

### Christmas Sing Includes Award Of Gold Trophy

(Continued from Page 1, Column 3) lections, "The Birthday of a King" and "Gesu Bambino" will be offered by Kappa Delta sorority, with Marian Newton '52 leading. The final selections, "Away In A Manger" and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," will be given by Gamma Kappa Phi sorority, Louise Petfield '52 leading. The three judges of the contest are: Mrs. Edward French, Vice-President of the New York State Federation of Music; Mrs. Frederick Weed, Director of Music at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church; and Mr. Robert Wheeler, Director of the Albany Institute of History and Art. Dr. Frances L. Colby, Instructor in English, will present the gold cup to the victor. To conclude the activities, Mr. Karl A. B. Peterson, Instructor in Music, will direct a Community Sing, "The First Noel," "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night" will be rendered by the audience.

In charge of programs is Barbara Benson '52, according to Miss Pilscher. Robert Donnelly '52 is heading publicity and sets.

### Railroad Lists Reduced Rates

State students will again have special rates on the New York Central trains going to New York, Rochester or Buffalo Wednesday, December 19. Christmas vacation begins after each student's last class on that day, according to Sondra Slotkin '52.

There are four special-rate trains: the 4:15 and 5:40 p.m. for New York, at \$7.99 round trip; the 5:15 p.m. for Rochester, round trip \$12.59; and the 5:15 p.m. for Buffalo, at \$14.20. Twenty-five students or more must be signed up by Monday, and the money must be paid by Friday, December 14, Slotkin states.

### SCAGS To Organize Christmas Party-Dance

State College Association of Graduates will hold a meeting Wednesday morning at 11:10 a.m. The location of the meeting will be posted on the SCAGS bulletin board, according to James Brennan, President.

Plans will be made for a Christmas Party-Dance, slated for Monday night, December 17, from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Student Union.

### Porring Over The Exchange

It seems that when Ezra Pound, the poet, went to Hamilton he became a little bored filling out the usual registration data. For variety (the spice, you know) he wrote:

"Occupation: Lunatic  
Nature of Business: Mixed  
Your Position: Not bad  
Name of Organization with Which You are Associated: The remains of civilization  
Previous Occupations: Opponent of usurocracy and enemy to criminal destroyers of the U. S. Constitution including presidents and other highly pleased swine."  
This definition of a girl's life cycle comes from Muhlenberg College in Allentown. "Safety pins, bobby pins, fraternity pins, clothes pins, rolling pins, safety pins."  
Notre Dame seems to have poetry on the brain. Here are two sample quatrains:

"He only drinks to calm himself.  
His steadiness to improve.  
Last night he got so steady,  
He couldn't even move."

"The saddest words of tongue and pen  
May be, perhaps, 'It might have been.'

The sweetest words we know by heck,  
Are only these, 'Enclosed find check!'"

The Daily Kansan has made a philosophical discovery: "There is nothing wrong with basketball that can't be fixed."

A columnist for the Daily Pennsylvanian made a cigarette survey recently. He discovered that "most doctors don't even smoke, there is no T-zone, certain cigarettes are not firm and fully packed, and a longer cigarette is a nuisance to handle (anyone not used to one tries to light it in the middle)."

Potsdam-ites have issued a dissertation on the kiss, before and after education. Isn't ignorance bliss?

"Before I heard the doctors tell The dangers of a kiss,  
I had considered kissing you The nearest thing to bliss.  
But now I know Biology  
And sit and sigh and moan;  
Ten million mad bacteria  
And I thought we were alone."

### Ball To Feature Winter Theme

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) Katherine Sinclair, Juniors, co-chairmen of the program committee, the programs will be blue and silver.

Ruth Herskowitz '53 and Henry Smith '52 are chairmen of the publicity committee; Joan Pearson '53 and Douglas Thorne '52 are chairmen of the bid committee; while Evelyn Kampke '52 and Peter Telfer '53 have designed the ticket booth which is set up in Lower Draper. Gwendolyn Gallivan '52 and Robert Sinkelink '53 are chairmen of the orchestra committee.

Women students will receive three o'clock hours for the dance.

### Pi Omega Pi To Meet For Member Discussion

Pi Omega Pi will hold a meeting in the Student Union at Brubacher Hall Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. New members will be discussed, according to Robert Jacoby '52, President.

Pi Omega Pi membership is open to those members of the incoming Senior class who have shown outstanding ability in commerce.



