

# Folklore Class Travels To Washington, D. C.

## Six State Students and Dr. Howard Visit Folklore Archives, Library of Congress

Six members of the American Folklore Literature Class journeyed to the Folklore Archives, the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., on January 7. This trip was to culminate the semester's work of Dr. Dorothy Howard's class.

Leaving Frostburg at noon by car, the 6 students, Drucilla Schriner, Helen Kerns, Robert Lancaster, James Skidmore, Carl Kallmyer, and Don Loughrie arrived in Baltimore in time to spend the evening at the Peabody Book Shop, the oldest and best known book shop in Baltimore, the favorite hangout of H. L. Mencken in other days. The students were taken to a room where Mencken had spent many hours with literary friends.

Saturday was spent in the Library of Congress. After examining the students' term paper collections, which consisted of material in the various fields of folklore, Dr. Duncan Emrich, chief of the Folklore Division, expressed enthusiastic approval, and stated that there is publishable material in each collection. He further suggested that the material be submitted to the Southern Folklore Journal.

Because of the progress made in the field of Folklore at Frostburg State, Dr. Emrich has invited the College to be a folklore recording center for The

Library of Congress. According to the plan he outlined, a recording machine and equipment will be furnished the school to use in collecting the lore, with the understanding that the master records be sent to the Library of Congress where they will be filed, while in their places duplicates will be sent to the college for our record library. The students had the privilege of seeing how these recordings were made in The Library Laboratory.

The group was shown special consideration and was allowed to visit the Folklore stacks which are not usually open to the public.

A high spot in the day was the hearing of the dedication of the Woodrow Wilson room by radio. As the students heard the dedication they also had the pleasure of seeing a recording made of the entire service in which Mrs. Woodrow Wilson made the presentation speech.

Later the students had the unexpected honor to view the Woodrow Wilson room, because of special arrangements made by Mr. Leslie of the main reading room. When they stepped across the threshold, the students from Frostburg State were the first of America's public to enter the Woodrow Wilson room.

With the ability to tell a good story

well, Mr. Leslie, Book Inspector of the Library of Congress, related the history of the library. Among other things, he told of how during the American Revolution, leaves from the priceless volumes were used by the British to start a fire. He also told of the famous Jackson collection, one-third of which remains in the Library.

As a fitting end to a memorable day, some of the students saw Lawrence Olivier in *Hamlet* at the Little Theatre.

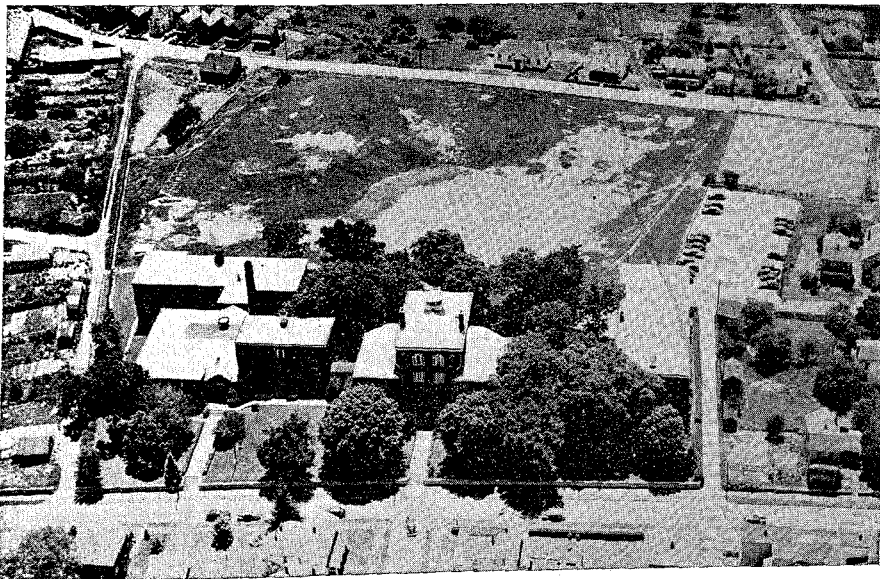
In the opinion of the participating students, the trip to Washington to The Library of Congress climaxed a semester's work in one of the most interesting and profitable courses ever offered here.

