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Tudor Room Is Being Changed

The Tudor Room has undergone several changes. Through painting and redecoration of the room have given it a more pleasant appearance. Miss Snyder, an interior decorator who is a member of the faculty, was responsible for selecting the color scheme and the materials used. Miss Snyder will direct the work, and floor lamps will be added. A constant supply of logs will be kept for the fireplace.

Before the painters and decorators arrived, the counseling groups were very cooperative in the new Tudor Room activities. The following groups participated in various ways:

During the week of January 2, Miss Rogers' counsellors held a senior tea. Mrs. Riggs' group played host to the entering mid-termers after a day of examinations. Mr. Hatch's counsellors entertained the group for the week of January 18. They presented a very successful musical. During their allotted week, the men of the college entertained both students and faculty with various activities.

The counseling groups of both Miss Bowman and Miss Baldwin had to relinquish their opportunity to be hosts for their respective weeks because of the redecorating. Plans have been made for their participation with other groups.

All activities in the Tudor Room have been successful, and those planned for the near future promise to maintain the same standard.

Lincoln's Day Observation

On February 8, the college commemorated Lincoln's Birthday with an assembly program. The program was preceded by the elegy, "Lyrical Preface," from Dowker's New Work Symphony. This was followed by the performance of "The Lord's Prayer," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "S sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child." Beatrice Nicholas, Margaret Geiger, and Sally Doens comprised a trio which sang "Dear Land of Home." The chorus and the audience sang "Lift Every Voice." Margaret Geiger is co-chairman of this commemorative assembly by singing "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." During the speech, the main feature of the program followed.

He opened his address with Lincoln as a citizen, as quoted from the Psalm of Life by Longfellow: 

"Lives of great men all remind us
That we may be heroes even in parlor rooms."

And, departing, leave behind as Foot prints on the sands of time.

Lincoln, as Mr. Dougall stated, is "one of the outstanding figures in the ranks of self-made men." He went on to inform his audience that over 1,200 books have been published on Lincoln. First-hand description of Lincoln's speech as Henry Ward Beecher, Walt Whitman and Robert G. Ingersoll are a few examples of the vast amount of accumulated literature on this great war president. Five of these books that have been written are "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "The Power and the Value of Knowledge," "The Democracy of Spirit," "His Life and his People," and "His God." The assembly closed with everyone singing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

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Paper at War

"Wastepaper, once a nuisance to all, is now being used to make two hundred cartons for blood plasma. One hundred pounds of wastepaper is equivalent to a stack of newspapers about as high as a broom handle.

There is no complaint against the college itself, for the wastepaper salvage was voluntary. All the students and faculty are in full swing, and the Reflector staff is in full swing, and the Reflector staff is making the best of the situation.

The Freshman Welcoming Committee is in full swing, and the whole student body is all for your welfare.

February 9, 1945
Freddie Freshie

‘Lo, this is Freddie Freshie again. A very disappointed Freddie Freshie, and I’ll tell you why.

Dear Freddie Freshie:

You’ve asked for an answer to your question: ‘Are sororities beneficial?’

The answer is ‘yes.’

Sign your name.

With deep concern,

Freddie Freshie.

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Inquiring Reporter

EDITOR’S NOTE: The original question was: ‘Axe School-Sponsored Sororities Beneficial?’. Because the question, as it read, was misinterpreted by all but a few, it has been changed to: ‘Are Sororities Beneficial?’ Your reporter has difficulty in obtaining answers from both the sorority and non-sorority members.

DR. SHEA, SORORITY ADVISER

Faculty

They have both their advantages and disadvantages.

For the girls who are in them there is an intimacy and relationship which is good especially in a commuting school. For the girls who are not bid in there is always a certain amount of heartbreak.

MARJOBY NORTON, SORORITY

Junior

Our school is small to sponsor sororities. In a school of a larger size, sororities are beneficial in helping you meet more people and to form a friendly spirit shown here makes the system almost unnecessary. I do think, though, that an inter-sorority council would be helpful.

MINNIE ARLOTTA, NON-SORORITY

Sophomore

Yes, they are of definite value to the girls, because they develop qualities of leadership and members have a chance to get to know their sisters better.

MARGARET JOHNSON, SORORITY

Senior

Yes, I have gotten to know-underclasswomen through sorority that I otherwise wouldn’t have met.

ANONYMOUS

Anonymous

We’re potential school teachers and we should practice democracy because we have to teach it.

MARGARET BROWN, SORORITY

Faculty

There are many advantages as well as disadvantages. The advantages are the close social contacts, experience in social affairs, and lasting friendships. The disadvantages are the tendency to divide the school up into cliques and the encouragement of snobbery. Sororities cause heartaches to those who do not receive bids. I do not like any kind of influence that tends to divide students into groups.

KAY COLE, SORORITY

Sophomore

Yes, because they provide more social life in the school and the sororities keep the girls together after school hours.

ANONYMOUS

Anonymous

I’ve been here for almost four years and I’ve seen sororities operate. Their influences are destructive. They plan on Student Council election after another by forming sorority blocs. The non-sorority girls do not stand a chance for Student Council presidency.

