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Freeman Guest Speaker for Commencement

Minnesota's newly elected governor, Orville L. Freeman, will be the guest speaker at the Commencement exercises here at Winona State Teachers College on June 8.

Governor Freeman, who is married and has two children, was graduated from the University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Law School, magna cum laude, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He worked his way through college and was an "M" man in football.

Freeman served with the Marines during the war and was a major at the time of his discharge. He is a member of the Democrat Farm Labor Party and was a candidate for the attorney general in 1950, and governor in 1952. Now he is a member of the DFL state central committee.

Governor Freeman is a member of many organizations including: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Eagles, Moose, Disabled Veterans, University of Minnesota Alumni Association, and the Minnesota Bar Association.

Left to right: Bill Schimmel, Patricia Diethart, Barbara Gaddis and David Mertes.

It's a Date!

May 21 Spring Prom, Smokey
May 24 Co-rec Night, Memorial Hall
May 30 Memorial Day, holiday
June 1 All-college Picnic
June 6 Baccalaureate
June 3, 6, 7 Final examinations
June 7 Senior Banquet
June 8 Commencement

Players Hold Spring Banquet

Winona Players activities were reviewed at a formal initiation banquet held at the Oaks on Wednesday, May 18. These activities included sponsorship of the Dublin Players, establishment of the Entertainment Bureau, presenting two one-act plays at the Faculty Fair and the presentation of HEDDIE GABLER.

New officers installed at the banquet were Patricia Wilke, president; Hugh Turton, vice-president; Nancy Gynild, secretary; Bob Brown, treasurer; Donald Gulbransen, head technician; and Gil Bergsrud, assistant technician.

New members initiated at the banquet were: Marilyn Lewis, Jacqueline Thompson, Mary Ann Sapp, Mary Steigerwald, Roman Clausen, Harriet Long, Roberta Flynn, Joanne Holmgren, Muriel Suttie, Alice Knowlton, Gilbert Bergsrud, John Falen, Frank Kelley, Ron Stuart, Doreen Ribs, Pat Kelm, Bob Brown, Pat Severson, Barbara Rajtar, John Backus, Margaret Rigg.

Committees in charge of the banquet were decorations: Don Lowrie, Nancy Gynild, Margaret Kloss; invitational, Jean Thomforde, Elaine Behnken; food, Pat Waas, Marlene Fennholz; transportation, Jerry Quiet; invitations, Helen Nelson.

Kappa Delta Pi Holds Spring Initiation

The gamma Tau chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society, received 20 new members at formal initiation ceremonies early in May. New officers were installed at the same time. Brother Raymond of St. Mary's College was guest speaker at the banquet which was held at Hotel Winona.

The initiates were Mrs. Constance Fenne, Mrs. Joseph Galagher, Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson, Mrs. P. R. Ohnstad, Nancy Blaisdale, Mary Brown, Anna Clark, Jacqueline Fuller, Regina Hudrik, Darlene Johnson, Audrey Lohmann, Joanne Nagle, Mary Ann Roberts, Charlotte Schwantz, Shirley Senicki, Irene Skarstad, LaVonne Tews, Olive Tovson, Mary Tripp, and Agnes Winkels.

The new officers are Margaret Kloss, president; Darline Bearson, vice-president; Elizabeth Gross, secretary; Donald Lowrie, treasurer; Barbara Gaddis, historian; Arlene Hanson, Nancy Gynild and Kenneth Bittner will serve on the program committee.

Officers for 1955-56 Elected By Student Body

Bill Schimmel's "Enthusiasm" ticket proved to be the thing the students of State wanted when they cast their votes in the April 28 Student Council elections. Bill, who is from Minneapolis, was elected president; Patricia Diethart, stillwater, was elected vice-president; Barbara Gaddis, Owatonna, secretary; and David Mertes, Winona, was elected treasurer.

Class officers were elected during the week of May 9-12. Seniors next year will be headed by James Threinen, Milaca. Other new senior class officers are Gordon Hanson, Eau Claire, vice-president; Darline Bearson, LaCrosse, treasurer; James Bolden, St. Paul Park, finance committee; Nancy Gynild, Spring Valley, social committee; Jean Thomforde, Pine Island, assembly committee; Bob Ziebell, Winona, public relations; and, Irene Buhler, Pine Island, library.

