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Colombian Yule Festivities Center on Religion, Family

Elvira Trujillo, a special student from Colombia, South America, has never been away from her family on Christmas, which makes her a little sad. She is certainly joining in with our holiday mood, however, for she has recently been busily sewing corsages made of evergreen sprigs, silver leaves, and tiny bells. These she had learned to make at home, where the house, the people, and the manglers are all decorated in the Christmas spirit.

The celebration of Christmas in Colombia begins between the tenth and the fifteenth of December, and lasts until the twenty-fifth. The children are not in school then, as they finish their studies during the last week of November.

The manger, in this South American country, is a symbol similar to our Christmas tree. The family, which is also on vacation at this time, prepares the manger on December 15, setting it up in the best room of the house, usually the living room.

It is decorated with moss and branches collected by the family on an all-day picnic especially for that purpose. Every night, beginning December 16, the whole family prays at the manger in the early evening, and sings carols.

Fireworks are an integral part

of the holiday. They are set off every night until December 25, and are even exploded outside the church after religious ceremonies.

Instead of learning that gifts are brought by Santa Claus, the children are taught that Jesus brings them, and so they write him letters, describing what they would like. These letters are placed in the manger, and every few minutes the children run to see if the angels have taken them yet.

Finally, on December 25, the main part of the holiday gets underway. It is completely a religious and family affair, and parties or dances are held only after the evening prayers and carols are finished. The family attends midnight and returns home for a Christmas dinner.

The adults then receive their presents, which have been placed in the manger, and watch the fireworks, which continue until dawn. Before they go to bed that night, they decorate each child's room and put presents all around and in the bed.

The family is up early the next day with the children, and goes to a grandparent's house for the noon meal. It is like a large family reunion, as all the aunts and uncles and cousins attend the celebration.

Pageant Will Climax Festivities

Theme of Holiday Program Is England's Fifteenth Century



BEVERLY CHURCH
Student Pageant Director
See Story on Page 3

Madonna's Appearance Marks Culmination of Christmas Activities

To climax the Christmas festivities on campus, the annual Christmas Pageant will be given tonight and tomorrow night, December 18, at 8:00 in Palmer Auditorium. Beverly Church '53, and Miss Hazelwood are the co-chairmen of the student-faculty pageant committee this year.

The theme for this year's pageant is A Christmas Story. It will be a fifteenth-century English setting.

Faculty, Student Participation

Assisting the chairmen will be a faculty committee including Miss Hanson, Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Laubenstein, Mr. Kasem-Beg, and Mr. Dale.

The student committee chairmen are: Martha MacQuarrie '53; costumes, Sara Metzger '53; and Cynthia Worsley '53; Properties, Barbara Schutt '55, and Polly Hume '53; Programs and tickets, Elaine Fridlund '53; stage manager, Jeannie Eacker '53; Lights, Ann Hutchison '53; and Make-up, Martha Flickinger '54. The Connecticut College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Quimby, will provide the music. In addition to the regular choir there will be two smaller groups under the direction of Joanne Starr '53, and Chris Schmidt '53.

Tickets Needed Thursday

The Wednesday evening performance is open to the public, and will not require tickets. On Thursday evening, however, students and all guests will need tickets for admission. Extra tickets for guests may be obtained from Mrs. Linkletter in the Information Office.

Production of the Christmas Pageant is under the auspices of the Art Department. The student chairmen are selected from, and voted upon, by the art majors. The faculty members are chosen at a Faculty Meeting.

Seniors Select Madonna

The Madonna, a senior, is voted upon by the senior class according to the qualities stipulated by the committee. These qualities, such as coloring and build, are derived from the painting or the story to be illustrated. The results of the vote remain secret until the performance time. On Wednesday evening the runner-up is the Madonna; not until Thursday is the winner of the contest disclosed.

Academic Freedom Contest Will End

Essays to be entered in the contest sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women must be submitted by December 31.

The theme of the contest is The Meaning of Academic Freedom. It is open to all college seniors, and the essay should be 2,500 words of length.

Contest judges include Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas; Dr. Ralph Bunche; former Attorney General, Thurman Arnold; former President of Wellesley College, Mrs. Douglas Horton; and Dr. Abraham L. Sachar, President of Brandeis University.

