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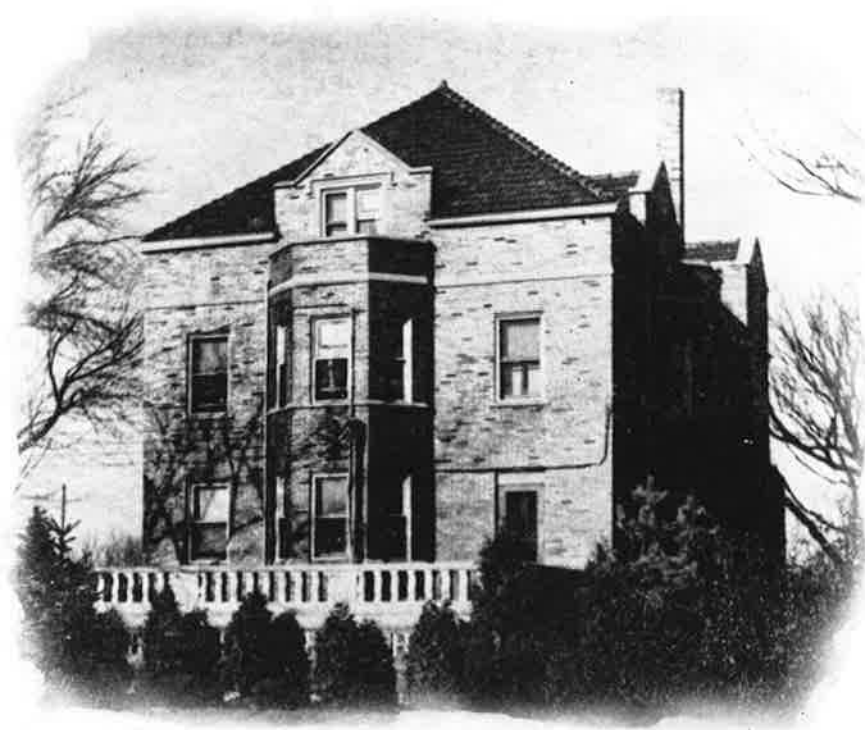
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Dream, reality, vision—three words which hold such a significant place in the life of Aurora College. The dreams of the opportunities possible for young people to gain a Christian education were uppermost in the minds of the founders. It was largely the dreams, courage and hard work of the late Dr. Orrin R. Jenks that made our school possible. During Dr. Theodore P. Stephens' twenty years of association with Aurora College, many of the dreams of the founders have been made the realities of today. It is through the vision of the graduating seniors that the dreams of today will become the realities of tomorrow.

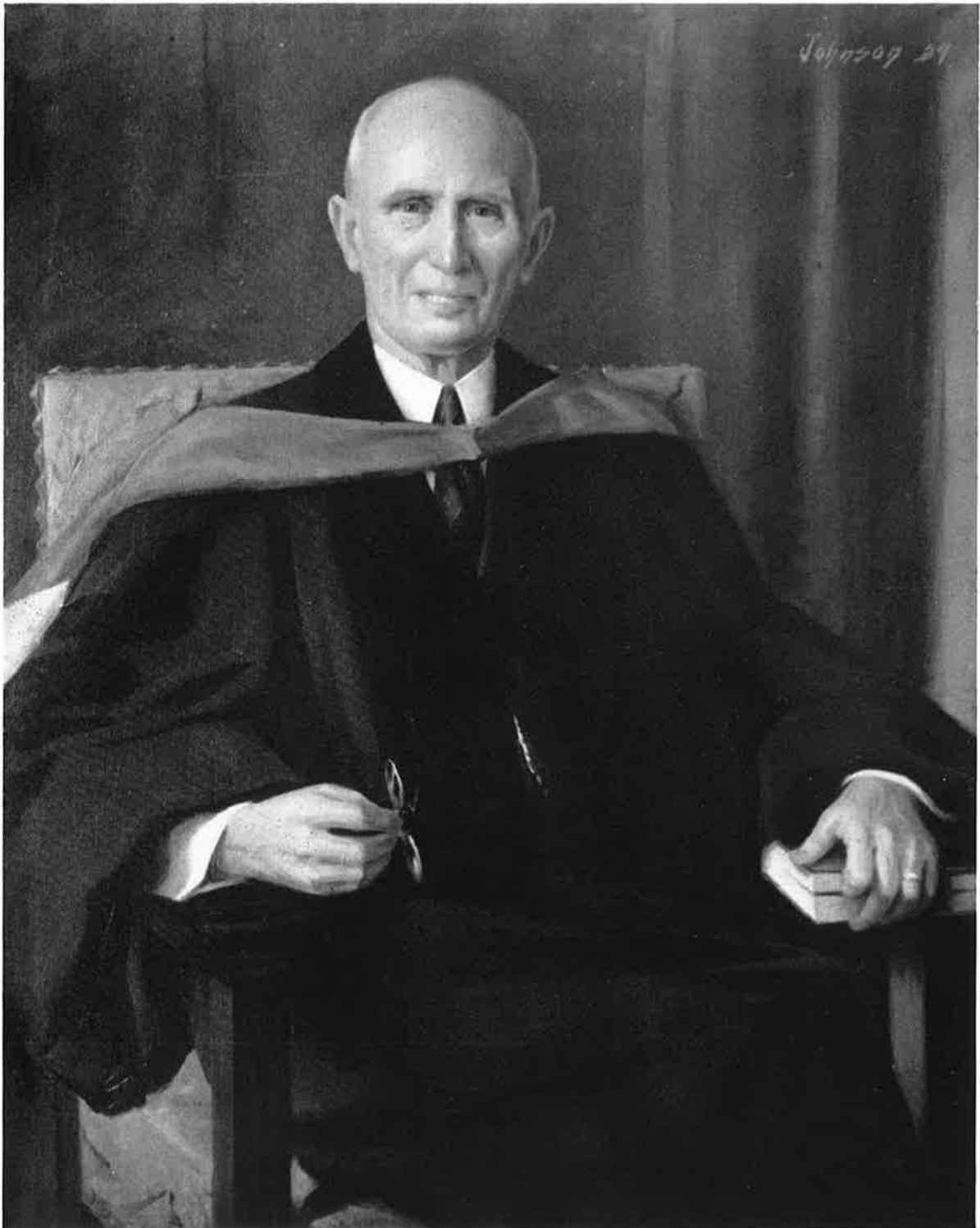
DREAM



—Davis Hall

He held his place—
Held the long purpose like a growing tree—
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise.
And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

—Edwin Markham



DR. ORRIN ROE JENKS



Aurora College - 1912

"Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made on"

Aurora College passed an important milestone in its history on April 3, 1952, when it celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its coming to Aurora. The period between April 3, 1912, and April 3, 1952, was one of great progress for the school.

In 1912 there was only one student taking full-time liberal arts college work. There are over 250 on the campus daily and another 150 enrolled in part-time evening school work. There were 16 faculty members in 1912, only ten of whom were in the college department. The college then operated an academy and a large commercial department both of which were discontinued many years ago. Thirty-six teachers were listed for the winter quarter, 1952.

Progress has not only been made numerically, but also academically. Between 60 and 70 different courses were listed in the collegiate department 40 years ago. Today the college catalog lists over 400 courses which are offered during the normal four year curriculum.

This progress did not "just happen". It took the concerted efforts of many consecrated Christians to make our school what it is today. A group of men who believed that young people could receive an education in a Christian environment founded

the Mendota College at Mendota, Illinois, in 1893. The school was small, but the foundations were laid for the development of the larger educational program which took place in Aurora.

The Fulfillment Begun

On March 27, 1912, the last classes in Mendota met and a special chapel service was held to bid farewell to the old surroundings. For several days the work of packing, loading, transporting and unpacking was carried on vigorously. On the third of April the moving was completed and a dedication service of the campus was held in Lowry Chapel. Speeches of welcome were made by the mayor and other prominent businessmen of the city.

One of the next important dates was that of the first Aurora commencement, June 13, 1912. In the fall of 1914, the first college student from Aurora was enrolled. At the end of the first full year in Aurora, the college reported 13 students. Among these were included Clarence R. Smith, now head of the physics department, and Stanley H. Perry, for 20 years dean of the college and now a professor of humanities.

In 1925, Wilkinson Hall was completed and in 1927, the music practice hall was erected.

In 1932, an important academic milestone was reached when the University of Illinois recognized the college as a four year institution.

The citizens' advisory board was formed in 1933, and the first city campaign was conducted by these leading citizens in 1934. This board which now consists of 21 outstanding Aurora citizens counsels the president.

Two important dates in the academic history of the college were in 1938 and 1940. The former date marked the accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The latter date commemorates the recognition by the Regents of the State of New York.

Complete freedom from the financial indebtedness which had handicapped and harassed the college for many years was achieved in 1944.

In 1947, the lounge, gymnasium, South Hall and the temporary housing, all of which have meant so much to the service of the college, were completed.

