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THE STAFF OF THE SUMMER NEWS SMILES AT THE CAMERAMAN

Reading from left to right: Bernard Kerbel, Helen Waltermire, Gertrude Hershog, Anthony Sroka, Elva Nealon, Raymond Collins, Ruth Israel and Alexander Schoor. Other members of the Summer News staff who were unable to be present when the above picture was taken are Andrew Heitz, Leah Dorgan, Simon Maslan, Frances Peck, Maxine Robinson, Genevieve Winslow, Mildred Cook, and Winifred Primeau.

Sponsor Says Summer Dance Is Successful

The Annual Summer Session Dance, conducted last Thursday evening in the gymnasium in Page Hall, was enjoyed greatly by more than forty couples according to an announcement of Alexander Schoor, chairman of arrangements.

Music for the entertainment was provided by Forrest Willis and his orchestra.

The gymnasium was decorated in the college colors of purple and gold, a clever effect being achieved under the skillful hands of Miss Elva Nealon, Miss Ruth Israel and Miss Leah Dorgan, who formed the committee on decorations.

Dr. Donald V. Smith, professor of history, was the faculty sponsor.

Students View Beauty of Howe's Caverns

On Excursion Trip Conducted by Dr. Smith

The underground wonders of nature were seen by a group of 37 summer session students Thursday afternoon on an excursion trip conducted by Dr. Donald V. Smith of the history department, to Howe's Caverns.

The party left the college by bus at 2 o'clock and reached the Caverns in about an hour and a half.

The group descended into the caverns by an elevator. The descent is equivalent to that of a sixteen story building, according to Dr. Smith.

The first part of the journey is along an underground stream called the River Styx.

The main attraction of the Caverns is "Satan's Den." The passage to the den is about two feet wide through a winding trench-like tunnel with rocks projecting out from the sides.

The guide called the projecting rocks "Headache Rocks." At the den the lights were turned off, and every one remained quiet for a few seconds to get an idea of what a real dark, quiet place is like.

The journey through the Caverns is two and a quarter miles long, the guide said. Artificially colored lights illuminate the Caverns. The temperature of the caverns is 55 degrees and never fluctuates more than one or two degrees, the guide stated.

The party returned to Albany about 6:30.

Director Asks Students About Summer Needs

A questionnaire was submitted today to the students of the summer session in the 10 o'clock classes. The purpose of this questionnaire was to ascertain what features of the summer session could be improved upon from the student's point of view. A supply of questionnaires will be kept in the office of the Director for those students who did not attend a 10 o'clock class and are interested in registering their opinions.

If there is an honest attempt at cooperation on the part of the students, the results of the quiz will be of great value in planning for future summer sessions, Dr. M. G. Nelson, Director of the Summer Sessions concluded.
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OFFERS THANKS

The News Board wishes to thank the members of the faculty and those students of the summer session who have kindly acted as reporters or voluntarily contributed articles to the Summer News. We realize that the summer session means a busy season for the majority of us, and in view of this fact, we appreciate this all the more.

APPRECIATION

The announcement that the students of the summer session have heard the last of the organ recitals played by Dr. Harold Dell Wright during the past series is heard with regret.

The News wishes to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Thompson on behalf of the students here and to assure him that his efforts have earned the gratitude of his hearers.

Thus of those who read "The Shepherd of the Hills," the winning of Barbara Worth," must add "Exit" to your list. Perhaps the next generation of boys and girls, who happens to be Mr. Wright's literary ability—perhaps not. At least we suspect it will be much talked of and the best seller of this summer.


"American Girl" is the choice of the books of August for August and rightly so. It is the first novel of John Tunis, a well known sports writer, and it was written August 4th. Florence Farly was born of humble parentage in a small mill town. As a small girl she was never very well and forced to play alone. Since she had few toys she amused herself by taking sticks and building stones. Day after day she practiced, until she became most adept in the art of placing the stones where she wished them. Florence is at last given an opportunity to play she puts all she has learned into the game and piles up victory after victory. Step by step she climbs to the championship of the world.

