

## Sudden Declaration of War Finds B.S.T.C Community Ready

### Senior Dance Scheduled for Tomorrow Nite

Bobby Geese Is Featured to  
Play Senior Christmas  
"Sleigh Ride"

With much interest and enthusiasm the seniors have completed their plans for the Senior's Christmas Sleigh Ride to be held tomorrow evening, December 20. The old gymnasium, chosen as the setting for this gala event, has been decorated with Christmas trees, pine, and spruce branches. The music, decorations, and the order of dances has been planned to give the effect of a gigantic sleigh ride party.

Dancing to the music of Bobby Geese and his eleven piece orchestra will begin at 8:30 and will continue until 11:30. Indications are that this musical aggregation of "sweet walking rhythm" is a favorite among local institutions. They have played for

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### Master Singers Appear Here In Varied Musical Program

#### Male Quintet to Present Music In Popular and Classic Fields

A great male singing organization makes its bow here tonight when the Master Singers appear in the college auditorium. Five master musicians comprise this group as they undertake their third tour through the Northeastern States since 1937, a tour which takes them to more than a hundred and fifty schools, colleges, and clubs.

Walter Hardwick manages and directs the company and sings bass. Emil Taflinger is the baritone, Howard Carman, the second tenor, and David Johnson, the dramatic tenor. The only new member of the organization is Harry Pusey, talented pianist and accompanist, who has been with the group for some time this past year.

Their program is wide in range, but does not swing to extremes in either the popular or classical fields. Friml's "Donkey Serenade," Huntley's "Who Built de Ark," Charles' "Green-Eyed Dragon," the "Pilgrim's Chorus" from "Tannhauser" are typical of their selections as they go from grave to gay and back again.

The Master Singers make their headquarters in Chicago, where they are kept busy in club entertainment, concerts, and radio broadcasting. A tour such as the present one, therefore, has to be planned many months in advance. In many cities this will be their second appearance, and in a few places they will greet audiences for the third time, ample testimony of their success and popularity.

#### Students Enjoy Recital By New Music Prof.

Those students and towns people who love fine music enjoyed a rare privilege Thursday evening, December 11, when Mr. Robert Morgan, of the Department of Music, played a piano recital in the college auditorium.

Mr. Morgan's program consisted of the following musical compositions:

### College Men Prepare For Instant Military Service

#### CHRISTMAS RECESS

Christmas recess begin Tuesday, December 23, after the noon meal. The buildings will be closed to all students at 6:00 o'clock. Classes will resume Monday, January 5, 1942, after lunch. The dormitories will be closed and cannot be used Sunday evening, January 4, 1942.

### C.A.A. Grounds College Pilots

#### C.P.T. Students Register In Emergency Measure by Aeronautics Board

An emergency measure of the Civil Aeronautics Board temporarily grounded the student pilots in Bloomsburg.

The act prescribed that the C.P.T. students be photographed, fingerprinted, and present a birth or baptismal certificate establishing their birth in this country. In addition, they had to secure two letters from prominent people in their community, vouching for their citizenship and loyalty. After some hurried telephone calls and trips home, the boys managed to present their credentials to be endorsed by the C.A.A. Inspector.

Flying was resumed with several of the boys in their cross-country stage. Arthur Hartman led the boys to the completion of the course by being the first flyer of the group to solo cross-country, while close behind him came William Hess, Andrew Magill and Donald Jenkins.

### Social Service Gives Baskets to the Needy

The Social Service Club under the leadership of Miss Mabel Oxford has completed plans for the distribution of thirty-five Christmas baskets to the needy families of Bloomsburg. The money for this project was donated by the Elks Club and the Salvation Army.

On Tuesday morning, December 23, the baskets will be delivered by volunteer students to the needy families of town whose names were secured from the Red Cross. This is the second year that the Social Service Club has carried out this plan.

The committee for this project was: Ruth Hope, chairman; Mary DeVitts, co-chairman.

A recent activity of this club was the completion of thirty infant's dresses and slips for the Red Cross. These garments were exhibited in the second floor lobby on December 13 and 14.

Chaconne—Johann Sebastian Bach, Sonata opus 35—Frederic Chopin, Etude opus eight number 5—Alexander Scriabin, The Fountain—Maurice Ravel, Minstrels—Claude Debussy, Intermezzo opus 117 number one—Johannes Brahms, Hungarian Rhapsody number VI—Franz Liszt, and a Minuet by Kirckridge as an encore.

### Students and Faculty State Various Views on News From War Zone

A peaceful week-end college community was unexpectedly brought to the realization of the fact that American interest in world events had reached a climax when Japanese hostilities broke out in the Pacific.

#### Students Seek News

A surprised and somewhat fear-stricken student body posted itself around every available radio. Day girls encircled their radio and chattered excitedly about how terrible the situation was. Day men crowded their room in North Hall. Waller Hall girls jammed the radio room until midnight, and North Hall fellows violated their old practice of staying in bed as long as possible by getting up at three o'clock in the morning to hear the early morning news broadcast. A radio was set up in the auditorium to enable students to hear President Roosevelt's speech, while several instructors and students brought their radios to class in order to keep posted on the latest developments. At 7:00 p.m. there was a general "storming" of the library and for the first time probably in the history of the school newspaper rack stood empty, and the comic sheets were of secondary interest.

