

# State Lit

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## Newmanites to hold "STAGGERLEE"

The Newman Club will sponsor its first major dance, "Staggerlee" on Saturday, April 11, 1959 from 9:00-1:00 p.m. in the new cafeteria. This is the first time that the cafeteria will be used for a school dance, and it will be interesting to see how it substitutes as a ballroom. Music will be provided by Mel Morris.

Tickets for the dance, which is primarily a STAG affair, can be purchased from any member of the ticket committee for \$.75. Paul Coleman is chairman of this committee, and is in charge of all monies received from the dance. Other details of the dance are being taken care of by Cornelia McCormack, Judy Patchell, and Bob Wilcox who are chairmen of the following committees respectively; decoration, clean-up, and refreshment.

This dance, besides serving as a

means of promoting friendship among the college students, will also serve as a home-coming tribute to the crew who will be returning from their second meet. It is hoped that this affair will turn into a victory celebration.

Proceeds from "Staggerlee" will be used to acquire a speaker who will be of interest to the entire college community. A speaker on Freud is one possibility that the Newman Club is considering.

Don't forget - this dance is STAG!

## Planting Fields' Past Present and Future

by Henri Smit

Farmingdale Agricultural and Technical Institute, the school with which we share the campus, employs a fourteen man crew which is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds. Their work - a year-round job - kept them busy throughout the winter, fertilizing the shrubbery and lawns with special organic fertilizers which mix with the soil and remain available to plantlife when spring growth resumes. The crew trimmed hedges and applied herbicides which eliminate weeds by killing the seed. Trees were sprayed to kill insect eggs, and fences were constructed to prevent students from cutting paths across lawns and plantings. In the winter, lawns are easily bruised and soft, muddy soil breaks under many footsteps. These fences, eyesores that they are, will remain until the lawns have regained enough life to withstand punishment. The men are now preparing spring cleanup - eliminating deadwood, winter damage, broken tree limbs, etc.

The fourteen men taking care of the grounds number much less than the crews which worked for the late Mr. Coe. An average crew, in Mr. Coe's time, numbered twenty-six men, working six days per week and more hours per day than modern crews. With today's shorter work days and longer vacations, fourteen men are equivalent to twelve men working for Mr. Coe.

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### Farmingdale Students

The Farmingdale horticultural program is mainly an educational curriculum which combines theory with practice. It is a three semester system. Since December 15, freshman students have been practicing the principles of pruning. Much constructive work has been done by these classes. They ease some tasks of the overburdened regulars. Farmingdale has been named the top rating two-year horticultural school in the country. Eliminations for this honor placed the school in the top five of which, in turn, it has been declared the best.....

### Greenhouses

Planting Field greenhouses contain some valuable plant collections; prize collections accumulated over many years by the late Mr. Coe.

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## Constitution Is Ready; Are You?

The Freshman and Sophomore Class Officers are presently putting the final touches to the two Constitutional drafts which will be presented to the student body in the next few weeks. Plans for the Constitutional Convention are now being made. What will be the basis for making a decision between these documents? The editor will be glad to print your position on Student Government in the next issue. Opinions enlighten and offer grounds for rational discussions and decisions.

In order to provide a basis for organized thinking, the following questions have been compiled.

1. Why do we need a Student Government at all?
2. What activities (political, social, intellectual and economic) can the students most effectively promote through Student Government?
3. How do these activities contribute to the ends of the college?
4. Are the activities of Student Government a means to an end, an end in themselves, or both? On the basis of your answer to this question, what is the proper role of efficiency?
5. What structures of Student Government are possible?
  - a) Rule of One
  - b) Rule of Few
  - c) Rule of Many
  - d) Others
6. Other than efficiency, what are the possible criteria for evaluation the variety of Governmental structures?
7. In terms of your deliberation on the preceding questions, do you feel that the student body can effectively assume its proper share of responsibility in promoting the well-being of the college community through the endeavors of Student Government?

