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G. A. A. EVENT SUCCESSFUL

Much Credit Due to Miss Johnston

G. A. A. held State in the palm of its amusement hand last Friday evening. From the very first appearance of the "Country Kids," Bertha Zajan and Melanie Grant, to the last caper of the dryads in "The Fairy King," a fantasia directed by Ruth McNutt, the program offered a delightful combination of peppy songs, dances, breath-taking gymnastics, and spiky jokes in five acts which might have been recently billed on any Keith circuit.

"Gert" Olds, Lillian Eckler, and Helen Elliott, as the "Bagdad Entertainers," managed to keep their unique wearing apparel intact long enough to broadcast a few tips on faculty follies. The tumblers, led by Bertha Zajan and Dot Hoyt, executed several neat turns and tumbles. Madeline Hohl, '25, and Helen Deitz, '26, variety dancers, registered a distinct hit when they took for their accompanist and "lay friend," Beulah Eckerson, '25. In the one-act play, directed by E. Marion Schraeder, "Bunn" Quinn and Llewellyn Gill made love very effectively while Dot Hoyt as the inevitable kid brother raised a disturbance. The surprise of the evening was a Chalfi dance, "Flames" by Emily Belding, '24. Her interpretation was exquisitely done. The fantasia offered a wealth of color and grace.

No detail that could contribute to the enjoyment of the audience was missing. Ushers, daintily capped and aproned, steered the patrons past the uniformed ticket man. A severe and uniformed "cop" kept even upper-classmen from disturbing the peace. Kathleen Doughty, '28, ably performed this function.

Helen Quackenbush, '26, was in charge of make-up; Dorothy Taylor, '25, planned and made the costumes. The work of both contributed much to the success of the affair. Giving credit to whom credit is due, a lion's share belongs to Miss J. Isabelle Johnston and Lorene Shaffer, '26, general chairmen.

Pre-Easter Sing Today

Under the direction of Professor Camlyn, the Mixed Chorus and the Women's Chorus gave a very delightful program today, in assembly.

The program was as follows:

Mixed Chorus

1. The Nightingale.....Tchaikowski (unaccompanied)
2. "Madrigal" from the "Mikado"..... Sullivan

Women's Chorus

1. The Tambourine Girl.....Schumann (unaccompanied)
 2. The Fairy Pipers.....Brewers
 3. The Bell-Man.....Forsyth
 4. The Blue Danube.....Strauss
- The student body joined in singing the most popular college songs with a gusto.

Alumni Organize For Dormitory Campaign

With the meeting last Saturday of three groups of alumni, the first stages of building the alumni campaign organization were completed. All the meetings were well attended, and enthusiasm was rife. Division 2 Eastern New York, had its conference at the Hotel Hampton, Albany. Its chairman, Mrs. Mary Robbins Richardson, '14, presided. Division 4, Western New York, gathered at the Buffalo consistory, Buffalo, under the chairmanship of William A. Mackey, '20. Division 5, Northern New York, Roy C. Van Denbergh, '10, chairman, met at the Hotel Utica, Utica.

On Friday night, Division 1, Albany and vicinity, met at the Hotel Hampton for a dinner-conference. Mrs. Frederick S. DeBeer, '12, chairman, presided. Dean Pierce and John T. D. Blackburn, campaign chairman, spoke at this and the other Albany meeting.

Those alumni attending these meetings will act as chairmen in their respective districts, each division being made up of districts. Conferences to be held in mid-April will carry the campaign message to local groups of alumni all over the state, each group being in charge of a local chairman.

Plans for the April Alumni Quarterly, several pages of which have been turned over to the campaign by the editor, provide for messages to alumni from President Brubacher, Dean Pierce, and Chairman Blackburn, a full-page picture of the projected new Residence Hall, a map showing its location in relation to the college, a campaign alphabet, and other features. The issue will be mailed about April 15.

"The Great Divide" Dated For April 18

The reading of "The Great Divide," William Vaughn Moody's drama, which was recently postponed by Miss Agnes Futterer, will be given April 18, at Chancellor's Hall. Gwendolyn Jones, president of the Dramatic and Art Association announced Friday. Miss Futterer has gone to Binghamton to read the play recently.

