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SUMMER SESSION

Realizing that graduates of the three-year course of the Normal College desire to complete the requirements for the Bachelor degree in the shortest time possible, the Board of Trustees of the College has decided to offer the opportunity for doing the larger part of the required work in four summer sessions and a small amount in absence. As a rule, it will take considerably longer to complete this work by attending extension classes.

Each year, six semester hours' credit may be earned, thus making the total for the four summers, twenty-four hours. Inasmuch as thirty hours equal one year's work, six additional hours may be earned in absence.

The subjects to be offered during the next four summers, will be:—1928—Adolescent Psychology or Social Psychology, and Advanced Educational Psychology; 1929—Administration and Supervision of Physical Education or Health Education, and Statistical Methods and Physical Education Tests; 1930—Educational Sociology or Anthropology, and Mental Hygiene; 1931—Health Education or Philosophy of Physical Education, and Problems in Physical Education combined with a Seminar in Thesis Writing.

As will be noted, this program permits certain changes according to the wishes of the students; if for example, a large number of students registering for the course should have credit in Adolescent Psychology, Social Psychology will be

given; if, however, a sufficient number should want Adolescent Psychology, this will also be given. Similarly, changes in the programs for the other summers are possible.

In addition, the College will enable students possessing the Bachelor degree, to pursue the above subjects and count them towards the Master degree; additional work of a more advanced type will, however, be required of such students.

The above applies to graduates of the Normal College and to some extent also to graduates of other Normal schools of physical education. Other students may be permitted to pursue some of the above courses subject to decision by the director in each case.

For non-graduates, the Summer Session diploma is offered as heretofore; that is, upon the completion of four successive summer courses. The program will include the following:

1928—Anatomy and Applied Anatomy; 1929—Physiology and Applied Physiology; 1930—Principles and Methods of Physical Education; 1931—General Hygiene, First Aid, and Anthropometry and Physical Diagnosis.

Each year, five semester hours will be devoted to these subjects. The practical work offered in addition will include physical education lessons for grades 1-6 during one summer, and for grades 7-12 during the next; also special dancing lessons such as folk, character, national, interpretive and aesthetic dancing; apparatus work and tumbling; swimming and diving; track and field work and a

game (soccer; hockey and football; basketball; baseball; speedball and fieldball).

The Summer Session should therefore appeal to the graduate of the Normal College as well as the non-graduate; the departmental teacher of physical education in the elementary schools; the student of physical education, and the teacher who ultimately wishes to change to this branch of education. Our graduates are requested to call the attention of such teachers to our Summer Session and encourage them to come to Camp Brosius. All who have been there, will testify that no better place can be found to enjoy the combination of summer work with vacation activities.

Our Mr. W. A. Stecher, for years Director of the Summer Session, could not be persuaded to make the long trip from his present home, Hawaii, to Elkhart Lake. Dean Rath has been selected by the National Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund, to lead the American Turners at the Turnfest in Cologne. It was therefore necessary for the Board of Trustees of the Normal College to find another man for taking charge of the Summer Session. They did not look far, however, but unanimously approved the selection made by the non-resident members of the Board at their meeting in December, and appointed Dr. C. B. Sputh. The College is fortunate, indeed, in having on its staff a man so much interested in its aims that he will abandon his large practice for an entire five weeks in order to make the Summer Session successful. All graduates who have met Dr. Sputh either at the Normal College or as President of Phi Epsilon Kappa, will agree that no better choice could have been made, and it is hoped that his devotion to the good cause will be repaid by a large attendance at Camp Brosius.

HOME-COMING.

An immensely successful Home-Coming with an attendance surprising the most hopeful local Alumni, was held during Thanksgiving week, 1927. From far-away New York and Philadelphia they came, from St. Paul and from theavenport territory. Chicago sent the largest number with Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Buffalo closely following; St. Louis was well represented as were Dayton and Cleveland. An even one hundred were present at the Alumni Banquet but about thirty more Alumni attended Home-Coming.

As usual, open house was held at the Dormitory and the Fraternity House on Thanksgiving Day. Every visitor went there, of course, at one time or another during the day, and both places were crowded all afternoon. Friday, the Alumni Banquet took place at noon. Other entertainments were arranged by the Fraternity as well as the sororities. The College classes gave the usual demonstration Friday afternoon. A meeting of Turnverein instructors called by the National Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund, began Friday morning and was continued in the afternoon as well as Saturday; forty-five instructors were present and every one was so well pleased with this fine attendance that this meeting resolved to request the Executive Committee to call similar conventions at least every other year. The Home-Coming closed with a dance given by the All-Student Association on Saturday night.

Alumni Banquet.

The local committee had decorated the tables with many candles and provided for the Alumni a small red pennant with a white N. Alumni president, Mabel Loehr, who was out of the city, had delegated her powers to Wm. K. Streit,

who, as usual, made an efficient toast-master. The Normal College Song Book, just off the press, was distributed and Mr. Streit led in several college songs. Members of the various classes had to arise to see which one was best represented, the palm going to '24; the oldest member present received his diploma way back in '81. Brief addresses were made by Dean Rath and Doctor Sputh, the latter calling for contributions toward the establishment of showers at Camp Brosius of which more is said in this issue of the Alumni Bulletin, and Mrs. Steichmann described a few of her experiences on her recent European tour.

