

# Thieme Heads Judicial Board

Town Council President Edward Thieme was named chairman of the newly approved Judicial Board of Review at the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors' meeting Wednesday night.

Eight other members, two from each of the four councils—Town, West Dorm, Nittany and Pollock—were also named by

# Navy, AF Advance 4 Graduates

Four Penn State graduates, three in the Air Force and one in the Navy, are continuing their advancement in the armed services.

Second Lieutenant Donald P. Reynolds, '51, will be graduated this week from Bryan Air Force Base Jet Flying School, Texas. He was a member of the track and swimming teams at the College and a member of Phi Delta Theta. His home is in Mt. Lebanon.

Ensign Francis R. Douglass, graduate from Middletown, recently received his gold wings at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. He completed flight training designating him as a naval aviator.

First Lieutenant Horace Mann, a member of the Air Force Reserves, is currently serving his annual two weeks of active duty at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. Lt. Mann is assigned to the 8709th Pilot Training Wing and serves in the headquarters section.

Under the reserve training program, members of the reserves receive training one weekend a month and are on active duty two weeks per year.

Second Lieutenant Francis S. Houck, '52, has been assigned to the maintenance and supply squadron at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

While at Penn State Houck was a member of Kappa Delta Rho, the American Red Cross, and the Arnold Air Society. He received his commission in September.

# Events Slated Over Vacation

While students are enjoying their Christmas vacations, several activities will be going on at the College.

Tomorrow an Agricultural Faculty Seminar will hear Dr. J. L. Matthews of the U.S. Department of Agriculture speak on "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Extension Teaching." A conference on problems in pen stabling will meet here Tuesday.

Offices will close 5 p.m. Tuesday and open at 8 a.m. Dec. 29th. Offices will again be closed New Year's Day.

When chemistry students return Jan. 6 they will hear a lecture by Dr. Marshall Gates of the University of Rochester.

# 31 Students Withdraw

Thirty-one students have withdrawn from the College, according to the Dec. 19 Faculty Bulletin. Reasons given for withdrawing were personal, 19; military service, two; scholastic, four; transferring, three; illness, one; and financial, two.

# Aid Applications Due January 9

Applications for scholarships are due Jan. 9 in 202 Burrows, office of the chairman of the Senate committee on scholarships, Kinsley R. Smith, chairman, has announced.

Forms are available in the offices of the dean of men, dean of women, and Scholarship Information Center, 110 Old Main.

Smith said students should take the forms home over vacation to discuss with their parents and to get the required signatures. Interviews for applicants will be held at the end of January.

AIM President William Shifflett. The men named are Robert Smoot and Richard Rigling of West Dorm Council, Francis Mears and James Armstrong of Town Council, George Elder and Robert Carver of Nittany Council, and John Ball and Joseph F. Frederick Jr. of Pollock Council.

**No Action by Nittany**  
The board received its last necessary council approval Dec. 10. The board, created by an amendment to the AIM constitution, was approved by Pollock, West Dorm, and Town Councils. In order for the board to be established the amendment had to be ratified by three of the four councils.

The only council that did not act on the amendment is Nittany Council. Robert Harding, vice president of Nittany Council, said at the Board of Governors' meeting that his council met Monday night but did not have a quorum. He said that the council was of the opinion that its vote did not matter since the necessary three-fourths of the councils had approved the amendment.

**Approved by Board**  
The board will review disciplinary cases against independent men and groups. Action taken by the board will be in the form of recommendations to the Dean of Men's office.

In accordance with provisions in the amendment, the chairman of the judicial board was appointed by the executive committee of the AIM Board of Governors and was approved by the Board of Governors. The chairman of the judicial board appointed the members of the board from suggestions submitted by council presidents.

**Open or Closed Hearings**  
The amendment also provides that the chairman will preside over the meetings and will vote only in case of a tie. When unable to attend a meeting, he may appoint a judicial board member to assume his duties.

The board may establish its own procedure except that any hearing must be open or closed according to the desires of the student concerned.

