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## 1918 PEDAGOGUE

Although the committee in charge has been working for some time, Friday was the first occasion it has been brought before the students. It was announced Friday that a campaign would be opened in which members of all classes could take part. The terms are these: if a student sells 15 books or more, he or she will receive a Pedagogue free of charge; if from 10 to 15 books are sold one dollar will be allowed on a book. People getting these subscriptions must keep within their own class. If student orders for class pictures amount to \$9.00 or more, \$2.00 will be allowed on the class bill.

Miss Mildred MacEwan, photo editor, requests that the members of the Senior Class and officers of other classes watch the bulletin for notices of appointments.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL PRACTICE

The practicing for varsity basketball began on last week under the direction of Coach Maroney. Beginning this week the practicing will take place in the Albany High School. Those who are out on the court are: F. Fitzgerald, M. Barry, G. Curtin, Van Lohdell, L. Mason, H. Polt, J. Carson, Lichtenstein, Wassel, Costellano, and D. Townsend.

On Saturday, November 24, there will be a cross-country run. Those who are doing active training are: J. Neuner, D. Townsend, V. Lohdell, L. Mason, Costellano, and E. Sutherland.

## CANTERBURY CLUB

At the last meeting of the Episcopal organization on November 5, the name of the Canterbury Club was adopted. A constitution was accepted from a committee, and plans were laid for winter lectures to alternate with social evenings. One of the chief objects of the club is to keep Episcopalians from falling away from church in a strange city. Another object is to furnish a church interest to those who have none. We extend a cordial invitation to all such people to join us.

## New Instructors in School of Practical Arts

### JAMES M. ALEXANDER

A recent addition to the faculty of the Industrial Department is James M. Alexander, graduate of Williamson Trade School, Philadelphia, in 1909. In this school he spent the year following his graduation, as an instructor in Mechanical Drawing. Later he was connected with the Engineering Department of the Link Belt Co., for two years designing machinery. Since then he has been in Manual Training and Industrial work in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. In 1914 he spent several months in Germany studying Trade Continuation Schools in Munich, Dusseldorf, Mannheim, and other cities. This was part of the work done by a commission of twenty-five teachers selected by the United States Government. He has also studied special phases of Industrial Education in Pennsylvania State College and University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Alexander will have charge of the Practice Teaching for Industrial men and the courses in Mechanical Drawing heretofore given by Prof. Douglass.

### MARY A. SMITH

The new supervisor of Practice Teaching in the H. E. Department is Miss Mary Alma Smith. Miss Smith is a graduate of State College for Teachers of Colorado. She has taught in the University of Porto Rico and in the State University of Idaho, and was recently connected with State Department of Education of Wisconsin.

On Friday afternoon, November ninth, Miss Bonnie Snow of Milburn, N. Y., gave a most interesting lecture in the Science Building on "The Correlation of Fine Arts with Home Economics." Miss Snow is the author, with Hugh Froelick, of the Industrial Art text books published by Prang. Accompanying her lecture was a decidedly attractive and ingenious exhibit, of especial interest to teachers in its suggestion of simple ways of

approaching children. Those present were graduates of the H. E. Department teaching within a short distance of Albany, several Art teachers from Schenectady, representatives of the State Department and the resident H. E. faculty and students. Miss Snow laid special stress on Costume Design, House Decoration, and stitchery in design. She urged the making of articles which are instructive, useful, and beautiful rather than those which complete a problem alone. Articles made by hand should find a place in the decoration of house or costume. In presenting problems for children to work upon, supply materials which are quickly worked up and yet present the required color qualities. As an example of this wool for embroidering is much more desirable than silk or cotton floss. Felt and paper applied on proper backgrounds are charming mediums for gaining real artistic effects in color and line. Miss Snow illustrated her lecture with samples of work done by children in an ordinary school, and thus proved conclusively that this work can be planned so as to be suitable to small children.

### OMICRON NU TEA

The annual Omicron Nu Tea to H. E. Freshmen was held Friday afternoon, November ninth. Freshmen, faculty, and faculty wives of the H. E. Department were present.

### AN APPEAL

President A. R. Brubacher has received from C. A. Prosser, Director of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, an urgent appeal for help in training radio operators for the army. The State College will organize classes for training operators, if the draft men of Albany desire. Registrations may be made in the college office either by personal application or by telephone.

The classes will begin by the middle of November.

