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Senior Honorary Society Elects New Members

The Oracle Society is a very young organization which was founded three years ago by our former Dean of Women, Mrs. Spencer. The purpose of this organization is to recognize the attainments of the students in Scholarship, Outside Activities, Personality, and Character. One of the principal aims is the fostering of the same qualities in the Student Body at large. This can be accomplished because the membership is drawn equally from the various affiliated schools.

The Oracle, Senior Honorary Society, recently elected Elizabeth Cecil Krueger and George Krueger to its membership as representative Seniors from the Westminster Choir.

Election into this Society is made during the second semester of school when each Dean submits a list of names that are eligible to the organization. From the list no more than three are chosen, or less, according to the will of the members.

We are happy to announce that the members for the next year’s Oracle Society are:

General Music: Margueretta Shannahmon and Mary E. Linton.
Williams School: Robert de Lany, Pauline Feinstein and Dorothy Wein.
Public School Music: Dorothy Tennant and Mary Jane MacPhail.
Physical Education: Ray Sweeney and Alva Oggsbury.
Band School: Frederick Reinsmith and Gilbert Latham.

Initiation and banquet will take place immediately after the spring vacation.

Plans for the affair are being formulated with the purpose of making the event an outstanding one.

Little Theatre Shows at Student Prices

A special price of admission has been arranged for the benefit of students who wish to attend the stock presentations in Little Theatre. A ticket for all three shows may be purchased by students for $1.50. Students who spend the vacation away from Ithaca may attend the first and last shows of the series by buying a two-show ticket for $1.00. Appearing with the guest stars in this evening’s presentation, “This Thing Called Love,” are Arthur Niedick, Lois Conant, Marshall Whitehead, Emma Lieb, Roland Fernand, Emily Roberts, Eleanor Leonard, and John Nash.

Dean Brown will Direct Conference Singers at Chicago Convention

Dean Brown of the Public School Music Institution, left Saturday for Chicago where he is attending the Music Supervisors National Conference. Mr. Brown will conduct the singing Thursday night (tonight). Between six and seven thousand people are expected to be in attendance at the conference which is held every two years.

Dean Brown was president of the first sectional conference which was organized in Boston in 1917. It was known as the Eastern Music Supervisor’s Conference. Mr. Brown is now on the advisory council to the conference. Other sectional conferences are in the South, West and Northwest.

Mrs. Brown accompanied Dean Brown on the trip. They expect to return March 30. Mr. Brown is associate editor of the Musical Courier and his description of the conference will appear in that magazine.

New Fraternity Organized for I.C.M. Athletes

Announcement is made of the organization of an eighth fraternal group in the Ithaca Conservatory and Affiliated Schools. The new organization is composed of students in this institution who are actively interested in athletics, and is named Iota Pi Alpha. At present the order consists of fifteen members. They plan to affiliate soon with the national fraternity of physical education, Sigma Delta Psi.

The young men of the newly organized fraternity have been looking at several large houses on Tioga and Cayuga streets and will occupy a house of their own next September. They have accepted a charter and code of by-laws recently drawn up for them by Judge Blood of this city. At present the meetings are held every Wednesday in a suite of rooms at 413 South Cayuga Street.

They plan to become prominently active on April 25, when they sponsor a formal dance at the I. S. P. E. gymnasium.

Officers of Iota Pi Alpha are John Alofs, President; Alan Mitcheltree, first vice-president; Gordon Snider, second vice-president; Raymond Benjamin, secretary; Richard Messer, treasurer. Additional members are Thomas Crawley, Dominic Rebolto, Lester Campbell, Philip Coome, James Smith, John Fugue, Nelson McGinn, Edmund Con joint, Malcolm Maxon, and Ned Walden.

The gentlemen of the fraternity have selected for their pin a shield-shaped design with the face of which are the Greek initials of the fraternity and the characteristic physical education symbol, The Discuss Thrower.

