



President Lloyd F. Young

President's Message

I appreciate this opportunity, personally and officially, to welcome each of the 500 students that are attending Keene Teachers College this college year, 1950-51. You are a part of a college that has been in operation for forty years and from which 4000 students have received diplomas and degrees. I would guess that most of these graduates still live in, or near, New Hampshire. We know, however, that some are moving to distant states and to other countries.

Present members, students and faculty, as well as graduates, are a part of Keene Teachers College. Each person contributes something to the college and each is influenced by this experience. I am confident that you may benefit from KTC or from any other college, in about the same degree that you participate, constructively, in the whole college program. I am proud of being a member of Keene Teachers College. I am confident that we can all become more effective and happy world citizens through working together here this year.

Campus Sees Much Action During Summer Months

Building and Repairs on the College Property; National Workshop Is Held

While most KTC's student body was relaxing in their summer homes, there was much activity on the college campus. The activity consisted not only of improving the college, but on campus this summer there was a National Workshop on the Improvement of Professional Laboratory Experiences in the Education of Teachers.

Goodwin, Terrill Join KTC College Faculty

Keene Teachers College has two additions to its faculty this year, Miss Goodwin, the assistant librarian, and Mr. Terrill, instructor in sociology.

Miss Goodwin, with an A.B. from Boston University, and a B.S. from Simmons College School of Library Science, has had a varied career in library work. She worked as librarian in the public library in Moultonboro, N. H., her home town. After graduating from Simmons, she worked for the Extension Division of the New Hampshire State Library, on a Bookmobile. The books were distributed to small rural libraries and schools, as well as private homes, to be picked up several weeks later. One of the mobile routes covered eleven hundred and fifty miles, distributing about seven thousand books.

Following this Miss Goodwin was assistant catalogist and did reference work at the State Library in Concord, N. H.

Mr. Terrill, with an A.M. and B.S. from the University of New Hampshire, joined the Keene Teachers College faculty in 1926 as a manual training teacher at Central Junior High School.

Now, after a two year leave of absence, he has returned to teach sociology, with additional work in Guidance at Central Junior High. Mr. Terrill's academic background, plus extensive travel in this country and abroad which has brought him in contact to teach sociology. He works in class and out, to help solve the student's problem, and to fit him for his proper place in life.

We are glad to welcome both Miss Goodwin and Mr. Terrill to our College.

RANDALL NEW DEAN of WOMEN

When Mrs. Randall was asked if she liked her new title of "Dean of Women," she replied, "Yes, but I prefer to be called 'Dean of Student Personnel.'"

That statement seems to typify Mrs. Randall. Problems are her business. Helping the students to feel at home at KTC has been her major aim, both in her orientation classes and through individual conferences.

Her contribution to campus life has affected each and every student at Keene Teachers College.

Improvements on campus can be witnessed by the rejuvenation of the Fiske social room. The new drapes, rugs, lamps, and many pieces of furniture are a pleasure to behold. Plans have also been made for a new ceiling and improvement of the walls.

The college kitchen was repainted and a new steamer was purchased. In a month a new bake oven, two new stoves and a deep fat fryer will be installed.

All the floors in Huntress Hall were refinished and some of the floors in Sigma, Alpha, and Hillsboro houses were also redone. Painting and papering in these men's houses were also among the summer projects. New individual study tables were purchased for the freshman dorms.

New drapes and curtains were bought for Parker Hall stage; and a new stage lighting system has been installed.

Before long a new automatic clock system will be available. The chlorinating system in the swimming pool was rebuilt, and new lights were placed in the library. The gym floor underwent its annual refinishing.

Many improvements were made on the college, but there was also improvement made in the field of education.

At the National Workshop there were discussions and panels on various phases of teacher training. Educators from various parts of the country attended.

Those present from Keene were Mrs. Marie Capron, Mrs. Bertha Davis, Miss Gertrude Merriam, Mr. Leonard Morrison, Miss Christine Lancaster, Miss Bertha Manchester, Miss Grace Wilson, and Mrs. Marion Hudson.

There was also a New Hampshire Administrator's Conference on campus August 21, 1950.

Superintendents, headmasters, and elementary school principals attended. Dr. John W. Furbay, director of Air World Education, spoke in Parker Hall before a mass meeting.

