

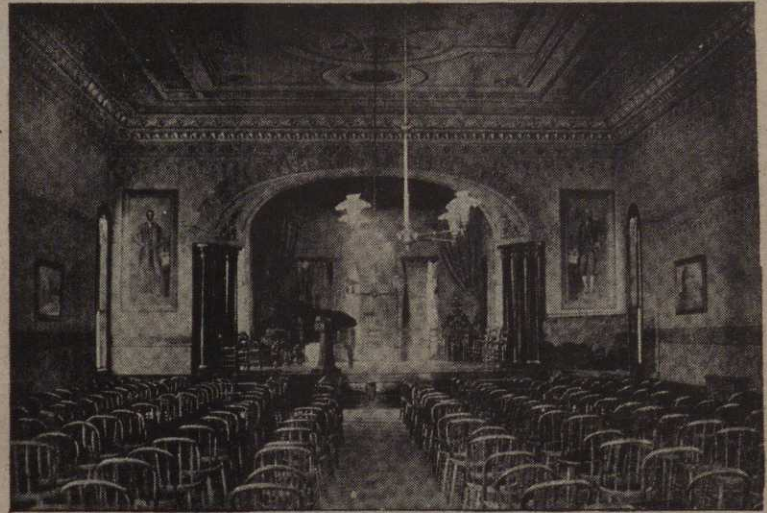
# Ghostly shades of the past find a haunt within the walls of Old Main.

*Then*



ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB

Here is the California State Normal School (Now California State College) orchestra and chorus as they appeared at the turn of the century in what we now refer to as the "Little Theater." Note the proscenium columns and the life-size portraits of Washington and Lincoln to either side of the stage. It was then known as the chapel.

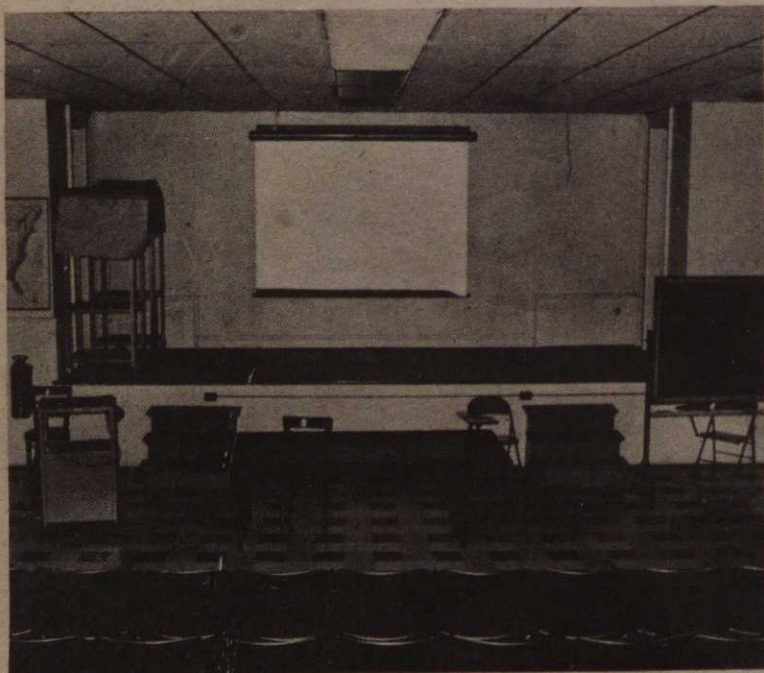


NORMAL CHAPEL

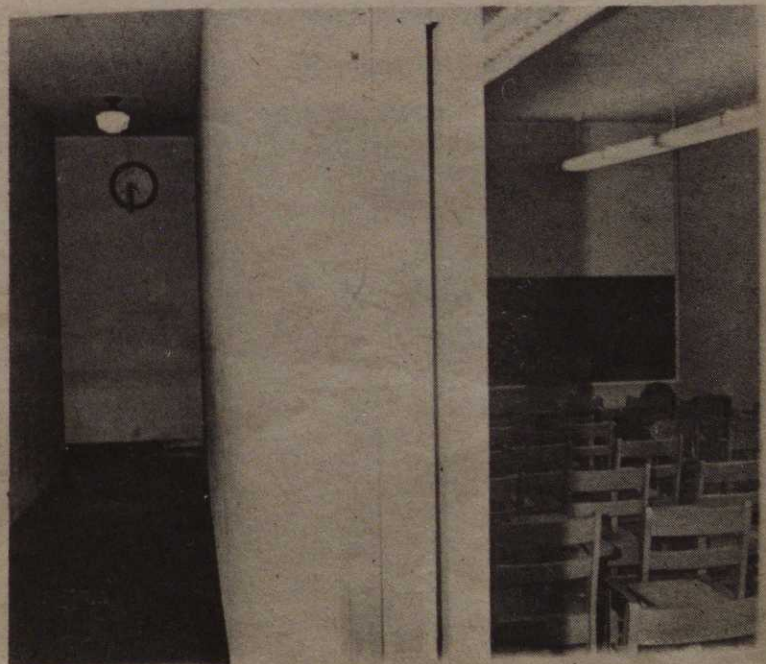
The "Little Theater" was not always "little" as this photo taken before ceilings were lowered and partitions were built shows an excerpt from the 1891-2 school catalogue from which this was taken reads, "The chapel, on the second floor of the main building, is a magnificent hall, not surpassed, if equalled, in any similar school in the State. It is 110 feet long, 44 feet wide and 22 feet high, and has seating capacity for one thousand persons."

*While now used for such mundane purposes as meetings and classes, the Little Theater once rung with the voices of William Jennings Bryan, Frederick Douglass and Edward Everett Hale and with music such as provided by the Pittsburgh Orchestra under the baton of Victor Herbert.*

*Now*



The front of the former chapel is now used for student congress meetings as well as for classes.



The rear of the former chapel was converted into corridors and two large classrooms.