The fine attendance and the excellent spirit prevailing at the Alumni Banquet proved that Normal College Alumni are very loyal to their Alma Mater.

Turnverein Teachers.

Dr. Herman Groth, Vice-President of the National Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund, welcomed the forty-five Turnverein teachers who appeared for the first meeting of this kind, nearly every one a graduate of the Normal College. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various problems encountered in Turnverein work, and six topics were assigned to as many teachers with another one designated to open the discussion. After the meeting had elected Wm. K. Streit as secretary, Otto Eckl read a paper on "Ways and Means of Increasing and Holding Ladies' Classes" and the discussion was started by Albert C. Teuscher. The same problems as applied to young men's and juniors' classes, were then taken up by Jos. Weissmueller, E. C. Rothe, Carl F. Hein. Other subjects discussed by the meeting, were "Play Days as Well as Turn Days," by William Beyer and William K. Streit; "Possibilities of Different Musical Rhythms," by Leo M. Doering, illustrated by Mrs. Doering (nee Cyrilla

Humes) at the piano. Christ Wuest explained the events composing the individual competition at the Turnfest in Cologne.

Turnfest Drills.

Among the numbers shown by the Normal College classes were the drills for the American team going to the German Turnfest. As has been reported in the Bulletin, Dean Rath was appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Turnerbund, to lead the American Turners, and he has worked out two numbers for the ladies, one dance called "Greetings to Germany," and another named "Dixieland." For the men, he had composed a free exercise drill containing some vigorous movements, cartwheels, etc. These drills were gone over carefully by the assembled Turnverein instructors and while they accepted the two dances without criticism, some expressed the fear that Turnverein men would not be able to master the men's drill. Mr. Rath has changed it somewhat but on the whole it remains as originally composed.

By the way, the minutes of the Turnverein Teachers' meeting have been printed and any one interested may secure them from the secretary of the American Turnerbund, William Voelker, 1812 Evans avenue, McKeesport, Pa. The Turnfest drills will also be available later.

The last Home-Coming of the Normal College may justly be called the most successful one ever held. The attendance was good, and the program was such that something of interest was going on all the time. We hope that all those who were present will come again home to Alma Mater next Thanksgiving.

Some people are so painfully good that they would rather be right than be pleasant.—L. C. Ball.

SHOWERS IN CAMP BROSIUS.

For years there has been a demand from the students of the summer session and the Normal College, that suitable bathing facilities be provided at Camp Brosius. At present we have of course beautiful Elkhart Lake to swim in, but when one lives in a place for five weeks, he feels the necessity of a bath with warm water occasionally. The women, I am sure, feel this need even more than the men. Phi Epsilon Kappa alumni attending the 1926 summer session, created a fund for the purpose of establishing showers under Stecher Hall (Phi Epsilon Kappa Hut). The writer urged the women to collect money and build a shower bath in connection with the rest room also.

This last summer the guests at Hotel Camp Brosius expressed a desire to have more adequate bathing facilities in the hotel.

During the Home-Coming of the Normal College last Thanksgiving, the Alumni held an informal meeting and proposed to make an active campaign for the purpose of raising funds with which to install hot and cold showers at Camp Brosius. The matter was also discussed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Board agreed to provide a suitable place for the bath room and to pay one-half of the cost of installation of the fixtures, which tentatively consist of a bath tub, six showers, tank and water heater and a water pump. The estimated cost for equipment and installation will run between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

We are appealing to our Alumni to help us put this project over for the coming season. The college classes migrate to Elkhart Lake in June, therefore send in your subscription immediately, so that we may have the bathing

facilities completely installed for their use. Every donation will be welcome, be it ever so small, but please show your loyalty to your Alma Mater and subscribe to the "Shower Bath Fund." Your subscription will be refunded, should the project fall through. It can't fall through if each one of us contributes his or her share.

Following is a list of contributions received to date:

1926 Summer Session.

Bro. Wm. A. Stecher	\$ 5.00
Bro. C. B. Sputh	5.00
Bro. Otto Eckl	5.00
Bro. Charles Geber	5.00
Bro. Oscar N. Simmen	5.00
Bro. A. C. Maley	5.00
Bro. Jacob Kazmar	5.00
Bro. Clarence Kortner	5.00
Bro. Paul Krimmel	5.00
Bro. Ernst Klafs	2.00

Total \$ 47.00

Expenses for Stecher Hall, per Charles Geber's report \$ 24.70

Balance from 1926 summer session	\$ 22.40
Harry Dippold	\$ 1.00
Carl Spitzer	1.00
Fred Cooper	1.00
William Heiland	1.00
Wm. Reichelt	1.00
Harold Hartung	1.00
Walter Scherbaum	1.00
Wm. Stecher (Book Camp)	2.50
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Frank Galles	1.00
Alex. Harwick	1.00
Karl H. Heckrich	1.00
Leo M. Doering	1.00
Albert F. Helms	2.50
Dr. George Mueller	1.00
George A. Muegge	1.00
Dr. Wm. A. Ocker	1.00
Ed. Olson	2.00

