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## Reception Planned For Dr. Wightman

Dr. Clair S. Wightman, the newly elected president of Paterson State Teachers College, will be honored at an informal reception to be given Wednesday evening, October 20, at 8:30 o'clock in the college auditorium. This reception has been planned by the faculty and friends of the college. Mr. Williams, the chairman in charge of this affair, has appointed the following committees to assist him in arranging a program for the evening:

Committee on Arrangements—G. W. Paulsen, Chairman; F. L. Bedford, Executive Secretary; E. W. Bramhall, H. L. Cornish, Edith Jackson, Christie Jeffries, Agnes Revallier.

Guest and Publicity Committee—H. L. Cornish, Chairman; Elizabeth J. Sautter, Lillian Rosenberg, E. W. Bramhall, and Christie Jeffries.

Hospitality and Reception Committee—Edith Jackson, Chairman; F. L. Bedford, Elizabeth Sautter, Lillian Rosenberg, G. E. Matthews.

As yet, the specific order of the program has not been decided. However, a member of the State Board will officiate as general chairman for the evening and Dr. Charles H. Elliott, Commissioner of Education, Dr. Robert H. Morrison, State Supervisor of Teacher Training and Junior Colleges, and Mr. Ernest A. Harding, Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Elementary Education will be the speakers of the evening.

Students of the college are cordially invited to attend the reception.

## SPOT NEWS

- Three new faculty members are added to the P. S. T. C. staff—  
"Student Prints"
- The Student Council will sponsor a Shakespearean production on October 27—  
"Affairs of State"
- Italian and State Scholarships are announced—  
"Affairs of State"
- Plans for Student Employment Bureau well under way—  
"Affairs of State"
- Hallowe'en Dance to be held October 29—  
"Clubs and Classes"
- Basketball schedule to date promises many interesting contests—  
"Spotlight"
- Afterthoughts concerning freshman initiation prove its value—  
"The Forum"
- New officers are elected by many clubs—  
"Clubs and Classes"
- Student contributions disclose real literary ability.—  
"Student Prints"

## Student Enrollment Reaches New High

Day college students taking 12 hours or more of work.....	236
Evening college students.....	174
Late afternoon, Saturday morning, and evening students (Teacher Education only)....	389
Part time day students.....	11
Total.....	809

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## EDITORIAL

You freshmen know and feel that you are welcome here but (there is always a but) may we point out to you a truth so obvious that its importance is often overlooked?—You will get out of your college life no more than you put into it. Invest an honest and whole-hearted interest in your studies, your class affairs, and your club activities; your reward in happiness and satisfaction will repay your investment a hundredfold.

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The Beacon has been redesigned in an effort to make it more readable and interesting. Our new format also makes it possible for you who are not on the staff to express your opinions and to have published short poems, essays, and book reviews. Pages four and five are yours. Show your interest by filling them. Just remember one thing—contributions, of necessity, must be brief.

## THE FORUM

### WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FRESHMAN INFLATION?

RUTH PETRIE—"It was a swell idea as long as it didn't go too far. Helped to get acquainted."

KENNETH MAHOOD—"Very good idea for getting acquainted with upper classmen and freshmen."

RUTH VARNUM—"I think it gave the Freshmen an opportunity to become acquainted with their fellow students. I really enjoyed some of the queer antics the Sophomores put us through."

R. S. DESMOND—"Fine thing. In my opinion everyone had a whale of a time."

CHARLES ZIPSER—"I think that it was purely nonsense. When people reach college age, I think they should act civilized. This proves my philosophy that we are still barbarians."

### ADMINISTRATION NOTICES

Any Jewish student who would like to do some outside work in club leadership report to Dean Jackson at once.

All lost and found articles are in the custody of Mr. White in Room 201

Telephone calls are NOT accepted for students except in cases of illness, death, or other extreme emergency. Students will please inform their families and friends.

The public telephone booth in the west corridor on the second floor, is for personal calls. The booth in Room 201 is for college business only.

Any NYA student who can type is requested to report to Mr. Snedeker in Room 202.

Dean Jackson reports that the following changes in the activity schedule are to take effect the week of October 18:  
12:00—2nd and 4th Fridays—Executive Committee of the Student Council.  
3:15—2nd and 4th Fridays — Council meeting.

