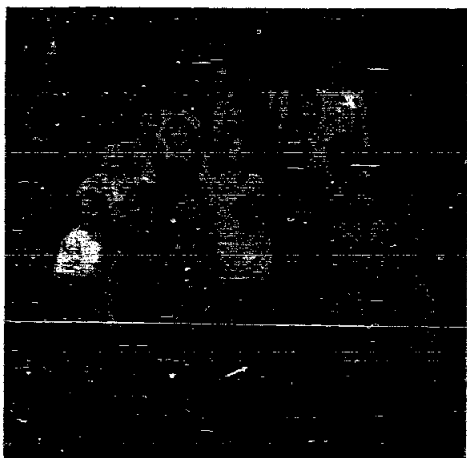


Cecchino, Lumer, James and Span New Leaders of Freshman Class

John Cecchino, Edward Lumer, Dorothy James, and Stanley Span, were elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively of the Freshman class, at an election held Wednesday.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Left to right, top row: Dorothy James, secretary; Stan Span, treasurer; John Cecchino, president; Edward Lumer, vice-president. Third row: Joan Kennedy, Kenneth Werner, Alfred Dehosen. Second row: Lois Knopf, Ruth Metzger, Mary Falsiglia, Joyce Robinson, Gloria Hayler. First row: Margie Brozman, Lois Conkle, Diane D'Agostino, Pat Ruffing, Marian Satala, Roberta Schaffer and Ruth Knichel.

November 18th in the cafeteria.

As his first duty John, has appointed Kenneth Werner chairman of the Social Committee, with Mary Falsiglia, Ruth Metzger, Marian Satala, Joyce Eslinger, Roberta Schaffer, Sarah Belverio, Lois Cooke, Diane D'Agostino, Ruth Wilkes, Pat Knuffing, Audrey Vander Viet, Dorothy James, and Al Dehosen as committee members. Head of the Assembly Committee is Mildred Plummer; Rosalie Pirone, Lorraine Murad, Betta Bugel, Audrey Soskide, Margaret Stefano, Evelyn Hayler, Lois Knopf, Ruth Knichel, Stan Span. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

P & Q Faculty Tea Spreads Joyous Yuletide Cheer

The P & Q Club revived one of its most popular traditions—The Faculty Tea on December 18. Noticing the many overworked looks on the faculty, which did not together suit this joyous season, the P & Q participants served some Yuletide cheer.

Rubin, Pizzarella In Fencing Meet

Arlene Rubin and Elvera Pizzarella, members of the Women's Fencing Team, took third and fourth place positions respectively at the competition for fencers held at Westfield, New Jersey. Other members of the Paterson State Fencing team that participated in the matches were: June Daalder, Gloria Bevelacqua, Margaret Cappelletti, Joyce Eslinger, Catherine Kennedy, Georgina Leadway, Lorraine Murad, Elvera Pizzarella, Arlene Rubin, and Lorraine War.

Cappozzi, Nixon Leading Students Mid-term Grades Released by Haas

Dean Haas listed the outstanding students in a special achievement report at mid-semester today. These grades are not definite, but are an indication of scholastic attainment. The marks are A's or very high B's. High on the list are: Henry Cappozzi, receiving A in Accounting, Advanced Typing, Elementary Shorthand and Business Organization; Paul Nixon, receiving A in Social Uses of Math, Accounting, Elementary Shorthand, Elementary Typing, Business Organization; Harold Seeley receiving A in Principles of Sociology, Early U.S. History, and Types of Literature; Harriet Black, Advanced Typing and Elementary Shorthand; Harold Book, Economics; George Brown, Foundation of Education; Eleanor Carr, Advanced Typing and Elementary Shorthand; Ralph Golechewski, Foundation of Education; Celeste DeVincis, Elementary Shorthand; Adele DeWine, Social Uses of Math; Mariene Deutsch, Elementary Shorthand; Albert Doran, Geography of Eastern Hemisphere; John Fingerman, Elementary Shorthand and Elementary Typing; John Flanagan, Statistics; Arlene Fry, Rise of Civilization; Daniel Gillan, Advanced Typing and Educational Psychology; Norman Goldman, Social Inter. of Arts; John Griffith, Educational Psychology; Harold Grompelt, Elementary Shorthand; Michael Karabulbin, Early U. S. History; John Hayes. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Lott, Ritchie Win in Annual Poetry Contest

How To Write a Poem, by Gar Lott and Rain by Dorothy Ritchie have been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry, 1950 edition. The Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college students throughout the United States, and selections were made from thousands of poems submitted to the National Poetry Association at Los Angeles, California. This is the third year that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Varsity Club Sponsors Hop

The Varsity Club Dance Committee, under the chairmanship of Joseph Gluck and Charles Schmitt presented their first dance on December 18th following the East Stroudsburg State basketball game in the school gymnasium. Dances to the music of the Mallotones under the direction of Joe Shuler, the students promoted the much-needed school spirit which Don Simon, President of the Treaty Club, announced was the purpose of the dance.

D.A. Abrams, Head Librarian, To Resign After 25 Years

After twenty-five years of unobtrusive service, Miss Dorothy A. Abrams, our Head Librarian, a member of the Bergen Passaic Library Association and Secretary for several years of the New Jersey State Library Association, is resigning as of February, 1950.



