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JUNIOR PROM TROTTERS TO GAMBOL IN EVENING DRESS TONIGHT

Graduate Questions Faculty "Inbreeding" Here

HIGGINS WILL HEAD HONOR JOURNALISTS

National Executive Secretary Announces Acceptance Of Petition

TWELVE MEMBERS JOIN

State's Editors And Business Managers Are Listed As Candidates

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 2. Special to the STATE COLLEGE NEWS.—The national executive council of Alpha Phi Gamma, national honorary journalistic fraternity, today announced that it will establish a chapter at New York State College for Teachers.

The announcement, made by Sheriff E. Leonard, executive secretary, follows the petition of a group of State College students for a chapter. Membership in the fraternity is open to juniors and seniors of major positions on college and university newspapers, magazines and year books.

Virginia E. Higgins, '28, editor in chief of the News, was recently elected president of the petitioning group. The other officers are: Katherine S. Saxton, '28, business manager of the News, first vice president; Margaret Moore, '28, business manager of the Quarterly, second vice president; Mabel Berg, '28, assistant business manager of the News, treasurer; William M. French, '29, managing editor of the News, secretary; Bettina Azzolino, '29, editor in chief of the State Lion, liaison. These officers will continue in their present capacities when the national organization establishes the chapter here.

Other members of the News staff who are in the organization are: Elizabeth Phetteplace, '28, associate managing editor; Kathleen Doughty, '28, senior associate editor; and Joseph Newton, '28, assistant business manager.

Dorothy Watts, '28, editor in chief of the Quarterly; Helen Marston, '28, business manager of the Quarterly; and Beatrice Wendt, '28, editor in chief of the Polaron, will be members.

1928 MAY PRESENT PLATES WITH NAMES OF THE 6 BUILDINGS

Gilbert F. Ganong, president of the graduating class, today said that the matter had been approved by the class. President A. R. Brubacher is in favor of the proposal.

The plates would be placed on the building to prevent confusion of new students and the public in finding the building, they wished.

Names to appear on the plates will be: Dupont hall, Hawley library, Husted hall, Page hall, Richards home economics building, and Milne High school. These are the names recently approved by the trustees, and announced in the News.

Bronze plates bearing the names of additional three now under construction, the three present buildings and the lion may be presented the College by the senior class.

84% OF 1927 CLASS IN TEACHING POSTS

Dr. Brubacher Declares Drop In Percentage Does Not Mean Less Placed

Eighty-four per cent of the graduates in the class of 1927 have been placed in teaching positions by the placement bureau, according to President A. R. Brubacher.

The college during the present fiscal year has placed two and one-half times as many graduates in positions as during the year 1922.

The percentages placed during the last six years, according to Dr. Brubacher, are: 1922, the college placed ninety-two per cent of the class; during 1923, ninety-six and three tenths per cent; in 1924, ninety per cent; in 1925, eighty-seven and two thirds per cent; in 1926, eighty-two per cent; in 1927, eighty-four per cent.

The falling percentage does not indicate less new teachers placed, Dr. Brubacher pointed out, but it shows that the classes in the more recent years have been larger.

"From these percentages it appears either that our classes are larger than is desirable or that we have been unable to reach all the high schools where trained teachers are needed."

"Under the first supposition, economy would demand a reduction of the number of freshman admissions; under the second supposition, similarly, economy would demand more effective placement service," President Brubacher recently told the College trustees.

"In either case," he said, "the presumption is that State College is maintained solely for the preparation of teachers and that the best interests of the State are served."

NELSON TO ADDRESS 2 TEACHERS GROUPS; EDUCATION IS TOPIC

Dr. M. G. Nelson, assistant professor of education, will go to Plattsburgh, Wednesday, Feb. 15, to address the Plattsburgh Teachers' association.

He will be entertained at the Young Men's Christian association there by Edwin R. Van Kleeck, '27, who is principal of the Plattsburgh Junior High school department. Dr. Nelson will speak on "Tradition in Education."

He will attend the convention of training class instructors at Syracuse Saturday, Feb. 18. He is chairman of a committee on course of study in normal schools, and will speak on "School Management."

President A. R. Brubacher, Professor John M. Sayles, head of the education department, and Dr. Nelson expect to attend the annual meeting of the department of superintendence in Boston from Feb. 29 to March 1.



Dr. Nelson

VICE PRESIDENT WHO MANAGES PROM

Alice Hills, '29, Directs Affairs For The Annual Dance Of Third Year Class



Courtesy, Albany Evening News. Photo by Olenius.

Alumnus Alleges Addition Of State College Graduates To Faculty Posts Is "Dangerous"

Recalling "the ever increasing number of State College graduates" to posts on the faculty is a possible "danger" to the College, in the opinion of an alumnus writing in the current issue of the Alumni Quarterly.

The alumnus, whose name is withheld by Mrs. Claude Bashford, editor in chief, charges that the return of thirteen alumni to teaching posts since 1920 may lead to stagnation.

"No matter how intellectual or erudite a graduate may be, he is after all the product of the college or university from which he was graduated," the alumnus says in the letter.

"As such he carries into his work the ideas and opinions he has formed. If he returns at once or even after a year or two to his alma mater, it is easy to see what will happen."

In publishing the letter, the magazine also includes a similar letter published in 1923, pointing to the same condition and suggesting reasons for the conditions criticized.

Lack "Breadth of View" Recent graduates can not fulfill the requirement for "an intimate contact with experiences of which books are only an abstraction," the reprint declares, "for they have had neither time nor opportunity for acquiring breadth of view nor new ideas."

The letters were published not because of any "probability of alumni interference with faculty policy but because their tenor is of frequent expression among alumni," Mrs. Bashford said.

The first letter, addressed to the alumni, says in part:

"Has it ever occurred to you that we ought to do something about the ever increasing number of State College graduates on the faculty of that institution?"

"Of course it is natural that she should acquire in the course of time a number of her own graduates who have distinguished themselves in their particular lines of work. However, there are now on the faculty, first their number who are State College alumni, does that seem healthy?"

"Every faculty, organization, business or school requires new blood, not only for its growth but for its very existence. If it becomes stagnant, dead, it is that what is happening to our alma mater."

"Inevitably, every addition of good ideas and able new viewpoints, advanced thought. What of us in the old days put up with a great many disadvantages, side by side with the advantages, because we hoped to see State eventually grow into a great institution. Will she fulfill our dreams if its continuity is present today? There have been too many alumni added since 1920. What does that mean?"

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The writer asks that the alumni voice their opinion of the "endured" one, and write to him through the Alumni Quarterly. The address of Mrs. Bashford, the editor, is Chatham Center.

WILL TALK ON "CUTS"

President A. R. Brubacher will speak in student assemblies next Friday on "Cuts, Absences and Excuses." The talk is expected to bring a record attendance, for various members of the student association have expressed at different times their views on the present system of recording absences.