George Lipps	1.00
Curt Toll	1.00
George Altmann	1.00
Emil Rath	5.00
Oral Bridgford	1.00
L. Church	1.00
Emil Kramer	1.00
A. Auernheimer	1.00
Arch McCartney	2.00
Richard Heinrich	1.00
Andrew Lascari	1.00

On hand Nov. 24, 1927.....\$ 61.90

Contributions after November 24, 1927:

Fritz and Gertrude Nicke.....	\$ 5.00
Gustav Bachmann	5.00
Arthur Herrmann	5.00
Elmer Rosenthal	5.00
William Streit	5.00
Otto Eckl	5.00
Clara Ledig	5.00
Edwin Hoppe	1.00
William Matthei	1.00
Otto Rost	1.00
Kate Steichmann	5.00

Grand Total, Feb. 6, 1928.....\$104.90

From the above you will note that with the exception of three, no women graduates of the Normal College have contributed to this fund, no doubt due to the fact that the proposed plan has not been clearly presented to our Alumnae. I feel satisfied that all women graduates are just as interested in Camp Brosius and the Normal College and from now on we may expect contributions from them so that we may begin to install these showers and have them ready for the June Camp.

Please send your contributions to Herbert Nilson, Treasurer of Phi Epsilon Kappa, 1321 Central avenue; Gladys Griffith, Treasurer of Delta Psi Kappa, 1240 Broadway; Catherine Risch, Treasurer of Phi Delta Pi, 1240 Broadway; Esther Heiden, Treasurer of Omega Up-

silon, 1240 Broadway; or directly to Dr. Carl B. Sputh, 24 Stokes Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

Trusting that you will give the above your immediate attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

CARL B. SPUTH, M. D.

DELTA PSI KAPPA.

The old Psi Kap spirit still holds sway in Alpha Chapter. We've been having some mighty good times together this year and are as busy as ever. It's

"Dear old pals,

Jolly Psi Kaps,

Always together

In all sorts of weather."

We all went roller-skating one night. What a wobbly feeling we had! It's a good thing we're "Phy-Edders"—we did balance stands, toe stands, and some even fell to a seat! It surely was fun!

Our last venture was a rummage sale. "Litz" and "Schudie" weren't satisfied with our business so went out in the neighborhood and invited the people to come. From then on, business was rushing. In fact, we had to keep shop open and sell by candle light. All our rummage was sold, plus some things that accidentally were mixed in.

The week after finals, our Indianapolis Alumni Chapter has promised us a Valentine Bridge party at the home of Lilly Gally Rice. We are eagerly awaiting it, for it will be a chance for us to become better acquainted with some of our Alumni.

Just as we were on our way down for dinner the other night, who should walk in but "Gert" Jordan, bag and baggage. She's back to finish the school year.

I would rather be sick than idle.—Seneca.

MR. ROGERS SPEAKS AT NORMAL COLLEGE.

A special assembly was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 31st, at which our faculty and student body enjoyed a talk given by Mr. James E. Rogers, Director of the National Physical Education Service. Having, as he has, a bird's-eye view of Physical Education in the United States, he is well qualified to speak on the subject—a fact which he soon proved.

In his talk Mr. Rogers first emphasized the fact that we of the profession of Physical Education should be given educational training as well as training in the technique of our work. This is necessary if we intend to establish Physical Education as equal to other subjects of education. It is not sufficient for us to know our own work thoroughly, but we must also be able to defend Physical Education as a profession by being able to justify it because of its educational values. If we are able to debate the question in terms of the educators, we are more likely to gain their attention and respect. We must not only educate the people but the educators and ourselves as well. The one who has received training in educational studies, is better fitted to achieve this aim than an individual who has merely received training in technique, as necessary as that is. We must insist that more time be given to our work; that Physical Education be compulsory for all those who are physically able; and, also, that Physical Education be given a recognized unit of credit in our schools. Before this can be accomplished, we must prove Physical Education that which we claim it to be.

Mr. Rogers spoke to us also on the necessity of physical educators being capable of the administration of the work as well as the presentation of it.

They must be persons with foresight who can manage the organization of the course to meet the needs and interests of the school or community without demanding an unreasonable expenditure of money.

And last of all, Mr. Rogers stressed the importance of Physical Education in its entirety rather than the specialization in any one branch of it. Physical education is a large field, and, for that reason, many persons have a tendency to specialize in one or two divisions of the work, often neglecting other very important phases. Mr. Rogers reminded us of the fact that "the new Physical Education System is old but needs new interpretation and emphasis." In other words, the profession of Physical Education needs individuals who have the ability to teach the subject in all its phases, realizing the relative importance and value of each.

Mr. Rogers ended his talk with stories of various experiences which he has had in trying to justify our profession to certain principals, superintendents, and other educators. These proved to be very interesting.

Every one present agreed that Mr. Rogers' talk had been very instructive as well as entertaining. We are all anticipating with pleasure the possibility of having Mr. Rogers with us again.

NELLIE PASSANT, '28.

MONEY IN FOOTBALL.

The immense amount of money involved in the football games of the large universities makes them border on the professional and will possibly lead to the establishment of professional teams. The report of the treasurer of Harvard University for the year ending June, 1927, shows \$584,195.66 receipts for football games.

