



## High of 24 Degrees May Bring Thaw To Frozen Students

Frozen noses may have a chance to thaw during a slight relief in the gripping cold wave.

Temperatures are expected to rise today to a high of 24 degrees.

The center of the present cold air mass is expected to

move off the Carolina coast this afternoon, however no permanent warmup is predicted because of a blanket of cold air still covering the eastern section of the country.

The lowest temperatures yesterday were in the Western part of the state. The Weather Bureau reported that the mercury reached 12 degrees below zero in Snow Shoe, 6 below at Blairsville, 2 below at Philipsburg and 1 below at Brookville and Somerset.

Temperatures reached zero degrees at Pittsburgh, Butler, Unionville and Kane. The University weather station recorded a high of 18 degrees yesterday in State College.

The Associated Press reported that the season's coldest weather and strong winds spread across the Appalachians to the Atlantic coast. Stormy weather has lessened in the far west where strong winds, rain and snow plagued the Pacific states Monday.

Even the southern states were not spared as freezing weather spread as far south as northern Florida.

The weather bureau had predicted record-shattering low temperatures for Pennsylvania but warm air moved in from the West more rapidly than expected and temperatures are slightly higher than predicted.

The freezing cold wave that spread across the eastern two-thirds of the nation resulted in at least 44 deaths in 14 states.

In New York City yesterday a floating barge, moved by gusts of wind up to 75 miles an hour, struck the ferryboat Tomkinsville and injured 16 passengers.

Elsewhere in the city the cold winds interrupted subway services and traffic and made landing of planes difficult.

The weather report for tomorrow indicates an expected low of 15 degrees in State College. Light snow is predicted for Thursday with a high of 27 degrees expected in the afternoon. Sub-freezing temperatures will continue Friday.

## 7 AF Students Die in Flames At Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Seven Air Force students perished in their sleep yesterday and 13 others were injured in a wild scramble to flee wind-whipped flames that made an inferno of a barracks dormitory at Syracuse University.

Twenty-five airmen escaped without injuries of consequence, mostly by jumping through windows of the one-story building.

Firemen, battling in near zero weather at 6 a.m., kept the flames from spreading to the 14 other barracks of a university housing development atop a hill overlooking the city.

The 45 men, many of them in their teens, had just been assigned to the university for a nine-month course in Russian. Their headquarters is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where they are attached to the Air Institute of Technology.

Fire officials said the fire apparently started from an oil-fed steam boiler in the center of the 22-room building, which was prefabricated of metal and composition board.

## Republicans Eject Martin for Halleck

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republicans ejected their veteran leader, Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts, Tuesday on the eve of a new congressional session.

A rebellion pointed toward giving the party high command a more aggressive, vigorous look shifted the leadership mantle to Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana.

The changeover provided a dramatic, spectacular prelude for a similar showdown within Senate Republican ranks and for the opening of the heavily Democratic 86th Congress at noon Wednesday.

For their part, Democrats were free of leadership feuds. They picked another veteran, Sam Rayburn of Texas, for a ninth term as speaker of the House. Rayburn, 77 Tuesday, already has held the post longer than any other man.

Senate Democrats will go along Wednesday by giving the nod to another Texan, Lyndon B. Johnson, to stay on as majority leader.

Democrats were fussing, though, about the ancient issue of the filibuster—an issue that begins coming to a head on the Senate floor Wednesday. Senate Republicans were in on the filibuster dispute, too.

Johnson was reported to be working on a new compromise proposal in hopes of avoiding a fight which would shatter Democratic unity.

A thin, four-vote margin was the difference between success and failure in the revolt against the House GOP leadership—the first successful one in 28 years.

The outcome may leave damaging scars on the depleted ranks of Republican congressmen.

Halleck said he is "absolutely certain that the White House did not intervene" in the leadership contest.

Martin pinned part of the responsibility for his defeat on aides of President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

Martin said he thought some White House aides "though I was a little more independent than I should be—of them."

"I don't think the President did anything against me," he told newsmen. But he said some White House aides conferred with Halleck about a month ago and they may have had a little bit to do with his ouster. White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said Eisenhower took no part in the fight.

Asked if Nixon was instrumental in his defeat, Martin replied: "All I know is that all his people were against me—actively against me."



PROGRESS WAS FROZEN SOLID by the recent cold wave. These four hardy excavation crew members have been alone on the Hammond Engineering construction site. General workmen, who have an option of working or not, have not been on the job yet in 1959.

