



## Alice Schofield Elected President Of Student Government Association

Alice Mae Schofield was elected president of the Student Government Association for 1944-45 at the election held on May 8.

She has had wide executive experience. She has been a member of the Student Council for three years. She has been secretary of her Freshman program chairman of the Biology Club, and corresponding secretary of Phi Omega Sorority. Alice has been a member of the BEACON staff for two years and is active in Art Club and Masque & Mera. She gained her most executive experience in her Junior year as President of the P. & Q. Club. Alice has won a scholarship to the session of the National Education Institute.

Nebraska has been secretary of next year's Student Council. A Junior, Doris is president of her Sophomore class.

Murphy, assistant editor of the BEACON will be next treasurer. Phyllis has been a member of the Assembly and an active member of the F.T.A., Sports Club, Geography Club. She was initiated into the Zeta Chi Sorority.

Boyle, now a Freshman, is secretary of the Student Government.

Josephine Basinski is this year's student government plans for the Summer Play Day and disbursement of the budgets for 1944.

## Installs New Officers At Party

Installation of new officers and induction of new members of Zeta Kappa Chi Sorority took place Tuesday, May 2, followed by a dinner at Nystrom's.

Officers installed were: Turner, president; Rose, vice president; Jeanne, recording secretary; Van Duzer, corresponding secretary; and Betty, treasurer.

Members are Jean Ben-Adele Heines, Emily Ann Betty Gehring, Ann Mary Muller, Alice Kraus, and Phyllis Murphy.

Van Duzer and maroon corsages given to the new officers.

There were new sorority members.

Louise Altender is advisor of Zeta Kappa Chi, one of the most active sororities in

### PRESIDENT-ELECT



ALICE M. SCHOFIELD

## Wightman Makes Faculty Changes

Dr. Clair S. Wightman, president of the Paterson State Teachers College, has announced eight appointments within the faculty.

These promotions include Dr. Baker, head of the Department of Science and Mathematics; Dr. Freeman, head of the Department of Business Education; Miss Jackson, the Dean of Women and head of Department of Communication Arts (English, speech, art, music and foreign languages); Dr. Karp, head of Child Guidance Clinic; Dr. Altender, associate in Child Guidance Clinic; Dr. Unzicker, head of the Department of Education; Mr. Williams, head of the Department of Social Studies; and Dr. Shannon, director of the Student teaching in elementary schools.

## Seniors Honor Jeffries At Dinner

The Class of 1944 initiated a new social affair at State when they held a Senior dinner at the Wevill, West 54th St., New York City. Guests who joined with the Senior class in smorgasbord and dinner were Dr. and Mrs. Wightman, Miss Jackson, and Miss Jeffries, class adviser.

After dinner, the class enjoyed the floor show which featured a special tribute to Paterson State. Ruthann Shagin, president, presented Miss Jeffries with its gift, a beautiful gold and amethyst pin.

The dinner was enjoyed to the extent that informal plans were heard to make the Class of 1944 dinner a yearly affair to serve as a class reunion.

### FALL CALENDAR

Sept. 5, Tuesday—Registration for all day students.

Sept. 6, Wednesday—Day classes begin.

All tuition is payable in full at registration.

## Six Scholarships Awarded Students By National Camp

The committee to consider candidates for the National Camping Institute to be held June 17 to 27 has voted to award the scholarships to the following students: Nicholas Romanski, Alice Schofield, Adele Heines, Ruth Boer, Emilie Schwehm, and Anne Bigg. The scholarships are provided in part by the Student Council and in part by the college administration.

Nicholas Romanski, a junior, is the president of his class and a member of the S.G.A. He leads a very busy life by keeping a full-time job in a nearby defense plant.

Alice Schofield, a junior, helped last year to lead State's basketball team to victory as a cheerleader. She is president of the P. & Q. Club, a member of the S.G.A. and Art Club, Corresponding Secretary of the Phi Omega Psi Sorority, Program Chairman for the Psychology club and a reporter for the BEACON.

Adele Heines, a freshman, is President of the Freshman Class, and is a member of the Art Club, Glee Club, Psychology Club, S.G.A. P. & Q. Club, Sports Club, and Zeta Kappa Chi Sorority.

Ruth Boer, also a freshman, is a member of the P. & Q. Club, Masque & Masquers, Psychology Club, Art Club, and Sports Club.