Classroom recitation for the first day or two deviated from the texts, and the "dastardly attack" predominated all discussions.

#### Rumors Circulate College

Eminating from unknown sources came rumors of strange and unexpected changes in the college program, schedule and activities. Students, girls predominately, with worried faces began to ask questions and it required careful explanation by members of the Administration Staff to placate the unfounded worries.

#### Different Views

Inquiries led to the revelation of different attitudes toward the situation. A predominantly large number of students who had followed the newspapers closely expressed the fact that they "had expected war with Japan but not so soon." Others "thought the Japanese were more

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### Men's Glee Club In First Program

The newly organized Men's Glee Club under the direction of Miss Harriet Moore, presented their first program in assembly Monday, Ralph McCracken, one of the Glee Club's Pianists, opened the program with Prelude in D Flat, by Chopin.

The first group of songs were: "Down in Mobile" and "We Meet Again Tonight, Boys". Idajane Shipe accompanied this group.

Louise Adams then played the composition "To My Beloved," by Edvard Schutt. The next group, accompanied by Jeanne Noll, consisted of "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," and a negro spiritual, "Keep in the Middle of the Road."

In concluding the program, the student body joined the male chorus in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner", accompanied by Ralph McCracken.

### A Message from the President . . .

The quest for certainty is as old as mankind. To make certain an uncertain future is the problem of every generation. Youth is always confused by the process of growing up and the changing of events in the world at large. Life is made of such things. Change and growth as part of the continuous adjustment in living leads each generation to feel that its problems are more serious than the previous one.

Liberty, and Freedom, and Democracy, are so very precious that a century and a half ago our forefathers fought to get them in a form of free government. A half-dozen wars in our history indicate that we must ever fight to keep them. A new generation on the average of every twenty-five years has had to make the sacrifice of force to protect and keep Liberty, and Freedom, and Democracy as we have them in America.

What tomorrow may bring to college students no one can surely say, but it appears that democracy may need to make as great an effort to defend itself AFTER as DURING the present war period. The first line of defense now and later lies in the strength of the whole nation, whereas leadership will undoubtedly come from the ranks of those who are now enrolled in colleges.

Students who are now enrolled in colleges should make every effort to continue their educational program as they had previously planned. Otherwise, we shall be faced with a suicide of weakening our minds while strengthening our "arms". The duty of every good American today is to do the best they can, where they are, with what they have. College students must continue to fit themselves for situations which will undoubtedly approach those for which they are being educated.

The three dates—1914-1916-1918—represent the beginning, the critical period, and the ending of the first World War. Since 1939 marked the beginning of the second World War and 1941 the critical period of the entry of America into the struggle, the question is: "What are you planning for 1943?" Are you looking beyond the next two years?

The Spirit of Christmas in war time is well expressed by a poet friend of mine in the lines which follow:

*In lonely vigils of the night,  
Mid roar of bombs and crash of guns  
And all the hate that daily stuns  
The mind and numbs the heart in fright—  
Still brightly burns the Christmas light.  
Angelic hosts proclaiming peace  
On earth, good will to all mankind—  
In these familiar strains I find  
A living faith that wars shall cease,  
And love and righteousness increase.*

May I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Faith in the Future.

Sincerely yours,

*Harvey A. Anderson*

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## UNITED WE STAND

*It couldn't happen here—but it did! "America Has Been Attacked and American Lives Lost."*

Our every hope to have remained at peace was shattered in the "dastardly" invasion of American possessions by the Axis influenced aggressor of the Pacific, Japan. They have dared to test the strength of a free, united democracy: to destroy lives and property of the very nation that fostered them in their development from an ancient, backward country to a modern power. But—they will be crushed. Yes, crushed by the impending forces of a righteous America.

The Americans love peace. Our whole country was built upon the principles of freedom, self-government and peaceful living. But now that we have been attacked; now that our ideals have been challenged by treacherous "gangster" forms of government, we must arise in a united sacrifice to safeguard our homes, our country, our schools, our standard of living, and our democracy. One hundred and thirty million strong we must march upon our enemy—Tokyo, Berlin and Rome—and bring victory to our just cause.

God is our ally. Every free nation and person on this earth is on our side. Our industries must roll out a torrent of planes, ships, tanks, and guns. The American people—thousands of students among them—must leave their homes and loved ones to man the battle-stations at home and abroad. We must not fret at the thought of what hardships we may endure. Nor at the sorrow we shall face. Our only thought must be—"LET'S SMASH THE AXIS NOW!" Against such overwhelming odds our enemies cannot hope to win. They are blind with the hate and greed that accompanies their desire to conquer the world.

We as college students and future leaders of this great nation of ours must unite. Our colleges and universities must become the fighting fortresses of democracy. Let our administration, faculty, and student body contribute jointly to place this school in the complete service of our national war effort. Let our student self-governing body, every extra-curricula group, the school newspaper, every department make the special contribution of which they are capable. Not only must our campus be unified but we need the combined energies of every student organization both local and national to become one single fighting unit of student America.

