

# Coed Gets Scholarship After Filing Civil Suit

A University coed who sued a Democratic Club for misrepresentation in advertising received a \$1400 scholarship in the case which was settled outside of court.

Geraldine Ritter, sophomore in arts and letters from Bethlehem, initiated the suit against the Edgeboro Pembroke Democratic Club. The club advertised a \$1400 scholarship

to any college as first prize in a Miss Lehigh Valley contest, which Miss Ritter won.

However, when she chose to come to the University the club awarded her only a \$400 senatorial scholarship for the full four years.

Miss Ritter then filed the suit, charging the club with misrepresentation and asking for the \$1400 scholarship.

The suit was debated outside of court and Miss Ritter accepted an offer from the Democratic Club to send her to the University of Pennsylvania on a \$1400 scholarship.

She said she will enter the Philadelphia school next September and take the five-year course which would give her a bachelor of science degree and a registered nurse's position.

A full senatorial scholarship such as the one Miss Ritter now has can be used only towards the fees at any university. The incidental fees at this University amount to \$500 a semester or \$400 for four years.

A senatorial scholarship to a private institution would be considerable more because the fees at a private university are higher.

# Delta Sigs Will Meet On Saturday

The Board of Directors of the University chapter of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity will meet Saturday at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Future plans for the fraternity, whose house was gutted by fire Dec. 11, are expected to be worked out at the meeting, a fraternity spokesman said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Irving C. Boerlin, house adviser and supervisor of the audio-visual aids department, has been meeting with insurance adjusters.

### House Insured

The house is insured for \$132,000, approximately 80 per cent of the face value.

Boerlin has said no remodeling will be done to the house until approval is received from the insurance company. Approval is expected this weekend, a spokesman said.

Twenty-one members of the fraternity are now housed in Spruce Cottage. The others are living in different fraternity houses.

### Using Church for Meals

The group is using the facilities of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for meals, except on Sundays. Mrs. Edna Boone, the house cook, has been retained.

Fire broke out in the basement of the house, commonly called the "Pink Elephant," about 11 a.m. Dec. 11, causing an estimated \$54,000 to \$50,000 damage.

Much damage was done by smoke and water to the three-story building.

Fraternity officials have set March 1 as the earliest possible date for moving into the house.

# Harriman Proposes Vote-Getting Plan

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 4 (AP)—Gov. Averell Harriman submitted to the Legislature today a wide-ranging program that fellow Democrats felt would appeal to a large number of voters in this presidential election year.

The governor, who is considered one of the leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, called for income-tax cuts, pay boosts for teachers and state employees, and increased social welfare benefits.

In his second annual message, opening the 1956 session, Harriman reported that state revenues were expected to reach a record high in the new year. But he added that expenditures were mounting, too.

### Evidence Discovered

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House is reported to have found in its records what it considers evidence that congressional leaders were told in advance of a plan to ask for \$4,900,000,000 in new foreign aid money.

### DeMolay Club Will Meet

The Penn State DeMolay Club will meet at 7 tonight in 102 Willard.

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# Lobbyists Show Heavy Spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Heavy spending by registered lobbyists continued well beyond the adjournment of Congress last August 2, the Congressional Record showed today.

Largest outlays of money "in connection with legislative interests" during the July-September period were made by representatives of labor, farmers, postal employees, railroads and truckers.

The law requires registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports of spending and income with the clerk of the House. Most of them comply with this requirement, although many leave blank the spaces for listing expenditures despite directions on the official forms to "fill in every blank."

One of the weaknesses of the present lobbying laws, spokesmen for the clerk's office assert, is inability to enforce it.

# Composer Travis Jailed On Wife-Beating Charge

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 4 (AP)—Composer Merle Travis of the hit tune "Sixteen Tons" was jailed today after, police said, he slugged his wife with a pistol and barricaded himself in his home.

He was booked on suspicion of wife beating after officers broke into the home. He surrendered meekly, although the wife, Betty, had reported he threatened to shoot anyone who entered.

Mrs. Travis, 31, said she grabbed a pistol from her 37-year-old husband and—clad in a pink dressing gown—fled to a neighbor's with her two children by a previous marriage.

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# Prexy Attracts Nation's Eye In Key West

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the University, made news in more ways than one while students were home for the holidays.

Not only did he accompany his brother, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, on a vacation to Key West, Fla., but at several times he attracted more attention than did the President.

The one time in particular, which made the front page of many national newspapers, was when he appeared wearing boxer trunks on a stroll with the President.

And the Columbine III, which flew the presidential party south on Dec. 28, was delayed 45 minutes before taking off to await the arrival of Dr. Eisenhower, who flew to Washington, D.C., from State College in a single-engine private plane.

The engine of the plane was stalled by cold weather.

Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower did not accompany the group. The White House noted that her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud, of Denver, was in Washington for the holidays.

Another reason Mrs. Eisenhower stayed behind was the recent birth of a new granddaughter.

The President's annual State of the Union message, outlining the administration's 1956 legislative program, will be sent to Congress today.

Dr. Eisenhower is scheduled to return to the University tomorrow.

