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at

BLOOMSBURG

1869-1954

(FOUNDED 1839)

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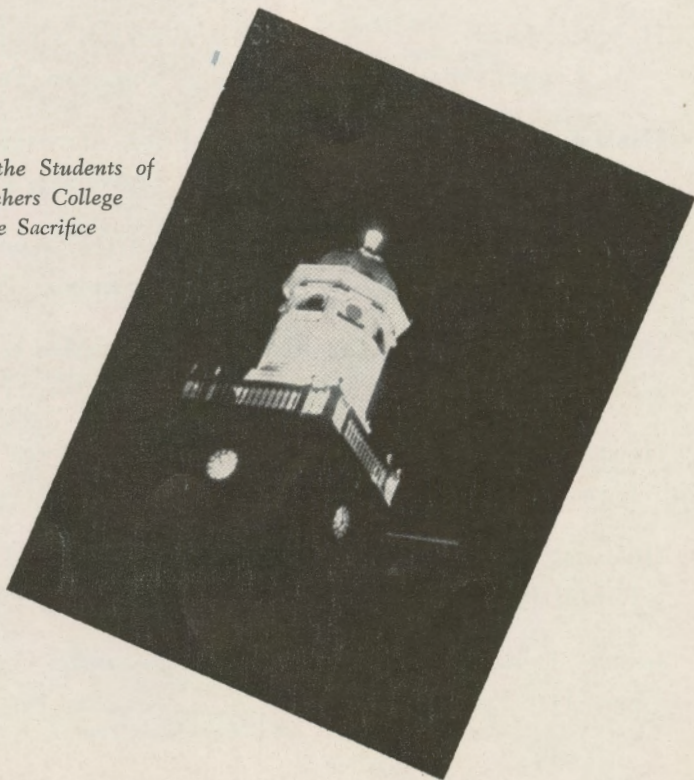
THE WHITE TOWERS OF BLOOMSBURG

I saw the towers of Bloomsburg as I was passing by,
The white towers of Bloomsburg against the autumn sky.
The river flowed beneath them across the purple hills,
The town lies just below them with all its stores and mills.
The towers shine white at Bloomsburg above the mountains grand,
Looking at the clock there, no matter where you stand.
There's a tower on old Carver and on sprawling Waller, too,
This first one is the larger that shines against the blue.
Those who come to Bloomsburg and see September's haze
Are reminded always of their happy college days.
Up the street to Carver with its ever-welcoming door,
They've climbed with eager footsteps for four-score years or more.
So we set up our signposts for those who follow here,
That they may see the towers that we have tried to rear.
Our towers may not point upward like fingers to the sky,
But looking always at them we cannot fail to try
To serve our Alma Mater and to it e'er be true,
For the years look down upon us and others that we knew.

HARVEY A. ANDRUSS

THE BLOOMSBURG BEACON

*. . . dedicated to the Students of
Bloomsburg State Teachers College
who made the Supreme Sacrifice
in World War II*



GOLD STAR HONOR ROLL

World War II

	<i>Class</i>		<i>Class</i>
ALLEN, KENNETH MORSE	1944	KANIA, WALTER J.	1944
Shamokin, Pennsylvania		Dickson City, Pennsylvania	
ATKINSON, JOHN LEE	1943	KITCH, CLYDE C.	1935
Hatboro, Pennsylvania		Columbia, Pennsylvania	
BLOSS, LAMAR K.	1937	McCRACKEN, ALLEN A.	1945
Aristes, Pennsylvania		Riverside, Pennsylvania	
CARR, JOHN R.	1934	McHALE, PAUL J.	1940
Luzerne, Pennsylvania		Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	
CRESSWELL, ROBERT W.	1945	REAGAN, THOMAS W.	1937
Forty Fort, Pennsylvania		Lost Creek, Pennsylvania	
EVANCHO, JOSEPH J.	1937	REED, WALTER H.	1941
Ebervale, Pennsylvania		Shillington, Pennsylvania	
HANCOCK, JOHN	1940	ROWLAND, CYRIL J.	1938
Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania		Connerton, Pennsylvania	
HARMAN, JAMES	1942	RUDY, ALBERT E.	1948
Catawissa, Pennsylvania		Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	
HARRIS, EARL J.	1942	SCHUYLER, MARY F.	1933
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania		Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	
HOFFMAN, LEO J., JR.	1946	SOBACK, MICHAEL	1944
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania		Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	
HOWER, JOHN L.	1945	TURINI, VICTOR R.	1941
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania		Wyoming, Pennsylvania	
HUMMEL, WOODROW W.	1933	WENRICH, CHALMERS S.	1939
Rupert, Pennsylvania		Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	
JENKINS, DONALD	1943	YENALAVAGE, ANTHONY C.	1943
Forty Fort, Pennsylvania		Kingston, Pennsylvania	

PROGRAM

Carver Hall Auditorium, 8:30 P. M.

