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Freshman
Dance

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Freshman Initiation To Commence Today

Mrs. Moneypenny Back From Trip

From a trailer to an apartment, from the green fields of the West to the arid streets of New York, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moneypenny, music instructor, has returned after a year's absence.

Anyone would suppose that after a year's traveling one would hardly wish to get back to work but Mrs. Moneypenny is enthusiastic about returning to teaching. But she is perhaps still more enthusiastic about her journeys through the West.

With her husband, Mrs. Moneypenny traveled through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Texas, and Mexico in a trailer.

A trailer certainly makes for cramped quarters, but Mrs. Moneypenny says that she finds herself cramped for space in her apartment which is at least several times larger than a trailer. The effect of wide open spaces!

Their first destination in the west was Taos, New Mexico, which is an artist's colony. Mr. Moneypenny, an illustrator on the Daily News, painted western scenes as they toured.

In California they stayed at a ranch in Sonora. Also they journeyed along the west coast.

The national parks were not missed nor was the great American desert. In Utah Mrs. Moneypenny noticed the peculiar color of the sand which is like a warm red brick. And the green

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FIELD TRIP PLANS TENTATIVE

Tentative arrangements have been made for the planning and selection of field trips, it was reported to the Junior class, by Mildred Schmidt, class representative on the field trip committee, at a class meeting held last Friday, in Room 301.

It has been decided to allow the individual classes, under the direction of faculty advisors to which they will be assigned to outline their own trips. The selection will be made on the basis of experiences that will be of value to the students in their respective courses, inasmuch as the field trips are expected to give the students a broader background to carry on their work at college.

For further particulars we refer you to your class representative on the committee.

Gym To Be Ready Middle Of October

In an interview last week Mr. Carl Snedeker said, "I hope and I am fairly confident that the gymnasium will be completed and ready for classes by October 13."

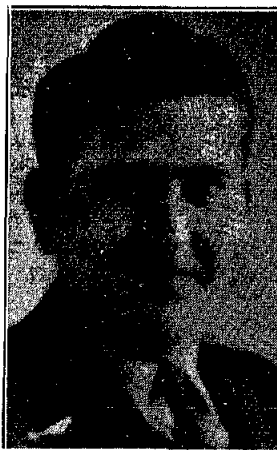
From now on the Assembly will do double duty. Besides being a gymnasium, it will also serve as an auditorium. It is ready for use as an auditorium, having been used last Saturday for the reading conference held in this school.

All athletic equipment used will be movable so that there will be no evidence of a gymnasium when the room is used as an auditorium.

Another excellent feature is the stage. It is a large stage with the most modern lighting equipment available being installed. Mr. Herbert Roehler, faculty adviser of the Masque and Masquers, is elated over the prospects of directing plays on this stage, and he predicts some excellent performances this year.

The floor of the basketball court will measure 40' by 66'. The gym will accommodate 600 persons when used as an auditorium, and about 350 when the basketball court is in use.

Heads Initiation



LEO SHANNON

P. S. Enrollment Increases To 375

Paterson State Teachers College, Sept. 1939!! Enrollment reaches 375 and is still increasing rapidly!!

That's just a small part of Paterson's march in progress. Last year 139 freshmen, 84 sophomores, 49 juniors and 52 seniors were enrolled, making a total of 324 in the student body.

This year, the freshman class, itself, totals 200, the largest class in the history of the school. Almost every town and city within a large radius of Paterson has at least one boy or girl at Paterson State, embarking on the road which will ultimately lead to graduation and a career.

Of course, evening classes will soon begin to hum also. A large response is expected in this department of academic work, especially from those who are unable to attend college during the day.

Paterson State Teachers College, in the last few years, has grown in leaps and bounds, and shows every indication of growing still further in years to come. There can be no doubt that it is steadily assuming a very important place in Paterson and surrounding communities.

Welcome Dance To Be Held October 6

This morning marks the opening of the most eventful week in the lives of Paterson State Freshman. Outlandish attire and a torch light parade are the outstanding events of the week, which will culminate in the Freshman Welcome Dance on Friday evening, October 6.

The dance on October 6, will be held in the new gymnasium of the school. A well known orchestra will play from 8:30 to 12:00. Student admission is free and guests will be charged 25 cents. Student identification cards may be obtained from Ralph Smith any time this week. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday evening, Sept. 28 the torch light parade will be held. All students will meet at 7:30 at the front of the school and will march down town in a body.

