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STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The SUMMER NEWS wishes to suggest a policy that ought to be adopted for next year. We are referring to the establishment of a summer session association. It has been done before with admirable success and it can be done again.

Under the system of the student association all students who become members would be entitled to copies of the SUMMER NEWS free of charge and would be admitted to college functions without cost. As it is, private individuals have to negotiate enterprises at the risk of their own credit. More extra-curricular activities could be fostered under the student association's governing body, which would be elected by the members of the association.

Weekly assembly meetings could be arranged at which time well known speakers and lecturers prominent in the literary and educational field could be brought here to speak or lecture on subjects of their choice.

We suggest that each year at least one summer session should be held at the college. This would give the student body a chance to get out of one of their "holes" and to have the same life as we have in the city. It could be admitted to local business, recreation without the added extra charge.

This plan has been tried and found successful in the past several years and in other summer schools. We suggest it as a year for considering it as a summer.

SPEAKING AESTHETICS

By James W. Thompson, president of the Student Association.

When the Student Association is asked to give a program, it is often asked to give a program of "speaking aesthetics." This is a term which is not very well understood by the general public. It is a term which is usually understood by the faculty and the staff. It is a term which is usually understood by the faculty and the staff.

music appreciation? Is it because they do not consider it recreation or because they neglect the aesthetic side of their life?

Shakespeare wrote—
"The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is it moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils;
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus:
Let no such man be trusted!"

However, whether that is true or not, it must be not a part of their life, teachers should endeavor to cultivate an appreciation for the best in music thereby enriching the aesthetic side of life which is so important in the development of a well-rounded life.

Next year, we hope that there will be more recitals and that there will be a keener sense of appreciation shown through a much larger audience.

Out of an enrollment of more than 1300 students only about 150 showed interest in this fine art. Think of it! It was a group of teachers who are supposed to inspire the youths of the state in the finer things of life. Are teachers and educators neglecting the aesthetic side of life?

"HIGHER" EDUCATION

Increased enrollment in the summer sessions of the various colleges and universities seems to indicate increased interest in the so-called "higher" education. Since the majority of students in the c courses are teachers nine or ten months of the year, it might reasonably be suspected that teachers are appreciably interested in the invasion of the "higher" realms.

While they are making progress in the ground work and basic principles of education, it becomes increasingly evident that the world in general is becoming more extensively air-minded. When children are traveling by airplane—and we saw one three-year old starting off on a thousand-mile trip not long ago—the teacher who stays on the ground, not only looks, but is a step behind the times. Most of the fourteen-year-old boys today know more about aviation than their teachers, and it is not all due to the super- or mechanical ability generally attributed to the masculine mind.

Many, perhaps all, of the air-minded teachers I see today, reflect one of those air-minded trips on the continent of European travel. They are so-called "higher" education, and they are not so much interested in the ground work as they are in the air. They are not so much interested in the ground work as they are in the air.

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opportunity to get that long view, that beautiful vista, that sense of proportion that helps to put all days and all things into their true places?

Wouldn't the view from the cliff-top at Thatcher Park, or Washington Monument, or some tall hillside in Idaho serve equally well? Perhaps,—who can say? Yet with the airport a growing factor in all communities, why not make "higher" education actually higher?

If You Ask Me—



Question: Do you have a plan for a student association for the next summer session with a single tax to provide entertainments such as concerts, dances, and speakers?

Hazel Williams: Yes, I would favor a small student tax to provide something to bring about a more social attitude and make life more interesting during the six weeks. There is not enough student activity, especially in comparison with other summer sessions. We teach others to apply themselves socially but do not make practical application ourselves. I see no value in just cramming methods for six weeks.

George Taylor: It would help the school give some of the finer things and develop the cultural side instead of the educational side only. People interested would pay a voluntary tax just as an admission, a cheap one, too.

Irish Neuberger: It would make it possible to hear not only some of the better known educators but also some speakers from other fields of work.

Mary O'Brien: If it were decided upon I would be willing to pay the tax for the benefit of the student body but I would not wish to come back for the entertainments.

Robert Williams: It depends on the type of entertainment. We need more speakers to get acquainted.

The Student Association is a group of people who are interested in the finer things of life. They are not so much interested in the ground work as they are in the air. They are not so much interested in the ground work as they are in the air.

Faculty Volley Ball Men Cop Championship

The Faculty Volley Ball Men Cop Championship was held at the college. The team from the Faculty won the championship. The game was played on July 25th.