Miss Dorothy A. Abrams

She has a Bachelor's Degree from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas and has had library training at the New York State Library School in Albany. She received her Masters Degree in Education at Columbia University in New York.

About three years ago, Miss Abrams had a year's vacation which she spent at Newburg, New York working in a friend's gift shop. This aroused her interest in gift shops. Therefore, she intends to open a gift shop in the Art's Colony at Woodstock, New York in the Catskill Mountains. Her shop will be open ten months of the year.

Recognize Seven Staters in 'Who's Who Among Students'

Exclusive to the Beacon. . . . In a special column unique given especially to the Beacon, Edward Haas, Dean of Students, announced today that Joseph Decker, Mary Diamantis, Albert Doran, Richard Johnson, Ruth McGuirk, Doris Murdoch, and Peter Wild have been accepted for recognition in the 1949-1950 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.



Left to right, bottom row: Mary Diamantis, Ruth McGuirk, Doris Murdoch. Top row: Al Doran, Peter Wild, Richard Johnson, and Joseph Decker.

Begin Voting for Campus "Queen"

The campus "townhall" will be crowned "Queen of State" at the sophomore dance, Saturday, February 18th, by last year's queen, Elaine Masarsky. The election of a campus queen is an annual affair sponsored by the sophomore class, which pushes the Sophomore Hop high up the list of social events at State.

Any full time girl at State is eligible to enter the contest for the most coveted award issued by this college. Another ballot will be published in the next issue of the Beacon in which the students will choose the fifteen semi-finals. In the following issue will be another ballot in which the seven final contestants will be selected. The queen (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Seeley, Isch Head Debaters in Society

Harold Seeley was elected President of the Wightman Debating Society at a special meeting held October 21, 1949. Joseph Isch, Mike Hachemidze, and John Cecchino were elected Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. The society had an informal debate December 18th in which the debate speakers were Harold Seeley and John Cecchino, who spoke on the topic of the United States Government nationalizing all non-organizational industries.

An invitation was received from New York University for a "home and home" series for the team. From New University came an offer for a debate to be heard at their local radio station. Tentative arrangements have been made with Queens College, Seien Hall, and Montclair State Teachers College.

The students recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, representing over 600 colleges and universities, are nominated by their respective schools. Campus nominating committees are instructed to make their selections on the basis of: scholarship; cooperation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities; citizenship and service to the school; promise of future usefulness to business and society. Each student accepted by the organization is awarded a certificate of recognition, presented on the campus either at graduation or earlier in the year, and has the privilege of ordering a gold key made exclusively for them.

Activities Doris Murdoch, secretary of the Senior Class, besides maintaining a high scholastic average has been active in the Phi Omega Psi Society, Debits and Credits, Beacon work, Women's Athletic Association and the P & Q Club.

Mary Diamantis, Junior, who has been Editor-in-Chief of the State Beacon for two years, is vice-president of the P & Q Club and has been a representative to the Student Government Association for six terms. She is also a holder of the Beacon Key, is a Dean's List Student, New Jersey's delegate to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a member of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

State Sorority To Raffle Radio

The Gamma Phi Lambda Sorority of Paterson State Teachers College will raffle a portable radio on January 8, 1950. The proceeds will go to the children's orphanage. The sorority will hold a Christmas party on December the twenty-eighth at the home of its president, Marie Riser.



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The twenty-fifth

of this month, Christians all over the world will celebrate the birth of the "Christ-Child." But the "spirit of Christmas," with its universal appeal, will be celebrated by persons of almost every religion. Unfortunately, this "spirit" of love for our fellow men is short lived, for although collectively we have fought against discrimination with all the powers we possess, individually, we are torn apart because of petty religious misunderstandings due to ignorance.

Many of us are ignorant because our church does not believe in teaching us about other religions. But many more of us are ignorant because we have never had the opportunity to study and learn about the similarities and differences of other religions as compared to our own. A voluntary course in religion here at Paterson State will serve a two-fold purpose. First, it will do much to assist us, as future teachers, to better understand the children we will have to teach; and secondly, it will help us to acquire broader concepts about the religious beliefs of man.

To be sure, this course will be a small beginning, but it will certainly be a means of achieving an end in which the leaders of the various religious groups will realize that only through education and understanding, will the walls of prejudice and intolerance ever begin to crumble. When this realization is accomplished, perhaps men of all religions will be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Hanukkah," know what it stands for and mean it.

—M.D.

A Song in Her Heart

By Lois Cooke

LONG AGO there were two girls named LINDA and CLEMEN-
TINE, who had a beautiful
FRIENDSHIP UNTIL ONE SUN-
DAY AFTERNOON. Clementine's
husband, Joe asked Linda to go for
AN OLD FASHIONED WALK.
When Clementine heard that they
also stepped IN A SMALL EYE-
TEL and had TEA FOR TWO and
never got home till THREE
O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING,
she was all set to go FLYING
DOWN TO RIO TO MOTHER,
but THROUGH THE LONG AND
SLEEPLESS NIGHT she bit on
another idea. The next day she
sent for Peg's boyfriend, Charlie.

