Ruth DeForrest Will Enter 1952 Olympics
by Joan Gower, '52

Newark State has a potential 1952 Olympic champion in the person of pretty and vivacious Ruth DeForrest, a K.P. senior. It all started with Ruth at the tender age of fourteen when she first stepped into a canoe during a camping trip of a young people's group. She had always loved sports, especially those connected with water.

Several years later on a Delaware River canoe trip, under the sponsorship of the American Canoe Association, Woody met a number of real canoeing enthusiasts, some of whom had been on the Olympic team. Her increasing interest led her to Washington, D.C. during the summer of 1949 to watch the canoe races, and also in getting some paddling herself. She won her first race with another fellow as a teammate here. She also won a race at Harrisburg in the ladies' single races.

The following summer she worked in a camp in New York which was located near American Canoe Association Camp. Here she spent most of her free time practicing paddling a kayak. The Vice-Chairman of the canoe mods at the canoe camp invited Woody and invited her to enter training for the Olympic Kayak races. This really started her!

Woody's eyes light up a lot, but you should see them when she talks about her own kayaks! This is definitely not the Eskimo type of kayak. It is a regular racing boat, made in Sweden and weights twenty-six pounds. It is made of plywood and airplane linen, a smooth stream-lined canoe. It is not closed on the top completely, but open enough to allow for the body and want to move freely. The form of a blade artist (that is the form in paddling) counts for as much or more than the power stroke because it is through good form that speed and timing are developed. Woody says that a kayak can turn very easily and she took a great many dunkings before mastering her skill in balancing and perfecting her form and stroke.

Last summer she worked at a swimming pool in Washington so she could practice racing training at the Washington Canoe Club. She took time out one week in August to enter the National Canoe Races being held on the Charles River in Boston. She entered the men's four-man boat (four men in a boat) and her team placed second. Woody had a large paper carried the account with her picture "only woman contestant among 75 canoeists." What a break, Woody!

It must have been hard work to go back to the job again in Washington after THAT week end, but she did. She continued training and paddling at every possible opportunity. By the end of summer, she entered the Ladies Kayak Race and won over the keenest competition she had ever faced so far.

Her plans are to aim toward the tryouts of the Olympics to be held in June, 1952 in New York State. If she is successful in reaching the required (time to match the time of the best canoeists in Europe) and all else goes well, then she will go to Helsinki, Finland in July for the actual Olympics. She will be there four weeks, three for training and preparation, one for the actual competitions.

Christmas Program Will Be Presented

The traditional Christmas program to be held tomorrow at 11:00 will feature a prologue, singing of traditional carols, and a fluteophone chorus. Allison Harris '54 has prepared a prologue on the universal meaning of Christmas.

Joseph Rufalo, flutist will play Bach's Sonata in B Minor and will be accompanied by Miss Nina Liss on the piano.

The Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, and Junior K.P.'s will sing traditional carols and Christmas songs. The audience will participate in some selections; after which the famed fluteophonists will

Refreshments will be served after the program in the cafeteria and gym and will close the Christmas celebration of the college.

I. A. Plans

In a recent chat with Harry Kreis, president of the I.A. Guild, it was learned that the plans which had been formed are now actively engaged in making this an eventful year for the I.A. men.

Here are a few illustrations of the activities now going on in the I.A. bullpen. The film team, under the leadership of Joe Courtney, got a big hit the first time at bat by showing a feature entitled, "Skilled Hands," a film pertaining to the I.A. program in the Chicago schools. For its second try at the plate, it will present a show entitled "The Industrial Arts Fair." This will demonstrate the exhibition sponsored by the Ford Company in his 10th of its scores and industrial building in Chicago.

Another hard hitting team is the field trip committee, whose manager, Thomas Kroener has run into difficulty in selecting a trip satisfactory to all the members. He's still in there pitching however, and hopes that his team will emerge a winner.

Over on the other field we have the star team of the I.A. Guild, the photography production committee, with Coach Harry Kreis getting his men organized for the big game in March at the Industrial Arts Association's Convention, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

The other two teams warming the bench at the present time are the speaker and social committees, but the managers, Schaffer and George Olsen are keeping their men keyed up and ready to go into action when the opportune moments arrive.

