

Alum Aids Reconstruction Of Yen Ching University

A graduate of the College, interned for four years by the Japanese, is playing a major role in the reconstruction of Yen Ching University at Peiping, China.

He is Sam M. Dean, a native of Mt. Carmel, who in 1912 received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, then, 26 years later, returned to the College to receive a bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering.

For his work during the 1937-38 term, he was cited for outstanding scholarship.

Dean, who worked his way through four years of college by rolling Penn State "stogies," tending babies, and doing other odd jobs, first went to China in 1914 as a Presbyterian missionary.

Prior to the war, he served as principal of the Institute of Engineering Practice, which was associated with the Presbyterian Building Bureau for China. In that capacity he trained many engineers and architects and was largely responsible for the design and construction of hundreds of buildings in all parts of China.

Dean also was on the staff of Yen Ching University Engineering College until the Japanese invaded Peking and interned him. Although aware of the imminent danger of internment, Dean refused to leave Yen Ching. On November 18, 1940, he wrote:

"Our American consuls sent us four letters telling Americans they ought to leave these shores and that ships were being sent to take us away. A good many hundreds of Americans are leaving China. Something less than 200 left Peking on Thursday last. Personally, I am teaching so many hours a week at Yen Ching University and our Institute (35 hours total at present) that I am kept too busy to talk or hear or worry about rumors. I can not alter matters one jot by thinking about them, so I had best do my work the best I can and if we can pass, O.K. If we are stopped, then we do the next best thing."

After returning to Yen Ching last fall, Dean was assigned to the job of working with representatives of the North China Industries to restore the school. In a letter to Dean H. P. Hammond, of the School of Engineering, he tells how the invading Japanese seized Yen Ching.

"The Japanese did not like Yen Ching University. They messed it up considerably," Dean wrote.

Block and Bridle Plans Exhibition of Livestock

Drawing for animals for the "Little International," livestock exhibition to be sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club on April 13, will be conducted at the meeting of the club in 206 Agricultural building at 7 p.m. Monday.

The student will prepare to show and fit the animal that he draws at this time for the Spring exhibition.

Lawrence C. Madison, professor of animal husbandry, will speak at this meeting on the subject, "Fitting and Showing Hogs."

In a letter to Rev. Donald W. Carruthers, rector of the Presbyterian Church, he wrote.

"Since the Japanese used Yen Ching as a hospital, much of the damage done was due to Japanese ignorance rather than to planned sabotage, though all scientific apparatus and most furniture was gone.

"We found pipes and radiators burst by freezing. The sewage system was clogged and abandoned. The power plant was a mess. None of the machines or boilers had been kept up and some of the largest and best had been removed."

But Dean also wrote of other troubles they face in the re-opening of Yen Ching.

"Professors and staff salaries are so low they will not even buy a month's food. Friends have sent in coal, and grain was found on the campus, so salaries are being paid partly in coal and grain for those who are not mission representatives."

Dean, who suffered with amoebic dysentery as a result of his internment, plans to come to the United States this summer. He wants to visit the College again.

"Four years as a prison camp plumber has shut me off from all knowledge of modern engineering's huge advances," he wrote.

"I plan to come to America next Spring and spend a year in assimilating data and working out the needed engineering college plant and equipment. It is natural that I should think of Penn State as a sort of center from which I can work; from whose staff I can get advice and perhaps introductions to the men I should meet on other campuses."

Plant Expert Joins Ag Staff

J. O. Dutt recently joined the staff of the Agricultural Extension Service of the College as the new vegetable specialist. Mr. Dutt majored in horticulture as a member of the class of 1939.

A native of Northumberland county, the specialist spent two years following his graduation as assistant extension specialist on horticulture at the University of Nebraska, and then took graduate work in vegetables and plant breeding at the University of Minnesota.

He had a total of 43 months service in the Army's Ordnance Department, entering as a private and being discharged as a first lieutenant. He spent 30 months overseas, much of that time in Hawaii at an ordnance depot.

While a student at Penn State, Dutt spent his summer vacations working as a fruit and vegetable inspector under the co-operative project of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets, gaining valuable experience in grading and standards of quality vegetables.



Frank Schneider

IFC President Accepts Job

Frank Schneider, recent president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, has left the College to accept the position of field secretary for Tau Kappa Epsilon, national social fraternity. Schneider was president of Tau Kappa Epsilon's Pi chapter at the College during the fall semester.

He was graduated from the Liberal Arts School in the summer of 1945 with a B.A. degree in Commerce and Finance, but resumed his undergraduate status when he returned as a sixth semester student in Industrial Engineering.

Schneider was active in campus activities including Lion's Paw, Farmi Nous, and All-College Cabinet. During the war he served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Night Classes to Begin In Typing, Shorthand

Beginner's courses in shorthand and in typing will be offered on the campus by Central Extension starting on March 19.

Each course will cover 32 hours of work. Classes in typing will be held from 7 to 8:30 p. m. in 9 Sparks on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes in shorthand will meet in 3 Sparks from 8:30 to 10 p. m. on the same nights.

Anyone desiring to enroll in the courses may register at 201 Central Extension Building during the day or between 7 and 8 p. m. on March 13 and 14. Registration fee for each course will be \$14, and texts for the shorthand courses will cost about \$3.90 and for the typing course, \$1.90.

Courses in advanced typing and advanced shorthand may be offered at a later date, if sufficient requests for courses of this type are received.

X-G-1 Information

Veterans who have entered school this semester are requested to report immediately to the Veteran's Administration. This is necessary to receive the subsistence checks each month.

Nominations for Burgess and council members for Windcrest were held last evening. The voting will take place next week.

The Dean of Men's office reports that 1003 veterans were admitted for the spring semester. This exceeds the originally intended figure by more than 200. This was made possible by the cooperation of the fraternities and the townspeople with the housing problem.

Mr. Galbraith's office reports

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