# State College News

### AD Members Direct Comedy, Lyrical Drama

Knorz, Newcombe List Casts, Committees

The Advanced Dramatics class has scheduled two plays for Tuesday night in Page Hall Auditorium. Included on the program are a lyric play directed by Madelon Knorz and a rural comedy presented by Barbara Newcombe, Juniors.

Knorz Lists Cast

The first presentation of the evening, which commences at 8:30 p.m., consists of four scenes according to Mrs. Knorz. The cast members include the Landlady, Sara Danz; Little Man, Henry Smith; Old Man, Edward Kyle, Seniors; Police officer, Louis Vion '53; Woman Roomer, Leonore Kotch '54; the Boxer, Richard Rosenberg '55; and a cat named Nitchevo.

Committee heads are: Publicity, Roslyn Lacks; Light, Robert Sanders; Costumes, Richard Gutta, Seniors; Make-up, Louise Petfield; Sets, Sarah Brewer; Props, Walter Goodell; House, Richard Scott; and Sound Effects, William Hawkins, Juniors.

Newcombe Announces Committees

The cast of the comedy is composed of: Granny Painsberry, Roslyn Lacks '52; Orle Sparks, Francis Hodde '53; Susan Hanna, Joanne Doyle '54; and Leslie, Doris Mehan '55. Members of the class assisting Miss Newcombe are Lights Roslyn Lacks '52; Costumes, Rose Mary Keller; Props, Ruth Dunn; House, Sarah Brewer; Sets, Louis Vion; Make-up, Francis Hodge; and Publicity, Richard Scott, Juniors.

### Board Sponsors Dance Tonight After Game

Student Union Board will again sponsor a Union Dance after the game tonight. Mary Marks '52, Chairman, has announced. Procedure for obtaining rooms and arranging activities at Brubacher Hall has also been released.

Robert Massey's Orchestra will play for the dance to be held after the game until 12:30 a.m. in the game room. Mrs. Marks states. Freshmen women may remain at the dance until 12:30 a.m.; however, they must return to their respective dormitories immediately. Van Derzee Hall will provide entertainment. Joseph Lombardi '53 is general chairman of the affair.

Organizations desiring the use of rooms in the Union are to clear the arrangements through the office of Dr. Ellen C. Stokes, Dean of Women. Arrangements for the use of the Private Dining Room and the lounges for parties, dances, or banquets are to be cleared through the Board.

Student Union Board will be represented at a meeting of the Temporary Social Calendar Committee to be held early in January. At this time organizations may sign up for rooms, activities, and social events.

### Sororities Terminate Rush Period With Weekend Of Social Events

Students Scream "It's A Dream"

Reluctant chemistry students buying a cold, clammy, "hot" dog from persuasive Mr. McLaren; Mary Marks drawing a "lost weekend" version of Dave Manly; Bob Lundergan and Nell Brown participating in a pie feeding contest for one-fourth of a rivalry point; Messrs. Lemmon and Werner rendering an improvised "On Top of Mount Washington" . . .

No, you weren't dreaming. Lots of other people saw it, too. With seltzer words from "sur-sorors" deliberate confusion by Ray Champin, the "Consequences" show at All State Night proceeded for a merry half hour to delight and embarrass the students and faculty members who were present.

You'd like some more of the same? Come around next year.

Dorm Residents Will Celebrate Yule Season

Group houses are planning parties to celebrate the Christmas season. Brubacher Hall is having a carol sing and a buffet supper Sunday at 5:30 p.m. for residents and faculty. A dormitory party will also be held Monday at 11 p.m. in the Lounge. Pierce Hall and Newman Hall are also having Christmas parties Monday at 6 p.m. Van Derzee has planned its activities for Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Brubacher Hall will have a carol sing Sunday at 4 p.m. in the lounge of the Student Union for guests and faculty, according to Margaret Smythe '52, president. Jean Rasey '54 is Chairman. The program will consist of a solo, a reading by Dr. Ewan R. Collins, President of the College, caroling by a choral group, and group singing. The Buffet Supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Downfall's Plan Dinners

Pierce Hall will have a Christmas dinner, Monday at 6 p.m. After the dinner, there will be caroling in the Ingle Room accompanied by Priscilla Jones '53, and gifts will be distributed.

Newman Hall girls are also celebrating with a party Sunday at 6 p.m. Father Richard Dineen, Chairman of Newman Club, and Mary J. Dalton, housemother, will be guests. The freshmen will supply the entertainment.

