

Ritenour Came, Stayed Just Because Of A Sign

Curiosity about a campus sign led Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour into a job that lasted 29 years and became his life's work.

Back in 1916, while attending his 15th reunion, Dr. Ritenour saw a sign, "College Health Service," on the building now known as Beecher House. Curious, he entered and met Dr. W. E. Forsythe, who, in 1915, had been named the first director of the College Health Service.

"I was impressed with the work," Dr. Ritenour says.

The following year, after reading that Dr. Forsythe had resigned, he inquired about the position. President Sparks invited him to come to State College to visit him and then offered him the job.

Thus, in June, 1917, Dr. Ritenour began his 29 years of service as Director of the College Health Service. The story of his work on campus is the story of the College Health Service.

From a staff that consisted of himself and a dormitory nurse in 1917, he built the health service to a staff of five physicians, eleven nurses, four clerks, two technicians, and five helpers in the infirmary.

In 1941-42, when the College reached its enrollment peak, 55,000 student visits to the dispensary were recorded in addition to the visits made by new students for compulsory physical examinations.

Highlight in the history of the health service was the opening of the present infirmary in 1929. It was presented by the Potato Growers of Pennsylvania. The building, with a normal capacity of 30 patients, can accommodate as many as 50 persons.

The infirmary proved its need shortly after it was opened, Dr. Ritenour recalls. There was a scarlet fever epidemic and the new hospital was filled with stricken students.

But the most serious epidemic during Dr. Ritenour's 29 years with the health service was following World War I, when an influenza epidemic swept the country. Everybody at the College pitched in and helped, Dr. Ritenour recalled, and many of the women operating rooming houses in town cared for their stricken students. The State Director of Health later commended Dr. Ritenour and the College Health Service for the low death rate in State College. Only six students and six townspeople died from influenza during the epidemic.

While many students visit the dispensary only when they are ready for hospitalization, Dr. Ritenour points out that the main purpose of the College Health Service is "to keep well students well."

Dr. Ritenour notes that the average student today is taller and weighs more than the average student of 1917.

"But," he says, "they don't take any better care of themselves today than they did 29 years ago. They eat anything at any time,



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stay up all hours of the night, and take too much, too little, or no exercise."

After Dr. Ritenour retires on June 29 at the age of 66, he expects to make State College his home, at least for the summer months.

"And I'll probably be around for football season too," he says.

An ardent sports fan, he hasn't missed a football game on the campus since he joined the College staff—and he has missed few Penn State games away from the College.

"If my duties as College physician don't require my presence, I usually am there anyway," Dr. Ritenour says.

Forestry Club to Feature Park Slides at Meeting

Colored slides will be shown at the first meeting this semester of the Forestry Society in 105 Forestry Building, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The slides, taken in the region of Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington, will be discussed by Ralph Peter, a returning graduate student who has been with the U. S. Forest Service for two and one half years.

Following Mr. Peter's talk a discussion will be held in regard to the forthcoming election of officers.

President Ellwood Shade said that all new foresters on campus are welcome to attend the meeting, and urges all members to come.

Newman Club

... will give a reception and tea to acquaint new Catholic students with the club at the Phi Kappa house from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday.

College Receives Safety Award

For meritorious support of the war program in the field of motor vehicle accident prevention, the United States Navy has presented to the College the Navy's certificate of achievement.

The presentation was made in Washington by H. Struve Henschel, assistant Secretary of the Navy, and was accepted by J. O. Keller, assistant to the president, in charge of the College extension, and Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head of the Institute of Public Safety.

"The certificate is given to your organization," wrote Rear Admiral F. G. Crisp, USN, "in recognition of its contribution to the Navy's Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Program by making available the services of your staff as well as its scientific and technical experiences in testing, selecting, and training of motor vehicle operators.

"The Navy is proud of the progress it has made to date in accident prevention, and it is glad to give credit in the form of Certificate of Achievement to the American Automobile Association and to the College for their valuable assistance."

Mark Issues Auto Rules

With the increasing number of automobiles being brought to the campus by undergraduate students, Captain Philip A. Mark of the Campus Patrol wishes to remind students of the regulations governing use of such automobiles.

Any undergraduate student desiring to operate a car within the College community or Centre County must obtain a permit from the Campus Patrol, 320 Old Main and display a numbered permit tag on his car. This permit may be revoked if the student violates state, borough or campus traffic regulations.

