

# Alumni Newsletter

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NORMAL COLLEGE A.G.U. of INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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## CONVENTION REPORTS

The Midwest Convention held in Indianapolis under the able leadership of George Farkas was well attended. Aside from the many Indianapolis people who served on committees and helped to make the convention a success, quite a few Alums were on the program. They are as follows: George Farkas, Dr. Patty, Fred Martin, Joe White, Rudy Schreiber, Jo Hatfield, Barbara Thrasher, Clara Hester, Harry Grabner, Lou Roth, Marjorie LaRue, Rudie Memmel, Dorothea Galley and Burdeen Schmidt. Apologies to anyone whose name has been omitted.

There were 52 Alums at the Normal College reunion luncheon which was held at the Athenaeum. From Cincinnati there was Bill Streit, Charles and Pauline Sallwasser, Rudie Memmel, Shirley Obermiller, Bob Colwell and Bud Abrams. Mr. & Mrs. Lou Roth from Covington, Esther Heiden from Milwaukee, Helen Abrahamson from Moline, Virginia Nisle from Hammond, Harry Grabner from Fort Wayne, Chauncey & Elise Linhart from St. Louis, Catherine Wolf from South Bend, Art Hermann from Belleville, Ill., Elizabeth Stoner from Rensselaer, Ind., Peter Merkel from Russell's Point, Ohio, Hans Reuter from LaCrosse, Wis., Dr. & Mrs. Patty and John Endwright from Bloomington and Nelson Lehston from Ann Arbor, Michigan were also present. From Indianapolis there were Norma Koster, Louise Murphy, Corky Ruedlinger (who did a fine job helping with the tickets), Jo Hatfield, Vonda Hailey, Rosemary Bergman, Rudy Schreiber, Joe and Rosalind White, Barbara Thrasher and her husband, Shirley Diehl, Peggy Hope, Mary Lou Irwin, Johanne Guenter, Edna Hurst, Clara Hester, Emil Rinsch, Fred Martin, Becky Thornburgh, Rosemary Whitehead, Karl and Burdeen Schmidt, Thelma Clarke, Henry and Lola Lohse.

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At the annual meeting of the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation on March 31, two of our Alums were elected as Vice-presidents.

Catherine Wolf of South Bend is the new Vice-president of Physical Education and Harry Grabner of Fort Wayne is the new Vice-president of Recreation. Congratulations to both of these fine people.

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At the National Convention of the AAHPER there were quite a few of our Alums present. This list is probably very incomplete as your editor was able to attend only the first three days of the convention. Nelson and Ruth Lehston, Karl K. Klein, Henry Montoye, Rudie Memmel, Bill Streit, Carl Klafs, Rudy Schreiber, Henry Meyer, Carl Heinrich, Al Baer, Max Moreillon, Paul Romeo, Earl and Helen Vornhede, Grover Mueller, Harry Dippold, Marie Hanss, Ray and Renilda Glunz, Martha Gable and Henry and Lola Lohse.

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## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Judging by letters of inquiry and applications already received for entrance in the college, we feel that enrollment will be up in the fall. It is difficult to mention individually all the Alums who have corresponded with us concerning prospective students. However, we do wish to express our appreciation to each and every one of you. It is largely through your efforts that students come here to school so keep up the good work! We need your help now and in the future. Your loyalty is most important to us.

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## SPRING DEMONSTRATION!

YOU ARE INVITED!

PLEASE COME!

We are happy to announce that the Annual Spring Demonstration of the Normal College students will be held on Friday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. Following the Demonstration there will be a square dance in the East Room of the Athenaeum for students and visitors. Reed Moody will be the caller. All Alums and friends are cordially invited to attend.



## FROM OUR INTERESTING MAIL DEPARTMENT

A most enthusiastic letter from Don Egan tells all about his work at Central School, Verona, New York. He is teaching a great many activities ranging in level from kindergarten through evening classes for adults. He requested catalogs for two students who plan to enter the college in the fall. It is always a great satisfaction for us to hear from our alums who are sincerely interested in teaching and we are always proud of their good programs. Keep up the good work. Don is now married and has a son, Don, Jr., now 16 months old.