You can see from all these events our college was not left idle during the summer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alpha Pi Tau and Kappa Delta Phi started the 1950-51 social year by holding their open houses. The members of each fraternity were pleased to see so many students and faculty members present. Each of the fraternities announced their feature coming events. Alpha announces its forthcoming Opera, and Kappa announces its annual Square Dance, October 14th.



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College Calendar

The following calendar for Keene Teachers College has been released by the State Department of Education.

Nov. 10 End of First Quarter
Nov. 22 Classes ending at noon.
Thanksgiving Recess, November 23 and 24.
Nov. 27 Regular class schedule beginning at 8 A. M.
Dec. 15—Last day of classes before Christmas Vacation.
Christmas Vacation December 16 through January 1.
Jan. 2 Regular Class Schedule beginning at 8 A. M.
Jan. 26 End of First Semester.
Jan. 29 Beginning of Second Semester. Registration of new students regular class schedule for others.

Frosh Orientation Marks Beginning of School Year; 99 Newcomers Choose Elementary Curriculum, 32 Secondary

By Frank Sorger

Once again we stand by and watch the entrance at KTC of another class of freshmen. This year some one hundred and fifty frosh plus thirty odd transfer and advance students came to our campus. And a busy first week they had — tests, socials, shows, picnics, and dances.

For those who arrived early, a fireside program was held Sunday night, September 10th, in Fiske Social Room. This program, under the supervision of the three religious clubs on campus, consisted of group singing and short talks by the presidents of each religious club.

Monday, the early arrivals were joined by more of their classmates for registration in the morning. In the afternoon the new students were welcomed by our president, Dr. Lloyd P. Young. The Deans of Men and Women met with their respective groups to better inform them of college life. The evening was taken up by games and dancing under the direction of Mrs. Keddy and Mr. Joyce of the Physical Education Department of the College.

Tuesday was testing day—English placement and psychological, and conferences with advisers. The afternoon registration found the freshmen divided into various curriculum. The elementary field took the largest share, totaling ninety-nine, while the secondary field received thirty-two. Bunched together were Trade and Industry with sixteen and Home Economics with eleven. In the evening a Dorm Party for the women students and a Smoker for the men students were provided.

Wednesday brought more tests, to be forgotten later in the evening when an Open House, featuring swimming, bowling, ping pong, pool, cards, and dancing, was held at Spaulding Gymnasium.

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They always say that the first years are the hardest, and by the contemptuous smirk on the face of "Doc" Chase, we believe it.

TALENT SHOW AND QUIZ MARK FROSH DOINGS

Among the many programs and activities sponsored by the Welcoming Committee for our new students was a talent show in the gymnasium on Friday night, September 15th. Don Johnson, class of '53, presided as a very apt master of ceremonies and presented both old and new talent of excellent quality.

Betsy Webster and Marlene Farrell were the instrumentalists in the new group; Betsy giving us her interpretation of "Nola" and "Twelfth Street Rag" on the ivories, and Marlene evidencing her talent on the trumpet with "Now Is the Hour" and "The Stein Song." A spirited monologue, "Mabel Goes to the Opera," was offered by another newcomer, Carol Thayer. Gerry Hayward, a student nurse at the Elliott Hospital, sang two lovely numbers, "Without a Song" and "Lucky Ol' Sun."

The list of seasoned performers included Sophomore, Dean Corrigan, who, with the aid of accordionist Bill Hamel and a number of students, conducted an unusually novel quiz show. Dick Chambers, recently returned from the University of New Hampshire, sang two old favorites—"Desert Song" and "You Tell Her—I Stutter." Pantomime artist Bruce Parent gave a unique performance—he

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National Student Association Is To Hold Government Clinic Here

Melodaires Open New Concert Series

Keene Teachers College students helped pack the Keene High School Auditorium, September 22, to hear Howard Smith and his Melodaires, the first performers of the Fuller-Bartlett concert series.

The Melodaires have had much experience in stage, radio, screen, television, and concert appearances, as well as in entertaining our troops during World War II. The concert at Keene was a part of their present nation-wide concert tour.

Living up to the reputation of producing the "toe-tickling" music expected of most Negro vocal groups, the Melodaires sang with perfect harmony that was at the same time soothing and exhilarating. The striking contrast between the tenor and the bass voices of the group contributed much to the versatility of the program of folk-songs, spirituals, and semi-classical pieces. The minstrel-like dialogue and lively jestures and expressions of the group added further seasoning.

