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New Jersey State Teachers College at Newark
Senior Elected “Miss Bondee”

Soft lights, sweet music and a breathless crowd proved fitting background for the coronation exercises last Friday night when Miss Ria Sibilia, ’52, was crowned Newark State’s “Miss Bondee.”

The ceremony was the highlight of the first all-college dance and was held in the royally transformed gym. Significant of the occasion was a huge crown suspended over the middle of the dance floor, amid a sky of crepe paper streamers. Paper crowns adorned the walls and in the far corner was placed the queen’s throne set against a regally decorated backdrop.

At the magic hour, Dr. Wilkins approached the throne and all present formed an aisle through which the three finalists were escorted to the royal threshold. There, after a short fanfare and moment of suspense, Dr. Wilkins declared Ria Sibilia, “Miss Bondee.” Runners-up, Joyce Frederick and Audrey Taylor as members of the royal family were designated princesses.

This ceremony marked the climax of a fortnight of balloting at the main arteries of transport—the voting scale tip first towards Miss Ria Sibilia, ’52, who received over two hundred dollars for the Bond Drive.

Previous to this, nineteen candidates backed by sororities, sections or friends, nominated at the cost of one dollar to vie for the coveted crown. During the two week period, interest in the contest ran high and students closely watched the money raising in the individual voting bottles and saw the voting scale tip first towards one candidate then another. With the announcement of finalists on Thursday and the coronation ceremonies on Friday evening, the final steps in Newark State’s master plan for raising funds to publicize the Bond Issue came to a successful conclusion.

Ria Sibilia—4,395
Joyce Frederick—4,163
Audrey Taylor—3,905

Gifts awarded to the winners included, an evening gown for Miss Bondee courtesy of the Janet Shops, and flower corsages to the three finalists donated by the Bond Issue Committee.

Reflected:

Mrs. Lois French
by Jean Gower, ’52

We are proud to introduce Mrs. Lois Meredith French to you. You think you know her already? Well, read this and be surprised! So often we take our faculty for granted that we do not fully appreciate them as outstanding educators or leaders in their chosen fields.

Mrs. French is an example of a leader in the area of social work child welfare.

She was born in Iowa and raised in Iowa and Minnesota. She received her A.B. degree from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Long before her college days she was keenly interested in social work. Consequently she studied for her major, with education as a minor, also completing undergraduate majors in History and English. Upon receipt of a temporary teaching certificate, Mrs. French taught for one year in the ninth and twelfth grades in a consolidated high school in a rural area. She said that some members of the senior class were older than her and also, “I was scared stiff, but I got through the year somehow.” She was impressed by the unequal ability of her students long before intelligence tests were in general use. She obtained her principal’s permission to divide two sections of freshmen into three groups according to the range of their ability and was gratified to see them “blossom” under this adapted program.

Being an “A” student, a Phi Beta Kappa member, and a young women eager to delve deeper into the social service field, she was awarded a graduate scholarship in the Department of Social Economy at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. A full fellowship the following year enabled her to complete work which entitled her to a two-year certificate in the field of social case work. She did her field work in a family welfare agency, and spent the intervening summers in a girl’s camp and in a school for delinquent girls—as a staff member, she hastens to add!

The following year she applied for and was awarded one of the mental hygiene fellowships offered by the Commonwealth Fund of New York City to graduate students. She entered the New York School of Social Work to specialize as a psychiatric social worker. During this year she combined school with actual clinical work—three days a week—in the Bureau of Children’s Guidance, the summer after graduation she accepted a position as research assistant in the same clinic.

Throughout her career, the social work and education seemed to intermingle. Social work was her “first love” but she entered the educational field to apply it. Her next step getting closer to being a “school norm” was as a visiting teacher (school social worker) in P.S. No. 166, New York City. Her capacity here was to work with children who had emotional problems and to help them in every way possible, and through these children, work out plans with the Child Guidance Clinic to help others. Her work was financed by a private organization as a demonstration program to show what service such a clinic with a full-time worker could render to the schools. Mrs. French worked in this school for four years, very closely allied with Child Guidance Clinic, Juvenile Courts, various Settlements, and child welfare agencies. From these activities and those of other workers in this demonstration program, the general public became much more aware and interested in the individual child and especially the emotionally disturbed children.