## Rec Building Ready in Fall

In recent weeks work has begun on the construction of the new Recreation Building to be located just south of the Butler Building. Mr. Conway of the Business Office has reported that the prefabricated building will cost approximately \$45,000 and its facilities will include a maximum playing floor area of 49' by 85' and locker rooms and showers for both men and women. The expected date for the completion of the building is sometime next Fall.

Coach Von Mechow commented that, despite the fact that the playing area is close to minimum size for college basketball, the facilities of the Recreation Building will be a boon to all intra-mural sports. At present the girls must travel to Brookville and the boys to East Norwich to use a gym. Mr. Von Mechow listed basketball, volleyball, badminton, and deck tennis on the sports agenda at the new building next year.

In addition to being used for athletics, the facilities of the Recreation Building will be more suitable for showing movies than any of the present accommodations.

## 'Curtain and Canvas', Profs Sponsor Tours

Something new and different is in store for those students who are interested in absorbing the finer attractions offered by New York City. State University College on Long Island is initiating a new program call CURTAIN and CANVAS. In conjunction with this extra-curricular program, students will be afforded the opportunity of visiting a number of the most interesting, as well as culturally outstanding centers in New York, at a minimum expense.

CURTAIN and CANVAS has already planned its itinerary for the first two of three scheduled dates. Each trip will include an afternoon at an Art Museum and an explanation of some type of architecture. Following dinner the trip will terminate with an evening of opera or drama.

On Saturday, April 18th, those who have signed up for the first event will leave the college at about two in the afternoon. Upon their arrival in the city they will visit the Museum of Art. After spending an hour viewing a select number of paintings, they will view the architecture of the Seagram Building on Park Ave. and 55th Street. Following dinner the main event of the day's outing will take place. All will go to the Dramatic Workshop on Broadway and 51st Street. There they will enjoy a series of modern one-act plays, featuring the works of such modern playwrights as Tennessee Williams, George Bernard Shaw and Kafka. Following the plays the audience will be able to participate in a discussion with the members of the cast. The actors and actresses will reconvey and explain the feelings and

emotions they experienced in their roles. The group will leave New York at about 11 o'clock.

On Saturday, May 2nd, CURTAIN and CANVAS will follow a similar schedule. This time, however, they will attend a Gaugain Art Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. They will then view another sample of architecture. Following dinner they will go to the Amato Opera House in the Village. There they will see two operas, Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci.

As yet the itinerary for the third outing of CURTAIN and CANVAS has not been planned, but the date will be sometime during May.

To obtain the most benefit from these trips, preparations before hand will take place at the college. Discussions and slides will serve to acquaint the students with the paintings to be viewed. Recordings of the operas, supplemented by librettos, will also be available in the Great Hall under the supervision of Mr. Erk and Mr. Rodin.

Professor Josiah Kind of Columbia University will present a slide-lecture on selected masterpieces

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## SPRING CALENDAR

### April

- 7-Movie-Living Desert
- 8-Movie-Macbeth (Orson Welles)
- 11-Dance—"Stagerlee" Newman Club

Crew meet with Iona at Pelham

- 14-Movie-Harvey
- 18-Curtain and Canvas-Dramatic Workshop
- 29-Movie-Julius Caesar
- 30-Movie-Macbeth (Maurice Evans)

### May

- 2-Curtain and Canvas-Amato Opera

### 9-Jazz Concert

D.H.R.R.

- 10-Open House

Chorus Recital

- 13-Movie-Hamlet

- 16-Curtain and Canvas (to be announced)

- 20-Movie-Red Shoes

- 25-June 4-Comprehensive examinations

### June

- 4-Spring formal-end of spring semester

All movies will be shown at 3:30 in room I, Butler buildings, and, if demand is sufficient at 7:30 in the lounge in Coe Hall.

