

NEW COURSES AT KEENE

A considerable rearrangement in the courses has been introduced at the Normal School this year, involving the addition of some completely new subjects as well as a shifting of some of the old courses among the teachers.

This year is the first time that Miss Blake has taught the course in American Government given to seniors. She stated, however, in an interview that she intends to cover in general the same ground that has been covered in the past, making as she goes frequent reference to the New Hampshire Program of Studies. The main innovation, therefore, is in the new textbooks which have at last arrived. These, the latest edition of Beard's *American Government and Politics*, are a great improvement on the previous editions as they include all the developments occurring in Roosevelt's terms. The fact that the book is so up-to-date is very satisfactory to Miss Blake, because she intends to illustrate her teaching largely through current events.

Miss Blake further stated that she plans to emphasize the development of the American Constitution in connection with the views and careers of those men who exerted a good deal of influence in its history. Along with this she will make frequent reference to the ways in which the concepts of government may be taught and motivated among school children.

Miss Blake is well equipped to handle this course, as she has studied the subject intensively both at Middlebury and at B. U., taking such courses as general government, American government and politics, and biographies of American statesmen.

If variety is the spice of life, Mr. Drenan is well supplied with spice this year, since he is enjoying the privilege of teaching three courses which are new not only to him but also to the school. These are, namely, journalism, American literature, and English literature.

Mr. Drenan describes journalism, which is taken by juniors and seniors of the high school course this year, as an eighteen week course designed to provide assistance for who may in the future be faced with the problem of managing a school.

publication. It will cover all the various phases and types of journalism as well, and it will include lectures by experts on the subject and trips to a newspaper plant.

The course in English literature will be an elective for juniors every other year in alternation with the play production course. The introduction of this and the American literature course is a result of the state board's new policy of advocating the chronological study of literature, rather than the study by types that has been used for the last nine years.

Mr. Drenan pointed out that the century with which he deals, that is the nineteenth century, is the one that has proven most rich in great writers, so that he is able to trace the main forms of literature up through the century and to show their influence on the forms that we have today.

The American literature course stresses the more well known writers of this country in connection with the period in which they lived, and as representative of the thought of their times. Thus in rather a new way the course ties up the ordinary study of literature with the development of the thoughts and ideals of our people down through the years.

Mr. Morrison also is teaching subjects which are new to the school and to him. These are the guidance and remedial courses which are being taken by seniors this year for nine weeks each.

The course in guidance is outlined by Mr. Morrison as dealing mainly with the material that it is necessary for the student to know and that which it is necessary for the teacher to know in order to carry out an effective guidance program.

In a way the remedial course might be spoken of as taking the place of Miss Randall's diagnostic course, as it does take up the principles and practice of remedial and diagnostic work. There is a considerable difference, however, in that this new course works with spelling and arithmetic as well as with reading. It is important also to note, as Mr. Morrison pointed out, that the work does not concern those students who are behind in every subject, but rather those who are of good intelligence but backward in some one particular subject.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sigma Pi Epsilon Hears Drama Talk

On Monday evening, November 8, at 7:30 Mrs. Willard Wilbur of Keene spoke to the English Club on Drama. She has had wide experience in producing plays, so she was capable to discuss the field of drama. Her talk was general in character. Mrs. Wilbur told of the contrast of the drama in various countries. She discussed the requirements of a good play from the standpoint of the audience and the producer. She explained the requirements of a play and illustrated by saying that "Victoria Regina" was a good portrayal of character but not a play. One interesting statement was that the Chinese conception of drama is superior to the American. The meeting concluded with a brief social hour. Refreshments were served by the Misses Barbara Capron, Anna Cattabrigga, and Grace Blanchard.

Dramatic Club Holds Initiation

Two new members were received into the Dramatic Club on November 9 at the School Camp. Ruth Berry and Clair Wyman were initiated, the former giving a reading on "David and Goliath" and the latter presenting his own version of Hamlet's soliloquy. Several new items of business were introduced. The committee for the yearly program includes Clair Wyman, Chairman; Mary Lang, and Arlene Lougee. It was voted that the Dramatic Club picture would be omitted from the year book, and that a picture of "Twelfth Night" would be substituted. It was decided that a three-act play would be presented during the second nine weeks with Ethel Galloway as chairman. A social hour was enjoyed by all, and Mrs. Mary D. Deans chaperoned the group.

