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## The Birth of A Dream

A Tribute To the President of This College

By Guy Lott, Jr.

It was another September morning (not unlike the first day of school that we just witnessed), in the year 1937, when the students of Paterson State Normal School gathered in the halls of this building and shared greetings and experiences of another summer vacation.

But there was something more important than fiery tales stirring in the air. A new president of the college had taken his place in the main office! That president was Dr. Clair S. Wightman, soldier, educator, friend.

It was a big jump from instructor to president, and the responsibility weighed heavily on the shoulders of the new leader; even so, he still found time to dream! One day he looked about him. "We have only ten class rooms," he said. "Surely somewhere in the city of Paterson there is an available building larger than this!" These simple words were the birth of a dream that was to stay with the president for ten years before becoming a reality.

At long last it came—the possible chance of obtaining the Hobart estate at Haledon for the new college. The words had hardly fallen upon his ears before typewriters began to move and telephones began to ring.

Dr. Wightman contacted former state senator, Mr. Charles K. Barton, and Mr. William Evans, member of the state assembly. Both appreciated the good man's dream, and they worked side by side with him. Mr. Henry Williams of the *Paterson Morning Call* also saw his vision and he gave freely of his time and effort. Soon it was everywhere. Leading citizens from all over the state worked to bring to reality the dream that would give Passaic and Bergen County residents a college of their own. Dr. Wightman was more now than a president; he was a Pied Piper, leading the group, luring his followers into the path that lay before him—the path that he knew was good.

And then in the year 1948 the 220 acre estate located on Pompton Road in Haledon and Wayne Townships was purchased by the State Board of Education for college use at the cost of \$200,000, and an appropriation of \$1,000,000 was set aside by the State Legislature to construct a classroom building on the campus.

And now the college is ours and the new building is well on its way to completion, and I wish a pen uninspired by any muse have dared to write a tribute to a man far greater than my every expectation. What can this pen say that has not been said time and again before? How can it say "well done" to a man who worked ten years that others may have a college? Can it express a pat on the back for this great man? No, but it can speak to future students who come to the new campus, and say, "This is the school that Dr. Wightman built. No greater hand, except the hand of God can touch it."

## Reporters Awarded Beacon Keys In Beacon Press Room Ceremony

At an impressive ceremony held in the new Beacon press room, Miss Emily Greenaway, Beacon advisor, presented seven reporters with their two year Beacon Keys for work on the Beacon staff for two years. Miss Greenaway, congratulated them on their fine achievement and said "The experience in journalism which you have achieved through working on our college newspaper will serve you in good stead for future teaching applications." Those people which received Beacon Keys were Joseph Trione, Jose Garavento, Guy Lott, Jr., associate editor, Rose Mary Snyder, Louis Passarelli, Lorraine War, and June Dauides, news editor. The Beacon Key, a mark of distinction in the college.

## State Teachers Head Signs Freedom Scroll



THE FREEDOM SCROLL is signed by Dr. Clair S. Wightman, president of Paterson State Teachers College, as Dr. Kenneth B. White, dean of instruction, and Professor Howard L. Haas, chairman of student activities, and the executive committee of the Student Government Association look on. Shown left to right in the first row are: Professor Haas, Dr. Wightman and Dr. White; standing left to right: Professor H. L. Ellis, adviser to the Student Government Association; Joseph DiGangi, vice-president of the SGA; Dorothy James, secretary, SGA; Joseph Isch, SGA president, Rose Marie Schmelzer, junior class president, George Brown, senior class president; James Pate, SGA treasurer. Students and faculty almost 100 per cent strong, signed the Scrolls in support of the Crusade for Freedom as well as giving funds for support of Radio Free Europe. Class representatives of the SGA solicited signatures under the direction of Professor Haas. (Courtesy of the Paterson Evening News)

## S.G.A. CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM BREAKS ALL RECORDS; FREEDOM BELL RINGS WITH 100% STUDENT BACKING

### Plans Announced For Frosh Frolic

Mr. Eugene Vivian, faculty adviser of the freshman class, has announced that the plans for the annual Freshman Frolic are now underway.

The Frolic, which is usually held near Halloween, is the first social affair sponsored by the freshman class. It is given each year for the sophomore class, but all are invited.

Keeping the tradition steadfast, the affair will be a masquerade party and dance. Motto of the dance is: Come One, Come All, To The Halloween Ball.

Miss Lucretia Giglio, who was appointed general chairman of the affair, has asked that all freshmen interested in participating in the dance to contact her immediately.

The date and committee chairman for the dance have not been announced.