"Now, CHARLIE, MY BOY,"
she said, "I want you to help me
plant a little JEALOUSY here.
I'm SO TIRED OF RENNING
AROUND IN CIRCLES after that
man."

"Okay, WHERE DO WE GO
FROM HERE?"

"Well, there's A TREE IN THE
MEADOW and if you meet me
there SOME ENCHANTED
EVENING when Joe is strolling
around, WE CAN MAKE RE-

"Pioneer" Theme "From Old to New"

FROM "old to new" is the new
and different arrangement that has
been planned for the Pioneer, Mr.
Pete White, Editor, announced re-
cently. He said that the theme will
say "hello" to the new campus and
"good-bye" to the old building.

Assisting Peter White on the
yearbook staff are: Nick Johnson,
Assistant Editor; Olive Wertz, Busi-
ness Manager; Bess McGovern,
Typing Editor; Ethel Spizer, Art
Editor; Neva Engelhardt, Fea-
ture; Selma Prehn, Library and
Evelyn Maeder and Glenn Leach,
Sports.

Deadline for all yearbook ma-
terial is set for February.

LIEVE that we're SO IN LOVE
and Joe will say, I APOLOGIZE.
RONEE, LET ME CALL YOU
SWEETHEART AGAIN."

"Rey, THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE A DAME to figure things
out like that."

"Well, if this falls I'M GONNA
WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OUT
OF MY HAIR and take A SLOW
ROAT TO CHINA."

Faculty Favorite



Who Is He?

He's tall and thin
With two little eyes.

And his smile denotes
Both wit and sarcasm.

His classes are fun.
For he's lively and quick.

(But don't think for a moment
That it must be St. Nick!)

'Cause he gets our attention
By carrying a stick.

Who is he?

(Last month's answer:
Miss Rinaldi)

NSA Art Exhibit Decorates Halls

Mariene Dietrich has announced
that the National Student Asso-
ciation art exhibit will be shown at
Paterson State from February
14th to the 20th. The exhibit will
include fifty paintings of water
color, pastel, charcoal, and pencil
done by art students from all col-
leges represented by the N.S.A.

Grades

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Fund. of Art; Lois Rotherhoff, Ac-
counting and Elementary Short-
hand; Neva Engelhardt, Geogra-
phy of the Eastern Hemisphere;
Joseph Leach, Types of Literature;
Selma Prehn, Accounting and
Marketing; Dorothy James, Statis-
tics; Sam Jarney, Accounting;
Florence Johnson, Elementary
Typing; Joan Krupar, Social Uses
of Math; Mildred Ladner, Ele-
mentary Short-hand; James Lomax,
Geography of U. S. in Canada and
Fundamentals of Education; Guy
Leach, Principles of Geography;
Vera MacCulloch, Principles of
Geography; William Mary, Ac-
counting; Connetta Martin, Sta-
tistics; Ruth McGuirk, Funda-
mentals of Education; Dorothy Ma-
kowsky, Elementary Short-hand;
Annette Paris, Fundamentals of
English; Louis Pasaretti, Types of
Lit; Ursula Pfiltner, Elementary
Short-hand; William Reid, Fund. of
Art; Margarita Rodriguez, Ele-
mentary Short-hand; Donald Simon,
Accounting; Herbert Smith, Sta-
tistics; Ethel Spizer, Geography of
the Eastern Hemisphere; Lucy
Stanley, Fund. of English; Edna
Swash, Statistics and Types of
Literature; Harold Steindler, Geo-
graphy of U.S. and Canada; Rhoda
Susman, Elementary Short-
hand; Jane Yoppin, Typing; Ray-
mond VandenBerghe, Elementary
Typing; Regina VanSchaik, East-
ern Hemisphere, Geography.

Found Column

What's that you say? Student:
Are you sure? Before you decide
absolutely and positively that
something is "broken," and before
you brand a person as a diploma-
matian, investigate those places
where your lost materials may be
turned in.

The College book store, and the
General Office have announced that
the following articles have been
turned in to them since the begin-
ning of this term:

One Psychology book
Two umbrellas
A tan jacket
A white blouse
Blue-gray slacks
Girls' navy blue gym suit and
shoes

Seven fountain pens
One tie pin
Wrist chain
Four sets of keys
Cigarette lighter
Slide rules
Thermometer
Four books
Pair of gloves
Scarf
Eyeglasses
Many pencils.

Your Hit Parade

The songs you sing, hear on
whistle in the halls, locker rooms,
cafeteria, and smoking rooms have
been recorded by "hidden" re-
porters in order that you can have
the songs you like best on YOUR
HIT PARADE! (Recorded from
November 1st to 15th).

1. Don't Cry, Joe
2. Mule Train
3. Lucky Ole Son
4. I Can Dream, Can't I?
5. A Lovely bunch of Coconuts
6. Ruckus, The Bad Nose Be-
leaver
7. Some Enchanted Evening
8. Room Full of Roses
9. Winter Wonderland
10. You're All I Want for Chris-
mas

Madrigals Sing Season's Joy

The Madrigal Singers of PSTC
presented their 14th annual Chris-
mas concert, Tuesday evening, De-
cember 13, under the direction of
Earl L. Weidner.