Activities of Keene Club Threefold

The Keene Club is very active this year. On Thursday, November 11, the Club acted as hosts for the special chapel exercises celebrating Armistice, Constitution, and Education Days. Ushers included the following: Misses Ruth Harvey, Helen Thomas, Jane Jeffery, Ruth Banfill, Leona Mansfield, Barbara Rowe, Emelyn Ayer and Dorothy Rist. The general

committee was the Misses Harriet Davis, Laura Russell and Clair Wyman.

Sunday, November 14, approximately twenty members of the Club aided the city in the Red Cross Drive.

A new feature has been instituted by this club in the form of a "Companion's Night". The first of this type of program will take place on November 19 at the School Camp. Each member is allowed to invite one friend from the campus, thereby trying to become better acquainted with the campus students.

Orpheus Club Holds Weekly Musicales

Another musicale, sponsored by the Orpheus Club, was held on Wednesday, November 10 at 4:15 P. M. in Parker Hall. The program was as follows: Marche Slave.....Tschaiowsky
Peer Gynt.....Grieg
Morning
Ase's Death
Anitra's Dance
In the Hall of the Mountain King

Unfinished Symphony (1st Movement) Schubert
Sonata C Minor (Pathetique) Beethoven
I Call On Thee Jesus Bach
Miss Marion Truell presided. A group of about twenty-five attended.

Academy Features Country Fair

The annual country fair, sponsored by the Academy of Science, was held on Saturday night in the Spaulding Gymnasium as the feature for the social. Miss Josephine Perkins was general chairman, and her assistants were: Misses Claire Paddelford, Ethel Galloway, Mary Lang, Arthur Miller and David Greenlaw. The social assumed an atmosphere of a real country fair with booths. Old-fashioned and novelty dances were on the program. Students, dressed in their old clothes, enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Orpheus Club

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was written and arranged by Ernest Fiske. The technical staff included: Stage Manager, Ruth Berry; Costumes, Ruby Whittemore, Edna Brown, Ruth Hanson, Lois Fotte; Makeup, Helene Dudley, Harriet Davis, Jenny Jensen, Bessie Katsiastic; Electrician, Carl Barrett; Publicity, Dean Read.

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KEENE NORMAL TO HAVE WINTER CARNIVAL ON FEBRUARY 12

Plans Well Under Way for Second Annual Sports Event

King and Queen to Be Chosen

One of the big events of the season for Keene Normal School, will be the Annual Winter Carnival, to be held February 12, 1938. The following schools have been invited to cooperate with us: Fitchburg Teachers College, Castleton Normal School, Plymouth Normal School, Framingham Normal School, Salem Teachers College, Gorham Normal School, New Britain Teachers College and Colby Junior College.

If weather conditions permit the events will be held on Beech Hill, where there are excellent opportunities for Slalom, Down Mountain Skiing, and Jumping. There are also easy slopes for novice skiers. However, if Old Man Winter does not favor us with plenty of snow, the events will be held at the Keene Country Club. There is, this year, a trail on West Hill near the Club which may be used for the down mountain runs.

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MR. NADIG SPEAKS TO CLASS IN JOURNALISM

Mr. H. D. Nadig, well known to Normal School students as the "Cheshire Cat," spoke to the Journalism class Thursday, and described graphically the making of a newspaper. He traced news from its source, through the reporter's hands, and to the composing room. He made clear the complexities of a modern newspaper by explaining the organization of a typical publishing company.

With humor he said that the

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SCHOOL PLANS TO PRODUCE H.M.S. PINAFORE

Proceeds to Go to Organ Fund

This spring in place of the usual May Festival, the musical groups of the school, aided by local talent, are to present H. M. S. Pinafore, one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. The music is to be under the direction of Mr. Harry W. Davis, head of the music department, and Miss Marion Moses who will serve as accompanist and assist in coaching.

