

## Weekending With the Greeks

By MARY ADAMS

The warm weather of the past week will be pushed into the background tonight as seven fraternities bring out the snow and tinsel of Christmas two weeks early. Others will turn thoughts to China, old shoes, and spiders, with costumes and formals adding to the festive air.

Guests will find all the atmosphere of a New York night club at Acacia, where a formal pledge dinner dance will be underway. The closed dinner will begin at 6:45, with dancing to the Cam-puseers Orchestra starting at 9. The dance will be open.

Alpha Epsilon Pi, taking note of a new idea in fraternity parties, will create the movie theatre atmosphere with the showing of "Streets of London."

Turning to the lyrics of a seasonal song, Alpha Phi Delta will turn its house into a "Winter Wonderland" with ornaments and Christmas decorations.

Christmas with a North Pole atmosphere will be the theme of the annual Christmas dance at Beaver House. Party-goers will enter the "Polar Promenade" through a huge snowman erected over the outside entrance. Inside they will be greeted by an array of little penguins, sparkling stars, and crepe paper. The affair will be open, with Walt Mavhouse and his orchestra providing the music.

In contrast to the dress-up Christmas parties, Beta Sigma Rho will stage a roughing-it party, with everyone dressed in dungarees.

Weird decorations and lots of smoke will turn the Chi Phi house into an Opium Den. A feeling of mystery will prevail, with party-goers dressed in Chinese costumes. Dancing will be to the music of Jimmy Erb and his orchestra.

A holiday theme will be featured at Delta Sigma Phi's annual Christmas dance. Decorations will include a trimmed tree and candy canes.

An annual formal pledge dinner dance will be on the calendar at Delta Upsilon, with dancing open to everyone from 9 to 12. Decorations will be in the Christmas vein, with the Melody Men providing music.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Gamma will hold a joint pledge dance at 9 tonight. A Christmas tree and decorations for the winter season will set the scene for the "Frosty Fantasy." Johnny Brown and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Shoes of all types will hang from the ceiling at Phi Kappa Psi, carrying out the idea of their "Kicks Party." Dancing will begin at 9:30, and will be open to everyone.

Another combined pledge dance is scheduled at Pi Kappa Phi. The fraternity will join with the members of Zeta Tau Alpha for a formal dinner at 6:30. Dancing to the music of Dave Parker's Combo will begin at 9. Five Christmas trees, red and white streamers, and red and blue lights will set a festive scene.

Christmas thoughts will also be prevalent at Sigma Nu, as the annual Christmas pledge dance takes the spotlight. The house will be open to the College for dancing after 8, with Jack Huber and his orchestra on hand to provide music.

A web of fun and frolic will be spun at Theta Xi with the annual "Spider Spin" dance. Joe Knepper and his orchestra will provide music for dancing beginning at 9. Artificial spiders will form the decorations.

### Matt Ring to Speak

Matt Ring, sportswriter for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, will speak at the smoker for men journalism news majors to be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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## Delta Sig Initiates British Grad Student

By BETTIE LOUX

The Penn State chapter of Delta Sigma Phi gained an international flavor Thursday night when it brotherized Alan Barker, a graduate student from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, who has been living in the fraternity house since September.

Alan, who is taking special work in mining engineering, is in the United States for one year under a program of the Economic Cooperation Administration. He is spending one semester at the College, after which he will visit various mining organizations throughout the United States for eight months.

After being a student at Durham University, 60 miles south of Scotland, for four years, Alan is in a pretty good position to compare British schools with those in America. One thing that has struck him is the greater social life at Penn State. At Durham, he says, the students have parties possibly once or twice a month. The weekly Saturday night affairs here leave him both surprised and pleased.

### No Fraternities

Also, students work more on their own at British schools, he said. Al's entire senior year was spent on a research project which he enjoyed, even though he "wasted time and got panicky" toward the end.

