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HERE'S TO A PUNCHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

IRC's United Nations Called Great Success

On Saturday, December 9, Albright's International Relations Club sponsored its seventh annual High School Model General Assembly. The opening plenary session, which was held in the Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Chapel-Auditorium proper, had as its guest speaker Mahlon Hellerich, Dean of the College. The secretary-general was Natale DeLuca, '62, president of IRC. David Walton, '64, was assistant to the secretary-general. The president was Judi Klein of Schuylkill Valley High School.

Most of the day was spent by the 158 delegates in caucus and committee meetings. The delegates were made up of students from 12 schools in the Berks County area. The agenda of the three committees was Berlin, Disarmament, and Angola. The Chairman of the Berlin Committee was Anita Jones of Muhlenberg High School and her rapporteur was Yasunobu Kinose, '62. The Disarmament Committee chairman was Philip Strunk of Reading High School with George Reagan, '62, as rapporteur. Peter McElroy of Schuylkill Valley High School headed the Angola Committee with Bruce Yeo, '62, as rapporteur. Three resolutions were passed; two on Disarmament and one on Berlin. The Committee on Angola failed to pass any resolutions. Two out of these three were passed in the final plenary (Continued on Page Two)

Dean Announces New Curriculum For '62

Dean Hellerich recently announced many significant changes in the Albright curriculum for the coming semester. These alterations are pointed in the direction of a specialized nature. On the other hand, this trend toward specialization has not been a completely smothered generalization in the curriculum.

A new Department of Classical Languages, which replaces the separate units of Greek and Latin has been added to the curriculum. Dr. F. Wilbur Gingrich, chairman of the Department, will be assisted in teaching by the Rev. Ronald E. Crockett who will teach Greek, and Mrs. Helen Jefferson Loane who will teach Latin. The establishment of this department does not eliminate the possibility of a minor in Greek.

A new series of Seminar Courses for senior majors in Business Administration and Business Economics will also originate next semester. Next year, the same seminar series idea will be instituted into a Spanish and a Math course for senior majors in these fields.

Communion Set; Public Invited

The annual Christmas Communion Service will be held tonight in the Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel. During the entire service, the chapel will be lighted by candle. All students and faculty of Albright College are invited to attend this worship service.

This year, neighbors of the college are invited to share in the worship with the students and faculty. A written invitation to all residents within a one-or-two block radius of the campus has been issued by the Christian Faith and Heritage Commission under whose auspices the service is being conducted.

Reverend Theodore Pavlidis, Lecturer in Sociology and History, will be the guest speaker for the service. Daniel Cormier, '64, will serve as student worship leader. Reverend Robert Smethers, Director of Church Relations, will administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The (Continued on Page Two)

Yule Concert Today In Chapel

The Music Department under the direction of Prof. Lester R. Yeager, announces a Christmas concert to be presented in the Chapel-Auditorium on Thursday, December 14th, at 11:10 a.m.

Opening the program will be a Christmas march by the Concert Band, followed by a transcription of the 17th Century Christmas hymn "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light." The second part of the program will feature the Glee Club (Continued on Page Two)

Day To Speak For Y On 2nd

"You, the student, and the world revolution" is the topic Miss Dorothea Day, editor of the Catholic Worker will discuss January 2, 1962, at a Y program. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Pine Room. Miss Day will also speak in the morning chapel program. Miss Day has informed the Y committee that this date can't be binding on her; for if there is any trouble, freedom riding or other hot spot explosions in the South, she will go to these areas and be "perhaps in jail, but not at Albright."

Switchboard, Mail And A Smile Are Her Day

Mrs. Eck, Is Fine Part Of Our College

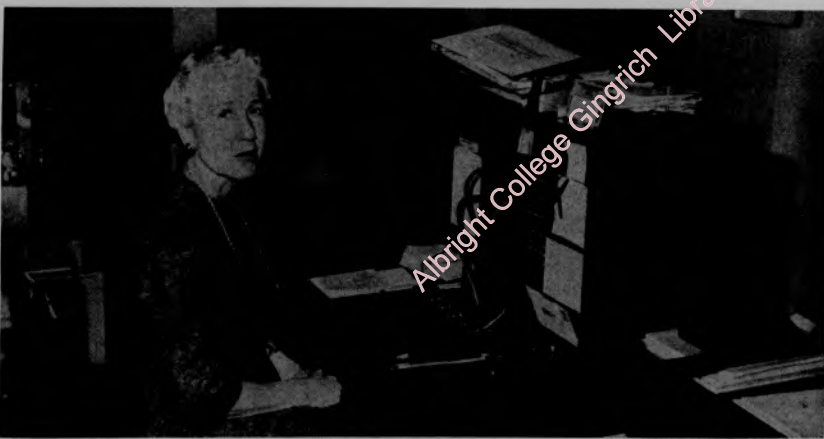
By BRUCE YEO

Fulfilling one's potential and performing a task as well as possible has been considered an admirable quality since the days of Plato. One person that contains this rare quality in large quantity is one Mrs. Anna S. Eck, Albright's hardworking, friendly switchboard operator. Working at the heart of the college's communication center, she has held the school together by telephone wire for over eleven years. Along with this hectic job, her duties include handling of the school's mail and mimeographing.

An active woman since childhood, Mrs. Eck is a competent swimmer and usually spends about four nights a week at the YWCA helping out in the swimming instruction. Among her other varied talents is the art of furniture re-finishing. Working especially with antiques, Mrs. Eck strips down marble-top tables, chairs and clocks and puts a professional finish on them. Along with this she handpaints many articles in her home, such as trays and dishpans.