Few of us realize before reading the book the importance of politics and preference in amateur athletics.

Throughout the book there is the usual plot with the Alger hero and the relentless one. One feels that Mr. Wright is not meant for an alibi but merely an attempt to attract people to his stories. An attempt which catches Florence Farly is a remarkable one. She achieves her ultimate end without their praises. He out sells any of Mr. Wright's previous books. It is as neat a piece of newspaper satire as to the status of some of our young seniors. Many were surprised to learn of a co-ed on the campus, but feel quite certain that they will bring home the bacon. Leo Allen, the idol of the fans, slipped in his last encounter, dropping in a close one to the Griffiths. The defeat can undoubtedly be contributed to the night before winning the Boy's. As you know, Leo plays night baseball and sometimes games are prolongued, as it takes a long time to get home after such a strenuous evening. However, this does not necessarily point out a factor in the situation.

BOOKS

"Exit" by Harold Bell Wright—New York D. Appleton & Company $2.

All of the critics condemn the books of Harold Bell Wright, yet without their praises he out sells them. An American writer, his name was the thirteenth novel written in this unusual girl.

The Morning World hasn't lost all its clever penmen. Last Tuesday its editorial comment on Heywood Broun's decision to run for Congress was as neat a piece of newspaper satire as we hope to read. And we say that. The letter was signed: "Heywood, you have been a thorn in my flesh since the time I tried to debunk you in your early days. I'm famous for most anything expurgation of fairy tales, burning of orphan asylums, but I can't forgive an attack on Ivy Day. So there!":

(Affairs of State)

The Annual Summer Frolic proved a howling success. This new gymnasmus was gorgeously and skillfully decorated with a splendid blend of colors and the atmosphere was heightened by the course of the evening by the decorators. The main struggle took place from 9 to 12 while the side shows were widespread over the campus. Owing to the careful efforts of the manager, the stagline was dismantly. The young manager also gave his admirers an opportunity to observe his masterful ability on the floor when he featured many pleasing steps.

Manager Maslin has definitely decided to pull the curtain on the baseball season. The manager's point of view was a very successful season as the last nine but one game. This certainly is a mighty fine record considering the obstacles which the mentor had to surmount.

The dormitory of the Kappa Delta Rho house was the scene of the famous battle of fast Thursday night. Several inquiries have been made of the officers conceiving of the latter state, we can do nothing or very little as, according to what we have learned in one of our education courses, this group of people are the most difficult to handle.

In conclusion, we hope that all of the students who have enjoyed the summer session to the fullest degree and have taken advantage of the different opportunities offered for your intellectual and social satisfaction. We trust for our part to carry away with you fond memories of the college, the faculty, and the new acquaintanceships that you may make during the time that you have been her. Again, we hope that through the medium of this publication, we have managed to create a closer relationship between both faculty and students and the affairs at State college. If we have failed in that task, we hope that the boys were in a constant state of ferment, as we have seen many of them who have found new friendships have been cemented and common interests found by the members of the faculty and those students of the summer session who have acted as reporters, or voluntarily contributed articles to the Summer News.
PICNIC CONDUCTED AT INDIAN LADDER

Twenty-four Plattsburg Graduates Attend Outing Held on Monday

Singing and speeches were the features at the picnic conducted by the Plattsburg graduates and students with their guests at Indian Ladder, Monday. About thirty-five students left the college at 3:30 in cars. Lunch was served on the cliff after a brief exploring party through the case. No one ventured into the cave because of water which gushed from the entrance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Terwilliger acted as chaperones for the party. Mr. Terwilliger was formerly Instructor of Secretarial Studies at Plattsburg State Normal School. The committee in charge of arrangements was composed of Wilhelmina Semple and Luettel Rau.

Mr. Terwilliger returned to Albany about 9:30. Those who attended were: Ebertt Burtin, Charles Ellis, Evelyn M. Pettegill, A. E. Densmore, Darwin Keyser, Velma Turner, Marie MacDonough, Mary I. Hughes, Helen M. Clark, Lois McCarty, Leon G. La Fluer, Hazel M. Caravas, Jane J. Wilson, Esther Koch, Mary Armour, Helen Murray, Betty Ellis, Mrs. Pragg, Mrs. Livingston, Ada Hardy, Laura M. Sorrell, Beatrice Avery, Luettel Rau, and Wilhelmina Semple.