The final group of one-act plays, in the series which have been presented every two weeks this winter by the Advanced Dramatic class was given Wednesday evening in the college auditorium. The cast included DeWitt C. Zeh, Miss Edith Higgins, Edwin Van Kleeck Niles Haight, Melanie Grant, and Marion O'Connor.

The work is under supervision of Miss Agnes E. Futterer. Following the Easter vacation the class will begin work on a three-act play for presentation in May at Vincian Institute.

Last week for your "Ped" to pay.
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Mothers To Visit College on May 8

The week-end of May 8, which includes Mother's Day, is being dedicated by State College to college mothers. A similar week-end was observed last year, under the auspices of Y. W. C. A. This year Newman Club, Y. W. C. A., and Menorah are uniting in the project. Some of the best entertainments of the year are being planned for the week-end to show the mothers what the college can do in the form of amusement. Friday night will be Spanish Carnival, beginning with a dinner in the cafeteria. Saturday afternoon there will be a surprise entertainment which all the mothers are sure to enjoy. Saturday evening a college concert will be held in the auditorium. All State College mothers are welcome. Explain the plan to mother during vacation; get her to promise to come; then meet her at the station May 8, and help the rest of the college to help her have the jolliest week-end imaginable.

Even mother's best Sunday dinner can be no better than the dinner Spanish Club will serve in the cafeteria Friday, May 8, at 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock, as the opening event of Spanish Carnival, and one of the big features of Mothers' Week-end. Of course mother will want to be there too, if she is visiting college for the week-end, but no college student can afford to miss that dinner even if mother is not coming. Reservations must be made in advance—remember that when tickets are put on sale.

After dinner, too, in the auditorium, there will be—but that's a secret until after Easter. Watch the next News for it.

Pedagogue to go to Press soon; Staff Promises Surprises

The Pedagogue will go to press very soon, with the usual deep silence surrounding its contents. Besides announcing that it will be "the best ever" the editors follow the usual custom of letting curiosity spur the list of subscribers and tell all to "wait and see." The book will announce the result of the vote for the prettiest girl student, the most popular professor, and a long list of other dignitaries.

The staff of the year book is as follows: Literary editors, Ruth L. Moore, Harriet Barris, Mary Driscoll, Mary Vedder; joke editors, Mary P. O'Hare, Frances Price; assistant editors, Dorothy Haight and Edith Leek; photography editors, Louise Austin, Edwin A. Juckett, and Harriet Voorhies; business manager, Ella Chace; subscription managers, Harvey C. Femer and Hermone Brabb; advertising managers, Gertrude Olds, Ramona Downer, Helen Sherman, and Philander Webster. Miss Edith O. Wallace is faculty advisor.

MILNE HALL A REALITY

Bids Received; Work Will Start Soon

Award of the contract for construction of the \$75,000 foundations for the proposed \$800,000 William J. Milne Science Hall addition to State College is expected this week, and work will be begun on the foundations next month, according to announcement by Dr. Brubacher. The 1925 legislature died without passing the Byrne bill to appropriate \$250,000 for the first year's work on the buildings proper.

Nine bids were received for the foundation work, according to Sullivan W. Jones, state architect, and a conference between representatives of his office, the State Education Department and Dr. Brubacher was held.

"Governor Smith, and Republican senate and assembly leaders have approved going ahead with construction of the foundations immediately," Dr. Brubacher said. "Next year we are very confident a bill giving us part of the remaining money will be passed. The foundation work will probably be underway before the end of April."

"The construction of the William J. Milne Science Hall is now an assured thing," he said. "The process has been slow but, by the time the present sophomore class graduates, there is every reason to think that the building will be completed and nearly ready for occupancy. In September 1927, possibly before then, we should begin its general use."

Use of the \$75,000 appropriation this year necessitated its repassage by the legislature. It was originally passed two years ago.

The foundation bids are based on specifications approved last spring by the college trustees and President Brubacher, which received the approval of the State Architect's office and the State Education Department recently.

The total cost of the projected addition will be about \$800,000. It will consist of a group of a central building and two wings in a style similar to the present group.

MASCOT HUNT ON

Six hundred State College students will play a six day game of hide and seek, beginning May 4. Then the annual "mascot hunt" between the sophomore and freshman classes will take place. The prize will be a small statue which will be hidden by '27 and hunted by '28.

