

College Senate Extends Christmas Vacation

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2 Days To Reach Goal

WSGA Winds Up Yule Drive

Two days are left for WSGA to make its \$450 goal set for the 1944 Christmas drive, according to Mary Margaret Dunlap, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Each coed's share in this drive is 25 cents. The total amount received from solicitation will be divided among three projects to which WSGA has made its annual contribution for five years. These projects are:

1. The Mifflin County Children's Aid Society, located at Lewistown, which assists children who have been adopted into families that are unable to provide more than the bare necessities of life. The Aid Society provides a happy Christmas for these adopted children and in doing this uses all the money contributed by Penn State coeds.

2. American Women's Hospitals whose work includes disease prevention, child health, and maternity work to bring relief from suffering among the civilian population of Europe.

3. Mrs. Hetzel's Fund for Emergencies which helps students to meet emergencies by loans and gifts for hospital care, books, small fees, and travel.

Both men and coeds are urged by Miss Dunlap to give all they can to the drive. WSGA representatives will canvas all women's dormitories and men may leave their contributions in boxes placed in Atherton lounge, Student Union, or at the Corner Room.

Dance With Your Dolly

All-College Formal Hop Uses Christmas Motif

Following the Christmas motif, a gaily decorated tree will be featured at the All-College Christmas semi-formal dance to be held in Recreation Hall December 16.

Under a canopy, couples will dance from 9 p.m. to midnight to the music of Bud Wills and his Campus Owls. Entertainment at intermission will present Ruth Hill singing "O Holy Night" and Frank Gulló of the music department leading group singing of Christmas carols.

Fraternity and barracks booths can be reserved for \$2 by calling A/S James Jones, Barracks 13, 3392.

All civilians and servicemen may obtain tickets from GSO members starting Monday. Couples will be admitted for \$1.20 while stags will be admitted for 60 cents. The 100 new GSO members as well as the regular members will be admitted free upon presentation of membership cards. Their dates will be admitted for 60 cents.

"This affair is All-College despite it's being sponsored by a closed organization," emphasized Nancy Norton, president of the Girls' Service Organization. "Everyone is welcome and we hope to see them at this, the big Christmas event of the season."

Various committees have already set to work. Their chairmen are: Harriett Witmer, refreshments; Shirley Conner, decorations; Bernice Griffith, entertainment; and Agnes Coleman and Betty Tucktemyer, publicity.

Yokums Reign Over Dance

Replicas of Li'l Abner, Daisy Mae, and Pappy Yokum in their "Dogpatch" atmosphere will greet all at the "Spinners' Skip" in White Hall, 9 p.m. to midnight tomorrow. The traditional dance is sponsored by Cwens and Mortar Board, sophomore and senior Women's honorary societies.

Campus Owls under the direction of Bud Wills will furnish the music. Dave Briner will be trumpet soloist, and "Doc" Savage with his trombone will present an arrangement of "Rose Room."

Tickets may be obtained from members of Cwens and Mortar Board, and have been placed in dormitories. They may also be bought at Student Union or at the door.

In keeping with the "Hillbilly" element, the mode of dress for the evening will be informal, with skirts, jeans, sweaters, and plaid shirts predominating.

Proceeds from the dance will be applied to the Cwens and Mortar Board scholarship fund. Each of these honoraries awards one \$50 scholarship per year to a coed qualified by activities, scholastic standing, need, and other factors.

An Editorial

The Christmas vacation this semester was originally scheduled to start December 20 and to end December 28. Because this meant that New Year's Eve would have to be spent away from home, and New Year's Day in classes, the students at the College almost unanimously desired a change in the schedule.

Yesterday afternoon the College Senate met and approved a resolution of the calendar committee to change the vacation to from December 22 to January 2. Needless to say this change met with a large measure of student and faculty approval.

It was an intelligent and prompt move taken by the College and credit for this desirable change in dates is due to two groups — the student body for calling to the attention of the proper authorities its thoughts about the matter, and the administration for considering student opinion and in this case deferring to it.

Students of the College should not believe that the holding of a rally and the circulation of a petition will gain them concessions every time. The most important factor in their case must be the justice of their requests. The administration will not be railroaded into acting against the best interests of the College at any time.