Paul Romeo of Syracuse University writes, telling us of an exhibition given by his gym team at Central School and reports the excellent work Don is doing there. Paul had opportunity to talk with the two prospective students for the Normal College and advises us that they should make excellent teachers. Our thanks to Don, and to Paul too, for loyalty to our school. We'll do our best here to help them grow into fine teachers.

Carolyn Rosin of Glasgow, Montana writes to tell us that she will be married in June. She has enjoyed her work there very much and reports that her superintendent has been more than satisfied with the Normal College alums who have taught in that system. We certainly wish Carolyn much happiness! Cheo Ninos preceded Carolyn and she, too, found a Montanan, or so we hear.

A note from Billie Boettjer Stewart of Indianapolis tells of visiting Mary McCracken Jenkins in St. Petersburg, Fla., where both Mary and her husband are teaching. Billie is coaxing a smashed elbow back to about 70% effectiveness, the result of an accident in the gym in October, 1952. Kathleen Ann Stewart, born March 7, is a dainty dark gypsy to go with her two big blond brothers, ages 2 and 4.

Pat Husemann of Detroit, Michigan has been vacationing and recuperating in Miami from her bout with polio. It is good to hear of her continued progress.

Frank Benson is enjoying his new position as swim director for the YMHA in St. Louis. Frank was married last December and returned to physical education upon the encouragement of his wife. Best of luck in the new job.

The new Mrs. Patty Perry Payne of Perryton, Texas sent us a long newsy letter describing the perils of keeping house in the Panhandle. The difficulties of cooking and the hazards of frequent dust storms all just add to the joy of living, Patty! They were fortunate in finding a nice place to live right away.

It would seem from the last letter from Joe Gawrys that Korea has not improved much in recent months. He writes in some detail on methods of farming and sanitation which leave much to be desired according to our standards. Joe will be leaving the service soon with chance he might be out in time to start teaching in the fall.

The long lost Jane Wedekind Scalzo wrote such a nice long letter that she is forgiven for being lost. Besides telling us all about her job and some of her teaching experiences, Jane sent in some news of other alums. Ruth Scheitelin is raising cocker spaniels and has quite a business. Martha Schneider is still teaching at the Blind School and is now 5th District Chairman of Kentucky. Jane and her husband built a recreation room in their basement and now Jane holds gym classes at night for ladies who want to feel in condition and also want to lose a few inches here and there. She adds that she has to get her exercise somehow. (This, in spite of the fact that she has a very full schedule!)

Vera Ulbricht of St. Louis reports that Bill Gerber is back in the harness at Southwest High School after enjoying a mid-winter vacation at the hospital and then recuperating at home.

We are glad to hear that Lou Montgomery, track coach at Cornell, is recovering nicely from a serious operation.

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Bobbie Larsen of Chicago is recovering nicely from surgery this spring.

Connie Zimlich spent an enjoyable spring vacation in California visiting Willoene Hendry. They went to Leucadia to see the Steichmanns but unfortunately the Steichmanns were gadding about and could not be located.

Captain and Mrs. Joe Goldenberg will be returning from Tokyo sometime in June or July with their two children. Joe has been overseas about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years on this last tour of duty.

Nelson Lehston was elected national Vice-president of Phi Epsilon Kappa at their national convention in New York City just prior to the AAHPER convention.

Recently a group of boys and girls from School #76 visited the college and observed the floor classes for a while before swarming down on the floor to take part. Perhaps the most interesting part of this experience was watching the college students enjoying this opportunity for extemporaneous teaching.

The Normal College students have put on several programs lately at various meetings and conferences, such as at the Ind. State Hobby Show, the Health Fair and an Awards Program at the Indiana University Union Building. Our girls also served as ushers at the Governor's Conference on Recreation on April 27 at the State Board of Health. Harry Grabner, one of the outstanding leaders in Recreation in the state of Indiana and former president of our Alumni Association, led a session on Summer Playground Programs in his usual fine manner.