All State Dance Drew Crowd Of Merrymakers

The All State summer session dance was held last night in the gymnasium of Page Hall. The dance lasted from 8:30 until 12 o'clock and was informal. Among those who attended were Merrill Lewis, Joseph Boigilleri, Wendell Simpson, Perry Hotaling, Sidney Fort, Timothy Casslin, Alfred Kronk, Eileen Canna, Anne Murray, Anne Savercool, Frederick Nusham, Donald Roehm, Ethel Alsdorf, Edith Fischer, Irving Harper, Helen Aronson, Dorothy Corbin, Winifred Hasold, Bernard Kerbel, Helen Snyder, Mildred Appleton, Alice Kent, Howard Mann, Kenneth Smith, Dorothy Roy, Marie Van Hesen, Arthur Jones, Mary Zehr, Florian Werthman, Catherine McLaughlin, R. Louise Elmer, Helen Emler, Charlotte Stafford, Teresa Gage, Doris Makeley, Katherine Graham, Beverly Diamond, Frances Root, Margaret Doru, Gertrude Terwilliger, Edward Roland, Martin Connors, Robert Fitzsimmons, Helen Frederick, Helen Barrett, Marcelle Gachi, Alfred Basch, Regina Doyle, Wilbur Edmonds, Richard Bailey, Virginia Simons.

Economic Science Class Visits Industrial Plant

Because the students of the Principles of Economic Science class desired to see how the economic problems are met in present day industry, a field trip was made Wednesday to the Montgomery Ward Plant. Dr. William J. Ryland, instructor, made special arrangements for the class to see the mail order house in operation. This part of the trip illustrated the rapidly with which an immense business can be efficiently handled. Other trips planned are to the Port of Albany and various mills.

Birchenough Returns After Week's Illness

Professor Harry Birchenough, of the Educational Department, returned to his duties after a week's absence due to illness. He is expected to continue his work in the department.

R. J. Bailey Declared Winner In Tennis Contest

R. J. Bailey was declared the winner in the tennis contest held at the college. He won the championship by defeating his opponent. The match was played on July 20th.

Last Tour Of Season To Include West Point

West Point and Bear Mountain Bridge are the points of special interest for tomorrow's tour. This last trip of the summer will be conducted by Dr. Donald Smith through the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, returning by way of Bear Mountain Bridge. Buses will leave the Washington Avenue entrance of the college at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Dr. Smith plans to conduct similar tours to places of historical interest during the 1932 summer session. He announced today that a plan is being devised for putting such trips on a co-operative basis.

The first tour of the season was conducted last week, on the Taconic trail.

Vocational Class Will Visit Kenwood Mills

Miss Josephine Streit's class in "Occupational Information" will have the last of a series of field trips on Monday afternoon when the members will visit the Kenwood Mills, manufacturers of wooden goods.

Last week, the students in the vocational class, "Analysis of the Individual Pupil," staged a series of vocational conferences during the regular class period. In the demonstration given on Tuesday morning, Hamilton Acheson was "the problem child" and Curtis Bigley was the "counselor." Another demonstration was given on Wednesday when Miss Kathleen Doughty took the part of the "problem child" and Miss Alice Keays was her "counselor." The demonstrations were presented for the purpose of giving the students some idea as to how a pupil may be helped in planning his future work and how the counselor can aid him in overcoming some of his difficulties.

Cortland Alumni Find Fun At Warner's Lake

Alumni of the Cortland Normal School enjoyed an outing at Warner's Lake Wednesday afternoon. The main features were a boat race and swimming in the lake, and dancing in the evening. George C. H. is a member of the class of 1902 and was in charge of the boat race. It is the intention of the Cortland Alumni to make this excursion a regular summer session activity at Warner's Lake.

Culture Of Higher Education Wins Amphibian Demonstrator

If you listen very carefully some evening as you pass a certain pond near Albany, your ear will detect a cultural croak rising above the mediocre frog chorus. The superior person from whom it emanates was a guest of Miss L. Pearl Gardner's adolescent psychology classes one day last week. He aided as part of the apparatus to demonstrate certain emotions and their reconditioning. Although the experience was most worthwhile and undeniably elevating, he was very happy to return to cool water, eat a grasshopper and lily pads and slough his feet.

"What shall I do when I am quite restless?" he said when interviewed. "My interests are humanitarian, and my knowledge of emotions is quite unique and valuable. I shall run a Dorsally Dis column for 'The Frog-Town News'."

Modern American Poetry More Animating Than English Contemporary, Says Cox

"Very few students want to know what I think of recent English or American poetry" said Sidney Cox, visiting English professor from Dartmouth College. And it was with a little difficulty that this charming, courteous, but rather reticent, gentleman was induced to talk to a Summer News reporter.

