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With the departure from State College of Prof. Harry Bradley Smith, A. B., Pd. M., Director of the School of Practical Arts, a great loss is incurred. During the years which Prof. Smith has spent here he has been the center of a circle of influence whose area can never quite be computed. Students who have worked with him have found him an inspiring teacher, a fair judge in any dealing, a friend with sincere motives. Those who have not been fortunate enough to be connected with him in class work have admired, among other qualities, his unflinching interest in his work and instant cooperation with any plan conceived for the betterment of the college. Just as everyone is sorry he is going, so everyone wishes him well in the responsible field he will enter.

Prof. Smith will become Eastern Regional Agent for the Federal Board on Vocational Education of Washington, D. C., and will cover the New England and Middle Atlantic States—Maine to Virginia and west to Ohio. His duties will be to represent the Federal Board in all dealings with State Legislatures and State Boards of Education, and to act as the agent for the Board in the distribution of the Smith-Hughes funds. Two-thirds of his time will be spent in travel to and from conferences. For the present he will reside in Albany, with headquarters in New York City.

A brief history of the department, to which Prof. Smith has given so much of himself, follows, accompanied by an illustration showing a corner of the new shop.

HOW WE HAVE DONE OUR BIT FOR THE LIBERTY LOAN

Class of 1918.....	\$300
Class of 1919.....	150
Class of 1920.....	150
Class of 1921.....	200
Omicron Nu Sorority....	50
Eta Phi Sorority.....	50
Psi Gamma Sorority....	50
Individual students	200
Alumni Association	3,500
McClelland Loan Fund..	50
Members of the Faculty..	6,000
	\$10,700

State College Loses Professor Smith

Director of School of Practical Arts Accepts Fine Government Position

Prof. Smith came here in 1910, the first of February. Prior to that time no Home Economics or industrial work of any kind had been done in the college. Prof. Smith

men were registered in the Industrial Department. Mr. Smith taught everything in this department, with assistance from Mr. Burke in woodwork, forging, and foundry work.



Machine Shop, 1917

recalls walking through the rooms, devoid of any equipment or furniture, with Dr. Milne. From February until the next summer Prof. Smith had charge of the Physics Department during the illness of Dr. Wetmore, and also organized courses for the new branch of college, bought equipment and fitted up the rooms ready for use.

In September, 1910, the first classes began. Miss Garrison, Mr. Burke, Miss Peters—now Mrs. Van Horne—and the present director were then the only teachers, but the registration was so large that Miss Steele was hired the next month. There were seven subjects taught in the H. E. Department. The three classes of girls engaged in the work were: first, the one-year girls, college or Normal graduates; second, the two-year regular H. E. students; third, the few four-year students most of whom graduated in 1913. Nine

A student, L. H. Beach, 1912, was hired for half a year to assist in the machine shop. This shop was fitted up temporarily with one tiny lathe and secondhand machinery from the Fairbanks Co. Miss Perine, of the Fine Arts Department, taught drawing for men and women. Through the organizing ability of Miss Peters, the cooperation of Miss Perine and Prof. Bronson, and Mr. Burke's ability to adapt himself to lines of mechanical work in which he was not a specialist, Prof. Smith was able to make the first year a success.

Domestic Science developed rapidly until over two hundred girls were enrolled, mostly in the two-year course. This course was found unsuited to the high grade of work aimed at, so after 1913 the three and four-year courses were established. Different subjects have been added from time to time to increase the scope and efficiency, until now there are

twenty-nine individual courses, many of advanced type. The number of instructors has been augmented, likewise. Of these, Mrs. Frear, Miss Wilson, Miss Van Liew and Miss Lantz remain. This force is now wholly inadequate, as there is immediate need for a supervisor of girls who are practicing teaching, and for a Domestic Science specialist to relieve Miss Van Liew.

In the men's department, in addition to the original two-year course, there were taken on the four-year course leading to the B. S. degree; the one-year course open to skilled mechanics desiring to teach one subject; the three-year cooperative course, in which the students work alternate half-days in college classes and laboratories, and in the Consolidated Car Heating Co. shops.