Total receipts of the athletic association were \$944,887.04, of which amount \$257,547.93 was paid as guarantees to visiting teams, leaving \$687,339.11 available for athletics and physical education. After all expenses were paid there remained a surplus of \$166,816.01 in the treasury of the athletic association. All departments and teams excepting football, sustained losses as shown by the following table:

	Income	Expense
Varsity Baseball team -----	\$ 29,037.75	\$ 30,981.30
Varsity crew -----	392.53	43,273.06
Varsity Football team -----	584,195.66	130,900.30
Varsity track team	13,245.91	49,633.35
Varsity Hockey team -----	7,280.52	17,043.35
Minor sport teams and physical education department -----	-----	74,529.33
Maintenance and operation of buildings and grounds -----	-----	99,797.79
Administration and other expenses -----	-----	74,364.62
	<hr/> \$634,152.37	<hr/> \$520,523.10

IN MEMORIAM.

Lieut.-Col. Herman J. Koehler, master of the sword and director of physical training at the Military Academy at West Point for the last thirty-nine years, died in July after an operation. He was sixty-eight years old. He was a nephew of George Brosius, the Father Jahn of America.

Col. Koehler was born in Milwaukee and in 1882 was graduated from the Turnlehrer Seminar then in Milwaukee.

After directing school gymnastics in Oshkosh, Wis., for three years he went to West Point, where he remained ever since, with one interruption caused by the world war. The ninth man to hold the position of master of the sword, he was the first to combine it with the added duties of director of physical education.

He was responsible for the army's present physical training system and nearly every officer now in the army owes his physical training education to him. When he first went to West Point there was no physical training system there. He developed a system which has since been utilized in many quarters throughout the country, and all who have received instruction under him have imparted it to others.

Col. Koehler reached the army age limit in 1923 and was officially retired, but he continued his duties as executive officer of the United States Army Athletic Association, and even during the last year was actively engaged in West Point athletics.

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Because of the absence of the Bulletin editor during the summer, he learned but lately of Col. Koehler's death, and also of that of Meta B. Jahn. Alumni who attended the Normal College during 1917-19 will remember Meta Jahn as a very pleasant and fine young woman who made a good record. Upon graduation she entered the Chicago schools but was soon compelled by illness to relinquish the position. For seven years she ailed and was unable to do much work. In August, while at a summer resort in Michigan, she had an attack of appendicitis, was rushed to Chicago for operation, but died on August 9.

Meta Jahn was a great-granddaughter of Father Jahn, the founder of physical education.

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HONOR AWARDS.

As an outgrowth of a recent letter to Dean Rath I have been asked to start a discussion in the Alumni Bulletin concerning the present plan of honor awards to our students. It should be stated at the outset that the sole object in soliciting such a discussion and expression of opinion is an interest in our Alma Mater.

For some time past it has been my conviction that the present basis of computation as well as the method of administration of honor awards is not the best, in that it does not provide a constant stimulus for hard and earnest application to all of the subjects and activities of the curriculum. It seems to me that the plan, originated by our departed colleague, Robert Nix, could be so revamped that it would serve as a strong and continuous incentive to all students to do better work than they otherwise might. I am strongly of the opinion that as at present administered, few students, if any, are much concerned about the awards until they receive their diplomas.

It is only fair to note that Dean Rath has already taken steps to modify the administration of the plan.

Permit me to state briefly the few suggestions that I have to offer. The Administrative Board of the College

hopes that many others will come forward with constructive suggestions.

1. The plan for making awards should be thoroughly explained to incoming classes shortly after matriculation.

2. A simple plan should be worked out by means of which each student is able to compute his progress at the end of every semester.

3. A comparative scale of points might be presented to the student. This scale would show the number of points the student should have accumulated at the end of each semester in order to be "in line" for each of the several honor awards. By comparing his accumulated points with the scale, any student could see at a glance just where he stood at any given time.

4. The fourth point has to do with the weight assigned to each of the several subjects in the curriculum. This is the matter upon which your opinions are particularly desired.

I am of the opinion that too much weight is attached to Practice Teaching. At present it carries the same weight as all the rest of the subjects combined. If the sole object in inscribing the "honors" on the diploma is to give Superintendents and Principals of schools a record of the teaching ability of the student at the time of graduation, then, the basis for computation is undoubtedly all right. If, on the other hand, this whole plan of granting honors has as its main object the stimulation of students to best effort, I believe Practice Teaching carries too great a weight. It has a deadening effect upon the spirit of many.

In addition, I feel that this plan is very unfavorable to the younger and less experienced members of the class. The more mature students and those having had teaching experience in clubs, etc.,

have a decided advantage in Practice Teaching. Those who rate the students in Practice Teaching cannot help but be influenced to a considerable extent by the relative teaching abilities of the students. This relative ability, however, may be influenced by maturity and outside experience,—not entirely by what has been done or by the effort put forth in the College. Is it not true that some of the less mature and less experienced students will forge ahead of their brethren after a year in the field,—after they have gained some self-confidence?

In discussing this fourth point some one has said that it is not well taken. I still adhere to my point, however. Even if the factors I point out ought not be considered, it is still true that Practice Teaching is given a weight out of all proportion to its relative value.

