

# Community Living Plan Supported by Survey

A dormitory community living plan was favored by a large majority of students in a poll conducted by the Association of Independent Men.

Daniel Thalimer, West Halls president and chairman of the AIM community living committee, has announced results of the poll conducted among 501 students of the various dorm areas. It represents three per cent of the enrollment including 273 men and 228 women.

A distinction between sorority and independent students was made for women students.

The main point of the plan is a living program with an equal number of men and women students living in the same general area, but in separate residence halls.

## West Halls Favor Plan

Results obtained from the questionnaires showed that the men in West Halls were more in favor of the plan than those in either the Nittany or Pollock areas.

Thalimer said that this is a significant factor because a community living plan of a sort has been on trial in the West Halls area for the past few years since women were moved to Thompson Hall because of the shortage of housing for women students.

On the questionnaire, students could reply yes, no, or no feeling, to each of seven questions.

The results of the first question about the general plan reveal that 88.5 per cent of the men and 72 per cent of the women questioned favor it.

The women who are residing in Thompson Hall were more highly in favor of the plan than any other women's group. This could be accounted for by the fact that the program has been tried in that area, according to Thalimer.

## Mixed Dining Approved

When asked their opinion of mixed dining areas if dress were informal, 84.9 per cent of the men and 72.2 per cent of the women favored the idea.

In Pollock, where there has been no mixed eating this year, 96.3 per cent of the men endorsed the plan. In Nittany and West Halls where mixed dinners have been held, 82 per cent of the men favored the plan.

Among sorority and independent women, there was an eight per cent difference with independents lending more support to the plan.

## Idea New To Indies

Thalimer said this variation could be attributed to the fact that sororities have mixed dinners with fraternities and are not as completely new to the idea of mixed eating as are the independents.

When asked if the plan were instituted, would they prefer to be served at the evening meal, a sharp contrast was noted in the answers submitted by the men and women.

Only 46.8 per cent of the men said they wanted to be served at the evening meal, while 70.8 per cent of the women answered in the affirmative.

This variation comes because all women, except those living in Thompson Hall, are served at the evening meal whereas none of the men are at the present time.

Also, only 38 per cent of the students in Thompson Hall said they would prefer being served. The women in this residence hall have cafeteria-style meals and have never been served.

More men than women favored paying the probable increase in expenses brought on by the system of being served at the evening meal if the joint dining and living areas were instituted at the University.

## Fee Increase Not Favored

Approximately 43.2 per cent of the men and 35 per cent of the women agreed to pay the probable increase.

Among sorority and independent women, 22.8 per cent of the sororities in contrast to 40.3 per cent of the independents favored paying the increased fees.

The question of a joint committee to plan recreation was (Continued on page five)

# Christmas Caroling Indoors



STUDENTS SING Christmas carols in the main lobby of Old Main during last night's downpour of rain which cancelled the usually scheduled caroling program which is held annually in front of Old Main. This is the first time that the caroling was ever held indoors.

—Daily Collegian Photo by Harry Farminger

# 9 Bronze Markers Stolen; Reappear 25 Years Later

By TERRY LEACH

Campus Patrol: be patient—the missing sundial arm may be returned within 25 years.

At least that was the fate of 9 of 10 bronze tree markers

dedicated to the University by the landscape architecture class of 1923.

The bronze markers were placed on five linden, three beech and two elm trees located on the lawn in front of Old Main, near the Main Campus Gate. Several years later all 10 markers were gone.

## War Dead

The markers were presented to commemorate 10 landscape architect students killed in World War I. Each marker was worth approximately \$10.

In 1930, Walter W. Trainer, director of the Division of Landscape Construction and Maintenance and graduate of the landscape architecture class of 1923, returned to the University to accept his present position.

Several of the bronze markers had already returned. They came back by mail, one by one, until by 1954, all but one of the markers had returned. "Postage was prepaid to boot," he said.

## Lay Forgotten

After the students who took them were graduated, the markers probably lay forgotten until they were rediscovered and sent back to the University, Trainer said.

Since the sundial was dedicated in 1915, three arms have been stolen. Maybe someday the University will receive a slightly used golden arm in the mail.

# Air Crash Kills 3 Near Tyrone

Alden Roach, president of the Columbia-Geneva Steel division of the U.S. Steel Corp., was killed last night in the fiery mountainside crash of a corporation twin-engine plane at Bald Eagle, near Tyrone.

The pilot and copilot also were killed, according to the Associated Press. Their identities could not be determined immediately.

Tyrone firemen, who recovered three bodies, were searching the debris for a possible fourth body.