The Sophomore class has announced the following rules for the freshmen to obey:

1. Show respect to all upper classmen.
2. Address all upper classmen with Sir or Madam.
3. Carry books in shopping bags.
4. Memorize school song and pledge.
5. Must bring some musical instrument for parade night such as harmonicas, dishpans, or homemade instruments.
6. Wear a sign with their name and Paterson State on it.
7. Carry an ample supply of peppermints.
8. Wear their costume within two blocks of school.
9. Freshmen caps can be purchased (extra credit given).

Special Rules For Girls

1. No make-up.
2. Upsweep haircomb with a 3-inch wide black and orange crepe paper ribbon.
3. One stocking and one anklet, different color shoes.
4. Dress, or skirt and blouse must be worn inside out and backwards.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR FALL SEMESTER

- Sept. 29—Freshman Welcome Dance
- Oct. 27—Freshman Frolic
- Nov. 22—Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance
- Dec. 1—Junior Prom, (The formal dance of the semester).
- Dec. 8—Student night, in conjunction with the first home basketball game.
- Dec. 22—Christmas party and dance.

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WE WELCOME OUR FRESHMEN

This being freshman initiation week, it perhaps is rather difficult for the students in outlandish attire to feel the real sincerity of our greeting. We feel sure, however, that the passing of weeks and months will leave no doubt in the minds of freshmen concerning our desire and willingness to have them with us and to make their life at college as enjoyable as we can. With your support and cooperation we are certain that your stay with us will be a pleasant one.

We wonder, though, if you fully realize the importance of freshman in our institution? Have you ever considered what it would mean if there were no freshman class?

Thus, should you feel you're being dealt with just a little too severely, our advice is to grin and bear it, in the same spirit of fun in which it is given.

MESSAGE FROM S. G. A. PRESIDENT

The Student Government Association of Paterson State Teachers College exemplifies the democratic form of government. To maintain that form it is necessary that the impulse for legislation and direction come from the student body as a whole.

The Student Council urges you as an individual to participate in the government of the student body through your duly elected section leader.

Our school is at present suffering acutely from growing pains. We have not enough lockers, our social room, stated as optimistically as possible is inadequate, our new gymnasium is only 90 per cent completed, our classroom space is used to its capacity from morning to night and many problems are bound to arise because our registration is increasing beyond the ability of our physical facilities to meet these new conditions.

These things we ask each student to bear in mind. If they do so we know that they will exercise the forbearance and restraint necessary for the best interests of our school.

The Forum

The purpose of this column is to encourage discussion of subjects of current interest. Students are invited to have their say in this department. Letters about problems of college students are especially welcome. Letters and opinions published here do not represent the editorial views of the Beacon, necessarily.

With the Freshman initiation in progress, one watches with amusement the perambulations of the new bloods, carrying with them billboards of identification, and waiting anxiously for what may befall them next. At this moment of high anticipation and solicitude, let us find out their reactions to this question.

Question: Do You Favor Freshman Initiation, and Why?

RUTH FLORANCE—"Yes. All colleges have it. It gives one the side of fun in college."

ROSE KLEWIN—"No. I don't like being made a fool of. How would you feel if you had to get on a bus with your clothes on inside out?"

SIDNEY GOLDBERG—"Yes. Very good idea. Upper classmen's authority can be shown."

WINNIE CURTIS—"Yes. You get to know people better."

PERCIVAL BARTON—"Yes. It's a lot of fun. It removes the distance between the freshman and the upper classman. Besides we get peanuts free."

NICK BEVERSLUIS—"Yes. Ahem, I am in favor of the idea. It helps remove the social barriers."

Administration Notices

The lost and found department is now located in the bookstore, instead of in Room 201 as announced in the Freshman Handbook.

All notices to be posted on the Bulletin Board must be approved by Miss Loftus. Notices should be typewritten if possible.

All meetings of Classes, Clubs and other organizations, whether held in the activity period or any other period, are to be approved by the Dean of Women, Miss Jackson.

All students having 1st, 2nd, or 3rd periods free are to report to the Health Office to be weighed.

Council Defers Action On President's Appointment

Approval of President Houston's appointment to the committee chairmanships was deferred by the Student Council at its initial meeting of the new term on Friday, September 22.