In 1915 courses in plumbing, sheet metal and electric wiring were established with Mr. Olsen as instructor under Prof. Douglas' supervision. About the same time, Mr. Randall, in cooperation with Mr. Kennedy of the Chemistry Department, founded a course in the chemistry, metallurgy, and heat treatment of steel. Previous to

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THE SENIOR-FRESHMAN RECEPTION

The Senior-Freshman Reception was held in the gymnasium. Friday, October twenty-sixth. The receiving line included the Senior President, Joseph Walker, Miss Sweet, Miss Bestle, Mr. Heason, Miss Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Sayles, Dean Horner, Dean Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. Hastings and Miss Carmody. A very pleasing program was furnished by the entertainment committee—Miss Lansing, chairman. Mr. Christiansen, Miss Sahler, Miss McEwan, Miss Murtaugh, Miss Magilton, Miss Moore and Miss Albic. The program consisted of a recitation and piano solo by Miss Sweet, a vocal solo by Miss Agnes Moore and a dance by the Senior girls. The gymnasium was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and umbrellas. Gregware's orchestra furnished excellent music.

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STEP-SINGING

A great deal has been said about "College Sings," but why not have some organized step-singing, such as they have at Cornell, Smith and Wellesley?

Let each class get together, have its own class songs, and elect its own leader.

Let us have in June an "original song" competition between the four classes.

Let us have our last step-singing in June a ceremony that will become a college tradition—class songs, college songs, Senior song of departure as they give up their place on the steps to the Juniors, Junior song as they take the place of the departed Seniors.

Of course, necessarily our step-singing will be limited to autumn and spring. However, if during the winter each class will get together and practice its songs, we will be well prepared when spring comes for the outdoor singing.

WHERE IS THE SMITH-HUGHES FUND?

Members of the Senior Class in the Home Economics Department, who are now doing their practice teaching in the city schools, with only the slight supervision which it is possible for busy teachers to give, in addition to their regular work, are wondering what has become of the money from the Smith-Hughes fund, which was to be appropriated to the college for additional teaching service. It was generally understood among the Seniors that one of the first acts to follow the appropriation of this money would be the hiring of a first class woman to devote her time to the supervision of practice teaching in Domestic Science and Domestic Art.

There are thirty-eight girls in the Senior Class subject to practice teaching and they very greatly feel the necessity of much better provision for the supervision of their work than is afforded by the present arrangement. The Smith-Hughes bill was an act of Congress appropriating money from the United States Government treasury to be distributed among the various states for the promotion of industrial education. Part of this money is given specifically for the training of teachers in Home Economics and a generous share has been appropriated to New York State for this purpose.

The money was supposed to be available on October 1st, and it was expected that authority would be given the college to engage one or more new teachers soon after that date. An inquiry on the part of the Seniors as to when the new critic teacher might be expected elicited the information that action had not yet been taken by the State authorities which made it possible for the college to act in the matter. If this is true, that this money is available and has been since the first day of October and that it is not being used because proper steps have not been taken in the Education Department to authorize its use by the college, something should be done to correct this state of affairs, as the work of the Senior girls is very seriously handicapped for want of additional teachers. Where, O where is our critic teacher?
H. E. Seniors.

NATIONAL HYMNS

None can say that State College lacks patriotism. We have an honor roll; we have bought Liberty bonds; we have a Red Cross Auxiliary; but there is yet another way of showing what our country means to us. What? Merely to learn our national songs.

Those who were in student assembly a week or so ago, when "America" was sung, will remember the scramble for song books, hymn books—anything with the words. And when it comes to "The Star Spangled Banner" how many can go beyond the first verse? Perhaps this isn't lack of patriotism, but do you suppose there are many Germans who don't know "Die Wacht am Rhein" by heart? Can you put patriotism into your singing, while looking to see what comes next? Is there a single person who does not know every word of some popular song? Then why not the national airs? Your college song book is just the place to learn the words.