Faculty to Assist

Dancing will be under the instruction of Miss Marjorie Bateman, head of the women's physical education department.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR TWO TEACHERS

Keene Normal is very sorry to announce that two members of its faculty are to leave in the near future. Miss Elizabeth E. Gregory and Miss Bertha Twining are leaving to do further study.

Miss Gregory who has been on the Keene Faculty since 1930 is leaving for Clark University in Worcester, Mass. There she will enter the School of Geography where she will study until the beginning of their reading period which starts on April 28. Miss Gregory will be back in Keene to resume her teaching on May 1st.

Miss Twining who has been

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ITALIAN STREET SCENE FEATURED AT COLORFUL MID-YEAR BALL

Annual Affair Attended by Many Students, While the Gowns Gave an Added Note of Gayety to the Bright Decorations

Tea Dance is Delightful Affair

The Nu Beta Upsilon and Alpha Pi Tau sponsored their annual Tea Dance Saturday afternoon, January 29. Approximately fifty couples danced to the music of Jack Graves and his orchestra. The atmosphere resulting from the decorations of the mid-year ball added to the dance greatly.

Members of the faculty who served as patrons and patronesses were: President and Mrs. Wallace Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague Drenan, Dean Isabelle Esten, Dean Ida Fernald, Miss Mabel Brown, Mrs. Josephine Rigg, and Miss Margaret Burmeister.

Miss Esten poured tea for the faculty, while members of the Nu Beta Upsilon poured for the dancers.

WHO WROTE SHAKESPEARE?

De Vere Says Mr. Benezet

Mr. Louis P. Benezet, superintendent of schools in Manchester, and one of the leading educators of the country, spoke to the school Thursday on the subject, "Shakespeare, Shakespeare, and De Vere."

The speaker delved immediately into a very enthusiastic explanation of his reasons for believing that William Shakespeare was not the real author of the world's most famous classics. He proved that the alleged dramatist did not have sufficient education and background to write the plays which have been attributed to him, that he could not have acquired the knowledge which the plays

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The annual mid-year ball, sponsored by the senior class, was held in the Spaulding gymnasium on Friday evening, January 28. The dance, which was formal and lasted until 1:00, was attended by seventy couples.

Colorful decorations, representing an Italian street fair, was the work of the art department. Paintings in the windows represented a Punch and Judy show, a wine booth with an Italian barmaid, and booths with displays of flowers and fruits. On the stage were large figures of an organ grinder with his monkey and a gaily dressed peasant woman; each held a large bunch of balloons. Strings of red, orange, and yellow balloons overhead added color to the gay scene, as did the clothesline with bright kerchiefs and clothing hung at one end of the gymnasium. Under the rear of the balcony was a sidewalk cafe; under a red and yellow striped canopy were tables covered with red checked cloths. Souvenir programs in

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CULTURE IS NEWS

Mr. Preston Is Speaker at Third Alpha Forum

"Culture is in the news more than ever before" was one of the interesting statements made by Mr. Harry B. Preston, speaker at the third of the Alpha Forum series held in the Gym social room last Thursday evening, January 27.

In developing his theme, Mr. Preston said that the people of the country are at present more

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REQUIRED READING

To every student, parent, and teacher we recommend a prayerful reading of the article by President Hutchins in the Saturday Evening Post for January 22. Here, without fanfare and without flourishes, is stated the purpose of college and of all education. Here is the broad vista, of which we gain an occasional glimpse when we have a good day in our classroom or teaching, but which is rarely possible to see in its entirety.

Dr. Hutchins has much to say of that common attitude of millions of students who approach Alma Mater with the words, "Well, here I am: come, teach me." On the contrary we must seek out the best: the best courses, the best teachers, the best books, the best friends, the best employment of our time, and he tells us that the best books are always in the library and that the best instructors always have leisure to answer our questions and resolve our doubts. To the thinking student the compulsions with which he considers himself surrounded will in this light appear petty and mean: I have got to go to this class; I must write this report; I am forced to study, and all the rest. In the last analysis, then, no one can be educated unless he demands an education of himself; the college can demand of him only attendance, completed assignments, ordinary intelligence, and common decency in behavior, and for these it is willing to barter a diploma.

