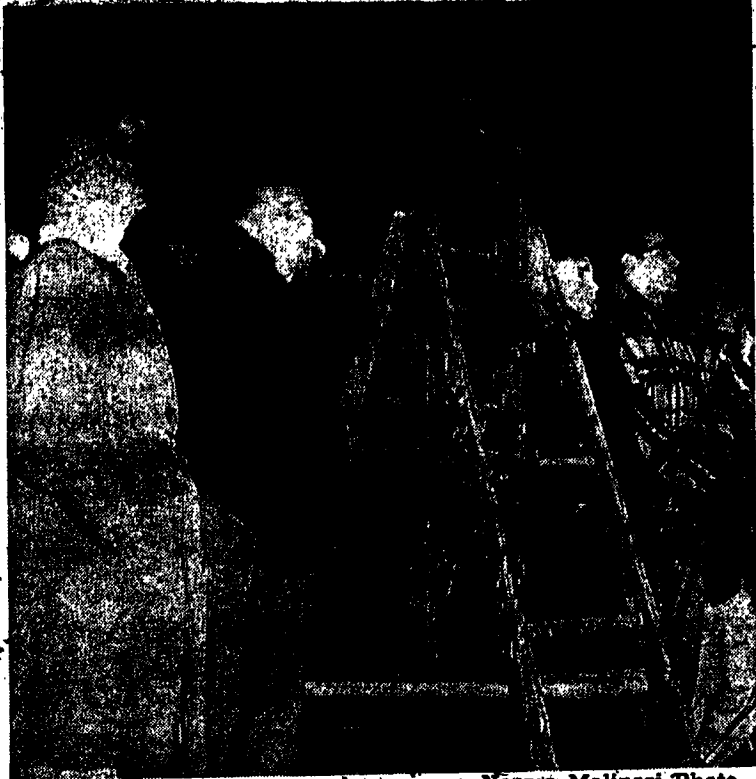


Starlight Sing



—Norma Molinari Photo

STUDENTS JOIN IN singing of Christmas carols last night in front of Old Main, led by the Chapel Choir. In center of picture, slide projector flashes words of carols on large screen overhanging Old Main pillars.

Driving Conditions Predicted as Good

Driving conditions should be good for students leaving the area for Christmas vacation, according to the University meteorology department. Weather predictions say partly cloudy and much colder today with light snow flurries. The department said the roads in higher places might be icy.

Maximum temperature for today is expected to be 25 degrees and the low for tonight will be 8 degrees.

Two Student Accidents Occur Over Weekend

Two students were involved in automobile accidents over the weekend.

Jerry Grossinger, senior in industrial engineering from Scranton, was returning to campus Sunday night from a wedding in Wilkes-Barre when his car skidded and went out of control on a downhill grade in Millheim.

The car toppled over a few times before coming to rest with its front directed back up the grade. Grossinger was treated at the University Hospital and was released. The car was completely demolished.

Lura Jane Leitzel, senior in home economics from Richfield, was involved in a three-vehicle accident at 3:30 p.m. Friday on route 545 in Millbrook. She was not injured.

A car operated by Miss Leitzel hit the rear of a truck which was stopped behind a car held up for traffic. The truck in turn was sent against the first car.

Total damage was estimated at \$250.

Vacation to Begin
Christmas recess will officially begin at 11:50 a.m. tomorrow and will end at 8 a.m. Jan. 4.

Dormitories will be closed to students at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Lunch will be the last meal served in the dormitory dining halls before the vacation. The dormitory will re-open for student occupancy at 1 p.m. Jan. 3. The first meal to be served in the dining halls after vacation will be breakfast on Jan. 4.

Temporary arrangements have been made for six men to remain on campus over the holidays.

Offices to Close
University offices will close at 5 p.m. Thursday. They will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Dec. 28 through Dec. 30. The remainder of the vacation they will be closed. They will go back on schedule at 8 a.m. Jan. 3.

Student Employment Service will follow the hours set for other University offices. Students remaining in State College who are interested in part-time jobs during the vacation may inquire at the employment office in 112 Old Main during the hours it is open.

Last Collegian Today
Today's issue of the Daily Collegian will be the final one before the vacation. Norman Miller, acting editor, has announced. Publication will be resumed Jan. 5. The Pattee Library has announced.

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Rockefeller Named For Commencement

Nelson A. Rockefeller, undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will be the commencement speaker at the Fall semester graduation exercises.

University officials, in announcing Rockefeller as the commencement speaker, tentatively set the graduation exercises for 2 p.m. on Jan. 30 in Recreation Hall.

Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, said no tickets will be distributed for the exercises because there will be enough room for everyone. About 500 students are expected to graduate.

The 47-year-old Rockefeller is the son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Rockefeller has served in his present capacity since 1953. Among the numerous positions he has held in the government was that of assistant secretary of state.

He holds various honorary degrees in law and has been cited for his work in the field of human relations.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, he started his career in 1931 by serving as clerk in the New York then London, and finally Paris branches of the Chase National Bank.

In 1946 he was appointed coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and in 1944 he started a one-year term as assistant secretary of state.

He founded the American International Association for Economic and Social Development and served as its president from 1946 to 1953.

From 1950 to 1951, he was chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, and in 1952 he became chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Governmental Organization.

