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EGYPTIAN AWARDED SECOND PLACE BY COLUMBIA PRESS JUDGES

PAPER RECEIVES HIGHEST PLACE EVER GIVEN TO PUBLICATION

The decision of the Columbia Press Association, judges of the school and college newspapers have been made public and the Egyptian has been honored by an award of second rating in the list of publications restricted to Teachers colleges. The Egyptian has been placed at the head of the list of schools of education newspapers listed in this rating.

Never before has a publication of this Teachers college rated so highly in this national competition in which there are usually from nine hundred to a thousand entries. The results of the contest climaxed a meeting of the eighth annual convention of membership journalists sponsored by Columbia University.

But one other publication of the Illinois Teachers colleges was mentioned in the award lists published by the Press Association. This paper was that of the Eastern Illinois Teachers College at Charleston whose paper, the News, was rated directly below the Egyptian. Competition was much keener this year as is witnessed by the fact that the News last year secured first rating.

The award is recognized as one of the highest given any campus publication since the organization of the institution and the staff feels pleased with the decision rendered by the Columbia judges.

Last year the Egyptian placed third in the same competition. Once previously the paper also received third place. The award given at the recent convention is definite proof of that fact that there is a decided improvement in the quality of journalism on this campus.

Detailed results have not yet been released, and a more complete write-up of the decision of the judges will appear in another edition.

"MARTHA" TO BE GIVEN APRIL 21

A presentation of Von Flotow's opera, "Martha," which promises to surpass all previous musical performances here will be staged at the Shryock Auditorium on April 21, at 8:00 p. m. The complete cast which will be supplemented by a chorus of forty is:

Lady Harriet—Mrs. Durham, Maid of Honor to Queen Anne—Mrs. Daniel McIntosh.

Nancy, her friend—Thelma L. Kellogg.

Sir Tristram Mickford—Harold Bailey.

Lionel—Robert Dunn Facer.

Plunkett, a wealthy farmer—Wendell Margrave.

Sheriff of Richmond—Mare Green.

The members of the cast are easily recognizable as students and faculty members who are experienced musicians and actors. All of them have assisted in musical programs which have taken place within the past year.

Colored Greek Sorority Formed on College Campus

The first colored Greek letter sorority was organized during the spring vacation. Members of the Epsilon and Omicron chapters of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority of Lovejoy, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, performed the initiation, assisted by Miss Bertha Black, State Bacilleus, of Indianapolis, Indiana. The initiation was held at the residence of Mrs. Pearl Boyd Williams, an alumna of S. I. T. C. An afternoon tea in honor of the newly initiated members was held at the residence of Mrs. Daisy R. Sykes, also an alumna of S. I. T. C. Those initiated were: Maggie E. Nelson, Louise Harris, Milroy Farrar, Dora Lee Armour, all undergraduates of S. I. T. C., and Lucille Mason, a graduate of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri. The newly organized chapter is known as the Psi Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho.

BULLETIN

There will be no April Fool edition of the Egyptian.

TUCKER AND BRINK RECEIVE MU TAU PI PRIZE AWARD

BRINK'S PRIZE-WINNING EDITORIAL APPEARS ON PAGE FOUR

Concluding its campaign to improve the Egyptian, Mu Tau Pi has chosen as the winners of its journalistic contest, Billy Tucker and Venice Brink. Mr. Tucker was awarded the two-dollar prize for the best news article on the merits of his report which was headed: "President Shryock Announces S. I. T. C. Ranks Without Deficiency." The article appeared in the edition of March 2. Mr. Brink's whose editorial was awarded a similar prize in being judged superior to all other feature work written by those eligible to compete, is not a regular contributor to the Egyptian. His prize-winning article appears on page four of this issue.

This contest, conducted as a feature of Mu Tau Pi's program of improvement, was opened during the month of February. Other activities in this program which have been successful are: the establishment of a small library in the Egyptian office; the entertainment of staff members at a reception which served as a method.

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STUDENT COUNCIL ADVOCATES A CHANGE IN COLLEGE LETTER

Forum Holds First Intercollegiate Debate April 1

The Forum Debating Club is holding its first intercollegiate debate in years on Friday, April 1, with Evansville College, at Evansville, Indiana. The subject for the debate is the abolition of the distinction between amateurism and professionalism in college athletics. S. I. T. C. will uphold the negative side, with John Brewer and Ralph Eddy as its defendants.

The Forum has held tryouts for the annual spring debates to be held Monday, April 18, when two Forum teams meet two Illiac teams. For the last two years, the Forum has won these debates, each time by a score of 5-2.

The teams to represent the Forum were chosen on a competitive basis. Guy Williams being the only man debating last year to appear with this season's team. The Forum team are as follows: Affirmative, Guy Williams and Paul Benthall; negative, Harry Moss and Venice Brink.

ADVISE SUPPLEMENTING OF "N" WITH "S" FOR SOUTHERN

A referendum concerning the changing of the letter awarded by the college for athletics and scholastic work will soon be placed before the student body. Agitation for the abolition of the "N" as the college letter has grown within the college during the past year. A committee appointed by the Student Council reported after several days investigation on the campus that although the students of the college were not urgently desiring a change in the official award of the college they were at least favorable to the proposition after a Council member had explained the situation.

The Egyptian has advocated the alteration in several editorials during the last few years. The Student Council has taken a stand on the change and by chapel announcement has initiated action toward the adoption of another form for the college letter. Obviously there are arguments for the retention of the letter as well as for the adoption of a new award. Tradition and custom are in favor of the retention of the "N." On the other hand, as the Council has stated, the use of the "N" as an award does not distinguish its recipients from those of Normal schools. Too, the "N" is not representative of the name of the college. For a year we have been known as a teachers' college. At the present time the title "Normal" applies to two-year colleges.

