

# Pugh Memorial Exhibit On Display at Library

To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the arrival of the first students at the College on February 15, 1859, the Library has arranged the Evan Pugh Memorial Exhibit, now on display in the foyer of the building.

The exhibit, which will continue through July 15, was arranged by Mrs. Abbie H. Cromer, curator for the Penn State Room, assisted by Marjorie R. Powers, assistant in the Penn State Room, and numerous staff and faculty personnel at the College.

"One of the purposes of the exhibit is to point out the rich heritage of the past, the fine traditions, and the high scholastic ideals upon which the College of today is built," Mrs. Cromer explains.

### Leading Scientist

In viewing items in the exhibit, it becomes immediately apparent that Dr. Evan Pugh was one of the leading scientists of his day, and while students of today think of the Farmer's High School as a "hick school" in the Pennsylvania woods, Dr. Pugh established a firm foundation for Penn State.

Pugh came to the College in 1859 after spending six years studying in Europe. Death in 1864 at the age of 36 terminated his career as President of the College.

One case of exhibits is devoted to his early life, showing his passport to Europe, notebooks kept there, and his doctor's dissertation written in long hand. Another deals with his relatives with the outstanding scientists of the day.

### Farm Diary

The farm diary includes a record of the first student arrivals, laying of the first stones for the Old Main Building, and records of student labor details. Another case portrays some of the problems met by Dr. Pugh, many of them revealed in correspondence with Hugh N. McAllister, Bellefonte attorney who was one of the founders of the College and a trustee. Here also is a letter from Dr. Pugh, refusing the position of chief chemist of the United States.

Dr. Pugh writes—"I am resolved to stay with our College while God gives me strength to perform by duties there, whatever may be the pecuniary inducements or prospects of honor elsewhere. It is my duty and destiny to do so and I shall seek honors in the path of duty and of destiny rather than at Washington."

A glimpse of student life is furnished by another section of the exhibit while scholastic standards are displayed in another. This case includes a copy of the certificate awarded the first graduates in lieu of a diploma. Dr. Pugh had been unsuccessful in obtaining diplomas for the first graduates in 1861.

Biographical sketches in another case reveal the character of Dr. Pugh while another part of the exhibit relates to the year of his death—1864. Letters describing his accident which resulted in a fracture of the arm are displayed. Following the accident, he was taken ill with fever and died on April 29, 1864.

Scientific instrument and materials used by Dr. Pugh in his research and charts used before the Royal Society of England when Dr. Pugh presented his classical experimentation on the assimilability of free nitrogen also are displayed.

# College Names Ag Vice-Dean

Dr. Russell B. Dickerson, formerly assistant professor of agricultural education at the College, has been named vice-dean and director of resident instruction in the School of Agriculture, James Milholland, acting president of the College, said.

Dr. Dickerson will replace Dr. H. K. Wilson, who has been named director of Intermediate Registration, dean of men, effective September 1.

Reared on a farm near Andover, N. J., Dr. Dickerson was graduated from Penn State in 1927 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education. He later received his master of science degree at Rutgers University and his doctor of philosophy degree at Penn State.

### Former Prof

Following his graduation in 1927, Dr. Dickerson taught vocational agriculture at East Greenville, Pa., and at Sussex, N. J. He was a county supervisor of vocational agriculture in New Jersey prior to his appointment as instructor in agricultural education at Penn State in 1938. In 1943, he was named assistant professor of agricultural education. He resigned from his position at the College two years ago to return to his New Jersey farm.

# Golden Boy---

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respectful, glittering title of "Golden Boy," tumbles.

### Crazed With Hate

Crazed by his hatred for the world, Joe wins the match, killing his opponent. Lorna realizes her mistake in marrying Moody, and sets out with Joe to build their lives anew. With personal victory for the pair in sight, the play ends tragically.

As Joe, Ambandos displays great emotional power, so great, in fact, that he more than half-frightens his audience by his change from an enthusiastic youngster to a "killer" fighter. Both in gesture and vocal intonation Ambandos conveys Joe's frustration with fine dramatic insight, remarkable when one considers that he is best remembered on campus for his comic role in Players' "Sound of Hunting" some time ago.

### Miss Toll

Miss Toll, switching character completely from her role in the recently closed "Voice of the Turtle," portrays Lorna's indecision with ease, her struggles with society and morals closely paralleling Joe's.

Perhaps the most sympathetic portrayal of the production is that of Edward McCoy as Joe's father. Unable to comprehend his son's attitude toward mankind, he tries to thwart impending megalomania by directing his son's energies back to music. Attired in a realistic Italian accent and an even more realistic costume, McCoy lives his pathetic role with depth and restraint.

Credit goes to Paget for intuitive direction, and to Technician Walt Eckley for improvising a set which, although it entails some neck-cranning by parts of the audience, adapts itself well to the situations.

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# Men's Dorms Report Unclaimed Checks

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The post office staff requests that any former residents of these dorm units who are attending Summer Sessions stop by the post offices and claim their checks. In some cases the checks were returned to the VA office at 112 Old Main and may be picked up at that office.

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