The student, then, who demands this education of himself will have done more than commence when Commencement time comes, and will be well started on that kind of education, which as Dr. Hutchins finely says, "leads to understanding."

OUR FACULTY — OUR FRIENDS

It will surprise many to know that the Faculty of the school give assistance to several hundred graduates every year. This service was the subject of several interviews by the KRONICLE. In contrast to many institutions, which "turn out" graduates with all the finality implied by that phrase, our faculty members expect to continue to help their students one year, three years, or ten years after graduation.

Perhaps the most practical manifestation appears in the Placement Bureau, which under Charles W. Cutts renders splendid service to the seniors each year. Mr. Cutts reports that he has many calls for experienced teachers and is thus able to assist those who wish to better themselves as well as some who are temporarily out of positions.

Dean Carle reports that he has many calls from his former students for assistance in forming science clubs, classifying and mounting specimens, and advice about new laboratory setups. The English department average at least one call a week for varied material and opinions on new books. Mr. Adams, head of the Trades and Industries department, reports that many of his former students are in constant touch with him. Similar testimony comes from other departments of the school, including the library.

ALUMNI

The outlook for future graduates of the Normal School seems to be very bright since it has been found that practically every one of last year's graduates has received a teaching position. True enough many of the positions are in small schools in out-of-the-way sections of the state, but without a doubt these positions are as valuable as any other in the way of experience.

Home Economics Graduates Placed

Several members of the home economics class of 1937 were fortunate in securing excellent jobs in high schools in the state. Marcella Finley of Colebrook is teaching in Whitefield. Mary Foster of Beverly, Massachusetts, is instructing in Colebrook. Evelyn Puffer of West Swanzey is teaching in Keene High School. Maude Whitecomb of Wilton is in Charlestown.

Junior High

The majority of the members of the Junior High School course have teaching positions. A few, however, are entering other fields. Among them are Donald Cooney of Enfield, who is working in Brattleboro; Beatrice Whitaker of Claremont, who has entered the Mary Hitchcock hospital at Hanover to train for nursing; and Arlene Richards of Franklin, who has enrolled in a business school there. Those from the junior high group who have enrolled in teaching are: Lucille Craggy of Groveton in Lyme; Florence Duston of Hampstead in Wolfboro; Laurence Goss of Rye in Wentworth; Dorothy Grace of Portsmouth in Dalton; Ruth Pollard of Center Harbor in Alton; Helen Tsiotas of Manchester in a night school there; Madeline Wilson of Epping in Pembroke; Robert Hill of Plaistow has a principalship in Pembroke; Florence Hutchinson of Milford in Unity; June Kendall of Montpelier, Vermont, in South Londonderry, Vermont; Jane Langer of Manchester in Swan-

zey Center; Edith Noble of Amherst in Unity and James Noucas of Manchester in Epping. Besides teaching Jimmie is coaching basketball.

Music Students Out of State

Two graduates from the music group have left the state. Jesse Davis of Hampstead is teaching his major subject in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and Elizabeth Goodale is furthering her education and teaching part time in New York. Others from the music course are within the state. Elizabeth Girardet of Pittsfield is teaching in Northwood and Virginia Symonds of Contoocook is in Charlestown.

Elementary

The elementary group are well distributed throughout the state. Eleanor Child is teaching in Enfield Center; Kathleen Demeritt of Woodsville in Charlestown; Julia Floyd of South Hampton in Enfield; Natalie Haddock of Laconia in Canterbury; Avis Haskins of Canaan in Danbury; Louise Hatch of Milford in West Rindge; Ruth Hoey of Gonic in Swanzey; Arlene Lund of Hollis in Westmoreland. Helen Noyes of Plaistow has a position in Fremont but at the present time is in the hospital suffering from a serious case of pneumonia. Vernon Perkins of Lyme Center is teaching in West Rumney; Dorothy Stewart of Canterbury is in Walpole; Mary Stirk of Amherst in Dunbarton and Anna Willgeroth of Hillsboro in Washington. Two of the young ladies from this division have entered the field of matrimony, Dorothy Smith of Andover and Velma Bartlett of Claremont. Velma is dividing her household duties temporarily with substitute teaching in Chester, Vermont.