## AFFAIRS OF STATE

Hello, there! Mind if I stop to chat with you awhile? So many things have been happening at Paterson State that I feel as if I should like to talk them over with you. The initiation of the freshmen, for instance. Didn't it go over with a bang, especially that part of the program handled by Archie Hay. Then, too, as part of initiation activities, there was an afternoon tea, held by the P & Q Club, for both the freshmen and members of the faculty. What better way for students and faculty to get acquainted than by socialising over a cup of tea? How about it, Freshmen? The dance held Friday evening, October 1, was the wind-up of Freshmen initiation, and we have the Student Council to thank for that affair, with its novelty dance numbers.

While on the subject of the Student Council, I might as well tell you that it was through its action that the Freshmen were made to wear a regulation cap throughout the entire fall semester. Incidentally, this is to become a standardized ruling for all succeeding initiations. At the end of this semester, the Council plans to have a big bonfire, the fuel for which, will be the caps that were worn by the freshies.

The Student Council has been exceedingly active during our first month in college. At its first meeting, the Council unanimously voted to sponsor a Shakespearean play, to be presented by the James Hendrikson and Claire Bruce Company of New York. This company consists of a group of ten actors, chosen for their suitability, training, and experience in Shakespearean interpretation. They have appeared at most of the largest educational institutions throughout the United States, and the Council feels fortunate indeed, in being able to bring them to Paterson.

"Macbeth," is the play to be given Wednesday evening, October 27, in East-side High School. All seats are to be reserved at the prices of \$1.00, \$.75, and \$.50. Students may obtain the \$.50 reserved seats for \$.40. Don't forget, stu-

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## THE SPOTLIGHT

Now that the academic portion of the College is well into its second month the eyes of the school turn toward its athletic activities. Chief among the sports this season is basketball. November 19 the State squad will trot onto the court to face Manhattan College which will start off an imposing array of formidable opponents which the manager, Edward Phillips, has scheduled to meet.

Practice has already started under the supervision of Mr. Schmidt, our new athletic coach. Among those who will fill out the team are the members of last year's squad: Archie Hay, Lou Sirota, Ed Danheuser, Bruce McBride, Jake Kreitman, Mickey Aronowitz and Gene Anderegg. Several promising newcomers have made their appearance, namely: Gary Margolius, Jimmy Murdock, Ed Murphy and Chick Lyons. All those interested in trying out for the squad should report as soon as possible to Coach Schmidt. In the large incoming Freshman class there should be excellent material. Come on you Frosh, back up your college teams.

There is only a little over a month left to whip a team into shape for the grueling season ahead. However, I am sure that the best possible team that State can muster will be on the floor to clash with Manhattan.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up by Manager Phillips and runs as follows:

Nov. 19—Manhattan .....	Away
Dec. 1—Union County J. C. ....	Away
Dec. 7—Alumni .....	Home
Dec. 10—Montclair .....	Home
Dec. 14—Panzer .....	Away
Dec. 17—Jersey City S. T. C. ....	Home
Jan. 4—Panzer .....	Home
Jan. 14—Morris County J. C. ....	Away
Jan. 18—Montclair .....	Away
Jan. 21—Jersey City S. T. C. ....	Away
Jan. 28—Morris County J. C. ....	Home
Feb. 4—Bergen County J. C. ....	Home
Feb. 8—Union County J. C. ....	Home
Feb. 11—Bloomfield Seminary ....	Away
Feb. 15—Manhattan .....	Home
Feb. 25—Bloomfield Seminary ....	Home

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# STUDENT PRINT

## New Faculty Members Added To Staff

A hearty welcome is extended to the new members of our faculty. (We've forgotten that the two male members acted up, or rather didn't act at all, in the initiation assembly). You have already gained a place in our hearts—and minds, you hope.

We are fortunate in having in our midst a veritable "local boy makes good," Mr. Henry E. Schmidt, physical education and chemistry instructor. Mr. Schmidt attended Public School No. 7 in Paterson, and Central High. He also attended Savage School for Physical Education, Montclair State Teachers College, and Columbia University for graduate work. He is primarily interested in physical education.

Another Patersonian by birth is our new nurse, Miss Helen Loftus, an attractive brunette, with a most pleasant manner. She attended Eastside High and also took a course in Nursing, at the General Hospital, from which she graduated one and a half years ago, and is now taking courses at Columbia. Unfortunately, she is with us only in the morning from 8:30 to 11:30, so be sure to regulate your aches and pains to fit her schedule.

