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Dance, Oct. 8

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Freshmen

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PSTC Welcomes New President

Freshmen Registration Tops Record Total Class Of 1958 Numbers 161

The largest fall semester freshmen class is going through what the sophomores hope to be the hardest two weeks of their lives. Enrolled in the Class of '58 are students representing over fifty communities in the surrounding area. Seven veterans are enrolled in the total class of 161. Freshmen initiation will run for two weeks until the Welcome Dance given by the sophomore class on the night of October 8.

Veterans do not have to participate in the hazing, but must wear their freshmen buttons with their name and the word "Veteran" printed inside. The "trosh" began abiding by their hazing rules on September 20 and in addition to wearing their beanies and pins should do the following:

1. All freshmen must learn the Alma Mater. When requested they must hold their beanies on their hearts and recite the Alma Mater.

2. All fresh are forbidden to use the main road on campus for walking, and also the direct path from Hunziker Hall to the Administration Building. From Hunziker Hall to the S.U.B. they must use the path through the parking lot.

3. All fresh are forbidden to use the front door in any of the buildings on campus. They are not allowed to use stairways marked "No Freshmen" and may use the front door of the cafeteria.

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LET THEM LIVE

If you drive to school during the early hours of the morning, you, perhaps, can realize the importance in the New Jersey Education Association asking motorists to be especially careful during the weeks that the schools reopen. They have reminded us of such simple rules as the one which prohibits the passing of school buses as they take on or discharge youngsters.

A "Slow Down and Live Campaign", sponsored by Governor Meyner through the New Jersey State Safety Council has been augmented to call attention to speeding and other traffic violations.

Mrs. May C. Smith, president of the teacher-organization, has made known its support of that campaign and urges that we, as motorists, cooperate along with the public in helping . . . "other pupils to cross in safety."



DR. MARION SHEA

Dr. Shea Speaks

To The Students:

Paterson State Teachers College welcomes back its upper classmen and greets warmly the class of 1958.

We sincerely hope that here—as you attend classes and study in the library, as you gather in club and organizational activities, as you participate in picnics and dances and games — you will gain the insight and the strength to play your part as students and as responsible citizens in our college community.

I would say to you: Give your minds the chance to reach the sky, push them out and up through the barriers that cramp and confine the less alert, seek out the moral and spiritual values of life. Accompany your instructors into the realms of the humanities, become one with them in the search for truth, join them in seeking to understand others.

Get into the habit of acquiring not only information but the method of exploring for yourselves. Learn to discriminate between the true and the false. Regulate the past to the present.

The student with the inquiring mind gets more from his college education than those who memorize the pages of a book. Meet the author of your texts and reference books halfway. And meet your instructors and other students halfway. Give as well as get. Of these ingredients, master teachers are fashioned.

Sincerely yours,
MARION E. SHEA,
President

NOTICE

The lost and found department is situated at the College Bookstore.

Dr. Marion Shea Assumes Presidency: Dr. Clair S. Wightman Resigns Post

By SHIRLEY PRESTON

Dr. Marion Shea, the first woman to head a New Jersey state teachers college, was recently appointed President of Paterson State to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Clair S. Wightman. The appointment was made by Dr. Frederick H. Raubinger, State Commissioner of Education, and approved by the State Board of Education.

Dr. Shea, daughter of an Army officer, was born in Ft. Hancock and attended schools in New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and the Philippine Islands, graduating from Atlantic Highlands High School in 1920. For the next three years she was teaching principal at the public school at Fort Hancock, during which time she obtained an elementary certificate at Rutgers University.

A Parting Friend

To the Students:

When college closed last Spring I had no thoughts whatever of retirement. I had not yet arrived at the compulsory retirement age and in the ordinary course of events I would have been with you for two more years at which time I would have arrived at the compulsory retirement age. I wanted to be with you this year to help celebrate the anniversary of 100 years of formal teacher education in Paterson. Probably you know that your college is

She attended Glassboro Normal School and the University of Pennsylvania and received a bachelor's degree from New York University in 1930. She later received her master's and doctor's degrees from N.Y.U.