The event is a part of the year's program of rivalry between the two underclasses. Each has taken one event so far, the sophomores winning the song contest and the freshmen succeeding in stealing the second year students' banner.

The statue will be shown in assembly May 1 and will then be hidden somewhere on the college campus or in one of the buildings. No freshman class has ever been able to locate it.

Myskonia is in charge of the hunt. If the freshmen fail to find the mascot the sophomores will present it to next year's freshman class in the fall.

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COURTESY DUE ALL

Faculty members are faculty members whether they're full professor or assistant instructors, and the same rules on tardiness go for them all. That is the discovery which has been made by State College students. It explodes a pet tradition which has been passed on orally from generation to generation of students. The story was that if an instructor were late in arriving at class, students would wait ten minutes before going; if a higher faculty member were late, they would tarry a quarter of an hour while if the head of the department were delayed they would kill time for twenty minutes. All of which, cold investigation has revealed, is fiction. There are no rules regarding how long the class shall wait. Courtesy and good judgment, attendance authorities say demand they shall wait a reasonable time. But among the professors there are no distinctions and students should linger as long for one as for another.

BASEBALL SEASON ON

"Spring 'as comb" and if you don't believe it just glance out at the rear campus and see State's twirlers "warming up" for the coming baseball battles. The national sport is again coming into its own and soon bats and gloves will be wielded vigorously on every sand lot and diamond. Comment on the march of the major leaguers northward, however, turns State's attention to its own possibilities for the new season. The approach of warm weather and the prevalence of "spring fever" ought to be sufficient to urge college fans to forsake "Psych" and "Ed" and see some snappy baseball for a change. Let's go!

The varsity baseball squad had first practice this week and last at Beverwyck park with about twenty candidates out, in charge of Coach R. R. Baker and Eric Le Barron, captain. Most of the time was given to infield and outfield work and batting practice. Baker used Captain Le Barron and Graham on the mound and Gilchrist and Knezycki behind the plate.

Dr. Brubacher States Aim of College In Educational Journal; Dr. Horner Its Editor

"What Are We Trying To Do" was the subject of an article by President Brubacher on the purposes of State College, which was published in a number of the current volume of New York State Education, the journal of the State Teachers' Association. Former Dean Horner is editor of the magazine. Excerpts from Dr. Brubacher's article follow:

"From 1908 until the present time the college has interpreted its duty to be the education of young men and women as teachers for the high schools of the state both in 'liberal arts and pedagogics.' The presumption is that a high school teacher must have adequate scholarship in one or two subjects chosen from the field of secondary education and that he must have general culture covering science, literature, history, philosophy and art. The skill sought by State College is that which rests in an exact knowledge of subject matter, in understanding of the learning process, and in the power to organize knowledge for purposes of instruction. Development of this skill is the larger part of the work which State College is commissioned to do, but only a part. The study of education as a science by ad-

vanced candidates for the degree of Master of Arts is also contemplated. It is the legitimate business of the college to offer advanced courses in the science of education and the college has tried to fulfill this function equally with its larger function, but succeeding legislatures have failed to provide an adequate staff of instructors.

Registration at the college has grown steadily and rapidly, and is now far in excess of accommodations. With the increasing demand for admission scholarship standards were raised gradually until the standards for the entrant today is distinctly above the minimum of the Regents' examinations, and conditioned freshmen are now obsolete."

But the real test must be found in the ultimate professional goal of the graduates. Do they become high school teachers? The graduates of State College are today in such demand by the high schools of the state that the supply is wholly inadequate. Practically ninety-five per cent of every class goes into the high school field; the small remainder enters other fields of teaching because of special tastes or locality preferences. The best recommendation for its graduates must be the word of those who know them and employ them.

Basketball Season of 1919 Best State Has Had

The following interesting letter has been received from the manager of the State basketball varsity of 1919 in which is discussed the relative merit of different college teams:

Editor of the News:
Let me quote the following figures for the 1919 season to refute the statement that this year's State College basketball team was the best since 1917.

Game With	Opponents	State
Williams College	15	28
Colgate University	34	24
Hobart College	21	44
U. S. Naval Aviation Base	27	29
Colgate University	24	22
Middlebury College	18	49
Syracuse University	29	17
Massachusetts Aggies	18	19
Hamilton College	17	24

Totals 203 256
State won 6 games and lost 3.

