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OPPORTUNITY

Students of State College, at a time when opportunity is receiving much marked attention universally, it is well for us to consider a few of the many opportunities which we have. Not to mention those afforded us by the culture and various educational and cultural institutions of Albany, we must remember that Albany is the heart of the great educational system of our State, and the home of the University of the State of New York. State College is no small part of this opportunity, and shares largely in the educational activity.

This week Thursday and Friday occur the annual convocation of the University of the State of New York, all sessions of which will be held at Chancellors' Hall, Education Building. Some of the most noted educators of the country will speak, as well as some important men from abroad. Perhaps of greatest interest are the addresses by Henry Van Dyke, the French Ambassador and the Russian Ambassador. Such speakers will not visit the towns where we shall teach, and it is not probable that they will again visit Albany during our college course.

A schedule of these speeches appears elsewhere in this paper. State College students, it is not only our duty but the future teachers of this country, your privilege and opportunity to attend these meetings. Shall we not show our appreciation by filling the balcony of Chancellors’ Hall with S. C. T. students?

WE WANT DORMS!

I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Hearken! We are all hearing about college spirit and college unity. Everyone talks about them. We find them in our papers, in our student assemblies, in our conversation. The reason our college spirit is not a stranger among us, if we have dormitories. College life, as we are now situated, is not fostered. At present we go with the few people who live near us. But if there were dormitories, we would go with the whole body of students around us. Then we would meet everyone, whereas now we meet just a limited group—in those in the classes, the members of our sorority or fraternity, the members of our own clubs. Our lives are therefore narrower than they would be, could we meet in daily contact students from all the clubs, all the associations, all the interests.

There is no place for general diffusion of good feeling equal to the dinner table. There, if ever, people forget the more serious things of life and chat freely. But we at State College meet only our personal friends this way. If we had dormitories, we would continually meet new people who would eventually be our friends.

All our agitation regarding College Sings would be unnecessary if we had dormitories. College sings on the campus on warm evenings and in the gym in winter are customary in colleges where there are dormitories. If you know that Jack and Mary, and Bob and Kate, are down in the gym singing Solomon Levit, and if you see everyone from your floor hustling through Math and Ed to get down, you can be sure that College Sings are going on. But if you are bashful and hate to meet new people you will try not to go but you won't be able to stay away. You'll go and you'll lose that self-consciousness and you'll make new friends among your friends.

Dormitories would counteract the defect of organizations in that they would make it necessary for the members of each organization to fraternize with the members of all. They would cause science lovers to mix with poets, and H. E. people to chum with A. B.'s. We haven't dorms? Is it because the State fears to spend that money? But won't the State get it back? Dormitories in other colleges are more than self-supporting. Isn't there a capitalist who will build the dormitories and receive both the principal and interest from the money paid in by our students? Can't we campaign this thing and get it, if not for ourselves, at least for those to come?

There is a story told of two mice which fell into a crock of cream. One did not struggle and thus drowned. The other fought and kicked till he finally made butter. Instantly he climbed up on it and got out of the crock. So if we want dorms, we must say so, and say so loudly and often. We want dorms!

TO THE EDITORS OF STATE COLLEGE NEWS:

It is high time that something be forcefully said concerning the manner in which students use the millinery and dressmaking rooms opening off the lower hall in the main building. These rooms primarily belong to and are for use of classes in the School of Practical Arts, but because of the lack of adequate space in which students may eat their lunches, the rooms have been open for use during the noon hour.

In return for the privilege thus afforded them, students have shown great lack of courtesy, judging from the deplorable condition of the rooms any day after the lunch period. Instead of every crumb, every scrap of every apple core, or anything being disposed of, the floor and tables are littered and disorderly. This condition of affairs greets the teacher of the first class meeting there after lunch hour, and she must rectify the confusion before the class can proceed.

To say that this is an imposition upon teachers and classes, is stating the case lightly. Such a state of affairs cannot be tolerated longer. Unless the students who use the rooms demonstrate during the coming week their good will and desire to cooperate to the end that the rooms be kept in order, doors will be locked throughout the lunch hour. The persons, through the kindness of whom the rooms have hitherto been lent, feel that thoughtlessness and not real intention is at the root of the matter.

FRESHMAN ORGANIZATION

Last week Thursday Pres. Margaret Flinn of the Junior Class called an official meeting of the Freshmen for the purpose of organization. The following officers were elected: President, Margaret Flinn, Westville, Connecticut; Vice President, Miss Prof. E. B. Eve, Hampton, L. I.; Vice President, Alina Ballagh, Albany; Secretary, Miss Martin, Albany; Treasurer, Beatrice Buchman, Albany; Reporter, Helen Tafe, Albany. The election of Athletic officers will be held some time this week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Lucille Stephens '17 is teaching the eighth grade in Westville, Connecticut.

Joseph Sherlock '19 has enlisted in the United States Navy.

War has its woes for the Vassar girls. The edict went forth last week that there will be no butter at dinner, no hard boiled eggs for breakfast. Jam, jellies and gravy will take the place of butter. Eggs will be a la omlette.

Miss Margaretta Cecilia Alberts and Leo Ciasgono Poma of Manhattan were married Thursday at St. John the Evangelist church, Schenevaguaga. Rev. Fr. John L. Reilly, officiating.
SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS

Professor Smith has been called to Washington for a few days to consult with the Federal Board concerning the organization of the Northeast and Middle Central States for distribution of the Smith-Hughes money.

On Wednesday noon, October seventh, a buffet luncheon will be prepared and served in the gymnasium by the H. E. department to superintendents and principals of the State of New York.

In the corridors of the State Education Building an interesting exhibit will be shown on Thursday, October eighteenth, of the war work done by the H. E. department during May and June. The Seniors and Juniors of the H. E. department will serve refreshments to the four or five hundred guests of the Convocation in the State Education Building on Friday evening, October nineteenth.

The regular lunch counter managed by the Cookery Classes of the H. E. department will not begin serving until Monday, October twenty-second, owing to the fact that the intervening time must be devoted to other activities. After the date mentioned, lunches will be served as formerly.

Hazel Bennett '14 has been appointed a member of the staff of Cornell University, in the Department of Rural Education. She teaches a Methods Class and supervises practice teaching.

Madge Robie '12 is the head of the Vocational School for Girls at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Margaret O'Connell '17 is her assistant.

Marion Fleming '15 has accepted the position of teacher of Household Economics in Schenectady High School. Agnes Paulson '16 is now head dietitian in Samaritan Hospital, Troy.

Genevieve Hagaman '16 is teaching in the Agricultural School at Cohoes.

Marie Simmons of the two-year course '13 is teaching in the High School at Middletown.

Florence Cunningham '12 was a recent visitor at college.

Madge Bloodgood '15 has been appointed City Agent for Food Demonstration in Albany.

Naomi Howells '14 is teaching Cookery in Brooklyn Heights Seminary, Brooklyn, N. Y.