The concert included the follow-
ing selections, "Hear Our Prayers,
O Lord," "To Us Is Born Emma-
nuel," "Hodie, Christus Natus Est,"
"Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Praise
Thought to Christmas," "Mary's
Lullaby," "Wasnt That A Mighty
Day," "Now Let Him Sleep," "The
Virgin's Gratitude Hymn," "The
Chorus of the Snow," "Whence
Thoue Sounds Symphonies,"
"Christmas Hymn," "Carol of the
Shepherd Children," "The Lord
Bless You and Keep You."

Fresh Officers

(Continued from Page One)
Joseph WATMAN, and Mildred
Loughery as her aids.

In charge of publicity are Joan
Kennedy, chairman, Marge Bro-
man, Bernice Mass, Dorothy
James, and Dolores Palish.

Poetry Contest

(Continued from Page One)
selections have been accepted from
students from Paterson State.

How to Write a Poem by Guy
Lott, Feature Editor of the Bea-
con, was printed in the last issue
of the Beacon, and Dorothy Kil-
chie's poem Kain can be found on
page three of this issue.

Deltas Install 8 Members, Entire Staff

D. Richard DeLoe, General
Elementary Junior, was officially
installed as President of Delta
Omega Sigma Fraternity. In-
stalled to serve with Mr. DeLoe
were Richard Della Peota, Vice
President; Harold Steindler, Secre-
tary; Bruno Guarano, Treasurer;
Charles Strickland, Chaplain; Joseph
Gloria, Historian and Joseph Al-
legria, Sergeant-at-Arms.

President DeLoe and his staff
were installed by Mr. Lawrence J.
Ossi, first president of the Frater-
nity.

New "Delta Boys" are: James
Lomax, John Heuer, William
Trephelton, Pierre Brum, Otto Har-
ris, Guy Lott, Jr., Charles Hixon
and Thomas Verpa.

Zeta Kappa Chi Admits Girls

Mrs. Joyce Trinks, president of
the Zeta Kappa Chi Society has
announced that six new society
pledges have recently been added
to the organization. These girls are:
Evelyn Kinnell, Junior; Evelyn
Ackerson, Gloria Bevalacqua,
Sophomores; Lois Cooke, Rosalie
Parone, and Bess Buggi, fresh-
men.

After a formal initiation, the
new members met for an afternoon
of entertainment at the bowling
alley, followed by a dinner at the
Tree Tavern, Paterson.

Who's Who

(Continued from Page One)
the Phi Omega Psi Society, and
member of the Social Committee
of the S.G.A.

Ruth McGuirk, Junior, president
of the Student Government Asso-
ciation and past secretary of the
organization, is active in the P & Q
Club, the Red Cross Club, the Pa-
thology Club, Masque and Ma-
squers, Future Teachers of Amer-
ica and the Zeta Kappa Chi Society,
of which she has been corre-
sponding secretary. Besides this
she is a Dean's List Student.

Albert Dorfman, Senior, who is
president of the Senior Class, is a
member of the executive committee
of the S.G.A., the Madrigal
Singers, Future Teachers of Amer-
ica, Masque and Masquers, and
Bowling Club. A Freshman Class
representative to the S.G.A., he
was also active on the 1949 com-
mittee of the Flashlight, the Sen-
ior Classifying Planning Com-
mittee, Out-Door Education Club, and
has been on the Dean's List four
times.

Besides being Editor of the
Yearbook and secretary of the
Junior Class, Peter Webb, Senior,
is active in the Student Govern-
ment Association, on the Out-Door
Education Club, the Mixed Chorus,
and the Future Teachers of Amer-
ica. He was also assistant editor
of the 1950 Flashlight and is a
member of the Book Store Staff.

Joseph Decker, Senior, president
of the Deltas and Omegas, is a
member of the Mixed Chorus, Male
Glee Club, World Student Service
Program, Junior Prom Committee,
Yearbook Staff and a representa-
tive to the S.G.A. He is presently
practicing teaching in Hawthorne
High School.

Richard Johnson, Senior, who is
assistant yearbook editor, is also
chairman of the Athletic Asso-
ciation, treasurer of the Deltas and
Omegas, an S.G.A. representative
and on the Dean's List twice. At
the present time, he is practicing
teaching in Bogota High School.



Bing's Things

by Harold "Bingo" Steindler

I realize that Thanksgiving is far removed from the minds of most people, what with Christmas coming and all; but most of you had the pleasure of meeting Miss Jackson, for the first time, at the last dinner and at the Junior Prom. It is a pity that you haven't had the opportunity of being in one of her classes. (I'm speaking, of course, to the Freshmen more than I am to anyone else). Miss Jackson is the type of person you can just look at and like. So you see I'm not trying to cultivate an unfavorable ground; you've seen her . . . you must have liked her. What is all this leading up to? Well, it goes like this:

Each year we have a dinner called the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. I can't see calling it that, since it is the day before Thanksgiving. Of course, we have several alternatives. We can call it the X (for the unknown) Day Dinner, the Pre-Thanksgiving Day Dinner or just the Thanksgiving Dinner. However, anyone who knows the story behind the institution of this annual fare is forced to recognize the efforts of Miss Jackson in its creation.