### New Ukulele Club Forms And Elects

Popularization of the ukulele in present day American society has resulted in the formation of a Ukulele Club at Paterson State Teachers' College. This newly organized club is headed by Harold Groendyk, Arthur Nelson is vice-president of the club and Frank Sarube, the secretary.

The main purpose of the Ukulele Club is to teach its members how to play the ukulele. It also aims to promote group singing. President Groendyk would like all students to note it is not necessary to own a ukulele to become a member of the Ukulele Club, nor is it necessary to know how to play one.

### Cigarette Machine Impossible -- Haas

Mr. Harold L. Haas, Dean of Student Life, has announced that the administration has received several notices via the suggestion box that a cigarette vending machine be installed in the cafeteria. This is impossible at present because we operate in a City-owned building where we must comply with city regulations. In order to add a cigarette vending machine we would be going against these regulations which would not permit the addition of such a machine. However, this action may be taken when we move to our own campus.

### Faculty Feast On Spaghetti

The Paterson State Teachers College Faculty Association held its first social event of the current term at the college's new campus in Haledon, Saturday, October 7, beginning at 5:30 P. M. A spaghetti supper was being following the program.

Miss June Perrus and Miss Rose Marie Schmelzer were in charge of the dinner. Miss Ruth McGuirk, Guy Lott, and David Wendisch assisted. Professors V. Eugene Vivian was chairman of the entertainment committee. Colored slide films were shown by Dr. Samuel P. Unzicker and Dr. Kenneth B. White, who traveled through the Western states during the past summer.

Dr. Louise E. Altenecker was general chairman of the social committee. She was assisted by Professor Herbert L. Callano, Stanford Hendrickson and E. Christine Sreep. Dr. M. Herbert Freeman is president of the faculty association.

The Crusade for Freedom, under the national guidance of General Lucius C. Clay, United States Army, has received almost one hundred per cent backing by the students of Paterson State Teachers College, it was announced today.

The crusade which began several weeks ago, was designed to override the Communist propaganda action in the Stockholm Peace Plan. This plan began behind the iron curtain and received the support and signatures of millions of people both willingly and unwillingly. The chief aim of the Stockholm Peace Plan was to announce the communist desire for peace, thus pushing the war of Korea and other wars on the shoulders of non-communist nations.

General Clay, however, immediately began the Crusade for Freedom, which re-affirms the American faith for a democratic type of government and our desire for a peaceful one world.

Many replicas of the Liberty Bell are being made under the direction of the crusade and sent to cities throughout the United States and one is now en route to Berlin, Germany.

Money collected by the crusade will be used to override communist propaganda, in European non-communist nations.

### No Rebuttals At Debators Election

Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Wightman Debating Society. John Cacchione is the new president, Nina Stoltz, the new secretary, and Allan Liske, the treasurer. The club's advisor is Dr. Miller.

The Wightman Debating Society debates with other colleges during the course of the school year on topics of current interest.

## "What? You A Teacher!"

How many times have you been asked by friends "What are you studying at college?" and when you told them you were well on your way to becoming a teacher, they let loose those dignified sighs and cried, "What, you a teacher?" and then came those inevitable killing smiles.

Ha-Ha

Is it a laughing profession that we are entering, or one that only abnormal beings are shoved into? Of course the answers to these questions are clear to us. We have a deep respect for our profession, and we rightly should; the question that now arises is: "How can we sell our profession to the public?"

Too often when we leave our college friends and begin the work that was sixteen years in the making, we put all our extra interests on some problem child, and when it is time to attend a social affair we find ourselves sitting at home, thinking of a solution to Johnny's problem. By so doing, we have locked ourselves in a box; the key to that box is on the inside and we alone can open it. Unfortunately many stay inside, and so the public laughs aloud at the old maids and "lazy" men who have chosen teaching as a career.

### Cruel Public

Let's face it: THE PUBLIC IS CRUEL. To find someone or something to poke fun at, is to the public a pleasant necessity, and hurt is of little concern, when teasing reigns supreme.

What can we do, to make the public say, "I think that is wonderful!" when we tell them we are teachers? And how can we go about getting the raise in salary so badly needed? The way to begin is by acting like human beings. Meet the public (more than half way); Talk to your student's parents, be active in church social affairs, meet politicians, enter into world problems, be constantly alert, show your profession at every good opportunity. Make the public see that teachers have the same warm blood in their veins, the same sweet beat in their heart, and the same warm smile on their lips, that human beings have. Show the public your smile is real—tell the public with pride that you are a teacher.