Mrs. Eck has also mastered the art of rughooking. Attending various rummage sales, she purchases material, cuts it into strips, dyes the strips various colors, and hooks them into a rug, fashioning them into intricate patterns, such as roses.

A stamp collector for the past ten



years, she specializes in United States commemoratives, and is in a fortunate position in this respect. While going through Albright's seemingly endless supply of incoming mail, she frequently spies, with the true eye of a philatelist, a particularly interesting stamp and has the professor receiving the letter save it for her.

Although at first glance, switchboard operating may seem a fairly monotonous job, Mrs. Eck claims it has its interesting moments. Her calls vary in distance from as near as the President's office next door

to as far away as Europe. She once received a call from Germany for Miss Benniger.

Mrs. Eck recalls a time when she had to calm down a pretty frantic woman over the phone who thought that her cat was being dissected in the Merner-Pfeiffer Science Hall! (At one time Albright biology students obtained their specimens for the dissection table by chasing down the nearest alley cat around the college.)

Always willing to help out when she can, Mrs. Eck has quite often traveled back to the campus at 8:00

or 9:00 at night to get something for a worried professor who has left some needed object in her office. Also, she frequently goes out of her way to make sure that messages get to the person they are intended for, instead of simply informing the person on the other end of the line that the party they are calling for is not in.

People who really take pride in their work are hard to find these days. With this in mind, the faculty, administration and students should consider themselves fortunate to find just such a person in Mrs. Eck.

Psychology

A new program in the Psychology Department has led to many changes. Those students entering the Psychology Department as Psychology majors next year will be required to take a foreign language. This spring, a new course, Physiological Psychology, will be required of all psychology majors.

A new course, Experimental Embryology, has been placed in the schedule for the Biology Department.

Accounting Majors

All Accounting majors will have to complete 24 credit hours to fulfill their major requirements. Also in the Business Department, a new course Comparative Economic Systems, will be added to the program.

Those who are contemplating marriage will be pleased to hear that a general course, entitled Fundamentals of Home Economics is being added to the Home Economics schedule in the spring. This course is really a combination of two old courses, and it will be available to non-Home Economic majors.

Elective

Another elective, Numerical Analysis, will be available to students. This course will be useful in understanding the mathematical background of computer systems.

At the last faculty meeting, the faculty decided upon a quality requirement for admission to the student teaching program. This requirement includes the facts that a student has to earn a cumulative average of at least a C— in the subject field in which he wishes to teach and nine quality credits in the education courses must be obtained.

An approved change in procedure of placing students on academic probation has been placed into effect this semester. There is no possibility of a student's being placed on or taken off of academic probation at the mid-semester. Students having a deficiency average of 3.70 or below at mid-semesters will receive a letter of warning. Copies of these letters will also be sent to the parents.

Christmas And Christianity

By PROFESSOR F. W. GINGRICH

A common complaint is that Christmas, the most widely celebrated of all Christian festivals, does not have enough Christianity in it. As a convinced Christian, the writer will agree that a greater Christian emphasis would be highly desirable; nevertheless, he must also admit, as a matter of historic fact to a certain amount of surprise that there is so much Christian content as we now have in our celebration of this great festival.

It is generally conceded that there was no celebration of the birthday of Jesus until the fourth century A.D. The custom at first was to celebrate the death of some important figure in Christianity rather than his birth. Certainly, the greatest of all Christian festivals is Easter, which commemorates Christ's death and resurrection at the time of the year when they actually occurred.

Part of the genius of Christianity is that it has been able to put its stamp upon much that it has taken from other sources. When the church finally decided to celebrate Christ's birthday, it was confronted by the fact that no one knew with any degree of certainty the year, the month, or the day when he was born.

The ancient Romans, Germans, Celts and others had long been accustomed to celebrating December 25 as the birthday of the sun. As primitive tribes watched the days growing shorter and the nights growing longer toward the end of December, they seem to have feared that the sun might disappear altogether. By December 25, however, it had become evident that the sun was winning a victory over darkness. This became the occasion for much rejoicing, with feasting and drinking and general merriment. The famous Roman festival of the Saturnalia is an example of the excesses which became possible in the celebration of this kind of festival.

It was a stroke of genius, therefore, which led the Church fathers in the fourth century to decide that December 25 should celebrate the birthday of Christ rather than of the sun. In so doing they made a valiant, but not always successful attempt to purge this ancient-festival of its grosser elements.

In some of its sterner forms, the Christian Church has at times rejected the whole idea of celebrating Christmas because of the pagan nature of many customs connected with it. Some of these have persisted to the present, with excessive drinking, carousing, and commercialism among the worst; the lowest point is probably reached by the office Christmas party as practiced in some quarters.

The influence of Christianity can be seen in the fact that Christmas is a time of good will generally. Even those who are normally grouchy seem to have less reason for being so at this time of the year. Increased attendance at regular and special Church services is an index of heightened concern for the finer things in life.

Many of the pagan customs which adhere to our Christmas celebration are harmless enough, such as the use of holly, mistletoe and Christmas trees, and there is no reason why we should object to them. After all, even Santa Claus started out as a Christian saint.