Let us thereby resolve to defend our country, our homes, and our ideals. To offer our services, our talents—yes, even our lives to keep the fires of liberty and freedom burning despite the quenching torrent of dictatorship.

Our College must and will give unanimous support to the measures which our government is taking to defend the nation and win the war. We have heard the words, "LET'S SMASH THE AXIS NOW!" Let us not be found wanting. Remember—**UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED—WE CAN BE DESTROYED!**

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Where do you sit seated in a seat one of those glibby persons who insists on an hour's chat with his neighbor? Or are you one who has to contend with those bores who try to make a get-away as soon as the auditorium is darkened for movies? In either case you are in a tough spot.

Students frequently overhear such comments.

"I probably would have enjoyed the program this morning if those two girls behind me had let up on their conversation for awhile. I turned around and glared but to little avail."

"I had just settled back in my seat ready to watch the movie when Jack Elephant decided to make a get-away. He grabbed his books and stumbled over people's feet and finally fell over mine. By the time he gained the aisle I had missed the beginning of the picture."

**STUDENTS:** Do either of these comments apply to you? When a committee has worked and planned and produced a program, we could at least give them our undivided attention. All programs can't possibly appeal to everyone, but there are always some benefits that we can derive from them.

Let us all have as a New Year's resolution, the aim to make the best of our opportunities. A chapel program is a real opportunity.

## DEMOCRACY FOREVER



## Invasion Arouses North Hall Out of Usual Sunday Lethargy

The radio news flash saying that Japan had effected an unprovoked attack against the United States snapped North Hall out of its accustomed Sunday afternoon lethargy with a start. The usual peace and calm, uninterrupted save by the soft liquid snores of some dreamer, was shattered by the terse words of the commentator, and in a short time there was an interested group of listeners gathered about the radio. The news of such moment that it has been reported that even Ed Hollis was aroused from his Sunday afternoon hibernation—and that is no small and trivial task even for a war.

### Realize Importance

Perhaps nowhere on the campus is there a group more directly affected by the attack and its logical result, the declaration of war by the United States against Japan. Of course it took a little time for everyone to realize the full import and the nature of the attack, but the immediate reaction of the group was aptly expressed by one of its members who said, "Those Japs have proven that their color is characteristic of their courage." Since the first shock of the

affair has passed, the sentiment of the group as to their confidence in the ultimate victory of our armed forces was nicely put by someone who said, "There is going to be an Oriental 'accident' perpetrated by the Occidentals!"

### Stand Ready

That the entrance of Germany and Italy into the war on the side of Japan was an anti-climax to the initial incident is corroborated in North Hall by the observation of one and all that neither the volume nor the measured beat of Mr. Hollis' snores are disturbed, and from other sources there was no great buzz of excitement like that that followed the first declaration.

Now that our nation has settled down to the task of winning the war at all costs it seems that everyone is resigned to a long and bitter struggle that will ultimately terminate in victory for the United States. But meanwhile, the spirit that prevails is exemplified by that sterling character, Elbert "Lou" Gaugler, who is quoted as saying, "I for one shall follow in the footsteps of that other famous farmer boy, Alvin C. York".

—Larry Doster

## Poetry Corner

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
 Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,  
 Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine,  
 Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,  
 Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,  
 Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
 Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,  
 Christmas where old men are patient and gray,  
 Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight  
 Broods o'er men in the thick of the fight  
 Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
 For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all,  
 No palace too great and no cottage too small;

The angels who welcome Him sing from the height,  
 "In the City of David, a King in His might."  
 Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
 Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,  
 Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,  
 Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,  
 Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,  
 Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!  
 So the stars of the midnight which compass us round  
 Shall see a strange glory, and hear a sweet sound,  
 And cry, "Look! the earth is aflame with delight,  
 O sons of the morning, rejoice at the sight."  
 Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night!

—Phillips Brooks

## Here 'n There

by Dave Nelson

### Overheard in the gym:

"I don't know why the girls don't put any nickels in the juke box, they dance as much as the fellows".

### Lament of the weak:

So now that we have a new gym and we don't have Social Rooms, what happened to the swimming pool?

### Xmas Greeting:

From A. Hitler.

Dictated Peace on Earth  
 And Good Will Toward Me.

—N. Y. Times

### If you

can't think of any other reason for going to the Senior Informal, you can always say you were there.

### Tip:

This year's Obiter will be one of the finest ever. Despite the rising cost of everything else, the Obiter is still only \$3.

### Orchids:

To the Waller Hall Girls and Day Girls for all the work they are doing to make this Christmas happier for so many children in Bloomsburg who certainly ought to have a Merry Christmas.

### And now:

A Merry Christmas to you all, and may the New Year be a more cheerful one than the one we just lived through.

## The Realm of Books

### ABOVE SUSPICION

by Helen MacInnes

In some respects "Above Suspicion" is just an excellent mystery story. The suspense is cleverly built up with no let down in any part of the story until the final climax. The novel follows very definitely the pattern of a mystery story by playing a game with clues. The story is developed as a young English couple obtain one piece of evidence after another until these are fitted together to form a complete picture which is the novel.

