

Alumni Bulletin

Vol. XVI

Indianapolis, Indiana, February, 1933

No. 2

SUMMER SESSION

Announcements regarding this year's summer session were sent to graduates in January so as to acquaint them early with the courses to be given this year. The session will of course take place at Camp Brosius again, and the dates are July 3 to August 5.

The program has been arranged especially with a view to help those graduates of the former two-year and the three-year courses who are working toward the B. P. E. degree, but the subjects will also be of interest to all other teachers; at the same time, new practical material may be had.

Subjects chosen for this year's session, include:

School Administration.

Methods of Teaching Health.

Methods of Physical Education, or Organization and Administration of Camps.

Tests and Measurements in Physical Education.

Polyrhythmic Gymnastics.

Graded Skill Activities for Elementary Schools, and for High School, and Adults.

Demonstration and Exhibition Work.

Beginners' and Advanced Dancing.

Dean Rath, Mrs. Hester, Mr. Rinsch and Otto Eckl will be the instructors.

It is also planned to offer to those who may still lack credits for the degree, an intensive course of two and one-half weeks to follow the regular session. Subjects tentatively chosen for this course, include:

Methods of Organizing Physical Education, or Tests and Measurements in Physical Education.

Criminology, or Modern European History.

Physical Diagnosis, or Physiology of Exercise.

All graduates who wish to acquire the degree should attend this year's session. Within a year or two all those working for the degree will have completed the requirements and it will thereafter be impossible or at least very unprofitable to offer as many courses for such students as is being done now. Therefore these students should earn their credits soon.

It is also to be hoped that graduates will make an effort to interest more non-graduates in our summer sessions. All graduates of other schools of physical education and class-room teachers who have attended one of the sessions, admitted that they received much fine material there. It is up to the Alumni to tell them about A. G. U. Normal College sessions at Elkhart Lake.

The biennial convention of the American Turnerbund will again be held at Camp Brosius this year. The dates have not been set by the National Executive Committee, but it will no doubt take place at the end of June. Turnverein instructors who will act as delegates can thus remain for the summer session without incurring additional traveling expense.

More than 2,500,000 children attend camps annually and there are about 100,000 camp counselors in the United States.

WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE DO IT

By A. Romeiser

The purpose of this new column of the Alumni Bulletin is to let others know how you conduct your various physical education activities so that they may obtain some worthwhile usable suggestions. Perhaps you are doing certain things better than other people. We would like to know about it.

To start this column, I will outline briefly the program Oral Bridgford and I are conducting for boys in the four-year Emmerich Manual Training High School in Indianapolis. We are doing and have been doing for years certain worthwhile things which we believe few in the country are doing.

Having no outdoor facilities, all of our work must be done in one gymnasium. Our enrollment averages about 400 boys each semester. Classes contain from 40 to 70 pupils. Five forty-minute periods are conducted for all pupils each week. Credit is given for two years. We believe that our program is as complete, as educationally sound and as systematically conducted as any and that results we obtain are creditable. This is especially shown in our improvement records kept for each boy. What we want, however, are more good ideas which when applied will make our program still better. We are challenging you. What have you that is better? Give us an idea.

Due to lack of space, details must be omitted in this issue. The What will predominate over the How.

Our program includes the following activities for Freshmen and Sophomores:

Basketball	Tap Dancing
Volleyball	Handball
Tumbling	Paddle Tennis
Fundamental Free Exercises	Monthly Tests
Field and Track	Decathlon Contest
Boxing	serving as a final examination

Indoor Baseball	Wrestling
Apparatus Stunts	Social Dancing
Floor Stunts	Hand Tennis
Athletic Fundamentals	Badminton
Running and Races	Self-Testing Stunts

Administration

The administration of this program is based on the idea that the class is a community, a family, a brotherhood. Each individual has a job to perform and all must work together for the benefit of the community. The job is having a good time building up strength, health and character. The shirkers, the law-breakers, the bums, the cheats and the eccentrics must necessarily be chastized for the benefit of the individual as well as the group. Rules and regulations governing this community have been established over a period of six years and a precedent set up for most all cases. The pay for this job is a grade. The pupils are paid fifty per cent for Citizenship Qualities and fifty per cent for Physical Achievements. Rules and regulations cover all features of the grading system. There is no guess work. A modified demerit system is used. Everything is entered in the roll book by symbols so that both the teacher and the pupil know at all times just where he stands. The decathlon contest at the end of each semester serves as a final examination and comprises one-fourth of the pupil's final grade. The result is satisfaction all around with discipline problems reduced to a minimum.

The physical activities are systematically arranged into weekly, monthly, seasonal and semester programs in order that all activities receive their allotted share of time based on their physical, physiological and practical value with due regard to the interest of the pupils. All work is graded and classified. Various methods of procedure peculiar to our system have increased the value of the

program. Time waste is practically eliminated so that a maximum of exercise is had during the 25 minutes that the boys are actually on the floor.

A few of the features of this program are related below. As stated, details must be omitted.

Running. Every lesson is started with a quarter mile run, a shuttle run ten times the width of the gymnasium with half of the class running at a time, or a team circular race simulating a regular relay race, each runner carrying a baton.

Fundamental Exercises. The twelve best we can devise form a drill lasting from four to eight minutes. They are thoroughly learned in Phys. Ed. I and repeated twenty to thirty times each semester; i. e., in Phys. Ed. II, III and IV.

Athletic Fundamentals of football, basketball, field and track, baseball, volleyball, golf, tennis, handball and swimming are systematically taught in open order class work when in season.