# Sucolian



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## Changes Made

During the recess many changes occurred in the college which are definitely advantageous to everyone on campus. Along with moving the cafeteria and woman's dormitory to the stables, the Health Office has been relocated. It is now in room 209, at the top of the back stairway in Coe Hall. This location is definitely more desirable because it is more convenient, larger, and mainly because it is closer to the ground.

The administration has also acted on a suggestion of the Class Officers to change the third floor lounge into a study room, a room where absolute silence prevails. This action is a boon to those students who have in the past searched for a place of quiet to do homework or just sit and think. Heretofore their search was futile since the library is usually overcrowded or filled with music or other sounds from the Great Hall, and no other space in the college is available.

Another change is the revamping of the ex-cafeteria into a study-social lounge and coffee shop. This move was planned to give students who wish to do their work in groups a place to meet (blackboards may be installed) and to afford a room where those who wish to talk or just relax may do so without being quieted by studiers, crowded by eaters or bothered by card players.

## The Deacons

By Elizabeth Joyce



YES NEWTON...  
 PHYSICISTS TOO ARE  
 HUMAN - SUBJECT TO  
 THE SAME FOIBLES  
 AND EMOTIONS AS THE  
 REST OF HUMANITY...  
 HERE FOR EXAMPLE IS A  
 GRAPH OF ENJOYMENT  
 VS. STUDY FOR MY SOPHOMORE  
 YEAR AT UNIVERSITY.

I ASKED ARLINGTON  
 TO INQUIRE WITH  
 ME...  
 ABOUT GREAT  
 BOOKS YOU  
 KNOW  
 THEN HE SAID  
 "HEH, JUST  
 WHAT DO YOU  
 MEAN BY  
 GREAT BOOKS?"  
 I GUESS  
 ARLINGTON  
 WAS A POOR  
 CHOICE.

I SAID IT ONCE AND I'LL  
 SAY IT AGAIN - I STAND  
 ON MY PRINCIPLES.. ALL  
 CRUDE THINGS HAVE  
 GREAT BEGINNINGS -  
 I MEAN ALL GREAT THINGS  
 HAVE CRUDE BEGINNINGS - YES  
 THAT'S WHAT I MEANT

## Coe-Operations

by Penny & Jim

**Card Players...NOW HEAR THIS**  
 There will be a bridge game every Sunday night in the co-ed lounge. Even before school started, the bug got around and Bob Victor set up a duplicate bridge game with Mr. Rodin and Mr. Gilbert participating with the students.

We have a rising young songwriter in our midst. Give a hand to Jay Glasser who is having one of the songs he has written recorded by Bob Carey of the Tarniers. The title of his song is "Heaven Knows I Love Her" and will be released in May. Lots of luck....we know that you have an insured sale of at least 250.

The class officers were invited to Dean Austill's house for dinner last week. Hear tell that the dinner was delicious.

Jerry Seaman said he enjoyed his vacation....doubly so because it served as his belated honeymoon.

Sorry to report that George May developed a great case of laryngitis. What will Chorus do without his voice?

We just discovered that the Pied Piper of Hamlin and friend has been with us incognito for the last few months. Yep....Lois Ginsberg is a flute player accompanied by her helper, Carol Marklein.

Gerry Hero and Bruce Boyd represented Long Island in Florida this vacation. To prove it, Gerry sports a gorgeous tan and Bruce a drastic sunburn. He only spent one day there, but made up for it!

The new dorms have finally made it. They now boast 23 girls and a wide assortment of furniture.

Well, it's back to work for the last 8 weeks of school, so here's to anyone who is planning to end in a blaze of glory.

## Brain Teaser

Recently West Germany decided to make any East German Marks used in West Germany worth only 90 pfennigs instead of 100 pfennigs. Since East Germany could not figure out any propaganda move concerning that policy, they decided that it would be best to retaliate in kind so they decided to make any West German Marks used in East Germany worth only 90 pfennigs.

Neither government thought about a man named Otto who was an enterprising West Berliner who loved to drink beer. In both East and West Berlin beer cost 10 pfennigs per Stein.

