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Zwemer Hall still welcomes new students each year as it did in 1894 when its doors were first opened. It holds many precious memories for the 2,500 students that have been on Northwestern's rolls, and continues to offer the equipment for education that has produced the great men and women of the past. Though the steps, walls and banisters show the effects of time, yet the Christian traditions of past years still influence the student-body today.

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"PREXY" SPEAKS

Northwestern Junior College and Academy has an old and honored Alumni Association. Amongst our members, we have many men and women of great distinction, widely known and highly respected.

Among our number are educators, ministers, missionaries, diplomatic representatives, people in public offices, physicians, nurses, lawyers, businessmen, scientists, and many others. Best of all, most of these people are active in the church. Especially among the ranks of church women as officers of missionary societies, Sunday School teachers, choir leaders, and organists, and in other similar positions of leadership, are found multitudes of our alumnae.

We are all seeking to do our part in promoting our alma mater, but are we doing enough in an organized way? At this particular time when the question of the expansion of Northwestern Junior College into a four year institution is before the church, our alumni are conspicuously silent. We believe our alumni are all in favor of a program of expansion and enlargement for our institution, but our efforts are less effective because of lack of organization.

We believe the time has come when the voice of Northwestern's alumni should be more distinctly heard. The recently organized N Club is a splendid beginning in this direction. The suggestion for regional association, with meetings probably two or three times a year, is also one of great merit. Many alumni do not know who the other alumni of the institution in their immediate area are. They have never met together in that particular area.

The time has come for our strength to be more keenly felt and to be shown.

Jacob Heemstra
President, Northwestern Junior
College and Academy

A FEW STATISTICS

Total number of students that have attended College	1137
Total number of graduates of College	431
Total number of students that have attended Academy	1658
Total number of graduates of the Academy	860

Careers of our Alumni:

31 physicians
15 dentists
119 business men
16 lawyers
135 teachers sent out from college since 1928
16 in engineering field

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Dear fellow Alumni of Northwestern:

Greetings to you. We wish to bring this friendly message and invite your thought and attention for just a moment. We trust that by our calling attention to a few things, an increased effort on the part of all of us may be forthcoming to the strengthening of our Alma Mater.

Surely we as alumni can be taking added active interest in the continuing life and welfare of Northwestern Junior College and Academy in view of the noble work accomplished. And very frankly, her noble accomplishments have been achieved under limited conditions. Such conditions need not and ought not continue. Our Church Schools are vital to the whole program of the Church and warrant more adequate support in every way.

Such growing awareness of vital importance is evident in the judicatories of the Reformed Church. In past meetings of the area Classes the whole matter of interest and financial support of our Church Schools was much discussed and pointed resolutions formed. Here are resolutions that evidence the mind of the Church: "That our ministers by word and prayer, more earnestly instruct our people as to the indispensability of our Christian Educational Institutions to the life of our Reformed Church and her missionary enterprise." Also: "That our boards of trustees, faculty members, and student bodies, be more specifically mentioned in all our private and public intercessory prayers." Also: "That we stress anew the duty and blessing of tithing, and that a due share of this be designated for our Educational Institutions." Surely, we as alumni can say a hearty "amen" to these resolutions.

Suppose we suggest this practical method for all alumni to rally to the cause in unified strength. In a given area where there are some twenty of us, an Alumni Chapter could be formed. The presidents of respective Chapters could form an Alumni Board to plan promotional activities and guide certain needed emphases to the thinking of the entire Alumni body and also into the total life of our communities.

What is your reaction to this suggestion? We will be glad to hear from you about it. Give us your suggestions for ways and means for active promotion.

Sincerely yours,
Alumni Officers

President-Benjamin J. Ver Steeg
First Vice-President-Elmer Den Herder
Second Vice-President-Irwin H. Muilenburg
Secretary-Mrs. Henry J. Moret
Treasurer-Homer W. De Boer

ENROLLMENT

It is noteworthy that this year's college enrollment (sophomores 50 and freshmen 83) is an "all-time high." The Academy has an enrollment of 52. The total for the entire institution, 185, is also an "all-time high."

OPENING ACTIVITIES

This year special attention was given to freshman orientation, a whole day being devoted to talks on courses by faculty-members and to psychological tests. The following day was used for registration of both sophomores and freshmen of the college. The opening convocation was held on the morning of the following day, the address being given by Rev. Peter A. De Jong, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa. The all-school "Mixer" planned by the "Y.M., Y.W., and Hi-Y" organizations, was also an event of the opening week.

NEW FACULTY-MEMBERS

In the fall of 1948 the following joined the teaching staff:

Mr. Nelson Nieuwenhuis, with a master's degree from the University of South Dakota, as head of the History Department.

Mr. Henry O. Vaag, (A.M. Illinois) as head of the English Department.

Miss Vesta Martin (A.B. State Univ. Iowa) instructor in Commercial Arts.

Mr. William Earles, (B.Sc. Major in Educ., Indiana) as coach and instructor in Physical Education.

Miss Phyllis Bloemendaal, (B.A. Valparaiso Univ.) as teacher of English and Speech in the Academy, and library-advisor.