The talented violinist and the nimble-fingered accompanist gave the finishing touches to a wonderful concert.

On October 14, 1950, a Student Government Clinic sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Area of the Northern New England Region of the United States National Students Association will be held at Keene Teachers College. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Charles F. Camp, Assistant Dean and Director of Student Activities at Dartmouth College. Dean Camp is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Northern New England Region of the NSA and a staunch supporter of good student government. He will speak at a general assembly of delegates from some forty colleges throughout the region on the topic, "Philosophy of Student Government."

The afternoon will be devoted to a series of discussions for the exchange of ideas and systems for operating effective student government. There will be four main discussion groups relating to student government. They are as follows:

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QUESTION...

What is school spirit? What is the intangible that moves athletes to do or die for dear old Oshkosh, that causes coeds to scream themselves close to hysteria for the glory of the Alma Mater, that transforms mild-mannered men into demons? Probably every college Editor since the Dark Ages has at one time taken pen in hand to ponder the problem, and yet resolution of it is, at best, speculative.

The mass hysteria so often witnessed in football stadium — is this spirit? The cheering that welds frenzied masses into one great restless body — can this be spirit? No, this alone is not spirit, though it may be a visible consummation of it. The roots of true school spirit grow deeper than the larynx. Spirit, when present, manifests itself visibly on many occasions, not only at athletic contests, but at concerts, assemblies, dances — all group activities of the college.

...AND...

One is forced to dig deeply to find evidences of school spirit on our campus. Attendance at College functions is poor. The allegiance of too many persons is directed not toward Keene Teachers College, but rather toward a smaller, closer group within the student body. These allegiances can mean the downfall or strength of the mother body. If a common aim — the betterment of Keene Teachers College — could be placed above the diverse objectives of the various groups, the combined power of these forces would be tremendous. Each organization could serve as a funnel — individuals pouring in their efforts and these efforts being directed by the organization toward a campus-wide goal — unity.

...ANSWER

This, then, is the problem — how can diversified effort be pulled together? Let us examine the problem logically. Spirit must be worked at; there is no person who can turn the switch to an "on" position and send spirit surging through the veins of the student body. It can result only from a long, tedious process.

There is presently no group at the College working at it. True, some organizations have paused momentarily and made a furtive move toward promoting spirit, but these efforts through lack of organization and continuity have been largely ineffective.

The answer is surprising simple. A new group must be formed — a group to gather these efforts, to promote interest in college affairs. The task, the only task of such a group would be to instill a love of school in its students. Many clubs have been formed for purposes far less noble.

In order to be effective, this group would have to be high-powered, and therefore highly selective in regard to its membership. It could not afford to lose its drive through the lethargy of its members.

What could such an organization do to bolster spirit? The opportunities are manifold. Sports rallies and campaigns could be sponsored. Concerts, assemblies, and other social events could be "pushed" through advertising. The organization should, and I believe could, convince every student that the College is well-worth any time that he can put into it.

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Time moves on and "The Shovel" digs deeper as KTC starts another year. Only a few weeks have passed, but it doesn't take long for the students to get acquainted and start "The Shovel" digging again.

Has anyone noticed how crazy Dean Corrigan is over apples? Especially Macintosh!

Different sports seem to be fun lately. Wally Russell's sure trying to improve his tennis. Of course when you have a partner like Pat it isn't as hard. Then there's Bill Remmick and his freshman gal on the badminton court.

Moonbeams or sunbeams, it doesn't matter which as far as our new lovers, Bob Cott and Esther, are concerned.

The summer vacation didn't seem to bother some of last spring's romances. Around campus we still see—Jonsey and Dick, Lou and Dick, Kitty and Malt, Bev and Bill, Bruce and Irene, Charlie and Joan, Claude and Marion, Marilyn and Buddy, Mary and Eddie, Joanne and Ray, Doty and Sid, Kenny and Honey, Dick and Tish, etc. More power to 'em!

Baschful Dave and Blushing Dee seem to console each other by ironing out their complexes together.

We want to mention Marilyn and Fox Ollie McMoran, and Priscilla Holmes back on campus the other night for a visit. All three are teaching in Claremont.

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KTC life may be new to the freshmen, but one spot they seem to find without any trouble is the arbor. I wonder why.

This summer wedding bells chimed for Becky James, Gene Farrell, and Eddie Weston. With the opening of school this fall they chimed for Betty and Al, Pat and Albie, and Clyde and Ruth. Best wishes to them all.

