

Grads' Wishes Filled By Alumni Institute

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The old grad returning from a class reunion usually finds himself remembering a round of parties, groups of half familiar faces, and about a quarter of the words of his old college songs.

Probably he has seen evidence of changes in his Alma Mater in new buildings or old landmarks torn down. But the actual workings of the various departments of his college, its teaching techniques and methods, are rarely made clear to him.

In an effort to provide the alumnus with something more, the University has devised a program, the Alumni Institute, which was so successful its first two years that it has now been made permanent. The institute is held at the annual three-day class reunion weekend in June.

Poll Alumni

The first step toward setting up the institute was a poll of alumni to see what they really wanted from their reunions. A typical answer was that of a pre-war graduate:

"Modern life has become so complicated, so full of unanswered questions and unknown fields. I wish I could return to the campus for a series of courses in the liberal arts."

Alumni interests were different, of course, but they agreed on one score. The engineer had no desire to attend classes in engineering, and the dairy farmer wanted to learn something besides milk production.

Questionnaires Are Guide

With the questionnaires as a guide, a committee composed of faculty members and administrators set up the Alumni Institute as part of class reunion activities. They decided to offer alumni a series of lectures, with University deans and professors doing the teaching.

At the first institute in 1951, where there had been an anticipated enrollment of about 100 alumni, 500 showed up and classes had to be moved to larger quarters. One man came all the way from England to attend.

Panel discussions have been held in the morning at the last three institutes on such topics as "Civilization in 2000 A.D." and "The American Way—What Is It?"

In the afternoon there have been two groups of lectures, at 2 p.m. and 3:30. Alumni have had a choice of 15 topics from which two were chosen.

Psych Clinic

One of the most popular classes was given by the head of the University's psychological clinic on research in progress to help people improve their personalities and develop their potentialities. Interest was displayed in such subjects as American mineral resources, test tube calves, and the current state of intercollegiate athletics. On the lighter side there

Applications Due Monday For UN Trip

Application blanks for the United Nations student seminar, Dec. 10 to 13, must be submitted to the Penn State Christian Association office in 304 Old Main by Monday, Mary Glading, chairman of the seminar committee, has announced.

The trip, sponsored by PSCA in cooperation with the Departments of Political Science and Education, is open to all students upon application and payment of a \$5 deposit to be applied toward transportation and registration.

Applications will be accepted in order of receipt, and no refunds on deposits will be made after Monday. A meeting of the group attending the seminar will be held at 4 p.m. Monday in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main.

The purpose of the trip is to acquaint those attending with the United Nations and allied agencies in action. Plans are made to visit the general assembly, committee meetings, the Security Council, International House, and the U.S. Mission for UN. Some time will also be available for general sightseeing.

The group will travel in a chartered bus, leaving State College at 6 a.m. Dec. 10, and will stay in the Hotel Diplomat in New York City.

were classes in fly tying and fly casting, a course on "What For Language Pennsylvania Dutch Is and Vy Ve Schwetz So," and a lecture by a physicist on what makes homing pigeons go home.

In 1952 an unusual ceremony climaxed the institute. A group of "Reunion Ragtimers," in traditional New Orleans jazz style, staged a parade around campus, rounding up alumni. Then, led by a hay wagon and team carrying President Milton S. Eisenhower, the group marched to Schwab Auditorium where the President addressed the alumni on "The State of the College."

The response from alumni who have attended the institute and from faculty members who have participated in the programs has been enthusiastic. The Alumni Institute seems to answer the problem of satisfying the "old grads."

Co-Edits

Theta Phi Alpha

Theta Phi Alpha recently entertained Phi Kappa at the chapter house. Pledges of the sorority presented a skit followed by dancing.

Joan Catanzaro, Dorothy Claypatch, Joan Johnson, Pearl Pateroster, and Gloria Clapps are new initiates of Theta Phi Alpha. After the initiation ceremony a birthday party was held for members having birthdays during November.

Sehoy Bosler and Helen D'Zmura were ribboned by the group.

Zeta Tau Alpha

New officers of Zeta Tau Alpha are Marilyn Ott, president; Miriam Olander, vice president; Dorotha Ebert, secretary; Marjorie Seymour, treasurer; Norma Reck, historian; and Marie Heller, guard.

A slumber party was held recently in the suite for the pledges.

Alpha Gamma Rho

Active members and alumni of Alpha Gamma Rho were entertained after the Pitt-Penn State football game by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maglich of Imperial. Dinner was served and dancing followed.

Tri Vi

Tri Vi colony of Sigma Sigma Sigma recently pledged Nancy Burley and Jane Baczewski. A party was held in honor of the new pledges.

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega recently entertained rushees at a smoker. Movies were shown and refreshments were served.