The women at Van Derzee are inviting Mr. and Mrs. Brimmer as guests to their Christmas celebration. A dinner will be served Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### Activities Include Buffet Suppers, Formal Dinners

Women Plan Parties, Slate Pledge Services

This weekend will climax sorority rushing of freshmen and transfer women students. Each sorority will have a buffet supper tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. and a formal dinner tomorrow night from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight, according to Ann Sullivan '52, President of Inter-Sorority Council. Transportation will be provided tomorrow night for the rushers. All sororities will have pledging services Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The traditional Christmas parties will be held Tuesday night after the pledging services.

Sororities Release Themes

Chi Sigma Theta's theme for its buffet supper is "Heidelberg Inn" and "Christmas in Elf Land" is the theme for the formal dinner, according to Florence Kloss '52, President. Madeline Heymann '53 is in charge of the buffet supper and Anna Oberst and Katherine Sinclair, Juniors, are in charge of the formal dinner.

Gamma Kappa Phi has chosen "Greenwich Village" as the theme for its buffet supper and an Oriental theme for the formal dinner. Margaret Rueck '53 is chairman of the buffet supper and Patricia Wilkerson '53 is chairman of the formal dinner, according to Gene Donovan '52, President.

"Santa's Toyland" will be the theme for Beta Zeta's buffet supper and "B Z Heaven" will be the theme of the formal dinner, states Evelyn Kamke '52, President. Mary Marks '52 is in charge of the buffet supper and Patricia Butler '53 will direct the formal dinner.

The theme of Alpha Epsilon Phi's formal dinner will be "Terrace Scent-sations," states Jacqueline Coplon '53, President. Sandra Cohen and Ruth Herskowitz, Juniors, will direct the activities for the dinner.

The general chairman of Phi Delta (Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

### Special Interview With Santa Leads To Assignment In Slobovia

By RICHARD SHANDS

It takes a heap of influence to get to see Santa Claus this year what with his department store and television commitments. However, the News, by promising to run a full page spread on the story of Santa's life, was able to obtain a special interview with him at his North Pole headquarters.

As we shivered in the 100° below temperature, he promised to do his best to fill State College stockings. But Santa's going to be mighty broke when he finishes with us—requests range from matching pairs of Russian Wolfhounds to singing basketball players.

The most popular requests were for such paltry things as mink coats, new cars, and "nice girls." One sweet young thing, who wishes to remain anonymous, after asking for a new car, "in a nice shade of sky blue," stipulated that she wouldn't mind getting a man in the bargain.

Tom Benevati, manager of the basketball team, asks Saint Nick for "some basketball players who can sing." In answer to our question, Frank Hodge snapped, "An IQ big enough to plan a State Fair." Evelyn Katusuk came out with the proverbial "two front teeth" and insists she is serious, while Arthur Stone can't decide between a new car and a passing mark in English 3. Peo Livingston wants to win the rest of our basketball games. Tom Thompson wants a mink coat but will settle for an A in Math. The most erotic request was from Norine Carrell who asks for "bigger and better student unions."

Well, that is a sample of the lists we're sending Santa. What do I want? I'll be away at Christmas; I'm off to Lower Slobovia for those Russian Wolfhounds.

### State Debators To Enter Contest

The New York Hall of Fame Tourney for debators will take place today and tomorrow, according to Clarence Spain '52, President of Debate Council. The results of recent debates have also been released.

Debators representing State at the New York Tourney will be Clarence Spain and Charles Grunstein, Seniors; James Thompson and Marvin Chernoff, Sophomores, will also be State representatives.

On Wednesday night State debators met the University of Vermont squad at 7:30 p.m. in Brubacher Hall. The purpose of the debates was to obtain constructive criticism, not to reach a decision as to the winner, according to Spain.

Junior Varsity debators tied with Hamilton College for first place in the Colgate University Invitational Debate Tournament, Saturday, December 8. These same men copied all but one debate to rank first in the Utica College Invitational meet the previous Saturday.

### Cobb Lists Rules For Book Loans

Rules regarding books checked out for the Christmas holidays have been released by Alice Hastings, Assistant College Librarian. According to Miss Hastings, the library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday and will reopen at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 3.

Reserve books may be borrowed after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. They are due in the library at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, January 3. Miss Hastings announces that those who do not return the books according to the following fines: twenty-five cents for the first hour or fraction thereof that the book is overdue, and five cents for each succeeding hour, up to a maximum of sixty cents for the first day.

Books which are loaned from the college library for two weeks will be due Saturday, January 5. No renewals will be given before that date.

