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Pine Burr Initiates



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COLLINS MURRILL FURCHES, JR. MANN ZACHARY, JR. BAILEY

Pictured here are thirteen top-ranking students at State College, who have recently been initiated into the Pine Burr Society. Students accepted by the organization must be juniors and seniors, who have never failed a course, whose scholastic average is above 85, and who have distinguished themselves in extra-curricula activities. The new members are: Edgar R. Cole, Phoebus, Va.; Beverly L. Rose, Wadesboro; Frank R. Geluso,

Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert A. Holcombe, Teaneck, N. J.; John K. Beasley, Louisville; William M. Nicholson, Winston-Salem; Dwight L. Waynick, Greensboro; Ivey K. Collins, Forest City; Hugh C. Murrill, Weldon; Stephen L. Furches, Jr., Winston-Salem; Benjamin I. Mann, Pendleton; Robert A. Zachary, Jr., Charlotte; and Reese. Bailey, Rocky Mount.

Professors, Research Men Comprise Chapter

150 Less

More than 800 students had registered for the winter term by Wednesday of this week, Registrar W. L. Mayer reports. It was predicted that further registrations the latter part of this week would raise this total to approximately 850.

This will represent a decrease of approximately 150 students from the Fall term's enrollment, which was slightly over 1,000. Even so, the number enrolling this term exceeded the expectations of the College authorities, Mayer said.

Nation's Highest Honor Society In the General Sciences Confers Honor Upon State College At Recent Convention

The Society of the Sigma Xi, America's highest honor society in the general sciences, has granted a charter for the establishment of a chapter at North Carolina State College—one of the greatest honors ever bestowed upon the institution in its long history of fifty-four eventful years devoted to the advancement of technical knowledge.

The announcement was made yesterday by Dr. F. H. McCutcheon, president of the State College Club of the Sigma Xi, who was notified by Dr. George A. Baisell of Yale University, executive secretary of the national organization. Two other Southern schools—Emory and Vanderbilt universities—were also granted chapters at the recent national convention of the society in Chicago.

Sigma Xi, Greek initials of two words freely translated as "companions of zealous research," sets the standards in the scientific field. Founded at Cornell University in 1886, the society has as its main objective the fostering of original investigation in the pure and applied sciences, and the activities of the society are appropriate to reaching its primary aim. Sciences recognized by the organization are mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, sciences of the earth, biology including psychology, anthropology, medicine in its various branches, and engineering in its numerous branches.

The exacting requirements of membership are met by professors and instructors who have made noteworthy accomplishments of original research in the general sciences. Students who have clearly demonstrated their ability to follow scientific research independently are eligible for membership.

Only 88 chapters of Sigma Xi have been organized in the nation. The South has just 11 chapters. State College is North Carolina's third school to be granted a charter. The University of North Carolina instituted a chapter in 1920, and Duke University formed a unit in 1933.

"The scientific staff at North Carolina State College is very gratified by the recognition and honor implicit in the granting of a Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi to the College," Dr. McCutcheon said in making the announcement.

"The members of Sigma Xi welcome the obligations of this enlarged opportunity to encourage the attitude and accomplishments of sound research. As a result, we believe the College will be enriched over its entire field of influence," he added.

State College with seventy-five eminent professors and research men who are now members of the society will have one of the larger chapters in the country. The College faculty, graduate students, and experiment station workers are now doing research investigations on 221 vital subjects in the fields of plant, animal, social, and

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Commanding Officer McMillin Promoted To Rank of Colonel

Lt. Col. Douglas N. McMillin, commanding officer of all Army activities at State College, has been promoted by the War Department to the rank of colonel, effective December 9, 1943, it was announced recently.

Colonel McMillin is a veteran of both World Wars and the Mexican Border campaign of 1916-17. He served overseas in France during World War I as captain of a machine gun company in the 30th Division. Prior to assignment to State College, the new colonel served as commanding officer of the Army's Medical Training Unit at Duke University. Previously, he spent six years as professor of military science and tactics of the ROTC units in the Chattanooga High Schools.

