

Plan for Free Hospitalization Will be Effective This Semester

Health Fee Raised From \$5 to \$10 Yearly

A revolutionary student health plan calling for a week's free hospitalization and elimination of service charges will go into effect this year under the direction of Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the Health Service and College Physician.

For the first year the hospitalization will be on a trial basis. To finance the plan the semester health fee will be raised from \$2.50 to \$5.

In order to accommodate the 25 per cent increase in infirmary patients estimated by Dr. Ritenour, a doctor and three nurses will be added to the present staff of five doctors and nine nurses. The new staff members have not been selected but will be chosen before the start of Freshman Week on September 11.

The increase in the size of the nursing staff has necessitated the establishment of a nurses' home, on the campus, the Packard farm on Shortridge Road.

The hospitalization plan was first introduced by the Student Health Board in May, 1939, and was presented to the Board of Trustees in June of that year. At that time the board failed to approve the plan and returned it to President Ralph D. Hetzel for further consideration.

President Hetzel and the Student Health Board eliminated sections calling for the College to employ a staff surgeon and to permit staff physicians to answer calls from students in town. After getting the okay of Dr. Ritenour, the plan was again sent to the Board of Trustees which approved it on January 26 of this year.

Student applications for free hospitalization must be approved by the Health Service even though hospitalization is recommended by an outside physician. Stays of longer than seven days in the infirmary will be charged for at the regular rate of \$2.50 a day.

Giving reasons for the expected increase in infirmary patients, Dr. Charles D. Dietterich, assistant College Physician, said yesterday. "Formerly, many students felt that they could not afford to pay \$2.50 a day for hospitalization and

College Physician



Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, has forwarded the plan by which students will have free hospitalization for the first time this year. (See column one.) He also has plans for a celebration of the Health Service's 25th anniversary which falls this year.

consequently stayed home. Now they won't have that excuse.

"Others," he added, "preferred to stay at home and place themselves in the care of a town physician. Under the new plan it will be possible for them to stay in the infirmary and still have a town doctor at approximately the same total cost as before."

Average Student Visits Health Service 11 Times

A health study of the Class of 1939 has shown that fewer than one-half of one per cent of the class went through College without requiring treatment at the College dispensary or infirmary.

Students who did require treatment, said Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the health service, made an average of 11 trips each to the health center during their four years. The records showed that the 1831 students who at one time or another belong to the Class of 1939 missed a total of 21,781 class hours on account of illness.

Road To Bellefonte May Be Ready Oct. 1

Two crews of workmen are pushing work on the new highway between State College and Bellefonte in the hope that operations can be completed by October 1.

One gang is working from State College toward Lemont and the other from Rockview penitentiary toward Lemont.

Until the work is complete, State College residents driving to the county seat at Bellefonte must use one of two detours. The first route passes through Boalsburg, Old Fort, Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap. The other follows Route 322 out North Atherton street to Buffalo Run and takes the road to Bellefonte from there.

Recent Death of Thomas Creates Trustee Vacancy

The death of John Ira Thomas, state secretary of mines, has created a vacancy on the 32-man College Board of Trustees which will continue until a new secretary is appointed by Gov. Arthur H. James.

Secretary Thomas died on July 18 and was buried July 22. The secretary of mines was made an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees by last session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

'Popeye' A Step Ahead of Science

"Popeye" of the comic strip may have hit upon a more scientific principle than he realized in stuffing himself with spinach, which contains vitamin A. Experiments with rats at the College have thus far shown that foods containing this vitamin are conducive to physical activity.

The experiments were conducted by Dr. N. B. Guerrant, professor of biological chemistry, who declared that the effects produced in rats may be the same in humans. Common vitamin A foods include spinach, butter, cod liver oil, and carrots.

In some of the tests, the rats were allowed to take voluntary exercise in special types of rotating cages, and in others the cages were rotated a definite number of times daily, a practice which forced the rats to "go for walks."

The animals which were fed no vitamin A were less inclined to exercise voluntarily than those which were allowed an adequate amount of this food element in their diet. The energetic rats made smaller increases in body weight and required less vitamin A than the lazy rats, apparently because their systems made better use of the food eaten.

