

College Is Full of Tradition, Landmarks, Stately Buildings

Fresh whose ideas of college have been colored by Hollywood's many ivy-colored buildings and tradition sagas should not find disillusionment at Penn State. For the College offers many such buildings, a host of traditions, and an interesting history almost 100 years old.

The first ivy-covered building on campus was what is now the west wing of Old Main. The College was known then as The Farmers High School; its charter was granted in 1855.

Old Main was crowded by cornfields and gardens extending to College avenue, and the town of State College was non-existent. The upper floors were dormitory rooms; students ate, slept, and studied within its walls.

Buildings Spring Up

The first freshman class of 119 men arrived in 1859. When they were graduated in 1862, the College catalogue report stated, "They graduated upon a higher scientific educational standard than is required at any other agricultural college in the world."

Campus buildings began to spring up during the "Atherton Era," beginning in 1863. Fourteen major buildings were added during Dr. George Atherton's term as President of the College.

With the increase in the size of the campus and the student body, color and variety came into campus life. The first unorganized football team defeated Bucknell in a drizzling rain in 1881. Six years later, with an organized team, Penn State was trampled, 106-0, by Lehigh.

ROTC Set Up

Woman's Building, formerly known as the "Ladies' Cottage," was erected in 1889 specifically for women students.

The campus grew rapidly during Dr. Edwin Sparks' term as President, 1907-1919. The faculty numbered 323; the student body increased to over 2400. Student council, Tribunal, the dean of women and men's offices, the College Health Service, and ROTC, were set up.

One tradition of the College began in 1927, upon the selection of Dr. Ralph Dorn Hetzel as tenth president of Penn State. Shortly after the announcement of the trustees' choice, the Collegian published an editorial stating that the trustees could confer the title of President upon the newcomer, but the students would reserve their title of "Prexy" until they felt he had earned it.

Classes Bestow Gifts

Because he carried on Dr. Hetzel's open door policy toward students, President Milton S. Eisenhower was officially named "Prexy" at Honors Day ceremonies May 2, 1951.

Each graduating class bestows a gift upon the College, a tradition dating back to 1900. The best-known gift, perhaps, presented by the class of 1940, is the Lion Shrine, located between Recrea-

tion Hall and Beaver Field. The murals in the lobby of Old Main, which dramatize the founding of the College, were presented by the Class of 1932.

Students Carol on Campus

Many traditions have evolved from customs programs throughout the years. Each year during customs new freshmen have been required to say "Hello" when meeting anyone on the two diagonal walks leading from Old Main. These walks are known as the Hello Walks.

Other traditions evolve around the holidays. Christmas brings caroling in front of Old Main; May Day, the annual crowning of a May Queen, with the senior honor arch and jester.

As the late Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock said in a history of the College, "There is something in Penn State that goes on and on, unchanging even while buildings, faculties, and student bodies come and go. That something is a great, enduring purpose . . . this great purpose which is Penn State."

2 Grads Will Study In France This Year

Two graduates of the College will study during the coming year in France under the Fulbright program, Robert E. Galbraith, Fulbright adviser at the College, announced recently.

They are Mary Malicki, 1952 arts and letters graduate, and Margaret Gedeon, 1950 arts and letters graduate.

PS Club To Begin 20th Year

When the Penn State Club begins its activities this fall, it will inaugurate its 20th year of activity. The club is the oldest independent organization at Penn State. It was founded in 1932 as a social and athletic organization for non-fraternity men.

During the course of the school year the club participates in a large number of events. An annual affair sponsored by the club is the All-College Talent Show, held in Schwab Auditorium. Cash awards are given to the winners. Climaxing a year of activity is the presentation of the "outstanding senior of the year" award. The club gives a plaque to the student chosen.

Among its many activities are dances, picnics, hayrides, and mixers. A mixer in Atherton Hall is an annual event. The club also sponsors a semi-formal dance each spring, usually held at the University Club.

Membership in the club is open to all independent men subject to the club's approval. At the present time there are about 60 men in the organization.

Gilbert Given Position

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, has been named sports vice chairman in charge of the central region for the 1952 observance of Pennsylvania Week. Franny Murray, University of Pennsylvania athletic director and state-wide chairman, announced the appointment.

Undergrad Rulings Regulate Students

During Orientation Week and for some time thereafter, incoming freshmen and sophomores will receive information, official and hearsay, about the College. One of the best sources of official information is the handbook containing regulations for undergraduate students.

Many students can find answers to their questions in this handbook without looking all over the campus for an adviser or counselor, or taking the word of someone who has "been around."

Probably the most serious problem that may present itself is the possibility of dismissal from the College.

Conduct Influences Status

Dismissal on a scholastic basis is covered by several regulations. However, paragraph W-6 under "Conduct of Students" presents another possibility.

It states: "The President of the College may dismiss at any time any student whose influence is found to be injurious to the standard of morals of the student body, or whose conduct is prejudicial to the good name of the College."

Included in section W, "Conduct of Students," are regulations governing dishonesty, drinking, and destruction of property.

Women Forbidden to Drink

Dishonesty not only includes that of a property nature, but also dishonesty in examinations. The

regulations state: "The College regards all acts of dishonesty as deserving severe punishment."

Drinking of alcoholic beverages by women or minors at any social function is forbidden by the regulations under paragraph W-4.

In addition the regulation says that social privileges of an organization violating this rule will be suspended until the case can be heard.

Scholastic Dismissal

Paragraph W-3 states: "The College shall not excuse wanton destruction or injury of property."

Dismissal on a scholastic basis can occur by a student's failing 50 per cent or more of his scheduled credits at the end of any semester except the first semester of the freshman year. Dismissal can also occur if the grade point average of a student in the fourth or any succeeding semester falls below 0.50.

Any student who fails in 50 per cent of his scheduled credits (Continued on page ten)

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