DANCE COMMITTEE EXTENDS 200 BIDS

Dartmouth, Cornell, Colgate R. P. I., Law, Union Are Represented

Nearly two hundred students have chosen to forget "exam worries" and billets doux to trip the light fantastic at junior prom in the Hotel Ten Eyck ballroom tonight.

The following is a list of those attending, and their guests: Eleanor Vail, Arthur Van Wie of Union college; Betty Pulver, Charles Logan of R. P. I.; J. J. Sturm, Iona D. Ford of Albany; Agnes McGarty, Paul D. Lamoreau of University of Maine; Mabel Dorn, Robert Rose of Albany; Helen P. Davidson, Leroy Macdonald of Albany; Rose Dransky, Carl L. Gardner of Union college; D. E. Gardner, Marshal McClary of Albany; Elizabeth Hagen, Clifford Hodge of Albany; Gertrude Hoffman, Sam Rosenstock of Union college.

Gertrude Braslaw, Haskell Berber of Harvard university; Sally Shapiro, Joseph Gellert of Albany Law school; Betty Lapides, Milton Enzer of Union college; Ivan Campbell, Jane Formanek, '30, of State; Gladys Vadney, William Dollard, Albany; Bertha Pitkin, Benjamin Laddon of Albany Law school; Genevieve Cole, John R. Sutherland of Dartmouth university.

Marian Sloan, Vernon Loveland, Albany Law school; Pauline Arnold, Louis Duflois of Newburgh; Mollie Kaufman, Martin Sloan of Albany Pharmacy school; Katherine Mulqueen, Jean Lester of Albany Law school; Reginald Standope, Armine Foster, '28, of State; Helen W. Stone, Allen Bradford of Dartmouth university.

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Ann Stafford, Paul J. Gallagher of Albany Law school; Ida Vener, Max Mendel of Union college; Eureka Lloyd, Raymond Flanagan of Schenectady; Betty Eaton, Raymond Gray of Rensselaer Polytechnic institute; G. La Verne Carr and Evelyn Graves; Anne Elizabeth Smith, John MacFarland of Princeton, N. J.; Alice Hills, F. Vanderbilt Strain of Albany Law school; Joseph Bernice and Goldena Hill, '28, State.

Other Class Representatives

Representatives from other classes and their guests include: Ruth Edman, '28, and Russell O'Brien, of Rensselaer Polytechnic institute; Francis J. Griffin, '28, and Mildred Linsley, '29, of Rensselaer; Samuel '31 and William Ellis, of New York city; Estime Johnston, '30, and George Monaghan of Boston; Esther Douglas, '28, and Walter B. Hines of Albany; Uncatta Reid, '28, and Herbert Jones of Albany; Alice Fisher, '28, and Irving Feldman of Albany Law school; Olga Grossman, '28, and Louis Pies of Syracuse university; Gertrude Glowacki, '30, and Jerry Pliskin of Albany Law school.

Ann Schneider, '30, and Ralph Collins, of Union college; Margaret Stantenburgh, '28, and Wilmont Becker, Albany Law school; Richard A. Jensen, '28, and Patricia O'Connell, '28, of State college; Nancy Morgan, (continued on page 6, column 1)

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MERITS OF ALUMNI ON FACULTY OUTWEIGH THE OBJECTIONS

Whether the recalling of recent graduates of State College to posts on the faculty will lead to intellectual stagnation, and lower the grade of teaching here, is the question raised by an alumnus in the current issue of the Alumni Quarterly.

For students under the system of "inbreeding" that the alumnus declares exists here, the question is of more than casual interest. The system cannot be judged in a general manner, but should be considered case by case.

It is true, as Dr. Brubacher pointed out in his recent report to the trustees, that there is an unbalanced ratio between the "small number of assistant professors and the excessively large number of instructors. In a teacher training institution this is a disproportion that cannot be justified. We must have the maturity and professional training and experience that is generally represented by the master's degree or the doctorate, qualities demanded for the assistant professorship."

As long as this disproportion exists, and it doubtless exists because of financial reasons, we are inclined to think that the scales balance in favor of recent graduates of State College and against equally recent graduates of other colleges.

The recent graduates of State College who are employed are at least known quantities to their employing offices. Their general characteristics and teaching qualities have been observed. They are in nearly all cases taking advanced courses at universities. For the most part, they teach only freshman subjects.

When a graduate has received his master's degree and doctorate from a university, he can no more be considered in strict meaning as trained here than as trained in the other institution. His viewpoint has been broadened, and he no longer fits into his former cast that moulded him.

We might also point out that as a teacher training institution, State College differs from other colleges where, it has been asserted, "inbreeding" has been found dangerous. A graduate, trained as a good teacher, is more valuable here than a person from another college without professional equipment.

The alumni could well become interested in the problem of raising the standard of instruction hereby working for the presence of more doctors and masters on the faculty. The question of stagnation and shallowness will be obliterated, the News feels, when this problem is solved.

THE "GHOST" COMES TO LIFE

Deciding that it has a legitimate reason for life as a departmental organization, the Political Science club has taken a new lease on life.

The Political Science club was cited in a News editorial earlier this year as "a ghost of an organization" that had no "plausible excuse for existence, on the State College roll of extracurricular activities." The News charged that along with other organizations, it lacked potency.

Until recently that was the case of the Political Science club. Now the News wishes to congratulate it on its recovery from inertia. The recent sponsoring of an open forum for the discussion of the proposed amendment to the student association constitution was a distinct service.

There is justification for the existence of any organization that serves its purpose in student life. The Political Science club is now serving its purpose. If it zealously clings to its new ideal, it will be restored to its former place of esteem among other active societies.

Unfortunately, certain other clubs have not snatched at a lease on life. They would die faster if it did not take more energy to die than to continue existence. Unless they function, these clubs should stop cluttering up the college.

Political Science club has been revived when "on its last legs". The others can be revived. Unless they are revived, they should not elect officers for next year.

THE JUNIORS EDIT THE NEWS

This issue of the STATE COLLEGE NEWS is largely the product of juniors on the staff of the publication. In making out the publication plans, the junior editors decided that first of all they should carry out the aim of the newspaper in presenting news of interest to the entire student body.

An added feature of the issue is the emphasis on junior class affairs and leaders. While this is in no sense a souvenir issue, we trust that it portrays a cross section of State College life today, and that it gives the juniors due recognition for the important part they play in the campus life.

THESE QUESTIONS NEED ANSWERING

While the explanations concerning the St. Stephen's cancellation made by President Bell of St. Stephen's college, and by Thomas P. Fallon, State's basketball manager, are highly satisfactory, the News still questions the reason for abandoning the annual so-called "New York trip"—as far as the Seton Hall game is concerned.

The State quintet will not have left its own court this season, except for a game with Dartmouth, played on the Albany High school floor, half a block west of the College.

A certain element at this College was offended by the St. Stephen's cancellation, though it was apparently unavoidable. Would not the Seton Hall college student body feel similarly offended?

