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## HUTCHISON TO TALK IN ASSEMBLY TODAY

**Government Department Head  
To Sketch Operation Of  
Electoral College**

## MISS COBB WILL SPEAK

**Dr. Harry Hastings To Outline  
Pulitzer Prize History,  
November 23**

Dr. David Hutchison, head of the government department, will describe the operation of the electoral college at the upperclassman assembly today, according to Evelyn Graves, '29, president of the student association. Dr. Hutchison chose the subject to stimulate interest in the coming election and to establish a better understanding of the workings of the college.

Miss Mary E. Cobb, librarian, will speak during the second assembly.

The campus commission and the class marshals will be named at today's assemblies, Miss Graves said. Those committees will be in charge for the year.

Singing and cheering under the direction of the college song and cheer leaders will feature the assembly program of October 26. Gladys Bates, '30, college song leader, will be in charge. Grace M. Brady, '30, will preside in Miss Graves' absence.

## To Present New Traditions

Warren R. Cochrane, '30, chairman of the sub-committee of the constitution committee appointed last spring, will present, November 2, a revision of the college traditions upon which the committee has been working. Several changes will probably be made. It is expected that the committee will advise the abolition of freshman caps and toques, according to Cochrane.

"Definite penalties for freshmen will be offered to the student association. All penalties will be discharged under the supervision of Myskama," Cochrane said. A two-thirds vote of the association will be necessary to make the proposed changes effective.

The student council has not yet obtained a speaker for "citizenship day," November 9.

A play by the advanced dramatics class will be presented November 16, under the direction of Marion Fox, '29.

Dr. Harry W. Hastings, chairman of the "Pulitzer Prize" in assembly November 23. Dr. Hastings will sketch the history of the prize. He will also outline the life of its founder, and the purpose of establishing a fund for the prize.

Dr. Adna W. Risley, head of the history department, will speak December 14.

## NEWS WILL CONDUCT STRAW VOTE TODAY

A presidential and gubernatorial straw vote will be taken in student assembly today under the direction of the STATE COLLEGE NEWS.

Ballots prepared by the News will be distributed to the students in both assemblies. Students will be asked to indicate upon these ballots the candidates whom they would support in a regular election.

The contest will be limited to candidates for president of the United States and for governor of New York. The leading presidential candidates are Herbert Hoover, former secretary of commerce, Republican, and Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York, Democrat.

The leading candidates for governor are Albert Ottinger, attorney general, Republican, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy, Democrat.

As a safeguard against attempts to stuff the ballot box, students will be asked to sign their names in a corner of the ballot, in a place indicated. This corner will be torn off by staff members of the News before the votes are counted.

Details of the voting will be explained in assemblies today by William M. French, '29, editor in chief of the News.

## FRENCH AND FALLON WILL ATTEND PRESS CONVENTION NOV. 16

William M. French, '29, editor in chief, and Thomas P. Fallon, '29, business manager, will represent the STATE COLLEGE NEWS at the convention of the National College Press Association, at Purdue University, November 16 and 17.

The association, of which the News is a member, conducts a meeting annually for the discussion of problems common to college newspapers. The organization of a college co-operative news service will be a discussion topic this year.

The program will include speeches by leading newspaper men, round table discussions for both editors and business managers, a dinner and a football game.

A period for the presentation of specific problems will be placed in the program. Several sectional meetings of small groups will be scheduled. Records of the meetings will be kept and will be reported in the official bulletin of the association.

The national press association was organized by a small group of editors at the University of Wisconsin in 1925. It has since grown into a large organization, with representatives in nearly every state. Leading American college newspapers are members.

The News has sent representatives to the meetings for two years. Edwin R. Van Kleeck, '27, attended the convention at the University of Illinois two years ago, and Virginia E. Higgins, '28, went to the University of Oklahoma last year. Both are former editors in chief of the News.

## DR. SKINNER TO TALK TO MEN WEDNESDAY

Dr. Avery W. Skinner, director of the division of examinations and inspections of the state department of education, will address an open meeting of Kappa Phi Kappa, Wednesday night.

The meeting will be at 7:15 o'clock, in Room 101 of Draper hall, according to Thomas P. Fallon, '29, president of the Chi chapter of the undergraduate professional education fraternity.

Dr. Skinner will speak on the work of his department and its relations to the schools of the state.

All men students are invited to attend the open meeting, Fallon said today.

A series of other speakers will be scheduled by the fraternity. The officers plan to present the chiefs of the other divisions in the state education department in lectures explaining their offices and duties.

Besides Fallon, the officers of Kappa Phi Kappa are: vice president, Anthony F. Kuzynski, '29; secretary, Herman L. Koerner, '29; treasurer, Randolph Spague, '29.

## SENIORS CLASS TO DON ACADEMIC GARB TODAY

Seniors will wear their caps and gowns to assembly today for the first time this year. The new academic regalia arrived Monday. Betty J. Eaton, president of the senior class, directed the distribution to the seniors during the week.

The senior class recently voted in an assembly to wear the caps and gowns at every assembly after October 15. The caps and gowns were purchased from Cottrell and Leonard, Albany.