Our problem is to complete the process set in motion by the Church fathers when they decided that Christmas was to take place of

the old pagan sun festival. We can do this by purging our celebration of the unworthy elements that still remain. Christmas is for the family and friends, for the renewal of family ties and the revival of friendships that may be in danger of lapsing through the passage of time. It is a time when we should remember those who are less fortunate than we are, and the writer wishes to commend especially the college students who help each year to give a party for underprivileged children. It is a time when, as we grow in maturity, we can test the truth of the famous Christian principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

WAA Displays Crowded Season

The women of Albright College launched their sports season of 1961-62 with intramural hockey. Three teams participated in the competition, and the Pi Alpha Tau sorority was successful in placing first. Eleven girls also attended an inter-collegiate hockey playday at Moravian College.

Seven teams are now participating in intramural volleyball. These teams are Frosh I, Frosh II, Frosh III, Frosh IV, Dorm, Mus, and Pats. This competition is divided into halves, with each team playing the others twice.

Fifteen girls traveled to Kutztown State College for a volleyball and

Communion

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Inter-Fraternity-Sorority Choir, under the direction of John Grove, '62, will provide music for the Service. The choir will sing "Break Forth" and "Carol of the Bells."

Another highlight of the service will be the passing of the light from worshiper to worshiper at the close of the service. This ceremony symbolizes the passing of the message of Christmas from person to person.

swimming playday with Moravian College, Kutztown, and Cedar Crest College. Albright succeeded in tying for first place.

Cathy Patterson and Joan Kuzan attended a tennis clinic at Forrest Hills, New York. While at Forrest Hills the girls engaged in tennis competition with representatives from other colleges, in addition to receiving valuable tennis instruction.

Sue Tromley, Betsy Gray, and Mary Ann Menna represented Albright at a meeting of the state women's athletic organization, Co-recreational events,

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which was held at Pennsylvania State University. At this meeting the girls participated in discussion of issues such as Intramurals and Co-recreational events.

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WISHES



YOU

A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Greek Vine

The sisters of Phi Beta Mu will play host to the freshman women and their dates at the annual Rush Dance Friday, January 5, 1962 in the ballroom of the Reading Country Club. Couples will dance in an atmosphere depicting an alpine rendezvous to the music of Johnny Barker and "The Redcoats."

Chaperones for the event are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shirk. An invitation to the dance is extended to all faculty members and members of the Phi Beta Mu Alumnae Association.

General chairman for the affair is Peggy Friedenberg, '62. Gall Montag, '63, heads the refreshment committee; Linda Wurttemberg, '64, and April Pogosaew, '62, have charge of programs. Decorations will be designed by Cindy New, '63, and Carole Hagenbuch, '63. Suzie Schirm, '63, and Nancy Young, '63, have charge of favors for the dance.

Pi Tau Beta

The Pi Tau Beta fraternity is proud to announce that its winter rush dance will be held on the evening of January 6 at the Orioles Club located on South 8th Street. All freshmen and uncommitted upperclassmen are invited to an evening of dancing to the music of The Four Moods. The theme of this year's dance, which will begin at 9:00 p.m., is "Old Devil Moon."

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Chocolates

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IRC

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session of the General Assembly.

The winning trophy was given to the delegation of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic from Reading High School. This was the third consecutive year that a Reading High School delegation has won the trophy.

Members of the Secretariat were Bonnie Price, '62, Secretariat; head; Barbara O'Dell, '63; Linda Bersherberger, '61; Jack Price, '60; Paul-ette Kulina, '64; Janet Lovell, '63; Carolyn Otto, '65; June Cooke, '64; Carlyn Lundel, '64; Freida Weise, '64; Pat O'Brien, '63; Caroline Mill, '64.

Yule Concert

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singing choruses from Handel's "Messiah". Martha Glosser, '64, will sing the recitative and aria to "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion."

In closing, the Glee Club will join the Concert Band in a selection of Christmas songs "Beneath the Holly." Accompanying the Glee Club are Sandra Rothenberger, '64, piano and James Adams, '63, organ.

The Glee Club is a very active organization. They have, in addition to the Chapel program a full schedule of appearances in a four day tour which will take them into Washington, D. C., Maryland and Mid-Western Pennsylvania.



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We Wish You and Yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dean and Mrs. Mahlon H. Hellerich

Best Wishes and Merry Christmas

Dean Mary E. Harding

Heartiest Season's Greetings to Everyone

Dean John W. Kopp and Family

Sincerest Holiday Wishes

Samuel B. Shirk

May the Joy of Christmas Be Yours Throughout the New Year

The Bishops

For All Our Campus Friends, We Wish the Blessings and Joys of Christmas

Pearl and Sallie Bright

Frohe Weihnachten und ein gesegnetes Jahr 1962

Familie Brossman

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Elizabeth H. Burkey

*Fear not, O faithful heart, but bring what most is meet;
Bring love alone, true love alone, and lay it at his feet.*

The Cocrofts

To All Albrightians Everywhere—A Very Merry Christmas

John and Edith Douds

"We'll drink tonight with hearts as light.

To love, as gay and fleeting,

As bubbles that swim, on the beaker's brim

And break on the lips while meeting."