The first prize award is \$2,500; second prize, \$1,000; third, fourth, and fifth prizes, \$500 each. Rules and entry certificates may be obtained from the National Council of Jewish Women, 1 West 47th Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Poet Auden Speaks

W. H. Auden, distinguished American poet, will be the speaker at Five Arts Weekend on April 24, 1953. Mary Lee Cantwell '53, and Mr. Strider, student and faculty chairmen, respectively, of the Five Arts Committee, announced his acceptance of the invitation early this week. Mr. Auden will deliver the annual Joseph Henry Selden Memorial Lecture.

Mr. Auden was born in 1907 in England, and received his education at Gresham's School and Christ Church College, Oxford. In 1937 he came to the United States and is now a permanent resident of this country.

Before leaving England, he was honored by being chosen the second recipient of the King George's Medal for Poetry. Other awards which he has attained are the Award of Merit Medal of the National Academy of Arts and Letters in 1945 and the Pulitzer prize in 1948 for Age of Anxiety.

Mr. Auden's wife is Erika Mann, daughter of the German novelist, Thomas Mann.

Training Plan Will Continue At Radcliffe

Radcliffe College has announced the 17th session of its management training program for 1953-54.

The Management Training Program is a one-year graduate course designed to provide a basic training for young women in the various fields of administration. It offers a broad consideration of the social and economic problems which affect our working society. At the same time it offers a realistic study of the way in which organizations work to get things done.

Adds Specific Skills

The program is particularly appropriate for the superior student in liberal arts who has no specific skill by which to obtain a position of real responsibility. Graduates of the program are now in positions of responsibility in business and industry, government, social services, and educational institutions.

Two periods of full-time field work totaling ten weeks give the student an opportunity to obtain some practical experience in business. The work in the academic sessions is based on the study and class discussion of actual case situations. Instruction and materials are provided mainly by members of the Faculty of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Fellowships Available

A number of Full Tuition Fellowships are available. In addition, there are several Partial Fellowships and Loans. Details will be announced later.

Further information, a catalogue, and a pamphlet showing positions now held by graduates may be obtained by writing to the Director, Mr. T. North Whitehead.

Speech Classes Welcome Visitors to Christmas Program Before Recess

Visitors will be welcome at special Christmas Programs given by the Speech Classes in Auditorium 202 at the following hours: Thursday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

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January Play Will Be at Hawks Well Using Mask Theme

At Hawks Well by W. B. Yeats will be given by the Play Production group on Wednesday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium.

Yeats based his play on the Japanese Noh Theater in which masks are used. At Hawks Well is carrying on the theme of play production's use of masks.

Six girls will be in the play, three marionettes and three musicians. Joan Bloomer '53, as guardian of the well, will dance in the leading role. Jackie Ganem '55, will be the old man, and Doris Furlow '53, will be the young man.

The musicians will be as follows: first musician, Connie Demarest '54, playing the gong; second musician, Freddy Schneider '53, playing the drum; and third musician, Betty Ann Johnson '56 playing the zither. Audrey Watkins '53, is responsible for the scene designs.

Yeats' play will be the second in a series of three that the Play Production group will present.

Drama Enthusiasts Initiate Strider

On the evening of December 11 one of the main Christmas surprises on campus took place in the workshop of the auditorium, where Wig and Candle initiated Mr. Strider as an honorary member.

It cannot be revealed what the initiation was, but Mr. Strider was unhurt in fact, he enjoyed it—so did the other members. He was given a plaque (suitable for framing) to commemorate the event.

Mr. Strider has been active in Wig and Candle productions, as well as Fathers' Day shows and Five Arts programs.

Amalگو January 6

Amalگو will take place for the first time next year on Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium. Students are asked to bring pencils with them to this meeting.

Professor Tillich To Conduct Vesper Speech January 11

Paul Tillich, professor of philosophical theology at Union Theological Seminary, will be the speaker at the vesper service on Sunday, January 11, 1953, at 7:00 p.m. in Harkness Chapel.

Following his education in Germany, Professor Tillich taught in the universities at Berlin, Marburg, Dresden, Leipzig, and Frankfurt am Main. He has held his present post at Union Theological Seminary since his arrival in America in 1933.

Professor Tillich is recognized as one of the outstanding religious thinkers in the world today, an authority not only in theology and the philosophy of religion, but in social ethics as well.

He is the author of numerous books, some of which have been translated into English—notably The Religious Situation, translated by Reinhold Niebuhr. The first volume of his Systematic Theology, written in English, has appeared within the past year.

Other of his works written in English include The Protestant Era, and a collection of sermons entitled The Shaking of the Foundations. Professor Tillich has also written many articles which have been published in leading social and religious periodicals.

