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WHY JOIN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION?

"Why should I join a professional organization? What can I get out of it? What's in it for me?" These are oft heard questions among teachers. Many have felt and spoken in this way. Unfortunately there are still some 'professional hitchhikers' as Ben Miller once so aptly put it.

There is nothing wrong in asking such questions. Error lies in failing to see just how much a teacher does get from professional membership.

Quite recently a move was made by the Treasury Department which is the direct result of action taken by the N.E.A. As of this last tax period ending April 15, the cost of education beyond the Bachelor's Degree became tax exempt. This action is retroactive to 1954 provided application was made by April 15, 1958. Application for overpayment of taxes for 1955, 1956 and 1957 may be made sometime this coming year. Notice of this will appear in the newspapers.

As educators we feel that this tax adjustment is right and long overdue. As individuals we would have had no chance to get this ruling passed, but as a group it was accomplished. We all know full well that some form of unification or organization is basic for concerted effort. To press for needed legislation or to block detrimental legislation requires the strength of many yet affects each individual teacher. To keep our profession growing in strength and stature every single teacher should support one or more professional organizations willingly and fully.

The example given above is but one of the many accomplishments of professional organizations. Intelligent cooperation can help us make our organizations as strong and as effective as such groups as the Medical Associations. It can be done! Don't be one who asks, "What's in it for me?" Rather be one who knows!

STECHEER AWARD

Miss Phyllis Minnich, one of our graduating seniors, was presented with the second annual Stecher Award on May 16, the night of the Normal College Spring Demonstration. Each year the faculty selects the senior student who is most outstanding in the following areas: scholarship, physical ability, professional attitude toward physical education as a career, character and personality traits, and leadership and service. Miss Minnich is most deserving of this honor and we offer her our heartiest congratulations.

RATH MEMORIAL

We are pleased to announce that Ray Zimlich, Treasurer, has had metal tags made to identify all the gifts given to the school as a part of the Rath Memorial. These little plates have now been affixed to the record players, tape recorder, screen, etc. and will be placed on the boat as soon as Camp opens.

P.E. FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

By
Robert Duerr

We were very glad to see the publicity given in the bulletin to the program of physical education for handicapped children in the Buffalo area and are only too happy to comply with your request for more information about said program.

School #84 located at E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo is a cooperative effort between the County of Erie and the Buffalo Board of Education for the education of the physically handicapped children of the area. At present we have about 157 children ranging in age from 6 to 17 who complete their elementary education at school, or if they are victims of a dual handicap (physical and mental) complete a life adjustment program of 8 years which is exploratory and pre-vocational in nature. Following graduation most of the people who have completed the grade work attend Kensington High School. Those who finish the life adjustment program are recommended for placement in a sheltered workshop if they are capable of such work.

By and large the physical education program is an adapted and restricted type designed to meet the physical and emotional of the disabled child so he can develop to his maximum potential. About 60% of our pupils are classed in the area of the brain damaged child, cerebral palsy, to be specific. Some of the cerebral palsy children are only very slightly involved and through a concentrated program of physical therapy and physical education can be reeducated to overcome their slight handicap and thus lead a much happier existence. Others are more severely involved and require bracing, walkers, special speech therapy swimming, etc.

Many come to us as non-ambulatory patients and with the help of all these facilities are taught to walk and care for themselves in a period of two or three years. In most cases it is a slow deliberate process, however, the results are generally gratifying.

The objectives of the physical education program are three fold:- (1) To rehabilitate the child to the fullest possible extent and to equip him with those physical skills necessary for a more complete life. (2) To assist in the development of desirable social and emotional traits that will help to make him a good citizen and a contributing member of society. (3) To equip him with a knowledge of sports activities, rules and regulations and an adequate supply of skills for leisure time.

The specific activities carried on in the gymnasium are the same or similar to those of any well rounded physical education class organization with the exception of the strictly formal type of work, e.g., free exercise. You could not ask all the people in one class to raise arms sideward, some do not have arms to raise, some cannot raise them and for the cerebral palsy (athetoid type) his arms would tend to fly in many erratic directions.

Rhythmic work is important for the beginners (age 6) walking and eventually running is stressed. Some can be taught to skip, others learn to gallop very easily. We do simple folk dances--Skip to My Lou, Water Sprite, etc., and progress through such dances as Seven Jumps, Bingo, the Virginia Reel and many of the simple and complicated patterns of square dancing. Anything from Life on the Ocean Wave to Grand Square depending on the composition of the group. We now have a pretty fast group of Square Wheelers - all in wheel chairs.

Soccer and touch football type games lend themselves well to sports and games programs as well as Newcomb, Volleyball, Softball, Kickball, etc.