In other action the Board of Governors set up a committee to look into the possibilities of establishing a plaque for an outstanding independent man. The committee also will consider the possibilities of designing a pin for independents. Committee members are Michael Popowniak, chairman, and Harding, Andrew Jaros, and Burton Hoover.

# 'Tis the Season Now, By Golly!

By HELEN LUYBEN

Christmas might be a "holi-DAY" for the banks and department stores, but it's a holiSEASON on a college campus. Along about 1:30 a.m. three weeks before Christmas, the first male carolers ring out with voices sweeter than a boys' choir. And the campus snowballs straight toward Dec. 25, gaining enough momentum along the way to turn into one big carol-sing and Christmas-shopping-rush.

No one, not even the student with a last minute economics bluebook, has the slightest interest in the net national product of anything save the imagination. In the storehouse of the brain one finds not savings and investment formulas—but mince meat, plum pudding, holly, ivy, a chubby Santa Claus with eight tiny reindeer, and drifts of white snow.

Two solid weeks of yuletide caroling, Christmas shopping, card mailing, fraternity parties for orphan children, Christmas dinners, and formal swirl by. Gradually, a wide-eyed excitement turns into the droopy-eyed



trance of an eight o'clock class. Comes noon, Dec. 20, and the campus drifts, individually, home—exhausted.

But home means sleep and that revived wide-eyed excitement which shines in tinsel and red balls on Christmas trees. Home for Christmas means munching Mom's mince pie, or plum pudding, Christmas cookies, nut, spice and fruit cakes. It's caroling on Christmas Eve around the fireplace or at a community Christmas tree with the old gang.

It's a midnight church service, followed by six hours of sleep before kid brother's hand shakes you awake to "come down quick

and see what Santa Claus brought."

The gay holiSEASON doesn't end with a last bite of turkey at Christmas dinner, but goes on and on, just like the cold turkey sandwiches, turkey hash, a hot turkey soup, through days spent exchanging Christmas presents, through snow and skating, taffy-pulls and home-popped popcorn.

In between times, there might even be an attempt to work at a journal project or two. More than likely the attempt, although enthusiastic, will be interrupted by music and chatter from a New Year's Eve party.

Then someone rips off a sheet from the calendar and exposes a diaper-clad Baby New Year—1953. People gasp in surprise, not at the baby's brief costume, but at the 1953 slapped across his chest.

There's time now to catch one good night of sleep and a less good, deep breath before that post-Christmas rush to a one o'clock class Jan. 6, and final examinations, two scant weeks away.

# Secrets, Surprises In College's Films

Have you ever heard the mating-call of a Mongolian warbler, or observed an amoeba carrying on the fundamental life processes, or experienced the thrill of watching Paderewski play the Moonlight Sonata? Do you know the secret of keeping a husband happy?

These subjects are just a sampling of the topics covered by films in the College's audio-visual aids library, located in the basement of the Pattee Library. More than 3000 films worth \$185,000 comprise the film library, largest in the state.

"Classroom education is one of the film's prime purposes," says Thurston M. Reeves, assistant supervisor of audio-visual aids. The films are also loaned to students for educational and entertainment purposes.

Heaviest users of the films for classroom instruction are the Schools of Education, Liberal Arts, Physical Education, and Engineering. Leader among the departments is the Department of Psychology.

Even fraternities and sororities apply to the film library during rushing for movies on that hectic routine. Also heavy in demand are pictures depicting life in the fraternities.

"Clubs like the Camera Club or Psychology Club often book films on their favorite subject," says Mrs. Augusta Hyslop, office manager, discussing other ways that students use the films.

Movies in Spanish, Portuguese and French, to mention only a few, said Mrs. Hyslop, are booked far ahead by the foreign language clubs. According to her, the films have proved valuable in giving students experience in learning to speak another language through hearing it spoken.

For mixers, parties, club meetings, and the like, football movies and such films as "This Is Penn State" are high in popularity.

The film service at the College was begun in 1942, when President Hetzel established a visual-aids committee. In the beginning, the films were circulated through use of traveling projectionists.

"Eighty bookings are the life of a film," Reeves said. "After that, it's finished, for there is nothing you can do with a worn-out film."

The movies Penn State students see in their classes are free, as are the projection machine and the operator. This is a service, however, that is not extended to students.

