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ber 30th. Tuition free. Agricultural college, School of Mines and Preparatory Courses.' For two years the courses offered were chiefly those relating to applied sciences. 1894-95, a 'combined course' was offered. As stated in the third annual register the combined course is here presented with the proper curriculum, for the average student, as it embodies the judgment of the faculty regarding what is most suitable for the broad general culture demanded by modern life. All students who are young enough to delay their technical preparation until after its completion are strongly urged to register in this course.

A careful perusal of this scheme will show that this combined course includes practically the elementary work of the principal schools of the college of natural science and the college of letters. The branches of mathematics required are only those which will be assigned in any event as a condition for graduation from all the schools of the university. Thus nothing is required which a regular student can afford to miss and those who may afterwards decide to pursue a particular technical course will have lost little by beginning this.

"However, in spite of the urgent desire of the faculty to give a general cultural course the student had very little choice, as subjects in science presented with a technical bent were those which for the most part offered. There was small opportunity for a student to pre-

pare himself for a teacher, outside of science branches. Gradually the courses in Spanish and English were expanded. For instance, as a teacher of Spanish I obtained my first training from Mrs. Aguirre who as instructor in the subject had chiefly gained her preparation through her personal association with educated Spanish people with whom she studied the language. Some years later, Mr. Patton who had charge of the military department and who had lived some years in Spain and was a student of Spanish literature, offered some advanced courses in the subject, which I elected as a graduate student. Of course it is to be kept in mind that almost all the young people of Tucson spoke Spanish, even among the American born and in many cases, as it was in our family, the children spoke Spanish even before English.

#### First College Song

"It must be remembered that student activities were not lacking in these days. We had our college song, the first to be written so far as I know. It was sung to the tune of 'Ta-ra-a Boom-de-aye,' and started off like this:

"O golly what a standing I did get,  
I'll get fired from the varsity yet,  
All my time has been thrown away,  
Every minute I did play."  
and had as its closing stanza

"Should old school mates be forgot,  
Wherever they may be,

Remember the great old times we had,

At the university."

"We organized a literary society known as the Philomatheon, which met weekly and gave programs of a general character. Debates were sometimes the order of the day and at other times miscellaneous numbers such as characterized the good old time literary society.

"In 1896 the standards for graduation at the university were raised and no class was graduated in that year. In the following year, 1897, the year of my graduation, the second class was graduated from the university. It was at this time that the alumni association was organized and the first official banquet held.

#### Faculty Increased

"Within the six years of my attendance at the university before graduation there had been a noticeable development in the opportunities offered and in the attendance. The faculty list contained sixteen members as against six on the year of entering and the preparatory department was extended to three years instead of one, and there was a very creditable expansion in the college curriculum.

"The registration had increased from 31 to 151.

"Doctor William P. Blake, of international reputation as a geologist, was a member of the faculty. And Doctor R. H. Forbes, to whose energy we owe our well developed department of agricultural research and our well equipped agriculture building, was also on the faculty at that time.

"Miss Anna Graham Rockfellow, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the only member of that faculty who is in Tucson today.