This was the last of several trips made by the class. Two trips were made to the Vause Marshall Shop, in Williamsport, W. Va. Other trips were made to Avilton, where the students were introduced to the square dance. The class later sponsored two square dances on the college campus.

The course in American Folklore was inaugurated at Frostburg State Teachers College by Dr. Dorothy Howard, who is a veteran folklorist. She received her Ed. D. from New York University, in 1938; her field of research was children's folk literature. She has contributed a section to the anthology, *A Treasury of American Folklore* edited by B. A. Botkin, the textbook now in use in the folklore course in Frostburg State. She has also contributed folklore articles to *The New Yorker* and to other well known publications.

Following are the areas of collecting undertaken by the students in the present class: "Folk Tales and Stories" by Belle Rice; "Weird Tales" by Don Loughrie; "Place Names," Raymond Smith and Robert Lancaster; "Ballads and Omens of Death," by Helen Kerns; "Collegiate Folklore," by Jack Stapleton; "Folk Rhymes and Jingles of Maryland Children," Joyce E. Newell, Janet S. Pyle and Helen L. George; "Superstitions," by Drucilla Schriner; "Folk Stories and Folk Sayings in Western Maryland," Carl Kallmyer; "Square Dance Calls of Western Maryland," James Skidmore; "Hidden Treasure Stories," Ruth Britt.

In seeking material for their collections, the students have found vast sources of material in Western Maryland. So far the surface has merely been scratched, for there is a vast field yet to be studied.



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# State-To-Date

## Students Desire Use of Athletic Facilities For Planned Evening Recreation Program

State needs more recreational opportunities! Why can't we have a wider use of our athletic equipment and gymnasium? This seems to represent the opinion of quite a few students on our campus. Perhaps it is true; perhaps we could make better use of our facilities.

The main question to be considered in this problem is whether enough students would be interested if opportunities for additional recreation were provided. If sufficient interest were shown, it might be possible to arrange for the formation of basketball and volleyball leagues for boys and similar leagues for girls.

The girls of our campus, while having a well-distributed physical education program are denied the participation in intercollegiate sports which are offered to the boys. Additional recreational activities would be of great value to the girls. Then too, there are many boys on the campus who are not represented in either physical

education or on the varsity teams. To them, such opportunities would be useful.

Our gymnasium is seldom used in the evening and might be secured for the use of such a program. A governing committee could be selected to supervise and plan for the leagues so as to avoid interference with other activities. The teams could either represent our various organizations or be composed of independent groups.

If it were possible for the girls leagues to function between seven or eight o'clock on available evenings, and the boys' league to operate between eight and nine o'clock, I am sure it would arouse much interest on our campus and greatly strengthen student, relationships.

In this manner, I believe we can best utilize our equipment and gymnasium so that all may profit from their use.

R. M.

## Faculty-Student Relationship Must Improve If School Well Being Is To Be Maintained

The relationship between the faculty and students at State Teachers college should be very highly esteemed by both groups. Students and the members of the administration should try to cooperate in all matters that pertain to the well-being of the school.

Many factors have been discussed by various groups of students and faculty members as to the rights and privileges of students and faculty members. The cooperation of these two groups has been very beneficial in many organizations such as Student Congress, where the members can listen to the discussion of both sides of a question and take action thereafter.

On the other hand, there are many pet peeves of the students that go unnoticed. Only certain students voice an opinion. The rest have the same ideas, but nothing ever seems to be done about the matter. Some of these can be brought to light here.

The members of the faculty have just as much time to eat their lunch as the students so why should they

have the privilege of getting in the front of the line in the dining hall. After all, the money used by both students and faculty is worth the same anywhere you go.

Students cannot have the use of the school automobile anytime they so desire. In fact, most members of the faculty use their own automobiles for personal use. If some can get the car for their personal reasons, why can't all of us do the same. Again, our money pays the taxes the same as theirs.

Students are always being reminded of being late for class, but what happens when a member of the faculty is late? The lesson must be speeded up to get the usual amount of work accomplished; then, when the bell rings at the end of class, the instructor must always hold the students back from their next class to give them last minute information.