Prof. and Mrs. Donald S. Gates

Best Wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season

The Gingrichs

"The Season's Greetings to All Albrightians"

Marcus and Leona Green

May the Joy of Christmas Remain with You Through the Year

Margaret Haight

May the Blessings of Christmas Be Yours

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Handorf

A Joyous Christmas to All Albrightians

The Hardings

God's Love in Us All, a Merry Christmas, and a Full New Year

The Haskell Family

May the Spirit of the Christ-Child Rule in the Hearts of Men

The Paul Leininger Family

Venite Adoremus Dominum

Magistra Linguae Latinae

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord"

The Marlows

The Season's Greetings to You and Yours

Dr. and Mrs. E. Luke Matz

Froehliche Weihnachten und ein Glueklisches Neujahr

Familie Memming

Greetings and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

John, Vivian, Alan, and Debra Potsklan

Merry Christmas to All

The Renkens

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

Emma Seifrit

May the Joy and Hope of Christmas Abide with You Throughout the New Year

The Smethers Family

The Joy of Christmas to Faculty and Students

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Smith

Joyous Greetings for the Holiday Season

The Wallick Family

"May the Holiday Season Fill You with Good Cheer and Happiness"

Professor Lester R. Yeager

Health and Happiness for Christmas and the Coming New Year

From All of Us at the Health Center

*May Christmas and the Year That's After,
Bring You Love and Laughter*

The Roberts Family

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year

From Doc Gable and Family

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Alumni Association

*May the Joys and Blessings of This Christmas Season
Remain with You Throughout the New Year*

The Sisters of Pi Alpha Tau

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday

From the Sisters of Phi Beta Mu

The Brothers of Alpha Pi Omega Fraternity

Extend to Each and Everyone a Very Happy and Meaningful Holiday Season

Season's Greetings

From the Brothers of Pi Tau Beta Fraternity

Let the Love of Christ Set Your Soul Aglow and Your Holiday Will Be Complete—Merry Christmas Everyone!

Kappa Upsilon Phi Fraternity

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

From the Brothers of Zeta Omega Epsilon

The YM-YWCA

Extends Its Hope of a Meaningful Holiday Season to Each and Every Albrightian

Season's Greetings

From Gus and Stella of the Inn

Dancing

Editor's Note: In these days of major disaster and a completely troubled world, let us pause to take a glance into the past and the world problems of 1933. This is an excerpt from the Albrightian of November 11, 1933. After reading this perhaps we could picture the situation with the present dance craze: the Twist.

One of the widely discussed problems in connection with the social life of our campus is that of dancing. There seem to be certain factions connected with our school administration that prohibit this harmless form of recreation. We are perfectly willing to concede these restrictions if adequate and definite reason could be given us, however, there seems to be a general resentment throughout the student body as regards this restriction.

Recently an article written in connection with this matter was handed me by one of our prominent seniors. Whether it was intended as a sarcastic gesture in opposition to this particular regulation I am not able to say. However, read it and judge for yourself.

"Perhaps if we followed the rules for dancing as drawn up in the handbook of East Stroudsburg State Teacher's College, dancing would be allowed on our campus. Here they are:

1. There shall be no continuous dancing in the corners, that is, couples must follow the general line of direction, making a complete circuit around the floor while dancing.

2. The correct position is as follows: The leader places his right hand at the base of his partner's right shoulder blade and extends his left arm sideward, palm up. The girl stands a little to the left of her partner, rests her left hand on the right shoulder of her partner, extends her right arm sideward and places her right hand with the palm down on her partner's left hand.

3. Stand erect when taking the position for dancing, and remain in an erect position throughout the dance.

4. Only social dancing will be permitted. Stage steps, skipping, bobbing, wriggling, kicking, dipping, continuous spinning and other unnecessary movements of the body are to be strictly avoided.

5. In dancing always regard the comfort of your partner by maintaining the proper position."

Why dance? Hiking is less expensive."

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"Christmas, like everything else, is now pre-packaged." "It's bought when bathing suits are still on the shelves and stored so long that the flavor has gone when it's brought out to thaw with the Christmas turkey."

"... The Christmas Season, like the presentation of the new cars, seems to start earlier each year. In August people are first warned to buy early and avoid the rush. September ushers in Santa Claus sales and the opening of toy departments. The first cool day in October merchants try to decide who will wear the pillow and the white beard.

"In November Christmas bells and lights are strung from poles...

"By December, people are sick of the thought of Christmas. Perhaps this is why the tinsel and lights are jerked down on Dec. 26, as though they were something hated and boring.

"People do not want Christmas to interfere. They want it to come softly like any other day so there will be no bother. It is too much trouble to be sucked into the activities of a Christmas season. Christmas must be pre-packaged so that it can be defrosted slowly. It is bought in August and then thawed with the Christmas turkey a few days early...

"I think that I will wait until Christmas to have Christmas. It's a lot of fun to buy gifts on Christmas Eve and bump into Christmas trees and be crowded and shoved by people like myself who enjoy the season.

"Sure, all of the gifts are picked

Y Sponsors Carol Sing

In keeping with the Christmas spirit at Albright, the Y recently invited the entire college campus to participate in its annual Christmas Caroling program.

The carolers, which included singers, hummers, and anyone who just wanted to walk in the brisk December air, assembled in the Pine Room at 7:15 p.m. They then proceeded to serenade the homes of professors, administration, and fraternity houses near the campus.

The singers, who were led by Albright's answer to Mitch Miller, Edith Engle, '64, then marched back to Krause Hall to soothe sore throats and warm chilled bodies with some appropriate liquid and solid refreshments.

over and the shirts are sold in the small sizes; but who expects to get anything that fits on Christmas...

"I'm going to ignore what is going on down town and in the shopping centers... I think I will enjoy Christmas on Christmas."