The animals which took forced exercise were "put in training" for several days by Dr. Guerrant before the tests were started. Some probably would have been unable to travel the required 1,000 revolutions of the cage and would have become exhausted if they had not been "hardened" in much the same manner as athletes or others who perform hard physical labor.

Psychology Reigns, If You Don't Mind, At State This Week

This is psychologists' week at Penn State. More than 1200 psychologists—members of four different organizations—began arriving on the campus Sunday to attend a series of conventions which began Monday and will continue through Saturday.

The American Psychological Association's meeting promises to be the most heavily-attended. Most of the psychologists plan to attend it and also one or more of the other conventions.

The three other psychological conventions are being held by the American Association for Applied Psychology, the Psychometric Society, and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. A fifth convention, meeting in conjunction with the psychologists, is being held by the American Speech Correction Association.

Fifteen faculty members, including Dean Marion R. Trabue of the School of Education and Dr. Bruce V. Moore, head of the department of psychology, are members of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Moore was a member of the executive committee during the year 1939-40. Dean Trabue is a member of the Board of Affiliates of the American Association for Applied Psychology.

A new four-unit greenhouse has allowed Rutgers University to expand its work in plant biology.

Seamans Only PSCA Secretary Left From Last Year As Associates Leave



HARRY SEAMANS



JACK PUTNEY



RUTH MABEE

D. Ned Linegar and Miss Agnes Highsmith have been named associate secretaries of the Penn State Christian Association to succeed Jack Putney and Ruth B. Mabee, both of whom resigned to accept other positions. Harry Seamans, general secretary, remains.

Both Mr. Putney and Miss Mabee had been with the PSCA three years. Mr. Putney has accepted the executive secretaryship of the Intercollegiate Alumni Association in the New York City YMCA. Miss Mabee has become industrial YWCA secretary at Jackson, Mich.

The new men's associate secretary received his undergraduate degree at Miami University, Oxford, O., where he was a leader in several student organizations. He received an M.A. degree in sociology at the University of Cincinnati and served as assistant secretary of the university "Y". Since

that time he has studied for an M.S. degree in psychology and group work at the George Williams YMCA training college in Chicago.

Miss Highsmith is a graduate of Wesleyan University, received an M.A. in English literature from the University of Georgia, and received a B.D. degree in religion in higher education from Yale University. She was associate secretary at the University of George Student Christian Association for three years.

In other PSCA staff changes, Mrs. Mildred McIlvane and Mrs. Grace Fortney have resigned as office secretaries. They have been replaced by Miss Edith Cairns '39 and Anna Mary Gardner, a graduate of State College High School.

Petroleum Laboratory Enlarged For Research

Approximately 1,000 square feet of new floor space has been added to the petroleum refining laboratory, where an extensive research and testing program is carried on by a staff of 30 technicians. Much of the program is supported by Pennsylvania oil producers.

The additional space, created by converting the loft of the laboratory building into a second floor, was made necessary to accommodate a growing amount of heavy equipment.

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Lv. State College	8:00 A. M.	2:05 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Ar. Bellefonte	8:30 A. M.	2:35 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
Ar. Lock Haven	9:30 A. M.	3:45 P. M.	8:30 P. M.
Ar. Williamsport	10:30 A. M.	4:45 P. M.	9:35 P. M.
Lv. Williamsport	8:30 A. M.	3:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Ar. Lock Haven	9:40 A. M.	4:05 P. M.	8:05 P. M.
Ar. Bellefonte	10:40 A. M.	5:10 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. State College	11:10 A. M.	5:40 P. M.	9:45 P. M.

LOCAL BUSES—STATE COLLEGE AND BELLEFONTE

From State College—8:00 A. M., 12:10 P. M., 2:05 P. M., 5:10 P. M., 7:00 P. M., 10:00 P. M.

From Bellefonte—7:15 A. M., 10:40 A. M., 1:10 P. M., 3:00 P. M., 5:15 P. M.