

## GRADUATE SCHOOL WILL GRANT Ph. D.

Board of Trustees Authorizes Confering of Degree—New Bulletin Is Out

### INTEREST IN RESEARCH IS RAPIDLY INCREASING

With the opening of the present term, the Graduate School of Penn State is authorized by the board of trustees to grant the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. A greater number than ever before is enrolled in the Graduate School, and it is felt that interest is increasing in this department. A bulletin has been issued stating the conditions and requirements of the school, and it can now be obtained at the office of the dean, Dr. F. D. Kern, in the Botany Building.

In his statement at the June meeting of the board of trustees, Dr. Thomas called attention to the increased interest of the present staff in research and growth in numbers of the school, and said that the authorization to grant the new degrees has already had a stimulating influence. President Thomas feels that this interest will increase if the college can in time provide an annual budget allowance for publishing papers by the staff, and for graduate fellowships to be awarded as honors.

The Graduate School Dean, Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School, recently prepared a paper in which he fully explained the Scholarship and the Graduate School. He says that graduate study is comparatively new in this country, but within a generation has become almost indispensable to our educational system.

The primary function of a graduate school is to provide for the advancement of learning and the training of students to play a part in the advancement of learning. Routine requirements are reduced to a minimum, and as far as they exist, they are for the purpose of furnishing discipline and methods necessary for independent investigation. Curricula do not exist but a program of study is prepared for each individual.

The object of the graduate school is to surround the student with conditions that will enable him to devote himself to some field, and courses of study are less used in graduate study progress. The conferring of advanced degrees is a means of recognizing scholarship, for high attainment of scholarship is of primary importance. Two Master's degrees were conferred in 1922 at this college, and the next year there were eleven resident graduate students. The number enrolled in this work was small until 1907, when a gradual increase was noted, except

during the war period. The total enrollment up until 1922, the year in which graduate work was organized on a school basis, is given as 896. In the first year of its existence, there were 177 registered in the new school and forty-two advanced degrees were conferred.

## PENN STATE Y. M. C. A. OBTAINS NEW SECRETARY

W. J. Kitchen Defers Appointment at Chinese College To Take Temporary Post Here

W. J. Kitchen '19, deferring his appointment to teach at the Canton Christian College in China with "Daddy" Groff, is temporarily the general secretary of the Penn State Young Men's Christian Association.

He served as associate secretary with "Cider" Olmstead in 1920 and 1921. Entering the Union Seminary at New York City he acted as one of the part-time secretaries of the Columbia Christian Association in the first year and took graduate work in the School of Education. During the last two years he was secretary of the Intercollegiate Student Christian Association of the Columbia Medical College.

He married Miss Beatrice Segaworth who is also under appointment to go to Canton College last June, but both deferred starting one year in order that some one might be procured for the secretaryship of the Penn State "Y."

Kitchen stated that he has no set plan, but conceives the work as a student proposition in which he is the adviser and assistant. He said that the "Y" should be a center for the rallying of the moral forces of the campus and for a better Penn State. He also said that the purpose is to apply the Christian way of living to the situation in which one finds himself.

The cabinet meeting which is to be held at the Pineside County Inn on Saturdays and Sundays is to formulate a program for the coming school year. The '25 Cabinet will have charge of the Freshman Reception. It is hinted that the freshman coeds may also be present.

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## NEW HEAD APPOINTED FOR CADET REGIMENT

Lieutenant Colonel McLaughlin To Take Position Vacated by Captain Febiger

The new head of the Military Science and Tactics Department at Penn State, Lt. Col. Cincad McLaughlin has arrived at the College and is preparing for the opening on Wednesday. A cadet regiment of over seven hundred is expected this year including the thousand new students who will enter as freshmen. The new commandant has served during the World War as a Major and Lieutenant Colonel and has seen twenty-eight years of service.

Colonel McLaughlin first enlisted with the Michigan National Guard in 1895, but was soon transferred to the United States Infantry. With the opening of the Spanish-American War his regiment saw service in Porto Rico until it transferred to the Philippines.

Since the Philippines he has been in the Philippines. In October 1909, McLaughlin was commissioned as a second lieutenant as a result of the examination, and was ordered to the Twenty-first In-

fantry in the Philippines. From this time until 1909, he served almost continually in the Philippines, rising to the rank of Captain. He returned to the Vancouver Barracks in Washington, serving as regimental adjutant and post adjutant.

The governor of Oregon selected McLaughlin as Colonel of Infantry in 1917, being authorized by the War Department to accept the commission. He took his regiment to the Mexican border in 1918, having command of all troops on the border of South in California.

With the declaration of the war with Germany, he served as instructor at various training camps until 1918 when he was appointed Inspector General at Washington, D. C.

## SENIOR RETURNS FROM SUMMER SOCIAL WORK

W. C. Listman '25 has recently completed a seven weeks' study as a member of the College Summer Service Group, a body of American university men who are chosen annually by the Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A. of New York City to gain a first-hand knowledge of present social problems of the metropolis.

Listman was engaged in social work among the tenement dwellers of the famous East Side while he was in daily contact with the "submerged" people through frequent visits to their squalid quarters. Twenty-eight men from all sections of the nation composed the seven weeks' group of students and as this work will be continued next summer Penn State will have another chance to send a representative.

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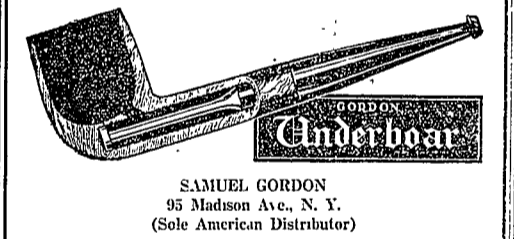
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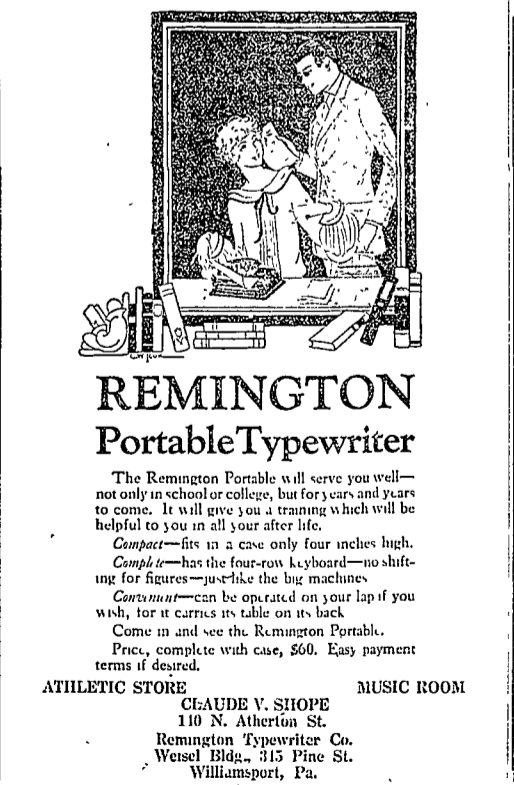
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