## QUARTET WILL APPEAR AT HALL NOVEMBER 2

The Flonzaley Quartet will appear at Chancellor's Hall, Thursday night, November 2, under the auspices of the music association. The quartet, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, is making a farewell tour of the country.

The student tax ticket will admit all State College students. Tickets will be sold to the public for \$2, \$1.50, and \$0.75.

## HER THRONE AWAITS NEW QUEEN TOMORROW



Ruth L. Lane, last year's campus queen, whose crown will be worn by the new queen tomorrow.

## '32 VOTERS STUFF CLASS BALLOT BOX

**Election Cheating Necessitates  
A New Vote On Monday,  
Guardians Say**

Charges of cheating in an election face the freshman class today.

"Stuffing" of the ballot box in the election Wednesday will necessitate a new election for several offices, according to a statement of the two Myskama guardians of the freshman class.

Although the election was regularly supervised by Betty J. Eaton, '29, and Caroline M. Schleich, '29, the two guardians, some students cast more than one ballot each, an examination of the ballots shows.

Since the ballot box was "stuffed," the returns from the election were discarded. Another election will be conducted Monday following history 2 lecture in the auditorium at 11:45 o'clock.

This election will be rigidly supervised by the two class guardians, assisted by other members of Myskama. Checks will be employed to prevent any student's voting more than once.

Each freshman will be asked to sign his name to the ballot, the guardians have announced. These names will be checked with the official freshman list.

The stuffing of the ballot box has delayed the election of freshman officers a week. This means a postponement of class affairs, including plans for the adoption of a class budget. No budget can be adopted until a president is elected, the guardians said today.

## Candidates in Revote

The candidates from whom the class will choose its officers for the year include: for president, Dorothy McGinnis, George P. Rice and Katherine Traver, for vice president, Frederick Appleton, Ernest Booth and Leah Dorgan; for secretary, Mary A. Fortuna, Marjorie Lockwood and Anne Nesbit; for girls' athletic manager, Marguerite Northrup, Aescath Van Buren, Agatha Reister and Josephine Wilson; for reporter, Samuel Dransky and Helen Mead; for song leader, Mildred Smith and Helen Burgher.

No revotes will be necessary for three offices, since these officers were filled in the election Monday. Curtis Reutenber was elected treasurer; John Delehanty, class manager of athletics; Edward Merry, class cheer leader.

## SENIORS WILL PAY TAX MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Collection of the student tax will begin Monday, the student board of finance announced today.

Members of the board will collect from seniors in Room 203, Monday and Tuesday. The office hours are from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock, and from two o'clock to four o'clock.

Juniors will pay Monday and Tuesday, October 29 and 30; sophomores, Monday and Tuesday, November 5 and 6; freshmen, Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13.

Until the student has received a tax card he is not eligible to apply for aid from the infirmary fund, according to Professor C. A. Hidley, faculty treasurer of the board.

A tax card will be issued to each student upon payment of his tax of thirteen dollars. These cards will be numbered serially, and must be presented as tickets at functions of the organizations receiving funds from the student association budget.

The members of the student board of finance who are authorized to collect tax payments are: G. LaVerne Carr and Ruth Whylock, seniors; Frederick W. Crumb and Katherine Watkins, juniors; Norman O. Collins, sophomore; Professor George M. York, head of the commerce department, and Professor Hidley of the history department.

## COUNCIL WILL PRESENT MISS MILLAY NOV. 16

Edna St. Vincent Millay, American poet, will read a selection of her poems in Albany, November 15, under the auspices of the Dramatic and Art association.

Cyril Maude, noted English actor, will be presented by the Dramatic and Art association in an impersonation of his favorite characters, January 15.

Mr. Maude is expected to draw a large audience, as he is well known in Albany as an actor, according to Gertrude L. Hall, president of the association.

**Why the alleged "ratification" of the student association's new constitution is illegal is the subject of an editorial on page 2.**

## QUEEN OF CAMPUS NAMED TOMORROW

**Athletic Events In Afternoon  
Will Usher In Annual  
Campus Day**

## REHEARSAL IS ABANDONED

**Representatives Of 4 Classes  
Will Direct Stunts  
Before Queen**

Campus day tomorrow will see undergraduates entering upon a full afternoon and night of entertainment and activities. The activities will begin with athletic events on the campus tomorrow afternoon, and will lead up to the crowning of the campus queen tomorrow night. The identity of the queen, who will be the seventh in the history of the college, will not be announced until tomorrow night.

For the first time in several years, no rehearsal of the queen's march will be scheduled. In former years, the queen elect has rehearsed the coronation ceremony the night before campus day.

The queen will be attended by two girls from each of the four classes, as she enters the auditorium tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. A crown bearer, two train bearers and two pages will also be in the coronation party.

After the coronation ceremony, which will take place on the platform in the auditorium, the queen will take her place on a throne at one side of the platform and will witness stunts presented by each of the four classes.

The senior stunt will be presented first, under the direction of Dora Dadmun, '29. Those taking part will be: Marion Palmer, Marion Fox, Gertrude Hall, Eleanor Welch, Helen O'Donnell, Shirley Hartman, and Florence Gormley.

