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## Madrigal Concert Includes Variety Of Selections

The Madrigals, under the direction of Mr. Weidner, will give their annual spring concert May 20 at 8:15 in the college auditorium. This group, composed of graduates of State and a few talented members of the student body, has been giving two concerts regularly since 1934. One concert is given at Christmas, the other in the spring.

The concert this spring includes American folk songs, southern mountain songs, Negro spirituals, and Ukrainian folk songs.

This year the concert will be divided into three groups, each consisting of four selections. The first division includes "My Lord, What a Mornin'," a spiritual arranged by Burleigh; "Ole Ark & the River," and "Wade in the Water," both arranged by Noble Cain, and "Oh Susannah," by Stephen Foster.

The second group is composed of "He's Gone Away," arranged by Clokey; "Mohyle," arranged by Koshetz, and "Grandma Grunts," a mountain tune by Siegmester.

The final division includes "Lantern Song," by Frank Van der Slucken, "Planets, Stars, and

*Aira of Space*, by Bach; "Celtic Hymn," by Le Fanu and "Preteus" by Elliston and Clokey.

## Geography Club Elects Shagin

The Geography club of which Dr. Shannon is advisor, held their election of officers for next year. Ruthann Shagin will replace Sylvia Blum as president of the club. The other officers are Catherine Barna, vice-president; Ruth Stoffer, secretary, and Norma Giordano, treasurer.

Ruthann Shagin, an accomplished dancer, has been interpreting dances of various nations at assemblies given by the Geography club. She is also a member of the F.T.A., Psychology club and Art club, and is a feature writer for the Beacon.

Catherine Barna, a junior, has been the accordion player accompanying Ruthann Shagin's dancing. Norma Giordano is also a member of the F.T.A., chairman of the Social committee of the Art club and News Editor of the Beacon.

## Psychology Club Elects Officers

Monday, May 11, marked the yearly election of officers of the Psychology club in conjunction with an interesting program of folk music. The following officers were elected: Laura Crouch, president; Florence Miscovsky, vice-president; Adele Ortmann, secretary, and Betty Brookman, treasurer.

Laura Crouch, a sophomore, has been program chairman of the Psychology club this year, was secretary of the Freshman Class last year. This year she is secretary of the Student Council, Feature Editor of the Beacon, publicity chairman of the Art club, and a member of Zeta Kappa Chi sorority.

Florence Miscovsky, also a sophomore, is secretary of the Sophomore Class, a member of the F.T.A., P and Q, and the Beacon.

Adele Ortmann, a freshman, is a member of the Art club, P and Q, and the Beacon.

Betty Brookman, a sophomore, is a reporter for the Beacon, and a member of the Art club, F.T.A., and P and Q club.

After the election of officers, the meeting was given over to recordings of folk music. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

## Cultural Club Elects Officers

At the last meeting of the Cultural club Bob Kushner was elected vice-president and ohn Paletta, secretary-treasurer. Rosemary Paletta is president.

Some members of the club and Dr. Messini have formed an Italian class which meets every Tuesday, activity period for those who wish to learn the fundamental principles of Italian.

## Doremus, Lindell Speak At Guest Night-Institute Program

Initiating a new policy, State's annual Guest Night was combined with the last session of the American Unity Institutes on May 7. Miss Nell Doremus and Mr. Walter Lindell, secretaries of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., respectively, concluded the series of institutes with the topic "Americans All" which stressed the relations among different cultural groups. As a part of Guest Night both Dr. Wightman and Loretta Driscoll, president of the Student Council, extended greetings to the parents and friends who attended the meeting. Mr. Weidner, instructor of music at the college, led the audience in community singing before the speakers were introduced.

Miss Doremus explained the Good Will trips taken to the various cultural centers of the community, and presented programs by representatives of some of these groups. Cantor Posner from the Barnert Temple sang three Jewish melodies; a group representing the Greek and Assyrian culture demonstrated their type of

## Senior Ball To Be Held At Knoll Country Club, May 29

State's leading social event of the year, the Senior Ball, will be held at the Knoll Country Club, May 29. Dancing to Tommy Sommers and his Deauville club orchestra will continue, from nine until two. During the course of the evening a dinner will be served.

The place committee, whose chairman is John Buller, has de-

cidated upon the Knoll Country club which is located in Boonton, New Jersey. Other members of this committee are Mrs. Casey, Mickey Cusano and Bill Platt. Because of the serious problem of a shortage of gas and the difficulty in getting to the Country club, the committee has planned to provide buses to transport couples to the ball.