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During its four decades in Aurora, the college has been served by two devoted Christian men as presidents, Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks, from 1911 to 1933, and Dr. Theodore Pierson Stephens, from 1933 on.

Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks

Dr. Jenks, who passed away June 17, 1951, had been associated with the college since its founding. He was born of pioneer settlers in Minnesota, Jan. 1, 1868. Dr. Jenks' early life followed a pattern familiar to many successful Americans. Reared in poverty with only meager schooling, he fought his way upward "the hard way." Despite the scanty educational opportunities, young Jenks was eager for knowledge and grasped every chance to learn.

At 17 he was teaching in rural schools of Minnesota while at the same time doing advanced study on the side. He obtained his high school work in St. Charles, Illinois; Litchfield, Minnesota, and Minneapolis Academy. Higher education was sought in the University of Minnesota, Mendota College and Chicago Theological Seminary where he received the advanced degree of bachelor of divinity. Aurora College later bestowed the honorary degree of doctor of divinity upon him.

Dr. Jenks' career as a college educator began in 1904 when he became head of Mendota College Biblical department. In 1910 he was elected chairman of the finance committee in charge of raising \$100,000 for new buildings. He was inaugurated president of the college in 1911, and for 22 years

he labored diligently for the school he loved. It was Dr. Jenks who led in moving the college from Mendota to the larger community of Aurora, and in erecting the college buildings. It was also Dr. Jenks, who through careful planning of the curriculum and strengthening of the faculty, laid the foundation for the college to become an accredited liberal arts school.

Dr. Theodore Pierson Stephens

Dr. Theodore P. Stephens was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and received his grade and high school training in that city. He entered the employ of Tiffany Studios and was a salesman in the ecclesiastical department. Heeding the call to the Christian ministry, he began preaching in 1915 and studied part-time in the National Bible Institute in New York. Later he studied at Yale Divinity School.

In 1926, Dr. Stephens came to Aurora to deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the senior class. He was promptly called to the pastorate of the Aurora Advent Christian Church where Rev. W. M. Wilson had recently resigned. During his pastorate he pursued studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1941.

Dr. Stephens first became associated with Aurora College as the pastor of the college church. In 1930 he was invited to become chairman of the college accrediting committee, was elected vice president in 1932, and became president in 1933.

At that time the nation was in the depths of depression, and the college's very existence like many other schools was in jeopardy. With the sacrificial co-operation of a loyal staff, Dr. Stephens guided the school safely through these dangerous days. In the 20 years of his official connection with the college, assets have more than doubled, enrollment has increased four times and gains have been made in the service offered to the student body and the community.

Board of Directors

The operation of Aurora College is directly controlled by a board of ten people. This year's board is as follows: William B. Greene, president of Barber-Greene Co.; Judge Olney C. Allen, Aurora; Malcolm L. Jones, Richard-Wilcox executive, Aurora; Roger A. Watkins, managing operator of the Strathmore Co., Aurora; Fred Kudlata, attorney, Cicero, Illinois; Gerald C. Cooper, production manager, H. L. Judd Co., Wallingford, Conn.; Chester W. Parmley, clergyman, Bristol, Conn.;

Willard F. Preslar, clergyman, Hickory, N. C.; Dr. Curtis R. Single-
terry, research chemist, U. S. Naval Research Laboratory, Wash-
ington, D. C.; and C. C. Magoon, insurance executive, Seattle,
Wash. President Stephens is also an ex-officio member of the
board.

These men have given sacrificially of their time and money
in order to help the college. We appreciate their devotion and
loyalty.

The Dream Leads On

As important as this history is, Aurora means much more
to us than historical data.

It means the spirit of friendliness which pervades the cam-
pus. Aurora gives opportunities for friendship which will last
through the years.

It means the Christian spirit as exemplified by the faculty
in the classroom and in outside activities, and by the students
we mingle with each day. It means a deepened sense of the
values of life.

Aurora means the spirit of learning and knowledge, also.
Those who are studying at the college have definite plans for

their lives. They are eager to learn, and for this reason the level of scholarship is high.

As our teams play in competitive sports we see that Aurora means a spirit of co-operation, teamwork and good sportsmanship—all qualities which will prove indispensable in later life.

All these "ingredients" are integral parts of a whole which we Aurora people call the "Aurora spirit." It's this elusive spirit which will keep a corner of our hearts for the college, even though we may be miles away, and may not be able to return for many years. It is this same spirit which makes the singing of "Aurora" such a thrilling experience.

But the history of the college can never be completely severed from its spirit; for it is this combination which makes the college what it is today, what it means to us now, and what it can do for future generations.



REALITY

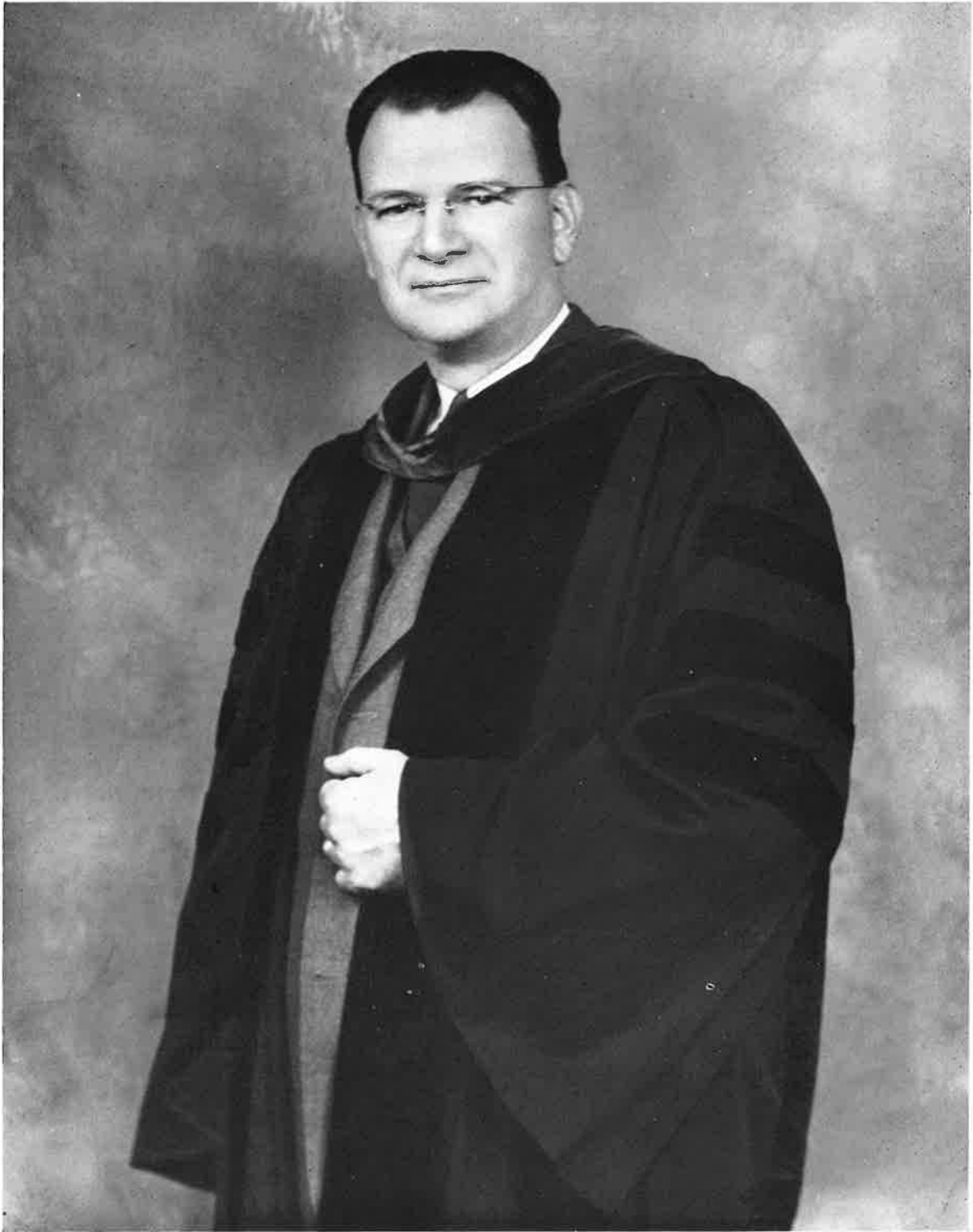


—Wilky Hall

*He whom a dream hath possessed knoweth no more of roaming;
All roads and the flowing of waves and the speediest flight he knows,
But wherever his feet are set, his soul is forever homing,
And going, he comes, and coming he heareth a call and goes . . .*

*He whom a dream hath possessed treads the impalpable marches,
From the dust of the day's long road he leaps to a laughing star,
And the ruin of worlds that fall he views from eternal arches,
And rides God's battle-field in a flashing and golden car.*

Shaemas O' Sheel



DR. THEODORE PIERSON STEPHENS

Deans



Our deans, Harold Cooprider and Elizabeth Knechtel, have functioned as leaders of student life at A.C. They have been responsible for the students' welfare and safety, both in the dorms and off campus. Their lines of duties have ranged from administrative to private counseling.