The Ithaca School of Physical Education was recently chartered to membership in the World’s Sportsmanship Brotherhood.
ONCE-A-WEEK

Professional Players to Appear in The Little Theatre Tonight

Considerable interest is being shown at the Conservatory in the presence of Albert McGovern and Ethel Wayland, professional actors who will be seen in Little Theatre during the next three weeks. They are scheduled to appear in three plays, the first of which opens Thursday night. It is entitled, "This Thing Called Love" and several capable students in the Williams school will be seen in the piece in supporting roles. This comedy was enthusiastically accepted in New York. During the evenings of April 3, 4, and 5 the company will produce "Jonsey," a three-act comedy which enjoyed a remarkable season on Broadway. A popular current Broadway production will appear in Little Theatre the week of the students' return from spring vacation trips.

A special price offer is at the disposal of students of I. C. M. Tickets for two performances will be sold for one dollar, and three-show tickets are priced at one dollar and fifty cents. As the regular admission charge for single performances is one dollar, those who plan to attend more than one performance have an opportunity to save money in purchasing the two or three-show ticket.

Dean Hill's Girls to Have Official Camp Uniform

Officials of the Physical Education Department have adopted a standard uniform for the girls who will attend the first camp session this June. For work use their attire will consist of white shirts and blue shorts. For dress wear the uniform will consist of blue poplin shirts and blue shorts. On the pocket of each shirt a block "I" will appear, a white "I" appearing on the blue shirts and a blue "I" on the white shirts. According to Dean Hill's plans his summer students will present a very smart appearance.

President and Musicians Appear in Dryden

The Ithaca Conservatory and Affiliated Schools were well represented in Dryden, Thursday night of last week, when the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce conducted a meeting of the Dryden Grange which took place in the Congregational Church in that community. The principal speaker of the meeting was President George C. Williams. The senior concert band, directed by Dean Ernest Williams, also was in attendance and played a brief program of popular concert selections. President Williams was introduced by former Mayor Howe of Ithaca. He chose for his topic, "Co-operation" and in dealing with the subject, President Williams stressed the importance of loyalty. At its close a supper was served to the guests.

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Frosh Formal is Sparsely Attended But Function Proves Enjoyable

The Freshmen Formal of last Friday night was a distinct social success, though the Class suffered financially in sponsoring the affair. Over fifty couples attended the dance, music for which was furnished by Ray Morey's orchestra. The gymnasium was well decorated in the class colors: green and white. Patrons and patronesses included Dean Powell, Miss Campbell, Miss Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Hathaway. The committee in charge was composed of Joseph Melé, chairman, Mary Holder, Georgette Wein, J. Gas-kin, Donald Vaughn and George Mairs.

Third Term Attractive

The summer school sessions of the Conservatory and the Affiliated Schools are arousing much interest this season. The camps at Saugerties and Singing Cedars hold attraction for band and physical education students, while the fine courses in other departments offer opportunities for a profitable summer to other students.

Placements

The Placement Service of the Institution of Public School Music continues to receive favorable results. Recent contracts which have been effected through this service are those of Helen MacNamara who next year will be supervisor of music at Hawley, Pa., at $1400. Cleta Dromgoole who goes, as music supervisor, to Cornwall-On-Hudson will receive $1500.

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Faculty Mention

President Williams spent several days of last week in Albany where he conferred with officials at the State Education Department.

Prof. Lautner is scheduled to appear in three concerts during vacation. On April 1 he sings in a Harvard musicale in Boston. The following evening he appears at Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., and on April 3 he appears in concert at Cambridge, Mass.

Dean Hill was official timer at the indoor track-meet between Cornell and Michigan, held in the Drill Hall last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chamberlain entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Rochester, during the week-end. Mr. Smith is assistant director of health education in the city of Rochester.

Dean Hill and Mrs. Hill entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of Albany during the week-end. Mr. Walker is director of physical education in the Hakett Junior High School at the State capitol and will attend the summer session of I. S. P. E. as a graduate student.

Misses Elsie Hugger and Marion Lloyd are planning to spend the spring vacation in Atlantic City and Boston. The trip will be in Miss Hugger’s car.

