

100 YEARS OF KALINOWSKI

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Student Body at Main Campus Was
100 Years Old on Feb. 17, 1959....

It was 5:45 A.M. one hundred years ago on February 17, 1859 that 69 teenage students arose to begin the educational program of the Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania.

When these students arrived by stage on February 16, 1859, Old Main was the first and almost only building they saw. At that time only the west wing and curtain were standing. These housed laboratories, class rooms, and living quarters for the students. A rebuilt Old Main on the site of the original building still serves faculty and students as the official headquarters for administrative activity.

Students 100 years ago had a chem class at 6 A.M. They were also required to do manual labor—the amount of which helped to determine their class standing. One member of the first group of students describes the type of labor as: "loading manure, cleaning stables, chopping wood, picking, loading and hauling stone...."

Rooms were furnished as follows: "We have a double cottage bed, four chairs, a nice cherry table, a bureau with a swinging glass to it,

a spittoon, match box, dust pan and brush, a fine closet, a pitcher and tumbler to drink out of...."

There were no toilet accommodations in the building, and the only water supply was a cistern in the north curtain area, and a spring at the east end of the campus.

In order to apply for admission to the school, a student had to present evidence of good moral character. Liquor, card playing, and the possession of cards on campus was forbidden.

The first graduating class had 11 members. Their scholastic average in present-day terms included 6 "A"'s, 3 "B"'s, and 2 "C"'s. The class originally had 17 members but 4 left because of illness and 2 withdrew shortly before graduation to join Sherman on his march through Georgia.

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Center-Campus Report Heard..

The All University Cabinet heard a report by Steven Ott, chairman of the committee on center-campus integration, on Feb. 12. Among other things, Mr. Ott said that visiting students from centers and campuses may be able to attend football games and other outdoor events on Campus—possibly at half-price. Students might be able to also attend artist and lecture series events held in the Recreation Building.

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