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WELCOME

The SUMMER COLLEGIAN extends a hearty welcome to the students of the Summer Session. To those who have been here before nothing need be said concerning the advantages of Penn State, but to those who come for the first time a little may be said about the college.

Located almost in the geographical center of the commonwealth, Penn State is easily reached from almost any point. Environment is of the best. There are three hundred acres of beautiful green campus surrounded by some rare mountain scenery. A delightful summer climate and cool quiet evenings are almost traditional. The atmosphere is healthful and stimulating. Any one who spends a summer at Penn State will not forget these things, but will tell about them to friends and so spread the name of Penn State.

POLICY

It is the policy of this paper to print one issue each week during the Summer Session. The date of publication will, after the first issue, be on Tuesday of each week. The subscription price is twenty-five cents for the six weeks.

The SUMMER COLLEGIAN is the official college newspaper of the Summer Session. On the front page will appear the official calendar for the week. Students are advised to consult its pages for authentic college news and notices.

DR. SPARKS STARTED SUMMER SESSIONS

With the approaching opening of the college summer session, older faculty members and townspeople are reminded of the founding of the special session feature by the Dr. Sparks shortly after he became president.

After working for months with the idea, the first summer school was launched in the summer of 1910 and from the start was a success. Only about one hundred attended the first session but it became so well known after the first year that its future success was never doubted.

The Penn State Summer Session was always a favorite feature of the college. Dr. Sparks, however, gave his own personal attention and effort that made possible the establishment of practically all the year-round sessions to the state of Pennsylvania. It early featured a special course for rural ministers in which Dr. Sparks was also greatly interested.

The session this summer, which starts on Monday July 7, promises to be even larger than that of last year and the Summer Session office now expects an enrollment of over 2000. The peak of summer attendance was reached two years ago, fifteen years after the session started, when over 2600 people were enrolled for courses.

"AG. BUSINESS COURSE" STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

"The business course in agriculture" is the term that has been applied approximately to the new course in agricultural economics that will get under way in the school of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College next September.

According to R. G. Beesler, vice-dean of the agricultural school, the course of study is prepared to meet the many demands for business training for farmers and those who expect to enter positions of responsibility in enterprises related to agricultural life and needs. He also points out that the present is an excellent time for young men who are agriculturally inclined to take such training as there is a big demand for men versed in the economic phases of agriculture. All qualified freshmen applicants for the four year course can be admitted this fall, he adds.

STUDENTS WORK IN COLLEGE ORCHARDS

Students in the horticultural course at the Pennsylvania State College who have just finished their third year are spending six weeks getting actual experience in the college orchards. The first week of their summer work period, the week of July 21, will be spent on an inspection tour of the large orchards of Pennsylvania and nearby states.

Doctor Erwin W. Runkle Prepares Review of Penn State History

A history of the Pennsylvania State College along with many interesting sidelights has been prepared by Dr. E. W. Runkle, librarian of the college. This history will appear in six installments in the SUMMER COLLEGIAN.

View and Reviews of Penn State

I—Period of Beginnings 1876-1881

- (a) Beginnings in Nation and State of Industrial Education (b) The Farmers' High School—Origin and Charter, February 22, 1877 (c) Founders—Governor James Pollock, James H. Duff, Frederick W. W. W. McAllister, Elliott Crosson, W. G. Waring (d) First President, Evan Pugh 1878-1881 (e) Letters and "Snap-shots" of early days (f) Re-founding—Federal Land-Grant—Accepted by Pennsylvania and "faith pledged" April 1st, 1883

Federal act signed by President Lincoln, Pennsylvania's acceptance by Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin

II—Period of Experiment 1881-1882

- William H. Allen 1881-1882 John Frazer, 1882-1883 Thomas H. Burrows 1883-1884 James C. Galley, 1884-1885 Joseph Shattilidge 1885-1886 Acting Pres. V. McKee, 1886-1887 Experiment in Courses, Policies and Processes

III—Period of Foundations 1882-1921

- George W. Atherton 1882-1906 Acting Judge James A. Beaver, 1906-1908 Edwin Eric Sparks 1908-1920 Men, Measures and Developments

IV—College and Union Era, John Milton Thomas, 1921

Progress, Results, and the Future

The Pennsylvania State College owes its origin to a persistent wave of interest in industrial and technical training on the part of the people themselves. A great nation with high-bred resources in land, mine and forest, with abundant raw materials for manufacture with expanding trade and commerce must gain herself with new education the means. A boundless expanse to the West and Northwest which railroads to build roads to cut telegraph lines to construct, new sources of energy to discover and apply, such a nation must train the hand as well as the brain, the slave of tools must become the master of tools. This interest was shown in Pennsylvania quite early. A remarkable pamphlet by George Logan was published in Philadelphia in 1800 entitled a letter to the citizens of Pennsylvania on the necessity of promoting Agriculture, Manufactures and the Useful Arts. He makes an association whose object shall be to procure from the fertile soil of Pennsylvania every production it is capable of affording and from the labor and ingenuity of independent citizens every article of manufacture and of the useful arts necessary to render our country happy, prosperous and truly independent. Prior to this, on February 11th, 1785, "23 eminent citizens" who "had a propensity to agriculture" at the sign of the Cock in Front Street and framed the Philadelphia Society for promoting agriculture. This was at that time the only Agricultural Society in the Union. The seal of the society bore the motto, "Venerite the Plow, and Washington, Jefferson and Franklin were reckoned among its members. In the country at large the new

movement for industrial training was slow in taking root. The federal government provided at West Point for military instruction, and this institution founded in 1802 doubtless merited the title of the first scientific school in America. One of the early graduates of this institution, established a military school which, later developed into Norwich University, the oldest Scientific institution in New England. It is interesting to note that Greek and Latin were made obligatory, and that in the announcements of the early forties the University claimed that it prepared men to become agriculturists, merchants, manufacturers, teachers, surveyors, engineers or soldiers. The "fruitful experiment of Eaton, the Pennsylvania Polytechnic Institute was opened in 1825. This was the first scientific school not on a military basis, and its avowed purpose was "the application of science to the common purposes of life." In 1847 and following years the Lawrence, Sheffield, and Chandler Endowments formed the nucleus of scientific and industrial training at Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth respectively.