Professor Tillich has been a frequent visitor to Connecticut College. He has spoken here both at vespers and as a convocation lecturer.

Officers Selected To Carry Standard Of Freshman Class

At a recent class meeting the freshmen elected their officers. They are as follows:

President, Roberta Isaacs.
Honor Court Judges, Nancy Stewart, Sally Bartlett
Vice-president, Doris Frankenstein
Secretary, Celie Gray
Treasurer, Martha Canterbury
Social Chairman, Carolyn Pfeifer
AA Representative, Marsden Williams
Song Leader, Lettie McCord
Compet Play Director, Esther Pickard
Student-Faculty Forum, Irma Levine, Jane Haynes

Scripts Wanted on Patriotic Themes

Students and faculty members are invited to submit 15-minute radio scripts "of an intelligently patriotic motif," with those selected to be paid for at \$100 a script, to Herbert Prescott, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

The Grinnell college radio players, directed by Prescott, plan a series of 13 shows under the aegis of a National Association of Educational Broadcasters, Fund for Adult Education, grant. In the past few years, the group has world-premiered nearly 50 original scripts, many of which are contained in three commercially published books under Prescott's editorship.

Scripts should be submitted in standard form and may be in prose or in poetry. Those sending scripts should enclose stamped return envelope with submission. All materials in proper form will be carefully read, and rejected scripts will be accompanied by a check-form appraisal.

Santa Claus Comes to CC

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. With due credit to the *New York Sun* and countless reprints of its now-classic editorial, we'd like to add our present-day notions about Santa Claus to the constantly accruing amount of lore about that gentleman.

When we were children, a long time ago, we knew that Santa Claus really existed, completely equipped with sleigh and reindeer and a fabulously grand toy shop. It was one of the facts of our existence that Santa himself slid down our chimney on Christmas Eve, after we had fallen asleep. In honor of his coming a lovingly decorated evergreen tree stood at one side of the living room, and stockings were hung from the mantel as soon as school vacations began. A festal dinner also marked this occasion, and noisy but fervent carol singing around the piano.

With bitter disillusionment we were eventually confronted with the reality that one personification of Santa Claus could not possibly visit every child in the world simultaneously, could not be so completely selfless as to present every child in the world with the fruits of his abundant creativity, was, in short, incapable of being both a self-forgetful spirit and an earthly embodiment of that spirit.

Our disappointment came in regard to the magnanimity of one individual, despite the prominent place this particular embodiment of the Christmas spirit had held in our hearts. That blow was soon superseded by an intense appreciation of the people who had previously convinced us of the corporeal reality of Santa Claus and now served as proof that Santa had never ceased to exist in spirit.

Once a year—at Christmas—our faith in mankind is completely restored, by the love with which people think for a change about someone besides themselves, and act accordingly—SWW

Stu-Faculty Forum Discusses Time of Decision on Major

Student-Faculty Forum held its first meeting Wednesday evening, December 10, to discuss the question, "When should students choose their major field?"

The representatives of the faculty consisted of Dean Burdick, Miss Holborn of the Government Department, and Department Heads Dr. Goodwin, Botany, and Dr. Applezweig, Psychology.

Majoring Starts Too Soon

The students were Hildie Drexel, who as Vice-President of Student Government is the head of the Forum, and two representatives from each of the upper classes: Betty Johnson and Janice Cleary '53, Betsy Goodspeed and Carolyn Chapple '54; and Jane Grosfeld and Anne Talcott '55.

The problem presented was that many girls felt that the end of freshman year was too early to determine what the major field should be. Most girls had not taken enough courses, it was argued, in any one field to feel sure that one particular subject was that in which they wished to major, and so they were being forced into a decision prematurely. Another problem brought up concerned the fact that some girls found it hard to switch majors once they made what they thought was a tentative choice in their freshman year.

No Decision Reached

The Forum discussed the issue from several view points, and the general conclusion reached was that this is mainly an individual problem for which it would be hard to have one general rule which would suit everyone. It was felt also that some girls needed the extra push to make their decision, while others, it was true, were being forced into a major before they were ready.

The suggestion finally offered was that the girls most immediately concerned with the problem, and unhappy over their majors, should have a group discussion with members of the faculty to try to iron out some of the difficulties.

The Forum did not feel that any real decision could be reached concerning the time to choose the major field, because any set time will hold both advantages and disadvantages.

