

# SUMMER COLLEGIAN

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## OUR GOODBYE

THIS BEING THE LAST ISSUE of the Summer Collegian we feel that something of a "goodbye" needs to be said by the staff.

Now that our worries of making the deadline are over, and no longer will we have to gather stories in nothing flat, we feel a bit relieved. The complaints of customers who failed to get their copies will not be heard by us again. Because of their complaints we are unhappy.

But to the best of our efforts the Collegian was delivered even though at times we know that some of you felt we had forgotten you. And for that we apologize, hoping that the same time you did get to read someone else's copy.

Our impression of it has been that either the Summer Session students act "down" to the level of the winter session or else the winter session students are acting up to the levels of grown persons. Take your choice.

The wild tales we had heard of summer domings never developed or else we never saw any.

So next Wednesday evening we will be very lonely, have nothing to do, no Collegian to write.

The fuss and bother of this Summer's building activities will disappear by next Summer Session and you who plan to return will find once more the quiet that is an attribute to the College.

Perhaps, by next year you won't come back to a College, but rather to a University of accredited rank. Some of you then will graduate from the Pennsylvania State University having begun in the Pennsylvania State College.

A summer of change, and a change for the better. So sadly, we leave this Paradise of Pennsylvania—but not for long for it's only 39 days until winter session begins.

## LOOKING BACK

Six weeks ago, we worried and fretted about news material with which to fill this sheet from week to week. Today, we laugh at our fears and bless the Summer Session administrators for arranging the varied program that kept us going to adequately cover these stories for the issues.

Whether the dances, speeches, plays, Monday night sings, and the rest, were academically successful or not, is not for us to say. From pure attendance numbers, we can rightfully state, however, that the men and women who spent their hours drawing up this summer's program, did not waste time.

The division of dramatics under the supervision of Arthur C Cloetingh and Frank S Neusbaum drew, we believe, the biggest slice of the pie with its world premiere showing of a new version of "The Merchant of Venice." The play was personally directed by Benno Schneider of the Arter Theatre in New York and the role of Shylock was played by America's great character actor, Sam Jaffe.

In addition, dramatic students staged five plays in the Little Theatre and numerous one-act plays. The famous Lessell Marionette show of Mr and Mrs Leslie Heath gave two shows while another was given by the marionette students.

The speech committee helped itself to high honors when its efforts brought to the campus many speakers famous in their particular field. Among them were Dwight Weist, Norman Thomas, and William E Dodd.

Weist's flexible voice and ability to imitate persons in the news as he does it in the NBC studio for "March of Time" and "Calvacade of America" kept us amused and awed. We had a tough time trying to convince fraternity stay-at-homes that night, that we heard the "March of Time" narrator because they heard the program over the air the same night.

Thomas, Socialist party leader, literally packed them in the aisles as he spoke on our government's role in international affairs. Dodd, ex-Ambassador to Germany, filled Schwab auditorium as he told of the inside incidents that now occur to the average German.

From the grapevine system, we hear that no summer student has ever complained of the dance program. Yet, this year, the committee has outdone itself to make this activity more enjoyable. For the first time in summer school history a name band played at Rec hall for the weekly dance. Only one was here because the committee could not find other orchestras with open dates when wanted, despite repeated long distance calls to New York agencies. With the same personnel on the committee, summer sessionists next year will undoubtedly be dancing every week to "name" bands.

On the dance tonight, comes this statement from members of the dance committee: "We scheduled this Commencement dance tonight because of the splendid support given us by the student body in our previous dances. Our program was drawn up so as to give more pleasure with less cost to them and without any attempt on our part to net a profit."

Prof Richard W Grant had his nights every Monday with a varied musical program that kept packing them into Schwab auditorium on schedule.

Yes, it's been a grand session every way you look at it. That is, except two—political science and economics

## Reader's Alley

We have been having ourselves a literary spree this week. It all came about when we happened to glance over the shelves of a friend of ours and discover that he had made a haul at the McNaughton sale in Altoona last winter.

Under our arms as we departed we had *Desert Encounters* by Knud Helmsboe, *Khyber Caravan* by Gordon Sinclair, and *From a Surgeon's Journal*, Harvey Cushing's war diary. In attending to our business for this column, we did read the recently published "The Great American Novel—" by Clyde Eron Davis, but more of that later.

If you should come across Helmsboe's extraordinary travel book, you will get a first-hand glimpse of the terrain of North Africa between Morocco and Cairo, most of which is under Italian domination. Helmsboe had some strange times in his old Chevrolet as he crested deserts and mountains inhabited by savage tribes. All that saved his life was his acceptance of Islam. He had adopted the Moslem faith and was trying to find the peace of mind that enabled one to endure the rigors of the hard life of the tribesmen. It is rougher and truer than any Halliburton you ever read, and if you would like to know how Fascism is getting along in Africa, this is your dish.

The Chevrolet comes in for more publicity (no ad, we have a Plymouth ourselves, but we are weakening) in Gordon Sinclair's trek through the Himalayas and India. Sinclair is a Toronto newspaperman without orders other than to "get a story." His big beat was the Quetta earthquake of a few years back, if you recall, and a superb piece of reporting it is, too. The rest of the trip is an account that rivals James Hilton's *Lost Horizon*, what with Lamas and all. And there is good description and excitement throughout.