Emilie Schwehm, a junior who has also accelerated, is Vice President of the Glee Club, a member of the S.G.A., P. & Q. Club, Art Club, and Zeta Kappa Chi Sorority.

Anne Bigg, also accelerating, is a junior. She was with Alice as a cheerleader for State last year, and is a member of the P. & Q. Club, Zeta Kappa Chi Sorority, and a reporter and exchange editor on the Beacon.

All six students are anticipating a wonderful time up in those Sussex County mountains. The girls are sure it must be grand, since they've heard that Mrs. Ford, who went last year as a faculty advisor, has already started to look for clothes to take to the camp this summer. The girls think that's real enthusiasm!

## School Takes Boat Ride To Rye Beach

Playland at Rye Beach, New York will be the scene on May 31 of this year's gala Shaffer Play Day. A high spot of the trip will be the boat ride to and from the park. Dorothea Van Duzer, chairman of the Social committee has tentatively arranged for her committee to provide the transportation expenses to and from Rye.

At Playland, State will have a special picnic grove reserved, and swimming and amusement tickets will be available at a discount.

Watch the Bulletin Board about directions for getting to the boat, and time schedule.

## Commencement Exercises To Mark Farewell of 51 Seniors from State

### SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT



RUTHANN SHAGIN

### DIRECTOR OF PEACE GROUP TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Fifty-one seniors will complete successfully their course of study the final week of May when they participate in the Baccalaureate on Sunday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock at St. Paul's Church, East Eighteenth Street and Broadway, and the Commencement Exercises on Friday evening, May 26, at 8:30 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The graduates include: as of November 26, 1943, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Mollie Barbarisi, Elizabeth Jane Brookman, Ruth Julia Croes, Athalia Ann Darnell, Nellie Blanche Dey, Nancy June Hess, Ruth Gelderman Howell, Claire Lois McCarthy, Lucila Angela Michellin, Antoinette Marie Perrelly, Hildegard Teresa Stenz and Marie Louise Torrens; Three-year diploma in Elementary Education, Morris Berenson.

## Simpson-Engelken Marriage Surprise To State's Students

Ruth Simpson and Ensign Fred Engelken surprised the entire student body Easter when they gaily announced they had been married on Thursday, April 20. Their wedding marked a climax for Freddy's twelve day leave, for on April 12 he celebrated his twenty-first birthday, on April 13 he received his commission as an ensign, and one week later he met the lovely Ruth Simpson at the altar.

The bride and groom were married at the Navy Chapel at 80 Church Street, New York City. The best man and bride's attendant were Ensign and Mrs. A. J. Estor, who were married just one week before. Ensign Hector was a classmate of Fred's at Columbia and seems to have set a very good example of married life.

Ensign Engelken left for Boston at the completion of his leave, and his bride joined him there on Friday, April 28 of the week-end. From Boston Freddy will be assigned as communications and supply officer on a Landing Craft Infantry, the invasion.

Ruth, a senior at P.S.T.C., plans to finish her college training and many extra-curricular activities. She is majoring in business education, while at State and plans to teach commercial courses at high school after graduation. Ruth, a member of the Philomathean Sigma Sorority, is also chairman of the Publicity Committee of the S.G.A.

Fred, a member of the Skull and Poinard Fraternity left State in his junior year to enter the Navy.

### FINISH TWO YEARS

Six students have been awarded certificates of merit for having completed two years at this college. They include Katherine Elizabeth Cooke, Lois Ruth Eliezer, Leonore Frank, Julius Roth, Jeanette Emily Elizabeth Smith and Mabel Mary Steensma.

### THANKS

The Art Club, of which Miss Tiffany is the faculty adviser, expresses its appreciation to all the students who contributed articles of interest for the recent exhibit of antiques and curios in the show case on the second floor of the college.

# The State Beacon



LAURA CROUCH  
Editor-in-Chief

PHYLLIS MURPHY  
Assistant Editor

— EDITORIAL BOARD —

RUTHANN SHAGIN	News Editor
ANN LYNCH	Feature Editor
ADELE ORTMAN	Staters in the Service
FLORENCE MISKOVSKY	Business Manager
MORRIS SLATER	Make-up Editor
JULIETTE TRAINOR	Faculty Adviser
LOUISE WOODRUFF	Cartoonist
Odetta Aronne, Alice Schofield, Anne Bigg, June Stevens, Wanda Gonski, Audrey Furst, Mercedes Kessel, Shirley Mehlinger, Blandine Peluso, Marcia Radcliffe, Mary Kramer, Isabelle Cusano,	
Jeannie Neil	Typists — Rose Maio
ANNE BIGG	
MERCEDES KESSEL	Exchanges
ELIZABETH GEHRINGER	

