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SENIORS DECORATE TREE at annual Christmas Party last Friday night. After the S.C. was decked, the dorms were caroled, issuing in the Yuletide spirit to the entire campus.

DORMITORIES DECK HALLS IN KEEPING WITH YULETIDE SPIRIT

Hearlding the spirit of the season, the dorms on campus have planned Christmas parties to enhance the seasonal activities.

Wilmington girls will have a tree-trimming party tonight, dates invited. The girls will also have an "Angel Revelation" party on Monday night. All week long the girls, disguised as "Angels," have been doing small favors and helping to make life a little more cheerful before exams.

Last Sunday night Albemarle Dorm decorated their main lounge at their Christmas gala. Albemarle girls are competing in a "door decoration" contest to be judged this Sunday.

Orange Dorm will have a Christmas party tomorrow night. The inmates will decorate and have refreshments to the strains of stereo music. Orange is having an open house on Saturday night from 8:00 to 11:45, and on Sunday afternoon

from 2:00 to 5:00.

Granville Grannies will celebrate at their tree-trimming festivities tonight. Refreshments will be served with the dorm council providing entertainment.

The Concord girls decorated their dorm last night at their annual tree-trimming party. They will exchange gifts on Sunday night.

Kings-Mountain dorm will entertain with a party tonight at the Shan-Gri-La Club. Refreshments will be served from the "keg."

Wesleyan U. Invites Poetry Submissions

Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut is now inviting poem submissions from undergraduates in American colleges and universities.

Poems chosen will be compiled in a new, semi-annual publication, THE ALKAHEST THE ALKAHEST will be launched in the Spring of 1968.

The poems solicited must be original and not previously published except in local, campus publications. The poet must be an enrolled undergraduate student in an institution of higher education in the United States.

The publisher will pay, on publication, \$3.00 for each poem accepted. Submissions for the Spring, 1968, issue will be accepted until February 1. Submissions should be addressed to Wesleyan University Press, Middletown, Connecticut 06457.

Davies Lectures

On "Image of God"

Horton Davies, from Princeton University, lectured twice to English and Religion majors at St. Andrews Monday, December, 4.

His first lecture, at 2:00 in the afternoon, was entitled "Images of the Man of God in Literature," Horton dealt with three authors, Graham Greene, Bernanos, and Mauriac and how they used the image of priest as manifestations of God.

These priests were not the common pietistic view. The priest of Greene's work was a whiskey priest. In the Woman of the Pharisees, the priest was defrocked and no longer belonged to an order. Bernanos's priest was a common country priest. Horton discussed the way the authors worked paradoxically with these "men of God."

The evening lecture was a discussion of Graham Greene as a dramatist. Greene is a well known novelist but is almost unknown as a dramatist. When asked why he chose this topic he answered, "Because no one else is interested in this area of study."

Pass-Fail Grade Option On Trial

Amherst, Mass.-(I.P.)-The Office of Institutional Studies recently conducted a national survey of the "pass-fail" option at the request of the chairman of a Faculty Senate subcommittee on the campus of the University of Massachusetts.

Results: At Pomona College, juniors and seniors have had the pass-fail option available in elective courses outside their major for the past eight years. All freshman seminars are graded pass-fail. A student is allowed up to two courses a semester under this option with a maximum of four such courses to count toward graduation.

At Ohio State University, seniors, graduate students and professional students have been allowed to take certain courses under the pass-fail system in selected schools and colleges including the Graduate School and the Schools of Medicine and Education for "several years."

The California Institute of Technology began a pass-fail grading system in the fall of 1964 as an experiment to "encourage the development of an attitude in which a student sees himself as a self-guided scholar rather than as a competing grade-getter."

Among the reasons for adopting this policy permanently was the fact that the freshman attrition rate decreased considerably and that freshmen anxiety was not as evident. The morale among sophomores who had participated in the pass-fail program was also considerable higher. One negative effect was that some freshmen had "so conditioned themselves to the top awards that they suffered a real psychological shock when these awards, in the form of grades, were not obtainable."

At Tufts, Mount Holyoke College and Lehigh University, students were also allowed to take distribution requirements under the pass-fail option although at Lehigh foreign languages are excluded.

At Santa Cruz, an experimental evaluation program has been in effect for the past five years. As stated in their 1966-67 Bulletin, "Evaluation will take three forms: faculty comment, comprehensive examinations, and grades."

Concerning grades, "Students in lower division courses normally will be graded 'Pass' or 'Fail'. Students in upper division courses will be graded 'Pass' or 'Fail' except that a Board of Studies, in courses required for the major in its field, may assign letter grades to students pursuing a major in that field."

All freshmen at Stanford and the University of California (Berkeley) and second term freshmen at Tufts University are allowed to participate in this program. At only two of six institutions was the option limited to selected schools, but four of these respondents limited the option to courses outside the student's major.

Conclusions: Most of the respondents felt it was too early to judge how successful their policy had been. One school, however, although feeling it was too early to justify any firm

judgment, felt that all students were not using the pass-fail as had been intended.

Practice seems split on whether it should be available in all schools. There is some indication that individual schools or departments should be allowed to decide which courses will be available. And finally, although a pass does not affect the GPA, fail often does.



NOT ONLY DID THE SENIORS decorate a beautiful tree in the main lounge of the Student Center but these young ladies decided to decorate the president of the senior class as well.

Examination Schedule

- Thursday Morning C&C 101 block; 1, M.W.F.
- Afternoon C&C 201 block; 4, M.W.F.
- Friday Morning 3, M.W.F.
- Afternoon 5, M.W.F.
- Saturday Morning Freshman Math block; 1, T. T. S.
- Afternoon Basic Science block; 2, T. T. S.
- Monday Morning Language block; 7, T. T.
- Afternoon 2, M.W.F. (except C&C 101).
- Tuesday Morning 6, M.W.F.; 8, M.W.F.
- Afternoon 7, M.W.F.
- Wednesday Morning 4, T.T.S.; 5, T.T.S.
- Afternoon 6, T.T.
- P.E. 101 men-Tuesday Dec 12, LAA 708; women in gym
- P.E. 201 Monday, Dec. 11 LAA 7-8.