It is written in the catalog that students may have legitimate excuses for missing classes, but don't ever miss one! Our nurse is at the college only to write excuses that don't mean a thing. Why get sick!!

Faculty members should be looked up to by the students for their fairness and ability to help solve problems. Is this a fair picture to present to students that are supposed to live up to the many rules and regulations set up by the administration? Maybe we are to follow the rule of the old school—"Do as I tell you to do, not as I do."

## Congressional Record

The regular meeting of Student Congress met on November 23, 1948, in the conference room. The meeting was called to order by the president, G. K. Conway, and the minutes were read and approved.

The M. A. A. Constitution, which was read by all members of Student Congress, was voted upon and met the approval of all representatives.

The treasurer was instructed to send a letter and a check for \$10.00 to the Eastern States Association as dues to be paid for this college. The money will be taken from the Student Congress allotment.

Roy Pepper volunteered to represent Student Congress at the Maryland Association of Junior Colleges meeting at Baltimore City College. He is to accompany six other representatives from other organizations on the campus. Thirty five dollars, to be taken from the Student Emergency Fund, will be allotted to the six representatives for partial expenses.

The meeting was then adjourned on a motion made and seconded by the Student Congress Representatives.

The first regular meeting of December was held in President Compton's office on December 6, 1948. This meeting was held one week in advance due to an assembly confliction. The meeting was called to order by President Conway and the minutes were read and approved.

Carl Kallmyer and Roy Pepper gave their reports on the activities carried on at the Junior College Association meeting at Baltimore City College. A short discussion was held and the meeting adjourned.

George Conway  
President Student Congress

## Complete College Improvements

The addition to the women's dormitory, which began nearly a year ago, has progressed to the point where some if not all the rooms are now occupied. The addition includes twelve rooms upstairs and an enlarged dining room.

During the Christmas holidays the gym was provided with new backboards and baskets and the floor was treated with a new coat of nonslip protective sealer. Prior to this the foul lines and court lines were relocated.

## Pepper Resigns As Editor

Roy Pepper has resigned the office of editor of State-To-Date because of other time consuming activities, such as basketball and managership of the varsity shop.

## State-To-Date

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## LETTERS to the Editors

### Suggests Minstrel Show

To The Editors:

Several years ago, record crowds were observed enjoying a good old-fashioned All Male Minstrel Show, which was presented each November without fail. The Interlocutor was, as always, well dressed and the goat of all the end-men's jokes. The performance of the circle or chorus was precision in itself, and the music, which was a mixture of both old minstrel tunes and the current melodies, was enjoyed by the audience.

Since we are trying to establish traditions on the college campus, there is no reason why we can't bring this old Frostburg custom back to life and give the community one of those real old-fashioned minstrel shows.

J. E.

### Wanted: Spare-Time Jobs

Dear Sir:

With the increased cost of living, the need for spare-time jobs for the students at the college becomes more evident. Those of State, with wives and children to support, find it especially difficult to make ends meet.

Why couldn't a central committee be appointed to look into the matter of spare time jobs for those who want them? Members of this committee could be selected from Student Congress and other organizations on the campus. One or two members of the faculty might also help.

One way to organize this program would be to have the students file their names and type of work desired with the committee. The merchants of the town could then call in for people when a job was open, and a student could then be placed. With other ideas and the will to see it through, this program could work.

D. D.

To The Editors:

Why should the students be required to pay for the handbooks so generously distributed at the beginning of the year? True, the handbooks were well planned and useful; but before the students would desire one hundred fifty dollars deducted from their activities fees, I am sure that they would prefer to do without these few pieces of cardboard and paper.

If the college desires to publish a handbook they should also figure out a way to pay for it rather than resorting to a fund provided by the students for student enjoyment. After all, how much enjoyment can you get from those handbooks? Not one hundred fifty dollars worth, I'm sure.

