

Engineering



Eric A. Walker

Welcome to the Engineering school of The Pennsylvania State College. Congratulations on taking your first step to joining an honorable and ancient profession. The road to professional status is a long and difficult one. Only those who are willing to work long and hard and who are gifted with the ability to think logically and clearly can ever reach that goal. But the goal once reached is well worthwhile. The satisfaction of creating machines and structures which the human race wants and needs is, in itself, a great reward.

In some ways, it is fortunate that there is today a tremendous demand for engineers. It has been estimated that the country can employ 44,000 new engineers every year. This number is needed to meet the demands of our expanding economy and to replace those who are retiring from the profession. We are not graduating that many new engineers each year. Even with the swollen enrollments which followed World War II, we hardly reached this figure and now the number is steadily declining. It will be many years before the trend can be reversed and supply will equal demand.

All of this means that the profession needs you. It has long been recognized the world over that America has reached its position of preeminence in material things because of the work of its engineers. We have always known how to make better machines and more of them than the other nations of the world. Unfortunately, we have not always been first in new ideas and new inventions. For years we have had to look to the European nations for this kind of leadership. Today, however, that leadership is no longer virulent. We in America must try to assume it. It is my hope that among this class will be some of the scientists who will provide technical leadership for the years to come.

ERIC A. WALKER, Dean

Mineral Industries



Elbert F. Osborn

To you who are newly arrived at Penn State we extend a most cordial welcome. The whole College is yours to enjoy and to use in the broadening of your experiences. Whether or not you are registered in the MI school, we hope you will become acquainted with the beautiful mineral and art exhibits and with the program and objectives of the school.

Pennsylvania is the leading mineral industries state, and its economy is based on the recovery and processing of minerals. In its research program, the school works closely with all the mineral industries of the Commonwealth, such as coal, petroleum and natural gas, steel, glass, clay, slate and so on, to perform its obligations to the citizens of Pennsylvania. Continued efforts are needed to keep these industries in a healthy condition, especially as our rich supply of natural resources dwindles, and ways must be found of using lower grade or substitute materials.

Men and women trained in these fields are vitally needed, and the supply has never met the demand. There are many areas in which one may concentrate within the three broad divisions of the earth sciences, mineral engineering, and mineral technology. We shall be happy to discuss with you your plans and your problems, especially if you live in a mineral industries community. Bear in mind that we are here because you are here, and we want to be of maximum help to you.

ELBURT F. OSBORN, Dean

ASAE Awarded Trophy

The Penn State student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers has been presented the 1953 gold trophy award of the Farm Equipment Institute.

The trophy is presented each year to the student branch submitting the most outstanding report of the branch's school year activities.

Agriculture



Lyman E. Jackson

The faculty and students of the School of Agriculture extend their heartiest greetings to the incoming freshman class and to all other new students. We are looking forward to working together in the great adventure of education. Important responsibilities must be borne by both students and faculty if real success is to be realized.

You will find a friendly, cooperative spirit on the Penn State campus and you should derive much pleasure from contributing your share of this valuable asset. While The Pennsylvania State College has a large enrollment, yet it is possible for every student to establish a circle of intimate relationships and thus ward off any feeling of being lost in a crowd. Best wishes to all of you.

LYMAN E. JACKSON, Dean

Athletic Policy Set by Board

The Athletics Advisory Board works with members of the administration and the School of Physical Education and Athletics in determining athletic policies.

The board is made up of faculty members and three student representatives. Students on the board are Richard Lemyre, All-College president; David Jones, editor of the Daily Collegian; and Gerald Maurey, Athletic Association president.

At the three meetings the board holds each year, policies are decided, problems are discussed, and advice is given to the director of physical education concerning the athletic program at the College. Screening committees for floats and announcements are set up. Ernest B. McCoy, director of physical education and athletics, must approve board decisions before they go into effect.

The first meeting of the board will be held this fall.

Home Economics



Grace M. Henderson

Freshmen:

Greetings to you!

If you have planned your college program as preparation for all aspects of life, you will find course offerings and activities in all parts of the campus that will serve you well.

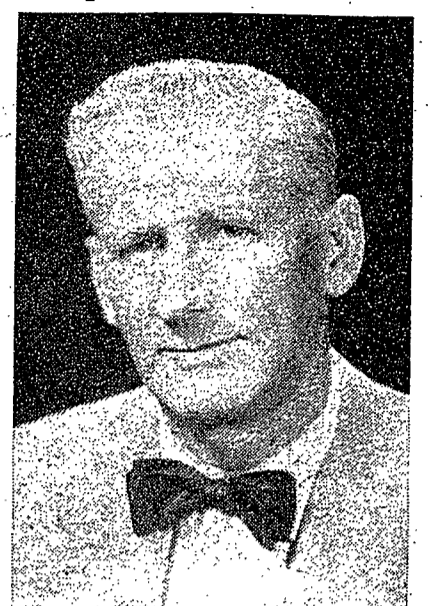
The investment in college years, no matter what the future is to be, brings greatest returns if the diverse resources of the institution as a whole are considered, and chosen carefully for one's purposes. The unknown quality of the future makes such individual selections even more important than in more certain times when limited patterns may more possibly suffice.

Fortunately, the land grant institutions were designed to provide opportunities in a wide range of "pursuits and professions." The communities of Pennsylvania are annually seeking many more graduates in home economics and hotel administration than are being graduated from all the colleges and universities in Pennsylvania put together.

Your best effort is needed in preparing for this service to the families of the state. Challenging research, courses, and extra-curricular activities are available throughout the campus; best wishes to you in making maximum use of them.

GRACE M. HENDERSON, Dean

Physical Education



Ernest B. McCoy

The School of Physical Education and Athletics welcomes all of you new students to the campus. You will begin to get acquainted with us as soon as the College Health Service advises you as to your health status. We have activities that range from the high physical requirements of our twelve varsity sport teams to the first aid courses, health courses, social recreation courses or individual skills. Golf, tennis, horseback riding, angling and square and folk dancing are examples of recreational pursuits available in our program.

The two years of required physical education will polish up your skills and enable you to enjoy much wider participation in our intramural, recreative and intercollegiate programs. Voluntary participation is the rule of the junior and senior years of college. Try, in these first two years, to evaluate your health and fitness and attain the skills you expect to enjoy the rest of your life in recreative exercise. These skills should help you to:

1. Handle your body easily and gracefully.
2. Develop habits of social and recreational participation through enjoyable physical activity.
3. Enrich your "joie de vivre" through self-expression in sports, the dance, and physically active fun.

ERNEST B. MCCOY, Dean

LaVie Pictures Campus Life, Senior Class

LaVie, recognized by those with a smattering of French as "the life," is the name given the College yearbook. LaVie attempts to live up to its name by portraying campus life, leaders, and students with emphasis on graduating seniors.

The annual, distributed late in May, is given only to seniors. Cost of a LaVie, now \$14 per person, is paid in installments by the individual as part of his fees, beginning his second semester. There is no advertising in the yearbook.

Because the staff decided students would rather look at pictures, the amount of copy was reduced in favor of more photography in last May's issue.

Pictures of seniors, arranged according to school, are accompanied by short summaries of activities. Sections of LaVie recognize senior personalities, campus queens, activities, organizations and campus leaders.

Candidates for LaVie begin work in their junior year. At the end of the year, the senior board is chosen by the outgoing staff.

Herman Golomb, seventh semester animal husbandry major, is 1954 LaVie editor.

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