Otto put his mind to work and came up with an idea. He went into his local bar and ordered a Stein of beer. He gave the bartender a West German mark and said to him: "Instead of giving me 90 pfennigs change, give me an East German mark which is worth 90 pfennigs." Otto then walked over to East Berlin and into a bar there. He ordered a Stein of beer and gave the bartender the East German mark which he received from the West Berlin Bartender and then said to the bartender: "Instead of giving me 90 pfennigs change, give me a West German mark which is worth 90 pfennigs here."

This went on for quite a while until the end of the month. Otto then said to himself: "Here I have my original mark, but in the meantime I have had over five hundred Steins of beer. Each bartender made 1 or 2 pfennigs on each Stein. I wonder who lost money on this." He then tried to figure out who lost money, but he could not.

That is the problem: Who lost money on this.

Contributed By  
 Michael Tuckman

## EDITORS MESSAGE

The editorial board encourages the student body to submit letters on any subject pertaining to student affairs. All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.

## Inquiring Reporter

by Alice Lieberman

**QUESTION: WHAT ARE YOUR SPECULATIONS ON THE RECENT REPORTS ABOUT FALL-OUT?**

Bob Wollen: I can't get concerned over them because the reports vary so much that nothing is positive yet.



The fallout problem Mr. Lister:

is an inappropriate subject for speculation. Insofar as possible we must determine which statements relating to it are scientifically well founded predictions, which are conjectures, and which are unfounded. Before public policy on additional nuclear explosions has committed us to a higher fallout level, it must openly face the results of these determinations. Whatever our national policy, it must be consistent with sound global policy. I do not see how it can responsibly be justified by fallout estimates restricted to our own country's contributions.

Bob Lodding: Strontium 90, within 100 years, will improve the human race to the point of making the human mind superior to any possible mechanical and electronic creation of man in this century.



Man is reversing his Pat Cullen:

bigger problem. Previously it was to find fresh water amidst the plentiful air; now it is to find fresh air amidst the water. The water problem has been cleared up by means of purification and now the air we breathe will also have to be purified.

Hank Liers: It seems to me that this is a very dangerous situation for the world. If they keep up these tests, the fallout is going to become so great that it can't help but have a bad effect on future generations. I don't think it will effect us noticeably, in our generation.

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## Science Corner

### Astronomy

by Robert Victor

Several astronomical phenomena are often read about in textbooks, but more often than not, even the student who has a good understanding of these phenomena has never carefully observed them. Many simple phenomena are visible to the unaided eye. We have all noticed the phases of the moon, and many of us can reconstruct the simple diagram which explains the moon's phases in terms of its motion about the earth, but how many of us have looked at the moon for a few consecutive nights noting carefully its change of position as well as its change of phase?

There is a variety of phenomena which may be observed with low power telescopes. Through a small instrument one may see four satellites revolving about Jupiter, the same ones Galileo saw in 1610. Mercury and Venus show phases similar to the moon's as they revolve about the sun showing varying amounts of their illuminated sides.

The colors of stars, which are related to the surface temperatures, are easily observed with a telescope. Many fine double stars may be seen.

These are some of the objects to be viewed at evening observing sessions to be held during the next few weeks. The instrument used will be a three-inch reflecting telescope. Observations will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 P.M. Any interested students or faculty members are invited to attend.

Here is a schedule of observations including the main topics to be considered:

April 8, 10 - Constellation study of the stars and planets.

April 13, 15, 17, 20 - The motions and phases of the moon, Surface features.

## Biology

by Jason Grosz

### The Cell Membrane

Unlike the inside of a living cell, where the particles float about in a semi-liquid, the membrane is a tight mosaic of fat and protein particles. Excess calcium ions in the solution surrounding the cell cause these particles to gel, or come together, thus forming the membrane.