### IGC Head Announces New Board Members

Inter-Group Council has appointed seven new members to the board. The appointments were announced by Joseph Lombardi '53, President of the Council.

The newly appointed members include Henry Feuerbach, Eleanor Balskis, Lucille Ca'ella, Irene Johnson, Phyllis Mc Corma K., Marie Fortelli, Sophomores, and Arlene Pettit '55. They will assume their duties as members of the board immediately.

### Civil Service Office Schedules Examinations

More than 750 positions with school districts other than city school districts will be filled through a series of civil service examinations scheduled for Saturday, January 29. Most of the openings are for custodians, stenographers, typists, and school lunch managers, the Civil Service Commission has disclosed through a bulletin.

Persons who write for information to the State Department of Civil Service, State Office Building, Albany, should mention the number of the school district, and the township and county of which they are legal residents. Applications will be accepted by the State Department of Civil Service until Friday, December 21.

### Musical Groups Will Present Holiday Selections In Assembly

Music Council will present its annual Christmas program in Assembly today. Student Council accepted the Student Union Board constitution and elected a Junior member of Election Commission, at its meeting Wednesday evening.

Orchestra, Mixed Chorus, and the Men and Women's Choral groups will present a varied Christmas program in Assembly to be under the direction of Dr. Charles Stokes, Professor of Music, and Karl Peterson, Instructor in Music. Musical selections will include "Wassail Carol," "Christmas Carol Fantasy," "Bring A Torch," and "Closely Follow" from the "Merry Men."

Nominations for three delegates to the Eastern States Conference, to be held March 27 to 29, 1952, will be accepted during the first five minutes of Assembly according to William Wiley '52, President. If time permits, the SUB budget will be further considered.

In Student Council Wednesday evening, the SUB constitution was passed. The purposes of SUB are to plan and execute a social program for the Student Union and to designate and regulate the use of rooms in the Student Union. Members of the SUB will consist of five Seniors and four Juniors. The Student Union Commission will be composed of thirteen members taken from the Sophomore and Junior classes and 14 members will be from the Sophomore and freshman classes.

Katherine Sinclair was elected to be a Junior member of the Election Commission. Edward Bonahue '53 will serve as alternate.

### Kenney Releases Absence Data

A statement regarding absences before and after the Christmas recess has been released by Dr. Ralph Kenney, Professor of Education. Christmas recess will begin Wednesday at 5:25 p.m. and classes will be resumed Thursday, January 3, at 8:10 a.m.

According to Dr. Kenney, all students are expected to attend all classes on the day before and the day after the holidays. Any exceptions are to be cleared in advance with Dr. Kenney whose office is in Room 3, Richardson.

### SCA, Newman Club Slate Religious Events

Religious groups will meet for Chapel and a Holy Hour. SCA will hold a Chapel service Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Members of Newman Club will attend a Holy Hour Sunday at 3 p.m.

A Christmas Chapel service will be put on by the freshmen members of SCA, Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Western Avenue and South 1st Avenue. The group will go caroling to local hospitals and homes after the service.

Newman Club has scheduled a Holy Hour Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Anne's Institute, Beverly Prantis '53 President. Father Michael McInchey, Chairman of St. Anne's, will conduct the service.

### Sophomores To Stage Third Television Show

The Sophomore Education classes are presenting a third television program today, according to Dr. Laura Bruce, Assistant Professor of Education. The fifteen minute program is being televised over Station WRGB at eleven o'clock.

Participants are Jo Anne Doyle, John Miller, Frederick Crumb, and Richard Hannis, Sophomores.

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# What's The Purpose?

When one-tenth of the faculty of State College attends the one night of the year reserved on the College Calendar for All-State Night, it is time for Student Council to re-examine the basic principle for which this occasion is held. This year the date for All-State night was changed on the calendar upon request of several faculty members, yet the attendance of the faculty at the Tuesday event was not sufficient to warrant a repeat performance in the future.

If All-State night is for the purpose of improving the student-faculty relations of the college a program should be offered which will fulfill the purpose in the easiest way. Certainly sufficient receptions are held at the beginning of the year, faculty teas are on the calendar in order to enable students and faculty to become acquainted. However, if the two groups prefer events which are much less formal, student-faculty nights should serve the purpose. It cannot serve the purpose if the faculty does not attend. Perhaps for the improvement of this program, a student-faculty committee should be set up to plan the event in order that both the student body and the faculty may support the affair.



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"Which one of you guys kicked the bucket last night?"

