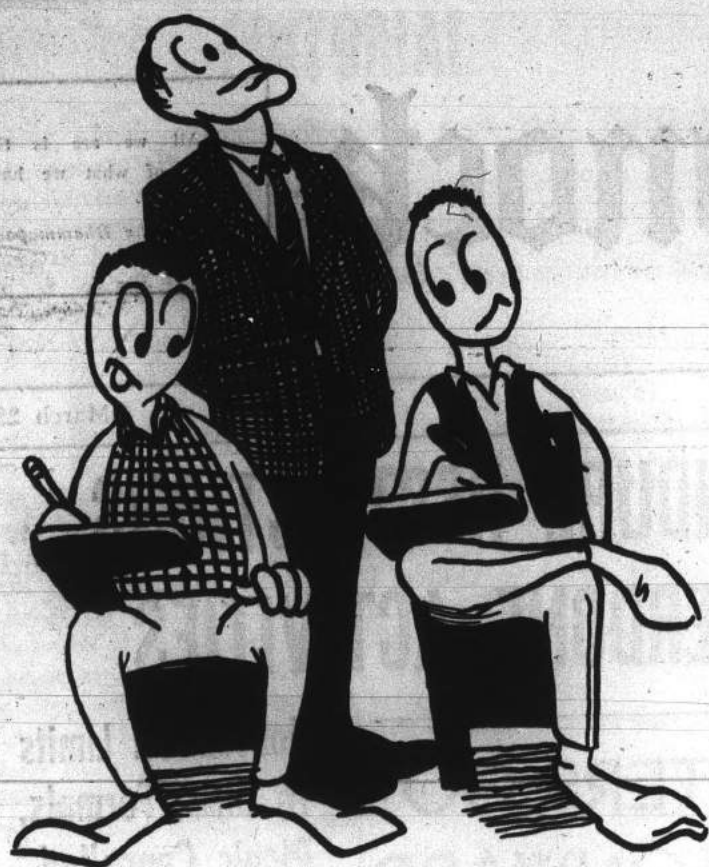




Everybody's Problem

Ghosted degrees, exams by proxy, plagiarized term papers—this is the latest in education. The causes are unknown. Some blame depersonalized teaching; others say an education today is merely a status symbol. There are still those who believe that it is caused by a moral emptiness.

Ghosted scholarship is the youngest offspring in a long line of TV quiz payoffs, radio payola and government graft. It makes you wonder about the character of the American people. Is this a long-run tendency, or only surface display by a minority?

The solutions for the curtailment of false scholarship as advanced by many colleges are to stiffen the exams, make the requirements for degrees more difficult and to read the master and doctorate theses more closely. The thief has stolen a cow, so now we guard the barn.

THIS IS HOW WE STAND. THIS IS HOW we solve a problem. We take the quickest, most economical and most superficial method we can think of.

Immediate steps to stop this cheating should and will be taken, but we must not fool ourselves into believing that the problem will be solved.

We can prevent the problem from popping up in this area by removing aspects of our educational system that encourage cheating. Eventually cheating may be suppressed, but as we apply pressure in one area, it may come up stronger in another area.

We cannot eliminate cheating this way, we can merely reduce the factors that encourage cheating. This is an immediate and a temporary solution.

AMERICANS HAVE LONG BEEN KNOWN TO PLACE emphasis on the immediate and the superficial. Too many of our values, goals and aspirations are determined by, or directly linked to, our materialistic lives. Economic factors tend to be the prime motivators in our existence. We are fast approaching the time when our present machine-like methods applied to the human, as well as the machine, will no longer be able to cope with the human problems that arise.

We analyze college cheating as we would the components of a faulty jet engine. We first look at the parts, determine the quality and substitute freshly produced replacements wherever needed. We apply the rules of science and the rules of the machine in an area of human endeavor. We find that classes are overcrowded, papers are not read closely enough and so we attempt to correct these malfunctioning areas. We take the immediate problems and solve them. This is as far as we go.

We cannot afford this type of analysis. It is too costly. We must begin to look deeper than the immediate. We must try to determine our values and goals as a people. We can remove the causes more easily, but we will be digging our own graves unless we try to find and solve the basic problems.

As a nation, we have attained material abundance. We have lowered class barriers to new levels and now we possess leisure that once only kings and nobles dared expect. In essence, we have achieved the Utopian dream of the 17th century philosophers—but where is our eternal bliss, brotherhood of all men and peace of mind?

This is the partial achievement of a democracy. It was achieved with the help of all the people for all the people. We have reaped our harvest and our rewards, but we still have responsibilities. No one man will be able to solve our deep-rooted problems. The solution will not be produced in an aluminum foil wrapping and sold at all stores for \$1.98.