Unless the public sees the teaching profession as a valuable and honorable one, the raise in salary and boost in moral will never come.

(G.L.)

## Letters to the Editors

I am a Junior, a transfer from another school. At that college we had Freshman hazing, too, but what a different kind of hazing! I realize that this is your first time and you can't have a thorough hazing as we had there, but why wasn't what you did have enforced in some way? Why were Freshman who didn't have their name tags on allowed to collect names?

### CRITICISM CRITICIZED

Dear Editor:

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." This quotation from Voltaire came to my mind when I read "Dare We Criticize Our Teachers" in the last issue of the Beacon.

It is not only your privilege, it is your obligation to "criticize," if by criticism we mean cooperative activity in the process of evaluating, weighing, and considering. There must be a "give" and "take," an exchange of opinion, in the developing of better human relations, and this developing of better human relations is one objective of professional education. We are so thoroughly convinced of this at Paterson State that we use the following techniques in appraisal:

1. The suggestion box that was used extensively with good results last year.

2. Anonymous rating of staff member by all students of the class. (975 student rating scales used last year.)

3. The Student-Faculty Relations Committee to consider faculty-student relationships.

4. Conferences between individual staff members and individual students. Every staff member is scheduled for two office hours a week to confer with students, in addition to many unscheduled hours when students confer with staff members. Are all of those conferences mutually satisfactory? Probably not. Some members of the staff may not like the idea and consequently react unfavorably, but it is my opinion that a large percentage of the staff at college courses these conferences, and react favorably to them.

We have at college many exceptionally capable staff members. They accept the idea that the welfare of mankind is developed through education and enlightenment rather than through fear and frustration. These people believe that you came here to get the best professional education possible rather than "trying to pass the course with the best mark you can possibly get." If in conference and appraisal of work the student acts in haste with superficial generalizations, and states his opinion impulsively or with dogmatism and egotism, shouldn't the staff member in turn point out quite definitely the student's own incompetence, and then rate accordingly if improvement doesn't take place?

Let us not restrict to the locker room the weighing and considering of professional functioning. Let us not be disturbed by the small minority of staff members, if these few think they always have the right answers to all questions. If we are to accept our responsibilities in a democratic organization of any kind, we must be willing to take risks and fight for our rights. If we are convinced of the dignity of our opinions, we should have the courage to present and defend them. We cannot be passive. In any situation we shall encounter opposition, but if we are honest in our convictions, then we must be willing to accept the battle. Yes, "the way is long and hard, but the alternative is catastrophe."

Cordially yours,  
Clair S. Wightman  
President



President Joe Isch  
Busy Autographing for Freshmen

## Pity Me

by Josephine Trione

I entered this school with fear in my heart.

For initiations were about to start. But instead of the torture which I had expected,

I found that my fears were misdirected.

I listened with glee to the directions and then collected the autographs of State's handsome men.

## Poet's Column

### Intruding Oak

by Guy Lett

Where steamers on the old lost trail

Once stood supreme  
Like castles in a mystic wonderland,

An acorn fell and grew into an oak  
Amid the lofty perfunctured air  
Into the sky.

A master now, its branches proudly sail  
Through stolen lands,

The steamers, belittled, by it stand

And fear that wild thing's never ending growth.

They live afraid, get sure that tree  
Will one day die.

## Is It Fair?

Is it fair for you to

use valuable space in the caf' at lunch time for studying when others would like to eat?

stand on the stairs gabbing, forcing everyone to squeeze past or push through your group?

sit in the Library gossiping while others are trying to do their work?

walk down the hall on the first floor talking and laughing, distracting the children in the grammar school?

put up untidy notes on the bulletin board, detracting from the general appearance of the board and using space that could otherwise be used for something important?

Everything in a modern house is controlled by a switch except the children.

## CHRISTOPHER CRICKET SAYS...



Flash! Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen at Miller's Riviera . . . Uncle Sam asks Dr. Shannon to renew work that she did during last war!

## Mens' Fashions

By JULIET BECHAK

In this issue we have decided to be different. It seems that many of the fellows would like to know more about male fashions and cannot understand why this column should be devoted exclusively to feminine fashions. So this column will be devoted to fashions for men—a sort of "What the Well-Dressed College Fellow Will Wear." Not enough has been said about styles from this angle. So fellows, here's looking at you!

### Informality

Foremost in the styles noted here at P.S.T.C. is the keynote of informality. Most of the fellows like the casual style of dress and many sporty shirts and suits are popular. We notice that many of the students are starting to sport argyle sweaters and socks, which are probably knitted by their favorite girlfriends. They are seen in a variety of color combinations and look grand with just about everything.