## GYM FROLIC

The frolic Friday night was by far the most enjoyable one G. A. A. has ever given. 1921 was certainly treated to a grand show. First in order was the peanut hunt, which was followed by a lollypop song and scramble. The first of the stunts was a short series of songs by the Back Fence Glee Club. The selections were witty, new and highly entertaining. The second stunt, under the leadership of Ellen Donahue, was a pantomime. The leading part—that of a batchelor advertising for a housekeeper—was very excellently taken by Dorothy Wight. In succession, an Irish washerwoman, a society lady, a suffragist, a silly young thing, and a college girl applied. The last was chosen and won the man's affection.

The third stunt was the display of the family album. This was in charge of Katherine McCarthy, who also acted the part of interpreter of the "still life" portraits. The girls are to be commended for their skillful make-up as well as for their control.

The final stunt, under the leadership of Agnes Dennin, was a basketball game between B. S. and A. B. The former won the hard fought game of 12 to 10. B. S. led the first half and A. B. apparently could not get the ball the second half. Miss Gray was referee.

Dancing followed. Kathryn Cole led cheers and songs for G. A. A. leaders. Miss Pierce disappeared at the time a speech was requested and Miss Gray tried to follow suit but failed. Her speech was short and to the point: "Join G. A. A. and you will get all that is coming to you—and a little bit more." Dorothy Austin, president of G. A. A., spoke a few words of greeting to the Freshmen and the line for adjournment was formed.

Those of the Faculty present were Miss Pierce, Miss Gray, Miss Farnham, and Miss Valentine. The committee in charge was Katherine McCarthy, chairman; Agnes Dennin, and Ellen Donahue.

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## WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT

The success of woman suffrage in the "Empire State" has, of course, brought rejoicing to the hearts of its disciples and added to the downpour of scoffing criticisms from all the infidels who have been delaying the cause. Their "anthem of hate" is now, "Well, now they've got it, they'll have to show us what they can do!" And for once in their lives they are right. Using that ancient and proper phrase, in elegant English—It is up to us! Speaking generally it is up to the educated, broad-minded women, keenly awake to civic duty, to influence their less fortunate sisters how to exercise rightly their new privilege. But for us, State College students, who are enjoying educational privileges that should fit us to assume this new responsibility, we have opportunities right at hand to obtain the political phase of education. Politics, you know, from now on, is the new sphere of activity which we are to master. We refer to our government courses. Our need now is to learn what our forms of government are and then where our vote belongs in the working out of those forms of government. All ye voters of the future, start now and here toward making your vote count!

## A REPLY

It is evident from the article which appeared in the last issue of the "News" that there is a misunderstanding as to the organization of Myskania.

The clause stated was from the articles of organization and not from Myskania's constitution, which is known only to its members. There will be no further elections to the Myskania of 1918.

Myskania.

The members of the State College "News" Board extend their sincerest sympathy to Prof. Barnard S. Bronson in his recent bereavement.

## IMPRESSIONS OF A NATIONAL ARMY CANTONMENT

Camp Devens, Mass.

After six weeks of life in this camp perhaps I can record a few impressions that may give to the ones outside true ideas of how we live.

There is not a soldier of the National Army but who will remember always the day of leaving home and arriving at camp. I never saw before so much genuine emotion as at our leaving.

And that first night in camp. Imagine getting off a train in the dark with a large body of men, carrying one's luggage, under the direction of mounted officers, over a strange, rough road for a couple of miles, arriving at strange appearing, barn-like structures entering one of these and standing in line to receive mess-kits, and be served with a meal; after washing your own dishes, in line again for cots and blankets, filling a bed-sack with straw and making a bed! And then the attempt to be comfortable enough, bodily and mentally, to sleep under the strange surroundings and in the cold.

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We have plenty of wholesome food, enough clothing, and the barracks furnish efficient shelter—but there is no heat nor hot water as yet. Of course, grumbling is a habit, for it is difficult for many to realize that it is impossible to furnish us with the comforts and luxuries of home.

Most of the men felt at first that they had to come, and would try to see the thing through, hoping the experience would all be over soon. This attitude I am sure is changing now. Some really like the life; others, the majority, are satisfied for duty's sake, and a few will still have none of it.

Everyone, either outwardly or inwardly, blesses the Y. M. C. A. places, of which there are thirteen in camp. This institution furnishes the boys warm places to sit, music, facilities for writing and reading, "movies," and other entertainment, and very often with instruction in English and French. Morally, a much needed and tremendous force is exerted.

After all has been said, the soldiers' training necessitates some real hardships and these are least easily borne by the man without a vision of duty and service to make his sacrifices seem worth while.

J. H. Ward '14.

112 Bank Street, Batavia, N. Y.  
November 5, 1917.

Dear Editor:

I have looked forward eagerly to the coming of each State College "News." It is indeed like being back again at the dear institution and enjoying the company of all of you when I read the many interesting articles.

