

## Dreaming of A White Christmas



## The Lost Christmas A Fantasy

Once upon a time—not so long ago as you might think—there was a very weary angel. I cannot say her name because it is far too sweet and beautiful to speak, and it makes a music of which I am incapable. Let us simply call her "The Christmas Angel."

Up ever so high she lives, beyond the farthest star, upon the brink of Paradise — yet her long, fair garments trail to earth, quicken it, and make it bright. Her joy is to bring Christmas to the world, and the Christ-Child's kiss to winter.

Now perhaps it seems strange that she, who should live inside a golden bell of joy, be weary — especially on Christmas Eve. But she was. The rapture of a long-ago "Gloria" was still hot in her throat, and her memory was misty with a "Peace on Earth!" that fell as snow into the valleys. For six long years of war she had waited while the world writhed in a paroxysm of pain, but now that the guns were still and the thundering silence fell—there was no peace. Even the brink of Paradise was not too far away to hear the rumbling of wars as yet unborn, or to feel the little, sour shafts of distrust and greed and hate that spliced the air. Oh, she was a very weary angel!

Down through the eons, and space piled upon space, her holy garment lay limp and tattered, where it swept the earth. "How can I bring the Christ-Child into such a world?" she wept. But the silent stars only twinkled back with tears in their eyes.

"There is no love left in the world!" she cried, and the planets rocked in their orbits. "There can be no Christmas."

With a sweeping gesture she reached down and drew up the holy, ragged garment. Then sitting between the universes, she cried and cried. It suddenly grew cold. Christmas Eve was opiate and strange upon the earth. In a shell of darkness, that even sleep trembled to enter, depressions hung like a heavy hand. And the people, madly tangled in their own affairs, like matted yarn, purported not to, or could not, notice.

For a long time dawn struggled and wrestled with night. At last pale and tired, she breathed upon the cold blackness of the sky and misted it gray like a frosted glass. It was December twenty-sixth.

Slowly everything came alive again. Motion stirred large cities; horns honking, brakes screaming, trains grinding, crowds milling, whistles blowing, wagons screeching, horses clopping — business as usual; cities making city-noises, towns making town-noises, farms making country-noises — everything clattering like a hollow can — business as usual.

And Christmas lost — Up between the twin universes the Angel wept and wept. There was no love left in the world. They did not even remember Christmas! All around her the sky sagged while the sun forgot to shine and blotted clouds humped and joggled each other. Slowly she turned her back and walked with dragging wings over the brink of Heaven. There was no hope for the world.

Suddenly she started! From far away came a faint, sad murmur, as though something small had been hurt. As she stood, startled and shining, before the Great White Gate, it swelled and swelled until it was a mighty wail. Anguish, disbelief, and joy tore the Christmas Angel by turn. Somebody remembered! Somebody had!

All the children of the world were crying! For a moment she stood radiant and glowing, listening to the loveliest music she had ever heard. She wept. This time the tears were of relief and joy. The children had remembered. The children cried for the Baby Jesus!

Laughing and crying, she tossed down the holy garment again, and, transported, she struck the stars 'til carols shimmered out of them and filled the earth.

It is Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! (FD)

## Let's all remember the KID'S CHRISTMAS

Make your Yuletide season a happy one by sharing it with needy children.

## College Releases Placement Figures For Class of 1950

The Placement Bureau of BSTC has released its report concerning employment of graduates of the class of 1950.

Approximately ninety per cent of last year's class are employed. The class, composed of two hundred and sixty-three students, was one of the largest ever graduated from B.S.T.C.

Thirty-one members of the group are in the armed forces, working toward higher degrees, or married. Eleven members could not be contacted; fourteen were unable to obtain employment.

There were ninety-one graduates in last year's Business curriculum. Of the eighty available, seventy-five have positions. Fifty-eight per cent are now teaching; thirty-six per cent are in business. Of the sixty-four elementary graduates who are available ninety-five per cent are employed; eighty-two per cent of the eighty-nine Secondary graduates have positions.

Since the number of graduates available amounts to two hundred and thirty-two, ninety per cent of the students available are employed. Dr. Engelhardt, director of the Placement Bureau, believes that the number of graduates employed would surpass more than ninety per cent if complete statistics were available.

In addition to Pennsylvania, the locations of positions held by graduates of the class of 1950 are New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Michigan, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

## L.S.A. Students Attend Area Confab At Susquehanna U.

The Lutheran Student Association held its annual Area Conference at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, on December 9-10. Penn State, Juniata, Susquehanna University, and Bloomsburg were represented.

Pastor Ziegler of Bloomsburg opened the meeting Saturday morning by introducing the student group to the subject for the afternoon Bible study, the Book of Galatians. At a group business meeting a constitution was adopted, establishing the purpose, basis of membership, and functions of the organization.

Lutheran Student Action and its mission was explained to the group by Harry Emler, the president of the North Atlantic Region L.S.A., and also the Vice President of the National L.S.A. of America. The talk was followed by a film concerning German D.P.'s in the British-Russian zone of Germany.

At a candlelight service in Trinity Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, the officers for the next year were installed. The new officers are:

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## Tonight's Sophomore Cotillion To Be Gala Event of Holiday Season

Lee Vincent's Orchestra To Provide Music for Dancing in Centennial Gym

On the evening of December 15, 1950, at 9 o'clock, many B.S.T.C. students will be dancing to the melodious tunes of Lee Vincent and his orchestra. The Lee Vincent Orchestra entertained thousands of people on Steel Pier, Atlantic City, this past summer.

