

From 'Pesthouse' to Modern Hospital

With two new wings added to the University Hospital, a modern health service is available to students.

Dubbed the "Pesthouse," the first hospital was located in a barracks-like dormitory called the Bright Angel. This was in 1915. Until eight years later, when a scarlet fever epidemic broke out, the University made no attempt to provide a modern health service.

Today the modern University Health Service consists of a dispensary and hospital with a staff of 30 doctors, nurses and technicians. X-ray, physical therapy, clinical laboratory and dental services are also available.

The dispensary, located in the west wing of the hospital, is the out-patient department and is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. On other days, patients are treated by the hospital.

The hospital, located on the north side of Pollock Road near Shortlidge Road, is open 24 hours a day with a staff physician in attendance at all times.

It contains 60 beds and all facilities of a general hospital are available except for major surgery. Most surgery patients are sent to Centre County Hospital in Bellefonte.

Ambulance service will be available this year for the first time. The University has been

given an ambulance by the class of '55. In the past, borough ambulances and University station-wagons were used.

Students may receive seven days' treatment in the Hospital each semester without receiving a bill. This is covered in the fees paid before registering each semester. A charge of \$3 a day is made for patients hospitalized for more than a week. Drugs, except when treatment is unusual or expensive, are furnished without charge.

The University Health Service,

because of increased enrollment, has had to drop thorough examinations of incoming freshmen. This year the examination has been limited to laboratory testing, including a chest X-ray.

The west wing of the hospital was finished last year. It was built by the General State Authority, the borrow-and-build branch of the state government, at a cost of \$827,000. The dispensary was formerly situated in the basement of Old Main.

The dispensary takes care of more than 40,000 calls a year.

31 Counties Represented By Earliest Students

The University's first class of 119 students included representatives from 31 of the State's 67 counties. Each county was privileged to send students in proportion to the number of its taxable inhabitants.

Today, with approximately 13,500 students, every county is represented in the University's enrollment.

A bill forbidding sale of liquor within two miles of the University was passed by the State legislature on March 17, 1859.

Dr. Evan Pugh was president of the institution at that time.

Weston Welcomes Freshmen at Teas

As part of her already crowded schedule, Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston plays hostess at student teas throughout the semester.

Several of these are given the early part of each fall semester to welcome new freshman women and to give them a chance to get to know Miss Weston.

Once a semester Miss Weston gives a tea in honor of graduating senior women. Other teas are also given by the dean of women's office for students throughout the school year.

Book Exchange Is Student-Run; Opens Today

The Book Exchange which carries a complete line of school supplies such as pencils, notebooks and paper and is the sole distributor of freshman customs of dinks and name cards, will open today.

Located in the basement of the Hetzel Union Building, the BX regularly is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

An 8-member board of control elected each spring by the incumbent board, and subject to the approval of All-University Cabinet and the University Board of Trustees, has the responsibility for operating the BX.

Every fall the BX issues a call for candidates to help in its working operations. A satisfactory candidacy leads to promotion to the sophomore board for which an hourly wage is paid. Then the person moves on to junior and senior boards with an increase in salary on each board. The call for candidates will be announced later.

Students may collect a \$50 refund on the accumulation of \$5.00 worth of sales receipts. This policy has been ignored by many students in the past but is still in effect.

CPA Is Student 'Madison Ave.'

The Central Promotion Agency is a non-profit student-operated business which does promotion work for student organizations.

CPA, the first step in establishing a student-run advertising agency, charges a 15 per cent fee for its services. This money is used to purchase new equipment.

CPA assumes the responsibility for distributing its promotion material as well as preparing it.

The organization has also branched out to provide clients with newspaper advertising space and radio time. The Daily Collegian is cooperating with CPA.

Design, production, distribution and business make up the four staffs. Openings are available for new students and a call for workers will probably be made within the next several weeks.

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