



“Hello, folks! My name is Junior Spartan. I am here to invite you to take a little trip with me—a visit to Aurora College as it appeared in the year 1949.”



Autumn and Eckhart Hall

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# THE PHAROS

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# DEDICATION . . .

For many years, the Aurora College athletic teams have taken the field of battle under the name "SPARTANS". The spirit of doing one's best against all odds carried the original Spartans to legendary fame as warriors.

Therefore, we, the Junior Class, dedicate the 1949 PHAROS to the spirit of the Spartan warrior, and to the members of the class of 1949, who have so well exemplified this spirit during their years at Aurora College.

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# AURORA COLLEGE — I



Davis Hall

Gymnasium



Eckhart

# RIDE OF OUR HEARTS



Wilkinson Hall



Hall

Student Lounge



## THE PRESIDENTS . . .



*Dr. Theodore Pierson Stephens*

"The officers and teachers of Aurora College are constantly studying the program of the college in an effort to improve the service to students. Miss Ethel Tapper is chairman of a research committee that is concerned with institutional improvement.

"Probably the most significant development of the past year in service to students has been the enlargement of the Placement Bureau under the direction of Mr. Harold Coopridger. There has also been expansion of the testing and counselling service. The intercollegiate and intra-mural athletic program has been expanded.

"The search for faculty members continues through twelve months of the year. They must be persons who are professionally competent and whose personal philosophy and interest in students as persons are acceptable. We feel that the faculty has been strengthened during the past year by the new appointments.

"Much of the administrative planning during the present year will become apparent in the improved program of the next college year."

*Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks*



For forty-five years, President Emeritus Orrin Roe Jenks has been associated with Aurora College. Acting as its president for twenty-two years, Dr. Jenks watched Aurora grow and expand. He saw it move from Mendota, Illinois, to Aurora. His personal loyalty and integrity have had a great influence on the history and tradition of the school. His sincerity and character have typified the ideal spirit of Aurora College.

When one tries to evaluate the contribution of Aurora College to the individual student, to the community, or to the church denomination that we represent, whether in the past, present, or future, the picture is incomplete without the dignity, sagacity, and energy of Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks.





## THE DEANS . . .



*Stanley Hazard Perry*



*Elizabeth Smith Knechtel*

### **Dean of the College, Stanley Hazard Perry:—**

"A college is more than buildings, books, an administration and teachers. Far more than these it is students, in fact only because of students do these exist. We try not to forget that, and the best college administration is the one that gives the largest scope to the developing powers of leadership within the student group.

"Through the years Aurora has had, particularly in the upper classes, the privilege and opportunity to give wide scope to student leadership. We rejoice in this and hope for even more significant development of the part that student leaders play in the life of this college community."

### **Dean of Women, Elizabeth Smith Knechtel:—**

"The success of a college program can be measured in a number of different ways, but to some of us at Aurora College, one significant criterion is the feeling of friendship between faculty and students. It has been a happy experience to have had the opportunity this year to interview a number of the freshman class and to note the positive attitude with which the most of them have approached their work at Aurora College. The years since the end of the war have been interesting because of the varied type of students that have become members of the college community. It has been rewarding in the 1948-49 school year to note that a significantly large portion of our incoming class are at Aurora College because they want to be and that they are finding personal rewards in their associations with their peers and with their teachers.

"A considerable effort will continue to be made to integrate new students into the program at Aurora College so that they may feel the satisfying fellowship that proceeds from the classroom and extra-curricular activities."



## THE FACULTY . . .



*Upper Left—front row, left to right—Harold A. Coopridger, Assistant Registrar; Evelyn Collins, Instructor of Health and Physical Education; Dorothy Heuer Crouse, Dietician and Instructor in Home Economics; Laverne M. Gilkey, Assistant Professor of English and Varsity Coach; standing—Ellsworth R. Thwing, Director and Professor of Health and Physical Education; James E. Crimi, Registrar and Assistant Professor of Sociology.*

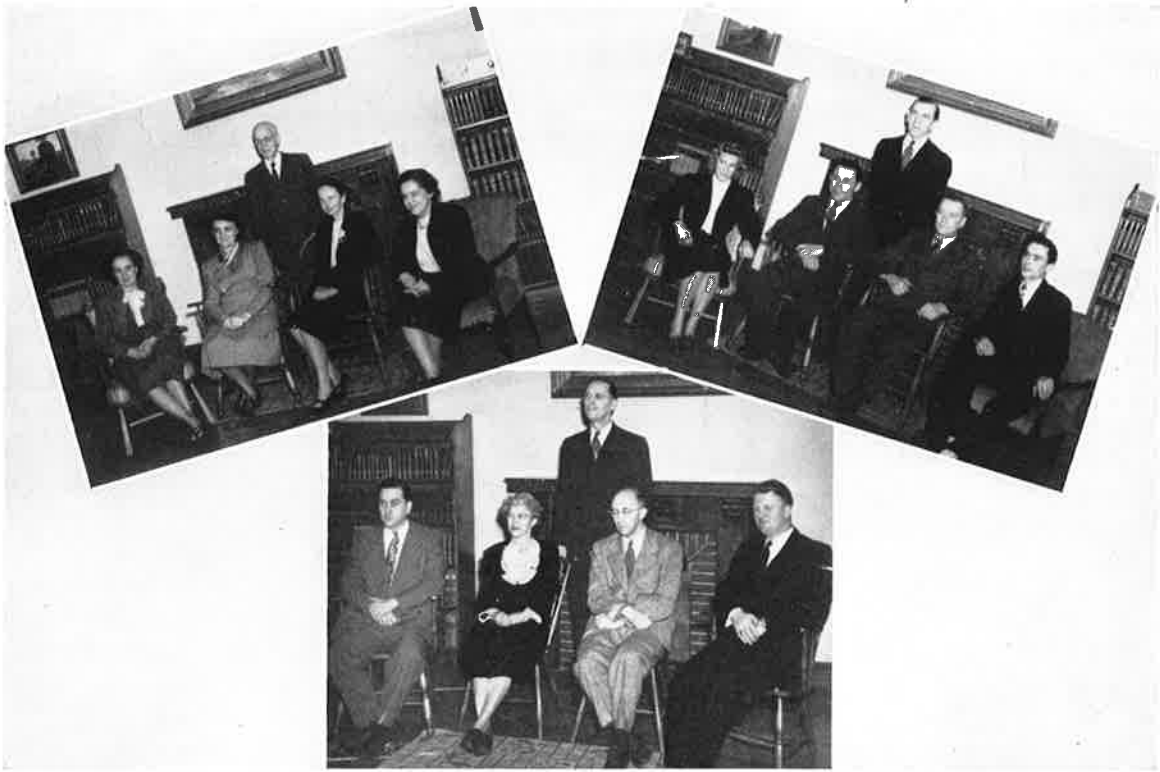
*Center—front row, left to right—Moses C. Crouse, Assistant Professor of Theology and History; Nina Head, Instructor in Art; Maude Bouslough Naden, Instructor in Music; Gerald F. Richardson, Director of Public Relations and Professor of Bible and Religion.*

*Upper Right—front row, left to right—Stanley Hazard Perry, Dean and Professor of History; Louise Sommer, Interim Professor of Economics; Sonya F. Spiesman, Assistant Professor of Political Science; Clyde E. Hewitt, Assistant Professor of History; standing—Thomas Auld Vannata, Professor of Philosophy; Robert Pfeiffer, Instructor in Education.*



*Not Pictured: Madge Axford Finke, Assistant Professor of Religious Education and Sociology; Ralph Meister, Lecturer in Psychology; Frances Sherwood, Instructor in Music; Dorothy Youngblood, Instructor in English.*

## THE FACULTY . . .



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*Center—front row, left to right—Jerome Nelson, Instructor in Law; Alice McKim Walker, Assistant Professor of Accounting; Mark Trumbo, Assistant Professor of Philosophy; Albert E. Richert, Instructor in German; standing—Orrin Singleterry, Treasurer and Assistant Professor of Accounting.*

*Upper Right—front row, left to right—Caroline Michael, Instructor in Mathematics; Amil Bresson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Clarence R. Smith, Professor of Physics; Walter A. Kaufman, Instructor in Mathematics; standing—Samuel H. McFarlane, Professor of Biology.*

*Not Pictured: Eleanore Hancher McFarlane, Assistant Professor of Biology; Ethel Tapper, Librarian and Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Hadley E. Finke, Instructor in Engineering Mathematics; Roy G. Frogness, Instructor in Engineering Drawing; B. L. Gunsallus, Instructor in Business Administration.*



## STAFF MEMBERS . . .



*Front Row, left to right—Mary Perkins, Dining Hall Manager; Pearl Coopridger, Assistant to the Librarian; Mrs. Faye Osburn, Resident Counselor at Davis Hall; Ruth Rouse. Standing—Wilfred Snyder, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Miriam Lobb, Manager of the Bookstore; Luther Highsmith, Head Janitor.*



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*Standing — Lillian Walker, Assistant Treasurer; Marjorie Gephard, Secretary to the President; Myrtle Singleterry, Assistant to the Treasurer; Mrs. Clyde Austin, Assistant to the Treasurer.*

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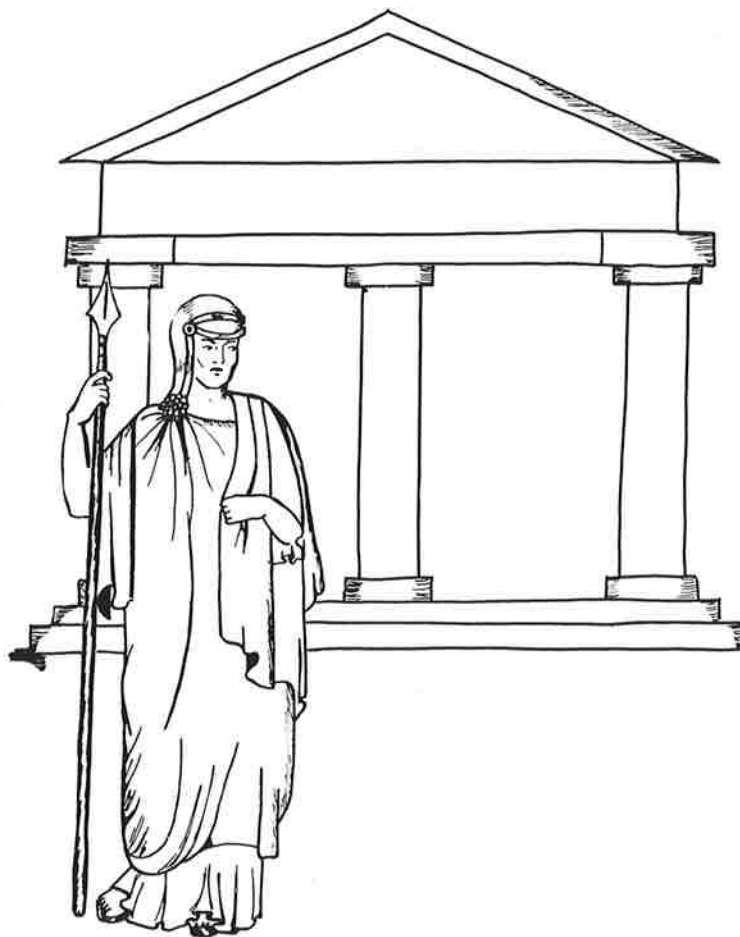
Performing a vital job efficiently, Aurora College's staff is an integral part of the college personnel. Whether it is moving a piano, setting up tables, or mowing the campus lawns, the Building and Grounds crew under the able supervision of Mr. Snyder is always right on hand.



Friendly and hard working, the women in the Personnel offices, the Treasurer's office and the Library are never too busy to answer questions, give information, or look up a certain book.

From managing the book store to planning the meals in the cafeteria, Aurora College's staff deserves commendations for jobs well done!

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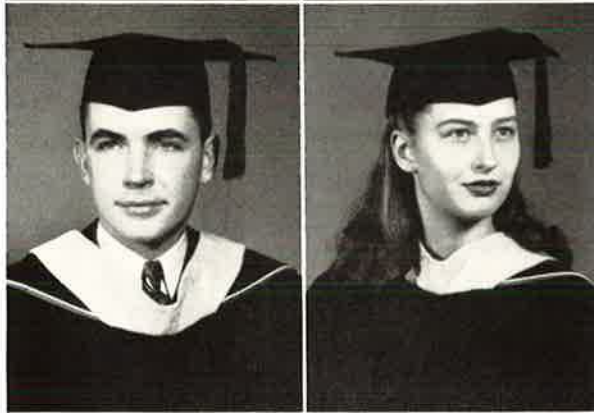