## FAREWELL TO STATE

When fifty-one seniors receive their diplomas at the Commencement Exercises on May 26 in the college auditorium, they will have every right to be happy. Throughout their four years of study, they have had to prepare for their teaching careers under abnormal conditions. The inductions into the Service of young men who sat near them in class and gave them the necessary leadership for carrying out their social scholastic activities; and encouraged them in their ambitions have brought discomfort to them. With the initiative that is characteristic of the American girl, they have found a way of keeping that warm friendship with these former classmates, the "Staters in the Service" page of the STATE BEACON.

These graduates will enter the classrooms of the elementary schools of this State confident with the intelligent and "down-to-earth" knowledge imparted capably by the members of the faculty. They will carry on in their positions with the objective of teaching youngsters to live in a world of war as well as peace. That is these children will learn from them to face bravely the difficult problems as well as the more pleasant tasks of life.

## CLASS OF 1944—COMMAND PERFORMANCE

by Ruthann Shagin

It is always difficult in the throes of commencement excitement to pause and reflect on the significance of closing a very vital chapter in our lives. Farewells are always a bit depressing and yet there is a note of promise in every farewell. For four years we have lived in anticipation of this day of commencement, and now that the time has come, we are a bit reluctant to take the final plunge. We stand now on the threshold of life. Our day of maturity has arrived!

Behind us we leave four years of a life filled to capacity with pleasant and rich memories. For four years we have lived and worked as a unit. As individuals we have retained and enriched our personal integrity as a class we have unified and consolidated our efforts to the attainment of our common objectives.

Not only do we leave behind the memory of our academic work, but we leave behind also the memory of the many happy hours spent with our friends in so many different ways. Those lunch hour chats, the quick dash for a smoke, the perpetual class meetings, the endless projects, units, and term papers, the nerve wracking problem of funds, the daily bulletin board notices, the continual coke line at "Harry's"—these and a million more little antics we leave behind!

Before us looms the future. For most of us this means a teaching position—teaching in a challenging world. Great problems are rising before us and we are going forth to meet this challenge equipped with the very best training our college could give us.

We shall be teaching in a war-torn world, but always will we be preparing for the better post war world. While we are informing our pupils of the glorious deeds of our men in battle, we shall also be preparing them for the more glorious deeds of our men in peace.

And so as we stand here on this threshold, we gather up our most prized possessions, for these we cannot leave behind: We take with us a host of friendships, loyal, rich, and everlasting; we take with us our sincere affection and appreciation to Dr. Wightman and the faculty for their tireless guidance and understanding; we take with us that intangible quality of knowledge which will ripen and grow through experience. We take with us also the memory of four years of life which only we the class of May, 1944, can truly share.

This has been our play, under our direction, with our own cast—acting, designing, and living through a four-year performance. Now we've drawn down the curtain. The show is over! There is no ENCORE!!

## Senior Farewell

Beautiful memories and pleasant hours.  
These we don't leave behind; they are ours.  
These memories we'll need to help us through  
The days ahead which may be blue.

Our joys, our sorrows, our work undone.  
In all these things we acted as one,  
Paths of friendship were deeply paved.  
In each other we found comfort for which we craved.

We had so many experiences that we did share.  
Some sad, some funny, some very rare.  
The trials we muddled through were not too few.  
The troubles we got into were very new.  
Four years may seem so very long.

But in this we found that we were wrong.  
Each day of our college life in our hearts is set,  
We'll always remember, we'll never forget.  
—FLORENCE MISKOVSKY

## Quips & Quirks

In talking about healthful ventilation, Mrs. Ford made the following remark—"One thing to avoid is the so-called draft." She's telling us!

Although it took place quite awhile ago, Seniors are still remembering how the Freshman Assembly program brought back memories of their Freshman Show way back in May, 1942. Their only advice to the underclassmen in regard to the program—"Why don't we do this more often?"

The following indictment of Palmer method was found in the autobiography of an eminent surgeon, Dr. Max Thorek—

"I regret that the art of calligraphy suffered a terrific solar plexus blow with the advent of the Palmer method of teaching handwriting. That rigid and soulless training may produce more legible handwriting—though I am in doubt about even that—but it has curbed innate talent. I suspect that Palmer is just one more evidence of retrogression in the arts."