In addition to her duties as dean of women, Mrs. Knechtel teaches at least one course a quarter in psychology or English.

Mr. Cooprider serves as assistant registrar and has also been enrolled in graduate school at the University of Chicago.

Their friendliness and spirit of co-operation have helped to weld the many phases of college life together into one harmonious organization.

Faculty and



Left to right: Seated; Dr. Sonya Spiesman, Mrs. Moses Crouse, Clarence Smith, Miss Clio Arnold, Mrs. Maude Naden, Mrs. Alfred Sinden, Mrs. S. H. McFarlane, Dr. T. P. Stephens, Mrs. Frances Mundell, Dr. Irene Eastman, Dr. K. D. Waldo, Dean Fauber, Mrs. Barron Knechtel • Standing; Carl Selin, Moses Crouse, Orrin Singleterry, Mrs. Edward Kelly, Albert Richert, Dr. Ethel Tapper, Mark Trumbo, John Seibert, Asa Colby, Barron Knechtel, Stanley Perry, Harold Cooprider, James Crimi, Dr. Clyde Hewitt, G. F. Richardson.

To our faculty of Aurora College who have guided us on the academic highway number 1952 and who have given us new perspective when times were discouraging we are indebted for our advancement on the academic road.

Their personal integrity and loyalty have shown us the true Aurora spirit in action as they have joined us in class meetings, school parties, talent shows, homecoming, Shakespearian productions, club meetings, senior skip and various other extra-curricular activities.

For the fine quality of teachers at Aurora College we offer our heartiest thanks.

Staff

Library



First row; Marilyn Bohy, Dr. Ethel Tapper, librarian, Clio Arnold, assistant librarian, Joyce King • Second row; Virginia Noland, Jodeen Fitzgerald, Zigrida Plumanis, Howard Procter, Peggy Preslar, Merline Mace.

Maintenance



First row; Howard Towne, Louia Gransee, Gail Thwing, Robert Farrow, Ronald Thomas, Clio Thomas • Second row; Gunars Plumanis, Ronald Bowden, Charles Newhart, Wilfred Snyder, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Eugene Snyder, Charles Surh, William Andrews.

Office



First row; Lois Miller, Jean Wood, Mrs. Lillian Thwing, Mrs. Bernice King, Mrs. Myrtle Singletery • Second row; Fern Cottrell, Jacqueline Green, Pat Danielson, Mrs. Voncile Modlinger, Jean Huls, Howard Procter, Opal Bishop, Betty Tolles, Lillian Walker, Ruth Marcus.

Kitchen



Mrs. Grace Watson, Mrs. Maurine McCann, dining hall manager; Mrs. Wilfred Snyder, Mrs. Nettie Wilmes.

"Can you help me find a book on the history of the Philippines?" "Mr. Snyder, the radiator in my room is broken." "Did I get a package today?" All these questions and countless more are asked of different members of the staff. A friendly answer, an understanding smile, a helping hand are all characteristic of the many people who help to make our stay at college more pleasant. Our sincere thanks to them for the many courtesies they extend to us.

Informal shots



All the mail up, Paula? • Kitchen staff: Joe, Connie, Betty, Fern, Opal and Mrs. McCann • Howie and Gene working on Wilky • Where you goin', Louia? • What a way to spend Christmas vacation!

College church



Rev. J. Howard Shaw

The brick building at the corner of Galena and Lancaster has become an important part in the lives of students at Aurora College. Under the capable and devoted leadership of Rev. J. Howard Shaw, the church has succeeded in making the students feel "at home" during their stay at school.

Even more important is the fact that many students have become an integral part of the church, serving as teachers in the church school or singing in the choir. The spiritual lift received from the many services of the church has helped to strengthen the Christian faith of students over the years.

College church



Religious emphasis week

The college observed its annual Religious Emphasis Week from Feb. 11 to 15 with Dr. Paul E. Washburn of Rockford, Ill., as speaker. The theme this year was "Faith at Floodtide." An eloquent testimony to the sincerity of Dr. Washburn's speaking was the ever increasing attendance at daily chapels. His inspiring messages helped us all to grow and become more mature Christians.



Dr. Paul Washburn



This year a worship center was installed in the chapel to aid in creating a worshipful atmosphere for the religious services. The open Bible on the center of the stand lies as a mute but effective reminder that we must build our lives on the firm foundation of God's Word.

Religious groups

Theological association

Ronald Thomas
president

Rev. Moses C. Crouse
advisor



Foreign missions fellowship

Betty Allen
president

Rev. O. O. Singleterry
advisor

Student Christian association



Meetings of the Student Christian Association each Tuesday evening have highlighted the Christian activity of A. C. this year with guests, students and faculty participating. The association is open to all interested in furthering the Christian purpose and ideals on campus. S. C. A. gospel teams visited and helped services in the surrounding area and in Advent Christian churches in neighboring states. The officers this year were: president—Glennon Balser from Clendenin, West Virginia; vice president—Marilyn Bohy from National City, California; secretary—Paula Smith from Aurora, Illinois; and publicity chairman—Howard Procter from Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Clubs



Modern language club

Lois Miller
president

Mrs. Mundell
advisor



Social science club

Janet Rebmann
president

Dr. Spiesman
advisor

Publications

Borealis

Howard Beemer
editor

Mrs. Sinden
advisor



Pharos

Margaret Singletery
editor

Dr. Tapper
advisor



Organizations



Off-campus women

Lois Miller
president

Mrs. Knechtel
advisor



Wilkinson Hall

Howard Procter
president

Harold Coopridger
advisor



Davis Hall

Joan Marshall
president

Mrs. Osborne
housemother

Senate



First row; Louia Gransee, president; Paula Smith, secretary; William Corkindale, treasurer; Leslie Jewett, vice president • Second row; Margaret Singleterry, social events chairman; Howard Beemer, editor Aurora Borealis; Mildred Gabrielsen, literary events chairman; Janet Rebmann, women's athletic chairman; Lois Miller, activities committee chairman, Madeline Rowe, drama guild representative; Dr. Clyde Hewitt, senate advisor • Third row; Clio Thomas, men's athletic chairman; Joseph Brooks, junior class representative; Ronald Thomas, theological club representative; Thomas Johnson, sophomore class representative; William Andrews, senior class representative.

The Senate, which is the governing body of the Students' Association, consists of the officers of the association, a representative of each class and one representative chosen by each member organization. The purpose of the Senate is to have a more efficient and a more centralized organization of activities for the students.

Louia Gransee served as president of the Students' Association during its very successful 1951-52 season.



Drama guild



Spartan drama guild

Joe Brooks
master

Prof. S. H. Perry
advisor

Front row; Fern Cottrell, Fern Shrader, Doreen Morey, Doris Couch, Merline Mace, Margaret Singleterry, Marilyn Bohy • Second row; Barbara True, Carolyn Carpenter, Joan Marshall, Joe Brooks, Madeline Rowe, Bob Cole, Connie Singleterry, Ivalyn Carter, Professor Stanley Perry, advisor.

Twelfth Night



March
6
7
8
1952



Interclass play contest



The freshman class carried away the 1951 Interclass Play Contest honors with their excellent performances of "Riders to the Sea" by Synge. The cast of the winning play included Connie Singleterry, Dave Kneeland, Virginia Noland, Fay Graham, Sally Dano, Barbara Schule, Barbara Peck, Bob Hanscom and Bill Knapp. They were directed by Jim Larson and Fern Cottrell.

With one of the three wins necessary for permanent possession of the cup safely tucked away, the freshmen are looking forward to next year's contest when they hope to make it two wins, one to go.

Choir



Seated; Grace Matteson, Betty Tolles, Madeline Rowe, Elaine Cusic, Fay Graham, Betty Pfister, Mrs. Maude Naden, director, Elizabeth Weaver, Virginia Waterhouse, Carolyn Carpenter, Barbara Schule, Paula Smith, Doreen Morey • Standing; Don Lussky, David Kneeland, Lloyd Richardson, Ronald Murch, Sherman Pauly, Douglas Lobb, Margaret Singleterry, Constance Singleterry, Marilyn Bohy, Maribelle Porter, Opal Bishop, Frank Hopkins, Fred Sapp, James Phillips, Gail Thwing, Ronald Green, Weldon Holland.