COLLEGE RADIO

Connecticut College Conversations
WICH—Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
 Mr. Strider interviewing Thomas Ingle, painter; Old Lyme, Conn. Topic: Modern Art and Modern Society.
WNLC—Dec. 23, 8:10:15 p.m.
 Christmas Readings by Mr. Strider
WICH—Dec. 25, 7:30 p.m.
 Christmas Readings by Mr. Strider
College Student Hour
WNLC—Dec. 18, 4:45 p.m.
 Christmas Program
WICH—Dec. 19, 7:45 p.m.
 Choir Program
WNLC—Dec. 25, 4:45 p.m.
 Constance Demarest '54
WICH—Dec. 26, 7:45 p.m.
 Christmas Program
WNLC—Jan. 1, 4:45 p.m.
 New Year and Twelfth Night Program
WICH—Jan. 2, 7:45 p.m.
 Constance Demarest '54
Fairystory Land
WNLC—Dec. 20, 10:45 a.m.
 Christmas Program:
 Music by: Mrs. Eleanor Cranz, Soprano Recorder; Miss Betsy Haines, Alto Recorder
WICH—Dec. 27, 9:15 a.m.
 Original Christmas Story for children by Jeanne Gehl-meyer '54; God Rest Ye Merry! Christmas story read by Anne Mahoney '56
WICH—Jan. 3, 9:15 a.m.
 Snow White and Rose Red arranged by Elizabeth Buell '55
WNLC—Jan. 3, 10:45 a.m.
 Rumpelstiltskin arranged by Ann Hathaway '56

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 18
 Christmas Pageant Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19
 Christmas Vacation Begins 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 4
 Christmas Vacation Ends 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6
 Amalgo Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 10
 Movie, Man of Aran Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 11
 Vespers, Professor Paul Tillich,
 Union Theological Seminary Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 12 to Friday, January 16
 Registration for Second Semester Registrar's Office

Wednesday, January 14
 Play Production Performance,
 At Hawks Well Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Smith College Poll on Cutting Classes Reveals Three Main Reasons — Exams, Dull Classes, Out-of-Town Week-ends

A poll at Smith College, Mass., shows that sophomores do more class cutting than other students. Fifty-eight per cent of the class cut at least once a week.

Three main reasons for cutting were given: Studying for exams; dull classes; and (for Saturday classes) out-of-town week-ends.

Commented the Sophian, student newspaper, "The reasons or excuses for missing class reveal neither maturity nor responsibility. The most frequent excuse, studying, shows, if not a poor value judgment, at least a lack of planning. The dull class routine is even more ridiculous."

From the Varsity News, University of Detroit:

I serve a purpose in this school
 On which no man can frown—
 I quietly sit in every class
 And keep the average down.

THAT "WARMONGERING"
 MICHIGAN DAILY . . .

A satirical story called "I Killed the President," printed last year in the Michigan Daily, has caused quite a stir in the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

Mrs. F. A. Novikov, Byelorussian delegate, assailed the article as an example of "warmongering" of the American press. In a recent speech she charged the Daily had accused the White Russian Soviet republic of building submarine bases at Minsk. But Minsk, she pointed out angrily, is far inland.

The article was intended as a satire on the many magazine cloak and dagger stories which have been appearing of late. An editor's note was run along with it saying that the story was a satire and not true.

But someone from Ann Arbor clipped the story—minus the editor's note—and sent it off to the Moscow Literary Gazette. The Gazette apparently took it seriously.

v. Hoff

It was so much easier to believe in Santa Claus!

Man of Aran, Prize Film, to Be Shown in Palmer Jan. 10

Man of Aran, Robert Flaherty's prize-winning film, will be shown on Saturday evening, January 10, at 7:30 in Palmer Auditorium.

This story of life on the Aran Islands won first prize at the International Film Congress in Venice, and was chosen best film of the year by the Committee on Exceptional Photoplays of the National Board of Review.

Produced on the Aran Islands off Galway, on the west coast of Ireland, Man of Aran has a cast made up entirely of natives of the island.

A short will be shown with the film; admission will be 25 cents.

Chapel

Thursday, December 18
 Christmas Carol Sing
 Tuesday, January 6
 Judy Gregory '56
 Thursday, January 8
 Dr. Laubenstein
 Friday, January 9
 Organ Meditation
 Tuesday, January 13
 President Park
 Wednesday, January 14
 Hildie Drexel '53

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Nothingness Turns Into Somethingness In Capable Hands

This pre-Christmas rush is a busy time for everyone, and Jinx Church '53, has an extra load as director of the Christmas Pageant.

Except when she returns, infrequently, to Jane Addams to catch forty winks or a quick meal, Jinx may be found in Palmer Auditorium adding the last touch to the scenery, or checking the lights.