Mildred Contant will direct the junior stunt, in which the following will participate: Beverly Diamond, Marie Hayko, Ethel Grundlofer, Anne Moore, Marion Iotto, Natalie Turchi, Jane Formanek, Virginia Shutes, Jennie Oliver, and Josephine Oliver.

Those in the sophomore stunt are: Mary Howard, Lucia Stevens, Alice Bennett, Carol Kelly, Edith Cairns, Mildred Hall, Ethel Smith, Helen Otis, Edna Fitzpatrick, Katherine Edwards, Sara Fry, Helene Smith, Ruth Hughes, Martha Howland, Helen A. Fay, and Wilhelmina Schneider, director.

The freshman class stunt will be a short play directed by Katherine Travers, Edward Merry will act.

The judges of the stunts will be members of the faculty, Alice Hills, '29, said today.

The committee is making plans for dancing and refreshments, following the presentation of the stunts.

## BRONSON TO ADDRESS UTICA MEETING FRIDAY

Professor Barnard S. Bronson, head of the chemistry department, will address the annual convention of the north-eastern section of the state teachers' association at Utica, next Friday.

"What You Are Paying For" will be the topic of Professor Bronson's speech. He expects to disclose the chemical contents of widely advertised materials on the market today. He will point out the high cost of comparatively cheap compounds and mixtures.

## COSGRO, CRUMB, BAKER TO ACT HERE TUESDAY

The advanced dramatics class will present the first play of the season in the auditorium, Tuesday night, at 8:15 o'clock, under the direction of Florence Gormley, '29.

The cast includes Margaret Cosgro, '29; Eleanor Welch, '29; Frederick Crumb, '30, and Duane Baker, '32.

Chairmen of committees are: house, Marion Sloan, '29; publicity, Mildred Peterson, '29; properties, Marion Palmer, '29; costumes, Dora Dadmun, '29; clean-up, Lenore Hutchison, '29; make-up, Gertrude Hall, '29, and sets, Marion Fox, '29.



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## CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE MADE LEGAL IT NOW LACKS RECOGNIZED STATUS

The so called "new constitution" is not a part of the machinery of student government at State College. It has no recognized legal status except as a proposed constitution submitted to the association by a committee after mature deliberation.

State College is still governed by its old constitution;—the constitution in which so many flaws were picked last spring.

The vote carried out under the direction of the late president of the association is illegal. It is without recognized status in parliamentary practice.

For the freshmen and others who are new to State College, let us summarize the steps in the whole constitution imbroglio which still remains in the limelight of student affairs. A year ago last spring, it was found desirable by the student body to have a new and modernized constitution. A committee was named to have charge. When the first chairman was graduated, the new president of the student association assumed charge. This committee last spring reported. A committee on adjustment was named. This committee reported various suggestions for a constitution. Debate ensued.

Since no more meetings of the association could be held, the president instituted a new system of voting. This was a catch-as-catch-can method. Students were solicited for their votes through the student mail box, by personal interview and by other unrecognized methods.

The new president of the student association told the News early this fall that the alleged new "constitution" has been ratified. But she has not announced its ratification in student association meetings.

General Robert, the internationally known authority on parliamentary practice, says in his "Rules of Order" (new edition, 1915, Holt, page 199): "In a strictly deliberative assembly no member can vote who is not present when the question is put."

This means then that the solicitation of votes of the entire student association was illegal and without basis in parliamentary practice, because a great many of those students who were solicited and who voted were not in the assembly when the question was put. Ergo, they had no right to vote. Their votes can not be legally counted.

So the "new constitution" remains only a projected frame of government. It is admittedly a good frame of government. But if it has not been adopted by the student association, no student association business can be transacted under it.

The president of the student association should at once take steps to bring this state of affairs to the attention of the student association. The association should vote on the constitution.

The constitution should be made legal. Its status should be that of a recognized document, in accord with recognized parliamentary practice.

## ON FRESHMAN CORRUPTION

The freshman class has indeed not made a good beginning in student affairs at State College. A far more serious charge than being "rubber stamps" today faces the class of 1932. This charge is cheating in a class election. The election conducted Wednesday is voided by the action of certain corrupt freshmen who stuffed the ballot box.

The News does not indict the whole freshman class for the action of a few irresponsible members. But the class should take steps to clear its name of corruption charge. It should develop an esprit de corps that will not permit cheating in class elections. It should show the student body that it can conduct its affairs in an honorable, just and sane fashion.

A great trust rests upon the freshman class. These freshmen will in a few short years be the leaders of activities here. As the twig is bent, so grows the limb. The freshmen should have this responsibility squarely and with the dignity of future campus leaders.

## WHERE PROMPTNESS PAYS

Seniors this week have an important duty to perform, if they would avail themselves of the services of the college placement bureau. In a news story in this issue of the News, Professor John M. Sayles, secretary of the bureau, asks that candidates for teaching positions file in his office certain data.