Members of the "N" Club have been quoted as saying that they do not desire the change. Question has been raised concerning the beauty of the letter. These doubts may be easily cleared. Artists consider the "S" as a prettier letter than the "N." Undoubtedly some method could be

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TO OUR CRITICS

With pleasure the Egyptian announces the results of the Columbia National Press Association rating to its readers in a news article on this page. The results which give second place rating in national competition to the Egyptian are especially gratifying to the staff for several major reasons. In the first place the Egyptian is proud of the award because it was given by such a high rating agency. Without doubt the recognition of the Columbia organization is the highest goal of any college publication. Secondly, the grant of the association is satisfying because of the fact that never before has a weekly publication of this institution received such a high rating in this annual competition. Previous to this year the best place given to this college's paper has been third. Lastly, the award comes as a vindication from the criticism of the Egyptian staff during the present college year. It is particularly pleasing to those associated with the paper that the rating should come during a year when adverse criticism of the quality and policies of the weekly has been so general. Possibly criticism of the Egyptian has been confined to a group of students or faculty who are known to criticize any collegiate movement of which they are not a part. Obviously and happily "wobblin'ers" of this type have been the kind that would find it impossible to pen three consecutive lines of any composition and retain sense to the body of the writing. Before long the present Egyptian staff ends a year of service to the student body. It has spent nine trying months preparing thirty-four editions of the paper. The staff enjoyed a duty,

which at times has become wearing because of the many potential editors on the campus who bloom regularly with wild suggestions for "improvement." The staff on retiring presents this rating by the highest critical body of journalistic endeavor in the nation, and hopes that local critics realize that herein lies a real estimation of the value of a weekly.

DR. BAILEY PRESENTS A SYNOPSIS

Dr. W. M. Bailey, head of the Botany department, who has recently taken his title from the University of Chicago, presented in his thesis submitted as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy the result of twelve years of experimentation and research. The results of the experiment contained in the thesis were recently given as a lecture to the Botany Club at the University of Chicago, such a recognition being among the highest honors awarded by the University. It is expected that the thesis will be published in its entirety in the Botanical Gazette.

A synopsis of the thesis as prepared by Dr. Bailey appears thusly: "The thesis was on the following subject: Some Structural and Metabolic Effects of Physiological Pre-determination. The purpose of the research work forming the basis of the thesis was to determine the influence which

certain physiological conditions of the seed may exert upon the subsequent development of the plant. The work was concerned mainly with the effect produced by soaking the seeds for different periods of time in distilled water previous to planting them, precautions being taken to obtain air, moisture and supply the seeds with air during the treatment. The investigations were made on plants from treated seeds and on those from untreated seeds, in order that the effects of the seed treatment on the plants grown from seeds might be determined. All determinations were made in duplicate or triplicate in order that errors might be avoided. Four investigations were made; in the first, experiments were carried on to determine the effects of the seed treatment on the germination of the seeds, rate of growth, size and weight of the plants at maturity, time re-

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CLUBS - SOCIETIES - ORGANIZATIONS

SORORITIES

TRI SIGMA

Ruth Glenn, Dorothy Neal, Lucille Edgar, and Juanita Richardson spent the week end at their respective homes in Sparta.

Jane Rose Whitley, Kathleen Coffee, and Mary Nancy Felts spent last week end in Harrisburg.

Mrs. T. B. F. Smith, one of the Tri Sigma sponsors, entertained at tea on Friday and Monday afternoons. The town girls were Mrs. Smith's guests Friday, while the house girls were entertained on Monday afternoon.

DELTA SIGMA EPSILON

Florede Humphrey is at her home in Lawrenceville recovering from an appendicitis operation. Miss Humphrey will be unable to attend classes until the mid-spring term.

Mrs. William Davis, of Champaign, visited at the Delta Sig House on

POETRY CLUB

At the meeting of the Poetry Club held last week the two young American poets, Nathalia Crane and Hilda Conkling were studied and the relative merits of their works were discussed. The poet, Robert Frost, is to be the subject of the next meeting which is to be held on April 6th. All members are asked to bring a guest to this meeting.

Monday.

Winona Gunn of East St. Louis was the guest of Miss Elisabeth Dill last week end.

Probation week for Delta Sig pledges begins today. The pledges who are going through their informal initiation include: Lena Hoorbeck, Marie Oehm, Mary Korondo, Winifred Burkhardt, and Virginia Scott.

Joan Lougeay of Belleville was a week end guest at the Delta Sig house.

Dr. Merwin Prepares Article on Changing Orders

"Changing Orders," an article by Dr. Merwin, on the curriculum changes in Denominational colleges of Kansas from 1870 to 1930 appeared in the March issue of The Journal of Higher Education.

The changes appearing in the curricula of the denominational colleges were summarized in an initial effort to show what have been the offerings of the church colleges in a single state over a comparatively long period. In his article Dr. Merwin compared the courses offered in each college catalogue and compared the various trends in order partially to determine the future developments of the curricula of these colleges. In keeping pace with the times the curricula have been constantly changing. English literature has held its own, composition has declined, but journalism has come to the front. Biology has increased at the expense of botany and zoology. Mathematics, along with the classical languages, has decreased sixty-five per cent.

The trend has been from the speculative or classical, in recent years, to the practical.