He has been president and presently is a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Santa Sends Letters Via Faculty Member

By BECKY ZAHM

Santa Claus is sending his greetings from the North Pole this year to over 1300 Centre County children via a ruddy-cheeked, spectacled professor.

The professor, who has insisted on anonymity ever since he began his role 14 years ago, says it's his way of saying "Merry Christmas" to the children. He feels that if his identity became known—even his closest colleagues have no idea of his role—there might be remarks made in front of children, thus spoiling the entire spirit of Santa Claus for them.

"I got started," he explains, "out in Indiana. I was at the post office in December and saw a clerk about to throw away a batch of letters addressed to Santa Claus."

"I asked the clerk if he'd give the letters to me to answer, and he was delighted. From then on I wrote a personal answer to each one."

The professor continued his Christmas letter writing when he moved to Illinois and again when he moved to Pennsylvania.

During his first season on the job in Centre County about a hundred letters were received, each getting a personal reply. The Centre Daily Times aided the project in supplying stationery and stamps and printing the names of the children who write in the paper. The idea snowballed until last year over 1300 letters were received.

In order to cope with the tremendous volume of mail, a form letter is now reproduced in the professor's handwriting on special green stationery topped with Santa's picture. The name of the child to whom the letter is being sent and a personal postscript are added.

Letters arrive addressed to "Santa," or "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus," frequently at the North Pole. Post office officials route them to the newspaper office where "Santa" picks them up twice a day. He has the answers in the mail by the next morning.

Requests for toys seem to run in trends, the professor finds. In war times there is a noticeable rise in requests for toy guns and tanks while this year cowboy

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Local Parish Gives Kitchen To Delta Sigs

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity has been granted permission to use the kitchen facilities of St. Andrews Episcopal Parish House, Irvin C. Boerlin, faculty adviser to the fraternity, announced yesterday.

The Parish House is located at 300 S. Frazier street.

Starting the first of the year, the members will eat as a group and employ their own cook, Mrs. Edna Boone, every day except Sunday, Boerlin said.

Permission to use the Parish House kitchen solved the last big problem for members of the house that was burned by fire Dec. 11.

Church officials have also given the fraternity permission to use a large social room in the Parish House. Boerlin said the fraternity may decide to hold rushing affairs in the social room.

Boerlin also said that, starting at noon today, persons wishing to call fraternity members housed in Spruce Cottage on campus, should call ADams 8-9574.

At present 21 members of the 44 man house are living in the cottage. The remaining men are

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Cloudy Weather, Flurries Forecast

Today's weather will be partly cloudy and colder with light snow flurries, according to students in the department of meteorology.

The temperature is expected to reach a high of 25 degrees with a low of eight.

The forecast for tomorrow is continued cold with generally fair weather.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 25 degrees. The low was 22. The snowfall totaled .70 of an inch.

Coed Starts Law Suit For \$1400 Scholarship

A University coed has started a law suit against a Democratic Club on a charge that the club did not award her a full first prize of \$1400 in a contest she won.

Geraldine Ritter, sophomore in arts and letters from Bethlehem, initiated the suit against the Edgeboro Pembroke Democratic Club. The club sponsored a Miss Lehigh Valley contest, which Miss Ritter won.

The advertised first prize supposedly was a \$1400 scholarship to any school the winner chose. Miss Ritter allegedly received only a \$400 senatorial scholarship to come to the University.

The civil suit charges the club with misrepresentation in having advertised the \$1400 first place scholarship. The plaintiff is seeking the full value of the promised scholarship.

A full senatorial scholarship, such as the one Miss Ritter has now, can be used towards only the fees at a university the awardee attends. The incidental fees at the University amount to \$50 a semester, or \$400 for four years. The maximum amount a senatorial

scholarship can cover at the University is \$400 for these incidental fees.

Miss Ritter said yesterday the Democratic club has offered to settle the suit outside of court. The lawyers are now in the process of debating the outcome, she said.

Miss Ritter said if she were offered a full \$1400 scholarship at another university she would accept it.

She said she is thinking about transferring to the University of Pennsylvania to take the five-year course which would give her a bachelor of science degree and lead to a registered nurse's position.

Ike Gets NATO Report

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower received a report from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today, described as optimistic, on the strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The secretary gave him an ac-

count of the recent NATO meeting in Paris which he had already reported publicly as having left the European non-Communist nations feeling "more than ever free—more than ever secure." Dulles reported to Eisenhower from Washington in a telephone call.

The two set up a conference at the White House Wednesday for a more detailed review when the President returns to spend the Christmas holidays.

The President also spent an hour and 45 minutes talking with Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission who called at the Eisenhower home. Strauss flew back to Washington later.

Murray Snyder described the Strauss visit as primarily social,

with some AEC matters coming up.

It was Snyder, too, who reported on the Dulles telephone call.

All the speculation on whether the President will run again continued without any comment from the President and his staff.

His doctors reported Saturday the 65-year-old Eisenhower was making excellent progress along the road to recovery from the heart attack he suffered in Denver Sept. 24.

But they are unanimously agreed that he should wait until mid-February at the earliest to decide whether he feels his health will permit him to try for a second term.

They have prescribed a trip to a warmer Southern climate for a continuance of his convalescence.

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