The growth of our school during the last few years has been phenomenal. The number of students has increased considerably; new buildings have been constructed; the faculty has been improved, both in numbers and in scholarship.

Students who were enrolled for the school year 1928-1929 came from various places to receive instruction here. Fifty-two of the one hundred two counties of Illinois were represented. These counties were Saline, Pope, Johnson, Alexander, Union, White, Williamson, Jo Daviess, Clark, Gallatin, Madison, Franklin, Hamilton, Wayne, Perry, Pulaski, Massie, Clay, Washington, Marion, Clinton, McCracken, Jefferson, Randolph, McCook, Montgomery, Lawrence, Franklin, Edwards, Monroe, Hardin, Sangamon, Jasper, Randolph, Chain, Clay, Greene, Pulaski, Pike, Coles, Wabash, Vermilion, and Christian.

The number of cities represented was considerably larger, with a grading class of the Senior College alone coming from forty-five cities, towns, and villages. The largest number came from Carbondale, who led the list with thirty-one students. The next largest number, Murphyboro, is third with three. Pinckneyville, Carbondale, Stonefort, Marion, O'Fallon, and West Frankfort each have two each, and there is one each from Wayne City, Fairfield, Grafton, Olive Branch, O'Leary, Gorham, Springfield, Franklin Heights, Virgilena, Galax, Carbondale, Mt. Kisko, McLean County, Eldorado, Mt. Kisko,都 have been represented.

The seven rural schools under the practice department of the Normal staged one of their regular singing contests Monday evening, November 11. These contests come once each term. The schools coming one other.

The seven pupils representing each school provided five minutes of singing motion songs. Fortville, district No. 38, of which Troy Stewart is critic, won first prize for its singing. The prize was a box of candy. Pleasant, Grofftown, No. 162, won second prize. Mrs. Ragsdale is critic of that school. Pleasant Hill, District 94, won third place. Emerson Hall is the District 94 critic.

The judges were W. O. Brown, George Calhoun, and H. N. Cump. One of the points shown by these schools is that of Mr. W. O. Brown and his able corps of special teachers. The singing at the schools last week in the country is being done here under Mr. Brown's supervision.

Roland Hayes Chorus
Entertain Assembly

The Roland-Hayes Chorus, a new Negro organization at the S.I.N.U., entertained students in the assembly hall this morning, with a fine selection:

"Three, O Country!" by Zulu

"O Captain! My Captain!" by Edgar Stillman Kelley, and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," a spiritual.

The famous Roland Hayes, for whom the choir is named, has been commanded to sing before the King of England.

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STRUT AND FRET
TROUYSOMORROW

Strut and Fret will hold tryouts tomorrow, 7:30 at Auditorium for their next play, The Royal Family.

The entire club will act as judges. The committee asks that the members be on time and bring paper and pencil.

Rehearsals will begin as soon as the tryouts are notified.

The play is scheduled for the third week of winter term.

Representing the Illinois State Medical Society, Dr. Delta Caldwell spoke at the Cairo High School last Friday on some things which the society would like to get before high school students.
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Mr. Felts Reviews War Days for Socrates

The Sorvite quartette sang again
Wednesday evening at the regular
meeting. Their number was entitled
The Hat Box Maiden, and was par-
ticularly pleasing.
A girls' quartette is to be organiz-
ed also. Hannah Morgan will be in
charge of it. Miss Morgan has had
a considerable amount of vocal train-
ing and is well prepared to be of
valuable assistance in coaching the
singers.
Hazel Towny gave the inside dope
on real married life from the woman's
angle in her reading. In the Dark of
the Honeymoon, we have often won-
dered why some husbands come late
why others do not come at all, and
how . . . how we know. But not all
of this reading was imaginative.
The value of romance as contrasted with
the law of gravitation was made more
ludicrous than in any science or literature
class. Prospective brides who were
not fortunate enough to hear Hazel
do well to ask her for the pre-
scription she gave.
Mr. Felts, in his inimitable manner
gave a talk concerning Armistice, in
which he reviewed the days of the war
here on the S. I. N. C. campus. . .