If the bureau is to function to the best of its ability, with consequent greater service to the candidates, it is important that these blanks be obtained this week and be returned promptly.

The photographs to accompany the information folders should be submitted in the next few weeks. With all the senior photographs to be taken this month, there is no reason why all the photographs should not be filed before December 1. In other years, the work of the bureau has been hampered by the failure of students to do their duty promptly. The present senior class can establish a record for promptness, if it wills. And here is an instance where promptness pays.

## WHEN STUDENTS ARE TEACHERS

It is indeed a significant and noteworthy fact that classes were continued last week in the departments of education and home economics while the instructors were attending a conference in Syracuse.

This is an unusual practice, and meets favorable comment when contrasted with the general collegiate trend of classes to evaporate if the instructor is not present. The result of the work accomplished in the classes is uniformly reported by students to be good.

Under elected chairmen, the classes continued their work with the same precision and earnestness that they practice while the instructors are in charge. Indeed, some of the classes seemed to do better without faculty guidance, since pupils were apparently better prepared in some of the classes. Knowing that the responsibility was theirs alone, the students arose to the occasion and did what was expected of them.

This then might indicate to instructors and professors that college classes can continue without them. It indicates that students occasionally like to have the opportunity to occupy the center of the stage, and converse in a professional style on professional matters, rather than be talked at continually. We do not, of course, recommend to the faculty that they abdicate. We fear that instructors are necessary fixtures. But if a professor should not be able to attend a class, or if he should not feel up to the standard expected of him, the class can go on. That was clearly demonstrated Thursday and Friday.

## KAPPA PHI KAPPA'S WORK

Kappa Phi Kappa today announces a sketch of activities outlined in preparation for a busy year. This organization plans to bring before the men students of the college several speakers who are prominent in various fields of education. By this action alone, Kappa Phi Kappa justifies its place in the roll of departmental honor fraternities.

The fraternity is to be congratulated for its decision to hold an open meeting, at which all the men students in the college will be invited.

The fraternity can mean much to men students here in bringing before them the problems and questions of novitiates into the field of educational administration. With the inauguration of its extremely practical program outlined by the officers, its true service to the future school administrators begins. The News wishes Kappa Phi Kappa success in its enterprise.

## ANCIENT HISTORY IS POPULARIZED IN "ALEXANDER: ROMANTIC BIOGRAPHY"

Alexander: A Romantic Biography. By Konrad Bercevic. 335 pages. \$2.50. New York: Cosmopolitan Book Corporation.

Ancient history still has the "makings" of many a corking good tale to thrill the sophisticated modern apartment dweller. General Lev Wallace's *Ben-Hur* is one notable example of popularized ancient history; Bercevic's *Alexander* is another. This book belongs to the category of fictionalized biography—or biographical fiction, as you will—that is proving so popular lately.

From the time of his childhood in Romania, Bercevic was steeped in Alexandrian legend and lore. To the simple peasants of the Balkans, Alexander was far more real than contemporary men of blood and iron across the seas. The splendor and triumphant conquests of the Macedonian were the subjects of their folk tales quite as much as the Chanson of Roland is a French heritage.

Alexander was the only child of Olympias, the fair serpent worshiper, and Philip of Macedon. Their unhappy wedded life led Olympias to raise Alexander for the sole purpose of surpassing his father's record, according to the author's point of view. We follow Alexander from his youth to the Hellespont; to his brilliant and smashing victory over the Persians; to the far corners of India.

He was the first great defender of the divine right of kings, whether they were his friends or enemies. Instead of humiliating the captured king of Darius, he treated them as guests and wooed Statira, the Persian potentate's daughter. And then began the struggle between Statira and Olympias, with its espionage and counter-espionage.

Along with the more fluffy thrillers and gossip, Bercevic at times points to true historical morals: "Easy living and luxury, to which the Macedonians were unaccustomed, soon ruined their constitutions. Intemperance and orgies demoralized them—up to Iskander's first victory of the Granicus, the Macedonian was proud of his poverty and of his independence. Now poverty was the greatest shame; even a crime."

*The Front Page*. By Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur. 189 pages. \$2. New York: Covici-Friede.

This play is unusual. Add to the vulgarity of "What Price Glory," the thrill of the Chicago waterfront, put both together with a liberal seasoning of newspapermen, and the result is *The Front Page*. The book is doubtless a nearly authentic cross section of contemporary journalism in the larger cities. It seems that in the good old days, the stage journalist always carried a flask and really read the American Mercury. It is with a sense of delight that one finds in these Chicago news boys' such a variance from the typical reporter of traditional drama.

Hilly Johnson is the hero. He plans to forego the calling of journalism for the advertising field, following his marriage. Each time he tries to break away from the news work, a big story "the biggest ever" breaks, and Hilly must cover it for his tyrant of an editor.

Politics as she is also forms a large part of the text. Corruption, vulgar expletives, crooked tactics and roadways in combine to make *The Front Page* the most raucous, most vivid and picturesque play of the season. It may not be great drama from the literary point of view, but it certainly does move in a non-stop flight from page one to the last word of the unexpected ending.