The principle purpose of the membrane is to let the "right" substances pass in and out of the cell and keep the others where they are. There are spaces between the particles of protein and fat, through which molecules can pass if they are small enough; the larger molecules are held back. Thus sucrose and amino acids can pass through a cell membrane while the larger molecules of complex sugars cannot. However, fat-soluble molecules, even those too large to go through the spaces, can dissolve in the fat particles and pass out of these particles to either side of the membrane. In addition, a membrane with an electric charge on it, admits ions with the opposite charge, but repels those with like charge even though these may be small enough to pass through it.



If the water on the two sides of the membrane contains different concentrations of a solute which is unable to pass through this membrane, pure water will tend to pass to the side where the solute is more heavily concentrated. Thus, an osmotic pressure toward the other side results. Since cell membranes can never sustain great pressures, it is seen that the concentrations of solute inside and outside the cell must be very nearly equal. This is another service which is provided by the complex, amazing, superbly functioning mechanisms of the human body.

# Sucoli Spotlite

Ann Meilinger

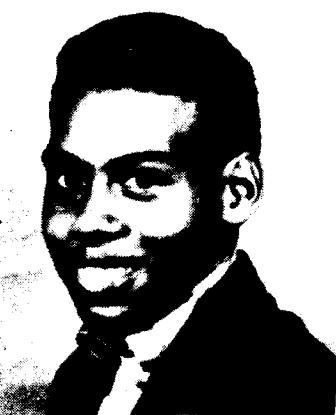


Lana Shearer

In attempting to familiarize our readers with the outstanding members of our student body, the SPOTLITE this week has set its beam upon Freshman, Lana Shearer and Sophomore, Jesse Nicholson.

Lana Shearer, president of the girls' dorms, come from upstate Homer, N.Y. She graduated from Homer Central High School and was valedictorian of her class. Along with many others who have appeared in the SPOTLITE, Lana is a prospective Mathematician, who finds Math fascinating as well as challenging. When she has completed her college education, Lana wants to take to the air as an airline hostess. After traveling for a while, teaching will become her next enterprise. Lana is a member of Mr. Erik's College Chorus, and in addition to singing, she enjoys dancing and cooking (perhaps George should be told.)

Commenting on the pleasures and pains of dorm life, Lana accentuates the pleasures. She also pointed out that Cortland S.U.T.C. is located near her home, but she chose our college for the sake of science as well as the enjoyment of dorm life.



Jesse Nicholson

## CURTAIN & CANVAS

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from the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Thursday, April 16, at 2:30 p.m. The members of "CURTAIN and CANVAS" will then see those original masterpieces at the museum on Saturday, April, 18.

Members of our faculty are in charge of the various categories of CURTAIN and CANVAS. Mr. Gilbert will be in charge of painting; Mr. Ellington, architecture; Mr. Rogers, drama; and Mr. Rodin, opera. If the project is successful this year, it is the hope of the faculty that the students themselves will be able to take it over next year and possibly build it into an organization with a constitution and officers. The possibilities of such a project would then be unlimited. More frequent and varied activities, including Broadway shows, could then be promoted.

One of the most attractive features of this project is the small expense involved. Since the college has appropriated funds for CURTAIN and CANVAS, it will cost each person only one dollar and his dinner expense. Transportation will

be by private cars and the school will reimburse the driver for all his expenses.

All those interested in the first event, scheduled on April 18th, should sign up and pay one dollar to Miss McMahon by April 10th.

## To-The-Editors

Far be it from me to expect to find a Mark Twain in our midst, but it would be pleasant to find some humor in the Newspaper from time to time. It is unpleasant to think that we have all become so as not to appreciate a good laugh. Good humor requires talent but not genius. With a little wit, effort, time, paper and typewriter, smiles may again come into fashion here at State University.

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## Bridge Match

Mary Lou Lions and Madeleine Fischer finished first among eight players at the first duplicate bridge game held here. They received a top score on five of the nine hands played, and tied another.

In duplicate bridge, the same hand is played at different tables, and a partnership is awarded one match point for each pair who received a lower score playing the same cards. There is no luck of the deal, since a good score does not depend on what cards you hold, but how well you play them.

