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WELCOME TO PENN STATE

Beginning with registration today, Penn State once again opens its doors to the seekers of education throughout the country. For the past sixteen years the attendance at this institution during the summer months has steadily increased so that at this, the 1925 session, more than two thousand men and women are expected to enroll in the six schools representing more than thirty departments.

Decided advantages, other than those of natural beauty and the invigorating atmosphere of this peaceful Nittany Valley, call many persons away from the torrid heat of city streets to further their educational interests at Penn State for the short duration of six weeks. A competent staff of professors, a well regulated and complete library, excellent sporting facilities, and a busy and thriving town, all of these aid in making this an ideal place for summer work.

Many of those who enter the Armory this morning will be but renewing acquaintances. Many, however, will be strangers. To all the SUMMER COLLEGIAN bids an hearty welcome. Many mental and physical benefits can be obtained at Penn State during these next few weeks. But like all other forms of work and play the participant should expect to receive no more than he gives. Honest and well applied effort to courses will bring satisfaction to the worker in knowledge gained, hard, clean play during off hours will likewise bring forth added physical vigor.

The opportunities are here, they need only to be administered with a little enthusiasm to bring forth gratifying results. We bid you welcome.

THE ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

The announcement that there will be offered to the summer students an entertainment course has been received with enthusiasm. In former years similar programs have met with so much response that the authorities have added an extra number to the course, providing a total of six for the 1925 season.

That the entertainment course will be of the highest order is evidenced by a glance at the program: William Gustafson; the Tolfesen Trio; the Coffey-Miller Players; Lorado Taft;—none of whom can anyone afford to miss. That they have been secured to offer their products at Penn State becomes all the more important when it is known that each entertainer has a reputation of national or international renown.

The nominal price of a single admission to each performance has been set at seventy-five cents, but tickets for the entire course of six numbers can be purchased in advance at a much greater saving and besides assuring the purchaser a permanent seat at each performance.

INCREASED ENROLLMENT NOTED IN MUSIC COURSE

Discontinuance of the school for summer sessions in West Chester normal school has resulted in an increased enrollment for music courses at the Penn State summer session. Dean Will Grant Chamberlain announced recently that a number of former normal students have already re-enrolled their credits to Penn State and will continue their work here to qualify for a degree.

After this year the same course will be given at Penn State as was offered at West Chester. The demand for

complete music supervisors in the public schools is increasing each year and the Penn State music department under the direction of R. W. Grant is rapidly gaining a reputation for turning out highly qualified instructors and supervisors.

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Includes positions like Captain, Manager, Assistant Managers, and names like M. P. Koesterer, Hugh Jones, J. W. Fergie, J. N. Stearns, H. H. Travis.

DR. THOMAS RESIGNS PENN STATE PRESIDENCY

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Thomas to give up his work here for a month in the middle of each of the past two college years.

Pratt's Faculty

Brief in the future of Penn State and its faculty was expressed by President Thomas in his farewell address to the graduating class at the Commencement exercises on Monday afternoon. He declared that the agriculture and industry of Pennsylvania cannot go forward without the service that is within the power of this institution. He also praised the service and stability lent to the college by Judge H. W. Mitchell, president of the board of trustees.

While it is generally known that Penn State has been severely handicapped through cuts in legislative appropriations and that the duties of Dr. Thomas have been made more difficult as a result, he maintains that the old time traditions of the northern New Jersey post were irresistible when the offer came to him some weeks ago, and he gave it every consideration.

Future at Rutgers

Dr. Thomas has always said that Penn State has the greatest future in any state college or university in that it has unlimited possibilities for growth and service but feels that at Rutgers he will have the same opportunities for building up an institution of the same stature as Penn State. The New Jersey institution has an enrollment of about 1600 men and women students in two colleges, less than half the size of Penn State. It is one of the oldest colleges in America and has great traditions. It is believed it will be able to build up instruction in technical courses, especially in engineering and agriculture and has selected Dr. Thomas for his great record at Penn State as the man for the position. The New Jersey state legislature has already designated Rutgers as the New Jersey State University and has made provision for state support, as the land-grant institution.

