

Buildings Will Open With Only 45 Per Cent Of Equipment Installed

(Continued from page 1)

ture. In that case, administrative and student activity offices will probably use the vacated space in Old Main.

Offices in the Liberal Arts Building have been occupied by the dean's staff, English composition department, English literature, and other departments in the Liberal Arts School. The old English Composition Building has been converted into a home management house for the use of the department of home economics.

The \$300,000 Burrowes Building, designed to house the School of Education, was dedicated on August 1. Most offices are still in the old structure but preparations are being made to move them in the near future.

At present, no formal dedication ceremonies are planned for any of the other buildings. Three agriculture buildings—Forestry, Agricultural Engineering, and Frear Laboratory (Agricultural Science)—will be informally dedicated at brief ceremonies held in connection with other affairs.

A housewarming for forestry alumni will be held on October 11 to mark the opening of the new Forestry Building. The Agricultural Engineering Building will be dedicated in connection with a meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Machinery Dealers Association on November 13 and 14. Ceremonies at Frear Laboratory will be held during a meeting of Pennsylvania chemists. This date has not yet been set.

The Electrical Engineering Building, sections of which were in use last year, will be used in its entirety.

The 11 new buildings bring to a total of 13 the structures completed within the last two years. The other two buildings are Frances Atherton Hall, women's dormitory, and Mary Beaver White Hall, women's recreation building.

The buildings completed under the GSA program and their costs of construction are: Liberal Arts, \$460,000; Education, \$300,000; Library, \$450,000; Mineral Industries, \$120,000; Chemistry and Physics, \$800,000; Agricultural Engineering, \$90,000; Electrical Engineering, \$465,000; Frear Laboratory, \$575,000; Poultry, \$90,000; Service, \$25,000; and Forestry, \$165,000.

4-Year-Old Government Institute Boasts Impressive Service Record

Institute Secretary



Prof. Harold F. Alderfer, a member of the political science department, is executive secretary of the Institute of Local Government. His report on its rapid progress appears in column three.

Report By Alderfer Shows Rapid Progress

Established four years ago as a wholly new feature in Pennsylvania higher education, the Institute of Local Government of the College today can boast an imposing line of services which benefit every municipality in the state.

A four-year progress report, prepared by Prof. H. F. Alderfer, the executive secretary, revealed that the institute now edits and publishes official magazines for six separate local government organizations, besides sponsoring service meetings and clinics, training students for government service, and keeping local officers posted on new ideas and methods.

The magazines, having a combined circulation of 5,800, are published for the League of Cities, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Borough Bulletin, Probation and Parole Officers, Township Commissioners, and County Commissioners. Three of these have been started since January.

In the field of clinics and meetings, the institute sponsors annual meetings of city assessors and municipal and local finance officers, and an annual traffic school and laboratory school for police officers.

Students who have been graduated in the public service major now hold posts in a number of federal and state departments, including the U. S. Civil Service Commission and the State Department of Internal Affairs. Others are employed by such groups as the Pennsylvania Economy League.

In cooperation with the Institute of Local and State Government, University of Pennsylvania, the institute distributes factual reports on joint purchasing, manager governments, and other studies, and is preparing a standard manual for Pennsylvania assessors. The Penn State institute also offers a correspondence course in accounting for the benefit of municipal officers.

Summer Session Degrees Reflect College Growth

Although less than a third as large as the June exercises, the recent summer session commencement conferred 189 advanced degrees—which is as many as were awarded by the College during the first 48 years of its existence.

The growth of the institution is reflected likewise in the number men. The 118 bachelor's degrees says Registrar William S. Hoffman. The 118 bachelor's degrees awarded last month are only two less than the total given during the College's first 22 years.

Total degrees conferred during the year ending in July numbered 1670, the highest in the College's history. Of these, 1157 were awarded at the June commencement, 220 at the midyear graduation, and 293 at last summer's exercises.

We've No Background For English, Prof Says

Dr. Douglas S. Mead, professor of English literature, laments the fact that teachers are too busy studying other subjects to learn any Old English.

When Johnnie asks such questions in school as "Who put the 'w' in answer?", "Why is the feminine of fox vixen?", "Why do we say sing-sang and not bring-brang?", his teacher probably tells him, "I didn't make the English language. Learn it as you find it."