## A Narrow Range

By JOHN LINDBERG

It has been over a year since I have enjoyed the hospitality of this column. During that time my interest has suffered a narrowing from the heroics of a draft-age student and has come home to a more familiar country. After all, there isn't much I can do about the draft, but there are a couple of things here at State which I would like to talk about.

The democratic system of education is planned to give every student an equal opportunity, and it has developed satisfactorily from the rigidity of the Latin grammar school through the license of the academy to the well-organized curriculum of our present secondary school. Modern educators are very eager to exploit the efficiency of public school organization in a praiseworthy effort to secure the blessings of literacy for each young American, but it is an indictment against us that primary Latin is now offered at the college level, an indication that the courses in secondary school which are primarily thought material are losing their grip on the popular imagination. I shouldn't be surprised to learn that foreign languages and higher mathematics are being dropped from schools to satisfy the edu-

cator's passion for a curriculum which will satisfy everyone. This would be against democracy; a student needs a program of study which will stimulate him to highest ability, and the present trend is toward a common denominator in the worst sense of the term. An education—to be an education—must satisfy every need of the student.

Another knife to sharpen. Relations between Milne and State have always been strained; there is a mutual distrust between practice teacher and student. There will always be the teacher who makes it no secret that he is teaching because it is a required course, and there will always be his companion, the Milnite who likes to be fendish. Between these two are the majority of Milne teachers and students who suffer from the malcontents who spread the Black Gospel. Milnites aren't perverse; they are just adolescent, and the trouble comes when the teacher makes no adjustment to the student's notion of life. It isn't well known that Milne and State are one unit with one faculty and administrative body. The more enthusiastic members of Student Association might remember this when next they talk of school spirit and cooperation. The initial responsibility lies with State students, for they stand to benefit most.

## Bring Over the Exchange

What do girls look for in boys? The University of Kansas conducted a poll and received these answers: "Gee, I guess I look for those broad shoulders..." "I look for their more personal qualities like a car, money, etc." "One, has he got a car? Two, a fellow that treats me like a lady... Three, two big arms."

Students at the University of Toronto have decided that coeds do not make good dates, after holding a debate intended to "strip off all pretenses and lay bare the naked truth." The one female present could not fight back. "You see," she said, "I have never had a date with a coed."

The Minneapolis Daily commented on this article in the Minneapolis Star: "She also complained that Prince Wladyslaw Herby Baguslaw Radziwil, her husband of 20 months, brushed his teeth with hot water." Said the Daily: "Well, why not? In order to pronounce that name, you have to lubricate your jaws some-how."

An ironical article in the Montclairion discusses a new pedagogical book written by Dr. Pedagogoy, Ph.D. "He firmly states that children are being born every day and his research proves that these very children have parents. Something must be done to protect us, the teachers."

"We must realize once and for all that we are teachers through sheer necessity and must teach children... but this new menace (the rising birth rate) has been steadily increasing these past few years. With our superior intellect we have held a large margin, but today we must face the facts: they're smarter than we are."

## Communications

To the Editor:

It has been the custom at State for sometime past to close the "Commons" during special assemblies. This action has the sole purpose of forcing people into attending these sessions, which is as much as to admit that they are not of enough importance to merit an appreciable audience on their own account—hence the use of coercion.

On Sunday evening, December ninth, the Student Union Snack Bar was closed with selfsame intent as that which forces the closing of the "Commons." In this instance it was to coerce people into attending a group-sponsored function at the school.

Do the people who bring these events about think that the students at this institution are a bunch of sheep who have to be led here and there, not knowing on their own account where they want to go or what they want to see? Enough of this nonsense! If any organization or group in this school desires an audience, let it obtain that audience from interested parties and not through infringement upon the privileges of others.

Yours truly,  
Don Russell '52

## Common-Stater

By R. DUNN and PEENE

**SAME OLD BULL!**  
At Student Council Wednesday night the Student Union Board...

presented the constitution for approval and succeeded in obtaining the fondest endorsement of the Student Council. One of the articles in the constitution calls for a S. U. Board of nine members. This seems like a small number of people to plan and execute Student Union activities when you consider D and A Council has fifteen members, Music Council has fourteen members and the State College News has 13 members. If these latter organizations on campus need that many people to carry on the work after many years of organization, it seems that the Student Union Board should need more "heads" to carry on its work especially when it's a beginning organization. It might be a good idea for all S.A. members to look into this and other issues too numerous to explain in this column... your student government is there, why don't you use it?

Also—where did the money for the last Student Union Dance come from since that particular line wasn't passed in the Student Assembly?