BEHIND CHEATING AND GHOSTED DEGREES LIES a much deeper problem. No one knows exactly what it is, and no one knows how to solve it. Our psychologists hint at hidden frustrations, our artists depict a disintegrating society and the novelists point to a man stripped bare of values, morals and life itself.

It is up to us, the people, each and every one of us, to look within ourselves and to make an attempt to locate our goals in the midst of this material abundance. We have accomplished much. But we still have a long way to go. The real test is here and demands that we orient ourselves to live with what we have created.

J. T. VALLIERE,
Associate Editor

Alpha

After a very hectic week, Alpha is finally getting back on its feet. The house has shown much improvement since the beginning of "Hell Week." Aside from the usual cutting-up which usually dominates the week, much of the time was devoted to the repainting of the rooms. Every room has been done over and some of the halls have been started. The pledges are quite proud of the work they did and have expressed their appreciation for making the week as constructive as possible. They also wish to have it known that they now claim the hiking championship of the school and are willing to take on all comers.

Everyone is anxious to get work completed on the cellar. This is expected to begin as soon as possible. Much has already been done and we expect that it will be in use before the end of the year.

The Alpha Pi Tau History has been completed and distributed, thanks to the work of John Letourneau. Months of hard work went into the writing of the 50-page summary. Thanks again for a job well done, John.

Preparations are being made for the annual presentation of the Alpha Opera. Writing has begun and hopes are high that it will top last year's production of *Rip Van Winkle*. This year's opera will take place on May 12 in Parker Hall.

Rumors

By LEO ESTES

Congrats to our sister school, P.T.C. who recently won the New England Teachers College Conference championship.

Rumor (this time from a pretty good source) has it that KTC is in line for a new gym in the very near future.

A team comprised of KTC basketballers is entered in the Seacoast Tournament, at Portsmouth March 21. The roster includes varsity hoopers Bill Ellis, John Wood, Richie Joy, Jack F. Baldassaro, Bradley Dunbar and others.

Coaches Dick Mackey and Ed Renaud have piloted teams into the city's Biddy League play-offs.

In intramural basketball the Independents reigned as undisputed champs, and Ron Conway as the league's high scorer.

Intramural volleyball has started with a large field of teams participating.

Letters

Dear Editor:

It is a fine state of affairs when the whole campus must be chastised for the public recitation of jokes that everyone has already heard in private.

Fraternity shows have been going on since pledges have had pledges, so why does the Inter-Fraternity Council single out this year's show to criticize. I distinctly remember a show last year that was just as "vulgar," that was put on by another fraternity, yet nothing was done. A comparison of these two shows might prove quite interesting.

It doesn't seem quite fair to me that a fraternity should lose so many privileges (that benefit the whole campus) for actions of young men who are not yet even members of the fraternity.

There are only three formal on campus as it is and it was awfully nice of the IFC to do away with one of them. People don't look forward to or enjoy them anyway! If the IFC is trying to help make this a suitcase college they certainly are doing a good job of it.

And now, isn't it wonderful that the IFC has made it possible for us to have big parties down at the A-field. Some people on this campus can afford to go to the movies every night but there are a few who must resort to watching TV at a fraternity house. Now they don't have to do that any more, they can take their chances at the A-field—or is the IFC planning free entertainment for the college every night of the week?

A CONCERNED STUDENT.



HOURS?

It has come to the attention of the editors that there is some dispute as to exactly what hours the Campus Club is open for business. Manager George Piper has quoted the following:

Monday through Thursday	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Manager Piper happily remarks that all is running smoothly at the Club, probably due to the genius of Sandy Howard's animated cartoons. A well-deserved thanks to Sandy from all concerned.

Suddenly—A Crowd

By ARLEN BENNING

Early March brought the film translation of Tennessee Williams' play, "Suddenly, Last Summer," to the Scenic. Despite its numerous unfavorable criticisms, the presentation turned out a record crowd, revealing the fact that people no longer attended movies for spiritual reward, but are merely drawn by a fascination for the remote, the strange, the unusual.

Visiting the Encantadas, with his mother, young Sebastian Venable appears to have watched newly-hatched turtles, as they made a flight for their lives to the sea—this he interpreted as the face of God. The evil implication he saw in this, and in the world, profoundly influenced his life. The idea of evil is repeated again and again throughout the story.

The film sets forth the following question: what has unsundered young Catherine Holly's mind and why is Sebastian's mother so anxious to pay a million dollars for Dr. Cukrowitz to perform a lobotomy on her brain—an operation which would render her "quietly, peacefully."