Do not the State players deserve the trip to New York as a recognition for their services? Why is the traditional trip abandoned? Has not the management sufficient funds to pay for the trip? If not, was not the trip provided for in the budget? Will not some of the Dartmouth game profits—assuming that there must have been a profit, with the record attendance—help pay the expenses?

If the trip is not feasible, what will happen to the money that was to have been expended on it? Will the players be given some recognition for their services?

Does not the policy of not having at least one game on a foreign court per year smack of a retrogression in athletics here? Does it not show a weakness, considering the disadvantages an opponent is put to on State's court?

These are questions that the management should answer to satisfy student opinion. Until these questions are answered adequately, there will be questioning. A statement in next week's News may clarify the situation.

With the Albany Evening News running "Aces High", a story of American aviators in the World war, and the Times-Union featuring Col. Lindbergh's "We", local journalism seems to be "all up in the air".

GENERAL WRITES COMEDIES, GAMBLER IN "GENTLEMAN JOHNNY BURGOYNE"

Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne. By F. J. Hudleston. \$5.00, 367 pages. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company.

Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne is a book that is bound to be hailed as one of the best books by a foreign author printed in the United States during a season unusually flooded with books. Instant popularity is assured for this chronicle of the "Misadventures of an English General in the Revolution", except where the Mayor Thompson—Charles Grant Miller fiends hold sway.

Intensely interesting, brilliantly written, it is of particular value to a student of American history, in that it presents the views of a modern Britisher on the life of "Handsome Jack" Burgoyne. Mr. Hudleston is librarian of the British War Office, and is well known for his "Warriors in Undress". But the average reader will enjoy the book immensely, too. He will chuckle at more than one choice expression which "just hits the spot".

Probably to the general run of readers, the name Burgoyne connotes a general in full uniform handing over to Gates a sword, as pictured in leading texts and on the recent Saratoga postage stamps. But in the book, Burgoyne lives—he writes delicious bombast, composes comedies, gambles and ever acts the English gentleman.

While the author does not idealize Burgoyne, he pens his view points with sympathy. But Germain, the minister of war, comes in for his deserved share of vituperation. He is pilloried as an incompetent ass, an unscrupulous scoundrel and a convicted coward.

Mr. Hudleston questions the practicability of the projected campaign to sever New England from the rest of the colonies. Any possible chance of success rode away with Lord Germain when he went to the country to spend his week-end, he holds. Burgoyne had too much physical courage to retreat to Canada; "I once saw a bumblebee, a gorgeous reddish-brown fellow, indignantly struggling in a spider's web. Burgoyne, in his fine uniform, plunging through the woods of North America, reminds me very much of him. Gates may stand for the spider. But the web was woven, not by Gates, but by Germain, Schuyler and Arnold."

The book is excellent. And in the words of a nationally advertised product, "Such popularity must be deserved."

The Borderland in the Civil War. By Edward Conrad Smith. \$3.50, 412 pages. New York: MacMillan Company.

That the outcome of the American Civil War depended on the part that the people of the Ohio valley would play is the thesis of the author, who is assistant professor of political science at New York University. Professor Smith's "borderland" is not the "borderland" of the general meaning; his is composed of the states west of the Appalachians, between the cotton kingdom and the industrial states. He justifies his selection of terms on the grounds that had Maryland seceded, it would have been reduced at once by the Northern troops. He holds that Lincoln had another problem in the "borderland", where "the national government delayed, and concerted points to the people throughout most of the period of the war."

The natural influence of the Mississippi in the Ohio valley states to the South was counteracted by the Erie canal and by the railroad. The latter, he tells us, "connected the section only with the East; no lines had yet been built to any point in the South."

Lincoln's firmness in insisting that the South must strike the first blow resulted in the early allegiance of this "borderland". If Lincoln had been able to keep in closer touch with these states himself, rather than being forced to place so much reliance on the Blairs and other leaders, Professor Smith holds that much of the guerilla warfare there could have been avoided.

As a study of a special subject in American history the book is valuable. Certain detailed matters may be omitted by the general reader, but he will be interested in the so-called "restoration" of Virginia, by which is meant the creation of West Virginia.

"Prom Is Better Every Year," Lapedes Says; 1924 Junior Prom Is First To Bury Finals

By BESSIE LAPEDES, '29
Junior Associate Editor

Once more junior prom week rolls around to give relaxation and deserved pleasure to juniors wearied by examinations. Once more the Ten Eyck ballroom will re-echo the laughter and music attendant at junior prom—the big affair of the College year, and this year the best ever. For several years the prom has been held at the Ten Eyck.

The junior prom became the social affair of State and assumed the high standing it now enjoys in the Capitol District winter season early in 1924. At that time Ruth Moore, (not our present Ruth Gwendolyn Moore), heading the prom committee, secured Simon's orchestra to deaden the memories of finals that preceded what is now the annual junior class terpsichore affair. Innovations occurred each succeeding year that made the State junior proms more delightful to faculty, alumni and undergraduates.

At this prom the escorts were the recipients of silver cigarette cases, and the girls received silver lockets as favors.

But the following year, the committee achieved results that surpassed even those of their predecessors. Muriel Wenzel, president of the class, arranged for a week-end affair. After a highly successful prom dance at which McGuire's orchestra filled the ball room of the Ten Eyck with the "bewitching music" for which it was noted, a luncheon of the junior class

took place the following day at the Colony Plaza. Mary Flanigan was toastmistress. This year the prom favors for the men were tobacco pouches.

The tea dance on the day following the prom was introduced last year. Three affairs took place and many declared after the busy week-end that State proms were becoming "bigger and better." Again the facilities allowed but 250 couples to be entertained at the Ten Eyck. Meyerhoff's orchestra was obtained by Chrissie Curtis, prom chairman.

The junior class luncheon took place immediately before the tea dance and Miss Mary Grahn, substitute instructor in English, was the principal speaker. The favors of the dance last year consisted of vanity cases for the girls and pin-seal leather folders with gold edges for the men. The week-end was considered the best prom yet by many of those present.

With such a series of "glorious" proms of preceding years to color the background, this year's prom week-end is bound to be one that will never be forgotten by State's sons and daughters, say the members of the prom committee.

THE PROM GIRL

Vivacity, vim, druidly slun,
With silken hose and slippers trim,
Gown entrancing, blue eyes glancing
Coily in time with small feet dancing
The Prom Girl.

Wide awake, there's joy to take,
Away all sleep till dawn will break,
On with the dance, the play of romances,
Song and laughter, and mad music-entrances
The Prom Girl.

The man at her side, leads in a glide,
The new and elegant Varsity slide;
Dipping low, graceful and slow,
Weaving a pattern thru the dim glow,
With the Prom Girl.



She—"Is that your frat brother over there?"
He—"Yeah. How'd you recognize my old tux?"

He—"Just introduced to the tale of 'Parlor me, but I didn't get the name. Will you spell it slowly, please."
She—"With pleasure, J.O.X.U.S."

