

Home For Christmas

Where will you be this Christmas? Home? Well, that's good. There's no better place to spend Christmas than home.

But some people won't be able to spend Christmas at home this year. They'll be too busy and too far away to make it back home.

You see, there's this war in Southeast Asia and it doesn't look as if it will be over by Christmas time. A lot of American soldiers keep hoping it will be, though. They'd sure like to be back in the states, sitting around in nice homes opening presents and enjoying all that other stuff we take for granted at Christmas.

You know what you ought to do? You ought to send one of those soldiers a Christmas card. It's easy to do. You don't have to know who he is or where he's from or anything about him.

All you have to do is drop by the special table in the Union lobby and sign your name to a card provided for you. If you want to really do things right, you might write a little message on it, too.

Veterans from this school will be at the table to assist you any day between November 9 and 20. They will send your card, along with all the other cards from this campus, to the people at Queens College who started this whole deal. They'll make sure your card goes to a soldier in Vietnam.

It doesn't matter what your feelings are in regard to the war in Vietnam. Even if you've burned your draft card and have the cinders in an urn on the mantle to prove it, you can still send a card.

All you'll be doing is extending a holiday greeting. But it might make some poor guy in a muddy rice paddy feel as if he's home for a second or two this Christmas

SP On Right Track

We were quite pleased to note that the Student Party met for the first time this year last Wednesday. Although the meeting was late (three days after freshman elections had been completed) it was welcome.

The party members must have had a recent JOURNAL editorial in mind, for they promptly proceeded to find themselves some leaders. They elected themselves a chairman and a vice chairman. Then the chairman appointed four committee chairmen.

The SP is now planning a social to launch a membership drive. The JOURNAL wishes them the best of luck in this venture because we would like to see the return of two party politics by the time of the next campus election.

We hope this meeting indicates the awakening of the Student Party from its fall doldrums. If so, the school is in for some vehement contests between the SP and the UP in the future. We can't wait.

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Picketing Purchasers May Get To The Root Of Prices

BY PAUL BOSWELL

It appears that the housewives of the American home are rebelling against high food prices in the only manner they know, the boycott.

The chain store owners are becoming the victims of the females who have made up their minds to fight higher prices. The determined women probably will not surrender until the high cost of living is lowered somewhat.

Some say that the girls are aiming in the wrong direction since the higher ups, such as retail grocers and freight carriers, not the chain stores, are responsible for the elevated tabs.

Still, we must admit that someone has to give in somewhere along the line when groceries are not being bought at all. Because of this, the fight to chop prices continues over most of the nation, led by the picketing purchasers.

A spokesman for the gals out in Denver admitted that they had nothing in particular against the individual chain stores, but rather sought to impress their dissatisfactions on all who have a hand in the soaring prices. Many of them are most preoccupied with wiping out the jackpot and trading stamp gimmicks which are financed by subtle price raising.

They are quite willing to trade in their stamp books for reasonably priced food staples

The cost of living has done most of its climbing under the present administration.

Mr. Johnson's measures have created pressures which have sought to relieve themselves in the form of inflation.

Food prices have jumped 5.2% in the past year and 1.3% again in August. If staple prices continue to spiral at this rate, the next year will show a 15.2% increase.

During the 34 months of John F. Kennedy's administration the Labor Dept.'s index for retail prices for all food increased by 2.3 points, from 102.8 to 105.1. At the time Johnson had been in office for 33 months, the index had increased from 105.0 to 115.5, a total of 10.4 points.

The farmer cannot be blamed since 61% of the retail price of foods are added after they leave the farm.

Just how fast are these and other pressures raising the country's debt? The fact is, that every minute of every day adds \$40,-

Schultz Gets \$5000 Grant From US Navy

BY BOBBE BERRY

SENSORY RESTRICTION: EFFECT ON BEHAVIOR and PANIC BEHAVIOR are two books which Dr. Duane Schultz, the new Associate Professor of Psychology, has said should be in every home.

Why? Why what else would you expect an author to say about his own books.

At the moment, however, it is not the books which he has written that has caused the school to be excited to have Dr. Schultz as a member of its faculty but rather it is because of the \$5,000 grant which he has received from the Office of Naval Research of the United States Navy.

The grant which has been awarded for one year will allow Dr. Schultz to continue the study of the reaction of people in disaster situations; particularly personal characteristics of people who respond in different ways. Because

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000 to the deficit.

Since 1961, the government has spent \$40 billion more than it has taken in. This amounts to \$40,000 a minute of about \$2.50 an hour for each hour in a normal 40 hour work week.

The above facts were presented in the United States Senate and were not contested by one, Democrat or Republican.

Every day 3,800 people in American reach retirement age only to discover inflation's bite. \$5 saved before World War II buys \$1.85 in grocery products today.

The retired worker who receives \$3,000 per year after years of work, or anyone who began receiving a fixed income of \$3,000 in 1940 has been hard hit by in-

flation.

In July 1966, this \$3,000, after being sliced by taxes and higher prices was worth only \$1,195.

Bravo for the trail blazing housewife. Hopefully, others will follow the worthy example to protest high prices.

It remains to be seen whether prices will fall or not, but they certainly will not if no complaints are made. After all, even though business is dependant on the consumer, it is out to make a profit.

Because chain grocery stores operate on a very small static profit margin, other factors have raised food prices. Perhaps the housewife demonstrations will get to the root of the problem.

Letters To The Editor

Upper Classmen Should've Helped

Mr. Editor:

We have just completed freshman elections. It would be an understatement to say that it was a time of frustration and confusion for all concerned. Both sides were in violation of publicity regulations throughout the campaign. The campus was filled with countless charges and countercharges of foul play. And the actual voting days resulted in a situation just short of anarchy due to charges of irregularities at the polls and a lack of preparation on the part of the student government officials responsible for the balloting.

I did not connect all of these unfortunate events until the last day of elections when a candidate for freshman office said to me, "You know we're just suppose to be a bunch of stupid little freshmen. We're not suppose to get into all this trouble. Where were you

upper classmen when we needed you?"

The point is this. If the upper classmen had informed the freshmen of the publicity and election rules and advised the freshmen on what to do and what not to do in a campaign and if the upper classmen had been available throughout the campaign to advise and instruct the freshmen, then all this confusion would more than likely have not occurred.

I am by no means least among the offenders. Therefore, I would like to offer my sincere apologies to the student body in general and the freshman class in particular for not having done as much as I should have done for my part during this period of time.

Bud Stokely
Vice-President of the Student Body



"He probably thinks that dime will ease his conscience after spending his last \$5 playing pool."