

ANNUAL REPORT

NEW JERSEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

AT PATERSON

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To Dr. Raubinger:

When college closed in June 1951 there was a general impression among students and staff members that in September the college would open on the new campus. It became apparent early in July, however, that college might not open on the new campus in September. The opening of the fall semester was delayed until October 8 by the State Board of Education, for even in August it was believed that there was a possibility of opening college on the new campus. The chief difficulty seemed to be the construction of the water tower. Securing of priorities required considerable time, but after the steel had arrived for the tower the construction proceeded rapidly. On October 18, 1951 Hunziker Hall, the new classroom building, was dedicated with Governor Driscoll as the main speaker. On November 2 the heat was turned on in Hunziker Hall but transfer of classes to the new building had to be delayed for several days. At 11 p.m. on November 12 the tower was filled with water. On November 16 all administrative offices were moved to the new campus.

✓ The old Manor House, temporarily designated as East Hall, became the administrative offices and the college library. ^{Serial Sec} Three classrooms also were located in East Hall in the basement. The garage was temporarily designated as North Hall. This building was not entirely ready for occupancy early in November. The first floor served as a cafeteria. The nine rooms with the two bathrooms on the second floor served as office space for staff members.

On November 26 all day-time classes were moved to the new campus. The late afternoon and evening classes remained in the old location on Market Street

inasmuch as there were no lights on the parking area. The various contractors were still at work on the campus throughout much of the year. Mr. LaFountain removed all equipment from the campus on December 31 but as of June 30 there were still some incompleated projects.

✓ Although the library books had been moved into East Hall on November 26 there was so much unfinished work of the various contractors that the library was not opened until January 31, 1952. The chief difficulty was the lighting facilities. The Watson-Flagg Company, the contractor for lighting, had considerable difficulty in securing lighting fixtures. On June 30 some fixtures in the library had not yet been installed.

The old barns were designated as a student center. Inasmuch as there were no State funds for remodeling the barns, the students with the approval of the State Board of Education took over the responsibility of reconditioning these buildings. In addition to the time and energy that the students gave, they contributed \$20,215.75. Contracts for work on the Student Center were awarded as follows: Wollenberg Electric Company, \$1273.40; Visbeen Construction Company, \$9191.00; Universal Plumbing & Heating Company, \$6444.00. The students paid the fees of Mr. John J. Trich of Oradell who was engaged as the architect, and also paid for the new furniture which was purchased for the Student Center. Lavatories had to be installed in these buildings. A social room, a snack bar, a ping-pong room, and two rooms for the bookstore were made available. The contributions of the students to this project is one more indication of their fine morale. The Student Center was opened to students on February 18, 1952. The formal opening of the Center to the public occurred on Guest Day, Sunday, May 18, 1952.

On April 10, 1952 bids were opened at college for the construction of the sewer ejector house and connection of sewers from North Hall and East Hall with the main sewer line. Contracts for general construction were awarded to William Zabransky for \$14,500. The work on these two projects was slow in starting.

The digging of trenches for sewers started on June 20. As of this same date the general construction of the sewer ejector house was progressing slowly.

Throughout the summer and fall of 1951 the Highway Department spent considerable time in grading, draining, and preparing parking lots. However, the work was not completed before the cold weather. On June 16, 1952 the work on parking lots and roads was resumed by the Highway Department, and as of June 30 some of the campus roads have been widened and resurfaced and work on the parking lots is progressing nicely. When all of the work on the parking lots is completed the college will have fine parking facilities for approximately 400 cars. However, as of June 30 the lights on the large parking area have not been installed.

The year at Paterson State Teachers College has been one of constant adjustments somewhat beyond that experienced in other years, but the morale of students and staff has remained very high. The calendar for the year and the reports of staff members will give further corroboration of the statement. The students and staff members throughout the fall contributed most liberally of time and money to promote a favorable reaction by the public on election day to the fifteen million dollar bond issue for teachers colleges. The staff members note with pride that Passaic County, the county in which our college is located, led all of the other counties on election day in the affirmative response to the bond issue.

One of the great handicaps felt throughout the year was the lack of adequate kitchen facilities for the cafeteria and also the complete absence of facilities for physical education for men and women. Physical education activities were carried on outdoors during the warm weather but without athletic fields the work was far from satisfactory. Throughout much of the winter the basketball team had no gymnasium for practice. The spirit of the students and the staff was not lowered by inconveniences.

On Thursday evening, June 19, at 7:30 the commencement program was held on the lawn in front of Hunziker Hall. It was a beautiful setting. The address by Roy Zimmerman was well received and the high spot of the program was the music on

the carillon. The senior class in particular enjoyed this music, since the graduating class had served as the "spark plug" in the raising of funds to make the purchase of the carillon possible. At the termination of the year the graduating class presented a sun dial to the college.