Le Marin Snyant,
He ran the telephone "I have something you gave me last night. Haven't you missed it?"
She—"No, what is it?"
He—"The Ki-ki."
She—"I didn't know that I did."

"I can't keep all these dates," said the history student cramming for finals.

AS WE LIKE IT A Play in Four Acts

Act I
Scene I Dressing room at school
1. Home or madam's boudoir
2. No soap
3. Rush not soap
4. No towels
5. Scrimmage not towel
6. No powder
7. Beeth not powder
8. No comb
9. E-placed not comb

Act II
Scene I
1. Enter boy friend
2. Enter or little not on top
3. Boy friend gets rest
4. Enter or not alone
5. Boy friend gets dance card
6. SHE appears in all her glory
7. All is well that begins well

Act III
Scene I The prom fest.
1. Enter the chaparrone. I. Not said and not done

Act IV
Scene I Dressing room Same as Act I
1. No soap. E-tectra
Moral: MF-Well That Ends Well

Analyze Friendships, Brubacher Tells Junior Class

With two and a half years written in their college careers, now is the time for members of the junior class to take inventory. This is the advice of President A. R. Brubacher.

No better time to analyze one's stay at State can be found, Dr. Brubacher said. He advised juniors to take count of their gains at State College, and to see how far they have progressed.

"The four years before you hold the greatest possibilities in store," Dr. Brubacher told the class when its members were freshmen. "Your lives will be largely determined by these years. Your permanent interests will be discovered and cultivated."

"You will find friends among classmates and among your college teachers who will become a permanent and influential part of your lives. You will form habits here, habits of work, habits of reading, habits of pleasure and relaxation, habits of thinking; and I sincerely hope you will form only good habits."

"These are serious years for you because they will make or mar you. But they will be the happiest years because they are so full of discovery and adventure."

Dr. Brubacher this week suggested that the juniors analyze their friendships and their interests.

"May Your Week-End Be A Joy," Is Dean Pierce's Wish For Juniors

On the following message, Miss Anna E. Pierce, dean of women, greets the junior class at the beginning of its week of activities.

My dear Class of 1929:

The editor of your issue of the News has asked me to express to you individually and collectively my good wishes which I do heartily and sincerely. May your junior week celebration be a pure joy with no hint of disappointment or regret. May everyone of you attend your prom, your luncheon, your tea dance, each of which will of course be the best in the history of State College proms, luncheons and tea dances, and after the week's gaieties are over may each of you carry the same spirit of enthusiasm and joy over into all your future activities believing all the time not only that "the road's last turn will be the best", but that every turn of the road will be the best provided.

Yours cordially,
Anna E. Pierce

Jazz Hasn't Permeated To Catskill Farms; And Ladies Fly In The Air, Osborn Finds

Jazz has not yet permeated to the farms of the Catskills, according to Miss Mary Elizabeth Osborn, '20, former editor-in-chief of the State College Quarterly.

Miss Osborn, who is now instructor in English at Hood college, Fredricksburg, Maryland, has written a series of word sketches of rural dances in the Catskills. She describes how the "flying lady" is frequently lifted bodily from the floor and swung in the air with "right good will".

Miss Osborn, who is a native of Margaretville, has attracted the attention of New York city periodicals with her poems. The New York Sun recently pointed out that she pictured the "Catskills summer boarder does not know".

In a literary criticism of her work the Sun said:

"Having explored the Catskills, Mary Elizabeth Osborn has recorded in American speech some of the results of her observations on the square dance.

"The neighbors gather in the 'front parlor', the barn, or, corrupting touch for the true antiquarian, in the garage. The fiddler calls the figures; he is dictator of the dance, he has been known to stop fiddling and scold the dancers if the figure is not being performed quite swiftly enough or evenly enough to meet his approval."

"Whatever the dance may be, says this historian, there are introductory and closing steps that are always the same. The opening figure is figured this:

Head complex, Balance four,
Right and left, Allemand left,
Half promenade, All promenade,
Ladies change.

"The closing figure is directed in this fashion by the master of festivities:

Ladies to the right and swing,
Balance to the next.

BIOLOGY CLUB ADOPTS PIN FOR ITS INSIGNIA

Members of the Biology club have adopted a pin as the insignia of the organization, and the order will soon be made, according to Mabel Berg, '28, president of the club.

The pin is in yellow gold, with a black enamel facing on which is written the word "Biology".

Students who have ordered the pin are: Emma Lou Johnson, Henriette Leveque, Dorothy Hartman, Mildred Kristof, Florence Gooding, Margaret Doughty, Edna Wolfe, Dorothy Burt, Maud Abrams, D. Weltha Robinson, Flic Zucud, Alice Browning, Anita Kellum, Mildred J. Shaver, Mabel Berg, M. Betsy Miller, M. H. Rich, Isadore J. Drapkin, Dora Gerke, Marjorie S. Berry, Ethel Laeschen, Marion Fox, Marion E. Sloan, Lina Johnson, Anne Sterling, Matilda Keeler, Lenore G. S. Hutchinson, Ruth Hammonds, Emily Czules and Christine K. Hoffbeck.

Gents to the right and swing,
Balance to the next;
Allemand left,
All promenade.

"In 'Captain Jinks', a favorite dance, the figures are performed with enthusiasm to these quatrains, the 'flying lady' is frequently lifted bodily from the floor and swung in the air with right good will:

First lady swing with Captain Jinks;
Now with the one that never drinks;
Now with the one that carries the chinks,
And now with the duke of the ballroom.

First gentleman dance so fair;
Now with the one who has her hair;
Now with the one that has the air,
And now with the duke of the ballroom.

"A typical dance for four couples is expressed in these lines.
First two give right hands across,
Back with the left;
Fall back between side couples,
And forward six;
And back with the left;
Join your partner;
And balance four in a line;
Swing to place;
And promenade all.

"This is an aspect of life in the Catskills the summer boarder does not know. Our author says that in the villages the square dances are falling off somewhat in popularity, but on the farms they are as greatly enjoyed as they were a generation ago. Jazz leaves the guests apathetic. The Catskills pictured by a good many New Yorkers are quite different."

CLASSICAL CLUB WILL PLAN FOR A BIRTHDAY

Classical club will meet Wednesday afternoon to make plans for a birthday dinner in the College cafeteria. The amendment to the constitution regarding the admission of new members will be discussed and voted on, according to Elizabeth Dodge, '28, club reporter.

Irene Ashley, '29, was recently elected scription to succeed Marion Fox, '29, who resigned because of an excess number of honor points. Miss Fox is president of the Political Science club.

FOUR FACULTY ARE NAMED FOR GRADUATE ASSOCIATION WORK

Four faculty members are included in the list of committees named by the Alumni association to make legislation, nominate officers, audit, and to care for the beneficiary aid of the association.

Miss Minnie B. Scotland, '13, instructor in biology, is a member of the legislative committee, of which Miss Mabel Talmadge, '11, secretary of the alumni residence hall fund, is chairman.

