colonel Young, who was president of the trustees, said that he believed that nobody there realized how much the occasion signified and that few would attempt to say to what heights the school would grow.

That same day, for they wasted no time, the first classes were begun. The twenty-nine pupils, forebears of the present 1050, went to their first lessons and the next day they went to them again. In a week the school was getting into the swing of real work in the four rooms on the top floor of the old building.

Rented rooms, however, were not in the plan of the men who were running the school. Attendance that jumped to 150 before the end of the first year, for so fast the story of the state's normal school spread, made more room essential and the teachers went to the legislature again, this time for money for a building. From the city of Albany they secured free a plot of ground at the corner of Lodge and Howard streets back of the Geological building. On it for \$15,000 they had erected the building that was to be theirs for thirty-six years. It still stands and is used for education by the Christian Brothers. Two sets of plans for the building were considered. One, the old report says "was the more ornamental and cost \$700 more." This plan was adopted. In 1849, the rapidly growing institution was transferred to this building.

Principal Page never saw the new building. He died in 1848 and his cousin, George R. Perkins, who taught mathematics, was chosen to succeed him. Mr. Perkins served three years. While he and his successor Samuel B. Woolworth were in charge, an experiment in the education of Indians was tried. Nine were admitted in 1850 and in three years, five Indian men and twenty-one Indian women were students. Only one was graduated and the experiment was dropped as a failure.

During the Civil War, David H. Cochrane was principal. It was at this time that State made its first large contribution to the country's welfare. Professor Alfred Huested, who was a member of the mathematic faculty, resigned his position and organized a company of volunteers made up entirely of the college students. He marched at their head to the war. One hundred and fifty-three alumni, in addition to this company, were enrolled in the Union armies. Eighteen were killed; ten in battle and eight dying of wounds in hospitals. Professor Huested survived and returned to the college faculty where he later became head of his department. He served in that capacity for thirty years longer.

(Sidelights on amusing incidents in the college's early work and the story of the first great change in its purpose will be related in the third article to be published January 16.)

ART LECTURE

Miss Perine, of the Art department, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture in assembly last Friday, on etchings and how they are made. She described in detail the various methods of making etchings. There were to have been lantern slides to illustrate her talk, but due to some mishap they were not able to be used. Among the etchings which Miss Perine showed were many of her own. She called the attention of the student body to some of the best known artists of to-day, such as: L. Benson, Barton, G. C. Wales, G. T. Plowman, and William Simmons. Works of these artists, besides those of many others, have been on exhibition in the rotunda for the past two weeks.

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PRACTICAL MATH

Mathematics Club has gone in for practical Math. Thursday, December 11, Mr. Patton, Head Statistician of the Labor Board, addressed the club. He talked on statistics of unemployment, the methods used in obtaining these statistics, and the service that the Department of Statistics of the Labor Board really does.

Y. W. VESPER SERVICE

The Christmas spirit made its appearance at State, in a Y. W. C. A. vesper service, Sunday, December 14. Edith Higgins, '25, was the leader, and gave a brief and interesting talk. Miss Margaret DeGraff gave some selections on the harp. Christmas carols made up the rest of the service.

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