The reason for this, as explained by I. C. Boerlin, head of the film library, is, "Our only income is from the College grants and the rental we get from the films. So we cannot give the students a free hand to the movies, even though we would like to."

Through its extension service, the library rents movies, slides and recordings to other colleges, high schools and organizations

# Jupiter to Be Observed . . .

for three days only Jupiter may be observed January 15, 16, and 17 in Schwab Auditorium.

# Dry Cleaners to Close

The Student Dry Cleaning Agency will close at 7:30 tonight and reopen at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 7. Students desiring their clothes before vacation must pick them up before 7:30 tonight. Clothes may be left at the agency to be cleaned during vacation.

# Dickson to Head New Curriculum

The new curriculum in applied arts will be directed by Dr. Harold E. Dickson, now in charge of the division of fine arts of the Department of Architecture.

The curriculum, to be administered in the Department of Architecture, was approved Dec. 5 by the Board of Trustees and will become effective for freshmen next fall.

There is a school house fire every six hours in the United States.

# Christmas Cards Celebrate Birthday

With Christmas less than a week away, the usual assortment of cards is beginning to arrive—via the merry mailman—in homes all over the world.

But this year marks a special one for the sending of Christmas cards. It's been just 100 years since the first American Christmas card, a commercial greeting from a proprietor of a variety store to his customers, was dropped in a mailbox.

Today cards are used not only to promote good will between businessmen and customers, but also to send the all-time favorite greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," to family, friends, long-lost cousins, neglected acquaintances, "pet" school teachers, the family doctor, and even baby sitters.

**Santa Claus Tops**  
The festive Christmas season, however, is not much of a holiday for the postmen who must deliver Christmas mailings that total something like 1,500,000,000 each year—an average of 40 cards per family. Postage alone amounts to \$50,000,000.

Card shoppers can find a wide variety of greetings in just about every store in town. Designs include everything from the most popular one of all, Santa Claus, to deluxe reproductions of famous paintings. Cards emphasizing the religious nature of Christmas will be more numerous this year. The nation's church leaders are urging the use of cards that bring the real meaning of the season.

# Fate? Waste Basket

Cards will cost anywhere from a few cents to over a dollar each—and in addition to paper cards there are plastic cards, cards that jingle, cards that unfold into displays, and cards that can be hung as ornaments on the Christmas tree.

But what will be the fate of all these works of art? After they have been glanced at—the glance directed toward the sender's signature—and left on display for curious, and maybe even envious, holiday visitors to admire, they'll be tossed in the waste basket and forgotten. Next year there will be another pile to take their place.

# Foreign Students

Faculty members who wish to entertain foreign students during the Christmas holidays may make arrangements with Mary Jane Wyland, Penn State Christian Association program coordinator, in 304 Old Main, ext. 541.

# Seminar Group Plans Summer European Trip

A summer seminar group, open to students and faculty, was announced yesterday by Hugh G. Pyle, supervisor of informal instruction, Central Extension. The group will spend July and August in Europe.

The group, as part of the College's Institute of International Understanding, will spend three weeks at a European university. Contemporary problems will be under study by the group.

Plans call for a week's visit in Yugoslavia and side trips to Italy, France, Switzerland, and England.

College credits are available for those in the seminar study.

William H. Gray, professor of history, will lead the group, which will be limited in number. Complete information is available from him or from the General Extension Services.

throughout the East. For example, the film library mails a requested movie to a women's club in Pittsburgh, with instructions to be returned after only one showing. When the movie is back again in the library, it is ready for another booking.

Of the many unusual film titles in the library, none is stranger-sounding than this one—"The Effects of Various Drugs on the Emotional Memetic Reaction of the Hypothalamus and Cerebral Cortex of the Cat."

Next time your club has a meeting, why not show that film to the members?

# "When they saw the star they rejoiced."



**The Eastern Star . . .**  
promised a savior for the world. Let us be Wise Men in the new year. Make this Star the symbol of peaceful brotherhood. Seek it most diligently.

**Merry Christmas . . .**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**MORRELL'S**  
Pugh St. and Beaver Ave.