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THE GETTYSBURG TRIP

Next Saturday, August 6, the Summer Session has arranged a trip to Gettysburg, the historic battlefield of the Civil War. Here it was that the furthest Confederates advanced was thwarted after a series of advances that had put the Union forces back against the wall. Here it was that President Lincoln added more respect to his name with his now and ever famous Gettysburg address, a few months after the Southerners had retreated.

This trip comes as a climax to a series of weekly excursions that are sponsored by the Summer Session. As has been the case in the previous trips there is no expectancy or anticipation for profit. The excursions are being conducted purely from the standpoint of permitting the most students to take advantage of the trips. Student interest can be gauged only by the number of those who sign up before next Friday.

For twenty years Prof. William R. White of the Agriculture School has conducted these tours for the Summer Session. To him credit is due for the success of these trips in previous Summer Sessions.

We are not making a plea for you to sign up for this excursion, but we are calling attention to the fact that the opportunity is yours. May you make the most of it.

FULFILLING ITS PURPOSE

Today the fifth issue of the SUMMER COLLEGIAN is in your hands. Only one more issue of this student newspaper will be published before the end of the Twenty-Third Summer Session.

The SUMMER COLLEGIAN this year has doubled its list of subscribers. Consequently its non-subscribing readers have been increased proportionately as well. Reduction of the price of a single subscription from fifty cents to twenty-five cents has made this service possible to twice as many as in previous six weeks' sessions.

It was the aim of the SUMMER COLLEGIAN to present an unbiased opinion as well as the publication of all items of campus interest. We have been successful to this end. At times it has seemed an unusually hard task, but with little work usually there is little gained or accomplished.

UP IN ARMS

(From Philadelphia Public Ledger)

Public school teachers and employes all over the State are up in arms in protest against one item in the economy program now awaiting action by the Legislature. This is the proposal to suspend for three years the State's payments to the annuity reserve account of the Public School Employees Retirement System.

On the surface a reduction of \$9,000,000 for the three years in a fund the aggregate of which now exceeds \$93,000,000 may not seem unreasonable in the face of the present emergency. But this is an insurance fund, and the cut of that amount would not only be a breach of contract with the teachers and school employes, but also would take from 3,000 persons now retired, within the coming three months, the allowances pledged to them and toward which they have paid their full share.

For the fund is divided into separate groups, one for the 66,000 who entered the school service after the establishment of this fund in 1919, one for 16,000 who were teaching when the present act became effective, and the 3,000 now in the annuitant group. It is explained that for the latter the money in reserve would not be sufficient to pay their full allowances for more than three months.

Perhaps the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consenting to the cut in the hope of averting other reductions in the appropriations to his department, did not realize the serious effects which would result or foresee the vehemence and universality of the protests which are being showered upon the Legislature in the hope of staying the Senate from action on the House measure. The Senate committee in its revision of the Steele bill has agreed to a cut of only \$1,500,000 for one year, instead of the larger amount for three years. This will be welcomed by the teachers, but any reduction in the State's payments is regarded by them as a violation of trust.

Nittanyanna

It's only natural that after hanging out hereabouts for more than three years we have stored in the docket of our memory examples innumerable of useless red tape and regulations about the institution. We'll share a few of these incidents with you.

There's a graduate student having far more credits than needed for his degree who must come back to live in State College next year. He lacks a year of resident hours.

To avoid paying the five-dollar fee for late registration is a matter merely of walking from Bee Hall to the Dean's office in Old Main. If you're burdened down with shekels, perhaps the walk means more than the \$5. No such case is on record.

Pre-med students must battle against Engineers through two semesters of Phys. Chem. It's a losing fight for the doctors, too, as the engineering students skid through on wheels of progress well greased with calculus.

Liberal Arts students wishing to pursue a course in Psychology, obviously a liberal study, must take same through the channels of the Education School.

Senior engineers, during regular session, must pay out good cash to freshman fraternity brothers in exchange for the latter's presence at Friday 4 o'clock Engineering lectures. The freshmen don't even enjoy them, either.

Enough of that

Wellington said "They shall not pass." But Doc Dunaway, of the history department, points out that nowadays it takes jacks or better to open.

There must be a real depression in force, after all. Note the death of names in this column following last week's announcement of a twenty-five cent fee.

Quotes from the classics take a back seat as local luminaries voice present-day counter-points.

Aristotle—Old rocking chair's got me.

Bill Panas—I wouldn't trade the bench in front of Graham's store for five thrones.

King Henry VIII—My kingdom, my kingdom, my kingdom for a horse.

Judy Lavich—My Varsity letters, my letters for a job.

Shakespeare—All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely actors.

Red Mathews—I can't act, dad. I've got stage-fright.

Archimedes—Eureka! I have it.

Jane Lawson—Heavens! I must have lost "it" Only three phone-calls yesterday.

Sociates—Good old Hemlock.

Joe Lachman—Buy 'Froth' instead.

Our contemporary, Jay E. Hoise of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, has asked his readers to recommend a good way to spend his two weeks' vacation. We'd like our clientele to suggest a good job for the period between Summer School to regular session.

Larry Moss is still trying to explain to his girlfriend passenger how he happened to make the mistake of starting to Bear Meadows with her and only one pint of gas in the car.

Tonight is the night of the glorious S P E dance. Be careful, girls, the Summer Maniac might blow in for a few minutes to see if all the lights are burning and to help the Campus Cop check invitations at the door. Remember last year? Well, he does.