Some Friday our knowledge of these songs will be tested again. Are you going to reach for a book?

OPEN THE GYM

Last week we printed our opinion of the athletic situation. We urged the men to get down to work. This week we have to urge the college authorities to provide the fellows with facilities for practice. Every time they try to get on the floor they find the door of the gym locked. This ought to be taken care of. The gym should be accessible at all times for there are always some players who want to practice. Last year some made themselves persona non gratae by their using the gym as a hang-out and place for roughhouse. Let the boys who want to work have the use of the floor and discriminate against the others.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Co. 17, 15th Bn., 153rd Depot Brig.

Camp Dix, N. J. Oct. 28, 1917.

Dear Editor:
Well, I suppose that you would like to know something about the place and the work. The camp is a very large one, covering about 25 square miles. It is very similar to a small city, except that the inhabitants are all soldiers instead of civilians. We all live in wooden barracks that are very comfortable. The officers' quarters are very good, each officer having a room for himself. We have our own chef and so the mess is exceptional, mess meaning the army term for "Eats." I am still a Second Lieutenant but hope very soon to advance. I am assigned to a company in the Depot Brigade, which is an organization for training men for vacancies in the line. Also for training specialists, such as "Bombers, Snipers, Gas-men, etc." I have been attached to five different companies so far, helping to organize and train each, so that I have had considerable experience. The work is very interesting and the men are very good and willing to learn. There was, however, one company in which I had about fifteen Poles, none of them being able to speak or understand English. You can imagine me trying to teach them anything. That is a very exceptional case though.

The work that I have is very similar to teaching. The men are similar to a bunch of children. We have to teach them how to live correctly, take care of themselves, develop them and handle themselves, all of course, according to the laws and customs of the army. However, I have been able to put into practice many of the principles learned at college.

There are a good many times though that I wish that I were back in school. Especially when I think of that wonderful Foot Ball team that we were going to have this year. Also I grieve to think that I will never get another chance at R. P. I. and Union. We have some foot ball down here but we do not get much time for it.

Well I will have to close now. I want to thank you again for your trouble. If you ever have any time on your hands, sit down and tell me some of the things going on in school in a letter. I would be very interested. Wishing you all kinds of luck, I remain

Sincerely yours,

JESSE A. JONES, JR., 2nd Lieut. Inf. U. S. R.

COLLEGE CLUB

College Club will meet Friday, November 2, at 3:45 p. m., in Room 101. Dr. Richardson will speak on "The Factors in the War." Every faculty member and every student is invited. Come!

EPISCOPAL CLUB

The Episcopal Club will meet Monday, November 5, at 8 p. m., in St. Andrew's Parish

House. Committees will report and a name will be chosen. All Episcopalians, and all not affiliated with any church are invited to attend.

MENS' ATHLETICS

An interclass football game will be played at 1 o'clock on Saturday, November 3, 1917. The men are in fine shape and we may expect a snappy game. Be sure to be on the sidelines.

Items of Interest

Chapel exercises from October 29 to November 12 will be in charge of Prof. Kirtland.

On October 25 Doctor Brubacher spoke before the Albany County Teachers' Association, and at Catskill, on the Liberty Loan; and one on October 26 the president spoke at Teachers' Conferences at Sayville and at Babylon.

On Friday morning, November 2, the interests of the College Y, M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in the war will be presented to State College students by a worker from the front. Prof. Sayles will report on the Syracuse Conference.

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS NOTES

Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Smith were entertained at dinner at the Practice House on October twenty-fourth. During the evening Seniors and faculty of the School of Practical Arts called.

The annual Home Economics party will be held November the sixteenth.

The Seniors of the H. E. Department have purchased a Victrola, and have presented it as a gift from them to the Practice House.

Miss Van Liew is conducting an extension class in Dietetics, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 o'clock.

The five children of the Milne High School Advanced Cookery Class, under the direction of Miss Geneva Pawel, have made sixteen glasses of apple butter and apple jelly to sell. The profits will be given to the Red Cross.