Boxing and Wrestling. Six to eight lessons per semester are given.

Basketball and Volleyball. Regular schedules of 16 and 8 games per semester are conducted so that each team meets every other team regularly.

Indoor Baseball is conducted by teams in the smaller classes and as a scrub in the larger classes.

Field and Track. These sports are systematically conducted eight times each semester on Mondays. Half the period is semi-formal under squad leaders and the other half informal. In each lesson the instructor emphasizes certain things to practice.

Apparatus. A system entirely original and highly efficient is used. All exercises are systematically arranged in twelve grades, covering the work of four semesters. Squad leaders do the checking. Stunts, tumbling, push-ups, pull-ups, and eight types of apparatus are included. The work is informal and counts one-fourth of the pupil's grade. A bonus

system for extra work is in effect. The checking system is unique.

Monthly Efficiency Tests systematically graded and standardized are conducted before each of the four marking periods. The grading requires from 15 to 20 minutes. These tests in connection with self-testing activities constitute one-fourth of the pupil's grade.

Self-Testing Stunts are at present used only in Phys. Ed. III and IV. They influence the grade. We expect to extend them to Phys. Ed. I and II this semester.

Decathlon Contest. This contest includes the high jump, broad jump, shot put, potato race, pull-ups, tumbling, accuracy throw and progressive exercises on the horse, the parallel bars and the horizontal bar. A number of original features are used, especially the hand-cap system whereby any boy may compete against any other resulting in a true comparison of all-around physical ability. Scores for four semesters are kept on individual cards.

Paddle Tennis is conducted on a court about one-fourth of the regulation size. Fairly dead balls are used and the net is about two feet high. Wooden five-eighths-inch paddles are used for racquets. It is worth while trying.

Tap and Social Dancing. Simple elements of tap dancing are taught. The change-step (two-step) and waltz step with turns are given in social dancing.

Handball and Hand-Tennis. Opportunity for the single wall handball game and hand-tennis on a court 20x10 feet with a center board one inch high is given. Certain boys get a lot of fun out of these.

Improvement Record. This chart for each individual is a record of the improvement in height and weight, pull-ups, push-ups and leg raisings (abdominal) for two years, during which time six or seven tests are made at regular intervals.

Specialization. Opportunity is afforded

for specialization in apparatus work, tumbling, boxing, wrestling and basketball.

Any questions? What have you to offer? Mail your article to A. Romeiser in care of the Normal College.

HOME-COMING

Home-Coming, the annual big event at the Normal College, proved to be more successful than ever this year. Despite the depression, Normal College alumni returned to their Alma Mater in great numbers at Thanksgiving time. More than 200 were present during the three days of festivities, and 160 attended the Alumni luncheon. While they were thus showing their interest in the school that gave them their training, it is no doubt true that the very interesting program arranged by Alumni President Wm. K. Streit lured many to Indianapolis this year.

The new dormitory was admired by the visitors on Thanksgiving day when open house was held there as well as at the Phi Epsilon Kappa house. In addition to donations from the National Women's Auxiliary of the Turnerbund and from the Women's Auxiliary of the Upper Mississippi District reported in last issue, \$25.00 was donated by the Women's Club of Germania-Turnverein Vorwaerts in Cleveland for a new rug at the dormitory.

A meeting of Turnverein instructors and others took place Friday morning when Adolf Varrelmann, Wm. P. Beyer and Ernst Thoma, all of Cincinnati, read papers on The Turnverein of Yesterday, The Turnverein of Today, and The Turnverein of Tomorrow. An interesting and lively discussion under Chairman Streit followed. Then came the luncheon at which brief addresses were made by Dean Emil Rath for the College; Leo M.

Rappaport for the Board of Trustees; Robert Nohr, Jr., for university teachers; Carl H. Burkhardt for city directors; Lelia V. Guenther for high school teachers; Ada B. Crozier for elementary school teachers, and George Seibel for the American Turnerbund. After that, Mrs. Albert E. Metzger, the first woman graduate of the Normal College, described her recent trip around the world. George Vonnegut, '81, the oldest Alumnus present, and president of the Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to the graduates who completed the requirements for the B. P. E. degree during the summer.

The new physical education in Germany was the subject of the afternoon meeting. Dr. A. A. Knoch explained the new trends and William Bischoff demonstrated the exercises; Therese Pletz did the same with the methods of Carl Loges who gave such an interesting course at Camp Brosius last summer, and Max Grob demonstrated the use of the new swingball introduced by Loges. Then followed a tennis demonstration by Normal College students and basketball games between alumni and varsity teams of both men and women. Later there were banquets and meetings of sororities and other groups, and Joseph Kripner showed his beautiful moving pictures taken in several institutions of teacher training in Europe and at Camp Brosius. The evening ended with one of the outstanding events of Home-Coming, the commers given the visiting men by the Business Men's class of the Indianapolis Turnverein. Saturday forenoon the College students gave a demonstration under the direction of Dean Rath. In the afternoon, Mr. Kripner had to repeat the showing of his pictures and Mrs. Metzger also showed the films of her European trip. The festivities closed with a dance sponsored by the All-Student Association on Saturday night.