It is a pleasure, too, to note the whole-hearted college spirit which is infused in so many of your articles. My, with such a spur to urge them on, the State College students should do great things this year.

I am mighty glad that athletics still have a prominent place in the college life. I feared, like many others, that "no basketball" would be a password this coming winter. Hurrah, I'm glad I was wrong, and I earnestly hope that the team will compare favorably with that fine group of fellows of last year.

As one of the helpers in bringing out the Song Book, I am rather anxious to learn if the student body is really making use of the book.

No one builds more castles in the air than I do in relation to the future musical standards of State College. There should be a popular desire, and that desire should be popular in the larger sense, to have weekly sings in the gym or auditorium. Why not? Surely the voices are capable, and I'm sure the spirit isn't lacking. May someone get this under way.

I also write to tell the prospective teachers of the genuinely rich field of work they are going into. Personally, I have been very fortunate, but on hearing from many of the "1917" Class, I conclude we all have. All say—teaching is not only interesting—it is inspiring. With the instruction received at State College and the rich environment afforded there, we of 1917 have gone out, and we confess that our occupation has been both worthy and pleasant.

I write this part of the letter to encourage you who follow later and to have you realize in a measure that your vocation will be just as big and worth while as you yourselves make it.

And, by the way, congratulations are certainly coming to you of the student body who so well aided in the patriotic subscription for the Liberty Bond.

I would be pleased to hear from any of my friends, and I'll enclose my address—in hopes.

Very truly yours,  
Kolin Hager '17.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

During the week \$8,950 of the State Scholarship money has been distributed among one hundred and seventy-nine students. This means that one student in every four at the college is a holder of a New York State Scholarship.

In Yale there are three senior honorary societies composed of 15 members each. As a result of enlistment in the U. S. ranks none of the members of "Skull and Bones," the oldest organization, have returned to college. In the other two, "Scroll

and Key" and "Bull's Head," there are seven members.

None of the members of "Camarian Club," the honorary society at Brown, have returned.

In no instance have additions been made to the societies.

A meeting of the Press Club will be held Thursday, at 3:45, in Room 101. After reports from the seven people who are now writing for out-of-town papers are made, nominations for the coming year's officers will be made. All members are urged to be present.

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**DO YOU KNOW?**

- THAT the Florsheim Shoe is a dandy?
- THAT the Student's Friendship War Fund makes the word Friendship mean something?
- THAT one "Boost" is worth fifty "Knocks?"
- THAT an energetic person often impresses his acquaintances as an egotist.
- THAT the principal work of the teacher is to render her services unnecessary?
- THAT henceforth the fate of the Nations will be settled at the "Pink Teas?"
- THAT Christmas is six weeks from next Tuesday?
- THAT one Saturday night some one said, "the moon was out all night and was full." And the following Sunday night some one else saw "him," and "he was only half-there?"
- THAT Prof. Douglass took a whole period in Household Physics class in order to find out how much the class knew about hot air. It takes a long time to convince some "profs" what "bluffs" we are?
- THAT knitting in classes and during lectures may annoy the instructors?

**SENIOR CLASS**

Pres. Joseph A. Walker at the meeting on Friday morning appointed a committee to take charge of the purchasing of caps and gowns. It is composed of Walter Fraser, Nina Johns and Caroline Gauger.

**JUNIOR CLASS**

At the Junior Class meeting Friday morning, the subject of Junior week was discussed but no definite action was taken. The class is very anxious to do its bit this year and seems to be willing to give up some of the usual functions of that week. The general sentiment of the class seems to be to omit the class banquet and to cut down expenses on the other functions.

**SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETING**

At the Friday morning meeting, the Sophomore class voted to have a class song contest. Any Sophomore is eligible to write a song. There will be a prize of five dollars for the best

**COLLEGE CALENDAR**

- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14:**  
1:00-5:00 p. m.—Red Cross, Sewing, Room B-1.  
3:45 p. m.—Spanish Club, Room 103.  
4:40 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Meeting, Auditorium; Freshmen Advisors and other instructors of Freshmen, Room 101.  
7:45 p. m.—Lecture on "Russia," Dr. De Porte, Room 101.
- THURSDAY, NOV. 15:**  
1:00-5:00 p. m.—Red Cross, Surgical Dressing, Room B-1.  
7:45 p. m.—Promethean Literary Society, Auditorium; Russian Class, Room 101.  
3:45 p. m.—Press Club, Room 101.
- FRIDAY, NOV. 16:**  
9:00 a. m.—Student Assembly, Auditorium.  
3:45 p. m.—College Club, Room 101.  
7:30 p. m.—Household Economics Party, Gymnasium.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 17:**  
8:00 p. m.—Chemistry Club Party, Room 250.
- MONDAY, NOV. 19:**  
9:00 a. m.—5:00 p. m.—Red Cross, Sewing, Room B-1.  
4:40 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Meeting, Room A.  
7:30 p. m.—Red Cross, Faculty Women, Green Room.

song. Three will be used, however, and if the other two are good enough, the prize will be divided. The committee in charge is: Kathryn Chamberlayne, chairman; Hazel Pearsall, and Maud Rolls. All songs must be in by December 1. Step singing is the object in view. The class Liberty Bond for \$150 has been purchased.