Dr. Merwin was complimented on his article by Richard C. Badger, a publisher at Boston. Mr. Badger offered to publish the statistics which Dr. Merwin has gathered in the form of a book, but no definite plans have been made.

National Secretary of Y. W. on Campus

Miss Alice Brown, the national student secretary of the Y. W. C. A. has been visiting on the campus since Monday. Miss Brown is replacing Miss Julia Mae Hamilton, the regular secretary who is on leave of absence to study at the University of Chicago.

Miss Brown has been very busy holding the necessary conferences with the Y. W. cabinet members, the advisory board, the advisors, and answering all questions that have arisen. Miss Brown addressed the members of the Y. W. at the regular meeting last night.

In addition to the business side of her visit, Miss Brown has been entertained at various functions. She was the guest of honor at a dinner at Anthony Hall on Monday, and at lunch at the Delta Sig house on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Krause and Miss Carpenter, advisors, entertained for her at tea Tuesday afternoon to which the advisory board cabinet were invited.

Miss Brown, whose duty it is to visit all the colleges in the central Geneva region, leaves Carbondale this afternoon.

SHAFFER-GOULD

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shaffer of Mills Shoals have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ada Shaffer, to Paul Gould of Freeburg. Miss Shaffer, a junior at S. I. T. C., is a graduate of Pocahontas High School. Mr. Gould, the son of Rev. and Mrs. V. G. Gould of Zeigler, is a graduate of McKendree College, and the principal of the Freeburg schools. The date for the wedding has not been announced.

WARREN DEFENDS TRAINING SCHOOL AT CLUB MEET

In the meeting of the Education Club Thursday night, it was pointed out by Mr. Warren, who has made a careful study of the comparative qualities of training in the primary schools of this city, that the training which the pupils receive in the Training School is as good as that which might be had in the city public schools.

The question, "Which is the better place for pupil training, the Practice School or the Public School in which the instructors are teachers other than practice teachers?" has often been discussed by parents.

It was pointed out that Training School pupils were above Public School pupils in speed and in comprehension in Reading, about the same in quality of handwriting and Arithmetic and slightly inferior in Spelling. Data also showed that in Spelling all the schools were above norm in the lower of the grades 3-8 inclusive, and below the norm in the upper grades. Such a study, however, is very limited in that it was confined to only a small group—this one city of Carbondale.

Mu Tau Pi Rush Season Begins Next Week

The matter of plugging new members dominated the discussion conducted at the afternoon meeting of Mu Tau Pi, held March 21. In accordance with the constitutional restrictions, the rush season will begin within the next week and will continue until the sixth week of the term, at which time it will be terminated by a formal pledging ceremony. A committee of Marc Green, Hazel Towery, and Selina Halter, was appointed to attend to the details of the rush activities.

A meeting of the fraternity was held again on the evening of March 28, when the above committee presented a report concerning those staff members who are eligible to membership in the Mu Tau Pi. At this same session, the plan to amend the constitution in order to provide for Wednesday afternoon meetings in place of the present Monday afternoon gatherings was taken up.

Literary Societies Plan Spring Plays

The Spring Entertainment Committees for both the Socratic and the Zetetic societies met last week and began reading plays for the productions to be given in the Shryock Auditorium during Commencement week. After each member of the committee has read each play, a choice will be made by vote, after conference with the dramatic coach.

The Socratic committee is composed of Clarence Arnold, Jewell Ferrill, Frances Locke, John Brewer, and Hazel Payne. It will probably make its choice from these plays: "The Torchbearers," "Polly With a Past," "The Youngest," "The Poor Nut," "The First Year," "Erstwhile Susan," "To the Ladies," and "The Romantic Age."

The Zetetic committee consists of Marc Green, Margaret Hill, Will Adams, Marian Dill, and Paul Peterson. The members are reading "You and I," "Love-in-a-Mist," "Miss Nelly of N' Orleans," "Phillip Goes Forth," "Dear Brutus," "Outward Bound," "Grumpy," and "Mr. Pim Passes By."

C. of C. Plans Trip to St. Louis

The S. I. T. C. Chamber of Commerce had its first meeting, since the spring vacation, Thursday night. The members were entertained by a very interesting program consisting of three numbers: A reading by Caroline Shaffer, a talk by Mr. T. L. Bryant, and a play by Anthony Hall girls.

Following the program the officers for the coming year were elected. They are:

President, Marion Graskewicz.
Vice president, Arthur Newman.
Secretary-treasurer, Miles Brandon.

Reporter, Marion Allen.
The club has a great many interesting plans for its members this term. Its program would easily classify the club as one of the most active organizations on the campus. Plans are now under way for an excursion to St. Louis. However, the date for this trip has not been decided upon.

As the first feature this club is having as its guest, the West Frankfort High School Chamber of Commerce at the next meeting. The West Frankfort club is under the supervision of Miss Lillian Grose, a former member of the S. I. T. C. commerce department. The guests are to furnish part of the entertainment of the evening.

Every member is especially urged to attend this meeting which will be held the first Thursday night in April.

The following meeting the S. I. T. C. club is invited to be the guests of the West Frankfort unit.

Anthony Hall News

Miss Crawford visited in St. Louis several days last week, attending her brother, Mr. John Crawford of Anna, to St. John's Hospital. She returned to the Hall Saturday evening. Dorothy Stoeklin has re-entered school after spending some time in the infirmary as a flu patient.

Frances Raney and Norma Moshna were the guests of Mary Hood at her home in Cairo during the Easter holidays.

