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Editors' Effort

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the administration for extending our Christmas holidays until January 3. This will mean, in our opinion, a much more pleasant and a much safer trip back to FMC.

We would also like to say "Thank you" to the administration for not taking Reading Day in adjusting the college calendar. This day is very important and should be used properly by every student. For the benefit of new students who don't know and old students who might have forgotten, Reading Day is the day before examinations begin. There are no classes on this day, but we have closed study from 9:00-12:00, 2:00-5:00, and 7:15-10:15. This day provides an excellent opportunity to begin studying for exams. We thank the administration for Reading Day, and especially we thank them for not taking it away in our particular situation this semester.

LIBRARY
I like to speak our mind about the rule in the library of no books circulating during the holidays. Before Thanksgiving holidays, we were shocked (as I think everyone was) by the new rule, for we, too, had papers to turn in. But after thinking about it we have come to the conclusion that this was a very wise move on the part of Mr. Forbis and the library staff. How many times have you taken books home during a holiday and never opened them? How often have you saved a paper to do during a holiday time? It seems that we need to learn to use our time wisely—to budget time as carefully as we should budget money. There is usually someone who just has to have some book during the holidays. This could be gained by special permission from Mr. Forbis. This makes us check our real reason for wanting a book. We do not know what the library's policy is going to be for Christmas holidays, but we hope it will be the same as during Thanksgiving. We need to rest during the holidays, especially Christmas holidays, because two weeks after we return, we will be faced with (pardon the expression) exams!! Therefore, it seems that no circulation of books over the holidays will benefit everyone.

We recently read an editorial in another college's newspaper entitled "Thanksgiving Is Not a Season." This made us begin to think about Christmas. Is Christmas a season? As we see it, it all depends upon how one defines "season." If season means an opportune or suitable time, then Christmas is a season, for we celebrate Christ's birth on December 25, each year. The department stores have special sales during Christmas, churches give special programs, and individuals or groups give clothes and food to needy individuals (it has often been wondered what happens to these people the rest of the year!) It seems as if Christmas is surely a season.

If "season" means a period of time when a particular spirit prevails almost everywhere, then Christmas is not a season. Christmas time, to be sure is joyful—perhaps the most joyful time of all the year. But isn't it possible to have the "Christmas Spirit" all year long? Can't we be joyful, generous, and try to promote peace and goodwill among men continually instead of just around Christmas? This past summer, "Joy to the World" was sung in a morning worship service at a church in South Carolina. The minister explained in his sermon that, according to the calendar, Christmas comes but once a year. But according to Christians, Christmas is here all year round. Elizabeth Stuart

Phelps expressed her idea of this question:
In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day;
The life that knoweth Him shall bide apart
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

Trolley Trooper: Ann Weber

Army has survived, but just barely. Big-A suffered a horrible defeat for the second time — two losses, to "that other team," in a row!

But what's worse is the fact that I was there! And the final blow is that I sat on the Navy side.

Every time Army made a move, I yelled like an Apache and once nearly got decapitated when some over zealous Navy fan threw an empty cocoa can!

There was comfort in the presence of another misplaced Army-rooter sitting some three rows in front of me. We were well within the second quarter before we discovered each other,

but from then on we did as well together as the whole Brigade of Midshipmen!

For the first half Navy dominated the game, having almost complete control over the ball. At the half, the score stood 17-0 and Army cheerers were downcast, putting it mildly. But Army ran the whole show the second half, raising the score to 17-12. With four minutes left, we were six yards from six points. We fumbled and my buddy and I were horror stricken.

Well, you know the terrible ending — 17-12. Some coherent Army fan said it for us all — ugh!

Pleasant Peek

Sweetness and neatness are words that best describe our personality of this issue. Barbara Ann Peek, a Senior Elementary education major, is from Mooresville, North Carolina. Since Mooresville is outside of Charlotte, Peek, as she is usually called, has always wanted to join "the queens from the Queen City" and become a member of the Charlotte Club. This great "honor" was given to her this year. She did a grand job as "leader of the clan of flingers," the girls who marched in front of the float in both the Charlotte and Salisbury parades. She also learned to love the big city during the past three summers when she worked at the S. & W. cafeteria.

