

Penn State in Review

An Era of Great Growth

(Third of a Series)
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AFTER 28 years of near-starvation diet, the Pennsylvania State College began to grow in 1882 when George W. Atherton became its seventh president.

When he arrived, the college had 87 students. When he died in office 24 years later, there were over 800 students. In his first year at the college, it received no money from the state legislature and only \$80,000 from federal funds. At his death, the college was getting \$78,000 annually from the national government and \$230,000 per year from the state.

George W. Atherton was a self-made man. He worked his way through Yale, and served as a captain in the Civil War. After graduation he entered a teaching career and rose to be professor of political science at Rutgers University. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar, ran for Congress in 1876, served on state and national commissions, and took an active part in advancing land-grant colleges even before he came to Penn State.

Promoted Engineering

Before he arrived, there had been no teaching of engineering at the college, but four years later there were enough students to warrant an engineering building, and in 1896 a School of Engineering was organized. From the early 1890's until the 1930's this school was the largest in the college; it was the lever that raised the enrollment from an average of 100 into the thousands.

While President Atherton was satisfying the demands of young Pennsylvanians for engineering courses, he did not neglect agriculture. The college had always stressed agriculture but had never attracted more than a few dozen students. The president set Professor Jordan to experimenting with "fertility plots," established an Agricultural Experimental Station under Dr. Armsby with the aid of federal funds, and arranged short courses which farmers could attend for a few days in winter. A year after Dr. Atherton's death the agricultural enrollment of regular students for the first time passed the hundred mark.

With engineering and agriculture thriving, President Atherton turned to the development of liberal arts. Both co-eds and men students were demanding cultural courses, and the president felt that a liberal education also made better engineers and farmers. Slowly he converted trustees and legislators to this idea, gradually he built up a competent

faculty, and at the time of his death there were a dozen teachers and almost as many curriculums in English, classics, history, psychology, music and similar fields.

Other signs of progress accompanied these gains in engineering, agriculture and liberal arts—correspondence courses in 1892, a School of Mines in 1896, the beginning of summer sessions in 1897.

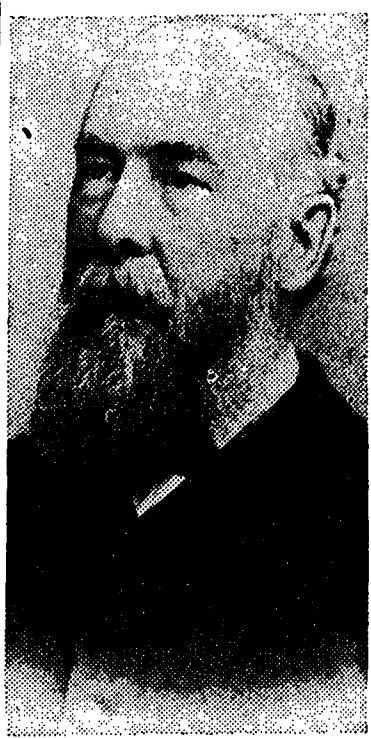
Old Main, even with electric lights, was too small for these developments and two building booms came in rapid succession. Between 1887 and 1893 ten school buildings and eight residences were constructed, and between 1900 and 1907 nine more buildings rose, including Charles M. Schwab's gift of an auditorium and Andrew Carnegie's library.

First Housing Shortage

Students multiplied and filled the buildings, for the history of Penn State is one housing shortage after another. Compulsory farm labor was no more and the old literary societies were declining, but intercollegiate football started in 1881 and baseball in 1882. John M. ("Monty") Ward, '77, is often credited with being the first pitcher in the United States to throw a curved ball. Impressed by Princeton's tiger in 1906, the baseball team proposed a lion as the Penn State symbol; Professor Fred Lewis Pattee furnished words for an "Alma Mater" in 1901.

Social activities flourished too, especially after the trustees removed the ban on fraternities in 1888 and the ban on dancing in 1890. Student actors started the Thespians in 1897, undergraduates printed a weekly newspaper in 1904, and beginning in 1900 a student band played teams on to victory with instruments purchased by the generous Mr. Carnegie.

All these changes President Atherton saw during his 24 years of office; many of them he initiated



PRESIDENT ATHERTON

and encouraged. Finally in 1906 he rested from his labors, his last official act being the distribution of diplomas at commencement. He was buried on the campus of the college which he loved so well. No man did more for its success than he.