College Accepts Invitation To U.N. Conference

Newark State has accepted an invitation to send a delegation to the Model United Nations General Assembly to be held at Barnard College next April. Dr. Wilkins has appointed Frank Marmo, '52 as the student delegate or with Mr. John Hutchinson, chairman of the Social Science Department. Dr. David Scanlon will serve as the faculty adviser for our delegation to the U.N. This group will select six students to represent our college.

Fifty to sixty colleges are expected to be represented by a three-day conference. Each collegiate delegation will represent a different member nation.

In addition to the delegations which will be composed of representatives from colleges in the Middle Atlantic region, is sponsored by the Collegiate United Nations of the United Nations. Students from Barnard College, a branch of Columbia University, will act as the United Nations Secretary.

The conference will be conducted according to General Assembly rules of procedure. The representatives of United Nations committees will discuss and vote upon specific resolutions concerning various international political and security problems, economic affairs, and the work of the U.N. specialized agencies. These resolutions will then be presented to a plenary session of the General Assembly for final consideration.

Seniors to Take N.T.Examination

The class of 1952 will return to college Feb. 16 to take the National Teacher Examinations which will be given in the college auditorium. These examinations are required by our college for the pupil, it will measure the professional competency of the candidate. A few school systems in New Jersey require an applicant to submit such an examination.

Senior students warming the bench are the speaker and social committees, but the managers, Schaffer and George Olsen are keeping their men keyed up and ready to go into action when the opportune moments arrive.

Tall, dark and distinctly British looking, Dr. Coelyn Murray addressed the group, regarding the educational, vocational and recreational facilities available at the Kimberley School.

The Kimberley School, he stated, is a residential school open to boys ages six to nineteen years who have orthopedic, cardiac or related handicaps. At the school they are trained academically through the high school level and vocationally, commencing with secondary school. Upon completion of school work, they are awarded a senior certificate but are not afforded placement service, as it might encourage too much reliance upon the state. However, arrangements are made for those unable to secure a position independently.

Explaining the entrance requirements Dr. Murray said that a child is acceptable only if progress is possible and dismissal follows the fulfillment of all possibilities. Children are admitted to the school for a minimum period of two years and as long as necessary up to the maximum age of nineteen. Upon entrance to Kimberley each child is subjected to a five point plan of re habilitation: maximum use of the hands to permit mechanical abilities, as near normal speech as possible, self-help, ambulation, and finally the appearance of being normal.

Subsidized by the government, the Kimberley School, states Dr. Murray, is only one of the many special schools established by the Union of South Africa for the betterment of its people.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Students Shun Teaching Career; Disadvantages Biggest Reason

There is a dire need for teachers. During the past four or five years since the need became evident, various education groups, both national and state, have raised their voices in a cry for more teachers.

The cry has not been heard; or, if heard, it has been unanswered. In many communities, teaching conditions have been raised along with salaries. In spite of improvements, students are not interested in teaching as a career.

Estimates from the United States Office of Education show that the deficit will grow by 75,000 a year. Within ten years, 750,000 qualified teachers will be needed, but they will not be available.

Revealing Survey

Why are students avoiding teaching as a career? A scientific survey, conducted by the School of Education of Indiana University, gives us the answer.

Under the supervision of Professors Robert W. Richey and William H. Fox, 4,000 high school pupils in 74 rural and urban schools were questioned to find out what they thought of teaching.

Results of this survey are worth noting. Regarding vocational guidance, a half of the students reported little or no help from their teachers. One out of 10 students reported that teachers had helped them in selecting an occupation. Parents exert the influence in this matter.

Chief Drawbacks

The chief disadvantages of teaching were: low salaries, lengthy periods of preparation, little or no chance for advancement, too much responsibility, dull and monotonous aspects of work, and restrictions upon personal life. Boys saw far less advantages than girls.

Forty-four per cent of the boys and thirty-eight per cent of the girls thought that teaching lessened the chances of marriage.

Both sexes felt, in general, that the community has no right to tell the teachers how to conduct themselves when not teaching. They approved of dating, dancing, playing cards (for fun) smoking, teaching while married, living outside the community in which they are teaching, and working at another job when school is not in session.

Girls choose to teach because they like to work with young people. Boys make their decision because of an interest in a particular subject.

