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See You At Soph Hop, Dec. 9 At N. J. C. C.

Friday, December 9, is the big day at Paterson State. You know the reason. The Sophomore Hop at the North Jersey Country Club.

Will Wall and his orchestra will provide the "old folks" and "jitter-bugs" with soft strains of swing and sway.

Bids are two dollars and can be obtained from Betty Barton, Frances Van Kirk, or Edward Bossard.

Included in the evening's entertainment will be several novelty numbers swung by our own swingers.

In addition a plate supper will be served.

After you get Pop's permission to take the car, fellows, ask the "one and only," press up the "tux," shine your shoes, slick down your hair over the bald spot, clean your nails, brush your teeth, and smile,—and think of the fun you are going to have at the Soph Hop.

Then, girls, fix up your evening gown with a few what-nots and dodads, grab yourself a permanent, bring out that radiant beauty, and sit back—and bask in the sweet fragrance of your lovely corsage.

Faculty members, part time student,s, and everyone connected with

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Xmas Music Program At Quackenbush's

All students will be pleased to hear that the Women's and Men's Glee Clubs have planned and are rehearsing an interesting Christmas program under the direction of Miss Louise Kifer. An invitation has been extended by Quackenbush's Department Store asking the Glee Club to sing carols the evening of December 22, on the stairway leading to the second floor of the store. The Women's Glee Club will sing four selections in three-part harmony. Included in this group will be: "A Joyous Christmas Song" from the "Collection de Choeurs" by F. A. Gevaert; "O Jesus So Sweet" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "The Carol of the Shepherds," a Bohemian folk song, and "Christmas Carol" an old French carol.

The men's and women's combined Glee Club will sing the traditional carols "The Three Kings," "Joy to the World" by G. F. Handel, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Lewis H. Redner and "The Christmas Song" by Aldophe Adam.

The annual Christmas concert given by the Glee Club at the College will not be held this year because of the alterations which are being made in the auditorium, however some other form of musical program is being planned.

"Merry Christmas" From Dr. Wightman

"Merry Christmas." These two words constitute my message to you, but if I stop with this brief message you will pass over it so rapidly that you will overlook the fundamental bases for happiness and a Merry Christmas.

I am not satisfied to let you go away for vacation without telling you briefly what I believe is the beginning of happiness. I want also to tell you how much happiness I get from working with you, for you exemplify the fine spirit that characterizes Paterson State. You seem to sense the fact that our institution is something more than brick and mortar. You apparently realize that your morale and spirit are some of the finest things about our college. Your attitude helps me to appreciate the truth presented in Christopher Morley's book, "Where the Blue Begins," namely; that the blue horizon is within man's heart, is in our own homes.

Sometimes I meet people who are always looking to other lands, to other countries, and to other people for happiness. It seems that they have missed the spirit of Christmas for instead of trying to do something for other people, they depend on others to make them happy. They have not the real spirit of service: unconsciously Old Scrooge is coming into their lives and moral consciousness is dying out.

Fortunately, we do not find much of this at our college. In my contacts with students I find a willingness and desire to handle our trials and problems in the spirit of the true sportsman. This desire to give the other man an even break, to do something for others in need, is the thing that helps to bring happiness. The spirit of service for other is the spirit which characterizes our institution. It is the thought which I bring to you again at this time of the year.

Student Council Meets

The By-Laws of the Constitution have been read for the second time. May we suggest you look them over again before the final reading. You may be able to suggest some worthwhile change before they are finally adopted.

The Athletic Committee has taken the responsibility of the identification cards and handled it very well. We would like to stress at this time, however, the absolute necessity of presenting these cards at each basketball game. No matter who is at the door you must present your card. The Athletic Committee will charge the small fee of ten cents to cover the cost of the music provided for dancing.

The charters are being framed. Each organization will pay the cost of framing its own charter.

Aid Toy Loan Library

If you have any old or slightly damaged toys at home, bring them to school and deposit them in the box provided for that purpose outside the library. The Toy Loan Library, sponsored by the Paterson Y. M. C. A. is conducting a drive to collect all toys and playthings no longer in use. This drive will continue until Christmas vacation, but don't wait until the last moment. Place your contribution in the box immediately.

For those students who do not have or cannot locate any former playthings, a small box has been placed on the loan desk in the library for any cash amount you may wish to give.

Miss Dorothy A. Abrams, the head librarian, is in charge. Assisting her is Nick Beversluis.

Read New Books

If you haven't become acquainted with our school library as yet, now is the time to begin. During the past month, several copies of interesting and educational books have been placed upon the shelves. History, adventure, fiction, biographies and romances may all be found among this list.

"Counter-Attack In Spain," a book written in the Loyalist trenches of Spain by Ramon J. Sender, may be highly praised because the writing is dignified and more restrained than one would expect. It relates from a Loyalist point of view the story of Spain during the dreadful war which has been going on for the past two years.

