

# Primrose Will Highlight 3rd Community Concert

William Primrose, viola virtuoso appearing with the Festival Quartet, will present the third program of the State College Concert Series at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Schwab Auditorium.

Members of the Quartet are Primrose, who has been hailed by Time magazine as "the world's finest viola player";

Victor Babin, pianist; Szymon Goldberg, violinist; and Nicolai Graudan, cellist.

Primrose, who is now recognized as the person chiefly responsible for re-establishing the viola as a solo instrument, began his career as a prodigy violinist at the age of 10. He made his first public appearance in Glasgow, Scotland, the city of his birth, in the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. His playing was so impressive that he was sent to London to be educated, still in the violin.

### Prefers Viola

But while he played concert after concert on his violin, Primrose was irresistibly attracted to the mellow tones of the viola. Finally, on the advice of Eugene Ysaye, the Belgian violinist, Primrose's father allowed him to exchange the violin for its contralto sister, the viola.

From 1930 to 1935, as the violist of the London String Quartet, Primrose toured Europe, South America, and the United States. After the Quartet disbanded, he returned to London for his debut as solo violist under Sir Thomas Beecham.

### Joins NBC Symphony

At about this time, the NBC Symphony was being formed in New York City for Toscanini, and instrumentalists were being hand-picked. While searching for a violist, officials heard one of Primrose's recordings. The officials offered Primrose the post; he accepted, and remained as chief viola player for five years.

Since leaving the Symphony in 1942, Primrose has devoted his time to solo work. He has commissioned a number of viola works from contemporary composers, and made several recordings for Columbia and RCA Victor records.

### Seed Company Delegate To Speak at Convention

R. S. Apfelbaum, a representative of Seaboard Seed Co., will be the principal speaker at the 11th annual seed conference to be held Wednesday to Friday at the Nittany Lion Inn. His topic will be "The New Era in Seed Production of Forage Crops."

Dr. Lyman E. Jackson, dean of the College of Agriculture, will present a welcoming address at 9 a.m. Dec. 13. Seed producers, dealers, and users will attend the conference.

# Chess Club To Engage In Tourney

The Chess Club will participate in the United States Intercollegiate Chess Team Championship to be held at the Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club in Philadelphia from Dec. 26 to 30.

Players who will enter the tournament are Michael Cesanek, junior in psychology from Allentown; Fred Kerr, junior in DIR from Allison Park; Carl Deitrich, sophomore in arts and letters from Bellefonte; and Robert Dejaiffe, junior in chemical engineering from Altoona. Only undergraduate students may participate in this tournament.

### Cesanek to Pace

Michael Cesanek, the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Champion, will pace the team. Cesanek won this title when he was enrolled at Muhlenberg College.

Any school who is a member of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America is eligible to enter the tournament. So far, 14 schools from all parts of the United States have announced that they will enter the contest.

### Events Scheduled

Other events scheduled to highlight the tournament are a speech by George Cramer, an International Master of Chess, a banquet, and a business meeting where next year's officers will be elected.

The Chess Club lost a match to Altoona, 4½ to 2½, on Dec. 2. Players were Dr. Orrin Frink, professor of mathematics and head of the Department of Mathematics; Dr. Fred N. Broc, research associate in chemistry; Arthur Weinstein, graduate student in psychology from Brooklyn, N.Y.; Edward Herr, junior in electrical engineering from New Market, N.J.; Carl Deitrich, Fred Kerr; and Robert Dejaiffe.

### Co-Edits

Gilbert Freedman was elected chancellor of Beta Sigma Rho fraternity. The other officers are Marvin Ashner, vice chancellor; Gerald Green, warden; Daniel Keiner, vice warden; Donald Sunden, recording secretary; and Thomas Brandeis, corresponding secretary.

Newly elected officers of Pi Kappa Alpha are Roy Vollmer, president; William Klimek, vice president; William Slifer, treasurer; John McMeekin, secretary; James Clark, social chairman; William Parker, rushing chairman; and Richard Hufnagel, pledgemaster.

Pledged by Pi Kappa Alpha was William Widdis.

# Groups Decorate Hub Trees



—Photo by Dave Bavar

The University's Christmas season opened officially yesterday when Alpha Phi Omega, national men's service fraternity, and Gamma Sigma, women's service sorority, decorated the Christmas trees in the Hetzel Union Building. The trees, located in the inner

court of the HUB and in the ballroom, were decorated with Christmas lights and tinsel.

This is the second year that the two service organizations have decorated the HUB trees. Esther Donovan and Fred Egner, above, place tinsel on one of the trees.

# Army Rifle Team Defeats Dickinson

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corp Rifle Team defeated the Dickinson College team by a 25-point margin in a rifle match Wednesday at the Recreation Hall range.

Out of a possible high score of 1500, the local riflemen received a total of 1355. Dickinson had a total of 1330.

John Hood led the victors with the highest score of the match, hitting 279 out of a possible 300.

The team will travel to Dickinson in May for a return match.

### 'Heartbreak' Tickets

Tickets for Players' production of George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House" are on sale at the Hetzel Union desk.

The play will be presented at 8 tonight and at 8 tomorrow night at Center Stage. Price is \$1.

Players present . . .

## "Heartbreak House"

by George Bernard Shaw

**Tonight - Saturday**  
8 P.M.

**Center Stage**

Tickets at the door

# Joint Yule Party Planned

The Lutheran Student Association will join the Methodist Wesley Foundation in a joint Christmas tree trimming party at 7:30 tonight in the new Methodist Student Center.

LSA members will also meet at the Center at 7:30 tonight for an ice skating party. All students attending the skating party are invited to the Wesley Foundation

for a social hour afterwards.

The Hillel Foundation will hold Sabbath Eve services at 8 tonight. Rabbi Kahn will speak and the Jewish Youth Club of State College and Bellefonte will conduct the services.

Robert G. Walter, assistant manager of WCBT, Chambersburg, Pa., will speak at the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at 7:30 tonight in 405 Old Main. Walter, who pioneered work on WMAJ has since worked as program director, announcer and on the news staff of various stations throughout the East.

The Newman Club will hold open house tonight at the Catholic Student Center.

### Ham Radio Club Meeting To Include CD Program

A special Civil Defense program will be held at a meeting of the Nittany Amateur Radio Club of State College at 8:30 tonight in the Greyhound Post House.


A movie, "And a Voice Shall Be Heard," will be shown.

A special invitation has been extended to University amateur station W3YA. Students may attend.

### Spring Week Forms

Applications for Spring Week Committees are available at the Hetzel Union desk.

Applicants have been asked to specify their choice of committees. Applications must be returned by Monday.



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