Athos to Officiate Orthodox Service

The Eastern Greek Catholic Orthodox Society and the Penn State Hellenic Society will co-sponsor a Greek Orthodox church service at 8:30 a.m. Sunday in St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

The Rev. John Athos of Altoona will officiate at the service, with his choir presenting the music.

Following the service, a coffee hour will be held at the Home Economics living center.

Hellenic Society to Hold Yule Party Tomorrow

The Penn State Hellenic Society will hold a Christmas party from 8 p.m. to midnight tomorrow in the Hamilton Recreation room.

Entertainment will consist of modern and Greek folk dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Fellowship Square Dance

A square dance sponsored by the Inter-church Student Fellowship, will be held at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Wesley Foundation gym.

Judge to Talk On Education, Discrimination

Theodore O. Spaulding, judge of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia will discuss "Equality in Education" at 3 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks.

He will discuss discrimination as it affects fields of education in America, with particular reference to five educational cases to be argued next week before the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Spaulding's address is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi, social fraternity. Spaulding was one of the founders of the United Nations Council, and is a director of the Health and Welfare Council of Philadelphia.

In 1950, he was the congressional candidate for the Fifth Congressional District and in 1952 was vice-chairman of the Eisenhower citizen's committee for the southeastern district of Pennsylvania.

WRA Schedules Christmas Party For 2 Schools

A Christmas party for grade school children in the Stony Point and Pleasant Hills Schools will be given by Women's Recreation Association from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 11 in the White Hall lounge.

George Black, fourth semester music education major, will be Santa Claus. The 89 children will each receive gifts from him.

Mrs. Mary Filer, assistant professor of art education, and her class in puppet showing will give a show for the children. Christmas stories will be told.

Ice cream and candy canes will be served.

Panhel to Present Christmas Chorus

A Panhellenic chorus composed of two representatives from each sorority and directed by Barbara Wallace, seventh semester music education major, will present a Christmas music program Dec. 17 over Station WMAJ.

Panhellenic Council will visit Briarly Manor, home for the aged, Dec. 12. Panhel members will write letters and read for the residents. They will also take ice cream and gifts.

The council voted to begin work on reorganization of the constitution. A committee will be named at the next meeting.

Engagements

Haffner-Smucker

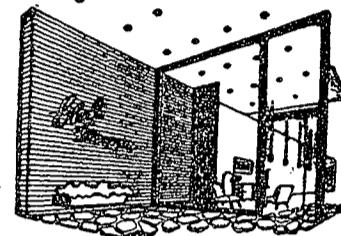
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smucker of Huntingdon announce the engagement of their daughter Betty to Warren Haffner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Haffner of Clarks Summit.

Miss Smucker is an eighth semester home economics major. She is rushing chairman of Kappa Alpha Theta and a member of Panhellenic Council and the junior promotion board of Froth.

Mr. Haffner is a seventh semester commerce major. He is president of Delta Upsilon and a member of Skull and Bones, senior men's hat society. He is also a representative to the Interfraternity Council and a member of the IFC Board of Control and Tribunal, men's judiciary body.

Kappa Sigma

Winfred Doederlein was recently initiated by Kappa Sigma.



Thru the Looking Glass

with Gabbi

That wonderful old spirit of Christmas and St. Nick is casting its enchanting spell once again—and we're right with it, tinsel, bells—and just like Constantinople, we're giving it the works. But if you're not infected yet, for some needless injections of holiday hoop-la, come with me to ETHEL'S and see a festive fantasy of color and beauty.

The spotlight is on Santa . . .

in the technicolor extravaganza in the center of ETHEL'S—a galaxy of silver tinsel, sparkling multi-shaped ornaments that shine like a child's eyes on Christmas morn. More charming than the music of the Sirens (or Jackie Gleason) are the tinkling sounds of the 19th century MusicBox, on record, drifting throughout ETHEL'S. Suspended from the ceiling are gay mobiles of silver stars and golden angels and bells so real, you can almost hear them ring. And all these color decorations can be bought starting at 50 cents.

Strictly a family affair . . .

are the fire-engine red organdy aprons, with rainbow-colored sequins dancing on them forming NOEL, for the hostess; red and green felt suspenders for the Man of the House, jingling with bells, so you can always keep tabs on him (especially at tree-trimming time); and for the canine, felt dog collars that say Merry Christmas any way you look at it.

Holiday hits for the home . . .

are the 2 x nothing tie-ons of felt, spun glass and fur. Tiny poinsettias, devilish angels, wee fur-trimmed stockings and santas, that really are unusual. Or silver and gold sleighs, decorated and darling (Call the chimney sweep, Santa's on his way) . . . Get the Christmas spirit in one of ETHEL'S bottle sox, red, green and gold draw-stringed (Heavens! What have we here!) . . . Or little red velour santas with springy arms and wispy beards—the cutest this side of College avenue, for tucking in tiny gifts. Gosh, what's the use of wasting words, why don't you come in ETHEL'S and catch this wonderful disease called Christmas spirit?



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