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Guide to the Local Area's Newspaper Clippings
Documenting the Paterson State Teacher's College and
Paterson State College's History,
September 1944-December 1963

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Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Paterson State Teacher's College and Paterson State College,
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- Title:** Guide to the Local Area's Newspaper Clippings Documenting
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- Dates:** September 1944-December 1963
- Abstract:** Obtained from various local area newspapers, including the *N. J. Leader*, *N. J. News*, *Herald-News*, *N. J. Call* and *Bergen Record* among others, this collection features newspaper clippings related in any aspect to Paterson State Teacher's College and Paterson State College (later known as William Paterson College and currently William Paterson University) and its community and environs. The content of the clippings includes information about administration, faculty, events, exhibits, athletics, registration, commencement, and even news about engagements and weddings of people associated with the institution.
- Quantity:** 15 scrapbook volumes
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Brief History of the Institution

The institution today known as William Paterson University has undergone many modifications over the years since its inception as the Paterson City Normal School in 1855. Located in the city of Paterson New Jersey, the Paterson City Normal School was established in response to an increasing need for qualified area teachers. In 1923, the Paterson City Normal School was renamed the New Jersey State Normal School at Paterson. In 1937, the institution was re-christened the New Jersey State Teacher's College at Paterson, but was usually, in an effort to abbreviate the long title, referred to as Paterson State Teacher's College. Ironically, even though the institution was still primarily perceived as being a teacher training facility, as evidenced by the institution's name, 1937 also marked the first time the institution offered a curriculum that was not solely intended for students pursuing a teaching career. In 1951, the newly expanded institution relocated to its present site, the former estate of Garret A. Hobart, who served as Vice President under William McKinley, which borders the towns of Wayne and Haledon, New Jersey. In 1958, the ever-expanding institution became known as Paterson State College, and in 1971, in homage to both New Jersey's first senator and the city of its origins, the name was changed yet again to William Paterson College. In 1997, the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education granted the institution university status, and William Paterson College was designated with its present title, William Paterson University.

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Scope, Content and Arrangement

The newspaper clippings documenting the history of Paterson State Teacher's College and Paterson State College are arranged in 15 scrapbook volumes. As a whole, the dates in all 15 scrapbook volumes range from September 1944 to December 1963. Although there is some duplication of dates in a few of the scrapbooks, generally each volume documents a distinct span of time in the institution's history. The clippings in each scrapbook volume are arranged in chronological order. The diverse content range of the clippings features information about administration, faculty, events, exhibits, athletics, registration, commencement, and even news about engagements and weddings of people associated with the institution.

Name and Subject Index Terms

Corporate Names

Paterson State Teacher's College- Administration
Paterson State Teacher's College- Alumni
Paterson State Teacher's College- Athletics
Paterson State Teacher's College- Commencement
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Subjects

Colleges and universities- New Jersey
Colleges and universities- New Jersey- History
Education- New Jersey
Haledon, New Jersey
Paterson, New Jersey
Wayne, New Jersey

Chronology of Significant and/or Interesting Events in Paterson State Teacher's College/ Paterson State College's History

***More details/coverage about the following events can be found in the 15 scrapbook volumes which constitute this collection.**

1946

- September: record veteran roster at Paterson State Teacher's College
- October: Dr. Clair Wightman, president of PSTC attends Zionist Convention at Young Men's Hebrew Association

- October: State board proposes plan for the six state teacher's colleges new buildings- PSTC to receive \$1,000,000
- December: Dr. Clair Wightman visits the United Nations

1947

- January: City of Paterson's history celebrated by WNBC- Dr. Clair Wightman participates
- February: National Conference of Christians & Jews held at PSTC
- March: Proposal to establish a division of Rutgers University in Paterson; an action that would integrate Rutgers with PSTC
- September: "Freedom Train" (promoting democracy & celebrating heritage) comes to the city of Paterson, Dr. Clair Wightman participates
- November: Hobart estate proposed as site of new \$1,000,000 state teacher's college
- December: Possibility that new state teacher's college on Hobart estate site will offer a liberal arts curriculum

