

"Hands Off" Attitude Pays Off

Pfeiffer College, in Misenheimer, N. C., is presently in the throes of a "life or death" struggle with that modernistic thingamajig, the "Twist".

The S. G. A. at Pfeiffer once approved a resolution outlawing the "Twist" in campus dancing, but now, due to pressure from the student body, the Pfeiffer S. G. A. has decided to reconsider its verdict, with the hope of arriving at a more satisfactory solution to the problem.

While we do not wish to enter into the struggle at Pfeiffer, THE CLARION would like to applaud the "hands off" attitude taken by the administration at Brevard concerning the "Twist".

As the Dean of Men at Brevard has observed, sometimes we become so concerned and wrought-up over the trivial and unimportant things in life that we fail in our main objective — which is, at the time, to study.

The Best Present One Can Give. Remember Parents At Christmas

Joyous days are here. You're going home again. It's sure feel good to be back home and have plenty of time to really unwind and enjoy yourself. In enjoying yourself, you will certainly not have to be reminded, but there is something very special that you might remind yourself to remember. This very special something is your parents.

No doubt, most of you feel very fortunate because of the fine folks you have and all they are doing for you. Because of their work and sacrifice for you, you might feel indebted to them.

Remember them this Christmas when you get home. Select a private moment with them away from the holiday festivities. Don't try a fancy speech, just a little "thank you for everything" will do. Notice how their faces will glow with pride. This is the only payment that your folks will ever want from you. Try this small gesture and this will be one of the best Christmases that you or your parents have ever had.

Charles Ray

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear John:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the many people, both at the college and in town, who helped make the Clio-Euterpe Christmas dance possible.

Mr. Butterworth was more than generous, both with his time and with the use of the college trucks. Mr. Cantrell and Mr. Wood, the night watchman, also went out of their way to make our job easier.

Off campus, Mr. Jack Bryant loaned us the bells which were used on the front of the C.C.B., and Mr. Ted Sealey, the Pisgah District ranger, was instrumental in helping us get greenery for decorations.

Almost without exception everyone was very helpful in making our job easier and more enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,
Joel Stevenson

Night Before The 16th

By CAROL HUNT

"Twas the night before the sixteenth and all through the school

The students were planning a jolly cool yule.

Our baggage was dumped in the halls without care

A chute from third to first floor would be welcomed, but rare.

The boys in Green and Taylor all snug in bed,

With visions of Marilyn dancing in heads.

Ray in his bloomers and Roberts in gown

Dreamt visions of silence and quiet in the town

When up in Jones Hall there arose such a clatter

Mrs. Dellinger inquired, "Why all this chatter?"

Pat dashed through the room in a 40-yard sprint

Pulled up the venetians and gazed out to squint.

But ah vain delusion, of fruitless delight

May the morrow bring joy for our labors tonight!

Christmas Tradition Dates To 2nd Century

By GENE BEASLEY

Ask anyone what time of year he most looks forward to, and the answer will almost invariably be "Christmas, of course." This, the most holy of holidays, is more associated with pleasant memories than any other time. No one can forget the joy with which he looked forward to the coming of Christmas as a child. Later it became the parties and fun of teenagers which made the season memorable. In college the day of departure for home and the renewing of friendships looms large in the thoughts of all students.

There are few stories with the fascination of the ever-new story of the nativity. Scholars differ as to the exact date of Christ's birth. December 25 has little to favor it as Christ's birthday except in ancient times it was celebrated as "the day when the sun returned from its winter sleep." This is probably the wrong date, some scholars believe, because the Romans would not pick this time for a tax because of the cold weather and snow which are common at this time of year in Jerusalem.

The first Christmas was celebrated in the second century by order of Telephorus, the Seventh Bishop of Rome. He was later put to death, largely because of the Christmas observance.

There are many legends and customs which surround the religious observance of Christmas. It was fairly common belief that cattle would face east and bow down on their knees if they were free to do so. The basis of this was the presence of cattle in the manger. One of the most beautiful Christmas customs has grown up in Germany; the church is left unlighted, the people each come in carrying one single lit sandle and place it along the wall. When all the candles are in place, the candles look like a ring of fire around the church. This is a symbolic representation of Christ's entry into a world of darkness and His bringing of light.