### Knitted Ties

Knitted ties are quite the thing and besides looking sporty, they are supposed to keep necks warm. Especially attractive are wide diagonal and vertical striped knitted ties which look well with sport jackets. Nylon ties are also popular and come in a wide assortment of colors and patterns. Very much in style this year is the boxy cardigan jacket in light colors. Corduroy jackets in similar styles are also quite popular.

In the way of shirts, we recommend the pastel shades. They come in "faded pink," "heavenly lavender," "buttercup yellow" and "ice blue." They seem to look so well with dark suits or jackets.

### Around the Campus

Joe Trione's loud plaid sport shirt . . . Dolson Conklin's fancy initialed tie . . . Donald Kay's sport shirt in that delicate shade of pink . . . Pierre Bonin's maroon sleeveless sweater . . . Dick Stuck's fiery and wool socks . . . Al La Troncia's ordinary checked sport jacket . . . Joe Isch's two-tone sleeveless sweater . . . Dave Weldrich's bright yellow sweater . . . Joe Di Gangi's three-colored sport shirt with hidden pockets . . . Dick Urban's unusual multi-colored sport jacket . . . Frank Sarute's striped polo shirt . . . Ken De Nooyer's red corduroy jacket . . . Bob Hilton's dark colored sport shirt . . . Tom Olsen's tannish plaid jacket.

Many a guy who thinks he is stealing a kiss, fails to realize he is losing his freedom.

One thing a student of mathematics never learns is that curves can make a triangle.

Ever notice how much more it costs to support one bad habit than many good ones?

... Marie Loof accidentally brought garbage to school for lunch . . . Correction from last issue—spelling of Emily Gustor's fiancée's name should have been "Damoogout" . . .

Notice! Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen at the Meadowbrook! . . . If you find half a worm, please contact Ruth McQuirk who found the other half while biting into a peach! . . . Ralph Chlebnikov hired a secretary to help him with his excess senior work . . . Marge Bryman forgot to remove her gym bloomers from under her skirt . . .

Omygosh! Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen at the Four Towers! . . . A freshman reported to Coach Schmalzer's Visual Aids class and asked for a screen test . . . Quote Bernie Meyer: "Beauty is only skin deep, but ugliness goes right to the bone!" Quote Jack Griffith after seeing child film: "It made me feel like going out and becoming a father!"

Flash! Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen at the Star Gazer! . . . Mikram Gorman split her dangerous which she stooped to pass a ball (football style) to Tom Donnelly in Recreational Leadership Class! . . . Stan Spot signed Freshman pads as Eleanor Roosevelt!—none noticed it! . . . Engagement of June Kramer and Ed Gaurino announced at the Sophomore dance . . . Mr. Henderson, embarrassed when his cigarette case fell out of his pocket in Dr. Shannon's office, quickly stooped to retrieve it, and HIS pants split! . . .

Notel Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen at the Villa Emporio! . . . Tom O'Meara bought a car for twenty-five dollars, with decorations in it worth a hundred! . . . Stan Spot says he has a Chinese name—"Stan Lee" . . . Lucretia Giglio appointed chairman of the Freshman Frolic . . . Mary Weir to star in Corn Comedy . . . Poetry Club now underway . . . Seen nightlating at the North Jersey Country Club was: Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre . . . Ken Emont seen driving a king size Cadillac . . . Junior Prom plans now underway . . . Is it true that the janitors will not be present for the Thanksgiving Dinner? . . . Many objecting to Thursday activities . . .

Rose Schmelzer, Dot Jockish, and Harriet Sayre seen dining at the Rustle Cabin . . . June Perrius cooked faculty a spaghetti dinner . . . What junior shocked her preachment cooperating teacher by telling her she had the most unruly class she had ever seen? . . . JOSE SCHMELZER, DOT JOCKISH, AND HARRIET SAYRE ON JUNIOR BALL PLACEMENT COMMITTEE! . . .

Generosity, to many people, consists merely in giving free advice to others.

Some people keep so busy laying up for a rainy day they seldom see the sunshine.

## ACKERSHOEK, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT CO-OP CORPORATION

Thomas Ackershoek, senior in the general elementary department, was recently elected president of the Student Co-operation by members of the Student Government Association; it was announced today.



Thomas Ackershoek

by Joseph Iech, president of the S.G.A.

Other newly elected officers include: John Cecchino, vice-president; Mildred Ladosz, secretary; and Dr. M. Herbert Freeman, treasurer.