IN MEMORIAM

In George Seikel, who died June 12, the Alumni lost not only one of its oldest members, but also one who until the very last took great interest in the advancement of physical education. In 1931, nearly eighty years old, he still made the long trip from Newark to Elkhart Lake and took part in the convention of the American Turnerbund. Seikel came to this country as a youth in 1868 and four years later entered the Turnlehrerseminar which was conducted in New York during that time, under direction of Henry Metzner. He taught in the New Haven Turnverein and then for 28 years in the Newark, N. J., Turnverein; during this time he also taught in other institutions, had charge of the public playgrounds for a number of years, and from 1908 until 1926 he worked in the Newark public schools. He was one of the founders and active member of the Association of Teachers of Physical Education in New York and New Jersey. The Normal College recognized his eminent service in the cause of physical education by awarding him the honorary degree of Master of Physical Education, and in 1931 the American Physical Education Association bestowed upon him the highly esteemed Fellowship.

* * *

Friedrich Ludwig Jahn, the grandson of Turnvater Jahn, died in Chicago on November 12. Jahn was born in Baltimore in 1864. His father, the only son of the great patriot, returned to Germany later and the boy received there the founding in physical education. Upon his return to America, he entered the Normal School of the Turnerbund in Milwaukee and was graduated as a member of the famous class of 1886. He taught in several Turnvereins in Chicago until he was placed in the public schools. During the last 15 years he taught in Crane High School. Jahn was

quiet and somewhat reticent; his life was devoted to the cause of physical education. He leaves the widow and two daughters, one of whom, Margaret (Mrs. Fasnacht) is a Normal College graduate of 1920.

* * *

Physical Education lost an enthusiastic supporter in Louis Schmitt, Sr., who died in December at the age of 62. Having arrived in this country at the age of 12, he later attended the Normal School of the American Turnerbund from which he was graduated in 1892. For 17 years he taught in Turnvereins in Boston and then for four years in the Buffalo Turnverein; from 1913 until his death he was employed in the Buffalo public schools. Schmitt was a fine teacher and a nature lover; his garden was his pride and joy. In his autobiography, Hartwig Nissen pays a fine tribute to Louis Schmitt whom he met at the Harvard summer school. Schmitt leaves his widow and one son, a Normal College graduate of 1917.

But the things that communities propose to do to the schools in the hysteria of economy far surpass the wildest aberrations of bull market days. We hear a great deal about frills. What are frills? Teachers' salaries appear to be frills in some cities. The health of school children is a frill in others. Since night schools are a frill in one community, we close them and throw 75,000 people into the streets. The plain fact is that the schools are under attack because it is easier to get money from them than it is to correct the fundamental iniquities and antiquities of local government. Only a people that had no conception of the place of education in its national life could contemplate the ruin of the next generation as the best remedy for governmental insolvency.—President Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

AN OBITUARY OR BASKETBALL AT ITS WORST

Bill Basketball is dead, and, like Lycidas, dead ere his prime. His passing was a calamity, and his last rights were solemnized with all the honor becoming a beloved hero.

Bill was held in much esteem by his fellow townsmen. For him the taxpayers erected a \$50,000 gymnasium (which will cost \$75,000 before it is paid for) and bonded themselves for twenty years to pay for the monument erected to Bill and other representatives of Sport. Around the shining floor of this wonderful building, gathered the round-shouldered son of Widow Jones, the flat-chested daughters of the local ash man, and other pupils not in the "pink of condition" and did honor to Bill and nine other trained athletes who were working under the direction of the high-salaried coach. These flat-chested, round-shouldered, awkward specimens were to urge the physically fit to "die for dear old Squeehonk" and thus derive their share of the rights and benefits of the wonderful gym.

Mr. Basketball was sick but once in his life. That was a heart attack brought on when he and four of his teammates received 100 in a semester test. (They got twenty apiece, hence the hundred.) For some reason the teacher of that subject resigned and the principal (poor man) found that what he had thought was a 2, on closer inspection appeared to be an 8, and Bill was vindicated.

Bill had many triumphs during his high school career. One time the Federated Women's Clubs offered a gold watch to the honor student for that year. The senator from the district was to speak, but a banquet to the Squeehonk athletes was scheduled on the same night, and when the senator arrived, the local committeeman whispered a few words about

a possible re-election, and the senator gave the chief speech at the athletic banquet instead of keeping his original appointment. The honor scholar and the other friends of learning were so used to standing in Bill's shadow that they didn't mind having their meeting a "flop". It was to be expected.

Another time after a wonderful victory over Squeehonk's chief rival, the entire police and fire departments were called out to welcome the team home. Bill had personally scored twenty of the twenty-five points garnered by the team, and so was the hero of the hour. This paper very fittingly covered the occasion as one may find out by leafing through the files. Oh, yes, it was on the same night that six houses and four barns burned before the fire apparatus could be brought from the parade to fight the conflagration. The wag of the department remarked that they could attend a fire any time, but participation in parades to heroes was rare.

A third triumph came to Bill when the school was closed down one time because of lack of funds with which to operate. The schedule was played regardless, and this showed that Squeehonk was behind Bill and his mates to the limit. Anyone can learn to read, but one will go a long way before he finds another forward whose basket-shooting is equal to Bill's.

Bill graduated from the Squeehonk High School but not exactly with scholarship honors. The principal couldn't prevent the graduation, even though the professional training he had received had been different. The Chamber of Commerce contended that a high scorer in basketball gave the town more advertising than a dozen honor students, and after the principal had been closeted with the superintendent for an hour, Bill was recommended to receive a diploma. "The record sheet is what counts, anyway," soliloquized the principal, as he

marked on it in red ink, "Not recommended for college".