If you would like to hear some exciting experiences see Ann Kingston and Norma Morissette. Runners have it that a certain Kappa frat pin hasn't seen much use during the last week.

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Student Council

The first Student Council meeting of the school year was held on Wednesday, September 20, 1950, with Arthur Williamson presiding.

The main topic for discussion was the Student Government Clinic which is to be held at Keene Teachers College on October 14. It was impressed upon each representative that cooperation and assistance was necessary to make the Clinic a success.

The Student Council voted unanimously to have Dr. Caruthers represent KTC at the Eastern States Association Conference in New York City. A unanimous vote was also given for Arthur Williamson as student representative.

On the agenda for the next Student Council meeting is the allotment of the Activities Fee and the Intersession Program.

Arthur Williamson is currently busy with his practice teaching, our popular Student Council President Arthur Williamson seems to have very little time for himself. Most of it is devoted to campus activities.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire on December 10, 1929, Art moved to Pembroke just outside of the capital city. There he attended Pembroke Academy and graduated with the class of '47.

Though his duties as Student Council President keep him busy, Art somehow finds time to be an active member of Alpha Pi Tau Fraternity as well as play a mighty good game of basketball during the winter months.

Since his arrival at KTC, he has been Vice-President of the Inter-Fraternity Council and Class Marshal. In March of this year Art was an exchange student at Cheyney Teachers College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania where he attended classes and participated in the college activities for a week. Very recently he was chosen the student representative to the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers of which Dr. Lloyd P. Young is president.

Enrolled in the secondary curriculum at KTC, Art is at the present time practicing teaching algebra and chemistry at Keene High School.

Conclusions can then be drawn about action to be taken toward better student government.

In the evening a Square Dance sponsored by the Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity will bring the Clinic to a close.

late yet. Let's get together and support the Clinic. We all have a share in it. This isn't the time to sit back and watch. This is the time to act. AND ACT NOW.

CHARLES J. MITCHELL

Government Clinic
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1. "Structure of Student Government" 2. "Finance of Student Government" 3. "Position of Student Government on Campus" 4. "Duties and Responsibilities of Student Government on Campus" The important point of these discussion

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SOCCER TEAM PREPARES FOR OPENER AT LOWELL OCT. 7

Strong Starting Team; Reserves Are Green

by James Diamantis - Robert Witham

With two weeks of practice under their belts the KTC Owls are looking forward to trying off the lid of the 1950 Soccer season. The Joyce men will travel to Lowell and tangle in the curtain raiser with Lowell Textile on October 7. Coach Joyce has been working with a squad of twenty-two men, nine of which are veterans of last year's team. The nine lettermen are as follows: Gene Farrell, Bill Laffrandre, "Moose" Salville, Frank Sorger, Al Stevens, Jim McShane, Dick LeClaire, Ray Minor, and last year's captain, Phil Hyde.

This marks the third year in which soccer has been the major fall sport of the college and it has certainly proved successful. Last year the "Owls" had a record of four wins and three losses, scoring 14 goals against the opposition's 12 in a total of seven games played. The KTC Owls lost two to Fitchburg Teachers and one to Mt. Hermon School, winning two from New England and taking single matches from Rhode Island College of Education and Lowell Textile. This year with seven games again listed on the schedule, Coach Joyce is pointing for an even better record.

1950 KTC SOCCER SCHEDULE
Oct. 7 Lowell Textile—away
Oct. 11 New England—home
Oct. 14 Rhode Island College Education—home
Oct. 18 Fitchburg—away
Oct. 26 Mt. Hermon—away
Oct. 28 Lowell Textile—home
Nov. 1 Fitchburg—home

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A 1950 Sports Review
With soccer, and another year of sports upsets, heartbreaks, and glory, just around the corner, let's take a look at the over-all 1950 sports picture. Soccer-wise the Owls, with nine letter men returning and the addition of Tom Pierce, former Colby College athlete, and several promising newcomers, seem almost certain to improve their last year's record of four wins and three losses.

The basketball picture looks even brighter. No less than six of last year's varsity, along with several aspiring members of last year's J.V.'s, and some promising transfers will compete for varsity berths. Claude Leavitt, Al White, Phil Hyde, Art Williamson, Joe McCaffery, and Jim Cahill are the returning veterans. The team should get some real help from Bruce Kibbee, Wally Russell, Bill Baston, Jim McShane, and Ken Aldrich, who constituted the nucleus of last year's aggressive J.V. five. Some real drive and hustle is bound to be added by the appearance of Lindy Chakalos and Norman Sharples in Owl attire.