# Goddard Says State Behind On Water Knots

Secretary of Forests and Waters Maurice K. Goddard declared today Pennsylvania has been "slow and backward" in attempting to solve its natural water problems.

"At the present time the only control over the use of water in Pennsylvania is that which gives the Water and Power Resources Board the power to allocate from surface water sources only and affects only public water supply agencies," Goddard contended.

Goddard made the statement in a prepared address before the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Conference at the University.

The forests and waters secretary said there are no penalties in state law for the misuse of water. He added that the Water and Power Resources Board deals only with 8 per cent of the state's surface water and that "as a water conservation measure, it might just as well not be on the books."

Goddard called for legislation to make state water laws stronger.

"The truth of the matter is that we Pennsylvanians have become water gluttons, demanding that more and more water be made available to satisfy man and his operations," Goddard asserted.

He noted that, disregarding irrigation, Pennsylvania leads all other states in fresh water use.

### LaVie Junior Board to Meet

The LaVie junior board will meet at 7 tonight in 413 Old Main.

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# Fish, Flowers, Holly Pay Student's Tuition

By PAT HUNTER

One University student who is really worth his weight in gold—goldfish that is—is George Griffith, senior in horticulture from Johnstown.

George spends his spare time running a national mail order business which sells tropical fish and aquatic plants.

He is also the proprietor of George's Aquatic Gardens and Pet Supplies in Johnstown where he sells mice, parrots, alligators, canaries, monkeys, finches and turtles.

Many of the fish are imported from Brazil, the birds from the Netherlands, India, and Australia and the alligators and turtles from Louisiana and Florida.

### First Fish Dies

This is all a far cry from the first fish that George bought when he was 9 years old. The fish died, as did the next two he bought.

Puzzled by the fate of his new pets, he began reading books and pamphlets on the care of fish and soon had a vast collection—so vast that the Griffith house was crammed from attic to basement with tanks and aquariums.

Through a classified advertisement in a local paper George announced that he had fish for sale and his business career was underway.

### Develops New Breed

While attending St. Francis College in Loretto, a freshman, George developed a new breed of guppy with the help of Father Alfred Schendel. The guppy, named the Alfredo, is unlike other guppies because it produces offspring with the same coloration as the father fish. The importance of this fish is proved by the fact that while most guppies sell for 10 to 35 cents a pair, Alfredo's retail at \$35 a pair.

Need an orchid corsage for the next formal?? Just see George. He grows them in his back yard and in other greenhouses from Maine to Florida.

Water lily culture is also one of his many interests. Last summer when the President of the United States visited the University he photographed a display of over 1,000 water lily blooms that George had flown here from Florida.

### Makes Discovery

Through experimentation, George has recently discovered that by cutting a certain muscle in the blooms, the flowers will remain open for display purposes without the use of wax or plaster of paris.

The most recent of George's business ventures is the importing of holly at Christmas time. Most of the holly comes from Portland, Ore. and George sells it to leading grocery and dime store chains across the country, including W. T. Grant, F. W. Woolworth, McCrory's, Murphy's, Green's, Kresge's and the A&P and Acme Stores. He also supplies these stores with gold fish, orchids, tropical fish, and aquatic plants.

George has also supplied several University fraternities with pets, including birds, alligators and a skunk. The collegiate pastime of swallowing goldfish by fraternity pledges has also boosted his sales.

George's business has not only provided profits to pay his way through college but it has also given him plans for the future, which he hopes will include running a large combination pet shop and greenhouse.

# TIM Dance To Feature AIM Band

Eugene Magill and his 18-piece Association of Independent Men band will play at the Town Independent Men "Lollipop Dance" to be held from 9 to 12 p.m. January 13 in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

The dance will mark the first appearance of the band. TIM president, Robert Cole, said after hearing the band practice that the group had some "very fine jazz arrangements."

Commenting on the lollipop decoration theme at last night's TIM meeting, James Goodwin, TIM parliamentarian, said, "Everyone who comes gets a free lollipop."

Cole also announced last night that, "it looks very strongly as though we (TIM) may get an office." Cole said TIM is hoping to obtain the office now used by AIM or the hat society office located side by side in the HUB.

The present TIM office in 120 Waring Hall will be used by the Housing Department starting in February.

Cole said TIM needs an office where suggestions and complaints can be registered and where social and recreational activities for TIM can be planned.

Don Reidenbaugh, hat society president, expressed his willingness to give up the office, Cole said.

Final action, according to George Donovan, manager of associated student activities, awaits the decision of the Hetzel Union board.

Cole said that should TIM be given the present AIM office, AIM would move into the vacant hat society office.

John Sapper, program director, said the TIM ice show has been scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. Friday evening, Feb. 17, at the ice skating rink.

Cole said, "Dating is encouraged at the ice mixer." He added that all TIM members will be admitted free.

TIM will not meet again until the beginning of the new semester on Feb. 8.

### Prof on National Board

Dr. Lloyd M. Jones, professor of physical education, is currently on the Nominations Committee of the College of Physical Education Association.

The Association is comprised of approximately 500 representatives from the major colleges and universities of the United States.

### Outing Club to Meet Tonight

The Penn State Outing Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 121 Sparks.

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