The companion volume to "The Rise of the House of Rothschild," to be known as "The Reign of the House of Rothschild" is announced for autumn publication by Cosmopolitan Book Corporation. This promises to be an intensely interesting volume if it carries on Count Corti's work in the first volume, published last spring.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM NEWS' READERS

### MISS LANE APPEALS

While the following letter to the editor greatly exceeds the limit placed upon such letters by the News, the editor deems it sufficiently important to print, in all Miss Lane was president of student association last year. By "S. A." she means the student association, and not Sigma Alpha, the newly organized sorority on the campus.—Editor.

EDITOR, STATE COLLEGE NEWS:

Perhaps, because this letter is from one who is now outside, it will soon find its way to the furnace; but, no matter what its fate may be, let me say that it is inspired by a sincere desire to correct an illusion—an undesirable illusion—which may be found in an editorial in the STATE COLLEGE NEWS of September 28, 1928, entitled "Make Constitution Iron Clad." First, refer to the old constitution of the student association which says that an amendment thereto requires the consent of two-thirds of the entire association.

Then refer again to the old constitution to that clause which states that it is the duty of the president to appoint all committees and their chairmen not otherwise provided for by the constitution of the association.

And last, refer to the history of this constitutional tuss which was in the making from May, 1927, to June, 1928. All year long some of the best and most mature minds at State were toiling over the problem of what was best constitutionally for S. A. Wars of logic, private and public; wars, waged; battles were lost and won; till near the end of the year the contenders had separated themselves into two forces (represented by the majority reporters and the minority reporters of the constitution committee appointed by the president of S. A. at the request of S. A.) while the battle was still on—before the grand armistice and compromise the question was brought up and discussed both in assembly and out, of leaving the whole matter until 1929. But the wisest and even the majority of those who were really interested in and were active in discussing their future constitution agreed on this point: that the matter should be fully discussed (which it was), brought to form in the shape of an amended constitution (which it was), and either accepted or rejected before a class of freshmen, ignorant of S. A. affairs and problems, should replace in the halloting a class of seniors four years older and many years wiser than they in the affairs of State.

No, the battle was waged and at a last and special meeting of S. A. in 1927-28, the opposing factions completed their compromise in a way satisfactory to those people who had voluntarily attended all the assemblies during which the constitution was discussed and who had mentally and vigorously followed in aid of the discussions pertaining to it. Now there remained nothing to do but post the amendments proposed the specified length of time, and to have them accepted or rejected by the votes of the students of S. A.

How was this vote to be taken, when further assemblies during the year 1927-28 were absolutely prohibited by the exam schedule? Refer to that clause again which states that it is the duty of the president of S. A. to appoint all committees and their chairmen not otherwise provided for by the constitution of the association. No prescription as to open or closed ballot had been determined in the final assembly; this decision, therefore, was left to the discretion of the president, who decided that the open ballot was preferable because of a saving in time and because the matter did not demand secrecy. Ballot stuffing was prohibited by the method of balloting, which consisted of the placing of a member's vote ("Yes" for acceptance; "no" for rejection) beside his or her name in the student directory by a member of the collecting committee in the presence of the voter. Those who were truly interested in the matter came to the room where voting was taking place. To those who were not so interested, the following formula applied:

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"Will you vote now?"  
"Yes."  
"What is your name?"  
" " (checked in student directory)  
"Do you vote for or against them?"  
"Answer to this immediately "yes" or "no" or "excuse me" after an explanation of the amendments had been requested and given (and this answer placed by name of voter).  
The reason why votes had to be sought no matter whether they were "yes" or "no" was that the constitutional amendment was too strenuous, and the results in the work too valuable, to be cast to the winds without a definite rejection by the members of S. A. And other part of the reason, which is the truth but is nevertheless a frightful thing

to have to admit, is this—that 900 members of S. A. were not enough interested to vote on their own constitution unless personally canvassed. Both "yes's" and "no's" were sought—whichever was forthcoming; but it was vital to the president and to her committee and to those who have labored for it was slaving—and most important of all—vital to the heart of S. A.—to know how the students of State, members of S. A., felt about the "constitutionalization" of their constitution. As it happened, more "yes's" than "no's" began to fill up the little yellow book in which all votes were recorded. It might have been the opposite but it wasn't. And over two-thirds of the members of the association accepted the amendments to their constitution. The ratification is, and is iron clad.

You have a good constitution, with the desired iron-clad ratification. Now, dear News, stir up some S. A. pep—that is your task for 1928-29. And the very best of luck to you! Sincerely,

Ruth Lane,  
President, S. A., '28  
P. S.—I hope you will forgive me for being an alum, and will print this in the News, as written.  
R. L., '28.

### DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

Dear Miss Lane:  
We are always glad to learn that graduation does not remove our former student leaders from interest in the affairs of State College. Your letter is welcome, indeed.

The News does not question your authority to name any committee on any subject, as long as you were student association president. But the News does object to the methods used in the a legalization of so important a document as the student association constitution. The News believes that such a ratification should be above questioning.

But the method set by your committee certainly would set a dangerous precedent if that committee's work were tacitly accepted by the association. If, believe you would not wish to be a party to the setting of a dangerous precedent.