However, a loyal alumnus of old Shadrach College got Bill to go to Shadrach. The registrar conveniently lost Bill's record sheet and, to cover his error, marked "O. K." on his entrance blank. Bill had to work his way through school and Mr. Alumnus got him a job at the college. The boy was to hold open the front door of Recitation Hall for the 6:30 class. Of course Bill never got up before 8:00, but since there was no class in Recitation Hall until 7:30, and since the janitor always hooked back the door in warm weather, and installed a revolving door for winter, Bill's absence wasn't noticed.

Bill's schedule was light—twelve hours—so that he was a regularly enrolled student, and therefore eligible to take part in athletics, but would still have time from his studies to devote to practice in the gym or on the field. His course consisted of six hours of health instruction, four hours of applied athletic strategy, and two hours of advanced spelling. But Bill came home at Christmas time. There were too many others of Bill's type, and he wasn't quite as good in college as he had been in high school.

At home, after his college career, Bill spent his time in the Squeehonk Recreation Parlor telling admiring friends how the Squeehonk High School and its teams should be run. At college he had learned that a little drink was a big help in a game, and this he preached (on the q. t.) to the Squeehonk squads. Twenty-mule-team Tupper was a friend of Bill, and occasionally Bill drove Tupper's Cord on an all-night trip. Bill always had money after one of these trips and he treated the boys royally.

Last Wednesday night Bill started off on one of his trips but he didn't arrive home on schedule time Thursday. Mr. Tupper and Bill's brother started to hunt

for him. At last they found Bill at the bottom of Corkscrew Hill. The remains of the Cord were on top of Bill, but there was still enough evidence in the special compartments under the seats to make things uncomfortable for Mr. Tupper, who left immediately for parts unknown.

Poor Bill was buried Sunday afternoon, and his funeral was the largest of any Squeehonk has ever seen. Bill's friends had hoped that the minister would take Caesar's famous saying, "veni, vidi, vici" as his text. They were quite surprised, however, when Reverend Brown announced his text, "What price glory?" and closed his sermon with the mathematician's triumphant expression, "Quod erat demonstrandum."—Bulletin, Ohio High School Athletic Association.

1933 GYMNAST

Before any creative work may be successful, the workers must have a definite theme and organization, whereupon to put forth their efforts. Without clearly understanding this objective, the undertaking would lack unity and consistency. It is with this in mind that the staff of the 1933 Gymnast has put forth their ambitions in attaining their goal.

It is the purpose of this book to recall memories of the past and present, in an interesting manner, through an insight into the incidents incorporated within the environment of Normal College at the present time. This year, being one of outstanding importance, due to the affiliation of Normal College and Indiana University, the Alumni will find, in the 1933 Gymnast, numerous articles of interest pertaining to the relationship that exists between professors and students of both institutions.

WILLIAM DREGALLA, Editor.

ALUMNI BULLETIN

Published four times a year at Indianapolis, in November, January, March and May, by the Alumni Association of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union.

OFFICERS: Wm. K. Strelt, Cincinnati, President; Alvin Romeiser, Indianapolis, Vice-President; Thelma Armfield, Indianapolis, Secretary; Curt Toll, Indianapolis, Treasurer.

Price, 50 Cents a Year
Address all Communications to

ALUMNI BULLETIN
415 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

THE DEAN'S COLUMN

It was the best Home Coming ever. One hundred fifty-six were present at the banquet. Perhaps this was in defiance of old man Depression. It seems as though he has been with us a long time, long enough to call him "old man". Let us hope he will be forgotten by next Home Coming.

* * *

An illustration of our prospective college building with floor plans caused amazement and joy. Everybody hopes for its realization.

* * *

It was suggested by several Home Coming visitors that the dance of the All-Student Association given in honor of the Alumni should take place on Thursday evening following the Open House.

* * *

Another suggestion offered was that at least two hours be set apart for consultation and visits of graduates with the dean. Many graduates who wished to discuss some matter were prevented from doing so because of the rush of things. There were others with whom there was no chance to exchange greetings. These suggestions will be remembered.

* * *

During the last four or five years the

attendance at the Normal College has changed. Five years ago we had between 70 and 80 women and 40 to 50 men. The conditions are now reversed. We have over 90 men and only between 40 and 50 women. This has made a difference in the performance of some of our activities, particularly dancing. The Junior-Senior class of women is extremely small, consisting of only 14 women. Taking into consideration all of the women who attend the Normal College, the proportion of good and poor dancers will naturally be small. The two extremes of the normal curve of distribution will obviously be small and the large mass will fall between. Thus it happens that mediocrity prevails at present in dancing.

* * *

The following is a re-statement of Pestalozzi's statement pertaining to bodily education expressed in terms of modern activities: We should not prepare basketball, baseball, and football players but youths who, by virtue of their basic training, can readily play these games; we should not train track and field men, tennis and golf players, but train young men so that they can engage in these activities. Briefly, we should educate the body so that skill in activities will be inevitable outcomes; then we need not teach special skill except to a small extent at a time when the body is adjusting itself to some special activity.

* * *

How many turnlehrer have given thought to the dropping of leg and flank circles, scissors in support, and similar work on the side horse and use the horse principally for vaulting? I wonder whether there are many pupils who enjoy doing these leg circles and flank circles?

* * *

Bells, clubs, and wands are popular with business men's classes when doing

the old type of free exercise. They can also be employed with the modern fundamental free exercises. But are they also interesting to children and can you obtain any effect differing from exercising without their use?

* * *

What are the turnlehrer doing to bring their work before the people of their community? Impromptu demonstrations to which citizens are invited is one means. The annual exhibition is another means. Demonstrations should be given in the middle rather than at the end of the season and people should be urged to join during the semester which follows.