For the second time during the past week, the dining room furnished a colorful setting for a seasonal function. The dinner party last Wednesday evening, including the Women's League of Voters and the guests of Mary Hood, was particularly attractive in its appointments of balloons and crepe paper decorations. Mrs. H. G. Easterly, formerly a faculty member here, was the guest of honor of the Women's League. The members of the party at the head table were: Miss Crawford, Miss Madge Trout, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnes, Frances Raney, Dorothy McElvain, Norma Moshna, Mary Hood, and Ruth Merz.

Faculty

Dean Wham will give an address at the Southwestern division of the Illinois State Teachers' Association to be held at East St. Louis, March 31 and April 1.

Mr. E. G. Lentz, of the History department, now on leave of absence for graduate work at the University of Illinois, spent the Easter holidays in Carbondale. While here, he visited the History department.

Dr. R. L. Beyer was judge at a debate between Dupu and Du Quoin held at Du Quoin last week.

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About 400 B. C., Shakespeare, Jonson, Walter Winchell or someone took a deep sigh one blitheful spring morning and while in an intensely joyous state, possibly due to a pair of laughing blue eyes somewhere, muttered the following words: "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

How true is that little maxim? One needs but to look about him or a warm spring night and take note of the countless couples to assure himself of the veracity of the statement.

A few nights ago, feeling unusually bored with gazing at the friendless walls of my room, I decided to take the advice of the composer of the song, Pick Up Your Hat, Close Up Your Flat, and Get Out Under the Moon. After reaching the said decision I tossed my books into a corner, strode to the porch, gazed rapturously at the stars, and then languidly began to stroll down the street. I neither knew or cared what my destination was.

Presently I passed a couple of students walking hand in hand, and even so slowly. No oral conversation passed between them, but their glance and the slight pressure on each other's hands spoke volumes. Involuntarily I thought how beautiful love really was.

Possibly by force of habit, I know of no other reason, my feet guided me to our campus. The beauty of the buildings in the moonlight was superb. The lights and darks created by the moon, the buildings and the trees, were indeed beautiful. How I longed for a fair companion to enjoy the panorama with me. Alas, I too was turning to thoughts of love. The moon and the breeze had paved the way for Cupid's dominance of my heart. Oh how I sighed and longed for a companion.

Lightheartedly I neared the Main Building. As I did so a whistled melody broke the stillness, and lo! there sat an enraptured pair on the rock window sill. Oh the joys of spring and love. I proceeded on my way encountering not less than a dozen happy pairs of girls and their escort sitting on the window ledges of the Main Building. My, how my very soul yearned to join them. Before I realized it I was wistfully whistling Sweethearts on Parade.

Finally I espied a lonely looking girl sitting on the south steps. My gracious spirit overruled me and I decided to go over and speak to her. Who knows? Perhaps she might be my own soul mate—the one girl I had always searched for—my ideal. I spoke to her, she spoke to me. I believed that she, too, desired companionship. Finally I sat down and asked her if she also was lonely. She said she was not, and furthermore, that her boy friend had just gone to the Cafe after cigarettes. In a moment I was tranquilly walking on the banks of Lake Ridgeway, far removed from the scene of impending disaster.

Behind me I heard a soft step. Was it an Anthony Hall girl coming to end my loneliness? Oh how I hoped so, but alas, my soliloquy was rudely interrupted by a very masculine shout of "Hey, you!" Timidly I turned to meet my accoster, who was none other than the night watchman. Finally I proved to him that love, not larceny, occupied my thoughts. The charm of the night was indeed shaken for me.

And further I strolled, a little faster, until finally I ran as hard as I could. The rain was coming down in veritable torrents. I was soaked by the pluvial downpour. Oh the fickleness of spring. How I detest it. The water literally oozed from my shoes. In the future, when the harbingers announce that spring is here, my thoughts shall softly turn not to love—but gardens.

Someone must have gotten some dirt on the innocent looking couple, and it stuck, as is always the case. Or maybe she called him a dirty dog for being hoggish with the umbrella and then he retaliated by calling her a dirty little siren for wearing that fetching head-dress and they both took it to heart. At any rate, she is not the lady who washes, and he is not the embodiment of purity, either. Their mother should be ashamed of herself for letting her children go out soiled with soil. Of course, they surely do have a statuesque mother—and, considering the dirt on their faces, she must be Venus de Milo.

- Theme Songs of Various Courses:**
 History—Memories.
 Criminology—The Prisoner's Song.
 Economics—I've Found a Million Dollar Baby.
 Shakespeare—Crazy Words, Crazy Tune.
 Risk and Risk Bearing—I Can't Give You Anything But Love.
 Greek—I Don't Know Why.
 Chemistry—Just One More Chance.
 German—Limehouse Blues.
 Biology—I Ain't Got Nobody.
 Education—Now You're In My Arms.
 English—Love Letters in the Sand.
 Physics—At Last.
 Genetics—Where Did You Get Those Eyes?
 Bible—Why Dance.
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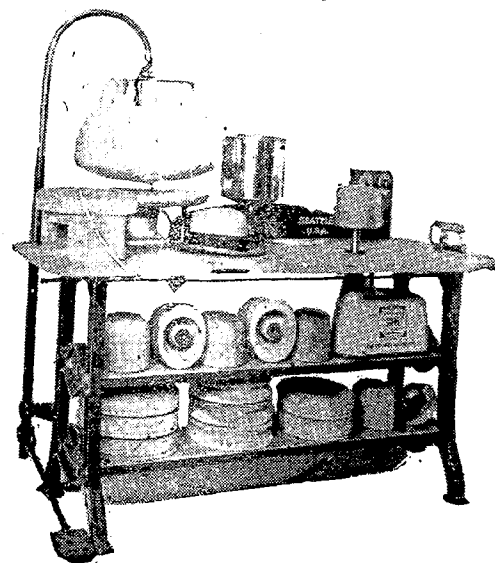
OUR FOUNTAIN URCHINS

"Spring is here with poems and bath tubs," says Wil Rogers. And it might be a good idea if we neglected the poetry long enough to bathe the children who adorn our fountain.