'Y' Official



H. E. LUPTON

Horace E. Lupton, above, junior at State College, has been appointed assistant secretary of the College Y.M.C.A. in charge of the self-help office. He succeeds C. D. Umberger, who resigned to accept a position with an oil company in California. Lupton, a native of Bayboro, will graduate in December in electrical engineering.

State Alumnus Is Last Of N. C.'s 1918 Aces

In connection with the national celebration on December 16 of the fortieth anniversary of the first successful airplane flight made at Kitty Haw, N. C., it was revealed that Lt. Col. Robert O. Lindsey, a graduate of State College, is the only surviving aerial hero of North Carolina's three aces of World War I. He is now in the Army Air Forces, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., as Air Liaison Officer of the Third Army.

As a pursuit pilot in the first World War, he was credited with shooting down six enemy planes, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. In all, he participated in twenty air battles with the Germans.

Lt. Col. Lindsey, a native of Madison, was graduated from State College with a B.S. degree in textiles in 1916. During his student days he was a varsity basketball star.

The two other Tar Heel aces of World War I were the late Eiffin Rockwell of Asheville and the late James Baughman of Washington, who was killed in action with the French forces. Baughman was also an alumnus of State College.

ENCORE WEEK

The Varsity Theater again brings to its patrons one of its best-liked features, Encore Week. As the name implies, an entire week will be devoted to the presentation of early, but still popular releases. Among those to be presented this week are such old favorites as "Kings Row," "Crossroads," and "Coney Island." These films were returned by the written request of the audiences in a series of polls taken early last fall.

Curricula Of Textile School To Be Altered

Plans for revamping the curricula of the Textile School at State College to meet changed conditions and to bring the School closer to the industry were outlined in a statement issued by Dean Malcolm E. Campbell, head of the Textile School.

Dean Campbell paid tribute to the North Carolina Textile Foundation for its "unprecedented support" in supplementing State funds to secure better personnel and more modern equipment for the School. The State College Textile School is one of the most up-to-date schools in the world today.

"We expect to work closely with the industry of the State, so that we can take into consideration the particular requirements of the mills, and, so far as feasible, see that these requirements are fulfilled by our courses of instruction," Dean Campbell pointed out. "It is obvious, for example, that what will serve for the fine cotton spinning industry of the State will differ from the type of training needed to equip a man for the rayon weaving industry. As far as possible, all of the major branches will be kept in mind as we develop our plans," the educator continued.

Heretofore, the majority of the technical work done by students concerns cotton, said Dean Campbell, but "now that North Carolina is the number one consuming state as regards rayon, we believe it is advisable to set up a series of strong courses in rayon handling, spinning, weaving and finishing."

The guiding theme in training textile students at State College should be Textile Management, the industrial leader commented. "By learning thoroughly the funda-

mentals of gearing calculations, drafting, twisting, machine rate of production, the yarn count systems, and so on, the students can apply this knowledge to any of the machines in a mill, and it should not be necessary for him to learn the whole procedure all over again for each new process studied. The questionable practice of memorizing rules and formulas, which is a 'hangover' from the English method of teaching textiles, can be done by the student."

"Without going into further detail, it is enough to say that there are many ways in which our courses can and will be streamlined without the loss of efficiency. It involves re-arranging and simplifying most of them, and reducing the time spent merely in operating spinning frames and looms," Dean Campbell explained.

Considerable attention is now being focused on textile research through the encouragement and leadership of the Textile Research Institute, the Textile Foundation, the National Cotton Council of America, the Institute of Textile Technology, and several branches of the Federal Government, Dean Campbell asserted and gave the following research plans of the State College Textile School in regard to the vital subject:

"Although the primary function of the Textile School is that of training young men and women for the industry, an important secondary function is that of conducting research. Because of the excellent facilities for conducting applied research at the Textile School at State College, it is our plan to use our equipment to the greatest possible extent.