Other major factors for wanting to teach were a desire to be of service to children, leadership opportunities, permanent employment, encouragement from others, and good working conditions.

A majority of those planning to teach have their sights set for the secondary level. The shortage, however, exists at the primary level.

Elementary School Shortage

One obvious conclusion drawn from this report is that the public schools have not been effective in interesting students in teaching as a profession. Students say they receive little vocational guidance from their teachers. In this field, the parents influence their children. To help alleviate the shortage, guidance is recommended for both the parents and the students.

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Christmas-Tide Message

by Arthur Freilinghaus '54

A still and frosty starlit night were shepherds with their flocks. And unto them an angel came with message to unlock. An angel of the Lord came down to shepherds in the field, and saith to them, "I bring a sign of what this night shall yield."

"For unto you, in Bethlehem, a saviour has been born. The son of Man, the prince of Peace—a rose amidst the thorn. Come o'er the fields to Bethlehem e'er following you star, ye shall find the Saviour in a crib not many miles afar."

"The holy child ye shall but find all w rap in swaddling clothes Asleep on his bed of hay in silent rest repose;
The mother Mary there shall kneel and Joseph shall stand near, And worshippers shall crowd the lofty angel and kings appear."

"The heavenly host shall round him dwell and crowd the manger air, And all who see the Saviour-child shall lift their head in prayer, And shall bless of Christmas ring to break the silent spell, And they shall peal while cherubs sing and shall hear their knell."

"O joyous time of Christmas-tide the birthday of our Christ, May lord and vassal join in praise and serve Him dueful rite. May men of good will stand as one and lift a prayer for peace, And pray to Heaven that this be done that wars forever cease."

Letter From the Editor

Frank Marmo

December 12, 1951

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this space to sincerely thank all of the staff members, the editorial board, Mr. Downes, our adviser, the contributors, and all of the students and faculty members of Newark State for the really grand support they have given me during this semester. Thanks very much, and I hope to resume my duties next semester.

Until then, I'm sure Pat Burke will do a fine job as editor-in-chief. Very sincerely,

Letter to the Editor

Frank Marmo

December 12, 1951

Dear Editor,

Just a word to let you know how much I appreciate having the Reflector. I read with keen interest every word and it helps me to keep in touch with my friends and the activities at Newark State. Illness has prevented me from getting back for a visit with all of you. However, I have hopes of making it soon. I shall look forward to future issues of your interesting publication.

With thanks and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Frances M. Mitchell

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Assembly Program Dates

January 10—John Roy Carlson, author and lecturer
January 17—Class of 1964 Show
January 31—Convocation; Gray Lady Awards to be made
February 7—Choir of St. David B. Macmillan—Illustrated Lecture
February 14—Class of 1955 Show
February 29—Norms Theater Guild Play (To Be Announced)

Christmas, 1951

Christmas brings to our minds a gay picture of Santa Claus, evergreens, holly, and streams of heavily-burdened shoppers. It is a gay and joyous time, a season that men look forward to and plan for. At times, however, it seems as though we have become so concerned with the externals of this season that we have lost its true significance.

Have we forgotten there is a Christ in Christmas, a Christ who symbolized peace on earth to men of good will? Have we forgotten, "It is better to give than to receive?"

These two central thoughts of this season seem to have been overlooked by our concern over the commercial aspects of Christmas. How many of us actually think beyond the greeting card hastily sent or the beautifully wrapped gift, quickly selected and given? We spend hours decorating a tree after spending almost two days searching for that right tree. Housewives spend hours baking and preparing special meals. Is this all there is to Christmas?

No, Christmas is much more than all this. Christmas means giving wholly of yourself. It is a reminder of sacrifice, humility, and love. The message of Christmas given by the angels to the shepherds indicate clearly that Christmas is also a period of hope.

Christmas should be a time of renewing faith in mankind and of reminding ourselves of the message, "peace on earth to men of good will." Only when this message is exercised in men's daily lives will we be able to restore a world in which men can live as brothers.

From Us to You . . . .

The Reflector staff would like to join in wishing each and everyone of you a very happy holiday season and extending to you its best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

Amidst the general gaiety of the season, the Reflector almost hesitates to interject this discordant note. But, for your information, college classes will be resumed on Monday, January 7.