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The State Library is of very great use to us and the assistants in the library show us every possible courtesy in meeting our needs. Of course, the very least we can do in showing our appreciation of the service and courtesies we receive at the State Library is to obey its regulations strictly.

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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Prof. Adna Risley will be the speaker at student assembly on Friday morning. His subject will be "Americanism."

Jack Harwick is a private in Co. C, 325th Infantry, Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Prof. John M. Sayles has announced that the students and members of the faculty have pledged between \$2,200 and \$2,300 to the Y. M. C. A. Student's Friendship War Fund. Remember the goal is \$3,000 and your pledge will help us get it.

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**DELTA OMEGA NOTES**

On Friday, November second, Miss Kyle Adams, State Student Secretary of Y. W. C. A., was a dinner guest at the House.

The House-girls of Delta Omega enjoyed the hospitality of the Kappa Delta House-girls at supper and for the evening of November ninth, at the Kappa Delta House.

**KAPPA DELTA**

The House-girls of Delta Omega and K Δ enjoyed a picnic-supper at K Δ house last Friday evening.

The Delta girls present were: Winifred Wagner, Maud Rose, Margaret Becker, Helen Ross, Edith Woodruff, Alice Richmond, Delia Ross, and Bernice Bronner.

Marjorie Bryant entertained her sister, Edith Bryant, last week-end.

Viola Brownell spent Sunday at Camp Devens, as the guest of her brother.

**KAPPA NU NOTES**

K. N. house was rather empty last week-end. Jane Schnitzler, '20, spent last week-end with Mary Kinsella, '18, at Troy.

Eileen Keefe, '18, returned to Kingston over Sunday.

Betty O'Connell spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Cronin, of Bennington, visited the sorority house last week.

Edith Sullivan, '18, has returned to college again after a brief illness.

**ETA PHI**

We are glad to welcome Elizabeth Osborn '20 as a member of Eta Phi.

**MUSIC CLUB**

At the meeting, Monday, the following program was given:

Piano solo—Doris Sweet.  
Reading—Gertrude Green.

Duet—Margaret Shevlin and Alberta Silkworthy.

Vocal solo—Margaret Reuning.

Reading—Marjorie Finn.

**COLLEGE CLUB**

At the last meeting, "our friend," Dr. Richardson, spoke on "Some Factors in the War." He declared that sentimental Americanism should not blind our eyes to the greatness of other nations. The two principles on which states have been founded of the ages are: First, the state is for the people; second, the people are tools of the state.

He said that the later policy has been regnant in Germany for several centuries. That is the principle we are fighting. The German state is medieval

in foundation, resembling the feudal organization of olden times. The most striking thing that Dr. Richardson said was that a reorganization of Germany into a republic would be possible only after unconditional surrender, reparation, and indemnity. Whether we win or not depends on every one of us. We must back up our soldiers with every dollar we have.

**Y. W. C. A. NOTES**

Every worth-while organization is mobilizing its forces for aid in the great international crisis. Can Y. W. C. A. be inactive? No! Come to the patriotic meeting on Wednesday at 4:30 and find out what will be "Our Work in the War."

Louise Burleson will have charge of the meeting, and will tell us what other colleges are doing; what we can do and are going to do. You will have an opportunity to join the Patriotic League. Miss Burleson will explain what this is. It will be an exceptionally interesting meeting. There is a challenge to every one of us to be present and to find out what we can do. Show your spirit of help and patriotism and come to the meeting on November 14th at 4:30. Auditorium.

**SPANISH CLUB**

The club will meet to-day at 3:45 P. M., in room 103. A table will be in the lower hall Friday, November 16, from 2 to 5 o'clock. At that time you may pay your dues.

The officers of the club are: President, Florence Quinlavin; Vice-President, Lelia Reynolds; Treasurer, Hazel Pearl; Secretary, Kathryn Bestle.

**CONSUMERS' LEAGUE**

A large number of the members of the Consumers' League attended the large mass meeting which was held in the city Y. W. C. A. gymnasium last evening. The speakers were Miss Mary Drier, Chairman of the State Industry Committee, and Dorothy Treat Arnold.

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