

College Originates As Farmers' School

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Did you ever know that Penn State was once classed as a high school? Or that all its activities were centered in one building until 1930, when nearly 50 structures dotted the distant corners of the campus?

Over 96 years ago—on Feb. 22, 1855—a charter was signed creating the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania. Little did our ancestors know then that this was to be the beginning of Penn State.

The story, however, dates back even further than that—1785 to be exact. At that time, a Philadelphia society for the promotion of agriculture met at a historic tavern on Front street to form one of the two oldest agricultural societies in the United States.

Watts Organizer

Its main objective was to arouse interest in farming. As a result, the State Agricultural Society was organized. Through the activities of this group, a farm school was finally established in Pennsylvania.

Frederick Watts, of Carlisle, who became the first trustee president of the Farmers' High School and later the first Secretary of Agriculture serving under President Grant, was one of the most active members of the original organization.

Termed 'High School'

When the State Agricultural Society was formed, Watts was made chairman of the farm school committee, and his report in 1854 prompted members to urge the legislature to grant a charter, which was signed by Gov. Pollock in Harrisburg on Feb. 22, 1855.

It is under this document, somewhat revised, that Penn State operates today.

Why was it called a "high school" rather than a "college"? First, one must understand the thinking of the people of that period. The farmers as a general rule, disliked the term "college" since they were under the impression that colleges diverted attention of youth to vocations other than farming. Thus, the leaders deemed it wise to adopt the title "Farmers' High School."

Everything But Livestock

Fifty thousand dollars was raised by the founders for the new school, and the State appropriated a similar sum. Construction was started in 1857 on Old Main, the first and only building on the campus for more than 30 years. Because of a depression, construction was curtailed and only one-third of the building was

Co-Edits

Phi Kappa Sigma

Raymond Barr, Ronald Beasom, Willet Hume, Thomas Gardner, and Clifford Stewart have been initiated into Phi Kappa Sigma.

Alpha Tau Omega

Recent initiates of Alpha Tau Omega are Creed Erickson, Theodore Frazer, Robert Gower, Charles Lofquist, Joseph Meell, and Paul Stefanik.

Pi Kappa Phi

Pledge officers of Pi Kappa Phi are David Keller, president; Theodore Howitz, treasurer; and Robert Wylie, secretary.

Phi Sigma Kappa

Keith Edinger, David Evans, Cyril Farrelly, James Hancock, Robert Landis, John Maurey, Robert Paulsen, and Miles Woodward have been initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa.

The fraternity has pledged Jay Levan, Hill Harris, James Wagner, Harold Schaeffer, Rex Schilling, Robert Seibel, Richard Reitz, David Sener, and Harry Carrell.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta recently pledged Patricia Lively.

Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Phi has initiated Richard Hamilton, Huber Hege, David Helm, Charles Henderson, Robert Highton, John Muench, Charles Schnaitman, James Spangler, William Swigert, and Robert Veit.

Delta Zeta

Margaret Conover, Dolores Dean, Emily Knobloch, and Joan Lee have been initiated into Delta Zeta.

New Plans Formulated By Panhel

At its first post-rush meeting last night, Panhellenic Council made plans for the coming year.

Ruth Grotzky, guide book chairman, gave a report on the Panhellenic guide book which she and Ruth Apt have prepared. Miss Grotzky recommended that next year's chairman have some knowledge of magazine make-up.

Addell Owen, rushing chairman, said that plans will soon be made for spring rushing.

Marilyn Levitt, president, announced the appointments of Patricia Rowland as social chairman and Marian Whitely as assistant rushing chairman.

A reminder for sororities to send contributions to the displaced persons committee was given by Mary Allen, council representative to the committee.

A motion to keep first semester freshman women out of sorority suites was defeated by the council.

The group decided to award service keys to council members with outstanding service records.

Informal rushing will start Oct. 16.

Marriages

Arena-Chanko

The marriage of Eleanor Chanko and Stephen Arena took place June 9 in Bridgeport, Pa.

Mrs. Arena is a senior in home economics and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. Mr. Arena is stationed at Fort Lee, Va. with the Quartermaster Corps.

Architects Name Kuhnle President

Paul Kuhnle has been elected president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Other officers are Charles Hall, vice president; Edward Thompson, treasurer; and Myron Fetch, corresponding secretary.

The quarter-annual meeting will be a banquet 6 p.m. Friday at the Nittany Lion Inn. Guests at the banquet will be members of the Central Pennsylvania American Institute of Architects, which is the parent chapter of the College AIA.

Graduate Fellowship Started in Economics

A \$1500 grant from a New York manufacturer of garments has established a graduate fellowship in the Department of Economics and Commerce at the College. Dr. William N. Leonard, department head, said yesterday, that the money will be put to use in a study of children's requirements for undergarments, production capacity, and markets and pricing. Director of the study will be Arthur W. Einstein, associate professor of marketing and retailing. Working with him will be Joseph V. Oriando, of Franklin, a graduate student majoring in marketing.

Delta Upsilon

Delta Upsilon recently initiated Richard Neuweiler, Richard Colodi, and John Ruffner.

completed when the first class of 119 men arrived on Feb. 16, 1859. The first class was graduated in 1861.

The Old Main of that day was the College. It housed dormitories, offices, classrooms—just about everything but livestock.

Slow Process

No women were enrolled at this time. Students were required to spend a specified quota of hours working in the fields. Largely through their efforts 200 acres of farm land were cleared and cultivated.