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"Edication" was the subject of a
talk, given by George Price. As may
be inferred, it did not deal entirely
with the serious. But after the few
clerical opening remarks it did take
on a more serious aspect and Mr.
Price made some truly sincere state-
ments regarding education and the
importance of having a definite aim in
life for success.
John Mees gave some humorous
sketches illustrating how truly hu-
merous a situation may be when incon-
gruity exists between things as they are
and as they should be— for ex-
ample: Mingling into a single news-
paper report the material that should
be in an auction sale announcement
and a wedding announcement and
visualize the result.
To further carry out a program,
based chiefly on humor, the follow-
ing were called on for impromptu
stunts— Harvey Phillips, Mildred
Oakes, Margaret Wood, James Ayde-
lot, Margaret Armbrout, and Carl
Eberthoff. Impromptu stunts are always
welcomed by an audience. I
wonder if this enjoyment comes of a
vagan pleasure in seeing the other
fellow suffer?
Mr. Dilla Hall closed the program
by giving two piano selections. This
was a lapse from the above mention-
ed humor to true artistry.

She (at Hallow'en dance): Oh, Henry, your pants have split?
He: That's to be expected, my dear; it's an old Spanish costume.

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THE HAMLET MURDER CASE

School is out! Holidays are in order. At least they are for Hamlet.

An high school education, Hamlet decided, was sufficient scholastic preparation for any of the more annoying exigencies that might present themselves during life's terrors.

With fine disregard for educational standards, he applied his newly-made attitude towards erudition to action, by the convenient expedient of throwing his text-books into an adjacent morgue and catching the owl-train back home.

At the beginning of this scene, Hamlet is walking in a graveyard; there's no good reason for his being there—he's not dead—but he's of that morbid type which is always seen at morgues and marriages.

One of Hamlet's favorite pastimes is that of questioning the intelligence of his decision, constantly wondering if he would not done better if he had done THUS instead of SO. Those self-harangues, usually known as colloquies, are prominent throughout this scene.

Bo! I was right! In this first little lyric, which is deliberately poetic but perhaps a trifle metaphysical in tone, Hamlet is already repeating his decision to forsake education.

Hamlet: Had I a degree, to prove I'm smart, I could act like an ordinary fool. And yet be known as an intellectual jewel.

Without having to play the part.

Author's note: The natives of Hog Creek, Arkansas, are known to habitually pronounce "jewel" to rhyme with "fool." If it will help any, you may pretend that Hamlet came from there.)

Two clowns, digging a grave between drinks:

First Clown: Give a rose boys, 'The Collegians' here!

Yell numbers of "ratio" for Alma mater dear;

That's he loved us, and given us shocks.

We can still give a yell for the "School of Hard Knocks."

Both Clowns in chorus:

Oh! the college man, the college man.

Is the queerest sort of fellow;

But give him a hand, he's the cream of the land,

The he acts like an amateur Punch and Joline.

Second Clown: If I had went to college—when I were young,

I'd not be digging ditches all day long,

It was liquor that done it—it brung me here,

But it's too late now—pass me the beer.

Hamlet: I've studied and read, and learned how to think.

(That illiterate fool only knows how to drink.)

I've been troubled by life, and the "hereafter" complexity.

(Yet HE signs GRAVES with inapppropriate urbanity.)

I've looked for an answer, but the problem grows deep.

(His worries are food and a warm place to sleep.)

Hamlet, to Clowns:

Without any of your low-comedy repartee, who's to be buried here?

First Clown:

Ophelia, young Hamlet's girl friend. When he killed her father, he brought her end.

Hamlet:

Then Ophelia's gone—to a premature rest.

May the grave use her kindly, she was one of the best.

In life's hectic drama she couldn't play her part.

Her mind was too feeble for her generous heart.

The death of a king is contagious, it breeds sudden demise.

But it speaks well of the loyalty of the court that, it not only gave the lead, but when he went to the grave it seems to follow him there. Such a gesture is noble—worthy of a king. Claudius has been fairly in acting an example for the Court by gracefully dying. I'll go and rebuke him for his hesitancy.

Death, disaster and direful deeds dominate the happenings of the next scene. Enough people die in five minutes to populate a subdivision of the royal cemetery. Corpses are strewn all over the castle—the whole cast of the play wiped out—necessary to invent new characters to drag off the bodies of the old ones.

For the readers, if any: Hamlet, as it has rather juicily appeared in these columns, will come to a close soon. You may take that for a promise.

Plebe: Do you make life size enlargements from snapshots?

Photographer: That's our specialty.

Plebe: Fine, here's a picture I look of the Grand Canyon.

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The student ceases to think about the subject in question and immediately thinks of his next class. What is said after that time lacks practical meaning and hence is of no value. He begins to worry about the next class and will require that the class be occasionally held over; but we the students, protest against the habitual violation of our rights.

