

Christmas Parties Planned For Needy Vicinity Children By Campus and Social Groups

Christmas parties for children of needy families from State College and vicinity are being planned by campus and social organizations which are working with Agnes McElwee, coordinator of the project.

Other groups are giving food baskets to families.

Sigma Pi entertained 17 children from four to ten years old last night. Each child was asked what he wanted for Christmas and the fraternity attempted to get the present for him.

Tomorrow Acacia will entertain 20 children and Alpha Sigma Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma will hold a party for 15 children whose ages run from four to 12.

The Women's Recreation Association will have a party for 76 second and third graders from three rural schools Friday afternoon.

On Saturday Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Omicron Pi will entertain 30 five to eight-year-old children. Twenty-five children from six to eight will be entertained by Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta. Thirteen eight to ten-year-olds will see Santa Claus at the Sigma Chi house.

Philotes is helping a mother and three children, while Alpha Gamma Delta and Theta Chi are providing a Christmas celebration for a needy family. Two floors of Thompson Hall are each donating food and clothing for needy families.

TV Producers Not Educating Public -- Carter

Teaching people to turn off their sets will help improve the standard of television programs, Dr. Elton S. Carter, assistant professor of speech, said at the Hillel Town Meeting Sunday.

People with the cleverest advertising and the most money are controlling the industry, Carter asserted, adding that the advertisers give people what they want and not what they need.

The public feels television, along with radio and movies, should entertain and amuse rather than educate, Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter, professor of psychology, said. Social development lagging behind technical progress fits the pattern of western culture, Carpenter added.

Dr. George L. Haller, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, explained that a television picture is composed of 425 separate lines. One television station requires six times the band width of all of the radio stations now broadcasting, he said.

The Federal Communications Commission froze all the building of new stations in order to reallocate the 12 channels allotted for commercial purposes. As the freeze was about to be lifted, the problem of color television arose, Haller said. The FCC chose a color system which could not be used on present black and white sets. The ban is being continued today because of the Korean emergency.

Education School To Hold 'Combo'

Snow Flake Combo, a social for education faculty and students, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the TUB. Freshman women attending the social will receive 10 o'clock permissions.

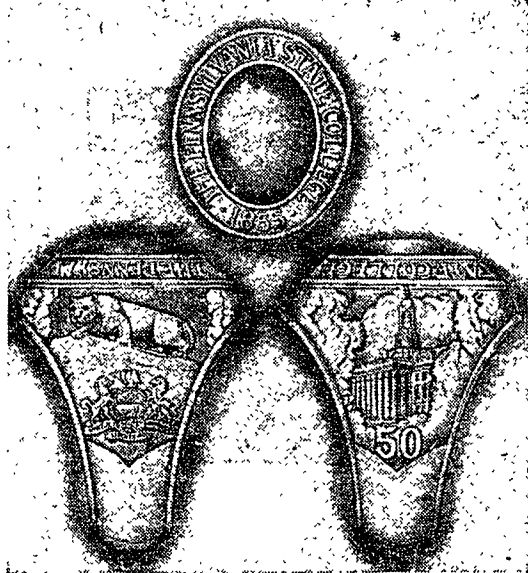
Patricia Marsteller and Joseph Bird will provide entertainment at the mixer. Another feature of the evening will be the introduction of some education professors.

Sponsors of the Snow Flake Combo are the Education Student Council, Future Teachers of America, and Kappa Phi Kappa, men's education honorary.

Cheerleaders to Meet

Thomas Hannah, head cheerleader, has asked all cheerleaders to meet at 7:15 tonight in the lobby of Old Main.

Official Penn State Ring



This is the official Penn State class ring approved by the permanent ring committee of All-College Cabinet. Balfour, Dieges and Clust, and Herf-Jones are the only firms whose rings have been approved by the committee.

Fencing Club Will Organize Under Meyer

The first meeting to organize the Penn State Fencing Club will take place at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the third floor of the Water Tower near Beaver Field.

The club is under the sponsorship of Dr. H. A. Meyer, professor of forestry, who coached last year's fencing team.

Instructions in the three types of fencing, foil, epee, and saber, will be given by Dr. Meyer and members of last year's team. The club is open to any student regardless of his experience and knowledge of the sport, according to Peter Raidy, a member of last year's team.

Showers, lockers, and fencing equipment will be provided by the club, Raidy said. The members are asked to bring their own gym clothes.

The first meeting of the club is to be primarily a business meeting, and no fencing instructions will be given.

Raidy said that promotion of competition will be fostered by meets throughout the year with other Eastern clubs. He said the main purpose of the club is to keep up interest in fencing although the team was disbanded this year when the college lowered its sports budget.

Council Plans Rating System

A student-faculty rating system is being developed by the liberal arts student council, it was reported at the LA council meeting last night.

Philip Greenberg, who gave the committee report on the student-faculty rating problem, proposed a plan whereby students could list a brief comment on all their professors and then be made known to both students and faculty. John Baron is heading this committee.

LA Angles, newsletter of the Liberal Arts school, will be distributed immediately after Christmas vacation, the council decided. William Slepik, editor of the newsletter, said all the material is ready to go to press.

Other committee reports on International Understanding and night bluebooks were given. The student-faculty mixer was discussed and tentative dates set in March.

Suggestions to investigate the question of lower division certificates and study halls were made, and committees appointed.