After teaching English at Glassboro and Miss Spense's School, New York, Dr. Shea became head of the English department at Glassboro in 1940. Six years later she transferred to Newark State Teachers College as an English instructor, advancing to professor. A lecturer and writer, she was president of the New Jersey division of the American Association of University Women from 1952 to this year.

Dr. Shea has traveled extensively in Europe and the Far East. She lives with her husband, Joseph, in Montville.

Dr. Wightman Resigns

Dr. Clair S. Wightman, who served 17 years as president of our college, was graduated from Syracuse University. He served in the Army during World War I and following a number of teaching jobs, came to Paterson State in 1930 as a field worker. His 24 years at our college has been dedicated to the highest principles of pedagogy.

Although Dr. Wightman has resigned from the presidency at Paterson State, he has not retired. He is to be consultant with the American Association for Social Hygiene with headquarters in New York City. Dr. Wightman resides in Glen Rock with his wife, the former Florence Becker.

Freshmen Hazing Ends

Freshman Welcome Dance will be held October 8, in the Little Theater.

Vic Rabasca will provide the music. Dance is semi formal.

Staters Help Plan 1st STIRC Conf.

Fifteen newly elected student leaders from Paterson State were in attendance at the first annual STIRC Leadership Conference held at the New Jersey School of Conservation in Stokes State Forest from the 8th to the 10th of September.

Panel sessions were planned exclusively by the various State teachers colleges of New Jersey. The four divisions of interest were student government, publications, class activity, and college clubs which was under the chairmanship of

New Faculty Faces of '54

By BETTE WEINER

We at P.S.T.C. are among those who are especially happy that the Civil War has long been over, mainly because two Southerners have recently joined our faculty. They are Dr. Phyllis W. Stevens and Miss Staples Pressinger.

Dr. Stevens, who is teaching Psychology, achieved her Masters and her Doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Previous

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CORRECTION PLEASE

These names were omitted from last year's graduation list. They are Kay Edwards, Coile Eason, Jacob Eckstein.

Shirley Preston, a STIRC delegate and our present student government treasurer.

General plans for the conference were formed by Janet Bristol from Montclair who was elected to the position when the conference was conceived at a STIRC meeting last year. She introduced Dr. Robert H. Morrison and Dr. Herbert Gordon of the co-sponsoring State Department of Education. Dr. Morrison then introduced the keynote speaker, the Honorable Joseph E. McLean, Commissioner New Jersey State Department of Conservation and Economic Development who spoke on "The Price of Leadership."

Another popular feature of the conference was the recreational program which included softball.

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A Tribute To Our Departing President

It seems that in the career of every reporter there comes a story which he dreads to write and yet would not miss writing for anything in the world. Such is the case as I begin this tribute to Dr. Clair S. Wightman who is leaving the top administrative post in our college. Even as I type this story it is hard to believe that the man who has been such an important part of college life will no longer be with us. It will be indeed difficult to disassociate Dr. Wightman from the normal everyday activity on campus.

For more years than most of us have been on this earth Dr. Wightman has been the president of this college. When all of us entered our four year experience here, we accepted the fact that Dr. Wightman and Paterson State Teachers College were almost synonymous names. To us, he was and is the spirit which exemplifies the purposes and traditions of our college.

Much of the bibliographical material concerning this beloved man has been presented in the local daily newspapers and in another article in this publication. Therefore, I should like to concentrate primarily on the intangible or emotional side of his character and through scattered memories try to recreate his personality and accomplishments.

None of us who witnessed it can forget the day on which we were assembled with our president to learn of the allocation of the bond issue funds. At this time he had reason to believe that a very sizeable amount of money would be used for improvement of our facilities. The pride which reflected in his face was warming to everyone in the audience as he truly believed he would be able to provide for us the things which he had worked so diligently to secure for us. When it was later discovered that the disbursement to us was considerably less, he accepted this blow like the true champion that he is and merely counted the blessings that we did have. I think that he felt consolation in the knowledge that the sentiment here at our college could not be dimmed regardless of the condition of buildings, equipment, or any other physical features. He undoubtedly realized that the warm spirit here cannot be purchased by any sum of money.