A revised edition of "The Development of China" by Kenneth Scott Latourette is among the new collection. This book tells the story of China and its people up to the present day. This book also offers good opportunity to obtain a history of the Chinese people and their customs.

As a third historical book you should read "Savage Symphony." Eva Lips, the wife of a German anthropologist, writes of the brutal punishment which she and her husband were forced to undergo because her husband refused to change his scientific teachings to agree with Nazi beliefs. This couple was finally forced into exile.

Two professors at the University of Minnesota, who are affiliated with the "Times" magazine, have written "In 1937." This book contains a review of world events in politics, government, crime, science, religion, literature, etc., for the year 1936. Many photographs may be found throughout this book, which has recently been added to our library.

For an enjoyable novel "The Prodigal Parents" by Sinclair Lewis should be read. The book was written to show the revolt of parents against the youth. There is plenty of excitement in the account.

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Xmas Party Dec. 23

Plans are being made for the annual Christmas Party to be sponsored by the Social Committee. There will be the usual social hour down stairs in the afternoon. This will include dancing, games, and refreshments. Provisions will be made for those groups desiring to hold hobby parties either in class or during the afternoon.

Because of repairs being carried on in the auditorium, the Masque and Masquers will not produce the annual Christmas play. The only Christmas program possible is the singing of carols through the corridors by members of the music classes or organizations.

Day Spent In Italy

The Italian Club enjoyed a day in New York on Friday, November 18, under the guidance of Dr. Alfred Borluso.

The day was spent in observing Italian culture, literature, and art in the United States.

The first stop was at the Casa Italiana, the beautiful Renaissance building donated to Columbia University by Italians in America to serve now and in the future as a center of Italian culture in America.

Next was the Palazzo d'Italia, the modern palace that represents Italy in the heart of Rockefeller Center.

At the Firenze Restaurant, a beautiful Italian Restaurant, a delicious dinner was served.

To climax the day, two hours were spent in marveling at the majesty of the mighty liner, S. S. REX, flagship of the Italian mercantile marine.

Finally, the group enjoyed an Italian picture at the Cine Roma Theatre on Broadway.

The club returned to Paterson a trifle weary by their long, thrill-packed day, happy and surprised that so much of Italy was right here in our own America.

STUDENT PRINTS

WISDOM

Out of the silence wisdom comes
 Not in the grandiloquent speech
 Nor in harangue or idle talk
 Mere words are far beyond its reach.
 A meditative soul is wise
 To seek within, for care's surcease
 For pondering stillness seeks the light
 And light bears wisdom—wisdom,
 peace.

—Ida Torzella

THE STONE

Janis held the stone up to the light.
 Its brilliant facets shone and seemed
 to multiply themselves many times
 within the stone. Shades of green,
 light and dark. Truly, it was a find!
 Janis removed his jeweler's glass from
 his eye and addressed his customer.

"Ten dollars, sir. That's all it's
 worth. All I can give you for it. It's
 not a very good stone."

The man stared at him incredulous-
 ly. "But," he stammered, "surely the
 stone is worth much more than that.
 Why he told me—" But that was that.
 Barnes had lied to him. He had trust-
 ed the fellow; had taken the stone in
 payment for a bad debt. And now,
 down on his luck, he had been count-
 ing on the stone to pull him through.
 He, Sanders, was all kinds of a fool,
 a trusting fellow, a sucker to be taken
 in by any man. And yet he could have
 sworn that Barnes was sincere. He
 sighed heavily.

"All right, give me the ten bucks.
 It will have to do." The jeweler
 counted out ten worn bills and shoved
 them across the top of the glass case.
 Sanders pocketed the money and walk-
 ed wearily out of the shop.

After the door had closed, Janis
 picked up the stone and examined it
 gleefully. It was worth five-hundred
 easily! He chuckled softly to himself
 and murmured one word. . . "Sucker."

—Lois Daniels

EXCHANGES

Dictators are guys who think they
 can take it—no matter who owns it.

—The Winonan

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College student's note to room-mate,
 who had gone out for the evening:
 "If I'm studying when you get back,
 wake me up."

—The Winonan

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"Have you ever noticed that most
 successful men are bald?"

"Sure, they come out on top."

—The Pine

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And then there was the college pro-
 fessor who said last week that he
 wished the students would complain
 about their heads as they do when
 their stomachs are empty.

—The Pine

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Bill: "Where did you get the black
 eye?"

Jack: "I went to a dance and was
 struck by the beauty of the place."

—Normal College News

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Do your outside reading now before
 the weather gets too cold.

—The Pine

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Speech Prof.: "All right, Jones. Give
 your impromptu speech."

Student: "I'm not prepared, sir."