In viewing "Above Suspicion" from another angle, however, the reader makes the acquaintance of a young Englishman and his wife taking their last vacation on the continent before hostilities break out. All through the story the author tells how the beauties of the continent haven't changed, but are no longer open to tourists. The people are the same, but are not open-minded and free with newcomers.

Helen MacInnes has succeeded in writing a novel that not only shows the development of plot; she has written into the story the simple, truehearted love and emotions of the folk on the continent, how Hitler has changed them, one way or the other, and their probable reaction to world conditions as seen in the early summer of 1941.

—Mary Jane Mordan

## Fraternity Initiates Two New Pledges

The Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, National Educational Fraternity, recently inducted two new pledges into the organization. The members were: Francis Thomas, Troy; and Winton Laubach, Benton.

Thomas and Laubach are both very active in College activities from both scholastic and social point of view, upon which basis they were selected for membership in the fraternity. With Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Laubach, and five other pledges inducted several weeks ago, the quota for the semester is complete.

# Veteran Husky Quintet Open Season with Win over Alumni

## Menarick Awarded Position On All-State Football Team

Husky Co-Captain Is the Only Teachers College Gridder Named on List

George Menarick, co-captain and sparkplug of this year's B.S.T.C. gridiron combination, was recently awarded a position on the third All-State football team, following poll of sports-writers and coaches throughout the state. A junior, Menarick was the only teachers college player to be named on any of the teams and he got the nod over many standouts from larger colleges and universities.

This honor comes as a reward for the outstanding work he performed on the Husky eleven this fall. He is expected to be one of the stalwarts in the B.S.T.C. attack next season, but the rugged lineman will no doubt be obliged to trade his books for an army uniform early next year.

Aside from All-State honors, Menarick was placed on the honorable mention list for Little-American glory. The poll is conducted by leading coaches and sports writers in the country in order to select the best football men among the small colleges.

The third All-State College team is as follows:

- End ..... Supulski, Dickinson
- Tackle ..... Jorda, Haverford
- Guard ..... Menarick, Bloomsburg
- Center ..... Coccourilli, Albright
- Guard ..... Jaffurs, Penn State
- Tackle ..... Vucic, St. Vincent
- End ..... Spangler, Albright
- Back ..... Rehor, Dickinson
- Back ..... Petrella, Penn State
- Back ..... Bynow, LaSalle
- Back ..... Magill, Haverford

## Kerchusky Given All-Am. Honors

Pivot Man of Last Year Only Teachers College Player Mentioned

Bill Kerchusky, outstanding pivot-man on last year's crack Husky quintet, is given mention for All-American court honors in the annual CONVERSE basketball yearbook just released. The selections were chosen from the cream of the nation's '40-'41 college players by "Chuck" Taylor, leading court authority.

Kerchusky is the only Penna. Teacher's College player and one of the few small college men in the land to be named for remarkable work during the past season.

Also included in the magazine is the 1941 Dunkel Rating of College basketball teams. More than eight hundred are listed. B.S.T.C. boasts at mark of 54.9 which ranks it 127th

The ratings reflect the excellence of each team's performance relative to the strength of the opposition. Number of games won or lost is disregarded. Ratings show the potential scoring difference between any two teams.

According to these ratings Bloomsburg State Teachers College last year stood eight among the fifty Pennsylvania institutions of higher learning.

### BERNARD KANE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FROSH

At a recent meeting of the Freshman Class, Bernard Kane, Centralia, was elected to the office of president.

Other officers elected were: V-pres., Mary Lou Fenstermaker; Sec., Jeanne Knight; Treas., Elroy Dalberg; Rep. to Student Government Association, Mina Deane Bieler and Jas. Carlisle.

## State Teachers Pick Grid Champs

Millersville and West Chester Share Mythical Championship

Two powerful gridiron machines, Millersville and West Chester, share the mythical state teacher's college championship conducted each year by various sports writers throughout the state.

### West Chester Tops

It is no surprise that West Chester finished at the top. For years, Bill Killinger's teams have rolled over opposition in no uncertain terms. Usually, the Chester lads only schedule a few teacher's college teams because they are in demand by large colleges of the east. This season West Chester racked up 69 points while holding the opposition to 12 against three conference teams—Shippensburg, Indiana, and Lock Haven. Outside the teacher's ranks, they held rugged Delaware to a 7-7 tie, played a 0-0 deadlock with mighty Waynesburg, defeated P.M.C., and dropped a 6-0 fracas to Albright, their only setback of the campaign. Incidentally, that tie with Delaware University was the one blemish to rob the "bay boys" from a perfect season.

### Millers Not Scored On

However, Millersville, in coming back into the football limelight after many lean years, also has enjoyed a fine season. The Millers hung up three wins against teacher's college elevens, defeating Mansfield, Shippensburg, and Kutztown. The amazing thing about the Millers is that their goal line remained uncrossed after three conference skirmishes while they themselves rattled off 54 points.

Shippensburg's Red Raiders finished third, winning six and losing only one, that to Millersville.

### Huskies Eleventh

Our own Huskies came in eleventh, but the shining ray in this case is the remarkable showing in the last two games. In downing Kutztown, 14-0, and holding the Big Red of East Stroudsburg to a 13-0 victory, the Huskies pulled up two notches from their last place position of a year ago. The standings of the teams has shifted somewhat from those of 1940.