Consequently, Johnnie must act through blind obedience rather than thorough knowledge, Dr. Mead says. He believes this is an unwholesome procedure and suggests that teachers and pupils alike learn more about the history of the language.

College Registrar



Registrar William S. Hoffman has had the job of selecting 1,575 members of the class of 1944 from almost twice that many applicants. He reports that the class is scholastically as well prepared as any ever entering the College. (A full report appears in the article on page one and below.)

Record Freshman Class Will Boost Enrollment

(Continued from page 1)

ton, DuBois and Altoona. The center previously operated at Uniontown has been abandoned after operating with insufficient enrollment last year.

Applications this year were about 200 less than last year, totaling 2,654 on August 21 as compared with 2,837 a year earlier.

The ability of the students accepted, however, is as good as last year's class which met the highest standards ever established by the College. Half of the freshmen were in the first fifth of their high school classes and 80 per cent were in the upper two-fifths.

The decrease in applications was marked chiefly by a falling off in the lower scholarship brackets. This group, Mr. Hoffman believes, is being absorbed into the spurting war industries.

Business Jump Shown for State

Business in 15 leading cities of Pennsylvania showed an average improvement of 7 per cent in June over the same month of last year, the Business Survey of the College reported today.

At the same time, the level of general industrial activity about the state registered one of the sharpest monthly increases since last fall, advancing 8 per cent from May. This gain, which was contra-seasonal, brought the index to 82.7 of the 1923-25 average, the highest point since last January.

The first six months of 1940 produced substantial gains over the same period of 1939. Industrial activity as a whole jumped 18 per cent in that time.

June business in individual cities, based on bank debits, independent store sales and factory payrolls, were as follows compared to the previous June: Johnstown, 27 per cent; Pittsburgh, 21 per cent; Erie, 18 per cent; Harrisburg, 14 per cent; Allentown, 11 per cent; York, 11 per cent; Lebanon, 10 per cent; Altoona, 8 per cent; Wilkes-Barre, 8 per cent; Williamsport, 6 per cent; Reading, per cent; Lancaster, 5 per cent; Hazleton, 5 per cent. Philadelphia, because of a sharp drop of 17 per cent in bank debits, declined 0.6 per cent, and Scranton, affected by a drop in payrolls, declined 1.4 per cent.

Old Farmers Poorer

Incomes of farmers 45 years of age or older are lower than those of younger farmers, according to a seven-year study of 1,262 Centre County farms conducted by J. E. McCord, professor of farm management and agricultural economics. Farmers over 55 had consistently lower incomes.

College Admits Record Number of Transfers

The College during 1939-40 admitted more transfer students and more graduate students than in any previous year, College Examiner Carl E. Marquardt revealed today in his annual report to President Ralph D. Hetzel. The combined total admitted was 1271.

Transfer students, who had their credits transferred from other institutions, number 490. They came from 132 different colleges in 32 states and enrolled here in 37 different undergraduate curricula. Three hundred of them were from Pennsylvania institutions.

Graduate students enrolled at the College in 52 different majors, coming from universities throughout the country. Dr. Marquardt reported that 72 per cent of the 535 admitted held degrees from institutions other than Penn State. In addition, 166 students were admitted as general graduate students and 80 as non-resident undergraduates.

University of California's Davis campus has a new \$325,000 library-administration building.

THE MUSIC ROOM

WELCOMES YOU

"COME IN AND GET ACQUAINTED"
Largest Dance and Classical Record Stock
In Central Pennsylvania

Radio Service and Music Supplies

GLENNLAND BUILDING

DIAL 2311

WELCOME '44
A Good Place to Shop For
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

—is—
McKEE'S MARKET

"If It Grows We Have It"

131 West Beaver Avenue

WELCOME, CLASS OF '44



LET US CHECK YOUR CAR

• STORAGE • LUBRICATION • REPAIRING
116 McALLISTER ST. ECKLEY GARAGE DIAL 833

CLASS OF '44!

Make the College Boot Shop

Your Headquarters for Footwear in
State College

For the Men—
Taylor-Made Shoes
For All Occasions

For the Women—
Selby Styl-eez
Fine Shoes

THE COLLEGE BOOT SHOP

Formerly S. P. S. Shoe Store

135 S. Allen St.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT