PROFESSOR TELLS OF STUDENT DAYS

Dr. J. L. Meriam Recalls Time When State College Was Normal School

Dr. Junius L. Meriam, professor of education at the University of California at Los Angeles, former State Normal student and instructor returns to the campus this summer. Dr. Meriam attended this college in 1897 and 1898 when it was known as State Normal College located on Willett Street and offering a two-year course.

In an interview today Dr. Meriam described the Normal college as comprising a body of about 350, consisting mostly of women. He was one of forty-four graduate students, the greater number of whom were New York men. During the next two years he remained as instructor and math teacher.

While principal of a school in Mead, Ohio, Mr. Meriam again described forty-nine teachers as the men of improving instruction. He believed that some teachers who leave the normal to be taught as well as the methods involved in spite of the attendance of all who advised him to remain during the school year to advise after school, Mr. Meriam became a help to his teachers through supervision.

In answer to many questions about the present day he had the responsibility of supervising the study in the elementary grades. As he entered the eleventh grade, he said the younger children explained that the waving of the trees causes the wind to blow, and the harder the trees wave, the stronger the wind blows.

The University of Missouri called Dr. Meriam to be professor of school supervision. For the last seven years he has been teaching at the University of California at Los Angeles.

This summer is visiting instructor in Normal methods and educational values comprised mostly of graduate students, enrolled in normal courses and in supervision.

Dr. M. C. Nelson Welcomes Students To Summer College

Dear Friends of the 1931 Summer Session

Welcome to State College! May profit and pleasure make your summer here abundant, while the memory of your pleasant stay will bear witness to your work. You werecorded as students of our 1931-32 Summer Session.

1350 ATTEND 1931 SUMMER SESSION

This Year's Registration Breaks All Records of Preceding Summer Terms

Approximately thirteen hundred and fifty students have registered in the 1931 summer session at the opening days of the session, according to a statement issued today by Dr. Mrs. Nelson, director of the session.

This sum represents an increase of four hundred over the registration of last year's students and five hundred over the enrollment of the summer session of 1930. Of these new enrollments, the majority are students from outside the State College circle.

The total registration is more than fifty per cent of the total registration of 1929, and exceeds five hundred students the largest number of students enrolled.

Approximately twelve hundred and fifty students have registered in the 1931 summer session, according to a statement issued today by Dr. Mrs. Nelson, director of the session.

"Education Becomes Professional" is the slogan on the label for the summer session. The emphasis is on the need for professional training and content of the subjects for the professional training of those students who will be trained to give instruction in the various branches of the profession, like music, art, and science. The training is designed to give the students a background of knowledge in their fields that will enable them to teach effectively.

Alumni Of Plattsburg Plan Reunion Tuesday

A reunion of Plattsburg State Normal School alumni will be held this Tuesday evening at the Summer College. A joint session of the alumni will be held at 7:30 in the evening in the College auditorium. The session will be attended by all alumni who wish to participate.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

In the first few days at summer session it has been impressed on me
more than ever before that teaching is really a profession. Those who
realized it before now appreciate it more fully, and those who did not
consider it before are beginning to awaken to that fact.

When we see large numbers of teachers or prospective teachers com-
bin clad efforts to find better methods to help high school pupils, to
solve problems of importance, and to increase their knowledge for the
benefit of the younger generation, can we help but realize that we are pro-
fessionals?

Just as physicians study new devices for medical and surgical care,
just as lawyers seek new methods of pleading, the teacher, also, can
benefit from the knowledge of others. Teachers feel that attendance at
summer school is keener and therefore competition is keen and therefore
there is no less true of the teaching profession on legal and criminal
law, as lawyers seek new methods of pleading, as physicians study new
devices for medical and surgical care, we help but realize that we are pro-
fessionals.

A faculty team
Men Issue Challenge

A faculty team on the summer team has issued a challenge to the
faculty to a game of 9-hole golf at the Delair Golf Course, to be
during the week of July 22 to August I. The definite date will
be determined when the challenge is accepted.

The faculty team consists of the following men: Dr. M. G. Nelson, director of the summer session.

If You Ask Me-
GREGG MAN TO SPEAK

(Each week the inquiring reporter will ask students questions, the answers to be given by the students.)

Question: To what do you attribute the increased enrollment in this section of summer school?

Grace Brady: "Many schools offer increased salary to teachers who attend summer sessions. State College students are usually being paid for their ideas, and therefore competition is keen and therefore attendance is increased."

Maria S. Davis: "A great many high school principals are requiring their teachers to attend summer school in order to hold their present positions."

Katherine Redwine: "The field of education is a progressive one, and with so many teachers in the field, competition is keen and therefore attendance at summer school is increased."

Madge Green: "I think that the increased enrollment is due primarily to the economic conditions of the times. Married women must make a living. The tendency of the state department to increase the requirements of teachers, principals, and supervisors, is being realized by the state supervisors, that they need some form of study to meet the requirements of a professional education."

Division Made Necessary
In English Six Course

Due to the large enrollment in the English course this year, the class
was divided into two sections. The first group consists of the first
section of the course, and the second group consists of the second
section of the course. This division has been made in order to
provide a better learning environment for all students.

GREGG MAN TO SPEAK

Dr. Smith To Conduct
Three Historical Trips

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The second tour will be conducted on the 25th of July. The route will be through the state of New York, and will be via the Mohawk Valley and the Susquehanna River.

The third tour will be conducted on the 27th of July. The route will be via the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River.

The fourth tour will be conducted on the 29th of July. The route will be via the Adirondack Mountains and the Saranac Lake.

TERRILL SPONSORS
TELEPHONE FILM

The opportunity is to be presented to students of the summer session to attend a motion picture demonstration to be given by the New York Telephone Company in the auditorium of the Hall, probably on the afternoon of July 25 at 2:30 o'clock.

The demonstration is to be accompanied by a discussion of the motion picture industry and its operation and equipment.

Students Invited to Witness
Demonstration July 27

The demonstration is to be accompanied by a discussion of the motion picture industry and its operation and equipment.

Administrators Plan
To Discuss Problems

A plan is under way for a round table discussion of administrative problems by the administrators and the faculty members.

The discussions will be held in the auditorium of the Hall, probably on the afternoon of July 25 at 2:30 o'clock.

The discussion will be concerned with the administration of the college and the problems of the day.

Supervisor Speaks
At Librarians' Tea

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