RAYMOND STROTHER
Louisiana State Daily Reveille

Agon's Editor Gives Preview

As announced in a previous Albrightian, the staff of the Agon plans to publish two editions of the literary magazine this year. The reaction to this announcement has overwhelmed both of the editors and lodged in their minds the belief in the academic excellence of a small, eastern, liberal arts college. Scores of students, their eyes bleary from nightly creative work, have begged Agon staff members to publish the results of their confrontation with the muses. The academic superiority of the well-rounded individual has at last manifested itself in the imaginative achievements of an "educated student body." And then I woke up...

The average Albrightian response to the value of literary creation could be synthesized in these two words—"So what!" The Albright intellectual climate had once again manifested itself in the maze of red and white jackets—"But you forget, this is Albright!"

This attitude of intellectual apathy has long permeated the entire campus. Because creative work demands additional time outside of preparation for class, the Albright student runs to construct Mickey Mouse floats for the in-group, or listen to "The Twist" in the college sub.

However, because I do not want to be accused of being a student captivated by the image of his own intellectual detachment, I feel it is necessary to show forth some "light" in this maze of apathy. To those students who have actively participated in the formation of the new Agon, the editors' owe their thanks. And to the joy of this writer, one or two professors have gone out of their way to help the Agon staff. To them we give our sincere thanks. And to them we owe any incentive we possess to continue editing a magazine in a climate of sterile sensibility.

This summer this writer received a letter from the editor of a literary magazine at a neighboring college. Part of this letter is being published as a paragon for future Albright literary achievements.

"All literary magazines, as you know, go up and down in quality with the drive, effort, and ability of the student body. A sterile student body will, in most cases, produce nothing but a sterile literary magazine."

JOHN JORGAN
Editor, Agon

Have you heard a lot about the Peace Corps? Have you been wondering what it may have to offer you? Do you have a reservoir of unanswered questions about this government body serving other nations? If you do, do not miss...

The first documentary television presentation on the Peace Corps in the field. It will be shown on December 15 over all NBC stations at 9:30 p.m. EST.



By JAMES MATTHEWS

Out of the amorphous mass of Albright student opinion, emotion, and attitude, I can see emerging a blurred but prominent stratification. This revelation is probably a result of my own increased concern but, still, I can see the age-old segregation between the "pedants" and the "dull", developing an uncomfortable relationship between them — contempt.

I define pedants as those on campus who, if not as intellectual as many, are at least concerned, questioning, and curious. These people give the campus what academic aura it has and are among the students who are profiting most from their educations. However, this particular group, unlike other campus intellectuals, are sufficiently impressed with themselves to feel that those who are not so "aware" and gifted deserve condemnation and subjugation.

The dull represent those inert sluggards who are rarely interested in anything more than four-barrel carburetors and a set shot. They are never creative and are here only for an education defined as an accumulation of facts with which they can make money. Yet somehow they maintain a defiant dignity about themselves and take forced pride in their own sad state.

These extreme factions comprise only a small portion of the student body but their strife is causing widespread animosities. A few intellectuals who are decidedly affected and egotistical, although usually creative and concerned, have developed a distaste for abiding in the same shelter with the lethargic and morosely uninspired. Unfortunately, many have taken it upon themselves to inform their barbaric enemy of the idiocy they practice. These self-ordained elite have decided that, out of respect, the low life must pay humble homage to them in unending praise and recognition of their glowing superiority. This seems to me to be an obnoxious transgression of their own ideals and reveals a strong potential for...

The Missing Key

"In this modern world of electronic devices, it is quite common for one little mechanism to go haywire. Take this typewriter, for instance. There are 44 keys on a typewriter, and one little key not working should not make that much difference. But, one little key DOXES matter, doesn't it?"

When someone asks you—one person in a million—to do just one little job, do you tell them no and pass as another lax key in the scheme of bigger plans? You might say this little job could be handled by other people, bigger people who know what to do and how to do it. But, there was a time when these big people were just little keys like you...

"Then next time you think you're

them to join their foe in muddled-mindedness.

However, there has been substantial provocation. The word "pseudo" has become the standard curse of the proletariat. It is hurled freely at the sound of any three- or more-syllable word, and more often than not, is inapplicable. The throwbacks to either King Kong or IBM have a sad plight. They have been condemned so long that their feeble retorts go unheard and must be replaced by gritting teeth and, unfortunately, discouragement.

The horror of this situation lies in the futility of the conflict. The repressed dullards react with indignation and wage a self-ignorance campaign. Meanwhile the heads of the enlightened swell — to proportions to ungainly for the deep meditation they thrive on. It is true that the lethargic and blind acceptance should not be the criterion of a good student, but some are limited to this by either a lack of potential or because they have never been so encouraged. However, in a place of higher learning, intellectualism deserves sincere respect. Some of the plebeians are seeking self-justification by condemning the stilted ones as "fags" (in the neanderthal vernacular).

On the other hand, a few accomplished egotists are breaching the limits of human understanding and are trying to elevate themselves by standing on the heads of others. This is equally as disturbing as the peoples' rebellion but more surprising when considering the contrast between the mastery of the intellect they claim and the mastery of character they lack.

We hope that the vast majority of students in the level-headed-in-between stages will intervene occasionally and try not to giggle at idiocy versus idiocy. We cannot allow these aristocrats to alienate the ideal of the intellectual, and there is no reason to ignore an underling's potential by condemning for the sake of self-elevation. It is our job to suppress the outspoken prigs and to encourage the less motivated.