The Co-operative Corporation, composed of six faculty members and six students, will accept gifts for use in awarding students scholarships or loans; provide schoolbooks and other equipment and supplies and resell them to the students at a minimum cost; help students to find part time employment; operate at a minimum cost our college book and supply store and raise funds by giving entertainments.

Mr. Ackershoek was graduated from Eastside High School and served two years in the United States Army before entering Paterson State. While in the Army he was stationed in the Philippine Islands, and served as Artillery Surveyor and was in charge of Education and Orientation for his unit.

During his freshman year at Paterson State, he was president of his class. Now a senior, he is a member of the S.G.A., of Cappella, and Deputy Master of the Skull and Pompadour Fraternity. Active also in community affairs, he belongs to the American Legion, V.F.W., and is vice-president of the G.O.P. Veteran's Association. Mr. Ackershoek is also a jail officer at the Passaic County Jail.

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## New Club Names 1950-1951 Officers

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an organized, but unchartered club at Paterson State Teachers' College, has recently elected officers for the new school year. The new president is June Daalder, vice-president, Ruth Clark; secretary, Barbara Hoffman; and David Holmsa, treasurer. The club meets each Wednesday at 11:30.

Although the club has not been officially recognized yet, it hopes that the future may bring this recognition. Since Paterson State Teachers' College is still a communicating college there is no special need of a religious club because all the students are free to attend the institution of their own faith. However, when dormitories are established on the new campus and students no longer have this tie to their home church, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship would then fill this spiritual need.

### Young Organization

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is less than ten years old in the United States, but has been active in Great Britain since the last century. The IVCF has chapters on campuses throughout the United States and Canada and in fifteen foreign countries. This often acts as a co-ordinator for exchange students. Many of the members have met students from Iraq, Pakistan, India, China, Japan, and the Gold Coast of West Africa through the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship also runs two training camps for student leaders. This past summer June Daalder attended Campus in the Woods. There she received instruction in doctrine, the Bible, and Christian living. She was able to meet students from as far west as California and as far south as Texas and Florida.

## Handwriting Analysed

George Ameer has just signed a check in payment of his 1951 Cadillac. The banker scrutinizes the check. No this one isn't forged, and just look at that handwriting! He must be a handsome lad, and neat. And he has a sense of humor. Yes indeed, he must, thinks the banker as he stamps the check "account overdrawn."

Behind him is Audrey Abrams. The large well rounded letters in the signature indicate that she is a peace loving, calm girl. It shows that she is friendly and sociable. But beware of the strong will and dominance of the heavy letters.

The bank teller smiles up at the tall, red-haired lad and turns the check over to examine the signature. This young man, thinks she, is considerate. The large letters indicate that he is generous and may be a little restless, and Ray J. Vanden Berghs, thank goodness your rounded letters indicate that you're good natured because "Sorry, etc. this cannot be cashed in our bank."

He stood with his hand deep in his pocket clutching something. A cold stare in his eyes. "Don Fleming," it said, and his handwriting showed plainly that he was determined, enthusiastic and talkative. The small letters described him as a deep thinker. "Okay Fella," he said, "while you've got the cash drawer open . . . hand over the rest of the dough." The teller sighed deeply. "But I did so want to finish analyzing these checks . . ."

## List Draft Board Exemptions

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, announced to the local draft boards director of selective service, has that college students are exempt from draft under certain conditions.

Warning that there is no blanket deferment for students or any groups as such, General Hershey listed three conditions which must be met to be deferred.

1. The registrant must have completed one academic year of a full-time course of instruction at an institution of higher learning.
2. The registrant must be attending school when called; or, if called in the summer, he must have indicated his intention to register for the coming semester.
3. The registrant must be in the upper-half of his class in scholastic standings.

If all three conditions are met, the student is eligible for consideration for deferment by his local board until the end of the academic year.

### Must Maintain Average

If a student, after deferment, drops out of school or fails to maintain an upper-half scholastic standing he is no longer eligible for occupational deferment as a student.

Selective service has no jurisdiction over reservists or National guardsmen as such. Deferments for such men are administered and formulated by the Department of Defense.

Local boards have the authority to defer men whose activity is necessary to the national health, safety, or interest.

A bulletin explaining deferment information has been printed by the selective service and is available at draft board headquarters.

### War Leave Program

Meanwhile, the University has established a war leave and an independent Study Program for students taken into the armed forces.

Students now enrolled in the University and those enrolled in the 1950 winter term will be granted leave in good standing whether they enlist or are drafted. Cards will be given designating them as students in good standing at the college.