—Normal College News

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X is the Roman notation for ten;
 X is the mark of illiterate men;
 X is the ruler removed from his
 throne;

X is the quantity wholly unknown;
 X may mean Xenum a furious gas;
 Xmas is Christmas a season of bliss;
 X in a letter is good for a kiss;
 X is for Xerxes, the monarch re-
 nowned;

X marks the spot where the body was
 found;

—MR. X.

—Normal College News

CLUBS & CLASSES

Competition! Excitement! Fun galore! These words describe well the situation in which our clubs are involved at present. Some clubs are doing research work, some giving parties, some making slides, some carrying on experiments. No matter what is being done, every club is competing for recognition by the student body.

Plans have recently been completed by the Masque and Masquers to present "Lavender and Old Lace." The cast has been selected with the utmost care and consideration.

The Psychology Club has been busy making its presence felt. On Election Day they presented "The Midnight Ghost" at Wayne Township, for the Parent Teachers' Association. Those who made up the cast were: Anthony Barbarito, Nanette Renier, Joyce Wetnam, Catherine McAllister, Sylvia Blut, James Todd, and August Fremer. Ruth Kaufman was the coach and Edward Church, the property man.

Have you heard of the newly organized Girls' Orchestra? The purpose behind this movement is to have this orchestra play semi-classic music for school activities. Eldoris Menee, the conductor, urges all girl students who play an instrument to join.

The Zeta Kappa Chi Sorority will hold its regular meeting on the second Tuesday in December. Plans for Christmas festivities will be completed at this time.

To Kalon Sorority have made tentative plans to sing Christmas carols at Valley View Sanatorium.

Phi Omega Psi Sorority will hold formal initiation of new pledges on December 5. The new pledges are: Mary Boyle, Edytha Parcell, Mildred Schmidt, Frances Duffy, Pauline Gagliardi, Jane Sadler, Marjorie Fairbanks, Claire O'Meara.

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Evening College To Hold Party

The Evening College is beginning to "Wake Up and Live." Thursday evening, November 8th, students will be given the opportunity to make new acquaintances at a social to be held in the school gym. Under the capable leadership of Miss Jackson and Ralph Megliorine, plans are being made for an evening of dancing and games. Refreshments will also be served. Admission is by student identification card. The party is for Evening College students only.

READ NEW BOOKS

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Come in and view the library shelves. You'll find several other current popular books that you should read.

ATTEND THE . . .

SOPHMORE HOP



FRIDAY EVE., DEC. 9, 1938
NORTH JERSEY COUNTRY CLUB

Supper Dance—Dress Optional

"JUST NOTES"

Seen dancing to the strains of Will Osborne's orchestra: Chris Hildebrant, Marion Winters, and Eleanor Duursema . . . Andrew Pedata is as good as a clock. He always falls asleep at two o'clock . . . Ask Betty Morris about Kirk . . . Ed Bossard sure can cover ground on a dance floor. Now you see him—zip—now you don't . . . Morris Pressman will try to tell you his new trousers are teal blue. They are definitely green. Did the salesman see you coming, Press? . . . "Hepsy and Horace" are a new combination every Saturday night. Ask Peg Graf ALL about it.

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Seen dancing together on Wednesday afternoon: Cupie Rello and Gene Wild, Leo Clarke and Jean Ritter, Ed Bossard and Marian Kievet, Elmer Ramsey and Ruth Petrie, Emil De Snoo and Hilda Bruinsma, and Lois Daniels and Lou Sirota. P. S. Did you notice the Senior stag line?

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Clara Maupin thinks you play basketball in galoshes . . . Ella Kiss thinks a padded cell would be very soft . . . Bill Polstra and Nanette Renier love to study together in the library . . . It's rumored that four girls in the senior class are engaged to be married. (Can that little bird have been around again?) Here are the initials. You work them out. L. S., J. L., F. H., and N. McM. . . . Aren't you still true to "Our Car," Nettie? Latest style seen in the Freshman English class. Seven individuals walking around in their stocking feet. . . . Murray Pier is crazy about a girl with dimples. Give him a break, Kay . . . Harold Brown has stopped singing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" . . . Several girls are taking up jiu-jitsu. They say it's for protection. Well, an umbrella's effective, too . . . Listen, girls, we know why you're taking up ping pong . . . "Ralph Smith." We put it in quotations this time, Ralphie, just for variety.

SPORTLIGHT

You probably would like to know how the basketball team shapes up for this season. We have some first-hand information for you.

Mr. H. Schmidt, coach: "I am sure we will have a very successful season. However, a great deal depends upon the support the team receives from the student body. If the students support the team, I am sure the boys will not disappoint them."

Ed Danheuser, lone senior member of the squad, playing his fourth year: "This will be a very successful season because we will defeat Montclair for the first time in many years."

Archie Hay, playing his third year: "By the looks of the team at practice, we should win most of the games."

