

# SUMMER COLLEGIAN

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## FINALE AND RETROSPECT

Announcement of Commencement activities serves to herald the fact that the 28th annual Summer Session is rapidly nearing its finale. Only one week remains on the schedule of the current session.

We might philosophize at length on the possible benefits gained by this year's Summer Session students, but we feel that any attempt along this line would be rather trite and uninteresting. Each student has his or her own idea of what he or she expected to gain by attending the current session; whatever goal was set, it is hoped that it was or will be attained.

A bouquet to those who will receive degrees on Thursday night. To each the coveted sheepskin represents a good many hours of varied class work, sometimes dull and uninteresting and other times pleasant and stimulating. It represents a step forward in life, the attainment of a goal which once appeared in the distant future.

But turning away from the academic attainments of the Summer Session, we turn to the program of events that was in effect this summer. Glancing over the past issues of this paper, we see stories on dances, excursions, plays, picnics, receptions, conferences, lectures, exhibits and various other events. Certainly a lot of people must have spent a lot of time in preparing this program.

The division of dramatics, under the direction of Prof. Arthur C. Cloetghing, assisted by Prof. Frank S. Neubaum, will have presented, when the session closes, more than twenty plays as well as various children productions and marionette shows. They have brought to the campus Hilda Spong, a star of the professional stage, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Heath and their marionettes, and Prof. Darrell Larson, dramatics director. Through their efforts, Summer Session students have had the opportunity to see some outstanding dramatic productions. It would be well to present more of them in the auditorium next summer.

Monday night's student sings, under the direction of Prof. Hummel Fishburn, have filled the auditorium to capacity. Art exhibits as well as the exhibit of Chinese beauty spots, attracted hundreds of Summer Session students.

The dances were a source of Recreation for many students. Fraternity houses held frequent dances that proved very successful while the weekly Summer Session dances in Recreation Hall were attended by a large number of students.

Carl Sangburg kept people standing in the aisles and doorways of the auditorium when he lectured here several weeks ago. Other noted speakers enjoyed a nice-sized audience. To the Summer Sessions officials for securing the fine list of lecturers goes our vote of thanks. It was only one of the commendable things that they did.

SEVERAL STUDENTS, looking at the exhibit of Chinese photographs in the first floor lounge of the Old Main Building, became entangled in a violent argument as to whether painting photographs, such as those of the exhibit, could be included in the realm of art.

Some said, "Yes." Others said, "No," claiming that it was a matter of skill. The controversy continued until dramatics, dancing, etc., crept into the discussion.

For nearly an hour they argued. They could reach no solution. Neither have we one to offer. But we did think the exhibit was one of the nicest things we have seen brought to this campus.

THE LAST ISSUE of the Summer Collegian is in your hands. It marks the end of our work. It completes the 20th year of publication.

The existence of the Summer Collegian is made possible by cooperation, not only the cooperation of subscribers and advertisers, but also that of the College administration, faculty, and students.

On the front page of this issue we have printed a partial list of news sources to which we are indebted for assistance and cooperation. The list is not complete. It could not be. News stories in the Summer Collegian this year have come from practically every department of the College. To those whose efforts have not been personally acknowledged, "Thanks." May next year's staff enjoy the same splendid assistance and cooperation that we have received.

## READER'S ALLEY

What with examinations and term papers sneaking up on our customers, this is no time to get involved in lengthy literary tours. We therefore offer you a few of the more enticing tid-bits which may be scanned in those moments of suspended action between now and the last bell, or read when you have returned to Punxsutawney, Clarion, or Masontown to idle through the dog days.