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I.A. Social Event Will Take Place January 26
by Tun Saporito, '54

Crave steak? Then sign up now! Harry Kreis invites all members of the I.A. Guild to be present at the social event of the year. Place: Snuffy's Steak House, Scotch Plains, N. J.; date: January 26; time: 8:30 p.m. The bid is $4.50 per couple. Stags are most welcome.

Besides the I.A. Guild Chorus, Burt Davis and Tony Palmisano will make you merry. Raymond Barnach will contribute to the jovial atmosphere with his accordion. For those who like to trip the light fantastic, there will be dancing!

The evening is well planned so fellows, hop on the band wagon that leads to Snuffy's. Dinner is at eight-thirty sharp.

A special meeting of the I.A. Guild was held on Dec. 12 at which Mr. Frank Mulligan skillfully demonstrated the techniques of plastic carving. Guests of the guild that night were school teachers from the Elizabeth school system.

**Latest flashes on committee reports:** Plans for junior I.A.'s trip to the Ford Motor Company plant... Peter Tobis, '53 is arranging a demonstration in graphic arts... To broaden the knowledge of all I.A. students, plans are being formulated to utilize free time and lunch periods for showing industrial arts films.

Watch this column for the dates of these events!

Bowling Echoes

The mixed intramural league of the bowling league is in full swing with all the teams showing great improvement. The week of November 26 showed improvement in both scores and turnout. High games for the day went to Ed Dembowicz, 160; Joe Mayron, 197; Bob Shaffer, 162; George Johnston, 141; and Harry Kreis, 156. High for the girls were Beatrice Kitzmier, 129; Joan Kuidahl, 110; Archy Gold, 110; and Sandy Feldman, 100.

Merry Christmas

And A
Happy New Year

Ruth Kane

Brother & Sister

Nu Sigma Tau Sorority held its annual banquet in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Suburban, East Orange, on Tuesday, November 13th. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner and fun that followed. Among members, Nikky Galenti, Marie Forgione, Marie Garruto and Amy Tolliton attended the affair.

The sorority gave a surprise shower for Soror Marge Morairty on December 11, in the Tudor Room.

A Christmas party will be held during the Christmas vacation at Audrey Taylor's house.

Delta Sigma Pi Sorority's party held on Friday, November 30, proved very successful.

The Christmas spirit prevailed at the December 4, meeting of the Sigma Kappa Phi Sorority. The sorors each made a sock doll which will be donated to the orphans home as Christmas gifts for the little tots.

A Christmas party will be held during the holiday vacation at Cathy Speaker's home.

Ruth Kane

"More bounce to the oomph" is a necessary characteristic of all successful teachers, and no where is this spirit better personified than in the English Department's Miss Ruth Kane. As a newcomer to the New Jersey State University, Miss Kane hailed from little Falls where she was a member of the faculty of Passaic Valley Regional High School serving as director of dramatics for seven years and as head of the English Department for four years. Previous to this, Miss Kane, a majestic in social and English major, received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from New Jersey State Teachers College at Trenton. After winning her B.S., Miss Kane entered the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at New Jersey University where she received her Master's degree in English.

A second Master's degree is nearing completion as a result of her studies in supervision and Administration at Montclair State Teachers College.

She has also studied in the School of Education, New Jersey University, at Rutgers University and at the New Jersey State School of Library Science at Trenton.

In her leisure hours Miss Kane particularly enjoys the theater. Her biggest undertaking in the last category was a nine-week trans-continental tour sponsored by Montclair State Teachers. As to her interest in the theater, at New Jersey State Miss Kane will assist Mrs. Barrows in dramatics and will serve as faculty adviser to the college's Little Theater Group.

Merry Christmas

And A
Happy New Year

Ruth Kane

Domenica Rizzo '52

Way down on a farm in Pisataway Township lives a perpetually curly haired miss who currently holds the key to the Reflector's financial resources, Domenica Rizzo, '52.

Minnie, a graduate of New Brunswick High School, is enrolled in the curriculum for teachers for the hard of hearing and was recently selected as the Newark State student to practice teach at the New Jersey School for the Deaf, Trenton.

In addition to her position as business manager of the paper, Minnie is also on the Reflector's editorial board, a member of the Modern Dance Study Club, and was a participant in the senior show. Professionally, she is a member of the New Jersey Speech Association.