Jinx seems to thrive in an harassed atmosphere, however, as she always finds time to help anybody that may need an art critic or a scenery painter, and yet still retains her calm composure.

Jinx has been unique in alternating her majors; freshman and junior years she tried her hand in the zoology department; sophomore and senior year she has put her talent to good use in the art department.

Nothingness?!

When asked what she did on the campus, she modestly answered that it all "falls into honorary nothingness." Her idea of "nothingness" seems to include decorations for college dances, scenery and costumes for last year's Father's Day Show, and the necessary artistic touches for Koine.

As for the vital statistics, Jinx graduated from Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, Massachusetts, lives in South Windsor, Connecticut, and spends her summers in Groton Long Point. There she can indulge in her favorite sports, sailing and swimming, and take advantage of the scenery to do some sketching.

Her favorite subject matter is, rightly enough, landscapes. When pressed with that horrible question of post-graduation plans, Jinx confided that she has applied for a Fulbright Scholarship to study art in Paris.

Announce Contest For Young Writers

New Story, a magazine printed in Paris, has announced an international contest for young writers.

First prize will be a round-trip flight to Paris, plus a month's stay as a guest of New Story magazine. Second and third prizes will be \$200 and \$150, respectively.

The judges of this contest are Martha Foley, Stuart Gilbert, John Lehman, William Saroyan, and Richard Wright, all noted authors.

The age limit for submitting manuscripts is 35 years. Manuscripts must not exceed 7,000 words and must be unpublished. They must be titled New Story Young Writers' Contest, and must be postmarked not later than December 31, 1952.

Manuscripts should be sent to New Story, 6, Blvd. Poissonniere, Paris IX, France. Because of expensive rates no manuscripts will be returned.

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Registration

Registration for second semester will take place from Monday, January 12 to Friday, January 16. All students must register in the Registrar's Office at some time during this week.

Plants Housed Over Vacation In Botany Lab

Miss Thomson of the Botany Department will take care of students' houseplants again over Christmas vacation. Plants may be brought to the headhouse (workroom) of the greenhouse on Thursday or Friday of this week and, reclaimed not later than 4:30 on Tuesday, January 6.

Miss Thompson urges students who take advantage of this service to call for their plants promptly when they return to school, because the space in the greenhouse is badly needed for the work of the department. She also reminds students that if the weather is below freezing, to protect their plants in transit with a jacket of newspaper.

Civil Service Test Given for Science Majors of '55, '54

Announcement has been made by the Civil Service Commission of an examination for Student Aid Trainee paying \$2,950 and \$3,175 a year. Most of the positions are located in various Federal agencies in Washington, D. C., and vicinity.

The examination is open to college sophomores and juniors majoring in the fields of chemistry, physics, mathematics, metallurgy, meteorology, and various branches of engineering.

Appointments will be for employment during school vacation periods or for employment of students in cooperative courses. Applicants must have completed appropriate college study, a written test will be given. Students who expect to complete the required study by June 30, 1952, may apply. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Full information regarding the training program and the requirements for applying are available at most first- and second-hand post offices, and at the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, 25, D. C.

Christmas Opera Performance Pleases New London Children

On Saturday, December 6, members of the Opera department of Hartt College of Music Christmas opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors. The performance was given under the auspices of the Music for Children Committee of the New London Civic Orchestra.

At the request of the New London Board of Education, NEWS' music editor, Frederica Schneider '53, reviewed the performance. The review appeared in the New London Day on Monday, December 8, and parts of it are reprinted below.

Opera a Good Choice

The performance was extremely professional. The choice of opera for the occasion was commendable. Although a children's opera like Hansel and Gretel is no doubt entertaining, it is gratifying to witness an effort to familiarize today's children with today's music.

In a short explanation of the story of the opera, the conductor spoke to the children in their capacity as responsive listeners. He provided them with a familiar frame of reference—the little crippled boy.

Earthbound Atmosphere

"Amahl," he said, "told fibs," and the children chuckled. The little boy from the village near Bethlehem was just a little boy, and the performance was off to a fine start.

The scenery and the atmosphere it evoked was somewhat more earthbound than the large starry vault and the far-off quality of the setting of the premiere television performance of the opera last Christmas.

Happily as these things turn out, however, the inability to duplicate television effects in a performance such as this was a definite asset. The earthbound atmosphere underscored the audience's rapport with Amahl.