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Happy New Year

To many of us, it might logically be hard to conceive of 1944 as a Happy New Year, for it will probably go down as the bloodiest year of all history—a year in which mankind and civilization were ruthlessly slaughtered to a degree hitherto unknown—a year of great sorrow for us and for our allies, brought on by the terrible price that we must inevitably pay for success in what will doubtless be the climax, the supreme test of our campaign to put down the few whose lust for power is responsible for this hellish business of war.

Looking at the complete picture, however, we can still envision a Happy New Year, for we can be confident that our God, our leaders, and we ourselves will make it a year of victory.

The offensive plans for this victory have already been laid, and it is a matter of but a few months or even a few days until the beginning of their fulfillment. The date for the large scale invasion of Hitler's Europe has been set, and when this terrific battle is won, we will carry the war home to Nippon for the final stage of complete victory.

And so it is that we look to 1944 to be a year of much suffering and bloodshed, but also the year when free men will earn the right to stay free; hence we can still say—"Happy New Year."

Another Step Forward

Congratulations are in order for the faculty members and research men on the campus!

The granting of the charter for the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi at State College is a well-deserved honor, and represents another step in the rise of State College to prominence among the technical institutions of the South and even of the entire nation.

The all-important program of research, the basis of this latest distinction, has been assuming ever-increasing importance on the campus, and can logically be expected to contribute further to the advancement of science and to our college's reputation in the future. Of course, this program has been temporarily slowed down by the War and the presence of the many Armed forces units, the instruction of which is doubtless requiring much of the time of many professors which could otherwise be devoted to research activities, but this is obviously just another case of "When the War's over, . . ."

We are justly proud of "our State College" for this achievement.

GLEANINGS

It has already begun to seem like a fantastic and long-past dream—that Utopian period of school life commonly referred to as Christmas holidays when the hours of sleep are counted on the fingers of at least two hands instead of the usual one; when sweet, sweet slumber is not rudely broken by the nerve-wracking, ungodly jangle of that fiendish little torture mechanism, the xxxxxx (censored) alarm clock; and when afternoons are things which one has a choice of spending at the movies, hunting rabbits and birds, or just hunting!

But "tempus fugit along," and we along with it, so here we are again throwing ourselves (in a haphazard sort of way) at this business of acquiring an education.

What did you do during the holidays? How many hours did you bust last term? When are you going to be "greeted," and why did you bother to come back, anyway?

GIVE WITH THE GOSSIP: Since last moon, the State College Campus and surrounding territories have experienced a tremendous amount of weather. Now weather is a thing which comes and goes. "For tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow—" Uups, always running into my Shakespeare—but getting back to weather, during exam week, much time had to be spent in defying the tremendously cold winter winds. And along with the drop in mercury has gone a drop in reports from our grape-vine receiving set. We want you to feel that you can confide in us (giving your advisor keen competition). Anyway, what we need is more cooperation from youse guys about the campus. How do you expect to read about yourselves if you don't do something sensational and see that the word gets around. So, come on and give with the gruesome details if you want to see it in print—that is, if it will pass our RIGID censorship.

MISCELLANEOUS: Many State students were seen in the attendance at the annual Sub-Junior Womans Club Dance which was given by the girls last Saturday night. T'wasn't 'til about half past ten that the maximum swing was reached, and then—and then, a swell bit of foot-shifting continued 'til midnight. Praise be to the three students who had the much needed audacity to represent the complaints of our student body concerning the cafeteria situation. Their letter was printed in The People's Forum and it has been reported that investigations are in order.

CELEBRATIONS: Thousands and thousands of peoples had just lovely times New Years Eve. Millions and millions were foolish enough to go to the midnight show at the Ambassador. Smaller crowds stayed up not only for the entrance of the new year but for its exit as well. Said persons were not so tough . . . witness AL's prides and joys, Lewis, Nackos et al. The Sig Eps are by far the most patriotic group on the campus. Not only do they conserve electricity but 'tis said (do not quote) that open fires are the rage and do they produce results! THEY DO . . . Sleepy, Red, Jake, and two Bills look awfully exhausted these days. Is it those walks from Pullen Park with the wood or is it that vile smoke produced by burning same? . . . Pillow fights were also in evidence NYE last. Fowler Fancily Fraild Frilly Frame Frought From Fatigue. 'Nother words the pillow burst and a cloud of white stuff came forth . . . not snow—feathers. Pledges had quite a time and belles of St. Mary's and Hard-barger's are said to be still cleaning them out of their hair. STAFF.