Asked whether she spent all her time working and taking courses, Mrs. French said, “No, not entirely. I found time for dances and other social affairs at International House, Columbia University, picnics on

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‘We’ll Never Forget’ to Be Feature in Assembly

Bond Issue Report

The week preceding election day was, no doubt, the most strenuous week of all for Bond Issue participants. On Sunday, November 4, the Asbury Park radio station broadcast a discussion by Dr. Wilkins and Dr. Shea. Incorporated in the fourteen-minute program was a chorus of Newark Staters who sang an original song about the bond issue written by Arlene Goldfarb. Those taking part were Barbara Kettenburg, Robbie Bemby, Frances Novell, William Brandt, Gerald McElroy, Frank Vogt, and August Beiler, with Marie Brown, soloist.

On Monday, November 5, Dr. Wilkins was interviewed by Ed and Pegemn Fitzgerald on their television program at 13:30. Students having a free hour at that time were able to view the program on our TV set.

Later in the afternoon, students distributed Bond Issue brochures at the main arteries of transportation in their communities.

Election Day found our students participating in outdoor civic education classes receiving first hand information on what the polls look like. At the respectful distance of 150 feet, Newark State students distributed flyers. Others provided cars and transported voters to the polls.

“Miss Bondee”

Crowned “Miss Bondee” at our college dance Nov. 2 was Miss Ria Sibilia, a senior, of 475 Clifton Ave., Newark.
A Thanksgiving Thought

In one of the most confused periods of world history, it is particularly appropriate that we the students of our college understand and recognize the need for inspiration and divine guidance.

Thanksgiving Day is distinctively American. It is as old as our country itself. Its observance began with our Pilgrim Fathers gathering in a special service of thanksgiving, not for prosperity enjoyed, but mainly for adversity endured and ended. Gratitude depends not upon what a man lives or how much he has, but upon what he is. It has little to do with a man's outward circumstances.

Thanksgiving has more to do with a man's spiritual attitude than with his physical and material condition. The thankful heart is found as frequently among those who have little as among those who have much.

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On this Thanksgiving Day, let us give thanks to Almighty God for all that has come to us through his bounty and solemnly resolve to continue the task of living fine lives and making the world at large a better place in which to play our part.

Letters To The Editor

November 5, 1961

Dear Editor,

This is just a word to let you know that I am remembering most gratefully my little time with you at the Newark State Teachers College, and that I am still expecting to see the promised copy of your warming friendliness. It would be impossible for me not to hope some day to come again.

Trusting that our paths may surely cross again, I am,

Cordially yours,

Leslie Pinkney Hill

P.S. Please send me the full name of your gracious Dean of Women.
Mr. Austin Singer, and Mr. Harvey Schue will address the General Elementary Men's Guild on November 14 at 8:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. The topic for discussion will be, "Educational Opportunities—Teacher Openings for 1952."

Mr. Singer is the newly appointed superintendent of schools in Essex, as he will be engaged in a building program. His father was formerly director of placement here at Newark State. Mr. Schue is the union leader of the Livingston schools for the past two years. He succeeded Mr. Stover who became Essex County superintendent of schools.

Mr. James E. Williamson found of the guild and Mr. John L. Huysman, president of the guild during the 1950-51 term will also address the men.

Mr. George H. McMeen and his son will show colored slides illustrating their trip to the west coast. The pictures will be shown by a committee consisting of Joseph Pellicano, Art Frielingshuis, Larry Tomassia, Joe Chagnon, and Bob Barnatin.

Frank Barnton, guild president, will be master of ceremonies.

George Anderson, popular school photographer will take pictures of the guild for the Memorabilia and the Reflector.

All undergraduates, alumni, and faculty members are invited to attend.

N.A.M. Address College Forum

On November 13, the College Forum will be addressed by a speaker from the N.A.M. who will speak on the topic "The Role of Labor and Management in the Preparedness Program." Two speakers, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Leonard from the C.I.O. had addressed the club on October 29 on the same topic. Mr. Jacobson described several basic facts not generally known and Mr. Leonard summarized the background of the C.I.O. and the Labor Movement.

Student Council News

by Martha R. Shannon, '55

FLASH! Next semester, you may be faced with an increase in activities fees. Don't be alarmed, it will only be approximately $1.50. This increase was necessitated because of the need for larger appropriations to the Reflector and Memorabilia for improvements on our paper and yearbooks. You will hear more about this later in the term.

Have you heard of the blood drive? If you haven't, you will in the future, as a Red Cross Committee is forming to line up blood donors.

