

Hold Fast . . .

There are times, in these days, when we are prone to think that it is a pretty miserable world we live in. Of course, it isn't as God intended it to be, and the fault is largely ours and not His.

But it is not the fact that so many millions of folks the world over, can and do truly wish and pray for "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," a ray of hope, just as was the Star that shone over Bethlehem?

So let us hold fast to the promise of that Star, and say with thankful hearts, this Holy Christmastide, "God bless us, everyone."

—John H. Frizzell
College Chaplain Emeritus

It's Upon Us

The Christmas Spirit is upon us, in us, all around us. It will not be denied. It shouts blantly from commercial advertisements; it sings softly from radio speakers; it laughs joyously under evergreen trees and flashes in colored lights in every town throughout the nation.

IT WALKS REVERENTLY into the churches, hastens happily down dark little streets with baskets for the needy, crowds into huge department stores and spends money lavishly.

"A Merry Christmas," it shouts. And echoes and re-echoes shout "A Merry Christmas" in answer as they gradually fade into silence, yet still ring in one's ears.

The Christmas Spirit is everywhere. It crawls through crevices stuffed with rags to keep out the cold in slums and tenement areas; it edges its way through keyholes and padlocks in the exclusive residential sections.

HARD HEART, SOFT HEART, indifferent heart—they all succumb to the wiles of a busy-body Christmas Spirit, and, as was even Scrooge in Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol," are made the better for it.

LOVEABLE, LAUGHABLE Christmas Spirit. Gay, happy, carefree Christmas Spirit, Spirit that makes smiles where there were no smiles before; Spirit that makes this cold, indifferent world a better place to live in—it is too bad that your life is so short.

It is terrible that after a few short weeks you shall find doors closed against you and cold hearts remaining cold even though you try your best to warm them. It is too bad that the poor will be neglected, that smiles will drop from faces, that envy, greed and jealousy will take your place in hearts where you have reigned for such a short while.

Couldn't you, some way, even by bribery or trickery, make arrangements to stay after the evergreen and colored lights have come down? Couldn't you lease the hearts you are now living in for the rest of the year? Couldn't you make it an airtight lease so that no one could break it and happiness and fellowship would be permanent instead of so fleeting?

DO YOUR BEST, Christmas Spirit, by fair means or foul, to make this a better world.

—Herbert Nipson, in
the Penn State Collegian 1939



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Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

BOB!—Please realize, I only saw Pick because I wanted his notes. Please call. I love you, Doris.

This classified in yesterday's Collegian caused no end of trouble for Bob Shorr and Doris Schiff. Seems that Bob and Doris have been happily pinned for a year and the classified has been a great worry to their friends. So to those who are wondering—fear not—there are many more Bobs and Dorises at Penn State than Bob Shorr and Doris Schiff.

Those automatic washers recently installed in McElwain seem to have many talents as one coed recently discovered.

The young lady placed one pair of bright fuschia "undies" and 14 pairs of white socks in the washer. After due time and numerous automatic processes she opened the washer to find she now is the proud owner of one pair of faded pink "undies" and 14 pairs of bright pink socks.

The most popular of the Penn State cover-girls this year is our brand new water tunnel which has been appearing regularly on the covers of scientific magazines.

As an added feature to the Christmas dinner a group of waiters sang in the women's dining commons programs of traditional and popular Christmas carols.

The groups were composed of about a dozen waiters but one group called themselves a "quartet" because "only four of us can sing."

Sigma Phi Sigma has the unusual situation of having three sets of real brothers—not to be confused with fraternity brothers—living in the house.

The brother acts are, Carl and Bob Eisenrout, Justice and George Barber and Ted and Dick Kowal.

Safety Valve . . .

On Record

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to go on record as being one student who wonders why Penn Staters support a publication like Froth, yet cannot back a magazine designed to promote worthwhile literary contributions.

—Helen Pond

Ed. Note: Penn Staters backed Critique, literary magazine which has ceased publication for reasons too long to place here. In its five issues, Critique winnowed an inherited debt by \$500. Action is now being taken by All-College Cabinet toward creating a photographic literary magazine at the College.

Chaplain, Prepare

TO THE EDITOR: I suggest that someone warn the chaplain to oil his machinery, because he'll certainly have a tremendous number of cards to punch when the 1950 Freshmen move from the new dorms into Pollock and Nittany to make room for their 1951 brothers.