The 1919 team was as follows: "Big Fitz" Fitzgerald, Martie Barry, "Spike" Dowling, Van Lobbell, W. Merchant, Gerald Curtin, S. Lichtenstein, and E. Sprinmann.

Coach Baker and the members of this year's State College basketball team deserve a great deal of credit for the fine work they have shown on the basketball floor, but I could not overlook the work of the 1919 season which I believe you will agree was the best season State ever had

FACULTY NOTES

At the meeting of Political Science Club Tuesday, March 24, Professor Walker gave a short talk on the principles of Carl Marx.

Miss Winchell, Miss Keim, and Miss Fillingham attended a week's conference of the Homemakers' Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The conference was held in Swampscott at Puritan Hall

The Exchange Club, an organization of Albany business and professional men, was told of the college's needs at a recent meeting by Professor A. W. Risley of the History Department. It loyally pledged its support.

CULLINGS

THE doings of the colleges find an increasing importance in the news of the day, and the pranks and foibles of the rah-rah boys and girls, as well as of their professors, are read with relish by the dear public. The trustees, too, come in for their share of attention. Witness the following: "Chew Gum and Go to Harvard" is the slogan suggested for the Crimson by a Knickerbocker Press editorial writer, seizing upon that hallowed institution's latest break into the journalistic spotlight. For fair Harvard has inherited a part of every penny dropped into the Interborough subway in New York into perpetuity, and a share of every cent paid for a cup of hot chocolate and a wad of chewing gum of a certain well-known brand. Oysters, ale and a brewer's gave Vassar its start, according to Colonel George Harvey's Washington Post. Matthew Vassar, the college's founder, made his money in those enterprises and then established a college for women.

The New York World notes that school superintendents are discredited as to the advisability of hiring bobbed-hair teachers. Mrs. Susan Dorsey, Los Angeles superintendent, the paper says, answered a reporter's question—"Young man, I'm concerned with the inside not the outside of the heads of my teachers."

"We won," the cry of the sophs, last Friday, March 27, was answered by the cry of the frosh: "We're even now."

Another scene of class rivalry was staged in assembly last week when the challenge to a "sing" of the sophomores to the frosh was the occasion for a display of class spirit, pep, and tense excitement. Each class sang a song to the Alma Mater, with original music and words, and a song to the rival class, with original words.

The judges were Professor Candlyn, Professor Walker, and Professor Birchenough, who rendered a decision of two to one in favor of the sophomores.

Professor Sayles is taking a brief vacation from his duties this week end.



Delta Omega welcomes into pledge membership, Blodwyn Bailey, Carolyn Josselyn, Esther Luyster, Charlotte Jones, Mary Martin, Holly Sauter, and Katherine Saxton, all of 1928.

Betty Booth, formerly of State and Thelma Vroman of Scholastic were entertained at the Delta Omega house over the week-end.

Psi Gamma welcomes Mary Campbell, '27, into full membership.

Psi Gamma welcomes into pledge membership, Ruth Kelley, Helen Klady, Ruth Lane, Nancy Morgan, Ruth Moore, Ethel Van Emburgh, and Caroline Wheeler.

Ruth Tofti, '23, and Glenmon Easeman, '23, were entertained over the week-end at Psi Gamma house.

Winifred Wemple Brubacher, '21, was entertained at Psi Gamma house on Sunday, March 29.

Kappa Delta welcomes Jeanette Waldbillig, Beatrice Wright, Mildred Wahrman, Doris Arnold, and Clara Hagey as pledge members.

Chi Sigma Theta welcomes as pledge members, Mary Galvin, '27, Dorothy Bradt, '28, Matilda Keeler, '28, Margaret Moore, '28, and Eleanor Finn, '28.

Gamma Kappa Phi welcomes as pledge members, Goldina Bills, Josephine Lawrence, Mabel Berg, Elizabeth Frederic, and Violet Pierce.

Gamma Kappa Phi welcomes Gertrude Swettmann, '27, into full membership.

Eta Phi welcomes as pledge members, Chrissey Curtis, Charlotte Duncan, Ruth Bängel, Alice Godell, Betty Strong, Margaret Stoutenberg, and Emily Williams.