Art Nardello, North Lake, Illinois, will be the new junior class president next fall. Bill Ziebell, Winona, will be vice-president; and Barbara Plourde, Stillwater, secretary-treasurer. Shirlie Marburger, Spring Valley, will be on the social committee; Robert Brown, Stillwater, finance committee; Marilyn Schmuck, Mankato, assembly committee; and David Lauchle, Donners Grove, Illinois, public relations committee are the other new officers.

The freshmen elected Keith Todd, Elba, as their new president for next year. Other new officers are: John May, Rose Creek, vice-president; Patricia Kelm, Pine Island, secretary-treasurer; Patricia Seveston, Lake City, finance; Beverly Kruger, St. Paul, social committee; La Rue Swardson, South Saint Paul, assembly committee; and Barbara Renslo, Caledonia, public relations.

Purple Key Selects Nine for Membership

One of the highest honors that any student can achieve is admission to the Purple Key. This group holds no meetings and elects no officers; it is purely honorary. Membership is based upon scholarship, character, and unusual service in the field of education and in campus activities.

Members selected from Winona State Teachers College for this year were: Carol Anderson, South St. Paul; Donna Daun, Winona; Donna Freeman, Draper; Marlene Majerus, Winona; Helen Nelson, Preston; Carol Peterson, Winona; Russell Schmidt, Winona; Patricia Waas, Dakota; and John Wood, Winona.
Minne Looks Forward to Next Year

When one is asked to write an editorial for this issue, he naturally thinks of the coming year, drawing to its close. It has been a year which brought a large number of freshmen to the campus plus a considerable number of seniors returning from military service. The quality of academic work has been reportedly good, reflecting substantial ability in our student body.

Participation in school events has been gratifying, in some cases unusually excellent. Events sponsored have enlisted generous student support. Among these are Science Day, Speech and Music festivals, basketball tournaments which brought to the campus many visitors from area schools.

Presentations by the various student organizations and by faculty groups have attracted attendance by many who have had little or no prior contact with the college. These activities have afforded opportunity for student effort and our college circle has been extended. All who contributed to the many activities of the year can feel satisfaction in the results which their efforts have brought.

Those who return next year can look forward to a year of activity and progress. The college faces ahead with confidence that its service to the people of the state will be increasingly important in the years to come.

President Nels Menne' May 20, 1955

William Schimmel, New Council President, States Policies for Year 1955-56

This is, perhaps, my first real opportunity to "talk" about EN-THUSIASM with a lot of you and to explain my views on enthusiasm as it pertains to you, me, and next year, and I hope, for a long time to come.

I am a great believer in positive thinking and in line with this, goes enthusiasm whether it be in school or on the job, or in athletics, or hobbies, or love, or life in general. There are two ways to look at anything in life, the negative or pessimistic approach and the other, the positive or optimistic outlook. We all know people who typify one or the other. The negative view is the person who looks down the street to see if he has missed the bus while the positive approach is to look up the street to see if the bus is coming. Or the person who thinks optimistically calls the glass half full instead of half empty. And here, I know how pleased I am when a person asks me, "How fast did you run in the 880 yard race?" or "How slow did you run that mile?" for which intents and purposes means the same thing, but how much more positive to use the word "fast" in connection with a race instead of "slow." Thus, I feel our big job is to defeat indifference and apathy and overcome spasmodic enthusiasm into a positive, enthusiastic thinkers with a "we can do any job we set out to accomplish" attitude. With that attitude we can make the college a greater focal point for activities and interests.

I know this means lots of work and participation where there is seemingly so much and certainly no monetary rewards, but I often think the returns come later on, even when we may be a long time away and distance away from college days. Things such as satisfaction for a job well done, cooperation, closer friendships and a greater interest in all part of life that we can guarantee today by this enthusiastic work and participation and spirit.

And how can we achieve this enthusiasm? How can each and every one help in some way towards the overall gain? I'd like to list just three ways I feel this can be achieved.

1. Speak up — tell our representatives and your class officers what you want and your ideas (new or old, good or bad). Tell them your complaints, your gripes, your suggestions and I might add also, your praises. Don't be afraid to speak up and let your representatives know your ideas and wants because it is our way of achieving positive results.

