

# STATE AST CLASS TO HEAR McGRATH

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Col. Morton Smith Also to Be  
Graduation Speaker at  
Kingston Saturday.

Governor J. Howard McGrath and Col. Morton Smith, G. S. C., director of the Army Specialized Training division for the First Service Command, will speak at public graduation exercises for the AST unit of Rhode Island State College next Saturday afternoon at Kingston, it was announced yesterday by President Carl R. Woodward.

Colonel Smith will represent Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, commanding officer of the First Service Command, and will deliver the address to the trainees who have been stationed at Kingston for the AST program which was activated at State College last June.

Maj. George W. Gage, C. A. C., commandant and professor of military science and tactics, will present the graduation certificates.

Following the exercises in Ed-

wards Hall, a military review in honor of Col. Smith and Governor McGrath will be held by the entire unit on the college quadrangle, Maj. Gage said.

A "Goodbye G. I." semi-formal dance honoring the trainees will be given Friday evening in Lippitt Hall by the students and faculty of the college, it was announced by Dr. Harold W. Browning, vice president, who is co-chairman with Dean Amy M. Gilbert of the general committee chosen to arrange the farewell social event for the AST Unit.

The Chi Omega cabaret will be held Saturday evening in Lippitt Hall. Miss Katherine Browning, of Shannock, is chairman of the sorority "Gay Nineties" fete.

## 700 Have Been Trained

In the nine months since the AST unit came to Kingston, more than 700 trainees have been given instruction in both basic and advanced phases of the Army engineering program by members of the college faculty. Dean Royal L. Wales, head of the School of Engineering, has been director, assisted by Prof. Frank W. Stubbs, Jr.

President Woodward has received a letter from General Miles commending the college for the administration of the ASTP at Kingston, saying, "Please accept my sincere thanks for the splendid manner in which your institution responded to and accomplished the mission re-

quested of it by the War Department."

The letter also stated that "I have just received information from the War Department that the Army Specialized Training Program at your institution will be discontinued on or before 1 April, 1944, and, unless a subsequent authorization for training ASTP Reserves is made by 15 May, 1944, the Training Unit Contract will be terminated on or before 30 June, 1944."