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Students should leave a self-addressed stamped envelope in the Registrar's Office, or in box outside the door, for report of summer session work.

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SOCIOLOGY CLASS VISITS BUILDINGS OF ALBANY COUNTY

The Albany County Buildings were visited by the Sociology and Economics classes last Monday afternoon. They found portions of the buildings still under construction. According to Professor Walker, head of the economics department, Albany had its institutions for the care of dependents such as the home for tubercular children, and county almshouse, scattered over several parts of the country. Recently, like many other progressive counties, Albany determined to hold these together in the interest of economy and effectiveness in work. They therefore purchased land from the Shakers near what is now the Albany airport. Here they built the Ann Lee Home for the aged, the hospital home for the care of tubercular children, and are rapidly completing the county penitentiary. Ann Lee was the founder of the Shaker religion and the author of the old Shaker Meeting House.

When completed it is to be one of the best units of the sort in New York State. He added that a community may be judged by two lines of its work and their effectiveness. First, by its educational system which provides those who are getting ready to live, and second, by its care of dependents. Judged by these standards, Albany county has a good showing.

YOU DON'T SAY!

Ask me another: When was the Dead Sea taken sick?

The first fellow who said it was—Walter Raleigh.

The first fellow who said I hope you choke—Jonah.

And Aesop said 2000 years ago: The lips that touch lipstick shall never touch mine.

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1934 Freshman Class Will Number Over 300

There are already over three thousand Freshmen registered for the class of 1934. Last year there were three hundred and fifty-seven freshmen who entered in September, and there is little doubt that the registration will pass that mark in September. The State scholarships are yet to be announced, leaving many in doubt regarding their entrance, the registrar announced today. The total number of students who regularly matriculated at State College in 1930 was twelve hundred and twenty-seven and this total is growing yearly.

There were one thousand sixty-one women and one hundred sixty-six men.

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**Notes In Exile**

One of our schoolmates, class of '24, writes: "And if you make Albany this Campus Day, I promise to set up all the beers you can drink." That's what we call a real son of Alma Mater. Incidentally, the dear boy had better save all his pennies his summer; we're raising an east-of-Suez thistle.

We've done it again! We declare, we're almost as prolific as Robert Burns! This time it's a sonnet and the piece bears the immoral title—"Down at Dinty Moore's." In fact, dear readers—and it hurts us to tell this to you—there wasn't a soul there.

Returning to the hotel that evening, I was faced with the most disagreeable task of filling out some for the Italian police. Police authorities make it their business to check up on all travelers. The last question on the blank made me start. "Are you a lunatic?" was written in bold type. I hesitated. I thought of Pompeii, old "Vesic," and the danger. The pen was dry, and I was wondering. No sane person would have ventured to get a piece of lava for a souvenir in the very mouth of the Dragon.

Quite a few students have asked me how the Italians continue to live near Vesuvius. The only answer to that question is that they must own property there and can not leave. Without doubt, they would joyfully consider selling their lands to any American realty concern.

Premier Mussolini in a recent address failed to mention anything about the iron hand in connection with the earthquakes. According to the politicians, Mussolini has had free rein so far except for the control of these tremors, which are disturbing the equilibrium of the people.

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**Sight Seeing In Italy**

by Michael Tepedino

This is my first attempt to write a news article. As Will Rogers would say, "I'll write by the papers," so I must imitate that illustrious person and begin by saying, "The recent earthquake in Italy reminds me."

Three years ago I was travelling in Italy and was in the vicinity of Vesuvius when an eruption occurred. It was too hot for comfort. We were being guided through Pompeii by a young man who had seen a few performances before. He told me he had, on different occasions, held ring-side seats which didn't cost him a cent. That day when old "Vesic," as it is called locally, began to show her teeth I was only too glad to get in a remote and quiet vicinity.

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