



Carol Singing, Dancing Spread Christmas Cheer

Student Carol Sing Scheduled Tonight

The terrace in front of Old Main will be the scene at 8:30 tonight of the annual Penn State Christmas carol sing, sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association and the College music department.

Professor Hummel Fishburn, of the music department, will direct the music for the sing. Carolers will be accompanied by trumpeters Victor Dimeo '43 and John Lord '44, and trombonists Walter C. James '42 and Russell J. Myers '42.

In addition to the group caroling, a special arrangement of "The First Noel" will be rendered by the College choir. Harry Seamans, General Secretary of the PSCA, will read a Christmas selection.

During the sing an offering will be taken for Mrs. Hetzel's Fund for Needy Students and the World Student Service Fund.

Following the singing, a short worship service will be held in Room 304 Old Main. The service will be under the direction of the Worship Committee of the PSCA.

Poverty Ball To Aid Local Charity Funds

One dollar plus a can of food is all you need to have an evening of fun and still do something worthwhile. That's all it costs to get into the hat societies' informal Poverty Ball in Rec Hall tonight.

The dance will start at 9 p. m. and last until midnight. During that time, while dancing to the music of Rex Rockwell's orchestra, you can think of the good that your dollar and can of food will be doing to help needy students and needy families.

Profits from the monetary admissions will be contributed to Mrs. Hetzel's Student Fund. The canned goods will be donated to the Local Welfare Committee and distributed among needy families of the vicinity to help spread Christmas cheer.

This is the second year that a dance of this kind has been sponsored by the hat societies. Last year's Charity Ball was a great success. Poverty Ball will be an even greater success, according to Thomas C. Backenstose '41, chairman of the ball.

Defense Moves Affect College

As the nation, state, and College worked over the ever-growing problem of national defense yesterday there were developments of importance affecting the College on all three fronts.

1. On the national front an opinion was submitted to Dr. C. A. Dykstra, director of the Selective Service System, urging permanent exemption for six main groups of men in science, including undergraduates, graduate students, men in industry, and college faculty members. The groups:

- Medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy.
- Biology, bacteriology, and any other branch of biological science which bears directly upon problems of medicine or the public health, safety, or interest.
- Chemistry.
- Physics.
- Geology and geophysics, including such specialized fields as meteorology, hydrology, and cartography.
- Engineering, including civil, electrical, chemical, mechanical, agricultural, sanitary, and mining.

2. The state faced an increase in its January draft quota, the number to be jumped from 1,590 to 4,023 presumably because enough housing facilities have been completed in the South where the next contingent of Pennsylvania trainees presumably will be sent.

3. The College announced 60 students will arrive here January 6 to begin 16 weeks of intensive training in both production and Diesel engineering. Persons with rooms to rent to these incoming students were urged to write M. S. Gjesdahl, Engineering D, in care of the College.

4. The fourth Civil Aeronautics Authority training course sponsored here will begin February 1 and will be open to 30 students, Prof. H. A. Everett, head of the department of mechanical engineering, announced.

Freshmen To Hold Dance Tomorrow Night, 9 to 12

An all-freshman dance featuring an all-freshman orchestra will highlight the beginning of the holiday season in the Sandwich Shop tomorrow night from 9 to 12 p. m. according to Lane Pollack, chairman of the dance committee of the PSCA Freshman Council.

Thirty-five cents will admit any freshman to the "Christmas Holiday-Hop."

Box Office Hits 'Routine Stuff' To Penn State Grads

If you've ever seen anything on the movie screen titled, "Four . . ." then it's a pretty good bet the picture was written by the Epstein twins, graduates of Penn State.

Fresh from Hollywood, Julius '41, and Phillip '32 are now in New York City preparatory to visiting the Bennington College campus where they intend to gather background material for a picture they intend to write.

For instance it goes like this: "What kind of a movie are you going to write about Bennington?"

"Oh, you know, one of those college movies—except we won't have the girls wearing sweaters in this one," says one of the boys. "That's right, we don't want it to be a box-office smash," says the other.

Among the various movies the Epstein boys have written are Four Daughters and Four Wives, starring the Lane sisters. Julius was employed by Warner Brothers immediately after his graduation

Return Of '44 Customs Asked By WSGA Judicial

Still Plugging For Armory, VanZandt Says

Plans for a \$1,800,000 armory to be built here are still being pushed in Congress, Congressman James E. VanZandt said yesterday.

Original efforts to get money from WPA funds have been abandoned and the money is now being sought as an outright defense appropriation, VanZandt indicated.

Some of the hope for the success of the plan, he said, depends on suggestions that West Point and Annapolis be made "post-graduate schools" with the bulk of military training thrust on college and university military and naval ROTC units.

The probable site of the armory if erected is on Ag Hill west of Horticulture.

PSCA Plans Three Inquiry Trips

Three separate social inquiry trips have been planned to Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh for Monday, Dec. 30 by the Penn State Christian Association.

Itinerary for the Harrisburg trip includes visits to a federal housing project, the negro section, the State Hospital for the Insane, the Bethlehem steel plant, and the Harrisburg airport.

The Philadelphia group will visit sections which give rise to problems of housing and poverty, South Street, Bedford Center, a housing project, and the Department of Public Assistance.