Congratulations to all students for your zealous efforts and wonderful work in connection with the Blood Bond Issue. Reports show that the professional plays at the Mosque, the Junior show, and all other efforts were successful, and as a result, we have exceeded our $2,000 goal!!

The Student Council attendance record is not "up to par," therefore, to make sure that your representative attend the meetings to keep you informed on what happens in your Student Council.

We Won!!

Voters of New Jersey, despite the action taken by certain pressure groups, rallied to the side of the state teachers colleges and passed the referendum for the creation of a $15,000,000 Bond Issue. The bill now gives the State Legislature the right to appropriate about fifteen million dollars out of the existing inheritance taxes for state teachers college buildings, their construction, reconstruction development, extension, improvement, equipment and facilities for educational use.

The passage of this referendum thus brings to a successful conclusion the intensive campaign waged the past months by teachers colleges and organizations throughout the state.

Students and faculty of the participating schools are to be highly commended for the time and effort spent in formulating the issue and supporting plans for publicizing the drive and for the dignified, efficient manner in which it was presented to the public.

In Memoriam

by Eileen Maag, '52

The day dawned just the same as any other day, none a high colored dress to wear for I'd completely forgotten what day it was. When I entered the building I was met with "Happy the Day." The others were dressed in dark colors; a few even had mourning black. They were all through the halls, trying to keep in the shadows.

Promptly at 11 o'clock I gave my speech to Joe. He handed me The Envelope. (If you're wearing a hat at this time, I would appreciate it if you would remove it.) I scurried off to a corner with it. All about me in the crowded corridor, strong men werefasting and women were screaming. I thrust my hand into the envelope and brought out my proofs!

The proofs, much later, we all got together, to share our mutual anguish. Oddly enough I thought all my friends' proofs were very good, but they all thought their proofs were terrible. Several of them became very angry with me when I pointed out the very obvious fact that their proofs were perfect reproductions of their faces. In a very petty way, they tried to complain about the proofs looked like me. Now that's really what I call being small!!

"Freedom Through Education"

The 98th Annual Convention of the New Jersey Educational Association was held at Atlantic City October 19 and 20 at Atlantic City. Group discussions centered around the theme, Freedom Through Education. A complete listing of the program is featured in the October issue of the New Jersey Educational Association's publication. Students from the teachers colleges also attended the convention, participating in the various phases of the program. Of particular help to these students was the exhibit featuring supplies and materials for teaching on display in the Convention Hall.

COLLEGE DAZE

At the years go by. And you and I
Recall pleasant memories we knew:
A kiss, a sigh, and then goodbye,
With feelings of parting so blue;
There'll be another day, when yesteryear,
Will live again—When I can say,
I'm here to stay.
Believing starry college days.

Chorus

With college days we're parting.
Another life we're starting.
You with us, in the sorority and the fraternity,
Had me in a COLLEGE DAZE;
Please tell me,
Who is the tallest remember,
That first day in September,
When life gave another phase;
That of our COLLEGE DAZE.

Ralph P. SOZIO, Class of '46

To Ralph Sozio

Six years ago, Newark State grieved the loss of Cpl. Ralph Sozio, who died a victim of rheumatic fever at Ft. Jay Hospital, Governor's Island on June 18. Famous as the producer and writer of College Daze, Ralph was remembered by all who heard his songs echoed through the halls.

The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Sozio, Ralph was born in Newark and attended Barringer High and Admiral Farragut Academy before coming to Newark State. Our college was not strange to him, however, for his mother and father, both Newark State graduates who met here, had enrolled him years before in the laboratory kindergarten.

Ralph was a sophomore at the college when he was called to the army in May, 1943. Before he and his buddies left they staged the phenomenal College Daze which consisted of a series of skits which characterized college life. You are sure to enjoy their work. A Slide Rule was dedicated to Dr. Downs, head of the mathematics department at that time. Mr. Zweidinger was immortalized in Fightin' Gear while Mr. D'Angelo's early morning gym classes prompted the Exercise Song. The hit tune, College Daze has been sung by all classes from that day to this and the tune is particularly a favorite of the senior classes.

Ralph Sozio

While in the army, Ralph served at Chanute Field, Illinois and at Laredo Army Field. He contracted rheumatic fever in September, 1944 and while at Ft. Jay Hospital wrote Flying Gunners on Parade, which has since been officially adopted by the Air Force for the aviation gunners' theme.