The particular scooter football game is one in which we use a combination of 6 man and touch football rules and it works well for small groups. The scooters are made by Titus Mfg. Co. and are advertised in most Physical Education Journals. They would be an excellent addition to any P.E. program.

The swimming program is another phase of the work and classes are conducted in a small tank type pool built up off the floor. The water is kept at a temperature of 90 degrees and many of our pupils have learned to take their first steps in the pool. Many learn to swim before they can walk.

In the past two years we have given demonstrations for the N.Y. State Convention of the International Council for Exceptional Children, talked to the senior P.E. students at the U. of Buffalo and the pre-service group of students preparing for work with exceptional children at N.Y. State College for Teachers at Buffalo. This fall we will present a demonstration of physical education activities for disabled children at the Western Zone Physical Education Section meeting in Buffalo in October.

Each May we present a spring program for the P.T.A. of School 84 and in this show we use about 100 of the 157 children that are in school.

We also have a Boy Scout Troop of about 50 boys. Some of them have advanced as far as First Class, Star and Life Scouts and in connection with the scout work have worked with George Walper on several occasions.

Of course we have many interested visitors at our school each week. One of the more recent visitors was an old friend and expert in physical education, Roberta Brogan Van Nostrand. It was good to see her.

Most likely this long dissertation is more than you bargained for but we are always willing to talk long and loud, especially about the important part that physical education plays in the life of the crippled child.

Robert J. Duerr

Editor's Note: We look forward to seeing Bob in action sometime, perhaps at a future Homecoming program if it can be arranged.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ronald and Donna (Relford) Stephens who became the parents of a girl, Dawn Denise, on April 20, 1958.

HENRY SCHROEDER REPORTS

I have had a very busy year, approximately 400 children in our school, keeps one very busy. The outstanding event of the Season was the appearance of the German Gymnastic team here at the New York Turn Verein. We had hired for this demonstration the St. Nicholas Boxing Arena and it was sold out a week in advance. We had over 5000 spectators. The exhibition was well received, particularly the Rhythmic work of the Ladies. I believe Normal College should avail itself of these foreign teams that come to this country. They have a lot to offer to students of Physical Education. Panzer College of East Orange, N.J. had 125 students at this demonstration.

As Tour Leader of the American Turners to the Turnfest in Munich we find a few Alumni going with us, they are Harry Warnken and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ping of Buffalo. We have 47 going on the S.S. Italia on July 4th and 28 flying with the Lufthansa on July 11th.

As chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee of the American Turners I might announce our next National Turnfest for 1959 to be held in Louisville, Ky.

GEORGE M. HEESCHEN REPORTS

Albina Macyauskas Walsh has her new baby. It's a boy.

We, Lucille and I, are now neophyte grandparents, and very proud ones. Jerry, the oldest, is now at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan, having completed all but an oral on his Ph.D. in Chemistry. It was his wife who presented him with a boy on April 1.

Dick and Terry are planning on their baby early in July.

As of now, we plan to be there for the Spring Demonstration--guess why!

RUDY SCHREIBER REPORTS

Rudie Memmel, class of '37, was elected and installed as National President of Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity at the National Council Meeting which was held in Kansas City, Mo., March 28-30, 1958.

Cincinnati has a habit of producing presidents for the fraternity as Earl Vornheder, W. K. Streit preceded Rudie as heads of the fraternity, Earl from 1948 to 1952 and Bill from 1952 to 1954.

Rudie will serve in his capacity as national president for three years. This reporter will retain his position as Executive Secretary for another three years. He first took over this job in 1936 and held it until he entered service in 1942. He took over again in 1950 and has been on the job ever since.

There were many Normal College alumni in attendance at the AAHPER meeting in Kansas City from March 30 to April 1. Among those present were: Bill Streit, Rudie Memmel, Louis Kittlaus, Walter Eberhardt, Harry Grabner, Robert Marx, Henry Montoye, Grover Mueller, Peggy Hope, Shirley and Sharon Parrett, August Pritzlaff, Sally Belle Dodds, Johanne Guenter, and Rudy Schreiber.

SEEN AT MIDWEST CONVENTION

Among the Normal College Alums seen at the recent Midwest Convention in Milwaukee were Bob Mayberry, Paul Voisard, Dick Heesch, Dan Danti, Bert Moline, Herb Klier, Rudy Memmel, Harry Grabner, Henry Montoye, Charles Hoppe, Geo Farkas, Bob Goeke, Nelson and Ruth Lehston, Fred Martin and Lola Lohse. Most of these alums attended the Indiana University Breakfast which was held at the new and beautiful Y.M.C.A. The Breakfast was well attended in spite of the fact that it was held at 7:30 A.M.!

