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To the Class of 1953:

We, the Junior class, dedicate this yearbook, the 1953 *Pharos*, to the graduating Senior class. This book is an Anniversary Edition, for in it we celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the establishment of our college, which was founded as Mendota College in Mendota, Illinois, and the twentieth year of Dr. Theodore Pierson Stephens' service as president of this institution. We have enjoyed preparing this book. We hope that as you refer to it in the future it will bring back memories of your 1952-53 school year.





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Our President

THEODORE PIERSON STEPHENS
President, Aurora College, 1933

After serving a year as vice-president, Theodore Pierson Stephens, on January 9, 1933, was installed as president of Aurora College. From his background as minister and pastor, he brought to the difficult task of being a college president a deep interest in young people and strong convictions about the values of Christian education.

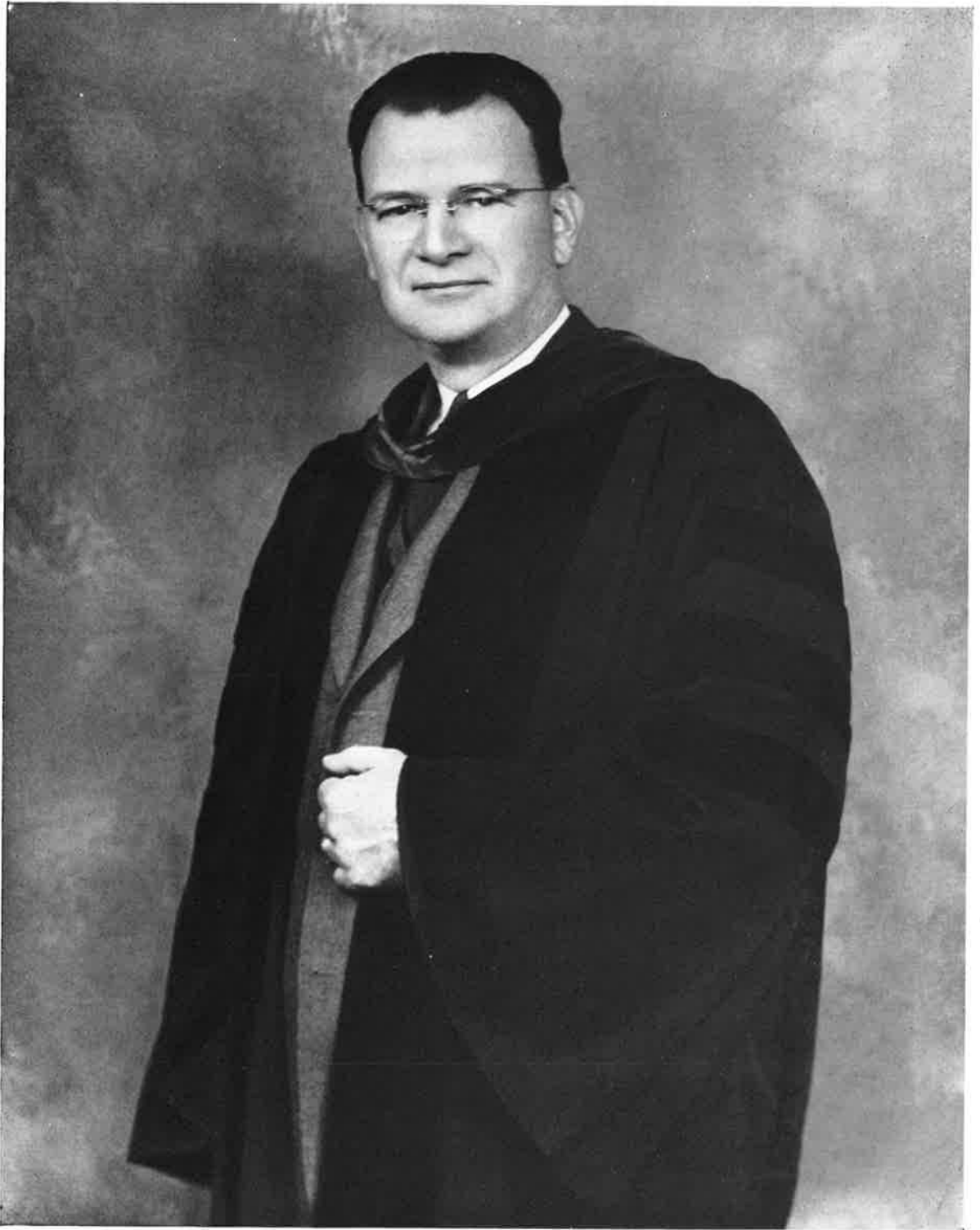
The years of his presidency have been years of national and international upheaval, financial depression, war, post-war inflation. They have been difficult ones for any private college to maintain its existence. Yet, despite the difficulties of these twenty years Dr. Stephens has led the college in a program of definite achievements. Through all these years Mrs. Stephens, gracious and unassuming, has been loyally at his side in unselfish service.

Careful financial administration has cleared the indebtedness; painstaking hard work from year to year has kept the current budget balanced; over-expansion has been avoided; modest buildings, South Hall, the gymnasium, the student lounge, have been added to the campus. More recently, the fund raised by the late President-Emeritus Orrin Roe Jenks and the gifts of generous-minded Aurora citizens have made possible the erection of a substantial and lovely president's home.

President Stephens has been concerned with the academic quality of the college. In 1938 the goal of accreditation by the North Central Association was reached, and that accreditation has been maintained through the perplexing years since. The curriculum has been expanded by the inclusion of subject-matter departments; a program of summer classes has been added; an evening school program has been established and enlarged. President Stephens has been tireless in leading the faculty in the search for ways to improve the institutional program. He has encouraged teachers to extend their own educational preparation and set the example by earning the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1941 while he carried full responsibility for the college as its chief officer.

Not only has President Stephens made the evening school program available for the citizens of the Fox River Valley, but he has consistently built the college into the life of the community. He has interested a number of Aurora's leading citizens in serving as a Citizens' Advisory Board. Each year since 1934 this board has sponsored a successful financial campaign on behalf of the college. President Stephens himself has set the pattern for the faculty in giving civic service through his active leadership for a number of years in the Community Chest and through his preaching on numerous occasions in the various churches of the area.

The faculty and students of Aurora College know him for his memorable chapel addresses, his excellent teaching, his wise counsel, his faithful friendship. At this twentieth milestone in his career as president, they gladly honor Dr. Theodore Pierson Stephens, the educator, the gentleman, the Christian.



DR. THEODORE PIERSON STEPHENS

New Home



The president's new home on Marseillaise and Gladstone, a recently-completed Cape Cod dwelling facing the north campus, has an exterior of rose-tinted, simulated hand-finished brick on the lower part and white clapboard on the second story portion at the rear. Landscape designing and planting was under the direction of Mary Moulton; Hadley Finke was the contractor.

Downstairs, the house has a spacious living room, dining room, open hallway, guest room with adjoining bath, and kitchen. The living room features two graceful bay windows, floor-to-ceiling book shelves on the north wall, and a fireplace

with a stone hearth. On the bookcase there is a small portrait of the late President-Emeritus, Dr. Orrin Roe Jenks, a tireless worker for the funds to construct a home for the president. Green carpeting is used in the living room and hallway. The draperies in the living room are green and mahogany red with accents of gold. The walls are papered in green touched with gold, and the hallway is papered with a documentary print.

The dining room has grey wainscoting; the wallpaper is in gold, grey, and white. Gold draperies at the windows and Hepplewhite furniture carry out the formal eighteenth century spirit of the room. A breezeway opens from the French doors of the dining room, connecting the house and the garage.

Upstairs, there are two bedrooms and a bath. A quilted floral pattern paper was used in the master bedroom; in the other bedroom, the wallpaper pattern is a blue and white quince design. Frilly white curtains and traditional furnishings are used in both rooms.

The basement rumpus room, which has a fireplace with raised hearth and has informal furnishings, is an interesting feature of the house. On the walls will be displayed the oil paintings of President Stephens, examples of a hobby which he has enjoyed in recent years. Throughout, the new home reflects charm, gracious hospitality, and dignity.

Inception

In 1890, certain far-sighted Advent Christian folk saw the need for a four-year college "to educate young men and women in the doctrines of the faith and to give them a liberal course of education, as given in other colleges," so Elder Thomas S. Parks stated the need. But since the task of providing a college loomed so large in the face of other pressing obligations of the church, the idea lay dormant for a year or more. Finally, the location of the western school was fixed at Mendota, Illinois, a town of 4,000 inhabitants in a rich northern Illinois agricultural region. Here, in this quiet lovely community, four acres of ground and a building which had previously been occupied by Lutherans, who had moved their school to Dubuque, Iowa, were purchased.

A Bible Training School in the summer was proposed as the first step to a seminary. This school was divided into three terms of ten weeks each, embracing a junior, a middle, and a senior year. Following this, Mendota Seminary was formed and opened its doors in January of 1893. J. Oscar Campbell was president and principal of the Theological Department, Professor George H. Dewing directed the Commercial and Shorthand Departments, and Elder William Sheldon was an instructor in the Bible Training School.