PARAGRAPHS . . .

We would like to remind every campus organization, large and small, to maintain close contact with the State College News Bureau. Directed by congenial Rudolph Pate, the News Bureau is anxious to cooperate with all student groups in seeing that their activities are well covered. If you have not already done so, appoint a publicity man for your organization and give his name to Mr. Pate so that they may work together for benefit of both.

Our recent campaign to improve the conditions in the cafeteria have met with the approval of many students, but as yet we haven't received definite opinions that represent the student body. We wish to invite you to express your opinion in this paper. Address your letter to The Technician, Box 5308; all letters should be marked "for publication" or "not for publication," and all letters MUST be signed, although the signature will be withheld if such is desired.

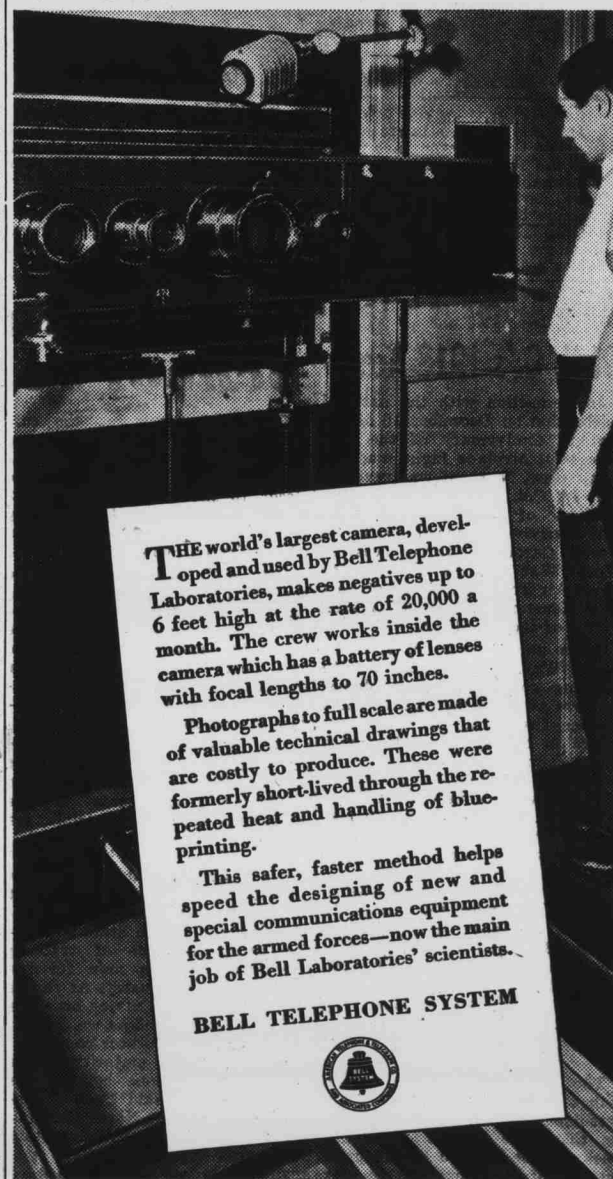
SHARPS and FLATS

By HOWARD KADEN

This being the first issue of the new term, I'll start in by reviewing a terrific record by the "Duke." It has been released under the new name of "Do Nothing 'Til You Hear from Me," but I have it in my collection as "Concerto for Cootie." Recently, the demand for new songs was so great that they changed the name and added words, making it a swell song. Ellington's record features the great trumpet work of "Cootie" Williams, who is one of the foremost exponents of the plunger mute. It starts off with theme played by Cootie, with the reed section playing a very smooth background. In the middle of the record, he takes out his mute and opens up with his broad and powerful tone. At this part, his chorus rings with familiar strains from the song, "Velvet Moon." The arrangement is typically Ellington, and will be enjoyed by all who hear it.

