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The Open Door

Milton S. Eisenhower is a busy man. Any man in his position as President of one of the nation's largest universities has plenty of work to do and few spare moments to toss away in idle frivolity.

BUT THE characteristics which impress one when calling on the 11th President of Penn State are his willingness to become engrossed in the conversation at hand and his relaxing, welcoming approach. Even when tired and beset by numerous official worries, President Eisenhower has put these aside and has given all his attention to the interview of the moment each time this writer has visited him.

A respecter of the rights and opinions of others, he has not allowed disagreement to color conversations or change his friendly attitude. This writer recalls a particular instance of disagreement which ended with both the President and himself still confirmed in their beliefs—yet the talk was enjoyable, apparently on both sides, and the writer, at least, felt he had profited from it.

Such an attitude will aid President Eisenhower immensely in his work at the College. Although it may mean that some people will consider him not firm enough, it will allow him to hear all sides unemotionally, to judge arguments in their own merits, and to retain the good will of those with whom he works.

HIS POLICY of not remaining aloof behind closed doors should make for better understanding between the student body and the administration. It should mean that, once the first rush to business is over with and he has more time on his hands, President Eisenhower will be able to develop a wide, personal acquaintance with many of the students and teachers that will help to mould what heretofore has been a somewhat disjointed mass of people.

When the late President Hetzel died, one of the Collegian editors wrote commemorating the "open door" policy of the "Prexy." From all indications, President Eisenhower appears to be wholly in favor of the same attitude, an attitude which should make for a wholesome intimacy between himself and the student body.

—Dean Gladfelter

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, October 4

PENN STATE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB,
TUB, 7 p.m.

ETA KAPPA NU, 7 p.m., 203 E.E.

FLYING CLUB meeting, 7:30 p.m., 107 Main
Eng.

FROTH Circulation staff and candidates. 7
p.m., 418 Old Main.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION meeting, 7:30 p.m., 409 Old
Main.

ALPHA NU, 7:30, Phi Sigma Kappa Fraterni-
ty, 501 South Allen Street.

WRA DANCE White Hall, rhythm room,
7:00 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White Hall, play room, 7 p.m.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 2 Car-
negie Hall, 6:45 p.m.

AG STUDENT COUNCIL meeting, 103 Ag.
Building, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN Editorial Sophomore Board, 8
Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admissions: Lavier Procopio, William Grif-
fith, Joseph Brown, Anthony Matour, Richard
Patterson, Margaret Considine, Elizabeth Isen-
berg.

Two Challenges

If you mentioned the name Eisenhower to a central Pennsylvanian one year ago you meant a deep-throated man, most famous for a flaming torch on the shoulder patch of his general's uniform.

IF YOU mentioned that name today you would mean the man who since July 1 has directed the tented activities of Penn State from the large second floor office in the south-east corner of Old Main.

Even though Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower has been in State College only a few months, he has become so well liked that shouts of "new era" are being heard on all sides.

Tomorrow morning College students and faculty will take time off to watch and hear the formal inauguration proceedings of Dr. Eisenhower. Witnessing these ceremonies, we can well feel that Penn State and Dr. Eisenhower have both profited from his transfer from the presidency of Kansas State.

To the College Dr. Eisenhower has brought a national reputation as administrator and educator. His success with the Department of Agriculture, UNESCO, the Office of War Information and at Kansas State speaks for itself.

THE COLLEGE on the other hand need have no fear its new boss is a big fish in a little pond. With the enrollment, research and extension work all expanding yearly, the College has become one of the most active land grant universities in the country.

Just how important the College and its new president are is indicated by the number of celebrities to be on hand at New Beaver field tomorrow.

Behind and beyond the limelight that will be focused here tomorrow, however, lies a challenge of unifying the College's multiple activities and aiming them not just for a better school but for a better world.

—Herbert Stein

Safety Valve . . .

Not Enough Collegians

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to take advantage of our right to free speech by criticizing the department of the Daily Collegian which has charge of distribution. To come directly to the point, why aren't there enough Collegians to go around? Many times they are unavailable even at 10 o'clock in the morning. How can we possibly keep informed of the activities on campus if we have no better source of information than the grapevine?

Please correct us if we are mistaken, but isn't it true that we students pay for our copy of the Collegian through college fees? If this is the case, many of us aren't getting our money's worth.

—G. Nelson Bevard
Richard L. Hunter

Ed note—Opening of the new West Dorms caused the shift of a considerable portion of the student body. The circulation staff is currently re-apportioning the number of Collegians distributed at the various points in town and on campus. The 75 cents-a-semester fee covers only a part of the cost of publishing Collegians, which are printed on the basis of one for every two students. If every student demanded a copy, the fee would be about \$7.50, the Collegian business manager informs us, figuring on the basis of 5 cents for each of the 150 issues printed a year.