Peek is the epitome of the conservative combined with the liberal in that she has a rigid schedule for herself but always finds time for a little fun. She enjoys reading good books and listening to classical music but gets equally as much pleasure from an afternoon bike ride. She is well known for saying "Oh! Now Y'all!" but will probably go down in FMC history for her use of "Jack Rabbit" instead of other devices to let off steam.

Our personality is well known for her artistic talents. Much of her art work has been used on many posters and bulletin boards in the building. Peek was editor of *The Pine and Thistle* last year. She did a wonderful job of combining art with writing, the serious with the funny, and the religious with the secular.

Peek is a member of the Christian Association Cabinet in charge of Outreach. In this capacity she directs the teaching of Bible at Peterson High School, the Negro school in Red Springs. She has been so efficient in getting the girls organized to help teach. She is also First Vice President of Zetesian Society. Peek was a Junior class representative on the May Court last year. Because of her wonderful characteristics she was elected by the student body as the superlative citizenship. With all of her capabilities we predict that Barbara will be a success in anything she does.

Sports Spot

Hearty congratulations are extended to the Junior Volleyball team for a very hard fought but well deserved victory in the Volleyball tournament. As a result the Junior team will battle the men day students on December 13, at 4:45 P.M. in the gym.

One of the most coveted awards of the Athletic Association is the trophy going to the class demonstrating the most sportsmanship throughout the entire tournament. This honor was bestowed upon the Freshmen Class. Also at the awards program, the Monogram Club members were named as a result of their having earned 500 points according to the AA Board point system. These points can be earned by participating in the many sports activities offered by FMC. The new members of this honorary club are Beata Willis, Judy Wienges, Brenda Sheppard, Ann McLeod, Vonda Goodwin. The other members of the club are Theresa Nisbet, Gini Howard, and Martha Currie. Also at the awards program the 1960 Varsity Team was announced. They are as follows: Becky Baird, Ann Blumenhorst, Gayle Gordon, Gini Howard, Harriett Johnston, Margaret Olsen, Brenda Sheppard, Sandra Summerville. The members of the second team are Alicia Kelly, Brenda Laubscher, Judy McCall, Ann McLeod, Frances Pegram, Patty Provins, Judy Wienges, and Beata Willis.

The college cheerleader, Lorine Mitchell and the class cheerleaders, Babs Adams, Elaine Ward, Roberta Parker, and Harriett Otten, were congratulated on the fine job they did in keeping the school spirit alive during the tournament.

The AA Board will have its Christmas party December 14 at the Officers' Club at Fort Bragg. Colonel Weber is helping in the arrangements.

In preparation for the coming basketball season the classes' basketball teams are now hard at work practicing in the gym. The tournament will be held February 13-15. More plans will be announced later.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
S.J. THE AA BOARD!!

Conservatory Notes

by Betty Daniels

Christmas is in the air, and that naturally means that along with all the tinsel and foil, mistletoe and holly, comes the singing of carols. For the listening enjoyment of the students, the ensemble will sing carols on Monday, December 12, and on Wednesday, December 14, around the dome from 10:15-10:30 p.m. The ensemble will also sing at the Christmas Banquet which will be held December 13.

The second student recital of the year was presented Thursday, December 8 in the college auditorium. Those students who participated were Julia Clendenin, Dianne Kearns, Jean Capps, Elaine Luben, Margaret Ann Martin, Melinda Webster, Stewart Neal, and Jeanette Davis.

Saint Cecelia Music Club had its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, December 7. A very interesting program was presented by Miss Schober concerning Christmas in Germany.

F.M.C.'s two flutists, Miss Joyce Bryant and her pupil, Lorine Mitchell, played in the Fayetteville Symphony December 4. The symphony, along with a Fayetteville volunteer choral group, presented "The Messiah" at the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church.

