

# Building Namesakes Add Campus Color

"Meet you in front of Boucke." "My office is located in Sparks." "Where in the world's Armsby?"

Although these are commonly heard expressions on campus, few students ever stop to wonder about the buildings mentioned or the men for whom they were named.

Many students don't realize that Sparks was a newspaper reporter who became president of the University; Boucke, a piano tuner before he joined the faculty; and Armsby a teacher who designed and built the first calorimeter in the United States.

Edwin Erle Sparks was the eighth president of the University. Being very fond of the students, he wrote a column in the Collegian called "Prexy's Preachment," promoted school spirit and at Christmas time invited all the students remaining on campus to his home for a holiday ceremony.

Upon his retirement in 1920, the students gave him a gold watch inscribed "To Our Prexy From His Boys" which he wore until his death in 1924.

After his retirement, he continued to teach American history, a subject on which he was considered an authority.

Sparks wrote several books on history and edited "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates" which was recently used as basic reference material for the Broadway play "The Rivalry."

Oswald Frederick Boucke worked on a sheep plantation in Hawaii; a ranch in Australia and tuned, taught and played pianos in California before arriving in State College in 1908.

Born in Germany, Boucke was originally assigned to teach German. However, history, political science, economics and sociology were added to his schedule in his second semester. For twenty five years he taught these four subjects.

In 1920 he became head of the department of economics and sociology, a position he held until his retirement in 1931. Boucke wrote six books on economics and sociology before his death in 1935.

Henry P. Armsby's background is perhaps one of the least known among students but he is one of Penn State's most famous men.

In 1901 Armsby designed, built and installed in the small building behind Patterson, the first calorimeter in the United States.

Armsby came to the University in 1887 to establish and direct the Agriculture Experiment Station. Before his death in 1921, Armsby received honorary degrees from

three colleges, and was elected a member of royal societies in Sweden and Great Britain.

The policy governing the naming of buildings was established in 1932 by the Board of Trustees. It was decided that departmental buildings should honor persons distinguished in that field at the University or elsewhere.

## Senate Workshop--

(Continued from page one) for all women's activities. It has tried to look into the entire life of the college woman and to see if AWS is providing all that it should," she said.

"However, it seems as though every concrete project they have initiated was dropped in mid-air for one reason or another," Miss McPherson said.

## Burglaries Baffle Police

State College police reported yesterday that they have "nothing concrete" on the burglaries in State College in the last two weeks. About \$1300 in cash and goods was taken.

The last burglary was reported last Thursday, police officials said.

## Bratton Wins Grant

Raymond Bratton, of Curwensville, a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in ceramic technology at the University, has been awarded a \$4333 fellowship given by Basic, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, for a 13-month period.

## Ed Reps Convention Bound


The Education Student Council voted at a recent meeting to send three student representatives and one faculty representative to the convention of the Eastern State Association of Professional Schools for Teachers.

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**Farm Group to Interview**  
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