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THE SCARS of a two-year construction battle, are virtually healed and Penn State triumphant, has eleven new buildings to flaunt as symbols of the victory

Today, as the 30th Summer Session gets underway with one of the largest enrollments in the East, Penn State has moved to the front line of the country's higher educational institutions

An expanded summer program, a distinguished group of visiting faculty, the cream of the resident faculty—enhanced by the dessert of a top-notch recreational menu—and the 30th Summer Session of the Pennsylvania State College takes the field

THE WAR HAWKS are again massing in Europe and news reports have it that the lots for peace or war will be drawn some time this summer

If democracy has its roots in education, the role of the many teachers enrolled here in the Session—those in most direct contact with the formative young minds of the generation—is indeed a salient one

Democracy will live so long as it can be fed.

WITH THIS ISSUE the Collegian swings over to the "streamlined" headline style which has been gaining impetus in the newspaper field for the past few years

Designed to save time in the writing of headlines, the style also brings with it a clean-cut calmness—our contribution of order in a world of disorder

WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND why supposedly mature persons as exemplified by women rooming in the dormitories need be subjected to an asinine 11:30 P.M. deadline throughout the week For that matter, WHY any deadline?

THE NEW BUILDINGS will definitely be put to use the second semester of 1940—long overdue but welcome Classes in the water tower, the sheep-barns—things of the past But will all the buildings be fully equipped? No one seems to know Perhaps Mr. James of Harrisburg can answer

WE PREDICT that even if FDR does not run, the Democratic party will sweep its nominee into office in 1940 if Garner does not run

DEFINITELY NOTICEABLE is the trend for summer schools throughout the country to swing to advanced, graduate courses. The days of the rah-rah-go-get-the-teachers-full-of-money appear to be headed for the mausoleum.

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED by the gross insignificance of Man, the utter ridiculousness of attempting to pontificate himself, to glorify and fatten himself with Impressions We wonder what Time and worms will do to Adolf, Benito, and our chameleon, Neville. —E.R.

SUM STUFF

Dear Mom, Arrived in the buzzing metropolis of Stets Collitch all set for my first Summer Session—set to take things easy, enjoy my vacation, and walk home with some easy credits.

Anyhow, I bumped into a friend of a friend who was giving me the low down on some past summers. he has spent up here. Gosh, they must have been exciting. Seems as if there was a time when most of the fraternity houses were dorms for the women—and a gay time was had by all

He tells me that once upon a time no one paid any attention to rules or regulations. In fact, he says this was really a wild place

However, some of the other more friendly and brain-like boys, gave me what I think is sound advice One of them, who claims to be a Collegian man, said that all of that was just some stuff about summer

Incidentally, this newspaper man says he writes a column during the Summer Session and calls it—"Sum Stuff" Don't know what the heck he writes about, but he says it's just some stuff about what I just told you.

You loving son, REEB

Readers Alley

Now, in its third summer, this column will continue to ask the pages of the Summer Collegian for the combined purposes of making its author do a little catching up on his required reading, and of showing his reactions with you. The author's taste may not be the very best He will stand for a lot of two-faced, athletic prose about real people, but he gets quibbles, nausea and vertigo at the slightest phrase of romantic improbability. Well, now that we understand each other, here goes

FICTION Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck was the leading best-seller in every city in the Herald Tribune list except Philadelphia Because it is likely that this excellent and highly-praised novel may be undereated in the provinces of the Commonwealth, we hasten to pass out a few handbills commending it to those readers who have social consciences As you who can afford three meals and a midnight snack daily probably know, the volume treats the trek of the Okies who have been driven from the dust-bowl to California, an inhospitable State for down-and-outers if there ever was one. Characterization, acute perception, accurate reporting, sympathetic understanding, and sensitive interpretation are the elements which make the novel great Native sons speak of the propaganda between the covers, but the rest of the world will recognize an American family that has become the jettison of our economic system And since the work deals with living, it is not devoid of humor, but the laughter is natural if a bit broad. A long book, but never a dull one

GENERAL The high tide of personal memoirs was reached last summer when a list of recollections by foreign correspondents appeared in this column During the past year two excellent books have appeared The foreign view is presented by Pierre Van Paassen in Days of Our Years The author, a Hollander, has been through the War and has seen at first hand the results of the chicane that passes as diplomacy, the smug of which he is able to report by virtue of having attended the sessions of the World Court and the League of Nations He has tales of all the statesmen, socialites, and parliamentarians from every country in Europe, and he doesn't slight Africa His experiences have given him tremendous grasp of international affairs, and as horrified as he is with the state of things at present, he believes, and hopes, that the world will emerge from its present crisis as a better one