Given a shot of truth serum, Catherine finally remembers the ugly truth. Each summer it was the custom of the young poet to travel abroad with his mother. Sebastian was a homosexual who used his mother as bait for attractive young men, until she grew too old; he then turned to Catherine, his young cousin, for assistance. And "Suddenly, Last Summer," while aboard with the young girl, he was set upon by several objects of his twisted emotions and devoured.

Finally, one doesn't quite believe "Suddenly, Last Summer," with all its morbid implications; but neither does one quite disbelieve it. The total effect is as that of a frightening dream that one doesn't easily shake.

Thela

We've just found out that: The men of Theta will be subjecting their cars to much more wear and tear in future weeks.

It doesn't pay to take pledges for rides without being equipped with thermos jugs of hot coffee, warm clothes, tire pumps, bludgeons, and brass knuckles. Charlie, my boy, are you conscious?

It doesn't pay to move scheduled skits back one night for the benefit of guests on intervisitation.

"Boss" P. J. Nye has been elected selectman of Auburn, N. H. Next stop, the Presidency?

Lindy DOES serve food.

Some of the boys are trying to construct a weatherproof porch at the back of the house, complete with TV and couches.

Several of the brothers were quite humiliated at having to carry assorted hand racks, coke bottles, park benches, etc., from their ride last Thursday evening. Down, you pledges! Back, I say!

Char (lene) kept the audience in stitches during the skits which were held in the cellar social room, and if the trend toward music in the house continues, a Theta band will be organized, consisting of two stereos, six radios, electric guitar, bongo drums, clarinet, and recorder. Are there any job offers for this sequel to Ellington?

Kappa

Surrounding a rather distasteful pledge show (p) Kappa completed its most successful "Hell Week" in years.

Highlighting the initiation was the appearance of two pledges on each the Boston Ballroom and the Brad Davis Show. Others met Penny Pitou and Betsy Snite at Stowe, Vt. rode horses at Lincoln Downs and took other assigned trips.

Plans for the annual Kappa National Convention are set for April 22-23 at Bangor, Maine.



THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE FROM P.T.C.



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KEENE TEACHERS COLLEGE
LIBRARY

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 1960

The Monadnock

"You could not step twice into the same river, for other and yet other waters are ever flowing on."
—Epictetus

Keene, New Hampshire

JUNE 8, 1960

SENIOR WEEK IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE; NOSTALGIA MOUNTING



James Dixon, President



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Hapgood Attacks British Empire; Queen Relents

The following lengthy correspondence recently took place between Mr. Hapgood and Queen Elizabeth II. Mr. Hapgood explains that he receives many letters from foreign countries, and that he enjoys very much the different designs of the postage stamps on these letters. However, for several years he has felt annoyed and bored by the dullness of the English stamps. Having nothing better to do one day, he took pen in hand to express his long accumulated resentment in a personal letter to the Queen. The correspondence follows in full.

Keene Teachers College
Keene, N.H., U.S.A.
March 5, 1960

Her Majesty the Queen,
Buckingham Palace,
London, England
Your Majesty,

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Dr. Troesch Retires

A great asset of KTC will be missing this fall when Dr. Helen Troesch goes into her retirement. Her decision has been firmly directed in this direction for some time.

Her experience with life, being the woman and teacher she is, has prepared her for a long and happy retirement, with her new home.

Dr. Troesch plans to travel around the world within the next year, and looks forward to peaceful hours away from the raw nerves and the hard impatience of her students preparing their dress rehearsals.

These students are deeply grateful to Dr. Troesch for the patience she has shown them and the personal enrichment that was a possible result, only because of this special patience.

Although no particular pattern of high school subjects is required, it is recommended that applicants have a good background in English, math, social studies, science, and

foreign language.

The State Board of Education has officially approved the policy that all students seeking admission to KTC must pass satisfactory entrance examinations.

In years previous to this, entrance examinations were not required and the applicant only had to be in the top half of his class. Now it is a necessity to take the entrance examination and the applicant must have a strong scholastic background.

Admission to KTC is based on careful evaluation of all the credentials presented by the applicant. The entrance examinations are corrected and screened by an Admissions Committee, and the results are considered a very important factor when considering applications.

Some students that did well on the examination were refused because their scholastic background was not satisfactory.

Most of the students that sent in applications have applied for either Elementary or Secondary Education. A program has been set up so that the incoming Freshman Class will consist of one division for Home-Economics Majors, one division for Industrial Arts Majors, two divisions for Secondary Education, and three divisions for Elementary Education. It is estimated that each of these divisions will consist of approximately 30 or 35 students.