Marriages

A recent marriage of interest to Keene Normal School students was that of Robert Omand, '37, graduate of the Trades and Industries course, to Miss Bernice Follansbee of New Boston, also a Keene Normal School graduate. Mr. Omand is a teacher at Groveton High School and Mrs. Omand teaches at the North Wilmot school.

FULL LENGTH FILM, SNOWWHITE IS WELL-WORTH SEEING

Although audiences all over the country are familiar with the characters of Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse, they will soon have their first experience of seeing Walt Disney go to feature length when his new picture "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" is released.

In spite of the fear expressed by many that a picture of this type couldn't last an hour and a half without becoming tedious, there are few dull moments. "From its opening sequence you are whisked into the land of dreams, where there are brighter flowers than you ever saw, friendlier animals than you ever met, truer love than you ever knew." The only point to be criticized, and not a major fault at that, is the jerkiness with which Snow-White moves her chin when she speaks, but even Disney cartoonists couldn't seem to remedy this. In all other respects, however, she is a "dream of a girl."

LIBRARY NOTES

Winter Sports Display

A winter sports display is now being shown in the library. In keeping with the season, Miss Stone and Miss Huggins have arranged information on skiing on the bulletin board. The main feature is a map of New Hampshire with a skier overshadowing it. Also there is a map showing where all types of winter sports are active in this state. If you want to know the best place to ski near your home, this map will show you. The bulletin board not only shows local interests, but also some circulars from other states and countries.

Japanese Pictures Displayed

A set of new colored pictures entitled "Japan, Her Land and Life" has been recently purchased by the Mason Library. The picture set is made up of twelve large colored pictures painted on stiff cardboard. Each depicts some scene portraying Japanese life.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

International Relations Club Members Attend Colby Conference

On December 10 and 11, Miss Doris Delaware, Mr. Irving Heath, and Mr. Wilder Goodale, accompanied by Miss Blake, attended the conference on international affairs at Colby Junior College in New London. One of the questions discussed was the Sino-Japanese situation.

Representatives from the club will be sent to the Model League of Nations to be held at Smith College in March. The delegates and countries they will represent will be chosen in the near future.

Nu Beta Upsilon Hears Mrs. Deans

The Nu Beta Upsilon had as its guest speaker on Jan. 20 Mrs. Mary Deans of the Normal School faculty, who told of travels in Spain. Her talk was very interesting, and she gave a clear picture of Spain as she saw it.

The Home Economics Seniors entertained Miss Bradbury, Miss Locke, and Miss Smith, the Home Economics teachers of Keene High School at a buffet dinner in the Practice House on January 6. This was a splendid opportunity for the Home Economics students to become better acquainted with people of their own profession.

Mr. DeMar Speaks at Forum

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, Mr. Clarence DeMar addressed the members of the Forum on the way American audiences react to a speech. Because of its unusual subject the talk was very enjoyable.

The annual Christmas party took place at the school camp on December 15.

Academy of Science Examine X-Ray

The Academy of Science held its initiation of twenty new members on December 3, 1937 at the school camp. Supper was served to the group after the initiation.

On January 12, Amsden Shoe Store demonstrated a new X-ray machine to the club. Each

member had his feet X-rayed to show the fit of his shoes, and "photographed" to note any imperfections in his feet.

The club visited the hospital to see the new iron lung on Wednesday, January 27. The apparatus was explained and demonstrated by the hospital staff.

Sigma Pi Epsilon Continues Program of Dramatic Discussions

The Sigma Pi Epsilon has been concentrating on drama at its last three meetings.

At the November 22 meeting the club listened to Mr. Harry Preston speak on drama and efforts to make it better in this vicinity.