The bid committee, consisting of George Smigen, Margaret McAlevy, Rose Stewart, and Domenick Viscardi, has announced that the price of bids will be \$3.30, tax included.

The Senior Ball is the affair that the underclassmen sponsor for the graduating class. Each senior is given a bid free of charge.

Last year's dinner-dance was a huge success. The affair was held at North Jersey Country club. Del Davis' orchestra provided the music.

## Art Club Plans Party For May 26

To close the year socially, the Art club plans a party for its members to be held in the Game Room of the Totowa Training School on Wednesday evening, May 26. The social committee plan games and refreshments purely for the entertainment of the members, who have already received slips which they are to return as soon as possible.

One the slate for the May business meeting is the election of officers. The nominating committee is made up of Grace Del Vecchio, chairman; Dorothea Van Duzer, and Ruthann Shagin. The committee for the party is made up of Norma Giordano, chairman; Betty Brookman, Jeanne Smyth, Agnes Abrahamson, Clarice Ackerman, and Margaret Johns.

For the first time, the Art club has, this year, taken over a project at the General Hospital. They decorated the children's ward for Easter, and are now teaching the children to learn simple crafts. Any Art club member is welcome to join the group which does the hospital work on Tuesday afternoons. One project in coloring has already been completed. The committee is now planning another project which the children can do with their hands in bed.

## State Defeats Wagner 5-2

The Pioneer nine broke even last week in a pair of contests with two of their toughest rivals. On Monday, May 4, the State squad traveled to Stapleton, L. I., to defeat Wagner College, 5-2.

Friday, May 8, the Pioneer nine dropped a close 8-7 decision to Panzer College at East Orange. Big Dan Jankelunas pitched both games, giving up 6 hits and striking out 8 in the Panzer game. Bill Platt led the Staters at the plate with two hits. This game also saw George Reilly get his first hit of the season to raise his average.

At East Orange State came close to getting its first victory over a Panzer team as the Pioneers went into the last lap of the eighth-enjoying a two-run lead. A couple of Panzer hits and a few misplays on the part of the Pioneer outfield put Panzer ahead 8-7, the final score. Jankelunas gave only seven hits and Schlauffer, Panzer pitcher, held the Staters to six hits. Tommy Oliver came close to being State's big hero when he waded the horsehide for a two-bagger with the bases loaded in the seventh.

## TENNIS TOPICS

After a poor start in which the State netsters lost their first two matches, the Pioneers hit their winning stride by defeating N. Y. U. College of Arts and Paterson's most noted rival, Montclair State Teachers College.

Most probably due to insufficient practice and overconfidence, State was blanked out 9-0 by Trenton Teachers, and 8-1 by Drew University. The lone point in this defeat was registered by "Flix" Shagin, who defeated his rival 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, and who has yet to lose a singles match.

However, the State power broke out against a highly-touted N. Y. U. squad who were licked at their home courts, 6-3. Before being beaten by P. S. T. C., N. Y. U. had had an undefeated season.

The racketeers (garden pun) again tasted the fruits of an-

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## Freshmen Score A Triumph With 'Swing Is Here'

Friday was the night! In the Paterson State auditorium at 8:15 p. m. the curtains opened upon the Freshman Class presentation, "Swing Is Here", a musical show directed by Arthur Klein, arranged musically by Ben Calissi, and written by Felix Shagin, all Freshman students.

According to Felix Shagin, the purpose of this presentation was to bring out the talent in the Freshman Class, to prove that it is truly a unit of this college, and to bring together the Freshmen from the various cities and towns, so that a unified class of 1945 could be realized.

The following freshmen were in the show: solo parts, Mary Kennedy, Agnes Abrahamson, Dorothea Van Duzer, Clarice Ackerman, Sheldon Goddard, Arthur Klein, Ben Calissi, Lorna Lee Swanson, and Bill Cleaver; tap dance by Myrtle Bellinan; Ann Lynch, Stella Fanteierows, Barbara McIntyre, and Susan Sahlun comprise a female quartet. Chorus girls and boys were Betty Ventres, Felix Shagin, Phyllis Murphy, Edith Brecover, Seymour Albert, Stuart Benjamin, Robert Kushner, Marion Amant, Dorothy Kestover, Dave Weissberger, Harry Yodoff, Alfred Benzik, and Marie Smith. Eugenia Muller was the part of the landlady; the Schofield, her daughter; and Robert Kozim a boarder.