**SHOULD WE HAVE A LIBRARY COURSE?**

The general inability of students entering college to make profitable use of reference work and other library facilities for purposes of research and supplementary study is sadly evident. Something should be done to remedy the defect. Naturally this failing can be traced back to the high school whose province it is to give the student at least a minimum of training in the use of the library. But there is a very evident failure on the part of the high school to do so, the school should concern itself with the problem, if the college work is to have its fullest value. The library should be examined early in the high school course to determine the exact nature of the trouble. A library course is suggested as a means of alleviating the trouble. This course would include a study of the use of encyclopedias, dictionaries, biographies, magazines, and books of reference, and also some training in the decimal or other system of library classification.

Such a course would have a twofold value to the college student, not only in raising the general tone of his scholarship but in fitting him for intensive research work such as is required of advanced students in all large schools. In short, a library course would be an asset and improvement in the college.

**THE SPHINKX KNOWS:**

Who asked Miss Peterson for "The Great Brown God"—what he wanted was O'Neill's "The Great God Brown." Where the freshman president spends most of his evenings. What though Mr. Shryock was not on the football team, he drew with the fellows at the "Prat." What he might say to the student at least that few red 10.00 night. "Are you going to lift another one, Willie Baxter?"

**Pet Aversion**

Everyone has something in aversion—a grievance that threatens to destroy his reason. It makes us positively go to hear any one say "What not."

We can stand it the first forty-nine times, but after that—. We do not enjoy it. It is easy to be interesting to a few of these "pet pows":

Daniel Brandon can forgive nearly everything but saying, "Oh, yeah."

Porky half, with his customary shyness to George Washington's political beliefs, and his pet aversion is a school holiday.

"Dutch" Force, says, "My pet aversion is a goddess —to which one might be tempted to lift an eyebrow and say, "Oh, yeah."

Lee Brown considers the greatest menace to his peace of mind the fellow who wears green shirts and for diversion, does not bother the register to hear 'em rattle in the furnace.

**In Other Colleges**

Is There an Ideal Man? The Eureka College girls discovered the average age of the men at a Y. W. C. A. meeting. Besides an open discussion by the girls, Mrs. Mary Mc- 39 5, gave a very interesting talk on My Ideal Man. The conclusion was that few girls marry their ideals, but all men are compared to him.

**Our Poor Feet**

Statistics in "The Herald" from the average age for the various age groups of the college women, show an average age of 20.3 years. That is not too old to be considered young. Some women are old at 19.4 years, while others are young at 20.8 years. The average age of the college women is 20.5 years. That is not too old to be considered young. Some women are old at 19.4 years, while others are young at 20.8 years. The average age of the college women is 20.5 years.

**The Sphinx:**

"Up in the Air So High" An airplane ride was a novel fa- ture of the parties given by the Pu- blic Relations office on the campus of the University of Illinois. This affair di- mended much deliberation before co- nclusions were drawn, but turned out to be such a new and thrilling ex- perience that its memory will remain with us for a lifetime.

"Is he flat-footed? Why, that boy wouldn't know it himself with his feet so near mine a speck."

**Hockey Tournament Now in Progress**

The hockey tournaments sponsored by the Woman's Athletic Association have begun. This tournament is an annual event in the athletic program of the year.

There are two teams—freshman and upperclassmen. Championships will be decided by three games a week, Thursday, November 14; Tuesday, November 19; and Thursday, November 21. The games will begin at 4:15. Come out and back your team.

**The Linemen:**

L. W.—G. McCormick, Rudy Curvey.
J. L.—M. Helm.
R. J.—B. Rayburn.
C. H.—G. Doep (Capt.)
R. H.—A. Trieb.
R. F.—P. D. Inman.
M. G.—L. Powers.
J. J.—J. Berger.
C.—H. Pike.
R. J.—M. Krysher.
L. E.—E. Pope.
C. H.—D. Day (Capt.)
R. F.—E. Easley.
K. E.—J. Wigg.

Victim: Surely, you are not going to rob Footpad: Oh, no! Me mate around the corner does it. I only believe the anachronistic.

She wanted to be a Delta Sigma because a sorority pin would look so swell on her chest, but she couldn't make the grade. The club is called the G. O. A. T. S. (guts)? Among the members are the Misses Mildred Gump, Dolores Driess, Claire Klisek, Dona Didd, Mira Magwump, Gladys Getz, Stolle Maude, and several other names.

The meetings are held in Gretchen Green's room because there are some who cannot get to the door, and with their glasses the girls can watch the boys playing cards, gambling, etc. It is a club in miniature, and just what forms of wickedness they have to contend with. To enter their ladies' halls you must give the secret signal, which consists of—oh, we nearly gave it away. Any- way trying bowing in front and see if they don't come answering. When the members have all arrived the window shades are pulled down, the door locked, the candle plugged; one of the girls stands guard by the door with a rolling pin in one hand and a hockey stick in the other.

