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BELLES OF ST. MARY'S

PRESIDENT'S OPEN LETTER TO

THE STUDENT BODY

Then to the Christian comes this

yearly reminder of a simple event so

great that time has been marked be-

fore and after that happening. The

birth of Jesus is noted historically.

The continuing fact of His coming

is noted theologically. For this is the

cornerstone of the Christian faith.

This is the symbol of hope in the

often tragic human situation. Still there is Bethlehem. The Christ who

stands with us in our generation is

not the Saviour of the young or the

old, the black or the white, this

person or that person. He is the

Lord of all. He is the unifying power

that can heal our deep divisions. He

is the best hope for peace. He is

mother. The wonderful beauty of

that birth has great meaning for a

Christian community such as ours.

I pray for each of you a Christmas

filled with the beauty of His pres-

ence and the warm love that is His

A blessed Christmas to each of

Faithfully yours,

Frank W. Pisani

St. Mary's is named for His

December 15,

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I had a conversation with several girls the other day on the subject of Christmas cards. This came about in discussion of the verse I wrote on the cards you all received. We agreed that so often "standard" Christmas greetings are not reflective of the season. They are either curt and rather meaningless, or they are sticky and overly sentimental.

When asked to write something to you all on the meaning of Christmas, I thought of an expansion of what I had written on the card.

Today we are living in a time of uncertainty. We live in a time of shifting values, great confusion, seeming chaos. We are often separated from each other - - - person from person, generation from generation, race from race. In this lostness we become fearful, we feel impoverished, we tend to regard each other with suspicion. If youth cannot learn from age, and age cannot receive energy and spirit from youth, our whole human enterprise is poorer. The same principle applies to the races and to general human relationships.

These are characteristics of our times.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION HELD

you.

love.

eternal gift to us.

The first annual Christmas Tree Judging took place Wednesday, December 9. Most halls participated in this event with great gusto and lots of originality. Some trees were of the usual Christmas type with ornaments, lights, and tinsel. Others showed originality and thought such as the Candy cane and Bow Tree of third

west Smedes, the Charlie Brown Tree on first Cruik, and the various jewelry trees. Honorable mention should go to second west Smedes for their sexy tree-top ornament, at least. And the "winnah" is: SECOND PENICK !!!! Congrats and Merry Christmas!



EDITORIAL

For the past few weeks, it seems that our morals have been on a crazy roller coaster ride. One minute we're "up" and the next, we're "down". To go from holiday happiness to exam depression and back to holiday anticipation can be quite a strain on one's psychic. All this has left us somewhat mixed up and unsure.

What has this got to do with Christmas? Everything! This is the basis for the very first Christmas. If mankind had been sure of himself and had known exactly what to do, then there would have been no need for Christ to have been born. Instead man was very confused and didn't know which way to turn for the truth. Christ came to help man straighten things out. He took the rap for a lot of the mistakes of man, and he helped him get a "new lease on life." This is what Christmas means.

This is what Christmas should mean to us. It should be a time for us to calm down and really see the situation we're in. We should reflect on our mistakes and make new and better plans for next time. We should come out of our mad whirl and re-orient ourselves to our problems and needs. We should remember too, that there is still Someone who will take the blame, and who will help us straighten ourselves out.

HAVE A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS!!! J.L.D.

CHRISTMAS POEM By BEVERLY LETT

Christmas eve Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem in a stable no room anywhere else Jesus

was born there so many years ago The Son of God The Son of Man The Prince of Peace

Peace on earth the angels said that night

Peace on Earth Peace on this earth? on this earth there is no Peace there is War in Vietnam in Israel in the streets in front of houses

Jesus was born in Bethlehem The Messiah, The Savior to give Us Hope and Courage

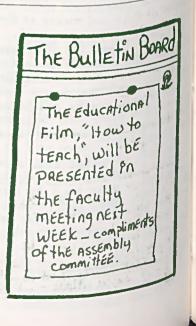
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to work, live, and die to create a real Peace on Earth.

CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is not an escape in reality; it completes reality in that coming of Christ to man, in the feel is the overwhelming concern for each has of us. The word of God, which is steadfastly given hope to man, the comes flesh in a humble stable of the had back alley in a large town. Into

world comes the Messiah. How do we know this? The real of Christ is known only through faith. Finally, as in all matters faith, it is the individual who or does not accept reality. HAVE MERRY AND A REAL CHRIST MAS!!!!



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DOROTHY BISHOP DODGE 1915 - 1970

Mrs. Dorothy Dodge, wife of William R. Dodge, died Mon-day, December 8. She was the business manager here at St. Mary's, and was also treasurer of the board of directors. A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 9, in St. Mary's Chapel.

JOHN HILL 1900 - 1970

John Hill, who retired from the St. Mary's staff August 31 after fifty-six years of service, died November 27. He began his service to St. Mary's as a water boy in the dining room in 1914. În later years he assistcd in many areas on campus.

THOMAS J. C. SMYTH 1919 - 1970

The Reverend Thomas Smyth, born in Belfast, Ireland, died November 10. He had served many parishes in North Carolina as well as UNC-G and St. Mary's. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1968 until this fall.