John A. Mahar, '16, assistant professor of French, is chairman of the auditing committee. Miss Anna May Fillingham, '18, instructor in home economics, is chairman of the beneficiary aid committee, the other members of which are Ralph A. Beaver, '24, instructor in mathematics, and Stanley Heason, head of the history department in Albany High school.

Miss Marjorie Bellows, '26, who was a substitute instructor in English last year, is a member of the auditing committee.

Ruth E. Bates, '29, was recently installed as an officer of the Order of Eastern Star in the Philippine chapter at Rensselaer. Her degree is that of Ruth in the floral degree.

MARKS WILL BE SENT OUT WITHIN 2 WEEKS

Grades for the first semester will be mailed to students at their Albany or commuting address during the second week of the second semester, Miss Elizabeth Vandenberg, registrar, announced today.

No grades will be announced in the office, and none will be sent through the student mail box, she said. Each student will be required to leave a self addressed, stamped envelope for the mailing of the grades, she said.

LONG PLAYS AT CLUB

Irma M. Long, '31, played a piano selection in a recital by advanced pupils of the Octavo School of Music at the Woman's club, Saturday night.

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Higgins, Fhetteplace, Saxton And French Will Visit Convention

ENTER NEWS IN CONTEST

Newspaper To Compete With Publications From All United States

Four delegates will represent the STATE COLLEGE NEWS at the annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press association in New York city, March 9 and 10.

The delegates are Virginia E. Higgins, '28, editor in chief; Katherine S. Saxton, '28, business manager; William M. French, '29, managing editor, and Elizabeth Fhetteplace, '28, associate managing editor. All are members of the News board, governing board of the publication.

One member of the board will be elected to represent the News at the business meeting, and the delegates will attend various round table conferences. Both editorial and business departments will have their meetings, according to plans announced by Joseph M. Murphy, secretary of the association.

The STATE COLLEGE NEWS will be in competition with teachers' college and normal school publications from the whole United States.

Advisory Boards To Meet
Special meetings at the convention will be for faculty advisers of the papers which have faculty advisory committees. The NEWS will not be represented in this group, but the delegates may attend sessions as prospective advisers of high school publications.

The attendance at the convention has grown rapidly since the association was founded in March, 1925. The first year registration was limited to schools east of the Mississippi river, but now the competition is nation-wide in scope.

No first, second and third prizes will be awarded this year, Mr. Murphy has announced. Experience has shown that the picking of the best paper in each class is very difficult, he said. "Good papers differ so slightly that to place one ahead of another is questionable," the convention announcement declares.

Winners Will Get Ribbons
Ribbons will be awarded to the ranking papers in each class. Blue ribbons will be awarded the best papers and magazines, red ribbons for the second best, and white ribbons for third place groups.

Classes organized are as follows: for senior high schools, class A, for more than 1000 registration; class B for schools having from 501 to 1000 pupils; class C, schools having less than 500 pupils. In the junior high school division there will be two classes, one for schools of 750 students or less, and another class for schools of more than that number.

Special classes will be open to mimeographed, elementary school, trade papers and special territory publications. All sessions of the convention will be at Columbia university.

EDITORS WHO WILL GO TO NEW YORK



Three seniors who will attend Columbia Scholastic Press association congress. Top row, left, Virginia E. Higgins, right, Elizabeth Fhetteplace; bottom, Katherine S. Saxton.

FRATERNITY EXPANDS, ADDS TWO CHAPTERS

Kappa Delta Rho announces the installation of two new chapters of the fraternity, one at Butler university, and the other at Gettysburg college. Otto E. Huddle, '22, proconsul of the first province of the fraternity, attended the installation at Gettysburg. Arthur M. Ottoman, national grand president of the order, presided at both ceremonies.

The Butler chapter was the Kappa Delta Pi local fraternity, and the Gettysburg chapter was formerly known as Theta Phi.

EIGHT ALUMNI TEACH IN HACKETT SCHOOL

Eight State College alumni are teaching in the new Hackett Memorial Junior High school, Delaware avenue, which received 700 additional students at the beginning of its new semester.

They are: Bertha Barford, '24, who is teaching English; Katherine Buchler, '20, general science; Florence Chase, '12, German and algebra; Jessie McAuliffe, '13, English and French; Helen Sheeran, '07, English; Catherine Smith, '13, general science; Isabel Whaley, '21, part time instructor, and Margaret Waddbillig, '05 and '11, vocational training.

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Don't Curb Self Adornment Idea, Mrs. Frear Warns, Pleading For Color, Design Variety

Curbing a high school girl's natural instinct to self adornment by strict rules compelling the use of uniform dresses is far too radical a step to adopt, according to Mrs. Florence Dodge Frear, instructor in home economics.

Mrs. Frear makes an appeal for "dress governed by a uniformity of principles and still have the pleasing variety which color and appropriate design make possible", in a recent issue of New York State Education.

Home economics classes and deans should care for the problem of extreme styles affected by high school girls, she said. Class room teachers should work together to eliminate the more bizarre styles, she thinks. Educators believe that something has to be done about short skirts, earrings, rouge, marcells, and all extremes in dress. They believe that these extremes, indulged in because of the desire of each girl to out-line the other, is ruining the taste and neat appearance of the rising younger set, and taking time and attention from their school work. They believe that by unifying the costumes of the school girls that taste in dress will be modified and refined.

Mrs. Frear modifies this movement a bit, however, for she believes that there is just as much danger in the extreme of too much repression. She says the desire for personal adornment is natural and that this desire can be satisfied by having the girls choose

their own colors and styles, provided these are in good taste. Mrs. Frear believes that teachers should work in co-ordination with the students and show them that by extremes in style they are thwarting their natural unaffected beauty which she believes simplicity enhances. In this movement she considers that the best results will be obtained provided only the teacher sets a good example. By tasteful conservatism in dress the high school teacher can do much to help her students enhance their natural charms.

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Y.W.C.A. Conventions Inspire, Lansley Says; Newman Broadens Religious Life, Koen Avers

Religious organizations at State College have proven their worth to juniors, according to statements written for the News by representatives of Y. W. C. A., Menorah society and Newman club.

Mildred Lansley, '29, writes the following article for the Y. W. C. A., and Florence Koen, '29, writes for Newman club. An essay on Menorah's influence on juniors, written by Bertha Pitkin, '29, was published in the News last week.

By MILDRED LANSLEY
Y. W. C. A. has meant increasingly more and more to me since June of my freshman year when I went with a group of other students to the "Y" summer conference at Silver Bay. I feel that I have been especially fortunate since that time in having attended several other Y. W. student gatherings, particularly the national conference in Milwaukee last December.

Conferences do much to awaken one to the real worth of "Y." They have brought me valuable friendships and wider, enriching contacts, inspiration, ideals for which to strive, and a growing sense of fellowship. Most of all they have meant for me a deeper realization of God and a more intimate association with the life of Christ.