Members of the club took part in the Radio Play, "The Book of Books," at the January 10th meeting.

On January 24th parts of "Saint Joan" by George Bernard Shaw were read and discussed.

Foreign Language Club Elects Officers

The first meeting of the Foreign Language Club was held in November when new members were initiated.

The officers of the club for the year are: president, Lucille Plante; vice-president, D. Wilder Goodale; secretary-treasurer, Marion Wagner; program chairman, Laura Russell; advisers, Mr. Blackington and Mr. Waltz.

New members initiated are: Olive Lawrence, Charlotte French, Ellen Simpson, Phyllis Sherman, and Thelma Leith.

Alpha Active in Two Fields

The fraternity's chief contribution to school life during the second quarter was the opening of a series of forums on current topics. At the first forum, on November 20, Mr. Frederick C. Stearns of Keene High School spoke on "Neutrality or Boycott." The Reverend Mr. George L. Parker of the Unitarian Church opened the second forum on December 20, with a talk entitled "Our Unsolved Problem." Mr. Harry B. Preston was the speaker at the third forum on January 27. His topic was "Culture is News."

The fraternity recently published its fourth monthly issue of a three-page bulletin.

SPORTS

KEENE DROPS ONE TO GORHAM, 62-45

Game Produces Many Thrills

Keene dropped an exciting and free scoring game to Gorham Normal at Gorham, Maine, last Saturday evening.

Because of illness several members of the Keene squad could not make the trip; as a consequence Keene's reserve strength in the game was low.

At the opening whistle both teams got away very fast and several baskets were scored by each. Keene's revamped line-up did well in getting the ball off the backboard and shot continually from close in, but the shots did not quite click. The Gorham boys seemed better able to make good their opportunities under the basket.

Much of Gorham's 31-19 lead at the half was due to an unavoidable mixup on the part of Keene's defense.

Shortly after the opening of the third period with Keene within five points of the leaders, Harris and Clark left via the foul route. This set back Keene temporarily but the final reckoning showed that the Keene boys outscored their Maine rivals in the second half.

Boys' Intramural Basketball

The intramural basketball program is in charge of the Sophomore boys of the Physical Education department. This year house teams have taken the place of the usual class teams. With this new program keener competition and greater interest have been shown by the boys. The commuters do not have a team but are divided equally among the four house teams.

At the present date the Alpha House is leading the league with three victories and no losses. The Wilcox House occupies second place, followed by Fowler and Kappa in that order.

CARNIVAL TO BE FEB. 12

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A new feature in the Carnival this year, is the selection by popular vote of the student body, of a King and Queen of the Carnival. On Monday, January 24, the students made their choices known by voting individually in Chapel. The following Monday the five men and the five women who received the greatest number of votes in the previous Chapel, were voted upon. In this way the King and Queen were elected. The four girls and the four boys who were not elected will be aides.

The course of events for the day has been outlined by the committee as follows:

Starting at 10 a. m. on the Athletic Field:

100 yard Ski Dash for Men and Women.

100 yard Snowshoe Dash, Men and Women.

At the Skating Rink
220 and 440 yard for Women.
440 and one mile for Men.

A new feature this year will be a basketball game on skates.

Lunch.

Starting at 2:00 p. m.
Beech Hill or Country Club.
Down Mountain, Men and Women.

Slalom, Men and Women.

Ski Jumping, Men.

Cross Country, Men.

Dinner.

Starting at 7:00 p. m. in the Gym. Basketball game: Keene versus Gorham Normal School.
8:30 Carnival Ball.

Dancing.

Coronation of King and Queen.

Awarding of prizes by President Mason.

Dancing.

Ribbons will be awarded for the first three places. There will be medals for the high scoring man and woman.

NADIG DISCUSSES REPORTING

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real reporter had a twenty-four hour job, involving many things besides his regular beat and assignments. The columnist, he said, is the last vestige of the old-fashioned newspaper man. He illustrated his talk with a pocket-load of materials.

