

Improve Background of Teachers Goal of N. Y. Teachers College

Potsdam, N. Y. (AP)—Twenty elective courses have been added to the study program at the State University Teachers College here in line with a policy of broadening the general education of candidates for the elementary teaching profession.

New courses offered by the English department are Group Speech and Informal Dramatization; Acting and Directing; 18th Century Literature; The Pastoral Tradition; From Theocritus to Robert Frost; Principles of Journalism; Man, Words and Language; Democratic Ideals in American Literature; and From Blake and Burns to Poe and the Symbolists.

The music department offers for the first time these courses for elementary students: Operetta Workshop; Opera; Principles of Teaching Piano; General Music in the High School; and Music Integration in the Classroom.

New courses in the social studies are Family Living; Readings in the History of Ideas; and Western Cultural Epochs.

The science department is offering the courses Science Experiences for the Elementary School and Field Biology, and the physical education department has added the courses American Folk and Square Dances, and Methods and Techniques in Intramural and Interscholastic Sports.

Dr. Thatcher said that elementary principals are looking for teachers who, in addition to their professional training, have a competence in some other specialized field. "The elective program," he said, "was set up to meet this demand. We have found, too, that many of our graduates are called on to serve as resource teachers and club moderators, or to teach academic subjects in schools where the seventh and eighth grades are departmentalized.

"Our hope is that the elective system will equip students for greater service in the schools and at the same time give them a broader education in the arts and sciences."

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Report to Students by Student Council

Recently the Student Council has been working on several projects some of which have already been favorably acted upon. It was mentioned in a previous meeting that the pay schedule for student workers here is below the wage paid at our sister institution, Plymouth. The suggestion was taken to Dr. Young and he stated that the action is already before the state legislature to increase the wages to sixty cents an hour. The Student Affairs Committee is furthering the discussion of the drinking rules with the assistance of Dr. Young. It is hoped that some action may be taken on this matter before the end of the school year.

The Student Council recently arranged for an inter-visitation between KTC and Fitchburg TC four students — two girls and two boys.

At the last meeting which was presided over by Ted Barker, due to the system of the rotating chair, the election of new members to the Council was discussed and will take place sometime in the middle of May.

Plans for the television set have been postponed until after the election of new members as they can make more definite plans for installing the set at the beginning of the next school year and time is now short to have the set installed before school ends. The bids which have been received will be considered at a future time.

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Senior Graduation Week Program

The following program was voted on by the Seniors for graduation week.

May 16—Senior, Alumni and Faculty Garden Party at Dr. Young's, 3:30-5:30.

June 4—Junior-Senior Banquet in the College Dining Room, Chicken Dinner. Rev. Meury will be the guest speaker.

June 6—All college picnic at the college. Junior and senior sports events will be held on this day.

June 7—Baccalaureate service at the Baptist Church at 4:00 p. m.

June 9—Senior Honor Night, 7 p. m. A short history with music by the Glee Club in the background has been substituted for the Will and the Prophecy which have been discarded.

June 11—Senior Banquet at the Hotel Ellis, 8:30. The menu will be roast chicken. Tom Bresnahan will be the guest speaker and there will be dancing after the banquet.

June 12—Senior Class Picnic at Spofford Lake, 11:00-4:00.

June 13—Graduation. The exercises will be held on the campus. Seniors that are off campus this semester will be fitted for their caps and gowns upon arrival.

Selective Service Tests

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who, in turn, will mail the admission certificate direct to the student.

To be eligible to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test an applicant on the testing date (1) must be a Selective Service registrant who intends to request deferment as a student; (2) must be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course, undergraduate or graduate, leading to a degree; (3) must not previously have taken the test.

The criteria for consideration for deferment as a student at the present time are either a score of 70 or better on the Selective Service College Qualification Test or class standing among the male members in the upper half of the freshman class, upper two-thirds of the sophomore class, or upper three-fourths of the junior class.

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These criteria are guides for the local boards. The local boards are not under compulsion to follow them, but any local board classification is subject to appeal. The appeal must be filed in writing with the local board within ten days of the date the local board mails the notice of I-A classification.

Visit Fitchburg

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Classrooms at F.T.C. were on a par with ours. The college has its own Post Office, located in the Administration Building. Each student has his own P. O. box.

All around, we felt that KTC is a better college, one to feel proud of and to appreciate more.

Editorial

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Some excuse for these people to rationalize their apathy? If there were no Korea, would all the uncertainties that have always confronted college graduates also vanish? To both of these questions the answers are obvious. Yet for the two or three years that are borrowed from our lives by military service, we sacrifice some of our most golden days at college and throw away our dreams and plans because our future is too vague and in someone else's hands. The fact is the future is in our hands and not someone else's. Are we considering the decades that stretch beyond the two or three years in service?

What about the boy or girl who has to work a few years before being able to enter college? He didn't lose sight of his final goal in the intervening years. What about those in other countries who lost their homes, families, and futures in the destruction of the last war only to rise and work for a better life? And what about some of our colleagues right around us every day who lost not two, but five and six years of their lives to defend our country? Perhaps we are in a more fortunate position than we like to think...

Sciences Fair

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George Z. Dimitroff of Dartmouth College, who spoke on the state of Cosmos. The evening was concluded with presentation of awards.

Saturday began with a trip to the feldspar mine in Alstead, N. H., and a glimpse of the Sully Dam. After lunch the fair disbanded and the visitors set off for their respective homes.

Fitchburg Exchange

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draw many students. They have all their methods courses in one semester.

Turning to the social aspect, the exchange students say they have much more social life at their college. They have eight big formals a year, plus the record hops, jazz sessions, and other special functions. Their formals are held in a nearby hotel. Another event that is important to the students is the bi-annual operetta put on by the Glee Club. This is a big production and involves work and fun alike. Another source of social life are the fraternities and the sororities, of which there are three each. They have one national fraternity on campus. Shorts or dungarees are definitely taboo at F.T.C. The girls also liked the idea of being able to smoke in their rooms, for this top is restricted at their college. The girls have a 10:30 p. m. curfew on week-nights and the boys, of course, have no curfew.

The four students stayed here on campus for three days and left Friday afternoon to go back to their own college. They stated that everyone was wonderful to them, that they had an excellent time, and learned much. And they were still praising the beauty of our campus as they left.

News Briefs

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At the regular meeting of Sigma Pi Epsilon last evening Professor Sprague Drenan spoke on the subject of the state one-act play contest which was won by the Bishop Bradley High School of Manchester. Mr. Drenan urged those who will soon be teaching to promote this contest in the schools in which they teach.

At the last regular meeting of Kappa Delta Pi election of officers was held. The results were as follows: president, Gordon Durnford; vice president, Lola Tanner; secretary, Frances Ward; treasurer, Mr. Blackington; historian recorder, Ruth Brainard; social committee chairman, Marlene Farrow.

The KTC Fish and Game Club met at the college camp on Wednesday, April 22, for a venison banquet. The venison, donated by President Easty Steere, was enjoyed by the twelve members present, after which a short business meeting was held, at which a deep sea fishing trip was planned for June 6.

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