I know also that it gave the members of our athletic teams new confidence when the president talked to them only as he could about how they performed in a particular contest. It was inspiring to see Dr. Wightman at our athletic events and social functions not in the line of duty but as an interested spectator or participant. I happened to be in attendance at a program in another fine college at which our president happened to be. We exchanged greetings there and later in the week discussed the event in our own halls. After the usual introductory comments, Dr. Wightman said, "They have a very fine program but you know, I think our students could do an even better job." The honest sincerity behind this remark made me sure that for that man we could and would do a better job if just to reward his faith.

There is no attempt being made in this editorial to follow any so-called pattern and as the flashes of memory occur I am transferring them to paper. The old saying about there being a woman behind every great man appears to apply very well to the subject under consideration. If there is a more pleasant and gracious woman than Mrs. Wightman, I have yet to meet her and it is very easy to understand how such a fine woman could help her husband to greater heights. She is the type of person who leaves you with a warm friendly feeling and a hope that you will be fortunate enough to meet her again.

Another event which cannot be easily erased from the minds of those present was the spring concert of the Madrigals given last year. As the culminating event of the evening the group had prepared the alma mater which was then just a college song. Director Earl Wiedner whirled unexpectedly on the platform and announced that the song would be dedicated to Dr. Wightman. The onlookers rose in tribute and we delivered that song as it never was or will be sung again. As I peered through tear-dimmed eyes at the others on the platform I could see that they too were crying while putting everything they had into the song. My gaze swept to the rear of the auditorium and alighted on the smiling, grateful countenance of our president and I could understand just how much our humble tribute meant to him.

I knew also that I was looking at a man who was a splendid American, an outstanding educator, and above all a wonderful human being in every sense of the word. The disappointment we feel in losing him is compensated for by our thankfulness in associating with and knowing him as long as we did. Goodbye, Clair S. Wightman, what you have done for us shall be a living memorial to you for as long as we continue to breathe the good air.

J.A.

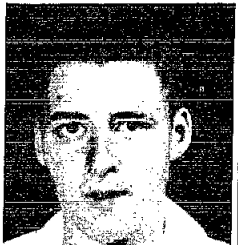
Introducing . . .

By ANN CUPITO

DALE DRIESBACH

Rugged 6'2". Dale Driesbach was born in Easton, Pennsylvania and attended Fair Lawn grammar and high school. Dale's early life was very interesting. At the age of 13, he won a trip to Washington, D. C. for selling newspaper subscriptions. He also gained the rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts.

Here at "State", he was business manager of the Beacon and the Yearbook. His main interests include pool, shuffleboard, watch-



DALE DRIESBACH

ing fights on TV, fishing, swimming, and boating. Dale has a strange method of traveling, he hitchhikes! Through his hitchhiking he has covered 16,000 miles of traveling and has seen 34 of our great states and 2 Canadian provinces.

Mr. Driesbach believes that he will most likely serve a "hitch" with Uncle Sam before he does any formal teaching.

DOLORES GERBER

Dolores Gerber is a pert, brown-haired, Junior High School Sophomore. She is greatly interested in Drama and is a loyal Masque and Masquers member. She is also a member of the "X" Dramatic Players.

This "gal" is a great defender of her ideas and likes to express them in debates. She is an ardent



DOLORES GERBER

admirer of Lord Tennyson and likes the idealistic ideas that he expresses in his work.

Miss Gerber is a life-time Glant fan, enjoys bowling, playing the piano, and tennis. Most of all, Dolores says she likes to dance to Guy Lombardo's music and, "in places with as much atmosphere as his music."

DID YOU KNOW?

By BOB HODDE

In this column each issue we will try to present interesting and humorous items from the history of PATERSON STATE.

Paterson Normal School was authorized in 1855. Classes were held in the evenings and Saturday afternoons. There were four classes, but they were reduced in 1858 to two because of the expense. Dire penalties were inflicted on cutters, they were fined a dollar for every cut! Those were the good old days.

Fifty-two years ago, Mrs. Garret A. Hobart of Paterson, widow of the late U. S. Vice President, bought at auction, for \$5,282 the John W. MacCulloch "castle" and grounds on the Haledon Avenue hill in Haledon. The house cost \$25,000 when it was erected in 1877. The state of New Jersey purchased our 223-acre campus from the estate of the late Garret A. Hobart Jr. for \$250,000.