U.S. Steel Corp. officials at Pittsburgh said, however, they thought only three persons were aboard the craft. The plane was en route from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport to the Idlewild Airport at New York.

# Group to Plan Studies

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20 (AP)—A new state advisory commission to help devise a program of curriculum planning will be established by the Public Instruction Department next month.

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# Library Allotment Termed Below Par

By LIANNE CORDERO

Only one and one half per cent of the University budget goes to the Fred Lewis Pattee Library—placing the Library far below the national median of almost four per cent allotted to other collegiate libraries, according to William L. Werner, professor of American literature.

Werner has served on several University Library committees over the years and also writes a column titled "The Bookworm" for The Centre Daily Times.

The University also rates far below other institutions in number of books and according to figures cited by Werner it is the lowest of ten other universities that are at least partially state-supported, he said.

Among these schools are the University of Illinois, Minnesota University, Iowa University, Rutgers University and Indiana University. Total volumes at the Library in 1954-55 were 431,314.

## No Outside Source

Another disturbing fact about the Library is that if a student can't find a book he needs, there is no immediate outside library to go to, Werner said. Werner explained that most of the large collegiate libraries belong to universities located in cities. He cited the University of Pennsylvania as one example where the number of volumes is 1,475,000 but facilities around Philadelphia give a Penn student over 6 million volumes to draw from.

The problem, according to Werner, is not that the University isn't provided with an ample budget, but that "the Library is just ignored." Too many other interests from the requirements of the various colleges to the building plans clamor for a good-size allowance, and Werner added, the Library is just forgotten.

## Small Increases Allotted

Over the years, committees have been organized to bring this problem to the attention of the students, the faculty, the administration, and the alumni, Werner said. Data is compiled, reports submitted and speeches made, but all this has resulted in only small increases in allowances, he said.

The basic cause for today's deficiency Werner said, is that when we changed from a college to the University, books weren't added to the Library.

## Higher Enrollment

Since 1943 the number of students has increased almost five times, but the total number of books barely doubled, he said. The percentage of money allotted to the Library in 1943-44 was 1.37 of the budget and today stands at 1.50, he said. Over the years, he said, this percentage has never risen above 1.67 of 1951-52.

Werner also noted that the number of full-time professional library employees increased in the ten year period from 1943 to 1953 by only one—from 26 to 27.

# Assembly Backs Mollet

PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—The French National Assembly tonight wound up its three-day foreign policy debate by backing the actions of the Socialist-led government of Guy Mollet by a vote of 332 to 213.

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# Commission To Evaluate Trout Loss

The State Fish Commission yesterday was assigned the job of fixing the value of about 175,000 trout killed in the pollution of Spring Creek several weeks ago, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

The trout were killed by a solution of sodium cyanide released from the Naval Research Ordnance Laboratory at the University.

## Board Assigns Evaluation

The Sanitary Water Board, which met yesterday, assigned the job of evaluating the trout to the Fish Commission. It has not indicated who will have to pay for the fish.

William Voigt, executive director of the Fish Commission, had tentatively evaluated the fish at \$100,000. He said he hopes to have his final evaluation ready sometime in January.

Dr. Berwyn F. Mattison, chairman of the State Sanitary Water Board, said the board will await the final evaluation figures before it considers the case further or attempts to determine who should pay for the fish.

Gov. George M. Leader has suggested that the federal government might be asked to pay for the fish, since the pollution that killed them was released by the U.S. Navy's research laboratory at the University.

The Attorney General Herbert B. Cohen in an offhand opinion has said that he does not think the University will have to pay for the fish since it is a state-supported institution.

Dr. Mattison said that the Sanitary Water Board has collected from private industrial firms in cases of stream pollution, but never from a state-supported institution.

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6:32 Morning Show

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6:45 Morning Show

9:00 Robert Hurligh

9:15 Morning Show

10:00 Cecil Brown

10:15 Classical Interlude

10:15 World News

6:00 Music for Listening

11:05 Christmas Music

11:15 Queen For A Day

12:00 Music at Noon

12:15 Centre County News

12:30 Music for Listening

12:45 Area Sports

12:50 Strike Up the Band

1:00 World News

1:15 Swap Shop

1:30 Afternoon of Music

4:45 Santa Claus

5:00 Bob and Ray: news

5:45 Music for Listening

6:00 World News: market summary

6:15 Music for Listening

6:30 Sports Special

6:45 Music

6:55 Local News

7:00 Fulton Lewis Jr.

7:15 World News

7:20 Piano Interlude

7:30 Headlines in Chemistry

7:45 Music for Listening

8:00 Counterparty

8:30 City Editor

9:00 Campus News (WDFM)

9:30 Music for Listening

10:00 Groovology

1:00 Sign Off