SUGGESTIONS

I could not bring up the following suggestion at the previous SGA meetings, because I wanted to offer it to the student body as a whole. I will, however, ask the SGA, at the next meeting to so honor Miss Jackson by naming it Jackson Day. That dinner does not show an idea of what Miss Jackson has done for the school. It is indicative of very little. It is the other things that our former Dean of Women has done, and cannot be put down on paper that tell the true story of this wonderful, hard-working woman. It is kind enough to give a person who has in turn given almost twenty-five years of service to Paterson State. It does not necessarily have to be the Thanksgiving Day Dinner that is to be renamed . . . it can be another day. It's just that this particular day seems more appropriate.

As you know by now, the men of the Delta Omega Epsilon Fraternity have been passing petitions around the school for you to sign. These petitions have but one purpose: to petition the SGA and the school to adopt the above suggestion. If you have not signed one, as yet, please do so immediately . . . it is a fine thing to do . . . to perpetuate, in the history of your school, the name of a truly great educator and woman.

ORCHIDS TO MISS TIFFANY

While I'm on the topic of the Dinner, I'd like to give a little due credit to another teacher. . . . I wonder how many people are aware of the fact that Miss Tiffany missed three lunch periods in order to prepare the lovely decorations used as table ornaments during the "Turkey Dinner."

Here, also, is a great big bouquet for Edna Anselmi, Ruth Deacon and Peggy Smith for the beautiful pointers, advertising the dinner, that adorned our sacred halls. That huge poster on the Cafe wall was something to marvel at. Congratulations girls! What we couldn't accomplish with a hundred more like you!

FROM THE DEPT. OF LEGITIMATE GRIPES: If you've ever wondered why in is you cannot get a seat in the Cafe during lunch hours, blame it on our industrious students. What is it . . . are the teachers to blame? It must be so. It seems as though they are giving so much homework that our fellow students cannot possibly do it all at home . . . they must spend their lunch periods (and otherwise were designed to be eaten upon. This is hard to take, but much more difficult to understand is the attitude of some people who insist upon leaving Coke cups all over the Cafe, even after lunch hours. Take a look around down there some P.M. It's deplorable. I wonder how many remember the fight we had to get a Coke machine into this school? Let's not lose this dispenser through carelessness!

I'll bet I haven't had three Cokes in school this year; but I'll fight to keep the machine for those who do use it. I'm no angel, but I'll eat last year's K-Rations if anyone can accuse me of leaving my left-overs for someone else to clean. You who are guilty, come on, now! This is college. . . . Momma can't follow you around with the Shem-Bruder . . . you have to do your own work here.

LET'S BUCKLE DOWN:

Something should be done to alleviate these conditions. If you have any ideas along these lines, drop a note in the Suggestion Box or let me know. Who am I? Well, I'm the one who has the miserable task of bringing these things to the attention of the students through the medium of this column. Anyhow, give your classmates a break! Do your homework at home or in the library. If you feel you must talk to someone while you're going over your lessons, try the Smoking Room adjoining the Cafe . . . and clean up after your meal!

Let's forget . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

OFFICIAL BALLOT — STATE BEACON

My Nomination for "Campus Sweetheart" is

Mary Diamantis, Editor

Voting instructions: Place your nomination in the Ballot Box in the Cafeteria before 3:05 P.M. Wednesday. Send your Ballot to the College before Monday, December 26th.

Poet's Column

Rain

By Dorothy Ritchie

Rain is God's tears which flow for all humanity.

He looks down upon his weeping children, and sadly shakes his head.

I weep for them, with their atomic bombs, their self-destruction. Not content with slaughtering themselves, they must destroy the springing fields, the tiny forests.

All that is fair and kind and good must be driven down into the breast of Mother Earth.

Oh, ye lost ones, is it not enough that you must slay each other? Must you also defile the very substance of the earth—the heart of life and growing things?

Rain is God's tears when he looks down upon the earth.

On Music

By Robert T. Jones

In hearts that are heavy, I'm sure that are great.

In souls that are weary, From tears ill-gotten.

Sweet music follows, Lifts up and renews:

The nature of goodness.

The virtue of truth.

The measure of beauty.

And the hunger of youth:

The fact of God.

The sacred plan.

The love of life.

And the world of man.

A Sonnet to Youth

By Guy Lett

There must be times more pleasant, And, lovelier than these

Dark hours of grief that fill my soul with pain.

Yet, within my heart the joy quietly survives.

There is so much that this childish soul possesses!

There will be times more bitter in my life.

From cup sharp rap of sorrow which you give.

And when I drink death's cup of suffering.

Come near: Still I know that always I will live.

To seek again just another year.

Whose cruel, conscious tear I fear to drink.

With age I'll be a larger golden cup.

Filled with dearest drink and my love.

Now as sick, and my body ill with grief.

Drinks again to this deep dark draught to find relief.



Christopher Cricket Says . . .