	W.	T.	L.	Pt.	Op.
West Chester	3	0	0	69	12
Millersville	3	0	0	54	0
Shippensburg	6	0	1	134	13
Indiana	4	0	2	84	55
Clarion	2	1	1	74	12
E. Stroudsburg	3	0	2	51	34
Lock Haven	2	1	3	58	34
Mansfield	2	1	3	38	53
Edinboro	1	1	2	50	45
Slippery Rock	1	0	3	12	59
Bloomsburg	1	0	4	14	108
*California	0	0	2	0	59
Kutztown	0	0	5	0	154

\*California did not finish their schedule.

## MR. FORNEY ADDRESSES ACCOUNTANTS

William C. Forney, director of the Department of Business Education addressed the Accounting Section of the Tri-State Commercial Teachers Association at a convention held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Penna., recently. The subject of his topic was, "Keeping Ahead of the Auditor."

## Sporting Around

by Alex Foster

WITH EVER-INCREASING EMPHASIS being placed on the spirit and morale of our citizens during this emergency, the students at B.S.T.C. should awaken to this exigent call by helping to instill the typically American spirit in our daily college activities. The spirit in which we "carry on" here in college, amidst these most trying days, is the way we will face life after graduation.

Sports, always a prerequisite to physical fitness, must go on. Students, players, and coaches alike must cooperate as never before. We must boost substantially the spirit attending our athletic events.

We are now starting a jaunt down another basketball trail. The possibilities of a banner season are good, yet, come what may we should support our team to the limit, both in attendance and spirit. Let our motto be "Talk Bloomsburg and back Bloomsburg".

LAST WEEK THIS WRITER took in the finals of the intra-mural boxing matches at Bucknell University. It was really a gala show from beginning to end. Razor-edged rivalry between campus fraternities provided the bouts with that ivy-clad college spirit. The entire show was staged by the varsity lettermen's club at Bucknell for the purpose of purchasing sweaters for the college athletes.

It would be a commendable measure if such a plan was put into practice here. Each year our college spends approximately two hundred dollars for varsity awards. It were to form a men's "B" club on this campus we could raise sufficient funds, as do other colleges, through dances, sporting events, etc., to pay for these awards.

This would be a worthwhile saving to the college and in turn the saving could be used to fatten our lean athletic budgets. Thus, it would mean bigger and better athletics for Bloomsburg.

WORD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES has it that Susquehanna University might like to schedule a game with the Huskies. The cagey Mr. Stagg, Crusader pilot, is reported to have suggested a possible meeting of the two teams this year.

It would be a small matter to arrange a suitable date, providing, of course, that financial circumstances during the second semester at B.S.T.C. permit.

A contest, such as this, which brings together two well-balanced quintets would do much to bring the sports of this college out of the doldrums, into which it is tending to sway. There has long been a need for carding colleges, other than teacher institutions. In this way only, can B.S.T.C. reach the peak of success that it so richly deserves and merits.

SPORT SPLINTERS — With our spacious, new gym on hand, it would be an excellent move to revive the popular high school basketball tourney. . . Why don't fraternities and clubs on the campus sponsor teams in the intra-mural basketball loop? By the way when does it start? . . . Bill Kerchusky got a bid to play with the potent Norristown Y quintet but he expects to become a sallo. . . I like Duke and Fordham in the bowl games.

## College Cagers Prepare for Foe

Keen Competition Exists for Starting Berths

After a two weeks layoff due to the Christmas vacation, the B.S.T.C. cagers get down to serious work in preparation for the inauguration of play against teacher's college foes. The Huskies swing into action at home against a strong Lock Haven Teachers unit on January 10. The following weekend the Huskies meet Millersville and Shippensburg on January 16 and 17 respectively, in two serious battles that are scheduled to be staged on the college floorboards.

### Anxious for Revenge

The Huskies are anxious to avenge an early exhibition loss offered to the hands of the Bald Eagles at State College. They must stop Stan Daley, Lock Haven standout, and Corrant, super scoring threat, in order to block the Eagle attack. The Eagles bowled over Dickinson Seminary in their first contest of the season.

Coach Buchheit is undecided as to his first five and is experimenting with several groups in the hopes of fielding the best outfit possible. Keen competition exists in the battle for starting berths. Slim Herr and Tony Valente are waging a duel for a varsity spot. Dick Shearer, Washvilla, and Frank Valente are pushing the veterans hard for places.

### May Move Up Several Jayvees

In the hopes of bolstering the Husky attack, Coach Buchheit may draft a few of the most promising junior-varsity men for varsity duty. Carlisle, freshman candidate, is among those who might be drafted.

Games with regional business schools and college preparatory schools are being carded for the junior-varsity club. An effort is being made to arrange a game with the Susquehanna University jayvees for the near future.

Although rather small, the B.S.T.C. jayvees possess passing and shooting ability and may develop into a sturdy unit. Last year the jayvees went through an undefeated card.