Vice-president Beversluis naming the committee chairmen called for a motion to approve the appointments, which was promptly made by Edward Phillips, business manager of The Beacon. Though the motion was made, it had to be tabled due to a technicality in the By-Laws of the Constitution. All appointments made by the president of the Student Government Association must be referred to the Executive Committee for approval. Since the appointments were not approved by the Executive Committee they could not be brought to the floor of the council. The committee chairmen in question are: Betty Barton, athletic committee; Courtland Guvre, social committee; assembly committee; Ann Vroom; health committee, Charles Spinoza.

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.. Exchanges ..

If it takes Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt only 15 minutes to dress for the king and queen, why must the lady keep us waiting at least 15 minutes for a date?

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Reformer: "I am here to save the girls in your college."

Student: That's fine, mister. Save me, brunette, will you?

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Man is born, grows up, kicks the bucket, is buried, turns to dust. Grass grows from dust, horses eat grass. Moral: Never kick a horse, you might injure a relative.

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Natural Science Instructor: "Name the home of the swallow."

Student: "The stummick."

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She was only a fisherman's daughter, but she certainly could string a line."

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Coed: "I don't ask anything for myself, dear Lord, but please send mother a son-in-law."

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When is a bed not a bed?

When it is a little buggy.

—The Antelope.

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Art Teacher: "With a single stroke of the brush Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one."

Little Eddie: "So can my mother."

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A fly was walking on a bald man's head with her daughter. "How things change my dear," she said. "When I was your age, this was only a footpath."

—The Winona.

WORDS TO THE WISE

A brief suggestion to freshmen might seem in order at this time which may be of help to them in getting along in college. Keep the ball rolling and you're sure to come out on top. In other words, don't allow work to pile up. No matter how large or small the task, stay with it, don't put it off, keep going until it's finished. Know that each day something has been accomplished.

Clubs & Classes

Skull and Poniard

Newly appointed officers of Skull and Poniard fraternity sided at the first meeting of fraternal year at the home of Brother Master Gerald Fitzrick. Skull members, old and new, were greeted and special welcome was given to the older members, who are active in the fighting field and find it difficult to attend many of the meetings.

Robert Albinson, deputy master, who was graduated last year, is now teaching at the Milford Public School. The next meeting will be held on October 2 at the home of Brother Edward Phillips, at 347 West 41st Street.

Freshman Frolic

The Freshman Frolic will be held on October 27th. Although the Freshman class has not had time to plan all particulars, it is likely to take place in our gymnasium.

Beacon Staff Vacancies

Editor-in-Chief Bill Risser, announced today that there are several vacancies on the Beacon staff. All students interested, in freshmen and upper classes, should attend the next meeting to be held sometime during the week. Watch the bulletin board for further notice.

Last Thursday afternoon the G. Q. Club gave a tea for the freshmen in the lecture room. Crackers and cheese, cup cakes, and coffee comprised the refreshments.

Mrs. Money Penny Back
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The brush is not the color you know but more of a sage green.

Winter is inevitable, even in California, and the Money-pennys experienced cold weather, especially in the evenings and mornings, cold enough to make use of a tiny stove in the trailer. Yet the afternoons were warm as early summer.

In Mexico they visited Mexico City which Mrs. Money-penny discovered to be as modern as any city. A feature of the visit to Mexico was a bull fight. Mrs. Money-penny couldn't bear to go, but Mr. Money-penny and two trailer friends, met along the highway, went to the slaughter.

A year passed all too quickly and in August Mrs. Money-penny returned to New York, the trailer put in storage and the business of getting back to the old life begun.

Miss Abrams Reports Increase
In College Library Circulation

An increase of over 400% in the circulation of the books in the library, covering a period between 1936 and 1939, has been disclosed by Miss Dorothy Abrams, school librarian, in her annual report to the administration.

The following are excerpts from this report of the library activities and progress for the past school year, 1938-1939.

"Probably the most outstanding thing in the history of the Library this past year has been the amazing increase in its use. The circulation figures given at the end of this report show the large increase in the circulation of books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc. A comparison of this past year's figures with the two previous school years is enlightening. Another phase of the Library's use this year for the first time has been the use of the visual aid machines, which are now housed in the Library. Charts for each week have been kept showing their use, which has been heavy and pretty well scattered among all the members of the faculty.

"About 1,066 new books have been added to the Library collection this past year and these have all been cataloged and placed on the shelves. A great deal of reorganization of the card catalog has taken place and we have taken an inventory of our whole collection.

"The first big attempt at co-operation between the Paterson Public Library, the two high school libraries of Paterson, Central and Eastside, and our own Library was undertaken this year in the making of a set of cards for each one of the four libraries showing the periodical holdings of each library. This file was finished in April,

1939, and has already proven of great assistance in the four libraries named.

