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## Neil Charles To Play For Annual Snoball

### Synthetic Fibers To Be Displayed

On December 11, 1953, the students of Behrend Center will have the opportunity to attend an interesting assembly in Erie Hall, which will be presented by the DuPont Company. It will consist of a lecture including a brief history of the textile industry; characteristics and application of the fibers nylon, orlon and dacron; problems involved in production; and the future of synthetic fiber. The program will feature demonstrations of these fibers and a display of wearing apparel developed through synthetic processes at the DuPont Company.

The dacron fiber, probably the newest and least known of the three fibers, is an improvement over both nylon and orlon fibers as it definitely holds creases after swimming. Furthermore, unwanted creases fall out of the material when it is hung on hangers after wearing or washing.

This program promises to unfold the magnificence of man's strides in the field of synthetic production, and was arranged for and will be brought to us by the courtesy and cooperation of the Erie section of the American Chemical Society.

### Office News

By Jo Borkowski

Mrs. Ruth McCordle, our most charming receptionist, who resided in Mendenhall, Mississippi, most of her life, will witness her first White Christmas. Many wishes for an enjoyable winter are extended in the hopes that Mr. and Mrs. McCordle will stay with us a long, long time.

Rainbow Gardens provided Miss Joyce Herbstritt with an exciting and pleasant evening on November 21. Joyce attended the Viennese Ball sponsored by the Erie Philharmonic, and waltzed away in the newly decorated Ballroom in a dreamy shrimp-colored formal gown.

The wondrous splendor of the Laurel Room in the Lawrence Hotel will pulsate with gaiety and good cheer as the Office Girls of Behrend Center congregate to have a Christmas dinner and exchange Christmas presents. A trip to the Playhouse will end the evening.

Mrs. Adam is progressing rapidly with that knitted suit. We can't wait to see its beauty in its completeness. It must be beginner's luck or else good coaching because Mrs. Adam is so pleased with Mrs. Ruth McCordle's knitting. Ruth is knitting a sweater for her husband which, when finished, will be the most perfect, from all reports.

A question to Mr. Patterson. Have you done any hunting lately?

A note to the veterans from Mrs. Adam: Don't forget to come into the office and sign your Allowance Forms. No need for repetition about this.



Mrs. Ben Lane

The former Miss Carolyn Ann Schall, daughter of Mrs. Violet Schall of Kiski Heights, became the bride of Mr. Benjamin A. Lane, Behrend Center language instructor, on Saturday afternoon, November 21, in the Saltsburg Methodist Church. Mr. Ernest McLuckie sang traditional wedding music, accompanied by Mrs. E. Barton.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Charles Moore, appeared in an ivory, tissue-taffeta gown styled with a V neck and winged collar, long sleeves pointed at the wrists and full skirt. Her fingertip length veil of silk illusion depended from a tiara of pearls and rhinestones. She carried a bouquet of white mums.

The maid of honor, and only attendant, Miss Louise Bair was attired in a purple taffeta, waltz-length gown, and carried a bouquet of bronze mums.

Following the reception, which was held at the home of the bride, and a southern honeymoon, the new Mr. and Mrs. Lane are residing in Wesleyville, Pa.

### Shirley Comstock To Receive Award

Mrs. Shirley Butler Comstock will be honored Friday, Dec. 11, when she will receive the Professional Honor Award of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation when the Association meets in convention at Hotel Penn Alto.

Mrs. Comstock is director of physical education for women at Behrend Center, and until recently was supervisor of girls' activities for the City Bureau of Recreation.

She is also president of the Erie County Chapter of the PSAHPE & R, active on the First Aid and Water Safety Committee of the Erie American Red Cross, a member of the Y. W. C. A. Health Committee and a homemaker as well as an enthusiastic athlete.

A graduate of Strong Vincent High School and State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Mrs. Comstock is married to Maynard E. Comstock, and the couple and their two children live at 945 W. 10th Street in Erie.

### Christmas Season Opens

Social activities of the Christmas season will be opened on Tuesday, Dec. 15, with the traditional Hanging of the Green festivities. At this time there will be a short memorial service in the chapel in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery in honor of Mr. Behrend and his son.

The high point of the ceremony is reached when one of the students, after saying a few words of dedication, places a wreath on the door into the burial vault. This wreath, usually a product of the ingenuity of the students, is left hanging there for a full year.

A social hour is planned to follow, and will consist of a lunch, singing carols, decorating the Christmas tree, and hanging of varied Christmas adornments throughout the dorm.

The annual Christmas tea, given by Mrs. T. Reed Ferguson, will be held Wednesday, December 16, from 4 to 6 p. m. Invitations to attend are extended to all faculty wives and women students. A very formal occasion, the tea will provide the opportunity for the female students to become acquainted with the wives of their instructors, and to spend some time with them before Christmas vacation begins.

