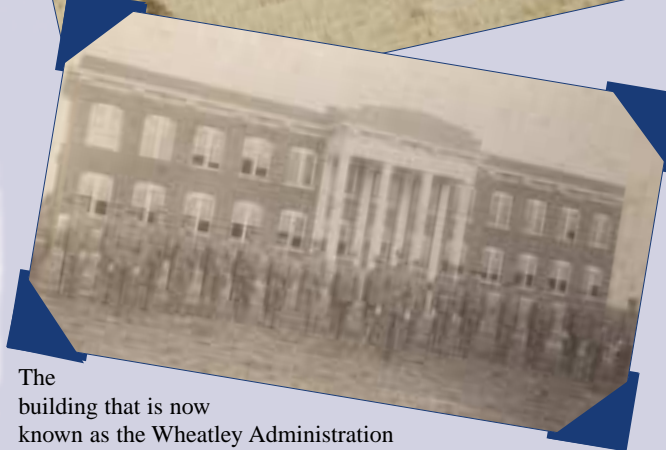


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IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 2006, THE AEOLIAN IS PEERING THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME, HIGHLIGHTING 20 YEARS OF GSW HISTORY EACH ISSUE.

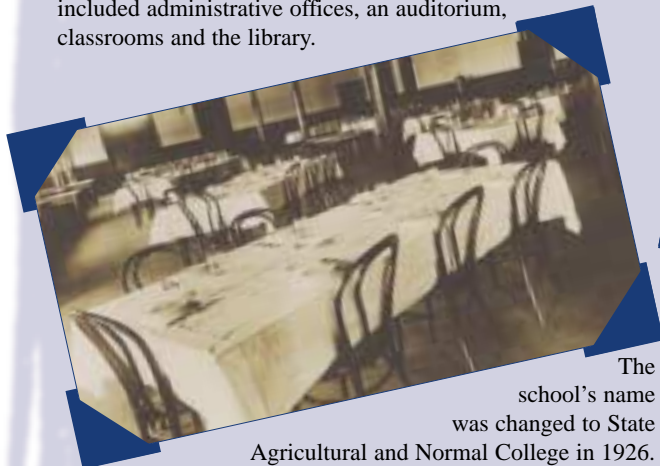
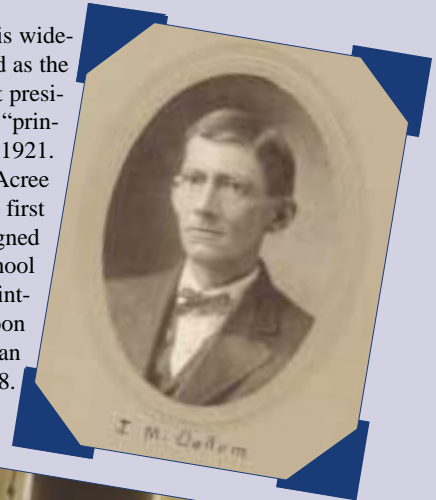


Georgia Southwestern State University was born in 1906 when H. H. Perry introduced a bill that was passed by the General Assembly of Georgia and signed by Gov. Joseph M. Terrell. As a result, schools of agriculture and mechanical arts were founded in all of Georgia's 11 congressional districts, including one in Sumter County. Originally called The Third District Agricultural and Mechanical School, it offered classes in reading, writing and arithmetic to boys no younger than 14, and girls no younger than 13. Girls generally received the training they needed to be housewives, while boys were mostly taught skills in the agricultural and industrial areas.

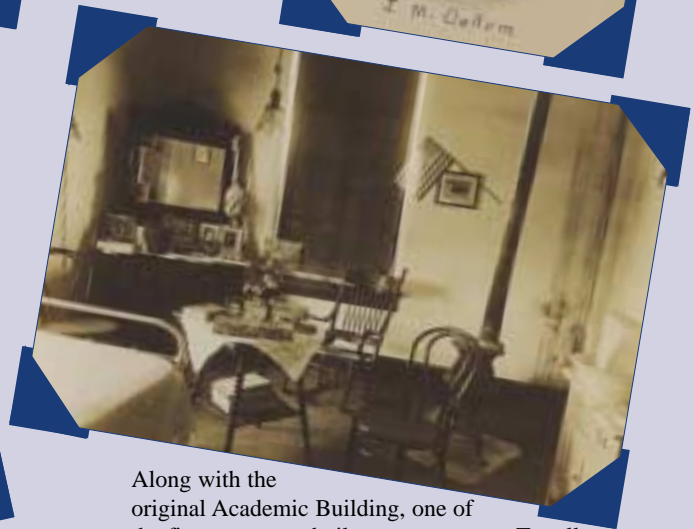


The building that is now known as the Wheatley Administration Building was rebuilt in 1918, after the original had burned three years earlier. Some students and members of the faculty even volunteered their time to help with the construction, which cost \$75,000. The reconstructed building had the same design as the original, which included administrative offices, an auditorium, classrooms and the library.

John M. Collum is widely recognized as the institution's first president—serving as “principal” from 1908-1921. However, W.G. Acree was actually the first principal, assigned before the school opened. His appointment ended soon after classes began in January 1908.



The school's name was changed to State Agricultural and Normal College in 1926. The new name gave people a better indication of the school's purpose.



Along with the original Academic Building, one of the first structures built on campus was Terrell Hall. It was constructed in 1907 to be used as a residence hall for boys. The name for the two-story building came from Governor Joseph M. Terrell, since he signed the legislative act that made it possible for the original school to be started. Terrell Hall was demolished in 1973.