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Henry Lohse will again direct the Children's Camp at Camp Brosius this summer. Among the returning counselors will be Barbara Vargo, Loretta Thompson, Harry McKinley and Frank Feigl. The new waterfront director will be Ralph Hasch. There are only a few openings for girl campers left and none for boys as there has been a waiting list for boys for quite some time.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS  
Henry and Ruth Lorenz Siegmán on the birth of their son, Mark Henry, on Feb. 16.  
Steve and Iris Sollinger Bjelich on the birth of their son, Stephen Clifford on Feb. 12.  
Bill and Gertrude Wohlgemuth Berry on the birth of their daughter on April 11.  
Don and Coila Snider Stevens on the birth of their son, Jeffry Alan on March 1.  
Adolph and Dorothea Holoubek Winter on the birth of their daughter, Lois Ann Dorothea on April 19.  
Mr. and Mrs. Coutz (Marty Linebeck) on the birth of their daughter in April.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (Doris Boettjer) on the birth of their daughter on March 7.

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RECENT VISITORS AT THE NORMAL COLLEGE  
Among the recent visitors to the college was Charles Siebert of Chicago who stopped in for the first time since leaving the school in 1921. We are sorry that no one was in the office since he was here on Saturday and we hope that he will be able to stop in again on his way home.  
C.H. Rodgers, a principal of a grade school in Herald, Ill., who attended the College during the 1917 summer session, visited for a short while. He made the statement that the physical education teacher has the finest relationship with the students of the entire faculty. He also feels that his physical education teaching has made his long career possible.  
Other visitors include Sharrol Goddard Lampert, Lou Taperman, Jack Garner, Mary Mitchell, Ed Reisig, Jean Morris, Barbara Vargo, Madeline Voisard, Sharon and Shirley Parrett and Betty Orebaugh Moos.

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NEW EXTENSION COURSE PROPOSED  
A number of teachers in the Indianapolis Public Schools have requested that a course in Rhythmics taught by Clara Hester be given in the Indiana University Extension. This course has been approved and arrangements are being made so that the work may be started in the fall semester.

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Our first class of seniors to return to the college is now doing their practice teaching in the Indianapolis Public schools and it has been gratifying to us that all reports are very favorable.



## ANNUAL CREAM AND CRIMSON GYM MEET

by Sophomore Ed Straub of guess which team? Due to the swell organization of Wilma (Toots) Horvath and her committee and thru the very capable teaching of our technical advisor, Mr. F. Martin, we had a very smooth running gym meet. Judges were Mr. John Lennox, member of the active class, Mr. Walter Lienert, physical education director of the Athenaeum Turners and a sophomore and a freshman. Officials were as follows: Referee, Wilma Horvath and Scorer, Terry Laba. Announcers, Joanna Somers and David Mather. Technical advisor, Mr. F. Martin. The events this year were Women's Lower and Upper grade obligatory side horse vaulting and obligatory tumbling, optional side horse, parallel bar and balance beam. The men had one division only. There were optional long horse, side horse and parallel bar exercises and obligatory tumbling. The obligatory moves were worked out by the student committee. All around winners were Joanne Moore of Buffalo, Women's Lower grade with Margie Black of Indianapolis, second. In the Women's Upper grade, Wilma Horvath of South Bend did outstanding work to beat Hilda Wagner of Cleveland. In the Men's All Around Division, Richard Heesch of Cleveland took first place, winning three firsts and a second. Ed Straub of Indianapolis was second.

Before the meet the halls rang with the cheers of the Cream and the Crimson, and pictures were taken of the team that was sure to win, and from beginning to the near end, disappointment was never close to anyone. That is, until the announcing of those terrible words, Crimson the winner. A word of thanks to Betty Lou Roth for the swell job she did on the ribbons and especially the team trophy which will be used every year from now on. A vote of thanks to all the freshmen for assisting with the apparatus and all the help they contributed. I know that next year, when the time comes for them to take charge they will do a better job because of this fine experience.

