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College Prepares Varied Function For Christmas

Student Groups Plan Annual Yuletide Events

With Christmas drawing close and the smell of snow in the air, the College has not been taken unaware. For the last week of the semester many programs have been planned in accordance with the coming of the day when "Saint Nick" arrives.

The Yuletide season gets under way at Penn State tomorrow morning when the Choir presents its annual Musical Service. Christmas carols, a solo by an ersign present on campus, and organ solos will be featured here.

A group from the Penn State Christian Association will hold a party for 50 needy children of Shingletown Gap at the home of Professor and Mrs. Chesleigh A. Bonine tomorrow afternoon as a gesture of the "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" spirit.

In McAllister Hall, at mealtime Monday evening, coeds will hold their traditional Christmas dinner under candlelight. They will join their vocal efforts together and sing the various carols conducive to Christmas.

Following the candlelight dinner in McAllister Hall, the Dancing Club will perform its yearly Christmas concert in White Hall, giving shows at 7:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Also on Monday evening, at 7:15 in Schwab Auditorium, a sing will be held. Such favorites as "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," "O, Tannenbaum," and "O, du seelige, O du seelige" will be sung.

Early birds will be permitted to attend a Christmas Vesper Service at 7 a. m. Wednesday morning, when Jean E. Hershberger '43 leads the service in the Hugh Beaver Room on the third floor of Old Main.

Topping off the program, in accordance with the celebration of the coming holiday, "Ium" Fishburn will lead students, faculty, and townspeople in the annual Carol Sing on the Front Campus. (Continued on Page Three)

Commencement Week Schedule

Sunday, December 13
11 a. m.—Chapel service, Schwab Auditorium. Speaker, Morris S. Lazaron, D.Lit., rabbi, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

3 p. m.—Senior Baccalaureate services, Schwab Auditorium.

Tuesday, December 15
9-12 p. m.—Senior Hot Dog Roast, Armory. Dancing, entertainment by Thespian Group, refreshments. Only seniors admitted.

Wednesday, December 16
7 p. m.—Senior Class Day exercises, Auditorium. Presentation of Honor Awards. Presentation of History of Class of 1943.

9:30 p. m.—Christmas Sing, Front Campus.

Thursday, December 17
8 p. m.—Commencement Exercises, Recreation Hall. Seniors must attend to receive diplomas.

Commencement Week Planned for Graduates; Chapel to Start Program

In line with the 83rd graduation of Penn State in Rec Hall at 8 p. m. Thursday evening, a complete Commencement Week program has been planned for students who will receive their degrees at the exercises at that time.

Starting tomorrow morning, when the annual Christmas Musical Service takes place in Schwab Auditorium at the regular Sunday morning chapel services, the program will continue throughout the week until Commencement.

At 3 p. m. tomorrow afternoon the graduating class will have its baccalaureate services. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Tuesday evening, from 9 to 12 p. m., the senior "Hot Dog" roast will be held in the Armory. Selection of the senior "Hot Dog," dancing, entertainment by a Thespian group including freshman impersonator Edward Coles, Ted Clauss, Bud Mellot, Jack Hunter, Pat La. (Continued on Page Four)

Cagers Meet Bucknell Tonight in Final Game Here Before Christmas Vacation Starts; Robert Mawhinney To Receive Collegian Outstanding Senior Award

Finance Board Head Receives Annual Award

Robert Louis Mawhinney '43, for four years an outstanding leader in his class, will be presented with the highest individual award that can be given a Penn State senior—the Daily Collegian Outstanding Senior trophy—between the halves of the Bucknell basketball game tonight.

Mawhinney will be the seventh member of a graduating class to receive this honor given by the Daily Collegian on the vote of the retiring junior editorial board. Recipient of last year's award was Leonard Krouse, football captain and senior class president. Those previously honored were Jack W. Brand '41, H. Clifton McWilliams, Jr. '40, Joseph A. Peel '39, and Sol B. Miehoff '38.

The awarding of the 15 inch statute of Victory, which is to be presented by Milton B. Dolinger '44, Collegian editorial associate, is judged chiefly on two factors: The candidate's activity during all his four years and the candidate's activity in varied fields.

Mawhinney is from Pittsburgh, and a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

His activities have included chairmanship of the Campus '43 Clique, the Interclass Finance Board and the '43 Junior Prom. Mawhinney has also been a member of Skull and Bones, Lions Pr.w, All-College Cabinet, All-College Elections Committee and the V-Weekend Committee and was elected junior class treasurer in 1941.

Navy Will Not Send Air Crew Cadets Here; Program Cut

Penn State has failed to be chosen by the Navy Department to train 600 Naval Aviation Cadets for ground school instruction, Mr. Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive secretary to the president, announced last night.

Recent communication between the Navy Department and the President's office indicate that the reason the College was not chosen as a training center is that the Navy has decided to cut down on its formerly planned program so that it is not able to include Penn State among the institutions selected to train future ground crew men for the Navy.

Even though the College was not appointed as an instruction post, Mr. Kenworthy stated that it may be given some consideration at a later date, should the Navy find the need for more centers.

