

Decorations Around Campus Indicate Saint Nicholas Still Holds Place in Student Hearts

College people still believe in Santa Claus, despite their supposed sophistication, if a survey of Christmas decorations and activities in town and on campus has any significance.

Painted windows, wreaths, streams of colored lights, tinsel trees and smiling St. Nicks are appearing everywhere through the efforts of decorators in State College from fraternities, sororities, independent areas, offices, town homes and even the Alpha Fire company.

AIM To Carol About Town, Campus

The AIM carol sing, which starts at 8 tomorrow night in the Nittany Dorm area, will also spread cheer to townspeople this year. Permission has been granted by the borough to allow the group to circulate throughout the town after caroling in the dormitory areas.

Women have been granted 11 o'clock permissions for the carol sing. Men in the Nittany and Pollock dormitories, and independent men living in other quarters, will meet in Dorm 29 at the sound of the siren, and then will be joined by the women as they carol at Simmons, McElwain and MacAllister Halls.

27th All-College Songfest Scheduled

The annual All-College Christmas carol sing, will follow through its 27th year on Monday at 8 p.m. in front of Old Main.

Included in the program are the singing of the familiar Christmas hymns. Slides with words and music will be provided by the PSCA. The students will be assisted in their singing by a brass quartet.

The chapel choir under the direction of Mrs. Willa Taylor will highlight the program with two selections, "Above the Savior's Manger Hangs a Star," a Basque carol arranged by Kinsella, and "This Endris Night," arranged by Whitehead.

A short speech will be given by Dr. H. K. Wilson, dean of men, followed by more carols.

Service Clubs Give Kiddies Party

A party for all the children of State College and surrounding communities will be held in Rec Hall Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Several State College organizations, which formerly held private parties, have combined this year to sponsor an affair for 2,500 youngsters.

The organizations are Alpha Fire Company, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Elks, Kiwanis and Lions.

Choir To Hold Midnight Service

The midnight service of the Chapel Choir will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 11 o'clock tonight. A brass quartet will play from the tower of Old Main before the beginning of the performance.

The doors will open at 10:30. Students, faculty, and townspeople are invited to attend.

Alumni Associations To Hold Dances

The Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Harrisburg is sponsoring an intercollegiate dance for college students and alumni in the Ball Room of the Penn Harris Hotel, Dec. 30. The Statesmen, popular campus band, will furnish music.

Tickets may be obtained by writing or calling William C. McLain, 410 Telegraph Building, Harrisburg, Phone 2-4994; or Thomas C. Zerbe, 4 North Market Square, Phone 4-3289.

The Berks County Alumni Association will hold its Christmas Dance at the Reading Country Club from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dec. 26. George Marlowe and his orchestra will furnish music.

Reservations, at \$6 per couple, are available at 1707 Olive st., or by calling Reading 2-6798.

Reservations for the Lancaster County Alumni Association of the College Christmas Dance to be held Dec. 30, may be obtained through Chester L. Wilhelm, Lancaster.

Windcrest Children Welcome Santa

Two Christmas parties will be held for the children of Windcrest this weekend. Santa Claus will arrive at the party, sponsored by the State College Elks Club, via a fire engine at the PUB at 2:30 this afternoon.

The jolly gentleman will again appear at the PUB at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow. The party is being sponsored by the men in Nittany-Pollock dormitories, and was arranged by Thomas Cook, Charles Edwards, Charles Morrison, Charles Skovira, and William Zakor.

Panhel-IFC To Give Tots Party

The party, to be held at the TUB from 2 o'clock to 4:30 this afternoon, will star Alan Uhl, Delta Chi, as Santa Claus. His helpers will be two girls from every sorority.

German Caroling Set for Monday

The 20th annual German Christmas Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Schwab Auditorium.

The audience will sing three traditional German carols, "O du frohliche, o du seelige," "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," and "O Tannenbaum," and George J. Wurfl, professor emeritus of German, who originated the series, will read the Biblical account of the Nativity. Professor Wurfl also will speak on "The Christmas of My Youth in Germany."

AIM To Hold Dance At TUB Tonight

The Association of Independent Men is sponsoring a round and square dance in the Tub from 9-12 o'clock tonight.

The dance is open to everyone. Music will be furnished by Fred Hartwick and his Keystone Four.