Class adviser, Mr. Shortess, President Jim Whibley with the entire Sophomore class have co-operated whole-heartedly in making plans to have one of the best Cotillions ever witnessed by the college. Chairmen of the dance committees are: Henry Marini—orchestra; Lenora Macgill—decoration; Claude Renninger—refreshments; Midge Wrzeniewski—tickets and programs; Dave Newbury—publicity; Joseph Peifer—finance.

Other students participating on various committees are: John Kennedy, Clare Davis, Thomas Goodwin, Harry Brooks, John DeRico, Lucky Pliscott, Charles Brennan, Dale Springer, Harold Carey, Nancy Heebner, Nancy Kelley, Vincent Nawrocki, Ann Conwell, Thresa Charney, Danny Fitzpatrick, Joe Boyle, Betty Speal, Wilma Jones, Mike Durso, Bill Stoutenburgh, Alex Kubie, Edward Cuffer, Charles Pease.

Centennial Gymnasium will be gayly decorated for the event. Decorations will include a huge fireplace in the center of the floor, through which couples may dance.

The highlight of the evening will occur before intermission, when Lee Vincent and his orchestra will pick a December Queen. Any girl present may be chosen. She will be crowned by Tony Grabowski, C.G.A. President.

## Talent Show To Be Held in Assembly On December 19

On Tuesday morning, December 19, the upperclassmen will step into the spotlight in the Carver Hall Auditorium when they present the first Upperclassmen Student Talent Show. From those "in the know," it promises to be the best talent show to date.

This program is produced and directed by Chuck Edwards, assisted by Dave Newbury and Mickey Casula.

According to advance releases, although it is an Upperclassmen's Show, Mary Ann Fink, Sam Wolcott, and Marlene Wetzel were borrowed from the Frosh Show cast.

In "Parade of Months" there will be one special feature for each month of the year.

Some of the performers are well-known on the campus for their Musical talent, while others will be "new" on the scene.

## Business Ed. Club Presents Awards at Regular Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Business Education Club, Mr. Rygiel presented awards to the third year typing students who did superior work in speed and who have been recognized by the Gregg Publishing Company. Erma Bean won highest honors by having typed 80 words per minute for 10 minutes with only 3 errors.

Three of B.S.T.C.'s student teachers entertained the club by relating their actual encounters in practice teaching. Miss Hazel Palmer, who is teaching in Bloomsburg High School, very humorously told that her great problem was to "keep the class moving." Charles Kreamer and John Kocur also gave accounts of their experiences in teaching. To reverse the tables a little, two students from Bloomsburg High School told what they expected from a student teacher.

At the close of the meeting, the Obiter pictures were taken.

## Officers Nominated At Wed. Meeting Of F.T.A. Chapter

Nominations for F.T.A. officers to succeed four January graduates were held Wednesday evening, December 13, in Navy Hall.

The four graduating seniors are James Klemm, president; Norman Kline, vice president; Dick Waechter, program chairman, and John Klotsko, chairman of the tutoring committee.

After an address by President James Klemm, short reports were given by two F.T.A. members who attended conventions. Norman Kline gave an address for Charles Edwards who could not be present. Mr. Edwards recently attended a meeting of the executive council of the Pennsylvania Future Teachers of America. He is vice president of the state organization.

Marie Mattis reported on the second annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Future Teachers of America which she attended last year. Miss Mattis was a B.S.T.C. delegate to the convention.

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## There's Music in the Air



Under the direction of Miss Harriet Moore, the Men's Glee Club recently presented a program of music in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving.

## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

- FRIDAY — DEC. 15
- Sophomore Cotillion ..... 9:00
- Centennial Gym
- SATURDAY — DEC. 16
- Centennial Gym
- Basketball—Millersville S.T.C.
- Centennial Gym ..... 7:00
- MONDAY — DEC. 18
- L. S. A. .... 7:30
- Church
- Knox Fellowship ..... 7:30
- Church
- TUESDAY — DEC. 19
- Band Rehearsal ..... 4:00
- Navy Hall Aud.
- Dramatics Club ..... 7:00
- Carver Hall Aud.
- Women's Chorus ..... 4:00
- Science Hall
- Basketball—Away ..... 7:00
- West Chester S.T.C.
- WEDNESDAY — DEC. 20
- S. C. A. .... 7:00
- Social Rooms, Sc. Hall
- Men's Glee Club ..... 4:00
- Science Hall
- THURSDAY — DEC. 21
- Christmas Recess begins at noon and ends at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday, Jan. 3.

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## Speaking of . . . OPERATIONS

by Calvin Kanyuck and  
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## The "Blue Ribbon" Room



Left to right: "Ollie" Mouery, Shirley Coleman and "Fluff" Mertz.

## Waller Hall . . . Grand Hotel

To a new and bewildered freshman a dormitory gives the impression of an empty and forbidding place. The rooms are so bare, furnished with a double-decker bed or two cots, a bureau, a double desk, and two chairs. But, in the days that follow, the rooms are transformed into attractive and comfortable living quarters with the addition of gay spreads and drapes and the million and one souvenirs that a student collects. The only complaint that could possibly be heard then is, "We have to clean them ourselves." In addition to the bed rooms, there is a press room furnished with ironing boards and a guest room for alumni, guests and prospective students.

A smoker is also located on each floor . . . here students gather to play pinochle and have hen-sessions. On second and fourth floors are social rooms where the girls sometimes study far into the night after the other lights have gone off at 12 P.M. Located on the second floor is the infirmary where Miss Mettler reigns. Another member of the Waller Hall family is Art, who obligingly takes students to and from their floors in the tempermental elevator.

Each year, to add incentive, a room-judging contest is held preceding Homecoming weekend. Three committees are selected from the student body, faculty, and AAUW to judge the rooms. These committees then submit their decisions to Mrs. Beaman of the art department, who selects the "blue ribbon" rooms.

