I'm sure that wild parties are frowned upon on the Carlow Campus, but this one is different. Our December meeting, Monday the 11th at 8 P.M., will be our traditional wild Christmas party. We enjoy all sorts of things from the wild — fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms — in pies, cookies, candies, jellies, beverages, etc. — brought in by the members.

HOWEVER...and I have been asked to put this in the bulletin...don't stay away if you have nothing to bring. There is always enough to go around.

This year we again combine Members' Night with our Christmas party. Each member brings up to twelve botanical slides taken during the past year.

In the way of scientific research, there will be an exploration of the efficaciousness of Phoiodendron flavescens as an oscillatory stimulus. Purely fanciful mental absorption!

The party will be held at Aquinas Hall on the Carlow College Campus, just a little down from our usual meeting place, which is Trinity Hall.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY HANNUKAH TO ALL

1996 DUES ARE DUE

Bring your application and check to the December meeting. If you can't make the meeting, mail them to our Treasurer:

Walter J. Gardill
P. O. Box 226, Grosick Rd.
Ingomar, PA 15127

Please do not mail these applications to the Secretary. It just means an extra postage stamp, because I just send them right to Walter.

If you save your copies of Wildflowers and do not wish to cut out the form, that's O.K. Just put the information on a separate piece of paper.

POLYSTICHUM ACROSTICHOIDES

I take personal credit for this month's illustration. With my great artistic talent and with countless hours of painstaking effort, I pushed the button on the copying machine to make this print from an actual specimen of the Christmas Fern.

The specimen came from our own fern garden.

TO GRANDCHILDREN'S HOUSE WE GO

You are right. This bulletin is very early...by at least two weeks. We had the choice of "too early" or "too late".

By the time you receive this bulletin, Anne and I will be on our way to California...to spend Thanksgiving with our wonderful grandchildren. This time we are going by train, something we have always wanted to do.

University of Pittsburgh Honors College
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John C. Sawhill
President and CEO, The Nature Conservancy
Former Deputy Secretary of Energy
Former President, New York University

Environmental Challenges of the 1990's
8:30 PM Monday, December 4, 1995
University of Pittsburgh, Oakland

If you or someone in your organization care to attend, please phone 648-2215.

All tickets are complimentary. Some are still available and will be distributed as long as they remain available. When ordering tickets, please mention that you are a member of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.