**CO-OPERATION...**  
Many of the Greeks have taken the idea of help week to heart and are planning Christmas sines, entertainment and aid at the Clinton Square Neighborhood House. Really a fine idea and many congrats!

**MAYBE!**  
The faculty is now having meetings discussing our curriculum. The questions under debate are: minimizing language requirements, forgetting third and fourth and taking electives instead, likewise with fresh oral English if the incoming freshmen can pass an oral exam and instituting degrees in specialized math and science courses.

This idea would seem to go along with the 550 frosh for the next year deal. If this is so, thank goodness. Actually the reason for a higher goal in registration is that the bulge in primary school will hit high schools in four or five years—and of course, more secondary school teachers will be needed. That's us, kids!

## ANOTHER HI-LITE

Mr. Sabol and Mr. Arthur Jones have asked that the State College students try to discuss our college with various students in high school. The point is not to concentrate on prospective teachers entirely because this college is a liberal arts school also. The question which now arises is what to discuss—certainly not curriculum at this point, certainly not athletics—maybe extra-curricular activities. We might get more freshmen if we enlarge our athletic program. This might be done by athletic scholarships with money supplied by Senior class gifts or alumni—just a pregnant suggestion.

**ETHICS...**  
Many things have been borrowed from various lockers, among them a sorority pin which can be of no use to anyone—it makes you wonder whether you can trust either teacher or students on the high school level.

## FACULTY NOTES

Many of the faculty feel that All-State Night is ridiculous because it sounds like one night out of the year that the students mingle with the faculty. Consequently the profs. would like to see another such night in the spring comparable to a playday. This isn't exactly clear in our minds but... let's give it a go, kids.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

All the Pedagogoy proofs are now available and will be on display Monday by the class bulletin boards.

**FINE!**  
A committee of Seniors has been organized to investigate increasing the hours granted to practice teachers. Herb Holland is acting as Chairman and will accept any and all suggestions!

## XMAS GREETINGS—

May the "spirits" abide with you.

## College Calendar - - -

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sorority buffet suppers.  
8:30 p.m. State vs. Curry.  
10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Union Dance.  
8 p.m. Commuters Club Christmas party in Commons.  
Music groups perform for Monday Music Group.
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
7 p.m. to 12 midnight Sorority formal dinners.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
4 p.m. Carol sing at Brubacher Hall.  
Buffet supper at Brubacher Hall.  
Newman Club Holy Hour.  
SCA Chapel Service.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
Newman Hall Christmas Dinner.  
Pierce Hall Christmas Dinner.  
8 p.m. to 11 p.m. SCAGS Christmas party dance.  
Brubacher dormitory party.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
5:30 p.m. Sorority dance services.  
6 p.m. Van Derzee Christmas Dinner.  
8:30 p.m. AD Plays in Page Hall.  
10 p.m. Sorority Christmas parties.

## Timeout

WITH ABEL BLATTMAN

Just what constitutes "home court" officiating? Is it solely the inauspicious of the officials? Or perhaps their age? Or maybe they develop a sort of fatherly love for their own "home court" boys? Actually the situation is this: when a basketball player has played under the same official a few times, he begins to figure the official, and knows what he can get away with; whether the official will call contact under the boards, outside picks and the like. The players learn these facts and act instinctively in taking advantage of them. Therefore, it is partly the fault of the players, who in their desire to win, will do anything to get an edge over the refs.

The advantages enjoyed by the home team may therefore appear to be tremendous, but, as in baseball where the home team has the decided advantage of batting last, all teams reap the same benefits.

I certainly do not wish to encourage or condone imperfection in sports, whether by the officials or players, but merely advocate a tolerant attitude, since nothing placed in the hands of a human being can ever be perfect.

Also, Mr. Burns, if you are so hot on this officiating racket, how about doing something constructive in your IM League!

On behalf of the Sports Staff and all the Coaches and teams we want to wish you all the Merriest of Christmas masses and the happiest of New Years! Let's hope Coach Hathaway gets a six foot nine center for Xmas!

## State's Matmen Begin Practice

Looking forward to another successful season, the State College wrestling team, led by Hank Feuerbach and Tom King, has begun workouts in Milne Gym. For the present, Coach Garcia is stressing fundamentals and conditioning. Approximately fifteen men have turned out to vie for berths on what looks like a promising team. Returning veterans also include "Herman" Schatzle and Joe Lombardi.