VOICE OF YOUR SGA

Your S.G.A. exists for the betterment of all the students here at Paterson State. We all must dedicate ourselves to small purposes as well as large purposes. To justify the existence of a student government, we must accept the role with a seriousness and maturity which are demanded by the problems of our age.

Much too often students tend to neglect their responsibilities to the college. By responsibilities we mean the interest and participation on the part of the individual in order to strengthen the voice of the S.G.A. Attendance at meetings whenever possible; making constructive criticism whenever he or she feels he has a better suggestion; using his imagination and initiative to promote new and refreshing ideas, are all steps toward the betterment of his S.G.A. It is action such as this that keeps your student government in business.

This year the student government intends to continue all the activities it had last year, plus a few new ones on the fire now. An article like this should have no ending because this is just the beginning.

Faculty Faces

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Armed Forces as a sergeant in the Women's Army Corps. While in the Army, she was connected with the Information Education Service. Upon being discharged, she worked at the Brooke Medical Center, in San Antonio, Texas, as Public Relations Director. She also taught high school English in North Carolina for two years. Although spending six weeks of the past summer in England, she admits she didn't encounter as much rain as she has here in the last three weeks.

Miss Staples Pressinger is our newest addition to the Physical Education Department. Although she did her undergraduate work at Sergeant College at Boston University and achieved her Masters at Columbia, she is still attending classes at N.Y.U. She taught at the Barlow School of Modeling, and the Y.W.C.A. Center Branch in New York City.

We would like to extend our welcome to the two newest members of our faculty.

Additions To Campus

Since we left PSTC in June there have been many changes and improvements. The cafeteria, which will be completely finished next week, contains a faculty dining room which features a mural by Mr. Walter Simon. It also has a lounge, a new kitchen and a student dining room.

Across from the Student Union Building the foundation has been laid for the new library which should be finished by next September. This building will be completely air-conditioned and will include these rooms: a main reading room, a main stock room, an enclosed, sound-proof typing room, a work room, and a conference room. On the east side of the building below the library there will be three classrooms, where English classes will probably be held, and a speech center.

In back of the cafeteria the gym will be built. In the main gym there will be folding partitions so that both male and female classes may be held simultaneously. There will be big locker rooms, and offices for the physical education instructors. Along the walls will be folding bleachers that will seat 750 people.

Raised above the main floor and separated by a partition will be an auxiliary gym which will be used for fencing and individual sports. This platform can also be used as a stage and when the partitions are opened it will be possible to hold commencements and such in this building. Off the auxiliary gym there will be a classroom, a lounge, rest rooms and the nurse's office. The gym also is expected to be completed by Sept. 1955.

A Standing Monument

What is that rock doing on the front lawn? How many of us have seen the surprised look upon the face of the incoming freshmen when they find that, the Rock, or they call it holds a high place in the heart of every Patersonian. When the Frosh are told that the rock is the kissing stone there is evident a look of happiness and in some cases of hopeful expectations.

Since last June a very important addition has been made to the kissing stone. The class of '54 made a wise choice in adding the beautiful white, stone benches we all have seen surrounding the stone. The benches make it evident to all that the stone holds some weight in the heart of Paterson State.

We have many things to thank Dr. Wightman for, among these is the kissing stone. When our campus was being molded the stone met its greatest obstacle. Those who were building State wanted to remove the stone from our lawn. Dr. Wightman intervened, and thus saved our kissing stone for us. Now that Dr. Wightman is gone the kissing stone stands as a memorial to his steadfastness and foresight which was so important in the building of State.

1993172: It says here that truth will set us free.

1749320: Nonsense; it was truth that got me in here.

(Granada Review)

A wise man thinks all he says; a fool says all he thinks.

(Stilton U. Reporter)

Scholarship Awarded to Eleven Freshmen

Students are selected for the tuition scholarships in the order of excellence as determined by competitive examination. These scholarships exempt the student from paying all tuition and laboratory charges throughout the four years' course. Scholarship students are not exempt for service charges other than the tuition and laboratory.