1948

- March: State school board authorizes purchase of Hobart Estate
- March: Four-year degrees now planned for PSTC
- April: State school board prepares to purchase Hobart Estate
- April: State may take over Ailsa Farms located in Haledon/Wayne before July 1, 1948 to make part of new state teacher's college site

1949

- February: Brotherhood Week observed at PSTC, featuring speaker Harold A. Lett
- March: Dr. Clair Wightman accepts key to Hobart estate

- September: Dr. Wightman presents architect's sketch of new PTSC "main classroom building" at the inauguration of new student government officers

1950

- February: Brotherhood Program observed at PSTC
- October: Pictures/article about new PSTC campus (in newspapers)

1951

- February: Brotherhood Program observed at PSTC
- May: Brief biography of Gustav A. Hunziker (in newspapers)
- October: Dedication of Hunziker Hall

1952

- January: Library grand opening on second floor of Hobart Manor
- February: PSTC recommended for \$3,500,000 building program
- March: Possible transformation of PSTC to liberal arts/ general learning institution
- June: Reading clinic held at PSTC for teachers/students
- June: First PSTC graduation held on new campus, also largest class in PSTC history with 172 students

1953

- March: PSTC expands curriculum to further prepare teachers for grades 5-9
- April: Thirtieth anniversary of PSTC as state institution
- December: Ground-breaking for new food service building and dining hall

1954

- February: Architect's sketches of proposed new buildings, including Memorial Gym, Sarah Byrd Askew Library
- February: PSTC praised by evaluation committee
- June: Ground breaking for new library & gym
- July: Dr. Clair S. Wightman resigns as president of PSTC; he served the college for 24 years, 17 as college president
- September: Dr. Marion E. Shea becomes the first woman president of PSTC
- November: Dr. Wightman honored by PSTC faculty
- December: PSTC to begin offering Masters degree in Elementary Education

1955

- January: Dr. Marion E. Shea speaks about women & equality at the NJ Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs located in Elizabeth
- March: PSTC will begin offering part-time courses in Sussex County at the Newton High School & Frankford Township Elementary School
- March: PSTC faculty member Matelson sworn in commissioner of Library Board of Trustees
- April: Masters degree in Elementary Education officially added to PSTC curriculum
- May: History of PSTC recounted in article celebrating 100 years of teacher education in Paterson, NJ

1956

- January: PSTC students transfer books from old library in Hobart Manor House to new library building, Sarah Byrd Askew
- April: 500 attend dedication of 3 PSTC buildings, including the Memorial Gymnasium, Sarah Byrd Askew Library & Wayne Hall

1957

- May: Business Education program to be terminated at PSTC after 13 years
- June: First Masters of Science in Education degree recipients graduate from PSTC, 19 students
- August: Dr. Kenneth White named Dean of PSTC
- August: Dr. Leon C. Hood named Director of Admissions at PSTC
- August: Dress code inducted at PSTC, no bermuda shorts or khaki trousers (women to wear blouses, skirts, sweaters, jumpers, conservative dresses & men to wear coat/jacket, tie & trousers)
- September: Creation of audio-visual film library at PSTC (will open this month)
- September: Temporary buildings to be renovated for use until expansion complete at PSTC
- November: PSTC to offer training for high school teachers in English & Social Studies for the first time ever
- December: \$76 million construction plan proposed for eight publicly supported colleges, including PSTC

1958

- February: PSTC begins another expansion
- February: Governor Robert Meyner requests \$65 million for improvements/ expansion of state colleges, including Rutgers University, Newark College of Engineering and PSTC. PSTC's plans for endowment include new classrooms, a food service building, a heating system, utility room and a men's gymnasium
- March: English major becomes part of the PSTC curriculum
- April: PSTC name officially changed to Paterson State College
- April: Robert Frost gives poetry reading at PSC
- May: \$5 fee begins to be charged to all applicants seeking admission to PSC
- July: Dr. Peter L. Henderson named Placement Director of PSC

