

Glancing Around--

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wanted to get out of there, too, but for a somewhat different reason. After all, there are other stores in State College, and she had just scratched the surface. The afternoon was young.

The afternoon was also wet. It seemed somewhat incongruous with the Christmas decorations along the street and the music emanating from the stores. The sight of the rain brought one thought to mind. Penn State graduates may not always be known by their astuteness in the world, they may not always be known by their athletic prowess, or love of the arts. But those webbed feet give them away every time.

But back to Christmas. The first time that I was impressed with the imminence of the season of mistletoe and such was during the Thanksgiving vacation—two days after Thanksgiving to be exact.

I was wandering through one of the better publicized department stores at home when I became aware of the efforts being made to make people forget about the holiday two days before and to remember the next holiday coming up.

This particular store has been trying, and succeeding to some extent at least, to make a name for itself in the line of having things other stores in town do not have or things that are normally found only in New York. For example, they have on occasion displayed a \$5000 bottle of perfume. In my home town there are few, if any, people that can plank down \$5000 for a jug of smelly stuff. But the operation did have the effect of attracting a good deal of publicity.

Last Christmas they started bringing out the unusual in Christmas toys for the children. This year, true to form, they are also displaying toys somewhat out of the ordinary. I found myself staring at a genuine imitation mechanical Indian elephant. This particular creature wags its head from side to side, opens and closes its mouth silently like a freshman trying to answer an unexpected question in class, stands about six feet high, and is priced for a ridiculously low \$1400—a steal at twice the price.

I doubt if the store sells many of its assortment of mechanical beasts, but it does keep the customers amused. The toy is probably designed to keep even the most discriminating child happy. This child would be kept happy with just the money it takes to buy one.

While I was wandering around watching the clerks manfully trying to resist the temptation of smacking junior's grubby little paws as he reached for everything in sight, I came upon their sporting goods department.

In this section of the store, there was the usual selection of paraphernalia for the sporting man or woman—fishing rods, lures designed to attract fish presumed to be stupid, knives designed for cleaning said fish when they prove their stupidity, rifles and shotguns designed to do a neater job of killing than anything brought out previously, and clothing designed to keep the sporting person not only comfortable, but also in style, when engaged in this pastime.

Included in the array of sporting goods was the cutest set (two in different sizes) of Italian Berritti automatics. What child, either young or old,

would not be thrilled with these or even only one under the Christmas tree?

There is an inexhaustible variety of ways that these little objects of a gunsmith's art could be put to use. Possibly one could exterminate the household pest. But depending on the nature of the pest in question, one might have to find another way to have the weekly pay check sent home.

Another might wish to use one of these little gems to get rid of that hung-over feeling that is particularly noticeable about a week after Christmas. This might turn out to be the mechanic's answer to wonder drugs. These are only two ideas. With a little thought, one could undoubtedly come up with many more.

There is another side to Christmas that is not commercial. Last year I attended the University's choir candle-light service. As I recall, they sang Bach. I have nothing against Bach and the choir's presentation. Judging from what I heard it was remarkably well done. That was why I didn't go this year. I, unfortunately, did not hear all of it last year.

I had had a very tiring week. I found Bach deep and restful. I fell asleep. How I managed to fall asleep in one of the seats in Schwab Auditorium is something I'll never quite understand. They are the modern equivalent of the Spanish Inquisition's iron maiden.

When I awoke, I had several questions in my mind:

- (a) How long had I slept?
- (b) Did I snore?
- (c) Had the lights gone on while I slumbered?
- (d) Did the audience for any reason have to rise while I remained unconscious in my seat?

The net result of these questions—all unanswered—was an extremely uncomfortable feeling for the rest of the evening.

This year I also had had a tiring week. I decided that one year I might get away with it. But two years running might prove too much even for the law of averages.

Ag Groups to Hold Christmas Mixer

The Rod and Coccus Club and the Pre-Vet Club Christmas mixer will be held at 7:30 tonight at the Hillel Foundation.

Twenty-five cents admission will be charged. Those attending have been asked to bring a 10- to 25-cent gift. Entertainment will include round and square dancing and carol singing. Refreshments will be served.

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Gamma Delta entertained last Wednesday after a dinner held at Phi Kappa Sigma. Featured were skits, dancing, and refreshments.

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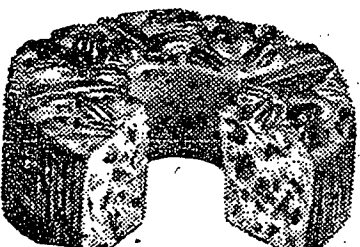


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First Slavic Dinner Includes Various Yule Traditions

By PADDY BEAHAN

Borsch, barley and honey, and the "Slavic Flirtation" were included in the first traditional Christmas Eve dinner of the Slavic Club Thursday night at Phi Kappa.

The dinner, which lasted from 7 p.m. to midnight, was planned to embody all the Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian Christmas traditions. Only the hay, which is customarily spread on tables and floor, was dispensed with, Joseph Hodorawis, president of the club, explained.

'Beet Soup'

The borsch, a beet soup containing shredded cucumbers and other vegetables, was included in the menu of old slavic dishes. Following tradition, one spoonful of the soup was thrown over the left shoulder by each of the 50 guests at the dinner.