The most promising freshman to date seems to be Leroy Negus. Negus, who saw plenty of action at Litchford High School, would be an asset to any team. Wrestling in the 140 pound class, his strength and speed has brought considerable praise from Garcia.

## King and Feuerback to Lead Squad

King and Feuerback, who seem to have developed greater strength and technique over the summer are aiding the coach by attempting to pass on their skill and knowledge to the new candidates. For the past two weeks, they have been holding classes during the day from 4 to 6.

Although handicapped by a lack of funds, Garcia has released a couple of tentative matches with others on the fire. Darrow Prep, a haven for post high school athletes, has been scheduled for January 12 and should certainly put the State team to the test. Plattsburg State Teachers, who are forming a team for the first time, are also possibilities.

## Kappa Beta Tops Knicks, Win Two; Everard Hits Season's High Game

Intramural action this past week saw a total of six games being played. Kappa Beta, continuing their winning ways, garnering two wins.

On Wednesday night the Betans dropped the Knicks 50-40 with Neil Ryder leading his mates to victory hitting for a total of 12 markers. High for the losers was Paul Kelley also with 12 points.

Action earlier the same evening, SLS dropped the Redskins 59-29. Big "Jawn" Stevenson hoovered 15 to keep him up among the leaders in league scoring and also ended up being high man.

In the other encounter, the Finks dumped the Vagabonds 63-39 to round out the evening action. The games high scorer was Tom Yole with 16 counters.

**KDR Cop, Third Straight**  
Kappa Delta Phi won their third game to date and at the same time handed the Knicks their second straight loss 54-32. Jim "Flash" Fox threw in a total of 21 points to give Stevenson a fight for the leagues scoring leadership.

The Betans second win of the week came as a result of a 46-29 trouncing of Thurlow. Neil Ryder also came out high man in this game with 18 points. Bob Sturm dropped in 13 to also aid in the Betans win.

In the only other action of the week, the fakers lost to ERD 15-72. Harry Johnson threw in 16 to top his Potter mates in the scoring column. Close behind him were Don Burns and Al Kahn with 14 markers apiece.

Happy Christmas  
and a  
Merry New Year  
Temperance Tavern

# Varsity To Meet Curry Tonight; To Be Final Game Before Xmas

## Phi Delta Team Beats Pierce B

In last Tuesday's IM basketball play Phi Delta routed over Pierce B 18-1. Evelyn Erule and Ruth Poole were high scorers for Phi Delta with 11 and four points respectively.

## Gamma Kap Ties Grads

In League B, Gamma Kap tied the Grads 26-26. At the end of the first half, the Grads led 13-15, with Shirley Hicks hooping 12 of the points. During the second half, Gamma Kap managed to hold the Grads to 8 points and scored 11 to tie up the game.

## Swim Day Planned

Next March, State will participate in an inter-collegiate swim day at Skidmore College. WAA representatives will be selected from those participating in the Tuesday evening swimming program at the Jewish Community Center. All who are interested are urged to try-out. Admission to the Center's pool is by Student Tax Ticket.

## IM Bowling Results

IM Bowling was held last Thursday afternoon. The outcome of the games was as follows: Brubacher Hall defeated Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, and the girls on the Commuters team downed the Psi Gamma women. While Chi Sigma Theta was victorious over the Beta Zeta keepers, Brubacher E Unit was toppled by the unbeaten Gamma Kappa Phi. Phi Delta tied Pierce Hall and Newman Hall tied the Brubacher Councilors with each team taking one game.

At present the top five teams in the Women's IM Bowling League are:

Team	W	L
Gamma Kappa Phi	4	0
Chi Sigma Theta	4	0
Commuters	3	1
Pierce	3	1
Phi Delta	3	1

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Tonight State's hoopers play host to Curry College from Boston. Curry is a new addition to State's schedule this year and their strength is unknown. The Varsity will be gunning for their second win of the season, their record being one win against three losses. State will be at full strength again tonight with Gerry McDonald back in the lineup after his recovery from a foot injury.

## J. V.'s Win; Strong at Finish

After dropping their initial contest Friday night to a strong ABC quintet, the State Junior Varsity bounced back to eke out a close, one-point victory over the Utica College JV's on Tuesday.

Led by Jack Fernandez, who garnered eight points and sparked the offense, the JV's were forced to play top-notch ball as they trailed 16 to 10 at the half. Bob DeMichiel, State's high scorer Friday night, was the victim of a sprained ankle in the first half and saw only limited action after that. However, Fernandez and Bob Sage started clicking to overcome the lead Utica had built up and then went on to win in the final moments of the game, 28-27.