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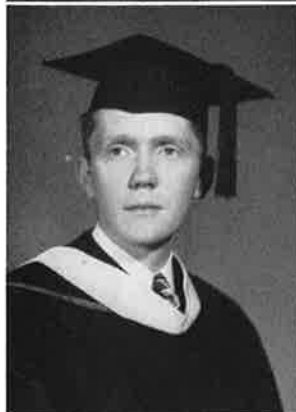
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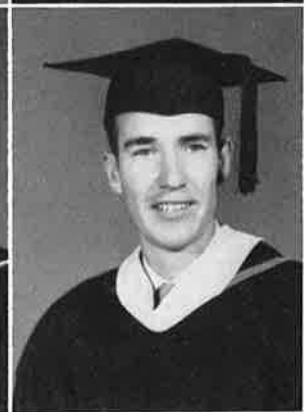
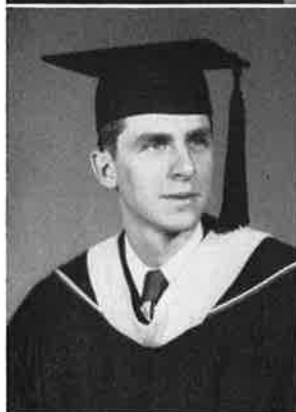
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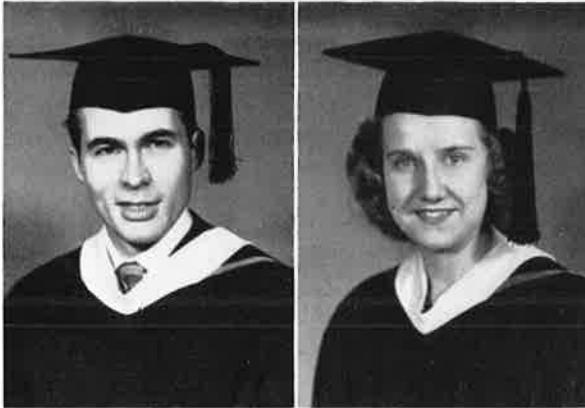
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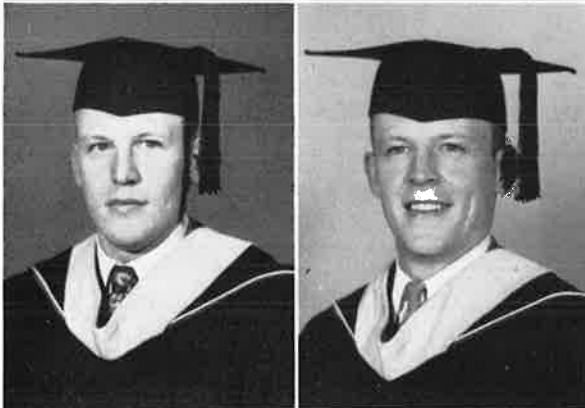
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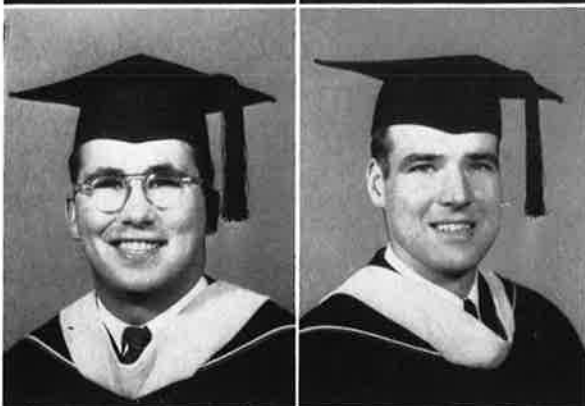
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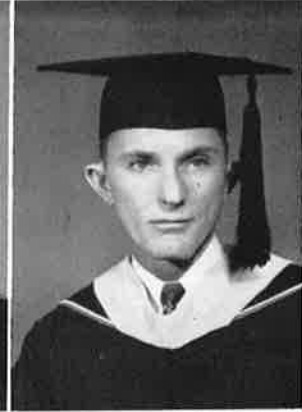
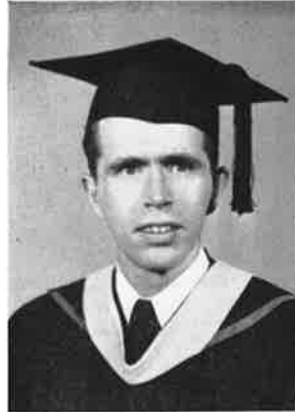
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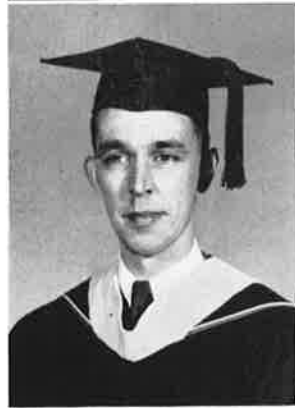
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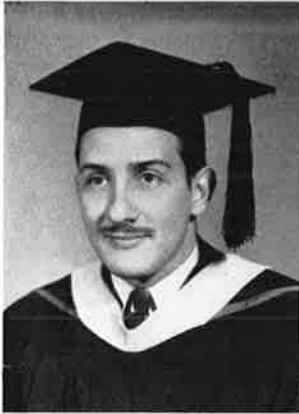
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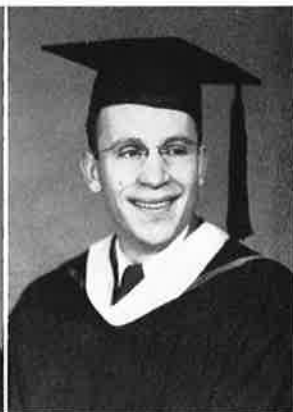
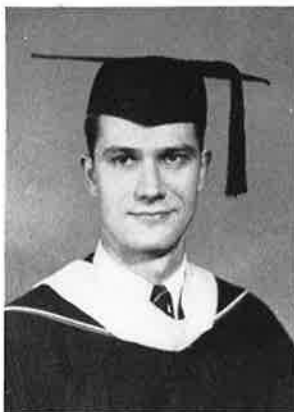
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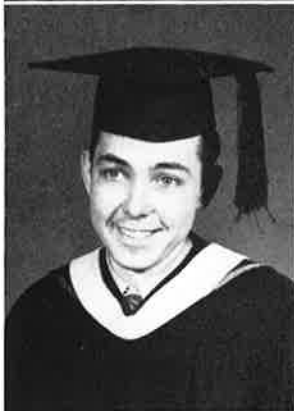
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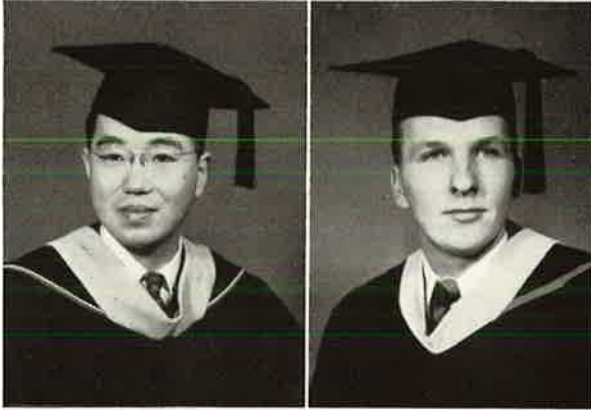
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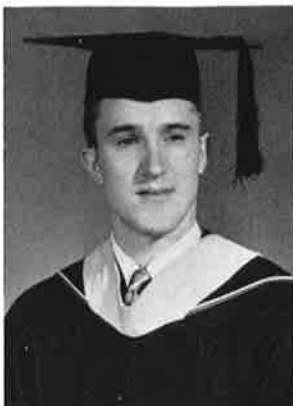


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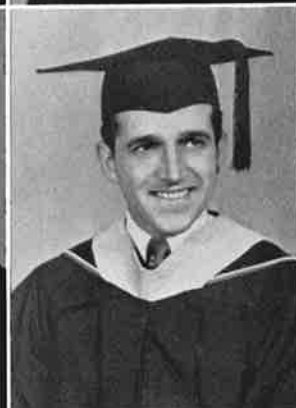
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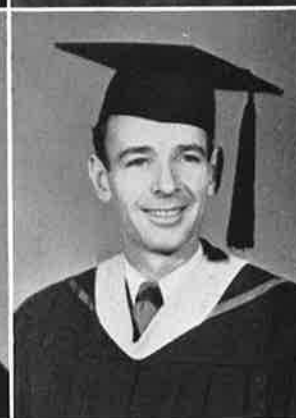
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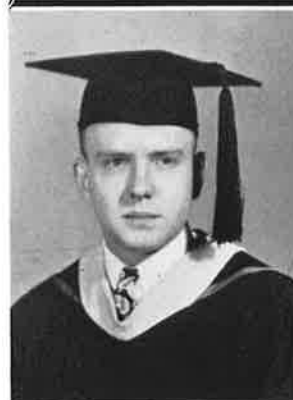
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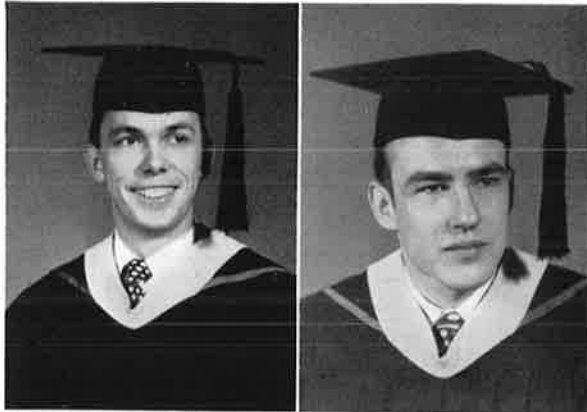
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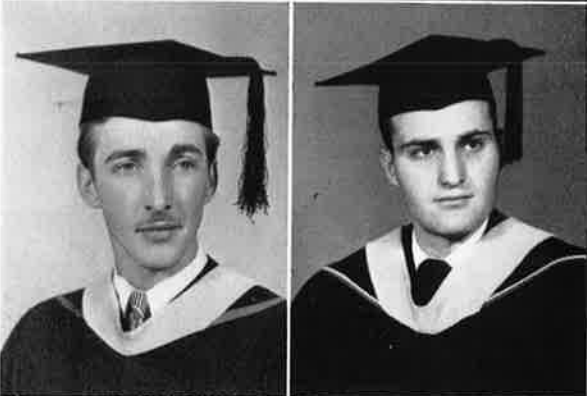
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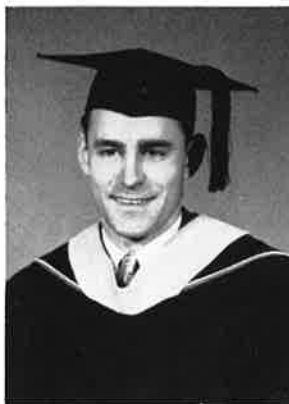


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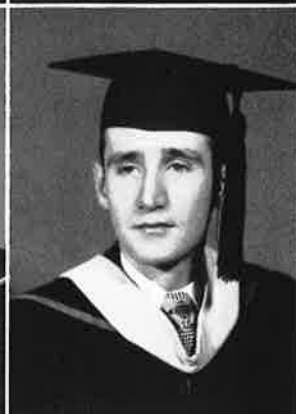
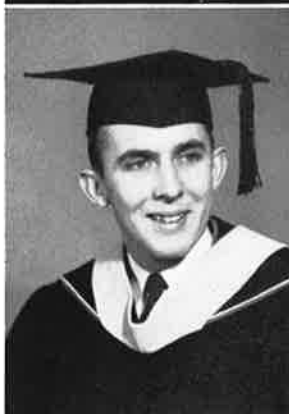
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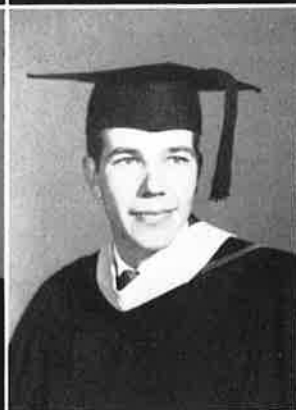
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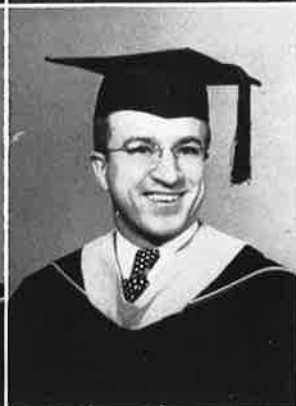
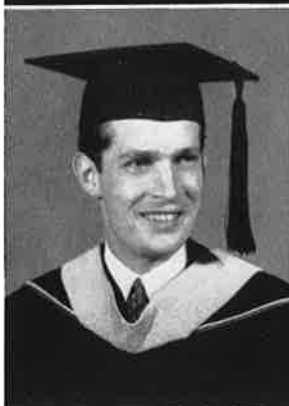
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## Senior Skip . . .



And the seniors slipped away on "little cat's feet". Yes, without a person aware of what was going on, the class of "49" rode off one Sunday afternoon in October for their Senior Skip. It was October 10th to be exact, and Dunes State Park in Indiana was their destination.

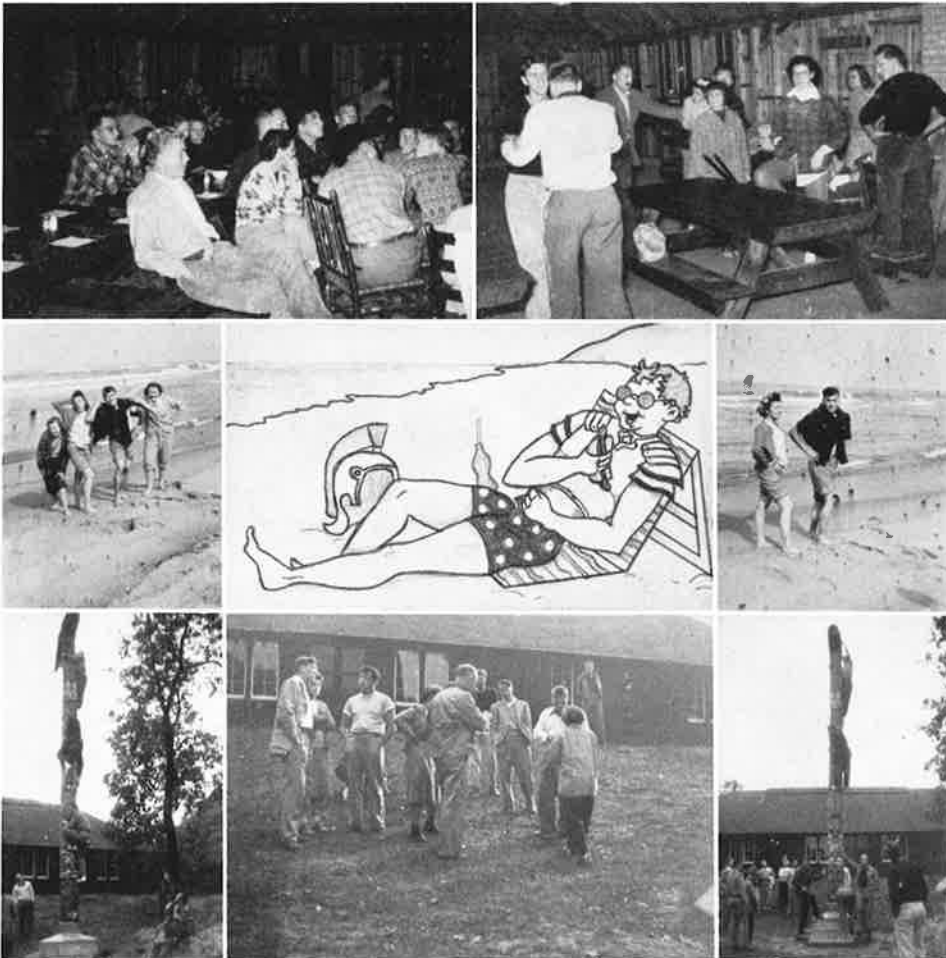
During the week before, amazing amounts of "cleaning" were taken from the dorm, suitcases were slyly stowed away in cars, and groceries were boldly purchased right before the noses of underclassmen.

In spite of sand and rainy weather, the seniors had a great time. There





## Dunes State Park . . .



were Wolf Gardner's parlor tricks, moonlight strolls and Mrs. Richardson's cooking.

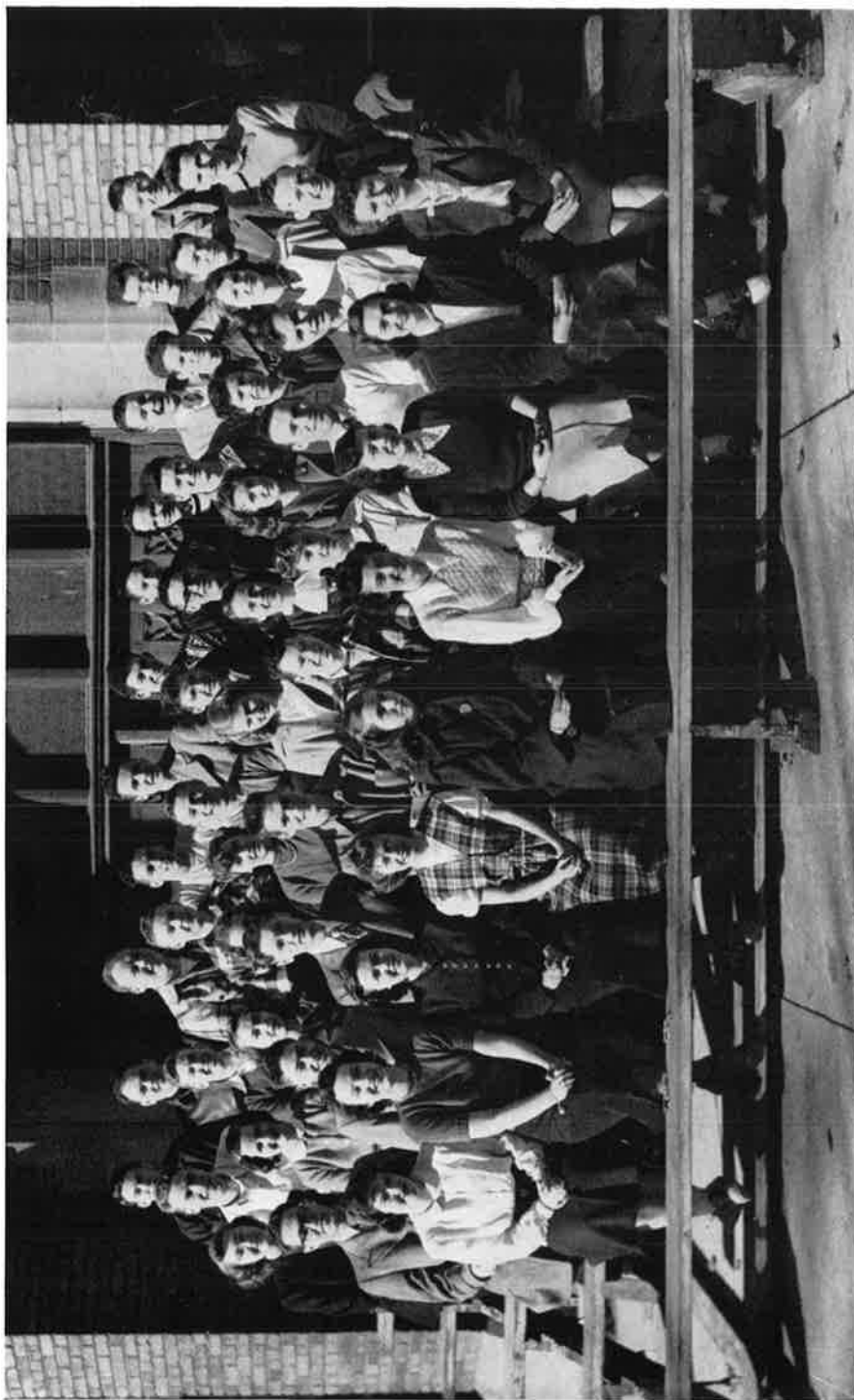
Hiking was the main activity, and these A.C. Daniel Boones blazed their way through every little trail.