The menu included barley and honey, a dish which is eaten only at the Christmas Eve party. Each person present, in accordance with custom, ate at least one spoonful of each dish offered at the dinner.

The tradition of setting a place for the Christ Child was also observed.

Four Dancers

Entertainment included the "Slavic Flirtation," a Slavic dance done by two men and two women. The dancers were Lee Hart, Christine Novatka, Hodorawis, and Paul Malinchok.

A mixed chorus of nine members sang Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian folk songs and Christmas carols. Also on the program were June Koziar, soloist, and Richard Grindle, accordionist. Paul Zrowka was emcee.

Guests included Dean and Mrs. Ben Euwema, Peter Rudy, assistant professor of Russian, is faculty adviser for the group.

Co-Edits

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega last week entertained Pi Beta Phi. The pledges presented a skit followed by dancing and refreshments.

Alpha Zeta

Phi Upsilon Omicron, Home Economics honorary society, and Alpha Zeta held a Christmas party for 24 second grade children from College Township School in Lemont Sunday afternoon.

Caroling Tonight

Women will receive 11 o'clock permissions for Christmas caroling tonight, according to Miss Patricia Thompson, assistant to the dean of women.

2 Extra Prizes Given by AIM For Displays

Two extra prizes of \$5 were given yesterday in the Association of Independent Men's Christmas decoration contest which was judged over the weekend.

The special prizes were made by the AIM Christmas display committee.

One of the prizes was awarded to Nittany Dorm 23, whose interior decoration did not fit contest rules. The committee felt the work deserved a special prize because of its "superior quality."

The other award went to Robert Fenton and Thomas Garrett, 26 McKee, whose window painting was done separately from the West Dorm displays. The painting, the committee thought, was an "outstanding representation of the Christmas spirit."

Honorable mention winners in the West Dorm window decoration contest are Mary Krause, 250 Thompson, for a nativity scene; Barbara Howell and Belva Stryca, 345 Thompson, for a snow scene; Joseph Pascuzzi and Robert Rossi, 229 McKee, for a Christmas pipe-dream.

Rowenna Pounds, 152 Thompson, for her stained glass window; and Maizie Gerhart, 35 Thompson, for her Old English lettering of "Joyous Noel."



If Christmas shopping puts you in a stew, Just go right downtown and the stores will help you.

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Santa's Gift Suggestions for Christmas

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Toiletries

- Lenthalic
- Harriet Hubbard Ayer
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- Peggy Sage
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- Jewelite Sets
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Alpha Gamma Delta

Patricia Monzi was chosen the model pledge of Alpha Gamma Delta at its "Snow Palace" pledge dance at Delta Chi. Dorothy Cosack has been initiated by the group.

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Delta Delta was recently entertained by Delta Chi at the chapter house. The Delta Chi pledges presented a skit.

Alpha Omicron Pi

The State College alumnae chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi and the University chapter celebrated Founders' Day with a dessert party and program at the Autoport.

Mrs. William Bateman, alumnae chapter vice president, presided at the meeting and gave a short sketch of each of the four founders of the sorority.

Gamma Phi Beta

Gamma Phi Beta and Pi Kappa Phi held their pledge dance Saturday night at the Pi Kappa Phi chapter house.

The theme of the formal was "Christmas in Mexico."

Gamma Phi Beta entertained their pledges and guests at a dinner at the Eutaw House before the dance.

Theta Kappa Phi

Santa Claus brought stockings full of gifts to the first and second grade children from Lemont grade school last week at a Christmas party given by Theta Phi Alpha and Theta Kappa Phi at the chapter house.

WAS I BEWILDERED!!

There I was standing on the corner with a mile-long Christmas list in my hand. I didn't know where to turn! Suddenly, the gaily decorated Christmas windows at SCHLOW'S caught my eye. They were chuck-full of gift suggestions—so, I stepped in to the store.

Here was the answer . . .

SCHLOW'S was offering loads of lovely gifts to satisfy anyone's favorite female. Glittering costume jewelry (rhinestone, pearls, gold and silver) adds extra sparkle to her holiday costume. A colorful jewelry box (only 3.95) is just the thing to hold her precious jewels. And you can add the final touch to her formal attire by choosing a delightful evening bag.

With winter winds . . .

blowing her way, she'll love a wool or fannel scarf (2.95 and up). In bright plaids or solid colors, they'll keep her extra warm. Gloves—wool, leather, and angora, will keep winds from biting her finger tips. And what's a better toe-warmer while watching TV than a pair of cozy slipper socks? (only 2.95)

She'll be "pretty as a picture"

in a luxurious cashmere by Hadly (17.95-24.95). Loads of wool and lamb's wool sweaters, too—so choose from a colorful selection of short-sleeved or cardigans, plain or trimmed. A blouse for every occasion by Judy Bond (3.95 to 5.95) will team up well with her skirts or slacks.

And for slumber-time . . .

she'll adore a pair of flannel PJ's or a nightie (sanforized, of course) in bright, fire-engine red or assorted prints. (And they're only 4.50 to 5.95) A quilted bathrobe, only 5.95, will top off her bedroom ensemble.

Gee, I got all of my Christmas shopping done, and with SCHLOW'S reasonable prices—I didn't have to make much of a dent in my budget! Why don't you

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