## Husky Cagers Visit Penn State Clinic

Huskies Demonstrate Use of Double-pivot Play

On December 6 the B.S.T.C. court squad traveled to State College where the ten-man unit took part in the basketball clinic sponsored by Penn State. Several outstanding college and high school players and coaches participated in the well-balanced program arranged by John Lawther, Lion coach.

The Huskies, in the early afternoon, demonstrated the use of the double-pivot play. In the evening the Maroon and Gold dribblers dropped a 35-28 decision to Lock Haven Teachers in an exhibition fray that was played before several thousand players, coaches, and fans from all over the East.

Also on the evening's court menu was a contest between the Penn State freshmen and junior-varsity teams with the windup bringing together State and Washington and Jefferson. The Lions capturing the tilt after a tense struggle.

## Walinchus, Valente Head B.S.T.C. Scoring Parade In 50-20 Rout

Kerchusky Sets Pace for Alumni With a Total of Ten Markers

The veteran-studded Bloomsburg State Teachers College quintet, intent upon recording another banner campaign, opened their '41-'42 season with a sweeping 51-20 rout over an ambitious Alumni combination last weekend in the old gymnasium. Despite poor weather, a loyal band of followers were on hand to see the Huskies dominate the play throughout.

Although the Alumni roster was dotted with former B.S.T.C. greats, including Bill Kerchusky, brilliant pivot-man of last year, the grads were no match for Huskies. Kerchusky, however, bothered the Huskies to no end. He led the Alumni pace with a total of ten markers.

Coach Buchheit in an effort to give the Huskies experience, prior to their inter-collegiate contest, used his entire twelve-man squad during the game. The starting five found Tony Valente and Wally Walinchus at the forward slots, Joe Chesney at the center post, and Bernie Pufnak and Acting Captain Walter Maslowsky handling the backcourt duties.

### Take Early Lead

This combination, boasting four juniors and one sophomore, found the basket often in the first and as a result chalked up an early lead, which was never relinquished throughout. A tight defense and good ball-handling under the hoop staved off all Alumni threats.

The grads put on a mild spurt in the second and third cantos, when they began to click more effectively, but yeoman work on the part of the Huskies aided by timely shooting, enabled the homesters to romp away with the victory.

Wally Walinchus and Tony Valente headed the B.S.T.C. scoring parade with fourteen and twelve points respectively.

## Husky Seniors Offered Try-out

Shlanta, Schuyler, Herr Eyed By Professional League

Three senior members of the B.S.T.C. football team have received offers to try out for a chance in the "pay-for-play" grid ranks by the Detroit Lions, National Professional League club. The Huskies, Len Herr, John Shlanta, and Stan Schuyler, are slated to graduate in May.

All three men performed in the Huskies forward wall this season. Schuyler and Shlanta, who pack some two hundred pounds or more on the hoof, played either at guard or tackle positions. Herr, also a member of the Husky court aggregation, was stationed at a wing spot.

The men are as yet undecided pending further word from Uncle Sam. Shlanta may land himself a teaching and coaching job at McClure, Pa. early next year and 'tis rumored that Schuyler is on the track of a coaching spot in Illinois.

## Annual Xmas Dinner Draws 320 Attendance

The students and faculty held their annual semi-formal Christmas dinner last evening in the College dining room.

Following the dinner, the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Harriet Moore.

## LIFE WITH UNCLE

By Irving T. Gottlieb

Things happen fast in this day and age. Even the expected events happen with lightning swiftness. One day our country is at peace, the next, it is at war. One day we are civilians, the next, we are soldiers—and so it goes. Those civilians of the past, our colleagues, have much to tell us. So rest at ease while the roll is called.

### CONTACT

Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Nov. 29, 1941

Cadet Paul Kellogg reporting:

"Thanks Irv. for the copy of the 'Maroon & Gold'—I think the paper is fine in every respect. And believe me, I certainly appreciated and enjoyed reading it once again.

"My activities now are quite different from those of a year ago. This is something though that really appeals to me. Navigation, radio, drill, and flying are keeping me more than busy these days."

Naval Air Station  
Pensacola, Florida  
Dec. 7, 1941

Cadet Leonard Bowers reporting:

"Life down here at the 'Annapolis of the Air' is a real test for cramming ability, mental and physical endurance. Strict discipline, long hours, and loads of work make it a really tough job. It's readily understandable why this is so when you consider that they are doing now in six months' time what in ordinary times took four years. Despite all this, we are glad and proud to be here.

"Yesterday I had a unique experience. Several of us were 'sent up' to 30,000 feet in a decompression chamber. The pressure is reduced to assimilate high altitude conditions, and the first stop was 1,800 feet. It took about fifteen minutes to get there and is the highest man can go without oxygen. The most peculiar feeling passes on after about eight minutes—that of fighting a 'black-out'. The remainder of the trip was easy with a most welcome oxygen mask. The purpose of it all was to acquaint us with how it feels 'up there' and to be able to determine when we are reaching our 'ceiling'."

### ARMY MEN

Private David L. Shaffer, Jr.

Air Corps Technical School  
Keesler Field, Mississippi

"For about a month now I have been working at the weather office here at Keesler Field. The work is very easy. All we have to do is receive the weather reports that come in over the teletype, decode them, plot them on the weather map, and then draw the isobars. It takes about three hours to do one, and we make two each day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The time that is left after the maps are made is used for our own benefit."