Alpha Epsilon Phi welcomes Ethel Effron, Ethel Herschberg, and Mollie Erick as pledges.

Anne Cowan, '27, of Page Hall was called home Friday.

Miss Elma Kullman of Elmira College was the week end guest of Gertrude Walsh, '27.

Miss Caruelius Sloan of Simonon College, was the week-end guest of Dorothy Kniskern, '27.

Anne Fagan, '28, of Page Hall is convalescing after an attack of Grippe.

Beta Zeta welcomes as pledges, Ann Holroyd, Bernice Hopkins, Frances Moeller, Florence Potter and Mildred Shaver.

Mount Holyoke College's highest scholastic honor, election to the Phi Beta Kappa and awarding of the gold key, was bestowed upon Emily Barrows, ex-'25 of State, last week.

Theodore R. Hecker, ex-'26, who is now studying at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, has been elected to membership in Sigma Upsilon, national honorary literary fraternity. He is also a member of the staff of the college's literary publication. Hecker contributed to the Quarterly while at State.

Friday, April 24, nominations for student assembly officers will take place at the regular assembly period.

The date of May 15 has been set aside for Moving-up Day at State. Upper classmen and sophomores know what this implies. Freshmen have yet to live through the most stirring patriotic day of a college year that of Moving-up Day.

College Cullings

KENT PEASE and Miss Dorothy L. Wardell wrote the words and Miss Melanie Grant composed the music for "Mother of a Glorious Freedom," the sophomore Alma Mater song which won the interclass sing last Friday. The first and third verses read as follows:

*Mother of a glorious freedom,
Thoughts aflame and purpose sure;
Source of strength and inspiration,
Such we hold thee, ever pure.
Pressing onward with our standards
'Gainst the scowling of thought and deed,
Alma Mater, Dear State College,
In the way that thou shalt lead.*

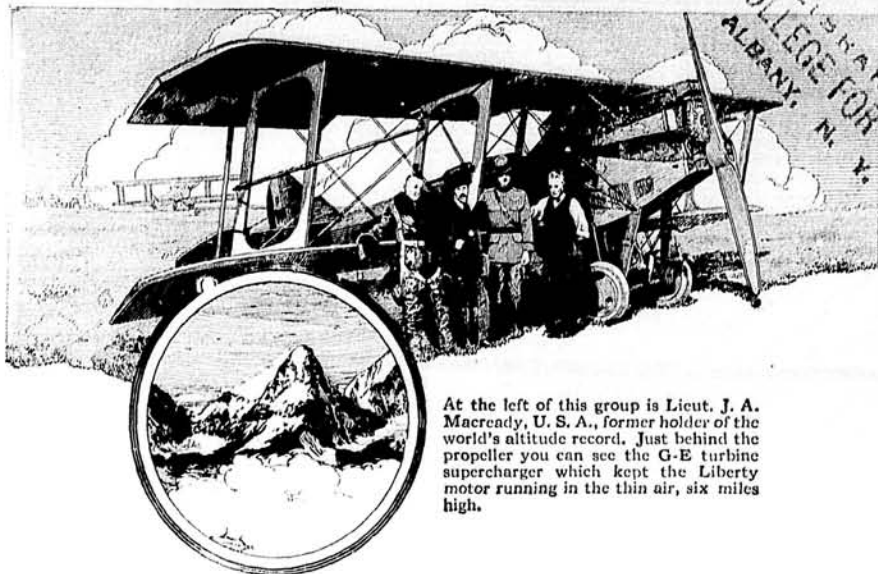
*Guide us in the way of service,
Teach us of the clearer light;
As we labor in the dimness
Lift our blindness with thy sight.
Aid us in the new endeavor,
Make our purpose firm to stand;
On our journey, Alma Mater,
Ever lend thy helpful hand.*

THE Byrne Bill, giving State \$800,000 for new buildings, is dead for this year, and the open season for the calamity howlers has begun. "I told you so" and "My grandchildren'll be graduating from here before the state appropriates the money" are the pet expressions of these persons and of others when told the news. To be true, "Rome wasn't built in a day" and neither was the part of State College now in use. If the people who eighty-odd years ago conceived the plan for the college had stopped working for it because success did not come over night, the college wouldn't be here today. If they failed to push their ideal to a reality because Governor DeWitt Clinton's plan for the school had failed before them, State College wouldn't be here. Every worthwhile step in the college's development has been slow and hard-earned. The construction of the William J. Milne Science Hall is an assured event. The foundations, costing \$75,000, will be dug this spring. When the state is able it will appropriate the rest of the money. Probably the graduation of the sophomore class will mark also the dedication of the new buildings. The class of 1931, in the opinion of President Brubacher, is almost assured of enjoying the full facilities of the addition.