W. R.

### Suggestion Box Placed

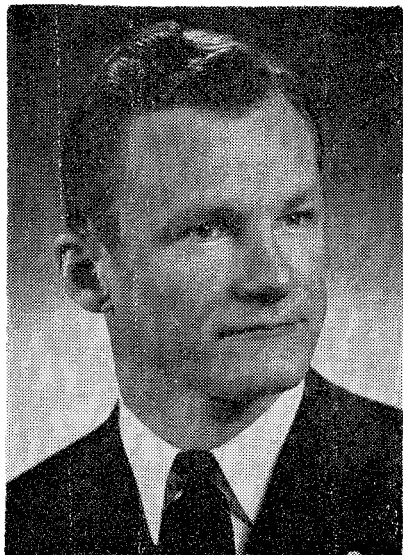
The Publication suggestion box has been placed on the wall in Room 5 for your convenience. Your reactions to the newspaper will be appreciated.

## International Relations Club



Reading in the usual order: (bottom row) Drucilla Schriener, Vadne Miller, Helen Georg; (second row) Allan Williams, Dorcas Symons, Norma Schulte, Bernard Price; (top) John Pfaff, Dr. Briggs, Roy Pepper.

## Alumnae News



**Dr. Irvin A. Brune**

Dr. Irvin A. Brune came to this college as professor in mathematics and physical science. Prior to this, he taught at State Teachers College, Montclair, New Jersey.

Dr. Brune received his B. S. degree at Wooster, Ohio, and his M. A. and Ph. D from Ohio State University.

A veteran of World War II, Dr. Brune began as a high school teacher and later served as an instructor at Ohio State University.

Dr. Brune is the faculty treasurer for the Student Activities.

## Organization News

At a recent meeting, the seniors favored a standard class ring and half the class was willing to buy one if the Student Congress carried through the idea.

The Maryland Singers are now rehearsing the opera Tannhauser to be given sometime in May. Bob Smith is to have the leading role.

### M. A. A.

Four State soccer players were chosen by combined vote of various coaches as selections for state soccer squad members. Those chosen were: William Best, William Kildow, William Sonnenberg, and Robert Thomas. John Frank was nominated as goalie on the second team, and Bill Kildow was nominated as outside right on the same team. Bill Best was given honorable mention.

### Dramatic Fraternity

The newly elected officers of the Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity are Charles Kershner, director; Mary Frances Comer, vice director; and Katie Kroll, secretary-treasurer. Pledges who were initiated were: Bernard Loraditch, Carlyn Ringler and Drucilla Schriener.

The old brick house, mellowed by time, stands on the knoll of a high hill. For many years it has looked down at the town in the valley, and the river winding between the mountains.

No one knows just how long the house has stood there. It came into the possession of the present owner's family 75 years ago. At the turn of the century, as a little girl, she visited her grandparents in the old place. From that time her one desire was to make it her permanent home.

The years passed. She became a member of the Class of '11 and a teacher in Allegany County. The dream of childhood persisted, and in August, 1948, came true. The granddaughter of 1900 returned to the old house, bringing with her much of the original furniture, which had been in other homes since her grandparents' death 40 years ago.

The twelve members of the class of 1911 were all intensely interested in the big twenty room place and the new tenant. Letters, pictures and plans were sent to the Iowa and Pennsylvania classmates. Those living nearby came frequently to spend a few hours.

One dismal, dreary, rainy Saturday in November, Nell Dowling of Westernport called her to meet her downtown. She did not wish to go, but so strong is their class loyalty, she could not refuse. The two of them lunched, shopped, took in a picture show and then returned to "Hilltop House" at 6 p. m.

It was quite dark and the old place looked forlorn and lonesome in the rain and fog. They unlocked the door and stepped into the room. At that very instant the lights all over the house came on. The old organ, silent for 40 years, began to play. There, laughing and singing were their classmates and friends, wishing "A Happy Housewarming to You" and the annual, official, reunion of 1911 was in full swing.

After the tumult and the shouting died down a little, the crowd enjoyed a turkey dinner, prepared by Margaret Screen Chockley. During the evening Nell Dreyer Smith read her annual original "poem" telling of the class happenings of the year. Before the party ended the members made their contributions to the new home—a portable, personal radio.