There will be more duplicate bridge games open to the participation of anyone who is interested. There will be a hand from one of the games in the next issue.

## PLANTING FIELDS

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Farmingdale and the work of converting the estate into a true arboretum will go into full swing.

Mr. Coe, a great businessman and philanthropist, was also a great American. He was seriously concerned about the dangers facing the American way of life. His desire to perpetuate Americanism and the principles of American society motivated the American Studies program. This program will enable teachers to study such important topics as principles and foundation of American Life, the Constitution, Americanism, etc. The program, believed to be the only one of its kind, will be initiated this summer under the auspices of the Foundation.

## PLANTING FIELDS

The greenhouses are, and have always been, open to College students. Visits at reasonable hours are welcomed. A stop at the greenhouse office for permission (a formality) is all that's required. Mr. Bowden, Superintendent of Horticulture, reports that members of the College Faculty are steady visitors. Mr. Bowden adds that his staff appreciates visitors who come to admire the flower collections. The greenhouses are open to the public as well. Weekdays, visitors may tour the greenhouses under guidance. Weekends, however, the greenhouses are closed. The single watchman on duty cannot perform his rounds and guide visitors at the same time.....

In the summer, special arrangements are made for weekend tours. The Long Island Railroad conducts a tour of Long Island which includes a visit to the campus. L.I.R.R. guides for this tour receive instructions and information beforehand from the Farmingdale staff.

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# Around New York

by J. Rodger Morphett

The first touch of spring is near and soon thoughts will turn to the great outdoors without that fear of snow that has plagued us since November last. New York State offers many spots for enjoyment during this coming spring and summer, many just an hour or two away from home. One of these spots for enjoyment is the James Baird State Park, just two hours from Oyster Bay. The drive to reach the park is itself well worth the time. In order to get to the park drive across the Whitestone Bridge to the Cross Bronx Expressway. After a short drive turn off to the Bronx River Parkway. From the Bronx River Parkway take the Cross County Parkway to the Saw Mill River Parkway. At the Hawthorne Traffic Circle follow the signs for the Taconic State Parkway. The Taconic leads directly to the Park. During the spring the scenery along the Saw Mill River Parkway is breath-taking. On the Taconic there are many overlooks from which picturesque landscapes may be seen. The park itself is nestled among the

rolling hills of beautiful Putnam County.

For a little diversion on the trip home take New York Route 44 or 55 through Poughkeepsie, the home of Vassar College, to the Mid-Hudson Bridge and return home via the New York State Thruway or Route 9W. Route 9W is not as quick as the Thruway, but for scenery it is tops. On 9W there is a sight just below Bear Mountain to bring awe to all but the stoutest salt; for near the United States Naval Arsenal at Iona Island is the United States Merchant Reserve Fleet anchored in the Hudson. There are literally acres and acres of large merchant ships in "mothballs". If this route is selected, it is suggested in order to reduce the possibilities of traffic tie-ups, to take the Tappan Zee Bridge across to the Saw Mill River Parkway Southbound exit and return by following the signs for Long Island. It should turn out to be a day well spent. In the next issue there will be a suggestion for a picnic supper and scenic sunset drive near Bear Mountain.

of this activity. If left unused, the land becomes barren and useless. Beauty of the Campus.

The estate boasts of a cherry tree collection which is considered in beauty and quality to be on par with Washington's famous trees. The English Beech trees at Coe Hall's west porch are among the finest in the world. The weeping hemlocks on the main lawn are the largest of their type. Other trees and plants on the campus, too numerous to mention, are unexcelled. Mr. Bowden points out that visitors who gaze at the campus from the main roads see really nothing at all. Many woodland paths cross the grounds, providing pleasant walks for nature lovers and open the way to an intimate knowledge of the plantlife and natural beauty of the campus.

Hungry students might want to know that the grapes near the main greenhouse are fine eating specimen. They are not sprayed and students are free to sample them. The estate is a sanctuary for wildlife which includes pheasant, foxes, all sorts of birds, especially crows....