Peter Sarantopoulos will act as emcee of the intermission entertainment, which includes a barbershop quartet and a baritone.

The quartet is comprised of George Jeffries, Gordon Seward, Theodore Meyers and Herbert Allison. Michael Maddock, will sing several selections.

No Snow for Yule?

The "White Christmas" glorified by Irving Berlin, Bing Crosby, and sentimental Christmas cards is practically non-existent in State College.

For the past nine years there has been snow at Santa-time in State College only three times, only once in any large amount. For variety, though, Dec. 25 has produced such weather conditions as sleet, glaze, drizzle, 55 degree temperatures, and fog.

In 1948 there was some snow, 1 1/2 inches according to the weather station. If snow falls this Christmas, it will be the first time in ten

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Cabinet Approves NAACP Plan To Hold Negro History Week

Last Collegian 'Til Jan. 5, '50

This is the final pre-Christmas holiday issue of the Daily Collegian. Vacation begins Tuesday at 5 p.m. and will last until Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 1:10 p.m. Next issue of the Daily Collegian will appear Jan. 5, 1950.

Campus Chest Tabled; Committees Appointed; Soccer Awards Proposed

All-College Cabinet has approved the week of Feb. 20-26 as Negro History Week. At its Thursday meeting Cabinet approved a proposal presented by William Meek, president of the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to recognize the week as an official college activity and to appoint a member of Cabinet to the planning committee.

New ROTC Head



Col. Arthur R. Walk, former Commander of the Fifth Armored Division, shown receiving orders for his new assignment. He replaces Col. Ben-H. Chastaine as professor of military science and tactics at the College.

Late AP News Courtesy WMAJ

Truman Ridicules Rumors Of Eisenhower Rivalry

KEY WEST—President Truman scoffed at stories concerning the possible candidacy of General Dwight Eisenhower for the presidency. Speaking yesterday for the President, Charles Ross asserted that Mr. Truman knew of no basis for the stories circulating. Mr. Ross said, "I can't imagine what foundation there is for the alleged stories."

The President wants it on the record that he and General Eisenhower are good friends and always have been.

Mr. Ross also stated that the President has no objection to anybody running for anything. Neither has Mr. Truman mentioned if he considers the General as a future candidate.

Newsmen who circulated the first stories remained silent. They did not disclose the basis for their stories.

Payments Continue

PITTSBURGH—A highly placed source in the coal industry said

yesterday that soft coal operators are expecting to continue their payments to the mine union welfare fund.

This payment of 20 cents per ton of coal mined is due Dec. 20. "No contract" had been the ground for speculation that the operators might reuse payment.

Youngstown Agrees

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the nation's sixth largest steel

NAACP proposes to bring three lecturers who are authorities on Negro history to campus. Other activities would include moving pictures, and panel discussions with faculty members participating, on the racial question. Cabinet accepted the proposal unanimously.

Joel Bachman reported for National Student Association on the campus chest which would eliminate separate financial drives by various student and charitable organizations. A motion to accept the report intact was defeated, 11-10, the closest Cabinet vote this year. The plan was tabled for NSA to do further work on the project.

Robert Fast reported on ice skating, outlining regulations for the rink to be constructed on New Beaver practice field during Christmas vacation, weather permitting. The College has appropriated \$400 for the purpose.

James Gehrdes, president of the Athletic Association, presented a proposal to obtain trophies for members of the varsity soccer team which went undefeated in 14 games this year. Since the expenditure would be more than \$100 it must be considered again at the next meeting of Cabinet.

A letter from James W. Dunlop, director of the Blue Band, requesting a Cabinet appropriation for the Intercollegiate Band Festival at Carnegie Tech Feb. 23, 24 and 25 was also tabled pending a

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Holiday Greeting

President and Mrs. James Milholland have extended holiday greetings to students at the College. Their holiday statement: "To All Penn Staters:

Mrs. Milholland and I join in extending to all of you our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

James Milholland
Acting President"

Today . . .



The Nittany Lion Roars

FOR the Christmas holidays which start officially at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

While he'll miss the hordes of students who daily pass his resting place near Rec Hall, the wise old cat realizes students, too, need relief from the daily grind of bluebooks and lectures.

To all the students and faculty the Lion roars forth in his cheeriest voice with best wishes for a pleasant holiday and a Merry, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas!



Happy New Year!