

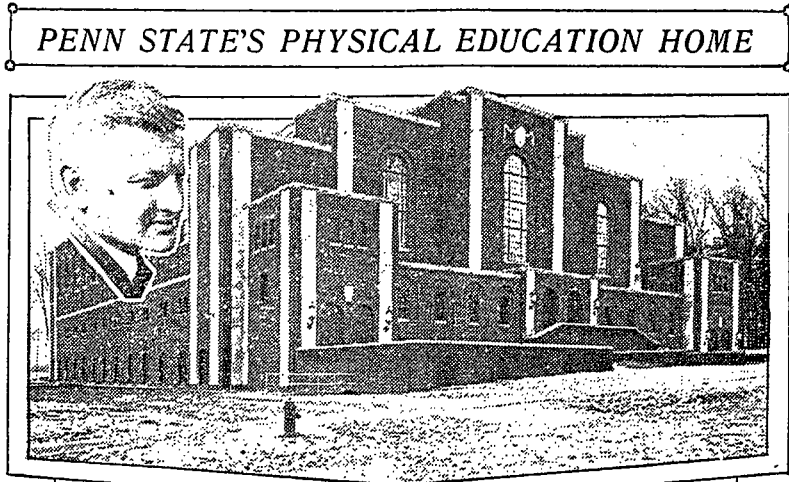
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Visiting Chapel Speaker



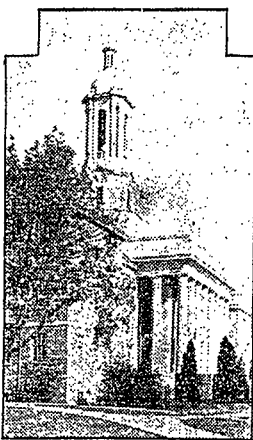
PITT VAN DUSEN
Visiting Chapel Speaker



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Visiting Speaker



DR. FULLER SHEEN
Visiting Orchestra Leader



OLD MAIN



RICHARD K. BEAMISH
Visiting Speaker



DR. JAMES GORDON GILKEY
Visiting Chapel Speaker

Recreation Hall, center of activities and life at Penn State, is also the location of the three major class dances each year: Senior Ball, Junior Prom, and Soph Hop, as well as of many Student Union and

after-game dances during the winter term. For the major affairs, the leading bands of the country play, while campus orchestras fur-

nish the rhythm for local affairs. Hugo Bezdek (inset) is head of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, which has headquarters in the building.

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College Was Known As Farmer's High School in 1863

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erton, had been found, destined to serve nearly a quarter of a century. He received an institution of one building, Old Main, completed in December, 1863, a massive but forbidding structure, with a dark, almost prison-like interior, a student body so depleted in numbers that it scarcely exceeded the faculty, and with a reputation and name over the State (however unjust) of an educational failure and not entitled to the proceeds of the Land Grant.

With rare determination and insight, he placed the work of the institution squarely upon its charter, won the people of the Commonwealth to its support, found in Governor James A. Beaver, a life-long friend of the College, a tower of strength and enthusiasm.

A revamping of Old Main was begun, over-crowded departments began their exodus to new buildings. The schools were organized in 1896, dormitories were erected, a University Inn, and the first buildings by private donors, the Carnegie Library and Schwab Auditorium. Agriculture began its modern development with a building program and expansion of facilities under the aegis of The Allied Agricultural Societies in 1900. Engineering owes its first adequate housing to Governor Pattison who became a warm friend of Penn State during his second administration,

while most caustic in his denunciations in his vetoes of the bills of 1883 and 1885.

Liberal studies were strengthened, departments of physical education, forestry, home economics, the calorimeter and research activities were established, a Summer School and Farmers' Institutes fostered.

Dr. Atherton left the institution firmly established in the hearts of the people of the Commonwealth as the crown of the free public school system, an institution of nearly one thousand students, thirty buildings, nineteen four-year courses, and (with surprisingly few omissions) all the major lines of development of a modern State university, at least in embryo.

Thus the College groped its way during the first quarter century. It "found itself" under President Atherton during the second quarter century. Its rapid development has come during the third quarter century, and peculiarly so in the last five years. President Sparks, Thomas and Hetzel are three different types of executives. Under Dr. Sparks the student body grew almost phenomenally, popularizing and extension activities were greatly increased, the Summer School established on a new basis in 1910. Comprehensive building plans were outlined, and genuine additions to the plant made. More adequate support was provided in which the active cooperation of Governor Tener should be noted.

President Sparks bore a huge burden during the Great War—a burden which sapped his strength to the breaking point, leading to his retirement in 1920. Dr. Sparks handed over to President John Martin Thom-

as an institution with 370 on the faculty and a resident student body of 4,016.

The services of Dr. Thomas of four years was marked by plans for a greater Penn State, a better physical plant, made adequate legislative support. The College campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for welfare buildings was organized and vigorously carried on, appearances through the year.

The \$8,000,000 bond issue was proposed although not realized since the revenues of the State were assured adequate to meet the new building program. Four permanent buildings were erected and the School of Education and the Graduate School established.

September 24, 1926, Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel was called to the presidency and a new Penn State began rapidly to realize itself. An adequate

campus plan and the following new buildings which were dedicated as part of the Seventy-Fifth Celebration tell something of the external story: Recreation Hall, Engineering Building, Mineral Industries, Old Main, Frear and Grange Dormitories, Liberal Arts, and Chemistry units, Power Plant, Botany Building, Hospital Service Building, and other permanent units.

The inward history of change and development is even more significant. A new freedom to teach, a more liberal environment in which to learn, a continuous search for avenues of service to the Commonwealth—these are some of the spiritual factors which are moulding a new and inner Penn State while the campus is undergoing an almost complete transformation.

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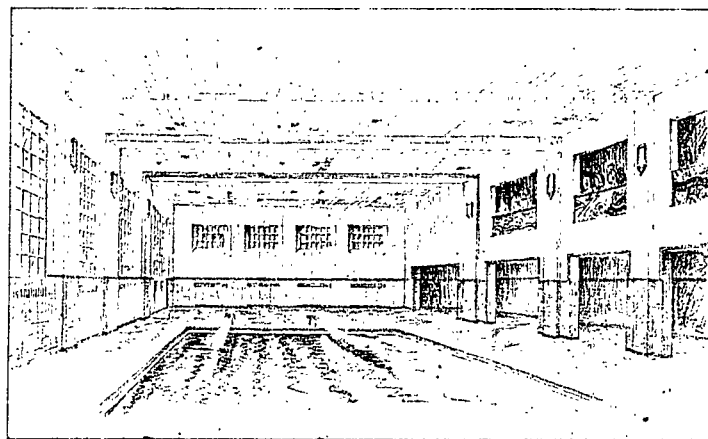
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