In conclusion permit me to reiterate the thought that if the discussion, which it is hoped will follow this "opener," is to lead anywhere each writer must at the outset state the purpose of the plan of granting honors. Is it the purpose to create a stimulus, or is it merely to make a statement of accomplishment along a rather restricted line?

GROVER W. MUELLER.

PHI DELTA PI.

Now that Christmas vacation is over, Phi Deltas are very busy studying for exams, and we are all working for grades that we will not be ashamed of.

Everyone of us is looking forward to Founders Day, which will be celebrated on the fourth instead of the second on account of exams, but we are glad that it comes so near the end of the week in which we tax our grey matter so much, for we are sure that we will enjoy the banquet and theater all the more.

Last week the girls at the Dorm en-

tertained, or better—were entertained by two of the Alums, Ruth Hessler and Irma Iselin and their guest, Mrs. Frank Morgan, who we all know from observation in the public schools. Everyone had the symptoms of appendicitis the next day, but it was just the after effects from laughing at Ruth and Irma's interpretations and impersonations of Ann's Peter Rabbit and other stories. It is sincerely hoped that they won't make this their last visit, and that some of the other Alums will visit us, too.

We are very sorry to hear of the unfortunate accident Lola Pfeiffer, one of our charter members, was in. It is the sincere hope of all the Alphas that she will recover very quickly.

GROVER MUELLER SUCCEEDS W. A. STECHER.

Having been acting director of physical education in the public schools of Philadelphia since Mr. W. A. Stecher's resignation became effective in September, Grover W. Mueller was appointed to the place December 12. Mr. Mueller is a graduate of the Normal College, class of 1913 and has his A. M. degree in Education. He had assisted Mr. Stecher for some time.

After his appointment had been submitted to the school board, some opposition developed which went so far as to secure signatures of department teachers against confirmation. The matter was considered for two months by the board until in December by a vote of 11 to 3 its members decided to make the appointment permanent.

Philadelphia may be congratulated upon Mr. Mueller's appointment. He will no doubt continue the department of physical education in the public schools on the high level developed by Mr. Stecher.

PERSONALS.

Vera Ulbricht, '22, is planning a European trip for this summer.

Another boy arrived at the home of Edward Bartels, '16, in Buffalo.

Eugene Heck, '13, and wife, have another baby girl born in November.

The engagement of Leah Braden, '24, at Christmas time has been reported to us.

Gladys McKinney, '21, now Mrs. Robert Maxwell, is making her home in New Orleans.

The marriage of Gretchen Stuart, '24, to Hugo P. Reinsch, took place in Chicago on January 1.

Lillian Neubarth, '19, (Mrs. Geo. T. Manting) is recovering from a long illness which began in May.

Ralph Carter, '25, was married at Thanksgiving time to a young lady also teaching in the Buffalo schools.

The arrival of a baby girl, Janice Lee, was announced January 5, by Mrs. Roland B. Somers (Dorothy Gordon, '21).

Evelyn Williams, '23 (Mrs. Chas. R. Westmoreland), announced the birth of a daughter, Georgia Lee, January 20.

On August 18 Frances Points, '19, was married to Allan F. Church. She continues teaching at Bloom Junior High School in Cincinnati.

Martha Hehrlein, '25, has transferred from Dayton to her home town, St. Louis, where she is teaching at McKinley Intermediate high school.

After teaching one year in Cincinnati and then starting in Flint, Walter Hente, '26, left the profession and has gone back to pharmacy work.

Minna Pritzlaff, '21, and Margaret Peterson (Newark Normal) were hostesses to the Buffalo Alumnae of Delta Psi Kappa on January 30.

Having nearly reached the age of 70, Oscar Spath, for many years teacher in

Chicago societies and high schools, went on the retired list February 1.

During the holiday vacation, nine of the students from Buffalo played a basketball game against the State Teachers College team, winning handsomely 34 to 28.

After studying for several years and hesitating to go into the profession, Esther Wieland, '21, has now accepted a position in the Fenger High School, Chicago.

Leopold F. Zwarg, '13, has completed his second book on apparatus work. The printer is now "doing his stuff" and in the near future you will be able to procure copies.

Eunice Vine, '23, was married November 2 to John E. Organ, in her home city, Alton, Ill., where she intends to continue teaching physical education until the end of this year.

We hear that William Heiland, '24, has joined the ranks of the benedicts, but details are lacking at the time of going to press. Similar rumors have reached us regarding Ivan Overman, '25.

A baby boy called Arch Jost arrived January 26 at the home of Arch and Mildred (Jost) McCartney. Hilda Deibig Sharrock, '19, and the McCartney's live next door to each other in Cincinnati.

Graduates of the Normal College who reported for swimming at the Independent Turnverein at 7 a. m., will remember their instructor, Mr. William Merriam. He is now at the University of Pennsylvania.

Three of the Alumni in Detroit high schools have lately been promoted to heads of departments: Richard Strohmer '15, at Southwestern; Louis Thierry, '15, at Burrough, and Fred Spier, '17, at Strathmore.

A successful demonstration of physical education was given by the pupils of Alberta Shear, '27, on December 16.