"Our Library was fortunate this past year in having more than three hundred books lent to us by the New Jersey Library Commission for the use of faculty and students. These proved of great help especially to extension instructors and their classes.

"Considerable use has been made of the Reference Room of the Library for meetings of various groups, as adult education classes, an adult education conference, a vocational guidance conference, and various smaller groups.

"Special bibliographies have been made by the library staff for the forums, curriculum conferences, as the art and science conferences, the camping institute, and various other groups. Copies of these bibliographies are on file in the Library.

"The librarian wishes to express her appreciation to faculty and students for their cooperation and interest shown in the use of the library during the past year. The constant cooperation and encouragement of Dr. Wightman is deeply appreciated. He is always ready to give of his interest and advice to all the problems of the Library."

Circulation Figures for 1936-1937;
1937-1938; 1938-1939

Months	'36-'37	'37-'38	'38-'39
Sept.	679	1403	2749
Oct.	1495	3079	5027
Nov.	1543	2567	4495
Dec.	1437	2373	5088
Jan.	1666	2603	5090
Feb.	1788	2362	4145
March	1737	2444	4183
April	1673	2309	2508
May	1658	3034	3711
June	433	786	1261

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Special Rules For Boys

1. Must not shave, beards in full view.
2. Orange crepe paper ribbon 3-inches wide about the head.
3. Flowing black crepe paper bow tie 4 inches wide.
4. Pants rolled up to the knees or knickers.
5. Shirt worn backwards, no sweaters or coats worn while in building.
6. Bow ties worn in rear of shirt.
7. Different color socks and shoes.

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR
ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Assembly program plans for the next few weeks are pending the completion of the Auditorium according to Mr. Williams, in charge of assembly programs. If the auditorium should be completed by Sept. 25, Dr. F. Ingvoldstad, noted forum leader and instructor of history at the college, will speak on the present European situation. The following week, October 2, student speakers from Eastside and Central High Schools will speak on the Community Chest and its significance. Student talent will make up the rest of that week's program.

..Peep & Snoop..

Dear Peep:

I just heard some of the most interesting news and I knew you would be anxious to hear it. Betty Barton gained fifteen pounds this summer. Can you imagine? She seems to hold the record but some of the other girls don't seem to have fallen far short. The freshmen are causing sensations; and all sorts of scheming is going on among the sophomores to get the particular freshman they want for a little brother or sister. For instance Kay McAlister and Nonnette Renier are hardly speaking—and all over a freshman named Joe Donegan. And Bernie Seigal, Ben Schutz, George Maccia, Norbert Hassard and Isadore Breslow have almost come to blows about which one is to be big brother to Doris Smith. One freshman however named Grace Hammond doesn't mind asserting herself when it comes to disliking the chairman of the Initiation Committee, Leo Shannon. My advice to her would be to be very careful. We also noted a junior interested in a freshman; namely Jean McAlevy talking to Fran Van Kirk's brother, Floyd. Of course she's not the only junior guilty, but she was the only one we could 'get the goods' on. But away from the subject of freshmen. An instructor remarked to his Biology class recently that the success of the British navy depended on the number of old maids in the country. He reached his conclusions by the following reasoning: the cattle require clover to feed on; bees pollinate the clover; field mice eat bees; cats eat mice; old maids keep cats, and the navy requires the meat from the cattle for strength to fight.

Well, Peep, I'll be waiting to hear from you.

SNOOP.

FACULTY PICNIC
GRAND SUCCESS

On September 12, the first day of school, the Faculty held a picnic at Weasel Drift Grove, Garret Mountain Park.

Miss Helen Loftus acted as chairman of the committee. Other members were: Miss Juliette Trainor, Mr. Fred Bedford and Dr. Lawrence Loveridge.

Most of the faculty attended and they amused themselves by playing games, such as pitching horseshoes, throwing darts, and playing checkers. They later had a delicious supper of hamburgers and steaks, mostly steaks.

Library Adds 200 New Books; To Be Ready For Use Shortly

Over 200 new books have been added to the library during the summer. Many of these books are on display in the library. They are being put in circulation as soon as they have been cataloged, according to an announcement made by the library today.

Some of the books that are of special interest to students are: Kendall Banning's **WEST POINT TODAY**, "From the first bewildered day when the plebe arrives at the Point until his graduation, Mr. Banning follows him, his experiences, the conditions under which he works and lives, and the extraordinary discipline to which he is subjected . . . There is also information on many of the entertaining and less official aspects of the training of a soldier, such as his chapter of pointers for 'femmes' who may be entertained at the Point."