It was unfortunate, indeed, that the whole "tuss" was not cleared up last spring. But since it was not cleared up in a recognized fashion, it is best to make the constitution iron clad now and thus avert any future indroglios.

You speak of but one method of vote taking. We are informed that votes were also taken by unsealed cards sent to persons through the student mail box; by telephone calls and by out of town interviews. Is this correct?

Please understand that we do not question the integrity of your committee. The present writer, indeed, took a few student votes in the little yellow book to which you refer. Yet he does not remember being named to your committee, or any other committee.

During your regime as president, you doubtless had occasion to refer to parliamentary authorities when you were in doubt as to recognized procedure in any case. Doubtless, you used Robert's *Rules of Order*. Now if you will read our editorial on this page, concerning the alleged constitution, you will see why the vote would not have been taken, even if the student association constitution sanctioned the committee system of vote gathering.

And now as to the freshmen: perhaps they have not the great experience in student government that the departing seniors had. But don't they have to live under the constitution if it is passed? Should a class be disenfranchised, or should these mature minds to which you refer, volunteer to explain the whole affair to them, and lead them into a fuller appreciation of student government?

The News is not opposing the proposed constitution. May we assume you, Miss Lane, that if it were to be voted on today, the News would recommend its adoption? We recognize the great amount of labor you and your committee spent on the constitution. State College is grateful to you for your interest. But the student association counts only a document whose ratification is above question and test. In other words, we want an iron clad constitution, which the document Miss Graves declares ratified, is not. And with this "Yes" out of the way, we pledge our support to the task you have outlined for us.  
William M. French,  
Editor in Chief

### ON "GET WISE" PARTY

Editor, STATE COLLEGE NEWS:  
The News is to be congratulated on its firm and wise stand on the alleged "get wise" party. As our editorial of last week said, Mykama will indeed do the college a service if it acts in to abolish this pernicious activity from the list of extracurricular activities.

In spite of sophomoric protests to the contrary, I suspect that few people enjoyed the party. It was a college baring minus the pep that would cause a hazing to be something to remember.  
I have little sympathy for those who would make State College just a place for grounds. But at the same time, I agree with you that if an activity should be justly an extracurricular, it is worth his questioned by student activities.  
A JUNIOR

### GREEN VS. COCHRANE

Fellow Students:  
When Mr. Cochrane last week introduced his motion to cut the Loan appropriation from \$200 to \$100, I declared that such a motion was out of order. Last Friday this motion was brought up and voted upon. I did not protest this procedure because I had gathered from private conversations that the opinion of the students was overwhelmingly against such a move, and I knew that Mr. Cochrane could not act as a majority to support his motion.

I know that the motion is out of order, but I fear that it was perhaps an unwelcome one to leave to temper with the wish of the majority. I will explain my position.  
Let us grant that technically the motion was in order. It so, it should have required a two-thirds vote. Why? Because at the motion was carried it would rescind the action of the Student Association. To my mind, the Student Association is a body under the budget. Professor Hilkey explained that such a publication must be distributed without any further charge to the students. Is it not evident then that placing the Loan on the budget meant giving the board sufficient funds to distribute the money without any further charge? Would the Loan board do this on \$100? Would it not be a clear case of rescinding? The student association must be on the lookout against such intrusions on its rights.  
Emanuel Green, '30.

### CALENDAR

Invites for this department written in the following style are printed for campus organizations without charge, when signed by a responsible officer of the organization. Please file on Tuesday before publication. Notices may be phoned to the Editor, Dial 6-1014, and in such Tuesday nights. Publication not guaranteed.

#### Today

- Dr. Hutchinson addresses sophomores and upper-classmen in assembly. Auditorium, 10:55 A. M.
- Miss Coble addresses freshmen assembly. Auditorium, 11:35 A. M.
- League of Women Voters meeting. Miss. Rendall Bailey to speak. Room 111, 7:30 P. M.

#### Tomorrow

Campus Day. Events on campus in afternoon. Crowning of spire at night.

#### Tuesday

Advanced dramatics class play. Auditorium, 8:15 P. M.

#### Wednesday

Music club meeting and program. Auditorium, 4 P. M.  
Kappa Phi Kappa open meeting for men. Room 101, 7:15 P. M.

## JUNIORS ACCEPT \$610 AS TOTAL FOR BUDGET

The junior class accepted a budget which will call for appropriations amounting to \$610 at a class meeting Friday. Class dues will be \$2.50, Louise Dube, treasurer, announced.

The budget appropriations are: girls' basketball, \$75; Moving-Up day, \$25; campus day, \$25; junior-freshman party, \$35; miscellaneous, \$50; junior prom, \$300; class memorial, \$200.

Marion Botto, junior president, appointed the following committee to assist Miss Dube in collecting the dues: Dorothy Leffert, Doris Cobb, Alma Dolan, Wilma Ryer, Viola Madaras, Gladys Bates, Alice Corning, Louise Trask, Beatrice M. McCarty, and Warren R. Cochrane.

