

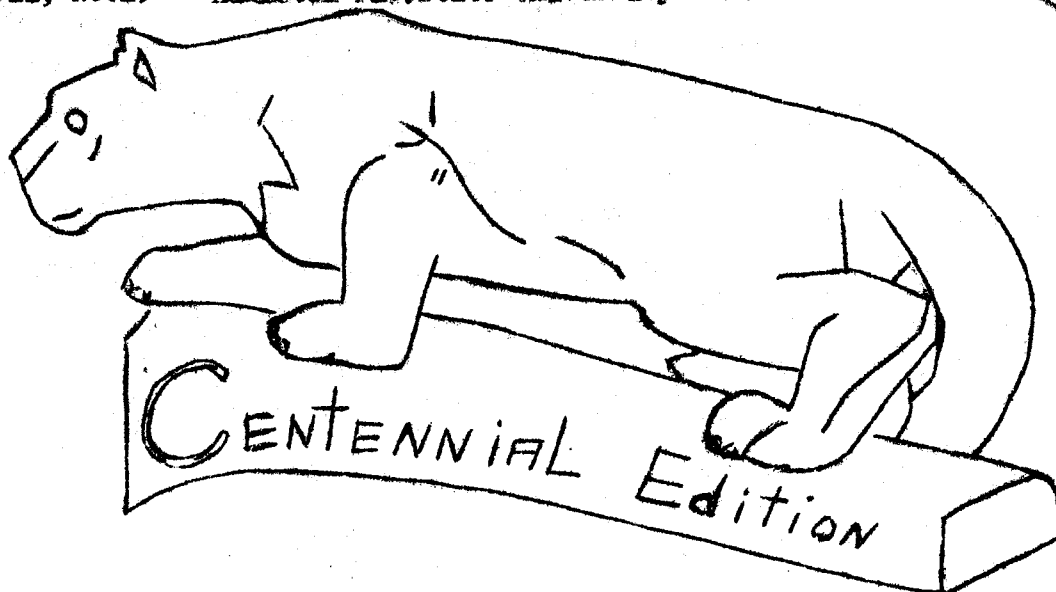
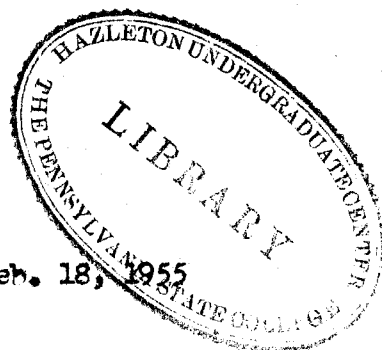
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PENN STATE - 100 YEARS OLD

Tuesday, February 22, 1955, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Penna. State University. During this century, many improvements, changes and achievements have been made which can be reviewed with pride.

From a single five-story building surrounded by a rural, ruddy, hilly and unlovely environment, Penn State grew to a beautifully surveyed campus of 140 major structures, surrounded by massive lawns, trees, and walks.

The state charter was received in 1855, but the first institution, the Farmers' High School, was not established until 1859. Since then, Penn State has changed its name three times, from the Agricultural College of Penna. in 1862, to the Penna. State College, in 1872 and finally to the Penna. State University in 1954.

In these 100 years, the student body increased from 119 to 13,000, while the faculty and staff grew from 4 to 2500. At present there are 2200 courses in the various colleges of the University - a great improvement over the 40 that were offered in the initial years. In 1861 an average of 11 degrees were awarded. Today about 3000 degrees are awarded annually and approximately 53,000 have been awarded to graduates during these 100 years. A tremendous research program has grown from a few dollars to over \$3,000,000 and a new nuclear research plant is to be dedicated at the anniversary celebration.

CENTENNIAL PARTY PROGRAM

The newly-built Hetzel Union Building will be the scene of the Centennial Dinner denoting the 100 years of P.S.U. A special telephone 'broadcast' from 8 to 9 PM will be sent across the nation to 51 Alumni clubs to give all affiliates an opportunity to hear the program from the Main Campus.

All Highacres students are invited to our main building to listen to the 100th anniversary program on Tuesday evening over the telephone. The Center will provide refreshments for all attending.