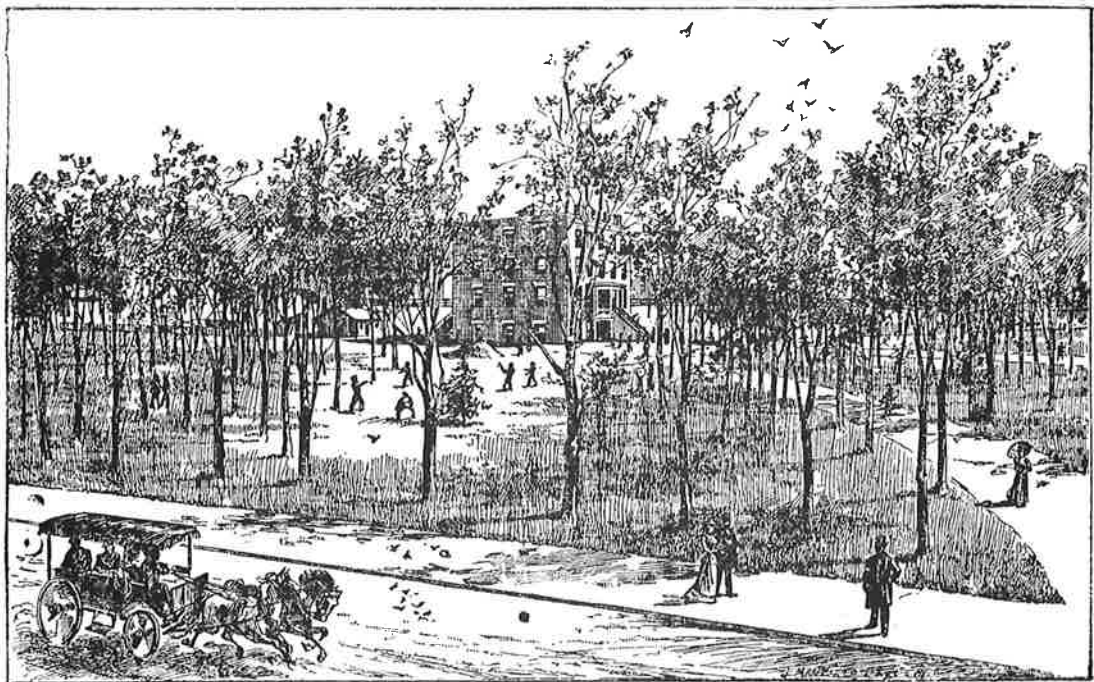
With the month of March, 1893, the winter term closed in the embryonic school, now called "Mendota College." The school had set forth with an enrollment of three students; the term closed with thirty-one registered students. The spring term opened with fifty registered students distributed among the various departments. Advent Christian young folk were coming to the college from adjoining and more distant states, and the people of Mendota, regardless of religious affiliations, were attending. The college was now practically out of debt, and the endowment fund was growing rapidly. A library for the college was being assembled out of the contributions of books from interested persons.

The Educational Committee and management of Mendota College proposed to set aside January 9 as a Memorial College Day, for this was the natal date of the college. This observance sought to offer thanksgiving to God, to inform Advent Christian people of the benefits attainable through the school, and to instruct the Advent Christian churches and conferences on the responsibilities they would have toward the school. President A. W. Sibley delivered the address at the first College Day in 1894.

The first commencement at Mendota College was held on the college campus on June 21, 1894, at 10:00 a.m. The day was clear and sunny. In the midst of the beautifully shaded grounds, a stand was erected, draped with broad banners and ornamented with plants and flowers. The faculty and student participants of the day were seated upon the platform. All the departments of the college had ample representation. A copy of the program is shown here.

It is impossible to name all the individuals, but several are still associated with Aurora. Mr. Roger Watkins, secretary of the Board of Directors, was a student at Mendota as was Mrs. Watkins. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Perry, now of the Aurora College faculty, were students at Mendota at the time of the removal of the college to Aurora in 1912. It was President B. J. Dean who in the later years at Mendota gave important direction to the academic program.

This brief sketch of the beginning of Mendota is meant to serve as a tribute to the pioneering spirit, the dreams and the labors of earnest and faithful people advancing under the guidance of a benevolent God.



MENDOTA COLLEGE.

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FIRST
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

College Campus, 10 o'clock, a. m.,
THURSDAY, JUNE 21st, '94.

PROGRAM.

Invocation,	Rev. J. R. Hamilton.
MUSIC, Piano Trio, "Overture to Der Freischuetz,"	Von Weber.
MISSSES PHYLIS LASLEY, OLLIE BLUNDELL, MYRTLE WELCOME.	
WELCOME ADDRESS,	M. G. BERRY.
ESSAY,	Federal Courts.
EUGENE GIBBS.	
MUSIC, Piano Duet, "Grand Valse de Concert,"	Matter.
MISSSES EFA MCCORMICK, OLLIE MCFARLAN.	
RECITATION,	CLARA BRADY.
ESSAY,	The Triumph of Truth.
GRACE V. SARGENT.	
MUSIC, Vocal Duel, "Roma,"	Campbell.
MISS FLOSSIE FREEDMAN, E. E. HIPSHER.	
ESSAY,	History of Banking.
CHARLES YOUNG.	
ESSAY,	Silent Influences.
ELLA H. BENNETT.	
MUSIC, Piano Duet, "Grand March Nuptiale,"	Jambour.
MISSSES JESSIE AND ORTHA FREEDMAN.	
Presentation of Diplomas,	PRESIDENT SIBBLEY.
Benediction,	Rev. Theodore H. Allen.

New Dorm



BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



Memorial Hall is to be both a completion of Davis Hall and a new building. According to present plans, Davis Hall will be extended north so as to balance the east facade of the building on either side of the present entrance. Then the building will extend south to a distance of 108 feet. The main entrance of the new dormitory will be located in the middle of the north facade.

There will be four stories including the basement, and the general style of architecture and the materials will be consistent with the present Davis Hall.

The basement will include a large dining room 24 feet by 52 feet which will be connected with the present dining room. There will also be a small private dining room, a large laundry, and other service rooms. At the west end of the basement, provision has been made for four large bedrooms (that could be converted into music practice rooms).

The first floor will have the public lounge 44' x 24', two additional small parlors or "date rooms," rooms for the head resident and five bedrooms. Both the lounge and the dining room will have an open fireplace.

There will be twelve bedrooms and the necessary service rooms on the second floor and the necessary service rooms and ten bedrooms on the top floor. Most of the bedrooms are planned for double occupancy with two closets each. The building will add accommodations for 60 to 65 resident students as well as greatly expanding our dining and social room facilities.

When will it be built? When sufficient funds are available and when enrollment reaches a point to make this addition to our equipment imperative. We hope that time will come soon.

Our Deans



MRS. DOROTHY CROUSE

Mrs. Crouse has given generously of her time in helping the girls to organize their activities and in counseling with them. They appreciate her g r a c i o u s friendliness, her genuine enthusiasm and her sincere loyalty.

MR. HAROLD COOPRIDER

Mr. Cooprider has shared in the concerns and interests of the fellows. He has been willing to help in every way he can. The fellows are grateful for a counselor who has been a friend to each individual.



Our Faculty



Seated on ground: John Seibert, James Crimi, Charles Tennant, Frank Youssi. Dr. Clyde Hewitt, George Moore, Carl Selin, Dr. S. H. McFarlane, Harold Coopridger, Stanley Perry. Seated: Dr. Ethel Tapper, Mrs. Maude Naden, Miss Nina Head, Mrs. Juanita Connor, Miss Margaret Cubine, Mrs. Francis Patton, Mrs. Moses Crouse, Mrs. Hadley Finke, Dr. Sonya Spiesman, Miss Ruth Bradshaw. Standing: Mark Trumbo, Miss Francis Sherwood, Orrin Singleterry, Dr. K. D. Waldo, Ray Rosenthal, Jack Chrisman, Clifford Everson, Dr. T. P. Stephens, Moses Crouse, Dr. Irene Eastman, G. F. Richardson, Clarence Smith, Asa Colby, Albert Richert, Mrs. S. H. McFarlane.

Staffs

LIBRARY



First row: Margaret Singleterry, Zigrida Plumanis, Marilyn Bohy, Merline Mace. Second row: Dr. Tapper, Howard Procter, Mrs. Finke.

MAINTENANCE



First row: Charles Surh, Ed Phillips, Les Petit. Second row: Carl Knightly, Doug Lobb, Ronald Thomas, Mr. Snyder, Leo Groves, Clio Thomas.

KITCHEN



First row: Betty Pfister, Fern Cottrell. Second row: Connie Singleterry, Joe Brooks, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Balser, Mrs. Watson.