- July: Middle East crisis seminar held at PSC
- July: \$3, 064, 000 appropriated for PSC campus expansion; architect firm contracted for project is the Paterson branch of La Pierre and Litchfield of NYC
- August: Dr. Grace M. Scully and Dr. Martin Astor named to PSC counseling staff
- August: PSC Registrar Eleanor Edwards resigns
- August: Mrs. Eva Rodimer, Newton New Jersey educator since 1913 receives PSC Masters degree in Education
- October: Eleanor Roosevelt speaks at PSC; the topic of her lecture is “Is America Facing World Leadership?”
- October: Car accident claims the life of Warren C. Raymaley of Fayson Lakes, PSC English professor
- October: National Council grants full accreditation to PSC for elementary/secondary school teacher preparation (B.A. the highest degree approved)
- October: PSC asks for \$32,000 for parking lot
- December: Students from Bergen County lead PSC enrollment with 564 students

1959

- January: Juliet A. Trainor, PSC head librarian honored by Governor Robert Meyner for 20 years of service to the state
- January: Normal School to college campus in 104 years; clipping recounts history of the institution (relocation to Hobart estate), provides current statistics (1,110 undergraduates in day classes, 1,520 undergraduate in night classes and 350 graduate students) and offers predictions for the future (ultimate enrollment 5,000 students)
- January: Norman Cousins, editor of *Saturday Review* speaks at PSC
- February: Brotherhood month observed at PSC
- February: Music critic Allen Hughes to speak at PSC

- February: William De Young, Wayne School Board secretary and PSC student earns \$8,500+, more money than his PSC professors
- February: Student action responsible for \$4,206 allocation of funds to PSC, but PSC and other area colleges still upset over meager amount
- March: The Weavers, folk singers appear at PSC
- April: Writer Ogden Nash lectures at PSC
- April: Many state colleges including PSC are forced to turn students away due to lack of facilities
- April: PSC women's fencing team captures the intercollegiate title for the third time in 4 years
- May: Marion E. Shea named Glassboro Alumni Association Alumna of the Year
- May: Possible political faux pas during convention held at PSC pertaining to questioning a Russian student about a Hungarian revolt; he skirted the question
- May: Newscaster John Wingate to speak at PSC
- June: Mrs. Emma Rieschl of Clifton, grandmother of 13, earns a B.A.
- July: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brady, teachers with Bureau of Indian Affairs take summer courses at PSC; they will take what they learn with them back to Alaska where they teach Eskimo children
- August: 96% of the PSC class of 1959 placed in teaching positions
- August: PSC names two new department heads; Dr. Mary A. Elwell, Speech and Dramatics, and Dr. Charles G. Shaw, Health and Physical Education
- August: Benjamin Matelson appointed Director of Field Services for undergraduates, and Robert C. Ricketts appointed chair of the graduate division
- August: Establishment of new speech program at PSC; completion of the program earns students certification as a "speech correctionist" in elementary/secondary schools, and/or teacher of dramatic arts in secondary schools
- August: Clipping about the "Wee Collegians" program for children of parents taking summer courses at PSC

- August: PSC enrollment for the coming year expected to exceed 1,400, breaking enrollment records
- September: Dr. John R. Mc Rae appointed head of the PSC English department
- September: Mother/son students attend PSC, Lois and Charles Malyse of Vernon
- October: John Mason Brown, author and critic, lectures at PSC
- Harrison Salisbury, *New York Times* Moscow correspondent claims during a lecture held at PSC that Communist China may become “a real threat to world security”
- October: \$66, 800,000 College Bond issue, which would provide funds to enable lower-income students entrance into college, is debated
- November: College Bond issue passes
- November: PSC expansion plans to involve \$5, 599, 500 & include library, gym, auditorium, and laboratory