1952 SACRED CONCERT SERIES

Feb. 24—Advent Christian Church, Aurora

March 9—First Presbyterian Church, Aurora

April 6—Congregational Church, Big Rock

April 20—First Baptist Church, Batavia

May 4—Federated Church, Oswego

May 18—Main St. Baptist Church, Aurora

Talent night



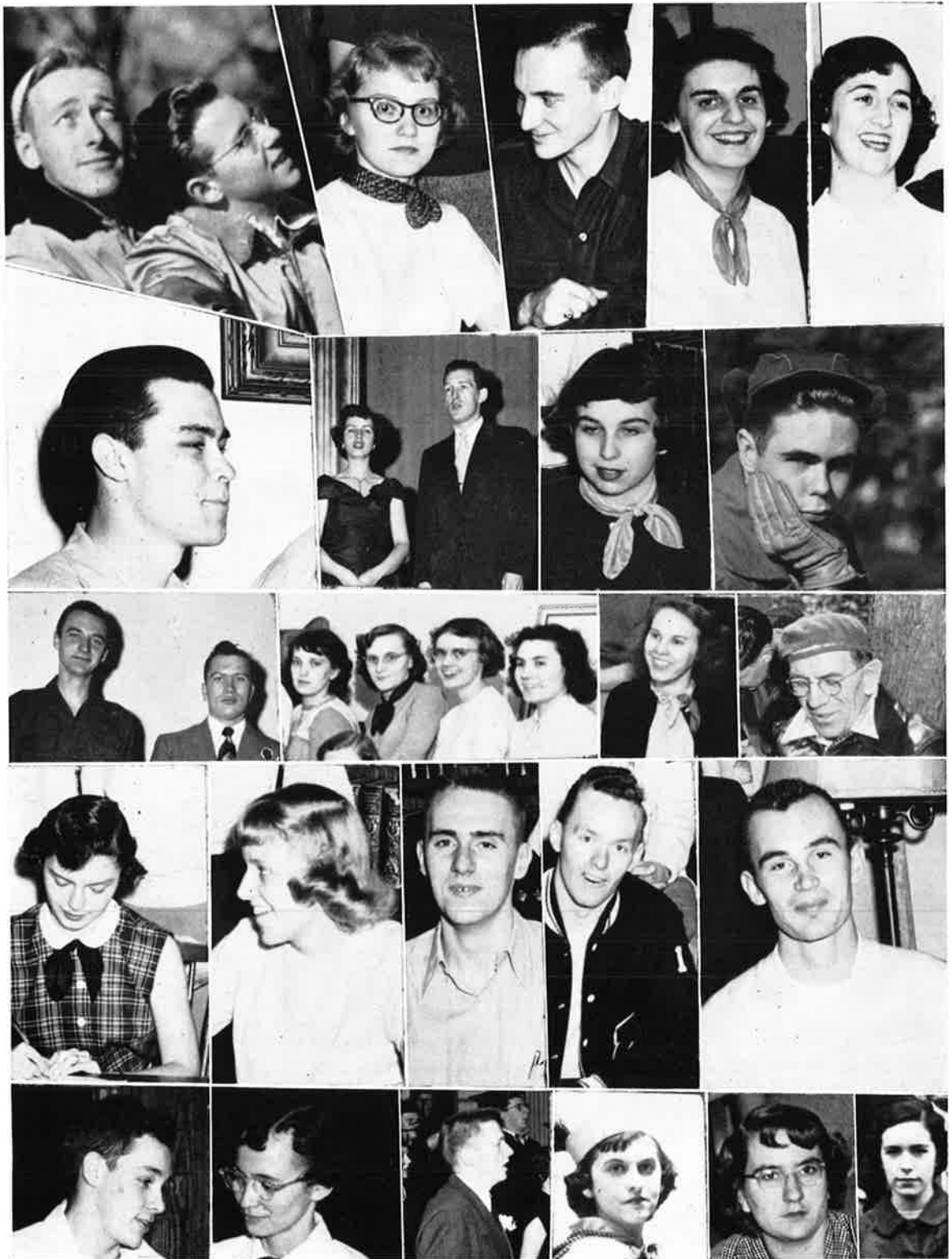
Pat, Mattie and Nettie — 'Close as Pages in a Book' • It's strenuous exercises for army men Thomas, Thomas and Snyder
• Pat, and "I Can't Help Lovin' That Man of Mine" • This is Davis Hall??? • Music, music, music (!)

Friday night activities

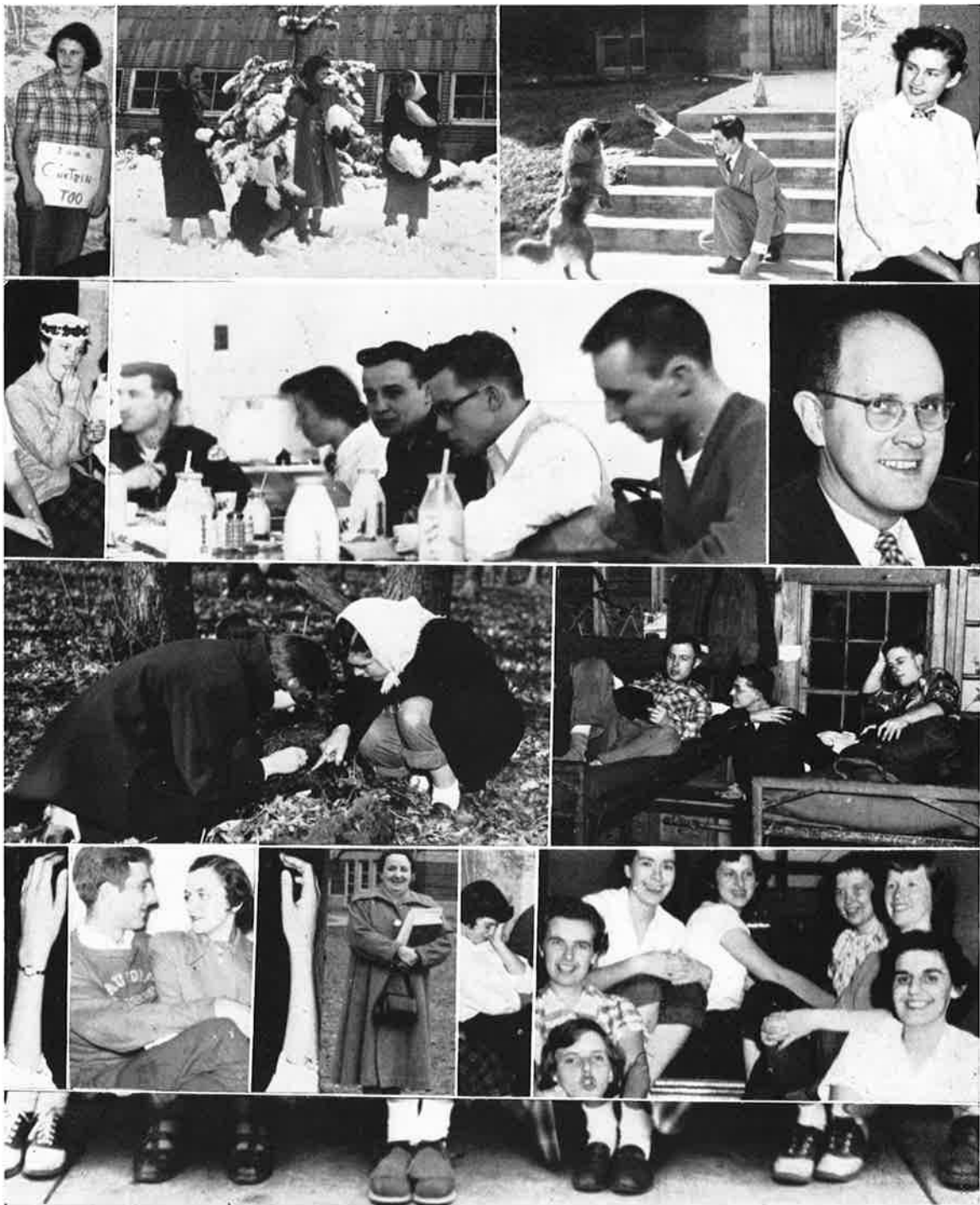


Chuck, Joyce, two toothpicks and an elusive life-saver. • Prize winners Huey, Dewey, Louie and Donald • Grace, Jackie and A.C.'s king of bachelors, George Polhill • The sophomores sponsor a Nickelodeon Party.

Look at the birdie!



A. C. hit parade



"There's No Business Like Show Business" "Stormy Weather" "My Buddy" "Any Time" "Chewin' Gum" "Tea for Two" three, four and five "Tell Me Why" "Who Dat?" "We Three" "In My Arms" "Oh Promise Me" "School Days" "Cry" "Ain't Gonna Take It Settin' Daown" "Steppin' Out With My Baby".

New students' reception



Left to right: First row: Betty Allen, Carolyn Carpenter, Katie McClure Thomas • Second row: Ruth Marcus, Jean Huls.