Yesterday the students spoke and the faculty listened. But in the future they must be sure that they speak not only for themselves but "for a better Penn State."

Donuts for Dollars

Mobile Unit Helps Sell Bonds

As a special feature of the Sixth War Loan Drive a Donutmobile will be stationed outside the Main Gate this afternoon and tonight.

Members of the Women's Finance Committee, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and the Red Cross Motor Corps will distribute hot donuts to all students and town-folk who purchase war bonds and stamps.

A parade by members of the State College American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will announce the official opening of the Donutmobile at 4:30 this afternoon. At 5 o'clock two World War II veterans, 1st Lieut. Elias E. Moses, New Kensington, Pa., and 1st Lieut. Edward E. Myllmaki, Boston, Mass., will tell of some of their experiences overseas. Both men, former pilots with the 15th Air Force, were shot down over Plo-

Curtain Going Up

Players Open Season With 'Our Town'

Tonight and tomorrow night at 8 o'clock the curtain at Schwab Auditorium will roll up on a stage bare of property as Players present "Our Town," their initial offering of the fall semester.

Portman Paget and Claire Cohen will play the leading romantic roles in the production as they portray George Gibbs and Emily Webb, son and daughter respectively of two leading and quite influential families.

Scene of the play is Grover's Corners, N. H., a typical small town. The plot centers around the drama which occurs in the lives of almost every typical middle-class American family, drama which is made up of the homely processes of just living.

Rally, Petitions Precede Action Of Administration



President Issues Statement

"The calendar committee will consider extending the vacation at Senate meeting. When the present schedule was made up, the committee attempted to give as much vacation as possible to the students and still have each semester the required 18 weeks long.

"Sacrificing New Year's eve seems like a small thing to ask," he continued, "when we consider how much the boys in the fox-holes on the fighting fronts are giving. I am deeply disappointed that the student body does not agree with the College's desire to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with the armed forces of our country during this time of war."

After the Senate meeting at which the decision to extend the vacation was made, President Hetzel declined to make any comment.

College Senate last night acceded to the request of students that the Christmas recess be scheduled from December 22 to January 2 instead of from December 20 to 28 as had been decided upon originally.

Classes will end at 5 p.m. December 22 and will reconvene at 8 a.m. January 2. This change in schedule applies to V-12 as well as civilian students.

Concrete action towards achieving a change in schedule began Wednesday night when approximately 150 students gathered in front of Old Main. They trudged to the Tri-dorms, Woman's Building, MacAllister Hall, and Rec Hall where they crashed the basketball game.

Unsuccessful in obtaining use of the public address system at Rec Hall, the procession reformed and marched to the President's house.

Although there were no official leaders at the rally, a committee including Bette Craven, Doye Pachelbel, Ruth Tisherman, Helen Blunker, Arlene Green, and Don Fine approached President Hetzel. He advised them to present their petition to the calendar committee.

Committee Approves

The calendar committee, of which Jacob Tanger, head of the political science department, is chairman, approved the plan and presented a resolution to the College Senate. There has been no official count of the number of persons who signed the petition. Estimates place the number between 1500 and 2000.

Members of the calendar committee are Joseph J. Bedenk, Ernest W. Callenbach, William S. Hoffman, Ina Padgett, A/S Julian Anderson, and Doris Stack. The latter two are student representatives.

Petitions have been circulating on campus since the Collegian called the dates of the Christmas recess to the attention of the students in an editorial in the December 1 edition.

No official tally of the votes for and against the resolution was announced. College Senate includes the deans of all the schools, the department heads, and other elected members.

Closed Meeting

Following its usual custom the Senate held a closed meeting. Edward P. Zemprell, who was a candidate for seventh semester president on the Nittany ticket, appeared to present the students' viewpoint. He was informed that there had been for some time a rule against students appearing at these meetings.

When the rumor of the change in schedule reached Atherton Hall, excitement ran high in the usually decorous dining room.

Students will have another weekend at home in addition to two extra days of vacation.

Tryouts for New Play

Anyone interested in trying out for Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," Players' 25th anniversary production, should sign up at Student Union today through Tuesday, announced Prof. Frank S. Neusbaum, who will direct the play.