### Inactive Reserve

Members of the inactive reserve being inducted by selective service—reservists who do not drill—are when classified I-A, but officers of inactive reserves are not.

Men who served in World War II are not liable for service under the current Selective Service Law except in a case of national emergency or declaration of war made by Congress.

Veterans who served honorably for a year or more between September 16, 1940 and June 24, 1948 are not liable for service as draftees, nor are men who served honorably for more than ninety days during the shooting war—that is, between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

Those who served between September 1940 and June 1948 for more than ninety days but less than a year, are conditionally deferred if they are in one of the organized reserve units.

If everyone profited by their mistakes many would be able to pay dividends.

A second-rate army is just as useless as the second-best hand in a poker game.

Many theories look good on paper, but quickly killed when put into practice.

## Frosh And Junior Nominated For Lead In "Our Song", Hit Musicales

Our Song, a musicale comedy, written by Morris Corn, will be presented by the Phi Sigma Tau fraternity, at a date to be announced in the near future. Miss Mary Ann Weir, a freshman, and Bob Thom-

## Miss Joan Reed Married Sept. 30

Miss Joan Reed, acting recorder of Paterson State Teachers College, became the bride of Donald J. Fischer, in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Saturday, September 30, with the Reverend Louis Luisa officiating.

St. Peter's choir rendered appropriate selections during the marriage. Mrs. R. Bachmann, aunt of the groom, and Charles Stowell were the soloists.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of candlelight satin, featuring a Chantilly lace bodice with long sleeves, and a full skirt that trailed in a long train. Here finger-tips were arranged from a tangle of orange blossoms, and she carried a Bible with roses and pom-poms.

### Maid of Honor

Miss Norma Perry, of North Haledon, former college classmate of the bride, was the maid of honor. She wore an asbes and rose satin gown, with a matching jacket cap and lace mitts. She carried a basket of yellow roses and pink pom-poms. Miss Carol Fischer, sister of the groom, and Miss Virginia Fraser, of North Arlington, another former classmate of the bride were bridesmaids.

Charles Travis, of Paterson, served as best man for the groom. Edward Bos, of Norman, brother of the groom, were the ushers.

A reception was held at the Lexington Cocktail Lounge at 6:30 o'clock for 150 guests. The couple then left on a motor trip to Split Rock Lodge, on Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania. They will reside in their own apartment at 184 Mahar Avenue, Clifton, upon their return.

### The New Mrs. Fischer

The new Mrs. Fischer is a graduate of Clifton High School, and received her B. S. degree from Paterson State Teachers College. Mrs. Fischer is the president of Theta Delta Rho Sorority, and member of Pi Omega Phi, honorary fraternity. She is also a member of St. Peter's Church choir.

### The Groom

The groom is a graduate of Clifton High School, Fairleigh Dickinson Junior College, and is presently attending Rutgers University. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic society, and he is also a member of St. Peter's Church Choir, and a vestryman of the church. During World War II, he served in the Navy in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas. He is employed as an accountant.

## SGA Poll

Do you favor the following amendment to the S.G.A. Constitution approved by the S.G.A. Council?

Section of Article V of the Constitution shall be amended to read: "Item J.—The chairman of the Trustees of the Student Cooperative Association." (This amendment adds the chairman to the list of members of the S.G.A. Council.)

YES ☐ NO ☐



Morris Corn

as a junior, will play the leading role.

The setting of the comedy is entirely within the neighborhood of Paterson State Teachers' College. Familiar settings at Tommy's, the Copper Kettle, and the cafeteria will be re-created by a well chosen cast, not yet announced.

Assisting Morris and acting as consultants were Joseph King and Philip Malpeis. Paterson State's own Bernie Meyer is the composer of Our Song. Melvin Flanzman, a former Paterson Stater, has also contributed some of the music.

Many influences have acted upon Morris so that he aspired to write Our Song. It first began as a challenge by himself to see if he was able to do something creative of this type. Also pushing him forward was the fine inspiration, encouragement, and enthusiasm he received from Christie Jeffries, professor in the English department. Not to be neglected either were many helpful suggestions.

Although Morris had this very fine background before writing his play, the play was actually written this summer while he was at camp. He worked as a waiter at Camp Chocoma in Maine and during his spare time he wrote Our Song in the invigorating environment only afforded by the Maine woods.

Joseph King who consulted Morris while he was writing Our Song was a dishwasher at Camp Chocoma. King, an exchange student from China, has received his Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has done much in the field of creative writing himself and has had numerous articles and three novels published in China. King has also had three of his plays produced in Philadelphia. He was of much help to Morris and because of his writing experience was able to offer him wise, concrete suggestions.