New outfits, piles of luggage and slightly bewildered looks marked the members of the class of '55 as they arrived on campus last fall. Freshmen Day they all journeyed to Camp Kadeka where an afternoon and evening of fun and activities were planned. On Wednesday night, Sept. 26, they put on their best "bib 'n' tucker" to attend the New Students' Reception. There they met the students and faculty members who make up Aurora College. Tests and getting acquainted filled the rest of the week, until by the time Field Day arrived on Oct. 1, the class of '55 was a full-fledged member of the college family.

Christmas party



One of the pleasant traditions at Aurora is the annual Christmas party which the faculty presents for the students' enjoyment. This year the evening began with a program in the chapel. Then the group adjourned to the Senior Room where they gathered to hear Dr. Stephens read a Christmas story. Despite the coolness of the weather, the warmth of the Christmas spirit settled over the group as they listened to Dr. Stephens read the delightful story "A Town is Born" by Tom Sayres. Special Christmas refreshments climaxed another successful Christmas party.

Women's day

Aurora College women celebrated April 16 as Women's Day. The program began with a luncheon in the gym. A style show was sponsored by Block and Kuhl Company of Aurora with A. C. women as models. They presented the new seasonal fashions for 1952. Following the luncheon and style show, A. C. women and their guests visited the Off-Campus Women's Room in Eckhart Hall and the dorm girls' rooms in Davis Hall. Miss Elsebet Alberts presented a talk, "Observations from Denmark," as the special feature of the afternoon. The concluding event of the day was a tea in honor of Miss Alberts.



Homecoming



First row; Howard Beemer, Grace Audrain, Fern Shrader, Mildred Gabrielsen, Ronald Thomas, chairman, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Moses Crouse • Second row; Carl Selin, Leslie Jewett, Mrs. S. H. Perry, Jodeen Fitzgerald, Gail Thwing, Travis Carter, Howard Procter, Barron Knechtel • Third row; Louia Gransee, Mary Braun, Stanley Perry, Thomas Johnson, Douglas Lobb, G. F. Richardson.

Grace Audrain, Mildred Gabrielsen, Queen Fern Shrader, Elaine Cusic, Kathleen McClure Thomas.



Queen and



Our lovely queen for the 1951 Homecoming was Fern Shrader of Squire, West Virginia. Fern, an attractive hazel-eyed junior, was chosen by the student body to reign over the weekend's many festivities.

She has been active in all areas of campus life, serving on decoration committees, as secretary of both her freshmen and sophomore classes, secretary of the girls' dormitory in her junior year and will serve as proctor of the dormitory next year. She was recently appointed chairman of next year's homecoming.

Her fine Christian life typifies the ideals for which Aurora College stands.

Her court

Elaine Knight Cusic

Senior
Jacksonville, Fla.

Mildred Gabrielsen

Senior
Providence, R. I.

Kathleen McClure Thomas

Sophomore
Portland, Ore.

Grace Audrain

Freshman
Pasadena, Calif.

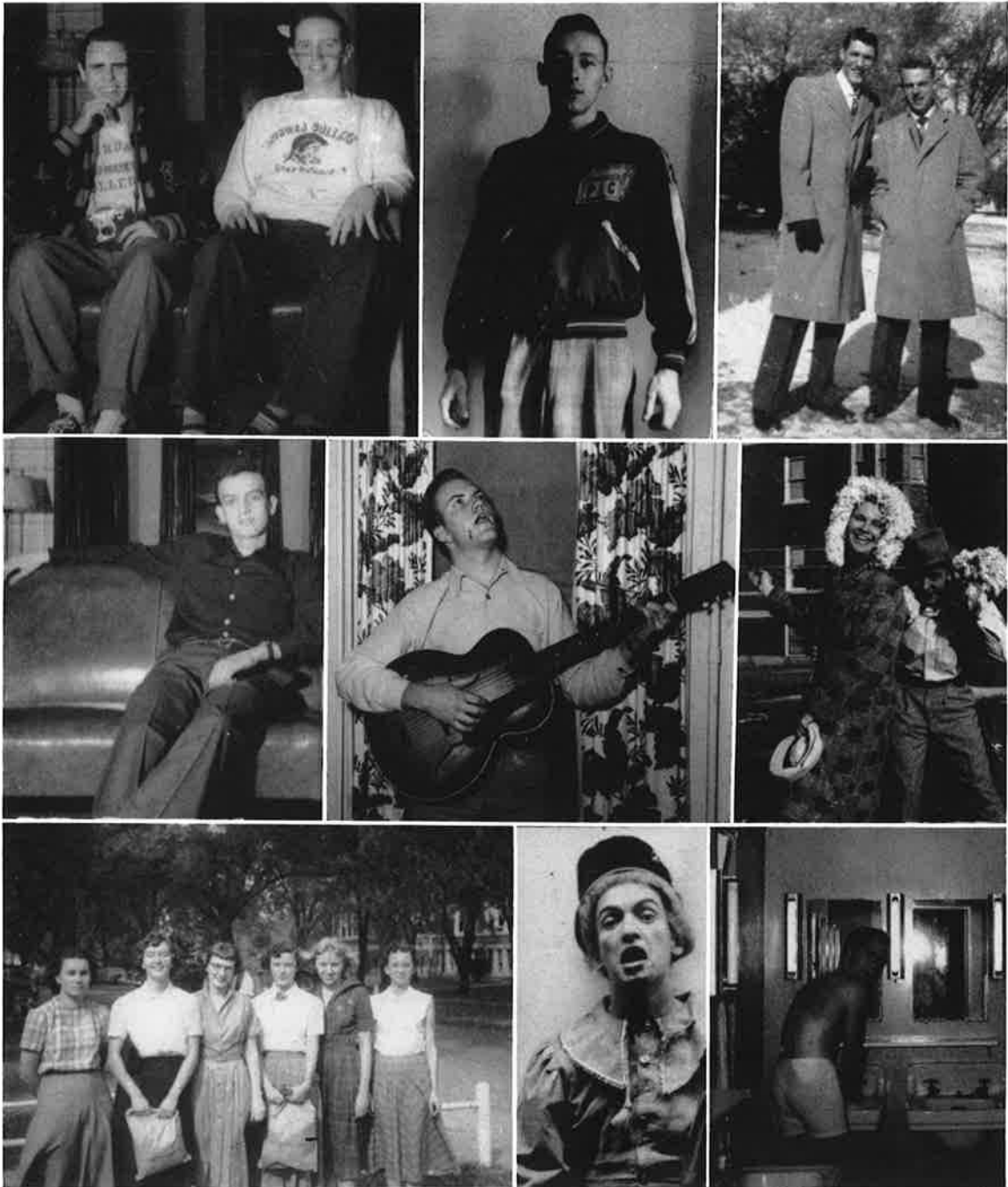


For women only



The Parisian gals and guys • Carpenter and Bohy at the squeeze-box • Freshmen slumber party • Oma, Marilyn, Fay, Ivalyn and menagerie • Mabel at 7:30 in the morning • Happy birthday, Merline • Surprise party for Ziga's birthday.

For men only



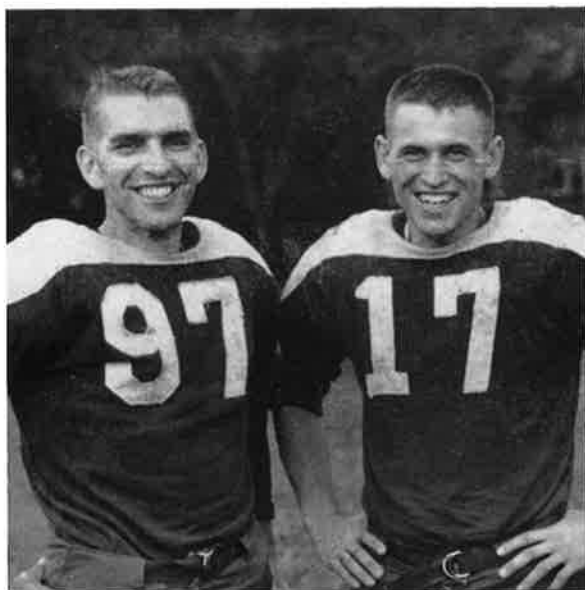
Murch and Holland in the parlor • Carter and ? in the parlor • How did these get in here? • What scared you, Frank?
• Newhart and the "Donkey Serenade" • Travis sweating out "Twelfth Night" • Lobb and Thomas — on the way to church • Smith and Bowden — the wooers • Holland (in brief).

Football



Left to right: First row: Jim Hickey, Ron Green, Howie Towne, Roger Wood, Roger Thicksten, Jim Smith • Second row: Don Roberts, Ron Brunoehler, Gail Thwing, Ray Bullard, Jim Pittman, Cedric Benson, Fred Sapp, Coach Carl Selin • Third row: Manager Henry Pierson, Ken Davis, Bill Andrews, Bill Wright, Charles Cain, Ralph Mead, Dick Zelazny, Jim Phillips, Head Manager Bob Gemmer.