The eleven students and some of their activities in High School are: Alice Borer: Hawthorne High — active in all school and class affairs; Patricia Anne Evers, East Paterson: Lodi High — Dramatic Club, Student Council, Vocational and French Clubs; Mary Margaret Clark: Butler — Glee Club, Future Teachers of America, Craft Club; Cynthia Marie Pinucan, Paterson: St. John's High — Student Council, Music Club, Cheerleader, Class Vice-President, second year; James Joseph Fisher: Clifton — mixed chorus; Dena Horowitz, Paterson: East-side High — Co-editor school paper, Dramatic Club, Yearbook Committee; Beryl Judith Johnson: Lodi — Dramatic and French Clubs, Editor of Jefferson News, National Honor Society, Vocational Club; Tinette Ann Meeter, Prospect Park: Hawthorne High — Bible Club; Margaret Jane Molante, Clifton: St. John's High School — Music Club, Cheerleader, Girl's Basketball Team; Theresa Maryvalleen Roche, South Orange: Our Lady of the Valley High School — Editor-in-Chief of the Valley Voice, school newspaper; Carolyn Wanda Cebrowski: Passaic — President of Future Teachers of America.

Frosh Rules

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4. Freshmen must greet each professor upon encountering him.
5. All frosh must carry gum, lifesavers, and matches to give to sophomores upon being asked for same.
6. All Freshmen must obtain signatures of 50 members of the Sophomore class including the officers. When approaching the upperclassmen for these, they must bow and repeat the following: "May this humble freshman have the audacity to ask this most honorable sophomore for his most worthy signature."
7. All freshmen must carry a pillowcase at all times. Whenever a sophomore blows a whistle or yells "Air Raid" all freshmen must pull these cases well over their heads until the "All Clear."
8. Freshmen girls will wear no lipstick. They will wear no white clothing (including socks). They will wear either 2 pigtails or 10 pin curls in their hair.
9. Freshmen boys will wear kerchiefs (with bands on top) outside at all times. In class these scarves will be tied around their necks with a large bow. They will roll their pants up above the tops of their socks which will be of two different colors.
10. The Freshmen class advisor, Miss Burke, will identify herself by wearing a Freshman button.
11. All frosh must carry out all orders from upper classmen as long as they are within reason.
12. These rules will be strictly enforced and non-conformers WILL BE PROSECUTED.

A guest room is a place where you hope no relatives will stay long.

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STIRC Conference

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swimming, boating, hiking, volleyball, square dancing, skits, campfire, films, and group singing. A very memorable event in the recreational program was the softball game in which Paterson State beat Montclair by a 10 to 8 score.

STIRC are the initials which stand for the State Teachers Inter Relations Committee, a group composed of members from among the six New Jersey Teachers Colleges. This is one of the many projects sponsored by the organization.

Those who attended the sessions from Paterson State included: Elaine Pantel, Shirley Preston, Elaine Vislosky, Alice Seglen, Barbara Nankivell, Dolores Gerber, Bridget Coronia, Ann Ogilvie, Marge Ryan, Vince Meyers, Adam Richberg, Bob Hodde, Lewie Stanaland, Vic Rabska, Jim Alexander, and Mr. Howard L. Haas, Dean of Student Life. These representatives were chosen on the basis of positions held as decided by the Student Government Association.

State Inaugurates Press Conference

The Paterson State BEACON is playing host to publications from Montclair, Jersey City, Newark, Glassboro, and Trenton State Teachers Colleges on Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 P.M. Paterson, along with the five other state teachers colleges, has proposed a press association to iron out all problems which may arise in the editing of these papers, yearbooks, or other literary publications.

At the STIRC leadership conference, which was held at the New Jersey State School of Conservation at Stokes State Forest,

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CHRIS CRICKET

By JANE WALSH

Hi! Well, Chris is back on the job again. I've had a pretty hard summer trying to keep up with all the dolings... It was pretty hard with all you kids away from the campus. But I'm glad you are all back after being down the shore, or up at the mountains, or just at home. One place I visited in my tour this summer was Stokes State Park and I saw many familiar faces... for a while up there I thought Briget Coronia would have to come back to school bare-footed... I'm glad she had an extra pair of shoes. If anyone is interested in taking lessons in washing faces, see Elaine Pantel. She not only saves on soap and water but wastes a whole pie besides, Jim Alexander will vouch for that...