Although baseball seems something in the distant future, the diamond sport will retain almost intact the same team as it fielded last year. Only Nim Grandin and Jim Wheeler were lost through graduation. Likewise the tennis team will also have almost their entire squad returning this year.

The over-all picture indicates quite a year for athletics at KTC. With a little support from the student body, the Owls ought to make 1950-1951 a banner year in every sport.

Ed Willis, this year's director of the intramural program, reports that while the season is still young, Alpha and Sigma loom as the powers on the gridiron, each having won their first two encounters. In the inter-class league the football series will start as soon as the intramural season is completed. From all indications, it looks as though this year's sophomores will really have a fight on their hands to retain their position as top class in sports.

Just a suggestion in closing—the first home soccer game is scheduled for Wednesday, October eleventh, against New England College. Let's have a big cheering section out for it and start the season off on the right foot.

basketball, volleyball, and football. Last year's graduating class tied the Frosh in a number of firsts, but lost out by competing in only four of the seven events. They won the top position in volleyball, football, and tennis. The Class of 1951 took only one first with basketball, but finished second no less than three times. Last year's Sophs proved to be everybody's cousins, placing last in every event except tennis, in which they took second.

It is the hope of President Young that the State Department of Public Works will act quickly upon the matter.

Tennis Court Issue
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Announce Owl's Nest Improvements

The students of KTC will be pleased to know that the Owl's Nest will remain open during the winter months. An adequate heating system has been provided but will necessitate in the closing off of some of the minor rooms.

The main room which is where the snack bar is located, is open at these hours: Monday through Thursday from 12 noon to 9:30 p. m. Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 11 p. m., and on Sunday from 9:30 a. m. until 9 p. m. At the present time, the management is planning for the installation of a sandwich grille. It will not be long before the aroma of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will reach the nostrils of all those passing by.

For the benefit of new students, the rules of last year still hold true. Playing of the juke box and card playing is prohibited on Sunday and gambling, drinking, and love-making are not allowed in the Owl's Nest.

New furniture has been donated to the Owl's Nest this year and has been greatly appreciated. The management hopes that some of the spare rooms will be converted into an office for the MONADNOCK. In the other small rooms there will be card tables and other games. Any donations of cards, games, or music for the piano would be appreciated.

Next month A.P.O., the service fraternity which runs the Owl's Nest and campus club, will appoint a new management as is the custom each year. At this time we find it fitting to recognize the progress made during this last year by the fraternity, the manager, Edward Bailey, his assistants, and students who have helped to



College is open again and the students are once more engaged in "hitting the books" at Mason Library (look closely, please).

President Young Speaks to Convocation Assembly

make the Owl's Nest as successful as it has been, and will be in the future.

A co-ed fireside gathering was enjoyed at Fiske Hall Sunday, September 24th, at 7:15 P. M. The guest speaker was Miss Mabel Brown who had as her topic, "The House of Fiske."

On Monday, September 18, Dr. Young addressed the students and faculty members of Keene Teachers College at a convocation assembly held in Spaulding Gymnasium.

Dr. Young spoke about new improvements that have been made on campus, and the cost of these improvements. He also told about plans and hopes for the future. The assembly was told some of the ways that the college spends its money, which was very interesting, and in some ways a little surprising.

The freshmen were officially welcomed to the college and the upperclassmen welcomed back.

The assembly was brought about by The Student-Faculty Assembly Committee which spent a lot of time last spring planning the assemblies for this year.

This committee decided upon who the speakers were to be for this year, and contacted them during the summer. At the beginning of the college year the committee met again to make the necessary revisions in the assembly program. The committee also has the responsibility of making the preparations and arrangements for each assembly.

The College Social Committee held its first meeting, September 27th. The representatives from each organization and class elected Gerard Truchon chairman and Gloria Jackson secretary for the following year. A new budget plan proposed by Claude Leavitt was accepted. The representatives then chose their dates from the college calendar for their annual events.

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Freshman Week

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Thursday, only classes and a freshman assembly marked the passing of another day at KTC. The upperclassmen had arrived the previous day and the college year was under way.