In the preliminary to the Harpur game last Friday, the JV's succumbed to the hard-driving businessmen from ABC. 74-50. The State five got off to a very slow start as ABC really put the pressure on in the first half. They kept piling up points in the beginning of the second half and the Peds were hopelessly down at the end of three quarters. Nevertheless, State put on an impressive show in the final quarter and cut down the margin considerably.

In the two games played to date, the JV's have shown a tendency to come on with a rush in the last half of the game. If they can keep this up all year, it will mean pulling a lot of close games out of the fire, with each scoring in 11 points.

Two factors that were disadvantages to the Statesmen were the huge court, which they are unaccustomed to playing on, and the sensitiveness of the baskets, which lost many a point for Albany.

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### Greeks Select Various Themes, Choose Chairmen

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ta's formal weekend is Linda Hopkins '53. "Happy Holidays" is the theme for the buffet supper and "Sugar and Spice Land" is the theme for the formal dinner, Marjorie Farwell '52, President, has disclosed.

Psi Gamma has chosen "The Cruise Ship Psi Gamma" for the buffet supper theme and "Psi Gam Goes Hollywood" for the formal dinner, according to Anne Sullivan '52, President. The buffet supper chairman is Muriel Woodman '53 and Mildred Foote '53 is chairman of the formal dinner.

The theme for Kappa Delta's buffet supper will be "O'Kady's Saloon" and "K D Wonderland" is the theme for the formal dinner, according to Joan Bennett '52, President. Audrey DeGraff '53 is chairman of the buffet supper and Joan Pearson '53 is in charge of the formal dinner.

### Science Group To Aid Grads With Awards

Fellowships available for graduate study in science have been announced by the National Research Council. They are available to any student able to begin or continue graduate study during the next academic year.

There are fellowships in the agricultural, biological, engineering, mathematical, medical, and physical sciences at both the predoctoral and postdoctoral level. Stipends granted by the fellowship range from \$1,400 to \$1,600 plus tuition and laboratory fees.

Applications for the fellowships must be received by the National Research Council by Monday, January 7. Applicants for the fellowships will be required to take an examination Friday, January 18.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Evan R. Collins, President of the College. Students may acquire application forms which are available in Dr. Collins' office.

### Faculty Footnotes

Dr. James Sanders, Professor of Modern Languages, will attend meetings of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Chicago, December 26 and 27 as a member of the nominating committee.

Dr. Joseph Phinney, Professor of

### State Music Group To Perform Tonight

Tonight at 8:30 p. m., State College's mixed Choir and the Chorales will participate in a program sponsored by the Monday Music Club of Albany at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Mrs. Toni Packer '55, will be soloist, and a brass ensemble will also be included, according to Dr. Charles F. Stokes, Professor of Music.

The choral ensembles will offer Christmas music including carols arranged by Wilson and Kountz. The solo selection by Mrs. Packer is a recitative aria from Bach's "Christmas Cantata."

plans to attend the meetings of the American Economic Association in Boston. Dr. Matthew ... assistant Professor of History, and George Lillibridge, Instructor of History, will attend the meetings of the American Historical Association in New York.

Dr. Carrino, Mrs. Elnora Carrino, Instructor of Speech, and Dr. Vivian Hopkins, Assistant Professor of English, will attend meetings of the Modern Language Association to be held in Detroit during the vacation.

Mrs. Carrino and Dr. Paul Boomsliter, Professor of Speech, will visit the conferences of the Speech Association of America in Chicago December 26 and 27. Mrs. Carrino will also go to a dinner of the National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha, honorary debate fraternity.

Miss Frances Colby, Instructor of English, and Dr. C. Luther Andrews, Professor of Physics, were among those attending the American Friends Service Committee conference last weekend in Albany.

### SCAGS Plan Christmas Party

A Christmas Party-Dance for the members of the State College Association of Graduate Students will be held Monday evening from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m., according to James Erennan, President. The party will take place in the Student Union. Music will be furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Paul Lucy, Graduate.

Frennan states that admission will be a gift, the price of which should not exceed twenty-five cents. The gifts will be donated to the SMILES Christmas gift campaign for the Albany Home for Children.

### Commuters Will Hold Yule Season Celebration

Commuters Club will hold its Christmas party tonight from 8 pm. to midnight in the Commons, according to Frances Allen '54, General Chairman of the party. Miss Allen has announced that entertainment will include a grab bag, dancing and games.

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