Although the first earth was turned for Old Main on June 24, 1857, work went ahead slowly and the first wing of the building was not completed until two years later. This west wing of the building was the birthplace of Penn State.

11 Coeds Assist Heinz Technicians During Summer

Not many people get the chance to see first-hand whether or not the H. J. Heinz Co. really has 57 varieties of foodstuffs to offer the public. This summer, however, 11 Penn State coeds were among chemistry and biology majors from Eastern colleges and universities selected for summer employment as microbiologists by the Heinz Co.

Those chosen were Bridget Hollen, Barbara Bohner, Kathleen Midash, Virginia Schar, Ellen Underwood, Susan Stormer, Jean Holden, Jane Alexander, Nixon Taylor, Helen Brown, and Mary Ellen Malloy.

As part of their work, the students assisted regular staff technicians in testing Heinz tomato products at the company's research and quality control laboratories at various Heinz factories.

Miller Requests Committee Workers

Virginia Miller, chairman of the convention committee for the Eastern Intercollegiate Association of Women Students, has issued a call for coeds to work on convention committees. The convention will be held at the College in April.

Workers are needed to help on the arrangements, public, social, display, discussions, housing, food and banquet, registration and information, hospitality, programs, and transportation committees.

Anyone interested should sign up in the Dean of Women's office or phone Miss Miller at 4330 before Saturday.

Movie for Dram 61

"Way Down East," a silent melodrama, will be shown for Dramatics 61 classes at 7 tonight in 119 Osmond.

Fashion Trends In Accessories

★ Handbags
★ Gloves
★ Jewelry
★ Stoles

OPEN
Wednesday Afternoons

at
Dank's & Co.
State College Bellefonte
3312 2260

All Set? Don't Get Wet!

Fashion World Forgets About Ol' Man Weather

By MARY STARK

Many are the articles written and read by fashion fiends on how the typical college female should dress. August issues of various magazines, sponsors of the sacred cult of correct costuming, burst forth with varied opinions on Back-to-School fashion trends.

Advertisers devoted huge spreads, in black and white or garish multicolors, to advice for coeds on what to pack, what to wear, and how to utilize a stylish taste in clothes to become a candidate for campus queen.

No Set Style

These magazines evidently have not prepared students to cross the mountains, land in Nittany vale, and become a well-dressed object of femininity at Penn State.

First of all, there is really no set standard for style at State, for no one ever dresses like anyone else, except, perhaps at graduation. Everyone has the distinction of being an individual in the matter of dress.

Football Weather

Secondly, the fashion world has not taken into account the weather. Now most districts have October weather when it is, October, but State College has of late been experiencing the temperature of a typical day in spring. This nice high temperature makes it handy for coeds who have packed all their summer things away, and who now have to unpack them again.

In the latter part of September, the weather, cool for awhile, was loosely termed by many people

"regular football weather." This mid-November climate brought out all the skirts and sweaters, slightly wrinkled and squashed from a trip to school in a crowded trunk, an occasional stormcoat, and even for a while, woolen mittens.

Blame the Weather

Instead of lengthy articles and wise speculations on what would match with what in fall wardrobes, the magazines would do well to sneak in an article or two on what to do when the campus queen is caught with the right bunch of clothes in the wrong weather, or vice versa.

Perhaps the editors of these fashion guide-books just wouldn't believe that weather for a well-dressed coed at a typical college could ever cause so much difficulty.

Engagements

Setzer-McKinley

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McKinley of Hollidaysburg, Pa. announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Walter Setzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Setzer of Cheltenham, Pa.

Miss McKinley is a senior in advertising, and is a member of Chi Omega.

Mr. Setzer graduated from the College in 1950, and received his degree in wood utilization. He is a member of Delta Chi, and is now employed by Blaisdell Pencil Co. in Philadelphia.

Kohn-Schleifer

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schleifer of Philadelphia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Alan Kohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kohn, also of Philadelphia.

Miss Schleifer is a senior in the School of Liberal Arts, and is majoring in dramatics.

Mr. Kohn, a journalism major, was graduated from the College in June. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Capitol Tour Dates Changed

Dates for the Washington "Meet Your Government" tour have been moved up to Oct. 28, 29, and 30, Andrew Jaros, committee chairman, said yesterday.

Formerly the dates had been Nov. 4, 5, and 6.

Students wishing to make the trip may sign up in the Political Science Department office, 119 Sparks; Dean Ben Euwema's office, 133 Sparks; the Education office, 106 Burrows; or the Penn State Christian Association office, 304 Old Main.

The cost for the trip will be about \$25. Lists of students making the tour will be sent to offices of the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, where excuses for classes will be granted.

The tour is being sponsored jointly by the PSCA and the Political Science Department.

School of Agriculture Announces Promotions

Two faculty promotions have been made recently in the School of Agriculture.

Dr. Howard Triebold was named acting head of the Department of Agricultural Biochemistry, following the retirement of Dr. R. Adams Dutcher last June.

Dr. Carroll E. Heist was appointed associate professor of bacteriology at the College.

A Hair Style

Just for You

A smooth, neat style designed by skillful operators. Start the '51 semester right and make an appointment at Garey's

Garey's

Beauty Salon

Glennland Building

Dial 2071

WATCH FOR—
THE GREAT BIG
DOORSTEP

Today **WARNER** theatres
Catharine
HELD OVER
JOSE FERRER
"CYRANO de
BERGERAC"

State
W. Somerset Maugham
Presents
'TRIO'

Nittany
Paul Douglas
Linda Darnell
**"GUY WHO
CAME BACK"**