Private Jay Sponseller

Army Air Base  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Nov. 20, 1941

"At the present time I am at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our pilots are having aerial gunnery practice here. Tomorrow, though, we leave for our home base at Charlotte, North Carolina.

"Today was our Thanksgiving. For dinner we had turkey, alling, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, corn, bread and butter, cranberry sauce, an apple, and a piece of fruit cake.

"As for my job, after I finished

four and a half weeks of recruit training, I was put in the office of the captain who is the Material Officer of the 56th Pursuit Group. My work consists mostly of typing and approving requisitions for material from the Base Quartermaster."

Private John R. Ohl

Air Corps Technical School  
Keesler Field, Mississippi  
November 21, 1941

"I'm still a recruit, or yardbird, so I'm not exactly an authority on army life. At least I can give you my impressions.

"The Army Air Corp is expanding so rapidly and has so many men to take care of that the training moves slowly. As it stands, a man who enters the air corp, other than a cadet, is sent to a reception center for approximately a week. Next, he is sent to a replacement center for four weeks of basic training. From there he is sent to school, or, if he prefers, active duty. After his schooling is finished, he has a choice of many fields where he will be permanently assigned.

"At present, I am taking the basic training. If only you knew how pleasant the weather is here, you would envy me. Incidentally, we are situated only a half-mile from the Gulf of Mexico."

Private Ralph A. Tipton, Jr.

Co. L - R.R.C.  
Fort Meade, Maryland  
December 6, 1941

"Have only been in the army four days, so I can't tell you much about it. So far though, everything has been swell. The meals are good and there seems to be no scarcity. Have not received all the regulation clothing as yet, but what I have gotten is quite satisfactory.

"Since arriving here we have had a small amount of instruction in marching and calisthenics. We have also had several lectures on military subjects, illustrated by motion pictures."

Private First Class Paul Letterman

Co. "C" 3rd Platoon, 7th Bn.  
Camp Lee, Virginia  
November 28, 1941

"Army life here at Camp Lee is O.K. You probably don't know it, but I am now a cook. And the meals we turn out aren't bad! It doesn't consist of those famous army beans you've read so much about. In fact, it is very seldom that they appear on the menu. My partner is one of those southern Georgia boys and really a fine cook.

"One good thing about my work is that it exempts me from taking classes, hikes, and drills. I suppose that is why I like it so much here! I work one day and then have off one day. We go on shift at noon, prepare supper, and quit for the night about 6 P.M. The next morning we must be up at 4 A.M. to prepare breakfast, and at noon we are off for another day."

Casimer J. Young, Ph. M. 2/C

U. S. Naval Hospital  
Quantico, Virginia  
November 27, 1941

"Navy life is, 'right on the beam'. It's really modern, too. The fellows chipped in three bucks apiece and bought a washing machine. If any of you girls want any confidential tips, just let me know.

"I have charge of the physio-therapy department right now, but expect to be shipped to sea when I make my

## Girls' Style Show Creates Enthusiasm

Features Campus Fashion Both Formal and Informal

The fourth floor girls of Waller Hall held a style show recently. It consisted of three parts: hair-do, make-up, clothes.

Mrs. Reams of Bloomsburg demonstrated coiffures for all types of persons and coiffures for various occasions. She placed special emphasis on the patriotic hair style, "V" for Victory and the George Washington bob.

Miss Alice Johnston illustrated to the group the correct ways of applying make-up. She stressed naturalness which can be acquired through the conservative use of cosmetics.

The style show featured campus fashions, formal and informal. Skirts of flannel, lightweight tweed and corduroy, and sweaters, long and loose-fitting are still the coeds' standby. Date dresses fashion long torsos and bracelet length sleeves. The evening gowns featured this winter are found in jersey, net, and taffeta.

Models were Betsy Smith, Norrine Miles, Charlene Margie, Kitty O'Neil, Pauline Garey, Joanna Fice and Louise Adams.

## Chorus Presents Christmas Cantata

The Women's Chorus of the Bloomsburg State Teachers College presented a Christmas program at the assembly exercises today. The program follows: Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, College Chorus; Scripture Reading, President Harvey A. Andruss; In Bethlehem—A Christmas Cantata, Women's Chorus, with Miss Joyce Lohr, Berwick, as soloist; Joy to the World, College Chorus. Miss Harriet M. Moore is the director. Louise Adams, Shamokin, accompanist and Idajane Shipe, Berwick, assistant accompanist.

Officers of the Women's Chorus are: President, Ruth Baird; Vice-President, Louise Madl; Secretary, Helen Cromis; Treasurer, Eleanor Twardzik; Librarian, Isabel McIntire; Librarian, Carol McCloughan. Mr. Robert Morgan is the accompanist for the College Chorus.

First Class rating.

"Here in Quantico is the largest Marine Barracks in the world. All medical attention for the marines is rendered by the navy—that accounts for a Naval Hospital being so far inland."

Now for a remark pertaining to the present circumstances arising from the Japanese encounter. Trouble with the Nipponese did not come as an unexpected event—especially to the army and navy men stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Here is a paragraph from a letter received by your columnist from a very intimate friend stationed on the U.S.S. Mahan in Pearl Harbor. The letter was post-marked December 3, 1941.