The Salem (Ind.) papers devoted much space to the affair and gave Alberta quite a bit of praise.

With the transfer of "Mart" Gable, '26, to the Frankford High School and Leo Zwarg, '13, to the Gratz High School, these two Philadelphia Schools are tied at three each of Normal College graduates on the Physical Education faculty.

The new normal course in Physical Education at the University of Pennsylvania boasts of several Normal College graduates on its faculty, namely: Dr. Armin Stecher, '14; Leopold Zwarg, '13; Joanna Fritz, '19; John Kieffer, '20; Walter Scherbaum, '26.

Those two classmates, "Mart" Gable and "Walt" Scherbaum of '26, are ever on the search for knowledge. They can be found every Saturday afternoon at the leaders' class of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde which is conducted by "Hink" Heinemann, '13.

The Buffalo Evening Times on December 10 published the pictures of the seven basketball coaches of the Buffalo high schools. Six of them are graduates of the Normal College: Braun, '17, Feucht, '18, Whalley, '18, Seelbach, '20, Glunz, '21, and Rosenthal, '21.

Did we tell you that Florence Kennedy, '23, became Mrs. William Burgemeister? We might add that she is now teaching at the Stetson Junior High School in Philadelphia, where she is again coming to the front by the splendid organization and consequent student interest she has developed.

Richard Pertuch, '78, was honored by the Philadelphia Turngemeinde by an elaborate testimonial dinner for his long, faithful and efficient service in the cause of Physical Education. Among the many Normal College graduates present the most noticeable was Joe Hueber, '16, because his Philadelphia friends see him so seldom.

Examinations for positions in Philadelphia Junior High Schools will be held March 17. Last day for meeting the requirements is March 10. If you are interested write for further information to Mr. Grover W. Mueller, Supervisor of Physical Education, Grant School, 17th and Pine streets.

During December, Mrs. C. W. Bressler-Pettis visited the Normal College, she who used to be Laura Louise Mead, '20. After their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Bressler-Pettis traveled west, spending several months in Alaska where they hunted and fished in the wilds of the Yukon; then they went to Hawaii, and are now in Europe going first to southern France and Italy.

Bill Reichelt, '17, and wife (Louise Debus, '16) paused during their motor trip to the western coast last summer to visit Mrs. Hope Solbrig Keller, '16, at Gilroy, California. On their return they tarried at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. (Helen Schmitz, '17) August Pritzlaff, '17, at Culver, Indiana. During this sojourn they met Ralph Marx, '18, and E. Thessin, '16. The Reichelt's have built a beautiful house at historic Valley Forge.

Joanna B. Fritz, '19, won no prizes at this year's cat show for the simple reason that her proteges were too old to display. Joanna promises a new and good cat for next year's exhibition. This avocation of cats does not take all of "Fritzie's" spare time. In addition to public school teaching, she is part of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania normal course of Physical Education. Also, last June she won her bachelors degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

By notifying the College office of a change of address, Lolita Kuehl, '21, incidentally informs us that her name now is Mrs. H. H. Coffee.

THE COLLEGE SONG BOOK.

True to their promise, the Alumni committee in charge of the publication of a Normal College Song Book succeeded in getting the book out before Home-Coming during Thanksgiving week, and "it made a hit" with the Alumni visiting the College at that time.

The contents of the book are of the greatest interest to every graduate of the Normal College; its outward appearance is neat, and the entire book is a credit to the printers, the Otto Zimmerman Co., of Cincinnati.

Many of the old College songs are included, most of them with music when this was not made impossible by copyrights, and there also are Fraternity and Sorority songs, and a few original contributions in verse as well as music by Alumni. The song book committee consisting of Wm. K. Streit, Clara Ledig and Dean Rath, deserve praise for the successful conclusion of their task.

The book has been mailed to all Alumni who had subscribed. The cost has not yet been entirely covered by subscriptions, and all members who have not sent in their dollar for a copy are urged to do so immediately. A splendid example was set by the Buffalo Alumni who purchased fifty copies for their members, although many of them had individually subscribed.

One "Normalite" writes: "I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me one of the College Song Books. I was so happy to see in print the songs we used to sing while I was in College that I sat right down and started to sing them. Mother sang the Loreley and Jahn with me. How wonderful it is to think back to the days of school when we sang those verses. Those we did not sing in school we sang at Camp Brosius. What beautiful days down by the lake!

What wonderful nights at the camp fire! I am sure that every one who ever attended Normal College will enjoy one of these books."

Send your subscription either to Miss Ledig at the Normal College, or to the treasurer, Mr. Curt Toll, 326 North Riley avenue.

GROWTH OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

An article in a Kansas City paper dealing with the growth of the physical education system in the public schools of that city, and with the part played by the director of the department, Dr. Fred Burger, is herewith reprinted because the development of the system as well as the activities of the Doctor are typical for many cities in these United States where graduates of the Normal College have successfully introduced physical education. It is but a repetition of the story that could be told regarding many another city, and many another Alumnus. For years these men had to labor under difficulties to convince school boards, educators, and parents of the beneficial influence of physical education; their tales might prove a lesson to the younger members who are reaping the fruit of the pioneers' work.