Incidentally "A Surgeon's World" is a fine book.

Man's idea of a brilliant female conversationalist—

Oh really? . . . Yes? . . . No! How wonderful!"

Wanted: Someone to understand "oboy" Fritz's conversation when she's excited.

Sue Salemi's revision of Mental Hygiene terms:

Autosuggestion—"Wanna buy a car?"

Catharsis—Physics

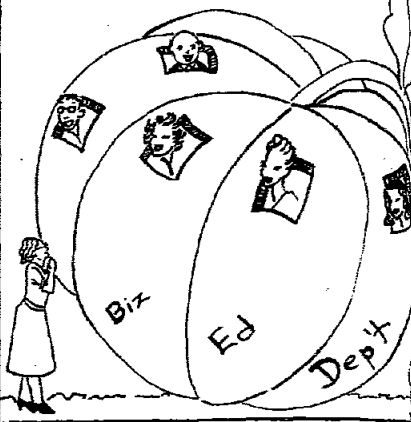
Catatonia—Fear of cats.

Organic—Church music

Projection—Moving pictures

Rationalization—Sharing such as food, shoes, etc.

## It just keeps a-growin'...



## Formation Of Workshop Aids Growth Of Business Department In First

Formation of the Regional Business Education Workshop for Passaic and Bergen Counties by the High School Commercial Teachers Association of New Jersey under the direction of Dr. M. Herbert Freeman, head of the Business Department of this college, and Clinton Cramer, of Central High School, has highlighted the expansion of the Business Education Department of Paterson State Teachers College during the present year.

The meetings of the teachers, administrators and businessmen of this area, has resulted in closer cooperation between education and business. In the first and second sessions held in March and May at State, different phases of commercial education, both practical and theoretical, were discussed by recognized leaders in this field.

This organization plans to assemble at regular intervals at this college. The success of this enterprise has been proven by the fact that Walter A. Kumpf, Associate Editor of the South-Western Publishing Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has accepted an invitation to talk at the second conference in May. In a letter to Dr. Freeman, Mr. Kumpf stated that he was impressed by the large turnout.

In addition, Helen Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Education at the School of Education of New York University, expressed in another letter to Dr. Freeman complete confidence and satisfaction in the "idea of regional conferences, with the teacher training institution acting as the servicing agency for the teachers of that area."

One year ago in April, the State Board of Education permitted Paterson State to offer a program for the preparation of teachers for business subjects in the high schools.

The progress made by the Business Department, under the supervision of Dr. M. Herbert Freeman, and assisted by Miss Rena J. Keay and Howard L. Haas, has been very encouraging during the last twelve months.

Sixteen students are enrolled in this department for the present semester. In addition to their regular class studies, they have done work that has benefited the college.

A total of 27 students have benefited for the four years. This curriculum covering, typewriting, business law, office geography, economics are for teaching the above subjects in secondary schools.

The expansion of the college and school graduates in the son area to prepare business courses high school, without expense and inconvenience, traveling to other schools to complete their formation.

These new opportunities young people are especially significant at this time teachers for commercial subjects in the high schools great demand.

## Alumnus Escapes Death Overseas

A former part-time State who survived landing in the jungles of Guinea, was a visitor this spring. He is Philip A. Ballerino, States Army Air Force Clifton.

Ballerino was flying Piper Cub airplane of Guinea when he fell carried downward in air current. Pilots of planes such as his have to beware of the fighters but of the side of strange wind over the jungles and mountains.

Flight Officer Ballerino a pancake landing, hitting the tree tops, the result of this forced landing his sustaining a broken leg.

He was knocked out for more than an hour. Natives of the island learning that he was a pilot, helped him make a difficult five-day trip to the best base hospital where given much needed attention.

From the base hospital was shipped to Australia back to our own way and on to O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Mass.

Following his leave he was to report back Army hospital in Miss

# STATERS IN THE SERVICE



## LIEUTENANT WILLIAM PLATT, STATE'S FIRST WAR CASUALTY

Second Lieutenant William M. Platt, 20, USMC, and a member of Paterson State Teachers College, was killed in a crash while on flight training at the Naval Air Station at Cove Springs, Florida, according to a telegram received by the Navy Department by his parents last April 21.