"IF YOU WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN AS SOON AS YOU ARE DEAD, EITHER WRITE THINGS WORTH READING, OR DO THINGS WORTH WRITING." Old Ben Franklin said that, and I, Christopher Cricket, unknown brother of Jimmy Cricket of Pinocchio fame and cousin of Archie the cousin of Archie and Mabel fame, had to agree with him two years ago, for Jimmy's doings were read by children all over the world, and Archie's writings were the topics of discussions in two of Miss Jeffries' literature classes, but nobody, not even Gus the Janitor, had ever heard of me.

Right then and there, as I sat on the Space Bar of the Beacon newspaper, I decided to do something about it. Now after two years of intensive (ahem) courses in Literature, Typing, Geography (I suffered too), Science, Foundations, and Gym, I feel enough "divine afflatus" to make my debut as a Beacon columnist . . .

Here then for posterity are gems of wit, wisdom and knowledge from the doings and utterances of Paterson State's great thinkers, authors, poets, orators, and leaders.

"ONE ANECDOTE ABOUT A MAN IS WORTH A VOLUME OF BIOGRAPHY." . . . Channing.

The Washington Irving did my brought on many are inspiring sights, beautiful mountains, hills, aged furniture, and a beautiful home, but the sight that will be remembered forever was the expression on the face of Bruno Guarnano when he accidentally went into the ladies' room. You should also have been around when one of our new freshman girls fell down the stairs, and after picking herself up, in a neat college-like way, walked with her head held high—right into the boys' locker room!

It was a joyous time, indeed, when Ted Gaglione hid behind the post in the cafeteria and shouted "Can you see me?"

"It is not every question that deserves an answer." Cyrus, 50 B.C.

CAN YOU IMAGINE . . .

Joe Lott, four feet tall.

Guy Lott, without his southern accent.

Dave Malman, with a wire in his hair.

June Purkins, 100 pounds.

Ring without his "things."

John Centurian, with nothing to do.

Ray Zaneski, 5 by 5.

Mary Diamantis, a web reporter.

And Don Simon, a bookworm!!!!

"NEVER ADVISE ANYONE TO GO TO WAR OR TO MARRY, BUT WHATEVER ADVICE YOU GIVE, BE SHORT."

Heraeus

"In disciplining children, it is a good idea to start at the bottom."

"There is no great genius without a mixture of madness."

Aristotle

"ONE MERIT OF POETRY FEW PERSONS WILL DENY: IT SAYS MORE AND IN FEWER WORDS THAN PROSE."

Voltaire

He arose with his speech

And read it;

He had nothing to say

And said it.

E.P.

Philadelphia star: John Betts, John Alkana, Bob Carino, Lew Passeretti, and Pat Bagdikian found the Philadelphia Textile College gym, after searching for two hours, and arrived in time to hear the final whistle of our second victorious game.

"You come late—but you come." — Schiller

If anyone wants to know how to flip cheese on Fizza pie, see Bruno Guarnano, better known as the "Red Nosed Reindeer."

While bowling the other day, Joe Disposito missed making a strike because of an onnx five-pin but was somewhat cheered up when the janitor blared, "Don't Cry, Joe."

Since the "Biffons" can't give me any more room, I'd better say "30," wish you a Merry Christmas, and remind you

You can't give a smile away—

It is always returned.

C.C. "30"



Vitamin's Visions

by JOE "Vitamin" TRIGNE

The flying start Paterson State's basketball team made in winning two of its first three games came as a surprise to many people.

Opening the season at Glen Ridge High in Bloomfield, the Pioneers completely ruined Bloomfield College and Seminary's debut in the N.J.I.A.A. The first five minutes of the game were very close as State could only find the hoop on foul shots. When State finally got rolling, they pulled away to a 17-10 advantage and the romp was on. The final count was 70-18. Coach Addison could easily have run up a much higher score, but chose to take the starting five out midway in the second half.

PATE INJURED

While winning their first conference game since the organization of the league, Paterson suffered a great loss when Jim Pate broke his foot during the course of the game. His rebound work and defense had been a source of joy to Coach Addison, but it will now be at least two months before he plays again. Tom Donnelly and Cody Thompson hit with amazing accuracy while scoring 20 and 16 points respectively. Vince Moretta and Al Goldberg divided 17 markers.

LOSE AT NEWARK

The second game saw a complete reversal of form by Paterson. They were thoroughly outplayed by Newark Rutgers and lost, 79-52. Bert Geitler clicked for 25 points although he missed ten of fifteen foul shots. The officiating at this game was atrocious, but it is not being offered as an excuse for losing.

Instead of standing along the sidelines at midcourt when State was in its offensive zone, one of the officials was standing at the foul line in Newark's offensive zone and thus was in no position to see many of the infractions. Geitler's continual violations of the three second rule went unnoticed by the refs.

SPILT NEXT TWO

State bounced back to another Philadelphia Textile, 65-44 in a game played at Philadelphia. After falling behind, 8-4, in the early stages, the Pioneers netted eighteen points in a row and were never threatened thereafter. Al Goldberg led the scoring for State with four points, while the other four starters also hit for double. Al scored consistently on fast breaks which caught Philly napping. Fletcher Johnson, Vince Moretta, Tom Donnelly, and Cody Thompson had 18, 12, 11, and 10 points in that order.