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It was 85 years ago — on April 1, 1863—that the Pennsylvania Legislature designated Penn State the beneficiary of the Morrill Act, and therefore the Land Grant College of the State. W. L. Werner, professor of American Literature, herein charts the highlights of those years in a condensation of Dr. Wayland F. Dunaway's illuminating book, "History of The Pennsylvania State College," which was published a year ago. This is the third in a series of six articles.

News Briefs

Engineering Lecture

Lyman E. Jackson, Dean of the School of Agriculture, will speak to senior engineers on "Democracy vs. Totalitarianism" in Schwab Auditorium, 4:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Hemlock Chain

Senior women interested in participating in the Hemlock Chain must sign up at Student Union desk before noon tomorrow, said Janet Lyons, president of WSGA.

Critique Refund

All subscribers to Critique magazine are urged to come to the Critique office in Carnegie Hall for a ten cent refund from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Company B Banquet

Company B, fifth regiment of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, initiated three men, after a banquet at the State College Hotel Wednesday. New members are Everell V. Chadwick, L. Conrad Davis, and Harold Griffith. Griffith and David L. Malickson were installed as officers. Guests at the banquet were Col. Ben Hur Chastaine, Col. Guy Mills, and Maj. Robert Halpin.

Webster-

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them ex-GI's have been enlisted in her troupes.

Her recent production of Ibsen's "Ghosts," starred Eva Le Gallienne who also translated the original Norwegian manuscript into a simple, realistic presentation, Miss Webster selects Eva Le Archer translations as stuffy and pompous.

Evaluating the finest performances turned in under her direction, Miss Webster selects Eva Le Gallienne in "Henry VIII," Judith Anderson in "A Family Portrait," and Maurice Evans in "Richard II."

Drama's Evolution

In her lecture the touted Shakespearean director traced the evolution of drama from Elizabethan pageants and the Bard of Avon to current vehicles. Miss Webster touched on the profound drama of Shakespeare, the satirical manner plays of Congreve, the human realism of Ibsen, and the tender, delicate insight of Chekov.

"Shakespeare should not be played today with the harangue and "ham" necessary in the open air theatre of the late 1800's," noted Miss Webster. "Hamlet's advice to the players for sincerity, sensitivity and comprehension still holds good."

IFC-

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tions in kitchens of various fraternities. The committee will make its findings available to all houses.

Police Chief John R. Juba addressed IFC representatives on student-police relations, maintaining the appearance of the borough and protective measures against theft in fraternity houses.

Daniel A. DeMarino, assistant dean of men, urged fraternities to practice public relations with town citizens who live adjacent to them. He suggested inviting them to evening meals and social functions.

All ballots in the PanHel-IFC King and Queen contest must be turned in to Student Union by noon today, Joseph Succop, publicity chairman, said.

Ejection-

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said he thought the fellow was "looking for trouble." He said that he told the student he didn't want to discuss the matter, but he kept it up. The barber said that he finally could take it no longer and asked Millard to leave.

Copenhaver said he had discussed the question civilly with many patrons, but that Millard was "the worst I ever had." He added that Millard had made several insulting statements, but he could not remember specifically what they were.

Prof. Arthur H. Reede, chairman of the Council on Racial Equality, when questioned on CORE's reaction to the incident, said he hoped the unfortunate episode will result in renewed determination to sell tickets for non-discriminating service.

"Surely, every thinking person will now bend every effort to bring, as soon as possible, a constructive solution of this particular manifestation of racial inequality," Prof. Reede said.

AT PENN STATE

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College Establishes Six Graduate Fellowships

Six graduate research fellowships in psychology and education and related fields on instructional sound motion picture research have been established at the College.

The fellowships provide stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,400. Dr. C. R. Carpenter, director of the Instructional Film Research Project, explained. They are available only to graduate students who are ready to undertake and complete in one year their research for a doctor's thesis.

Four Students Present Interpretative Reading

Four advanced students in interpretative speech classes will present an hour program for the literature section of the State College Club at 3 o'clock today.

The program includes Jean Book's reading of "The Little Wife" by William March; Lois Hartwick's presentation of "An

Nittany Lines

Staff members of the Nittany Lines, PSCA publication, are requested to hand stories in to 304 Old Main by noon tomorrow.

lian Saroyan; Lois Heyd's interpretation of "Little White Girls," by Mrs. Henry Menchen, and Jane Weigle's reading of "Here Comes the Bridegroom," by Booth Tarkington.

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