Miss Ruth Wolfe will spend the spring vacation in Flint, Michigan.

In attendance at a meeting Saturday of the American Association of University Women were Dean Powell, Miss Aldrich, Miss Schneider, Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Williamson. The meeting was held in Sage College, Cornell and was in the form of a trip to Europe, the different rooms being decorated to represent various European countries.

Mrs. Louise Brooks, the manager of the Westminster Choir, is at present in Ithaca where she is completing arrangements for the Spring tour of the Choir. She spoke to the student body briefly Thursday morning at chapel regarding the prospects of the coming Mid-Western tour, and her interesting work in connection with it.

Miss Aldrich will spend the spring recess at her home in Fredonia, N. Y. and will visit friends in Olean.

J. Albert Riker, managing editor of The Musical Courier, visited the school Saturday and conferred with officials here.

Mu Phi Epsilon Notes

Lambda Chapter held its annual banquet in honor of the initiates on Thursday evening in the Dutch Kitchen of the Ithaca Hotel. There were thirty-four present, eleven of whom are newly initiated. The toast-mistress, Mary Louise Masten, presented an interesting program after the banquet.

On Friday evening, March 14, Hester Foster and Mary Evelyn Ratzell presented their Dutch act from the “Scampers” at the Grange Hall in Jacksonville.

Four of the girls were honored with being elected to the Senior Honor Society, The Oracle. They are Elizabeth Krueger, Hester Foster, Ruth Painter and Dorothy Tennant.

The week-end of March 14, Mary Taylor gave an organ recital in Waterdown, N. Y. Last weekend she acted as organist and choir director at the North Presbyterian Church of Geneva, N. Y.

For Your Amusement

STATE

Four acts of vaudeville headed by one of the greatest enigmas of the scientific world, “Mercedes” assisted by the marvelous mystic Mlle. Stantone is the current attraction at this theater. The screen offering is an all talking photoplay, “Loose Ankles” starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Loretta Young. Sunday Colleen Moore in her first all talking, singing and dancing picture, “Footlights and Fools” will be shown. Many scenes in this film are in Technicolor.

STRAND

“The Sky Hawk” an all-talking air melodrama featuring the stage stars Helen Chandler and John Garrick is the photoplay that is being shown now at this theater and Sunday the popular stage and night club star Helen Morgan will be seen in the all-talking and singing picture, “Applause.”

CRESCENT

Norma Talmane in her first all talking picture, “New York Nights” in which Gilbert Roland appears opposite her is now being shown at this theater and Sunday the comedy, “Wide Open” starring Edward Everett Horton, Fanny Ruth Miller and Louise Fazenda will be offered.
A Courtesy Committee Recently Organized For Institution

A great many visitors come to Ithaca each year for the purpose of visiting the Ithaca Conservatory and Affiliated schools. Until recently no official body had been empowered to extend appropriate greetings to the visitors. With the purpose of correcting this condition, a Courtesy Committee has been organized. In this group are eight representative students whose scholarship and personal character warrant their ability to present the Institution to those to whom it is not familiar. The eight members have been organized into an honorary group, the major purpose of which is to extend hospitality to visitors. On the committee are the Misses Florence Reed, Mildred Alderfer, Barbara Witter and Margaret Smith and Messers Donald Reinsmith, Bernard Mandelkern, Bob de Lany, and Lawrence Sides. They will function under the supervision of Miss Gertrude Evans, Director of Publicity. The initial meeting of the new organization occurred March 20 in the faculty dining room in Williams Hall at a luncheon conference. Plans for the work of the organization were formulated and a tentative program was discussed. Present with the committee members and their Supervisor were President Williams and Dean Powell. Also in attendance at the first meeting were the Misses Marion Beck and Virginia Jarvis, substitutes for Miss Witter and Miss Reed who were unable to attend.

The appointment of the Courtesy Committee is timely. The influx of visitors is especially noticeable in the spring and the new group will have much opportunity to do a great work for the Institution.