All too soon, the new student discovers that there are rules and regulations with which she must abide. There are, in reality, relatively few rules, and they have been made for the welfare of the students. Regulations concerning hours differ according to one's years in college and special late permissions are granted upon request. If planning to leave the dormitory after 6 P.M., one is required to sign out, and, upon returning, to sign in.

In the dormitory, the students are governed by a governing board, whose members are elected by the students, themselves. It is composed of four seniors, three sophomores, three juniors, and two freshmen who are selected during the first semester. Their duty is to enforce quiet hours, which begin at 7:30 P.M. each evening. Assisting the Governing Board are the House Committee, the Social Committee, the Counsellors, the Fire Drill Committee, and the Telephone Committee.

However, the most important part of Waller Hall, as in any dormitory, is the people living in it. Difficulties naturally arise between conflicting personalities but these disappear, with mutual admiration and respect taking their place. With the able assistance of Dean Kehr and Miss MacDonald, assistant dean, the students gradually become adjusted to dormitory living. New friendships are formed, and the dormitory is transformed from a building where one sleeps to a home where students work, play, and live together.

## The Story of . . .

# The Yule Log

Have you ever wondered how we came to associate the Yule log with Christmas eve? Or how the name "Yule" came to be attached to the log burned on that particular night? The story is most interesting, and I'm sure that if logs are half as vain as people, they are very proud of the fact that their father was not just a log but a "Yule Log" of centuries past.

The word "Yule" came from Jul, the name given by the Saxons and Goths to the festival of the winter solstice. The Scottish picked up the word and it has been preserved by the English-speaking peoples everywhere.

The most probable derivation of the word is traced from the Gothic "guil" or "hiul," meaning "wheel"—the wheel being everywhere a symbol of the turning point of the year, or the period when the sun completes its annual circuit.

The Scandinavians originated the custom of burning the Yule log at the feast of Jul to honor their god Thor. The custom was picked up by the English; the English ceremony of bringing in and burning the Yule log on Christmas was full of picturesque detail.

The log chosen was a massive piece of wood, frequently the rugged root of an oak. It was drawn in triumph from its resting place amid shouts and laughter; every wayfarer doffed his hat as it passed. On its entrance into the hall, it was hailed with songs and music. After the amusement afforded by the Yule games, the log was kindled to cheer the hearts of the people and to defy the cold. The firing was to be accomplished, according to tradition, from a portion of charred Yule carefully preserved from the preceding Christmas.

It was believed that the presentation of last year's Christmas log was a most effectual security to the house against fire. It was also regarded as a sign of very bad luck if a squinting person entered the hall where the Yule was burning; a similarly evil omen was exhibited in the arrival of a barefoot person, and above all, a flat-footed woman.

As an accompaniment to the Yule log, a candle of monstrous size, called the Yule Candle, shed its light on the festive hoard during the evening; its object was to turn night into day.

In farmhouses in the north, servants get as stout a log as possible; for as long as the log burns, and the object is to make it last until January 1, they may have ale with their meals.

Herrick's "Hesperides" has immortalized the custom in the following:

"Come bring with a noise,  
My merrie, merrie boys,  
The Christmas log to the firing;  
While my good dame she  
Bids ye all be free,  
And drink to your hearts desiring.  
With the last year's brand  
Light the new block, and  
For good success in his spending,  
On your psalties play,  
That sweet luck may  
Come while the log is a-teending.  
Drink now the strong beere,  
Cut the white loaf here,  
The while the meat is a-shredding.  
For the rare mince pie,  
And the plums stand by  
To fill the paste that's a-kneading."

Thus we may say that, when treated reverently and burned with fitting rites, the Yule log brings a blessing to the household and its very ashes are potent for good. Can we deny a tree the right to stand stately and proudly above us, when we know that the ancestors of that tree may have been the logs that brought blessings and good cheer to our forefathers on the Christmas Eves' of long ago? (N. P.)

## L.S.A. Students

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president, Eleanor Johnson of Bloomsburg; vice president, Chas. Mingo of Penn State; secretary, Helen Oshansky of Penn State; and Study Witness Secretary, Beatrice Morrow of Susquehanna. Mr. Clayton Hinkel of Bloomsburg is the permanent treasurer of the area.

Sunday morning communion ser-

vice, Bible discussion, and the congregational service concluded the conference. Susquehanna University as a whole was an admirable host in every way. The delegates from Bloomsburg were: Eleanor Johnson, Marilyn Kushel, Betty Spiel, Nellie Schwartz, Gloria Brennan, Judith Fry, Elvira Thomsen, Calvin Kanyuck, Jerry Hausknecht, Emory Rarig, Jack Williams, and Pastor Ziegler, Sister Edna McVicker of St. Matthews, and Mr. Hinkel of the faculty.

Nancy Lou Rhoades almost strangled when she had her tonsils out five years ago . . . Lois Frantz has never been to France. She said goodbye to her tonsils when she was three. At home, after the operation, company came, found her up in the sour cherry tree—eating sour cherries, of course . . . Operation Happiness . . .

Instead of classes and organizations investing their surplus mazzooma in parties and "stone monuments," why don't they put the money where it will do the most good—in bettering human lives? It isn't conventional, but it is sensible.

**Suggestion:** The Child Welfare Services of Columbia County has 80 children in foster homes. Many of these children are of junior and senior high school age. Last year, through contributions, the agency initiated an allowance program for their children—\$2. per month for high school students and \$1. per month for the junior high school students. Those of you with limited allowances and you more fortunate "apprentice Rockefellers" know just how far these small sums will go. Should you care to contribute to this worthy fund either individually or collectively, contact:

Louise W. Reinhart, director  
Child Welfare Services of  
Columbia County  
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

**Who's teaching where . . .**  
Muriel Marks, at the Reading Business Institute . . . Lionel Livingston, at the Frederick Sasser High School, Upper Marlboro, Maryland . . . Ruth Shupp, at the Perry Twp. High School, Shoemakersville, Penna. . . Charles Roberts, at the Avon-Grove High School, Avondale, Pennsylvania . . . Jane Kerven, at Catawissa . . . Michael Bell, at Camden, New Jersey.