*The Star Spangled Banner** Francis Scott Key

Invocation Mr. Fred W. Diehl, Vice-President, Board of Trustees

Welcome Dr. Harvey A. Andruss, President of the College

BSNS and BSTC —Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction

*Bless This House** Taylor-Brahe

Miss Diann Jones, Soloist

Presentation of the *Bloomsburg Beacon*

(in memory of World War II Gold Star Alumni)

Mr. Reginald S. Hemingway, President, Board of Trustees

Acceptance of the *Bloomsburg Beacon*

Dr. E. H. Nelson, President, Alumni Association

*Where'er You Walk** Handel

Quartet

Richard Williams

Robert Ebner

William Phillips

Samuel Hall

Directed by Mr. Nelson A. Miller

"Lengthened Shadows" Dean Emeritus William B. Sutliff

*The Alma Mater** Joseph H. Dennis

*Miss Mary Jo Williams, Accompanist

ALMA MATER

Far above the river winding
Midst the mountains grand,
Stands our College, dear to students
Far throughout the land.

Chorus

Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg
College

Up on College Hill;
Years to come shall find us ever
True to Bloomsburg still.

Air—"Annie Lyle"

At the Console—Miss Myra Albertson



Carver Hall Lobby

In the beginning . . .

It was midsummer, 1839.

The young nation was paralyzed by panic. Accomplished politician that he was, President Martin Van Buren seemed powerless to do anything to relieve the widespread distress and suffering. Beneath the growing economic unrest bubbled the discontent of the Antislavery forces. In a few short weeks, grizzled William Henry Harrison, of Ohio, who enjoyed a tenuous reputation as a military hero, would be nominated for the Presidency on the Whig ticket in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. The now-famous "Log Cabin and Cider" campaign was little more than a year away.

In the sleepy Pennsylvania Town of Bloomsburg, however, something was stirring. Here enterprising citizens, including the Reverend David Jewett Waller, Sr., a graduate of Williams College and Princeton Theological Seminary, were planning further education for the youth of the town. They persuaded Charles P. Waller, brother of the Rev. Mr. Waller, and later President Judge in the district of Wayne and Pike counties, to come to Bloomsburg to found an academy, which was established at Third and Jefferson Streets. Thus youth had an opportunity of securing a liberal education. Mr. Waller remained two years, and when he left the institution was in a flourishing condition.

From that time on it was touch and go, but in 1856, while nervous Americans watched the mounting political strife, the Rev. Mr. Waller prepared

a charter providing for the Bloomsburg Literary Institute. The object of the corporation was to promote education, both in the ordinary and higher branches of English, Literature, and Science, and in the Ancient and Modern Languages. William Robison and others circulated the petition and obtained the signatures of twenty-seven other citizens. It was submitted to the court at the September term and confirmed.

Despite increasing political tensions, the Bloomsburg Literary Institute began its service to the youth in the old Academy building. D. A. Beckley and others conducted the school, but there was no succession of teachers, and the Board of Trustees exercised little control over its management.

The Institute struggled along through the critical days of the Civil War, but the end of the war brought expansion, increased enrollments, and progress. The Board of Trustees, of which the Rev. Mr. Waller was president, began a search for an educator of established reputation to head the Institute, the charter of which was revived on May 2, 1866. Shortly afterwards, amid rumors of the impending impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, Henry Carver of Binghamton, New York, was elected Principal.

Carver was a self-educated man. After serving as principal of an academy in his native state of New York, he was head of the Preparatory Department of the University of California. While there he lost his left hand by the

Dean Emeritus Sutliff and President Andruss examine original Trustees' Minutes dating from 1866.





Waller Hall Lounge

explosion of a fowling piece. After returning to his home in Binghamton, he made a trip down the Susquehanna River. Impressed by the beauty of the environment of Bloomsburg, he spent several days here and inquired about the local schools. After talking with the Rev. Mr. Waller, D. A. Beckley, and others, Carver was persuaded to remain in Bloomsburg and to open the Academy.

On June 29, 1866, just one week after his election, the trustees passed a resolution to erect a building to accommodate 300 students at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Although this was five times the amount anyone but Carver had thought of expending, immediate steps were taken to raise the money. By the end of the summer, when the Fourteenth Amendment was being submitted to the states for ratification, \$11,290 had been subscribed.

The location of the building at once became a public issue. Four sites were offered, including three acres of land above the Forks Hotel, which stood squarely across Main Street. Despite objections filed in a minority report to the Board of Trustees, owners of stock, eligible to vote on the location of the building, met in the Court House June 16, 1866, and the present site was enthusiastically approved. The owners of the Forks Hotel agreed to move the building within a reasonable time and thus allow for the opening of Main Street up to the entrance of the Literary Institute Hall.