Magazine Prints Story About Band School

In the editorial section of Jacobs' Band and Orchestra Monthly, March issue, considerable space is devoted to an interesting article concerning the band and orchestra which will be conducted this summer by Dean Williams of the Ithaca Military Band School. The camp is situated in Saugerties, New York, and a staff of prominent instructors has been arranged for. The article appears under the heading, "Keeping Posted."

Student Mention

M ary Ella Bovee spent the weekend at her home in Adams, N.Y. Beatrice Whiting will spend the spring vacation at the home of her classmate, Helen Steele of Adams, N.Y.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harold Paltrowitz. Mr. Paltrowitz was formerly Martha Harrison and is a graduate of the Williams school. Mr. Paltrowitz is a brother of Marion Paltrowitz, a Williams school student.

Marion Winkleman spent the weekend with friends in Rochester.

Clarke Maynard was confined to the infirmary last week but has completely recovered his health.

Marie Mills who entered the Williams school at the beginning of the Spring term, was forced by illness to return to her home in Toronto, last weekend.

Barbara Witter who has been convalescing at her home in Geneva returned to school Monday morning.

Emily Chickering and Gordon Buffum have been ill.

Harold Mate is at his home in Mr. Vernon, N.Y., recovering from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Dean Hill announces that Milton Pope has signed a contract to direct physical education at Indian Lake next year. Pope did outstanding work on the basketball team and accepts the position in northern New York at a $1700 salary. Miss Treva Etcher has signed a contract the Oneonta Board of Education to become physical education director in the Oneonta public schools at $1400.

Coach Carl Chamberlain and Paul Eckley went to Elmira Saturday where they officiated at the state semi-final basketball tournament held in the Elmira Armory.

Mr. Clarence Southern, who has been the guest of Mr. Harry Krimbell and Mr. Frederick Allen of East State Street, returned to his home in Winston-Salem, N. C., on Tuesday. Mr. Southern was a former student in the Choir School and is now located in Winston-Salem.

The members of the Organ Class, which meets regularly Tuesday afternoons at five o'clock at the First Methodist Church, were the guests of Prof. Smith, head of the Organ Dept., at Cornell, at a recital given on Tuesday March 25 at five o'clock.

Little Theatre Filled Throughout Very Busy Week

The week has been a busy one for Little Theatre patrons. On Monday evening an appreciative audience listened to the concert given by the boys of Kappa Gamma Psi. On Tuesday evening, occurred Mr. Lyon's excellent Brahms presentation. The theatre was filled to capacity that evening. Wednesday evening was band night and a good crowd listened to Dean Ernest Williams' band boys in a fine popular concert.

The remaining three evenings of the week will be devoted to the presentation of "This Thing Called Love."

I. S. P. E. To Have New Coach For Camp and Full Time

Dean Hill of I. S. P. E. announces that "Doc" Yavitts has signed a contract which assures his services as director of the professional course at the Physical Education School beginning with the summer session. Mr. Yavitts will be a full time director and following his work at the summer camp he returns to Ithaca where he will act as gymnastic director during the fall and spring term. He will coach the Fresh and varsity basketball teams in addition to his duties as director.

Mr. Yavitts comes to this Institution with an enviable record. During his undergraduate days at Union College he captained his team to victory for two successive seasons. His success as a coach is equally fine, the Albany State championship basketball team having been coached under his direction. Mr. Yavitts is at present director of physical education in the public schools of Albany.

Student Mention

Friends of Gil Haggerty were in Ithaca Saturday and attended a performance of The Inner Circle in which Mr. Haggerty played a leading role.

Grace Jessop is planning to spend the vacation with Florence Reed at the latter's home in Warren, Pa.

The marriage of Joseph Olichney and Lenore Thompson, a former student of the Conservatory and at present pianist at Glen Springs Sanatorium at Watkins Glen, took place March 14 in Elmira.
Students of Kavanaugh
Will Appear Here in
Tournament

A great deal of interest is being noticed in Herkimer, N. Y., concerning the dramatic tournament to be held in Little Theatre this May. Herkimer will be represented at the tournament and over twenty students in the Herkimer school tried the preliminary examination of contestants. Of this number ten were eliminated and they will compete there for final honors. The examination work in the Herkimer school is under the direction of James P. Kavanaugh '27.