ANNAPOLIS TODAY by the same author "offers a fully rounded picture of life at the Naval Academy. The career of the typical midshipman is closely followed at every stage from the anxious but exciting day

when the plebe is sworn into that proud moment four years later when he receives his commission as an Ensign in the Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. The history, customs, and regulations of the Academy are covered, including a chapter on what every 'drag' should know."

Vilhjarmur Stefansson's **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES OF THE ARCTIC** is a book of glamour, mystery and suspense, carefully documented in every detail. It answers such questions as: How and why did 9,000 Europeans disappear from an early American colony? How was the Franklin expedition lost and why? What happened to the Moscow flyers who were lost in the summer of 1937?

GUNS OF BURGOYNE by Bruce Lancaster is a story of Kurt Ahrens, young Hessian under "General Johnny Burgoyne, soldier, playwright, beau of the London salons, who set out through the American wilderness in command of an expedition whose plans were pleasantly vague.

Books of special interest in view of the European situation are: Nora Wahn's **REACHING FOR THE STARS** Albert C. Grzesinski's **INSIDE GERMANY**, G. E. E. Gedy's **BETRAYAL IN CENTRAL EUROPE**, Kurt Schuschnigg's **MY AUSTRIA**, Fritz M. Marx' **GOVERNMENT IN THE THIRD REICH**, Adolph Hitler's **MY BATTLE**, Hendrick Van Loon's **OUR BATTLE**, Vera D. Michales' **EUROPE IN RETREAT**, C. K. Streit's **UNION NOW**.

Wilder Succeeds Beckwith As Sec'y

Runner-up Barbara Wilder was chosen by President James Houston to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bob Beckwith as Secretary of the Student Government Association. Bob is now a member of the student body at Montclair State Teachers College and hence could not assume the duties of the elected office.

According to the By-Laws of the Constitution, the candidate who receives the second highest plurality is eligible for office due to any reason for vacancy in that office.

DR. PERCIVAL WEDS

The marriage of Dr. John C. Percival to Miss Celia W. Kinsey took place on Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Auburndale, Massachusetts.

Dr. Percival was Science instructor at Paterson during the school year of 1936-37. He was very popular among the students and will be especially remembered by the class of 1940.

MR. BEDFORD RETURNS

Mr. Fred L. Bedford, instructor in mathematics and science, has returned to Paterson State after a year's leave of absence. Mr. Bedford attended Columbia University during the year, completing work for his doctorate in philosophy.

Camp Institute A Huge Success

The Camping Institute, sponsored by the Paterson State Teachers College for the first time this year, was such a huge success, rendering both practical information and tremendous enjoyment to the many who attended, that it will be held again next year, according to an announcement recently made by Mr. W. H. Hartley, director of the Camp.

Camp Christmas Seal, a beautiful camp only a few miles from Paterson, was the site of the Institute which was held during the last two weeks of June. Students from numerous colleges, teachers, and a large representation from Paterson State attended.

STAFF OF THE BEACON TO BE GIVEN AWARDS

It was announced Friday that seven awards are to be given members of The Beacon staff. These awards are given to those who have been members of the staff for two or more years.

Three alumni, three seniors and one junior received the awards. They are: Colette Steinhilber and James Houston, previous editors; Catherine Rello, Kathleen Stechert, Ruth Kaufman, Josephine Gambino, Bill Risse—the latter now being Editor of the school paper.

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service committee, Frances Van Kirk; scrap book committee, Kay McAllister; publicity committee, Ruth Kaufman; eligibility committee, Andrew Pedata.

Social activities were formally launched with the report of the social committee. The Freshman Welcome Dance will be held on Friday, October 6, in the College auditorium at 8:30 P. M. Tickets for students may be obtained from Ralph Smith. Tickets for guests may be purchased from Miss Jackson at her office. The Junior Prom has been definitely settled for the evening of December 1.

Final deadline for all budgets was not made but all those that are received after Friday will not be given first considerations.

Vice-president Beversluis explained to the section leaders that each one would be held responsible for the contacts between the students in the respective sections and the Council. It is the section leaders' duty to inform all the members of their sections of the affairs in the council meetings as well as asking the sections for matters to be taken up in council.

Vice-president Beversluis presided in the absence of President Houston, who is practicing teaching.

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