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SUMMER SESSION TO CLOSE ON FRIDAY

Review of Work Done During the Six Weeks—Total Enrollment is Six Hundred Forty Three

The ninth annual summer session for school teachers, conducted at the Pennsylvania State College, will close on Friday of this week at 12 o'clock noon.

At ten o'clock this morning in the Auditorium the last general assembly of the 1918 summer session will be held, and from ten o'clock a. m. to ten o'clock p. m. there will be an exhibit in the Woman's Building of the articles made and the work done by the summer students in the department of home economics. At 4:30 this afternoon all candidates for state permanent certificates will meet in the Old Chapel and at seven o'clock tonight the last dancing class will be held in the Armory. In the Open Air Theater, at half past eight, the students in dramatic reading will give two dramatic performances, "The Marriage will not take place" and "Overtones."

Tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, the state examinations will begin, the places where they will be given to be announced later. From ten a. m. to five p. m. in the Old Main Building, the department of industrial and fine arts will give an exhibit of the art productions done by the summer session students in that department. At half past two in room 25 of the Liberal Arts Building, the last round table discussion of the session will take place. On Friday, all day the state examinations will be given. For those not taking them, the work of the summer session will close at twelve o'clock noon.

Review

The ninth summer session opened at the Pennsylvania State College on Monday, July 1; at the close of this day, which was registration day, the enrollment was 477; by the close of Tuesday, it had reached 558; since then it gradually increased until a total of 643 teachers registered for the session. In this number are represented sixty-six of the sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania, six other states, and two foreign countries. The first morning assembly was held on Tuesday following registration day, and immediately after this the summer session work began. The first week was somewhat broken up with registration day, the confusion of opening, and the 4th of July, but after that the work ran smoothly and progress began to be made.

In connection with the summer school, there was maintained a state summer school for continuation school teachers, which was conducted under the auspices of the State Board of Education and the Bureau of Vocational Education of the State Department of Public Instruction. This work has been very successful, as may be judged from the fact that twenty-five summer session students intend taking the examinations for continuation school teacher certificates. There was also conducted at Penn State a school for library workers, held simultaneously with the summer session for teachers. This work was under the direction of the Library Commission at Harrisburg, and quite a large number

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BIG DANCE Omega Epsilon. Friday EATS night. 9 till 2.

TWO SHORT DRAMAS TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT

This evening at half past eight in the Open Air Theater, the students of the classes in dramatic reading will present two short dramas. The first of these will be entitled "Overtones" and was written by Alice Gerstenberg. The cast of characters for it is as follows:

Harriet, a cultured woman.....
.....Miss Florence B. Grady
Hetty, her primitive self.....
.....Miss Margaret McDonald
Margaret, another cultured woman.....
.....Miss Margaret Lloyd
Margaret, her primitive self.....
.....Miss Catherine Jones

The second drama will be "The Marriage Will Not Take Place" by Alfred Citro. The cast of characters for it is as follows:

Lady Parker.....Miss Eleanor Naughten
Mr. Free, a barrister.....David D. Mason
Charlotte Bell, an actress.....
.....Miss Mary Disert

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION FOR TEACHERS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 7 to August 9

Wednesday, August 7, 1918

10:00 a. m.—Auditorium. Last General Assembly of the Summer Session.

10:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.—Women's Building. Exhibit by Home Economics Department.

4:30 p. m.—Old Chapel. Meeting of all Candidates for State Permanent Certificates.

7:00 p. m.—Armory. Dancing Class.

8:30 p. m.—Open Air Theater. Dramatic performance, "The Marriage will not take place" and "Overtones", by students in Dramatic Reading.

Thursday, August 8

8:00 a. m.—State Examinations begin.

10:00 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Old Main. Exhibit by the Department of Industrial and Fine Arts.

2:30 p. m.—Room 25. Liberal Arts. Round Table.

Friday, August 9

12:00 m.—Summer Session closes.

All day. State Examinations.

ANNUAL PAGEANT A BIG SUCCESS

"The Legend of the Gate" Presented before an Audience of at Least 1800 People

The fifth annual summer session pageant, "The Legend of the Gate," was presented last Friday evening in the Open Air Theater before an audience of at least eighteen hundred people. In every way, the production was a success, being far better than even the most enthusiastic had even hoped.

The story of the "Legend of the Gate" was written by Miss Ethel Sparks, teacher of pageantry during the summer session, and dealt with a certain gate in Jerusalem which would never be opened to the conqueror but only to the one who came in peace. The first episode of the pageant portrayed the magnificent court of King Solomon, 982 B. C., and the visit of the Queen of Sheba to the then wisest of men; Solomon showed to his fair guest the gate which he had constructed and explained to her its purpose and meaning. The part of Solomon was well presented by Prof. Frizzell, and that of the Queen of Sheba by Miss Florence Grady.

The second and third episodes depicted crusades; the former was that of the first crusade led by Peter the Hermit, portrayed by D. D. Mason, and the latter was the Children's Crusade, led by Stephen of Cloyes, who was represented by Russel Young. Both crusades, however, failed in their purpose, in that the purpose of each was to open the gate by means of warfare.

