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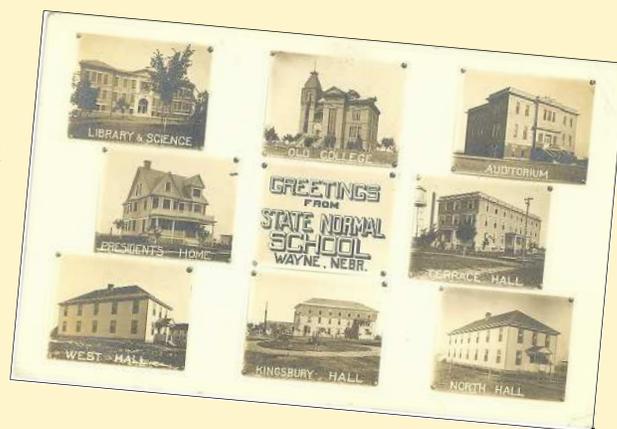
## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT WAYNE OPENS

September 19, 2010 marked one hundred years since the opening of the State Normal School at Wayne (as Wayne State College was known in 1910). The week before the opening *The Wayne Herald* wrote:

*“The new State Normal school at Wayne, Nebraska, will open Monday, September 19. A faculty of twenty members has been selected, and it is the aim to make the new school one of the strongest educational institutions in the west. The members of the faculty are men and women of wide experience and broad scholarship. Each one has been selected because of special fitness for the work to be done.”*

Among those twenty faculty were:

- President U. S. Conn, *“one of the best known school men in Nebraska.”* The Conn Library and Connell Hall are named after him.
- H.H. Hahn, head, Department of Education, *“is recognized as one of the strongest school men in the state.”* The administration building bears his name.
- Sara Killem, teacher of Drawing and Industrial Art.
- Mary L. Smith, teacher of Commercial Work.
- Elsie Ford Piper, teacher of Latin and preceptress (what a later generation would call “house mother” and today residence hall director).
- Lillian Jewell, teacher of Geography and assistant in Mathematics.
- Elizabeth Kingsbury, teacher of German and preceptress (the residence hall she presided over was later unofficially named after her).
- J.G.W. Lewis, head, Department of History and Political Science. The street north of Hahn is named for him.
- E.J. Huntemer, head, Department of Industrial Arts. Huntemer designed several campus buildings, including Humanities (first called Library and Science) and Brandenburg (the Administration Building).



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