Friday night a Talent Show, borrowing talent from both the freshmen and upperclassmen, staged a quiz show and entertainment for the student body.

To climax the week a picnic was held on Saturday at the College Camp on Wilson Pond. Boating, swimming, horseshoes, and softball were among the activities of the day.

President Young gave his annual reception and dance at Spaulding Gymnasium in the evening after the picnic. Music was provided by Cecil Nash and his orchestra. Here the freshmen were given the opportunity to meet their fellow students and the faculty members. This year the group of upperclassmen that constituted the welcoming committee added several new events to their program and retained some of the old. This mixture made a busy and enjoyable week for our recently acquired Class of 1954.

Talent Show

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had many of us fooled into thinking he had acquired a Durante throat! The evening wouldn't have been complete without golden-throated Lillian Kolvula's "No Other Love" and "Make Believe." For the closing number tap dancer Shirley Coffin offered us many laughs as "The Old Maid in Town." She was assisted by Evelyn Bruce, show accompanist.

Alumni News

Newell Paire '36, former headmaster at Wilton High School, is now Superintendent of Schools in Supervisory Union No. 63 in New Hampshire.

Ann Hennessy '38, is now an English instructor at Bellows Falls, Vt., High School.

Herwood Curtis '48, is now teaching in New London, N. H., High School.

Constance Brugnot '22, now Mrs. Constance Martin, is living in Groveton, N. H. She is the mother of three children.

Walter Burnell '49, is now instructing Trades and Industries at Hudson, N. H., High School. Richard Stevens '50, is teaching Diversified Occupations at the same school.

Mrs. Edwin Morgan, formerly Marie Johnson '38, has two sons and is living in Philadelphia, Penn.

Jean Hurley '50, is now teaching at Marlboro, N. H., High School.

Kenneth Swift '49, has left his teaching position at Hooksett, N. H., and is now in the United States Army. After his basic training he will enter Officers Training School. Carl Burnap '50, is now teaching Trades and Industries at Charlestown, N. H., High School.

Arlene Parker '50, is now an instructor at Vilas High School in Alstead, New Hampshire.

Thomas McDonald '38, is now enrolled in his second year in the New England College of Pharmacy in Boston, Mass.

Ralph Mason '50, is now teaching Distributive Education in the far-away state of Oregon.

Francis Keen '49, is now an instructor at Barre, Vt., High School. Walter Bucklin '50, is now teaching in South Sutton, N. H.

COLLEGE MEN ARE CHEERING



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WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT? Kappa's Presy Stan Johnson of Lancaster, N. H., appears to be somewhat perplexed in this situation.

College Hayseeds Flock to the Annual Square Dance of Kappas

Causes of Failure in College Studied

Easton, Pa. (Intercollegiate Press)

Retarded reading and broken homes are among the main causes for student failures in college, Prof. Frank R. Hunt, dean of students at Lafayette College, says after a three-year study of reasons for failures.

Dean Hunt asserts that too many students arrive at college with inadequate preparation, a limited vocabulary and a general inability to comprehend issues from the printed page. The remedy, he suggests, is smaller classes, more teachers, a more careful selection of those planning to prepare for college and more personal attention to those students.

As for home environment, Prof. Hunt says that the great increase in the divorce rate since World War I has resulted in many students in college from broken homes. The common results of the student's emotional reaction from broken homes is inability to concentrate on the work at hand, the dean holds.

His study has shown that such a student has lost his sense of security, is frequently torn between loyalty to one or both parents, is ill at ease in accepting invitations from friends to visit their homes because he cannot reciprocate, and often feels responsible for the financial support of his mother.

Other reasons listed for failures include financial factors, inability to work independent of supervision and lack of experience in using the freedom which is found in college life.

Larry Pickett Calls as Squares Pack Gym

The fact that square dancing is gaining new popularity was proved again last Saturday night. Hay and sawdust flew from under the feet of rampaging couples as Kappa Delta Phi presented their yearly Barn Dance in the temporarily rusticated Spaulding Gym. It appeared as if more than one farm in this vicinity had suspended business for the week-end in order to provide the amateur hayseeds with realistic surroundings. Decorations went as far as to include several chickens and even a pocket-sized horse.

At intermission, the heavily breathing dancers were entertained as the Kappa boys displayed their theatrical abilities. Dean Corrigan, acting as Master of Ceremonies, first Irish-tongued his way through "Last Night in the Arbor," then introduced the barnyard troubadours—Charlie Mitchell, Al Stevens, and Bill Lafferand—who rendered a whimsical original interpretation of "Goodnight Irene." Next was Bruce Parent who did an excellent job of mimicking Al Jolson.