Selection of Penn State to train men for the Navy ground crew had been under consideration by the Navy Department ever since a (Continued on page three)

Outstanding Senior



Robert L. Mawhinney '43 has been elected by the retiring junior editorial board of the Daily Collegian to receive its annual award to the outstanding member of the senior class. The trophy will be presented between halves of the Bucknell basketball game Saturday-night.

Lawthermen to Attempt To Extend Win Streak

Penn State will close its basketball competition until after the Christmas vacation tonight when it meets a veteran Bucknell quintet in Rec Hall at 8 p. m.

The Lion cagers will be out to extend their 14-game winning streak which has extended since the first half of last year's card. The Lions have not lost since they encountered West Virginia at Morgantown early last season.

They have not lost a game in Rec Hall since they lost to the same West Virginia five late in the 1941 season. Their home-game win streak now stands at 15.

Although the Lion cagers are favored over the Bisons by virtue of their wins over Washington and Jefferson and Susquehanna, the Lewisburg squad will probably give them plenty of trouble.

In the absence of Malcolm E. Musser, former varsity basketball coach and now a lieutenant in the United States Navy, the Bison cagers are being coached by Johnny Sitarsky, who, as an undergraduate, was one of Bucknell's four four-lettermen. For the past two years he has coached freshman basketball.

Even died in the wool old time Bison fans are willing to admit that George Haines ranks among the great Bucknell basketball players of all time. Last year, in 18 games, this slim, unassuming forward chalked up 324 points and shattered two Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate League scoring records.

His 37 points in a single game against Lebanon Valley disposed of one record, and his 229 points (Continued on Page Five)

ACER Exams Continue All Day

Although the examination of Army Air Corps Enlisted Service candidates has been proceeding at a steady rate, Capt. H. S. Engert, head of the visiting Examination Board warned men who have not yet been qualified to do so immediately.

Attempting to complete all enlistments before midnight, Tuesday, Capt. Engert said that mental and physical exams will be given today, tomorrow, Monday, and Tuesday, if necessary.

Tests are being administered in the fourth floor, Old Main, headquarters of the ACER board.

As a last minute reminder to men who have not yet completed Reserve enlistments, Professor Galbraith, Faculty Advisor on War Service once more stated that the V-1, V-5, and V-7 procurement officer in Philadelphia would also be open all day Sunday to take care of last minute enlistments.

Men going to Philadelphia must take with them a letter from Galbraith stating that they had been (Continued on Page Three)

Students Now Eighteen Must Sign in Sixth Selective Registration

Students who have reached their eighteenth birthday and have not registered in the five previous draft registration periods must register in the sixth selective service registration scheduled to take place during the month of December.

College students born on or after July 1, 1924 but not after August 31, 1924 must register between today and next Thursday if they had not done so yesterday, which was the first day of the sixth registration.

All students who have been worn into any reserve corps do (Continued on Page Three)

LATE NEWS

LONDON—British radio announced British bombers have made another raid over Northern Italy. The Rome radio was forced off the air for two hours.

ALLIED NORTH AFRICAN HEADQUARTERS—It has been announced here that General Grant tanks have played an important part in Tunisian land battles. It was further announced that the enemy has superiority in the air.

OTTAWA—One hundred and ninety-four persons were rescued by a Canadian boat from a transport torpedoed in the North Atlantic. A seven-months-old baby was among those rescued.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt announced last night that the Allies have seized the initiative from the Axis. He also stated that by the end of the month the United States will have over a million men overseas. Roosevelt said over two billion dollars has been transacted in lend-lease supplies.

NEW YORK—Lou Nova was knocked out in the sixth round at Madison Square Garden by Tami Maurriello.

WASHINGTON—William Phillips was appointed President Roosevelt's personal envoy to India to investigate conditions.

BERLIN—Hitler told the German people that he does not foresee any collapse of the German Army paralleling the defeat of 1918.

Physical Fitness---When?

AN EDITORIAL

About a week ago we were most gratified to read the following Collegian headline, "Physical Fitness Changes Announced." Finally, we thought, the powers that be have found their way clear to inaugurate the long overdue compulsory physical fitness program for all male students on the campus.

As we read deeper into the story our initial elation turned rapidly to disgust. It seems that the only "change" contemplated was to have the freshmen and sophomores visit the gym for two one hour periods rather than the former two-hour period.

As we read more of the story it became evident that once again juniors and seniors were being left entirely out of the picture. And the reason, why you know the old stand-by by this time. There are only such and such a number of lockers and so many shower heads and we have all these students. Therefore, it just can't be done.

This type of side-stepping may have been OK a year ago, but times have changed. It seems that everyone favors an intensified physical fitness program except the Phys Ed School bigwigs—the men who should at this time be the most interested in having their school keep pace with our war effort.

One by one Dern Schott's objections to this program have been knocked off. The cry for additional funds was stifled this fall when the athletic advisory board earmarked \$5,000 for this specific purpose. The lack of instructors is no longer a stumbling block since phys ed majors have already offered their services.

The College Administration is behind a speed-up program just as are the Army and Navy officials and the students themselves.

Where then lies the trouble? Silly as it may sound it is right up in offices of Rec Hall where the locker space boogey-man seems to have complete control of the situation.

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