Old established turnvereins should have available several groups of performers who can give a demonstration at a moment's notice. There might be a tumbling team, an apparatus team, a fencing team, a dancing team, etc. Once the community learns that these teams are available, they will have many opportunities to appear and in this manner bring their society before the public.

The modern rhythmic work should also be presented frequently. The public needs to be educated to the beneficial results of these simple activities. Using films to illustrate the work is also a desirable means of propaganda.

* * *

More upright and truly speaketh the healthy body, perfect and square-built; and it speaketh the meaning of the earth . . .

* * *

There is more sagacity in thy body than in thy best wisdom. Thus spake Zarathustra (Nietzsche).

Secondary education can not be improved until a new type of teacher appears—a believer first in children and only secondary in teaching subject matter.

THE SPRING CONVENTIONS

Dean Rath was in Chicago the week-end of December 9 conferring with the Executive Council of the Mid-West Physical Education Association concerning the program for this year's convention which will take place in Wichita, March 29 to April 1. The general meetings will be reduced both in number and in time so that more time can be given to sectional meetings. Demonstrations of Indian pageantry and rendition of Indian music will form part of the program. Strong Hinman, the new Mid-West president, is endeavoring to make this a convention that will be outstanding because of the talent on the program, and to give it an atmosphere peculiar to Kansas. Normal College Alumni of the Mid-West should attend in larger numbers than heretofore.

The convention of the American Physical Education Association will be held in Louisville, April 26 to 29. The Normal College has been invited to give a demonstration and Dean Rath will take a class and also will speak before one of the sections and has chosen for his talk "Objectives of Rhythmics for Boys". While usually all sections of the country are represented at the national conventions, the middle west will naturally furnish the largest contingent. Normal College Alumni in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Chicago, Dayton, Evansville and other cities should attend, and there surely should be a get-together of the Normalites.

It is a great municipal waste to use our schools only 180 days out of 365. The wider use of the schools as a community center, to be utilized the year around is not only economically sound but educationally wise.

—James E. Rogers.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

All-Student Association

What great enjoyment there was in again greeting old friends and former classmates at our annual Home-Coming. Only those who have been returning year after year can fully appreciate what an unusually successful Home-Coming it was. Many were the exclamations of pleasure over the program. The Home-Coming dance, we believe, was one of the most enjoyable ever held and greatly assisted in producing a feeling of friendship and congeniality.

Those who attended Home-Coming saw the beginning efforts of our 1932-33 basketball team. Since that time the team has compiled a 500 per cent average of three games won and three lost. This is rather noticeable considering the type of teams we play and we may finish above the half mark if we work hard and support the team. Come on, let's go! Excelsior!

In several meetings the proposal to cut the All-Student Association's fee was discussed, but finally it was decided to maintain the old fee. After the meeting, an entertainment was given in the small auditorium. The acts displayed a wide variety of talent among our members and we decided that more of such meetings should be held.

Of course we could not omit the Christmas vacation from our list of pleasures, but after all, it is also a pleasure to return to college regardless of our trials and troubles. One can tell that Christmas was celebrated by the new clothes on exhibition. Even room-mates try them out.

At the present most of our activities have been temporarily suspended to allow for sufficient study previous to the semester examinations. A skating party similar to the very successful one held

last year is planned for February. So with best wishes for the new year.

F. PLAG.

* * *

Seniors

Thanksgiving! And we saw many of our old friends and Alumni cruising about the new dormitory and the Fraternity House. Later on we showed them a few things we could do on the floor and from reports and conversations they seemed to be well satisfied. This was our last Thanksgiving as students at the Normal College; it seems that the four years have passed altogether too fast.

At Christmas time we all went home, except the Hoosiers, and had a grand and glorious time. We came back with presents from Santa and with all kinds of stories about the wonderful vacation. And now we face the examinations at the end of the first semester. Let's hope that our brains will be like the Cornucopian Horn.

L. C. J.

* * *

Sophomores

The Sophomore class is still on its way. But we are minus one member, Miss Ruth Wolter having been compelled to leave because of illness. The class extends its sincere sympathies to Mr. Kurz in the loss of his father, and to Mr. Hinman in the loss of his mother.

The class is working hard on The Gymnast, and we hope to make the book a big success.

I. A. K.

* * *

Delta Psi Kappa

The Psi Kaps have a new pledge, Esther Jolley from Buffalo. She entered school this year as a Junior and was pledged December 18 at a Christmas party at Thelma Simmons' home. Miss Jolley will be initiated on February 5 at the home of Connie Apostol; a card party will follow.

Who would ever have believed that A. G. U. girls would go domestic? But

it's a fact. It is quite a sight to see our "young ladies" knitting, sewing and embroidering. For some reason our matron, Mrs. Smith, seems to be well pleased with it.

Exams are here again and Psi Kap pledges are working hard in order to become "Butterflies".

DOT HEWITSON.

* * *

Phi Delta Pi

We are certainly proud of the showing the Phi Deltas made in the Intramural Gymnasium Meet. In addition to three firsts, we took several minor places.

Have you heard of the evening of eating, dancing and card playing the Phi Deltas are planning? Make arrangements to spend February 15th with us and we'll eat, dance and be merry together.

Also, finals are near. We hope we will be able to keep up the good work. Of course, after that comes the compensation. Rush! The sororities' week! Excitement! Friendship! Social Activities!