FAMOUS OPERETTA PLANNED

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Mr. Sprague W. Drenan, head of the English department, has charge of the dramatic action of the play. Miss Wilma Wolfs, head of the art department, is supervising the construction of the scenery. Stage settings and properties are under the direction of Mr. Spencer C. Eaton, head of the manual training department. Plans are under way for very elaborate costumes and stage settings, to make the opera pleasing to the eye as well as to the ear.

Cast

The cast, which has just been announced, is as follows:

Sir Joseph Porter,
Frank H. Blackington

Captain Corcoran,
James McKeon

Ralph Rackstraw,
Douglas Blanchard

Dick Deadeye,
Charles A. Woodbury

Josephine Ethel J. Ramsden,
Buttercup Dorothy Orser

Hebe Ruth Currel

Supporting the cast is a large mixed chorus and orchestral accompaniment.

Proceeds for Organ Fund

Mr. Davis plans to present the opera in Spaulding Gymnasium about the second week in May. The program will be open to the general public, and proceeds taken in will be used to defray expenses on the organ. This is the first time it has been presented in Keene in its complete form for many years, and since it is so well liked it should prove a popular musical entertainment.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals started in full swing Thursday evening, January 27. Mr. Davis plans to hold two a week for the time being, and more as the time for presentation nears.

Miss TWINING and Miss GREGORY STUDY ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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principal of the Wheelock since 1915 plans to spend the last semester of the year at Boston University where she will continue her studies. She plans to be back in Keene by June first.

Although Keene is reluctant to have two of its faculty leave, it may be glad that it is only for a short time.

DE VERE WAS HAMLET

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evidence of the classics, law, military science and music. The real writer, Mr. Benezet said, was an aristocrat with an intimate understanding of the lords and ladies among his characters and with proper aristocratic contempt for the common people.

To the query, "Who then did write the plays?" Mr. Benezet found an answer in Edward De Vere, the Earl of Oxford, who fills all the qualifications previously posed. This extraordinary man had the background, and according to contemporary accounts of him, the talent necessary.

The question remaining about the name associated with the plays and sonnets Mr. Benezet explained with the statement that there was another William Shakespeare, the illegitimate son of the Earl, who was given immortality for his father's writings.

The speaker stated that within six months a book is to be published which will give documentary proof of all the assertions in his lecture, and most students will await this work with keen anticipation.

MR. PRESTON at ALPHA FORUM

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interested in culture than at any previous time and that this was being reflected by articles on the front pages of our large daily newspapers. Music, art, and literature have all been the subject of leading stories. Drama particularly, due to the present revival of interest in the theatre, has claimed much attention.

Mr. Preston closed his talk with several quotations from a new book, "The Importance of Living" by Lin Yutang. The usual discussion period followed the talk, the audience taking this opportunity to ask Mr. Preston many questions of special interest.

Former Student on Faculty

The school welcomes this week a new member of the faculty in Arthur Giovannangeli, '37, of Keene, who will teach Science in the Central Junior High. Mr. Giovannangeli replaces Richard Trufant who begins his studies at B.U.

MID-YEAR BALL COLORFUL

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orange and black, with a Venetian gondola on the cover, harmonized with the general theme of the decorations. The decorations and colorful gowns presented an interesting spectacle to a number of spectators who occupied the balcony.

From the tables in the sidewalk cafe, home economic students, dressed in appropriate costumes served refreshments. Punch was served between dances, and ice cream and cookies during intermission.

Excellent music was furnished by a nine-piece orchestra of local musicians led by Jack R. Graves '38 of Newport. The music, which was quite varied, included many recent song hits. It was not so loud as to preclude conversation, and at the same time possessed a steady rhythm which made dancing very enjoyable.

Patrons and Patronesses

Local citizens in the receiving line included Mayor William J. Callahan and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Goodnow; Mrs. Goodnow is a member of the State Board of Education. Patrons and patronesses from the faculty included Pres. and Mrs. Wallace E. Mason, Dean H. Dwight Carle, Dean Isabelle U. Esten, Miss Inez M. Vaughan, and Miss Harriet Leslie. Mr. Kenneth Creighton, acting president of the class of 1938, and Miss Ferne Coffin of Berlin completed the line.