Dr. Fred Burger, director of health and physical education in the public schools of Kansas City, has held that position twenty-nine of the forty-one years physical training has been in the curriculum of the Kansas City public schools.

Years ago he used to go about from one school to another, giving each grade a short demonstration drill of calisthenics. Today, although he holds the same official title, his work is different, for the department of health and physical education has undergone great changes.

During the last school year, thirteen gymnasiums have been built. The physical education of Kansas City school children has taken a decidedly different aspect during the last fifteen years.

The work has grown from one gymnasium, one teacher and no hygienists in 1912, to fifty-six gymnasiums, sixty-five teachers and forty-eight hygienists employed this year.

Dr. Burger likes this sort of work, but then, there is a reason. He is a native of Switzerland where great national gymnastic festivals are an important part of the year's activities.

"The last year I was in Switzerland, 5,000 persons were in the gymnastic festival," he said. "Five thousand persons were out there taking their exercises at the same time. It was a great sight. I'll never forget it." Dr. Burger came from Switzerland when he was 19 years old.

Next June he plans to return to his native land—the first time in forty years. There will be another of these national gymnastic festivals, and he is looking forward especially to being there for that.

"There probably will be 50,000 persons there this time," he said. "Groups from all parts of the world came to take part in the festival and compete for the prizes."

Every four years a similar festival is held in Germany. The Swiss festival is held every three years. This time, the two fall in the same year and will be held consecutively. Dr. Burger hopes to attend both of them.

Dr. Burger entered the normal college of the Gymnastic union in Milwaukee, now in Indianapolis, in 1892. After teaching one year in Sheboygan, Wis., he came to Kansas City as an instructor for the Kansas City Social Turnverein, a gymnastic society founded in 1858.

He entered the University Medical College here in 1895 and was graduated in 1898. The following year he was chosen to succeed the late Carl Betz, who introduced physical training in the schools of Kansas City in 1885.

His struggle to develop the physical education department in the public schools here has been an uphill climb. One of the first things he did after his appointment as supervisor of the physical training work was to establish a gymnasium in the attic of the Hyde Park school. This was discontinued in 1906, however, by order of the fire department.

It was not until 1912 that Kansas City's first public school gymnasium was built at the Hyde Park school. Since then the study of hygiene has been introduced into the high school curriculum. Physical examinations have been introduced in all of the schools; after school playground activities have been developed; a public school athletic league sponsoring track and field meets has been organized; open air schools have been established; swimming pools and shower baths have been opened.

Milk feeding which was begun in 1920 and which was permitted among any school children who desired to have milk during school hours became so popular that it had to be limited to kindergarten and primary children and those in the upper grades who were 10 per cent or more underweight.

"Although there has been a steady growth in the health work of the Kansas City schools from 1885 to the present time," Dr. Burger said, "there is much more to be done and constant attention to the details of this work during the coming years will be necessary if the good work accomplished is not to be lost."

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

Because Mr. Burkhardt found it impossible to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal College during Thanksgiving week which is the usual meeting time, the annual gathering was held on December 19. All members were present except Mr. Stecher who has moved to Hawaii; it was his first absence from such a meeting since his appointment to the Board twenty years ago.

President Dr. Pantzer welcomed the new members: Dr. Henry Hartung of Chicago, appointed by the National Executive Committee of the American Turnerbund in place of Mr. A. E. Kinder-vater; resigned; and Mr. Karl H. Heckrich, physical director of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, in place of Mr. Henry Suder, resigned.

The non-resident members, Doctor Hartung, Mr. Heckrich and Mr. Carl H. Burkhardt, met with the Administrative Board consisting of Dean Rath, Doctor Richardson and Doctor Sputh, for two days and then made several recommendations to the Board of Trustees; all of them were approved. Recommendations of interest to the Alumni include: The program for the Summer Session at Camp Brosius and the appointment of Doctor Sputh as director of the session; the appointment of a committee consisting of two members of the Turnerbund Executive Committee, two of the Normal College Board, and two of the Indianapolis Turnverein, for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of securing better quarters for the College; a change of the curriculum so as to make German language and literature an optional subject; the issuing of a Normal College "News Letter" to be mailed to the Turnvereins for publication in their papers.

WILLIAM A. STECHER, PIONEER
AND EDUCATOR.

An Appreciation, by James Edward Rogers.

May I, as director of the National Physical Education Service, give testimonial to the splendid national leadership of William A. Stecher and express appreciation for his contribution to the profession of physical education.

For thirty years Mr. Stecher has been a constructive national leader in obtaining recognition for physical education through his writings and through his splendid Philadelphia program and system.

As managing editor of *Mind and Body*, he has contributed most liberally to the literature of our profession. His articles have been educational and scientific and most helpful to the people in the field. As director of physical education of the schools in Philadelphia, he has pioneered the way toward developing an educational program through physical education. Connected with the American Gymnastic Union and holding other affiliated positions, he has done much to widen and broaden the conception of the field of physical education.

I know of no man in the profession of physical education, who has quietly yet efficiently during the past thirty years, made so distinct a contribution toward putting the profession of physical education on a sound pedagogical, psychological and scientific basis, especially in the administration of a physical education system.