The Montclair game saw State lose its first conference contest of the year, 55-46. Double teaming held high-scoring Al Gifford to 12 points, but Palmer clipped in with 14. Donnelly and Johnson led Paterson with ten points each.

SHORT SNORTS

After scaling the heights in fencing, "Security" Barbours is now concentrating on ping-pong. . . . George Schroeder and Stan Rosen are sorely disappointed because the Ohio School of Cincinnati, which they now attend, has no basketball team this year. . . . Highlight of the Philadelphia Textile game was the arrival of a carload of State posters with less than five minutes left in the game. . . . Is there any foundation to the rumor that State is forming a pin-ball team with George "Red" Williams as captain and with all matches played at Tom's? . . . Big George Rose is ineligible to play ball at Upsala until February. . . . Sheila Ryan recently showed up kissing brushes after her St. Ann's C.Y.O. girls' basketball team was "ejected out" by a team from Tenafly, 65-21. . . . Student support has been constantly improving. We are now in position to make our move for more publicity in the Paterson papers. Watch the bulletin boards and the next issue of the Beacon for further developments.

Stroudsburg Defeats State

Fencers Announce Squad, Schedule

The Pioneer fencing team will start its season on Saturday, January 7, 1950 at 2:00 P.M. on its home strip. The initial match will be against Jersey City State Teachers College. Paterson defeated Jayree last year by a score of 20-7. In that match against Jersey City, State was sparked to victory by a clean sweep in Epee, winning this event by a score of 9 to 0, and in Sabre by a score of 7-2. With a stronger foil squad this year, the Pioneer nine could win by an even greater margin.

Captain John Griffith is looking forward to an undefeated season, since there are eight lettermen back this year as compared with only two last season. This year, as in years past, the State team will be a strong contender for both intercollegiate and state honors.

The lineup for this season is as follows:

Foil: Tom Kennedy, Alan Makinowski, Don Pindus, and year: Bill Rehn, 2nd year.

Epee: Bob Hilson, 2nd year; Joe Isch, 2nd year.

Sabre: Joe Canova, John Griffith, 2nd year.

One sabre and one epee position are yet to be filled.

The 1950 Schedule

Jan. 7	Jersey City	Home
14	Drew	Away
Feb. 11	St. Peter's	Home
18	Pace	Home
25	Fordham	Home
Mar. 11	Cooper Union	Away
15	N.Y. Col. of Eng.	Away
25	Stevens	Away

Date Pending: Partridge Dickinson

All matches will start at 2:00 P.M. and will be composed of three weapons, one match teams. The student body is welcome and urged to attend.

Bowlers Lose Opening Tilt

Lifting the lid on the bowling season, Paterson State's bowlers dropped two of three hard fought games to the Millford A.C. on Monday, December 5 at the Paterson Recreation Center.

The Staters, overcoming considerable rough luck on pins, dropped the first game by over one hundred pins. The Pioneers came back strong in the second game with a six score of 918, but it was all in vain as Millford blasted out a score of 931. The final game was equally hard fought, but this time the Staters prevailed, 925 to 924.

Millford's Krenner was Paterson's nemesis throughout the evening, leading the axe fall heavily in the first two games with scores of 245 and 224. He added 171 in the third game, giving him a 637 bonus. Bets earned for the Paterson quintet with a 922 and 541 series.

The scores:

MILFORD A.C.			
Harley	—	183	156
Stas	155	154	—
Smith	143	158	156
Krenner	245	224	171
Chisler	129	—	136
Preschi	194	159	129
	872	937	902
PATERSON STATE			
Little	155	152	175
Harris	126	152	152
Stryker	157	169	115
Betts	157	222	182
Lipstrot	170	154	178
	765	749	625

Pioneers Led by Moretta, Isch in First Loss on Home Court, 48 to 38

Opening the home season on the wrong foot, Paterson State dropped a hard fought game to East Stroudsburg Teachers, 48-38. It was State's fourth loss in six games.

Stroudsburg started fast and opened a 2-5 bulge after a few minutes of play. Vince Moretta pared State as they closed the gap to the point, 15-14, only to see two quick baskets again open the lead to a 19-14 bulge at the quarter.

An indication of the furious play in the first period is the fact that Fletcher Johnson fouled out before it ended.

Handball Team Plans for Season

The Paterson State Teachers

College handball team is about to open its season this month. It played against the Paterson Y.M.C.A.'s handball team on December 14. The team also expects to play such teams as: West Point, Annapolis, Rutgers and any other team in the vicinity of Paterson. The handball team has been practicing at the Paterson Y.M.C.A.'s courts for the past month and is looking for a good initial season.

This is the first time in the history of the school that there has ever been a team in this sport at State.

There are eight members comprising this year's team. They are as follows: Mario Contingiamano, George Amner, Edward Henry, Anthony Henry, Stan Spar, Harry Silver, Don Fleming, and George Brown. The manager is Harvey Salberg and the coach is Nick Romeo. Mr. Romeo is an alumnus of State and holds the title of National Amateur Hand Ball Champion.