Our college association has fostered these conference ideals for me to a great extent. "Y" cabinet has helped in this tremendously for it is there we strive for the closest sympathy, understanding and cooperation.

My three years of "Y" have led me to a realization of what an important part of college life a religious organization can be.

By FLORENCE KOEN
The purpose of Newman club is three-fold: to guide and broaden the religious life, the intellectual life and the social life of its members. Throughout the four years of one's college course it serves faithfully in these three fields. To the freshman it offers an opportunity for organized and regular performance of religious works by its quarterly communion and breakfast, its annual retreat and its pilgrimages to various shrines.

To sophomores and upper classmen it gives the same opportunities for religious, intellectual and social life. To them, especially to juniors, is given a chance to know and aid freshmen in these respects.

To me as a timid and bewildered freshman, as a doubtful but still bewildered sophomore and as a humbled and sobered junior, Newman club was and is a steadfast source of friendship and advice with which to meet the problems of college life.

TROUBADOURS START PRACTICE NEXT WEEK

Rehearsals for the second annual minstrel show of the Troubadours will be started next week, according to Robert J. Shillinglaw, '29, president of the troupe. Arvid Burke, '28, vice-president and chairman of the program committee, and Davis J. Shultes, '28, chairman of the music committee, will assist Professor William G. Kennedy, director, in staging the rehearsals.

HEADS JUNIOR RING COMMITTEE



Caroline M. Schleich
Helped Edit
College Handbook
And Will Pick
Junior Rings

Courtesy, Albany Evening News.
Photo by Lorey.

1929 COLLEGE RINGS MILITARY IN TYPE

Pattern Will Be Selected In Few Weeks, According To La Verne Carr

College rings for the juniors this year will be larger than those adopted by the class of 1928, and will be of the semi-military type, according to G. La Verne Carr, junior president.

The exact pattern will be selected within the next few weeks, and the contract will be let, he said.

Caroline M. Schleich, chairman of the ring committee, yesterday said that four manufacturing jewelers have submitted sample rings and drawings. The companies include the L. G. Ballour company, of Attleboro, Mass.; the Peters company, of Boston; the Gleason-Wallace company, of Albany; and the University Signet company, of New York city.

Besides Miss Schleich, the other members of the ring committee are: Robert J. Shillinglaw, class treasurer, and Agnes McGarty.

MISS HILL WILL VISIT NICARAGUA IN SUMMER

Miss Alice F. Hill, supervisor of practice teaching in modern languages, will visit Central America and the western part of the United States next summer.

Miss Hill plans to leave Brooklyn June 30 on the Panama Mail Liner, Equador. She will go to Los Angeles by way of the Panama Canal, stopping at Balboa and Colon in the Canal Zone, La Libertad in El Salvador; Corinto in Nicaragua, and Colombian cities.

She plans to arrive at Corinto July 14 and to leave August 11, reaching Los Angeles August 22.

Miss Hill will return through the southwest, visiting San Antonio, Albuquerque and New Orleans.

Dransky Recalls Freshman Days Of Juniors When They Abducted Sophomore President

By ROSE DRANSKY
Junior Associate Editor

The class of 1929 has added a half-year of juniorhood to its history and will personify the height of its career in the display of colored gayety in the "beacocked promenade" tonight.

As freshmen, '29 was hardly to be called meek for it woke the class of '28 to a realization of the situation with the abduction of Francis Griffin, the then sophomore president, on October 16 at the annual Get Wise party. This realization was perhaps the reason the interclass gymnasium meet on December 16.

The class further proved its individuality by organizing a raiding party under the leadership of Betty Eaton and thus "swiped" the sophomore banner from the home of Kathleen Doughty, '28. They hid it very successfully in the East hotel and the sophomores, hearing this, made arrangements with the clerk of the hotel that he would be remunerated should the banner be returned to them. The freshmen heard of the plot and stylishly composed a bundle containing several burlap bags and an old pair of trousers and deposited it at the hotel.

And so the sophomores, now soon to be graduated, paid five dollars for the famous burlap bags and old trousers which unwittingly caused them so much chagrin. Later in the year, the sophomores proved their "gift of gab" by winning the interclass debate.

Before the first semester of examinations had been held to these bold freshmen, they organized into social bodies and saw Harold Lloyd as "The Freshman", and witnessed the hard surface of the Westland Hills rink in a skating party. The officers of the class were David Smith, president; Evelyn Graves, vice-president; Mil-

dred Lansley, secretary; Reginald Stanhope, treasurer; and William M. French, reporter.

In the dead of the night preceding Moving Up Day, the freshmen men advanced under a barrage of musk melons, stormed the sophomore flag pole, and stole the colors which were nailed on the top of the pole. The next day at the Moving Up day exercises the class won second place in the awards.

In the sophomore year, '29 won the interclass rivalry, showing superiority in the stunts, songs, and other events. Sophomore soiree in the College gymnasium was a huge success under the chairmanship of Betty Eaton. The officers of the class were: Thomas Fallon, president; Alice Hill, secretary; Robert J. Shillinglaw, treasurer; Elizabeth Pulver, and Alice Bingham.

The junior year was started with a warm, hospitable welcome extended toward the present freshmen, and as yet '29 is still sailing on uncharted seas. Here's to '29!

DECORATIONS AT TEA DANCE ARE RED, GOLD

Junior tea dance will be tomorrow afternoon in the gymnasium of Hawley hall, from three to six o'clock. Alice Hills is general chairman.

Committee include: Florence Gornley, chairman of decorations; Betty Eaton, chairman of refreshments; Elizabeth Pulver, chairman of invitations; Martin Shuman, chairman of taxes and flowers; and Mildred Lansley, chairman of food.

Dr. Adna W. Risley, head of the history department, and Mrs. Risley; Dr. Earl South, assistant professor of education, and Mrs. South will be chaperones at the tea dance.

Miss Myron C. Cheever, instructor in Latin and Mrs. Ernest Thomas Kautz, instructor in biology, will join.

Music will be furnished by Tommy Day's orchestra, and the gymnasium will be decorated in red and gold.

DR. HASTINGS HEADS SPEAKERS AT JUNIOR LUNCHEON TOMORROW



Courtesy, Albany Evening News. Photo by Lorey.

Dr. Harry W. Hastings, chairman of the English department, will be the principal speaker at the junior luncheon tomorrow noon at the Hotel DeWitt Clinton.

Edward Van is general chairman, and Alice Hill, as class vice-president, will be toastmistress.

Student speakers include: G. La Verne Carr, president of the class; Mary Gam, Mildred Peterson, Evelyn Graves and Robert J. Shillinglaw.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Dr. Earl B. South, instructor in education, attended the thirty-seventh annual convention of the American Psychological Association, held recently at Ohio State university. The address of the president, H. J. Hallmeyer, of the University of Columbia university, was delivered on Thursday. The subject was "Seasonal determinants of psychological attitude."

Dr. South was able to attend only a few of the several departments of the convention.

