

# Chamber of Commerce To Study Town Housing

The State College Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a survey to accumulate basic facts regarding the availability of town housing, according to Paul Mazza, chamber president.

Mazza said the survey will include the units occupied and those unoccupied.

His statements were a clarification of previous misinterpretations of the survey's aims and purposes.

Dr. William G. Mather, head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will prepare the survey questionnaire, Mazza said.

Mather said that he will confer with various student leaders in making up the questionnaire. He said that he hopes there will be some questions touching on the types of people preferred for rentals and the reasons for these preferences.

Mather hopes the survey will indicate the reasons behind preferences so that, where possible, action may be taken to make changes.

As an example, he cited the reluctance of some residents to rent rooms to foreign students who are unfamiliar with the operation of modern household facilities. In such cases, Mather said, the preference could be eliminated by educating these students in the proper use of facilities.

In making preparations for the survey, which is tentatively set for the second week in February, Chamber President Mazza said that several student groups have expressed a desire to help conduct it. After the survey has been completed, he said, the Chamber of Commerce will publish the summaries for use by the community, the University, and the public at large.

Mazza explained the Chamber recognizes that the housing survey is only a first step toward the solution of housing in this area, but added that it must be taken to proceed to a discussion of the future with a clear understanding of housing at the present time.

## German Dept. Will Sponsor Christmas Sing

The 31st annual Christmas sing sponsored by the German department will be held in Schwab at 7:30 tonight.

The program was originally started by George J. Wurfel, now professor emeritus of German, who will once again take part by reading the account of the Nativity.

Martin Weinberger, distinguished visiting professor of art, will give a short talk, illustrated with slides, on "The Story of Christmas in Paintings."

As is customary, the singing of well-known German Christmas carols will be a feature of the program and George E. Ceiga, organist, will provide other music.

A vocal-instrumental group of students, Kay Esslinger, Sandra Sliker, Robert Calder, James Martin, Gail Wert and Marie Aquilina, will present "Christe Eleison" from Bach's B-Minor Mass and Heinrich Schuetz's "Iss dein Brot mit Freuden."

## Reede to Talk on Labor To Business Fraternity

Dr. Arthur H. Reede, professor of economics, will speak on labor relations to the Gamma Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, at 8 tonight at Sigma Chi fraternity.

Nominations for fraternity officers for the coming year will be accepted at the business meeting which begins at 7:15 p.m.



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# Low Election Vote Analyzed

By DEX HUTCHINS

Student apathy towards SGA, poor voting locations and the de-emphasis of political parties were reasons given last night by four student leaders for the 17 per cent voter turnout for SGA elections this month.

Commenting on the fact that the lowest turnouts in the past five years have been recorded since the SGA reorganization, Robert Umstead, elections commission chairman, said that students may not feel the new SGA is as effective and responsible as the previous cabinet system.

"The students have seen meetings jeopardized by lack of quorums, poor attendance figures and haggling over internal procedural matters since reorganization," he said.

"I feel that SGA has spent too much time on these mechanical problems rather than doing something constructive for the students and the University," Umstead added.

Wayne Ulsh, independent Junior Assemblyman, said that it would be better to conduct balloting in the HUB and in

dining halls rather than in class buildings.

Commenting on Collegian figures that the highest voter turnout since 1950 was 43.7 per cent in the fall 1958 elections, where voting booths were placed in some dining halls, Ulsh said, "People have ten minutes between classes and with our expanding campus they have no time to vote and still get to their classes on time."

Michael Lazorchak, University Party Chairman, said that low voter turnout may be due to the de-emphasis of parties since they recently have been working as units only at election time.

"We no longer see unique ways al.

of campaigning, not because of election rules, but because of general money problems," he said. "Last spring we spent close to \$500 in campaigning and this money was paid by the candidates themselves," he explained.

Lazorchak said that the present system cannot serve its purpose until more areas are provided for booths. He cited staffing and supervision problems as the main reason for not having polls in dining halls.

Dean Warton, sophomore class president, said that the locations of the voting booths would not be a factor in student elections if the students were not apathetic towards campus politics in gener-

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## Barretta Returns From Trip Home

Kenneth Barretta, the student who took a walk one night last week and ended up at his home in Hickory about 160 miles away, returned to the University over the weekend.

The freshman set off a full scale investigation by the dean of men's office, the Campus Patrol and the State Police when he failed to return from an after-dinner walk on Dec. 5.

Barretta, who had reported earlier that he was having academic problems in electrical engineering said yesterday that he was going to remain in the engineering curriculum. "It was just a little misunderstanding, mostly on my part" he said.

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