Kampus Kommentar

By JOHN GOINS

Life With Women — And How to Survive It, by Dr. E. L. Peck, is a new highly-informative book in the library that should hit the best-seller list before long.

Unlike other know-it-all writers who know nothing about women, the good doctor hastens to point out at the beginning of his book that he knows absolutely nothing about the so-called weaker sex. However, Dr. Peck does delve into the strange maze of wires inside the female mind (called a "brain" in man), and attempts with some success, to explain why woman acts as she does.

For instance, the next time your girl-friend stomps your foot into a bloody pulp (for no reason at all), and then stomps away as if you're the lowest worm on earth, Dr. Peck points out that this may be caused by an inferiority complex developed in her early childhood.

As one critic has ventured, all boys should read the book in order to understand girls better, and all girls should read the book for self-defense!

Free Wheeling

By BETSY WREN

"What are you looking forward to most about Christmas holidays?"

Sallie Miles — "Being at home and being able to share all the nice things that go with Christmas with my family."

Patty Patrick — "The beach, especially hill No. 13."

Charles Gibbons — "Seeing all those old friends again — especially that certain one."

Jeanne Cleary — "T. P. ing lawns (this is an old custom in Ft. Lauderdale and involves wrapping in toilet paper all the palm trees and bushes of the selected lawn, complete with pretty little bows — kinda messy with all those sprinkler systems!)"

Dennis Hall — "17 days with Shirley."

Nancy Poppell — "The beach and 'Blast Off 69' (annual ATO fraternity party-it rocks!)"

Perry Harper — "Getting back to Brevard Jan. 3 to see Shirley."

Sandy Hudson — "Good food."

John Smith — "Christmas holidays will be a time when we can forget all about studying and look forward to boat riding, swimming, and skiing, 17 days of not living by a schedule, no 8:00

"Dog Ears' Are Read" — !

I've always thought that no one ever noticed the little "dog ears" at the top of the front page. So when the last edition of the CLARION came out with "Movie in CCB tonight" (Friday) in one of the boxes, I was mightily surprised when one person after another came up and questioned me about the crazy thing. But no mistake by the editor — I was just "testing" you. Sure I was.

And A big Clarion Christmas Bouquet to the newly-formed ministerial club on campus. Starting with the new prayer chapel in the basement of Taylor, these men have been busy revitalizing the spiritual life of the men on campus.

A Clarion Brickbat to the fellows who can't put their cigarettes in the ashtrays, their paper in the trashcans, and their hands on the television to turn it off when they leave at night. 'Nuff said?

Thank you, Mr. Administration, for hearing our pleas concerning the school song. Though modesty keeps us from saying so, still it's nice to think that we had a "little something" to do with it.

FROM THE CLARION STAFF — Merry Christmas and a fantastic First!

classes, and no 12:00 curfew."

George Dixon — "My woman." Dianne Gannon — "Yummy dates with NORTHERN boys and New York City."

CHRISTIAN WITNESS ON CAMPUS

Why is Sunday School attendance so poor? Sunday, December 2, eight students were present for Sunday School at the Methodist Church, 12 at the Baptist Church, and 15 at other churches. There are 343 resident students here — 191 Methodists, 82 Baptists, 21 Presbyterians, 21 Episcopalians, and 28 of other denominations. On December 3, 56 students were not here, 35 were present for Sunday School, and 252 were — where? Is sleep so sacred? Is the church so far away? Do our studies take all week and Sunday too? We find time for social activities but not for God. Remember, life without God is life without purpose; life with God is the fulfillment of purpose.

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A SALUTE TO AN OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. Our salute this week goes to the B. S. U. because of their admirable Christmas project. They, rather than having their customary Christmas party, bought food and gave it to a needy family. They placed the needs of others above their



own good times. A party is forgotten soon, but a good deed lives on. This is a fine example of Christian service and is worthy of recognition.

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A Thought to Remember.

"The Church is not a dormitory for sleepers, it is an institution for workers; it is not a rest camp, it is a front line trench" — Sunday.

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