JOURNALISM SOCIETY GETS LOCAL CHAPTER

Alpha Phi Gamma was founded at Ohio Northern university, October 18, 1921, for the purpose of making a national organization of students in a liberal form of journalism and in publishing one or more publications. No formal expansion followed.

Chapters are now located at Ohio Northern university, University of Akron, Williams college, Baldwin Wallace college, Albion college, Lake Erie university, Oberlin college, University of Northern Iowa and Christian State Normal college. Present plans several journalisms colleges are being studied at the present time and more will be considered in the near future.

BRUBACHER STRESSES TEACHERS PLACEMENT

of the state and beyond, when there is an opportunity to bridge between the teaching profession and the number of annual graduates.

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The state conditions and general personnel work, including interviews with school officers, consume a vast amount of time. Several State College has not had enough clerical assistance to do the work well, nor have we had a staff member whose free time could adequately satisfy the need of placement bureau.

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BASKETBALL MANAGEMENT DENIES SPORT BREAK WITH ANNANDALE

Fallon Spikes Rumor, Avers "St. Stephen's Men Act As Gentlemen"

"NO CONTEMPT" - BELL

Presidents Of Both Colleges Exchange Letters On Cancellation

BY WILLIAM M. FRENCH
Managing Editor

Thomas P. Fallon, manager of the varsity basketball team, today characterized as "absolutely incorrect" the report that the basketball management is considering a break in athletic relations with St. Stephen's college.

The report, published in last week's News, is without foundation, Fallon declared. "The men at St. Stephen's are gentlemen, and act in a gentlemanly way in all their transactions. Any insinuation that there will be a break in our athletic relations is false," he told the News.

"The officials and everyone else connected with St. Stephen's give us the best co-operation of any college with which we have relations.

Offered Alternative Date

"Their cancellation of our scheduled game was done in a gentlemanly way, and they did everything in their power to offer us another game on their court. Our schedule was so arranged that such a meeting is impossible," Fallon said.

State still has five games to play, all being on the home court. The alumni will meet the varsity tomorrow night in the gymnasium.

Providence college is expected to offer the State delegation the warmest opposition of the remaining games. The game is scheduled for Friday night, February 24.

Dr. Bernard I. Bell, president of the St. Stephen's college, wrote to President A. R. Brubacher this week, explaining the cancellation of the game. It was cancelled "by direct order of the president and dean of this college because it had been scheduled, due to a clerical error, on a date when by immemorial tradition of the college the freshmen are entitled to the use of the gymnasium for their annual prom. We regretted the action as much as you possibly could regret it but it could not be helped. I would not have you people think that the game was cancelled through any contempt for your team or for a trivial reason."

Dr. Brubacher Replies

Accepting the explanation, Dr. Brubacher replied that the story in the News last Friday was "a reporter's opinion . . . merely one person's opinion."

"The statement in the News, which was not written by the regular sports writer, read: 'The consensus of collegiate opinion today seems to be that . . .'"

JUNIOR PROM TONIGHT ATTRACTS COLLEGIANS

(Continued from page 1)

'28, and Julian Holmes of Cornell university; Roslyn Chapman, '28, and William Hampton, of Albany Law school; Eleanor Finn, '28, and Raphael Walsh, of Fordham Law school; Wilhelmina Sebesta, '30, and John McDowell, of Union college; Genevieve White, '28, and Stephen Shanahan, of Rensselaer Polytechnic institute; Dorothy Rubin, '30, and Seymour Cohen of Albany; Ethel Ettron, '28, and I. Becker of University of Pennsylvania; Margaret Moore, '28, and Robert Crosby of University of Pennsylvania; Ruth G. Moore, '28, and Charles Farrell, of Leland Stanford university; Ethel Van Emough, '28, and Jack Holmes of Yale university; Emma Askley, '30, and M. Hart, of Yale university; Marion A. Stanley, '28, and Ethel Blair of Williams college; Idella B. Eastman, '30, and Gordon M. Henning of Newburgh; Mary Sharpe, '28, and Edmund Dwyer of Brooklyn; Mildred Gabriel, '28, and Jack Douglas of Watertown; Mary L. Lee, '28, and Stanton Andrews, of Williams college.

Dorothy L. Smith, '28, and Roger T. Burton of Boston university; Frederick W. Crumb, '30, and Doris Kenyon, of Leland Stanford university; James Kolbe, graduate student, and Edwina Van Deusen of Bronxville.

THREE SWIM MEETS PLANNED FOR TEAM

Contest With Pharmacy Mermen, Intramural Decathlon Being Arranged

Three swimming meets are being planned for the men's swimming team, according to Robert J. Shillinglaw, manager of the sport. One is a return meet with the Pharmacy college squad, another will be with the St. Paul's church team and a third will be an intramural decathlon, limited to members of the swimming squad. The winner of this meet will probably be awarded a plaque if funds can be obtained to defray the cost of the award.

Each entry in the decathlon will be required to enter each event listed and the one finishing with the lowest number of points will be awarded the plaque. First place in the decathlon events will count one point, second counting two, so that each swimmer will get a mark for each event.

Swimming practices will probably start within the next two weeks, according to Shillinglaw.

Arrangements for the use of Bath 1 on Broadway, are being made for the men's swimming team by Robert J. Shillinglaw, '29, manager. It is planned by the mermen to request a portion of the funds appropriated for minor sports to defray the expenses of hiring the bath for weekly practices and for swimming meets there.

Shillinglaw reported yesterday that the Hackett Junior High school tank, the best in the area, would not be available for the team's practice sessions. It was hoped that this tank might be utilized. Captain Leo Allen and Shillinglaw are considering designs for a letter for the swimmers.

"Absolutely Incorrect"



Courtesy of Times-Union.
Thomas P. Fallon, '29, basketball manager, who declares State-St. Stephen's sports relations remain sunny.

further athletic meetings of St. Stephen's and State College in the future are highly improbable. This is due to the fact that the present cancellation comes because of so slight an excuse as a freshman dance in the gymnasium.

The letters of Dr. Bell and Dr. Brubacher are:

President,
Albany State Teachers College,
Albany, New York.

My dear Colleague:
I have seen a copy of your student paper, expressing considerable irritation with St. Stephen's College because it canceled a basketball game with your college team to make way for a freshman dance. It perhaps does sound unreasonable.

Because it does sound unreasonable as to cancel a game I think it might be well to ask you to explain to your Athletic Department that this game was canceled by direct order of the President and Dean of this College because it had been scheduled, due to a clerical error, on a date when by immemorial tradition of the college the freshmen are entitled to the use of the gymnasium for their annual Prom. We regretted the action as much as you possibly could regret it but it could not be helped. I would not have you people think that the game was cancelled through any contempt for your team or for a trivial reason.