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Semester Dean's List

The Dean's List for the spring semester of 1954 contains the names of forty-seven students at Paterson State Teachers College. Last semester's sophomores rank high with twenty students on the list. Three of these students, Margaret Faltings, Grace Parkin, and Shirley Preston, achieved high honors—all A's. The juniors place second with seventeen honor students, while the freshmen have ten. The complete list is as follows:

Juniors: (Mrs.) Geraldine De Benedetto, Felix del Vecchio, Elizabeth Hanky, Louisa Helmer, Virginia Kohl, Doris Noseda, Joan O'Brien, Eleanor Prendergast, Ruth Ross, Olive Seldon, Beulah Silvers, Sandra Stein, Joan Steutel, Elizabeth Talamhi, Elaine Vislosky, Connie Whitehead, and Mary Will.

Sophomores: (Mrs.) Agnes Albinson, (Mrs.) Alice Barton, Janet Christie, Marilyn Conlon, Anne Cupito, Jane Dardia, Ann Evans, Evelyn Falig, Margaret Faltings, Jack Hulbert, (Mrs.) Marilyn Mac Gill, Jean Mills, Grace Parkin, Shirley Preston, Barbara Riegler, Rudolph Rotella, Alice Spata, Barbara Tucker, Patricia Van Horn, and Joseph Waldman.

Freshmen: Lillian Baka, Rosanne Bowles, Frances Buckney, Elizabeth De Groot, Frank Devans, Marcia Fair, Rose Jung, Barbara Smith, Joan Ulrickson, and Marie Wienke.

Parting Friend

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attractive and I would have an opportunity to visit many colleges throughout the country, so I resigned at Paterson State just as I was starting my twenty-fifth year at the college.

I am sure there will be times when I shall long for Paterson State. In my memories it will be a college second to none. I shall not forget the beauty of the campus, the trees, the flowers, the buildings, and the hills. I shall not forget the people who have been so fine to me. The thing I shall miss as much as anything is the friendly spirit of the students. Many times I have met you on campus, and you probably realized that I did not know your name, but we said "hello" or "good morning" and passed on. Many times when I have left my office to take a walk I was going out to forget an unpleasant experience. A college president has many unpleasant experiences. He never can please the entire staff, and sometimes people outside of college expect him to do a lot of things he cannot do. So I was glad to get out and walk around the campus. By the time I had taken one short walk twenty or thirty students had spoken to me. The smiles and friendly greetings of the students will be one of my pleasantest memories, and no matter where I go or how much I travel I do not expect to find a place that will surpass Paterson State.

I thank you for all that you have done for me. It has been a wonderful privilege to work with you and to attend your social functions. My responsibilities became my pleasures, and the break I made when leaving Paterson State is the most difficult one that I have ever faced. My best wishes will remain with you at all times and I shall continue to expect nothing but the best from you. If you will give to your new president the same fine cooperation that you have given to me, and extend to her courtesies comparable to those you have extended to me, I am sure that you will have many pleasant memories and Paterson State will continue to move forward.

Sincerely,
CLAIR S. WIGHTMAN.



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SPORT SLANTS

By JIM ALEXANDER

Mr. Stork visited Coach and Mrs. Dan Jankelunas during the summer vacation and left in his wake a 6 pound 14 oz. baby boy who was named, you guessed it, Daniel T. Jankelunas Jr. I am tempted to toss in the aged joke about raising your own team but I'll just say that its lucky he coaches basketball where five men are needed instead of football in which 11 are used.

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I noticed ex-basketeer Jerry Del Corso's picture in the draft lineup last month and he is soon to be followed by teammate Bob Matthew, who seemed to be getting ready for duty in Alaska by working in an ice cream factory.

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By the time this article is printed we should have something at our college that we have needed for a long time, a Men's Athletic Association. During the past years all the male sports have been loosely termed part of MAA but there has been no organization of any type and all coordination has been carried on by the faculty members in charge of athletics. Finally, there is a move afoot to have a central organization composed of all interested males in the college for coordinating sports activities.

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The advantages of such an organization lie in the fact that any organized group can wield more pressure than single individuals and such an association has the benefit of many minds and talents. It looks like a big step in the right direction for the men of the college. A buffet dinner, organized athletics, and awards in seasons are some of the new visible by-products of such an organization.