Likewise helpful was Philip Malpeis who offered Morris many helpful suggestions. He also was responsible for organizing much of his material and putting it in logical sequence.

The plot of Our Song is of that a triangle with many major and minor developments occurring through out. Morris and Bernie Meyer, composer, also hope that this musicale contains what might be Paterson State's new Alma Mater.

A brief statistical background shows that Morris is a junior in the general elementary curriculum. He is a resident of Paterson and a graduate of Eastside High School. Morris is Poetry Editor of the Beacon and has often been a contributor to the Poetry Column.



## LEAVE IT TO THE GIRLS

By MARGE BROMAN

Amid the flashing of camera bulbs, the W.A.A. managed to "squeeze" in a meeting of the executive committee on Thursday, October 5th.

Etta Briguori, point chairman, gave us a preview of the new point system for this year. This new plan will be presented to all W.A.A. members at a future meeting and a vote for its acceptance will then be taken.

### Watch Those Pins!

Bowling really had a fine start under the very able direction of Ruth Lauber. Ruth is an avid bowling fan and is always high in the scoring column. An excellent swimmer, Ruth also enjoys trout fishing, hunting, and softball. Her biggest job will be to keep an accurate account of the bowlers and the scores so she will be able to award earned points to each girl. So take your quarter over to the alleys, claim a ball and start knocking over those pins.

### Come On In!

Do you have a good pair of legs that are capable of kicking? Do you have a bathing suit? Then report immediately to Mary Sutphen. No, we are not looking for Miss Paterson State. We are looking for girls interested in keeping up their summer exercise... swimming. Mary has been put in charge of the "swimmers" for this new season and is anxious to start the fun. Mary, it has been discovered, is definitely a mermaid. She has been splashing around in the "Y" pool for quite some time as a member of last year's W.A.A. swimming group and also as an instructor and life-guard at the "Y". So grab your swim-togs and dive in, girls!

### The Girl's Series

All thoughts of the Yankees and Phillies were quickly forgotten as the W.A.A. Softball season began. In charge of the many "dynamite-packed" girls that turned out for team competition is Rose Marie Schmelzer. Rose Marie reported a few "discoveries" at the picnic, and is now quite anxious to meet up with Jersey City and Montclair. A great dog lover, Rose Marie might find us an extra outfielder. Know of a good retriever, Rose Marie?

## Six-College Conference Best

By Joe Trione

With the collapse of the New Jersey Intercollegiate Athletic Conference almost complete, we would like to reiterate the stand we took last year when the trouble first started.

We firmly believe that the best possible conference arrangement is the most obvious: A New Jersey State Teachers College Conference of the State Teachers College at Trenton, Glassboro, Montclair, Newark, Jersey City, and Paterson.

Scheduling for Paterson wouldn't be a problem since a game with Glassboro is the only gap left. Glassboro has been added to State's schedule for the first time in many years. Only one more match is needed with them to complete the home-away arrangements between Paterson and the above five schools. Most of the other schools listed above play each other, so getting up the schedule is not the main stumbling block.

There are no logical arguments against a State Teachers College Conference. All the schools are in the same class. They are not too far apart. The scholarship allotments are not as widely different as was the case with State and Rider.

The only thing lacking seems to be a little push to get things organized. The push should come from Paterson. Since we have stepped out of the N.J.I.A.C., we should try to get the ball rolling for next year and see what the consensus of opinion is among the other State Teachers Colleges.

Montclair is the only State Teachers College which is a member of an organized conference. However, if the N.J.I.A.C. doesn't reorganize, they will also be independent. We are sure that Henry Schmidt, Montclair's Athletic Director and former State coach would be in favor of a State Teachers College Conference.

We think the Athletic Board should try all possible approaches to this plan.

## COACH SCHNITZER DISAPPOINTED AT INITIAL CAGE WORKOUT; ONLY 22 REPORT FOR VARSITY QUINTET



Raymond L. Schnitzer, new basketball coach at Paterson State, greeted 22 hopefuls at the initial practice session of the 1950-51 varsity basketball squad, held Friday, September 22, at the school cage court.

Coach Schnitzer was outspoken in his disappointment at the poor turnout. "Of the 125 men enrolled at State," he said, "only 22 reported for the first workout. There certainly must be more basketball players at the school and they are welcome to come out and try for any position. As yet, no berth has been definitely assigned to any one player."

State's ribbed court mentor declared practice sessions will be held thrice weekly for the present on the school's gym floor, so that the varsity quintet will be ready for the opening whistle when the McNeers trot out on the Newark State Teachers' College for the opener on November 24.