The world series, the teepee huts and a Parolini special (spaghetti and meat balls) were a few of the highlights of a memorable three days.

Accompanied by class advisor, Gerald F. Richardson, and his wife, about half of the senior class participated in this skip. They all agreed it was one of the most enjoyable occasions of their last year at Aurora College.



# FRESHMAN CLASS . . .



Front Row—left to right—Barbara Hinckley, Maxine Haugland, Nancy Blunt, Dorothy Walker, Joanne Giles, Carol Chambers, Marion Brown, Betty Parke, Janet Stewart. Second Row—Sidney Herman, Leslie Jewett, Oswald Sepavitch, Richard Sauer, Holice Turnbow, Herbert Goetsch, Edward Heyer, Richard Butcher, Robert Farrow. Third Row—Shirley Schiedler, Sally Walz, Wanda Baker, Joann Linder, Joyce King, Joan

Marshall, Mildred Gabrielsen, Shirley Holt, Elaine Knight, Carol Banister. Fourth Row—Leslie Nord, Neil Braun, Glenn Meyers, Jack Armbruster, Duane McCurdy, William Schade, Gerald McLaughlin, Paul Jaffarian, Dick Ewen, Dick Miller. Fifth Row—Carl Miller, Ralph Ross, Leslie Stahler, Phillip Minneci, Paul Schmitz, Richard Allen, James Castner, Richard Miller, George Gibson, Robert Hamlin, Gerald Hundley.

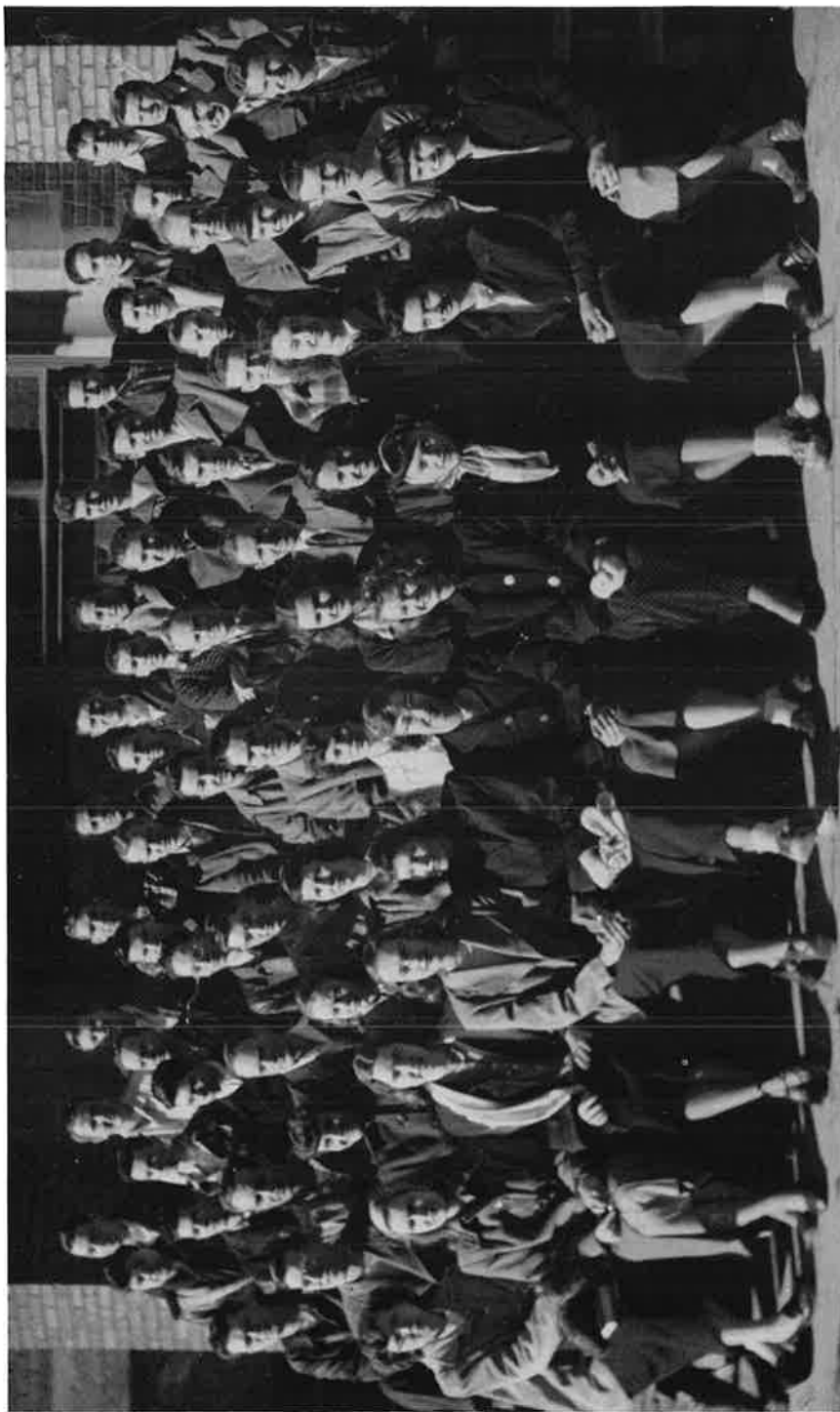
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Cain, Donald Dillenburg. Fourth Row—Roger Wood, Wallace Boucher, Jack Silmsner, Richard Thorpe, Donald Albert, Kenneth Devlin, Charles Olson, William Stephens, Donald Lussy, Willard Samples, Robert Mitchler. Fifth Row—Dale Deming, Charles Duncan, Robert Wright, William Paschall, Joe Babos, William Andrews, Wilson Waters, Robert Cole, Orville Barnes, Allan Black.

# SOPHOMORE CLASS . . .



*First Row—left to right—Mary Jane Thurston, Jane Hamsmith, Justine Graham, Janet Nehring, Rosanne Meisch, Joyce Cropp, Louise Miller, Mary Jane King, Dorothy Clithey, Carole Ingersoll. Second Row—Howard Hawkinson, Helen Stephens, Lorraine Dillenburg, Aileen Smith, Elizabeth Hoyt, Jean McIver, Beverly Pottle, Edith Kramer, Dale Kirk. Third Row—Harley Pope, Gerald Schramer, Robert Conde, James Egan, David Morris, William Lechnick, Louia Gransee, Keith Williams, Gordon Forbes. Fourth Row—Donald Tucker, Wesley Hartley,*

*John Schmidt, Edward Price, Jack Thompson, Lyle Gramley, Allan Mauer, Clarence Hanks, Gene Snyder. Fifth Row—Louis Mouis, Robert Sadler, Louis Vaida, Harry Ilseman, Virgil Kahle, Ronald Murch, Garland Presslar, Jack Witte, Robert Toma, Martin Mortensen, Richard Wallin, Donald Lindo. Sixth Row—Weldon Chambers, Edward Greger, Gene Cusic, Howard Towne, Albert Musaraca, Harlan Behrens, Roy Modlinger, David Benson, Richard McClammy, Carl Magoon, Richard Kearney.*

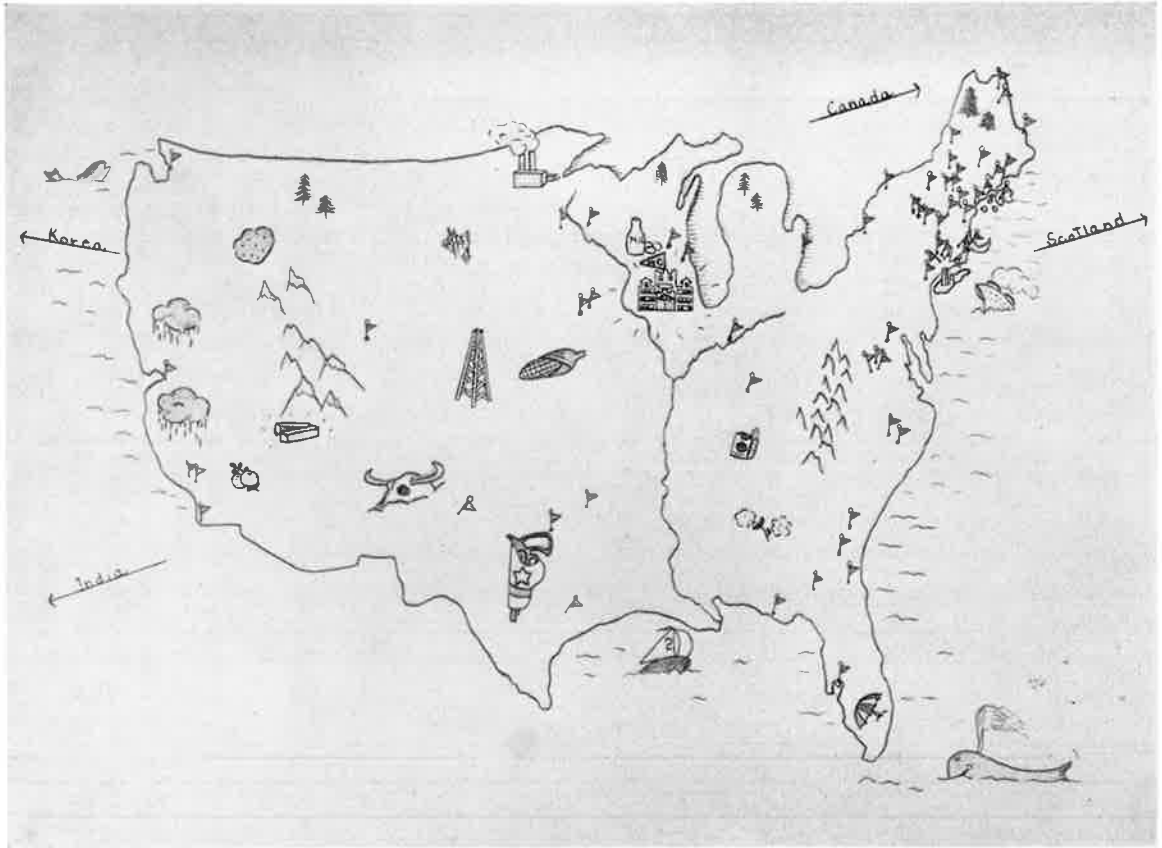
# JUNIOR CLASS . . .



Front Row—left to right—Anna Mae Nerlien, Sue Stewart, Phyllis Hyde, Sally Lou Swindler, Helen Gordon, Sylvia Lenard, Martha Schramm, Muriel Smith, Gertrude Merritt. Second Row—Jane Stewart, Homer Offutt, Bob Wegman, Bob Westbrook, Phil Skeba, George Thurston, Bruce Cryer, Gerry Michels, Rheta Hatfield. Third Row—Roy Macomber, Bill Bay-singer, Gene Whitfield, Anthony Prisco, Curtis Hale, Al Crompt-

ton, Ivan Magaw, Calvin Rice, Arnold Hessler, Lyle Beeth, Don Campbell. Fourth Row—Jack Steinkamp, Jim Vickers, Herb Fechner, Burton Mix, Don Reas, Don Lindstrom, Duke Mitchell, Ed Close, Stan Hamper. Fifth Row—Peter Benson, Don Ernst, Roland Spooner, George Groh, Leroy Sachen, Gerry Henning-son, Don Hrubant, Jim Talbot, Bill Deisher.

## Where is Your Home Town? . . .



From the sunny coasts of California, from the towering skyscrapers of New York, from the rocky soil of Maine, from the lonely stretches of Texas—from small towns: Villisca, Iowa; Kennebunk, Maine; Greenwood, Arkansas—from large cities: Tampa, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois, come your friends and mine, the students of Aurora College.

There are twenty-six states represented on A. C.'s campus this year, with seventy students from the eastern states, sixteen from the Rockies and west, and twenty-five from the area included in Ohio to the Rockies, with the exception of Illinois. From Illinois, we had 206 students from Aurora, and 84 from neighboring towns and cities.

Yet Aurora students came from even more far flung places—four foreign countries were represented—Robert Gibson from the heathers of Scotland; Dorothy Clothey and Barbara Bryant from mysterious India; Rheta Hatfield from the bracy coolness of Canada; Ki Choon Lee and Teh Bhum Kim from far-off Korea.

But whether from Seoul, Korea, or Batavia, Illinois, they all became members of the student body—they all became Aurorans.



## From Across The Seas . . .



*Teh Bhum Kim*



*Ki Choon Lee*

Teh Bhum Kim's home town is Seoul, capital of Korea. He is a graduate of Cheuo University in Tokyo, Japan, where he studied law. He left Tokyo in August 1943 to return to Korea where he became very active as a director in the Union of Christian Young Men. He was then a teacher in a girls' high school until asked by the American Military Government to go to Japan and act as a liaison officer and lawyer for the Korean people still living in Japan. He left Japan in February 1949 to come to Aurora College. His ambition is to go to professional law school and then return to Korea to help his country overcome the effects of the long Japanese oppression. Kim says, "English is very hard for me, but I like it here very much."

Another young man from Seoul, Korea, is Ki Choon Lee. He is a graduate of the Seoul Pharmaceutical College, where he took a three-year course. After serving five years with the American Military Government in Korea as a pharmacist and interpreter, a former teacher, Dr. Moon, now Director of the Office of Foreign Affairs in Korea, arranged a scholarship for him. When Lee has finished his schooling in the U. S., he hopes to return to Korea and teach in a college-level school. He says, "Since the war it has been my desire to come to the United States to study—I like Aurora immensely."

*Robert Gibson*



From the lochs and braes of Scotland comes Robert Gibson, to a place in the Aurora student body. "Bob" had finished high school, the equivalent of our junior colleges, and was planning to enter the University of Glasgow when the war broke out. During his five-year stretch of military life, he met many American G.I.'s and developed the urge to come to the United States. He has finally realized this ambition. Some of his interests are bike-riding, architecture, and art. He hopes to graduate with an English major from Aurora College and settle down in this country. Quoting Bob, "Despite my ignorance of grammar, I am very happy here."



# Couples, Candids, and Cokes . . .



Walker Isn't Walkin'



Wilky Parlor ??



Let's Economize



Fake ?



Troubles ?



Quit Shovin' ?



# ACTIVITIES



## Student Government . . .

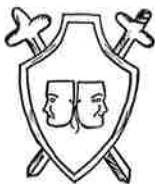


BOYS' DORM COUNCIL (Top Left). *Advisor, Moses C. Crouse.*

Roland Spooner was elected president of the boys' dorm for the 48-49 school year. He met at variously scheduled times with other council members to discuss special problems and plan social gatherings. One of the highlights of the year was the formal Valentine party given by the dormitory men for the women of Wilkinson Hall on February 12th.

GIRLS' DORM COUNCIL (Top Right). *Advisor, Miss Evelyn Collins.*

Janet Bull was president of the girls' dorm from the spring of '48 through the spring of '49, and met with her council every Wednesday. During the Dorm-Town Peanut Week, the town girls were entertained at a program and slumber party given by "Wilky" women. The dorm girls also took part in the annual Woman's Day program on April 13th.



THE STUDENT SENATE (Center). *Advisor, Dr. Clyde Hewitt.*

As governing body at Aurora College, the Students Association's Senate ably managed a difficult job. Working with limited funds, the Senate successfully sponsored Homecoming, all school banquets and field days at Camp Rude. William Reas was elected president of the Students' Association with Laura Lee Peters as vice president, Joyce Cropp as secretary, and George Singleterry as treasurer.

## Clubs...



MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB (Top Left). Advisor, Mrs. Frances Mundell.

A new organization formed this year was the Modern Language Club. Holding meetings twice a quarter, the club shifted the emphasis from French to Spanish to German. Pinatas, a German band, and French carols were gayly mixed at the club's Christmas party. Featuring carefully planned programs, the Modern Language Club proved a worth while addition to Aurora College's extra-curricular schedule. The officers were Bill Deisher, president; Joann Linder, vice president; and Ray Ross, secretary-treasurer.

THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (Top Right). Advisor, Moses C. Crouse.

Composed of students who have majors in Bible, Religion or Theology, and those who are specifically interested in Christian service, the Theological Association has played an active part on the Aurora College campus.

The organization has functioned in two parts—the ministerial group under the direction of Joyce Thomas and the missionary group with chairman Howard Towne. Under discussion at the meetings of these groups have been problems of interest to future ministers and missionaries. The Theological Association elected as its president, Garland Presslar, and as its secretary, Joan Marshall.

SPARTAN DRAMA GUILD (Center). Advisor, Dean Stanley H. Perry.

One of the fascinating programs sponsored by Aurora College's Spartan Drama Guild was a lecture on theatrical make-up given by Dean Stanley H. Perry. All of the Guild's members took part in the presentation of Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, either as actors and actresses or members of the various committees. Martha Schramm served as Master of the Guild, and Milton Dirst as Scribe.



## Clubs...



WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Top Left). Advisor, Miss Evelyn Collins.

Completely reorganized, Aurora College's former Spartanettes became the Women's Athletic Association, a part of a national organization. Under the guidance of Miss Collins, the club was very active. Basketball, tennis, baseball, and ping pong were just a few of the activities offered to A. C. coeds. An innovation this year was the extremely successful play-day with near-by colleges. According to a point system, letters were awarded at a banquet held during the spring quarter. The officers of W.A.A. were Edith Kramer, president; Jean McIver, vice president; Nancy Blunt, secretary; and Rosanne Meisch, treasurer.

OFF CAMPUS WOMEN (Top Right). Advisor, Mrs. Barron Knechtel.

Woman's Day, Peanut Weeks and pot luck suppers were a few of the successful activities of the Off Campus Women's Organization. The O.C.W. acted as big sisters to the new freshman women from the Aurora area, and, in general, helped the town girls get acquainted. Aileen Smith was the president of this organization, with Lois Hopkins, vice president; Martha Schramm, secretary; and Edith Kramer, treasurer.

THE VARSITY CLUB (Center). Advisor, Mr. Harold Cooprider.

Football and basketball banquets, and a sportscapade were just a few of the ambitious projects carried out by Aurora College's Varsity Club. Under the faculty supervision of Mr. Cooprider, this organization elected as their officers Roy Modlinger, president; Gene Cusic, treasurer; Art Goss, sergeant-at-arms, and Macey Harper, Senate representative. The Club climaxed their year with a colorful Varsity Show presented to the entire school April 22.



## Publications . . .



THE PHAROS (Top Left). Advisors, Mrs. Theodora Sinden and Miss Ethel Tapper.

Snapping pictures, writing stories and soliciting patrons, the *Pharos* staff under the editorship of Philip Skeba was a hard working crew. With the enthusiastic support of the junior class, the patron drive headed by business manager, Arnold Hessler, was a roaring success. The main goal of the staff was to get the 1949 *Pharos* out on time.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB (Top Right). Advisor, Mrs. Theodora Sinden.

Headed by George Thurston, the Creative Writing Club has been one of Aurora College's most industrious groups. Besides sponsoring the Creative Writing contest in April, the club published their annual "*Wings of the Dawn*", a small book of the prize-winning manuscripts and other student contributions. Barbara Bryant served as Editor of "*Wings of the Dawn*". The other officers included Janet Nehring, vice president; Beryl MacDougall, secretary; Dan Vincett, treasurer; and Phil Skeba, Senate Representative.

AURORA BOREALIS (Center). Advisor, Gerald F. Richardson.

A cross-section of student life at Aurora College was ably pictured by the *Aurora Borealis* published every Tuesday. Under the editorship of Donald Lindo, the "*Bore*" presented news on spot-light programs, Friday night doings, sports events, and general school activities. The feature page with Rosanne Meisch as editor sparkled with such weekly columns as "*Dorm Notes*", "*Davis Hall Chatter*", "*Kampus Kaleidoscope*", and "*Dere Maw*". Milton Dirst acted as news editor with Dan Vincett as makeup editor, and Bill Brackett as sports editor. Jack Strong and Harley Pope were business and circulation managers.



# Shakespeare at Aurora College . . .



## "The Merchant of Venice" . . .

"The quality of mercy is not strained"—the famous "mercy" speech from *The Merchant of Venice* was one of the high points of the Shakespearean production given at Aurora College on February 17, 18, and 21. Joan Marshall, a freshman from Searsport, Maine, gave an excellent portrayal of Portia. Under the able direction of Dean Stanley H. Perry, who also took the part of Shylock, the entire cast gave competent performances. This group included: David Morris, Bassanio; Dan Vincett, Antonio; Robert Westbrook, Salanio; Wesley Hartley, Salarino; Milton Dirst, Gratiano; Thomas Boyd, Lorenzo and the Prince of Aragon; William Steiner, Duke of Venice; Carl Magoon, Prince of Morocco; Holice Turnbow, Old Gobbo; Mr. James E. Crimi, Tubal; Professor Clyde Hewitt, Launcelot Gobbo; Dorothy Walker and Beverly Pottle, Nerissa; Martha Schramm and Betty Jane Parke, Jessica.

Dean Perry and Mr. Crimi played the same roles which they portrayed in the original Aurora College production of *The Merchant of Venice* presented thirteen years ago.

## The Inter-Class Play Contest

The Junior class won the annual Inter-class play contest presented on Dec. 2, 3, and 4, with their production of "The Bishop's Candlesticks". Under the direction of Howard Rebmann, the play's cast was composed of George Thurston, Thomas Boyd, Phyllis Hyde, Martha Schramm, and Robert Hall. This is the second consecutive win for the class of 1950, who took the cup last year for their presentation of "The Monkey's Paw".



"Lovely To Look At" . . .





## Woman's Day . . .

Featuring a Mother and Daughter banquet, the tenth annual Woman's Day program was held on April 13th. Mrs. Laura Welch, an interior decorator of Carson Pirie Scott and Co., was the guest speaker. Some of the highlights of the day's program included readings by Mrs. Milton Weil, and a style show in which our coeds modeled some of the latest fashions. The conclusion of the day's program was a tea, held in the Senior room.

## Varsity Show . . .

On April 22, the long-promised Varsity Club show took the spotlight. Based on the theme of the "Hey-Dey Cafe" in the "Gay Nineties", it turned out to be an hilarious exhibition of ad-libbing, comedy, and music. Acts ranged from Arnie Hessler's German Band to the singing of Helen Danelz, the "Aurora Oriole". Tapering off the evening was a "Television" showing of the 1948 World Series baseball games.



## The College Choir . . .



Under the direction of Maude Bouslough Naden, the College Choir met every Tuesday night for rehearsal. Besides participating in assembly and chapel programs, the choir gave concerts at churches in Aurora, Batavia, and other surrounding towns of the Fox Valley.

For the first time since 1938, Aurora College is sending an A Capella group on an extended eastern tour. The group will leave Aurora by chartered bus on June 11, and will give programs every day in towns from Michigan to New York.

## The A Capella Choir . . .



# Snow, Skates and Sniffles! . . .



## The Advent Christian Church and Its Pastor . . .

"At Aurora College, religion is sincerely recognized as an integral part of, and as fundamental to, the good life. One of the privileges which the pastor of the 'college church' has always enjoyed, accordingly, is that of being a part of campus life and of ministering to students. This campus ministry is not approached in a sectarian spirit. The purpose of the pastor is to be a friend to all, to serve wherever possible, and to help whom he may to find a more vital and satisfying relationship to Jesus Christ. In order that he might offer a more effective ministry of counseling, the administration this year set aside a room (No. 5 in South Hall) where he could meet and counsel with individuals. Here he may be found regularly on Thursdays, or by appointment whenever anyone has a problem which he would like to share with the pastor."



*Rev. J. Howard Shaw*

For many years the Aurora Advent Christian Church at the corner of Galena Boulevard and Lancaster Avenue has been the place of worship for Aurora College students with backgrounds of Advent Christian training. Students from the college often participate in regular services by speaking, providing special music, and teaching Sunday school classes. For many of them, this church has become their "church home" during their years at Aurora College. Because of its function of providing a place of worship for the college students, and the interest it has shown in Aurora College, particularly through the ministry of its pastors, the Aurora Advent Christian Church has well been called the "College Church."

### "THE COLLEGE CHURCH"



## The Student Christian Association . . .



The Student Christian Association is one of the largest, oldest, and most active clubs on the Aurora College campus. It is a group composed of those who are interested in furthering Christian ideals and purposes in college life. Albert Crompton served as president during the year, and the other members of the S.C.A. Cabinet included Faye Gabrielson, vice president; Carolyn Douglas, secretary; Earl Crouse, program chairman; Joyce Cropp, Weldon Chambers, and Joyce Thomas, members of the program committee; Jean McIver, publicity chairman; Curtis Hale, service chairman; and Anna May Nerlien, social chairman. Moses C. Crouse is the faculty sponsor.

S.C.A. meetings have been held weekly, and the committee has provided a variety of programs. Opening in the Fall quarter with a Communion service in the Chapel, this group has brought many outstanding speakers to the campus, including Dad Elliot, and a team of students representing The Foreign Missions Fellowship from Wheaton College. Speakers have been drawn from the faculty, the student body, the Y.M.C.A., Naperville Theological Seminary, the World Student Service Fund Committee, and many other sources.

Each year S.C.A. sponsors a fall and spring retreat at Camp Rude. The fall retreat was held November 27th with a theme stressing the importance of devotional life for the Christian. Rev. Kinney of Central Bible Church, Aurora, and Dr. Stephens were featured speakers. May 7th was the date of the spring retreat. Using the subject "Christian Vocations", a panel composed of students, faculty and staff members participated.



## The S. C. A. Quartet . . .



*Gordon Forbes, Louia Gransee, John Palmer, Earl Crouse and accompanist, Gertrude Merritt.*

For the second consecutive year the S.C.A. Quartet has been a popular representative of the Student Christian Association and of Aurora College. It has been an integral part of many programs, such as Friday evening literary programs, meetings of the Student Christian Association, and at the regular weekly services in Lowry Chapel.



They became very well-known in and around the city of Aurora where they performed for banquets, meetings of civic groups, and on radio programs. Also, many high schools and churches throughout the Fox Valley have been host to this talented group.

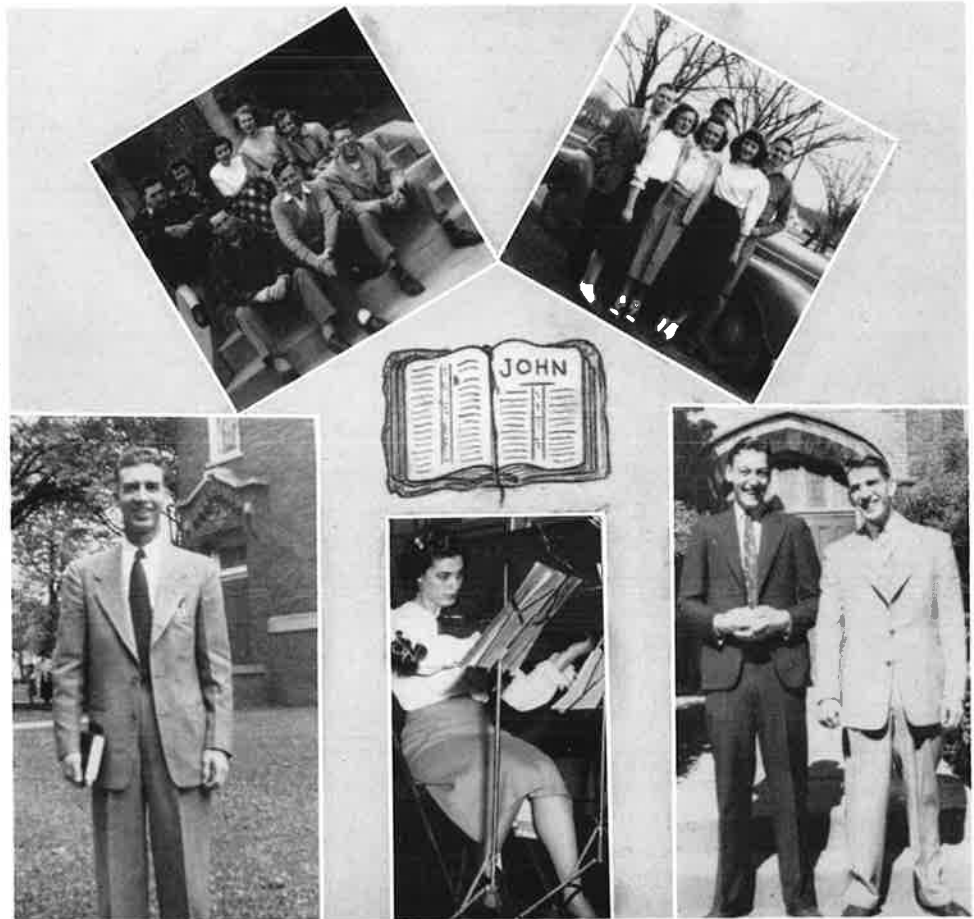
## The Quartet on Tour . . .



During spring vacation in March, the S.C.A. quartet and Trudy traveled through-out Illinois, Indiana and Ohio presenting programs for several Advent Christian Churches. Accompanied by Mr. Wilfred Snyder, the group sang in churches at Palmer, Illinois, Mt. Liberty, Ohio and New Albany, Indiana. Bringing Aurora College to high schools and churches near and far, the S.C.A. quartet has proved an important part of the Aurora College scene.



"Go Ye Forth——" . . .



The picture of our religious activities would not be complete if the work of the Gospel Teams was omitted. Visits were made by teams of students to many churches in Illinois and neighboring states. Also, services were conducted at the Wayside Cross Rescue Mission in Aurora.

The usual routine was to send a team of five or six young people who took complete charge of the service, including song-leading, special music, piano accompaniment, preaching, and personal testimony.



Besides providing valuable experience, it enabled those participating to give some of their time in active Christian service, and was much appreciated by the churches visited.



## Religious Emphasis Week . . .



*Rev. Paul Bischoff*

"Christ Is the Answer" was chosen as the theme for this year's Religious Emphasis Week, May 9-13. Rev. Paul Bischoff, dynamic young minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Independence, Missouri, was the week's featured speaker.

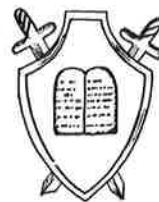
In an effort to make the Christian religion a more vital and living force for everyone on the Aurora College campus, certain goals were set for the Religious Emphasis Week. Some of these were—to deepen the spiritual life of the students and faculty, to deepen the sense of religious purpose and Christian fellowship throughout the college community, and to stimulate interest and make more relevant the truths of the Christian faith.

Purely non-sectarian, Religious Emphasis Weeks have been observed on university and college campuses for the last several years. The movement arose to challenge the increasing inroads of secularism into higher education.

Chapel services with Rev. Bischoff as guest speaker were held every day during this week besides the special programs held at Davis and Wilkinson Halls and at the regular weekly S.C.A. meeting.

Afternoon discussion groups met in the Senior room with Rev. Bischoff to talk over particular questions and problems. Many students arranged for personal interviews with Rev. Bischoff.

As a means of bringing more sharply into focus the religious needs and resources of Aurora College, Religious Emphasis Week was one of the most significant and rewarding programs of the entire school year.



## Homecoming - 1948 . . .

Under the soft blue lights of the stage in Lowry Chapel, Joanne Knapp, pert, little brunette senior from Aurora, was crowned queen of this year's homecoming festivities.

Voting for the Queen-to-be was an unusual and exciting event for this was only the second time in several years that such an election was held. The queen of 1947 was Delores Maslanka, a sophomore from Chicago. The first floor of Eckhart for 1948 was a scene of great anticipation and excited scribblings as students nominated their candidates weeks before the coronation, October 22.

The suspense of wondering who the nominees would be ended a few days after the primaries as seven imposing names were announced in a bulletin. The nominees were (as pictured below): Joanne Knapp, Aurora; Martha Schramm, Aurora; Norma Pfeiffer, Aurora; Janet Nehring, Aurora; Faye Gabrielson, Providence, Rhode Island; Anna Mae Nerlien, Chetek, Wisconsin; and Sally Lou Swindler, Columbia, South Carolina. Thereupon a second and more stimulating suspense was created. Who would be THE one—the Queen of Homecoming?