William Weehawken, the son of Mrs. James D. Platt, a training officer moved with his family to Teaneck at one age. After having graduated from the Teaneck High School, he was known by his classmates as "Bill." He was enrolled at State as a sophomore student in September, 1940.

During his two years at this college, Bill Platt participated in football. The tall, blond, blond aviator was well-liked by the students. After receiving his two-year certificate, he went to work for the Bendix Corporation.

He enlisted in the service in 1942, and was inducted into the Navy December 12, 1942. The former "Pioneer" took training at State Teachers College, Cortland, N. Y.; Bethany College, West Virginia; Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and at the University of North Carolina, Florida.

On January 18, 1943 that Bill Platt was awarded his wings and was assigned to Cove Springs, Florida, for national training where his death.

## MADRIGAN VISITS STATE'S FIRST WAR CASUALTY

Bron J. Madrigan, who graduated from State in '42, recently for a brief visit to his home. He received his commission as an ensign in the Navy Reserve and his Navy blimp pilot on April 15, 1943, at Lakeland, Florida, after completion of flight training at Lakeland, Florida, and at the Naval Air Station at Lakeland, Florida.

He is expected to be assigned to an anti-airship squadron for anti-submarine patrol. At State, Ensign Madrigan was elected president of the Senior Class and had been elected president of the Geography Club. He was elected in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" and was four years at college full time in defense.

His naval air training at the University of North Carolina, and at the University of Georgia, Field in California, and at the University of North Carolina. He entered naval service December 15, 1942.

## Words Exchanges

(Joe Haszonis)—About a word for old sake.

SHAG.

BULLER—

with you soon.

GEORGE R.

Regards to all my friends.

Staters In Service—

George and I could have all.

DON HALL

## G. I. Shorts

Something new has been added to the P.S.T.C. library. We know that many have already examined the display of papers from the various branches of the service found in the main room of the library. These papers have been received from our Staters in Service all over the world, and the display will be changed every two weeks—so be sure you don't miss any.

The attractive background on which the papers are posted was painted by Louise Woodruff from a plan submitted by Morris Slater, Paterson State thanks them both as well as all the G. I. servicemen who have so willingly sent us their company's publications. You will keep sending them, won't you fellows?

The anonymous Mr. Smith whose letters have appeared in the last two issues of the BEACON, is none other than M. Sgt. Ralph Smith, former editor of the BEACON. Our sincerest apologies, Ralph. It was just one of those strange coincidences.

P.C. Sid Goldberg has returned after a brief furlough to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he is guarding Italian prisoners of war.

Miss Trainor has received a card from Lt. Morgan sent from a prison camp in Germany. It was good news to all of us to know that Bob is well and safe. He had previously been reported missing in action over Germany.

Jimmy Hackett came home just in time to referee the basketball game played between Paterson State and the Rutgers School of Pharmacy.

Capt. Morris Berenson visited P.S.T.C. this month while on a furlough from Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., where he now serves as an instructor in navigation for the Army Air Force. Capt. Berenson returned to the State last summer after the completion of fifty missions over Europe. Morris will receive his three-year diploma from Paterson State on May 26th at the graduation ceremony.

The ever-popular Mr. Weidner, who now claims the title of Corporal, and his wife were also back to say "hello." Corp. Weidner has played in the band since his induction into the army, but returned to Virginia after his furlough to take his basic training. Mrs. Weidner, the former Alida ovring of Garfield, makes her home in Virginia with her husband. She holds a Civil Service job of court recorder there.

Samuel Berliner, a graduate of P.S.T.C., has recently been promoted from P.Q.C. to a Corporal. Corp. Berliner has, since 1943, been serving with the India-China wing of the Air Transport Command. His unit was recently cited by President Roosevelt for its accomplishments in the tremendous task of supplying American and Chinese fighting units by air.

## Beverslius Writes Ben Schultz Writes To Dr. Wighman To Dr. Alteneder

Somewhere

Well, here we go again. Another day, another dollar, as the old army saying goes. Monday morning, and an old-fashioned "blue Monday" it is since we are at this moment experiencing one of those extremely heavy rains, so typical of this region at this time of the year. I recall a letter I wrote to you about this same time last year, telling of the water streaming through the tents. The same could be true right now, except that we have all learned the lesson of how to defend ourselves against the elements... at least in part! In this morning's issue of the Stars and Stripes, an army newspaper published over here, there's an article telling of the latest cold spell sweeping the eastern states. Sometimes I wish I could see a good snow storm again. We all seem to miss it, and felt it especially during the holiday season. It has been bitter cold lately, but when papers tell of 39 below zero in the States, we haven't experienced a thing over here.