Crime and juvenile court, and a federal housing project will be included in the Pittsburgh tour.

Two Attend Meeting

Mrs. Marion S. McDowell, associate professor of home economics, and Miss H. Irene Patterson, instructor in home economics, attended an executive committee meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Adult Education in Harrisburg Tuesday.

24 Violations Cause Unprecedented Action

That freshman women's customs be reinstated following Christmas vacation unless there is a decided improvement in freshman coed conduct was recommended by WSGA Judicial Committee to Senate late yesterday. This is the first time such action has been taken.

The action developed from the increase in violators and seriousness of their offenses since weekday dating regulations, hair ribbons, and name cards were removed. These customs will be resumed if conduct toward customs does not improve.

Since the removal of ribbons November 11 and name cards December 2, and the conclusion of the three-week no-dating period, the number of violators appearing before the board has increased considerably.

Most of the cases tried by the committee were for taking two one o'clock permissions a weekend, dating off campus, and failure to keep campuses.

Approximately eight freshman women have appeared before the board for taking two one o'clock permissions a weekend. Penalties for this offense have ranged from weekend lenient campuses, to weekend strict and week strict campuses, depending upon the case.

For dating during the week approximately 12 violators have been questioned and penalized. Campuses for this offense include week and weekend lenient campuses and strict campuses, depending upon the case.

Failure to keep campuses have brought four freshmen before the board. For this offense an addition to the original penalty has been made.

Late News Bulletins

London—The warnings that Lord Beaverbrook and Prime Minister Churchill made to the English people yesterday were seen to be developing as Hitler's forces built rafts and made ready every conceivable craft for invasion across the English channel. The RAF, with full knowledge of this action, bombed the channel ports of the Germans continually yesterday.

Cairo—The lightning attacks of the British which have taken them on Libyan soil, advanced them to the towns of Tokra and Bardia yesterday. Though the British forces were slowed up somewhat by the cold weather in central Albania, the mechanized forces invaded the city and took complete control last night. The sea bombardment was terrific and the long range land bombing drove the Italians from the city.

Belgrade—The Grecian army bombarded the Tepelini last night and believed the city to be completely evacuated. They approached the city and were confronted by a large force of Italians, resulting in hand to hand fighting which the Greeks won.

Paris—Reports from France last night told of Laval's opinion toward his dismissal from the French government. Laval, who is in agreement with the joining of France to the Nazi powers, said last night, "If we can't lick them we should join them."

Fraternities To Have Community Kids As Dinner Guests Tonight

Baskets Of Foodstuffs Will Be Contributed

Anxious to have Christmas Cheer spread throughout the whole community, 32 fraternities, in cooperation with the local Kiwanis, will play host to approximately 200 children from needy families at dinners and parties tonight.

Members of Kiwanis will furnish transportation to and from the fraternities.

The fraternity parties, annually an event for both guests and hosts, will feature special Christmas dinners and gifts for the young guests.

Further spreading the spirit of Yuletide, 45 fraternities are planning to contribute baskets of food for needy families in the vicinity. The baskets will contain necessary provisions for several meals.

A special committee of five students has been engaged for the past several weeks in forwarding this plan of dinners and contributions of baskets. The committee members are: Robert Robinson, chairman, Maynard L. Bloom, Robert L. Elmore, John H. Hibbard, and John R. McCracken, all seniors.

Cally Critic Decisive In Charcoal Deadlock

A third recount of votes was being taken to decide which charcoal drawing of the Art II class would take second place for composition and technique in the students' opinion.

A definite decision could not be reached between two particular drawings for, despite heated discussion and persuasion, the recounts would not add up to a majority.

Finally the instructor ordered each student to choose the one picture he thought best and asked for another show of hands. As she was counting hands for the second picture, a tie vote seemed inevitable, until a scrawny, stray cat strolled under the screen, glanced at the picture, and cast his decisive vote with a loud "Meow."

\$5 Cut Fine Period Starts Noon Today

The 48-hour cut fine period for the Christmas vacation will go into effect today noon and extend to and including January 8, A. R. Warnock, dean of men, has advised.

Strict attendance checks of all absences will be kept by class instructors, Dean Warnock said. This is evidenced by the 385 students who were billed for cutting classes within the 48-hour period during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Written applications for fine exemptions may be filed for one week after the Christmas holidays, which extend from Saturday noon until 8 a. m. Monday, January 6.

Below Grade Increase Probed By Welfare Group

In an effort to determine the cause of the increase in below grades this semester, the Senate Committee on Student Welfare is requesting all instructors and advisers to report any cases of handicapped students to A. R. Warnock, Dean of Men; Miss Charlotte E. Ray, Dean of Women, or the College Health Service.

Believing that bad health, malnutrition and undernourishment, faulty eyesight, and a few nervous disorders may be hindering some students, the committee hopes to discover and correct any possible cases.

Insufficient sleep, irregular eating habits, and general personal neglect may be further contributing factors, suggested Dr. Charles D. Dietherich, College physician.

Dean Hammond Honored

Dean Harry P. Hammond, of the Engineering School, was made an honorary member of the Triangle fraternity at the regular fall initiation Sunday.