Dr. Lawrence E. Loveridge hails from Portland, Oregon, and although he received his schooling in the West, at the Universities of Oregon and California, he regards New Jersey and the East as his home. Dr. Loveridge has an admirable aim in life, namely, to teach and to write. I'll let you in on a big secret—he is now writing a book. He is a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Association of University Professors, and other nationally known organizations.

Good luck to the three of you, and may the time you spend with us be as enjoyable as we can make it.

—H. Ruth Kaufman

### SUNG IN AN AUTO

Sweep of asphalt  
Wide and white  
And the long blue sweep of sky.

Sweep of asphalt  
In the night  
And the long smooth car in high  
Open road beneath the wheels  
And the long smooth sweeping feel  
Of swooping asphalt  
Wide and white  
Flowing past the car lamp's light.

—Lois Daniels

May 2, 1937



### SUNSET

I cannot say how much it grieves  
To see the sunset, just as leaves  
In autumn, splash against the sky  
And scarcely live before it dies.

—L. M. D.

Sept. 26, 1937



### PLAINT OF THE FAT POET

My soul is made of butterflies  
Whose wings the sun has kissed.  
'Tis like a shy, elusive sprite,  
Compounded of the mist.

In pale pink meditations I  
Withdraw within my tow'r  
And contemplate my orchid heart  
So truly like the flow'r.

My nature quiv'ring in affright,  
Like maidens bathing, nude,  
Recoils from lusty contacts, when  
Experiences intrude.

And as I wander thru the world  
My broken cry resounds:  
For none will credit me my soul—  
I weigh two hundred pounds!

—Robert Cosby

## ❖ TWO PAGES DEVOTED TO PUBLISHING STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF MERIT.

### ON YOUR FIRST BIRTHDAY

To

Judith Lee Nussbaum

I furnished a room that was fragrant  
and neat

For a guest I expected, most charming  
and sweet.

I curtained the windows with dreams  
from my head

And a quilt of love's gossamer flung on  
her bed.

She came when the leaves flaunted crim-  
son design

And the clouds matched their colors  
most brilliant and fine.

She brought with her rapture, enchant-  
ment and joy

That could not have been greater had  
she been a boy.

I watch while she wakes, and I watch  
while she sleeps.

And I feel most distressed when she fre-  
quently weeps.

I feel fascinated until her eyes close,  
Then I'm held by the miracle of her  
pink nose.

A chamber I furnished most secret and  
tight

Where baby's face shone like a mirror-  
ing light.

I pray that from here she will never  
depart.

For she lives in the chamber that I call  
my heart.

And as Judy grows up, I will follow her  
trail,

Providing a shelter when tempests as-  
sail.

No, never forget that when Judy was  
born

God showered the world with rich har-  
vest and corn.

—Ida Torzella

## Extracts From My Mother's Diary

FEBRUARY 16, 1921—

Humph! And the storks claim that in all their years of business they have never made a mistake. Well, they certainly made one today. They delivered a girl! instead of the boy I wanted. And of all things, they forgot to take off all the wrapping; they left her head and shoulders covered, just to keep us guessing what she looked like. After we got her undone, we saw that the covering hid one of the nicest pairs of large, blue-grey eyes. These seemed to promise something for the future.

JUNE 22, 1921—

Goodness! It's a wonder that that child has any whole bones in her body after her sister gets done kicking the crib while she puts her to sleep or watches her. However, she seems to stand it well, and is a healthy baby.

AUGUST 12, 1921—

What a scare I got yesterday! I put Alice on the bed while I was changing her "three-corner" and I was called out for a minute. Then I heard a noise as if something fell and I heard a baby's piercing cry. She had fallen off the bed—fallen on her face, of all places.

AUGUST 26, 1921—

I'm almost afraid to write in here today. The baby was very cranky; her teeth are beginning to cut through and she is all upset. She'll get over it soon.

NOVEMBER 12, 1921—

Every day I am more convinced that I have a good baby and that the storks didn't make a mistake as at first I had supposed. Alice sat up today. She has most of her front teeth and is not worrying about her back ones yet. She seems to lead a charmed life, for she has gone unscathed so far.

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## RELLO AGAIN

### D'jever notice:—

The walk on Danheuser?

Ruth Collard's laugh?

The soft southern drawl of that auburn-haired freshman, Dorothy McCurdy.

The yodeling with the advent of the piano in the social room. (Evidently it was noticed, we think).

Mac sitting on Flossie's lap?