**From bad to verse . . .**  
There was a man named Max  
Who tried to milk a cow;  
He never knew it was a bull,  
It Max no difference now.  
—"Molasses"

### Music? Music? Music?

The brand-new second-hand juke box which the college council procured for the old gym is not making music . . . again! Since it's been operating, it has been out of operation as much as it has been in operation. Maybe it could use an operation?! (It would be just like them to repair "the thing" before this goes to press. Anything to mess up our column.)  
The eyes have it . . .

Is your boy-friend a wolf or a dog? After considerable research on the problem, we feel that we can come to your assistance in distinguishing between these two categories. According to zoologists, the main difference in physical structure of the dog and the wolf is the eye. The pupil of the dog's eye is round; that of the wolf is oblique. The next time he gives you the eye, girls, take a quick look-see. You won't be able to notice this, sitting in the dark, so don't forget to take along your Hopalong Cassidy super-duper searchlight.

**K & K dope sheet . . .**  
For you race-track enthusiasts, we present our latest observations:

- Orthopedic . . . . . Has foot
- Flaming Acres
- . . . . . Burning up track
- Blue Fedora . . . . . Over head
- Once Only . . . . . May repeat
- Blue Tail Fly . . . . . Hard to catch
- Supper Date
- . . . . . Picking up weight.

**In a few words . . .**  
Margaret Mitchell wrote only one novel in her lifetime—"Gone With the Wind" . . . American females have a life expectancy of 71 years . . . About one out of five Americans play bingo . . . About  
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## "Going Up!"



Coeds about to start on the final leg of that long journey behind Waller Hall's "lace curtain."

# Huskies Meet Marauders on Centennial Court Tomorrow

## Get On the Ball With Basketball . . .

Although basketball is becoming increasingly popular every year and drawing as many or more fans than do football or baseball, it is surprising to note that the spectator is less familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport than any other of the popular sports.

To increase your knowledge of this popular indoor sport, here are the answers to some questions you might ask:

(1) What would the referee decide if the ball should stick between the rim and the backboard?

Answer: This situation is very rare, but it does happen on occasions. In a situation of this manner, the official would call a jump ball at the nearest circle, which in this case would be the foul line.

(2) What has been done concerning the two-minute rule in basketball? By this rule, in the last two minutes of the game the team shooting a foul receives the ball out of bounds after the foul has been tried for.

Answer: Last year this was one of the most controversial rules in basketball, with most authorities in opposition. As a result, when basketball officials met for rule changes and amendments, the two-minute rule was thrown out.

(3) Is there any definite size to a basketball court?

Answer: The answer is no. The maximum and minimum size regulations allow for a great deal of variation.

(4) Does the clock keep running when a man throws the ball in?

Answer: No; this is a new rule this year. Not only does the clock stop, but the referee must hand the ball to the player who is throwing the ball in, instead of throwing it to him.

(5) How many fouls must be called against a player before he is ejected from the game?

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(6) What is meant by the term backcourt?

Answer: After the team in possession of the ball is in their opponents territory, they may not pass back over the center line (into the backcourt). If this happens, the other team takes possession of the ball.

(7) What is the three-second zone, and where is it located?

Answer: This is the area directly under each basket; the line is shaped like a large keyhole. A player cannot stand in this area for more than three seconds when having possession of the ball.

(8) What are the different types of defense in basketball?

Answer: There are two main types of defense. The first is the man-for-man, in which each player is assigned a man on the offensive team, whom he guards all the time.

The second type of defense is the zone, in which each defensive is assigned a specific area on the court; he guards any man who comes into his zone.

(9) When does a player who is fouled get one foul shot, and when does he get two?

Answer: A player who is fouled in the act of shooting receives two foul shots. Any other foul receives one shot.

## Powerful Bald Eagle Five Thumps Maroon & Gold Five by 70-45 Count

Banull, Linkhorst Tally 12 Markers Each; Frosh Bow in 61-58 Thriller

The Husky quintet journeyed to Lock Haven last Wednesday evening, and both the varsity and Jay Vees fell victims to the versatile Bald Eagle fives. The scores were 70-45 and 61-58.

While the Shellymen showed nothing in the offensive game during the first half, the home tutors were piling up a lead which they never relinquished. The Bald Eagles jumped off to a 5-0 lead before senior Walt Banull hooped the ball in for Bloomsburg. That made the score 5-2. From there on it was strictly no contest. Failure to connect with the cords saw the Maroon and Gold fall behind 14-4 at the quarter mark, then 33-11 at intermission. At one point in the second stanza, the B.S.T.C. hoopsters allowed the victors to dump in 18 straight points before Banull again connected for the Huskies.

Fortunately during the second half, the Shelly cagers came to life and matched the Bald Eagles basket for basket. Davy Linkhorst and Banull remained hot, while Buck Byham controlled the boards with pretty fair success considering the lanky opposition. The tally at the end of the third period was 51-30, the Maroon and Gray from Lock Haven leading.

In the opening minutes of the final stanza, the Bloom Hoopsters cut the home team's lead to 15 points after five minutes had elapsed. The score was 55-40. Then the roof fell in. Don Butler was called out on fouls, and in addition to that, the Eagles once more found the range and proceeded to run on to victory 70-45.