At New Brunswick, Dr. Thomas points out he will be but a short distance from East Orange, where he has lived for 15 years. Opportunities at Rutgers, his friendships there and his knowledge of the state and its people, are he states the reasons for his accepting the new position.

Some Records

Penn State now has a record student enrollment of 372 compared to 222 in 1921 when Dr. Thomas became president. The summer session jumped from 1140 to 1975 last summer. In 1921 the college reached 14,730 men and women with resident and extension instruction and in the year just closed it has reached over 27,000 people not including the thousands of farmers reached daily through the agricultural extension service and county agents in all but two of the 67 Pennsylvania counties. The faculty has increased from 410 to 700, most of the increase being in the extension field.

In his statement and in talks since his resignation was announced, Dr. Thomas has said nothing about state support other than that for years the top positions have been far below the careful estimates prepared. Investigation of the records shows that appropriations of the past two legislative sessions have been below the total signed by Governor Spaul in 1921. In this year the appropriation was \$2,781,000 not including a deficit item of \$271,000 and including \$250,000 for the erection of Wats Hall and the beef cattle barn. In 1923 the Legislative Council on Higher Education recommended an appropriation of \$2,919,111 and the Legislature passed its bill in that amount both at the session of 1923 and that of 1925. The college trustees requested \$3,961,922 in 1925 and the governor, receiving the legislature's bill, provided \$2,997,915 out of it \$2,165,600. At the past session the college asked for \$3,929,220 as

the minimum amount needed to adequately conduct its affairs on its present scale and without new additions to its service departments. The governor signed the bill for a total appropriation of \$2,773,000, an increase over the 1923 figure of \$100,000 for agricultural extension and \$87,470 for agricultural instruction and research.

Harrisburg Comment

From the Harrisburg Telegraph of last Monday we clip the following: "In the absence of Governor Pennock no state official would comment upon the resignation of Dr. Thomas." When Dr. Clyde L. King, the chief budget officer, was asked about the appropriation reference of Dr. Thomas, he said: "In 1923 State College got the same as in 1921. You will recall that there was a general cut that year and it received what it had been granted two years before. In 1925 there was an increase of five per cent in its appropriation over that granted in 1923." "The most surprising thing about the resignation of Dr. Thomas was a surprise at the Capital."

Newspapers of the state have selected upon the legislative appropriation item in Dr. Thomas' statement as a logical reason for his leaving here and the comment of some of the leading newspapers is reproduced in this issue of the COLLEGIAN.

Following the departure of Dr. Thomas in September the administrative affairs of the college will be in the hands of a special committee of senior deans with Judge Mitchell as chairman. They are Deans W. H. Sackett and Stoddard, Comptroller R. H. Smith will act as executive secretary to the committee. The trustees made this arrangement at their Saturday night meeting.

President Thomas will leave State College next Monday for a month's vacation at Woodstock, Va. and will return at the beginning of August, remaining until about the first of September. He will, of course, officiate at the Summer Session Commencement of August 6.

Resolutions By Trustees

The letter of Dr. John M. Thomas to the Board of Trustees, to the effect that he has been tendered and has accepted the Presidency of Rutgers University and for that reason tenders his resignation as President of the Pennsylvania State College is received with great surprise and the deepest regret by all of the Trustees of our institution. Our reluctant acceptance of Dr. Thomas' resignation is caused only by the letter itself not leaving the Board any discretion in the premises. But in so accepting the Prud of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State College feel compelled to express their deep regret at this most unexpected termination of Dr. Thomas' term on our behalf.

And to further express its sincere appreciation of the value of his service with us, of the profound impression made by him on the life of our college, of his eminent fitness for the position, from which he is now voluntarily retiring, of his loyal, zeal, breadth of vision and sympathetic attitude toward all departments of Education, and above all, of his splendid personality, his Christian character and broad human sympathies.