2. Take part — participate or help freely and enthusiastically when needed or called upon and do it just for the fun of it. Don't be afraid to take part because this too, is another way to get more out of school and life and achieve positive results.

3. Support the school — by your enthusiastic support at all school events, or any event in which you can take an actual part at least give it your wholehearted support. Don't be afraid to stand up and yell or clap or back the school. By developing school spirit to an enthusiastic level we can achieve positive results.

So, that's the situation and IT'S UP TO YOU what direction we go. Which way do you want to go? Just as in all situations in life, we will get just those results at school and year with all its activities that you yourself want, and this will be in direct proportion to how hard you are willing to work to achieve those results. I repeat, it's up to you.

Once again, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all honor and privilege you have given me and for your confidence and trust in me. But let me say again, "IT'S UP TO YOU." Let's pull together! Let's start right off with a BANG, and follow right through and make the next year a really successful, eventful, and memorable year.

—William Schimmel
Music and You
by Gene Steffes

As this is the last issue of the school paper for this year, I would like to use this opportunity to briefly comment on our own Teachers College Rhythm Matters. First, on behalf of the band personnel, I would like to say thanks to the student body for appreciating the band and for keeping an active interest in it throughout the year. Your support and interest are always morale builders in anything and the same holds true for our band. Next, I would like to say that our Swing Band has made steady improvements over last year and the earlier part of this year. Because the personnel of the band has changed very little over last year and will change little this year, we are now getting the type of music that comes from a unit. By that I mean that as each individual improved his own individual playing, he could better be a part of the band. Because we have been together for the past two years, we all have the same manner of interpreting musical arrangements. Consequently, we are now achieving a more polished sound, and I am sure that next year we can again send to the student body a fine sounding swing band.

On behalf of the band I would also like to publicly express our thanks to Fred Heyer for personally making our swing band go. Without his arrangements, on which he spends many hours, the band would not be what it is. Also, those arrangements are among the best in this part of the country. Without his experience, the band just wouldn't be. You, we as members of the swing band, are truly fortunate to have the privilege of playing in a band directed by Fred Heyer.

So once again, thanks to you, the student body for your support and thanks to Fred Heyer for the band he has given us. Next year will be even better.

A King, Indeed—
by Marlene Majorus

If you like to feel absurdly nostalgic about your by-gone grade school days and your teachers, especially the one that wore her hair in a bun and was definitely classed as the "old maid schoolmaster," whom you probably had a nickname for, you will enjoy the novel by Frances Gray Patton, entitled A King, Indeed.

The horrible Miss Dove, the dreaded, but yet dear school teacher who had been a figurehead at Cedar Grove Elementary School ever since Liberty Hill could remember, was taken seriously ill, and during her stay at the hospital met many of her old pupils who had grown up in spite of her misgivings.

Miss Dove is as alive as your old third grade teacher was, and her story may bring a smile to your face or two, but they are the kind of tears that you enjoy.

Some Questions and Answers for State's Vets

Q. I am planning to attend a tax-supported State college under the Korean GI Bill. The school charges no tuition to residents of the State. As a Korean GI student, will I be required to pay anything?

A. The law gives the school the right to charge you an amount not in excess of the cost of teaching personnel and instructional supplies, up to a maximum of $10 a month for a full-time course.

Q. I entered the armed forces after February 1, 1955, so, following my discharge, I will be considered a "peace time veteran." If I am disabled in service, would it be possible for me, as a "peace time veteran," to get disability compensation at a wartime rate?

A. Normally, peace time veterans receive disability compensation at peace time rates, which are 80 percent of the wartime rate. However, if your disability were from extra-hazardous service, such as simulated warfare, you might be entitled to wartime rates.

Q. A friend of mine reported for active military duty as a result of a draft call. Within 20 days he was released from service because of personal hardship. Would he have 120-day free insurance coverage, even though he didn't serve 31 days or more? And would he be entitled to the GI term insurance within the 120-day period?

A. So long as he was ordered to active duty for a period of 31 days or more, he would be entitled to the 120-day free insurance at the GI term insurance within the 120-day period.

Q. I have a GI endorsement policy, on which my dividends have been paid in a lump sum. I would like to know if I have the right to receive the dividends in regular monthly payments, too?