"The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," by the Benny Goodman quartet, features Mel Powell on the piano. While attending high school I became very friendly with Mel, and I am sure that his success has not gone to his head. For as far back as I can remember, Mel played with a style that was strictly his own. A few years ago, B.G. discovered him, and he rose swiftly with the band. On this record is Benny, Mel, Nick Fatoul on drums, and Artie Bernstein on bass. It opens with Benny playing the melody and a little improvisation, then some very good piano by Mel. Goodman breaks in again and continues until the end. On the reverse side is "Solo Flight," featuring the guitar of the late Charlie Christians.

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Red Terrors Lose To Soldiers

Fowler's Fancies

The Red Terrors dropped their pre-season game with the Seymour Johnson Field quint by a count of 53 to 33. The Johnson outfit is filled with former college stars, and their fast breaking and accurate shooting proved a little too much for the inexperienced Terror squad.

There has been some discussion as to whether "Doc" Newton's contract will be renewed for the coming football season. Although the Wolfpack didn't turn in any remarkable performances, we're of the opinion that they did darn well considering their opponents and experience.

Newton never has burned up the Southern Conference with his teams, but you can be sure that State College has been steadily improving since the days of "Hunk" Anderson, back in '36. After Newton took over, each State team was an improvement over the one before, until the war came along and knocked things into a cocked hat.

When State opened its doors to the Army, everyone thought that would make the '43 Wolfpack even stronger, but evidently the Army doesn't look upon such things in the same way as the Navy, and the boys in khaki were refused permission to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

This left State and Newton faced with the problem of building a team out of 17-year-olds and 4-F-ers, and this team was forced to compete with the star-studded line-ups of Duke, Carolina, and the various other schools which have Navy V-12 units on their campuses.

As a result, State lost a lot of games, but it wouldn't be fair to blame it on the coach. Therefore, we think the committee will be making a grave mistake if they fail to secure the services of "Doc" Newton for the coming year.

Intramural Director Miller called a meeting last Tuesday night of representatives from the dormitories and fraternities to begin plans for the intramural sports program for this term.

The main sport will be basketball and possibly there will be an intramural swimming meet if it can be arranged. Once again let us urge everyone to give this program his whole-hearted support.

New Cage Teams Have Sprung Up In South

All indications show that the strongest cage teams in the Southern Conference for the current season will be made up of service men.

Although some of the members of the Conference will not be represented on the court this year, their absence will be more than made up for by the various service teams which have sprung up through Virginia, Maryland and the two Carolinas.

About 24 service teams have mushroomed throughout the four states served by the Southern Conference. These teams are studded with former college stars who are now playing for Uncle Sam.

There will be several strong squads in the Norfolk area. The Naval Operating Base still has Matt Zunic, former ace at George Washington, to make them one of the strongest teams in that section.

Up around Staunton, Va., a new squad has sprung from the Army's new Woodrow Wilson General Hospital. This fast-breaking five is captained by Jack Snell, who played guard at New York University.

The Bainbridge Navy team is expected to be the strongest outfit in Maryland, but the teams from George Meade and Edgewood will make the competition in Maryland keen.

In this section, N. C. State, Duke, Carolina, Wake Forest and Davidson will furnish a great deal of the competition for the service teams in North Carolina.

Camp Davis, Camp Butner, Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson Field, Cherry Point and the Camp Lejeune Marines will be the stand-outs of the service quints.

All in all, everything points to some fast and exciting contests between the Conference members and the service squads.

State Cagers Drop Pre-Season Games

Turner and Kohler Star As Depleted Terror Squad Loses To Camp Butner and Seymour Johnson Field

The Red Terrors dropped their second pre-season game to the Seymour Johnson Field Flyers by the score of 53 to 33. Improvement was shown by the Terrors, but the accurate tosses of the Flyers kept them safely in front. For State, it was Stan Kohler leading the way with 10 points. Howard Turner with 8 and Keith Almond with 7 were the runner-ups.