* * *

Phi Epsilon Kappa

Time waits for no one. Unmindful of all things it continues its eternal course. Time makes history. Since time has passed what is more appropriate than the history?

There was little trouble in getting the house full and all is home-like. For what isn't home-like we use our imagination. The good trusty furnace has decided to send heat to the rooms instead of belching soot into the virgin atmosphere of Indianapolis. All the laurels belong to Brother Kunz, at least the greater part. For some reason the cave-of-the-winds seems to be deserted by the north wind, but when he does pay us a visit we have no doubts about his presence. (May the Gods find service for him elsewhere.) Brother McCarthy is substituting by doing his best not to let the brothers get too much sleep.

December 17, the chapter gave a swimming party at the Antler's Pool. More fun, more laughs, for all who attended. Try a bath, they are good for the health.

January 12, the chapter held its regular meeting at Dr. Spath's home. Several of the Alumni members were present. Matters of great importance were discussed. It was decided to inaugurate a new system for eating meals at the house. This plan is so promising that we hope that the non-fraternity will take advantage of it also. After the meeting, we were entertained only as Dr. Spath can entertain. All the brothers enjoyed themselves in the characteristic A. G. U. style.

So time continued until another day when we have left and others trod our way.

F. BILD, Secretary.

RECREATION

Every child should choose certain activities, certain hobbies that he can keep up as long as he lives so that there may be no "dull" stretches.

Every man should have certain forms of recreation which require little space and which can be fitted into small fragments of time.

Every man should be helped to form the habit of finding pleasure in reading.

Every man should discover some form of beauty which he can really make his own—whether it be beauty of line, form, color or sound.

It is of the greatest importance that every person be exposed to rhythm because without rhythm man is incomplete and tires himself and bores others.

Rest, repose, reflection, contemplation are in themselves a form of recreation and ought never to be crowded out by more active play.—(Bulletin, National Physical Education Service.)

PERSONALS

On election night Oscar Simmen, '21, became the father of a future Normal Colleger, a fine boy.

St. Louis Phi Epsilon Kappas are said to plan a play-day for members and friends on February 12.

The marriage of Garnet Warren, '25, to Clifford Young, took place last spring. They live in Van Wert, Ohio.

Richard Barrick, '31, is reported to do fine work in his school on Troy Hill in Pittsburgh. He drives to work in his new V-8.

News has reached us that Dorothy Padden, '26 (we do not know her married name), has a fine baby girl born in December.

Charles Hertler, '32, writes of interesting work in the Central Turnverein, New York, where his classes are increasing steadily.

In a recent Pittsburgh city high school apparatus championship meet the boys under the direction of Coleman Kortner, '24, took two prizes.

A Physical Education Club of St. Louis and vicinity has been organized. It consists only of women. Vera Ulbricht, '22, is secretary-treasurer.

Bertha Boss, '29, has been transferred to the Crescent school in Pittsburgh, and is making a name for herself in elementary school work.

Dr. Robert Nohr, '90, was receiving congratulations on again becoming grandfather, his son Paul being the father of a beautiful baby girl.

Harvey Lecollier's '24 Junior basketball team has been wiping out all opposition and has a splendid chance to take the Pittsburgh city championship.

Alfred Linde, '15, his wife and two charming children are happily established in their beautiful new home in Hyde Park, one of Cincinnati's fashionable suburbs.

The high school in which Ernest Senkewitz, '28, has charge of physical education, is reputed to have the best and toughest boys in Pittsburgh, and he hopes to have championship teams in a few years.

Hilda Ratterman, '21, who had been devoting much of her time nursing her aged mother, went through the saddening ordeal of laying her beloved parent to rest just before Christmas. Her friends extend their sincere sympathy.

The story is told of Bill Hertel, '18, and Charles Geber, '09, becoming lost in one of the famous Pittsburgh December fogs. In fact, the fog was so dense that Bill got out of his cab and walked ahead so that the driver could see where to drive.

Carl Varrleman, '14, head of the Physical Education Department, Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, has been seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia. The skilful nursing of his devoted wife has brought about his recovery and Carl is now convalescing.

Dayton seems to be an especially happy hunting ground for Dan Cupid: Ferdinand Bahr and Herbert Klier, who taught there in the Turnverein, were married there, and now their successor, Charles Scheitlin, '32, has followed in their footsteps in this respect also. His bride is, of course, none other than Ruth Bohon, of Louisville, who attended the Normal College during the same years that he was here.

W. K. Streit, '21, and Wm. Bischoff, '25, decided to have a tonsilectomy party during the holiday vacation period. Both came through with flying colors, Streit taking his place in the Orpheus Club Chorus a week after the operation, and Bischoff attending a New Year's party five days after his were removed. By the way it has been rumored that Cupid has been seen eyeing Bischoff while fitting another dart to his bow.

Buffalo Alumni News

It has been quite a while since we have despatched some Buffalo news, gossips, and occurrences to you. We, here in Buffalo, are so busy with our pursuits that, really, there is hardly occasion for more news than this.

Among the newlyweds who have dared to prove that two can live as cheaply as one even these days are:

Theofil Bednarczyk, '27, who married Gladys Lee of Johnstown.

A happy romance has culminated in the marriage of Sarah Marshall to Johnny Garner, both of '28.

Bill Meissner, '29, who stuck to the ship of single blessedness for a long time, tossed in and is now living happily with his bride.

And will you look at this: Man-mountain Heis, '26, you remember him best as Rudy, has become a benedict also.