Colorful posters showing previously veiled works of art were hoisted into conspicuous view in Eckhart Hall and the Student lounge. Opposing candidates' signs were exhibited side by side and classroom blackboards had their corners brightened with fascinating rainbow scrawlings for the nominees.

A parade, October 22, was planned to precede Saturday afternoon's game to be played against Concordia. At 3 P.M. Friday, a grand arrangement of cars was parked on campus waiting to start the

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### THE MAGIC MOMENT





THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

THE CORONATION



## Homecoming - 1948 . . .

long parade which was to stream down Galena Blvd., onto Broadway, circle the downtown section and return. Feverishly, before the parade, a graveyard was created in an open trailer pre-supposing the downfall of Concordia's team. Rich black mud lined the trailer bottom, cardboards representing tombstones were stuck into 10 mounds, while gorgeous flowers were spread lovingly around each grave. Shouts of glee echoed over the campus as students viewed the completed graveyard.

At 3:30 the decorated cars herded into a wavering line down Calumet and turned onto Galena. The din was great and seemed never ending as horns blew. Like movie stars, the queen nominees sat gaily, even with the wind sweeping against them, on top of the back seats of convertibles.

The great spirit of participating students was even more gayly expressed at a pep rally that evening before going to the coronation, which had been so long awaited.

The coronation ceremony followed in Lowry Chapel which was more than filled to capacity. Louia Gransee, unusually arrayed as the court crier, read an introduction to the proceedings from crisp parchment paper. Onto the stage walked the seven nominees for queen, one by one, as Louia announced their names and relation to Aurora College. Délores Maslanka, last fall's queen, completed the picture, holding the potential queen's crown. Her eyes swept the line of girls briefly before she walked directly to Joanne Knapp and escorted her to center stage. Joanne, her face flushed with excitement, knelt while she was crowned the Queen of Homecoming at Aurora College and Louia grandly placed royal robes across her shoulders as a thunder of applause greeted her.

Saturday, October 23, held forth open house around the campus. Visitors looked in the dorms and barracks and alumni renewed their acquaintance with their old rooms. Later that afternoon was the game with Concordia preceded by a parade of cars, bearing the Queen and her followers, sweeping slowly around the field. The game was exciting from start to finish and the boys were rewarded for their hard playing, and the crowd for their cheers, with a victory score of 30-0!

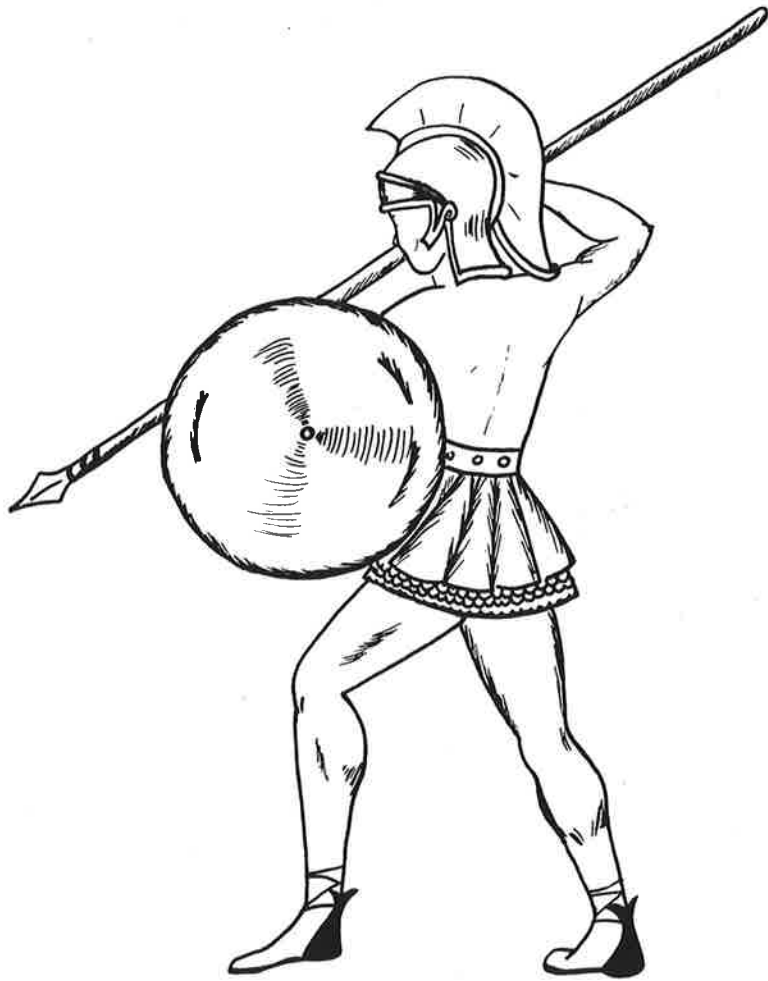
### THE PARADE

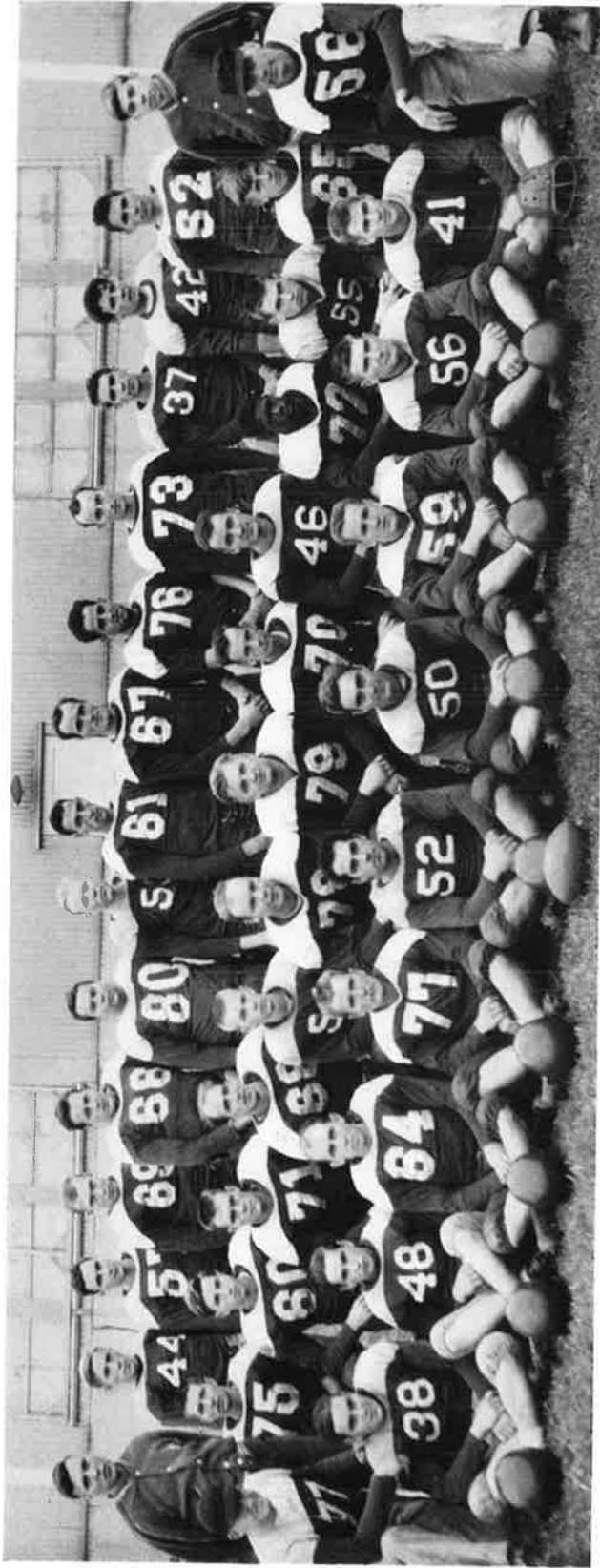


A fitting close to the "48" Homecoming was the banquet in the evening reigned over by the Queen and her court. Thus ended the Homecoming activities at Aurora College for 1948 with the hard work of the various committees and support they received resulting in success. May these activities maintain a high spot in our memories for a long time to come.



# S P O R T S





## Spartan Footballers of 1949

Top Row, left to right: Manager Eugene Snyder, Jack Armbruster, Earl "Digger" Beecher, Henry Lauritsen, Robert Westbrook, Wendell Olson, Don Ernst, Weldon Chambers, Dick Fey, Roy Modlinger, Leroy Sachen, Howard Towne, Bill Frey, Bill Cargile, Manager Keith Williams.

Middle Row: Assistant Coach Harold Coopriider, John "Tub" Mahoney, John Hillwick, Al Parcell, Bob Hall, Ken Devlin, Les Strahler,

Art Goss, Ivan Magaw, George Gibson, George Neil, Roger Wood, Charles Olson and Head Coach LaVerne Gilkey.

Bottom Row: Carl Magoon, Bob Merritt, Bill Wallbaum, Ed Greger, Al Musaraca, Don Dillenburg, Arnold Hessler, Harlan Behrens, Jim Davidge.

## Football - 1948-49 . . .

The 1949 issue of Spartan footballers compiled the impressive record of five victories against two defeats, to take a third place position in the Badger-Illini Conference. As the Spartans tore through their opponents during the first five games of the season, there were high hopes abroad for a conference championship, but the heart-breaking loss to Northwestern and the aggressiveness of the Lewis College eleven changed the picture to the final 5 and 2 record.

The Spartans opened their 1949 football season by defeating the University of Wisconsin Extension 19-6. This game was the first played as members of the newly-formed Badger-Illini Conference.

The game, played under lights on the West High School athletic field, got under way as Bill Cargile ran the kick-off back from his own 10-yard line to the 35. From there, a precedent to be followed through the next few games was established. Driving hard, the Spartans took only a few plays to hit pay-dirt as "Tubby" Mahoney plunged over from the one-yard line. "Art" Goss converted for the extra point and the home team led 7-0.

The second half found a fighting Aurora team exhibiting some fine blocking which enabled "Sparky" Wallbaum to skirt left end for 40 yards and a touchdown. A little later "Tub" Mahoney plunged over the line for the final score of the game. Aurora 19—Wisconsin Extension 6.

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Travelling to Milton College for their second game, the Spartans gained their first shut-out of the season. Following their already established precedent, Aurora took the kick-off on their own 15-yard line and seven plays later, "Tubby" Mahoney scored from the 7-yard line.

The second touchdown came as a result of one of first-string guard Gene Cusic's three recovered fumbles. Mahoney again scored and Art "Golden Toe" Goss found the uprights for the 13th point. Two points were added in the second half when a fast-charging A. C. line blocked a Milton punt and fell on it in the end zone.

Late in the fourth quarter, the hard-hitting Spartan line held Milton twice for four plays inside the Aurora 2-yard marker. Sparked by the stellar defensive play and vicious tackles of Roy Modlinger, Gene Cusic and "Digger" Beecher, this goal-line stand will be long-remembered by the Aurora fans who witnessed the game. Final score: Aurora 15—Milton 0.

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For three quarters the league-leading Spartans battled the mighty Mission House eleven on even terms, maintaining only a 6-point advantage until they broke loose for two game-clinching scores in the final period.

The initial touchdown came as Mahoney capitalized on one of Aurora's many scoring opportunities to plunge through from the two-yard line. The next score was the result of a blocked punt by Leroy "Googie" Sachen. Bill Cargile scored a few plays later and Goss added the extra point. Johnny Hillwick's third intercepted pass of the afternoon gave Aurora a third TD and the game ended Aurora 19—Mission House 0.

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Aurora ran its victory string to four when they defeated Concordia 30-0 before a large Homecoming crowd at West High Field.

The first score of the afternoon was set up on a blocked punt by Googie Sachen. A few plays later, Bill Wallbaum scooted 10 yards around end to score. "Barney" Behrens uncorked a 40-yard pass to Dick Fey in the end zone boosting the score to 12-0. Goss' kick was blocked. Don Patterson then got into the scoring column as he took off on a 37-yard jaunt to pay dirt, in a beautiful exhibition of broken-field running.

Gene Cusic's habit of recovering fumbles paid off again as he grabbed the ball on the Cougars' 4-yard line. From here, quarterback Bob Westbrook carried three would-be tacklers on his back for the remaining distance. Behrens-to-Fey clicked once more. Patterson then outran all opposition on a wide end-sweep to score from the three-yard line. Aurora 30—Concordia 0.





*"Sparky" Walbaum — Touchdown Bound!*

Aurora travelled to Elmhurst for its only non-conference game of the season and came home on the long end of a 21-7 count. "Sparky" Wallbaum alternated with Bill Cargile in three quick plays, the latter going over from the 10-yard line for the first score. Minutes later, Johnny Hillwick took an Elmhurst punt on their 35-yard line and raced into the end zone untouched. The last sustained drive featured Tubby Mahoney tossing a 51-yard touchdown pass to Dick Fey. Art Goss added the third of his extra points.

A screened pass late in the third period produced Elmhurst's only touchdown of the game. They passed for the extra point and the game ended Aurora 21—Elmhurst 7.

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The Spartans suffered their first loss of the season as an alert Northwestern tackle intercepted an Aurora pass in the final seconds of the game and raced 15 yards over the goal line to break a 7-7 tie.

The Spartans struck first in the second period after another of Gene Cusic's recovered fumbles set off a touchdown drive of 67 yards. Yardage by Cargile, Wallbaum and Mahoney, plus a 19-yard Behrens-to-Fey pass put the ball on the 18-yard line where Tubby Mahoney plowed through a nice hole in the line and twisted his way to pay dirt. Goss made good his placement and Aurora led 7-0.

Immediately following the kick-off, Northwestern took to the air and by using the height of "Stretch" Nommenson, 6' 7" end, they climaxed a 77-yard drive with a 25-yard pass into the end zone. The point after touchdown was good and the game was tied up at 7-7.

With less than a minute to go, Aurora was still attempting to get that final last-minute touchdown when the pass interception shattered all hope and gave the Spartans their first loss. Northwestern 13—Aurora 7.

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The final game of the season found Aurora with a possible chance for a tie in the Badger-Illini Conference if they could defeat Lewis College. But, a fast, aggressive ball club coached by Ray "Scooter" McLean of Chicago Bear fame, defeated the Spartans 31-6. The highlight of the game for Aurora came when Tubby Mahoney broke through the center of the Lewis line and raced 75 yards to score the lone Aurora touchdown.

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Thus the Aurora football season ended with a won-lost record of 5-2. It was a good year for the Spartans—a year of victories and defeats, high hopes and heartbreaks, but a year when they lived up to the name and spirit of the ancient Spartans. — A salute from the Pharos to the 1949 Spartan football team.



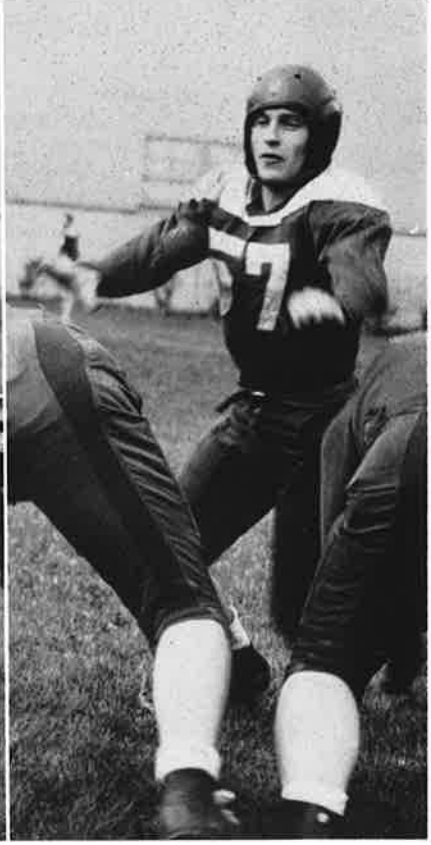




"Tub" Mahoney



Roy Modlinger  
Bob Westbrook



"Digger" Beecher

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING:—**

|                              | AURORA | Opponents |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Touchdowns .....             | 18     | 9         |
| Points after touchdown.....  | 7      | 4         |
| Safety .....                 | 1      | 0         |
| Total points .....           | 117    | 58        |
| First downs .....            | 96     | 70        |
| Yards gained rushing.....    | 1890   | 893       |
| Yards lost rushing.....      | 227    | 233       |
| Net yards rushing.....       | 1663   | 660       |
| Passes attempted .....       | 75     | 100       |
| Passes completed .....       | 23     | 40        |
| Interceptions by .....       | 13     | 12        |
| Yards gained passing.....    | 369    | 646       |
| Total yardage gained .....   | 2032   | 1406      |
| Number of punts.....         | 32     | 34        |
| Total yardage of punts.....  | 1179   | 1139      |
| Average yards per punt.....  | 36.84  | 33.50     |
| Fumbles .....                | 14     | 25        |
| Own fumbles recovered.....   | 5      | 7         |
| Penalties .....              | 36     | 29        |
| Yards lost on penalties..... | 370    | 255       |





Roy Modlinger

Gene Cusic

"Tub" Mahoney

### **ROY MODLINGER—Team Captain**

Roy came to Aurora from North Adams, Mass., where he earned four football letters at Drury High School. During his junior and senior years, he was named on the All-Berkshire Team as well as the All-Western Massachusetts team.

