

Students Make Holiday Plans

All over campus students are busy making plans for the holidays. Tomorrow the great exodus from the College will begin when students start going home for Christmas.

Students in education and technical courses will leave Saturday at noon.

Everyone will be headed back to old friends, home cooking, and a whirl of holiday parties.

Even the 133 foreign students on campus have big plans for the holidays. Where and how to spend Christmas poses no problem for them, although some of them are thousands of miles away from home for the first time.

Only a few lucky ones—from Canada and Mexico—will be able to realize the universal hope: home for Christmas. Others, less fortunate, will spend the holiday season with friends. Some families, like Frank Pohanka's, will wait out the holidays on campus.

Pohanka, a graduate student in horticulture from Bruenn, Czechoslovakia, his wife Martha, from Ludwigsburg, Germany, and their daughters, Danielle, two, and Janet-Madeleine, ten months, live in a trailer in Windcrest.

Don't Have Chimney
"Both Frank's people and mine are in Europe, so we'll be a little homesick," Mrs. Pohanka said, "but we'll have as normal a Christmas as we can."

"Of course, the tree WILL crowd us just a little," she said smilingly, "and we've told Danielle that Santa Claus will have to knock at our door since trailers don't have chimneys."

Because he'd just as soon stay in State College, David English, graduate assistant in organic chemistry from Montreal, isn't going home for Christmas.

"I was never one to go running home for Christmas," English said, "and this year my wife and I are staying right here so I can study for examinations."

South African Student
Mahmud Shurky, graduate student in industrial education and a native of Iraq, is taking a particular interest in Christmas this year. Christmas at home in Baghdad meant limited celebrations among the English-speaking people.

And Emile Raats, graduate student of fuel technology, from the Union of South Africa, who has never seen a white Christmas, still may not experience one. He's spending the day at the South African embassy in Washington, D.C.

"December 25 is the middle of summer in Pretoria, and it's always so blazing hot we've had to eliminate hearty Christmas dinners," he said.

A religious conference in Colorado will be the site of the first American Christmas for Harald Lichtendahl, special student in physical education from Duisburg, Germany. "I am at home in the United States," he said, "but I'm still not sure what December 25 will be like here. Germany has a good Christmas. I hope America does."

Only Vietnamese
Chang Bin Oh, sophomore in chemical engineering, will also travel to Colorado to attend a religious conference over the holi-
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Christmas Display



WOODEN CAROLERS gather before a Christmas hymnal in front of Old Main in the prize-winning lawn display submitted by Charles Hall and John Webb, architecture majors. A \$25 cash award was presented to the winners by All-College Cabinet which sponsored the contest along with Pi Gamma Alpha, art honorary.

Faculty Asked To File Report Of Illegal Cuts

Faculty members have been requested by the Council of Administration to report the number of absences in their classes 24 hours before the Christmas recess begins and 24 hours after the recess ends.

The reports will be used to gain a more accurate picture of actual class attendance before and after vacations, the registrar's office reported.

Special cards for this purpose were distributed for the instructor to indicate the number of excused and unexcused absences for each class which meets between 1:10 p.m. Friday and 1:10 p.m. Jan. 3.

A similar survey was conducted before and after the spring vacation last semester. These surveys are the result of recommendations made by the special Senate committee on vacation absences.

No definite policy has been established concerning cuts before and after scheduled vacations, but the College Senate has adopted several recommendations made by the committee.

Included in the recommendations was the following statement:

"The faculty of each school should consider the feasibility of adopting a school-wide policy of giving quizzes in the last class meeting in each course which occurs within the 24-hour period before a vacation."

The committee stated that student government should assume responsibility for securing student attendance at classes.

"It is not a question of protecting each student against himself but rather of preventing the disintegration of the classes to the point where several class periods in each semester would be substantially lost," the committee stated.

Retired Health Director Dies After Illness

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service from 1917 until his retirement in 1946, died Tuesday at the age of 73 in Clearwater, Fla. He had been ill for one week.

Ritenour, the second director of the Health Service, had also served as physician for Penn State athletic teams for 29 years.

Born Sept. 1, 1897, in Uniontown, he was graduated with a B.S. degree from the College in 1901. He received his doctorate in medicine in 1906 from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He served his internship at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, and had a general practice in Uniontown before coming to the College.