### Good Ability

Coach Schnitzer may have been disappointed in the number of aspirants who turned out, but was pleased with the ability displayed by those who reported. Standouts at the initial workout were: Vince Morvita, Tom Donnelly, "Dink" Van Orden, Norm Reichert, Joe Inch, and Jim Pate. All are lettermen. Other returnees and all of the newcomers showed that they require a few additional workouts before rounding into condition.

## Gym Classes Help Make Muscle Men

Most of the Freshmen and Sophomore men have hadaching muscles for the last two weeks, due to the new gym program, which includes calisthenics. The drills consist of deep knee bends, push ups, trunk toe bends, and other grueling exercises. These are new to gym classes, and the men are having a hard time getting used to them.

The coach seems to be getting the men into condition for the armed forces. In another two weeks everyone in his classes should be able to run to Korea.

Coach Schnitzer's excuse for the drills is he wants to get the men ready for intramural football season which will begin soon. This may be a good reason, but the aches of those who must go through the rigors of calisthenics tell them that they won't be able to play football if things don't change.

## WAA Announces 1950-51 Schedule

All work and no play makes Suzie a dull girl! But W.A.A. has made definite plans to keep the library from being too overcrowded.

Following is a tentative schedule set up by Miss Lee and the executive committee.

Weekend at Stokes State Forest, February.

Jersey City basketball game, February.

Montclair basketball game, March.

Newark basketball game, March.

Trenton Sports Day, March.

Glassboro basketball game, April.

Annual Spring banquet, May 23.

W.A.A. will be on the road for all of the games with the exception of Jersey City.

The secret of happiness is not to do what one likes, but to be able to like what one has to do.



## Alan Litke and Charles Strobino Named States' Outstanding Bowlers

The spotlight shines on two of State's outstanding bowlers, Alan Litke and Charles Strobino.

Al Litke, Business Education Sophomore, is a central figure on our bowling team. Last year, he spilled the pins at an average of 170 for State and showed his capabilities in the close matches.

## Captains Elected By Fencing Squad

Fencing Team Elects Co-captains

In a recent election, Paterson State's fencing team elected Bob Hilton and Tom Kennedy co-captains for the 1950-51 season. They will succeed Jack Griffith, last season's captain. Hilton, a Business Education Senior, will be fencing varsity for his fourth year. This year, he will fence foil. Kennedy, a third year varsity fencer, will also hold a foil position. He is a General Elementary Junior.

Practices have already started for the handworking fencers. Rollage drills are held Tuesdays from 2:45 P. M. and Thursdays from 9:30-9:50 P. M. at the Paterson Recreation Center. Although there are many returning monogram winners, the coach, Mr. Ray Miller, will be more than willing to give any new aspirant a chance to make the team.

There are eleven returning lettermen which gives State an excellent chance to better last season's record of 5 wins and 2 defeats. Those returning are: Bill Reda, Bob Hilton, Jack Griffith, Joe Inch, Alan Makimowski, Joe Canova, Vince Antonick, Tony Honey, Stan Cruss, Ray Van Den Berge, and Tom Kennedy. Reda is the team's triple-threat man, in that he is skilled in foil, epee, and sabre. Last season he compiled a 17-3 record for a lofty .850 average.

This year, Coach Miller is inaugurating a new system. He is forming a freshman foil team which will be coached by co-captain Bob Hilton. The team will compete against the various college freshmen and high school teams in the area.

Litke, who is twenty-two, now lives in Oradell, but was graduated from Bright Morrow High School in Englewood. He served in the Army for eighteen months, and was stationed in Manila part of the time.

Al is a formidable opponent and a definite asset to any bowling team. Charles Strobino, nicknamed "Buckaroo," is another one of our star bowlers. His average last year was 165, which is a good rate in any league.

"Buckaroo" is twenty-four years old and is a resident of Paterson. He was graduated from Eastside High School in Paterson and then served in the U. S. Navy as an aerial gunner aboard a T.B.F.

When he returned from the service, he came to Paterson State and after completing two years of Pre-Engineering, he changed to General Elementary curricula.

Chuck's last year on the team is bound to be a successful one considering his past record.

Al and Chuck are our only returning lettermen. They must form the nucleus for the team this year. The bowling team will consist of five regulars and two substitutes. Therefore, five new men must be chosen. The team is under the direction of Coach Ray Schnitzer.

### ATTENTION!

Should State have a truck team? Is it needed and wanted? Don't miss Joe Trione's up-to-the-minute column next week concerning this vital issue.