At the close of the Aurora College season, Roy was elected Captain, an honor he well deserved. His uncanny ability to detect opponents plays, his direction of line play, his own sharp blocking and vicious tackling, and more than anything else, his pep and team spirit were great factors in the achievement of Aurora's successful season. A fitting tribute to a year of fine football play — Roy Modlinger — Team Captain.

### **GENE CUSIC—Most Valuable Player—All Conference**

Gene is a product of East High of Aurora, where he played varsity ball in 1944 and 1945. In his high school days, he played at both fullback and center.

At Aurora, Gene played at the guard position and was the mainstay of a number of goal-line stands. His crisp blocking and tackling, together with a knack for recovering fumbles earned Gene the respect of both opposing players and their coaches.

At the close of the season, Gene was selected by his teammates as the most valuable player of the season, and the coaches of the Badger-Illini Conference gave him a place on the first-string All-Conference Team.

### **JOHN "TUB" MAHONEY—High Scorer—All Conference**

Tub Mahoney played his high school ball in Columbus, Ohio, where he alternated between quarterback and fullback. In his senior year he made All-State in Ohio.

He has played three years of varsity ball at Aurora and plans to play another. Tub was the mainstay of the backfield, and no matter what the job, he was ready to pitch in. He could always be counted on for the extra yardage for a first down or the last plunge over the goal line.

His 75-yard run for a TD in the Lewis game gave Tub a 6-point advantage over his nearest rival for the conference scoring honors. He scored seven touchdowns for 42 points.

At the end of the season, Tub was also selected for the first-string All-Conference team.



### **Second String All-Conference Team**

Roy Modlinger, Aurora's captain was also recognized by his opponents, and was given a berth on the second All-Conference team.

LeRoy "Googie" Sachen, Aurora's hard-hitting, pass-catching end also joined the ranks of those honored by the conference board. For his outstanding performances, Googie made the second-string All-Conference team — a good position for a good man.

# Pigskin Parade . . .



## Spartan Basketball, 1948-49 . . .



Top Row, left to right: Head coach LaVerne Gilkey, Manager Fred Currier, Don Ernst, Roger Parolini, Macey Harper, Dick Allen, Manager Harley Pope, Assistant Coach Harold Cooprider.  
Bottom Row: Weldon Chambers, John Hillwick, Bill Cargile, Bill Paul, John Mahoney, Bill Brackett, Paul Jaffarian.

Aurora College's Spartans ended their first season in the Badger-Illini conference in fifth place in the eight team conference. The squad won five league games, while losing nine.

In non-conference play, the Spartans won two games and lost six. This gave the Aurora squad a season's record of seven games in the win column and fifteen on the loss side.

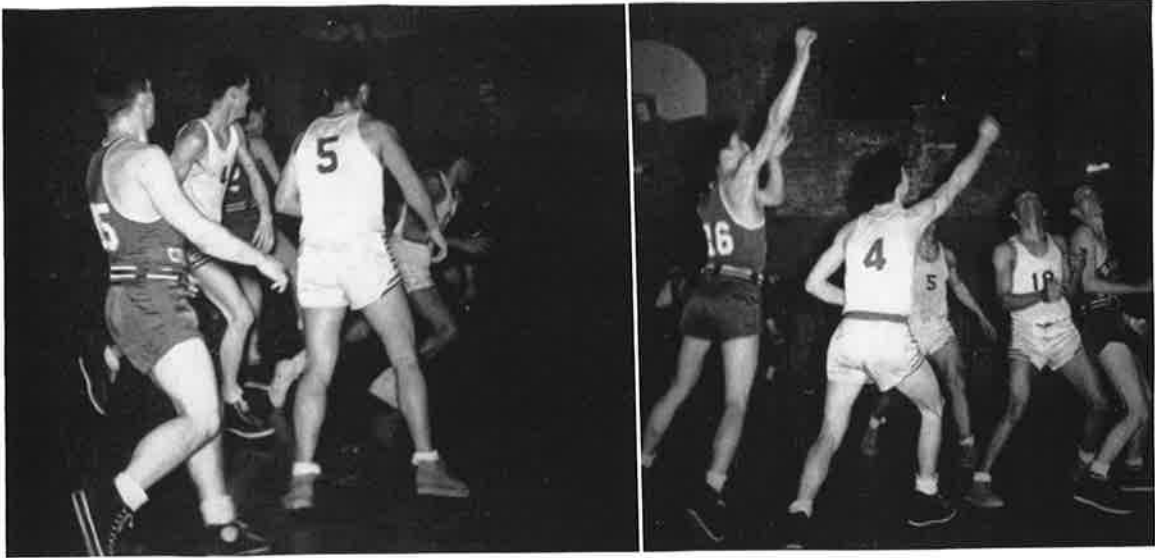
The 1948-1949 season looks far more impressive if home games are considered. Each of the seven victories of the cagers was won on Aurora courts. The Spartans lost only four on home floors.

This leaves an unpresumptuous traveling record of eleven straight losses which kept the Spartans from a winning season. This inability to win on the road, coupled with the excessive injuries suffered by the Spartans, were the main factors which Coach LaVerne Gilkey's squad were forced to combat.

During the season. Coach Gilkey followed the custom of appointing captains for each game. At the end of the season, the squad elected Bill Paull, Aurora junior, as captain for the 1948-1949 season. Bill was the only team member to be in the starting lineup of every game. The season was his third on the Spartan squad.

The team was also honored when Guard John Hillwick, Aurora's lead-





ing scorer, was elected to the All-conference team of the Badger-Illini Conference.

The Spartans performed on offense from two basic types of attack. In opposing a zone type of defense, Coach Gilkey employed a diamond style of offense. With one man under the basket and one near the backcourt line, he used a single pivot man with forwards on each side. The offense operated on the principle of triangle passing.

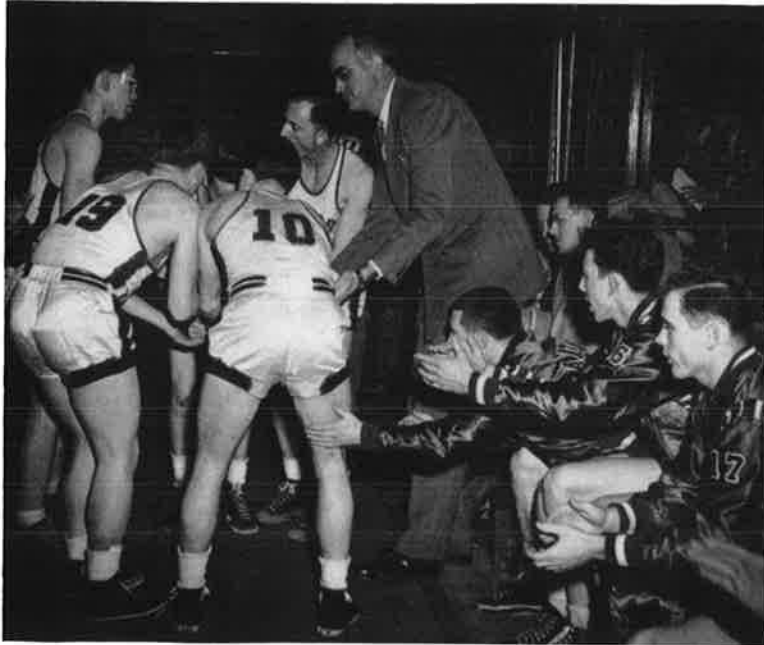
Handicapped by lack of height for most of the season, Coach Gilkey used a rolling type of attack with no pivot man against a man to man defense. The objective was to ho'd the ball until a good shot was possible, and in that way to avoid surrendering the ball on the backboard to taller opponents.

The Spartans opened their season with five losses in their five games before the Christmas holiday, after a late practice start. They traveled to meet George Williams College at Chicago in the first game of the year, losing 56-42. John Hillwick topped the Aurora scoring with 10 points as he did in all but three of the Spartans' contests. In those games he saw limited action because of injuries. Macey Harper, a senior, scored nine, Weldon Chambers eight, and Bill Brackett, seven for the Spartans.

Aurora scored only 38 points against the University of Illinois extension on the giant Navy Pier floor, losing 40-38 on a last second 30-foot basket. This loss was later avenged on the East Aurora High School court, 68-60. In the game at Chicago, Hillwick scored thirteen points, followed by Harper and Chambers with seven.

Showing fine improvement, Aurora nevertheless dropped a 51-46 decision to Eureka College in the cramped quarters of the Freeman school gym. The small floor emphasized and gave advantage to the visitors height. Eureka was the defending champion of the downstate Pioneer conference, a title which they successfully defended throughout the season. Hillwick's 20 points led both teams in scoring.





### COUNCIL OF WAR!

The losing string was extended to four at Elmhurst College as the Spartans fell to the taller home squad by a 56-48 count. A last quarter rally fell short. The loss was redeemed later in the season, for the Spartans' other non-conference victory, when the Aurora squad won at East High, 50-49. Hillwick's 21 points again led both teams with the rest of the Aurora scoring evenly spread as it was in most of the early season games.

Coach Gilkey's squad ended their pre-holiday games by dropping a 76-57 game to Concordia College on the winner's floor. Later, Concordia finished in second place in the conference race. Aurora trailed only 36-30 at the half, but could not maintain the pace in the second stanza. Hillwick counted 15 and Harper 11 for Aurora.

The Spartans started their five-game winning streak on home courts by topping Mission House College in a conference game at West High, 53-51. They led at the half by one point and kept their margin in the second period. Hillwick counted 17, while Weldon Chambers got on the scoring track with 14.

Eureka entertained the Aurora squad and defeated the Spartans 59-51 to repeat the earlier verdict. The Spartans pulled up to within two points in the last five minutes, but couldn't break through for the win. Hillwick and Chambers had 15 and 12 points respectively to top Aurora scoring for the second straight game.

Hillwick came within one point of the scoring record he set in the 1947-1948 season when he poured through 29 points on eight baskets and 13 free throws against Navy Pier. The Spartans won the game, which was played on the East High court, 68-60. Bill Brackett made 13 points as he





**JUST RESTING!**

started on the pace with which he finished second to Hillwick in the Aurora scoring for the season.

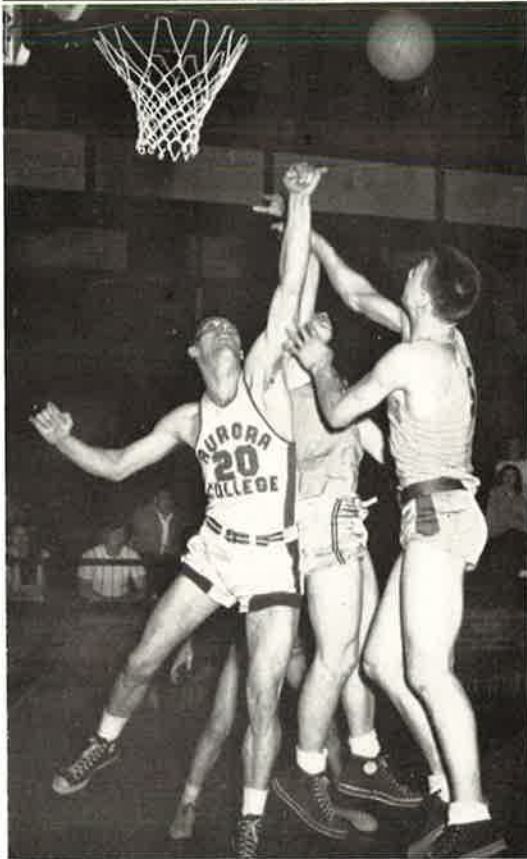
Aurora split two conference games with Wisconsin Tech of Platteville, losing 67-46 in Wisconsin and winning 54-52 in Aurora. The games were only six days apart, emphasizing the difference between the Spartans' quality of play at home and on the road.

The Aurora contest was won on Bill Paull's last minute basket. With Aurora trailing 52-51, with seconds left, Paull intercepted a pass, dribbled the length of the floor, and scored the winning basket! Hillwick, who led the scoring in both games with 20 and 24 points, added a point insurance on a free throw.

Traveling to Milwaukee, the Spartans lost to the University of Wisconsin Extension by a 57-49 count. The loss was redeemed in Aurora in a later contest, but the Spartans were unable to get their attack moving in the game at Milwaukee. Only Hillwick, scoring 22 points, kept up his usual fast pace.

Returning to the East High floor, the Spartans won their outstanding victory of the season, stopping Elmhurst, 50-49 in an overtime game. With the score tied 46-46 at the end of regular play, John Mahoney drove in to score and put the Spartans ahead. Elmhurst countered with three points, and attempted to stall. Aurora intercepted a pass and John Hillwick scored on a long one-hander for the winning basket. The victory was costly since the Spartans lost Weldon Chambers with a fractured ankle. He was out until the last two games of the season. Don Ernst's rebounding and Al Mauer's speed and agility helped the Spartans thru this period. The scoring of the Elmhurst game was evenly distributed among Hillwick with 12, Brackett and Chambers with 11, and Paull with 10.





A free throw by John Hillwick in the closing seconds of the game was the margin of victory as Aurora evened the count with Wisconsin Extension. The Spartans won 44-43 at West High, when Hillwick scored 23 and Brackett 10. It was their third conference victory against four defeats.

The Spartans dropped their only contest of the season on the East High court to George Williams, 46-44 in a rough contest which saw 54 fouls called. Hillwick was held without a basket as he was fouled repeatedly, but piled up 15 free throws. Brackett had 12 points for runnerup honors.

Milton College, champions of the Badger-Illini conference, unbeaten in League play on their home court, gave Aurora a 75-48 beating at Milton. Hillwick tallied 17, and Brackett 11. Dick Allen, Freshman forward, moved into the scoring ranks with 10 points. The high scoring champions used their fast break to take the win.

Playing off a previously postponed contest, the Spartans dropped a costly 42-39 decision at Lewis College. Aurora held a 21-12 margin at halftime but dropped the contest after Hillwick sprained an ankle midway in the first quarter. He made only a token appearance in the next two contests. Bill Brackett topped the scoring against Lewis with 15 points.

Returning home, the Spartans scored a 57-39 win over Northwestern College in one of Aurora's better games. They led all the way. Brackett again led the scoring



with 13 points followed by Mahoney with 12, Allen with 10, and Mauer with 9.

Aurora won again on the West High court, racing to a 71-50 decision over Lewis. Dick Allen tied Hillwick's season scoring mark by scoring 29 points on 12 baskets and 5 free tosses. This victory gave the Spartans a five and five record in conference play and a chance for third place in the league. However, four straight losses dropped them to their final fifth place standing.

The losing streak started at Mission House where Aurora lost 76-65 to the winners phenomenal .500 shooting percentage. Hillwick returned to full time action and scored 19 points, while Paull and Mahoney had 11 apiece. Senior Roger Parolini suffered a sprained ankle which handicapped him for the remaining games.

The Spartans took their first conference loss in Aurora at the hands of Milton's champions by a narrow 76-71 count. Milton led most of the way, and was challenged in the last five minutes, but eked out the win. Hillwick tallied 23 to lead the Spartans, while Harper had 17.