Doc Sephlow and Elsie Rubin, Omega Epsilon campers, have their cigarettes imported from the good old home town, New York City.

Gleanings

(NSFA)—By sending out questionnaires to all alumni, Princeton University found out that the average alumnus owns one and nine-tenths automobile, six and a half suits of clothes, and has one and five-eighths babies.

(NSFA)—A psychology professor at Kansas State University recently said that if you cannot afford a vacation, fast for five or six days, and the result will be the same.

(NSFA)—The flying club at Boston University is planning a unique dance at the Curtiss-Wright airport, featuring fifteen minute night flights over Boston. The rate will be one cent per pound and will be reckoned on the weight of the passengers.

(NSFA)—Freshmen at the University of Florida are required to enter all class-rooms through the windows.

(NSFA)—An interested audience of 700 appeared recently at the first lecture in the course scheduled for the unemployed at Western Reserve University. Before the course was started it was believed that the plan would amply justify itself if 60 should attend.

(NSFA)—Exchange scholarships and professorships with foreign universities as a substitute for military training in colleges was recommended this week by students who attended an international relations meeting at Grinnell College.

—Tar Heel

Speaking Of Books

"Mozart," by Marcia Davenport

This most recent study of one of the three greatest composers describes the man and his life rather than the man and his music. It is written for the layman rather than the artist and is of special value because of the number and interest of the illustrations. The life of Mozart from the age of six when he first toured Europe as a professional musician up to his death in 1791 was one long triumph as a composer which resulted in "The Marriage of Figaro," "Don Giovanni," "The Magic Flute" and a total of 624 compositions. Unfortunately his great compositions received utterly inadequate financial returns and he was in continual financial difficulty.

ADVANCED STUDENTS AT SUMMER SESSION GAIN

Graduate Enrollment for This Year Shows Decided Increase

Although a few less new graduate students matriculated with the College this Summer Session than in 1931, the number of advanced students attending College during this summer has increased, Dean Frank D. Kern, head of the Graduate School, has announced.

New students this year totaled 262 compared with 266 for last year, the Dean said, while graduate enrollment for the two summer terms at 611 in 1931 and 662 this year.

Advanced students at Penn State pursuing a great variety of subjects, Dean Kern said, the fine arts obtaining representation in the Graduate School along with letters and sciences. Graduate courses in music are gaining in enrollment each year, the course in free composition especially appealing to young composers who desire to write under competent critics and to hear their work performed, while other graduate students are turning to architecture and drama for advanced degree majors.

STUDENT SUBMITS ORIGINAL CANTATA

Musical Composition Used as Thesis To Gain Master's Degree at Twenty-Third Session

An original musical composition will take its place among theses submitted for advanced degrees at the College this summer. The composition was accepted Monday, Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the department of music, has announced. Submitted by Mondel E. Butterfield of Lockport, N. Y., in fulfillment of requirements for a master of education degree, the thesis is a cantata for mixed voices entitled "The Christmas Story." The music was written with the limitations of high school chousers in mind.

Butterfield is one of a dozen music students who are pursuing graduate work at the Twenty-Third Summer Session. Compositions of several of the others will be performed during the last week of the session, some at the last student assembly on Monday, August 8, and a larger work at the concert to be given by the combined chorus and orchestra on Wednesday, August 10.

Among the numbers to be performed will be a trio for women's voices written by Maxwell McMichael of Perth Amboy, N. J., a quartet for strings prepared by Donald Cameron of Westmont, several vocal solo numbers, and a musical setting for one of Bobby Burns' poems, also the work of McMichael, which will be rendered by the orchestra and chorus.

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COLLEGE TO GIVE ENTRANCE TESTS

Will Offer Aptitude Examinations in 18 Cities of Pennsylvania for Incoming Freshman Class

College aptitude tests for matriculation in the 1932 freshman class at Penn State will be given in eighteen cities of the State on Friday afternoon, August 5, Registrar William S. Hoffman has announced.

The test will be obligatory for all applicants who do not meet requirements for admission on certificate, the registrar said. Last year somewhat better than one applicant out of every two who took the test was admitted, he said.

The examination, which is entirely a vocabulary test that has proved exceptionally valuable in selecting students who are capable of carrying college work successfully, will require one hour for completion, Mr. Hoffman said. Due to its nature, no applicant will be permitted to enter the examinations late, he said, regardless of the reason for his delay.

The test will be given in high schools in Altoona, Allentown, Chambersburg, DuBois, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Johnstown, Oil City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Smethport, State College, Sunbury, Williamsport and York.

CATHAUM

(Opening Time 7:00 p. m. Last Complete Program Begins at 9:00) Friday—

Joan Blondell, George Brent in Mary Roberts Rinehart's "MISS PINKERTON" Cal Calloway Cartoon

Saturday—Richard Dix, Zasu Pitts in "ROAR OF THE DRAGON" Monday and Tuesday—

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in Frank Craven's Comedy Romance "THE FIRST YEAR"

Wednesday—Ralph Bellamy, Violet Heming in a West Mystery Drama "ALMOST MARRIED"

(Because of the exciting nature of this picture it is not recommended for young children.) Thursday—

George Bancroft, Wynne Gibson in "LADY AND GENT"

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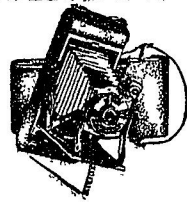
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