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THIS WEEK: Historical Account of Iowa State University Staff and Enrollment and University of Northern Iowa Financial Reports

BACKGROUND: Iowa State University In 1856, the Iowa General Assembly enacted legislation to establish the State Agricultural College and Model Farm. Story County was chosen as the location on June 21, 1859, from proposals by Johnson, Kossuth, Marshall, Polk, and Story counties. When Iowa accepted the provisions of the Morrill Act of 1862, Iowa State became the first institution designated as a land-grant college.

The institution was coeducational from the earliest year (1858). The Iowa Experiment Station was one of its prominent features. Practical courses of instruction were taught, including one designed to give a general training for the career of a farmer. Courses in mechanical, civil, electrical, and mining engineering were taught.

University of Northern Iowa Two powerful interests converged in 1876 to provide the circumstances for the founding of the institution now known as the University of Northern Iowa. First, there was the strong desire by grateful citizens of Iowa to provide for the orphans of Civil War soldiers and sailors. And second, there was the long-perceived need for an Iowa public institution devoted to the training of teachers. These two widely-held wishes, skillfully melded by Black Hawk County legislators.

The first decade of the twentieth century was tumultuous for higher education in Iowa. The legislature and many other groups of citizens were concerned with managing Iowa educational institutions with greater "efficiency". Most often "efficiency" was coupled with the notion of "duplication": that is, there should be no overlap in fields of study between or among the State University at Iowa City, the Agricultural College at Ames, and the Normal School at Cedar Falls. In 1904, the Normal School began to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Education degree. A legislative committee considered this degree to be duplicative of work offered at Iowa City. The Normal School survived this challenge and even went on to receive legislative authority to change its name to the Iowa State Teachers College in 1909.

From the Journal of the Senate January 16, 1913

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

IV. Number of Instructors and student enrollment.

1910-1911

Professors, assistant professors and administrative officers.....	88
Instructors and assistants.....	85
	173

Non-Collegiate Departments

Professors, and assistants professors.....	4
Instructors.....	13
	17

Student Enrollment

Division of Agriculture- Science and Agriculture.....	240
Animal Industry	155
Agronomy.....	62
Horticulture and Forestry.....	34
Dairy.....	29
Agricultural Engineering.....	34
Home Economics.....	149
	704
 Division of Veterinary Medicine.....	100
 Division of Engineering- Civil Engineering.....	209
Mechanical Engineering.....	146
Electrical Engineering.....	190
Mining Engineering.....	31
Ceramics.....	8
Industrial Chemistry.....	4
	588
 Division of Science.....	84
Division of Music (collegiate).....	9
 Total.....	1485

Non-Collegiate Agricultural Courses.....	148
Winter short Course.....	595
Special Students, music.....	141
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Total.....	2369
Less Duplicates.....	62
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	2307

IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Special Financial Reports, Fiscal Period July 1, 1910, to June 30, 1912.

Summaries of Several Funds for the Biennial Period July 1, 1910, to June 30, 1912.

Teachers Fund.....	\$226,634.14
Contingent Fund.....	\$123,707.87
Summer Term Fund.....	\$ 30,617.50
Library Fund.....	\$ 14,691.54
Librarians' Salary Fund.....	\$ 15,264.59
Hospital Fund.....	\$ 5,629.25
Millage Fund.....	\$111,279.05
Paving, Walks and Improvement of Grounds Fund.....	\$ 1,976.46
Commencement Contingent Fund.....	\$ 2,546.81

Statement of Student Fees, Collected during the Period 1910-1912, with disposal made of same.

Balance on hand July 1, 1910.....	\$16,406.38
Fees received 1910-1912.....	\$45,945.94
Paid to teachers.....	\$24,500.00
Paid to Contingent Fund.....	18,000.00
Paid to Summer Term Fund.....	10,953.74
Paid for Summer Lecture Courses.....	951.25
Balance on hand, June 30, 1912.....	7,947.33
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	\$62,352.32

Statistical Information

Normal College Students 1910-1911	2,500
Normal College Students 1911-1912.....	2,425
Training School pupils 1910-1911.....	315
Training School pupils 1911-1912	500

Note: Attendance for 1911-1912 less on account of typhoid fever epidemic.