But who is going to do it, and how is it to be done? The question is one which well might be submitted to the Sisters of the Skillet. That infernal umbrella they hold has caused this smutty appearance, so it might be well to take the umbrella away from them leaving the pair exposed to the elements. Close scrutiny will reveal their sorry condition. They are barefooted, the girl is pointing to the lad's feet as much as to say, "Tak, tek!" And some conscientious creature has flung mercuric in their faces.

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Here is a chance for somebody to clean up big. Roust about and tidy them up a bit for spring. Any person who takes it upon himself to scour our little kiddies will please come around to the Egyptian office and get dubbed "Bon Ami."



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WHO WILL ANSWER?

An intelligent college student, in speaking of the present far eastern trouble, expressed the opinion that a war would be a good thing, that it would help out in this time of depression, and that many of the men for whom no work can be found could go fight.

This student is from a family of more than average culture, a graduate of a high school in a city which prides itself on its culture and churches.

How does it happen that one who has had what are commonly regarded as the best cultural, educational, and religious teaching and influences, expresses opinions which indicate an attitude of complacency or even favor toward war, and toward the possibility of the beginning of what might be the acme of bloody, merciless carnage, which it is predicted would extend to all mankind.

Have the ones who are charged with the upbringing of our youth already forgotten all the horrors of the last great war, the famous war to end war? Have they forgotten the havoc it wrought in this country and more so in other ones?

Or have they failed in large degree to pass on the lessons they themselves have learned?

Or have their efforts in this line been thwarted and defeated by the machinations of those groups which profit from war and who find it to their interest that the oncoming generation shall have a false conception of war, glorified and stripped of all its bloody and filthy reality?

If a system of society does not succeed any better in teaching the truth about the greatest enemy of mankind, and placidly allows a recrudescence of such error after each war, can there be any real prospect of continued peace under such a social system?

LET US BANISH THE N

In 1874, nearly sixty years ago, the first building on our campus was completed. Our school was named the Southern Illinois Normal University. Ours was the second Normal school founded in the state, being preceded by the State Normal School at Normal.

Since 1874 our college has borne the name and reputation of a Normal school. This title, however, has ceased to be an appropriate one for our college. In 1931 our school was transferred to the fully accredited list of colleges and universities, thus making the title of Normal school a pure misnomer.

Due to the fact that ours is no longer a Normal school, it is entirely desirable that that appellation be removed. In fact, the school is scarcely known other than officially by that name. No student is desirous of calling our college a Normal school. Everywhere one hears the phrase "Southern Illinois Teachers College" given as the school's title.

It appears that the main enemy that confronts the alteration of the school's name is tradition. However, tradition, although a sixty year old one, should give way before the steady tramp of progress and popular demand. It is because of this that we make the plea that the name of our school should be a more appropriate one, preferably "Southern Illinois Teachers College," and that our letters be changed from the out-grown N to S, indicative of Southern.

We feel that perhaps this would be a step further in bringing our college to being known eventually as the University of Southern Illinois.

Let us banish the N—and our misnomer.

Between the Lines

By B. M. G.

Now with elections

Coming on

And crooked deals

Coming off

We're reminded of

An incident

In which Public Enemy

Number X

Was asked to give

An impromptu

Before a gathering

"Of the boys"

And as he strode

Into the hall

He saw "Push"

Upon the door

And it was

Just trite enough

To suit his taste

He made that word

His Battle cry

And as is typical

Of his breed

The words did trip

And flow so fine

That one would think

That he had come

Direct from haunts

Of "coot and hern"

And then he made

A sudden sally

Telling them that

If they would look

Upon the door

They'd see the word

"The pregnant word

That is the key-note

Of success"

And so they looked

And there they saw

In characters

Quite bold enough

A lonely "Pull"

And so it was

That a politician

Told the truth

Though veracity

Came by the way

Of accident.



THE SPHINX KNOWS:

Wayne Sirles suggested that Dr. Abbott "take ether" for example;" and Doc replied, "I don't want to. It's an anesthetic."

A girl who hopes it was his yellow shoes Dr. Beyer left in St. Louis.

Ralph Thompson irritates Fierke by feeding the ice Fierke gathers for his experiments to people working in the lab.

Our old friend and schoolmate, Kendal Fugate, is in town but not on the campus.

Mr. B o m e r apologized to Frances Raney for asking his physics class "Do any of you know Rex Winchester?"

I like "Little Joe" but not the way the man I'm listening to right now is singing it.

That Miss Krause is death to arrogant mice.

THE SPHINX WONDERS:

How Miss Smith's French classes are getting on with Hernani—and without me.

Why Miss Crawford called Mrs. Barnes Anthony Hall's step-mother.

Why practice teachers inevitably speak of their "brats"—even though their pupils are graduate students.

How Thelma is getting on going to school with Leo not here.

Why Dr. Lingle wears that hat—that way.

If Marc Green and Jim White were ever tossed out of the library.

If you heard pigs squealing at Anthony Hall, March 17th.