The Y.M.C.A.'s hand ball courts will be the home court for the handballers of Paterson State and anyone who wishes may see the games. The student body is urged to attend and back this team in its initial season.

Eslinger Third In Tournament

Thrusting their ways through a field of eighteen contestants, K. C. Donnelly, a former Paterson State fencer, and Joyce Eslinger, a freshman student, took second and third place respectively, in the women's novice foil tournament, sponsored by the Amateur Fencers League of America, and held Friday night at the Paterson State Teachers College.

Honors for second place were closely contested with a tie developing between Miss Donnelly and Miss Eslinger. Each fencer having won five bouts and lost three, the tie was resolved by counting touches. Miss Donnelly placed second with twenty-two touches to Miss Eslinger's twenty-three.

Voting for Queen

(Continued from Page One) will not be announced until the night of the dance. Miss Swope, Sophomore class adviser, and Mary Diamond, Editor-in-Chief of the Beacon, will take the final count of the votes.

The newly elected queen and her six maids of honor, dressed in gowns and added corsages, will march through a huge valentine frame, across the ballroom, and will be formally crowned the "Campus Sweetheart" of 1950.

President Harold Sealey has announced that the following committees have been chosen: REPRESENTATIVE, Rose Boggiogio; PUBLICITY, Stanley Scott and Clara Mieselski; ENTERTAINMENT, Joseph Perotta; DECORATION, Eva Brigandine and Tom Olson; BALLOT, Guy Lott, John Pincotich, Marjorie Glee, and Donald Pindus.

Pioneers Rally

The Pioneers came back quickly in the second round as Isch dunked two unders. Donnelly did likewise and Thompson and Zrybo added sets to give State a 24-19 lead. Jennings then got hot for Stroudsburg and at halftime, Paterson's lead was out to 35-23.

After pulling even at 39-35 shortly after the beginning of the second half, Moretta and Pindus ranged under the Stroudsburg boards and Pindus was ejected with five personal fouls a rebounding chance of loss. Vince scored all of State's five points in this period as Jennings led the Pennsylvania boys to a 39-31 lead.

Team Play Lacking

Thompson, Goldberg and Moretta divided State's seven points in the last quarter as Stroudsburg added five points to their lead. This period, as well as the third, was marked by individualism and lack of team play by Paterson. The Pennsylvania made good use of this fault to tie the game.

Moretta, with 7 of 8 from the foul line and a total of 13 points, and the rebounding work of Joe Isch were the bright spots for Paterson. The fine generalship of Schroeder and the scoring of Jennings were leading factors in their victory.

The Paterson Junior Varsity team also was defeated, after trailing throughout, 59-32.

The box score:

Paterson		East Stroudsburg	
Moretta	13	Isch	13
Goldberg	5	Thompson	5
Thompson	5	Donnelly	5
Donnelly	5	Schroeder	5
Thompson	5	Moretta	5
Isch	5	Pindus	5
Zrybo	5	Jennings	5
Rebound	5	Rebound	5
Total	59	Total	59

Rider Downs State, 56-43

On Wednesday night, December 14, Paterson State's basketball team traveled to Trenton where they played Rider College, a member of the N.J.I.A.A. Conference, at massive Trenton High School gymnasium.

After Al Goldberg opened the scoring with a quick drive for State, Rider forged ahead with a quick succession of baskets. Although Thompson, Goldberg, and Johnson strove desperately to keep State in the fight, Rider led at halftime by seven points, 25-18.

In the action-packed Rider increased its lead to ten points only to see Paterson's aggressive play, featured by the brilliant work of Cody Thompson, whittle down the score again. This surge proved insufficient, however, and Rider was adding to its lead as the game ended with a 56-43 score. Fletcher Johnson scored eleven points in a losing cause.

In the preliminary game, the Rider Freshmen crushed State's Junior Varsity by 64-24. Van Orsdel led Paterson's weak attack, dropping in eight points.

Ladies Be Seated

W.A.A. Chit-Chat

by Clara Michalewski and Eleanor Carr

Basketball practice is in full swing with Don Mishovsky and Don Brigrand on the forward line-up and Rosemarie Scholander and Joan Ward as two of the outstanding guards. If the girls keep up the good work, how can P.S.T.C. fail to win against their opposition? Some of the freshmen who show great possibilities of making either the varsity or junior varsity teams are Marjorie Rroman, Don James, Ruth Wilkes, Dolores Palish, Dolores Martinez, Marie Ellsworth, Theresa Swanson, Esther Bradley, Barbara Klein, and Betty Arthur.

According to Marie Leaf, co-chairman of bowling, over fifty girls are participating in that event. It looks as though Ruth Lamber is aiming for the highest individual trophy award. She's averaging 165.

Keep your eyes open for the new W.A.A. Scholastic board which will be placed in the girls' locker room. All important articles will be posted here.

A new log has been secured in which articles and pictures of W.A.A. activities will be entered. Don James, who has been elected historian, will assume the responsibility of keeping the log up-to-date. If you have any such articles of interest concerning W.A.A., contact Don.

As a closing note, we would like to welcome back Miss Lee, our W.A.A. adviser, who was out for several weeks due to illness.