Mr. Creighton was general chairman of the ball committee. Chairmen of sub-committees were Edith Rich, '38, of Pater-son, N. J.; Nellie Maffet, '38, of East Weare; Harriette L. Crosby, '38 of Alton; Robert N. Tapply, '38, of Bristol, and Luther M. Preston, '38, of Auburn.

The committee consider the dance a financial success, and in view of the enjoyment of the dancers, it was likewise a social success.

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PINAFORE SCORES HIT

RICHARD HOPWOOD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SENIOR CLASS OF '39

OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED

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The present junior class elected Richard Hopwood, of the high school English curriculum, to lead their senior activities, at a special class meeting held Tuesday, May 17. Working with him will be Ruth Maker, vice-president; Ruth Bernier, secretary; and Carl Bartlett, treasurer. The meeting was called by the senior class president, Sherman Joslin, for the purpose of electing this executive council and instructing them in their duties, a courtesy performed by the out-going president each year.

Mr. Hopwood is known for his dramatic work, his last appearance being that of Josephine in the Alpha Opera, "La Vie de Napoleon." Even more important has been his work on the technical staff of the best campus productions; where he is responsible for scenery and lighting. The lighting effects in

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The practice teaching assignments for next year for the English majors, the Home Economics majors, and the Elementary seniors have been made. Of the English majors five will go out the first nine. Ernest Fiske of Keene, Barbara Noyes of

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On June 30, Pres. and Mrs. Wallace E. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cutts, and Mrs. Davis of North Conway will sail for Europe on the steamer New York. The trip will be one of the well-known Temple Tours planned for tourists who wish to see the world. From New York the party will go to London, Holland, Belgium, up the Rhine to Heidelberg, Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, and across to Venice and Milan. A stay of a week in Switzerland will precede the final stop at Paris.

Along the way Mr. Mason and Mr. Cutts, both Rotarians, will visit Rotary clubs of other lands. They hope to obtain information in regard to the political situation in these countries, but it is not expected that the trip will be hindered in any

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Students of Keene Normal School were happy to welcome Miss Gregory back to the campus a few weeks ago after her absence of three months from her work here. Miss Gregory devoted this time to taking courses for her

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KEENE NORMAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN COMIC OPERA GREETED BY HUNDREDS

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With James F. McKeon, '38, Somersworth, taking the lead as Captain Corcoran; Douglas L. Blanchard, '39, Concord, singing the role of Ralph Rackstraw, and other students singing solo parts, the annual spring musical production of Keene Normal

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The performance of "Pinafore" brought back to the campus many Keene Normal alumni and cadet teachers. The alumni who were back were: Ruth Travers, '36, Whitefield; Dorothy Plais-ter, '37, Sanford, Maine; Evelyn L. Brinton, '36, Keene; Wendell F. Hawkins, '37, Keene; Stanley Johnson, Keene; Donald F. Friz-zell, Keene; Lewis Goffe, '34, Nashua and Jesse Davis, '37, Hampstead.

The cadets from the practice schools who attended were E. Lucille Plante, '38, Fitzwilliam and Kenneth L. Creighton, '38, of Hampton, both of whom are at Hancock, and Harriette L. Crosby, '38, of Alton, who is at Orford.

With a cast of nine principals from the student body and faculty of Keene Normal, a large chorus and a twenty-piece orchestra, Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore", was played to an audience of 350 school children, teachers and parents last Thursday afternoon, and to a capacity audience Friday evening in Spaulding gymnasium.

The operetta, ably directed by Mr. Harry W. Davis, opened with an introduction by the or-

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New Sound Projector May Be Installed

Since the final payment has been made on the Hammond Organ, which was installed in the gym last year, plans are being made for the purchase of a sound projector for the school. Many of the faculty and several of the students have expressed their approval of the plan. The idea was put before the student body by President Mason in a recent chapel and at that time everyone was in favor of it. Although the plans of purchase are quite indefinite we expect to hear more of them soon.