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## Icy Roads Predicted For Holiday

By DAVE BRONSTEIN

Christmas recess begins at 11:50 a.m. tomorrow, and according to the University weather station, there will be some precipitation throughout central Pennsylvania. Low temperatures tomorrow are expected to cause freezing on the roads.

Today's forecast calls for a maximum of 38 degrees and a low of 28. It will be particularly cloudy, the weather station has announced.

State Police at Pleasant Gap said road conditions in the western section of the state are a little slippery but cinders have been scattered in many localities. Roads north and east of State College are reported good.

Residence halls will close at 5 p.m. tomorrow. The last meal to be served is lunch. The residence halls will be reopened for student occupancy at 1 p.m. Jan. 2. Students will be served breakfast the following morning at the regular times.

University offices will close from 5 p.m. Wednesday to 8 a.m. Dec. 28. Offices will also be closed the three days prior to the first day of resumed classes.

University librarian Ralph McComb announced that Pattee Library will close at noon tomorrow and will reopen Monday. The library will again be closed from Thursday through Dec. 27, and from Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. The following day the library will open at 7:50 a.m.

Today's issue of the Daily Collegian will be the final one before the vacation. The next publication will be distributed on the morning of Jan. 4.

Radio station WDFM will discontinue broadcasts after tonight's program and will resume operations on Jan. 3.

Requests of third semester men students and higher who wish to apply for release from their housing and food service contracts in the Nittany or Pollock areas will be accepted until 5 p.m. Jan. 3 at the room assignment office, Kearns Hall, Nittany 20.

## State Revisions Group Named

An unofficial source last night released six of the seven names of members of the State party constitutional revisions committee.

The names as released were Rheta Bobrow, chairman, Robert Heck, John McMeekin, Beverly Dunbar, Robert Nurock, and Harold Dean.

Miss Bobrow later named the seventh committee member as Phyllis Hodges.

However, Rae DelleDonne, State party clique chairman, refused to confirm the list.

The committee met at 8 p.m. yesterday in 204 Willard.

The parties have until Jan. 13 to revise their constitutions. The parties were ordered to revise their constitutions after the Senate Committee on Student Affairs subcommittee on discipline met last week to review the party charters.

The Senate must charter political parties because All-University Cabinet has decided it did not have the power to do so.

## Johnson Promoted

Lt. Col. Herbert A. Johnson, assistant professor of military science and tactics, has recently been promoted from the rank of major.

# Donovan Describes HUB

## \$2.9 Million Building Called Finest in East

By PHYLLIS PROPERT

George Donovan, director of associated student activities, has termed the newly-completed \$2.9 million brick, stone and glass Hetzel Union Building the finest Union Building in the East and one of the finest in the country.

A television viewing lounge, a card room, a game room, offices for activity groups, five dining rooms, the Penn State book exchange, an assembly hall, an art gallery, a reading room, a music studio, a ballroom, public telephones and other facilities are located in the HUB. This is the evidence Donovan offers in support of his statement.

Students entering the middle west door on the ground floor next to McAllister Hall will find themselves in the Card Room, furnished with card tables, and "comfortable" chairs for playing chess, checkers and, of course, card games.

Walking toward the front, a book-weary student will be able to relax in one of the 100 easy chairs in the TV Viewing Room. The lounge is located in the front of the west wing of the building.

Amateur photographers will find the completely equipped darkrooms enclosed off from the Card Room. Donovan said tentative plans have been made for the Penn State Camera Club to be responsible for the rooms.

The 160-foot Game Room, located in the west part of the building, faces Holmes Field. It will contain 12 ping-pong tables, four table hockey games and two 20-foot table shuffleboard games.

The Book Exchange, a little store enclosed off from the Game Room, has built in book shelves and a counter.

The University will be doing its best to help alleviate students' hunger pains. The east wing of the ground floor has been turned over to food service.

The Lion's Den will be the Grill and Snack Bar in the HUB. The same type of tables and stools for informal seating found in the West Dorm Snack Bar will be in this room. The lower part of the Den will have tables for playing cards over a cup of coffee.

The "Waiting-For-Date-Room" is located at the end of the Lion's Den. The room will have two long benches and chairs.

Miss Mildred A. Baker, director of food service, said students were taken into consideration when the cafeteria and the food service

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### EDITORIAL

## Yes, Virginia There Is a Santa Claus

(The following editorial, a perennial newspaper favorite, was published in the New York Sun on Christmas, 1897. It was a reply by Francis P. Church to a letter from one of the Sun's young readers. It imparts some of that Christmas feeling we too often forget.)

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? —Virginia O'Hanlon

Dear Virginia: Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Blivit Will Also Take Vacation

Students start the trek home today.

Blivit, the little beagle pup who was found several weeks ago by James Clokey, first semester physics major, will go home for Christmas too.

Clokey said he is taking Blivit to his home near Allison Park. He already owns several dogs.

Clokey added he intends to write the Department of Health in Cranbury, N.J., to see if he can locate the dog's owner.

When he found the dog, she was wearing a license issued in Cranbury.

## Earthquake Felt By Seismograph

A rolling earthquake that shook Nevada and California early yesterday morning was felt by the University seismograph.

Dr. Benjamin F. Howell Jr., head of the department of geophysics and geochemistry, said the seismograph at 6:14 a.m. yesterday recorded the disturbance at a distance of 2175 miles from State College.

The quake which inflicted only minor damage to the two states was timed at 3:07 a.m. (PST). It was described by Reno authorities as the heaviest of three that have jarred the area since last July.



SEVERAL HUNDRED students and townspeople gather 'round the steps' of Old Main last night to join with the Chapel Choir in the 29-year-old traditional All-University Carol

Sing. Snappy breezes and low temperatures hardly phased the crowd, as Hummel Fishburn, head of the music department, who originated the tradition, led the carolers.

## Press Hints Reds Free Mindszenty

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Catholic press agency Kathpress today distributed a rumor that the Hungarian regime had released Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. There was no confirmation from any source.

The ailing 62-year old cardinal was sentenced by the Reds in 1949 to life imprisonment on treason and sabotage charges. The Rev. Jacob Fried, chief of Catholic publications here, said the Kathpress report came from a French businessman journeying from Budapest. Father Fried said the Frenchman was reliable but picked up the reports "from rumors only and not from any official source."

The Kathpress dispatch, dated in Budapest, said it was reported yesterday in "usually well informed circles in the Hungarian capital" that the cardinal had been released a week ago and gone to his diocese. But it added diplomatic quarters in Budapest knew nothing about the release and that the cardinal's palace at his diocese in Esztergom said he was not there.

In Budapest, spokesmen for the Hungarian Foreign Ministry declined to comment. There have been rumors to the Hungarian capital for some time the Communist regime was negotiating with the Roman Catholic Church.

Vatican sources said rumors of the cardinal's release had been heard "for the past two months," without confirmation. The U.S. State Department also said it had no information the prelate had been freed.

## Shoop Reports On Rating Plan

David Shoop, chairman of the rating committee of the Engineering Student Council, Tuesday night reported to the council that plans for rating the engineering mechanics department are progressing smoothly. He requested that rating sheets be turned in directly to the various instructors in order to keep the rating on a confidential basis. The request was approved by council.

Bernard Carson, chairman of the open house committee, said much of the groundwork for the open house has been laid and some of the societies have started putting together their displays. The engineering open house will be April 22.

It was announced that the Engineering Library will remain open until 11 p.m. on week nights, on a trial basis, from Jan. 3 until the end of the semester.

ONLY 1 MORE Shopping Day 'till Christmas in State College