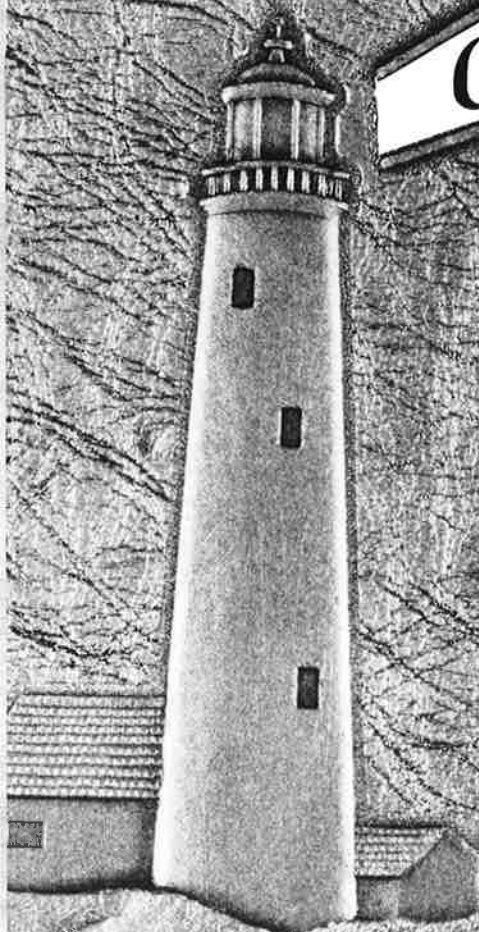
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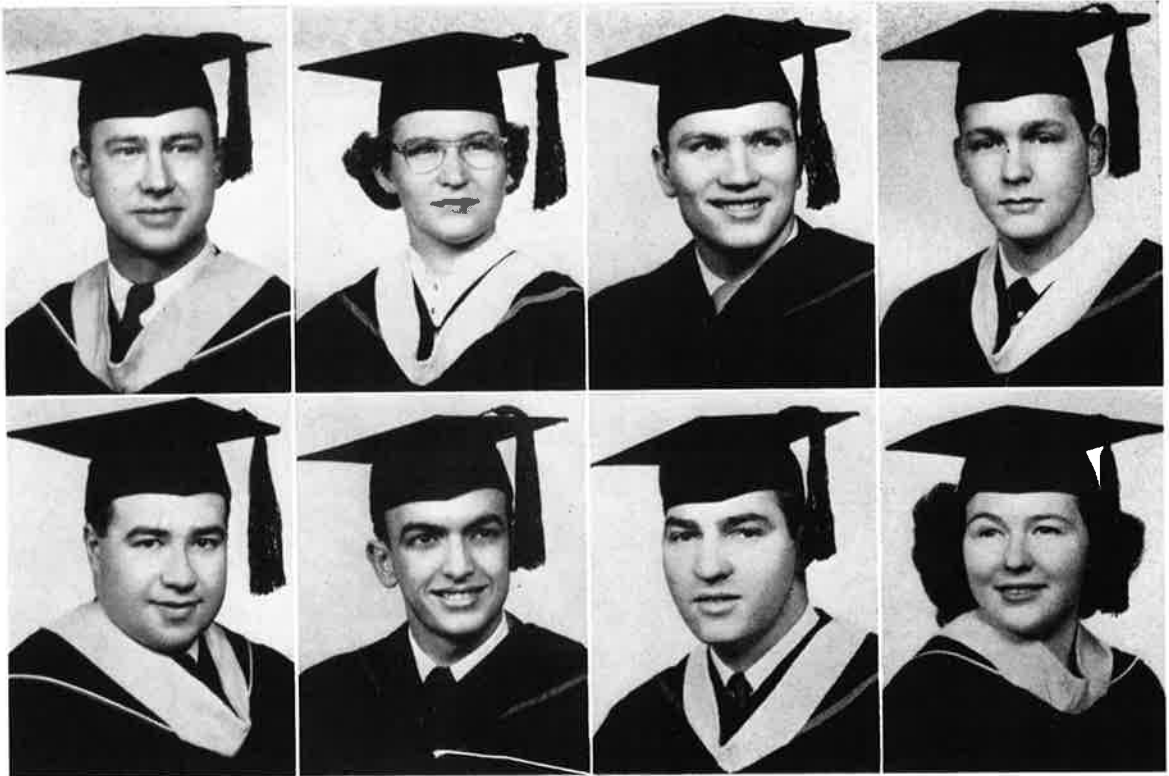
First row: Crystal Janasky, Mrs. Thomas, Marg Hurlbut, Jean Balser, Patsy Knight. Second row: Jean Huls, Lois Miller, Barbara Bohy, Rita Lyman, Jackie Green, Sally Danon, Norma Bragg.

CLASSES

1953



Seniors



EDWARD J. ABBOT
B.S.
Elgin, Ill.

ELIZABETH E. ALLEN
B.A.
New Bedford, Mass.

GLENNON C. BALSER
B.Th.
Clendenin, W. Va.

JOSEPH R. BROOKS
B.A.
Charlotte, N. C.

ROBERT L. BUCKARDT
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

TRAVIS A. CARTER
B.A. B.Th.
Waycross, Ga.

WILLIAM M. CORKINDALE
B.A.
Waterbury, Conn.

LEILA FOWLER
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

ROBERT E. GEMMER
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

JOANNE C. GILES
B.S.
Caldwell, N. J.

HOWARD C. HAWKINSON
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

JAMES W. HICKEY
B.A.
Chicago, Ill.

JOHN F. HILLWICK
B.A.
St. Charles, Ill.

BARBARA M. HINCKLEY
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

FRANK E. HOPKINS
B.A.
Old Orchard Beach, Me.

PAUL W. KILLIAN
B.A.
Montgomery, Ill.



Seniors

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ADELINE E. KOVACH
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

VIRGINIA G. LEE
B.S.
Big Rock, Ill.

DONALD R. MACE
B.Th.
Spencer, W. Va.

MERLINE J. MACE
B.A.
Spencer, W. Va.

GRACE I. MATTESON
B.S.
Newark, Ill.

RALPH V. MEAD
B.S.
Oswego, Ill.

ROBERT H. MERRITT
B.A.
Carver, Mass.

ROBERT W. MITCHLER
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

RONALD A. MURCH
B.Th.
Bridgton, Me.

MERLYN H. PERKINS
B.A.
Crouseville, Me.

JAMES D. PITTMAN
B.S.
Minooka, Ill.

GEORGE W. POLHILL
B.Th.
Lake City, Fla.

BOYD W. POTTER
B.S.
Sugar Grove, Ill.

HOWARD E. PROCTER
B.A.
Chevy Chase, Md.

EDWARD C. PRICE
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

JANET H. REBMANN
B.A.
Torrington, Conn.



Seniors

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ROBERT H. ROEHLK
B.S.
St. Charles, Ill.

MADELINE E. ROWE
B.A.
Lake City, Fla.

I. FERN SHRADER
B.S.
Squire, W. Va.

M. S. SINGLETERRY
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

AILEEN SMITH
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

PAULA A. SMITH
B.S.
Aurora, Ill.

W. JAMES SMITH
B.A.
Weiser, Idaho

HERBERT E. SPIELER
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

CHARLES SURH
B.A.
Seoul, Korea

MILDRED M. SWIFT
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

CLIO E. THOMAS
B.Th.
Charleston, W. Va.

RICHARD L. THORP
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

MARY JANE THURSTON
B.A.
Aurora, Ill.

HOWARD I. TOWNE
B.A.
Kennebunkport, Me.

DORIS W. WAGNER
B.A.
Batavia, Ill.

WILSON WATERS, JR.
B.A.
Tampa, Fla.



Seniors

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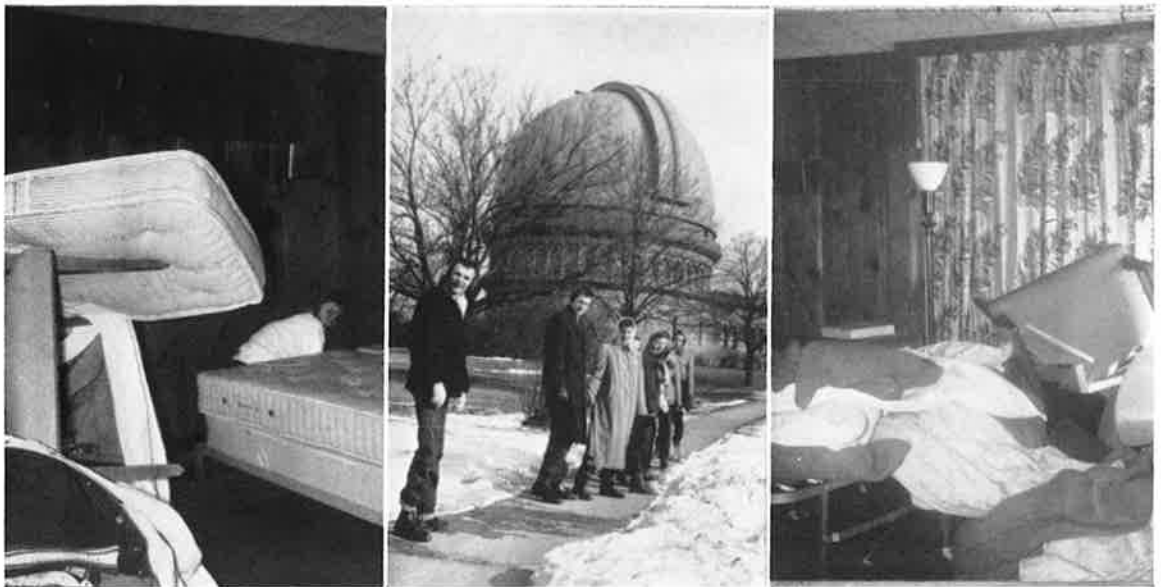
ROBERT A. WESBROOK ORVILLE A. WESTLUND
B.A. B.Th.
Aurora, Ill. *St. Cloud, Minn.*

Pictures of the following people were unavailable:

WALTER G. BAUERLE	MORRIS G. HUTCHINSON
B.S.	B.A.
HELEN HAMSMITH	VERA ROST
B.A.	B.A.
ERNEST H. HEALD	ORISE SCHAUB
B.A.	B.A.
JACK R. WITTE	
B.A.	