Perhaps the only bright spot of the whole contest was the better than average ball handling by the Huskies. Despite the loss, there

was a noted improvement since the Wilkes fracas of a week back. The main difference was height. The Eagles had plenty of it too. Rimmey, 6 ft. 6 inch star was high point maker for Lock Haven with 19. Then too, the Maroon and Gray were terrifically accurate at the foul line. In addition to personal fouls, they also took advantage of two technicals called against the Huskies. Taking no credit away from the fine squad, they had an "on night" while the Maroon and Gold just couldn't find the range.

## Speaking of Operations

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one out of seven Americans eventually consults a psychiatrist. Snafu!

Since we neglected to "kill" a previous column which never went to press, last week's issue contained a few items of misinformation we would like to clear up: Mary Jane Dorsey did have her appendix out, already, on November 18. . . . The poetry club will not and has not presented a radio program November 30. It had planned to, but changed the date.

**Campus Quotes . . .**

Miss Ranson: "When are you people going to stop working mechanically and begin to think?"

Mr. Reams: "hhh-hmm!"

Dr. Herro: "Be that as it may—"

Dr. Andruss: "Parenthetically—"

Dr. H. H. Russell: "Take these notes—"

Mr. Fisher: "In an alternate response test, is "always" always a specific determiner?" (Not always.)

**Thought for the day . . .**

The toughest form of mountain climbing is getting out of a rut.

—F.T.A. Yearbook

## Student Hunters Limp Home After Successful Season

A minor hunting casualty occurred on Nescopeck Mountain last week when John Kennedy, popular college cheerleader, sprained his ankle while in pursuit of the elusive white-tail. Kennedy was rescued by that husky Husky, Ardelle Zeigenfuss, who had accompanied him on the hunting expedition. "Ziggy" toted the Maroon and Gold cheerleader half way down Nescopeck Mountain and brought him back safely to the College.

Other successful student hunters who reported kills during the 1950 deer season were: Bernie Hammershock, doe, Carbon County.

Harry Fenstermaker, of the Maroon and Gold staff, a 150-pound, 4-point buck at Catawissa.

Rober Haas, 140-pound, 6-point buck at North Mountain.

## Michigan Favored Over California In Rose-Bowl Game

December 25  
NORTH V.S. SOUTH . . . this game should be perennially close with the North edging out the Southerners. 20-13  
January 1

Rose Bowl — CALIFORNIA V.S. MICHIGAN . . . it seems that the boys from the coast just can't beat the big Ten's opposition, so it looks like Michigan. 28-14

Sugar Bowl — KENTUCKY V.S. OKLAHOMA . . . If Kentucky thinks they had a tough time against the Tennessee Vols, wait until they run up against Oklahoma's undefeated Sooners. Oklahoma 34 Kentucky 14

Orange Bowl — MIAMI V.S. CLEMSON . . . Both Clemson and Miami went undefeated, but were both tied by mediocre teams. This should be close all the way with Miami coming out on top. 20-14

Cotton Bowl — TENNESSEE V.S. TEXAS . . . The Longhorns have it, and will show all against the Vols. This could turn into a rout for Texas. Texas 35 Tennessee 7

Gator Bowl—W and L V.S. WYOMING . . . Wyoming went undefeated with little opposition all season, and although the Cowboys

## 1950-51 Basketball Opener Brings Teachers College Champs to Campus

### Harold Shelly Has Impressive Record As Basketball Coach

The head basketball coach at Bloomsburg State Teachers College is Harold B. Shelly. Mr. Shelly, who came to Bloomsburg at the start of the 1949-50 college year, replaced Peter R. Wisher.

Mr. Shelly's initial coaching position was at Withrow High School in Cincinnati. In four years at this school, his cage teams piled up many records. For two years the team was runner-up for the city championship.

In his next tutoring role, he coached another fine team in Ohio. His Milford High School squad reached the district title playoffs each of the six years that he coached there. The excellently tutored club won four county titles without losing a game and were runners-up the other two years.

At Ridgeway High School, his teams also showed sparkling brilliance on the basketball court.

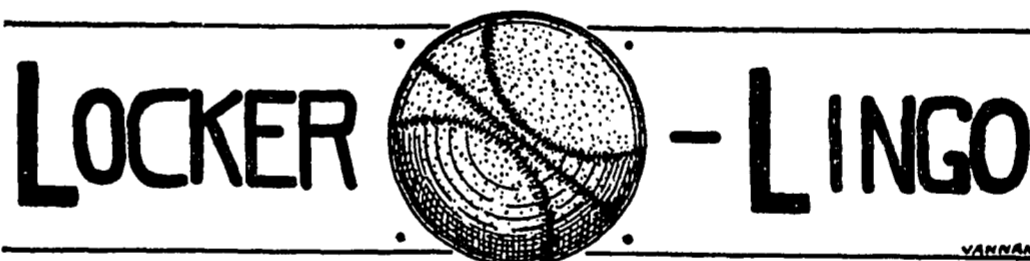
During his years as a coach, Mr. Shelly at one time or another coached soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, football, and swimming.

Coach Shelly is a graduate of Ohio Northern College, where he won letters in football, basketball, and track. He then received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. Before accepting his position at Bloomsburg, Mr. Shelly was athletic director and basketball and track coach at Wilmington College, Ohio.