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HELEN ABRAHAMSON REPORTS

Can't gather up too much news but here's what I have.

From Milt Kurrle- Received his Master's in Administration last summer from the U. of Iowa. He has taken over as Supervisor of P.E. in the East Moline grade schools. This summer he will either build a trailer and see the country or work as a tool designer in one of our many large factories.

About Bill Klier--He is going to Augustana getting his A.B. degree. Bill and Ginny are grandparents-- a boy.

Me--After doing eleven big shows for summer theater I'm taking a year off, maybe longer cause I sort of like this not checking a rehearsal schedule about now. I'm going to my cabin in Minn. and really relax and just concentrate on the fish!

Hope you have fun at Brosius and a good season. Some year I'll cruise around that way on my way up North.

Abe

PURDUE APPOINTMENT

Sally Belle Dodds recently was appointed to the staff of Purdue University as an Instructor in Health Education. She will also be responsible for some of the service classes. Best wishes in this new assignment, Sally.

SPUTH SCHOLARSHIP

We hope that enough interest will have accrued from our investments so that it will be possible to announce the first recipient next September. We are happy to announce that we have now received a total of \$5,400. Additional donors since the last report are: Mary Ellen Lehr, Hans Reuter and the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter of Delta Psi Kappa. If any of you would care to make a donation at this time the form below is added for your convenience. Remember, you will be helping some worthy person gain an education and at the same time be helping your own profession.

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REMARKS: _____

THE JUNIOR CLASS REPORTS

Following is the blow by blow account of the latest junior class endeavors:

Sixty miles from Indianapolis is a quaint little place located in the heart of the monsoon country--and that is where we juniors be, running between rain drops in our perpetually wet slickers. One of the things we have learned from our experiences on the big campus is the appalling variety of rain wear sported by damp, very damp, coeds. Not wanting to be left out, we invaded the place one stormy night last fall in our ponchos and ballet slippers. Needless to say, we were an immediate hit and have been accepted into the group.

It is a rarity to attend such a large university as Indiana and not be active in some of its activities. So--being conformists, we have all been active in some way, and we "never let our social life interfere with our studies."

Sandi Love, Joanne Tedesco and Barb Gerhold are displaying their talents in Oceanides swimming club. All three have been active members of Pemm Club. Jo Olson is serving as vice-president of the club and Sandy Spuzich as Treasurer. Barb is also the very capable house-manager of Weatherwax, where Jo is Recreational Chairman and Jan Brown is Co-Social Chairman. Jan is also a member of the Student Senate and the Weatherwax Referral Board. George Breithaupt took time from his responsibilities as a new father to work with the Gym team, along with Ted Wood. George Fisher won his share of the team's honors during the past season. In spite of our busy schedules, we still find time to think of Normal College and to miss the Pas de Basque, tactics of the rank, lay-out hand-springs, gems of wisdom and Today's Bell Ringer, served by the Athenaeum kitchen.

We are all looking forward to Spring Demonstration, although we will be on the other side of "the Black line" this year. We'll see you May 16th.

The Junior Class

Editor's Note: C.L.H. takes issue! It's the Green line!

GERRY EBERHARDT REPORTS FOR THE SOPHOMORES

Just four weeks to go till camp at the time of this writing, and we all know it, too. After all the work we did last year, the sophomores are looking forward to a nice easy year in beautiful Wisconsin. At the same time, the freshmen are wondering what they are in for as another new experience at N.C.A.G.U. approaches. To be sure, they have already been told about the grass cutting, putting up the T and the float, and the other incidentals so important in getting a camp back into shape for the season. Forewarned is forearmed so don't forget those work gloves! The thing that they probably do not appreciate yet is the pleasure of regular hours and good food. (We missed this routine after leaving camp last year.)

However, before we get to camp, there is much more we must do right here--both fun and work. The first date I have in mind is May 7th which is Honor Day on campus. On this day those who made the Dean's Honor List go to Bloomington for recognition. This year the following will be so honored: Norma Giroud, Laurel Heeschen, Betty McIlvaine, Judy Oliver and Gerry Eberhardt.

Three weeks from now our spring demonstration comes up on May 16th. This is a week later than last year but we are working just as hard. Looking at it now one would wonder if we'll be ready in time, but knowing Mrs. Hester and Mr. Martin, we'll make it! The activities to be presented are, as usual, active, interesting and entertaining.

Before closing, all of the students would like to say congratulations to Jon Yohe, a fellow student who took the plunge into the sea of matrimony on Sat., April 26.

