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## Hiking Routes Abound In Nearby Mountains

**Town Reservoir at Shingletown Gap Offers  
Favorite Retreat for Hikers  
From State College**

Students interested in outdoor recreation and hiking have splendid opportunities to take advantage of numerous mountains and trails which lie within a few miles of State College.

Probably the most popular hike is the one to Shingletown Gap, only four miles south of town. It is here that the reservoir on which State College relies for a portion of its water supply is located. Excellent views of State College lying in the Nittany valley can be obtained by climbing the side of the gap.

Three miles beyond Shingletown is Bald Top, a treeless, steep mountain 2,300 feet in height. From its peak, a view of many miles of mountains and country is afforded. It can also be reached from Boalsburg, which is five miles south of State College.

Musser's Gap Trail

To the west of Shingletown Gap is Musser's Gap. From this gap, a trail leads between the first and second mountains to Shingletown. The gap can also be reached by following the top of the first mountain.

One of the more interesting and longer hikes is the one to Bear Meadows, a swampy region in the valley of the fourth ridge of mountains south of State College. Here are found many rare plants and animals. The Meadows can be reached by passing

through Wright's Gap, east of Shingletown.

Four miles beyond the Meadows is found the Nature Study camp, which, except for last year, has been operated by that department of the College in the summer months. A short distance farther is the Alan Seeger Memorial, practically a virgin plot of forest trees.

About six and a half miles by the State road from State College is located Pine Grove Mills, which is so called because formerly two mills in a white pine grove were situated there. By passing through a gap in the mountains above the village, and climbing the second ridge, the hiker can obtain an excellent view on a clear day. A new road to the top of the mountain makes climbing easy.

About two miles farther, the road crosses Laurel Run which leads to the east and joins with the Bear Meadows road. About a mile from Laurel Run, Whipple Dam is located, where excellent swimming and camping facilities are found.

The most famous mountain is Mount Nittany, in whose shadow nestles the little town of Lemont, about three miles east of State College. From the summit of Nittany, Penn's Valley can be seen running between the Nittany and Seven Mountain ranges and extending into the Nittany Valley between the Bald Eagle range and the Seven Mountains.

The Barrens, a sandy region composed of soil too poor for farming, is found north of State College. The region is almost completely covered by scrub oak and underbrush, although at one time, large quantities of iron ore were mined in that vicinity.

Scotin, six miles from State College, is one of the small towns in this area whose remains may still be seen. It was here that Andrew Carnegie was reputed to have made his start in life; and at one time, he installed large steam shovels there to work the ore pockets.

In addition to the many hiking routes emanating from the town, automobilists may find interesting trips to the many limestone caves, both wet and dry, in which this region abounds. Many other interesting natural formations are also found nearby.

## Statistics Show Common Student Age as 20 Years

Twenty is the average age of Penn State students, statistics compiled by William S. Hoffman, College registrar, show. The ages of undergraduates here last year ranged from sixteen to forty-nine years.

Of the 4,181 undergraduates enrolled at that time, 258 were eighteen years of age, 758 were nineteen, 903 were twenty, 857 were twenty-one, 676 were twenty-two, 351 were twenty-three, and 164 were twenty-four, while the other 206 students extended their age limits over the other thirty years. The two youngest men here last year were sophomores, both being sixteen years of age.

Nineteen was the average age of the freshmen, with the oldest forty-seven; while the sophomores, with an average one year older, had as their oldest member a man of forty-three years. Juniors ranged in age from eighteen to forty-two years, with the majority being twenty-one; while the senior class, with the only 'forty-niner' in College, had an average of twenty-two, the youngest member being nineteen.

## Presbyterian Faith Claims One-Fifth of Student Body Here

Totalling 842, Presbyterian students enrolled at the College last year numbered one-fifth of the student body, according to a religious classification announced by William S. Hoffman, College registrar.

Methodists ranked second with 721, while Lutheran were third. Roman Catholics were next, followed by Reformists, Protestant Episcopalians, and Hebrews.

Twenty-nine different religions were named on the list, including nearly all of the known Christian faiths. Seventy-seven students failed to cite a preference on their reiteration cards, while 221 failed to specify their religion, merely indicating that they were Protestants.

Although most of the religions named showed a decrease in followers from last year's list, there was no change in the ranking of the major groups. The Roman Catholics were the only group to record a gain.