A few days ago I received another issue of the BEACON... the December 17 copy. After reading all the letters from the fellows now in the service, I'm reminded that my correspondence has been lacking considerably from this end. Aside from army restrictions, the only other reason I can offer is the new job I now have. Our former first sergeant was recently rotated back to the States and since then I have been acting as first sergeant of this company... and a sweet headache it is. Being new at it most of the time I don't know whether I'm coming or going. All the problems, questions, gripes, etc., are thrown at you all day long and they're yours for the solving. And if you think that isn't nerve-racking, well... I often compare it to a big schoolroom... it's up to you to produce the answers, the yes's and no's, the explanations, and what have you... and you'd better be right, or else. That's probably a poor comparison, but I hope you know what I mean. Anyway there's a good side to being the acting top-kick. It puts you squarely in the Orderly Room with the C. O.... the Orderly Room being one of the few places that is entitled to a stove... and in this weather, that's something!

On a furlough in June, 1943, I was married. Two and a half months later I was accepted for A.S.T.P. after 5 weeks at Paris, Texas, for reassignment. I was sent to the University of Michigan to study Japanese. "God, what a language!" was my first impression; however, since the beginning of the course last October I've come to like it very much and find it extremely interesting. Coupled with the language we study Area, which includes every phase of study about the Far East. Geography, history, politics, economy, customs—all are taken up separately on every country in that area. Dr. Shannon would probably find me her most enthusiastic geography student now. We really have an intensive course of study—18 hours per week of Japanese, plus 8 hours per week of Area, 5 of military science, 6 of physical training. Quite a full week, isn't it?

I've enclosed two pictures—

incidentally Frank Altmir took one of them when he visited us from Cleveland, Ohio, one week-end. It was the first I had seen him in 18 months and we certainly made the most of it... By the way, Bert Lasser is probably on his way now to England or Italy. He's a corporal in the Signal Corps.

## Lt. Danheuser Sees 2 Former Alumni

Lt. Edwin Danheuser writes to Dr. Clair S. Wighman from Hawaii that he has met two former Staters there, Bruce McBride, a Navy flier, and Bob Alexander. He also happened to read the sport page of one of the army papers and "staring at me was the picture of Dave Ebnier in a basketball uniform. I know about where he is but can't very well get to see him." Lt. Danheuser also wants to be put on the STATE BEACON mailing list.

Dear Dr. Alteneder.

Are you very surprised over receiving this letter? I'll wager you are. Many times I've wanted to write you and the other instructors at State but never got around to it.

My "career" so far in the Army has been a very interesting one, although it has been marked by one great disappointment to me. I entered the Army in August, '42 as an Aviation Cadet, took preflight training at San Antonio, Texas, and then went to Stamford, Texas, for the first phase of my flight training. Everything went along very well—I soloed, and was enjoying it immensely, then we started "aerobatics"—that's aerobatics in the air—and each time I became airsick. It never left me, and it forced me to fall back in flying hours, etc. Flying in the Army was over for me. They said my sense of equilibrium was too acute, and any sudden changes in direction or movement accompanied with speed will produce airsickness. Well, I was reduced to the rank of private and sent to Goodfield Field, San Angelo, Texas. Three months later I was promoted to the rank of P.F.C. and worked there as a flight dispatcher. My job was to keep records of flying time, and also to see that the cadets were in the right airplanes at the right time. Although the job was quite a let-down after being a cadet, I came to like it and found it very interesting.

On a furlough in June, 1943, I was married. Two and a half months later I was accepted for A.S.T.P. after 5 weeks at Paris, Texas, for reassignment. I was sent to the University of Michigan to study Japanese. "God, what a language!" was my first impression; however, since the beginning of the course last October I've come to like it very much and find it extremely interesting. Coupled with the language we study Area, which includes every phase of study about the Far East. Geography, history, politics, economy, customs—all are taken up separately on every country in that area. Dr. Shannon would probably find me her most enthusiastic geography student now. We really have an intensive course of study—18 hours per week of Japanese, plus 8 hours per week of Area, 5 of military science, 6 of physical training. Quite a full week, isn't it?