The abstracted air affected by Phillips? (Did the freshman initiation get him down?)

How old age has snuck up on the Juniors? (They have birthdays in two's now.)

The change in Kelley's diet? (from olives to tomatoes.)

### D'ja know that:—

Kissie and Joe represented P. S. T. C. at the American Legion Convention? "Singing Waiter" Cavy "can" sing soprano?

There was a dog in the neighborhood who only answered to "Flossie"?

Leo Clark feels better after he says "foo" a few times?

Betty Morris absolutely DETESTS cream cheese?

Eleanor Feliciano "adores" grapes?

Most of the students are saying they are going to Study this year?

Brank Buys will have nothing to do with "mosquitoes"?

Al MacKown is interested in Ridgefield Park? Are you going to move, Mac?

Mintz thinks he is still a Freshie?

### During Initiation:

A shapely chorus of frosh boys performed in the gym.

Lander was always with a certain Sylvia.

Smith drove a carload of Juniors to town.

Ida Torzella offered salted nuts and peppered mints to the Sophs.

A young freshman delivered "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" with a Debating Club manner.

All the freshmen were eager to recite "Three Blind Mice."

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### — CLUB NOTES —

How true is the statement, "A fish cannot swim without water." But even truer is the fact that a club cannot survive unless it has plenty of active supporters. Come, students, join the clubs now.

A few of our college clubs have met for the first time and have begun to map out their activities for the term.

Masque and Masquers have elected their officers. They are:—

President—H. Ruth Kaufman  
Vice President—Enes Perneti  
Secretary—Leanore Dechert  
Treasurer—Frederick Brack

Tentative plans have been made to present a skit for Education Week.

The Normal Songsters are buzzing with activity. Plans have not been made public as yet but will be as soon as they are safely under way. The following new members have been elected to the club: Ann Cantilina, Ruth Collard, Lois Daniels, Frances Duffy, Betty Edwards, Carolyn Ferrazano, Charlotte Harlor, Agnes Hoey, Marion Hopler, Jean Leonard, Elenaor Portadino, Claire O'Meara, Alice Shedlyousky and Betty Smith.

The Geography Club has made plans to hold a "hot-dog roast" at Garrett Mountain on November 3.

The Art Club sponsored a party and invited new students to attend if they were interested in joining.

At the first meeting of the Psychology Club, plans for the coming year were discussed. Varied and interesting programs have been planned for the ensuing meetings of the club. At the next meeting, new members will be initiated.

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### — CLASS NOTES —

The classes have not had much time to make definite plans for any social functions which they might want to sponsor in the near future, but remember, the season for social functions is in full swing. Announce your plans as soon as possible.

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dents, you and all your friends are expected to be in the Eastside auditorium when the curtain goes up.

Congratulations to, Elizabeth Barton, Beatrice De Brigida, Isidore Duberstein, Kathryn George, and Bernard Steinberg. These students won scholarships to our college this fall. They were selected for these awards on the basis of scholastic excellence, which was determined by competitive examinations held September 14. These scholarships, created by the state legislature of 1937, exempt the student from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees throughout the four year course.

Congratulations are also extended to, Marjorie Brittain, for having won a \$150 scholarship offered by the Italian National Circle; to Carmen Cianci, for having been awarded a \$150 scholarship offered by the Pizzimenti Brothers; and to Mary Dato and John Spinella, who each won a \$150. scholarship from the Dante Aligheri Cultural Society.

This society is also awarding a scholarship cruise to the best Italian student in Paterson State Teachers College.

This cruise is for July, 1938, and will include round trip transportation to Italy, with hotel and sight-seeing expenses to be paid by the society. The most outstanding feature of this scholarship will be a free summer course in Italian at the University of Perugia. Wonder who will travel to Il Duce's land?

You students who have felt the decrease in the number of jobs provided by the National Youth Administration, are due for a pleasant surprise which may result in many of you being able to obtain employment outside of college. A Student Employment Bureau, for the purpose of aiding students to find part time employment, is being organized in the college under the direction of Mr. White and Miss Jackson.

All those who wish employment, and those who are now employed outside of school are requested to register in Room 208, on Thursday, October 14, at 12 noon and at the close of afternoon classes. The purpose of asking students who are already employed outside of school to reg-

**THE SPOTLIGHT**

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From what your correspondent has seen of the boys' locker room it seems the table tennis tables will get no rest until school closes again. The students are not the only enthusiasts of this intriguing game. Mr. Williams and Mr. Matthews can be seen down there daily.