In addition to his basketball coaching at Bloomsburg, our coach has a full time job with soccer in the fall and track in the spring. He also teaches Physical Education. Good luck to Coach Shelly and his charges in the coming season.

had a comparatively easy schedule, they should still be able to handle the Southerners. 26-14

Pineapple Bowl—DENVER V.S. HAWAII . . . The only thing the Hawaiians will enjoy about the entire affair is the sunshine. Denver 20 Hawaii 0



by Harry Brooks

The Bloomsburg Huskies and the Wilkes College Colonels were in rare form when they met up in Wilkes-Barre last week in the initial Maroon and Gold contest of the 1950-51 season. So rare, in fact, that at times it was difficult to tell whether they were playing football, soccer, or basketball. With one large corporation using the slogan, "it improves with age," let's hope this applies to the Huskies before they battle a tough Millersville quintet tomorrow night in Centennial Gymnasium.

The Millersville five recently dropped a tilt with highly-touted La Salle by the score of 57-39. Not bad considering the average yearly difference between the two schools. Let's follow the pattern of the La Salle Explorers and dump the Millersville Indians tomorrow night. The classy J.V.'s, tutored by the versatile Dr. Wagner will battle in the preliminary fracas.

They say every dog has its day, and it looks as though we will get ours come next fall. Only two of the past season Maroon and Gold grid battles were fought on the home turf, but next campaign the Redmen will have the advantage of friendly terra firma on five occasions. Powerful Lock Haven, Millersville, Shippensburg, Indiana, and our old friends from West Chester will trek up to the Hill to match their charges with the Bloomsburg eleven.

The new gym up at Wilkes College is one of the finest in this part of the country. Costing \$250,000, it has a seating capacity of 1500, 300 more than we can house up at Centennial Gym. There's only one thing wrong with it though. The lights of the score board are white instead of the usual red, and this makes it difficult to read from almost any part of the gym. It has another disadvantage too, as far as the Colonels are concerned, they haven't won a game on it this season.

Lycoming College, who in the past two years has been walloped by the Huskies in every sport in which the two schools were matched, seems to be on the road upward as far as basketball goes. Thus far, the Warriors from Williamsport have won three basketball tilts. Kings isn't doing too badly either. It appears that as soon as we drop relations with a rival college, or vice versa, they start to furnish opposition for someone else.

Dapper Dan Farrell, a great fullback none of us will forget for a long time, was recently given another grid award. Smiling Danny from Hazleton was rated an honorable mention position on the Little All-American squad. Congratulations! Incidentally, Farrell ended up as third highest scorer in the state for the 1950 football campaign.

And speaking of football, we see by the papers that Dr. Andruss and a delegation from B.S.T.C. were present at an athletic meeting in Harrisburg a few weeks back. The purpose of the meeting was to better athletics at state teachers colleges. If the panel from this college is open for ideas, here's a suggestion. How about a Governor's Bowl game between the best state teachers college and another small college from this state? The game would probably create a great deal of state-wide interest, and would make the state teachers colleges really have a goal to play in this game.

## Invading Marauders Rate As Favorites; Huskies Face Tough Contest

Saturday night at 7 o'clock, the doors of BSTC's Centennial Gym will swing wide to greet the local basketball fans for the opener of the 1950-51 court season. Coach Harold Shelly's Huskies will tangle with the powerful Millersville Marauders, who were mythical State Teachers College Champions of last year.

The invading Marauders have one of the tallest teams in the conference. Revolving around pivotman "Slim" Gressinger, who reaches 6 ft., 6 in., and paced by the sharpshooting "Scooter" Kline, sophomore sensation, they will present an array of fast breaks and smooth-working offense against the man-for-man defense of the Shellymen. Besides being tall and rangy, they are reported to be fast and in condition, which are two main factors in today's fast-driving game. The boys from the Dutchland have, at the time of this writing, won one and lost one. They defeated Kings of Delaware, 101 to 49, an impressive showing of their scoring power; they lost to LaSalle, 54 to 39.

Meanwhile, on the home boards: Coach Shelly has been holding brisk conditioning and ball handling drills the past week after the none too impressive showing against Wilkes College, which the Huskies stumbled through to win, 56 to 44. The Maroon and Gold traveled to Lock Haven during the week to meet the powerful Bald Eagles.

The hardwood mentor will probably open with flashy Walt Banull in the center and pivot, "Hooks" Butler or Charley Daly and Byham in the forward slots, the guards might be Jim Thompson and Dave Linkhorst. That lineup is nothing but pure guess, as Coach Shelly is still looking for a clicking combination. The fans are just as likely to see Dan Boychuck, veteran Smokey Andrews, rotund Al Williams, Frank Furgele, Jack Rittenmeyer, Ed Goodheart, and many others. It's worth the price of admission to see who will make the starting five.

Last year's games between BSTC and Millersville were both thrillers, as the rivals split with one apiece. The first game, played at Millersville, was a thriller from start to finish as the two teams battled evenly all through the contest; the decision was made in an extra period, as Millersville won, 60-56. In the second game, the Shelly-coached aggregation bounced from behind in the closing seconds to win a thriller, 45-43, on Bobby Kashner's dash for a lay up. This game ended a five-game losing streak and opened the winning gates to the aroused Huskies. They proceeded to win nine games in a row before losing in an overtime battle at Shippensburg.

The visiting Marauders will come here as favorites and with the confidence of favorites; the Huskies have but one thought in mind—to win! Their grim determination has been seen in their first two games; and the spark will glow a little brighter tomorrow night, as they ramble on the home boards for the first time this season. The locals are going to the post in most games as underdogs, mainly because of their lack of height; but Coach Shelly says "We are not too tall, but our shooting and ball handling should keep us in the games. We have a rebounding system which should give us enough rebounds to start our fast break offense."

Another reason for attending this gala opening is the rapid disappearance of two of B.S.T.C.'s most faithful and hard driving players. When the January class marches the last mile, Smokey Andrews and Walter Banull will be in the list of degree receivers. Not many games remain until the end of the semester and the final bow for these veteran crowd-pleasers.