Mr. Cox said that the personality of an individual makes an interview interesting, that his answers to off-hand questions are read curiously, though one can get a concept of his sympathies, prejudices, habits and possibly ideas. A person may be interesting because of the subject he teaches, but he is not very interesting when what he has to say is pertinent and no one really cares.

"Americans are deficient in their acquaintance with the past, traditions—or culture," continued Mr. Cox "but they do have the energy and the vitality to produce the new. Reading contemporary English poetry, one feels that the poet is so conscious of a sort of literary covering of nature and individual interpretations that he can't see it in its special individual freshness. Else he gives up trying to look at simple things and invents a fresh and startling world of simplifications and distortions."

"A very few people in America are still looking at familiar things and a combination of things and at human behavior, so distinctly and enthusias-

literature has long been made. That is why most of the respectable poetry in America today is more animating though less elegant than that being written in England, and why a very little of the poetry now being written here is better than an of the poetry now being written in England."

Although Mr. Cox comes from Dartmouth College, his teaching experience has been varied, including three years in the Schenectady High School. He was one of the first teachers of creative writing at the Breadloaf Summer School of English at Middlebury College, Vt.

Mr. Cox's chief interest is modern English and American literature. Besides teaching courses on these subjects, he has written the most interesting interpretation of Robert Frost yet published, "Robert Frost: Original 'Ordinary Man'". Mr. Cox knew Robert Frost before the poet became famous.

Mr. Cox's two other books are "Teaching of English: Axioms and Ventures" and "Prose References" (co-editor), an anthology for use in college composition classes. As a critic, Mr. Cox has contributed articles to "The Bookman", "New Republic" and other magazines.

Mr. Cox is married and has three children.

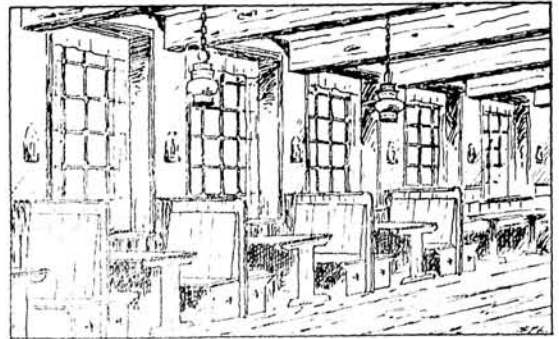
South Conducts Tour To Hudson Institution

The members of the class in Education S 103, instructed by Dr. Earl B. South, made an inspection of the New York State School for Delinquent Girls at Hudson, N. Y. on Wednesday. Two chartered buses left the college at one o'clock. Approximately fifty people went, including a few members of other classes.

A detailed inspection was made of the institution including the kitchen, laundry, dining rooms, recreation rooms and dormitories.

One feature of the institution is the work done along the lines of weaving, basket making, sewing and other handicrafts.

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TALKIES DEVELOP FROM TELEPHONE

Important Features of Telephone Incorporated in Talking Picture Production

The telephone is the parent of all electrical communication systems, Mr. B. K. Rhoads of the New York Telephone Company declared last Monday afternoon, in Page Hall, when the company presented a talking version of the development of the telephone and allied industries. According to Mr. Rhoads, the talking pictures evolved from telephonic principles.

When Dr. Alexander Bell invented the telephone, both parties had to be ready at either end of the line. There was no signalling device such as the bell. The use of signalling devices came about through research conducted by Heywood Harvey.

"It is inherent in the Bell system to have a group of about 5000 people who are continually looking for newer and better ways to 'speak' the spoken word." This statement by Mr. Rhoads is the essence of the company's purpose in maintaining the elaborate Bell Laboratories. That the enormous expense of conducting these research laboratories is not wasted is amply shown by the results obtained.

From telephone research work has come transatlantic telegraphy, which was started 25 years ago and put into operation about 4 years ago. The first transatlantic message was sent from the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 1915.

Telephone research has given the world the tele-talkie, one of the latest modes of communication. Through telephone research, the principles of the telephone were applied to medicine and thus the electrical stethoscope and artificial larynx were discovered. The electrical stethoscope enables a number of physicians and students to hear the heart beat without each making an individual test.

Radio telephone is another direct application of telephone principles to modern life. Messages are now sent from London to Australia in a few seconds.

A very widely used new kind of the telephone is the public address system. This utilizes the telephone principle of diaphragm and electrical current in amplifying the words of speakers and announcers.