The singers repertoire included "Everything I Love," "Water and Power and the Captain's Maid," "Bonlight Cocktail," "Donkey Parade," "A Thousand Good-Byes," "Fagan Love Song," "A For You," "Chinatown," "Autumn," "Swanee River," "Fre-

Day," and a patriotic medley.

The action centered around a troupe of actors who were trying to make a comeback even though their show was completely lacking funds and they were already deeply in debt, particularly to the mean landlady to whom they owed back rent. The method by which they were made once more to shine and the outcome of the subplots made up the action. A patriotic theme was worked in the story and because of an erroneous report to the effect that there was to be a surprise ending, there was actually a finale with the surprise element.

As has been stated before, the USO will be the probable recipient of the cash which remains after expenses have been deducted, and possibly money will be taken out for the party after the show as a reward for the effort put forth by those connected with the production.

Committees for makeup and properties were Patricia Zirpoff, chairman of the makeup committee, assisted by Lillian Kosheba, Helen Goodman, Mina Altman, Shirley Mehlinger, and Mary Kramer. David Weissberger was chairman of the properties committee which included Mickey Cusano, Al Resnick, Thomas Templeton, Ann Lynch, Lillian Kosheba, Patricia Zirpoff, Regina Komorosky, Helen Ramundo, Al Vinci, and Betty Wright. Agnes Abrahamson and Clarice Ackerman were on the sign painting committee.

A point of interest might be the fact that one week ago Thursday, Felix Shagin stayed up until 3:45 a. m. in the morning rewriting one complete act of two scenes.

### Facts, Etc.

By Ruthann Shagin

Spring has finally come to State. The gals array of cotton prints is ample proof of this. Broomstick skirts and pinafores still hold the limelight. Cool and fresh looking is Marge Johns' pink and white candy-striped pinafore. For sheer beauty of color, Louise Woodruff's chocolate print skirt is worthy of notice. Chintz is coming into its own again. For something new in Spring fashions notice Ruth Gelderman's princess style chintz print. Peasant life has intrigued the State lassies so that they have adopted their fashion: Almost authentic is Shirley Mehlinger's navy print peasant skirt with her white needle-point blouse.

Also popular among the girls are the "little apron" dresses. Be sure to notice Lanell Turner's red and white candy striped cotton with the lace-edged complimentary apron.

### 'I'm In the Army Now'

Corporal Charles Lyons found plenty to keep him busy during his first furlough of a week, the end of April. The seven days went all too fast, and before he knew it Chick was on his return trip to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Drafted July 30, 1940, Chick left his job teaching the fifth and sixth grades in Ridgewood to join Uncle Sam's forces at Camp Lee, Virginia. He went through army routine, including KP for four months and then was transferred to Fort Bragg, where he is stationed now. He was in charge of the training program at Bragg for sixteen weeks and hasn't been on KP duty yet.

Sports, one of the things he enjoyed most in civilian life, Chick can still pursue even though he's in the army now. At State he was on the basketball and baseball teams and belonged to the Varsity club, and back in St. Joseph's High School he was on the basketball, basketball and baseball teams. Aside from sports, his activities in State included Student Council and Skull and Poinard Fraternity.

Chick is grateful for his college preparation and intends to return to teaching at some future date. About the Army, he says, "It's a lot easier for college fellows. A college education gives people you

### MY NIGHTLY VISITORS

By Adele Orman  
Those fleecy clouds that drift around my head  
As soon as I have settled down in bed  
Are part of me. They are the lights  
Who visit me when daylight ends,  
If they should ever disappear and ne'er return.  
Life wouldn't be the same. My soul would yearn  
The other life from night to morn. You see  
A part of me would cease to grow  
And I could never be  
As gifted in creative thought. Nor would I try  
To understand the souls of men, or wonder why  
Things happen as they do. Do you think it's true  
That fate has planned it all? Or haven't you  
Been hostess to these things? If not  
I envy you, for though you've missed a lot  
Of life, your heart is still completely free  
To tell your soul what eyes can see.

associate with more confidence in your ability to do things."

The first night he walked into camp, they were observing a blackout and so Chick felt his way to a cot and went to sleep for the night. The next morning he awoke to find Archie Hay, a classmate at State, in the cot next to him. He also met Leo Clark and Isadora Duerstein, both Staters, at camp. Archie is now in officer training school. Leo is somewhere in Australia.