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A recent distinguished visitor was Mr. Karl Hechrich, one of our Alums. He was a guest of Dr. & Mrs. Sputh. Our visitor is over 80, lives in Los Angeles but frequently visits his friends in the Middlewest. We were most happy to have him visit the College.

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## A STUDENT REPORTS ON THE MIDWEST

One of the big events of our last semester at Normal was the Midwest convention. All the students in the profession were excused to attend. What a wonderful opportunity to catch up on the newest trends and ideas! To hear people in the same profession arguing about different subjects, tossing them one way or another, is a very interesting thing. Hearing the sessions of the convention really helps to motivate interest and makes us wonder what we actually think. The most enjoyable session was the one on family living. The panel consisted of students from Tech High School and was directed by Mrs. Meredith Nicholson. The panel was bursting with enthusiasm and was very anxious to tell all they knew in a short time. I think with all the subjects that can be covered in that course, they would be talking yet! How we ever stayed awake in those 9 AM meetings is a wonder. Dancing (and dancing like only HPER majors can) until the wee hours provided for 2 wonderful evenings. All in all the Midwest was a wonderful success and as a student I feel that I gained a great deal from this experience. I would like to attend all future conventions if at all possible, and hope to gain as much from them as I did from this one.

Betty Lou Roth

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## THE SOPHOMORE FAREWELL

As all good things must come to an end, so must our treasure-filled two years of Normal College end.

"Attention, Dress Right, Forward March!" and other familiar commands will no longer ring in our ears. The rush and fun of preparing our Homecoming and Spring Demonstrations will no longer be ours. Our particular moaning and groaning of sore aching muscles will become memories which we will probably wish could become reality again. We, the Sophomore Class of '54, cannot find words to express our love and respect for all of our teachers and Mrs. Hester, the leading spirit of Normal College. And so, as our last semester at Normal draws to a close, we the graduating sophomores, wish the new sophomore and freshman classes success and a new school year which is as bright with happiness as our years at Normal have been.

Hilda Wagner and Wilma Horvath



## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to extend sympathy to the family and friends of George Steffens of River Forest, Illinois who passed away Nov. 4, 1953.

Also our sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. F.C.E. Schneider who died on Feb. 27, 1953. Dr. Schneider lived in Peru, Illinois.

We are sorry to announce the death of Dr. Rudi Hofmeister, one of our prominent alumni. He had served on our Board of Trustees and also on the St. Louis Board of Education. He began his career in physical education and later became a renowned surgeon. We had received two news items earlier concerning Dr. Hofmeister. He had given a party in honor of Karl Heckrich which was much enjoyed by his St. Louis friends. Dr. Hofmeister was also a speaker at the anniversary dinner of the Concordia Turners. Very soon after that he was hospitalized. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

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## CHANGES AT CAMP

Mr. Heighway has just returned from an inspection tour of Camp Brosius and reports that the mess hall has been rebuilt along the same lines as before. It now has 4 large picture windows in it and new quarters for the cooks have been provided in the east end. We are all anxious to see the results. Many other minor camp repairs have been made too.

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

All people who have attended the Normal College should know that they are eligible (not only eligible, but urged) to join the Alumni Association of the Normal College. Graduating students are given one year complementary memberships by the Alumni. After that the dues are \$2 per year, payable to Mr. Ray Zimlich, 6125 Haverford Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Alumni Association publishes the Bulletin and the Newsletter, recruits prospective students and buys valuable equipment and teaching aids. It is the backbone of the college. So may we suggest

Normalites join the Alumni Association  
Cooperate by sending news and addresses  
Attend Homecomings regularly  
Give support by paying dues  
Urge young people to enter our school

## BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLY WEDS

Betty Lind, a teacher in the Indianapolis Public Schools was married on Feb. 20 to Richard Burton of Indianapolis.

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## SHORTRIDGE TRACK TEAM

Roy Aberson, who is the track coach of Shortridge High School, recently led his track team to their third successive victory in the city wide track meet. He received a wonderful write-up in the papers in regard to his training and success in coaching. Congratulations!