Ralph Duke Duquin, '28, couldn't stand to see his gymnastic brethren go alone to the slaughter and so he also got himself a wife.

And here is the sweetest yarn chock full of romance. Herbert (Swede) Nilson and Buddy Rueckhart, also both of '28, climaxed a great love with their marriage last fall.

A sweet little girl was brought by Madame Stork to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glunz, both '21.

Also Eddie Bartels, '16, and wife, were blessed by another little boy. This makes five in the Bartels basketball lineup. There is room for improvement, as the baseball season will soon be here.

All of us are at present interested in the basketball tournament. There are 82 schools entered and almost one hundred and twenty teams. It will be over in about another month. The High School basketball tournament has just commenced and it looks as though Allie Seelbachs Masten outfit will repeat.

JOHN N. MUTO, Buffalo Alumni Sec.

STUTTGART AND THE 1933
TURNFEST

By Herman C. Kurtz, '25

"Zwischen rebumkraenzten Hoehen
Seht ihr die gepries'ne Stadt."

As we direct our restless feet up the beautiful Neckar Valley of the picturesque Swaebian countryside, there is in store for us a surprise that will strike a rapturous note in the most prosaic traveler's heart. The gentle Keuper mountains that over-run the state of Wuerttemberg vary the topography from soft, lazy, vineyard-clad hills with sleepy "Doerfer" nestling in hazy vallies, to abrupt cliffs and precipices crowned with turreted castles gallant and noble in their cloak of ancient ivy. Weary as we may be, we cannot but let our thoughts stray to olden days. We stop and listen and in our fancy we hear the blare of trumpets announcing a robber lord sallying forth to do battle with some neighbor to derive personal gain under the banner of an honorable pretext. Looking closely we imagine a galaxy of colorful knights, their armor shining as they wend their way down the sun-flecked trail; banners flying, horses neighing, and plumes waving. This was the land of Barbarossa who immortalized the Swaebian warrior with the "Schwabenstreich" on his jaunt to the Holyland.

But alas, the sun is low and we must hurry to our goal, Stuttgart. Up to the crest of the next hill and out from beneath the pine forest and there before us, in the valley where the river Neckar and the Nesenbach join hands to continue on their way to the Rhine, lies the beautiful city of Stuttgart. In the golden light of late afternoon our gaze falls on a sea of tile and slate roofs interspersed with towers and steeples and divided like a picture puzzle by winding, crooked streets. We can clearly distin-

guish the "Altstadt" or "Bonnenviertel" as the citizens call the old part of town. Yes, there is the "Stiftskirche" and if we cock an attentive ear we may be lucky enough to hear the four trumpeters that play three times a day from the balcony of the old octagon shaped church tower. A little to the right stands the "Alteschloss" that only last winter was gutted by fire after having withstood the ravages of nature for over seven hundred years. The new "Rathaus" built in the style of the old quarter with a carillion that plays in tinkling tones, "Muss i' denn, muss i' denn, zum Staedtle hinaus," every noon, stands watch over the quaint market place. There is the "Koenigstrasse", the modern thoroughfare of commerce and enterprise with the "Tagblatturm" at the farthest end. It is an ultra-modern structure of cement and glass standing conspicuously above its fellow buildings.

Stuttgart was not satisfied to remain on the floor of this valley; she must expand. If the Dukes of Wuerttemberg could only see the city they had started. The "Stutengarten", or horse farm, where the noblemen of the land raised and bred their horses, was so beautiful that the artistically inclined Graf Eberhardt conceived the idea to build a castle there. That was the beginning of the "Alteschloss" and the town derived its name Stuttgart from the old horse farm "Stutengarten". From that day on, the houses crowded themselves outward and upward until today all of the seven hills have their houses with beautifully terraced gardens, fruit trees, and vineyards. Like a huge soutpureen with its suburbs built just inside the rim lies Stuttgart with a population of 400,000 people, the most prosperous city in southern Germany. Is it any wonder that the German Turners selected Stuttgart for their 15th Turnfest?

It is getting late and we must be on

our way. The lights are already twinkling all over town. We shall hurry down to a "Wirtschaeftle" and there enjoy a "Viertel Wein" with an excellent meal of unsurpassable Swaebian cooking. In the morning we shall investigate the preparations that are being made for the Turnfest.

It is a gorgeous Swaebian morning as we make our way out to Cannstatt. The dew is sparkling on the grass and hanging in glittering beads from the flowers as we walk briskly through the "Anlagen" to catch a trolley that will take us to our destination. The "Anlagen" is a long winding park that leads us picturesquely into the center of town. We could have ridden all of the way but the "Anlagen" is one of the reasons why Stuttgarters love to walk about their beautiful city.

From Cannstatt, we go up the 35 meter wide "Mercedesstrasse" to the "Cannstatter Wasen" upon which at one time Stuttgart's crack troops were trained and drilled. Now that militarism has gone into the discard it is to become the battle ground of the German Turners. Ironical, we think, since turnerism was always against the manufacture of cannon fodder and believed in political and religious freedom. To be sure we American Turners should know that, since it was through the old "Forty-eighters" who upheld this staunch principle, and therefor had to flee to America, that Turnvereins in the United States were founded. Here on this old historic drill grounds we behold a sight both beautiful and astounding. Steam-shovels, cranes, cement mixers, girders, pipes, scrapers, plows, and an ant hill of men trying to build Rome in a day. Let us look closer and inspect the individual units of this mammoth playground and athletic field.