Testing Service Offers Students Two Fellowships

Information and application blanks are available for the two fellowships being offered by the Educational Testing Service for 1952-53.

The fellowships are for research in psychometrics leading to the Ph.D. degree at Princeton University, and are open to men who are acceptable to the University's Graduate School.

To obtain the \$2375 a year fellowships, the students must be competent in mathematics and psychology. Those receiving the fellowships, will be engaged in part-time research in the general area of psychological measurement at the offices of the Educational Testing Service, and will also have a regular program of graduate studies.

Students desiring information and application blanks, should write to Director of Psychometric Fellowship Program, Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J. The final date for completing applications is Jan. 18, 1952.

Ag Prof to Retire; Served 36 Years

Ralph U. Blasingame, professor of agriculture and head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, will retire Dec. 31.

President Milton S. Eisenhower said Blasingame would retire with emeritus rank after 36 years of service. President Eisenhower appointed Arthur W. Clyde, professor of agricultural engineering, acting head of the department, effective Jan. 1.

Clyde joined the faculty at the College in 1931. Blasingame has served at the College since 1913, with the exception of two years. He was named to his present post in 1931.

A dinner was held Saturday at the Nittany Lion Inn to honor Blasingame. A bronze plaque honoring his contributions to agricultural engineering and industry was presented Blasingame by C. G. Burress, past president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. The plaque will be placed in the Agricultural Engineering Building.

A large portrait of Blasingame was presented by Professor John E. Nicholas. The portrait will hang next to the plaque.

Other gifts were presented to Blasingame on behalf of the agriculture staff and former members. The retirements of two county agricultural extension representa-

8 to Compete For Title Of 'Frothy'

Eight students will compete in the finals for "Frothy," the Penn State Froth jester, at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 110 Electrical Engineering Building.

Those students who have been chosen to compete are Alan Pomeroy, Joseph Erwin, Kenneth McGuire, Theopilos Balabanis, John Truxel, all first semester freshmen, and Ralph Breidenthal, Warren Hommas, David Heckel, third semester students.

Chosen from information pertaining to past tumbling, dramatic, and cheerleading experience supplied on application blanks, they will be judged tomorrow on their ability in these fields and their ingenuity.

Judges for the contest are Eugene Whettstone, head coach of the gymnastic team; Ronald Bonn, editor of Froth; Thomas Hanna, head cheerleader; Alex Gregal, Penn State's "Nittany Lion," and Anne Hibbs, Froth's promotion director.

In order to see how each contestant performs with the Nittany Lion, the Lion will be there in his customary football outfit. Each contestant will be required to work with the Lion so that his ability can be determined. Frothy appears with the Lion at athletic events, and other All-College activities.

Results of the contest will be announced in Thursday's Daily Collegian.

Mass Exchange Set for Sunday

Final arrangements for a mass exchange Christmas dinner next Sunday for men and women of the West Dorm area were announced last night as the West Dorm Council completed its Christmas social calendar.

The following meal ticket assignment will be in effect for the noon meal Sunday:

Women with tickets from 1 to 162 inclusive, North dining hall.

Women with tickets from 163 to 325 inclusive, Hamilton or South dining hall.

All other Thompson Hall women will eat in the East or Thompson dining hall.

Men with tickets from 701 to 919 and from 1401 to 1619 inclusive will eat in the East or Thompson dining hall.

All other West dorm men will eat in their regular dining halls.

Judging of the Christmas window contest will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Train Rates Deadline Is Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the deadline for signing up for special student train rate. Edward Shanken, chairman of the transportation committee, said yesterday.

Discounts of 28 percent will be given on train tickets if 25 students or more request train transportation to one area. Thirteen students have requested transportation to date, Shanken said.

All trains leave from Lewis-town. Students would be required to leave for their destination on the special train but could return on trains most convenient to them.

All students who want to make use of this special train transportation should sign up by 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Students should submit their names, phone numbers, destinations, and times they can leave, to Shanken's box at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Council Passes Safety Plans

Nittany Council last night passed a three-point pedestrian-motorist safety resolution and empowered Arthur Latta, public welfare committee chairman, to discuss the program with Walter Weigand, director of the department of physical plant.

The resolution recommended (1) that a 15 mile per hour speed limit be enforced in the area. (2) that posts along the roadside be painted white. (3) that wooden sidewalks be placed along the edge of the grass.

A motion was passed which would prohibit football games between the dormitories, because of broken windows and other damage already incurred. Dormitory advisers were given the power to enforce this rule.

William Cole, president of the Barons, Nittany-Pollock social organization, announced that the group was sponsoring a square dance this Friday night in the TUB for area men.

Brazilian Historian To Give Lecture

Phi Sigma Iota, Romance languages honorary, and the Department of Romance Languages at the College will sponsor a lecture open to the public, to be delivered by Dr. Alceu Amoroso Lima at the Phi Kappa fraternity house at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Lima, director of the department of cultural relations of the Pan-American Union, will speak on the evolution of literary criticism in Brazil.

He is one of the leading literary historians of Brazil. His lecture will commemorate the centenary of the birth of Silvio Romero, Brazil's greatest literary critic.

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To Retire



Ralph U. Blasingame

atives were approved by the Board of Trustees Friday night. They are Alvin C. Berger, who will retire Dec. 31, and George C. Weber, whose retirement became effective Oct. 31.

Berger and Weber were graduated from the College in 1917 and were appointed county agents that year.

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