PERSONALIA

Dr. Clarence Buurman, College 1934, has been honored by being elected President of the New York Professional Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, a national chemical fraternity. Dr. Buurman is connected with the General Aniline Plant at Linden, New Jersey.

Calvin T. De Vries, college 1941, is minister of Education in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois.

Henry Paul Colenbrander, Academy 1941, college 1943, received the Elmer W. Holzapfel athletic trophy at Westmar College last spring. He has a teaching and coaching position at Paullina, Iowa.

Ronald G. Korver, Academy 1943, college 1946, is now a missionary teacher at the large boys' school known as Meiji Gakuin in Tokyo, Japan.

Arie Vander Stoep, Academy 1918, agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, has twice won the National Quality Award given by the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Dr. Alfred Popma, Academy 1924, lives at Boise, Idaho. He is prominent in cancer research, and not long ago was one of seventeen physicians who received a fellowship degree in the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Lloyd Rozeboom, Academy 1926, recently read a paper before the Second Congress of Mexican Medicine, which met at Mexico City. Dr. Rozeboom is a teacher of Parasitology at Johns Hopkins University.

IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTHWESTERN

The last three or four years have brought a number of important improvements. Although it is not feasible at present to erect the proposed Girls' Dormitory, a Ladies' Residence just off the campus has now been in operation for some time. This residence affords accommodations for thirty girls, and has a dining-room for both girls and boys and faculty members. When conditions permit the erection of the dormitory, the present building can be used for boys.

The school has purchased three residences in the city which are rented to members of the faculty.

The new addition to Science Hall contains three well-lighted class rooms, a music conservatory, a recording studio for broadcasting activity, and laboratories for biology and physics.

Many of the older rooms have been re-decorated and provided with fluorescent lighting. Dr. Stegeman, the Registrar, now has a separate office in Zwemer Hall. This office takes care of the general school records and of the Alumni files.

COMMENCEMENT - MAY 27-31, 1948

A special event at the last Commencement was the dedication of the fine new addition to Science Hall on Thursday evening, May 27. Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer was the main speaker. His subject was "The Four Dimensions of Architecture." After the program the new rooms were inspected and refreshments were served by the Women's Auxiliary.

At Farewell Chapel on Friday morning, members of the Academy Class of 1923 sat on the platform and took part in the service, and a member of that class, Rev. Martin A. Punt of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey delivered the address. After this program, faculty, students, and guests gathered out of doors in the "horseshoe" for the Campus Farewell. The class of 1923 had a reunion luncheon the same noon.

The same afternoon an Alumni Tea was held in Science Hall. Those who made Reminiscence Talks were William Top, Academy 1923; Arie Vander Stoep, Academy 1918; Mrs. William Beltman, Academy 1928, College 1930; Homer De Boer, Academy 1938, College 1940; and Mrs. Effie Veenschoten Stientjes, Academy 1898. Mrs. Stientjes and Mrs. Kate Schalekamp Orton, Academy 1898, poured at the tea. Much work in planning this and other Alumni activities was done by Prof. Edwin J. Aalberts, who presided at this afternoon reunion.

The Alumni Banquet was held on Friday evening in the Community Hall. Howard Duven, the retiring president of the Alumni Association, presided. Dr. S. M. Zwemer, and Rev. M. A. Punt were the main speakers. The attendance was nearly two hundred.

The Baccalaureate Service was held at the Community Hall on Sunday evening. Dr. Zwemer was the preacher this year.

The Commencement exercises were held on Monday evening, May 31st, in Science Hall auditorium. Thirty four were graduated from the College Department and thirteen from the Academy. At this and several of the other Commencement assemblies, the members of the faculty for the first time appeared in cap and gown.

Silver Anniversary Class



The Class of 1923 came to celebrate

The class of '23 is not different from any other group which celebrates a big occasion, so they had their picture taken. Front row, left to right: Fannie Schutt Cleveringa, Sioux Center, Iowa; Henrietta Beyers Van Es, Macy, Nebraska; Margaret Muilenburg Vander Wilt, Sioux Center, Iowa; Myrtle De Valois Brower, Little Rock, Iowa; and Lillian Vander Schaaf Top, Orange City. Top row: Rev. Theodore Mansen, Hawarden, Iowa; Rev. Peter Van Es, Macy, Nebraska; William Top, Orange City, Iowa; and Rev. Martin A. Punt of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Honored Guests at the 1948 Alumni Banquet



Boutonnieres and corsages were presented to these guests shown in the above picture. Left to right: Frank Hospers, '06, Chicago, alumnus coming from the greatest distance; Mrs. Jeane De Jong Vande Berg, '28, Dubuque, alumna from the greatest distance; Mrs. Henrietta Van Rooyen De Jong, '01, had two alumna daughters at the banquet; Mrs. Gertie Bolks De Bey, '87, oldest alumna present; Mrs. Agnes Dykstra Te Paske, '00, for contributing special services to her alma mater in the past year; Allen Van Wechel, '97, had two alumna daughters at the banquet; Henry Lubbers, '98, golden anniversary; and Mrs. Jacob Heemstra whose fourth and last son became a member of the alumni association. Mrs. Effie Hospers Rozen-daal, '88, was presented a corsage in absentia.