Analogy between the service of State College and that of Annapolis and West Point is made by Dr. Brubacher, writing on "What We Are Trying to Do" in the State Teachers' Association magazine. He says:

"It is the ambition of the State College for Teachers to serve the schools of New York state as the service schools at Annapolis and West Point serve the Navy and the Army. To this end all its energies are directed. The demand is for high school teachers of character and personal forcefulness, equipped with a liberal education that spells culture and a knowledge and skill in educational procedure that spells professional fitness."

MAY 15, Moving-up Day, will find State College singing once again, "Where, oh where, are the grand old seniors?" And the song's answer, "out in the wide, wide world," is only partly true. "All over the wide, wide world" would strike nearer the truth. The committee which is rounding up graduates for the Residence Hall campaign has found its work must extend beyond the borders of the country and even of the continent. It has located S. C. T. grads in Europe, in the Near and Far East, in South America, and in Australia. In America it found them in



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NEWMAN BREAKFAST APR. 19

Newman Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, April 1, at four o'clock in Room 211. The date for the conference of the Albany Province of Newman Clubs, originally set for May 8-10, was announced as being now definitely arranged for April 17-19 under the auspices of the local club in this city. The third Quarterly Communion will be held as part of the conference activities on Sunday, April 19, at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. A breakfast will follow at the Academy of the Holy Names. A list will be posted Tuesday, April 14, on the Newman bulletin board so that all club members will be given the opportunity to sign up. The St. Patrick's Day cake and candy sale held March 17, was a complete financial success, and Newmanites are requested to aid further with regard to the matter of funds by cooperating with the councillors before Friday, April 17.

CANTERBURY CLUB TO HIKE

Canterbury Club met Thursday, March 26, in the lower room of St. Andrew's Church. After a short service led by the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Pindley, Miss Martha Bullitt, secretary in charge of work with women students of the Episcopal church, was introduced. After a round table discussion of effects of different college courses upon religious thinking, in preparation for the club's essay in the contest with other units of the National Student Council, the meeting adjourned. Plans are being made for a hike, and also for another candy sale after Easter.

G. A. A. NEWS

Combining business with pleasure, G. A. A., in the gym frolic of April 17, will nominate officers for the ensuing year and allow the seniors, headed by Dot Taylor, Gertrude Olds, Dot Dietz, Dot Hoyt, and Beulah Eckerson to entertain the members.

The gym meet, interclass for all four classes and individual for underclassmen, will be held April 22.

COLLEGE CLUB EVENTS

The Home Economics Club put on its sale of marmalade as scheduled on Saturday, March 28. Due to the very bad weather the time of sale was extended to include Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Phillip B. Stearns, the manager of W. M. Whitney and Company, kindly offered the services of his own clerks to handle this sale. This unusual spirit of cooperation is highly appreciated by the Home Economics Club and is another evidence of Mr. Stearns' understanding and appreciation of the activities of the New York State College for Teachers. On Friday afternoon, March 27, Mr. Theodore Gremmler, the Madison Avenue tailor, gave a very interesting demonstration of wool dresses before the students in dressmaking.

Señor Guerrero, of Costa Rica, gave a second very interesting lecture in the meeting of Spanish Club, Wednesday, March 25. He told many interesting things about his native land; its products, its form of government, and its relations with foreign countries.

The Wrigley Company, which has run an advertisement in our college weekly for several years, are responsible for the generous supply of chewing gum distributed last week.

RICCA BILL PASSED

Although the Byrne bill giving State College money for new buildings failed to pass at this session of the legislature, that body acted favorably on the Ricca bill which will increase the New York City teachers salaries by about \$12,000,-

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