**Teachers and Students:** The "class" magazines, aware of your leisure in August, have lined up their best narrators for the mid-summer fiction issues, but there are several articles devoted to your problems, traits, and activities. *Harper's* presents a bit of encouragement for theme-readers in Brooks Shepard's "I Like To Teach"; and faculty gossips get a special lesson in "The Complete Scandalmonger," by George Boas (who wrote, it is now revealed, "Faculty Wives" some time back). Mr. Boas suggests that one of the best ways to start trouble is to aver "but, Professor Blank just isn't a scholar." If you are considering "chaperoning" a group abroad, better peruse Maud Palmer Thayer's "The American Student Leaves the Reservation," in *Scribner's*. Miss Thayer saw the "wild Indians" without rose-colored glasses. A companion piece in the same magazine is Gene Shuford's "Ours Was the Best Generation," aptly sub-titled "... the college graduates of the middle nineteen-twenties come into a late ripening."

**Flyers and fledglings:** *Fortune* favors you with "The Private Flying Boom," a survey of what is happening in the ranks of the 34,000 who have started training in the past year, with a forecast of the immediate future of private aviation; and "Maybe They Needed Oxygen," a scholarly study of aeronautics and anoxemia, is required reading for Sherm Lutz' boys and girls.

**Readers and Writers:** If you are puzzled by the popularity of *Gone With The Wind*, Belle Rosenbaum answers your queries in *Scribner's* with "Why Do They Read It?" You will gasp at the startling facts and figures compiled by the *Fortune* editors in "Circulation: 9,496,841," a revelation of the Crowell Publishing Company's periodicals—*Collier's*, *American*, *Country Home*, and *Woman's Home Companion*. Also in *Fortune's* Off The Record items, an account of the *Plot Genie* series compiled and marketed by Ernest Gagnon, entitled "Jujitsu Expert Gets Duchess," will amuse writers who will discover that a lot of other writers say they owe their success to Mr. Gagnon's advice. (We can easily believe it, too.) Ink-slingers will find encouragement in Winifred Kirkland's confession, "Writing—A Retrospect," in *Atlantic*. Local reviewers (guess who!) will have to get a new batch of adjectives after they have read Frank Sullivan's report in *The New Yorker*, "The Cliche Expert Testifies on Literary Criticism," (July 24 issue).

These little tips should keep you busy and contented for some time to come. Yes, we'll try to catch up on our reading in the next month, and unless we get more bricks than we did this summer, we shall be howling down this alley again next July. Cheerio!

## CAMPUS CLIPPINGS

Grooming co-eds to become "handy men" around the house, in a marriage-preparation course, is the job of Prof. H. E. Murdock of Montana State College.

The twenty-five co-eds enrolled are learning how to repair waffle irons, electric toasters, electric hair-curling devices, washing machines and other household appliances.

With the \$5,000 worth of equipment contributed by manufacturers, Professor Murdock is able to teach how to assemble as well as repair appliances.

"A young wife will be better able to use modern appliances if she knows what's in them and how they do the job," informed the professor.

"If anything goes wrong with an appliance at the breakfast table one of my students will be able to fix it in a jiffy."

Whether or not the record-breaking enrollment in middle-western agricultural colleges can be called a potential "back to the farm" movement is being debated by authorities.

Some say the increased enrollment indicates renewed interest in scientific farming as an occupation and a decline in the run of rural youth to seek their fortune in cities.

Others believe the agriculture student will use his degree as a stepping stone to white-collar jobs, as a means of getting off the farm.

Unfavorable crop conditions since 1934 have served to discourage young farmers, is the opinion of Prof. O. R. Johnson of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri.

"Enrollment in the Missouri College of Agriculture has doubled in the last three years, but students entered the school to get off the farm—not on it."

"Large numbers of government posts in the Department of Agriculture and other agencies have been created in the last four years. It is these jobs that the students are training for—not to ride a tractor," he said.

But at Ohio State University, officials of the Department of Agriculture differed. They claimed that thousands of young men are returning to farming as improving prices develop agriculture into a more profitable vocation.

## Retires Aug. 31



EDITH P. CHACE

Director of the division of home economics, who will retire on August 31. Miss Chace plans to take a world cruise next summer after which she will spend her time living in State College and Florida and travelling. She has been honored with the title of director emerita.