RUTH FROME, NON-SORORITY

Freshman

They tend to form close friendships but there shouldn’t be sororities that are made up of certain creeds. This creates an unfriendly atmosphere.

ANONYMOUS

Anonymous

If it were any other question but that one I’d answer it.

JEAN CAMPO, SORORITY

Freshman

Sororities are all right, but they are too partial and the members don’t really know the girls well enough when they give bids out.

MARGARET BROWN, SORORITY

Faculty

Sororities do something for your college life even though they are discriminatory.

IRMA SCHENZIEIT, NON-SORORITY

Sophomore

They are not necessarily beneficial. Clubs are sufficient.

MARGARET BROWN, SORORITY

Senior

They’re fine for the people who are interested. I think that it’s too bad when a bid becomes a matter of life and death, though. Hurt feelings are always a hard thing to mend.

ANONYMOUS

Anonymous

Yes, but I think they don’t mean much to the members, or at least that’s the impression that I’ve gotten.

DOLLY FLINTON, NON-SORORITY

Freshman

Sororities are good for the members. They have the chance to make lasting friendships.
Sorority News

On January 21, 1945, Estelle Bregman, Margarette Becker, Sheryl Friedman, Sylvia Gass, Marilyn Harrison, Ruth Kasper, Evelyn Lasner, Jeanne Lefevre, Sylvia Schonbrunn, Francis Schwartz, and Valerie Schneider pledged themselves to become members of the Pi Sigma Sorority. The meeting was held in the home of Helen Block in Hillside, N. J. Future plans for the group include many interesting activities.

Nu Sigma Tau Sorority held its annual Alumni party on Thursday, February 8, in the cafeteria. Both old and new members attended this festive occasion. Plans are under way for a theatre party.

Jane Youngman, president of Nu Theta Chi, entertained the girls at her home on December 29. It was their annual Christmas party and presents were exchanged among the group.

The sorority held its annual banquet on January 9 at the Village Tavern. Mary Barnett, Dean of Nursing Education at St. Elizabeth's, was the main speaker. Miss Barnett spoke on mental hygiene and personal grooming. Plans were made for a theatre party to be held in March.

One of the features of the banquet was the presentation of the bursar's award to a member of the Pi Sigma group. The award was given to Miss A. Schuster for her outstanding contribution to the club.

A special program has been arranged whereby five or ten minutes of each meeting will be used to give a short talk and demonstration.

Psychology Club

In accord with its policy of investigating and reporting on the various personality types, the Psychology Club has been busy performing this function. The club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the psychology laboratory. The program will consist of a brief talk on the subject of the day, followed by a discussion among the members. The club hopes to have several interesting speakers come to speak at its meetings.

Glee Club

The members of the Glee Club are spending many hours practicing the songs they will sing at the Pan-American Festival. Many of these performances are being held at the Jersey City State Teachers College some time in the spring. The club hopes to have its annual concert in the spring, and is planning to have it on the campus.

Dance Study Club

At present, the girls in the Dance Study Club are working on pantomime dances and the analysis of the modern novel. The club plans to present a pantomime dance at the Pan-American Festival.

Marionette Guild

At the end of March, the Marionette Guild will present a show in the assembly. They are now busily working on the dolls, dials, and scenery which will be used in the program.

Norms, in cooperation with the Library Council and the Treasure Chest, Drive have been formed. A radio play entitled "The Burning of the Books" will be performed during one of the college assemblies.

Nu Lambda Kappa

The writing of the history of Newark State Teachers College is now being completed by Nu Lambda Kappa. Upon its completion it will be placed on display in the library.

Sports in Review

The freshmen are slowly being changed from civilians to students. It is all accomplished by a process called marching! "Forward — March! Left; right; left, right. To the rear — march!"

After this comes a tortuous fifteen minutes labeled stretching-bending exercises. "1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4." Don't worry, freshmen, it's all in fun. Just think, next year you get the sophomore course.

The sophomores are lucky! They've danced through five months of gym classes — that is, when they weren't giving lectures on the dances they were learning. They studied the background of each country, then learned its dances.

Shuffleboard has been set up in the gym. The floor has been re-marked. You're welcome to shuffleboard anytime if the gym is free. If we have enough participants, tournaments will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Everyone who is interested in the NSTC Bowling tournament has signed the notice, so the tournament will begin immediately. The "Boys" will have their own private tournament.

Dancing in the gym on Tuesday and Friday has become a feature of NSTC. The Athletic Association hopes to buy new records. If you have any suggestions or preferences for records, submit your idea to the Athletic Association member in charge.

The former boys' locker room is now a popular spot. Tables are always crowded. Ping-pong balls are on sale in the Bookstore.

Plans are being made for an intramural archery match sometime in April. Winners need plenty of practice, so the girls in the gym several times a week readying their bows for a good cast. These practice sessions result in fine marksmanship with arrows flying thick and accurately.

The new members are getting to be quite expert, and rumors have it that they'll make them re-mark the floor again! The girls are lucky to have been competition for older members. The final results will name the holder of the much-prized Intramural Medal.

Extension

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