The first scene of the fourth episode showed modern Jerusalem near the tower of David, as the city was being taken by British troops under the leadership of General Allenby, portrayed by Dr. Taylor. In this scene the four beggars, impersonated by C. O. Harris, H. W. Shoenberger, L. M. Burrage, and W. S. Dye, created much humor by their excellent portrayal of the characters whom they represented. The second scene of this episode was before the Golden Gate; this showed the final opening of the Gate, Columbia, coming in peace and sending treasures from the western world, being the "sesame." The work of Miss Eida Dreisbach as Columbia was especially pleasing.

The Spirit of the Gate was portrayed by Miss Ruth Jackson, professor of public speaking at Ohio Wesleyan University, and is deserving of especial mention. The large number of singers, and dancers, including the children dancers, also did excellent work and was in large measure responsible for the success of the pageant.

—Smith's Banjo Orchestra. Omega Epsilon. Saturday night. 9:00 o'clock.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLDS MEETING

Dr. Sparks Gives Report of War Activities of Penn State—Additions Made to Faculty

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State College held last Friday, President Edwin E. Sparks presented a report of the war activities of the college. Nearly 400 officers and enlisted men of the Army are being housed in the college dormitories and commons. The men are taught the mechanics of motor trucks and airplanes by members of the engineering faculty. A contract has just been signed for 200 additional men to be admitted on August 15. Negotiations are under way with the Department of War for the erection of a temporary mess hall and a garage to accommodate these war classes after the college opens in September. The college has taught nearly 1200 enlisted men in various classes of this kind since the war began and only one case of illness has occurred.

A military training camp is in operation on the campus with an attendance of 100 volunteers made up of men subject to draft and also of officers and members of the Home Defense Guard. It is under command of Major Baylies and staff, assisted by Lieutenant Paul Perigord of the French Army. Instruction includes practical trench work, target practice and map making. This camp is under joint control of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense, the Department of War, and the college.

Although the college has had compulsory military training since 1867, the students were never formally enlisted in the Army. Beginning with the next semester, every male student will be regularly enlisted in the National Army. He will receive a uniform from the Quartermaster General and during the vacation camp will receive pay and subsistence. If he reaches the draft age before graduation, he will be placed on detached duty to complete his course provided he has a good scholastic and military record. After graduation, he will enter an officers' training camp along the line of service he selects.

Under these favorable conditions, the prospects for a large attendance next year are good. At this date, 462 Freshmen have been admitted. Enlistment and the draft will reduce the number of upper-classmen; but the large number of students enrolled in the exempted Engineer Reserve and Quartermaster Reserve Corps will produce a goodly number of the upper-classes.

To assist the U. S. officers detailed to the college for giving an intensive military instruction to the students next year, seven members of the faculty and seventy-two undergraduates are spending two months at the Plattsburg Training Camp at the expense of the Government. These are in addition to the 102 members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps who were at Plattsburg during the month of June. Of the 2088 students attending the camp from the various colleges and universities in the Eastern States, 200 were selected for special commendation and Penn State won 84 of the 200.

The gymnasium training next year will be made to serve a military purpose and will be fashioned after the physical

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INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION COURSE IS POSTPONED

The twelve-day summer session in industrial organization and management which was to have been conducted by the school of engineering from August 5 to August 17 will not be held this year. The main reason for the postponement is the absence of Major Hugo Diemer, professor of industrial engineering, and Lieutenant J. Orvis Keller, instructor in industrial engineering, both of whom are in army service.

DR. SPARKS AT WASHINGTON

Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, president of the college, left Monday for Washington, D. C., where he will consult with the government officials concerning the new quota of drafted men who are to come to the college for special industrial training about August 15. There will also be a discussion about the plan by which students may return to the college in the fall, and by enlistment in the Student Training Corps, be enabled to complete their college course. Dr. Sparks will likely return today.

FIRST SEMESTER TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 11

Large Freshmen Class Expected—Changes Made in Military Program of College

The first semester of the Pennsylvania State College will open on Wednesday morning, September 11th; registration days will be on Monday and Tuesday, September 9th and 10th. Everything will go on as last year, but the motto of the college has been changed to "Business as Unusual."

At such an early date, it is almost impossible to estimate the number of students who will be back, as many have been drafted and others have enlisted. However, there are prospects of a large freshman class. The advance registration on July 1st was 275, on July 10th, 353, and to date it is 470. Present indications are that this class will be as large as, if not larger than, the freshman class of last year. Regarding the other three classes there is more doubt. However, it is thought that the new ruling described last week, will enable a large number of students to return, who otherwise would have been taken for military service before the end of the college year. By this ruling, students under twenty-one may return to the college, and on the opening day, September 11th, enlist in the Student Training Corps of the National Army. Then each one will be supplied with a uniform by the Quartermaster General and should he become twenty-one before graduation, he will be placed on detached duty to complete his college course if his scholastic and military records are acceptable. After graduation, he will be eligible for an Officers' Training Camp in some chosen line of service.

The attendance in the two year courses in agriculture will be somewhat doubtful. There is now quite a large enrollment of first year men, but it is not quite up to the number of last year. The indications are, however, that there will be a fair attendance. Several letters have also been received from

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FINAL ISSUE

With the publication of this issue, the last number of the 1918 SUMMER COLLEGIAN goes to press. In as much as the summer session closes on Friday, and many teachers will be leaving before that time, it has been deemed wise to change the date of publication for this issue to Wednesday. The paper will thus reach our subscribers just a day earlier than it would otherwise.