## Dr. Risley Recognized As College Football Mogul; He Will Be Field Judge In Leading Eastern Games

Dr. Adna W. Risley, head of the history department and probably the best football authority in the Capitol District, is slated to be an official at some of the most important football games of the 1928 season.

Dr. Risley has for many years been officiating in various capacities at the larger football games of the east, and this year most of his assignments for the larger games call for him to act as field judge.

While there is a difference of opinion as to the relative importance of the various officials on the grid, many mentors and dopesters figure the position of field judge, which Dr. Risley will fill, is the most important post at the present time.

Dr. Risley served as umpire at the Union-Manhattan game at Schenectady three weeks ago. Two weeks ago he had an open date and last Saturday he was in New York to umpire for the Columbia-Wesleyan contest.

"Judging from what I have seen so far this year," commented Dr. Risley,

"the new rules are apparently fitting in the game perfectly. I haven't seen the backward pass used yet, but I can see no reason why the changes in the rules will not prove satisfactory."

Tomorrow Dr. Risley will umpire the Union-Vermont game at Alexander field, Schenectady, and on October 27 he will be field judge at Worcester when Holy Cross will meet Marquette.

His November schedule so far contains three major games to which he hopes to add one or two others on his open dates. On November 3 he will be field judge at the Columbia-Cornell game in New York and on November 6, election day, he will serve in a similar capacity at the Albany High School-Albany Academy game, the annual battle between these two elevens.

On November 10 he will go to Hanover, N. H., to be field judge at the Brown-Dartmouth grid scrap and on November 17 he will be in Ithaca as field judge for the Cornell-Dartmouth game.

## GYMNASIUM CLASSES TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1

Gymnasium classes for both men and women students will begin Thursday, November 1, according to announcements made today by Miss J. Isabelle Johnston and Ruthertford Baker, instructors in physical education.

Regulation uniforms in class colors will be used by the women students again this year, Miss Johnston said. The freshman uniforms will consist of khaki colored blouses, white shirts, yellow ties and black stockings.

Uniforms for men students have been ordered and distributed by Coach Baker.

## COLLEGE BRIEFS

Kappa Delta Rho announces the pledging of Raymond Collins, '31, and Arnold Copping, '31, to membership in the fraternity. Four other pledges who will be initiated into full membership at a meeting this month are Carl Waterman, '29; Paul Waterman, '29; Robert Barnum, '30, and Charles Worstell, '31.

### KENT PEASE MARRIES

Kappa Delta Rho announces the marriage of Ken Pease, '27, to Miss Harriet Bruce, Thursday, October 11, at Hillside, N. J. Mr. Pease is teacher of English in the Hillside High School.

### \$25,000 PRIZE CONTEST

Details of the \$25,000 prize contest for the best plan to make the eighteenth amendment effective have been received by President A. R. Brubacher and will be given to interested students. The prize is offered by W. C. Durant, New York City.

### DR. SOUTH AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Earl B. South, assistant professor of education, will attend a conference of psychologists of upper New York state, at Syracuse University, Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27.

### PSI GAMMA DANCE

Psi Gamma has appointed Helen O'Donnell, '29, chairman of the music committee for the annual house dance, Saturday, October 27, Alice J. Hills, '29, sorority president announced today.

Other chairmen in charge are: Eleanor Welch, '29, chaperones; Emma Ackley, '30, refreshments; Mary E. Franey, '29, decorations; and Doris Wilcox, '30, clean up.

### GAMMA KAPPA PHI PLEDGES

Gamma Kappa Phi welcomes into pledge membership Helen Baumes, '31, Psi Gamma welcomes into full membership Ruth Hughes, '31, Chi Sigma Theta welcomes into pledge membership Sara Fry, '31.

## BASKETBALL SEASON OF GIRLS TO START WITH GAME DEC. 17

The girls' interclass basketball season will open Monday, December 17. Teams will be chosen from all those who try out. Anyone may try out, Miss J. Isabelle Johnston, instructor in physical education, said today.

The varsity five will be chosen from the class teams in the spring by Miss Johnston, Caroline M. Schleich, '29, G. A. A. president, and the captain of the varsity squad who will be named after practice has begun.

The first matches of the girls' tennis tournament were completed Monday and the second matches were played this week.

The results of the senior matches follow: Evelyn McNickle defeated Virginia Baxter, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Lorena Marcus defeated Bettina Azzerito, 6-2, 6-1; Eleanor Snell defeated Jane Conboy; Rose Dransky defeated M. Johnson, 6-0, 6-0.

Kathryn Hainsworth and Marion Smith were the junior victors. Miss Hainsworth defeated Alice Benoit, 6-1, 6-0, and Miss Smith defeated Eunice Gilbert.

The results of the sophomore matches are: Margaret Cussler won by default from Beatrice Van Steenburgh; Mary Widger defeated Margaret Pettingell, 6-4, 9-7; and Beatrice Samuels defeated Eleanor Browne, 6-1, 6-0.

Marguerite Northrop and S. Sims are the freshman victors. Miss Northrop defeated V. Hawkins, 6-3, 8-6; and Miss Sims defeated A. Goldman.