Here were the beginnings of a broader education, a professional training other than law, medicine and theology. But much remained before a system of agricultural and industrial education was realized, many prejudices had to be lived down and time worn traditions set aside. In these early days the scientific school was kept distinct from the College proper, the student of the "classics" was considered superior to the student of the sciences. Andrew D. White writing in 1874, says the science student was of a different caste. He lived in a different building, had lectures and recitations in different rooms, was graduated at a different time and place. He was not considered as property of the graduating class of his year. No matter if was that young men taking scientific studies were considered as lost souls or as having no soul at all they were not admitted to student seats at Chapel—they were practically held as of inferior order. The cry of "cow colleges" "base mechanics" epithets littered the State Colleges had their earlier seat in the vision of the strength of traditional institutions.

At the University of Michigan the scientific industrial student was first recognized. There they received instruction and graduated side by side. The rise of the People's Colleges, the Land-Grant Institutions so called, with one of which we are particularly concerned, aided in establishing the genuine democracy of all learning. These institutions arising from the upward push of the masses to power, independence and dignity constitute the hope of democracy.

The year 1850 marked a decided and wide-spread interest in Agricultural education, also. A report upon Agricultural Education in Europe to the Legislature of Massachusetts affirmed that in foreign countries there were 22 agricultural schools ranking with the best colleges and universities in the number of sciences taught, while there were 54 which would compare favorably with most American Colleges. It is remarkable NOTED THIS, says the report that the United States should not have a single institution of the kind. Various influences were in operation in diverse places to remedy this defect, and in no State is the matter more clearly or intelligently stated than by the first President of the Board of Trustees of our own institution, the Hon. Frederick W. W. McAllister. Thus it came about that Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Ohio and other States were at work at about the same time in establishing facilities for industrial training.

STATE COLLEGE GETS MANY MOTOR VISITORS

The annual "motor visiting" season has set in at State College. Scores of automobiles find their way from various parts of the state each week for brief stops on the campus of the Pennsylvania State College. They come from both city and rural districts, and frequently the college is the main objective for a two or three day or an over-night pleasure trip. Most automobiles parties passing through State College on the Horse-shoe Trail or from other routes take time to run over the main roads on the 200 acre campus of the college. The campus buildings and the features at the agricultural school are most frequently visited.

The motor dairy barn with its fine specimens of pure bred dairy cattle is probably the most interesting spot for all visitors. Gift animals from dairy breeders of the state have filled many of the empty stanchions at the college barn. The college creamery is never missed by those familiar with its famous products, ice cream, butter and cheese.

ANNUAL RECEPTION ON FRONT CAMPUS

The annual reception for the summer session students will be held on the front campus next Saturday night at seven o'clock. Faculty members will be present and refreshments served. The purpose of this gathering is to promote a greater feeling of fellowship and to permit students to get acquainted. In case of rain, the affair will probably take place in Old Chapel.

STUDENT REPUBLICAN CLUBS FOR COOLIDGE

Student Republican clubs at 500 colleges, universities and normal schools will be ready to give active support to President Coolidge and Gen. Charles G. Dawes in the coming campaign, Director John J. Hamlin of the College Bureau of the Republican National Committee announced today. In addition, thousands of alumni have been enrolled to co-operate with the undergraduate organizations in carrying out a uniform program of mass-meetings and speeches for the Republican candidates.

BRICKMAKING ONE OF OLDEST PENNA INDUSTRIES

Brickmaking in Pennsylvania is as old as the state itself, according to Professor F. B. Shaw, of the ceramics department of the Pennsylvania State College school of mines, who a few days ago delved into historical records for data concerning the clay products industry of this state which now turns out more than \$30,000,000 worth of work each year.

William Penn himself in a letter dated July 16, 1683, says "I have here one of our state's best clays for bricks and has been used since 1683 Penn said "Divers bricklayers going on, many cellars already stoned or bricked and brick houses going up." Further records show that the first brick house was erected in Philadelphia that year and it was admired so much that many others sprang up within a short time. Professor Shaw through his studies aims to make the new department at State College function to the best interests of the clay industries through research and teaching.

The clay industries of Pennsylvania are constantly drawing trained men from other states. In this state will soon be furnishing its own supply of men from the new State College department which is the first to be established in any college in the Keystone State. Mr. Shaw states that all qualified applicants for the four year ceramic engineering course will be admitted to the next freshman class.

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AUCHENBACH'S WILL MAKE WESTERN TOUR

Under the management of Fred M. Waring of Waring's Pennsylvaniaans, Auchenbach's Serenaders will play theatre and dance music at Colorado Springs this summer. Like Waring's orchestra, which also originated on the Penn State campus, Auchenbach's Serenaders will carry the name of Penn State to the west. The engagement will start July first with stops in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Kansas City and a final six-weeks sojourn at Colorado Springs, beginning July twenty-first. The return itinerary will include stops at the larger cities ending in Pittsburgh about September seventh.

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