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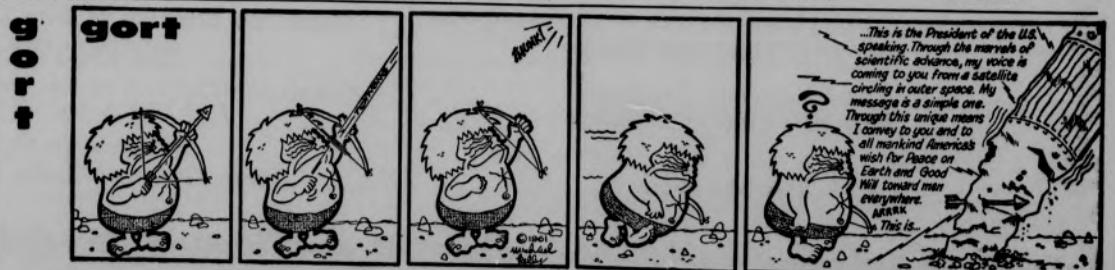
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Christmas And The World

Skating down a mountain with a lighted torch in your hand . . . strewing hay on the floor of your home . . . knocking on neighbors' doors in a symbolic pilgrimage . . . these are some of the ways you might find yourself celebrating Christmas in other parts of the world.

In token of Christ's birth in a manger, Poles spread hay on the floor and Lithuanians have straw under the tablecloth at their festive Christmas Eve meal. The colorful Mexican *posada* or pilgrimage dramatizes the search which led Mary and Joseph to the stable. For each of the nine nights before Christmas, a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph goes from house to house. Only at the last house are they—and the parade of neighbors which is now following them—invited in for supper.

An even more novel procession may be seen in the mountains of Austria. According to researchers for Shulton, Inc., who have been collecting material on foreign Christmases, wood carvers in the little town of Oberammergau meet on Christmas Eve and ski down the mountain slopes with flaming torches in their hands, singing as they go!

Just about every country which celebrates Christmas has its unique bit of seasonal folklore or ritual. In Sweden, it's the feast of St. Lucia on December 13, ushering in the Christmas season. Each community chooses a lovely Lucia Queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome. In families with daughters, the prettiest plays the role of Lucia. Her "privilege": to wait on everyone else for the day!

But even the standard holiday features—Christmas dinner, Christmas presents and Yuletide decorations—have picturesque local variations. Not only does Santa have numerous aliases (he's Julenisse in Denmark, Pere Noel in France, the Abbot of Unreason in Scotland), but in Italy he is a *she*. Italian kids place their trust in Befana, an old woman on a broomstick who brings gifts to good children and ashes to bad ones. (In older versions of the legend, she ate the juvenile delinquents).

Americans are probably the champion gift-givers, spending more than \$27 billion for Christmas presents in a recent year! The most popular gifts? For women, probably perfumes and colognes; at least 22% of the nation's annual perfume sales occur in December. (In round numbers, this means over \$7 million in Yuletide fragrances!) Men who think this "scentationally" high should remember that this figure includes not only Joy—"the world's most expensive perfume"—but Desert Flower, which costs a dollar a dram, \$3.50 for half an ounce.

Toiletries are a highly popular gift for men, too; despite the jokes about Christmas neckwear, many a man unwraps Old Spice instead of new ties on Christmas morn. Whether they give it, get it, or buy it for themselves, Americans spend over \$44 million a year on after-shave lotion!

Many countries find it so blessed to give Christmas gifts that they do it twice a Yuletide. While waiting for Befana to come across on January 6, Italian children and their elders draw small gifts on Christmas Eve from a jar called the "Urn of Fate." The French exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the impatient young fry are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve. And leave it to the systematic British to establish December 26 as Boxing Day. On this pugilistic-sounding occasion, servants and tradespeople are remembered with boxes of money!

The date of the big Christmas dinner also varies around the world; many countries have it on Christ-

mas Eve, before or after midnight services. Our traditional Christmas turkey does not appear on many menus. The French *reveillon*, a feast which occurs after midnight mass, is apt to feature oysters and sausages; in the French province of Brittany, buckwheat cakes with sour cream are served. The Norwegian Christmas dinner features a fish called *lutsk*. At a Polish Christmas Eve dinner, the number of courses is fixed at seven, nine or eleven; a Lithuanian Christmas feast must include twelve courses, one for each of the twelve disciples!

During the Christmas season, Germans and Rumanians bake long, thin cakes that symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes. In the Ukrainian part of Russia, cattle are given the first taste of the Christmas supper, because animals were the first to behold Christ. In parts of rural Germany, this is carried one step further—cattle and their owners both fast the day before Christmas, and eat well on Christmas Eve!

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" is a traditional refrain in English and American homes, but in Spain and Italy, householders decorate with flowers instead of evergreens at Christmas time. The Christmas tree, popular throughout the United States and Northern Europe, is relatively rare in Southern Europe; the *creche*, or manger scene, usually replaces it. In Sicily, many families use Christmas trees, but they decorate them with apples and oranges instead of tinsel! This carries out an old tradition that all the trees bore fruit when Christ was born.

In England and France, the Yule log is favored; in some districts of England, whole families go to the forest to select their Yule log. Pear, olive and applewood are considered best, and tradition says that the log must be large enough to last until New Year's Day.

Perhaps the most unusual Christmas tradition of all is the one still adhered to by some Swiss romantics. These folks advise a boy or girl to visit nine different fountains and take three sips from each at the time the bells are ringing for midnight services on Christmas Eve. After this old rite has been completed, the future husband or wife will be found standing at the door of the church and a regular courtship will begin—if the spell has worked.

