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SLIGHTLY TARNISHED; BUT UNDIMMED

A twenty-seventh Penn State summer session is coming to pass, the largest the College has seen since it grew out of short pants fifty years ago. To you who will spend the next six weeks in these sunlit halls of yearning after an education, we throw out the battered welcome mat; and hope these columns will help you enjoy the best of all possible summers.

Penn State welcomes have always, by tradition, been more than welcome; here there exists the sort of summer hospitality you find nowhere else. But we don't have to sell Penn State to you; it sells itself. We're merely trying to sell you six issues of a summer newspaper which we honestly believe to be worth a few spare moments of your time.

The genius summer session scholar defies description or analysis. Generally, it has come to be associated with a species of pedantry which spends its summers prowling through the dank grottos of college libraries, looking up all manner of abstruse information, usually alarmingly erudite.

But here, the classification ends. Really, the representatives of the species who migrate here for the best part of the summer are blither spirits who have romped into these woods not only to gather miscellaneous information, but to take advantage of a swarm of activities on the lighter side of the culture colony's program.

And this is where we come in. Let these columns serve as your directory to events which make a Penn State summer school a memorable experience.

We are proud to announce a brilliant array of columnists for the next six weeks. Prof. Charles S. Wynd, of the department of economics and sociology, who is now preparing a book on consumption to be published next year, will write a consumers' column. Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, who has published a collection of contemporary writing, "These Our Moderns," and whose latest book, "The Writer's Art," is recently off the press, is your guide to latest best books. Reviews of recordings of the national folk music, jazz, will run in these pages, written by Prof. Edward J. Nichols, of the department of English composition. Professor Nichols' jam sessions have awakened the jazz unconscious to the mysteries of these swelling rhythms.

COMMENT

Since, four years ago, when I made the ghastly mistake of referring to Irene duPont, the big munitions man, as "Miss" because his first name looked Frenchy for Irene, I solemnly swore never to write another column until I was 50 years old.

I was doing all right by that vow until yesterday. A Summer COLLEGIAN man sneaked up behind me in a dark corridor of Old Main and asked, with a sudden shout, if I'd write a column for his paper. I was standing in a draft when he stopped me and felt a sneeze coming on. Trying politely to nip the sneeze in its pre-explosion stage, I nodded my head twice, and the Summer COLLEGIAN man dashed away satisfied that he had closed the deal.

I have not experienced a Summer Session for eight years but have often wondered whether they are still a barrel of fun. At the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity some summers back thrived a little colony of roof-sleepers, among the most devoted Steve Hamas one-time heavyweight contender, Marty McAndrews, who will be Freshman football coach here in the Fall; and Joe Wilson, another athlete. The boys were determined to sleep on the shingles despite the precipitous slope of the roof. And they slumbered fitfully for several days until someone discovered that more parallel sleep could be had by folding under the bottom end of the mattress.

Two incidents—both unofficial—finally broke up the roof-sleepers. A torrential rain, plus thunder, plus lightning, burst upon them one 3 a.m. and left them with spongy mattresses. That wasn't so bad, but when pals locked bedroom windows and forced the athletes to shiny down rainspouts—only to find all doors and windows tightly barred—the morale of the colony was shattered.

SUMMER DIRECTORY

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- McAllister Hall, East Campus, Phone 3964.
- Women's Building, East Campus, Phone 3836.
- Grange Dormitory, East Campus, Phone 3354.
- Varsity Hall, West Campus, Phone 711. (French Institute)
- Watts Hall, West Campus, Phone 711.
- Stone House, East Campus, Phone 3826.
- Everyn Cottage, East Campus, Phone 3835.
- Maple Lodge, East Campus, Phone 3834.
- Edgewood Cottage, East Campus, Phone 3865.
- Acacia, Locust Lane and Foster, Phone 2581.
- Alpha Sigma Phi, 238 E. Prospect, Phone 641.
- Delta Sigma Phi, Locust Lane and Fairmont, Phone 3223.
- Lambda Chi Alpha, Garner and Fairmont, Phone 3422.
- Phi Kappa, East Fairmont, Phone 2681.
- Phi Kappa Sigma, 226 E. Beaver, Phone 2021.
- Phi Mu Delta, 417 E. Beaver, Phone 3231.
- Sigma Nu, West Campus, Phone 2381.
- Sigma Pi, Foster and Thompson, Phone 754.

Houses for Men and Women

- Guest House, East Campus, Phone 3828. (Married couples)
 - Frear Hall, West Campus, Phone 711.
- #### Houses for Men
- Alpha Zeta, West Campus, Phone 2261.
 - Beaver House, Atherton and Beaver, Phone 851.
 - Delta Tau Delta, Garner and Prospect, Phone 2471.
 - Phi Kappa Tau, Garner and Fairmont, Phone 2881.
 - Willard House, West Campus, Phone 3817. (French Institute).

Wurfl, Murtorf Lead In Subscription Race

Honors to Prof. George J. Wurfl, of the department of German, and College Treasurer William G. Murtorf, who crossed the tape first in the COLLEGIAN'S faculty subscription race.

Professor Wurfl crossed the line ahead of Treasurer Murtorf by a three-week margin. Breathing easily, Mr. Murtorf leaped into second place Friday morning. The COLLEGIAN congratulates Professor Wurfl and Treasurer Murtorf for their good judgment and considers both entries tied.

Reader's Alley

Not since George Weller's *Not to Eat; Not for Love*, a novel about Harvard, have we enjoyed a college story as much as James McConaughy's *A Village Chronicle*. There is little doubt that the institutional background is that of North Carolina, and that the town, Churchhill, is Chapel Hill. Despite the author's assertion that none of the characters is any bonafide Churchillian, we feel that such sharp personalities must have some basis of fact in their delineation.

The story itself concerns the few tragic months in the life of Joel Adams, a personable and liberal young English instructor, during which he is inadvertently the force that causes a student suicide, a dis-

covery that comes at almost the same hour as the death of Adams' father who has been the editor and publisher of the local paper.

Joel, taking over his father's paper, inherits the townspeople and faculty for their cruelty and blind conservatism, an editorial which ostracizes both Joel and his wife, and one which almost wrecks the subscription list. Complications resulting from an attack of amoebic dysentery suffered by Joel's wife eventually lead to reconciliations not only between the young couple, but between the faculty and the young editor, thus paving the way for better times all around. The book has all the necessary ingredients for good reading about fac-

ulty life: feuds, jealousies, inter-departmental scraps, campus publications, social discriminations, doctoral examinations, and the old tender topic of the South, race prejudice. The style is crisp and vital, and the handling laudably honest. R. E. G.

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