## THANKS

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Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, of the department of English composition, for writing "Reader's Alley"; the anonymous writer of "On The Front Page"; Alvin S. Newmeyer '37 and Eleanor T. Waugh for writing "Footlights"; Bernice Cain, a summer session student associated with the Red Cross, for writing "Feline."

Barbara A. Josephs, Emanuel Roth, and Miss Cain, who served as reporters, and Mrs. H. R. Riley, Dallas R. Long, and Wilfred C. Washoe who contributed stories.

The Department of Public Information and the Centre Daily Times for stories and the use of cuts and the Penn State Christian Association and the Alumni office for supplying various cuts.

Various offices of faculty members and members of the administrative staff for sources of information. Special mention is made of the Summer Sessions Office and the office of the President, also the Student Union office which controlled the finances of the Summer Collegian and offered valuable assistance in various other ways.

## LETTERS

Concerning Freshman Women—

From Registrar Hoffman the news has come out that we are about to have another fine class of freshmen, the high quality being due to the process of selection used where only a very limited number of girls can be given space in student houses. Mr. Hoffman even predicts that the incoming class will equal the one admitted last year, which was the all-time high so far as its women members were concerned. In a class of 275, the first semester's record showed 22 girls with averages between 2.5 and 3, and 50 others between 2 and 2.5. (A grade of 3 is the highest possible).

With the exception of the students and their families, none is more interested in such records than the high school teachers who prepared these young folks for College. So the burden of this message is a request to any such teachers enrolled in the Summer Session to bring to the Office of the Dean of Women any advice they may wish to impart concerning prospective freshmen. This advice is particularly helpful in the case of speech, and Clayton H. Schug, also of the division of speech. Certificates will be awarded to those taking the various first and second places.

On Thursday, the students of the group will again have records made of their speech which will be compared with those made at the start of the course. In this way it is possible to show just what benefits have been derived from the six weeks' course.

## Fraternity Robberies Solved by Confession

Two recent robberies at Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity on East Beaver avenue were cleared up this week with the confession of a 13-year-old State College boy following an investigation by Officer M. L. Kauffman of a number of reports by residents of the town.

The youth's confession also implicated him with three robberies at a private residence on South Allen street, two thefts of a residence on South Pugh street, and several business establishments. The boy, William Kerstetter, was turned over to County Juvenile Officer Rev. William C. Thompson of Bellefonte.

El Salvador has prohibited importation of machines that could be used to pick cotton on plantations.

## ON THE FRONT PAGE

Although the boys all shook hands in front of the news reel cameras and pledged themselves to work for harmony and the future of the Democratic party, observers in Washington are making no bones of the fact that things are not well along the Potomac and that a permanent split in Administration ranks is almost assured.

This split was given hearty impetus last week when John L. Lewis and Sidney Hillman convinced Senator George Derry that he'd better pull out as president of chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan league. This is interpreted as Lewis' decision that a third party—a labor party—was needed if his aims were to be completed. Berry is a Democratic senator—which plus the fact that the League went to bat for PDR in the last election gives the public the impression that it was a New Deal fostered organization.

The recent Lewis-FDR cooling off because the latter didn't bring Little Steel to heel, leads observers to believe that Lewis had decided the Administration will not go the limit with Labor and that a true Labor party is needed.

Of course, point out the observers, to gain any strength a Labor party needs assistance from organized farmers and the liberal element among the white collar and professional groups. If Lewis could eventually swing this and put a strong Labor party in the field, what would happen to the Republicans and Democrats?

The answer is that for a couple of presidential elections both would probably put a ticket in the field, but for the sake of survival they would eventually draw together.

The New Dealers in the Democratic party and the Borah-type Republicans would ally themselves with the Labor party, leaving the conservative elements of the two-old line parties to form a true Conservative party.

This, it is pointed out, is the logical outcome of the trend in Washington today.