At 7:00 P.M., "Doc" Wagner's Pups open the night against the Hazleton Penn State Center. All in all, there seems to be a promise of much excitement and good ball playing combined to give Mr. Fan his money's worth.

Mr. DeVoe's Journalism class had an interesting guest instructor last Friday afternoon. Mr. John Crouse, Sports Editor of the Bloomsburg Morning Press, spoke informatively about problems involved in writing sports news.

**Waller Hall News**

There are times when life is lacking around B.S.T.C. — but are we this dead? Several weeks ago a tall, elderly man entered the Dean of Instruction's office and said to Miss Utstad, "I've come for the body." Miss Utstad, with typical feminine logic, sent him to the business office.

Miss Ethel Wilson and Peggy Bourdette were standing outside the office when the body-seeking gentleman accosted them and said in a matter-of-fact voice, "I've come for the body."

Not wishing to appear at a loss for words, Miss Wilson asked the name of the person he was looking for. The name didn't ring a bell for her or Peggy, and the gentleman seemed to be annoyed with the perplexed looks they were exchanging. Miss Wilson tried another angle—"Does she live in the dormitory?"

"Oh no, she's a dead corpse— Say, isn't this the hospital? It's the college! Oh, I'm so sorry, someone must have given me wrong directions. Thanks, anyway."

You might call this a case of non habeas corpus, because we ain't got the body!

The holiday spirit is everywhere in the dorm. Gaily decorated Christmas trees have been placed in the lobby of each floor. The house committee arranged for the purchase and trimming of the trees.

Plans are being formulated for the annual judging of doors, in which prizes are awarded for attractive, original, and unusual door decorations depicting the Christmas mood. Betty Heil made posters for the dorm bulletin boards to publicize the judging, which will be held Monday, December 18, at 7:00 P.M. Three prizes will be awarded on each floor, winners being chosen by Rose Marie Domaleski, co-ordinator of the project, Rosella Danilo, Shirley Coleman, and members of the house committee on each floor.

**Newman Club Meets**

St. Columba's Parish Council of Women entertained the Catholic students of B.S.T.C. and the young people of the parish on Monday, December 4, in the Church Hall. The Rev. Father Robert Maher, Superintendent of Parochial Schools, was guest speaker.

John Burns, president of the College Newman Club, presided over the business meeting. Prof. Walter J. Rygiel, sponsor, spoke briefly. The Very Reverend Father Wm. J. Burke of St. Columba's, introduced the guest speaker.

Father Maher spoke on the duties and responsibilities of teachers. He said, in part, "In your career as a teacher, remember that the children you are teaching are made in the image and likeness of God. Their souls have a supernatural origin and are marked for a supernatural destination."

Music for dancing was furnished by a college group composed of Hank Marini, Danny Fitzpatrick, Ray Wagner, and Hank Novak.

The social was in charge of the Youth committee, with Mrs. John Church, chairman; and the Hospitality committee with Mrs. John Fedroff, chairman. Assisting were Mrs. Walter S. Rygiel, Mrs. Robert Kelly, Mrs. Frank Bacinger, Mrs. Louis Mayan, and Mrs. Frank Hower.

**National Poetry Association Honors B.S.T.C. Student**

Marie Mattis, a senior at BSTC and co-editor of the Maroon and Gold, has been notified by Dennis Hartman, secretary of the National Poetry association that the Board of Judges has selected her poem, "In Vain," for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women in the United States. In a congratulatory letter, Mr. Hartman wrote that the selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

Marie, vice-president of the Poetry Club of B.S.T.C., has been active in literary activities at the college. Several of her poems have appeared in past issues of the Maroon and Gold, the Olympian, and the Bloomsburg Book of Verse.

**Red Cross Course**

A Life Saving Course was recently given at B.S.T.C. by the local Red Cross Chapter. The Safety Service Chairmen of the Bloomsburg Chapter, Robert H. Spaid was the instructor and was assisted by Nancy Heebner and Robert Wire from B.S.T.C. Classes were conducted three nights a week in two hour sessions for 55 hours. The course was divided into three phases which were senior life saving, pre-instructors, and instructors. The B.S.T.C. students that finally completed the instructors course under the direction of Field Representative of the Eastern Area of the Red Cross are Edgar Berry, Joanne Davis, Katharine Gilbert, Janice Gustin, Janet Price, Warren Raker, Elvira Thomsen, Sarae Uhrich, Sam Wolcott, Robert Wire, and Marie Yozviak.

**Office Training Program Offered**

To give the students of the Secretarial Sequence practical experience in office procedure, the Business Education Department maintains an office training program. Here the students of the Stenographic Office Practice class, under the direction of Mr. Rygiel, are placed in the various administrative offices on campus, where they put into actual practice the theories they have been taught in class.

Students participating in office training, which is complementary to Stenographic Office Practice, are required to put in five clock hours a week for one semester—three hours in the classroom and the remaining two doing office work. Because of their interest in the work under actual office conditions, many students are working more than the required two hours per week.

To tabulate the progress of each individual, the person assigning the work makes use of a rating sheet. On it he records the type of work done, time required to perform the job, and his criticisms as to how the work was done. In effort to further benefit the student, clinics are held, in which the various problems of office procedure arising in the course of work are discussed.

While there is no substitute for business experience, such actual experience as is provided by this program, in conjunction with the training received in Clerical Office Practice, materially aids the teacher of business subjects when he attacks classroom problems.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Items such as help wanted, for rent, for sale, and lost and found will be printed free of charge in each issue of the Maroon and Gold as a service to students. Interested persons should place their ads in Box 284, Maroon and Gold letter box, before Wednesday noon of each week.

Found — One pair of bone rimmed eye glasses, on College Hill near the town hall.