The huge level meadow of 160 acres is divided into half by the imposing

boulevard, the "Mercedesstrasse". On one side lies the main exhibition field measuring 315 x 450 yards, twice the size of the "Jahnwiese" used for the same purpose at Cologne in 1928. Here 40,000 Turners will present the stupendous spectacle of their mass drill. The entire field, like the adjacent fields, is drained by a network of tile making a sudden down-pour of rain of little consequence to carrying out the schedule of events. About three sides of the field bleachers are being built that will accommodate about 200,000 spectators. On the remaining side a grandstand, 300 meters in length, is under construction that will seat 15,000 on-lookers. This grandstand flanks the "Mercedesstrasse" and as far as we could see from the maze of steel structure, will be a beautiful edifice.

Along the side of the exhibition field are fields for football, soccer, and other competitive team games. 25,000 spectators can be accommodated.

The race track and main field for individual competition has two tracks, one within the other; the larger, 400 meters long. A special "straight-away" for the finals of the dash and hurdle events is being built directly in front of the grandstand. The space within the track's orbit is given over to the finals in field competition. Three large halls are being built for apparatus work. After the Turnfest they will be converted into gymnasiums and dressing rooms.

Just outside the track and field stadium are 12 tennis courts that, along with the glider sport borrowed from aviation, is the latest newcomer to the ranks of the Turner olympiade.

There is also a 6,000 meter track built for the purpose of speeding up the elimination trials of the dashes and hurdles. In this way, scores of trials can be run off at the same time.

The swimming events will be held not

far away in the "Inselbad" of "Untertuerkheim", the only thing that will not be brand new for the Turnfest. It is one of the largest open air pools in the world and the writer has often times splashed about in its blue waters. This bath is right next to the river "Neckar" and it is only a hop, step, and jump for those who feel constrained in one of the three 200 meter pools of the Inselbad.

At this time the writer wishes to thank Dr. W. Obermeyer, Vorsitzender des Hauptausschusses fuer das 15. Deutsche Turnfest, for all the measurements and data. Some of my readers will remember Dr. Obermeyer from the National Turnfest in Louisville, Ky., in 1926. He was the leader of the German Turners that competed there.

American Turners, Stuttgart and the German Turners await you! If it is at all possible try to go. You will be royally received by the most hospitable people of all Germany, the Stuttgarters.

At the White House Conference we learned that the first cardinal principle in education is that each individual child should develop his highest possible level of attainment. In order to do this we must recognize that a child's leisure hours, his entertainment and recreation, are just as important parts of his individual growth as his school hours and study.—Dr. Edwin Broome, Superintendent of Schools, Philadelphia.

Coach Slip Madigan, of St. Mary's College, Moraga, offers his candidates for the all-American line-up:

Ends—Erdlatz, Yerzerski, Darsotti.

Tackles—Brasnyo, Cambianicia, Sartin.

Guards—Elduayan, Kraljevich, Tacconi.

Centers—Jirsa, Delana, Popajana.

Backs—Danilovich, Dracco, Magrini, Mattos, Rios.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Measurement of Athletic Power, by Charles Harold McCloy. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. \$2.00.

This book is an excellent guide for the progressive physical education teacher interested in tests. The first eight chapters go extensively into the problems of tests and the procedure of constructing them. In a manner easily understood, the author takes one through the various steps in setting up tests of athletic power which term to the author means the more or less mechanical ability of strength and speed. The latter part of the book explains a test as used by the author which makes it possible to compare the record of one person in one activity with that of another person in a different activity after taking age, height and weight into consideration. The many valuable hints embodied in this book will assist in setting up tests and give a clear understanding of the present trend, and it also presents a series of tests which may be used for any person over eight years of age, either for classification and grading or for comparison.

F. A. P.

* * *

Greek Games. An organization for festivals. Compiled by Mary Patricia O'Donnell, M. A., and Lelia Marion Finan, B. S. A. S. Barnes and Co., New York. \$4.00.

As stated in the Introduction and in the appreciation, "this is an account of the organization of Barnard College spring festival, Greek Games. The elaborate structure of the games, of which the material organization is set forth in detail in this book, is a blend of poetry, music, dance, costume, and athletics, growing largely out of the students' work in their college courses. It is a rather interesting example of the modern use of play and pageant in education. The festival is a contest between

the freshman and sophomore classes, the students inventing and developing the work themselves aided by suggestions from the supervisors. Greek Games is a huge, democratic, co-operative undertaking of the students, using a competitive scheme to motivate a greater emphasis upon sheer beauty. Possibly nowhere in college life is there a better example of progressive education, a finer expression of the newer emphasis in physical education. The material offered in the book will, no doubt, be of value to others who plan to organize festivals on a large scale, but only to those working with mature students. The floor patterns, duties outlined, and schedules should prove helpful. There is a good biography.

E. L. R.

STUDENT TEACHING CONFERENCE

The eighth Indiana State Conference on Supervised Student Teaching was held at DePauw University in December. It was the first of these conferences at which physical education was included as a distinct field like music and art, mathematics, foreign languages, and other subjects. Dean Rath presided in the Physical Education section. The conference offered opportunities for observing practice teaching in many subjects which was followed by conferences in which critic teachers and student teachers presented their problems.

During the days of prosperity we were told that authentic giants ruled the economic order, that our destiny was in safe hands, and that we were the envy of the less fortunate peoples of the earth. If we were ever lulled to sleep by this pleasant fiction, we have had a rude awakening. With rare exception, these one time giants are found to be no larger than ordinary men and not one whit superior to our much abused politicians.—Geo. S. Counts.