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## 1954 HOMECOMING PLANS UNDER WAY

The officers of the Alumni Association had a meeting on April 1 to plan the 1954 Homecoming. Suggestions from some of the younger alumni indicated that help in some of the extra-curricular activities would be most welcome. In consequence, through the efforts of Peggy Hope, our secretary, a bowling clinic has been set up. She has obtained the services of Mr. Milton Raymer, Ex-Sec'y of the American Junior Bowling Congress of Chicago. He will devote at least two hours on Friday after Thanksgiving to the teaching of bowling skills. It will be a teaching participation session so bring bowling shoes and a bowling ball if you have them, if not bring flat heeled shoes. This session will be held at the Delaware Alleys, close to the college. We may also have a session on cheer leading, another problem for high school teachers, and another session on the use of recorded music for rhythmic. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

The rest of the Homecoming will follow the usual plan; Square Dancing on Thurs. evening, Luncheon on Friday noon, Demonstration on Friday afternoon and the dance on Friday night.

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## IN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the wonderful letters I have received from so many of you. I am very sorry that I do not have time to answer each one individually. Please accept this note in place of a personal letter. Thank you again. Your letters are always very welcome.

Clara L. Hester



## NOTES AND NEWS WITH ALUMNI DUES

courtesy of Ray Zimlich

We were agreeably surprised to have Dr. Louis Schmitt of Buffalo drop in on us for a visit. We had not seen him in 37 years, since the 1917 graduation. The notice of our Tuesday Open House in the Alumni Bulletin brought good results.

from Dr. George Mueller of Chicago  
I am your oldest alumni. I graduated from the Turnlehrer Seminar, the sixth course in Milwaukee, Wis. 1880. George Vonnegut was a classmate. In 1929 I retired as teacher of physical education in John Marshall High School in Chicago. Since then I have been living in Florida. I am now 94 years old and in good health. Best regards to Dr. Carl Sputh.

Yours truly, Otto Greubel

Editor's Note; Congratulations, from each and every one of us, to Mr. Greubel, the senior member of our big family.

We seem to be moving quite a bit. I am now with J.E.Porter Corp. at the factory here as Ass't Gen. Sales Manager. This line of work still keeps me in touch with athletics even though I am no longer teaching.

Bob Goeke, Ottawa, Ill.

Greetings and salutations! We think about you all up in Indianapolis and hope you are all well. Wish we could make arrangements to visit Indianapolis but we have four kids and it's difficult to get away. Regards

Mel Oppliger

I write small but for the life of me I can't seem to get Ray Zimlich, Trea. A. A. of N.C.A.G.U. of I.U. on the line pay to the order of on the enclosed check. Kindly fill it in for me. Walt (Eberhardt) just leaned over and said to tell you that you should raise the check to include his dues also, but don't do it!!! My family is in pretty good shape and Lib sends her regards. I hope to see you at the next Homecoming. Best regards.

Hank Stroer, St. Louis

Retired now from Supervisorship of Recreation in Newark Schools. Associated now with Field Enterprises of Chicago and doing very well. Just recently won three prizes for selling World Book Encyclopedia. Makes me boast a little. Regards to all.

Ernest H. Seibert

In September '53 I switched my responsibilities from teaching physical education to the field of supervision and administration. I was promoted to principal in one of the larger new elementary schools in Dayton. I have charge of a brand new school with 1100 pupils and 37 teachers. My school represents a new experiment in the city in the field of education, specifically in inter-racial relations. It is an all-colored school with a mixed faculty with colored and white teachers on the staff. I also spend two nights a week at the local down-town Y as coach of the Gym team. I attend and sponsor quite a few gym meets. This coming summer my wife and I and another couple will make a trip to Europe. You see, my mother is still living in Switzerland and I didn't see her for 22 years. We will motor through France along the French Riviera down to Rome, Italy and while in that city I will be a spectator at the International Gymnastic Tournament which will be held from June 27 to July 2. Of course I shall spend most of the time in Switzerland, but also will make some trips to Austria and Southern Germany before returning.