Glasses have been turned in at the police station. Owner may have them by calling at the police station.

Lost — Maroon Shaeffer fountain pen. Please return to Jo Cuff.

Found — Shaeffer fountain pen, in Day Men's room. May be claimed at Business Office.

Lost — Will the person who borrowed an English Literature book from the rack outside the Old Gym please return it to Lois Kieffer.

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**The Mistletoe Legend**

Did you ever stand under the mistletoe? Were you kissed? If you were, you probably wondered what started this gay custom.

Some say that the word, mistletoe, comes from the missel thrush, a messenger of the gods, who brought the plant to the earth. Actually the bird is responsible for the wide distribution of the mistletoe, growing as it does on trees as a semi-parasite. This plant can be identified by its huge masses of dense light green growth. For this reason there is another, and more plausible, explanation of its name coming from mistlelan — different twig.

The religious order of the Druids of ancient Britain held it to be a sacred plant. The head Druid and his fellow priest performed the winter solstice rites with elaborate ceremonies centering about the mistletoe. The chief nature festival of these forest worshippers was held five days after the new moon. Everyone went to the forest, all moving toward the oak tree with the most mistletoe; and, as they came in sight of the tree, hailed it with loud shouts of delight and reverence. The head Druid towered above the group; he was clad in flowing white robes. He ascended the tree and caught the mistletoe he cut from the lowest limb. The plant was sacred so it was not allowed to fall to the ground. The priest then distributed a twig of mistletoe to each of his followers with a prayer for divine favor and a blessing from Nature.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "give me a kiss." This has its basis in a Scandinavian myth.

Balder's mother gave him a charm against all injury which sprang from fire, water, air, and earth. Loki, an evil spirit, formed an arrow from mistletoe, which did not spring from any of these elements. This mistletoe dart struck Balder down, and the tears of his mother, Frigga, formed the white berries of the mistletoe. The kind gods restored Balder's life, and Frigga decreed that the plant must never again serve as an instrument of mischief. Frigga, the goddess of beauty, also bestowed a kiss upon anyone who passed under the mistletoe. From this tale we derive our custom of stealing a kiss under the mistletoe.

Each lad may claim a kiss from the maiden who walks beneath it, providing he removes a berry to give to the maiden. When all of the berries are gone, the mistletoe loses its spell and no more kisses available. Girls, if you plan to be married this year, plan your kiss under the mistletoe for if you don't you will have to wait another year before you can be married.

**What Do You Think?**

by Robert Price

This week's question is, "Do you think the United States should or should not use the A-bomb in the Far East?"

Miss Muyskens: "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

Dr. H. H. Russell: "No, for several reasons. First, to drop it on Korea, there are the citizens of Korea to be considered. The bomb can not win the war. To drop it on China, there are millions of Chinese that are not Communists, and we need the good will of the non-Communist Asiatics to combat the Soviet Communism. If the bomb is dropped on the Soviet Union, we must remember it's not a great distance in these days of aerial navigation to Chicago, New York, and other industrial cities."

Dave North: "You can't move troops in behind an A-bomb."

Joe Feifer: "I don't think that the A-bomb alone will win the war. You'll always need the infantry."

Thurston Fuller: "I don't think they should. Personally, I think they should pull out of Korea and form a line of defense in Japan, Formosa, and the Philippine Islands. Then, if they are invaded we should go all out."

Herman Funk: "I don't think that the A-bomb should be used. It is too dangerous a weapon for the countless civilian population. Too many innocent people would be hurt."

Elvira Thomsen: "No. In a military sense it is not expedient because of the lack of a centralized target. More important even if it were expedient, we could expect nothing but brutality in return if we were to be savage enough to kill thousands at a blow."

Maxine Shirey: "No. The dropping of the A-bomb will only lead to further strife and hate on the part of other nations. War never settles anything."

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**NEWS Briefs . .**

An analysis of composite grading for the last semester of the 1949-50 term was recently issued by Dr. Thomas P. North, Dean of Instruction. The total number of grades issued for the period was 4,728. A breakdown of this figure reveals the following letter grade totals: A's—665; B's—1607; C's—1749; D's—430; E's—175; Conditions—17; Incompletes—21; and withdrawals—64. In percentages these figures are represented as follows: A's—14%; B's—34%; C's—37%; D's—9%. The total number of failures, conditions, incompletes, and withdrawals for the spring semester was 277, which represents 6% of the total number of grades given by college instructors for this period.

**Day Women**

The Day Women are playing Santa Claus to the needy families in and around the vicinity of Bloomsburg.

All donations of food, clothing, toys, games, and furniture are to be wrapped and addressed to the members of the families. The gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree in the Day Room and will be distributed after the Christmas party held by the day women on December 19.

With the help of all the day girls, it will be a merry Christmas for all.

President Harvey A. Andruss has given several important and interesting speeches to various groups in this community and in surrounding cities.

On December 2, he gave the address at the luncheon meeting of the Elementary Education Conference held here. His address was "What Do We Do Now?"

On December 7, he addressed the Freshman Class in Orientation on "The Development of Professional School."

On December 29, he will travel to Cleveland, Ohio, to address the National Business Teachers Association, where his subject will be "The Human Side of Business Education."

On January 12, he will speak before Schuylkill County school directors at Pottsville, on the topic "There Are All Kinds of Pupils."

On February 16, he will journey to Atlantic City to address the National Association of Business Teacher Training Institutions. His topic will be "The Selection of College Teaching Personnel."

Graydon Wood, president of the Aviation Club, spoke about the qualifications for becoming an aviation cadet at the last meeting of the Aviation Club held on December 7. He also sketched the different stages of training through which a cadet must progress before he becomes a full-fledged pilot.

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