"Thus, when Mr. Rhoads said, 'Among telephone lines, it is to research that we owe the fact that we can talk over long distances,' he struck the source of a good many of modern electrical devices.

The chief point of comparison between the telephone and other speech instruments, as shown by the picture, is the similarity of construction of the diaphragm, that little metal disc which brings out the tones and noises from in front of it. The

F. J. Werthman Issues Challenge To Debate

Mr. Florian J. Werthman, a student in State College summer session, challenged Miss Mabel W. Smith also of State College to a debate, the subject to be: "Which one of the institutions or divisions of the social environment is more important as an influence upon the youth of America." A very earnest group discussion in the psychology of adolescence class, Friday, culminated in the issuing of this challenge, the date for which had not been chosen when the News went to press.

Class Observes Model Experimental Groups

Miss Clara B. Springteed, instructor of Progressive Primary School and of Classroom Teachers' Problems in the Intermediate Grades, has been conducting very interesting demonstration classes in each course.

The first group, composed of fifteen children, was for the primary grades. The second group, also numbering fifteen, did intermediate work. Each group has met daily for one week. The children from both groups came voluntarily from various schools of this city. Each child was given ice cream at the end of the week's work.

These classes have offered the students in the course a splendid opportunity for observation of actual teaching.

talking motion pictures, public address system, radio loud speakers, microphone, tele-talkie, and telephone are almost identical in their structure of this important part of the apparatus.

"By translating sound to electricity and taking a picture of that electricity, as to all currents and purposes taking a picture of sound." Mr. Rhoads thus explains the basic theory of recording sound on motion picture film. The process is rather involved but when explained and illustrated with pictures one readily grasps the important idea in the making of talking pictures.

From the point of view of educational value, the performance was highly successful and was well worth the hour of one's time it took to attend. Four reels of sound pictures were shown. In one, the development of the telephone was demonstrated as it originally was and as it is today.

The last reel of this demonstrated the process of recording sound on film in the motion picture studio. In closing the performance, Mr. Rhoads invited all who cared to do so to visit the telephone company plant.

JUNIOR RED CROSS HOLDS EXHIBITION

Representative Attends College to Recommend Work in Peace Movement

"Love makes the world go round, but the Junior Red Cross makes love go round the world", was the way in which Miss Maude Lewis, assistant to the National Commander of the American Junior Red Cross, summed up briefly the work of that organization, in an interview. All this week Miss Lewis exhibited and explained to various students and faculty members the work of the American Junior Red Cross.

She said that the Junior Red Cross has the local, National, and International programs to execute. The local program is to help all children in hospitals or orphanages, and to care for aged people who are in need. The National program consists in adopting hospitals for world war veterans, establishing friendly relations between Indian and American children, and the handling of correspondence between the Junior Red Cross organizations of the various states. Finally the International program which takes care of filling Christmas boxes for the needy, correspondence between the various International chapters, and the contributing to the National Children's Fund which is used to help boys and girls in foreign lands that need it.

Some interesting facts which the assistant national commander revealed about the Junior Red Cross were that there are chapters in 40 countries of the world having a total membership of 12 million, of which 8 million are in the United States. The members range from the kindergarten age through the high school age, and include the private and parochial schools as well as the public schools.

Miss Lewis explained that the Junior Red Cross is an inter-curricular activity and furnishes much valuable material in the presenting of any school subject, and that it is indispensable in fostering good will among Nations. The exhibitions which were displayed by Miss Lewis came from Junior Red Cross chapters from all over the world.

Miss Burnett Explains Adult Education Needs

Classes offering education for the enrichment of adult life must be the next step in immigrant education, declared Miss Marguerite H. Burnett in her address before a group of students and specialists in Immigrant Education on Wednesday morning.

More than 50 summer school students and visitors attended the conference in adult education to hear Miss Burnett, who is director of immigrant education in Delaware.

Experience with adult immigrants who have acquired a workable knowledge of English, American born children of foreign parentage and American born adults whose education has been limited, has shown that there is a distinct desire for courses that will help the individual meet life problems, Miss Burnett said. Spelling, arithmetic, American history have little appeal to these individuals. Classes in physical education, music, dancing, organized games and discussion groups under trained leaders in parliamentary law, public affairs and child study meet with eager response from both the young adult and those who are more mature, Miss Burnett pointed out. This is shown in the growth of such classes in the State of Delaware in the last five years.

Graduates Of Potsdam Plan Social Activities

An informal gathering of Potsdam graduates was held in Room 111 of State College, Tuesday for the purpose of discussing an organization for social activities.

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