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Casually glancing around at the returning basketball players this year I was generally very pleased at the prospects. The big loss was Bob Matthews who still had two years of varsity competition in front of him but we were sure that he was leaving at the end of last year. Among the returned are Jim Meisterlich, Earl Mege, Adam Richberg, Ted Stephens, John Lensi, Bill Clancy, Frank Napier, Al Reisbaum, Joe Waldman, Ron Seiders, and Doug Hartman. In addition to these I noticed Merrill Smith, a sharp set shot artist from Central High in Paterson and Lou Cirangie another fine ball player from the Paterson area. There should be several other good ball players entering the school to fill the depleted ranks who will show up when the practice sessions start. Returning from an absence from school is Andy Gbur who has the height and the hook to make good and make good he will by hook or by hook. Right Hooks?

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Though we don't beat Montclair on the basketball court very often a Pioneer team was able to dump our arch rivals in another sport. During the recent leadership conference at Stokes Forest a softball squad from our school beat a Montclair team by 10 to 8. These statistics are not too eye-bulging but now we must enter into some of the facts of the contest.

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Montclair had their pick of 11 men and fielded a team of 8 students and 1 professor. Compared to this, we of the orange and black fielded a squad composed of 5 pioneer men, 2 pioneer women, a professor, and an import from Jersey City. Among the local talent were included such renown players as Elaine "Tubby" Volsotsky, Marge "You look mean" Ryan, Howard "Stretch" Haas, Vic "Timhorn" Rabasco, Adam "Barbed wire" Richberg, Skinny Vinny Meyers, Lewie "Skook, I mean Brook" Stanaland, and yours truly. A greater assemblage of talent has seldom been witnessed on any baseball field.

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The winning inning for the Pioneer squad was the very first as we poured across five tallies. During the last three innings we clung to our 1 and then 2-run lead, as we shut out the Indians during those frames. This game was a precedent setter as it marked the first time a team had to have a catcher to back up the catcher. "Tubby" Volsotsky was back of the plate and she seemed to have a lot of trouble stopping my assorted pitches. The assorted does not designate speeds or curves or sliders, just whether the pitch was on the ground, over the batters head, or behind his back. Yes, it was a victory hard won.

So long til the next issue.

FENCERS BEGIN NEW YEAR

Under the direction of Mr. Raymond Miller both the Women's and Men's Fencing Clubs of Paterson State Teachers College are again holding practices and looking forward to the coming season. Loretta Cravero will manage the Women's Fencing Club and Jean Morack will act as captain of the Varsity team which also includes Jane Dardia and Joan Urickson. Missing from this year's team are Elaine Miller and Grace Monaco who have graduated.

During the coming season the girls will compete against such colleges as Hunter, N.Y.U., Brooklyn College, Montclair State Teachers and Jersey City State. The team will have its first competition at the end of December when they will enter the Christmas Invitation Tournament.

Returning to the Men's Fencing Club are Vince Meyers, Joe Waldman, Bob Urban and Eugene Perticone. The men will also have a number of meetings during the year but will not be entered as a regular varsity team because of the lack of men for the required nine man team.

Both the Women's and Men's Fencing Clubs practice during and after school. Anyone interested in learning this sport contact Mr. Miller. Men are especially needed!

State Inaugurates

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the need for such an association was brought to light. Because of the similarity of the problems of all, an association was proposed and a date for the first meeting set.

On October 2 the foundation upon which the group will work is going to be set. The Constitution will be framed, officers elected, and workshops held. This group is the first of its kind ever to be organized in the state of New Jersey.

Other publications that will attend this conference will include: the WHIT from Glassboro; the REFLECTOR from Newark; the MONTCLARION from Montclair; the TOWER TIMES from Jersey City; and the SIGNAL from Trenton.

QUESTION BOX

By DOLORES FRANK

- What Question would you like to see asked in the BEACON?
1. Joan Slaff — Would you like to see this school become a liberal arts college?
 2. Sam Vigorito — Who is your favorite teacher?
 3. Barbara Kantowitz — What is your pet peeve?
 4. Barbara Nankivell — How did you spend your summer vacation?
 5. Doug Hartman — When are the Freshman boys going to stop wearing pegged pants and the rest of that type attire?
 6. Ronnie Strehl — What is your favorite subject? What subject do you dislike the most?
 7. Peggy McGuinness — What made you decide to come to Paterson State?
 8. Donna Lamela — What was your first impression of Paterson State?
 9. Barbara Dori — Do you think we should have dormitories on the campus?
 10. Carol Kennelly — Is there any particular class you would prefer teaching, and why?