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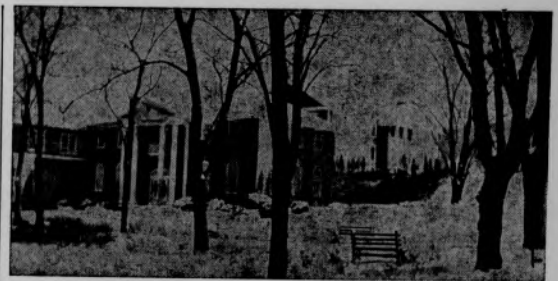
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IN THE LION'S DEN



By BARRY PARNEY, Sports Editor

Better Late Than Never

Despite the fact that the basketball season is in full swing, I am still being reminded, especially by the editor of this paper, that it is the duty of every sports editor to make some prediction as to how the local forces will fare in the battles of the current campaign. I was able to avoid the subject in the last issue due to a lack of space but unfortunately I have no excuse this time.

Before engaging in my prognostications, it should be mentioned that thus far, the team is far surpassing the performances which were expected of them during pre-season observation. This was evidenced in their easy victory over Wilkes and Gettysburg and their near upset of LaSalle. To most fans, the most impressive feature of the team thus far, has been the vast improvement of the players who saw only limited action in last year's contests. The biggest improvement seems to have been made by Bob Holzinger. Before the season began, it was doubtful as to how well he could fill the shoes of the graduated Ken Van Dine at the center spot. With the exception of a bit of personal foul trouble, Bob has stepped into the rugged position with the poise of an experienced veteran and appears to improve with each passing game.

When Ray Sommerstad was sidelined following his 19 point performance in the Wilkes game, Don Heeb got the call for the starting assignment and is another player whose improvement becomes apparent each time he steps onto the court. The same can be said of Norm Ruttenberg who has stepped into the position occupied by Sam Preston during the past several seasons. With the addition of strong bench strength in Hepner, Davis, Saul, Ricketts, Magee, Stitzel and the hopes that academic probation time will treat the Lions kindly, the team should have a better season than was originally anticipated.

So, with the expectation of being called down for each wrong prediction I have made, here goes:

Muhlenberg—In a game played last night, the Lions should have wound up on top despite the claims from Allentown of a banner year for the Mules: **ALBRIGHT**

Elizabethtown—This game might be a surprise and should be close. My pick: **ALBRIGHT**

Albright Invitational—On the strength of performances thus far, Williams should defeat Rutgers in the opening round with Albright beating Boston U. in the nightcap. In the second round it looks like Rutgers over Boston and Williams a slight choice over Albright: **WILLIAMS**

Susquehanna—Despite the fact that they got a bowl bid and we didn't: **ALBRIGHT**

Hofstra—Coach Van Breda Koff and his charges are still smarting from last year and tonight they should get revenge: **HOFSTRA**

St. Joseph's—Albright will rebound from their loss to Hofstra and play their best game of the year to down the high flying Hawks: **ALBRIGHT**

Wagner—This game rates as a real toss-up and the home court may make the difference. On a hunch: **ALBRIGHT**

Lebanon Valley—Most likely they will charge Renken with rolling up the score: **ALBRIGHT**

LaFayette—The Lions could turn the tables but the over-all height of the Leopards should make the difference: **LAFAYETTE**

Moravian—This game won't end in a tie: **ALBRIGHT**

Army—"We're ready for them" by Dale Hall: **ARMY**

Delaware—The Blue Hens played their best game to down the Lions last year and will do the same again: **DELAWARE**

Hartwick—I don't know what it is either: **ALBRIGHT**

Susquehanna—The Indians should make a big attempt to avenge the earlier defeat by Albright but on another hunch: **ALBRIGHT**

F & M—46-0 was only the beginning: **ALBRIGHT**

Lebanon Valley—It ain't fair: **ALBRIGHT**

Moravian—The Hounds will be tough at home especially if Dick Kosman has a good night: **ALBRIGHT**

Bucknell—Joe Steiner will make the difference: **BUCKNELL**

P.M.C.—Another close one. Get there early to get one of 200 folding chairs set up around the court: **ALBRIGHT**

Scranton—Final home performance for the Lions: **ALBRIGHT**

Juniata—Just added to the schedule, thank you: **ALBRIGHT**

Final summation: Win—18
Loss—7

VARSITY SCORING

	Games	Goals	Fouls	Points
Tom Pearsall	3	21	25-34	67
Norm Bautsch	3	21	3-3	45
Bob Holzinger	3	14	5-8	33
Don Heeb	3	13	1-1	27
Norm Ruttenberg	3	10	4-6	24
Ray Sommerstad	1	9	1-2	19
Dennis Hepner	3	7	0-0	14
Stan Saul	2	3	0-0	6
Dick Stitzel	1	2	0-0	4
Tim Magee	2	1	1-2	3
Tom Davis	2	1	0-0	2
Bruce Ricketts	3	0	0-0	0
Grant Krow	1	0	0-0	0

Red and White Ends G-Burg Streak at 12

Following their scheduled battle with Muhlenberg in the Lion's Den last night, the Albright passers will travel to meet the Blue Jays of Elizabethtown College at Elizabethtown on Saturday night. Before last night's contest, the Lions sported a 2-1 mark while Elizabethtown had also won two of their first three contests. They beat Lebanon Valley, 66-47 and Millersville State, 106-71 while losing to Pennsylvania Military College by a 71-51 score. The Blue Jays last beat the Lions in 1958, 74-65. Last year Albright prevailed, 85-51 and two years ago edged out an 83-80 victory at E-Town.