Senior Skip

At one o'clock sharp, Thursday afternoon, February 19, two carloads of seniors successfully evaded the juniors, and drove triumphantly to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for their annual senior skip. From their arrival at the George Williams College Camp until their departure on Sunday afternoon, the seniors were busy iceskating, hiking, playing ping pong and shuffleboard, working puzzles and eating, with plenty of good old-fashioned loafing mixed in. Each day seemed to bring one memorable incident. Friday, it was the bed-wrecking crew from the boys' cabin, who periodically swooped down on the girls and turned their rooms topsy-turvy. On Saturday, the group tramped up the hill to the Yerkes Observatory, where they saw the huge refractor telescope. Sunday will remain in the senior's memory books as "the day we went iceboating — and it was so cold." After mournfully packing their suitcases, the seniors started back for home with only one complaint about their skip: "It wasn't long enough!"



Juniors



First row: Ruth Gronquist, Marilyn Bohy, Virginia Hasmason, David McGee, Elias Theodoropoulos, Louise Miller, Jean Carlson, Barbara True, Lois Miller. Second row: Weldon Holland, D. B. Moore, Terry Denton, Cedric Benson, Ralph Hubbard, Don Dillenburg, Ernie Hill. Third row: Fred Sapp, Chuck Cain, Fred Morrison, Eleanor Frank, Cheryl Franklin, Tom Johnson, Dick Powell, Howard Little.

The Junior class was small this year because of changes in students' plans due to transfers and drafting by the Armed Forces. The officers heading the class were: president, Chuck Cain; vice-president, Leslie Petit; secretary, Jean Monroe; and treasurer, Terry Denton. Barbara True directed the production of the inter-class play, "The Sisters McIntosh." The important project undertaken this year was the editing of the *Pharos*. In the spring, the class sponsored the Junior-Senior Retreat and the Junior-Senior Banquet, which was held at the Old Spinning Wheel.

Sophomores



First row: Norma Bragg, Ivalyn Carter, Rosa Lee Frost, Gunars Plumanis, Theodore Glissman, Ernie Stoltz, Sheridan Tutor. Second row: Chuck Schumacher, Oma Roth, Carolyn Carpenter, Elizabeth Weaver, Virginia Waterhouse, Betty Pfister, Lois Doolittle. Third row: Charles Newhart, Doug Lobb, Gene Downing, Myron Jaffarian, Dave Crosbie, Zigrida Plumanis, Jean Huls, Jackie Green. Fourth row: Mathilda Kovach, Opal Bishop, Fay Graham, Sally Dano, Grace Audrain. Fifth row: Leon Ploger, Connie Singleterry, Matylda Davenport, Jane Ruch, Fern Cottrell, Virginia Noland, Maribelle Porter. Sixth row: Duane Hartman, Ronald Braley, Henry Pierson, Robert Coster, Ronald Brunoehler, Bill Knapp, George Klomhaus.

Band-aids, scissors, toothbrushes, and "A-books" were the subject of the initial meeting of the Sophomore class. Memories of carrying and wearing these articles will long be retained by the freshmen, who so faithfully abided by these initiation rules. The officers for the year were: president, Dave Crosbie; vice-president, Connie Singleterry; secretary, Fay Graham; and treasurer, Maribelle Porter. Jean Huls, assisted by Fern Cottrell, directed the inter-class play, "The Clod." For their annual class party, the class of '55 spent the weekend at Camp Rude. Connie Singleterry, the general chairman, planned a weekend of fun and hilarity.

Freshmen



First row: Lois Chambers, Barbara Bohy, Allie Pearson, Celia Garner, Harriett Rundell, Dorothy Marchant, Patsy Knight, Mrs. Crouse. Second row: Jane Peterson, Jo Anne Jaki, Betty Hancock, Priscilla Allen, Phyllis Seech, Dorothy Zander, Paul Yoon, Rita Lyman, Norma Jensen, Ruth Heise, Myrtle Meek. Third row: Lucille Harold, Leo Groves, Carl Knightly, Harold Alfredson, John Roesch, Ron Green, Dave Wegman, Alan Schuler. Fourth row: Charles Bell, Ron Simcox, Darrell Storholt, Don Parke, Al Gengler, Gene Graham, Bill Rosenfelder, Fred Wasser. Fifth row: Ralph Dennis, Floyd Conrad, Charles Mercer, John Stewart, Dick Doemland, Carl Vignali, Tom Kellogg, Roald Berg, Hugh Palmer. Sixth row: Don Burzlaff, Ced Benson, Erwin Bodge, Ra Reno, Bill Donahue, Winton Dunlop, Bob Hetherington, Aubrey Baizley, Frank Clark, Frank Harrison.

The Freshman class elected as their class officers: president, Don Parke; vice-president, Ra Reno; secretary, Patsy Knight; treasurer, Dorothy Marchant; and activities chairman, Lois Chambers. The class planned a sleigh ride, but because of weather conditions they had to change their plans to a bowling party. The two great undertakings of the year were the responsibility of keeping the lounge in "livable" condition and planning for the *Pharos*, which they will publish in their junior year.

ACTIVITIES



1953



New Students



On September 24, the faculty and staff gave a semi-formal reception to welcome all the new students. The upperclassmen escorted the freshmen through the reception line introducing them to the faculty and staff. Following this, refreshments were served in the Dewing Room and a program was held in Lowry Chapel.

Our Homecoming



First row: Ron Braley, Lois Miller, Fern Shrader, Ruth Gronquist, Connie Singleterry, Margaret Singleterry. Second row: Ron Salfisberg, Carl Selin, Joe Brooks, Ron Green, Lillian Walker, Barbara True, Weldon Holland, Dorothy Crouse, Rev. G. F. Richardson, Tom Johnson.



At the close of the coronation program which featured the theme, Neptune's Court, last year's queen, Fern Shrader, crowned Paula Smith to reign over the 1952 Homecoming festivities.

Our Queen



Brown-haired, green-eyed Paula Smith was voted queen to reign over our Homecoming activities. Paula, a senior from Aurora, has been an active student during her four years of college life. Upon her graduation, Paula plans to teach.



Nettie Shell, Lois Doolittle, Paula Smith, Sally Dano, Beverly Mace, Virginia Lee.

— and Her Court

The queen and her court—consisting of Nettie Shell, Lois Doolittle, Sally Dano, and Virginia Lee—led the procession to the Bonfire Program. Students and faculty joined in a pep rally, with the coaches and several football players saying a few words on football at Aurora College. Refreshments were served in the Student Lounge following the program.



Inter-class Plays

FRESHMAN

The Freshmen were victorious this year in winning the inter-class play contest with their comedy, "Potluck," which was under the direction of Patsy Knight and Dorothy Marchant. The story was of the Morrow family who had an unexpected guest for dinner and didn't have any food in the house to feed him. It ended with Aunt Amy's coming with a bagful of groceries. Those taking part were Rita Lyman, Ra Reno, Lois Chambers, Lucille Harold, Al Gengler, Barbara Bohy, and Priscilla Allen.

SOPHOMORE

The Sophomore class play, "The Clod," was directed by Jean Huls with Fern Cottrell assisting. The action of the play takes place in a farmhouse on the borderline between the Northern and Southern states, toward the end of the Civil War. The "Clod" is a farm woman — a tired drudge who does most of the work, while her lazy husband pretends to be "ailin'." Rosa Lee Frost played the leading role; Chuck Schumacher, Doug Lobb, Gene Downing, and Neil Thut were supporting actors.

JUNIOR

The Juniors gave "The Sisters McIntosh," a comedy in one act directed by Barbara True. Tizzi and Lulie, elderly spinsters, were visited late at night by a man who claimed to be their Cousin Archie. They didn't quite believe him until he left abruptly, leaving his bag, which gave them the clue to his real identity. Lois Miller, Virginia Hasmason, and Tom Johnson were the members of the cast.



Religious Emphasis Week



REV. CARLYLE B. ROBERTS

Rev. Carlyle B. Roberts, president of the New England School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, was the leader of the Religious Emphasis Week this past year.

The purpose of this week is to increase appreciation for the importance of Jesus Christ and the reality of His presence in life; to help clarify the deepest meanings and highest purposes for life; to encourage response to the rewarding challenges of the Christian life; and to help achieve balance, coherence and perspective in thought and study on the campus.