Practice teaching in the H. E. Department is extending beyond the city limits. Three of the Seniors are doing grade and high school work in Excelsior School, Schenectady. Sewing classes are conducted, and also daily lunch is served to faculty and students.

Josephine T. Berry, Director of Home Economics work in the United States under the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and two of her assistants, Miss Loomis and Miss Richardson, all of Washington, D. C., spent Wednesday, October twenty-fourth, in the H. E. Department. They are on a tour of inspection of all schools training H. E. teachers. The Junior Cookery Class served them with luncheon in the home dining-room.

STATE COLLEGE MANDOLIN CLUB

A new branch of the musical activities of the college has recently been formed, by the organization of a College Mandolin Club. The club expects to develop into one which will favorably compare with those of other colleges.

At present the members of the club are:

Mandolins
Dorothy Mulholland
Elizabeth Archibold
William Sutherland
Gladys Kurr
Hazel Pearsall
DeWitt Townsend
Banjo-Mandolin
Marjorie Bryant
Violins
Katherine McGarrahan
Cecile Conklin
Accompanist
Lois Knox

If there are any others in the college playing either mandolin, guitar, banjo or eukalele, the club will be glad to welcome them at its next meeting, Saturday morning, November 10th, at 10:15 o'clock sharp, in the college auditorium. Bring instruments.

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT a list of advertisers is on the bulletin board? Consult it before you go shopping.

THAT you may still join G. A. A. if you wish?

THAT a senior coming home from a respectable gathering the other night, entered the wrong house? She says: "Well, the key fit the lock."

THAT according to one of our esteemed instructors, the little chick, shortly after leaving the shell, is as capable of taking care of himself as he is when he's an old hen?

THAT the "little child" of Psych hasn't grown a bit?

THAT a mint is a man who goes around from house to house and gets names?

THAT a censor is a place where money is coined? Ask Milne High School.

THAT Prof. Risley knows who is working in the Gym?

THAT Thanksgiving turkey will taste better if class dues and student taxes have been sometime off your mind?

PSI GAMMA

Last Saturday Psi Gamma and her faculty enjoyed a very happy evening together.

We were glad to have Esther Eyeleigh and Elizabeth McMillan visit us at the time of the Inter-sorority tea.

Olive Horning, '17, spent the week-end in Albany with the Psi Gamma girls.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 29:
3:45 p. m.—Music Club, Auditorium.

4:40 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Meeting, Room A.

7:30 p. m.—Red Cross, Faculty Women, Green Room.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30:
8:00 p. m.—Organization of Class in Russian, Room 101.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31:
4:40 p. m.—Y. W. C. A., Auditorium.

3:45 p. m.—Spanish Club, Room 103.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1:
7:45 p. m.—Promethean, Auditorium.

4:35 p. m.—Press Club, Auditorium.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2:
9:00 a. m.—Student Assembly, Auditorium.

3:45 p. m.—College Club, Room 101.

3:45 p. m.—Newman Club, Auditorium.

4:00 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Advisory Board, Green Room.

8:00-11:00 p. m.—Junior-Freshman Reception, Gymnasium.

MONDAY, NOV. 5:
4:40 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Meeting, Room A.

7:30 p. m.—Red Cross, Faculty Women, Green Room.

8:00 p. m.—Episcopal Club, St. Andrew's Parish House.

Y. W. C. A.

Have you heard about Silver Bay? Of course you have even though you have been here but a wee short time. And if you have heard about it, you will surely want to know more. On Wednesday at the Silver Bay meeting, you will have just such an opportunity. Some of the girls who have been there will tell about it, and Silver Bay songs will be sung. Jennie Muhlemann will have charge of the meeting. There is talk of organizing a Silver Bay Club here in college for all who have been there, for all who want to go there and for anyone else who is interested. Come and hear about it.

Wednesday 4:40 P. M.—Auditorium.

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College Loses Prof. Smith

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this Mr. Randall had equipped the machine shop with six thousand dollars worth of machines necessary for first class instruction. From Thatcher Bros. space was rented in their foundry for instruction in molding, and now the entire course in foundry practice is in this commercial foundry.