### G.M.C. Presents Progress Previews

On Monday, November 23, 1953, in Erie Hall, the General Motors Corporation presented "Previews of Progress." The speaker, a former accounting major in college, and a public relations man for G. M., ambled through a maze of scientific instruments and demonstrative gadgets.

He, for example, polymerized (built up) six ounces of a liquid synthetic rubber base into an elastic solid many times as large. Also in the field of chemistry he formed a compound from three liquids that changed color exactly seven seconds after mixing. A glass bottle which, when formed, was cooled very rapidly on the outside and slowly on the inside, demonstrated two strange properties of this important substance. The outside was hard enough to drive a nail, but the inside could withstand no force at all.

A micro-wave relay system, similar to that used on the western leg of the coast to coast television network, transmitted Pee Wee Hunt's "Twelfth Street Rag" across the stage. For his finale, the GMC representative demonstrated a combination alarm clock and cigarette lighter better known as a jet engine. When turned loose, this engine can attain a speed of more than 200 miles per hour.

This program is presented by G. M. C. throughout the country in an effort to get young men interested in engineering as a career.

### Winter Wonderland Atmosphere Will Prevail at Christmas Dance

By Dot Parks

Christmas trees, lanterns, and an old-fashioned sleigh will set the stage for Behrend Center's annual Christmas dance, the "Snoball", which will be an event of Thursday evening, December 17, in Erie Hall.

Enhancing the holiday spirit and "Winter Wonderland" atmosphere of the dance will be a complete false ceiling of red, white, and green streamers; and a revolving crystal ball. Tables and chairs will surround the dance floor cabaret style, and members of the dance committees will maintain a check-room. Dancing will be from 9:00 to 1:00 a. m., to the music of the ten piece band and vocalist of Neil Charles. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or from any committee member for \$2.00 a couple.

The refreshment committee, Knoll, has planned to serve free punch and cookies.

Jim Culberston, chairman of the affair, stated that dress should be semi-formal; the women in cocktail dresses or formals, with corsages, and their escorts in suits.

Mr. Harold Werner, instructor in engineering, and Mr. Norman B. Patterson, instructor in mathematics, are the faculty advisers and sponsors of the "Snoball." Chairmen of additional committees are: Vernon McKenzie, plans; Dennis Polatas, publicity; Al Kaufman, band; and Harold Adams, decorations.

Other members of the advisee groups of Mr. Werner and Mr. Patterson, who are working very hard to make this first formal dance a success, are: Bill Maeder, Ray Metz, Emmett Miller, Blaine Minihinnick, Max Peoples, Will Raygor, Glenn Raymer, John Rhinehart, Carl Schmid, Anthony Baran, Bill Bules, Domenico Cipriani, Gerry Deutschlander, Chuck Fleischmann, Tom Graczyk, Bill Hamill, Bob Karney, Dave Larkin, Dave Moorhead, Bill Simmons, Don Stranahan, Jack Tupitza, Sam Wallwork and Charles Young.

### Alumnae Tea

A tea was given for faculty wives and women students by the Penn State Alumni Association on Sunday, December 6. It was held in the Memorial Room from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. The tea provided an opportunity for alumni, students, and faculty wives to become acquainted with each other.

### Honor Students

Mr. T. Reed Ferguson has announced the Honor Roll for the first eight weeks' period. To be placed on the high honor roll an average of 2.25 or better must be attained.

Led by Barb Orchard, with 2.75, the list was as follows: Donald Finley, 2.70; Anthony Baran, 2.65; Jack Tupitza, 2.53; Dot Parks, 2.50; Dick Kuneman, 2.44; Jim Culbertson, 2.29; and John Gott, 2.25.

Honorable mention for averages of 2.0 to 2.25 were extended to: John Rimp, 2.24; Nancy Elms, 2.22; Brent Curtis, 2.20; Tom Vieira, 2.19; John DeArment, 2.18; Keith Bartley, 2.13; Norma Michael, 2.12; Dot Kaliszewski, 2.11; Gerald Deutschlander, 2.08; Al Kaufman, 2.06. And with 2.00 were Rodney Beals, Robert Detisch, Charles Fleischmann, Carl Schmid, Sylvia Shay and Art Vetter.

### Contest Winner

The silhouette contest that was introduced to the student body for the first time in the last issue of the Nittany Cub, will become a regular feature of the paper.

In the picture below, Syb Shay is presenting Lou Laube, who guessed that the first silhouette was Dave Larkin, with her prize, a stuffed kitten.

Prizes for being the first to identify the silhouette will vary according to whom the winner is.

For this issue's silhouette, please refer to page 4.