Phi Mu Alpha Notes

Mr. Miles A. Driscoll, Eastern Province Governor, visited our chapter last Friday. A meeting was called for his observation and much encouraging commendation on our chapter's standing was received.

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Milton Pope, manager of the baseball team, announces that four games have been scheduled by him for the current season. The season opens on May 24 when the local boys journey to Oneonta where they play Hartwick College. A return game occurs here on May 30. The Cortland games occur on June 4, here, and June 7, there. Manager Pope is trying for games with Panzer College in Newark, N. J., Buffalo State Teachers' College, and Mansfield State Teachers' College.

Westminsters Hear
Percy Scholes

Among the recent visitors to the Westminster Choir School was Percy Scholes, foremost English music critic, and lecturer of note. Mr. Scholes gave a lecture at the Baker Laboratory on the Cornell campus. He was most enthusiastic about the choir and the school and after being introduced by Dr. Williamson, spoke to the student body of the Choir School at one of the Chapel services last week. His remarks were brief and in his usual brilliant manner he thanked Dr. Williamson, and hoped that he would be in Ithaca again soon.

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Albert McGovern, the well-known actor-manager, who is to direct three weeks of professional drama in the Little Theater, began intensive rehearsal of his company last Thursday in preparation for the first play, "This Thing Called Love," to be given on March 27, 28 and 29. Expressing his surprise at the ability of the students who will take the minor parts in the comedy, he said recently that he had not been "so enthused," for a long time. "I never saw so much pep in my life," he added.

Mr. McGovern would rather direct students than professionals, he says, because the young actor is willing to be taught. Last year he put the same play on the boards in Milwaukee with an all-star cast but he expressed the opinion that the Ithaca company would give an equally good performance. At least it is rehearsing day and night.

Ethel Wayland will play the leading feminine parts in all the plays, as co-star with her husband.

Incidentally Mr. McGovern feels that the resident company with visiting stars is "what the theater is coming to," and that an acting renaissance can be effected in any American city by this means. Eva Le Gallienne's project in New York, for example, has been highly successful.

Mr. McGovern comes to Ithaca directly from New York where he just finished directing a playlet, "The Theme Song," by Estella Taylor (Mrs. Jack Dempsey). He is under contract to return to Milwaukee next season, and has just completed an original play of his own which has been accepted for production.

Ethel Wayland, co-star with Mr. McGovern in the coming three weeks' engagement in Ithaca, is no less famous as a leading woman, and is an actress of exceptional ability and wide reputation. She has been associated with such leading producers as William Gillette in the play "Secret Service," making her debut with the late Henry H. Harris in "Traveling Salesman" and "The Chorus Lady." David Belasco presented her with Francis Starr in his productions, and recently she has played under Manager Duffy in San Francisco and Portland, Ore., and in Dallas, Tex. with the Famous Players Company. Miss Wayland was featured in the Wilco-Players Company in Syracuse and was with June Walker in the road show production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." For the past two seasons she has played in Milwaukee.

I.S.P.E Officials Go To Important Meeting

Dean Hill and Coach Chamberlain attended a meeting held at Syracuse last week at which were representatives of the leading colleges of New York state. The meeting was called for the purpose of bringing about agreements among the colleges of the state as to standardizing athletic relations, finances, and procedures. No definite results were accomplished, but plans were made for an effective organization. In attendance with the I. S. P. E. representatives were those of Cornell, Colgate, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Clarkson, Union, St. Lawrence, St. Bonaventure, R. P. I., Hamilton, and Niagara.

Seniors to Step Out Formally in Near Future

Plans are being made for a formal "coming out" day for members of the Senior Class. On this day the seniors will appear in Assembly garbed in their new blazers, orders for which are now being taken. A special assembly program will be presented in honor of the occasion.

Kappa Gamma Psi

Dayton Newton and Donald Vaughn rendered several selections while in Can­ dor Friday night.

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