## MISS BAILEY TALKS TONIGHT ON VOTING

Miss Beulah Bailey, an officer of the local League of Women Voters, will address the State College unit of the league tonight at 7:30 o'clock in Room 111 of Draper hall. Freshmen and other interested students may attend, according to Anne F. Sterling, '29, president. Pauline Crowley, '29, is general chairman.

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## SENIORS WILL FILE BLANKS THIS WEEK

### Professor Sayles Seeks Aid Of Class In Prompt Action In Giving Data

Seniors who desire positions through the college placement bureau will be asked this week to file in the bureau's office blanks to be made into information folders, Professor John M. Sayles, secretary of the bureau, has announced.

Each senior will be asked to obtain the blanks from the office of the bureau in Room 303, and to return them promptly to Miss Gertrude M. Hall, secretary to Professor Sayles.

The seniors will obtain five copies of the "academic career" form and five of the "educational and professional data" form. The former has blanks for the senior to indicate his school, college and university training, degrees, diplomas and references.

On the latter form, the candidate for a teaching position will indicate his permanent address, birth date, location of school preferred, personal description, the subjects he has taken, those in which he has specialized and those which he may safely attempt to teach.

The placement bureau will add to these two forms five other forms, including a message to interested school executives, an estimate of the candidate's teaching ability, recommendations from the major and minor officers, and a transcription of the candidate's grades during his career at State College.

Seniors should have their pictures taken as soon as possible, Professor Sayles said. Each candidate is asked to file in his office five photographs, size three inches by five inches, unmounted. When posing for the picture, the candidate should wear a business suit or dress, Professor Sayles said.

He expressed a desire that all the photographs be filed with Miss Hall by the last of November. She will then mount them in folders. When a superintendent sends to the college for information concerning a prospective teacher, one of the folders containing the photographs and information sheets will be sent to him.

### WILL CONDUCT DANCE

Alpha Rho will have its annual informal fall house dance Saturday, October 27. The following committees have been named: Genevieve Cole, '29, general chairman; Lorene K. Kerr, '30, decorations; Dorothea Tomer, '30, music; and Mildred K. Cooke, '31, refreshments. Music will be furnished by the Wise Boys orchestra from Union College.

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Courtesy Albany Evening News

Anne E. Stafford, '29, president, and Marie E. Lynch, '29, general chairman, were in charge of the Newman club reception Friday night when forty new members were pledged.

## MISSIONARY TO SPEAK ON MEXICO TO Y.M.C.A.

C. R. Wellman, Mexican missionary, may speak at a Y. M. C. A. meeting this year, according to Herman L. Koerner, president. His talk will be on the present Mexican situation.

Other speakers of the year will include: Professor Barnard S. Bronson, head of the chemistry department, who will speak on "Science and Religion," and Dean William H. Metzler, who has promised to speak at a joint meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. will attempt to obtain some well-known person to speak at assembly.

The question has not been definitely decided as to whether the meetings will continue to be held on Sunday or on another day. Meetings of the Y. M. C. A. are open to all men students. Arrangements will be made to hold joint meetings with Y. M. C. A., according to present plans of the executive council, of the men's association.

## DIRECTORY WILL LIST LIBRARY SCHOOL GROUP

A special department for library school students will be the principal innovation of the new student directory which will be distributed late this month.

1500 copies will be published, according to Marion Sloan, '29, editor in chief. The contents will include a list of students and faculty, with Albany addresses, Albany telephone numbers and home addresses.

The first student directory was published in 1925. The board last year established a record for early publication under the direction of Margaret Wilson, '28, editor in chief. The directory was distributed last year two weeks earlier than the projected distribution announced by Miss Sloan for this year.

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### If You Smoked Three Year Ago, You Might Have Been Expelled

From the NEWS for Oct. 6, 1925

"All 'rough house' stunts will be eliminated from this year's 'get wise' initiation of the freshman class, as a result of a triple agreement reached by the sophomore class, Myskania and the college authorities, it was announced yesterday."

"Expulsion of students detected smoking in college buildings was threatened this week by President Brubacher, following discovery that men students have been smoking in some parts of the building."

From the NEWS for Oct. 9, 1925

"Freshmen who will be captains of the groups which are to give stunts at the 'get wise' party have been appointed by the sophomore committee as follows: Louise Gray, Gertrude Schwenker, Dorothea Travis, Mildred Lansley, Helen Stone, Laura Goubling, Ruth Hartman, Frances Kellogg, Mary Hogan, Evelyn Graves, Elmor Welch, Dorothy Sanders and Betty Eaton."

## TRASK WILL SPEAK ON HER TRIP ABROAD AT Y. W. C. A. SUPPER

Louise Trask, '30, will speak on her trip through Europe at a Y. W. C. A. supper meeting, Tuesday, at 6 o'clock in the cafeteria. Miss Trask will describe European cathedrals and will illustrate her talk with pictures and novelties which she brought back from Europe.

Alice J. Hills, '29, will explain the plans and the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. bazaar to be conducted November 23. She will name the committee chairmen in charge.

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