Dear Sphinx:

I wish you'd help me find out the name of my history professor. I can't read the name on my assignment card and I can't see the teacher. I have the class in that huge room on the third floor of the Main Building. I sit in a cane bottom chair in the second row behind the regular seats, and a boy as tall as Bob Dipell sits in front of me. My feet don't touch the floor, either. By propping them on the rounds of the chair in front of me and sticking my neck out sidewise a foot, then lowering my head to within two inches of the arm of my chair I can see one of the teacher's eyes. But you can't tell who a person is by seeing one eye. I think it's blue. I should certainly appreciate your help. Don't suggest asking him, for I won't dash up to anybody and say, "What is your name?"

A. O. O.

Dear A. O. O.:

You might go to the bulletin board and see who teaches that kind of history that hour. If more than one person does, that complicates matters, I admit. If not, your search is at an end. You might go to the card on the history door and run your finger horizontally along the line designating the fifth hour until you find the number of that room—it's 315—then run the finger up that same row vertically until you reach the name at the top. That will be the teacher. If you can't read that, ask somebody in the office to interpret it for you.

If you don't understand these directions, you might ask the person next to you. I hope you find out.

Sympathetically,
The Sphinx.

SCRIBALOVE

We've been hearing a lot of talk about the intramural baseball, but we don't know enough about the various entries to venture an opinion as to the winning team. We wonder if President Shryock is going to be present at the first game and open the series by throwing in the baseball. To make the occasion even more realistic and imitative of big league, it wouldn't be a bad idea to have the band on hand to play the Loyalty song or the Star Spangled Banner or something musical so all of Southern's stars can realize the importance and grandness of the occasion. We wonder if the faculty is going to have a team. If so, is Dr. Cramer going to star again? Who is going to pitch for the profs? Will Dr. Beyer be able to make short-stop or will he have to play center field? We'd like to see their lineup. And another thing, we refuse to bet on the outcome of the series. We lost our shirt betting on the basketball tournament last term.

Have you noticed the list of students who owe library fines from last term. It looks like the telephone directory of New York City. We suggest that some industrious person fill in the address and telephone number of everybody listed thereon. Then, beloved, we would be spared the expense of reprinting the Student Directory. At least, it's a good idea.

Of course we're poor observers, but it seems that the freshman enrollment has fallen off considerably this term. There are quite a few empty seats in the freshman sections of the auditorium. But there are enough seniors to compensate. The balcony section usually occupied by the seniors are completely filled and some of our lordly upperclassmen are forced to sit away up the highest corner almost against the ceiling. Verily, they sit near unto the heavens.

We think that James' is a nifty place to eat at about 10 p. m. You can go in there late at night, and sit in the orange room, and eat. Maybe you like pie, or ice cream, or a barbecue. We like to linger over a bit of victual and drink just before turning in for the night. Maybe we're queer, but we think it's a rare old custom, and its delightfully Bohemian.

We attend chapel regularly. We say our prayers and sing our hymns. We listen to the orchestra play the classics. The classics are beautiful and we like them. Classic music puts one into moods—if you know what we mean. We also like variety in our music—a dreamy modern waltz, a touch of jazz. Why not? Naturally we don't expect our grave symphony orchestra to play "Tiger Rag" every other day, but we really would appreciate some modern music—conservative modern music—every now and then. Once a week maybe. It would reduce chapel-cutting. All important announcements could be made on the day when popular music is played. Then just about every one would hear the news that the administration wants to broadcast. And again we say "Why Not?"

And how did you like that moon last week?

And Mary Eleanor Helm, after living at Anthony Hall for goodness knows how long, deserts and moves in at the Delta Sig house. Correspondents please notice change of address.

PROSPECTS OF TRACK TEAM ARE DIMMED BY HANDICAPS

**UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CON-
DITIONS PROVE TO BE
A DRAWBACK**

Rain and unfavorable weather conditions in general have been preventing the track team candidates from getting into the desired condition for a strenuous spring schedule. At no time this season has Coach Lingle been able to time the trials in the runs or to even give the men a good work out, because of the muddy condition of the track.

Another severe blow was given the S. I. T. C.'s hopes when it became definitely known that Captain "Pete" Ray would not be back in school this season. Pete's habit of garnering ten points in each meet helped the Maroons to win the State Teachers College meet for three successive years. Pete holds the state championship of the Teachers Colleges in the high jump and broad jump. Besides doing the jumping, Captain Ray put the shot and threw the javelin.

Doc Lingle has no idea as to whom he will start in the various events in the opening meet, but Carl Wright, captain of last year's tracksters, is expected to continue garnering points for the Maroons. McRoy, Johnson, and Davidson probably will be in the quarter mile. At present then there is a need for men in the distance and middle distance runs. Jim Reed, veteran of last year, will run the half and may be drafted into the mile run.

Perrine and Colombo look fair in the middle distances, but will have to improve to place with other distance men.

The weights events seem to be well supplied with material. Jimmy Lander of Cartersville, three times a letter man in track will throw the javelin along with Hippo Brown and Bud Smith, both of Carbondale. Bricker is not in school this term, leaving the discus and shot to Martin.

The first track meet will be April 12 at Cape Girardeau. An ambitious schedule of contests follows the encounter with the Indians.

Brain's Maturity

The brain reaches its full size and weight at about the same time the rest of the body matures; that is, between the ages of twenty-two and twenty-five years.

