

Make Merry. Christmas Comes But Once A Year

Most of us are familiar with the parodies of Stan Freeburg. This year he has made one on the Christmas holiday entitled "Green Christmas". This is an appropriate title in view of the fact that green is the color of the folding money which is spent in such quantities during the Christmas holiday.

You won't be hearing "Green Christmas" too often, at least not over the radio. For "Green Christmas" is a parody on the commercialization of Christmas; an attack, if I may use so strong a word, on the exploitation of Christmas by the advertising agencies who would have us believe that Christmas will not bring us any happiness or joy unless Santa brings us a carton of this kind of cigarettes, unless we serve this certain beverage to our friends who drop in, unless Dad doesn't receive this make watch, or Mom this brand kitchen appliance.

The spokesman for the advertisers on the "Green Christmas" record is a very practical and opportunistic man called Mr. Scrooge. A typical comment has the general connotation of: "Christmas comes but once a year. So make the most of it, or out of it!" There are other little beauties on the record which will entice your ear—namely an enthusiastic chorus that renders Christmas carols with rousing lyrics synthesized from advertising vernacular. One particularly effective technique is the use of the cash register jingle to replace the chiming of bells.

There are many such devices which would recommend the Freeburg parody to your listening. As far as I can judge, there is only one drawback to Mr. Freeburg's recording. Due to the fact that it has been released right at the moment when the market is flooded with a torrent of Christmas records, Mr. Freeburg is, or will be, making money on it. Purely unintentional, I'm sure.

Freeburg fiddles, we laugh, and advertisers burn. So what are you asking Santa for?

—J. S.

Better Atmosphere, Longer Hours Needed For Library

There has been a general expression on campus that the library hours are inadequate. As far as music students are concerned, it is imperative that Music History, Appreciation and Vocal Literature students do a great amount of listening for their courses that are primarily based on oral study and analyzing. The main reading room is also essential to all students who are in the midst of term papers and other student projects.

Many students have complained that the library should be open on Sunday night so that they may prepare for Monday morning classes. Many have said that they felt the library closed too early at night during the week. With so many required meetings on campus during the early part of the evening it is quite impossible for a large number of girls to get to the library before 8:00 or 9:00, leaving just an hour or a little more for study.

As far as having to pay the librarian for the extra hours is concerned, students who ordinarily work in the library are well enough acquainted with the available material and are certainly capable of being in charge. I think some of the books which are quite frequently "missing" or "misplaced" will cease to be a problem as the hours will be sufficient enough to warrant adequate study time in the library.

Some faculty members and the librarians have complained that not many students use the library facilities. Girls have replied to this statement that the lighting is poor, particularly in the seminar rooms and the heat is intolerable. These factors are not conducive to study—but conducive to sleep!

—E. R.

Is College Changing Our Values?

(Editor's Note: The following theme was written by a Freshman during an English class period to fulfill an assignment stated thus: "Dr. Waldo Beach of Duke University has said that for college girls social values have replaced religious values. The Crowd is the only acceptable god. Hell is to be a square. Virtue to live and let live. The Creed is 'I believe in the Crowd Almighty'.")

Dr. Waldo Beach of Duke University made a statement that the modern college girl's religious values have been replaced by social values. Perhaps this is true, but it is not as grave a situation as the statement might lead one to believe. The desire for the college girl to

"do what everyone else is doing" is characteristic of a trend in America today. Our society has turned into a highly organized and conformed one, so it is only natural that this trend should influence America's college girl.

Dr. Beach said, "Hell is to be a 'Square.'" He is right. It is easy to see that one who is not acquainted with the latest collegiate fashions and slang is often ostracized by the rest of the student body. The desire to be a member of the "best" group and to be popular is the motivating force which causes students to conform. Inwardly we realize that this is wrong, but we are caught in the net of what we want to do and what we should do.

Another of Dr. Beach's statements was "virtue is to live and let live." We college girls have a tendency to forget others and even ourselves. We forget that social activities are not the only activities in college. This "Who cares?" attitude causes us to break rules moral as well as social.

Today's college girl believes "the crowd almighty" stated Dr. Beach. We often make the mistake of replacing God with a popular student or clique. We follow another girl because she is a leader and we often do this regardless where she leads us. The price of popularity is often very high for a

The religious emphasis at Salem is unusually good in comparison with that of many colleges. In our large university if a co-ed is known "bookworm," "square," even a church-goer, she is almost never asked to join a sorority. At Salem we do not have the feeling that if a girl participates in religious activities, she is an outsider. Salem had a well-received "Religious Emphasis Week" and has good organization within the different denominations. "Y-Watch," a religious service sponsored by the Y. W. A., and morning chapel services are two religious activities which take place during the week. On almost every Sunday morning the two large buses which take students to church are filled. One of the strongest factors in Salem's religious program is the requirement of every student to take a course in religion. The organizations are here for us, but the problem seems to be in getting all of the students to participate in them.