Army life, he says, is much nicer now. The entertainment provided is good and fairly often. The USO is doing a good job of it. Soldiers are permitted to visit nearby towns and can often get permission to stay away later than 11 o'clock.

At the camp itself, sports, movies, and other interests keep the boys entertained. They see pictures even before they are featured at our local cinemas.

His address:  
Corporal Charles Lyons  
Company L 54QNE  
Fort Bragg, N. C.

### ALBINSON APPOINTED NAVAL AVIATOR CADET

Robert Albinson, a graduate of State, was recently appointed Naval Aviator Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida. His transfer to this station was to enable him to obtain flight training.

Albinson received his elimination training at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Brooklyn, New York. He finished this course early in March. Upon completion of the course at Pensacola, an intensive seven month course, he will receive his designation as a Naval Aviator, with a commission as Ensign in the Naval Reserve or as Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, and will go on active duty.

### TENNIS TOPICS

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quest by trouncing the Montclair Teachers squad. In the seven-point match, State won all but two.

In its next match Paterson will play Jersey City at State's home courts. Come out to see State smash its way to its third win.

## INTERVIEWS

The State student from the greatest distance, Thomas Teagle, hails from Egg Harbor in South Jersey. His high school career

leader before she entered college, Fran became head of the squad in her Sophomore year. This year's co-chairman of the Health com-



featured the same interests that he has carried out in college, namely basketball and baseball. For State teams in both sports Tom is known as a dependable standby. In the elementary teaching field, Tom hopes to teach higher grades, perhaps seventh or eighth. He is now practising in School No. 15 where he teaches SB as well as Physical Training.

His chief educational interests are in science, both physical and social. Aside from his athletic activities, Tom also guides a Boys' Club in School No. 15. Although his hobbies are dancing and the movies he wanted the statement that he is "Shy of women" to be printed.

The only State student who also claims the distinction of being a registered nurse is Mrs. Jean Casey, of Paterson. A graduate of Paterson General Hospital, Mrs.

mittee, Fran has distinguished herself by getting a number of improvements for the Girl's Social Room and thereby indirectly influencing the boys to fix up their Social Room in the basement. When not following her physical education and health interests, Fran may be found designing or sculpturing.

A student whose influence is felt a good deal around school is Donald Hall. Don can always be found in the Book Room during the lunch period. Last year as chairman of the Athletic committee and Sports Editor of the Beacon Don was chiefly interested in athletic policies. This year as vice-president of the Student Council, Don is interested in the policies of the school as a whole. His hobbies consist mainly of sports, especially baseball. (Incl-



Casey practiced her profession until she entered State in 1939. When any of the State agencies want someone dependable to work on a committee they choose Mrs. Casey. To date she has worked on both the Junior Prom and Senior Ball committees, and the Budget adjustment committee. She is proudest of the fact that "we adjusted the budget without a single fight."

Past president of the FTA, Mrs. Casey and her committee put the new club on its feet as a vital part of the extra-curricular program. Next year, Mrs. Casey plans to teach elementary school, but she feels sure that some of her nursing knowledge can be added advantageously to her knowledge of education. When not doing school work or committee work, Mrs. Casey can be found reading, or doing armchair traveling that a few months ago she might have been doing in a car.

Frances Taconis, easily identified as the girl who leads the engers at all of State's basketball games, comes from Butler High School, where all of her interests differed from her college interests. Former dance chairman, Fran was also art editor of the yearbook, a member of the debating team, a letterman in hockey, and unanimously elected secretary to her class. Although never a cheer-

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTS BOAT RIDE

Still undecided on the place for our annual Play Day, the social committee has offered a suggestion for a trip on June 10. This suggestion made is to take a trip up the Hudson to Indian Point. Such a boat ride would not be dangerous as one to Rye Beach, the customary destination for Shaffer Play Day.

The plan to go to Palisades Park for the day was not received favorably by the majority of the student body, so the social committee has offered this new suggestion. No action will be taken on the trip till the decision is definite.

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### State Fetes

#### H. S. Seniors

High school seniors of this area attended an entertainment here last Wednesday afternoon. The program was planned to acquaint the seniors of the various high schools with the variety of educational and social opportunities available at Paterson State.

Informality was the keynote of the afternoon as students of both the high schools and the college got together for a good time. Mr. Dabois, an outstanding magician who is a member of the American Society of Magicians and who has performed very extensively throughout the State, entertained the group with a one-hour program. The freshmen of the school excerpts from their musical comedy "Swing Is Here" after the program refreshments