Professor Carver was instructed to consult an architect in Washington and to secure plans for the erection of the proposed building. These were submitted to the Board of Trustees and adopted July 13, 1866. Meanwhile, Carver was busily engaged in advertising the opening of the Institute and securing teachers for the fall term.

Some difficulty was encountered in securing a capable contractor to erect the new building. On November 25, 1866, the Trustees requested the Principal "to employ a competent teacher for the balance of the term, at the expense of the Institute, to enable Professor Carver to devote his full-time to the pending Subscriptions and the erection of the building."

For the dedication of the building on March 30, 1867, a committee was appointed "to invite the clergy of the Town and Judge Elwell to accompany the Trustees in a procession from the Academy to Institute Hall, on the following Wednesday at 1:00 P. M. A band led the procession and the new building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies."

A faculty was selected and the classwork of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute began in Institute Hall, now Carver Hall.

The first year in the new building was not completed when James P. Wickersham, State Superintendent of Common Schools, while passing through Bloomsburg on a train, saw the new school on the hill "ablaze with light." The location of a new normal school in the Sixth District was pending, and Mr. Wickersham, who had been principal of the Millersville Normal School, returned to Bloomsburg and addressed a meeting of the citizens, expressing the opinion that the Literary Institute would be an ideal location for a State Normal School.

On March 9, 1868, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Trustees of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute agree to establish in connection with the same, 'A State Normal School' . . ." Exactly one week later, the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson was begun with Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase presiding over the Senate of the United States. The hearings

The new Business Office



dragged on, but in Bloomsburg citizens were more concerned with progress of the school on the hill.

A month later, Professor Carver, who had declined to serve as head of the school for more than two years unless a more suitable building was erected, submitted plans for a new dormitory. While funds for the building were being raised, news was received of the decision in Washington to vote on the 11th article of impeachment—whether President Andrew Johnson was guilty of high misdemeanors as charged. The Senate voted 35 for conviction, 19 (7 Republicans and 12 Democrats) for acquittal, one short of the necessary two-thirds. Interestingly enough, U. S. Senator Charles R. Buckalew, of Bloomsburg, cast one of the Democratic votes for acquittal. Buckalew later became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Normal School.

Less than a month later, on June 25, 1868, the cornerstone of the new dormitory was laid. The occasion was a memorable one. Governor John White Geary, whose career in national politics was as distinguished as his military record in the Mexican and Civil Wars, placed the stone in position, made an appropriate address, and handed the plans to Professor Carver, who accepted them and promised to complete the work as soon as possible.

State Superintendent Wickersham, who addressed a still larger audience in Institute Hall that evening, was present along with the Honorable William Elwell, President Judge of the county courts, who spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees. L. B. Rupert read a history of the institution, and the Rev. Mr. Waller offered prayer.

Early in February, 1869, the trustees requested that a committee be appointed under the act of 1857 to consider the chartering of the Literary Institute as a State Normal School. On February 18, 1868, this committee examined the charter deeds, organization, methods of instruction, and other matters pertaining to the character of the institution. They reported favorably the following day, February 19, 1869, which is the birthday of the State Normal School of the Sixth District, although the proclamation of the State Superintendent was signed and sealed three days later.

And so today, on the eighty-fifth anniversary of the formal recognition of teacher education at Bloomsburg, it is significant that appropriate exercises are being held in Carver Hall—the oldest building on the campus.

The setting sun casts lengthening shadows across the campus, but none of these embrace "Normal Hill" as completely as the lives of those whose labor of love founded on this spot a great institution.

—JOHN A. HOCH.

FACULTY, FEBRUARY 19, 1954

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Elsie Bower	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller
Boyd F. Buckingham	Nelson A. Miller
Edward T. DeVoe	Thomas P. North
Ernest H. Engelhardt	Honora M. Noyes
Mrs. Dorothy J. Evans	J. Almus Russell
Howard F. Fenstemaker	Walter S. Rygiel
W. C. Forney	Russell F. Schleicher
Earl A. Gehrig	Mrs. Anna Garrison Scott
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Edna J. Hazen	Harold S. Shelly
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EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TEACHER EDUCATION (1869-1954)

Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School 1866-1916*

Principals

Henry Carver	1866-1871
Charles G. Barkley	1871-1872
John Hewitt	1872-1873
T. L. Griswold	1873-1877
David J. Waller, Jr.	1877-1890
Judson P. Welsh	1890-1906

Bloomsburg State Normal School 1916-1926

Principals

David J. Waller, Jr.	1906-1920
Charles H. Fisher	1920-1923
G. C. L. Reimer	1923-1927

Bloomsburg State Teachers College 1927-

Presidents

Francis B. Haas	1927-1939
Harvey A. Andrus	1939-

* Chartered as State Normal School of the Sixth District
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, February 19, 1869.