In England, Al says, "there is no need" for fraternities, as social life centers around the hall units in the dormitories. There are also literary societies for those qualified to join them. The societies are similar to the groups which were the forerunners of American social fraternities.

In this country, however, he thinks they "add a bit to college life." He is rather skeptical about the value of "hell weeks," which, incidentally, he did not have to go through. He feels the hazing period is too long.

### First Impression

Al's strong build testifies to the fact that he was quite a player of rugby—a version of football—at home, although he is too modest to admit it himself. He also entertains the brothers occasionally with English folk ballads which he calls "Tyne-side songs."

Al's first impression of America was "totally different" from his preconceived ideas, he said, which were taken mostly from American movies.

He had expected the country to be much like England, he said, but he found that the customs were so different that at first it seemed like a foreign country. He stressed that the English do not consider America a foreign land.

Even though the country itself seems strange, Al says that the students here are no different than his friends at home. Even the women, he said, seem about the same.

Several weeks ago Al spoke

## Iran Brew --

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the country behind the Iron Curtain.

Yet financial aid would controvert British policy which is based on the belief that in a collapse by the Nationalist government her friends can come back in time to forestall the Communists. It doesn't seem to be a very sound belief, but it is there, lying a-ward any prospect of American aid. And there is also the aspect that American aid would in large part represent acquiescence in a peculiarly eastern form of blackmail which might, instead of merely allaying a crisis in one country, start a chain reaction throughout the area, producing never-ending crisis.

The only solution seems to be to convince the Iranians that the moral victory of suicide will hardly be profitable. But they seem to have moved into a rarified atmosphere of unreasoning unreality which makes this difficult if not impossible.

over WMAJ on a program sponsored by the Penn State Christian Association. The program was a question and answer period concerned with the return of Winston Churchill as prime minister of England. England's youth, he said, are pretty well divided in politics, and possess many of the same radical tendencies which he feels American students have.

Al is the first foreign student to be initiated into the local chapter of the fraternity, according to Jack Brouger, president.

## Ping Pong Playoffs Begin Mon.

The intramural ping pong season closed Wednesday as 32 women's teams completed this year's league competition.

League leaders will begin playoffs for the championship at 8 p.m. Monday. Sigma Delta Tau will compete with Alpha Xi Delta, and Delta Zeta will take on Alpha Omicron Pi.

The title winners are McElwain, League I; Thompson C, League II; Atherton East, League III; and Kappa Kappa Gamma, League IV.

Sigma Delta Tau took top honors in League V; Alpha Xi Delta captured the League VI title; Delta Zeta won first place in League VII; and Alpha Omicron Pi led League VIII.

The regular basketball season will end Monday, after the ties in Leagues VII and VIII are broken. Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Gamma Delta will compete, and Sigma Delta Tau is scheduled to meet Theta Phi Alpha to determine the league winners.

Teams which captured the other league titles are McAllister, League I; Leonides, League II; Kappa Delta, League III; Alpha Omicron Pi, League IV; Simmons, League V, and Kappa Alpha Theta, League VI.

### Labor Expert to Speak

Students and faculty of the Department of Economics and Commerce will hear a talk by Morris Weiss, special assistant to the commissioner of labor statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, on the current labor scene at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Schwab Auditorium.

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### Mil Ball Queen

Katherine Nicoll was crowned Queen of the Military Ball last night at Recreation Hall by Rip Engle, head football coach.

### Sigma Alpha Mu

Dr. Clifford Adams, professor of psychology, was guest at a dinner given by Sigma Alpha Mu. Following the dinner, Dr. Adams led an informal discussion on dating and marital relations among college students.

### Alpha Gamma Delta

A revolving snowman was the center of attraction at a semi-formal dance held in honor of Alpha Gamma Delta's 12 pledges Saturday night at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

Beverly Morgan was chosen as the "Model Pledge" and was awarded a pledge paddle and a bouquet of red and yellow roses.



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