Rev. Roberts spoke in Lowry Chapel at a general all-campus service each morning of the school week. His subjects were "A Faith That Cannot be Denied," "I Believe in God," "I Believe in Guilt," "I Believe in Grace," and "I Believe in Goodness."

Religious Emphasis Week ended with "home fellowships" on Sunday evening, in the homes of five faculty members. Every student and teacher was invited to one of these homes, where the meetings of the week were evaluated and appraised in general informal discussions.

Line, color, lighting — all combine to create a feeling of reverence in the recently remodelled sanctuary of the “college church.” The most striking feature of the new design is the open chancel with its impressive dorsal frame and curtain which focuses attention upon the open Bible at its base. Presiding over this beautiful church is Rev. J. H. Shaw, our college pastor, who has been with us for some years. In addition to his pastoral work, Rev. Shaw has made one day each week available to students for special counseling.



REV. J. HOWARD SHAW

College Church





Religious Organizations

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

S. C. A. has experienced one of its most successful years during 1952-53. Attendance has been unusually good, and much of this is due to an enthusiastic and talented Freshman class. The services have included: All Musicals, Discussions, Faculty Speakers, Student Speakers and Off-Campus Speakers, along with a successful retreat to the Naperville Seminary.

FOREIGN MISSION FELLOWSHIP

F. M. F. is a group of students actively interested in furthering foreign missions. Some members of this group will take active part in missionary activity in years to come. The group as a whole worked to create a missionary spirit and zeal on campus. It recognized that the Church of Christ cannot grow without missionary interest at home and abroad. This year Ronald Thomas was president and Norma Bragg was secretary-treasurer. The office of program chairman and vice-president was held by Clio Thomas. The publicity chairman was Fern Shrader.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ministerial Association consists of prospective ministers and others who wish to dedicate themselves to full or part time Christian service. Most of the meetings consisted of discussions on the different aspects of a minister's training and lectures on special topics. The underlying purpose of this organization is to strengthen Christian fellowship. Officers included an association advisor; Moses Crouse, and a president; Travis Carter.

President Stephens Speaks In Chapel

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”. (John 14:27)

“It is much easier to read these words than to heed them; for there is much in life to make us afraid. The peace of Christ was not the peace of sensual satisfaction, nor of indifference nor of favorable circumstances. It was a peace of adjustment—to himself, to others, to his Father. It was not a peace of freedom from pain nor from effort, for there was the cross. Yet it was the peace of a quiet heart that reached out in love to a hostile world. . .

“This is something far different from a peace of mind that may be sought through complete relaxation. It is rather the gift of a loving Master to those who through complete commitment have learned the secret of living in complete trust under the tensions created by redemptive love.”

FEATURES



1953

Spartan Drama Guild

The elected officers of the Guild during the past year were master, Frank Hopkins; associate master, Janet Rebmann; and scribe, Connie Singleterry; with Professor Stanley H. Perry, the Guild's advisor. In place of the Shakespearian play which is traditionally put on in the winter quarter, the Guild put on, in the spring quarter, an Irish comedy in three acts entitled, "The Far-Off Hills."



First row: Fern Cottrell, Opal Bishop, Ivalyn Carter, Connie Singleterry, Rosa Frost, Elizabeth Allen, Merline Mace. Second row: Mr. Perry, Margaret Singleterry, Rita Lyman, Ra Reno, Lois Chambers, Lucille Harold, Joe Brooks, Al Gengler.

Creative Writing



First row: Fern Cottrell, Connie Singleterry, Margaret Singleterry, Jackie Green, Virginia Waterhouse. Second row: Fay Graham, Virginia Noland, Marilyn Bohy, Elizabeth Allen, Norma Bragg, Rita Lyman, Lucille Harold, Ruth Marcus. Third row: Mrs. Sinden, Ra Reno, Ronald Murch, Dave Kneeland, Darrell Storholt, Carl Knightly, Howard Procter, Don Parke.

The Creative Writing Club was under the leadership of Dave Kneeland, president; Virginia Noland, vice-president; and Rita Lyman, secretary-treasurer. The club sponsored the annual Creative Writing Contest and the publication of the literary magazine *Wings Of The Dawn*. A literary program was held on Sunday, June 7, at which the honors were awarded for the prize-winning compositions. The compositions were read at this program. The editor of the "Wings" was Ronald Murch. Fern Cottrell was the business manager, and Mrs. Sinden was the faculty advisor.



Women's Day

Aurora College women celebrated April 22 as Women's Day. The program began with a luncheon followed by an interesting talk by Mrs. Leona Conery on her trips in various parts of the world. Following the luncheon and talk, open house was held in the Off-Campus Women's room and in Wilkinson Hall. The feature of the program was a hair styling and style show sponsored by the Fox Valley Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists Association, Lietz and Grometer, and The Trousseau Shop.

Senate

This year, the Student Senate, the governing body of the students at Aurora College, was presided over by Ronald Thomas. Every registered student is a member of this organization. The 10:20 period on Tuesdays was used at regular intervals for Senate meetings. Increased budgetary problems took much of the financial committee's time. Almost every organization represented suffered a reduction in its budget.



Left to right: Barbara True, social events chairman; Dr. Hewitt, faculty advisor; Lois Miller, women's athletic chairman; Ron Salfisberg, treasurer; George Polhill, vice-president; Dave Crosbie, men's athletic chairman; Ron Thomas, president; Connie Singleterry, activities chairman; Fern Shrader, literary events chairman; Marilyn Bohy, secretary.

Publications

The AURORA BOREALIS, the student newspaper, is published every other week. Serving on the "Bor" staff is an opportunity open to all those interested in journalism or in the actual production of the newspaper. The particular achievements of this newspaper were to include numerous pictures in each issue to supplement the news and feature stories, and to provide the students with a variety of items of news interest. The editor-in-chief of the AURORA BOREALIS for 1952-53 was Robert Mitchler, and Mrs. Theo Sinden was the faculty advisor.

Aurora Borealis



First row: Lois Chambers, Lois Miller, Betty Tolles. Second row: Norma Bragg, Jane Ruch, Margaret Singleterry, Jean Huls, Virginia Noland, Lucille Harold, Virginia Waterhouse, Dorothy Zander. Third row: Mrs. Sinden, Marilyn Bohy, Ra Reno, Connie Singleterry, Opal Bishop, Joe Brooks, Tom Johnson, Al Gengler, Ron Salfisburg, Bob Mitchler.



First row: Ruth Gronquist, editor-in-chief; Lois Miller, layout editor. Second row: Walter Hoffman, assistant editor; Tom Johnson, business manager; Don Dillenburg, sports editor.

Pharos

Under the leadership of Ruth Gronquist, editor-in-chief, the Junior class prepared this yearbook. Walter Hoffman did most of the write-ups. Tom Johnson handled the financing, issuing to almost every member of the class some share of work on the patron drive. Jim Smith, a senior, took many of the pictures. As soon as they were developed, Lois Miller, with glue and scissors in hand, began assembling the photos. Don Dillenburg was busy all year with the sports section. And so, with the capable supervision and assistance of Dr. Tapper, and the ready help of other faculty members, our efforts have taken shape; and you have before you the 1953 *PHAROS*.

Clubs

SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Executive Board—composed of president Neil Thut, vice-president Charles Surh, and secretary Dorothy Conway—met at the opening meeting of the year. It was suggested that the constitution of the club be ratified, that the club become a member of the Senate, and that it work toward supplying speakers and films on the Social Sciences for Spotlight Assemblies. Later in the year, the club was host to the Aurora Council on the Social Studies at an afternoon tea. A Spotlight Assembly was held featuring Miss Ruby Jackson, contract negotiator for the Paper Pulp and Sulfite Workers' Union, A. F. of L., and Mr. Cuzzardo, of the Auto and Electrical Workers of the C.I.O. They spoke on their respective organizations, stressing the increasing interest that organized labor is taking in community affairs.

MODERN LANGUAGE

This group enjoyed a very stimulating and profitable year. The officers were: president, Sally Dano; vice-president, Walter Hoffman; and secretary-treasurer, Carolyn Carpenter. Mrs. Patton was their faculty sponsor. The traditions of three lands figures in their Christmas party. They placed their shoes before the hearth and received gifts from each other in them; they blindfolded a member, who broke the pinata, spilling candies for all of them; they ate lebkuchen and stolle; and sang French, Spanish, and German Christmas songs. At other meetings, during the year, films and slides were shown.





First row: Jean Carlson, Virginia Lee, Jackie Green, Lois Miller, Maribelle Porter, Virginia Noland. Second row: Virginia Hasmason, Ruth Heise, Jo Anne Jaki., Louise Miller, Venetta Switzer. Third row: Eleanor Frank, Ruth Gronquist, Harriette Rundell, Jane Ruch, Matylda Davenport.

Off-Campus Women

The Off-Campus Women met each month for a pot-luck supper in the Senior Room. The officers were: president, Virginia Lee; vice-president, Jean Monroe; and secretary-treasurer, Jackie Green. Peanut Week was held during the fall quarter. During this week small gifts were given to the dorm girls without their knowing who sent them. At the end of the week, there was a dessert party for all the girls at which time the names of the givers were revealed.