Playing with a smooth precision for the first time, the Red Terrors came close to defeating Camp Butner. The final score was 43 to 38. At the half time, Coach Jay's five was trailing 24-12. But later they found the range and hit the basket for 26 points. The replacement five was held to 18. Turner rang the bell for 12 points and was followed by Kohler and Almond with 10 and 8 points respectively.

These pre-season affairs helped to reveal the weaknesses of the Red Terrors. As they gain more experience, the basketeers should really begin to hit their stride. Keith Almond is the sole remainder of eleven lettermen from last year's team which played in the Southern Conference Tournament. Nine veterans and one reserve eligible to return this year are now in the services.

Importance of Good Timing In Athletics

By DON SAPP

Did you ever wonder why you or somebody else failed to hit a baseball, or a crisp shot in basketball was missed, or a reverse play ended behind the line of scrimmage, or a dive that wasn't properly executed floundered, or a discus throw went an unexpectedly short distance? Some use the familiar and well-worn adage, "Bad luck," to account for the misfortune. The truth is that "luck" may play only a small part in a success or failure. Coaches and athletes alike will vouch for the opinion that exact timing is the key for a triumphant endeavor.

Timing and teamwork supplies the color and beauty that holds the attention and interest of the spectators. When you see a basketball or football team in rare form, you may be sure that their timing is perfect. Let a man be out of place or the ball handling be poor and the offense bogs down.

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sible extent in working on research problems and tests of interest to the textile manufacturers of the State. At this time we are conducting research on cotton card production, and have recently completed the manufacture of a special fabric for the Quartermaster Corps. This is only the beginning of our research program. We are now making plans for the enlargement of our testing laboratories, and will equip them with latest types of precision air-conditioning equipment, and testing instruments and apparatus of all kinds for studying cotton and rayon fibers, yarns, and fabrics. A part of our program will involve the testing of North Carolina-grown cottons."

Greater emphasis and more adequate courses are going to be given to handling delicate personnel problems, labor relations, merchandising and marketing, styling and designing, textile manufacturing and management, he stated. "At State College, the student spends somewhat more than half his time on regular college subjects, such as English, physics, mathematics, economics, and history. In my opinion this general training is extremely important and is an essential part of the education of the men we are turning out," Dean Campbell said.

Head Officer



DAN PAUL

Ex-Alumni Secretary Commands Tanker

Lt. Dan M. Paul, left, former State College alumni secretary, has been assigned as commanding officer of a new Navy tanker, friends at State College were informed today.

Lt. Paul, a native of Pantego, who was commissioned in the Navy in June, 1942, as a lieutenant, junior grade, was promoted to full lieutenant last May. He has served in the Atlantic and in the South Pacific.

After serving for six months as farm agent in Granville County, Lt. Paul became State College's alumni secretary in 1937; he held this position until he entered the Navy. His wife is the former Miss Isobel Hoey, daughter of former Governor Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby.

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the physical sciences. A vast amount of technical publications, books, and research projects are completed annually at N. C. State. The College is regarded by many authorities as the center of technological education and research in the South.

"In my judgment, there is now at this College the strongest Research group at any Land-Grant College in the Southern States," wrote Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, in endorsing the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi at State College.

National officers of Sigma Xi are: Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard University, president; Dr. George A. Baitzell of Yale University, executive secretary; and Dr. George B. Pegram of Columbia University, treasurer.

Officers of the State College Club are: Dr. McCutcheon, presi-

dent; Dr. A. J. Wilson, vice president; Dr. W. G. Van Note, secretary; and Dr. John W. Cell, treasurer.

The following Southern institutions have chapters of Sigma Xi: Duke University, Louisiana State University, Rice Institute, Tulane University, the University of Alabama, the University of Florida, the University of Kentucky, the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech.

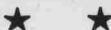
NOTICE

All students and others interested in forming a Men's Glee Club are asked to meet in Pullen Hall Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Pianists who would like to try out as accompanists are requested to meet at the same time.

Violinists and other string players will meet in Pullen Hall Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for try-outs for the concert orchestra.

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