"Regulations of the Navy do not permit me to give you any information regarding our ship or the Navy in general. It doesn't matter as I know very little anyway. It seems that Japan and the United States are getting down to 'brass tacks.' One will have to give in—and I doubt very much if it will be us."

All the information given above has been "Life with Uncle" during peace time. Service men, be sure to write and let us know how the declaration of war has affected you.

In the meantime, here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will see our victorious end of the Second World War.

## Former Bloomsburg Student Graduates at Randolph Field



JOHN MAKSIMIUK

## Annual Day Girls Party Event of Fun, Frolic

On Friday evening, December 12, the Day Room girls held their annual Christmas party, always an eventful affair on the Day Room calendar.

Joyce Lohr, Social Chairman, showed much originality and variety in planning the program. The committee working with her consisted of Idajane Shipe, Ruth Mong, Isabelle Leiby, Louise Madl, Jean Schrader and Ruth Shonk.

The Day Room floor was cleared for dancing and games, and ample refreshments were served in the lunch room.

Louise Madl sang a solo, "O Holy Night" and Mary Jane Sharpless led the group in carol singing. While "Jingle Bells" was being sung, Betty Hagenbaugh representing Santa Claus, appeared and distributed useful and comical gifts.

## College Men Prepare

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gentlemanly and would make a formal declaration of war before starting aggression." Which they didn't. Freshmen girls voiced the query: "What about our men?" Upper class girls, though not as direct, implied the same general meaning. Student teachers expressed the belief that some of the seniors would have "a short-lived teaching career." The C.A.A. boys unanimously voiced the fact that "I'm ready when they want me." Deferred daftees expressed themselves as being ready but wishing that they could complete the semester's work before being called. Faculty members, like the students, varied in their comments. Some critically pointed out that "someone must have slipped up to let the Japs get to our back door without our knowing it." Others pointed out that "probably nothing else could have sobered up and united this country as well as did this act of aggression. Still others pointed out the fact that "this attack proves to us that what lies ahead will not be a push-over."

Sounding the keynote and our general solution to the situation was President Andruss' advice to the entire student body: "We must learn to continue doing the normal things in an abnormal time."

## Senior Dance

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Bucknell, Penn State and Cornell. Featuring the voice of the lovely Elaine, Bobby Geese has gained an excellent reputation throughout Pennsylvania and the surrounding states. William Booth, general chairman, with the aid of the following commit-

## Moves on to Specialty School For Further Flight Training

The Army Air Corps authorities at Randolph Field, Texas, announced this week the graduation of John A. Maksimiuk, a former student at Bloomsburg, from the Aviation Cadet Division stationed there. John is a cadet in the last graduation class for this year, consisting of 245 pilots representing 135 colleges and universities.

Ending the primary phase of his thirty-week course in October 1, Maksimiuk completed ten weeks of intensive flight training at civilian operated elementary schools where he mastered the fundamentals of flying in rugged, low-powered airplanes. Sixty-five hours aloft were logged in this type of craft.

### Randolph Field

Moving on to Randolph Field, the transition to the Air Corps' speedy, 450 horsepower basic trainer was made and 70 additional hours were listed in his log book. In this basic, ten-weeks course he studied night flying, aerial acrobatics, instrument and formation flying, engine maintenance, and radio code, all adding to his skill as a future officer-pilot.

On December 12, Maksimiuk completed Randolph's basic training schedule and is now ready for the final ten weeks at specialized Air Corps schools. There he will learn to fly faster, more powerful airplanes, cross-country hops of greater distances, either solo or in formation, and night navigation flights.

Later, a commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve and wearing the wings of a flying officer, he will go to duty with units of the Air Force Combat Command or be reassigned to training fields as instructor.

### "West Point of the Air"

Maksimiuk graduated from the nation's largest flying school. At Randolph Field, the "West Point of the Air", over 4500 Aviation Cadets receive their basic flying training annually. This has been the rallying point for the realization of the Air Forces' schedule that calls for 30,000 trained military pilots each year.

## Waller Hall Girls To Help Children

Waller Hall girls and faculty members have introduced a new project to replace the annual Crippled Children's Party. Since most of the guests of former years have reached the age where a party would not prove suitable entertainment, students and faculty members will present gifts to the needy children of Bloomsburg. Toys, games, books, and pating sets are included in the collection.

The committee members are as follows: Grace Richardson, Irene Kornaski, Rita Simpson, Ruth James, Catherine Jones, Eleanor Althof, Sara Wagner, Francis Brody.

The committee gave each dormitory girl the name of a child for whom she was to procure a suitable gift.

tees is endeavoring to make this dance an overwhelming success: refreshment, Idajane Shipe, Kitty O'Neil, Bob Borneman; program, Stew Yorks, Jeanne Noll, Ruth Baird; decorations, Walter Mohr, Peter Podwika, Richard Nonnemacher, Mary Whitby, Sophia Kokora; publicity, James Davies, Dick Matthes, Ralph McCracken; orchestra, Robert Webb, Raymond Chandler, Eleanor Twardzik.