Simple and Delicate

The opera is a miniature. It is a finely cut gem of simplicity and delicacy. In its approximately 40 minutes of playing time, it runs the gamut of emotion and of musical forms, from the singing speech between Amahl and his mother in the first scene, to the finely balanced contrapuntal writing of I Know a Child, sung by the mother and the three kings, and the introspective, Do Rich People Know What to Do With Gold? sung by the mother in Act II.

The moods merge into each other quite rapidly, and there is a considerable amount of action—the arrival of the kings, the arrival of the shepherds and villagers, the theft of the gold. All this illustrates the remarkable concentration of musical expression which is a key to much modern music.

Enthusiastic Audience

The junior audience was imaginative, receptive, and critical, and gave the performers an enthusiastic ovation. The performance was a success from all points of view—in its reception and in its artistic merit. Performances such as these are outstanding opportunities for the cultural growth of the children of the New London area, and it is to be hoped that the Music for Children committee finds it possible to sponsor many more events of this kind.

Frosh President Brimful of Talent; Has Many Interests

Newly elected freshman class president, Roberta Isaacs, comes from Louisville, Kentucky. She went to high school, however, in Clayton, Missouri, where she was very active in student organizations.

Bobbie showed her versatility by serving as vice-president of her high school student council, treasurer of the dramatic guild, Latin club consul, business manager of the talent show, and staff writer on the newspaper.

Many Activities

Other interests for Bobbie were science and current events clubs, the girls' athletic association, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She was a member of both the National Honor Society and National Thespians.

Bobbie does not lack for other avocations. She enjoys and participates in many sports, plays piano "a little," and likes to "make a mess with pastels."

Elected president of Grace Smith house, Bobbie is a member of the House of Representatives. When not carrying on the duties of her post in student government, Bobbie spends much of her time in the science labs. Her major will probably be in science.

Summers as well as winters have been busy for Bobbie, who worked the summer before last as a salesgirl. This past summer, when her family had just moved to Louisville, was spent getting acquainted with her neighbors.

Enthusiastic Prexy

Bobbie is very enthusiastic about her new position as freshman class president, since she believes that her class "has the greatest bunch of girls I have ever seen in my life."



BOBBIE ISAACS

Noble, Fluegelman Announce Plans — JA, Harkness Vie

Nicki Noble '53, has been the object of much amazement in J.A. for the past few weeks. Although her wedding to John G. Martinez, U.S.C.G.A. class of '51, on December 20, is coming closer and closer, Nicki continues to concentrate on her studies with remarkable composure.

The secret is that Nicki has discovered a remarkable device to promote equanimity, a unique arrangement which any harassed student would do well to emulate. Like a true executive, she has delegated the responsibility. Her bridesmaids, Helen Pleasance, Nancy Hudson, Phyl Pledger, and Dottie Bomer, have each been given a particular subject to worry about. Even Mrs. Hagerty of the Library staff was called up for service, to take care of worrying about the weather.

So whenever a nagging thought strikes Nicki, all she has to do is to remember that that particular worry is already being taken care of by somebody else. With such ingenuity to help her along, Nicki will undoubtedly enjoy a long and happy married life. Best wishes!

CC's most recent engagement is that of Joan Fluegelman '53, a resident of Harkness. On December 14, Fluegie announced her engagement to Jerrold Wexler, a senior at Yale.

Fluegie and Jerry met two years ago on a blind date arranged by Rusty Katz '52. The wedding date is, as yet, undecided.

With these announcements, the battle now raging between JA and Harkness over the hardest

Speaking for the class of '56, Bobbie has expressed great appreciation for the help of both Casey Callaway '54 and Barbie Rice '54, who served as freshman class leaders for the first few weeks of school.

rock known to man continues. Observers consider opposing forces evenly matched, and will not declare odds in favor of either. Decisive advances on the battlefield have been predicted, with results to be revealed early next year.

The following advertisement was submitted to NEWS by Nancy Powell '54. NEWS dislikes casting aspersions on anyone's mentality, but we wonder if Miss Powell isn't suffering from delusions, brought on, no doubt, by overwork.

If anyone has seen a small animal loose in Freeman, it is a meezle. The meezle (a valuable Tibetan chipmunk) has been missing for almost a week, and it's most necessary to find it in order to give it its vitamins. All juniors, please look!

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Men and women (nineteen years and over) interested in applying for these staff positions should write directly to:

Marvin Rife, Director of Camping, Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, 230 West 41st Street, New York 36, New York.