Last night the girls sat around Gretchen's little table, chewed on their old gum, knitted their brows and said nothing. Finally Mamie broke the silence and proposed the following resolution:

1. We will not kiss, neck, or pet our boys if they are opposed to drinking, smoking, and romance at the college.
2. We will not criticize those new steps, such as the main street, and the postage stamps.
3. We will not reform any- thing around us. From football to highball.

Next week each meeting we will grade our dates of the past week. The resolutions were adopted unanimously, and when the girls discussed the girls will discuss What's Wrong With Football.
Professor French visits museum
He started

MUSEUM WAS FOUNDED IN 1833
AT PRESENT IT CONTAINS
PRICELESS SPECIMENS

Professor French, who was connect-
ed with the school for thirty-six years,
was on the campus last week visiting
the museum he founded. He is
head of the Department of Zoology
and Botany but resigned and went to
Hermit in 1914 to become bacteriol-
ogist in the hospital there.

Professor French came to the
Southern Normal from an agricul-
tural college at Irvington when our
Alma Mater was only two years old-
in 1876. He built up the museum
from nothing in 1883 to a wonderful
collection in 1914. He gave of his
means as well as his time in his organ-
ization. It contains some priceless
specimens selected years ago.

At the time it was put in, the
museum was very valuable. The
collection of Lepidoptera was at the
time one of the finest in the world.
It had specimens from all
over the world.

Professor French has written many
text books on Lepidoptera which
are world famous. He is considered
an authority on the subject. One of his
texts treating of the Lepidoptera of
the Minnesota Valley is used in Europe.

He is also an excellent taxidermist.
Most of the specimens in the
museum were mounted by him; some few
were mounted by ex-students of his.

On his last visit he had with him Mr. Henderson of West Frankfort who is
interested in the study of eighty dif-
fertent species of insects.

The original museum was in the old
Main building on the northeast corner
in the main room. It occupied the
space now taken by Miss Trevor's room.

In 1883 the Main building burned.
The fire broke out in the museum and
the building was saved only by the
ground. Everything in the museum
was then removed to a place in the
north corner of the first floor, where it
now is.

The museum in the old building had an
estimated value of about $50.00.
At the time one of the finest
American collections was put in it. The
museum now contains wonderful collec-
tions of all kind.

Among the Rural Practice
Schools—November 8th the Pleasant Grove
had their first one of their "Teacher's meet-
ing for 1929-30. The following pa-
rarian program in remembrance of Ar-
mistice Day was given by the chil-
dren and teachers.

Pledge of Allegiance—School.
Song, "I Love the Whole U. S."
Grades 6, 7, 8,
Reading of the American Creed.
Grades 7, 8.
Song, "America the Beautiful,"
Grades 6, 7, 8.
Ann Easterly, Anna R. Waller.
Song, "America," Parents and
Children.
Poem, "Our Country," Miss Jacobs.
Sometimes a Testing," School.
Talk, "My Experience in France,"
Mr. Dilla Hall.

The following people attended the
meeting,
Mrs. Ed Allen, Miss Norman Rush-
ing, Mr. Norman Rushing, Miss Blis-
mee, Mrs. Friedel, Mrs. Frank Earl-
sey, Mrs. R. L. Allen, Mrs. E. Ag-
oble, Mrs. Frank Waller, Mr. Otis
Jonna, Earl Murray, Mr. Dilla Hall,
Miss Dilla Hall, Miss Pennington, Mr.
Bucholz, Mrs. T. R. Ragdale, Miss
Jacobs, Miss Crane, Miss Munger,
Mrs. Bert Neal.

Seven rural schools observed Armistice Day in their morning open-
ring exercises and at 11 a.m.

To impress the necessity of good
ly opening exercises in a country
school it has been the custom of the
department for the last four years to
have a singing contest among
the teachers of the various rural prac-
tice schools. Tuesday afternoon at 4:30
the practice teachers for the entire
Fall term gathered in the Zetlic Hall
to try their luck at winning the prize.
The Judges selected the winners from
the Foreville school as winners, the latter
receiving a box of candy.

The Foreville school was then taken
to Pleasant Grove, 4:30 last
Thursday noon.

The Buckle valley team de-
feated the Glad in a very interesting
game last week. The score was 1 to
the last few minutes. The game ended
with a score of 27-22.

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