Out-of-county members stayed with local classmates for the weekend and the reunion continued through their visits. Plans were made for the 1949 meeting which will probably be held in September, when Althea Hartig Minor of Iowa will visit in Maryland.

A member of the Class of 1911



**Miss Rosann Langhans**

Rosann Langhans is filling the position of art instructor in this school.

Miss Langhans received her B. S. and M. A. degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

She was assistant art professor at State Teachers College, Brockport, New York and State Teachers College, Columbia University. The last position she held was art instructor at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Miss Langhans is also the social director of the Women's Dormitory.

## Stale Tid-Bits

The exhibit of Fine Arts Prints was held in the art studio of the college on Jan. 4, 5 and 6. It attracted many visitors and elicited the praise of all spectators. Among the most famous pictures were reproductions of works by Gainsborough, Titian, Da Vinci, Van Dyke and Raphael. The exhibit was arranged by the Art Appreciation class.

### Potomac State Defeats Bobcats

State's Bobcats lost their second game of the season to the Potomac State Catamounts 60-34. The Potomac State cagers piled up a 30-18 lead at the halfway mark and held a 17 point advantage when the third quarter ended with the count 43-26.

### Bobcats Bow to Baltimore

The Baltimore University "Bees" swept the home-and-home series with the Bobcats, beating them by the score of 56-40. Jim Steele paced the Frostburg attack with 11 points on five baskets and a free throw, while Glusakow was Baltimore's best with 15 tallies.



## Day Students Plan Dance

Rose Stakem, president of the Day Student Association, has announced that plans are being made for the annual Sweetheart Dance, to be held February 18, in the college gymnasium.

Two nominees from each class will serve as candidates for the honor of "Campus Sweetheart." The winner will be elected by the popular vote of the male students, and will be crowned in a formal ceremony at the dance. The other nominees will serve as a court of honor for the Sweetheart.

## 'The Snow'

A gray sky on a calm day.  
Then  
Feathery, flaky crystals of snow  
Fall from the sky.  
And from my window  
I watch these flakes  
As they silently cover the barren earth  
With a white blanket.  
Faster, ever faster,  
Fly these winged messengers of winter,  
Past my window,  
Almost obstructing my view.  
Then like a child,

## Violinist Dortha Powers Thrills Capacity Audience

On Tuesday, January 18, Dortha Powers, well-known American violinist, thrilled a capacity audience with a well rounded program of classical and semi-classical music at State Teachers College auditorium.

Miss Powers played the "Earl of Plymouth" Stradivarius violin, one of the three most famous Stradivari in the world. She was accompanied by Albert Hirsh, pianist.

I silently press my hand to the pane  
To touch the snow.—Robert Lancaster

## Future Teachers of America



## SPLINTERS From The Bench

By R. Lancaster

Soccer has bowed out at last! It was nice that our "mudders" had a good season, but not so nice that they were continually messing up themselves, their opponents, the ball, and their snazzy warm-up uniforms. Too, a good many rooters found that watching a soccer game, and holding an umbrella at the same time wasn't such an easy matter.

But weather will be weather. Let us hope that poor Starcher and Miller have the uniforms ready to send to the cleaners so that they can be protected from the naughty moths; and that they have the shoes lustrously polished.

But wait a second! This started out to deal with basketball; so let's change gears and get started.

Each evening about 4:00 all available chairs on the stage are filled with students witnessing an exciting spectacle. Twenty men vigorously work out on the floor. Balls lazily float through the air, crash into the seats and walls on the side and end lines, careen off the basket rims and backboards with resounding crash, and oh happy day, swish through the basket from time to time.

Some few men earnestly endeavor to hoop twenty-five out of twenty-five foul shots; but, sad to say, this feat has not as yet been accomplished.

Now real practice starts. "Cut and pass!" Left foot when shooting from the right, right foot when shooting from the left! Get those rebounds! Play the ball, not the man!"

Up and down the gym floor rush this hoard of men. One slips and falls, giving both himself and the floor a good polishing. But he bounces up with a grin, for gee whiz, maybe his girl is watching. Another time the ball conks a player on the noggin; but what of that—not everyone gets the pleasure and bliss of being kissed on the top of the head by a basketball.

