

Rink to Open In December

By BOB TACELOSKY

Ice skaters will be able to use the new skating rink in mid-December, but the high-arched canopy above it will not be completed before January, according to Carl Miller, construction superintendent.

"The people can skate in the evenings and Sundays, after

Dec. 15 but we'll be finishing the roof 'til the first of the year," Miller said.

The project is being built by G. M. McCrossin Co., Bellefonte, the same outfit in charge of the new Beaver Field and other campus constructions.

According to Miller, the 45-foot high canopy over the rink will be the only structure in the world with an arched wooden roof covering such a large area. The double-tongued boards (Western Coast fir) were especially milled for the Penn State Rink, and shipped from the Engleman Spruce Co. in Washington.

Twenty-five men work on the project daily, and when the roof is half-completed, photographers and advertising agents will fly in from the Engleman company to publicize this achievement on a national scale.

The gigantic framework, stretching 196 feet wide and 260 feet long was constructed by the Myer Pollock Steel Company of Pottstown.

Either end of the canopy will remain open, as will the sides of the overhead structure, between the nine ribs on both sides of its foundation.

A new process for freezing the ice will be effected, and year-round ice-skating will be the result. Concrete will be poured between the refrigeration pipes and above them, so that the 100x200 ft. skating area will be cement.

Miller said, "Although the rink is being built by the University, skating will be open to the general public as well as students and faculty. A fence will be built around the structure, but no admittance fee will be charged for skaters or spectators."

The first steel containing both the alloying elements nickel and chromium was manufactured in 1893 in France.

TIM Council To Propose Parking Change

A committee of Town Independent Men's Council members will approach State College Borough Council members individually to propose a request for elimination of the 2 to 6 a.m. parking restrictions on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

This resolution was adopted unanimously at the council's regular meeting last night in 203 HUB. The proposal will be brought up at the Borough Council's next meeting, Dec. 7.

Council members Fred Shaw and Charles Sloughy will draw up a plan of investigation of the parking problem, as suggested at the Student Encampment last summer.

During discussion of the proposal it was brought out by Philip Haines, council president, that borough authorities gave the following reasons for the present restrictions:

- Vandalism and thefts are prevented.
- All night parking would impede snow clearance in winter and street cleaning in spring and autumn.
- Citizens reserve the right to park in front of their own homes.

Haines said the reasons are fallacious because the borough has a low crime rate, there are few occasions when snow removal is necessary and streets are cleaned during the week rather than on weekends.

The first railway car made of nickel stainless steel was built in the United States in 1933.

Bagpipers Add to Campus 'Culture'

By MEG TEICHHOLTZ

The students are getting into the swing of University expansion.

One H. C. Lawrence Smith, freshman in liberal arts from York, has taken it upon himself to enhance the cultural side of Nittany Valley life by organizing his own band—a bagpipe band!

Smith, a descendent of the Fraser Clan of Scotland, first became interested in the pipes in 1957 when such a band became active in his home town. He purchased a "chanter," inexpensive practice instrument for potential pipers, and taught himself the basic elements of bagpipe playing.

After a stint in the Navy, he entered State with high hopes of realizing an ambition which in essence is "to find others as crazy . . . about the 'pipes' as I am." He found five respondents to a Collegian classified ad willing to go along with his well-organized plan for a band. Coincidentally, a formal Highland Scottish bag-

pipe regiment is composed of six members.


These six have taken the name of the Penn State Caledonians, in deference to the ancient Latin name for Scotland, Caledonia. Their program for development includes the search for a faculty director, and don't think Smith hasn't gotten some strong nibbles in this field.

Also on the agenda of the band are practices to be scheduled weekly and more often if feasible on the practice chanter. When they attain sufficient proficiency, the members will purchase genuine pipes.

At this stage two new problems arise. The first consists of clothing the players appropriately . . . in classic Highland dress, kilt, et al. This is not unsolvable says Smith. He has been investigating the price of Black Watch Plaid yard goods with which to have the uniforms made.

His second stumbling block takes the form of a drum. In fact four or five drums and an equal number of people to play them. A complete Highland regiment includes a background of drums and Smith feels that these will be

necessary when his band becomes expert. So don't stare in amazement when you see a miscellaneous classified ad requesting "four drummers to accompany the Penn State Caledonian Bagpipe Band." Just contact H. C. Lawrence Smith.



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