We aren't quite up to the *Amistee* in Brian-Surgeon Cushing's diary of what the World War looked like to the doctors. But if you have found recent conflicts elevating your Junker spirit, take a saunter through an emergency dressing station and watch Cushing extract a machine-gun bullet from the skull of a big Scotsman, using for his instrument a magnetized ten-penny nail. Our only criticism of the volume is gustatorial rather than literary. The surgeon was always dining with one big wig or another between operations, and this constant mention of French cooking got us night after night, so that long after twelve we were heading for the corner for a snack. We'd advise keeping a dish of pretzels handy.

Now to the opus of the week. The "hero" of Davis' book, "The Great American Novel—" is a third-rate reporter who is planning to write "The Great American Novel." His name is Homer Zigler, and it is a guess that Homer Zigler as an epithet will stand with Babbitt and Elmer Gantry, the bad boys of Rotarianism, and Religion, as the name for procrastinating journalists.

Born in Buffalo, the scene of his first love and his first newspaper job, Homer deserts both when he believes his love has deceived him. His flight takes him to Cleveland, Kansas City, San Francisco, Denver. En route he takes a wife, sires a son who later disappoints him by leaving college to marry; but through it all, Homer keeps notes for the novel he hopes to write, true to the dream his first love inspired, and it is of this love that he always dreams. In the last chapter, we get a synopsis of the novel which Homer will write as soon as an emergency operation is over, when he will be free to write as he pleases. You've guessed it, Homer doesn't survive, and American letters are no poorer because "Brutal Dynasty" never was written. It's slick writing. Required reading for budding journalists who are going to write "The Great American Novel."

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## Don't Quote Me..

The hurriedly passed gag laws of Pennsylvania's governor put the enforcement of criminal law at the mercy of the Executive Department of the State government says the Pittsburgh Press last Sunday. By this action the jurisdiction of the courts over the criminal charges against the Earle Administration are suspended.

In a way this is what the Governor wants, but in the end, we believe, it will mean his loss at the polls in November. Unexpectedly was the great public "raspberry" which is now given to Earle and Earle, alone. According to a special dispatch to the Press, more than 10,000 telegrams were sent to the capitol.

But what we now read in the papers is too biased to hold much truth. If one would read the Philadelphia Record and then the Philadelphia Inquirer, the story of the investigation sounds like too remote incidents.

The pre-presidential race for the Democratic nomination is well under way and according to Dr. Gallup's poll, John Garner is the leading man garnering 23% of the sample votes, while Jim Farley received 16%, and Coddell Hull showed in third with 12%. Of course, the question asked was "If President Roosevelt does not run for a third term in 1940, whom do you favor as a Democratic candidate?"

Not even listed was Pennsylvania's self-nominated Governor who, stirred the 1936 convention with an oratorical tirade.

Many people believe that the President will run for a third term. No doubt his final decision on the matter will be formed a great deal by this year's elections.

The Government has decided that the movie industry is not a source of entertainment but rather a Big Bad Trust and one which they think should be broken up.

The department of Justice aided by several actors and 130 other individuals will discipline the industry and educate the people in the general anti-trust law procedure. Already a suit has been filed to enjoin the country's eight leading motion picture companies and officers from discriminating against independent motion picture companies. The motion picture producers had been forcing the independents to divest ownership of houses through which the independents have shown their pictures.

Possession of social security cards by children does not mean that a child can be hit a notice from the Social Security Board has ruled. Approximately 150,000 persons below the age of 16 have social security cards. The card only signifies that an account has been set up for old age pensions and does not signify employability.

A Post Office bulletin recently announced that the first day's sales of the new 3 cent Sesquicentennial of the Northwest Territory Commemorative stamp, July 15 at Marietta, Ohio amount to \$10,215.43. This represents 340,516 stamps.

## Nine Students Make Economical Telescopes

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Controlled by technically trained people. The polishing and figuring of the astronomical mirror is the most difficult task in telescope-making. Dr. Yeagley believes using the same type of glass as used in the 200 inch telescope under construction in California, the glass is ground so that it has a slightly concave surface. By hand, the students work on these mirrors for more than 30 hours until in the final stages they use the finest abrasives. Variations of three-millionths of an inch or more from a perfect parabola will make their work virtually useless, he said.

Booklets on Aluminization Available. Telescope making is now offered during the regular academic session in the physics curriculum. In the 1937-38 year, 20 students took the course. Booklets on the process of mirror aluminization as perfected by Dr. Yeagley and his staff are available at his office, 106, Pond Laboratory. Anyone wishing a copy may do so by calling at the office.

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## Bullinger Issues Rules For Graduation March

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turn to seat and remain standing until given a signal by the Marshal.

Advanced Graduates. Candidates for advanced degrees will follow regulations 1, 2, 3, and 5 of above and will observe this regulation. The tassel of the cap will be

worn on the left front side. The academic salute will consist of merely a bow to the President at the time of receiving the diploma.

Seldom does the President hand the graduate his right diploma and it is requested that the exchange shall not take place until after the recessional. Should a graduate fail to find his, he should take the diploma that he has to the Registrar's office and leave his name and address so that his diploma may be forwarded to him.

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