About 5:30 there ensues a mad rush for the shower room. There another battle ensues between manager and players for soap and towels. Men cautiously peer at the foul-shooting chart in the hope that the manager has mistakenly upped their score; but not for long do they peer! They are too much in a hurry to take a nice cold shower and hurriedly dress, so that they can dive into the feed bag! After that they must go home to study. Well, college students do study, or don't they?

## Science In Everyday Life

Most of the students reading this article know something about the Yo-Yo. But how many have ever stopped to consider just what a wonderful mechanism it really is? It embodies the physics principles of centrifugal and centripetal force, kills any spare time a student may have on his hands, attracts attention (having been designed for 6 year olds), settles the nerves, and if properly harnessed, could be made to activate a robust spiral decommutator. The latter as can be seen is by far the most important, especially when designed to hold the roffet bars to the spanshaft.

To return to this eeliomostatic instrument; (I trust you are still with me if the reciprocating action could be employed in conjunction with a dingle arm for operating nofer trunions in which no dramcock oil is required after the phase detractors have remissed, then this operation would reduce sinusoidal depletion resulting in an awfully fouled up situation—right?

Presented by:

Professor B. S. Spinner, P. H. B. V. D.  
(Noted for research on the transcendental hopperdadoscope)

## Miss Heartsnflowers Advises Lovelorn

Dear Miss Heartsnflowers,

I have been married to my wife for eight years. Just two weeks ago my wife left me; she ran away with Bill R—, my best friend. Miss Heartsnflowers, I miss Bill. What should I do?  
"Confused"

Dear Confused,

Take out your handkerchief and blow your nose. I am sure this will clear your head on the matter.

L. H.

Dear Miss Heartsnflowers,

I am a sophomore in college. I have an "F" average in 5 out of 6 classes and a "D" in the other. My problem is, should I drop the "D" course?  
"Sorrowful"

Dear "Sorrowful,"

My advice to you is drop dead.

L. H.

Dear Miss Heartsnflowers,

I am a little girl just 97 years old. I am in love with a very rich boy of 14. My problem is, do you think I should marry without my parents' consent?

"Hopefully"

Dear Hopefully,"

See about a room at Sykesville and send the boy to me.

L. H.

## Jest Jokin'

Despite the risk of following in Dr. Gallup's shameful footsteps, I, the Jester, hereby make known the fate of State for the coming semester. It must be borne in mind that these peeks into the future are not based on impartial surveys, unbiased reports, or past statistics. Now let's take a look into the crystal ball.

### February

School will be reopened.

"Red Stowell" will retire to Mount Savage, awaiting next year's soccer season.

Augustine Diaz will be awarded the annual Pulp Mill Trophy as the outstanding soccer player of 1948.

The Sweetheart Dance will be a huge success. This year's sweetheart will be a Blonde.

The basketball team will be very successful after a slow start.

### March

Groundhog Day will be celebrated by a special assembly. Campus Groundhog will be selected by popular vote of the student body.

Gene Flinn and Bill Morley will collaborate on a mathematical equation for determining which twin has the "Toni."

Hugh Hopwood will make his annual trip to the Barber Shop.

Millie Stotler will begin looking for a vacant parsonage.

Comic Valentines will be received by all members of the faculty.

Ike Stakem will be unjustly suspected of this foul deed.

### April

Television will be installed in the Dayroom, as a final effort to discourage pinocle playing.

Zembower, Stotler, McGee and Ringler will return to natural brown.

Lucky Strike will be first again with tobacco men.

Bob Lancaster will put his fur hat back in mothballs for another winter.

Bernie Price will be selected as a man of distinction.

### May

Elevators will be installed from the dayroom to the Library in an effort to avoid congestion in the stairways.

The May Queen will again be crowned with the traditional pillow.

Maryland Singers, the Baseball team, American Folk Literature Class, and International Relations Club will all have field trips planned for May 13, and all will be requesting the use of the school car, which situation will develop into mutual confusion, excessive irritation, and one case of apoplexy.

An improved bell system will replace the whimsical affair which is now used. Students will be very confused when the bells begin ringing again.