A call to the office informs us that the missing Bill Tiernan is now Lt. Wm. Tiernan, Wing Legal Officer M.W.H.G., 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft F.M.F., c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, California.

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LAUREL HEESCHEN REPORTS FOR THE FRESHMEN

At this time most of the freshmen's attention is focused on Spring Demonstration. We are all putting forth an effort to learn the dances, tumbling and apparatus routines, tactics, and games by May 16. Believe me, we are certainly feeling the effort too. It seems we are all discovering muscles that haven't been used very much before. And, we're all going to need our "wheaties" in order to survive the demonstration and the square dancing afterward in the Athenaeum. Even though there is a lot of work put into the Spring Demonstration, we still manage to enjoy ourselves while working on it, and I am sure it will be a big success, worth everyone's while who comes to see it.

Every year the sophomores have the opportunity to teach the children from St. Mary's grade school for one period a week for so many weeks. This year, however, there were a few extra weeks here at the last and the freshmen had the rare privilege of teaching St. Mary's children also. Of course, most of us have never taught children like this before, and we all had to make our nervous debut. Even though only one teaching chance was given to us, it was enough to let us know how it feels and what to expect next year.

Preparations have started getting underway for Camp Brosius. Excitement is beginning to show in our expressions and conversations as to what we will do up there, what the weather will be like, and all the good food we'll be eating--of which we have heard so much about. This year Mrs. Hester is allowing us to get out of school on May 27, instead of May 29, in order to avoid the traffic rush of the Memorial Day weekend.

Through all the excitement of Spring Demonstration, practice teaching, and Camp Brosius, no one seems to be aware of final exams making their way slowly into our schedule. Very shortly, though, they will be in plain sight and this is when the real fun begins. The halls of Normal will become abnormal with quietness, and

the expressions on the faces of the students will be sullen and serious until life once again awakens on May 27. Then nervous tension will be set free and all that will be heard at N.C.A.G.U. is "CAMP BROSIOUS, HERE WE COME!"

From Jo Somers--

Dear Faculty,

I really didn't know that I was among the "lost" already. Stopping to think about it--I haven't seen anyone or been in contact with Normal or I.U. this year. I am lost in knowing what happens to all the time. You might say I'm lost in my love for teaching at the Connersville Jr. High. This community is now rating a close second to Pendleton--Ha.

Recently, I accepted a position to teach here for my 3rd year. I can only say that everything is wonderful and I'm ready to stay. Next year we are increasing for we will have around 100 more students due to an annexation to the city. This will make our total enrollment around 600 in the 7th and 8th grades.

I did miss not having Homecoming at Thanksgiving. I had planned on a visit during State Teachers Convention but at the last moment I became ill with flu. I will be coming to the Spring Demonstration without fail. I am looking forward to becoming "unlost" at that time.

As ever,
Jo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS

Jon Yoho, one of the Normal College students, was married to Judith Kaye White on Saturday, April 26, in Indianapolis. Best wishes to them both.

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VERA ULBRICHT REPORTS

News from St. Louis. Bill Gerber earlier this spring had to take an enforced vacation in the hospital. For a time he was seriously ill, lost a good deal of weight, and is now working hard to regain it so that he may return before the close of school. In the meantime, he is greatly missed at Southwest High School.

Some of her friends were happy to greet Peg (Woods) Stocker on her recent visit to St. Louis on official business as National Women's Auxiliary President of the Turners. Peg was the house guest of Lelia Gunther. St. Louis is looking forward to Peg stopping again with husband Jack on their way to California in June.

The Belzers (Martha Hehrlein) are anticipating with pleasure the moving into their new home in Saint Louis County this summer.

A letter from Kate Steichmann lets us know that she is getting around and still enjoying life to the full. Two weeks were spent with Indianapolis friends in Arizona as they wended their way homeward from California. Kate is certainly vitally interested in all her Normal College friends.

I hope to be spending my summer vacation with Marie Clark in Europe along with the other million Americans.

HENRY J. SMIDL IN FLORIDA

Henry J. Smidl of Chicago, who retired in June from his teaching position at Lindblom High School, is now staying in Sarasota, Florida with Mrs. Smidl.

Credited as being the organizer of gymnastics in Chicago, Mr. Smidl coached at Englewood High School for 6 years and at Lindblom for 32 years. His teams won 49 championships during this period of 38 years!

Mr. Smidl represented America in 1920 in the Czech Olympic games held at Prague. He placed first in the long horse, rope climb and in the pentathlon, winning fourth place in this world meet. He held the national Czech title for 11 years (1916-27) retiring undefeated in all around competition.

It would not be surprising to find Mr. Smidl involved in Sarasota gymnastics sometime in the future.

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