First row: Thomas Kellogg, Dick Doemland, Ron Simcox, Walter Francis, Ced Benson, Don Parke, Duane Hartman. Second row: Gerald Ormsby, Dave Crosbie, Don Dillenburg, Tom Johnson, Bob Mitchler. Third row: Bill Rosenfelder, Don Jameson, Ernie Stoltz, Ron Salfisberg, Ralph Hubbard, Terry Denton. Fourth row: John Stewart, Hubert King, Bob Buckardt. Fifth row: Bill Donahue, Fred Wasser, Ernie Hill, Bob Roehlk, Bill Knapp, Henry Pierson. Sixth row: Roald Berg, Ted Glissman, Ron Brunoehler, Robert Coster, Fred Morrison, Bob Scheidler.

Off-Campus Men

At the beginning of this year, the O. C. M. group was organized in hopes of having an active organization such as the O. C. W. However, no one seemed interested in furthering this action; thus they have no officers representing them. It may be that in future years this group can be organized and can become an active group on campus.

Wilkinson Hall

Back in "Wilky" again, the girls launched out into a year's activities under the leadership of the dorm council consisting of president, Merline Mace; vice-president, Marilyn Bohy; secretary, Rosa Frost; treasurer, Virginia Waterhouse; head proctor, Fern Shrader; and freshman representative, Allie Pearson. Some activities were: the annual Peanut Week for the Off-Campus Women, open house, and several collections of paper and nylons for the Missions fields. The girls welcomed Mrs. Rolly Chambers as their new house mother this year. They will long remember the home-like atmosphere of her ever-open parlor and her willingness to listen to their problems.



First row: Nettie Shell, Oma Roth, Betty Pfister, Dorothy Marchant, Priscilla Allen, Patsy Knight, Zigrida Plumonis, Merline Mace, Paula Smith. Second row: Elizabeth Weaver, Cheryl Franklin, Joanne Giles, Norma Bragg, Jean Huls, Lois Chambers, Rita Lyman, Lucille Harold, Barbara Bohy, Elizabeth Allen. Third row: Lois Doolittle, Celia Garner, Betty Hancock, Allie Pearson, Marilyn Bohy, Betty Tolles, Virginia Waterhouse, Fern Shrader, Barbara True. Fourth row: Norma Jensen, Grace Audrain, Sally Dano, Fern Cottrell, Fay Graham, Connie Singleterry, Carolyn Carpenter, Opal Bishop, Rosa Frost, Ivalyn Carter.



First row: Erwin Bodge, Charles Bell, Travis Carter, Ronald Green. Second row: Myron Jafarian, Ronald Murch, Charles Mercer, Joe Brooks, Neil Thut, George Polhill. Third row: Doug Lobb, Gerald Dawson, Leo Groves, Gene Downing, Fred Sapp, Darrell Storholt. Fourth row: Weldon Holland, Howard Procter, Carl Knightly, Carl Vignali, Ra Reno, Gunars Plumanis, Frank Clark.

Davis Hall

The men had no resident house mother in Davis this year, but Mr. H. A. Coopridier, counseling Dean of Men, kept a close watch over them. The situation proved most satisfactory during the past year, and the dormitory remained comparatively quiet. The steering committee for the dorm was composed of president, George Polhill; vice-president, Weldon Holland; secretary-treasurer, Ronnie Bowden; Frank Hopkins; Charlie Newhart; Ronnie Murch; and Doug Lobb.

Choir



Under the direction of Mrs. Maude Bouslough Naden, the College Choir met every Tuesday evening in the chapel for rehearsal. Besides participating in chapel services, the choir sang at the annual Youth Council Service in Aurora and gave a concert at Plato Center in the winter quarter. During the spring quarter, the choir made many appearances in Aurora and Oswego churches and in other surrounding towns of the Fox Valley. This year's officers were: Howard Procter, president; Glennon Balser, vice-president; Fay Graham, secretary; and Betty Pfister, treasurer.

The Gold Ivy Leaf is awarded to those seniors who because of consistent scholarship throughout their four years, or evidence of intellectual growth, and because of promise of future productive scholarship, are judged to merit the honor. The five members of the class of 1953 listed here were awarded this much coveted honor.

Gold Ivy Leaf Winners

MARY BRAUN

BILL CORKINDALE

FERN SHRADER

AILEEN SMITH

DICK THORP



Who's Who

Six members of the Junior and Senior class were selected to represent Aurora College in *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges*. The basis for selection used by a faculty-student committee were: character, scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and the probability of future usefulness to business and society.



First row: Fern Shrader, Janet Rebmann. Second row: Joe Brooks, Margaret Singleterry, Marilyn Bohy, Ronald Thomas.

Spartan Award Winner

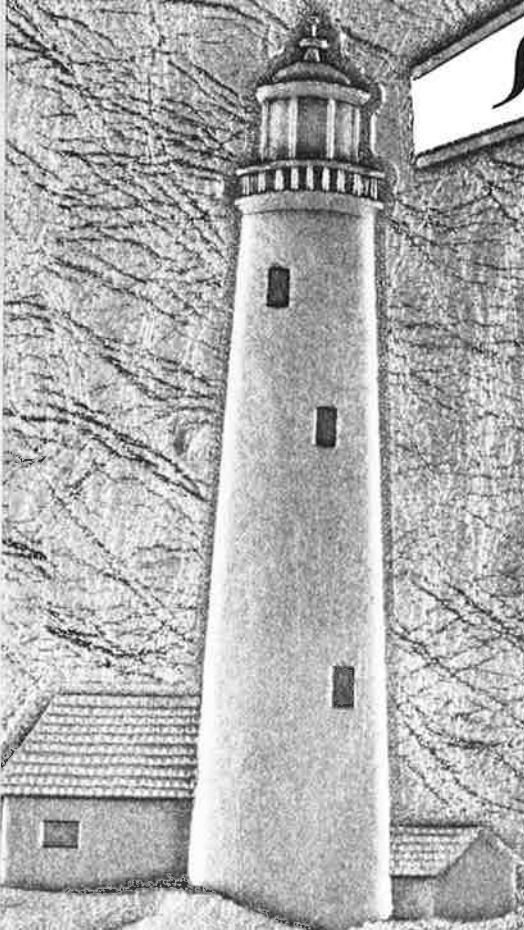


Each year the Spartan Award is presented to a graduating senior who in the opinion of the Junior class has done the most for his or her class and for the school.

The Spartan Award this year goes to Fern Shrader, of Squire, West Virginia. Fern has been active in all areas of campus life, serving on decoration committees, as secretary of both her Freshman and Sophomore class, secretary of the girl's dormitory in her junior year, and serving as head proctor of the dormitory this year. She was elected as the 1951 homecoming queen and was the chairman of the 1952 homecoming festivities.

The Spartan Award is a well-deserved honor for Fern, whose Christian life typifies the ideals for which Aurora College stands.

SPORTS



1953

Football



First row: Ormsby, Balsler, Coster, Dillenburg, Green, Bell, Wright, Dunlop. Second row: Coach Selin, Nelson, Polhill, Harrison, O'Brien, Dennis, Schumacher, Mead, Simcox, Managers Jaffarian and Gemmer. Third row: Assistant Coach Towne, Johnson, Roesch, Brunoehler, Cain, Downing, Baizley, Alfredson, Fletcher, Gengler, Assistant Coach Rosenthal.

With but eight lettermen from previous Spartan grid squads among the aggregation reporting for opening practice sessions last September, Coach Carl Selin was faced with the stupendous task of molding together a team within the space of a fortnight for the inaugural game of the season. Fortunately, Selin and his aides were blessed with the presence of a promising group of freshmen aspirants, several of whom had had considerable experience in prep football. On the evening of September 26, a Spartan eleven boasting approximately an equal number of veterans and rookies and led by newly-elected Captain Ralph Mead took the field at West High against Wisconsin Extension in a Badger-Illini Conference clash. Following a custom established by previous Spartan grid machines the Blue and White roared to a touchdown the first time they gained possession of