Dr. Beach may be right. "Hell is to be a 'square'; virtue is to 'live and let live'; and the creed is 'I believe in the crowd almighty.'" This situation is not a new one, society, but it does appear to be worse at the present time. We here at Salem are fortunate because our college is small enough to consist of the needs of the individual. Perhaps the condition is only being delayed for us. We will probably encounter these same circumstances of conformity after graduation. The next question is "How will each of us solve this problem?"

Around The Square

Down the hall and up another hall past 203 and 208 and 211 and . . . Christmas stockings and peppermint candy sticks and Santa Claus on the doors. Salemites have hung up their dingy wool socks on the doors "in hopes that their peanut soon would be there." Peanuts tip-toe up and down halls, too—dropping ten assorted pieces of candy into stockings.

Sophomores are huddled in little corners taking notes on seniors. The sophomores are giving the Christmas Banquet next Thursday night and will play Santa Claus to their "Big Sisters" in the form of presents and poems. Mark as well—sophomore ones—because we're a complex and complicated group with our knitting needles, two cokes a day, 20% cuts, one letter a day, \$100 and some dollar phone bills, and pins and rings and six months to go—

Noel Hollingsworth is a glitterbug with her new pin over heart. Steve McIntyre has a monopoly on May Court beauties with Susan McIntyre as his sister and Noel as his true love.

Mr. Peay, director of Memorial Industrial Schools informed us that his children are anticipating the Christmas Party Salemites have for the school. So, wrap your presents well, attach your orphan's name securely to each package and Santa Mayhew and her little reindeer on the "Y" Cabinet will dash down the road in the Salem salmon-colored sleigh to deliver the packages.

Aggie, Katherine, and Rachael

perked our chapel program up with an informal and impromptu discussion of questions pertaining to their impressions of America—American education, American boys, etc. Rachael amused us with her spontaneous eruptions (specifically pertaining to when she was questioned about her feelings concerning American boys and she screamed and motioned with her hands and said, "They are boring, boring, BORING!"). Katherine interested us as she shared her frank and direct answers, and Aggie kept us waiting as she honestly and thoughtfully considered each question. We were delighted, ladies.

Interesting discussions have been buzzing on the topic of education—its processes, its standards in American schools, and its direct purposes. Education minors are equipped with answers to the question of "What is education?" I am beginning to regret that I have no thumb nail sentence into which I can verbally pour what I believe education is—and here I am, a senior in college. Is education a number of required courses I must take to receive a specific degree or a specified major? To be educated, must I always be bogged down with the necessary instead of "impractical electives" like U. S. and World Affairs, Shakespeare, Milton, Philosophy, etc? And educated to teach a subject or to perform a certain technological function or to live a life or to what? Have I educated myself on books written about books written about books . . .

Bomb Scares Waste Our Time, Money

By Margaret Fletcher

The current fad across the nation seems to be the bomb scare. This brings to mind similar incidents of a few years ago when the mad bomber kept the New Yorkers panicked for so long. Usually national news seems rather remote to us because we think it is so far beyond the square, but the bomb scare of the past week has practically been in our backyard. Reynolds High School and Wake Forest College were the victims last week and several county schools have been evacuated this week. Now we wonder if Salem will be next.

The "mad bomber" usually make an anonymous phone call saying a bomb has been planted and is scheduled to go off in a few hours. Although all the reports in Winston-Salem have proved to be mendacious, schools still have to be evacuated. Lives can not be placed in jeopardy because they think maybe this time it is a false warning. Some schools in the South have been blown up.

The epidemic of the bomb bug is not only passing through the Southern states. Northern schools have also been experiencing our trouble, and a religious cult in California was bombed this week injuring several people and starting a brush fire. It seems that religious institutions and schools are the usual scenes picked for the crime.

The telephone is a wonderful invention, but when it is used for messages such as this, it is a menace to society. One knows it is practically impossible to trace calls of this kind. He does not take into consideration the time

and money spent in evacuating a school. Not only teachers, students, and other school personnel are involved, but policemen, men on rescue squads and other city officials have waste time and money.

There are several reasons why a person might commit such a dishonorable act. It has been suggested that school children use this as an excuse to get out of class. If this is the case, principals think by making the student make up the lost time they will stop the little game. It is also possible that some child is having a wonderful time in his world of fantasy playing the vicarious part of a criminal such as the ones he sees on television.

Someone with a very distorted sense of humor may be playing a prank, but it is likely that the source is much deeper than that. Since schools which have been integrated religious institutions are the ones being menaced, it is likely that some fanatic is behind the scare. His prejudiced views of his fellow man make him think he is doing mankind a favor by trying to destroy people with beliefs dissimilar to his. Little does he realize that he is harming his whole society when he makes a simple little telephone call or plants a bomb.

Science is an absolute necessity to us, but too many people are trying to use it to show their own power. The easiest way to get rid of our social problems is to blow them all up. One who thinks this is surely insane.

City officials are offering a reward for information on the person or persons imitating the "mad bomber" in hope that they can stop the present nuisance or prevent a real disaster.

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