In summary, it is obvious that this college is becoming harder to get into year by year. In the future, the students and applicants are really going to have to study hard in order to be accepted and stay here.

600 Applicants to Date; Requirements Stiffen

This year KTC has received more applications for admission than any year previous to this. Approximately 575 applications had been received by the end of May, and, no doubt, there will be more to come.

The largest number of applications that can be accepted is 250, due to the lack of facilities and faculty. This college is equipped to accommodate approximately 750 students. Of these 750 approximately 400 of them live on campus. There is hope that we will have another new dormitory soon, but that is a little beyond us at the moment.

The requirements for admission have been changed in the past year, and are more strict than ever before. With the new system, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Must present acceptable scores from (a) a battery of standardized aptitude and achievement tests administered by the college, or (b) such standardized tests as the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude and Achievement Tests, the American College Testing Program, etc. 2. Should have a strong scholastic record in high school. 3. Be recommended by the principal or designated official in the high school. 4. Present a satisfactory health record and physician's certificate. 5. Have a successful interview with a representative of the college.

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Mason's Staff Strives for Improved Standards

"Mason Library now has about 30,000 books, but that is still way below the standards set for a college of this size," announced Miss Goodwin, who is the Assistant Librarian at KTC.

The American Association of College and Reference Libraries has set 50,000 books as a minimum requirement for colleges of 750 students. The Association also requires that one professional librarian be in the library at all times.

Before 1950 the funds for books were extremely inadequate, but since then each year about 1500 to 2,000 books have been added to the library. Miss Goodwin said that this should be upped to over 3,000 a year until Mason Library meets the minimum requirements of 50,000 books. To do this they need more funds for books as well as

professional librarians and two or three full-time clerical workers.

The present library staff includes two full-time professional librarians who each work 40 hours a week and several students who collectively put in 70 hours. The main drawback to the present system is that out of the 80 hours that the two librarians put in, 60 is spent in helping students find material and doing other professional services, and only 20 hours a week is left for ordering and cataloging.

New York University recently announced that it has set the minimum standards for N.Y. Teachers Colleges at five professional librarians and three full-time clerical workers for every 750 students.

Mason Library is now open 60 hours a week. To complaints that some people have raised, that this isn't long enough, Miss Goodwin said that until the library has an adequate staff longer hours will be impossible to consider.

After the business meeting was adjourned, the Alumni and 1960 graduates gathered to Parker Hall for the President's Lawn Party. There, the old and young grads gathered to renew old friendships and catch up on the happenings and whereabouts of fellow KTCers.

After the lawn party disbanded, there were numerous meetings and organizations. The sports activities in the morning and a baseball game of the day included a tennis match in the afternoon with Fitchburg TC, which was firmly trounced by the KTC owls.

Student Pleas For Eichman

In 1941, a young man was entrusted with the most glorious mission ever undertaken by an Aryan, i.e., to exterminate all non-Aryans. This young member of the intellectual elite soon proved to be highly skilled at his task, and in

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C. C. Bids Farewell to All

As another year has finally come to an end, I thought that you might be interested in knowing the going on in your favorite resting place, hangout, or better known as the Campus Club. We really have come up in the world; for the first time we have been given national recognition for being the Biggest Little bookstore in the College Store Magazine.

With our new assistant manager, Rick McCann and all the fabulous campus club and service club workers we really have been rolling. The new book racks increase the amount of books on display; we have a new art department; and supplementary

material centered around various courses here on campus. Who said we're not educationally minded?

In the line of food, we give our thanks to Irene and Dot, our full-time helpers. They made it possible for the menu to increase and our waitresses also. We do have a new hot chocolate machine, along with new candy and gum machines.

As I close, just a reminder—remember the new novelties we have, the new men's and women's blazers, hats, etc., and the book sale now in process—20% discount.

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New Building Open in Fall

Trapezoid tables; contrasting pastel walls and desks; the nation's best audio-visual aids; these are only a few of the new ideas KTC students will find in September when they enter the new classroom building adjoining Parker Hall.

In 1957, the New Hampshire legislature appropriated approximately \$400,000 for the construction of this new building, and the work began in the fall of 1959. The original plans called for a modern structure, but, because of the styling of existing buildings on campus, the external design of the building was changed to fit in with the other structures on the campus quadrangle, all in the best New England tradition.

The new building will include 12 classrooms, six offices, a music room, and three music practice rooms.

Each classroom will be equipped with the latest in furnishings. Students will be using pastel plastic desks, trapezoid tables for group discussions, and three-way blackboards.

Each room will incorporate the latest audio-visual aids. They include sound-screens for television and slide projection, direct-with-the-station television cable communication, and a one-way window for

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