There is nothing sillier than to see men like Carter Glass, Pat Harrison, Alben Barkley and Burton Wheeler all under the same party flag. Their theories are different, their constituencies are different, and its only because politics is what it is, that the present situation exists.

The last election sifted the Republicans pretty well in both House and Senate, with those few who did win being very definitely conservative. If the Democratic split continues, by 1944, anyhow, a realignment should be effected which will fit in much better with our present political-economic set-up.

Just when common sense seems to be winning out, and a well-developed public sentiment has been built up against Fascism in general, someone like this Congressman Dickstein of New York comes along and by hysterical crying about Nazi mobilization camps being formed over the country, makes the whole thing so silly that the public doesn't take it seriously when legitimate Fascist tendencies do appear—such as the revival of the Ku Klux Klan to fight the CIO.

## Workmen Install Chimes in Tower

Gift of Class Of 1937 Expected To Be Installed Before End Of August

Workmen this week started to install in Old Main the \$7,200 chimes and carillon unit, the gift of the Class of 1937. Installation of the amplifiers in the tower will be completed today but the equipment will not be ready for use before the latter part of next month, Robert Y. Sigworth, supervisor of utilities, said today.

The system contains two chime units, one microphone, amplifying equipment, program controls, and loudspeakers. The carillon chimes will be placed in a sound-proof room on the fourth floor of Old Main. The notes of the instrument will be picked up by the microphone, amplified by the control equipment and transmitted over the eight loudspeakers in the tower.

Chimes May Be Silenced  
The second chime unit is the master clock program equipment and a five-note reed chime. On the quarter, half, three-quarter, and hourly period it will sound automatically. The chimes may be silenced during the early morning hours, if desired. The system is so flexible that its usage is almost unlimited.

The complete system includes: first, the regular Westminster chimes; second, it will have automatic or manual playing on the carillon chimes having twenty-five notes; third, it may reproduce victrola music; and fourth, the music from the new organ may also be sent out over this system. Broadcasting of fire alarms, athletic events, graduation exercises, and emergency announcements will be possible over the loudspeakers.

The amplifiers will have an output of 200 watts capacity which will mean that the chimes may be heard at a distance of one-half to five miles. A class plaque and ten player rolls of committee's selection has been presented by the company representative along with the chime system.

A new electric appliance cord is fitted with a partitioned cord to prevent short circuits.

## McClure To Talk On Sunday Night

Former Instructor Of College To Give Weekly Address At Vesper Service

Dr. Norman E. McClure, president of Ursinus College of Collegeville, will deliver the address at the last of the Vesper services in Schwab Auditorium at 7 o'clock on Sunday night. Dr. McClure received his bachelor of arts degree from Ursinus College in 1915 and one year later was awarded a master of arts degree by this College. In 1925 the University of Pennsylvania conferred upon him the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Instructor Here  
When Dr. McClure received his master of arts degree he was a member of the staff of this College, having been an instructor in English composition here from 1915 to 1917.

Dr. McClure also served as professor of English at Pennsylvania Military College from 1917 to 1928 when he joined the staff of Ursinus College, his alma mater. He was professor of the English language and literature at Ursinus College from 1928 to 1937 when he became president of the College.

Among the contributions of Dr. McClure in the field of writing is his introduction to "The Letters and Epigrams of Sir John Harrington." He also edited a volume of "Selected Plays of William Shakespeare."

## Compensation Board Speaker Explains Act

David L. Ullman, chairman of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Board, spoke in South Liberal Arts building last Tuesday night before an audience composed of students, faculty members, and townspeople on the subject of "Workmen's Compensation."

Ullman, who came here at the request of Dr. John Ferguson of the department of history and political science, described the newly enacted compensation law and compared it with the compensation code which had preceded it. Among the advantages of the new law, the speaker pointed out that it provided for a more generous treatment of injured workmen and that its terminology has been greatly simplified.

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