I've enclosed two pictures—incidentally Frank Altmir took one of them when he visited us from Cleveland, Ohio, one week-end. It was the first I had seen him in 18 months and we certainly made the most of it... By the way, Bert Lasser is probably on his way now to England or Italy. He's a corporal in the Signal Corps.

Please write in the near future and tell me everything about dear old State. You know, Michigan U. is a wonderful place but my college is still Paterson State, and after the war I'm going to complete my last year there and get that B.S. in Education.

## VAN DUZER ELECTED SECRETARY OF EASTERN ARTS ASSOCIATION

Dorothea Van Duzer, popular Junior delegate to the Eastern Arts Convention, was elected secretary of the Junior Division of the Eastern Arts Association for 1945. All other officers elected were from Art schools, so Dorothea was doubly honored.

Dorothea's job will involve many valuable contacts for Paterson State as she will be in touch with most of the colleges in the Eastern area of the United States through her correspondence. Through the election of Dorothea to an office in the Eastern Arts Association, and the election of Evelyn Lillis to an office in the Eastern Association of International Relations Clubs, Paterson State has this year expanded its scope of activities considerably.



DOROTHEA VAN DUZER

## European Student Enrolled At State

It is a little known fact that one of the Freshman students who entered college in February was born in Nicosia on the Island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea.

Grace Jelalian, 17 year old graduate of Eastside High School, came to the United States seven years ago. Her father believed that a war was pending and desired to bring his family to this country. (Cyprus has been bombed since that time.)

Grace said that before crossing the ocean, she traveled through Smyrna and Istanbul, Turkey, thence to Athens, Greece, where she saw the Parthenon, and on to Rhodes Island where one of the Seven Wonders of the World is located.

Her travels also included viewing Mt. Vesuvius in Italy, trips to Marseilles, Paris, Switzerland, Le Havre and England.

Her arrival in this country did not put an end to her travels for she took a trip to Canada, Detroit, Michigan was her first home.

Grace said during the interview that she thinks that after you come here you could not live any place else.

She has learned to speak English since her arrival. (Miss Trainor who was in the same room during the interview commented that Grace just received the highest mark in a grammar test in her Freshman composition class.)

Grace feels that there is a marked difference in the schools in the United States and in Cyprus. In Cyprus schools the girls sit on one side, the boys on another. A student must attend school for 10 years in order to graduate. The older students act as guards and accompany the younger ones to and from school. The rule that "silence is golden" is strictly observed.

In the school Grace attended the girls wore black uniforms, red berets and red bows. The boys wore navy blue suits.

By the time a student graduates he learns five languages which may be Armenian, French, English, Greek and Turkish.

Grace, who loves art, is interested in both teaching and dress designing.

## Kovacs Speaks At Annual Guest Nite

Imre Kovacs, nationally known lecturer, spoke to parents and friends of the students at State's Annual Guest Night, held Thursday, May 4. Reverend Kovacs, a country preacher from Pennsylvania has spoken to thousands of people comprising many different kinds of people about "The Challenge of Being an American." A New American himself, Reverend Kovacs was born in Hungary. He was educated partly in Hungary and partly in America. He has since returned to Europe to do Y.M.C.A. work in Yugoslavia. Because of this experience, Mr. Kovacs was well qualified to describe the differences between life in central Europe and in America. He has made every American who has heard him aware of the privilege of being an American and the challenge of keeping those privileges unchanged.

Guests were welcomed to the college by Josephine Basinski, president of the Student Government Association. Mr. Arthur H. Guertin, President of the Paterson Chamber of Commerce and parent of a former State student, responded in behalf of the parents. Dr. Clair Wightman, remarked about the progress of the college during the years that it had held Guest Night programs, and the broader opportunities that it now offers to the Paterson area. Ruthann Shagin introduced Imre Kovacs, and Jean Gelderman led the singing by the audience. Incidental music was provided by Audrey Furst.

After the program, Mr. Kovacs led a discussion by the audience about conditions in central Europe.

Committees were as follows: Student committee, Adele Heines, Chairman, Doris Nebesnak, Laura Crouch, Ruthann Shagin, Norma Giordano, Lanell Turner, Jeanne Smyth, Marguerite Cole, Nicholas Romanick, Katherine Cooke, Blandine Pelusio; Ushers—Jeanne Smyth, Harriet Burger, Lillian Kosheba, Ruth Hutchison, Shirley Mehrlinger, Dorothea Van Duzer, and Emilie Schwenn.

