

University's Growth Advanced In President Hetzel's Term

During the 21-year tenure of office of former president Ralph Dorn Hetzel, after whom the Hetzel Union Building was named, the University grew as much as it had in the previous 70 years.

Hetzel, who took office Dec. 15, 1926, was primarily responsible for the growth of the physical plant, which in 1927 was valued at \$3,700,000.

At his death in 1947 the buildings and grounds were valued at \$26,423,000. More than 30 of the 55 major buildings on campus went up during this period.

In 1928, Old Main, the focal point of college activities through the years, was completely condemned for classroom use, though it still housed the administrative offices.

Under Hetzel's administration, the rebuilt Old Main rose on the site of the former building in 1930.

In the next few years after 1932, construction included Frances Atherton Hall, a dormitory for women, and Mary Beaver White Recreation Hall for women.

The need for these buildings arose when the number of women students increased to a total of 1000.

A second large-scale construction program took place from 1937 to 1939 after the General State Authority approved the expenditure of about \$5 million for buildings and improvements.

Because of the nationwide depression of the 1930's, enrollment in that decade declined sharply. It picked up when the Works Progress Administration and the National Youth Administration helped students to support themselves.

Despite the business slump, the College was able to inaugurate several new programs, including



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the Extension Division and the Institute of Local Government, established in 1936 to provide facilities for training students for governmental service and to do research in local government.

Another innovation was the Ellen H. Richards Institute, established in 1941 for the study of certain aspects of the improvement of standards of living.

After the United States entered the war in 1941, the College contributed to the war effort by adopting an accelerated program

which put it on a 365-days-a-year schedule.

During the war years the Armed Services inaugurated on-campus training programs for men. At the same time, women were being trained for engineering jobs in industry.

Special top-secret research was carried on by members of the science faculties.

After the war there was a large increase in the student population, bringing the total to 11,000. To meet this problem surplus Army buildings were set up to serve as emergency classrooms, and trailers, dormitories and a cafeteria were obtained from the federal government.

Twenty-two off-campus centers enrolled freshman to alleviate the burden of the main campus. These students were permitted to transfer here at the start of their sophomore year.

Hetzel, whom the student body had honored with the title "Prexy," died Oct. 3, 1947.

Behind him was a heritage in which the enrollment had quadrupled, the faculty had more than doubled, the physical plant had increased in volume more than nine times, and the expenditures for instruction and research had similarly multiplied.

During his term Prexy himself had conferred 23,753 degrees.

"Farm School, Pennsylvania" was the first post office address of the large and growing Pennsylvania State University.

Credit Offered For TV Course

The University will cooperate again this semester with the National Broadcasting Co. in offering credit for the course "Atomic and Nuclear Physics," taught on the daily Continental Classroom television program.

The second semester of Continental Classroom opened Wednesday and classes are taught from 6:30 a. m. to 7 a. m., Monday through Friday. For those interested, viewing rooms in Boucke Building are open each morning at that time.

Dr. Vernon W. Myers, associate professor of physics at the Uni-

versity, is co-ordinator locally for the course and those desiring to enroll for credit may do so through M. T. Bunnell, in charge of registration and records for General Extension.

During the Fall Semester, seven students were enrolled for credit.

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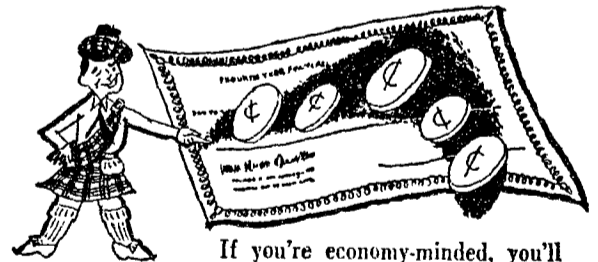
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