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A Keynote Talk

Although what President Eisenhower had to say to new students Tuesday night was important enough, the fact that he said what he did seems to strike what we hope will be the keynote of his entire administration.

MANY A COLLEGE president would have been satisfied to tell new frosh and sophs he was glad to see them on campus. Probably that was all many new Penn Staters expected.

President Eisenhower was not satisfied merely with doing what was expected. He went further and discussed his philosophy of education—a subject important to every frosh and soph inasmuch as it will affect vastly the type of education he will undergo.

Suffice it to say that we hope sincerely that his administration will be characterized by a similar willingness to do more than the obvious and the expected.

WITHOUT A CENTRAL source of inspiration, that willingness, we feel, has been somewhat lacking at Penn State in recent years. If it is to be revived, a large part of the responsibility falls directly on President Eisenhower's shoulders.

• A daguerreotype of Rebecca Valentine Pugh, wife of Dr. Evan Pugh, first president of the College, has been presented to the Penn State Collection of the College Library by Rebecca Pugh Lyon, of West Chester.

New Era

Monday is "E" day.

When classes begin on that day, Penn State not only will be marking officially the arrival of two famous "E's" (Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, the College's new president, and Rip Engle, the new football coach) but it also will be heralding a new era.

THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS are but symbols of the enhanced position in which the College finds itself this Fall. Both of these men have, of course, already taken up their duties, but we would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of a new semester, to note formally their new positions in relation to the rest of the College.

When Dr. Eisenhower came here in July, he became the physical embodiment of Penn State to others of the College, the state and the nation. Through him the College has been provided with a leader to direct its expanding services.

Rip Engle arrived even earlier. Late last Spring, he left Brown University to take over the momentous job of supervising the College's gridiron efforts.

BUT THERE ARE PLENTY of other signs that Penn State is at the beginning of a new age.

The first and most obvious is that a full load of freshmen have moved into State College for the first time since the war. Last year there was an abbreviated group of freshmen girls, who nicknamed themselves "the famous five hundred," but their green dinks were too sparsely sprinkled among other students really to be noticed.

To house these freshmen, the new West Dorms were opened for the first time. These hotel-like accommodations are certainly a far cry from the splintertown structures on the other end of Pollock road.

Then too, the long-awaited Student Union finally has left the talking stage and is almost ready to leave the draft boards of the College architects.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE watched the College scene for many years, this certainly must seem like the age of action. We've got a president, a big-time football coach, a modern set of dorms for the men, and a full crew of freshmen. Now if we can get that Student Union, the oldtimers surely will think Penn State has reached the millenium.

—Herbert Stein

• Pennsylvania's system of teaching agriculture may be used as a basis for a similar program in the new nation of Israel. Khaime Riskin, of Tel Aviv, Israel, is visiting the Pennsylvania State College and teachers in the Clearfield-Centre county areas, studying the program.

Thespian Tryouts

Tryouts for the fall Thespian show "Some Punkins" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week at 7 p.m. in 409 Old Main.

Calls are issued for singers, dancers, actors, and specialty acts. Persons interested in work on crews such as props, lights, costumes, and make-up are also needed.

Theta Sigma Phi

Theta Sigma Phi, women's national journalism honorary, has initiated Joan Eidleman, Dorothy Laine, June Reinmiller, and Elizabeth Slotta.

New officers of the Chemical Engineering society are: President, Bob Miller; vice-president, Phillip Armstrong; secretary, John Sinfelt; treasurer, Joseph Soltis.

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