Co-captains



1951 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

HOME

Sept. 28—Concordia College
 Oct. 20—St. Procopius College
 Oct. 26—Navy Pier (U. of Ill.)
 Nov. 3—Milton College

AWAY

Oct. 6—Mission House College
 Oct. 13—Wisconsin Extension
 Nov. 10—Northwestern College

Cheerleaders



Paula Smith, Virginia Lee, Lois Miller, Jackie Green.

The four girls who have added an extra touch to our ball games this year are Ginny Lee, Lois Miller, Paula Smith and Jackie Green. Many new yells and better group participation have been evidenced as a result of their enthusiasm.

Paula Smith, junior, is a graduate of East High in the class of '49. Paula served this year as Senate secretary and Pharos business manager.

Ginny Lee, a graduate of Big Rock High School, participated in many activities there and since coming to A. C. she has been very active.

Lois Miller, sophomore, is another graduate of East High where she gained her experience as a cheerleader. At A. C. she has served as activities chairman and president of Off-Campus Women.

Jackie Green entered A. C. this fall as a freshman from Plano High School where she, too, was a cheerleader.

We appreciate the work and effort that have gone into their cheering. It has lifted the morale of both the team and the spectators. With expectations for another year of fine cheer-leading, we say "Thank you, girls," for a job well done.

Basketball



First row; Myron Jaffarian, manager, Merlyn Perkins, Robert Coster, Richard Coster, Dave Crosbie • Second row; Carl Selin, coach, Doug Lobb, Tom Johnson, Chuck Cain, Bill Wright, Sheridan Tudor, Bob Gemmer, manager.



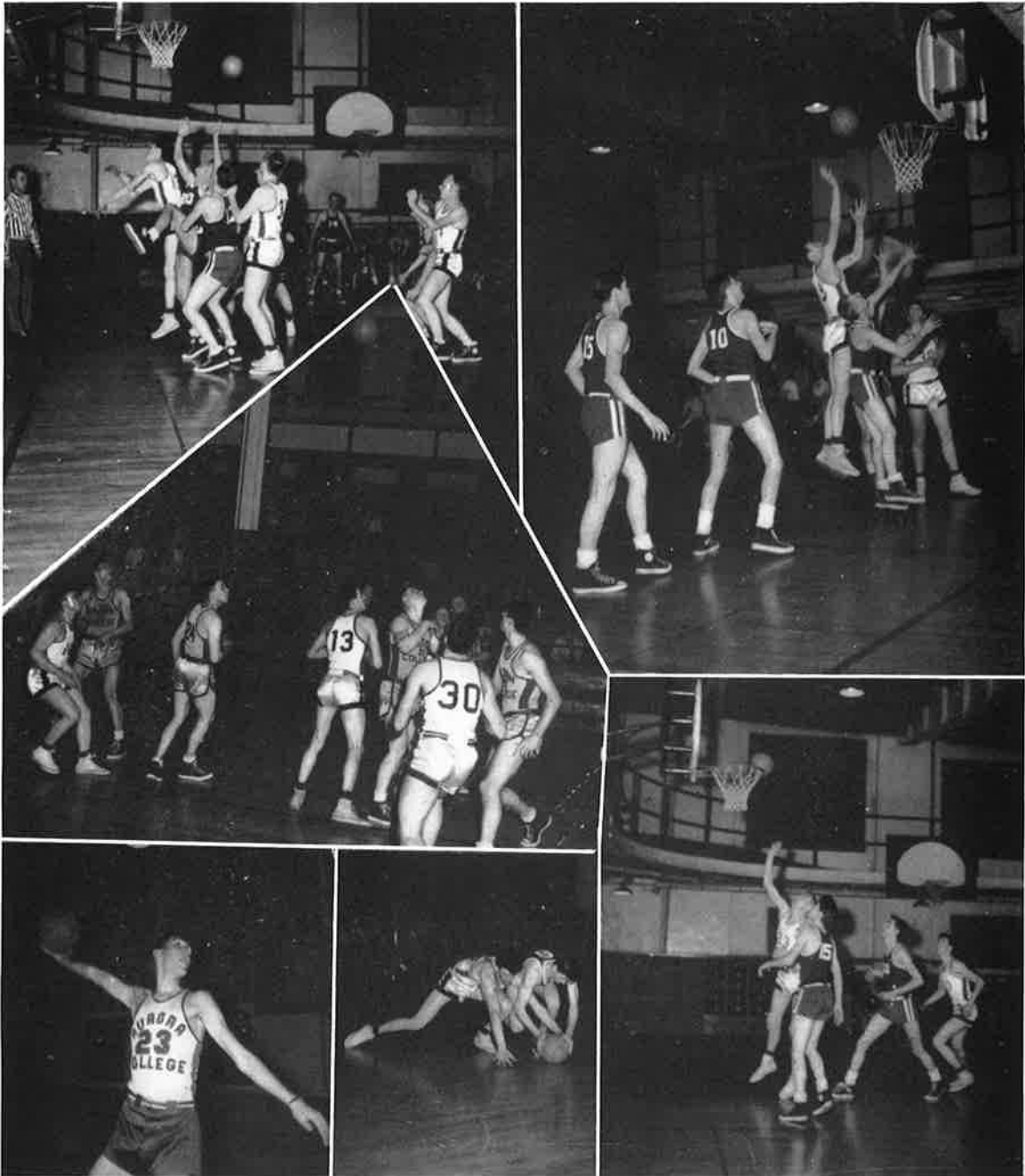
1951-52 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HOME

- Dec. 8 —Wisconsin Extension
- Dec. 14—Elmhurst College
- Jan. 11—Concordia College
- Jan. 16—Northwestern Schools
- Jan. 18—Wisconsin Tech
- Jan. 26—Milton College
- Jan. 30—Lewis College
- Feb. 2 — St. Procopius College
- Feb. 8 —George Williams College
- Feb. 20—Navy Pier (U. of Ill.)

AWAY

- Dec. 11—Lewis College
- Dec. 15—Concordia College
- Jan. 12—Navy Pier (U. of Ill.)
- Jan. 22—Eureka College
- Jan. 25—George Williams College
- Feb. 5 —Elmhurst College
- Feb. 15—Mission House College
- Feb. 16—Northwestern College
- Feb. 22—St. Procopius College
- Mar. 1 —Wisconsin Extension



Around the basket • Waiting period! • Doug at practice • Fred in a scramble • In for rebound • Chuck in for a lay-up.

Baseball



First row; Bob Merritt, Ray Bullard, Dave Crosbie, Don Dillenburg, Chuck Schumacher • Second row; Tom Johnson, Chuck Redman, Howard Procter, Owen Richards, Howard Towne • Third row; Carl Selin, coach, Don Nelson, Bill Wright, Chuck Cain, Doug Lobb, Fred Sapp, Myron Jaffarian, manager.

Dave, Bill, Ray and Hal ready to leave on the spring baseball trip • Bill Wright, just practicing.



Tennis



The big three—Bill, Bob and Jeff.

Spartan terrace



The Spartan Terrace
apartments



Classes of
'52 and '73

Dorothy and Louia Gransee
and daughter, Martha
Louise.



Mary and Neil Braun and
daughter, Cathy Lynne.

Senior day



Yeoman Mitchler, first Senior Day speaker

Class of '52 and Junior marshals, Joe Brooks and Paula Smith



Who's who



Five students were selected from the junior and senior classes to represent Aurora College in **"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."** This annual publication lists prominent student leaders throughout the U. S.

From the activities under their supervision, faculty advisors nominate the seniors and juniors who have, in their opinion, met the requirements of character, leadership and possibilities of future usefulness. The candidates are then screened by the registrar's office for class standing. They must be in the upper third of their class. The list of nominees left after this screening is presented to a committee of four seniors, a Wilky man, a Davis girl, an O.C.W. girl and an off-campus man, the dean of women and the dean of men. This group, headed by the chairman of extra-curricular activities committee, makes the final selection.

Those who received the national recognition this year were Bob Cole, Elaine Cusic, Louia Gransee, Joan Marshall and Margaret Singleterry.

Class of 1955



Maribelle Porter, treasurer; Sally Dano, vice president; Mrs. Moses Crouse, advisor; Ronald Braley, president; Stanley Perry, advisor; Virginia Noland, secretary; Roger Thicksten, activities chairman.



Left to right: First row: Virginia Waterhouse, Barbara Peck, Carolyn Carpenter, Barbara Schule, Betty Pfister, Fay Graham, Mrs. Moses Crouse, advisor, Opal Bishop, Jean Huls, Betty Tolles, Josephine Johnson, Duane Hartman • Douglas Lobb, Ronald Green, Beth Pugh, Carol Hubbard, Roberta Schiedler, Jacqueline Green, Maribelle Porter, Bill Knapp, Donn Lynch, Jack Davis, Stanley Perry, advisor • Third row: Grace Audrain, Betty Weaver, Mathilda Kovach, Fern Cottrell, Sally Dano, Connie Singleterry, Sally Lamona, Gene Smith, Oma Roth, Melvin Spong • Fourth row: Leon Ploger, Ron Braley, Dave Crosbie, Bob Hanscom, Gunars Plumanis, Zigrida Plumanis, Sarah Pearson, Myron Jaffarian, Martin Hogue, Don Niblack • Fifth row: Jim Larson, Charlie Newhart, Ronnie Bowden, Roger Thicksten, Henry Pierson, Robert Coster, Dean Reilein, George Kломhaus, Alden Nickerson, Sherman Pauly • Sixth row: Dale Booth, Neal Conde, Jim Phillips, Ronnie Brunoehler, Ken Davis.