Students in the New York City area over the holidays who wish to interview for positions should plan to make appointments in the Fresh Air Fund office, Room 1203 (Phone: PENnsylvania 6-4000, Extension 612).



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Delegates to SCM Conference Discuss Responsibilities of Christian Citizen

Christian Citizenship was the topic of a conference held during the weekend of December 5-7, at the University of Connecticut, under the sponsorship of the New England Student Christian Movement.

Over one hundred students from colleges in the Connecticut Valley area, including six delegates from Connecticut College, participated in the weekend program, CC's representatives to the

conference were Pat Mottram '53, Sally Wing '53, Sue Lane '54, Annette Studinski '54, Bonye Fisher '56, and Etta Eckel, a special student from Germany.

Political Responsibility
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Acquaintance with not only a country, but also its people, is offered for the summer of 1953 by the Experiment in International Living.

Normally, Experiment groups of five men and five women live in the same town for the first four weeks of the summer as members of separate families, where there are young people of their own age. In this unique way each Experiment is confronted with the challenge of turning "foreigners" into friends.

During the second half of the summer, the American invites his student host to accompany the group on a camping or bicycling trip to other parts of the country. In this binational group, the Experimenter's attitude and perspective are further broadened as he continues to see the country he is visiting from the inside.

The Experiment is not an experience limited to the span of one summer. The Experimenter forms friendships which permanently link him to another country and frequently lead to return visits. His new insight into another culture enriches the courses he takes at school, the places he visits, and the experience gained in making friends in a strange environment aids him in solving other problems in human relations. Often an Experiment summer leads to new directions in a college major or career.

Candidates for the Experiment program must be between 16 and 30 years of age and should have

the following qualifications; a sincere interest in working for international understanding; where there is a language requirement, at least two years' study of that language; good academic record; participation in extra-curricular activities; experience in outdoor living; and other constructive interests.

Applications for the Experiment itself may be secured from the Admissions Department, The Experiment in International Living, Putney, Vermont. Each application must be accompanied by a \$25 fee in order to be processed. Since the demand for group membership is great, candidates should submit applications before February 1, 1953, to insure placement in the group of their choice.

Merry Christmas !

Because of the Christmas vacation, NEWS will not be published again until Wednesday, January 14, 1953. The NEWS staff extends to everyone its wishes for a very pleasant Christmas vacation.

Practice Teaching Attracts Seniors

During the past weeks, several seniors have been gaining practical experience in the teaching field by working in the junior or senior high school of New London.

In order to fulfill the requirements of this state, ninety clock hours, thirty of observation and sixty of actual teaching, are needed. Most of the girls will complete their work before Christmas.

Students are given complete charge of the class; they give their original tests; they correct papers; they fulfill the regular teaching duties. Once a week the girls meet with Miss Butler to discuss various problems and to learn new techniques. After graduation they will be eligible for teaching positions.

Those girls teaching in the high school are: Loretta Berry, Spanish; Alice Dreifuss, history; Virginia Menghi, Spanish; Mae Rubenstein, English Frances Toro and Joyce Weller, math. Elinor Noble and Jean Leister are teaching history and science respectively in the junior high school.

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New Psych Faculty Plans to Build and Reorganize Dept.

Headed by Mr. Mortimer Applezweig, CC's psychology department has an entirely new staff this year. Other members of the department are Mrs. Dee G. Applezweig, Mr. George Moeller, Miss Marion Winterbottom, and Mrs. Margaret Scales.

Besides teaching, Mr. Applezweig is also doing research for the Navy. His study includes investigation of the role of anxiety in learning, a sideline of which is the role of hormones in learning. He was recently chosen President elect of the Connecticut State Psychological Society.

His wife has previously taught at the University of Michigan and

at Smith College. She has been a research and consulting psychologist at the latter during the last few years. She, also, is a member of the State Psychological Society.

Before coming to Connecticut College, Miss Winterbottom was associated with the University of Michigan. Mr. Moeller was formerly at the State University of Iowa. Mrs. Scales is a clinical psychologist at the Norwich State Hospital.

Plans are now under way to build and to reorganize the psychology department. The staff hopes to increase the number of laboratory courses and also to of-

fer a more varied program.

The graduate program will be continued, begun this year with one graduate assistant, Miss Laura Wardner, now housefellow in Vinal, and a graduate of the University of Connecticut.

The staff of the department holds biweekly seminars, in which they discuss theoretical problems of psychology, to augment their knowledge of current developments in this field. In this way, the psychology department attempts to keep abreast of current theory and research in an area of knowledge in which new discoveries are constantly being made.