Before his illness, he and the cast of College Daze re-produced the show for the Army at Atlantic City and at several other military commands.

Ralph also wrote two popular songs, That Evening in the Rain and My Heart's Working Overtime.

To the end, our "Gershwin" clung to his dream of staging a peace-time reunion of College Daze. Although this cherished hope will never be realized, Ralph Sozio will always hold his place in our college traditions. State students will continue to cherish his songs.

In Memoriam to Ralph Sozio

The passing of Ralph Sozio, who died as the result of rheumatic fever, left a void in the hearts of thousands who had known him. A student of Newark State College, Ralph Sozio was well known as the producer of the popular College Daze. His loss was a great one to the college community, and his memory will always be cherished.

In honor of Ralph Sozio, this page is dedicated to all who knew him and to those who will remember his contribution to the college community.
Sports in the News

by Nick Sivollela, '54

A spectator at the first practice game could find much room for improvement for Newark as they played their first scrimmage at our court. But no one felt more that way than the team itself. They were poor on both defensive play and ball-handling and knew it.

The team, though, deserves a pat on the back for its percentage of hits on shots taken. During the first half, 30 shots were taken with 8 baskets scored. (This is about par with average college teams which sink about 29 percent of their shots.) During the second half the fellows started to roll and made 25 hits for 46 taken for a cool 543 average.

The one fellow that helped keep the team shooting average up was Wade Likens who sunk 17 shots out of 28. How the win-loss column shapes up this year will depend much on whether Likens is on or off. We can't help but feel that Wade can make a difference of a poor or good season not because of the scrimmage game alone, but because of his consistency as a good, all-around player last year.

Should or shouldn't the basketball team wear black stockings which will be worn just below the knees? This question has brought much concern to the student body. Some students, while describing how they think the team will appear, used such phrases as, "real cute," "fairy good looking," etc. One person felt that she would be embarrassed when opposing teams got a gander at the get-up.

The majority of the team voted for the stocking and it seems as though they'll be wearing it come opening day. We feel that the fellows made a good choice. The function of the stockings is to protect the legs from floor burns and help give a player a better target when passing. The looks? The same stocking is used by several professional clubs whose players by no means look like "fruits." Ronald Barnard, transfer from Glassboro, no doubt will be giving the team added strength under the backboards. He'll probably get his share of varsity action. . . . It's rumored that Ray Arciszewski has been approached with a bribe to throw away the opening game. . . . Al Cohn has taken over the job of coaching the J.V. team while coach Jannaroni works with the varsity. This idea will help set a good foundation for future varsity squads. . . . For our money, we think that Bob Travis's "fairy good looking," etc. One person felt that she would be embarrassed when opposing teams got a gander at the get-up.

The bowling club is planning a program of mixed intramural bowling contests. The games are to be played at the Bowl-Arena, right across the street from the college. Fans are asked to watch the bulletin board for further information.

Women In Sports

by Ronnie Waldorf, '54

Commempering the activities of the 1951 girls' basketball club, the members of the club met on Wednesday, October 17, to select teams and captains for the season.

Selected as captains of the teams were Margie Herbergen, Long Shots; Barbara Kollarik, Pixies; Eileen De Coursey, Shooting Fools; and Ronnie Waldorf, Thunderbolts.

On Thursday, October 18, the teams met in the gym and became acquainted with the officers of the club and the club coach, Bunny Schneider.

Bunny, in a brief address to the girls, expressed the aims of the club as being to learn the game of basketball, to have a good time, and to meet and play girls from other colleges.

Games Played

Heading this year's intramural girls' basketball season, the Thunderbolts were defeated by the Long Shouts, 26-14.

Rita Hecker of the Long Shouts, was too much for the Thunderbolts as she scored 15 points in one half. The second game between the Pixies and the Shooting Fools was won by the Shooting Fools 25-17. Mittie Schneider ran the Pixies ragged as she totaled 15 points for her team.

We hope that the following games will be as exciting and as much fun as the ones already played.

Socialites

Doree Denburg, Senior 6, was engaged to Mr. Daniel Shapiro on October 13. Doree is a member of Omega Phi Sorority and Nu Lambda Kappa.

Pearl Stein, Junior 6, was engaged to Mr. Paul Fertell, a graduate of Rutgers, on October 10. Pearl is a member of Omega Phi Sorority.