Driving on the campus is prohibited during the hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday noon except under certain conditions. Students may use Atherton street and park in the west parking area or Shortlidge road and park in the parking area opposite Atherton Hall at any time.

Commuting students are permitted to bring cars on campus but must park in the above parking lots.

Physically handicapped students are permitted to use cars at any time.

Cars may be used for special classes or laboratory work if arrangements are made with the Patrol by the faculty member in charge.

Campus Patrol can use three or four men students for patrol work according to Captain Philip A. Mark. The rate of pay is 50 cents an hour.

Want Something? If It Walks, Talks, Directory Has It

No matter what name you're looking for, anything from Aaron to Zundel, it's listed in the Student Directory.

Funny thing about the directory, by the time they get around to publishing the new edition everyone on the list is moving, married, or missing. But they always get the names correct, that is if your name is Smith. Of course, there are those like the English Literature professor who recently stated that Captain John Smith had no descendants. Nevertheless, the directory lists 58 Smith's. Somebody's confused. Running a close second to the Smith clan on campus are the Miller's with 41 members. Surely some of them are related.

Incidentally, this faithful volume reveals that 191 men will come to your aid if you merely utter the name John. It could be an interesting experiment for a dateless Saturday night. And coeds your worries are over. There are only 10 "Wolfs" on campus.

It's hard to understand where the directory digs up some of these first names. Your old pal Hal is listed as Herndon, or good old Eddie is listed as Edison Winfield. Smokey, Dinney, Mickey, Pete, and Jug are obsolete and in their place strange, stately titles. Lucky is the fellow with the unusual last name. No matter what his friends call him you can still find it. If you don't think it's a problem, just try hiking up Sonny Jones.

It's a good little booklet, with a guarantee that even your best friends won't recognize you.

Read to Help Choose Perkin Medal Winner

Dr. Harold J. Read, of the division of metallurgy, School of Mineral Industries, has been named on a committee to represent the Electrochemical Society in the nomination of candidates for the Perkin Medal Award for 1947.

The Perkin Medal was founded in 1906 to mark the 50th anniversary of the coal-tar dyestuffs industry and has since been awarded annually to an outstanding scientist. This award is presented by the Society of Chemical Industry in conjunction with the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Electrochemical Society, and the Society de Chimie Industrielle.

Phi Delta Theta

... installed Bruce Ross as president at ceremonies Sunday night. Other officers installed at the same time were Evan Brown, treasurer; Gus Patrick, house manager, and Jim Herzog, secretary.

Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

Has the Collegian become involved in a case of political expediency—or is it just a matter of faulty fact-finding? Though we agree with the spirit of Friday's editorial on the book exchange, we cannot help but wonder if the person who wrote it was unaware of the fact that from start to finish the book exchange was a joint project of Common Sense and the All-College Cabinet as far as planning, financing, and publicity were concerned—and that the only volunteer work from All-College Cabinet once the exchange was underway was provided by co-chairmen Charles Hill and Ruth Himler. The remainder of the student help were members of Common Sense, mainly Bernice Gillinsky, co-chairman, and other interested students.

It is difficult for those who have worked so hard on the project to understand how this error went unnoticed as all other articles in Collegian made this dual partnership clear.

Executive Board of Common Sense.

(Editor's Note: Collegian reminds the Executive Board that Common Sense volunteered to help with the Book Exchange AFTER it had been set up by All-College Cabinet, under the leadership of Charles Hill. However, Collegian apologizes for failing to mention the great amount of work Common Sense members put toward the success of the Book Exchange.)

The Penn State Players present Macbeth on March 29 and 30 8 p.m. in Schwab Aud. 50c plus tax

Common Sense to Show MGM's 'God and Country'

"God and Country," an MGM film released by the U. S. Army, will highlight the meeting of Common Sense in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Preceding the movie will be a short business meeting to enable those present to sign up for various activities. Arthur H. Reede, associate professor of economics and new advisor to the group, will open the meeting with a short talk.

Starring in "God and Country" are Ronald Reagan, Richard Whorf, and Walter Houston. Following the movie Simon Marcson, assistant professor of sociology, will lead a discussion and answer questions on the film.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Prof. F. J. Doan

... will speak at the second meeting of the Dairy Science Club, to be held in 117 Dairy Building at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, March 21.

A discussion of the coming Dairy Exposition will be the evening's main item of business. The exposition will require the assistance of many agriculture students—both as participants and as committee members.



Magazines—Candy Tobacco

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