DR. BAILEY PRESENTS

A SYNOPSIS

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quired for them to reach maturity, and the effects of the seed treatment on the structure of the leaves and stems. In the second investigation experiments were made to determine the effects of seed treatment on this chemical processes within the plants produced from the seeds. Chemical analyses were made to determine the relative amounts of starch and other polysaccharides, sugars, total nitrogen, proteins and amino acids. The relative amounts of water and dry matter in the plants were also determined. In the third investigation, the effect of the soaking treatment of the seeds on the calalose activity (causing hydrogen peroxide to decompose in to water and oxygen) was determined in order to learn what effects the soaking treatment might have on the enzymes in the seeds. This investigation was made both with seeds soaked with aeration and those soaked without aeration. In these investigations it was found that the soaking treatment of the seeds reduced the rate of germination of the seeds and the rate of growth, size and weight of the plants produced, increased the time required for the plants to reach maturity modified by the structure of the leaves and the stem, increased the relative amounts of sugars, starch and dry matter in the plants, and decreased the relative amounts of nitrogen, proteins and amino acids and water. The soaking treatment of the seeds increased the rate of respiration after the seeds were sprouted. This was due to the facts that the seeds that were soaked before sprouting were more completely saturated with water than those sprouted without previous soaking. The higher proportion of water favors a more rapid rate of respiration.

In the calalose determinations it was found that the calalose activity first decreased and then increased when the seeds were soaked with aeration, but constantly decreased when they were soaked without aeration.

It is evident that the experimentation which Dr. Bailey carried on during so long a time is no little achievement, and that his results are of no small importance to the scientific world.

Election of Women's League April 7

Election of officers for the Woman's League will be held in the Auditorium after chapel Thursday, April 7.

The committee on elections has chosen the following list of juniors and sophomores from which candidates will be nominated from the floor. Candidates for president and vice president must be chosen from the juniors and for the two secretaries, from either list:

Juniors—Juanita Farmer, Lillie Ford, Lorene Koen, Juanita Adams, Jane Warren, Eva Kathryn Cickrill, Mabel Weas, Ruth Stevenson, Reba Weas, Helen Baker, Gladys Kelly, Marie Phillips, Helen Ingram.

Sophomores—Irma Oberto, Maurine Gum, Gertrude Clark, Margaret Hill, Ruth Merz, Virginia Shields, Lydia Bolliger, Caroline Bowie, Susan Davis, Wilma Johnson.

The Big Sister movement, with Ruth Stevenson, Lucille Schlessinger, and Nola Fulton, on the committee, is being inaugurated this spring to help freshmen next fall and needs the initiative and drive of strong officers. The council urges all girls to remain to vote.

TRYOUTS FEATURE MEET- ING OF ILLINAE CLUB

The feature of the Illinae Club which was held March 21 was the tryout for membership on the spring debate team.

Due to the absence of Miss Jonah, the sponsor, Mrs. Cramer had charge of the tryouts. The girls making the spring debate team were: Marie Campbell, Georgia Sniderwin, Carrie Chase, and Lois Snyder. Margaret Ann Cummings and Laura Stearns were chosen as alternates.

During the business meeting of the officers for the spring term were elected. They are:

President, Carrie Chase.
Vice president, Lois Snyder.
Secretary, Laura Stearns.
Program chairman, Georgia Sniderwin.

The spring debate is scheduled for the third Monday in April and the question is:

Resolved, That the distinction between amateurism and professionalism should be abolished in colleges where admission is charged.

Baptist Students Send Invitation

The Baptist students invite students to attend their organization which meets each day from 12:40 to 12:55. This student prayer meeting is not held for Baptist students alone but for all students on the campus. On each Wednesday of every week of this term one of the Carbondale ministers will talk to the prayer meeting group. This week Reverend Shenk, pastor of the First Baptist church will give a short address to the students. Three days of the week, including Wednesdays are used for various talks by members of the group, the other two days being used respectively for special music and prayer. The meetings are very informal, and all students, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to attend. The meetings are held in the Y. M. C. A. room on the third floor of the new Science Building.

The Woman's Athletic Association sponsored the first social dancing hour on Friday, March 4, in the Women's gymnasium. — The Western Courier, Macomb, Illinois.

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The Young Women's Christian Association has a history that dates back to 1859. At that time, a group of young women in Boston organized themselves into an association whose object was "the temporal, moral and religious welfare of young women who are dependent on their own exertions for support."

This city type of organization progressed until in 1873 the first Student Young Women's Christian Association was established on the campus of the Normal College at Normal, Illinois. This society was the direct outgrowth of informal religious meetings that had been held at the homes of the various women students. A constitution was compiled and adopted, officers elected, and regular meetings designated. Then in the '70's and early '80's four other Student Young Women's Christian Associations spontaneously came into existence. One of these four was the organization established on the campus of S. I. T. C. For-

tunately, the first entry in the minute book of that association has been preserved and follows:

"Young Women's Christian Association
Model Room S. I. N. U.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1876."

"At the close of the Young Ladies' Prayer meeting a proposition was made to change the prayer meeting into a Young Women's Christian Association, which met with general approval. The following officers were elected for the first term: Miss M. Beech, president; Miss Debbie Decker, secretary; Miss Lizzie Sheppard, treasurer. A committee consisting of Misses Middleton, McAnally, and Mason, was appointed to form a constitution and by-laws to be presented at the next meeting."

Progressing from that date, the association has increased in membership and in activity until, at the present time, it is without a doubt, one of the most prominent organizations on the campus.

STAFF MEMBER INTERVIEWS DONALD MACMILLAN

By CLARENCE KIRCHHOEFER

When first approached with the suggestion of interviewing Captain Donald B. MacMillan, the noted Arctic explorer, I somewhat resented the idea. The resentment, however, was based solely upon a perplexed feeling of inability in questioning and conversing intelligently with a notable who supplemented educational training of doctoral distinction with a vast colorful experience of fourteen expeditions, covering twenty-four years in the Far North as the true of Captain MacMillan. There was a different urge though as well—a dominating one—the pure desire of experiencing a personal contact with the “premier explorer of the Great North, ranking with the great ones of the world,” as the Boston Post called him. That urge overshadowed the feeling of resentment to such an extent that I keenly awaited the occasion of the interview.

“What possibility is there of lightening the imposition upon the man other than by the common expressing of thanks and the usual words of appreciation?” was the question I debated prior to the famed explorer’s arrival in our city.

When the time came I was at the depot awaiting to see Mr. MacMillan alight from the train. Here might be a very opportune time to assist him—carry his baggage and take him to a hotel in my car. The chance came and for this thanks to my alert friend who had accompanied me to the station, otherwise Mr. MacMillan might have brushed by in the crowd unrecognized.

After the handshakes and formality of introduction our guest lost no time in inquiring about arrangements that

had been made for illustrating the lecture which he was to deliver before a group of teachers a few hours later. He was anxious to see the film machine and note the possibility of its adjustment to his movie reels as well as to the large auditorium. Here was my chance to do a “good turn.” Frankly, but very politely, did he accept the offer to be taken to the auditorium and from there to the hotel. From that time until we reached the hotel my role was typically that of chauffeur and audience while my friend and Mr. MacMillan were the spokesmen of the group.

It was during those few minutes of driving (in which time I was also gathering courage to ask for an interview) that there came to my memory that periodical article I once read in which MacMillan described Robert E. Peary’s departure from New York City for an Arctic expedition, saying, “reporters were as bad as the heat—always present.” Such a recollection just at this time might not have been encouraging had it not been that the author of the remark was now present revealing every evidence of an ordinary man, speaking in a natural, slightly quickened, yet fluent manner and in a somewhat jovial tone that exploded any air of undue dignity that might have existed.

When we reached the hotel, I asked, in as polite a manner as I could, “Mr. MacMillan would it be imposing upon you too much to ask if I may come back a little later for an interview?” Due to the tenseness of the clapping moment I can not recall the exact words of his answer, but he assured me in a most pleasing

way that I could. “What time will best suit you?” I asked, still attempting to lighten the imposition. My considerateness, however, was no match for his as he came back with the identical question, “What time will best suit you?” To be sure, his complaisance was a little unexpected, then, the climax of the surprise came when he glanced at his watch and said, “Maybe, you could take dinner with me?” “Well—and then I must have swallowed, at least I paused, then, “Well, thank you” and finished in words that explained my taking meals regularly where I roomed, therefore being expected there. Without stopping, “but I can be back at six or six-thirty.” “Well, six-fifteen?” he compromised. “Yes,” and with that I left.

In the interim I hurried back to my room, gathered up “reporter’s instruments” (paper, pencil, etc.) and then took time to write out a few pivotal questions that I might employ in the interview.

(Continued next week.)

A new experiment in debate was successfully tried out Tuesday evening of last week by the members of Cape’s forensic squad and McKendree College at Lebanon. This experiment was in the form of a congressional type debate. It is the opinion of Professor Rose that this is the more profitable type of debate in that it gives more thorough experience in public extemporaneous speaking and eliminates the cut-and-dried argumentation that predominates in many of the old type of formal debates.—The Capaha Arrow, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Socrats Install New Officers for Term

The feature of the first meeting of the Socrats for the spring term was the installation of the new officers.

At the beginning of the business meeting, Clarence Stevenson, the outgoing president, surrendered his chair to Lois Mallory, the new president, and took his seat as sergeant-at-arms. Following this the new corresponding secretary, Georgia Sniderwin, and recording secretary, Norris Runnals, took their places. James Dollins is the new vice president. Reports on the spring entertainment committee and committee on decorations were given.

The program for the evening consisted of:

- Violin solo, Frances Phillips.
- Talk, Victor Goings.
- Jokes, Rhoda Mae Baker.

Plans for the programs of the spring term meetings were given and a membership campaign was discussed.

Zetetic Meetings to be Held Each Two Weeks

A reading by Marion Dill featured the Zetetic program last Wednesday evening, March 23. Miss Dill read the play, “Red, Red Rose,” the setting of which was in Madrid, in the days of old Spain. Miss Dill is a very talented reader and appears frequently in S. I. T. C. entertainments.

Margaret Hill read from the works of Dorothy Parker, giving a critical evaluation of the poems read. They were: “The Godmother,” “Little Brickbats,” “Interior,” “Swan Song,”

TUCKER AND BRINK RECEIVE MU TAU PI PRIZE AWARD

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of organization; the adoption of a style sheet which will be issued soon. The campaign was begun early in December.

Mr. Tucker, a reporter on the Egyptian staff, is a new-comer of the winter term. He is also a member of the Forum Debate Club. Mr. Brink, a senior at S. I. T. C., has distinguished himself in various campus activities.

The contest, open to all students except those who are members of Mu Tau Pi, was to stimulate interest among non-staff members and to encourage staff members in their work. Considering the response of several individuals, Mu Tau Pi feels well satisfied with the outcome.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVOCATES A CHANGE IN COLLEGE LETTER

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found where those who had received the “N” in previous years could be given one of the new letters.

The Egyptian asks the student body to endorse the introduction of a new letter. It is obvious that the “S” is the only letter that could logically be used.

“On Being a Woman,” and “Quota.” The program was completed by a review of the play, “Green Pastures,” by Paul Peterson, and a violin solo by Frances Phillips. Miss Phillips was accompanied by Elisabeth Dill. In the future, Zetetic meetings will be held every two weeks.

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