He was followed by a skit which purported to represent life in Darkest Kappa House. Dana Taylor and Wally Russell were then introduced and they turned in two delightful duets, "If You Knew Susie" and "Cuddle Up a Little Closer." In the show's climax, reliable old "Moose" Salvall wowed 'em with his song and shuffle routine. Appropriate music for the occasion was supplied by Larry Pickett and his boys. Larry himself handled the chores of calling and instructing the beginners in the finer points of dancing.

Sixty-Eight Seniors Practicing Throughout New Hampshire

Of the one hundred and thirteen members in K.T.C.'s senior class, sixty-seven are doing their practice teaching this semester. Thirty-eight of these cadet teachers are in the various schools of Keene and the remaining twenty-nine are distributed throughout New Hampshire.

Members of the local group are Russell Allan, Elsie Bowes, Daniel Butler, Barbara Davis, Shirley Delano, William Dimetri, Glen Fenkenham, Robert Ferry, Charlotte Finch, Margaret Harrigan, Nicholas Hatzos, Marilyn Jones, Nina Krochmal, Marie Laraway, Claude Leavitt, Lucille Leavitt, Richard LeClair, Jean Leonard, George McKeage, Charles Manos, Howard Moore, Sidney F. Moore, Jr., Cecil Nash, Patricia Perkins, Rachel Plimpton, William Remick, Margaret Rhodes, Francis Roy, Wenona Schoolcraft, Willis Smith, Clifton Thompson, Lois Wadleigh, Elizabeth Walker, Harriet Weston, Jeanette Whitehouse, Arthur Williamson, and John Wright.

Those students who are practicing teaching in other schools of the state are Carol Adamson—Lebanon, Winifred Beaulieu—New Ipswich, (Continued on Page 4)

Exchange Student at KTC from Germany

One of our new students on campus this year is Miss Gerda Rueckle from Stuttgart, Germany. Those who have already met and talked with Gerda have found her to be a very pleasant and interesting person. Gerda attended schools in Germany and has been an elementary teacher in Stuttgart for three and a half years. She is now taking a general elementary course and is very much surprised at the fact that students here are allowed to choose their own subjects.

Gerda, pleased at the way she has been accepted at K.T.C., has this to say: "They were all so very kind from the first minute I arrived here. Everywhere I went, the kids all said, 'Hi, Gerda, how are you?' Tell them I am very thankful and happy."

Gerda enjoys campus life at K.T.C. but finds some of it quite different from that in Germany. Dormitory life and rules here are (Continued on Page 4)



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NSA GOVERNMENT CLINIC ATTRACTS 15 COLLEGES

NEWS IN BRIEF

On October 23rd Thomas Quarters, chief of police in Keene, will speak in an assembly. His topic will be, "So You Want to be President." Mr. Quarters was President Roosevelt's bodyguard for a number of years so his topic should be an interesting one. He is a past member of the secret service and the Massachusetts state police.

Alpha Phi Omega held a smoker in Spaulding Gym October 12th. Refreshments and entertainment were provided. The purpose of the service fraternity and progress since its beginning were explained. Sigma Pi Psi also elected officers for the following year at a meeting October 10th. The following officers were elected: president, Mary Horne; vice president, Lois LaCourse; secretary, Joyce Stoughton; treasurer, Mildred Turner; program chairman, Loretta Pollock. Mrs. Hudson will continue as adviser to the club.

4 Students to Attend Teacher's Conference

Once again fall is here; the doors of schools and colleges have reopened to admit an ever-increasing flow of students. Also, at this time teachers are convening to discuss and improve the methods and application of teaching.

K.T.C. students are fortunate this year that opportunities to attend such conventions do exist. When over there is a possibility for student delegates to be present at one of these conventions, a notice will be placed on the main bulletin board with space allowed for the names of those students who would be interested in attending. From the names listed, the Student Council will impartially choose the delegates to represent the College.

Recently, Nina Krochmal, Patricia Parent, Robert Nordoff, and Charles Mitchell were chosen as representatives to the annual convention of the New England Teacher Preparation Association to be held in Swampscott, Mass., on October 17 and 18. The conference is extra-curricular and academic in nature. "Trends in Teacher Education," "Making College Teachers More Effective," and "The Curriculum Design."