Class of 1954



Barron Knechtel, class advisor; Jean Wood, treasurer, Charles Cain, vice president; Tom Johnson, president; Jodeen Fitzgerald, activities chairman; Marilyn Bohy, secretary.



First row; Marilyn Bohy, Owen Richards, Charles Surh, Tom Johnson, Charles Cain, Ronald DesJarden, Cedric Benson, Charles Charlet, Harold Moberly • Second row; Virginia Hasmason, Reta Zimmerman, Patricia Edwards, Peggy Preslar, Nettie Shell, Jodeen Fitzgerald, Barbara True, Doreen Morey, Kathleen McClure Thomas, Walter Hoffman • Third row; William Wright, Fred Sapp, Ray Bullard, John McHugh, Pat Danielson, Jean Carlson, Lois Miller, Eleanor Frank, Jean Wood, Ruth Gronquist, Barron Knechtel, advisor • Fourth row: Dick Heal, Dick Babb, Gail Thwing, Elias Theodoropoulos, Ronald Salfisberg, Terry Denton, Dick Larson, Hubert King, Ernest Hill, Ben Krasinski • Fifth row: Weldon Holland, Marvin Fredrickson, Ralph Hubbard, Fred Morrison, D. B. Moore, Dick Coster, Charles Redman, Ray Lidecka.

Class of 1953



Robert Gemmer, treasurer; Travis Carter, vice president; Howard Procter, activities chairman; Madeline Rowe, secretary; Mark Trumbo, class advisor; Joseph Brooks, president.



First row; Janet Rebmann, Mary Jane Thurston, Margaret Singleterry, Virginia Lee, Paula Smith, Merline Mace, James Smith
 • Second row; Gene Sweeney, Richard Zelazny, Grace Matteson, Elizabeth Allen, Fern Shrader, Madeline Rowe • Third
 row; Robert Gemmer, Frank Hopkins, Howard Procter, Mark Trumbo, class advisor • Fourth row; Merlyn Perkins, Joseph
 Brooks, Travis Carter, James Hickey, Foy Johnson • Fifth row; Ronald Thomas, Donald Mace, Boyd Potter, Paul Killian,
 Howard Hawkinson, William Corkindale.

In Memory



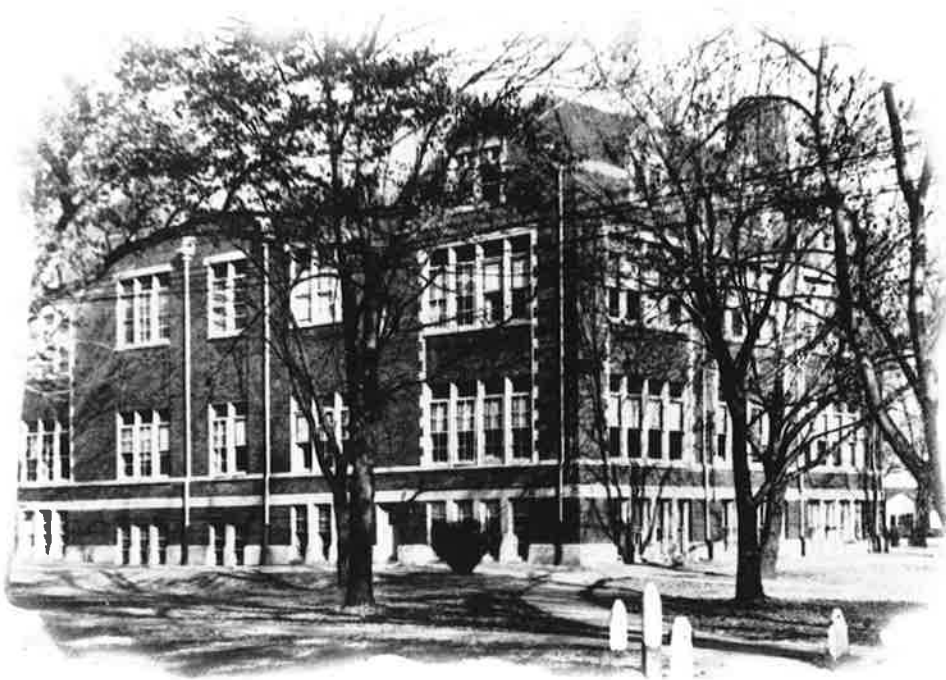
Ruth Pinkham Robbins

Marcus Trumbo



In grateful memory of Ruth Pinkham Robbins and Marcus Trumbo, who gave years of devoted service as directors of Aurora College. By their wise counsel and Christian idealism they have helped to make the Aurora we know and love. Their influence will endure.

VISION



— Eckhart Hall

"To each one is given a marble to carve for the wall;
A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty of all;
And only his soul has the magic to give it grace:
And only his hands have the cunning to put it in place.
Yes, the task that is give to each one, no other can dô;
So the errand is waiting; it has waited through ages for you.
And now you appear; and the hushed ones are turning their gaze,
To see what you do with your chance in the chamber of days."

—Selected

Class of 1952



Clio Thomas, treasurer; Mabel Graves, activities chairman; William Andrews, president; Joyce King, secretary; Dr. Clyde Hewitt, class advisor.



DONALD DEAN ALBERT
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Baraboo, Wis.

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Portland, Ore.

NEIL HENRY BRAUN
B.A.
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Aurora, Ill.

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Spencer, W. Va.

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Biddeford, Me.

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Providence R. I.

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B.A.
Providence, R. I.

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DOROTHY CLOTHEY GRANSEE
B.S.
Velacheri, India

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Aurora, Ill.





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B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

SALLY ANN WALZ
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

C. JACK WHITBY
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

PAUL JAFFARIAN
B.A.
Seattle, Wash.

Pictures of the following people were unavailable:

Louis Gross, Jr.
B.S.

John Henry Palmer
B.A.

Barbara Patrick Jebens
B.A.

Dorothy Eileen Sims
B.A.

Donald Richard Kinney
B.A.

Ann Idella Smith
B.S.

Frederick Edgar Melcher
B.S.

Betty Parke Tucker
B.A.

Douglas Milton Norwood
B.A.

Milda Neuendorf Vogtmann
B.A.

Myron Whisler
B.S.

Senior skip

The Seniors had fun

Gene, Joyce, Bob, Bill, Milly and Les skating.

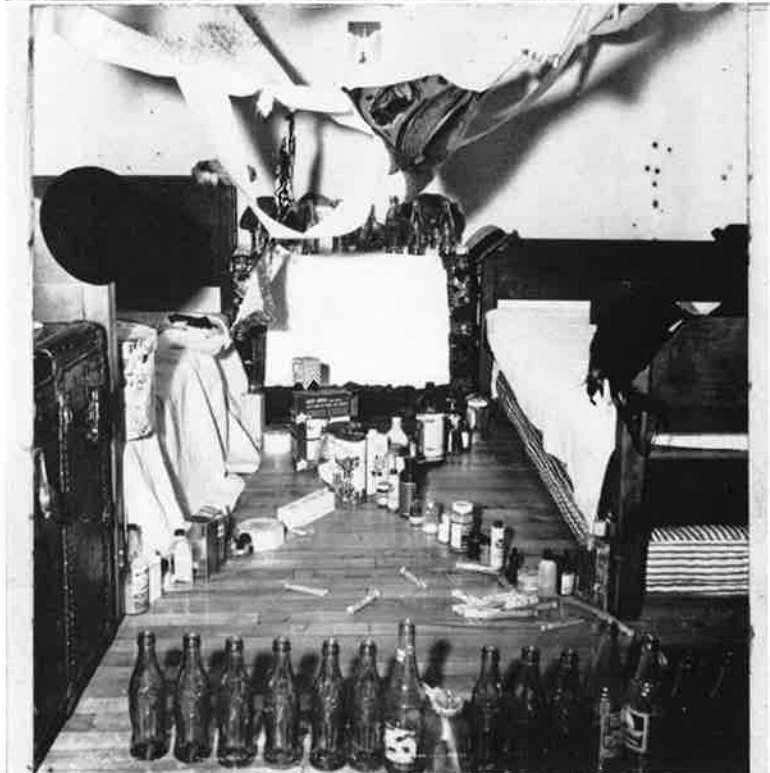


This was the most fun, just eating.