## SCHOLARSHIPS, 8 LOANS AID WORTHY STUDENTS

Applications for 1933-34 Awards Exceed Available Funds

Thirty-nine scholarships, in addition to the State senatorial awards, and eight loan funds of various kinds are available for deserving students in the College this year, according to the general catalogue.

Efforts are being made to distribute these funds to those students who are most deserving. Each scholarship is listed in the College catalogue with the requisites for obtaining it. In addition, eleven prizes will be awarded during the College year.

Information concerning any of these awards is usually obtained from the office of the Dean of Men or the Dean of Women. Applications, however, have again exceeded the available funds this year, according to the reports.

P. S. C. A. CATALOGUES ROOMS

Temporary and permanent rooms available to students are being prepared and will be ready for Freshman Week distribution by the Penn State Christian association.

## INTERUNIV SPORTS EXTENSIVE HERE

**Provide Athletic Training For  
Those Lacking Varsity  
Team Calibre**

For the benefit of the majority of students at Penn State, who are unable to meet the requirements for varsity competition, an extensive system of intramural athletics has been developed by Hugo Bezdak, director of athletics.

The program includes all sports represented in intercollegiate competition, in addition to some not included on varsity schedules. Fraternities, clubs, and non-fraternity units compete for honors in tournaments which are conducted in each sport. The tournaments are directed by experienced coaches and instructors, although it is not the primary purpose of the plan, quite frequently valuable material for varsity teams is discovered.

Fraternities Cooperate

During the past year the fraternities have cooperated in delaying the dinner hour from 5:30 o'clock until 6 o'clock, and the majority of classes have been eliminated from between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. These two improvements have made possible a full two-hour period for recreation and all-student athletics.

The increased participation of students shows evidence that intramural athletics at the College is growing steadily in importance. A total of 853 students, representing 57 groups, took part in the annual intramural touch-football tournament last fall, while that total was swelled to 1,076 students during the season by cross-country and horseshoe competition.

Sixty teams took part in the basketball tournament, while individual champions were crowned in the boxing and wrestling competition. In addition to the major sports, intramural handball and volleyball were conducted during the winter season. More than sixty students participated in the former tourney, while three times as many entered the latter competition.

Sports conducted during the spring season included horseshoes, tennis, golf, soccer, track, and lacrosse. Football, for those desirous of learning the fundamentals of the game, was featured during the spring competition.

At student sports council is selected each year to control the intramural athletic affairs of the College. A general manager is named by this group, as well as separate managers for each of the three seasonal divisions. The manager for each season assumes responsibility for the sports conducted during that season.

## 10 Penn State Alumni Occupy Places In Pennsylvania Legislative Bodies

When the General Assembly of Pennsylvania convened at Harrisburg last winter, ten Penn State alumni took their seats, five in the Senate and five in the House of Representatives, according to an article in the Penn State Alumni News.

Graduates or former members of the classes of 1892, 1893, 1901, 1904, 1906, 1914, 1915, 1920, 1921, and 1925 were in the legislature last session. Four were elected to the governing body for the first time last fall.

Richard S. Quigley, a former member of the class of 1906 and a resident of Lock Haven, was the senior of the group. He was elected to the lower house in 1919 and the Senate in 1922, where he has served ever since.

Richard W. Williamson '03, a lawyer in Huntingdon and a former president of the alumni association, was elected to the Senate in 1926 and re-elected in 1930. Dr. Leroy E. Chapman, a former member of the class of 1904 and a practicing physician in Warren, was elected to the Senate in 1932.

The youngest in years of the entire Penn State representation was Joseph G. Armstrong Jr. '25, of Pittsburgh, who went to the Senate in 1930. Joseph R. Ziesenheim '15, who is engaged in farming in Erie county, was elected to the upper house at the recent fall elections.

John L. Holmes, a former member of the class of 1892 and now a resident of State College, was the dean of the Penn State group in the House of Representatives. In the fall elections he was re-elected to serve his fifth term, a record which no Centre

**TRACK COACH APPOINTED**

Following a long term of service here as coach of track and cross-country, Nate J. Cartmell resigned his position last spring. Charles D. "Chick" Werner, formerly of the University of Illinois coaching staff, was appointed during the summer to succeed Cartmell.

John W. White scholarship as a senior and is now one of the editors of the Pennsylvania Farmer and a member of other important agricultural groups. James K. Ruby '21, a member of a Pittsburgh law firm, was elected to the legislature for the first time last fall.

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