Faculty committee—Elizabeth Moneypenny, Edith L. Jackson, Robert E. Williams, Dorothy A. Abrams, chairman.

## To Kalon Honors Mothers At Dinner

The To Kalon Sorority of the Paterson State Teachers College had a dinner in honor of their mothers at the Robin Hood Inn on May 16, 1944.

The To Kalon Sorority, organized in 1934 is the sister sorority of the Skull and Poniard fraternity. The name "To Kalon" honors all that is pure and beautiful. Since 1937 To Kalon Sorority has given books to the Children's Library of Paterson State Teachers College. Other activities of the sorority are the donating of Thanksgiving baskets to poor families and the annual Christmas Caroling at Valley View Sanatorium.

Miss Marjorie Josselyn, Miss Hazel Stockman, and Mrs. Harold Straub (formerly Helen Loftus) have served respectively as faculty advisers.

## Mehrlinger Reports At Eastern Arts

At the opening session of the Junior Division of the Eastern Arts Convention held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Shirley



SHIRLEY MEHRLINGER

Mehrlinger, president, reported on the activities of the Patersons. The convention presented an opportunity for an exchange of ideas, plans, and problems. Delegates representing art schools and departments from all the eastern states discussed art and its place in solving the problems of war. How it could be used in therapy and in combating juvenile delinquency was a stimulating topic. Exhibits at the convention revealed how personality effects are products. State used the theme "Pateteers at Work," illustrated with cartoons by Louise Woodruff and sketches by Dorothea Van Duzer.

## Muller Geography Club President

Muriel Muller was elected president of the Geography Club for next year at its last meeting, Tuesday, May 9. Jean Bender is the new vice president. Adele Heines, secretary, and Alice Meulener, treasurer.

As a final social affair for the Geography Club, Jeanne Smyth has invited them to her cottage at Green Pond for a combination hike and picnic. The picnic will be an all-day one with members bringing their own lunches and swimming available. The hike will be the trip to and from the cottage and the bus stop. Those members interested in attending this picnic to be held Saturday, June 3, watch the bulletin board for a notice.

## Two Alumni Bring Back 'Good Times'

Spent half an hour with Ed Danheuser a few weeks ago, and it seemed almost like old times. It's surprising how much reminiscing can be crowded into thirty minutes and what a thrill it can be. Ed, you know, is commissioned and is currently stationed in Texas.

In accordance with your request, I am forwarding here with the January issue of ALL HANDS, monthly publication of the District Coast Guard Office, Third Naval District.

Please give my best regards to those of the staff who may remember me, and special thanks to whoever sees that I receive the additions of the BEACON . . .

## SS Leo Clarke Recalls College Memories in Letter

Dear Dr. Wightman, How are you? How is son State Teachers College? greeting? Many times I go back to the good old days at P.S.T.C., and, a doubt, fond memories result.

I have been overseas Pacific area for over two years. I have been in combat. I was in Guadalcanal, but I do not disclose my present whereabouts. The powers that be have with me in all this and I feel grateful that I escaped with no physical disability. I have had many experiences, many of which shall never forget. How I think I've profited from and they will prove valuable late life.

I have done various work since entering the service. I was a radio operator almost a year, but at the time I am in charge of artillery meteorological office. Both types of work have been interesting and required study. Meteorology is a supply the weather can be applied to the large guns so that they can be on the target easily.

I know that my education State has helped me in many ways; not only in subject matter, but from a social standpoint also. I have found, since entering service, that my friends and getting with people is dominant. I tried to follow that aspect of my associations. Skull and Poniard have a great deal in this respect.

## Science Club Visits N. Y. Institute

Members of the Science Club went on a field trip Wednesday, April 12, which included a visit to Good Housekeeping Institute in upper New York to the Weather Bureau. M. Zicker, faculty member, accompanied the group.

From 9:30 until 11:30 spent in Good Housekeeping Institute where the members served the severe testing article, whether it is a electric motor or a small pin, receives before the tube puts its stamp of approval upon it.

Following lunch the club visited the Weather Bureau. Here members saw weather forecasting being done. Many technical instruments used to obtain these forecasts. The trip was enjoyed by all members, and it added appreciation of the work done by these institutions. Students who made the trip were Blandine Pelusio, Radcliffe, Dorothy Stabile, Kanis, Goldie Simpson, sephine Lombardo, C. Beau, Lois Elizer.



BUY WAR BONDS