A sports enthusiast, Minnie particularly enjoys bowling, volleyball, and swimming at the college and looks forward to bicycling and hiking during her leisure hours at home. She also shows enthusiasm for cats, dogs, and children. On the more serious side she prefers music and poetry for "reading, pleasure and meditation.

Minnie's aim for her senior year is to make it the best and fullest in every way and today she seems well on the road to fulfilling that ambition.

The Inquiring Reporter

by Joan Meyer '52

Question: If you could meet any person in world whom would it be?

Cecelia Nicholas '52: Stalin. I'd like to know what makes him tick.

Helen Thompson '52: The man I'm going to marry.

Myrna Mueller '53: Mario Lanza. The reason is obvious.

Marilyn Andies '53: Albert Schweitzer. He has a very mature philosophy. He believes in helping people attain their aims.

Marilyn Mandel '53: Jerry Lewis.

Domenica Rizzo
Founding of School

This conversation is one of many that betray a changed attitude toward the mentally retarded. On a recent visit to the North Jersey Training School, the sophomores discovered how a high-grade mentally deficient girl in our own state becomes a useful, functioning member of society.

Twenty-five years ago, there were only three state institutions for the feebledminded in New Jersey, two for boys at Woodbine and New and the Vineland State School for girls. Besides these two, the Vineland Training School at Vineland, under private management, also accepted state cases. These were training schools but also served as custodial centers in that they accepted the lower grades of intelligence.

A fourth such center was being planned for North Jersey when officials became more aware of an ever increasing problem. For many years only the lower grades of intelligence were placed under state care since the high-grade moron group appeared and acted normally enough to encourage her parents to keep her at home. Since these girls are “twentieth times the problem of the highgrade boy,” officials created the North Jersey Training School at Totowa. “So far as we know,” stated Mr. Alfred Meese, superintendent of the school, “this is the first state institution built in the building operation, specializing in the training of the higher type girl.”

Training Given

The school plant consists of an administration building, a service building, laundry, sewing factory, school, gym, nursery and cottages. While at the school the girls receive vocational instruction in two or more fields. These girls are carefully trained as cafeteria workers, seamstresses, beauticians, laundresses, and handicraft workers. The school is very proud of its record of the successful education of their girls and this success is attested by their waiting list of positions to be filled.

Although vocational training is stressed, academic education is also included. The girl receives this work in proportion to her ability. The highest group taught there, academically speaking, would equal the fourth grade.

Recreation Given

All is not work at Totowa, though. The girls receive a liberal amount of recreation. The gym supplies an outlet for their energies and the wide campus gives them plenty of space for outdoor games. Movies are shown every Saturday evening and nowhere is there a more appreciative audience. Those of you who have sat through a child's matinee of a Western movie will have some idea of what we mean.

Current song hits also meet with their approval. As they walk to and from the buildings, for example, a passerby will be treated to an impromptu rendition of “Mexican Hat Dance.”

Turning to the more serious side of life, religion plays a very important part in the lives of these people. They view God with the same awe and reverence as a child views his parents. Home visits during holidays and other periods throughout the year enable them to keep in contact with both home and the community.

There is no designated time for the girl's withdrawal. When she has mastered a job technique and possesses certain personality and social traits, she is placed in a position on a probationary basis. The school gives a careful check on her and when her self-sufficiency has been assured, she is discharged from the institution, a productive member of society.

“Many girls come here drab, useless pieces of humanity, but they leave poised, self-confident and, in many cases, more attractive young women,” Mr. Meese commented.

These girls have acquired traits which make them more nearly akin to the normal girl. They can hold a job, have some idea of the principles of smart grooming, and have made their lives more than a victory over a vacuum.

However, an even greater problem remains to be solved. Some of these girls will go out and marry, only to produce children of the hereditary feebledminded type. A two-fold inheritance—only one of these girls is not fit wives and mothers but also their children, who are mentally retarded, must be supported by society.

Mr. Meese's solution to the problem is “sterilization.” His contention is that, since sterilization is carried on in all other forms of life to eliminate unsuitable organisms, it should also be practiced by human beings.

Until some solution can be reached about eliminating the mentally retarded, institutions such as the North Jersey Training School will continue to perform the community a valuable service by the careful training of the mentally deficient.