BROOKLYN COLLEGE
FARM LABOR PROJECT
JUNE 15 — SEPT. 15, 1943.

GOALS: To
1. Harvest 100,000 bushels of peas and snap beans.
2. Give full time employment in essential war work to 200 Brooklyn College students during the summer months.
3.Enable these students to advance their college studies at the same time.
4. Provide new experiences in country living and food production for these city dwellers and food consumers.
5. Make this country experience meaningful through systematic study of its varied features in correlated college courses.
6. Supplement the work-study program by planned, cooperative, intellectual, and recreational activities suited to the group.
7. Promote sympathetic understanding between the city college youth and the younger and older people of the country.

THE PLAN:
1. Students will work full time picking peas and beans on selected farms.
2. Students and faculty will live in the dormitories of the N. Y. State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Morrisville, N. Y., or in homes which are regularly used by students of this school.
3. Food will be provided on a non-profit basis in the cafeteria of the Institute.
4. An infirmary with a resident nurse will be available to the Brooklyn College group.
5. The educational facilities of the Institute, including classrooms, fields, and poultry and cattle buildings, will be at the disposal of our students for their systematic studies.
6. The athletic and other recreational buildings will be open for us, together with supplies and equipment provided by the Brooklyn College Hygiene Departments, and the Department of Music.
7. The Institute Library will be supplemented by loans from our own Library, with additional volumes from the N. Y. State Library as may be needed.
8. A program of courses selected from the Brooklyn College curriculum, will be offered by accredited faculty members. These courses will be conducted in full accordance with College regulations.

THE CURRICULUM:
1. The courses offered will be comprised under the following heads:
   a. Correlation Courses: Farm Biology, Geology, Rural Sociology, for which the rural setting is especially suited.
   c. Required Courses, chiefly for freshmen and sophomores: English Composition, English Literature, Political Science, Sociology, Mathematics.
2. All courses will carry regular credits toward graduation.
3. All college regulations regarding registration, attendance, quality of student work, etc., will be followed. (See catalogue.)
4. Every effort will be made to orient each course to appropriate features and conditions in the agricultural environment and village community.

5. To make possible full time harvest work, classes will be scheduled chiefly for evening periods; Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6. A series of Friday evening assemblies will be scheduled, with programs designed to provide an over-all, unifying survey of farm and rural community problems.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION:

1. Preliminary applications should be filed immediately in the Employment Office (2215 Boylan). Course preferences are to be set down at this time.

2. Applicants whose health and college records are approved will be called for individual interviews. These interviews will furnish the basis for questions and for a fuller understanding of the program.

3. Accepted applicants will be notified by mail regarding the time and place for formal registration. While assignments to classes will, so far as possible, be made according to each student’s first choice, the small, total registration may not allow complete freedom of choice. It may be necessary to register for a second or third choice if the sections of a preferred course are filled.

COSTS:

1. Rooms will cost $2.00 per week per person, with a $5.00 deposit, payable in advance. Bed linen will be furnished and laundered.

2. Students will bring their own blankets and towels. Laundry tubs and ironing boards are available. Pressing irons are not supplied.

3. Food will be served by the Institute cafeteria which sells a $5.50 meal ticket for $5.00, good till used. For the average appetite, and at present food costs, this will provide adequate meals for a week, including sandwich lunches, to be taken to work.

4. Library and other College fees will be the same as those for a comparable situation in Brooklyn, also textbooks.

5. Each worker will be expected to take out a low cost insurance for protection in case of accident (Cost $3.00). This is in accordance with the N. Y. State plan.

6. Group transportation to Morrisville (250 miles) will be furnished free by the State. Return transportation will be provided for those who complete the season’s assignment.

EARNINGS:

1. Workers will be paid on a piece-work basis at prevailing rates.

2. Rates will be not less than 40 cents per bushel for peas; 45 for beans; they may be more.

3. Six to ten bushels will constitute a fair day’s picking.

4. The work period will cover 10-12 weeks. If the poor weather of this spring delays the start of the harvest, the class program can be started in Brooklyn.

(Note: No student should enroll with the idea that high earnings are assured. Employing farmers will be under contract to provide at least two days work in the worst week, enough for a good worker to earn the week’s expenses. Good workers should average much more. We expect no unemployment, except from bad weather.)
Bring in the harvest of peas and beans
Continue your college studies
Forget the city heat and the subway crowds
Live "Upstate" on a college campus
Produce essential foods

SPONSORSHIP:
The Brooklyn College Farm Labor Project is an outgrowth of experience gained during the summer of 1942 when three work groups, totalling one hundred students, were organized and operated in the Hudson River Valley under the auspices of the College Placement Office and the Faculty Committee on Employment. Building on this venture, the Employment Committee, with many cooperating colleagues, has formulated the program here described. As it stands, this Project is a Morrisville annex of the regular Summer Session.

Basically, it is one of the farm work installations set up under the auspices of the "N. Y. Farm Cadet Victory Corps for 1943", administered jointly by the State War Council, T. N. Hurd, Farm Manpower Director, and the State Education Department, Agricultural Education Bureau, represented by W. J. Weaver. Cooperating with these two agencies are several other State departments, together with a number of Federal agencies, the U. S. Employment Service, the Office of Education, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in the Extension Service and other subdivisions.

In particular, Brooklyn College, in cooperation with the State Institute at Morrisville through Dr. Malcolm Galbreath, Director of that institution and others of its staff, hopes that this Farm Labor Project may serve as a second demonstration of the service qualities of Brooklyn students on the food production front, and that it may serve also as a successful experiment in the possibilities of a work-study country education for city youth.

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