Faithfully yours,
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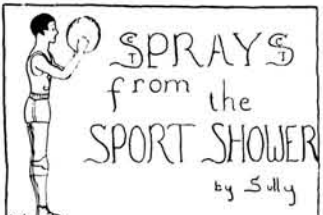
My dear Dr. Bell:
I thank you for your letter on the Basketball situation. The paragraph in the Current News of January 29th was of course a reporter's opinion and should not be taken for more than it is worth, that is, it is merely one person's opinion. Nevertheless, it is pleasant to have your statement regarding the matter and I shall lay it before the faculty of the Current News. I am sure they will cheerfully accept your explanation as wholly adequate under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,
A. R. BRUBACHER,
President.

Association Officer



Courtesy, Albany Evening News.
Evelyn Graves, '29, is vice president of the student association, and a member of the Dramatic and Art council.



With the juniors of our dear old institution seemingly running the whole show this week end, it might be well to tell the world what our junior class athletes have done in State College sports.

In his freshman year Verne Carr was the only two letter man in the class of 1929. That year the College had but two sports, basketball and baseball. Verne received letters in both sports his first year and repeated in his second year. Ring up four letters for Carr.

Kuczyzski, greatest athlete in College, whom we claim as our own even though he graduates after summer school, holds more letters than any other undergraduate. He won three letters his first year, in baseball, basketball and football. He took one the next year as he was in school only one semester, then two last year. Six letters, and besides that Tony was a member of this year's cross country team and went to the semi-finals in the last tennis tournament.

Then we have Tom Klein, who has two baseball letters and one basketball letter and is carrying another letter in basketball this winter, as are Carr and Kuczyzski.

Joe Herney, captain of the tennis team and winner of the fall tennis tournament has received two basketball letters and is playing his third season as a guard with the court five.

Sam Cooper was a member of the 1927 tennis team and of this year's cross country outfit. Sprague, as well as managing this year's net squad was a regular with the racket. Last season.

Ivan Campbell won a regular position on the cross country outfit and Tommy Fallon, class president when a sophomore, is the present basketball manager.

The present baseball manager is Roy A. Sullivan, who acted as manager of this year's cross country team and who is captain elect of next year's hatters.

MRS. MERRILL, STATE'S OLDEST ALUMNA, DIES AT MILWAUKEE

Was Pioneer In Culture Movement For Schools--In Letter She Recalls Student Discussions On Admission Of Kansas--Etiquette Lessons Given To Girls At Normal

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2. Special to the STATE COLLEGE NEWS.—Mrs. Ellen Freeman Merrill, for several years the oldest living graduate of New York State College for Teachers, died recently at her home here, at the age of 96.

Mrs. Merrill was well known in Wisconsin for her personal interest in progressive education, her clubwork and enthusiasm for art. She was the widow of Sherburne Sanborne Merrill, former general manager of the Milwaukee railroad.

She had kept in communication with the alumni association, and sent several messages of greeting to the graduates at the annual meetings of the association.

It is a far cry from the days of "Bleeding Kansas" to the present time, but Mrs. Merrill recalled in a letter the days when as a student in the then State Normal school, she met other students and discussed the question of admitting Kansas as a free or slave state.

Mrs. Merrill was ninety-six years old when she died. Death was due to complications incident to old age. She was the first woman to be a member of the Milwaukee school board, and she gave nearly a hundred paintings and etchings to a school there.

When she had been graduated

seventy years, she sent a letter to the alumni, describing normal school life before the Civil war. Extracts from the letter follow:

"It is a long, long look backward to 1851, when two village maidens, my beloved cousin, Esther D. Crary and myself, left our mountain home to round out our education so far received in a village academy, in the then 'Normal School for Teachers', in the rich, conservative, hilly metropolis of Albany.

"As it was at this time that the question of allowing Kansas to enter the Union as a slave state was absorbing the attention of the whole country, the girls of our class became especially interested in the question. At recess all fun, games and dancing were discarded and the gayest of our circles mounted the closed piano in the assembly hall and read the morning paper to a circle of eager, patriotic listening girls.

"'Bleeding Kansas' had our sympathy and would have claimed our votes, had we then been legally citizens' of the United States."

Lessons in etiquette were dispensed in the normal to the candidates for diplomas when a Miss Hance assembled "all the girls of our class the day previous to the great occasion, commencement day, exercising us in position and receiving our diplomas.

"We were only to bow gracefully, not to say 'thank you', which latter might have been more natural for country girls.

"I taught for two years, then with my mother came west. Later, marriage and family cares ended my career as a teacher, but not my interest in schools."

Mrs. Merrill was a pioneer as a civic leader for the movements aiming toward rest room management, flag raising, clean recitation rooms, the hanging of good pictures, and other touches of culture in public schools.

Mrs. Sarah Fischer Price, '55, of Westerlo, and Miss Margaret Pringle, '55, of Utica are now the oldest living graduates.

VARSITY TO MEET ALUMNI TOMORROW

Coach Baker May Not Allow Nephew To Play Against State Quintet

After a two week's lay-off for final examinations, the Purple and Gold basketball five tomorrow night will re-enter competition when they stack up against the Alumni.

As in most cases, the varsity should make a run away game of the contest against the grads. However if last year's captain, Clarence Nephew, whom Coach R. R. Baker doesn't wish to have play against the varsity five, enters the game, the contest should be fairly close and interesting.

The alumni lineup is not definitely known as yet, but it will in all probability include former captains Gaimor and Horning. Graham and Johnson are also expected to start for the graduates.

Captain Kuczyzski may be kept out injured in practice before the St. Bon of the game because of a weak ankle-averture game two weeks ago.

In the preliminary game the women's varsity will oppose their alumni.

Heads Juniors



Courtesy of Times-Union.
G. LaVerne Carr is junior class president, and plays on the varsity basketball team.

FINANCE BOARD NAMES THE TAX SLACKERS

The student board of finance today announced a list of students who had not paid their blanket tax nor made adequate reason for not paying. The list is corrected to Wednesday night.

The delinquents, according to the board, are:

- | Seniors | |
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| Evans, Mary | Williams, Mildred |
| Swanson, Donald | Yonkman, Mildred |
| Juniors | |
| Bauman, Arthur | Palmer, Betty |
| Beckwith, Gladys | Randall, Ethel |
| DeMoss, Evelyn | Reynolds, Helen |
| Evans, Douglas | Ross, Robert |
| Mullen, John | Stevens, William |
| Marshall, Edith | Tracy, Mildred |
| Sophomores | |
| Roberts, Robert | Keenan, Margaret |
| Tracy, Edmund | Keenan, Mildred |
| Cassidy, Joseph | West, William |
| Chapman, Joseph | Schultz, William |
| Tracy, Edith | Starkweather, Alice |
| Carroll, Gladys | |
| Freshmen | |
| Burnett, Mildred | Lee, Catherine |
| Christiana, Wm. | McConnell, Irene |
| Owens, Florence | McConnell, Irene |
| Tracy, Ida | Schultz, William |
| Tracy, Edith | Starkweather, Alice |
| Tracy, Ruth | Starkweather, Alice |
| Tracy, Albert | Wasson, Doris |

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