As ever, Max Grob

We had a nice gathering of Alumni members in Buffalo two weeks ago. I am retired 11 years, however do substituting. Mrs. Kumpf and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this year and will make a trip to Europe. Will visit England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and Spain. There will be a gymnastic and athletic contest of an International nature in Italy we hope to see. Will spend an extra week where I was born in Hessen Darmstadt in a small city called Beerfelden. My youngest son, Harold, is also a graduate of our Normal College. Our college produced the best teachers in the field of physical education.

Truly yours, Henry W. Kumpf

Editor's Note: Hope these two alums, Mr. Grob and Mr. Kumpf will meet in Italy.

My school, Grant Jr. High, won the City Free Throw tournament for the 5th straight year, and 8 out of the last 10 years. I have a new grandson, Steven Clifford Bjelich, born Feb. 12. As always,  
Cliff Sollinger, Syracuse



NOTES AND NEWS WITH ALUMNI DUES(cont.)  
 I certainly enjoy the Alumni Bulletin.  
 I notice that once in a great while one  
 of our graduates visits Texas. Please,  
 is it too much to ask for information  
 more specific? Texas is a big state,  
 why not name the city, and if it is  
 Houston, I would be glad to welcome the  
 visitor. I do not believe there is  
 another N.C.A.G.U. graduate in the whole  
 state, but me!

Yours truly, Lillian Winkler

Editor's Note: We have 5 alums listed in  
 Texas, but none other in Houston.

The Illinois School for the Deaf present-  
 ed "A Midnight Fantasy" in the gymnasium  
 under the direction of Mrs. Emma Sollberg-  
 er Johnson who has been a member of the  
 faculty since 1919. A very nice write up  
 and the program were enclosed. Thank  
 you for the interest.

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The S.T.V. is a wonderful place. The  
 possibilities are great. I have 1000  
 people taking gym twice a week and 21  
 classes per week. Keeps me alive. The  
 District Turnfest is at our Society this  
 June and we expect to have a grand time.

Dan Danti, Cleveland

#### HOMEcoming AT CAMP BROSIUS 1955

Last year, a suggestion was made that  
 some time we have a Homecoming at Camp  
 Brosius. No response to the idea was  
 ever received so it was never pursued.  
 At a recent alumni reunion lucheon during  
 the Midwest convention the idea was again  
 presented and was received most enthusi-  
 astically. Dr. Patty was on hand and  
 endorsed the suggestion heartily. Since  
 it takes time to make such plans it was  
 thought that possibly the 1955 Homecoming  
 could be held at Camp Brosius after the  
 Children's Camp closes in the middle of  
 August. The camp cabins would be made  
 available to families or groups on a re-  
 servation basis, first come, first served.  
 The Homecoming could last a week (or less  
 or more). There will be no formal program  
 but rather spontaneous activities evolved  
 as the spirit moves us. The cost of such  
 an outing would depend on the services  
 desired. Definite plans will be made  
 later if the whole idea meets with the  
 approval of enough Alumni. Fill out  
 the blank at the bottom of this page.  
 This will not be considered either a  
 reservation or obligation. We will only  
 go ahead with plans if you respond.  
 May we hear from you soon?

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#### 1955 CAMP BROSIUS HOMEcoming

I am }  
 I may be } interested in attending a Homecoming reunion at Camp Brosius.  
 I am not }

Such a reunion should be planned for \_\_\_\_\_. (State length of time)

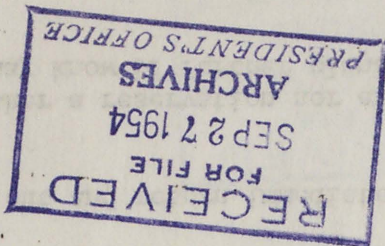
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Please fill out and return immediately to Normal College-415 E. Michigan Street-  
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This is neither a reservation nor an obligation, but only an expression of interest  
 so that we may know if further plans should be made.





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