## New Faculty Column To Appear Weekly

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A new regular feature, beginning tomorrow, will bring to The Daily Collegian writings by some of the most literate and well-informed members of the University faculty.

To be known as "The Lectern," the weekly column will be written each time by a different guest faculty member.

Our guests will not be asked to write on a specific subject, nor will they be asked to write about "their field."

The kind of faculty members we hope to present in "The Lectern" will have no "field" as such. They will be men and women able to write on many things.

Their subjects will be of their own choosing.

Tomorrow's guest will be Dr. J. Mitchell Morse, assistant professor of English.

Dr. Morse's column deals, in part, with intellectualism versus (Continued on page five)

## University Plans TV 'Bull Session'

"Bull Sessions," a new bi-weekly television series which will be sponsored by the University's public information department, will deal with integration, labor corruption and communism.

The first program of the series will be telecast at 12:30 p.m. Sunday over WFBG-TV, Channel 10, Altoona.

Gilbert S. Aberg, who is producing "Bull Session," says the main objective is "to promote and encourage student participation in and discussion of some of the day's more challenging problems."

Aberg said Dr. William G. Mather, professor and head of the department of sociology and anthropology, would "sit in" on the

opening program. "There'll be a different faculty member for each program," Aberg explained, "and his role will be to guide the discussion rather than to lead it. This is primarily a student program and that's the way faculty members want to keep it."

Among the subjects to be discussed in the series are the present-day trend toward conformity, the two-party political system, corruption in labor, the spread of communism, and the movement of society away from rural toward agriculture as a way of life.

Faculty members already enrolled for the series are Dr. Brice Harris, professor of English literature; Dr. M. Nelson McGeary, professor and head of the political science department; Edwin W. Zoller, professor of art; Dr. Roy C. Buck, associate professor of

rural sociology; Dr. Lean Gorlow, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Kent Forster, professor of European history.

Participating in the first program with Dr. Mather will be undergraduates Charles S. Fletcher, Jr., Sayre; Edwin A. Ambusan, South Easton, Mass.; Janet E. Stakel, Batavia, N.Y.; Suzanne R. Day, West Chester; and graduate students Jewell Curdwell, Fountain Spring, Tenn., and Nolvert Scott, Washington, D.C.

During the summer months the University's public information department sponsored 'Headline', a panel-type program devoted to current events. Currently the department is sponsoring a 10-minute program, "Penn State—It's Men and Ideas," which is concerned with the emerging educational crisis.

## Auto Mishap Kills Student On Vacation

Christopher Kopernik, freshman in chemistry from Hamburg, died Dec. 28 as the result of an automobile accident near Shickshinny.

State police at the Shickshinny barracks said that Kopernik was the only person in his 1958 sports car, when it ran off the road on U.S. Route 239, seven miles west of Shickshinny at Huntington Mills. Police said the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle when it ran off the north side of the highway and climbed an embankment. It struck a large rock and plummeted back toward the road on its left side, throwing the victim onto the highway, turned upright and continued 80 feet down the highway where it was demolished when it struck a tree, police said.

Kopernik was taken to Nanticoke State Hospital in the Shickshinny ambulance where he died nine hours later of a fractured skull, according to police.

A friend of Kopernik said that he was chairman of quiet hours in his residence hall unit, Hamilton 3, and that he had to leave school shortly before the Christmas vacation because of illness.

Kopernik is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Francis Kopernik, both of whom are staff physicians at Charles Minor Hospital, Hamburg, where they reside.

## Sharp Sends Yule Wishes To University

A cheery card addressed to "Students, Faculty and Staff of the Pennsylvania State University" arrived from Drexel Hill, Pa., the day before Christmas.

Larry Sharp, the freshman who was almost totally paralyzed when he fell on his neck while exercising on a trampoline in Recreation Building a year ago last October, sent the best wishes of the season to each of us.

Happy to be home with his family for the holidays and in good spirits, Larry is doing "very well." He spent last Christmas in the New York University Rehabilitation Center from which he was recently discharged. He returns to the hospital at intervals for physical check-ups.

Nearly \$3000 was collected for Larry at the football game this fall; this will be added to other funds collected in his behalf during recent months and forwarded to him early this year.

Student leaders are currently engaged in planning a "Larry Sharp Week" this spring to alleviate still further the heavy financial burden imposed on Sharp's family by the accident.

Eleanor Roosevelt will speak at 8 tonight in Schwab Auditorium on "Russia—The Country and the People as I Saw Them." No tickets remain for the lecture.