Morris Pressman, second year varsity man: "With the team we have, we should have a great deal of success."

Harold Brown, freshman member of the squad: "With the cooperation of all the fellows on the team, the season should be a great success. The teams I want us to defeat are Montclair, Trenton and Rider."

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We have two champions to crown in school this month: Lou Sirota, winner of the men's singles table tennis, and Nada Goodman, winner of the women's singles.

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The Table Tennis team is doing a fine job in the Passaic County Table Tennis League. They are in fourth place with a percentage of .535

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Our college is going to be represented by a swimming team.

The boys who are trying out for the team are: Ed Miaducki, Ralph Smith, Ed Bossard, Gene Wild, Andy Fox, Hans Weiss, Bill Frost, William Daly, Harold Raff, and George Beckwith.

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For a word in closing, we expect to see all of you at Montclair on December 12 to cheer the basketball team on and help them win.

CHEERLEADERS SELECTED

Plenty of pep was exhibited last Tuesday as several students competed for a place upon this season's cheer-leading squad. After several cheers had been given, ten students were selected to represent the school. The cheerleaders were then divided into first and second teams. The first team is: Gene Wild, captain; Catherine Rello, Betty Morris, Agnes Kretch, and Eleanor McCloskey. The second team is: Anne Cooper, captain; Elsie Samuelsen, Regina Dennehy, Agnes Blank, and Jimmy Todd.

Every team needs the whole-hearted support of the student body in order to spur them on to victory. The cheerleaders are eager to do their part. We hope the students will cooperate with them.

SEE YOU AT THE SOPH HOP

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our institution are invited to attend this affair.

For all of you, dress is optional.

Freshmen! Support this Hop as the Sophomores supported your Frolic.

Future teachers! Yes, we mean you Juniors and Seniors. Come and show us lower classmen how to make this dance a superb success.

Get behind the Sophomores and help them to make this social function the biggest and best event of the entire school year.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

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The sorority has made tentative plans for a Christmas Dance.

Skull and Poniard Fraternity has recently inaugurated an extensive program designed to have prominent men in the field of education lecture at the fraternity meetings. Dr. Harold Straub, Ridgewood principal, and Mr. Kenneth B. White, member of the college faculty, were guest speakers at the two regular meetings.

NIGHT CAPS

Slowly but surely friendships are beginning to ripen between night school Romeos and Juliets . . .

The Types of Literature class does things as they should be done. While studying the song as a form of lyric poetry, the group sang songs with the help of Rose Lill who played the piano.

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Don't let those curls in Helene Dorsey's hair fool you . . . she's got ideas beneath them . . .

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Those "lounge lizards" who haunt the social room really ought to learn how to dance . . . Not that we're hinting, boys, but our toes are tender . . .

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For those who wish to know where Abe Gruber's buddy, Joe Pierok, is, the former student is working in the wilds of St. Louis . . . Louise Pannullo another ex-student is now studying in New York.

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EDITORIAL

What does Christmas really mean to us? Sometimes we lose the true spirit of Christmas in the glitter and tinsel of our hurried existence. A child seldom loses this spirit. In his simple world small things bring him great joy. His happiness in giving a loved one a gift if his own creation is untold. His conversation is not only of toys and presents but of great shining gifts for those he loves. These are truly gifts of love such as were given on another Christmas many years ago. He loves the story of Bethlehem as it tells of these gifts, as well as he loves the story of Saint Nicholas. On Christmas morn his eager eyes search the small creche for the tiny figure that represents the true meaning of Christmas. On this day he feels something beyond the mere exchange of gifts.

THE FORUM

Would you teach the children in the lower grades that there is a Santa Claus?

HAROLD MANDEVILLE: "Yes. I would teach them that there is a Santa Claus so the idea would not conflict with home environment. It is necessary for all children to have a hero or an ideal."

MARY McGuirk: "If the question can be avoided in any way avoid it. Yet Santa Claus is a myth and a beautiful illusion of childhood not to be spoiled."

ANN CANTILINA: "Yes. There is a certain Christmas spirit attached to the legend. Without the Christmas spirit of Santa Claus, the Yuletide would lose much of the color that has been built up around it."

EDITH KOHOUT: "Of course I would. There is a lot in the spirit of anticipation of Christmas. It is the beginning basis of the Christmas spirit and one of the fondest recollections that one can look back upon."

SYLVIA BRIEFSTEIN: "There is a dispute over the subject, therefore, it should be left to the parents. Personally I like to think that there is a Santa Claus."

A DISILLUSIONED SENIOR: —
"Why? Isn't there any Santa Claus?"

Not so many years ago we were little children. We felt quite the same. We really have not changed, we would not want to. Joy, love, peace, and good fellowship go hand in hand whether we are young or old. With these thoughts in mind may this Christmas be the happiest we have ever known.