BEHIND THE SCENES



Les Vought

ty and students have all the facilities needed to carry on their activities.

His background is interesting and his experiences varied. During his high school career, he starred on the Bloomfield football team. After graduation, he attended the American School of Criminology, and the Institute of Applied Science, where he achieved a rating of Fingerprint expert. Athletics was in his blood, so he became a professional football player, in the days when football was rough and tumble. He played for the Nutley Elks and the Long Island Indians.

When his gridiron career was finished, he enlisted in the service, becoming a lieutenant in 1922. During the Second World War, Les was again in uniform. He was a master sergeant in the 61st Signal Battalion from 1932 to 1946.

Among other achievements, Les operated the first taxicab in Newark and the first parcel delivery in Upper Montclair. At various times, he has been active in the construction business, a newspaper dealer, and restaurateur.

Les has held several positions at various state hospitals, and in 1950 became a member of the maintenance department at PSTC. As a sideline, he and his twin brother operate the famous Old Military Hall Tavern in Nutley.

Les has this to say about our new campus: "We have taken the rawness off Paterson's Campus. With the full cooperation of the students, we hope to make this the showplace of New Jersey Education."

Les Vought, foreman of our hard-working maintenance crew, is a well known man on campus. Among his other duties, he does his best to make certain that the faculty and students have all the facilities needed to carry on their activities.

SPOTLIGHT

RONNIE SEIDERS

It seems that the modern trend in athletics has been for bigger and better men and the bigger they are the better it is for all concerned. Therefore, it is quite surprising to see a "little man" even attempt to compete with the sports-minded giants.

We have such a "little man" here at our college in the person of Ronnie Seiders who looks quite insignificant standing next to teammates who tower above him. Despite this seemingly impossible obstacle, Ronnie, in his senior year at Paterson State, is still a member of the basketball team and seems to be going strong.

Ronnie proved the place of little men in sports during his Sophomore year when he won the men's singles championship in ping pong over brawnier opponents. Other interests of this G. E. in the sports line have included baseball and the intramural sports. Ron believes in covering a lot of ground and finds an outlet for this desire in the geography club.

This Fair Lawn High School product has won great respect and admiration among his team and schoolmates and he has also won a nickname. Just as anyone with the name of Rhodes is invariably "Dusty" so must someone called Seiders be "Apple." Remember when you attend a Pioneer basketball game and someone yells "Apples", they are not selling fruit, they are merely referring to Ronald Jay Seiders, a big "little man."

Crime is estimated as a cost of \$300.00 a year for the average citizen. This does not include all the crime he gets for necking on radio and TV.

(Oak Leaves)

LEAVE IT TO THE GIRLS

By MARGE RYAN

I was warned beforehand that this column could not possibly be of interest this month because no athletic events have taken place as yet, but if the summer's activities are any indication of the future then there will be no lack of news.

There were so many changes made over the summer that it led one of our teachers to greet his students with the question: "Well, what is your status, married, engaged, or still floating around?"

The only athletic activity engaged in so far this term was the mad scramble to get a hot dog at the Junior-Freshmen Picnic.

The Women's Athletic Association has again launched on a very active schedule. We hope, with the large enrollment of Freshmen girls, to have a lively season. Also, with the increase in the male population, to have an active audience at games.

This year Miss Staples Persinger will take over the coaching spot in all our activities. She has had much experience in this field and is anxious to assume these responsibilities. Miss Lee will remain as advisor to the W.A.A.

We have already filled out a program for all the sports that will be played with Montclair, Newark, Jersey City, and many others.

Every girl automatically becomes a member of the W.A.A. at Paterson State, but some do not take advantage of this good fortune. In order to participate in the various sports it is not necessary to have played previously, just your interest and willingness to learn are enough.

These playdays with different colleges provide an excellent opportunity to make new friends and to foster good feeling toward your own college. The main objective of those days is not merely to win a game but to feel as if you acted as an ambassador of good will from Paterson State.