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# SOUNDSMEN'S SPORTS SCOPE

by  
Mike Davidson

## SPRING IS SPRUNG!!

I can tell because there are less people occupying the coffee shop and more students suddenly taking an interest in the flora and fauna of our campus. It is realized by all that nature consuming walks will occupy most of our free time this spring but for those of us who wish some organized competition, a spring program of sports has been planned by Mr. Von Mechow.

Intra-mural tournaments are being started in softball and horse-shoe pitching and there is the possibility of a woman's softball league if enough interest is shown.

While on the subject of competitive sports, Jim Donady is planning to start practice now for the cross country meets that are scheduled for next fall. Any men interested in participating should see Mr. Von Mechow or Jim Donady as soon as possible.

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Although we do not have official use of any tennis courts as yet it is probable that there will be an organized (unofficially) program for those who would like to learn the sport, this will be also helpful for any students who are interested in applying their education courses to the teaching of tennis.

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Mr. Von Mechow will be giving instructions to any who desire it in: bocci, croquet, tetherball, volleyball, badminton, archery, and if possible, swimming.

Equipment for these can be obtained from either Mr. Von Mechow or Roger Collette (Room 126 in the Dorms). It will make it much easier for all if you wish to take equipment from the dorms to notify Roger in advance.

You've got the facilities, the instruction, and the spring, but it's up to you to make use of what is available.

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State has athletic participation that few schools can equal. Just look at the figures:

20% of the male students participate in Crew.

40% of the male students were turning out for basketball practice.

10% of the student body competed in the ping pong tournament.

50% (at least) play cards regularly.

20% took part in the bowling program.

Not many schools can equal this record.

## CREW MEET:

APRIL 11 VS. IONA  
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# ROUND SUCCOL SPORTS SCOPE

by  
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The Boston Red Sox will open their season without Ted Williams in left field. He is under treatment for a pinched nerve in his neck that seemed to impair his hitting during Spring training. Fans all over the country will be anxiously waiting for the 40 year old American League batting champ to return to the line up so they can get a last look at this great hitter who will probably retire at the end of the season.

When Williams finally hangs up his spikes, he will be remembered for his many tussles with fans and sports writers but most of all he will be remembered for his hitting.

The following is an interview with Tempermental Ted regarding his hitting.

Question: It has often been said that your eyesight is supersensitive. Do you feel that you see the ball better than other hitters?

Answer: No, it's experience. The longer a man plays, the better he can judge a strike. My eyes are good, 20-20 eyes, that's all.

Q. Do you ever see the bat hit the ball?

A. Heck no, and nobody else does either. Anybody tells you he does is a liar.

Q. It is also said that you practically pick the ball out of the catcher's glove. Do you wait longer than other hitters?

A. Longer than some, but I would say there are some who wait longer than I do. It depends on the bat you use. I can wait as long as I do only because I got a bat I can handle completely.

Q. What weight bat?

A. Thirty three ounces. I've always used the same weight.

Q. Has there ever been a particular pitch which bothered you?

A. Yes, different pitches at different times.

Q. Has any certain pitcher bothered you?

A. Yes, pitchers more than the pitch. Lemon was tough for me... Spud Chandler... Ford... Pierce... Wilhelm with the knuckler and Joe Page with his fast ball got me out better than any other pitcher.

Q. Do you always know what kind of pitch you're swinging at?

A. Yes, by the time I swing I know.

Q. And do you always know where it is?

A. Definitely, to within one inch square.

Q. When the ball is on its way do you know, within one inch square, where you will meet it?

A. Maybe a two inch square at the most.

Oh well, I guess anyone who knows he can consistently meet the ball within a two inch square can win a major league title.

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# State Places Second in Crew Meet

On Saturday, April 4, the State Varsity and Jr. Varsity Crews took to the water for their first race. This was a totally new experience for the crews who, up till now, have been doing all their racing against the clock. The races were held at the New York Athletic Club at Pelham Bay N.Y. against St. John's University.