1960

- March: Harry Golden, author, to lecture at PSC
- September: Mrs. Caroline Frye Hobart, daughter-in-law of former Vice President Garret Hobart, dies at 80
- September: New parking area with spaces for 600 student cars is unveiled; according to parking regulations, only students unable to utilize public transportation to reach the PSC campus are issued parking permits, these rules are met with storms of protest
- September: Richard S. Desmond replaces Dr. Leon C. Hood as PSC Director of Admissions while Hood is on leave for 2 years
- September: Parking for 300-400 more cars is planned to quell student protests
- October: The organization, University Women, holds an authors dinner; guests include Guthrie Burton, Louis Ginsberg, Emily Greenaway and Catherine Wooley

1961

- January: Hebert L. Philbrick, author of *I Led Three Lives*, and a newspaper columnist and spy/counterspy who was involved with the Communist Party, speaks at PSC
- February: PSC meets requirements for membership in American Association of University Women
- February: Paterson native, former PSC student and notable photographer John Neris to appear in the film *Can Can* with Frank Sinatra and Shirley Maclaine
- March: PSC student and Wayne resident Paulette Singelakis wins the NJ Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Championship
- March: PSC librarian Juliet A. Trainor and Gladys E. Eckardt, director of Rutherford Public Library have article, "Fines, Fees and the Overdues," published in *Library Journal*
- April: PSC women win Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championship; they also won team titles in 1958 and 1959
- April: Students help move equipment to new Hunziker Hall addition; the new addition includes 15 classrooms, 8 science labs, 4 art studios, 1 conference room, 37 faculty offices, 3 reception rooms and a demonstration room (at press time Hunziker Hall houses the PSC Art and Science departments)
- May: PSC unveils new Art and Science building and food service building at Spring Guest Day (5/21)
- June: Ground broken for first PSC dormitory, which will house 148 women
- August: Gaede's Pond, a man-made waterhole used as an ice skating spot for 56 years, is filled in to pave the way for new PSC parking lot and library classroom
- September: During convocation, PSC presents Governor Robert Meyner with an honorary degree
- December: Louis Ginsberg joins staff of PSC English department as an adjunct professor

1962

- January: State approves of PSC's new Science Education major
- January: 131 Paterson area residents are listed in *Who's Who in the East*, including PSC's Dr. Marion E. Shea
- February: PSC cafeteria endures boycott by students because of "poor quality and high prices;" PSC responds by cutting prices of certain items, for example the price of hamburgers is reduced from 30 cents to 25 cents
- March: State trooper examinations are now offered at PSC
- March: PSC's Chair of Education Alice M. Meeker believes that the decline of family mealtime is responsible for the development of gangs
- March: Former PSC student Joey Dee to star in his first motion picture, *Hey Let's Twist*
- April: Dr. Herbert E. Ellis, Chair of Social Studies at PSC publishes a book entitled *New Jersey: The State and Its Government*
- May: Lawrence Wright, a PSC Biology professor, and his wife welcome their third child born on the same date, May 23
- August: Dr. Alfred Young, of the PSC Social Studies department, teaches a graduate course on the history of Bergen County; the class is called "Historical Background of the Metropolitan Community"
- November: Debate about whether to change PSC's name to Wayne State College since the institution is no longer located in Paterson
- November: Author William Lederer tells PSC students during a lecture that the U.S. is losing the Cold War
- December: PSC opens its first residence hall, named Gaede Hall; erected at a cost of \$800,000, the dormitory is for women only; residents will pay \$18 a week for a total of \$648 a year

1963

- July: PSC offers a 2-week workshop on Communism
- August: Ground broken for another women's dormitory which will house 100 residents

- October: \$9.9 million proposed for yet another PSC expansion
 - November: State approves three PSC programs: Music, Physical Education (for women) and a post-graduate program in Natural History
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Detailed Date Description of Each Scrapbook Volume

- V. 1:** September 1946- May 1949
- V. 2:** September 1946- December 1947
- V. 3:** September 1946- November 1947
- V. 4:** June 1949- July 1952
- V. 5:** November 1952- March 1969 (this volume features only library news)
- V. 6:** September 1952- August 1954
- V. 7:** November 1952- March 1955
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- V. 12:** June 1961- December 1961
- V. 13:** January 1962- June 1962
- V. 14:** July 1962- December 1962
- V. 15:** July 1963- December 1963