THE COMMITTEE, James L. Hamill, Ellis L. Orvis, F. P. Williams, State College Pa. June 11, 1925.

Pennsylvania than it has received. It is the people's college. It must look to the state government for its building program as well as for its financial support. It is a State institution in every sense of the word but it has seldom been treated as anything more than a mere minor interest to which an occasional small appropriation might be tossed as a bone to a hungry dog.

Yet its popularity is attested by its ever growing student enrollment and it has a devoted alumni body, active in all parts of the State. It is the one school to which poor girls and boys can look for continuation of their high school education. It is, indeed, the natural apex of the State's educational system and it deserves better treatment than it has received. Dr. Thomas' letter of resignation says so much between the lines, it deserves a second reading.

And Dr. Thomas having resigned, what educator of note will care to succeed him? Who will take the impossible task of making one State institution do the work of ten? Developments of the next few months at State College indeed will be highly interesting to all who are interested in the needs and interests of State College. It will not have been in vain.

State's Duty to Penn State

From the Pittsburgh Courier-Times: "Pennsylvania State College ought to be adequately supported by the Commonwealth, which owns and operates it. The work it is attempting to do and doing excellently to the extent of its limited means, should be left to other institutions. This is not a new thought but it is brought sharply to public attention by the resignation of Dr. John M. Thomas from the presidency of Penn State."

He explained that for many years legislative appropriations to the Penn State College have fallen below official estimates prepared by the institution. The money to this by Dr. Clyde L. King, chief budget officer, is that in 1921 State College got the same as in 1921. You will recall there was a general cut that year, and it received what it had been granted two years before. In 1925 there was an increase of five per cent in its appropriation over that granted in 1923.

The attitude indicated is that State College is properly treated as a support plant on state lands, whereas it is a public institution entitled to complete support from the state. Penn State cannot do about begging money without shaming all the people of the Commonwealth. It cannot extend its services and expand its facilities making provision for the constantly growing number of Pennsylvania who resort to it for instruction which the state is obliged them, unless the Legislature makes adequate appropriations.

A pathetic note of deep meaning is sounded by Dr. Thomas where he says that it is not the hard work a man does which wears him out, but the good work which ought to be done which he cannot do owing to circumstances beyond his control. We may scold the trustees who deflected a market the best side, but we cannot ignore the fact that the best man—and Penn State needs the best—cannot for long be commended by institutions whose services and progress are hampered by unappreciation of the controllers of the purse strings. More practical concern for State College should be manifested at Harrisburg.

Dr. Thomas Made Great Record. Even though he worked under severe handicaps during his four years

as president of the Pennsylvania State College, Dr. John M. Thomas who is to become president of Rutgers University in September, has established an enviable record here.

"Service to the Commonwealth" has been his watch-word from the time he arrived on the campus, April 15, 1921. His policies for expansion of this service in residential instruction, research and extension were outlined in his inaugural address, October 14 of the same year.

One of his first accomplishments was the organization of a graduate school, closely followed by a school of education with well known educators placed at the head of each. A college senate was constituted in the legislative hall instead of the large general faculty. He averaged more than 50 addresses a year outside of the college during the four years, most of them given before farmers and business men organizations within the state, visiting almost every county. Four decisions were handed down from the attorney general's office during the college's tenure as a state-owned institution. Annual reports were issued and sent to thousands of alumni and friends of the college.

An \$5,000,000 bond issue resolution for a constitutional amendment to provide buildings and equipment for the college was passed by the last two sessions of the legislature and is ready to be presented to voters at such time as the supreme court may decide. The college funds were increased by 274 acres purchased and 302 acres leased. A men's dormitory system was begun with the erection of Wats Hall with its funds secured in 1921 and Wats Hall was opened last fall as the first building to come from a \$2,000,000 emergency building fund campaign started in 1922. A beef cattle barn also was built. A campus development plan was adopted and \$11,000 added to trust funds.

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