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## Christmas Shopping

There isn't much to college life that the accelerated program hasn't affected.

Right now, and even moreso after the Thanksgiving weekend, most Penn State students are looking ahead of the hectic early December final examinations and "dreaming of a White Christmas." Three outstanding situations have arisen which will make this year's Yuletide recess different from those in the past. One of them is pleasant, one will hurt some momentarily, and the other is serious enough to warrant some thought and consideration.

Vacation officially begins December 19. This date is also the end of the Fall semester. That means it's the end of bluebooks, worries about this and that course, and for the seniors it's the end of College. Undergraduates will go home for the holiday with no "lots of work to do when I come back" worries, so prevalent when coming back in January meant bumping into the first semester home stretch. Seniors will have a diploma to hang on their Christmas trees. And this is pleasant.

In the past it was the custom for many students to leave College early with the Administration's approval to take holiday jobs in hometown stores and post-offices. This year most students only will be available for work during the five or six days vacation before the 25th. College authorities have stated that it will be impossible for them to excuse students during the last week of the semester which is sure to be crowded with important finals and bluebooks. Only in cases where special arrangements have been made by a student to complete his work early will permission be granted. All this will hurt some monetarily.

Transportation difficulties will haunt most everybody. Rumors are flying thick and fast concerning just how many busses will be available to take care of the mass evacuation. Seniors who will be moving out of town lock, stock and barrel will have to use some of their parent's precious 'A' stickers to move trunks, suitcases and all the various paraphernalia that three and a half years of College life have accumulated. And many another campus mind is wondering now, "How will just little me get home for Christmas?" All this warrants some thought and consideration.

Despite the headaches and indefinite planning everyone seems to be confident that they'll be home for Christmas, which is a very, very nice thought to wake up with on those dark and dreary December mornings ahead.

—R. D. S.

## Nittany Palisades

Last Thursday night a group of students were singing in one of the booths at a downtown restaurant. Of course they sang the usual round of five or six Penn State songs, but then they changed and started in on other College's music.

NYU's alma mater "O Grim Gray Palisades" threw a hush over the whole restaurant. True, they were a bunch of good singers but that song just kind of got everybody.

This idea isn't original. Dean Warnock suggested it in one of his Centre Daily Times 'Half Columns' several weeks ago. But why not have Hum Fishburn or some of his staff write a set of Penn State words to this truly beautiful hymn. It wasn't original with the Violets and so it's open property to other Colleges.

As A. R. W. put it, "the song expresses the sheltering aspects of the Nittany mountains." So why not start it "O Nittany hills and Nittany mountains?"

—R. D. S.



## Weekend Tremors

Our import left town yesterday afternoon. We slept for fifteen hours and are now back in tip top shape except for the butterflies which are raising Cain in our stomach and the hammers which insist on beating out our brains. After a combined weekend we came early this morning to the astounding conclusion that times are indeed tough.

While we were wandering around in our apparent daze Friday and Saturday nights, though, we had our eyes open wide enough to pick up a couple little items of local interest. Take a look, for instance, at the big, big sparkler shining on the fingers of one Dorothy Brunner, said to have been presented to her by the soon retiring AA president, Barney Plesser. The same little thing happened at the Beta house while it was under the influence Saturday night when Sammy Chase put the ring on Theta alum Marge King. We also got word that Bob Wasser, former campus politician and Tribunal man, got engaged. At least he has the ring on and Harriette Block is connected with the affair somewhere.

## Well, Why Not?

Jewelry flashed in several places around town while it tried to get back on its feet. The much-sSpeculated-about Schacker-Elston romance drew to a climax when she finally accepted the oft-offered Phika-passing hardware Sunday. Phisigmakappa Jim McCaughn sent his jeweled offering out of town with his hometown girl-friend while Jim Measday lost hold on his Sigmachi badge long enough for Trudy Kortright Thetaphialpha to take it with her. The only other report which came to our shell-like ears was the word that Dick Berk is no longer the possessor of his Phisigmadelta hardware. It now belongs to Marilyn Schultz AEPHi.

## Trivia

The big joke of the weekend happened at the football game Saturday. It seems that while a gent in a white hat hurried down the aisle in one of the senior sections someone got an idea about where the object of his rushing lay. Starting the comment he was immediately joined by four entire sections, as they sang boisterously "We Know Where You're Goin," or is that the name of the song?

Speculating on another romance, we get to wondering now and then if the new All-College prexy will follow the whole way in Arnie Laich's footsteps. It seems that while still a student, Mr. Laich, also an employee at the Crum, took marital vows with a young lady. Can Mr. Grey keep up the dizzy pace?

## We The Women Of A Change, Frosh! It Won't Be Much

Gee, kids, aren't you relieved? Your customs come off tomorrow so there's only one day of misery remaining.

No more wearing those bothersome green ribbons to destroy your color combinations; no more silly namecards to advertise your name and make you look like everyone else; no more of this hummility that makes you open doors for upperclass-women.

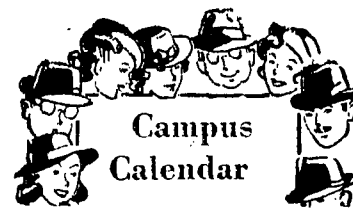
Now you can date after all these weeks of knitting in the dorms while others go out and make whoopie. Now you can go to movies with men instead of roommates.

You've had a touch of custom-wearing. You've had to wear the darn things so much longer than any other class and you've been absolutely swell about it. Everybody's saying what good sports you were. We never saw such a solid class of green decorations before.

We hope that we haven't taken too much of your time away from your studies for all these silly customs, and we hope we haven't made College too unhappy by curbing your dating activities this way. Our most sincere hope is that next year's class will cooperate in as nifty a way as you have.

It's been great having such an enthusiastic group around and now that the strain is off, go at it and have fun. You surely deserve a let-down.

Don't think we aren't being sarcastic, 'cause we are.



## TODAY

Theta Sigma Phi meeting, 5 p. m., Kappa Alpha Theta house, 5 p. m.

PSCA Freshman forum will install members and elect officers tonight in the Hugh Beaver room, 304 Old Main, 6:45 tonight.

Sigma Delta Chi meeting for election of new officers, Journalism offices, Carnegie Hall, 7:15 p. m.

Student Faculty Relations Committee meets, 305 Old Main, 7:15 p. m.

WRA Bowling Club meets, White Hall alleys, 6:30.

WRA intramural managers meet, WRA room, White Hall, 6:30.

Junior and Senior Editorial Boards will meet, Collegian office, 8:15 p. m.

All town girls are urged to attend a mass meeting in 110 Home Economics at 6:30 p. m.

## Penn Game Movies Shown

Motion pictures of the Penn State football game with the University of Pennsylvania will be shown in 121 Sparks, 7:30 tonight. Coach Higgins will comment.

## Names of Service Men

Edward K. Hibshman, Alumni Association executive secretary, last night urged students and student groups to report names of Penn State graduates now serving in the armed forces. Names are posted on a service board in the Alumni office.

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