Hillwick and Harper again led with 17 and 13 respectively, but Northwestern College handed the Spartans their eleventh straight loss on the road, 72-58, after leading all the way.

The season ended at home as the Spartans lost to second place Concordia College, 56-50 after leading at the half, 26-23. Hillwick and Brackett tied with 13 points for scoring honors in the season's final.





TWO!

## High Scorer . . .

The leading scorer of the Aurora Spartans this past season was John Hillwick, St. Charles' gift to Aurora, shown here at the left in his favorite lay-up shot. Johnny finished second in the conference with an average per game of 17.17 points.

John also holds the individual scoring record for one game, for his 30 point feat against St. Procopius last year. He came close to tying his own record this year when he collected 29 points against Navy Pier.

On the basis of contribution to team performance and morale, Johnny was chosen along with Weldon Chambers as one of the most inspirational players on the team. As a fitting climax to a great performance, he was named to the first All-Conference Team of the Badger-Illini conference.

## "Adding 'Em Up!" . . .

|                            | CONFERENCE |         |             | TOTAL |         |             |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|-------------|
|                            | Games      | Baskets | Free Throws | Games | Baskets | Free Throws |
| Hillwick .....             | 13         | 74      | 71          | 21    | 116     | 122         |
| Brackett .....             | 14         | 48      | 13          | 22    | 71      | 20          |
| Paull .....                | 14         | 34      | 15          | 22    | 46      | 23          |
| Chambers .....             | 7          | 22      | 14          | 21    | 37      | 27          |
| Mahoney .....              | 13         | 26      | 18          | 21    | 37      | 27          |
| Harper .....               | 14         | 22      | 26          | 22    | 34      | 34          |
| Allen .....                | 12         | 28      | 19          | 19    | 31      | 20          |
| Mauer .....                | 10         | 10      | 7           | 17    | 13      | 8           |
| Parolini .....             | 13         | 5       | 2           | 21    | 6       | 2           |
| Ernst .....                | 10         | 3       | 4           | 12    | 5       | 4           |
| Jaffarian .....            | 6          | 1       | 0           | 7     | 1       | 0           |
| Greger .....               | 4          | 1       | 0           | 4     | 1       | 0           |
| Cargile .....              | 3          | 3       | 6           | 9     | 8       | 19          |
| Domier .....               | 2          | 3       | 2           | 8     | 5       | 5           |
| Totals: Aurora .....       | 1144       |         |             | 1242  |         |             |
| Aurora Conference....      | 757        |         |             | 825   |         |             |
| Opponents .....            |            |         |             |       |         |             |
| Conference Opponents ..... |            |         |             |       |         |             |





## Intra-Mural Sports . . .



**"HOOP CHAMPS!"**

### **BASKETBALL—**

Six teams composed of eight players each participated in an intra-mural basketball league this year. Because of the brevity of the quarter, each team played every other team only once, and a winner was determined on the basis of first-round results. At the completion of league play, two weeks were allowed for a single elimination tournament. The teams entered under the titles "Cagey Cagers," "4 Hits and-a-Miss," "Tomahawks," "Pick-ups," "Sporties," and "Comets."

In the first round of tournament play, the Cagey Cagers eliminated the Sporties; the 4 Hits-and-a-Miss downed the Comets and the Tomahawks defeated the Pick-ups, leaving three teams in the race. The 4 Hits proceeded to knock out the Cagers, and the two powerhouses were left to vie for the title.

Playing the preliminary to the Varsity-Concordia College game, the teams met on the West High floor to decide the issue. The 4 Hits-and-a-Miss had trouble getting started and missed a lot of shots which they would ordinarily have made. On the other hand the Tomahawks worked smoothly and well to pile up a 46-24 count. Of this total, Jack Millen got 20, and Tom Fitzgerald 14 for the winners.



## Intra-Mural Sports . . .



“RUNNERS-UP!”

### **VOLLEYBALL—**

A men's intramural volleyball tournament was organized at the close of the football season, with five strong teams competing. The faculty entered a team paced by "Slam" Coopriider, "Spike" Gilkey, and "Sock" Thwing, that finished in a tie for second place with Jerry Henningson's team. Bill Reas' team carrying such players as Don Keepers, Herb Spieler, Don Gephard and Roger Parolini, went through the season undefeated to take top honors.

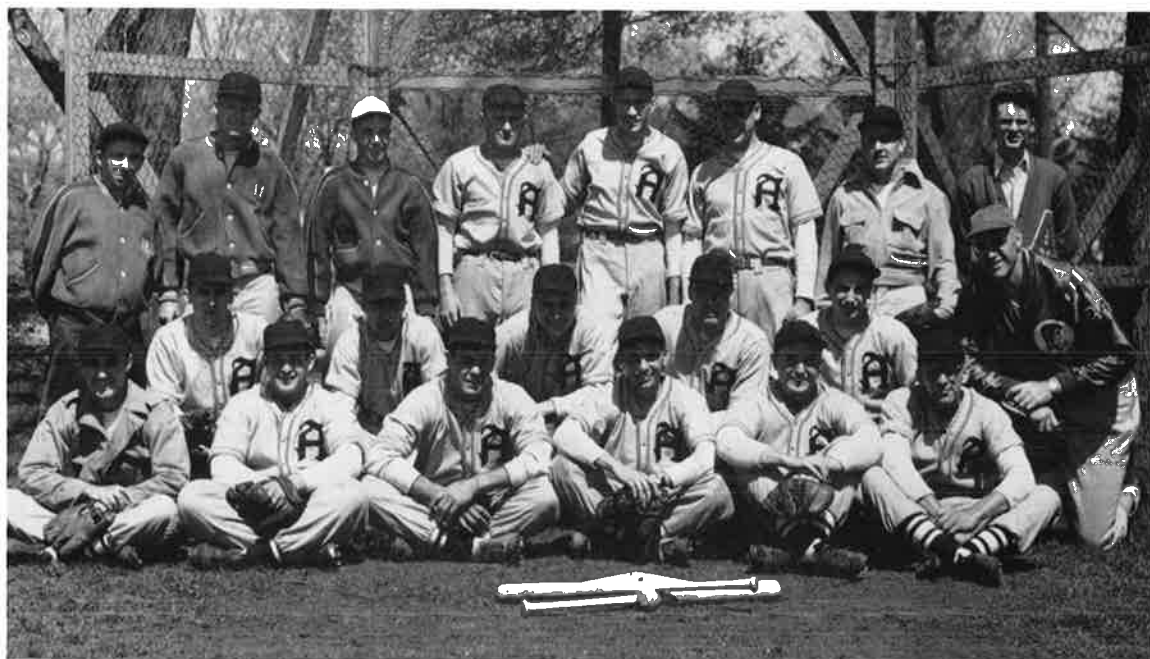
### **SOFTBALL—**

As soon as the snow was gone, interest immediately turned to softball. The Married Men, Spartan Terrace, and Davis Hall turned up with five aggregations, which, when supplemented by town outfits comprised a fine looking tournament roster. Entered under various titles such as "Big Foxes," "Cave Men," "Married Men," "Pirates," and "Tigers," The teams were quite evenly matched and any one could be counted on to turn in a good performance.

At the time the Pharos went to press, a team from Davis Hall, the "Big Foxes," using Coach Gilkey as their key pitcher, were leading the league with a record of three straight victories.



## 1949 Spartan Baseball Team . . .



*Front Row:* Don Dillenburg, Gordon Forbes, Bill Frey, Bill Cargile, Ed Greger, Howie Towne.  
*Second Row:* Bill Wallbaum, Al Mauer, Herb Fechner, Don Gephard, Bob Merritt, Coach LaVerne Gilkey.  
*Standing:* Roy Macomber, Asst. Mgr.; Bob Hamlin, Lyle Beeth, "Barney" Behrens, Dick Kearney, Bob Toma, Arnie Hessler, Harley Pope, Mgr.

Aurora College renewed its competition in baseball this season after a long war-time interruption. The Badger-Illini Conference proved to be the incentive that reinstated baseball as a major sport at Aurora, and the boys have justified its revival.

Coach Gilkey chose Bill Cargile for second base because of his ability to start fast and his boundless energy which contributes to the team spirit.

Next in the batting order is Bobby Merritt, a boy from Massachusetts, where he was an all-state catcher. Picking up the pitches into the dirt seems to be his specialty, and he seldom misses.

Lefty Bill Wallbaum, a combination of fielder, first baseman, and pitcher, has earned a number three spot in the batting order. Bill has a habit of clouting extra base blows, and is very efficient when the pressure is on.

Center-fielder Al Mauer, another long-ball hitter, bats clean-up position. Al, who weighs only 140 lbs. swings a big stick with all of his weight behind it, accounting for his distance hitting.

Ed Greger holds down right field and can catch too. In the conference opener, he hit a long home run over the left fielder's head to contribute to the victory.

Herb Fechner fields the bunts down the third base line and is possessed of a good throwing arm for the long peg to first. Herb's calmness and ability to bunt add security to the infield.

Barney Behrens, nimble little shortstop, follows Fechner in the lineup. He has showed constant improvement and promises to play a lot of ball in the infield.



## Horsehide, Hardwood, and Leather . . .



Tall, lanky "Hook" Kearney sits on the first sack for the Spartans. His loose-jointedness seems to provide him with what it takes to drag down the pegs to first or tag a pitch into the outfield.

Bud Forbes has been used chiefly as a pinch-hitter in the early games and has been smacking a long ball. Howie Towne is a shortstop and outfielder who will see action during the season.

The pitching staff consists of Bill Frey, Bob Toma, and Bob Hamlin. Frey is a consistent curve-ball pitcher with plenty of "stuff" on the ball. He appeared in a number of practice games and won a conference start against St. Procopious 10-0. In that game, Bill allowed only eight hits and gave no free passes.

Bob Toma has a fast ball that keeps the batters swinging but he has trouble keeping it under control. Bob also won a conference game, although tagged for 13 hits in seven innings of play. Bob Hamlin has not yet appeared in a conference game, but has showed up well in practice games.

In conference play, at the time the Pharos went to press, Aurora had two wins and no losses. Their first victory was at the expense of Concordia who they out-slugged 14-9. A six third inning sparked by Dick Kearney's homer, Wallbaum's two run single, Mauer and Greger's doubles, and Behrens single put the home club out front and Concordia could not catch up.

The Spartans shut out St. Procopious 10-0 on their home field for the second win of the season. Everyone on the Aurora team hit, but Bobby Merritt and Barney Behrens collected three and two hits respectively to lead the parade. Bill Cargile got a long three-base hit in the sixth and scored on Merritt's single. Kearney collected a double in the fifth to drive in two more runs. Bill Frey was the winning pitcher.

In order to get the Pharos on the press, it was necessary to omit the last games of the season. Why don't you insert your own record of them here?



# Tennis...



Front Row: Phil Skeba, Carl Magoon; Roger Parolini, Jerry Henningson.  
Back Row: Dan Vincett, Mgr.; Bill Brackett, Bob Coddling, Bill Reas, Ray Ross, Coach Clyde Hewitt.

When the call for tennis candidates was sounded this Spring, three members of last season's team were eligible. The resumption of baseball cut into the tennis candidates, taking two lettermen from last year's squad, Bill Wallbaum and Herb Fechner.

This season's team was built around returning lettermen Roger Parolini, Phil Skeba and Carl Magoon. Jerry Henningson, Roy Ross, Macey Harper, Lyle Beeth, Bob Coddling, Bill Reas and Bill Brackett rounded out the team.

The prime addition to the team was Dr. Clyde Hewitt, who accepted the coaching post. Dr. Hewitt, with a sound knowledge of tennis fundamentals and strategy, proved to be an excellent mentor for the team.

The number one man on the team was Roger Parolini, a product of Westfield, Massachusetts. He combined a forcing forehand with his consistent backhand to rate near the top of the competitors of the Badger-Illini conference. Roger's defensive ability won many games by keeping his opponent off balance in returning his drives.

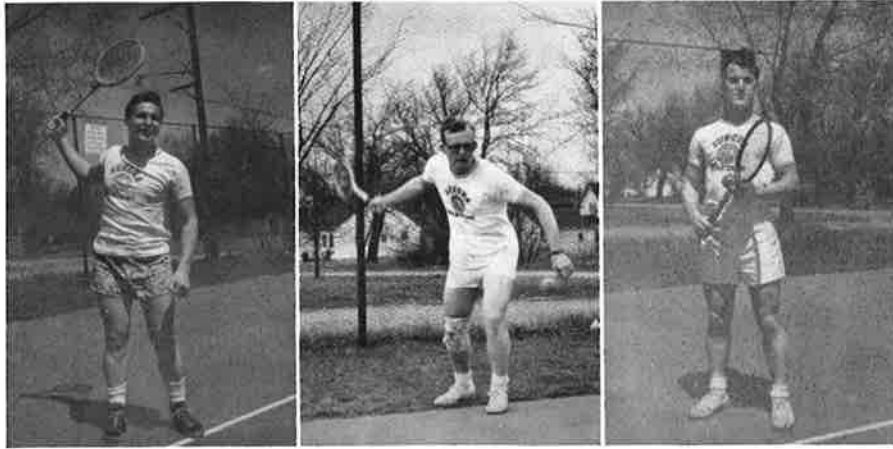
Alternating in the second singles spot were Jerry Henningson, a junior from St. Charles, Illinois, and Macey Harper, senior, of Carrollton, Mississippi. Henningson, and Harper, playing their first year on the squad, showed great improvement through the season. Henningson's cut serve and strong drives proved effective, while Harper used a retriever game to gain his victories.

Phil Skeba, a little man with fine ability and fight, played in the third spot. Playing his second season on the team, Phil showed his tenacity when he won against Concordia after losing the first set. The win gave the Spartans a tie in the match. Phil, another easterner, is from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.





# Tennis...



"RACKET MEN!"

By virtue of his consistent defensive play, Carl Magoon was the fourth singles man. Outlasting his opponent was Carl's specialty. Near the end of the season, he showed signs of getting back on the winning pace he set last year.

Roy Ross played in the fifth singles spot for most of the season. The Calais, Maine, senior, played consistent tennis and salvaged Aurora's only win against strong DeKalb College.

The doubles combination of Jerry Henningson and Roger Parolini played in the number one spot and showed great improvement as a team. They lost by close margins such as 5-7, 6-8 against strong early season foes, but came back to stop Concordia's doubles team, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The number two doubles team has varied through the season, with Ray Ross, Phil Skeba, Lyle Beeih and Carl Magoon, with Skeba combining with one of the other men.

At the time the Pharos went to press, the team has played only one school of comparative size, the conference opponent Concordia. This match ended in a tie, 3 to 3. They lost matches to DeKalb, Navy Pier and Elmhurst.

In the Badger-Illini conference tournament match that was played May 25, Coach Hewitt picked Roger Parolini to play in the singles competition. Jerry Henningson and Macey Harper combined their talents to form a strong doubles pair. In the conference meet, a school sends only two singles players and one doubles team. The matches were graded on a point system according to games, sets and matches won, the College with the highest point total winning the Conference title.

Although losing most of their early matches, the Spartans put together great improvement and the return to conference activity to provide wins near the end of the season.



## Cheerleaders . . .



Bob Wright, Herbie Goetsch, Wilson Waters, Don Keepers. *Not pictured*—Shirley Holt.

One of the big factors in keeping up the school spirit at rallies and games was the coordinated antics of the cheerleaders. A mob of students can make a lot of noise, but it takes just a few cheerleaders to set the tempo and the result will be a united yell that gives the team a "lift."

The cheerleaders worked hard during both the football and basketball seasons and deserve a lot of credit for their efforts.

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of the value of school spirit backing up a team was shown by the record of the 1948-49 Spartan basketball team. The boys lost every game played away from home, but when bolstered up by the cheers and applause of their fellow students, the boys rarely lost a game on either the East or West High floors. At home, they played like a different ball club. The enthusiastic "push" of the student body is the best assurance of success in any phase of college life, but in sports, this is especially true.



## Athletic Committee . . .



*Seated:* Ellsworth Thwing, Director of Athletics; Harold Coopridger, Assistant Coach; LaVerne Gilkey, Varsity Coach; Clyde Hewitt, Tennis Coach.

*Standing:* Roger Parolini, Men's Athletic Chairman; Weldon Chambers, Dorm Representative; Arnold Hessler, Off-Campus Representative.