Discharges: Dorothy Chadwick, Charles Patterson, Anthony Matour, William Oldt, Richard Robinson.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Merck and Company will interview January M. S. graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering and science, Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Allied Chemical and Dye corporation, general chemical division, will interview January graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering and mechanical engineering Monday, October 9.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

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Looking Backward . . .

College Presidents

While it took more than two years for the Board of Trustees to name Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower as the successor to Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel as president of the College, delay in naming a president is not new to the history of Penn State. It was not until eight months after the start of classes in 1859 that Evan Pugh was named the first president.

It was President Pugh who had the honor of getting the name of the College changed from Farmers' High School to the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania in 1862, one year after he had "harvested" his first crop of 11 students, under an accelerated three-year course.

President Pugh died in 1864. His death was followed by a period of 17 years in which five men served short terms as president. Prof. James W. McKee, instructor in Greek, served four times as acting president.

Fund Defended

William H. Allen, who served two years, was the first of these presidents. In addition to defending the land-grant fund of the College from demands of rival colleges, he was able to exchange the institution's debt for a seven percent mortgage.

He was succeeded by Prof. John Fraser, who enlarged and improved the faculty but also increased the student fees, causing a drop in enrollment. When he resigned after two years, the trustees named as his successor Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes who twice had been head of the state public school system.

Under Dr. Burrowes, public confidence in the College was rebuilt. Fees were lowered, more agricultural courses were added, and compulsory farm labor for all students in their first two years was restored.

Switched To Greek

The president who was named following the death of Dr. Burrowes in 1871 was the Rev. James Calder. He had little use for practical agriculture and put the College in competition with private sectarian institutions by shifting the curriculum to Greek, Latin, and philosophy. Student farm labor died out and only one agricultural professor remained. In fact, President Calder went so far as to have the name of the institution changed to the Pennsylvania State College.

Co-eds first came to the campus under this regime, and two women instructors were employed. But these changes in policy brought discontent from farm organizations and, after a state legislative committee made an adverse report, President Calder resigned.

Resentment Aroused

He was succeeded by the last of these five, Joseph Shortlidge, who held the post for only nine months, and applied school-boy discipline techniques which aroused widespread resentment.

This period of uncertainty came to an end with the naming as president in 1882 of George W. Atherton, who promised to "continue agriculture and Latin, but to develop engineering, too."

The enrollment of 87 students at the time of his taking office had increased to 800 when he died in office. At the beginning of his regime the College was receiving only \$30,000 from the federal government and no funds from the state, but 24 years later the national government was contributing \$78,000 and the state \$230,000 per year.

School Established

A self-made man who had been

active both in education and politics, President Atherton fostered the College's engineering program until the School of Engineering was established in 1896.

He also gave attention to promotion of agricultural studies. It was during his administration that the Jordan fertility plots and an agricultural experimentation station were set up. Intercollegiate football and baseball were begun and the "Alma Mater" was written.

Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks took over the presidency when Atherton died in 1906. During his administration, which continued until his death in 1920, he took the story of the College to the people through extension work, exhibits at fairs, lectures, and the county agent program. Enrollment rose to a new peak of 3271, and a system of student self-government was formed.

Used By Military

Much of the College's facilities were converted to military use in World War I, and President Sparks took an active part in the local war effort.

Dr. John Martin Thomas was named as the ninth president and served for five years. Dr. Thomas advocated making the College a university in name and in fact.

The Graduate school was organized by President Thomas in 1922 and two years later the Chemistry and Physics school was added. Meanwhile, other schools expanded. The School of Mines and Metallurgy became the second largest in the nation.

Dr. Thomas resigned in 1926. He is now retired and resides in Middlebury, Vt., the only living former president of the College. Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel, who gave up the presidency of the University of New Hampshire to come to the Nittany Vale, served until his death in 1947, longer than any other president save Atherton.

Depression Hits

A reduction of the College's work followed a drop in enrollment during the depression, but federal aid was procured and enrollment climbed to a new height under "Prexy" Hetzel. By 1940 it had reached 7000.

War came fast on the heels of depression and, with the 18-year-old draft in 1942, enrollment decreased. However, the government stepped in again by sending military recruits here for training, and a bevy of uniforms blossomed forth on the campus.

After the war, riding on the wave of GI enrollments, the College population expanded greatly, hitting 11,000 in 1948. Trailer camps and temporary dormitories were set up and the famous "farming-out" system was instituted.

At the height of this expansion period, on Oct. 3, 1947, Dr. Hetzel died, leaving a vacancy which was not filled until Dr. Eisenhower's appointment.



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