Though there are chapters dealing with Japan, Britain, and Austria, the thirteen correspondents for the New York Times who have written for We Saw It Happen have tried to present a cross section of America in its relation to the rest of the world as a recent "history in the making" cavalcade. The virtue of this collection for summer reading is that each chapter is a vignette of the period, complete within itself, running to forty or so pages Arthur Krock; F. Raymond Daniell (who covered the visit of then Britanic Majesties for the Times); Russell Owen, G. E. R. Gedy, Brooks Atkinson, John Kieran, and Louis Stark are names of "by-line" interest that you will recognize You won't find "city-desk" chit-chat here, but you will find shrewd, penetrating analysis and interpretation of affairs and people, written in sparkling prose

Another book that kept us happy and enthralled was Wind, Sand and Stars, by Antoine de Saint Exupery, whose Night Flight and Southern Mail of a few years ago were so well received Author Saint Exupery, one of the brilliant air-mail pilots who have opened up routes in Africa, the Andes, and the trans-ocean lines to South America, tells you what the "lone eagles" see, and think, and endure when they are trained, when they fly the mails in fair weather or foul, and particularly, when they crash, but live to tell it In poetical prose, he describes and philosophizes over the "new-breed" the aviators; those who escape the earth-bound grind to seek death for an ideal that is "worth the final smashup"

College Land Covers Over 2,400 Acres

Although the main campus covers only 200 acres, the College land holdings total more than 2,400 acres

The main campus is bounded on the East by the College farms and agricultural experiment plots, on the West by an 18-hole golf course, and on the North and South by the Borough of State College

NYA Aid Given To Over 700 Students

The federal aid given under the National Youth Administration is the chief means of financial aid for students at the College

Last year nearly 700 students earned on an average of \$12 per month during the College year Whether or not the College would receive NYA funds for the 1939-40 year is not a certainty

'37 Architect Is Awarded Paris Prize

George A. Downs Wins \$4000 To Study or 2 1/2 Years In Europe

George A. Downs, a 1937 graduate of the College, has just been named winner of the annual Paris Prize competition of the Society of Beau-Arts Architects. The cash award, valued at more than \$4,000, entitles Downs to two and one half years' study in Europe.

The Beau-Arts prize is the second major architectural scholarship won by a graduate of the College in the past two weeks Joseph F. Balis, of Philadelphia, received the Daniel H. Bunham fellowship awarded by the American Academy in Rome

Downs was selected winner of the Paris Prize on the basis of three designs drawn under the grueling conditions prescribed for the finalists The 10 finalists were confined in separate cubicles for 56 hours without books or conversation on each of three weekends During each period a different architectural problem was assigned Balis, winner of the Rome award, will receive \$1,500 a year for two years, beginning October 1, with free residence and studio at the American Academy in Rome C. Giombre Taylor, of West View, also a graduate of the College, was one of two architects who received honorable mention in the Rome competition Sixty-two were entered

Summer Directory Ready Summer On Saturday

All students registering for the main Summer Session are requested to fill in the official Summer Directory card which will be available at registration in Recreation Hall today

The Summer Directory, including name, State College address, telephone number, home address of all registered students, will be ready for distribution at the Student Union office in Old Main next Saturday. Price is 15 cents

A new and permanent national association of intercollegiate basketball has been formed in Kansas City

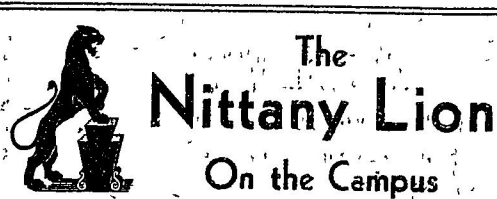
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Reception And Dance In Rec Hall Friday

The first of the Summer Session receptions and dances will get underway at 8 p. m. Friday, it has been announced Dancing will begin at 9 with the music of Ralph Paul's Orchestra, popular Wyoming Valley musical aggregation.

Collegian Issues Call For Candidates

Students interested in writing for the Summer Collegian should report to Room 312, Old Main, at 7:30 p. m., next Tuesday, July 11. Editors and business managers will be on hand to give candidates information regarding the functioning of the paper



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