Dr. Ritenour had built the staff of the Health Service from himself and one dormitory nurse to a group of five physicians, 11 nurses, and 11 other employees when he retired. Highlight of his term was the opening in 1929 of the present College Infirmary.

PORTAGE CLEANERS
Wishes You
a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
118 S. Pugh St.

Ambandos to Read 'Carol' at 7 Tonight

"A Christmas Carol," by Charles A. Dickens, will be read at 7 tonight by James Ambandos, writer-director at the College Motion Picture and Recording Studio, at a free public performance in 121 Sparks.

Ambandos, 1948 graduate of the College, will read an hour's portion of the famed Yule story—the same cutting used by Dickens when he read before public audiences.

The writer-director entered Penn State in 1940, but his education was interrupted in 1943 when he entered the service. Ambandos returned to the College in 1947 and was graduated with a B.A. in dramatics in 1948.

During his undergraduate career, Ambandos was a member of Players and Thespians, serving as president of the former organization in his senior year.

Ambandos acted in many plays as an undergraduate and is best remembered for his portrayal of the G.I. Colucci in the play, "A Sound of Hunting." Following graduation, Ambandos operated the Town and Nine Theater in State College for two summers. He is an authority on central staging and has helped give impetus to the growth of the arena theater through his directing and acting.

Included in the films Ambandos has made for the College is "This Is Penn State." His most recent production is "The Keystone Idea," for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Ambandos last read the 'Carol' in 1947 when he was a student in an oral interpretation class. Robert T. Oliver, head of the Department of Speech, will introduce Ambandos. The reading, sponsored by the Speech department, will be followed by the all-College carol singing, which begins at 8:30 p.m.

'Civil Rights' Is Subject Of Poly Sci Meeting

"Civil Rights—Absolute or Relative" will be discussed by the Political Science Club at 7:30 tonight at 248 E. Prospect avenue, home of club adviser Neal Reimer, assistant professor of political science.

A reading list on the topic, compiled by Reimer, is available in the Political Science office, 119 Sparks.

Customs Talks Delayed

Discussion of freshman customs revision was postponed last night at the Freshman Customs and Regulations board meeting because of insufficient attendance. The board will not meet again until after the Christmas vacation.

The first Continental Congress authorized the United States Marine Corps in 1775.

Chem-Phys Will Plan Open House

The Chem-Phys Student Council last night went through elementary planning stages for its annual spring open house tentatively scheduled for the weekend of May 9.

The purpose of the open house, according to council president Lincoln Warrell, is primarily to attract high school students as well as undergraduates of all schools to the exhibitions.

A major open house committee meeting will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at 103 Osmond to get the affair into a definite planning scope. Special committee chairman are: chemistry, Edward Storm, John Merges; physics, Gilbert Unangst, David Swanson; pre-med, Marilyn Busby, George Wright; science fair, John Mallich, Howard Levine; chemical engineering, William Preston, Gerald Loughran; publicity, Janet Herd, James Dillon; tours, James Ritter, Harry Ross; booklet, Neil Yocum, George Tice; secretary, Richard Maass.

Ronald Ferguson is general chairman of the open house committee.

Under discussion at the committee meeting will be whether or not the open house should run for two days, including Sunday. In previous years, the open house had been held just Saturday afternoons.

The council last night allotted \$10 to the Penn State Student Scholarship fund.

Two committee chairmen were appointed by Warrell. Storm was named chairman of the faculty-course evaluating committee and Yocum was appointed chairman of the blue book file committee.

Moving Notice Due in January

Upperclassmen who expect to move out of the Nittany or Pollock Circle dormitories at the end of the fall semester must present a letter of this intention to the department of housing, Nittany Dorm 20, by Jan. 15, Dean of Men Frank J. Simes announced.

He said freshmen are required to live in College dormitories during their freshman year and may not be released from Nittany, Pollock Circle, or West Dormitory assignments at the end of the first semester.

Holiday Greetings
Vogue Beauty Salon

Christmas Greetings
May your holiday be a bright one, and your New Year a better one
Keeler's

It's A Fact

that exactly one week from today we'll all be home opening those presents we all love to receive—enjoying that "once a year" Christmas spirit.

It's a fact too that at this exact time Vic wishes to extend his heartiest hopes that you'll have a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. He hopes too that you'll all keep the Christmas spirit with you throughout the year, treating everyone you meet as if he were your brother.

145 S. ALLEN ST.

Vic's