I am sure that the National Physical Education Societies will give due recognition at their annual meeting to the splendid services of this pioneer, teacher and friend.

Such leaders as Mr. Stecher should not

be allowed to retire from the field so quietly and unostentatiously so that we who owe them so much may forget to do them honor, and to give them just recognition.

INTERSCHOOL CONTESTS CON- DEMNNED.

G. H. Marshall, superintendent of schools of Augusta, Kansas, published a questionnaire study of High School Athletics in Kansas in *The School Review* for February, 1927. He remarks: "It is well to note that educators are not alone in their condemnation of some phases of high school athletics. The last legislature of the State of Kansas considered a bill that would have prohibited the giving of State funds to any school engaging in interschool athletic contests." William Allen White, that indomitable journalist and editor of the *Emporia Gazette*, came out with a scathing editorial on present-day athletic sports. He deplores the amount of money, time, and energy spent on football and basketball and then says:

"At least one-half and very likely two-thirds of the attention of every child of school age in this city (Emporia) and county is centered not on education, not on the teachers, not on the text, nor on any serious things that will help these children to understand life. Now, if the students were all getting good, wholesome exercise out of these games, it would help a little. But no—precious little exercise does the average school child get out of school sports. He exercises his lungs. He whacks his poor brains with useless vanities. He works up a feverish interest in the interschool sport which shuts out books and things of the mind.

"Let the boys and girls play all the games they want to in their own schools.

But the interschool contests arouse contentious, combative, partisan instincts so deeply that other instincts and interests take second place. We are now spending millions in America to make a lot of blind, rough-necked, yowling rooters for cheap causes. We should be spending our money to teach our children to know life, to understand human nature, to acquire something of the wisdom of the ages, and to live happier than they otherwise would. But interschool sport is the bane of American education."

State basketball tournaments for girls are not sponsored or allowed by 43 state high school athletic associations, as shown by information recently received by the secretary of the South Dakota High School Athletic Association. District or divisional tournaments are not allowed by 36 of the associations, and only 14 associations, including three that conduct tournaments, allow county or smaller tournaments.

At a recent meeting the state directors of physical education passed the following resolution: "That we go on record as being opposed to national and state inter-scholastic basketball tournaments for girls. We favor inter-class and inter-group competition of a wide variety, and of physical education activities within the schools, supervised and coached by women instructors."

"We are erecting a new physical education building at a cost of \$85,000. The floor is 76 feet between baskets, and 42 feet wide, with a 3½ feet out of bounds all around. Around the floor we have built seats and under them are the dressing rooms. The new building was dedicated January 14. We are also letting a contract for the construction of a quarter-mile track and for resurfacing and grading of our athletic field." Robert W. Colwell, '24, Norwood, Ohio, high school.

PHI EPSILON KAPPA.

Judging from the studious looks and books around the fraternity house, the Brothers of Alpha Chapter seem to have been imbued with new strength after the return from the Christmas recess. Off-hand, one might think the boys especially glamorous in their thirst for knowledge, but on close inspection he would learn that mid-year examinations are the cause of all the sordid expressions of grief. But we know that the high reputation of scholarship which Alpha Chapter has held so well in the past will be maintained by the Brothers in these examinations.

The new semester will bring the selection of pledges; there seems to be a wealth of fine fellows.

In conjunction with the other fraternities of Normal College, a raffle is being held. The proceeds will be used to help in the construction of shower baths at Camp Brosius. It is expected that they will be ready for use during the June camp term.

The once lustrous ties, shirts, etc., have already lost much of their brilliant Christmas hue; solemn reminders that Christmas has passed and for those who will not return next year, the beginning of their final lap at good old Normal.

OMEGA UPSILON.

That mysterious something, spoken of in the previous issue of the Alumni Bulletin, turned out to be a "Topsy and Eva" act. That was Emma's and Vonda's secret.

You should have seen how hard we pulled taffy on November 13. We were quite "all stuck up." Supper and theater followed the fun in Esther's room.

We had a fine time at Homecoming, though we were sorry so few of our

alumnae could be here to enjoy all our special parties.

Our formal Christmas dance was held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on December 17, and we certainly had a grand time. Jane Duddy and "Peg" Lytle, alumnae, added their presence to the merry crowd.

One of our girls didn't seem to think her pin was ornamental enough, so she added a fraternity pin during the holidays. Who says there ain't no Santa Claus? Just ask Emma.

The new year has been a busy one for us. Miss Helen Ernsting was initiated on January 22. Another little cubby grown to be a big bear.

Big Grizzly, our Ford, has had a few bumps and a light case of whooping cough, but now it feels pretty fine and only grunts once in a while.

PENNSYLVANIA CLUB.

This year the Pennsylvania Club has resolved to become more active than it has been in the last few years, and as a first step towards the fulfillment of this resolution we have decided to have meetings the first Monday of every month.

The active members invited the freshmen to be their guests at a theater party which was held just before Homecoming. Then, at our following meeting, they were taken into the club. This gives us a membership totaling fourteen.

To keep up a lively interest in the club, we are planning a few social affairs, such as a swimming party, a dance and several hikes.

The wise bustle and laugh as they walk in the pageant, but fools bustle and are important; and this is probably all the difference between them.