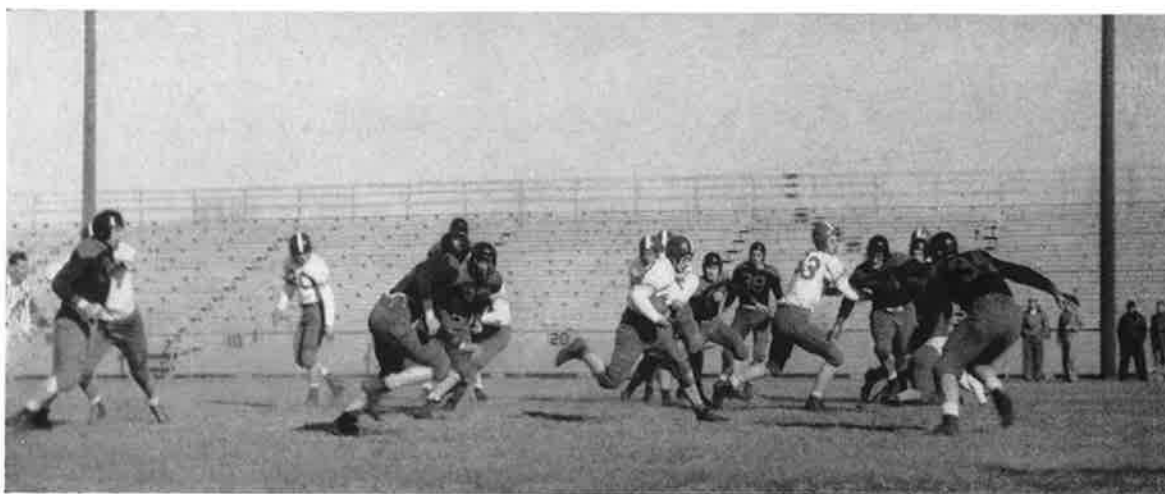
CAPTAIN MEAD

the ball. Fullback Ron Simcox fielded the opening kickoff on the Spartan 23 yard line and carried out to the 31. Right halfback Winton Dunlop ran over his right guard to the 42 yard stripe for a first down. Quarterback Ralph Mead's jump pass to Gene Downing was good for twelve yards and another first down on the Wisconsin 46. After picking up two yards on a sneak over center, Mead threw to his left end, Chuck Cain, for ten yards and the third Spartan first down. Left halfback Art Nelson carried to the Wisconsin 15 on a pair of junkets. Then, after Mead had netted seven yards on a pair of plunges, he tossed to Downing for the touchdown. This completed the scoring for the evening. Thereafter, smashing defensive



COACHES ROSENTHAL AND SELIN

play by both teams thwarted all offensive drives before they had materialized to the point of production. A precocious Spartan eleven emerged the victors, a distinction they were unable to achieve again during the campaign. In subsequent contests the Spartans failed to play at the tempo and degree of effectiveness which had earned them victory in their initial start. They were hampered immeasurably by injuries to key players during much of the season, and several times Coach Carl Selin was forced to juggle the Spartan lineup considerably in order to man adequately key positions. At Platteville the Spartans suffered a depressing 18 to 0 loss to a hard-charging Wisconsin Tech eleven. Twice the Spartan eleven moved deep into Miner territory, largely on the strength of an effective passing





RETURNING LETTERMEN. First row: Dillenburg, Coster, Brunoehler, Schumacher. Second row: Mead, Fletcher, Green, Cain.

attack, but on both occasions fumbles cost them possession of the ball. Twice more the Spartans suffered shutout losses to powerful Milton and Northwestern elevens before they registered scores again in the last three engagements. Spotting St. Procopius a pair of first quarter-touchdowns, the Spartans roared back to score twice in the second period before dropping

a 35 to 12 decision to a veteran Cardinal team on November 1. The fine passing of Captain Ralph Mead set up both Aurora touchdowns. At Concordia the Spartans were defeated 27 to 7. Their single touchdown was scored by Mead on a two yard shortie climaxing a 69 yard drive. In the season's final at Terre Haute, Indiana, the Spartans succumbed to a 35 to 7 beating by an alert and eager Rose Polytechnic Institute team. Again Mead scored the lone Spartan touchdown, returning a Rose Poly punt 70 yards for the tally and converting by placement.



Intramurals

The Draft Dodgers won their third straight intramural basketball championship this season. The race for the league leadership soon developed into a two team struggle. The Draft Dodgers, with their extremely well-balanced scoring power and team play, finally won out over the height and experience of the Faculty-Alumni. In the second round, the Faculty-Alumni advanced to the finals by a forfeit from the Big Foxes, while the Draft Dodgers defeated the A. A.'s. In the championship game, the Draft Dodgers roared to a lead by the end of the third quarter and coasted to a victory over the Faculty-Alumni. The final standings were:

	Won	Lost
Draft Dodgers	7	1
Faculty-Alumni	5	1
Big Foxes	3	4
A. A.'s	3	5
Ramblers	0	7

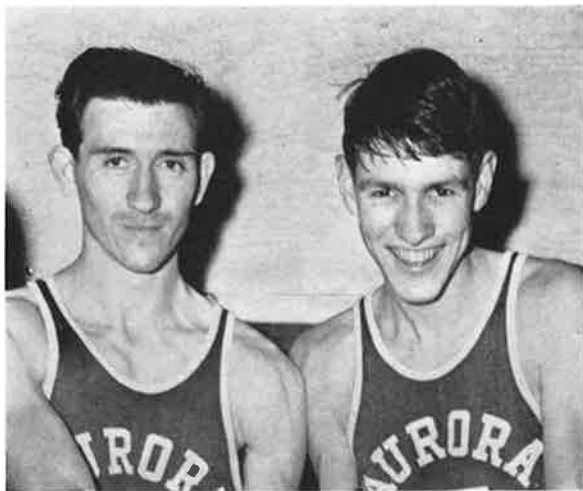
Intramurals in Action



Basketball



First row: Johnson, Moberly, Schumacher, Simcox, Crosbie. Second row: Groves, Dawson, Berg, Knightly, Bell. Third row: Coach Selin, Heald, Sapp, Lobb, Downing, England, Byerhoff, Manager Bodge.



CO-CAPTAINS SAPP AND LOBB

With the inauguration of the basketball campaign Coach Carl Selin was confronted with a rebuilding task similar to that experienced during the football season. Four lettermen, none of whom had been consistent starters on the previous year's club, provided the nucleus for the new team. A dozen promising newcomers joined this veteran cast along with a pair of sharp-shooting cagers at the opening of the winter quarter.

On November 28, the Spartans opened their nineteen game schedule

with the first of three relatively long road trips, going by train to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, for a contest with a superior Iowa Wesleyan quintet. On the weekend of December 11-14 the Spartans made their second and longest trip of the campaign when they traveled by automobile to Marquette, Michigan, for a Friday night engagement with Northern Michigan College of Education and a Saturday night contest with Mission House College on the return trip. Their third trip carried them to Platteville and Watertown on January 23 and 24.

The Spartans concluded their pre-Christmas schedule with a record of one victory in six starts. The win came at the expense of a Badger-Illini Conference rival, Milton College. Playing at East High, where they have realized some measure of success during recent years, the Spartans exhibited their best performance of the then young campaign in defeating Milton 73 to 69, December 10.

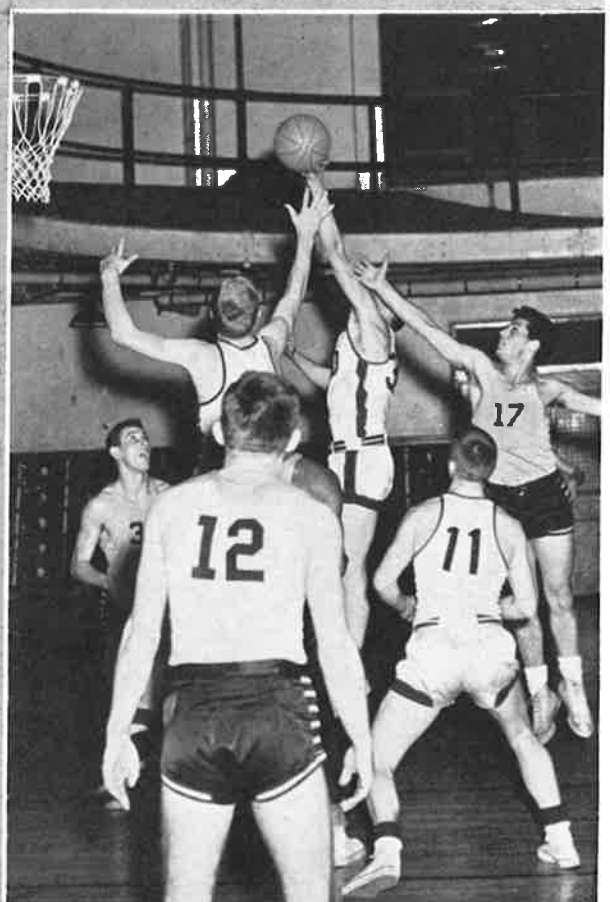
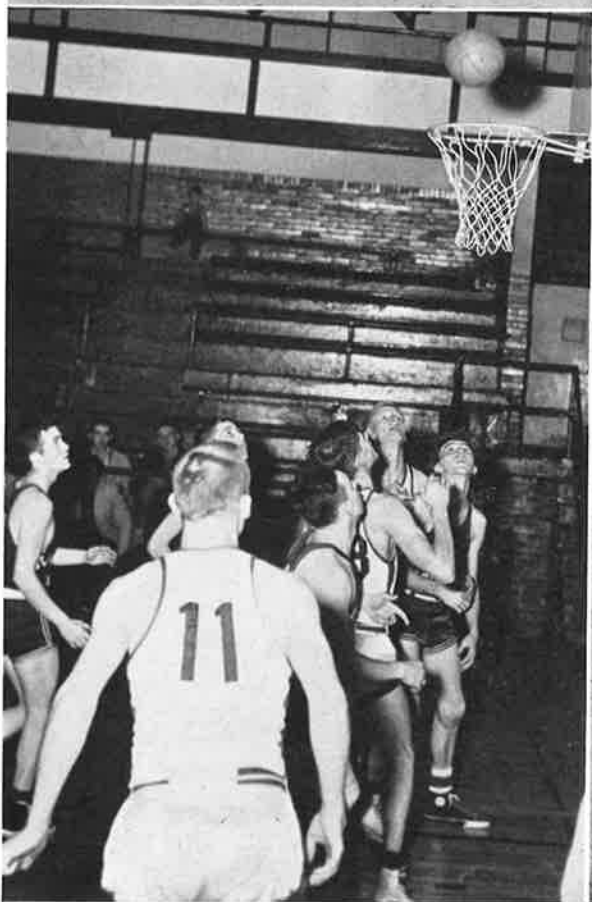
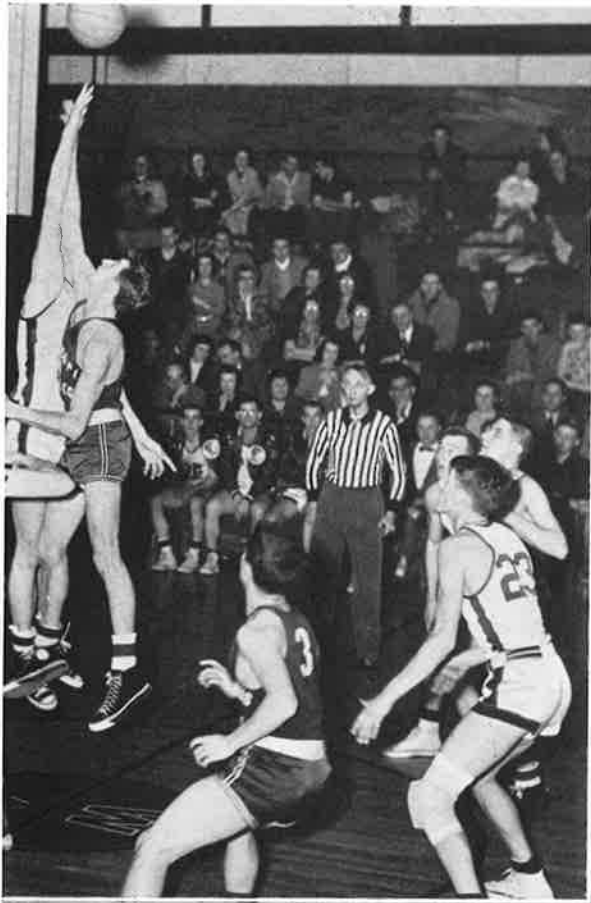
It was not until January 21 that the Spartans were able to register their second win of the season. Playing at East High again they defeated George Williams College 69 to 63 in a hotly-contested non-conference game.