CC Class Teams Begin Winter Athletic Season

With the winter season in sports well under way, the managers of the various activities have been organizing practices, and scheduling games.

Class Sports Managers

The volleyball meeting was held on Tuesday, December 9, under the direction of Joyce Weller '53. The following girls were elected class managers: Nancy Laffer '53; and Beezie Clark '54.

Basketball enthusiasts held their first meeting on December 10, under the leadership of Jane Dornan '55. Managers elect-

ed were: Liz Kotsrean '53, Jan Rowe '54, Cynny Korper '56.

Badminton

At the badminton meeting, Skip MacArthur '56, Judy Penny-packer '55, and Betsy Friedman '54, were chosen managers.

Swimming

Betty Sager '54, head of swimming for the winter season, has announced that there will be water ballet practice every Monday evening from seven until eight. Girls interested in participation in the ballet should sign up in the gym.

Sabre and Spur

Sabre and Spur has begun to work on its spring show, the drill which is given at the annual horse show on Father's Day.

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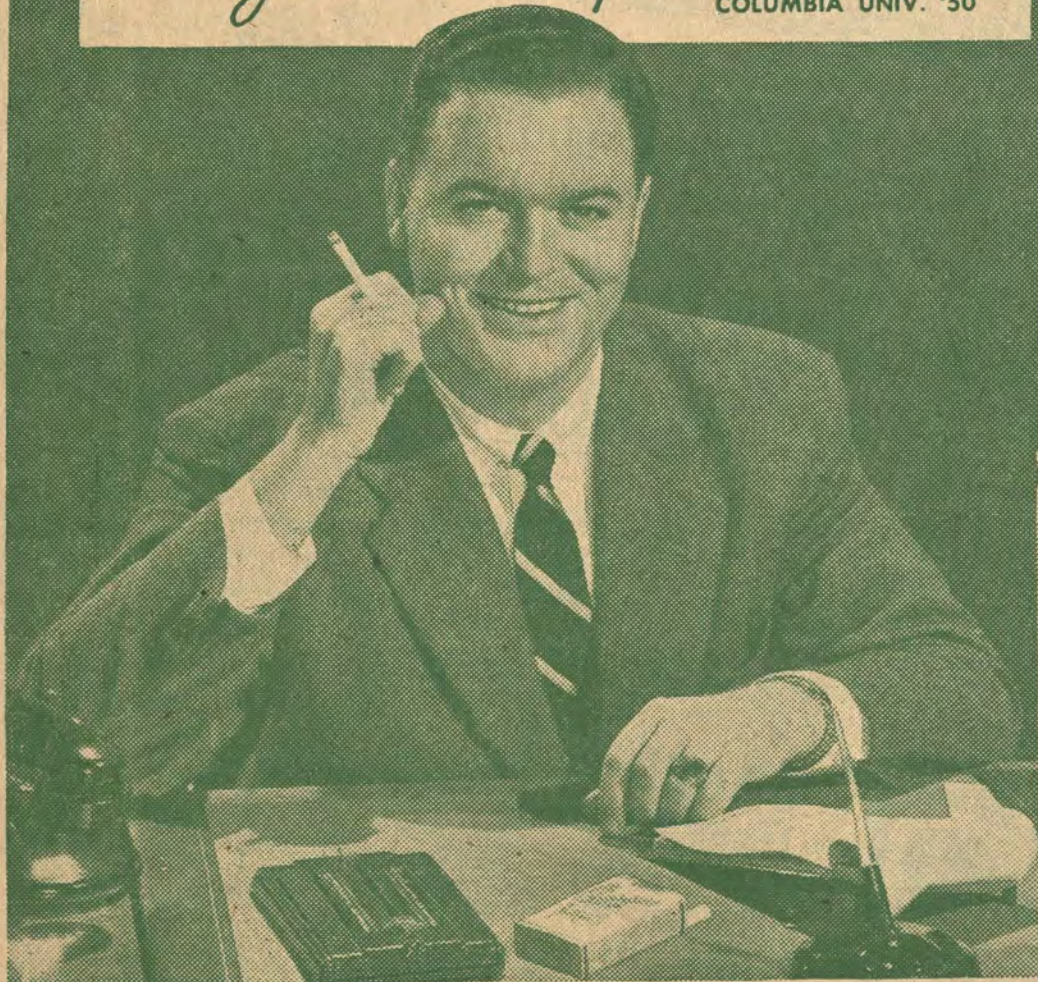
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