In 1914 arrangements were made with the Blakeslee Sash, Door & Blind Co. for advanced students to spend half a day each week in their factory to promote familiarity with special woodworking machinery.

Perhaps the most important of all changes made since the beginning are the outside affiliations in the form of extension work. In the early days of the department young women were sent to teach in the South End Settlement, Trinity Church Settlement and Girls' Club. Later Y. W. C. A. was included in lunch room and cookery work. A recent development is the conservation kitchen in the City Hall. Classes from Milne High School were taught in the H. E. Department's classrooms and kitchen. Classes for men in woodworking were also formed in Milne High School, but the first practice teaching offered to men outside the building was in the Manual Training Department of Schools Eleven and Twenty-four, in the basement of School Twenty-four. This was in 1912, three years before the city schools maintained such a course. Mr. Devey, Mr. O'Brien and the principal of School Twenty-five then supported this practice teaching unit without expense to the city. Prof. Smith remembers often having to help carry material in sacks or baskets to these schools, in order to have means for continuing the course.

There are now thirty-eight girls and nine men during the day, and thirteen men in the evening, obtaining their practice teaching through co-operation of those in charge of the city schools. Some are doing this work in the Albany Orphan Asylum and St. Vincent's. Others have been paid for teaching in the Troy Boys' Club. Also teaching is being done in a rural school on the Schenectady-Albany road.

The Home Economics Department, after failing to obtain permission to start a lunch room in the Education Building, started one at college. This has been successful and self-supporting. Also, independent of the State as far

as daily upkeep is concerned, the large Practice House at 429 Washington Avenue was leased by Prof. Smith, who is personally responsible for expenses incurred. Here one teacher resides with five girls at a time throughout the year. Each Senior must spend four weeks in the house, doing her share of the management and helping to pay expenses.

The night school, established by Prof. Smith in 1912, is interesting and important. A two-year evening trade training course is offered to prepare skilled mechanics to teach in trade and industrial schools. Practice teaching is given in evening classes run by the city and in apprenticeship classes run by the college at city expense. There are now twenty-two graduates of this course teaching in the United States, and at present twenty-four men registered for the year 1917-18.

The graduating class in Home Economics in June, 1917, numbered twenty-five. Of these twenty have been placed in positions. The demand for men is so overwhelming that not only was every graduate of the day and night schools placed, but also every man who had taken even a partial course.

Mr. Smith has therefore, in seven years, developed the School of Practical Arts from a series of empty, unequipped rooms, into an efficiently organized, and well managed department, of which State College is justly proud. Students in the school feel that with Mr. Smith gone there will be a big void in the organization, but they are all hoping that it will be filled as efficiently in the future as it has been to date.

DELTA OMEGA

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Woodruff and Miss Elizabeth Woodruff were guests in town over the week-end.

Marguerite Ritzer and Marion Moore visited Louisa Vedder at

her home in Catskill last week-end.

Margaret Becker entertained her sisters Elizabeth and Marie, Saturday and Sunday.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

A class in Russian, under the leadership of Dr. J. V. DePorte, is being organized. The class will be open to students, to members of the faculty and to persons outside the college who are interested. There will be no charge to students and no college credit given with the course.

Freshmen and sophomore students who are obliged to take gymnasium practice should note that the regular periods for such work begin on November 1. Class assignments will be found on the bulletin board in the rotunda.

Freshmen who have not reported to Dr. Hathaway for physical examination should do so at once.

Notice is again given that the Thanksgiving recess will include Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, and Saturday, December 1, and that no excuses for absences will be granted for Wednesday, November 28, or for Monday, December 3.

The attention of officers of students' organizations is called to the necessity of applying to the office of Dean Pierce for permission to hold meetings of any kind in the college buildings during the college day or at night. Such applications should be filed as far in advance of the proposed meeting as possible in order that definite arrangements may be made. No notice of any meeting should be posted until permission for holding such meeting has been secured.

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