Information for Freshman regarding Brooklyn College Country Summer Session

Brooklyn College is now building its second year's work-study summer session, to be held at the Agricultural Institute at Morrisville, in Madison County, in central New York. This project is an outgrowth of two years of experimentations, one of which, at Red Rock, N. Y., was devoted entirely to supplying student labor for the farm work program. In 1943, it was turned into a combination of farm work and correlated college studies. 150 students took part last as volunteers in the harvest front, and as regular Brooklyn College students.

The project's significance lies not only in its patriotic satisfactions, and its opportunities for continued college work, but also in the merger of physical and intellectual labors into an educational experience very different from that available for most city-bred students. It provides a means for the more balanced living of earlier generations.

In city life today, the individual is a worker to some associates, a student to others, a social being to still others. In our Farm Labor Project, this compartmentalization gives way to a complete association of the person in all aspects: in work, in study, in everyday living, and in recreation. He offers a chance to be a total being to his associates. Last summer, our volunteers found this general togetherness one of the most appreciated parts of the whole experience.

Brooklyn College is able to offer its students this kind of life with the support and approval of the Board of Higher Education of N. Y. City, of the State Department of Education, of the Farm Management Service, and of other associated State and Federal agencies. We have a special summer campus at the Morrisville Institute, in a little village high up in the hills of central New York, with dormitories, cafeteria, classrooms, and recreational facilities. Life and study under these circumstances are tied in with the daily work of the fields to which students are transported six days a week by truck for the harvesting of peas and beans. Under ordinary weather conditions, a conscientious application to the job will supply the worker with the money necessary to meet his expenses for room and board. Better than average picking will provide some surplus after a summer's participation in this vitally important wartime activity.

The weekly schedule, in most cases, provides for two evening class meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:30 - 9:00 P. M. Friday evening will be given over to organized educational and recreational activities. Other evenings will be wholly recreational. Sundays, or such other day as may be determined by crop conditions, will be free for picnics or other leisure-time activities.

For lower classmen, the curriculum, as planned, will make possible the earning of three to five college credits, two to four for a "book" course, and possibly one for supervised work and recreational activities. Lower classmen are asked to list the required courses they need to take, indicating an order of preference. The final courses offered will be determined on three factors: (1) teachers available; (2) student requests; (3) relations of courses to rural surroundings. Last summer's experience is discussed at length in a special printed report which may be borrowed for reading, from the library. We expect to offer the following courses which were given last summer: English 2, 3, 4; Geology 1; Political Sci, 1; and Trigonometry (instead of algebra). We hope to add one or more of the following courses open to freshmen: Economics, Sociology, and perhaps Biology 1 or 2 (the latter for upper freshmen). For upper classmen, we hope to offer again Rural Sociology, and to add an elective in Economics, Political Issues of the War (Pill. 2), perhaps Meteorology, and an advanced English composition course.

Bulletins of information may be found posted on the Ingersoll board opposite 2107 (Prof. Benedict's office); on the Graduate bulletin board, near 1154 Boyle. Longer bulletins or excerpts may be consulted in 1154 S., at the Placement Office, as well as at the Library. Preliminary application cards, with tickets of desired courses may be filled out and deposited in one of the Boylem offices mentioned.

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