Or won't it work that way?

—Jerry Gallagher

Gazette

Saturday, December 17

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Thursday: Lloyd Sand, Peter Budad, Hugh Hollenback.

Admitted Friday: Benedict Bocchicchio, Jane Clark, John Davison.

Discharged Friday: Kalman Harnick, Harold Vallin, James Gullborg, Robert Aiken.

AT THE MOVIES

Saturday

CATHAUM—Bride For Sale.
NITTANY—Red Stallion in the Rockies.
STATE—Sword In The Desert.

Monday

CATHAUM—Bride For Sale.
STATE—Sword In The Dessert.

Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Episcopal

Regular services will be held at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. tomorrow. A college student supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. tomorrow.

At 7 p.m. tomorrow the annual Christmas pageant and carol service will be held in the church. Participating in the pageant will be members of the church school, the high school Young Peoples Fellowship, the students of the Canterbury Club and the Boys' Choir.

Hillel Foundation

Fun and entertainment will be on hand at the Hanukkah Hop to be held at the foundation from 8:30 to 12 midnight tonight. Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by Arnold Taylor and his band. Stags and couples are all guaranteed a good time.

Ralph Cash, cultural chairman, announces the title and speakers for the closing 1949 Town Meeting session to be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow. The subject: "What Can We Do About Racial Discrimination?" The speakers: Dr. C. R. Carpenter, professor of psychology; William R. Meek, president of the Penn State NAACP; and Luther T. Harshbarger, general secretary of the PSCA.

The children in the community Sunday school will have a Hanukkah party at Hillel at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Everyone is invited.

Lutheran

A High Worship service will be held at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Presbyterian

"Christmas Truth and Clever Myths," will be the topic of the Rev. Andrew Newcomer's sermon at the 10:45 a.m. service tomorrow. At 7:30 p.m. tomorrow the annual Christmas candlelight service will be given.

University Baptist

Tomorrow the student class will meet at 9:40 a.m. The Rev. Robert Eads will lead the class. Morning worship service will be held at 10:40 a.m. This service will include special Christmas music. At 4 p.m. tomorrow the choir vesper service will take place.

From 5 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow the RWF will hold a supper program in the basement of the church.

The church Christmas party will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Young Friends

The Young Friends will meet in the Meeting House at 7 p.m. tomorrow to hear Anna Tulli talk about her summer in Italy.

Library Displays Cabinet . . . Jewish Books

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To mark Jewish Book Month a collection of Jewish books and manuscripts, dating from the 14th century, is on display on the second floor of the library.

Borrowed from the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, many of the scrolls are handwritten and illuminated and show worm holes. Included are the first part of the Bible in Hebrew ever printed, and the first copy of the Talmud ever printed, both dating from the 15th century.

Receipt Deadline Set for Veterans

The deadline for submitting veteran book receipts for this semester is Dec. 20.

All veterans who have refunds coming for Beaux Arts, evaluation fee, and credit by examination should submit their receipts as soon as possible to 4 Old Main. In no case will these receipts be accepted later than Feb. 7, the last day of the semester.

Graduate students who will receive refunds for thesis expenses may turn in their receipts to R. H. Baker in 6 Old Main, anytime before the end of the semester.

report by the interclass finance committee.

Thomas Morgan, chairman of the board of publications, was appointed chairman of a committee to plan a charter of the literary-photographic magazine which Cabinet approved last week. Other members are Elliot Krane, Ralph Lewis, Jack Reen, Ramor Saul, with probable representatives from the Penn State Engineer and the Penn State Farmer still to be named.

A committee to investigate the College's plan to house 1000 freshmen in the new dormitories under construction was named. Members are Robert Keller, chairman; Joseph Arnold, Robert Davis, Peter Sarantopoulos; Robert Sprague and Richard Weisberg.

A committee to investigate five-day meal tickets for men eating in Nittany dining hall was approved. Members are John Meszaros, chairman; James Gehrdes, Clare George, Walter Miller, William Norcross and Pelton Wheeler.

Late AP News—

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producer, yesterday announced it was following the lead of United States Steel. Price structure will be adjusted to meet labor costs. Final increases will be announced when plans are completed.

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