Composed of three coaches, the director of athletics, athletic chairman of the student association, and a representative of dormitory and town students, the Athletic Committee acted upon all matters concerning the policy and administration of Aurora College athletics.

Any controversial issues in the area of sports were brought before this committee. Also plans for the intra-mural sports program were formulated here. Although you may have never been aware of its presence, the Athletic Committee has been working behind the scenes in all sports programs of the college.



For Women Only! . . .



For Men Only! . . .



## Women's Athletics . . .



*Miss Evelyn Collins*

Miss Evelyn Collins, native of Arlington, Massachusetts and educated at Acton High School, Acton, Massachusetts and Sargent College in Boston, arrived here last fall directly after receiving her B. S. degree in physical education. Upon arriving on a Sunday afternoon to take her position as head proctor and girls' physical education instructor, Miss Collins was understandably mistaken for one of the older girls of the dorm by the arriving freshmen. The former residents of the dorm, however, mistook their new "boss" for one of the more mature freshmen. Happily it was discovered that Miss Collins was to serve as head proctor and to teach physical education which she has done remarkably well. More varied sports have become materially realized for the girls at this school than ever before since Miss Collins presented her services to Aurora College last fall.

Wham! Right down the sports line went the enthusiastic supporters of the WAA—volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, ping pong, badminton, archery, shuffleboard and riding. President of the association was Edith Kramer. The gal with sports initiative received ten points for every major sport in which she participated and received five points for every minor sport. To earn herself a letter, 45 points or participation in three major and three minor sports were needed. At a banquet held May 25 at the YWCA, letters were presented to a number of the WAA girls. The girls were: Lorraine Dillenburg, Barbara Hinckley, Carole Ingersoll, Joanne Knapp, Edith Kramer, Jean McIver, Rosanne Meisch, Beverly Pottle and Aileen Smith. The banquet was an informal affair concluding its event with announcements of forthcoming officers.

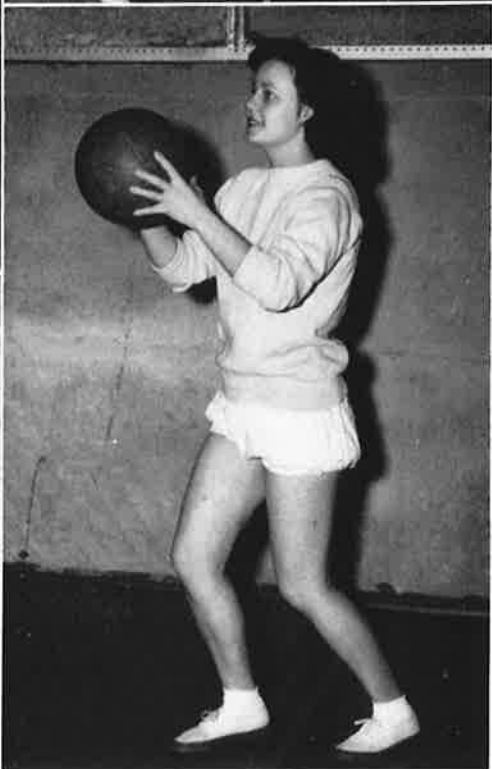
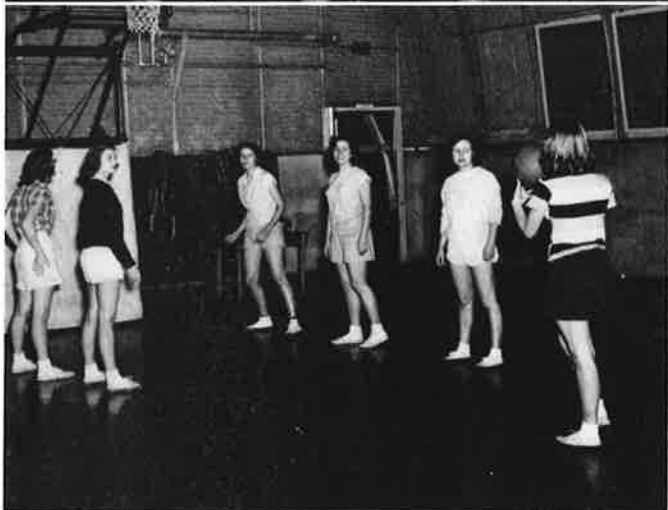
Volleyball was a little different during the fall quarter because it was co-educational which created a good deal of interest. Soft-ball carrying through the spring quarter found WAA playing against the Spartan Terrace women.

Two outstanding events enhanced the program of WAA—the playdays at Aurora College, February 19 and North Central College, March 19. Our home play-day Saturday afternoon, February 19, was highly successful with invitations accepted by Wheaton and North Central colleges. Activity began at 1:30 and drew to a close at 5. Each team played a half game so that all teams had chances to play with each other in the course of the afternoon. March 19 saw North Central playing host at the play-day with Aurora College, Chicago Teachers College, North Park, and Wheaton College as participating guests. The competition began at 9:30 with basketball, volleyball, and tennis spotlighting the morning's games. Aurora took honors in basketball by defeating North Park 13-10, but lost to Wheaton 14-11.



Acting in the play-day events from our alma mater were; Barbara Hinckley, Capt., Aileen Smith, Mildred Gabrielsen, Carole Ingersol, Lorraine Dillenburg, Rheta Hatfield, Shirley Holt, Janet Bull, Jean McIver, Joanne Knapp and Laura Lee Peters.

# Women's Athletics . . .



## Women's Athletics . . .



### ARCHERY—

Archery brought forth a bevy of beauties as evidenced by the picture to the left. Classes were held Monday mornings and a general participation group held forth in the early afternoon. More than a few arms were bruised by the taut bow string but with every whiz of an arrow came another step towards mastery over the art popularly thought of as belonging to Cupid. More than the one bull's eye was hit as is shown and soon we look forward to having a group of expert female artists on this sport.

### BASKETBALL—

Basketball held prominent position Wednesday evenings during the winter quarter and acquired some odd names—"Kramer's Krazy Kats," "Eager Beavers," "Junior Clunkers," "H & M Kids." At various intervals throughout the season the women from Copley were invited to play and they mixed with the college girls in each team. The result was a beneficial fellowship. Ending the quarter was the famous tournament victory of Kramer's Krazy Kats over the H & M Kids.





## Women's Athletics . . .



### HORSEBACK RIDING—

Every Thursday afternoon horses were reserved at a riding academy just outside Sugar Grove for the benefit of the Aurora College girls' riding classes. The girls, many beginners, rode their mounts around a track beside the stables for the first few weeks of the course before they took to the trails outside the area of the stables. Some of the girls were a little scared at first, but learning to control the horses by correct handling of the reins brought confidence and enthusiasm.



## Who's Who at Aurora . . .



Seated: William Reas, Joanne Knapp, Howard DeGroot.  
Standing: Roger Parolini, Donald Campbell, Donald Linburg.

Six Aurora College students were chosen to be included in the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," a yearly publication listing the outstanding students from hundreds of universities and colleges all over the United States.

Chosen for their qualities as leaders in student activities and for their scholastic ability, students picked for "Who's Who" receive a well-deserved honor.

William Reas, a senior from New Albany, Indiana, a Navy veteran, majoring in business administration, Bill was president of the Students' Association and in 1947-48 served as president of the Junior Class.

President of the Senior class, Howard DeGroot, is an Army veteran from Penfield, New York. Howie, a chemistry major, also served as co-chairman of the "47" homecoming program.

Donald Linburg, a Marine Corps veteran from Minneapolis, Minnesota, is another senior who was chosen. The student supervisor of the information office, Don is a theological student. He was elected president of the Student Christian Association in 1947-48.

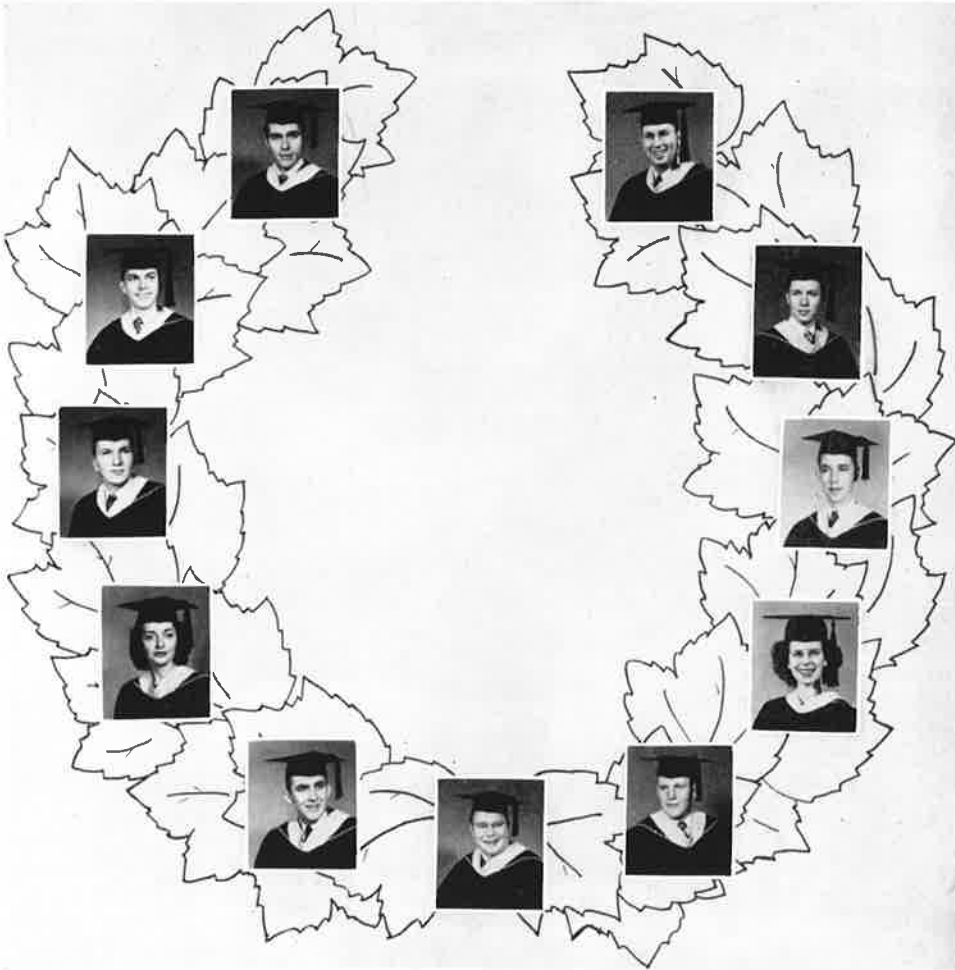
This year's homecoming queen, Joanne Knapp is a senior from Aurora. Joanne, majoring in teaching, was this year's Social Events Chairman for the Students' Association.

Don Campbell, an Army veteran from Brockton, Mass., is a junior, majoring in Biology. Don worked this year as chairman of the Spotlight Assemblies and Literary Events Chairman for the Students' Association.

An English major, Roger Parolini is a senior from Westfield, Mass. Roger played varsity basketball and tennis, and served as chairman of this year's Campus Fund.



## GOLD IVY LEAVES



Top left, reading counter-clockwise: Howard Donaldson, Richard Stamm, Roger Parolin, Mary Ann Ferguson, William Wallbaum, Wendell Olson, Richard Edwards, Mary Jane Stone, Robert Horn, Donald Linburg, Albert Johnson.

"Character and Scholarship" are the two aims of Aurora College, and for this reason, outstanding scholastic ability has always been given recognition at Aurora.

During the commencement season, those seniors who have maintained a consistent record of superior scholarship throughout their four years of college life were awarded Gold Ivy Leaves. Their fine achievement has earned for them the respect and sincere good wishes of both the faculty and the members of the student body.



# THE SPARTAN AWARD



The highest honor at Aurora College is to be made recipient of the Spartan Award. Selected by the junior class and a faculty committee, the winner of the Spartan Award is chosen on the basis of five qualities: value as a leader in student activities; willingness to cooperate in student affairs; friendliness; general social qualities; fairness, and sportsmanship.



Bestowed only on that senior who has made an outstanding contribution to student life at Aurora College, the Spartan Award is indeed a significant and coveted honor.

## THE SPARTAN AWARD



At Aurora College during the past four years, a small whirlwind of activity has centered around vivacious, energetic Joanne Knapp. Whether there was a job to do, or some fun to be enjoyed, Joanne was always ready to participate.

While maintaining a high scholastic rating, Joanne has held many offices in clubs, organizations, and the Student's Association during her college career, but whether in an official capacity or not, her time and energy could be counted on to assist in doing a job well. Last year, as editor of the 1948 Pharos, she gave unstintingly of her time and energy to produce a commendable yearbook. In her Senior year, she was Social Events Chairman of the Students' Association, and worked untiringly on the Friday evening Programs.

An indication of the high esteem in which she is held by the entire student body was her election to the position of Homecoming Queen last fall. This was also a tribute to her friendly personality.

Joanne is one of the finest personifications of the true spirit of Aurora College. The congratulations of the entire student body and faculty follow the presentation of the Spartan Award to the hard-working girl with the friendly smile and effervescent personality, Miss Joanne Knapp!



# THE PHAROS STAFF



"PHIL" SKEBA  
Editor-in-Chief

*Our work is finished, and  
the 1949 Pharos is now  
history. We hope that it  
may recall for you  
pleasant memories  
throughout the years.*



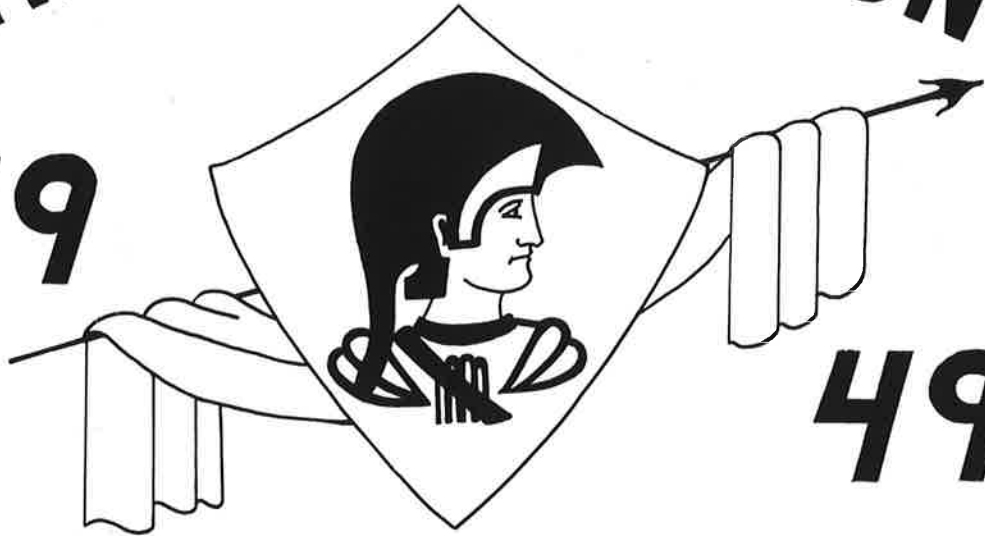
"ARNIE" HESSLER  
Business Manager

Top left: Bill Brackett, Jerry Henningson, Bob Hall—Sports  
Top right: Martha Schramm, Phyllis Hyde—Copy  
Bottom Row: Helen Stephens—Art; Don Reas—Photography; Aileen Smith—Art.



# PHAROS PATRON

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# AURORA COLLEGE

## TO OUR PATRONS:

When school re-opened last fall, plans were laid which were to set in motion the annual Pharos Patron drive conducted by the Junior Class of Aurora College.

This year, we set a goal of \$700, and began to work toward it. Through the generosity and unselfish contributions of our Patrons, we reached our goal and went over the top to set a new school record of \$800.

To the funds you so graciously contributed, we added our allotment from the Student Senate. Then began the work of getting pictures, writing copy, planning layouts, selecting covers, and the thousand and one little tasks that go into the production of a year-book.

The 1949 Pharos is now completed, but whenever we look at the finished product, it is with the realization that we could not have set our goal so high nor achieved so much without the contributions of you, our Patrons.

May we convey to you, simply and sincerely, our heartfelt thanks.

THE JUNIOR CLASS  
AURORA COLLEGE

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**THE END.**