Strength Shown

In Albright's last two outings, the Lions showed surprising strength in smashing previously undefeated Gettysburg, 80-53 and in losing to highly rated LaSalle, 78-69.

Before their loss to Albright last Saturday night, the Bullets had won twelve straight ball games including nine at the end of last year's season. Throughout the first half, the game was close but the Lions broke the game wide open in the second half leading by as many as 30 points at one time. Each of the Lions starters scored in double figures with Tom Pearsall leading the way with 21 points. Following him were Norm Bautsch, 20; Norm Ruttenberg, 13; Don Heeb, 12; and Bob Holzinger, 10. The only other Albrightian to hit the scoring column was Dennis Hepner who hit for two field goals for four points. Ron Warner who had scored 90 points for G-Burg in their first three games was held to nine points by the Red defense.

The scoring was opened by Bautsch with a field goal and two foul conversions by Pearsall. The Bullets tied the score at 8-8 and 10-10 but Holzinger's two foul shots put Albright in front for good and led, 37-30 at the half way point.

At the beginning of the second period, Gettysburg cut the Lion's margin to three points but a 17 point spurt by Albright put the game out of reach for the Bullets.

Pearsall Reaches 100

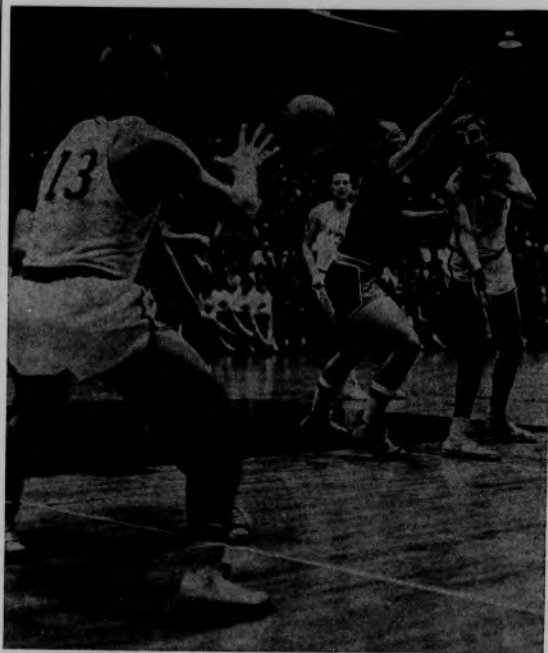
Pearsall's 21 points gave him a three year total of 1,003 points to make him the sixth player in Albright history to score more than 1,200 points.

Chapman And Sheeler Are Named To All-State Team

For the first time in history, Albright placed two players on the Associated Press All-State team which was announced earlier this week. The two players were co-captains Gary Chapman and Gary Sheeler. Named to the second team was George Reagan while Tom Olivo received honorable mention.

Penn State Dominates

The All-State team was dominated by Penn State which placed four players on the first team and a total of seven on the three honor teams. Chapman was named for his leading Albright to two straight undefeated seasons and tossing for at least one touchdown in every game. Sheeler moved up from the third team last year while George Reagan



Bob Holzinger passes ball to Tom Pearsall as the Lions walloped Gettysburg 80-53 last Saturday in the field house. (Eagle Photo)

In the preliminary game, the Albright Junior Varsity won its first game in three tries, when they squeaked out a 56-55 victory over the Baby Bullets. Grant Krow sank two foul shots in the final seconds to give the one point lead to the home team which proved to be the margin of victory.

LaSalle Game

Last Wednesday night, the Lions traveled to Philadelphia to meet the LaSalle Explorers and succeeded in putting a big scare into the highly touted Explorers before falling by a 78-69 score.

Albright led throughout much of the first half and at one point held a 26-16 lead before the Philadelphia Explorers started to move. The Explorers went into the lead, 30-28 with 4:35 remaining in the first half and increased their lead to 36-30 at halftime. In the second half, the Lions led by Bob Holzinger managed to fight back and tie the score at 44-44 but a disputed fifth foul put Holzinger out of the game and the Lions could not cope with the height of LaSalle. The game was actually decided on the foul line where LaSalle hit for 22 of 30 while the Lions got 13 for 18. Each team scored 28 field goals.

Wrestlers Top PMC 30-7

The Albright College wrestling team opened up its 1961-62 season by beating the Cadets of Pennsylvania Military College 30-7 at Chester. Mike Marino, Bob Melnick, Jack Snyder and John Poulos got the Lions off to a fast start by pinning their opponents. Bill Vogt and Mike Goldberg gained decisions while Luther Knorr drew his man. The only Lion to lose was Sal Branca who was pinned in 2:45.

Summaries:

- 123—Mike Marino, A, pinned Buros in 3:54.
- 130—Bob Melnick, A, pinned Tees in 4:30.
- 137—Jack Snyder, A, pinned Drake in 5:25.
- 147—John Poulos, A, pinned Duff in 7:36.
- 157—Duffy, PMC, pinned Branca in 2:35.
- 167—Bill Vogt, A, pinned Parry in 5:49.
- 177—Mike Goldberg, A, decided Duble, 7-6.
- Heavyweight—Luther Knorr, A, drew Klimkowski.