Final preparation for this meet was a practice run over the course on Friday evening. After staying at school for most of the Spring vacation the crew team transported their shell to Pelham for a final practice before the race. It was quite a novel experience for the Soundsmen to put their shell into the water from a dock. The other crews all got in and out of their shells with military precision while our entrance was more or less haphazard. If we looked disorganized boarding from a dock it will appear as drill team precision compared to the difficulty other crews will have when they put their boats in the chilly waters of Oyster Bay. It is crew tradition that the winning team docks their boat first. At Oyster Bay I guess it will be the winning team who gets first use of the boats.

For most of the team it was the first view of other crews in action and the contrast was quite marked. The Soundsmen eights came out in their blue sweatshirts and were "remarked" about by the other crew who wore everything from Panama hats to army surplus field jackets.

It was just another example of the proverb that "clothes do not make the man". Crew is considered a "sportsman's" sport and it is quite evident for the atmosphere of the competition is quite a friendly one with cheers for the losers and congratulations for the winners.

At eight o'clock Saturday morning the team embarked (thanks to Mr. McAllisters Bus) for Pelham Bay.

The opening race of the meet was held at 10:15 between the State J.V. and the St. Johns J.V. The start of the race was delayed a few minutes while the race course was cleared of stray rowboats whose owners were in no hurry to leave the good fishing grounds of Pelham Lagoon. The Start of the race was one mile upstream from the NYAC boathouse and the crew rowed with the wind and tide aiding them. At first little was visible of the race but then the white shirts of the St. Johns crew were seen and then finally the blue of the Soundsmen. The times for the one mile course were St. Johns 5:22, State 5:55.

When the J.V.'s returned the Varsity shells prepared to row the mile up to the start of the race. The spectators who were quite excited over the race rested while State prepared their shell for the water. St. John's effected the transfer of crews with no difficulty whatsoever. Due to mechanical difficulties our varsity eight was about ten minutes late for the start of the race.

Jack Tinkel maneuvered the shell up to the starting position for our first taste of competition. The oarsmen all had one thought running through their minds as they waited for the starting words from the officials. - "What am I doing here?". They were warned by Mr. Borghardt about how they would feel at the start but the nervousness was inevitable. Finally the shells were in line and the signals were heard -- "Ready all? - Ready to Row, ROW!! The St. John's crew seemed to glide off effortlessly. Our start was to

be a ten stroke racing start and then down to racing speed of 32-34 strokes per minute. The race was even for the first ten strokes but it seemed that St. John's maintained their opening stroke for the whole of the race. The soundsmen really put all they had into it but they just did it in the wrong way. The oarsmen were too excited to be able to row as smoothly as they had in practice. If they had rowed the way they had been rowing during practice sessions the race would have been much closer. As it was St. Johns won by six lengths (according to the Herald Tribune) and the times were St. Johns 5:24 State 5:54.

"Spring Crew races are won now" does not seem such a simple statement now. We see now how much practice means. All we need are miles and miles and more miles of practice. The time difference between the Varsity and Jr. Varsity was only one second for the mile course and who knows now which team will be the Varsity in the next race.

St. John's J.V.	State J.V.
W. Fromm	J. Kelly
R. Blaskovic	R. Warmbier
C. Linder	P. Valley
K. Santucci	J. Torgeson
M. Santangelo	P. Coleman
J. Morris	B. Rubin
R. Andriola	W. Engelke
E. Hellgoth	P. Crean
K. Scardino	B. Marks
St. John's Varsity	State Varsity
M. Mauro	S. Weinberg
R. Pacchiana	M. Davidson
B. Guida	F. Carr
M. Muaro	M. Morris
R. Sims	R. Johnson
S. Pallizi	R. Wilcox
R. Cranmer	K. Lotter
R. Florio	G. Little
J. Paternoster	J. Tinkel

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