Morris Berenson reports that the college will again have a table tennis team to compete with other schools. You Freshmen will be inclined to look upon this activity with high disdain. However, I challenge you to play several games with some of the veteran ping-pongers and if you don't change your mind about the game I miss my guess.

The gym classes have already begun under the instruction of Coach Schmidt. The swimming pool is accessible to everyone and is enjoyed by most. A morning swim seems to do things to the girls. They run around as though they were electrically charged. Maybe it builds up their resistance? Pardon, please.

**LITERARY LINEUP**

"Far Away and Long Ago"—	Freshman Days
"Pilgrims Progress"—	Four years at college
"Our Mutual Friend"—	Dr. Wightman
"Fortunate Youth"—	All of us
"Vanity Fair"—	Girls' locker room
"Long Long Trail"—	Cafeteria line
"What Price Glory"—	Commencement
"Call of the Wild"—	Spring fever
"Tanglewood Tales"	Explaining cuts
"Charm School"—	Our Alma Mater
"Awful Truth"—	Arrival of report cards
	—Clara Maupin

ister is to obtain information about the type of work students are doing and to make these students eligible to change their jobs if they so desire.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Engagements

Connie Beam to John Folio.

Harry Bryce (Bresloff) to Rhoda Gilbert.

### Weddings

Frances Westervelt to Harry Morgan, Jr.

Joseph Hausmann to Adelaide Hubschmidt.

Joseph Graham to Myrtle Fivehouse.

Rita Cassidy to James La Marta.

Mae Muth to Frank Meisner.

Mildred LaToe to Frank Tylee.

### Teaching Appointments

Emily Courter—Montville.

Eleanor Brown—Little Falls.

Irene Fleetwood—Ringwood.

Theodore Lash to Martha Sugar.

Hazel Morejohn—Caldwell.

Isabel Demopolous—Riverdale.

Betty Kane—Flemington.

Marjorie Kessch—Sparta.

Dorothy Ferguson—Woodcliff Lakes.

Doris McKay—East Hanover.

Wilma Verduin—Hawthorne.

Alberta Bokma—Midland Park.

Edith Gustafson—Arlene.

Joseph Moltane—Stillwater.

Georgia Britt—West Paterson.

Rose Lall—Bloomfield.

Rose Dela Sala—Hackensack.

S. Herman Cynnnon—Park Ridge.

Mary Yuhas—Mahwah.

### Transfers

Grace Van Hessel from Flemington to Teaneck.

Nancy Ordway from Mahwah to Ridgewood.

### Non-Teaching Positions

Marion Behrens—Adjuster, Macy's.

Robert Monacelli—Salesman for Real Silk.

### Congratulations

Voulette Weiss (Mrs. William Allen) to whom a son was born.

Marion Hall (Mrs. E. Peterson) to whom a daughter was born.

### CLUBS AND CLASSES

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Upper classmen, what are you going to do? Are you going to stand by and allow the distinction of giving the best "social" slip out of your hands? I am sure the Freshmen are going to put up a "stiff fight." Well, go to it, and may the best class win.

The Freshman Class has elected its class officers for this term. These officers with the assistance of their faculty adviser, Miss Louise Altenecker, will do their best to guide the class through a successful term at "State." The newly elected officers are: President, Ralph E. Smith; Vice President, Richard Desmond; Secretary, John P. Spinella; Treasurer, Marjorie Beam.

Plans for the first social function to be sponsored by the Freshman Class are now in progress. Save the evening of Friday, October 28, for the Freshman Halloween Frolic!

The Degree Seniors, also have elected officers. They are: President, Angelo Brunk; Vice President, Theresa Hilowith; Secretary, Ida Bogart; Treasurer, Frank Lanterman.

With the capable guidance of Dr. Shannon the Degree Seniors are certain to make great strides in all their undertakings.

### EXTRACTS FROM MY MOTHER'S DIARY

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MAY 10, 1923—

Thank God she still has her eyesight! I thought for sure that she would be blind after what happened. It makes me shudder to hear the awful cry that baby let out when, in her prawlings about she discovered the oil stove and wanted to investigate. Her little hands reached up and tipped a small sauce-pan of boiling milk over her head and body. Her screams paralyzed me. When I reached her, all I could see were blisters over her eyes, face and body. Again I say that I'm thankful that she will not only see but will have no scars.