

Survey Proves Coeds Practical But Expensive

College girls are practical, conservative and expensive, according to a survey among members of the National Youth Panel on what they want for Christmas. And if no one disillusioned them, they'll be off to Europe, South America and Hawaii come summer vacations.

Appealing to the educational slant of travel, one student succinctly stated, "No more of this vicarious living through books for me. I want to see and experience the real thing!" And then there are those who ask not for the moon—just for a portable typewriter in the \$90-110 range, and skis, complete with poles, bindings and boots (about \$80), or fur coats. Your guess on price is as good as anyone else's, or suits, about \$75, or wristwatches, about \$90, or pictrolas, just \$30.

But if the Christmas giving spirit hasn't touched you quite so deeply, or if you just want to know what to buy your roommate with a mere eight dollars clutched in your hand, or if your best beaux looks more perplexed and less and less joyeux as the day of Noel draws nearer, here are some authoritative suggestions.

Girls Want Clothes

On the practical side, college girls want clothes—smart, trim, basic clothes in long-wearing fabrics . . . and not even tinsel Christmas displays will change them to lovers of frills and fur-trimmed blouses and sweaters tie for first place with pronounced emphasis on tailored styles. Cashmere sweaters are the most popular of all because of their light but warm weight and soft texture.

Books—poetry, texts and the classics come next. Few titles were listed but many stated specifically that they wanted no modern novels, indicating that what college girls want is a serious library they will keep always.

For fourth place, college girls chose skirts and silk scarves. Straight, narrow tweedy skirts were most in demand but run high in price from 12 to 20 dollars, again proving that college girls want basic sturdy clothes that will last a long while. Jewelry comes next with scatter pins, pearls and bracelets high on the list. Records follow with both classical and good "classic" jazz numbers but no preferences were stated as to performing artists.

Other gift suggestions were belts (fur and leather), magazines,

gloves, stockings cosmetics, stationery, wallets, handbags, robes, slippers, luggage, perfume, tennis rackets and other sports equipment, shoes, ankle socks, cigarette lighters and holders, dresses, framed family portraits for those away from home, desk lamp and dressing table accessories, in just that order.

No Compacts

An interesting note is that of the entire survey, there were but two requests for compacts while 20 per cent made a strong "no compact, please" notation. A few asked for gift packages of non-perishable foods that could be kept on hand for between meal snacks. The most curious sign of the times however, was that one lone student thought of her future and ask for a U.S. savings bond. And about six per cent of the college girls showed no faith at all in Santa Claus or best friend, said "please, just a gift certificate at the local department store."

Army Geophysicist Tours Watson Labs

M. C. Gerson, head of the electromagnetic section of the Geophysical Research Division, U. S. Air Force, Cambridge Field Station, Cambridge, Mass., visited the College recently. He was accompanied by Dr. W. Pfister, formerly associated with the University of Munich, who now is a theoretical physicist on Gerson's staff.

Dr. A. H. Waynick and Ernest Axman, both of the department of electrical engineering, conducted the visitors on a tour of the Watson projects. A technical symposium, led by Dr. Waynick, was also held. Scientific aspects of the Watson Laboratories research program, covering ionospheric effects on radio wave propagation were discussed.

Christmas Troubles

Now Christmas comes but once each year—
And for that I'm very glad
It might be nice
To have it twice
But 't would surely drive us mad.

Those Christmas cards we all must send—
Or else an outcast be—
To Cousin Con
And Uncle John
Both here and 'cross the sea.

Yes, for all those Aunts and Uncles too—
Some presents we must buy—
Then sit and fret
Lest they forget
To remember you and I.

And there is that hectic time—
When presents are hid about
In every nook
We take a look
When everyone is out.

Any sight at Christmas time
I know we'll all agree
Is watching Dad
Get hopping mad
Trimming the Christmas tree.

Dad has a fancy system—
For trimming in any clime
Now please pay heed
And carefully read
You might try it out sometime.

Dad takes a fifth of good old rye—
And a race does then begin—
Which looks the worst?
Which gets lit first?
The light-the tree-or him?

Santa better keep his eye—
On those eight reindeer so fair
Cause with meat so high
Both you and I
Might like a deer steak-rare.

Now I know we've had our joke—
And maybe a laugh or two—
And we're mighty glad
Along with Dad
That we still have Christmas too.

Philip A. Mark
Captain, Campus Patrol.

Alumni Association

Berks County Alumni Association of the Pennsylvania State College has announced the Penn State dance to be held at the Reading Country Club from 10 p. m. to 3 a. m. December 27. Subscriptions is \$5 a couple, and reservations may be made with Frank Luerssen or Ben Strohecker at Sigma Chi, or Julia Kalbach at AOP.

Coed Twins Confuse Profs; Clothes Present no Problem

"When we were born, the nurse approached my father apprehensively and murmured, 'Double trouble, sir!'" related Jean McDermott, the first half of McDermott and McDermott, sophomore twin girls.

The identical, 19-year-old brunettes from Pittsburgh, both home economics students, have been confusing professors, embarrassing dates and causing young men to swear off drink since September.

"A few weeks ago," said Anne, who is ten minutes younger than Jean, "I was walking through Atherton Hall lobby to meet my date, when a friend of Jean's dashed up to me, 'Come on, let's go. I've been waiting for hours!' His face turned a bright pink when I said, 'Well, you'll have to wait a little longer, I'm the wrong one.'"

Occasionally the twins even get themselves mixed up. Last week when they were collecting used toys for the Westminster Foundation, Jean went to a house in which there was a full length mirror about twelve feet from the door. However, she thought she was looking at Anne at the back door and began to motion and shout, "I'm taking this house. You go on to the next."

Although the twins look exactly alike, their personalities are completely different. Anne is quiet, a little shy, with a twinkle in her eye that hints of a dry wit. Jean is a vivacious, fun-loving chatterbox. This explains why they room separately.

"Heavens," said Jean, "If I roomed with Anne, I'd make all the decisions and the poor kid would never get a word in edgewise."

Professors Confused

Since all their classes are not the same, Jean occasionally says to Anne, "I'll go to your 4 o'clock class today, if you'll go to my 8 o'clock on Saturday." At Millersville State Teachers College, where the twins spent their freshman year, professors became so utterly confused that Jean received Anne's final grades and vice versa.

Being a twin can be annoying at times, too, said Jean. Especially when nine-tenths of the people they meet ask the same question, "How do you ever decide what to wear?"

"It's easy," smiled Anne. "we just flip a coin."

Sigma Delta Chi Elects Editor

The editor of the journalism department placement bulletin was elected and one man was initiated at a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism society, Monday night.

William Pade, a junior journalism student and a member of Sigma Delta Chi, was named editor of the bulletin, which is published by the journalism honoraries of the College. The bulletin is designed to acquaint prospective employers with graduates in journalism.

Albert Sakavich, a senior journalism student, was initiated into Sigma Delta Chi. He had been pledged previously, but his initiation was postponed for family reasons, said Malcolm White, chapter president.

At the same meeting, Arnold Gerton, editor of Who's Who in the News at The Pennsylvania State College, announced that the booklet would be distributed in January. David Malickson reported on the national Sigma Delta Chi convention.

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