In their second meeting with Wisconsin Tech the Spartans avenged for the earlier loss by beating the Miners 66 to 64 on the West High court. The Spartans, having trailed during three quarters of the contest, staged a savage and thrilling last-stanza rally to overtake their opponents and gain their third and final victory of the season.

In one of their best efforts of the entire season, a contest which was undoubtedly the most exciting from a spectator viewpoint, the Spartans lost an 81 to 79 heartbreaker to a strong Northwestern team at West High. The Spartans having trailed their adversaries during the first three periods battled to a tie midway in the last period and then forged ahead only to fall back into a deadlock as the quarter ended. A rested and revitalized Northwestern quintet managed to out-score the Spartans in the overtime period for the victory.

Although the season was not a winning one for the Spartans, they finished with a record of three wins and sixteen losses.





Baseball



First row: Wasser, Kesel, Dillenburg, Graham, Bell. Second row: Merritt, Towne, Schumacher, Mercer, Crosbie, Manager Hubbard. Third row: Coach Selin, Moberly, Procter, Roesch, Lobb, Knightly, Berg.

Following a precedent established a year ago, the Spartan baseball team opened the 1953 season with a five game training trip into the sunny south during the spring vacation. On Sunday, March 22, a three-car caravan embarked for Memphis, Tennessee. From the stand point of games won, the trip was



CAPTAIN DILLENBURG

much less than a success, for the Spartans lost all five of their games. However, from the stand point of physical conditioning and development of baseball technique, the trip was significantly successful. Oddly enough the full benefits of the training trip were not realized until the Spartans met and defeated the St. Procopius Cardinals in the opening Badger-Illini Conference game of the campaign. Since returning from the South, the Blue and White had lost a single contest to Elmhurst College and a twin-bill to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. We hope that the team will continue winning during the rest of the season.

Tennis

The tennis team showed great promise in their first two matches for such an inexperienced team. A veteran St. Procopius team downed the Spartans 4 to 3 in a hard fought match. In their second contest, darkness robbed the Spartans of a victory over Joliet Junior College as the team had split the first two matches and was ahead in the two that had to be called.



Coach Hewitt, Denton, Moore, Cain, Downing, Hopkins, Surh.

Golf

The Aurora College Golf team this year, coached by Mr. C. A. Lewis, lacked experience. Only three of the team members had ever played golf before this year. These three were John Stewart, Tom Johnson, and Charles Charlet. Despite this handicap, the team did remarkably well and improved tremendously during the season. The first two matches of the year were played in 35° temperature.

April 17 Milton	Here
April 24 Elmhurst	Here
April 30 Elmhurst	There
May 7 Milton	There
May 11 Milton Invitational Tournament	There
May 14 Concordia	Here
May 18 Conference Meet	Here
May 21 Wisconsin Extension	Here
May 28 Concordia	There



Smith, Stewart, Johnson, Phillips, Coach Lewis, Charlet.



First row: Carl Selin, Doug Lobb, Jack McHugh, Robert Coster. Second row: Tom Johnson, Ronald Green, Howard Towne, Don Dillenburg, Bob Merritt, Myron Jaffarian. Third row: Clio Thomas, Fred Sapp, Dave Crosbie, Bob Gemmer, Jim Hickey, Chuck Schumacher, Bob Fletcher, Bill Corkindale, Ron Brunoehler.

Varsity Club

The Varsity Club is a social group of letter winners in inter-collegiate sports. Its officers were Bill Wright, president; Bob Fletcher, vice-president; and Don Dillenburg, secretary-treasurer. However, when Bill left for the Armed Forces, Bob took over the presidency. During the year, the club enjoyed films on sports, including some of their own football games. In the spring, the club selected the Athlete of the Year.

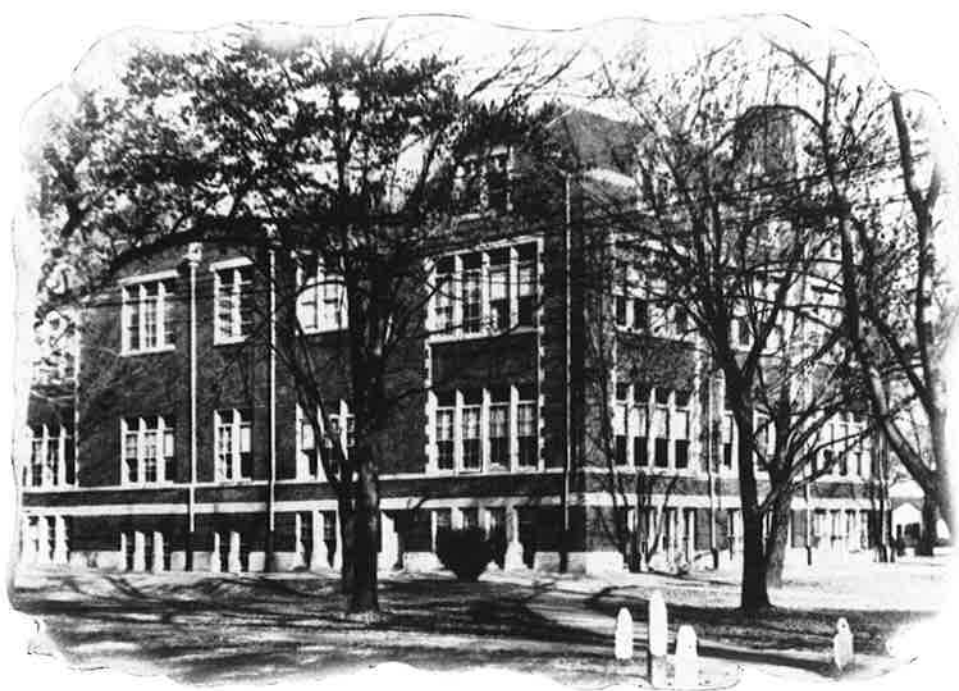


First row: Priscilla Allen, Jean Huls, Fern Cottrell, Dorothy Marchant, Lois Miller, Jackie Green, Norma Bragg, Carolyn Carpenter. Second row: Virginia Waterhouse, Lucille Harold, Lois Chambers, Rita Lyman, Connie Singleterry, Harriette Rundell, Ruth Gronquist.

Women's Athletic Association

This organization was rather small this year, but the girls who did participate had a lot of fun. The officers this year were: president, Janet Rebmann; vice-president, Ruth Gronquist; secretary, Jackie Green; and treasurer, Carolyn Carpenter. Playday participation was a featured attraction this year, both on our home floor and at other schools. Letters, pins, and numerals—first, second, and third year awards—were distributed at the annual end-of-the-year banquet.

PHAROS PATRON



— Eckhart Hall

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