College 'Who's Who' Committee Selected

Keene Teachers College has been invited again this year to submit a list of nominees to represent the college in the 1950-51 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A committee of faculty and students meet at 4:00 on Tuesday, October 17th to make the initial selections.

The basis of the selections are excellence and sincerity in scholarship, leadership, and participation in extra-curricular and academic activities, citizenship and service to college, and promise of future usefulness to society.

The committee elected to choose the candidates are as follows: Seniors—George McKeage, Gerard Truchon, Arnold Lowery, Sally Barber, Beverly Bonardi, Juniors—Lila Murphy, Lorraine Fournier, Eugene Sedewicz, Donald Carle; Sophomores—Robert Witham, Natalie Castagnay. Each curriculum will be represented by a member of the administration.

The ten faculty members and the students will work together in choosing the candidates.

New England Colleges Send Fifty-Five Delegates; Asst. Dean Charles Camp of Dartmouth Addresses Assemblage

On Saturday, October 14, Keene Teachers College was host to a Student Government Clinic. Fifty-five representatives from fifteen colleges in the northern New England region of the Connecticut Valley flocked to KTC for an all-day conference sponsored by the National Student Association. The main theme of the clinic was the discussion and evaluation of student governments.



MAN BEHIND THE SCENES. Ronnie Banner of Keene carried the burden in the organization of and preparation for NSA's student government clinic.

Charles F. Camp, Assistant Dean and Director of Student Activities at Dartmouth College, was the main speaker at a general assembly of the delegates the morning of the clinic. Speaking on "Philosophy of Student Government," Dean Camp emphasized responsibility and communication as the major factors of student government. He said the students must be realistic in their dealings with the administration and faculty. Only by recognizing the position of the administration can the students hope to obtain effective student government. Properly conducted, student government offers all the opportunities of governmental practices. The students thus can learn by doing. Just as all authority does not rest with one group in the state and nation, so also there should be a sharing of authority in the colleges. The students should have a voice, but not a dogmatic voice. There is a definite need of communication between and among the administration, faculty and student body. Each should be equally informed of what the other is doing. In closing Dean Camp recognized the prime importance of the delegation (Continued on Page 4)

N. H. Teachers, State Legislature To Determine Education Trends

On October 18, 19 and 20, the New Hampshire State Teachers Association will hold its ninety-sixth Annual Convention in Concord, N. H. The theme is to be "The Challenge of the Next Half Century." One of the principal speakers for the Convention will be Dr. Galen Jones from the United States Office of Education. On Thursday, the 19th, there will be a luncheon for the Keene Teachers College Alumni.

Doug Anderson Exhibits Work

Douglas Anderson's theatre drawings and satirical caricatures have been on display in the Hale Building art room during the past week.

Living until 1945 in New Hampshire, Mr. Anderson then moved on New York as a free-lance artist. Since that time his work has appeared in such magazines as Seventeen, New Yorker, Theatre Arts, and Reader's Digest. He has also illustrated several books; Tell Me by Ellen Wales Walpole was displayed with his exhibit here.

His theatre caricatures have been shown at the Museum of the City of New York, and some of his drawings were used to advertise the motion picture The Third Man when it was shown at the Victoria Theatre in Times Square, New York.

Some of Anderson's best works are his fine-line drawings such as his well known caricatures of famous Broadway stars.

Legislation Pending
One of the main educational problems to be brought up in the next session of the State Legislature is that of State Aid. We have all heard this discussed a little here and there but let's look for a few minutes at a few basic facts. We formerly had the use of four hundred thousand dollars under the State Aid program to be divided by the system we called "equalization." This was merely a means whereby the towns received a certain per cent of State Aid funds according to the amount of taxable property per student. It was, however, used only for elementary schools. Four years ago the Legislature raised this amount to two million dollars. When it was cut back to its original amount in the last Legislature, two years ago, many towns were left high and dry. This problem was discussed in the last Legislative session and it was decided that the State Board would study the situation and hand in a report, plus a workable formula, at the next meeting—to be held in January.

School Districts
Another important problem when the Legislature meets will be the need for larger school districts. Most of our districts, having been set up when transportation was a handicap, are too small to operate efficiently on the amount of income they have. There is a law which permits two districts, but no more, to consolidate. If they choose (Continued on Page 2)