A. No. Your accrued dividends may be paid in a lump sum only.
Campus Club Notes

Bradford Club

Late in October, the Congregational college students got together and started a church club which they named the Bradford Club after an important man in Congregational Church history. Shortly after its formation the Presbyterian youth joined the club and Miss Roney was chosen as the advisor.

The following officers were chosen: president, Anna Clark; vice president, Frank Kelley; and, secretary-treasurer, Darlene Conley.

Throughout the year the meetings were held every two weeks and lunch was served once a month. During the year many different topics were discussed. The main topics were the first books of the New Testaments led by Reverend Reksrud, the harmfulness of divorce, and the damage possible by gossip.

The club sent two delegates to a study conference at the University of Minnesota on the subject of a proposed merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Christian Church.

Late in October, the Congregational and Evangelical and Reformed Christian Churches are invited.

Gamma Delta

During the school year Gamma Delta, under the guidance of Reverend Vicar Essman, has discussed the following topics: Lutheran doctrine, marriage and Lutheran liturgy.

The club completed its year's activities with a picnic at Lake Winona May 12.

Alumni Reunion Scheduled June 4

The annual alumni reunion will be held Saturday, June 4. Two groups to be especially honored this year are the graduating classes of 1905 and 1930 who are celebrating their fiftieth and twenty-fifth year reunions, respectively.

The reunion classes will assemble in the social room of Somsen Hall at informal gathering at 10:00 to renew old acquaintances.

The reunion dinner and annual meeting of all classes will be held at Morey Hall at 6:15.

Alumni Reunion

To be used only by Active Members of the ALUMNI SOCIETY of Winona State Teachers College.

Mail ballot to Miss de Groot, WSTC, or cast ballot at annual dinner meeting Saturday, June 4, 1955.

Check enclosed

I wish to reserve ______ plates at $1.75 each.

Signed

ALUMNI REUNION
DINNER RESERVATIONS
Saturday, June 4 Morey Hall 6:15 p.m.

Swing Band Helps in Recruiting Campaign

The programs consisted of popular show tunes arranged by band personnel. Persons in the band, listed according to the type of instrument they play are: drums, Wayne Hotson; piano, Marlene Majerus; bass, Ralph Beneicke; saxophones, Gene Marin, Ron Steurat, Duayne Malewicki, Karl Brundgardt, and Fred Heyer; trumpets, Curt Peterson, Dick Hamgren, Milt Abramson, Gene Steffes, Tom O'Brien, Dave Lueck, and Mark Skroch, and trombones, Gerry Glazos and Larry DeFrance. Mr. Fred Heyer is band director.

Jon Sontag Lists Varied Activities

Each spring Winona State, like all other schools and colleges, loses a number of outstanding leaders through its graduating classes. This month the WINONAN wishes to honor senior Jon Sontag who, for four years, has been among that invaluable core of students whose efforts keep the college's extra-curricular activities functioning.

As a freshman, Jon was vice-president of his class. The following year he was sophomore class president, president of LSA, vice-president of Kappa Pi fraternity, and a member of the orientation team. Jon was elected representative council vice-president for his senior year, and carried out many responsibilities as Homecoming chairman. He was also president of LSA, president of Kappa Pi and orientation team member, and became a member of Kappa Delta Pi scholastic honorary fraternity. This year Jon has once again served as president of Kappa Pi and was captain of the orientation team. Add to these positions the many hours of voluntary work whenever needed and it is quite apparent why Jon is considered an outstanding leader.

Jon has encountered many amusing incidents throughout his various activities. One such incident he relates as follows:

"When I was homecoming chairman, Chuck Henthorne was chairman of the formal. The decorations were based mostly on a carnival motif with a great many clown figures. We had bought a large plastic bag and filled it with balloons. This was hoisted up close to the ceiling with a rip-cord stretching to either balcony of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers. At twelve, up we went and pulled on the cord. At twelve-thirty, my suit coat was off, my tie loosened and we were still pulling. Finally about a quarter to ten we were still pulling on the cord. At 10:30, I asked him. He was still talking to me. I left. At about 10:35, I could hear the rekindling of the old gym. At midnight, as a climax to the evening, we were each going up on one of the balconies and pulling the cords causing a shower of balloons to fall on the dancers.

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