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REPORTS CHANGES IN NORTH CHINA SCHOOLS

Pei-p'ing -- Many educational reforms have been carried out in the higher education program for the Pei-p'ing and T'ien-ching areas. Some schools have already begun new terms while others are ready to resume classes after making many changes in curriculums, faculties, and departments during the summer months.

Recently, a representative of this newspaper visited higher educational institutions in these areas and made the following report:

Pei-p'ing University

Classes and one department from other schools were transferred and merged with corresponding classes and department in Pei-p'ing University as follows: the jurisprudence class of Ch'ing-hua University, the Department of Medicine of Franco-Chinese University, the philosophy class of Man-k'ai University, and the agriculture class of the Department of Agriculture, Fu-jen University.

The course on education under the Department of Literature in Pei-p'ing University was transferred and combined with that of Pei-p'ing Teachers College.

The special courses on the Arabic and Hindustani languages were incorporated with the special course on Chinese Literature in this university.

The instructors and students of the oriental literature class in Man-ching University were transferred and merged with a similar class in Pei-p'ing University.

According to the June 1949 survey, the total enrollment in the university was 1,970. The new enrollment this year is 1,047. The Students who transferred from other schools number 146 and there are 44 research students.

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Of the more than 6,000 who applied for enrollment this year, about 1,600 applied for the Department of Medicine. Of that number, 110 passed the examination and were accepted. Sixty students were accepted into the Economics Department, 50 in the Department of Agriculture, and 50 in the Department of Technology.

Pei-p'ing Teachers College

The English-Language Department was changed to the Foreign Languages Department which includes the English and Russian languages.

The following changes were made in the Department of Education: the home economics course was changed to child care; music to drama and music; manual training to arts and technology; and the special Chinese-Language course was incorporated with the Chinese literature course.

The total enrollment in this school is 1,591, which includes 752 new students accepted for this term. Of the new students, 81 enrolled in the Foreign Languages Department, and 63 in the Chinese literature course.

Ch'ing-hua University

Some students transferred to Pei-p'ing University or changed to other courses when the jurisprudence course was transferred and merged with that of the Pei-p'ing University.

The anthropology course was dropped and its students were transferred to the Sociology course. Of the 950 students accepted this year, 140 enrolled in the Department of Chinese Literature, 156 in the Department of Science, 97 in the Department of Iaw, 420 in the Department of Technology, and 133 in the Department of Agriculture.

The number of students in each course is as follows: electrical equipment 126, machinery 99, civil engineering 75, chemical engineering 71, foreign literature 89, agricultural science 58, and agricultural chemistry 61.

Yen-ching University

of the four special courses taught heretofore in this school, only the leather-craft course was resumed this year. The three courses dropped are pottery making, teaching english in middle schools, and statistics.

The cld students totaled 500. The new students accepted this year numbered 300.

It requires 330,000 UB dollars annually to operate this school. Of that amount, 250,000 UB dollars have been raised already.

Fu-jen University

The Department of Literature includes Chinese literature, foreign literature, history, sociology, and economics. The anthropology course was dropped this year.

The Department of Science includes courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology. The home economics course was dropped this year. The course on Hygiene was incorporated into the biology course; nutrition into the chemistry course; and child care into the education course.

The Department of Education includes education, philosophy and psychology. The course on art was dropped this year.

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The course on agriculture was traisferred and combined with a similar course in Pei-p'ing University.

The courses on logic and ethics were dropped last semester. The course on religion was changed from required to elective.

The total enrollment of this school is 1,230. There are 480 new students. Of the new students, 60 were accepted in economics, 60 in biology, and 48 in physics.

The tuition is fixed at 60 units of commodity value established by the CCP. It requires 220,000 US dollars to operate this school annually.

Franco-Chinese University

This school was placed under the control of the Military Control Commission on 16 June 1949.

Originally, the school had departments of Literature, Science, and Medicine. The Department of Medicine was transferred and combined with that of Fei-p'ing University. During the last term, there were 13 students in the Department of Medicine, 225 in the Department of Literature, and 242 in the Department of Science. There were also 43 teachers and 27 workers.

The Administration Committee of the university is now busy reorganizing the curriculum and will receive new students soon.

Man-k'ai University

The Department of Political Economy was changed to the Department of Finance and Economics. The course on politics was dropped. A new course on finance and economics was started.

In the Department of Literature, the philosophy course was dropped.

Some students have moved to Fei-p'ing Teachers College or to Fei-p'ing University to continue their chosen courses of education or philosophy.

Hopeh Provincial Medical College

Generally, it requires 6 years to graduate from this school. However, the courses in nursing and obstetrics require only 2 years to finish.

The college has the following laboratories: anatomy, bacteriology, pathology, histology and embryology, biochemistry, hygiene and preventive medicine, pharmacology, and physiology.

There are 124 teachers and workers, 404 old students, and 180 new students.

The new term started offically on 19 October 1949.

Other Schools

The other schools, which have not made many changes, include Pei-yang University, Hopeh Teachers College, National Art School, and the Marine School.

Pei-yang University has 700 students, of which 399 are new. Fifty-seven students are taking the course in electrical equipment and 52 that in machinery.

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Hopeh Teachers College is a coeducational school with 215 students and 30 teachers.

The Mational Art School has 280 old students and 180 new students.

The Marine Science School, also coeducational, has 170 students.

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