The Juniors had fun, too

Jo and Mabel's room.



Ivy leaf awards

NEIL BRAUN

BOB COLE

JOYCE KING

BETTY TUCKER

JACK WHITBY

The Gold Ivy Leaf is a recognition of outstanding academic achievement, one which few students reach. To gain this recognition one must present an overall grade average of between A- and B for his four years. Many students have earned the green ivy leaf by presenting this same average for one quarter.

To maintain such an average throughout one's college career is a task requiring extraordinary ability, perseverance and energy. Five members of the class of '52 received the coveted honor. They are Bob Cole, Neil Braun, Betty Tucker, Joyce King, and Jack Whitby.

Spartan award



Each year the members of the junior class choose the outstanding graduating senior to be the recipient of the coveted Spartan Award. This honor is bestowed upon the person who has contributed the most in student activities, general social qualities, sportsmanship and friendliness.

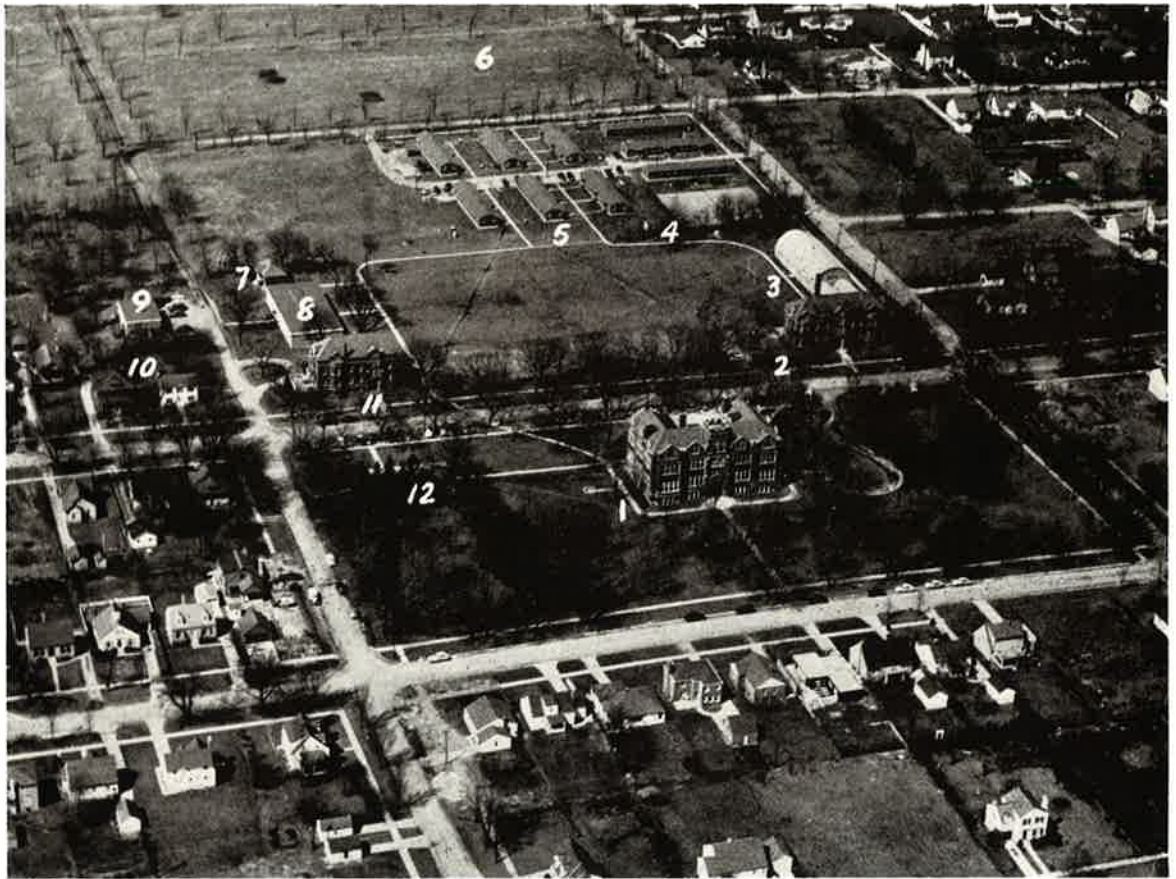
Louia Gransee has been an integral part of college life since his arrival in 1947. His friendly personality and charming smile have made him one of the best liked students at Aurora College.

Louia's talent as a singer has enhanced numerous programs, both here at college and at various Fox Valley functions. He was a member of the S.C.A. quartet which ministered to many churches over the denomination.

He held the top executive position of the student body this year, as president of the Students' Association. His participation in extra-curricular activities, such as dramatics, has rounded out his college program.

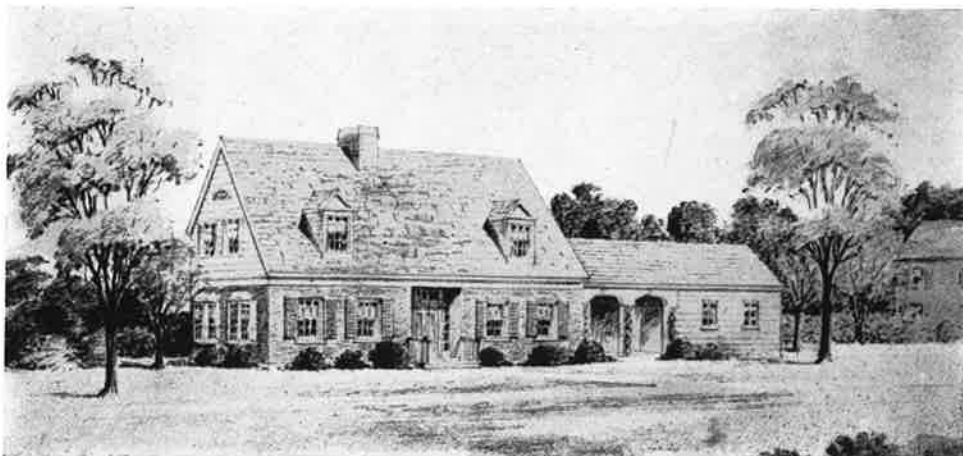
Aurora College campus life has been enriched by his friendly spirit and sincere Christian witness.

Campus View



1. Eckhart Hall, the main administration building, which houses classrooms, offices, Lowry Chapel, laboratories and the library • 2. Wilkinson Hall, the home of the A.C. men • 3. Our gym where basketball practice, physical education classes, W.A.A. play days and some Friday night activities are held • 4. The Aurora College tennis courts • 5. Spartan Terrace. These are three and four room apartments for married couples and single girls • 6. Patterson Field where we hope to have our ball fields in the near future • 7. The music building • 8. South Hall which houses classrooms, faculty offices, and the ping pong room • 9. The garage where the maintenance equipment is kept and Mr. Snyder has his office • 10. Dr. Stephens' home • 11. Davis Hall, where the A.C. women reside • 12. Among these lovely evergreens are the bookstore and student lounge.

The president's home



The idea of a home for the president of Aurora College was first conceived by Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks after his retirement from the presidency of the college. Dr. Jenks quietly raised approximately \$11,000 from personal friends and friends of the college.

After Dr. Jenks' death last June, several citizens of Aurora decided to complete the "President's Home Fund" in honor of three important facts:

1. A memorial to Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks, president of Aurora College, 1911 - 1933;
2. A recognition of the twenty years of Theodore Pierson Stephens' association with the college (vice-president, 1932-33; president, 1933-);
3. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the college in Aurora. This anniversary occurred on April 3.

A committee of five men was formed and a private solicitation was made to secure funds to erect the president's home. Over \$21,000 was secured and construction has begun on the college property at the northwest corner of Marsellaise and Gladstone Avenues. It is hoped that the home will be ready for occupancy by Dr. and Mrs. Stephens next fall.

William B. Greene, president of Barber-Greene Co., and a director of the college, presented the home to the college at the 40th anniversary program in Lowry Chapel on Thursday, April 3. Members of the President's Home Committee were William B. Greene, Malcolm L. Jones, Judge Olney C. Allen, Roger A. Watkins, and Gerald F. Richardson. Mr. Jones, Judge Allen, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Greene are directors of the college.

From our albums . . .



Shady Fern at the sun dial • Schule—in the spread! • Mace on the rail! • Lloyd and Ronnie—the champs • Spring fever! George and Fay • Diamond fever! Katie and Clio • Shakespeare fever! Director and Frank • A marshmallow world • Ivalyn and Opal—photographers • Southern belles in the snow • Dick, Doug, D.A., Weldon and Hoppy—lots of toboggan but no snow! • Ginny and Barbara—just posing!



East entrance of Eckhart • Rusty restin' • Professor Beach • Co-eds in the snow • Leap year day—the first bachelor caught at A. C. • Charlie • Newly-weds Katie and Clio • Going some place? • What a trio! • Class for higher education.

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