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Sno-Ball Climaxes 1955 School Year Activities

Christmas

By Nancy Newman

Christmas is a very special time and everyone has a certain thing that he likes about it. Some like the Yule trees which are decorated in a very special way. They never look quite the same, with this year's seeming just a little nicer than last year's. Others think that the Christmas dinner is the most wonderful, with all the relatives gathered together, and it is wonderful to be home for the holidays. Then there is the opening of packages: even if everyone says it's better to give than to receive, one still has a very pleasant sensation as he opens each of his Christmas gifts and receives something for which he has been longing.

These are only a few of the things which other people enjoy about Christmas, but the thing that I enjoy most about Christmas is going to church on Christmas morning. You rise early, sleepily get dressed, and hurry to make it in time for church. As you walk into the church, everything is lit by candle light. Two huge trees decorated only with tinsel and silver bulbs stand on either side of the altar. It gives you a very strange feeling of awe and wonder as you begin to think what Christmas really means. Just then the choir files in, singing "Joy to the World", and you feel like singing along with them with all your might. Now you really know that you have something to celebrate, for today is the day when our Lord was born, and because of Him our sins will be forgiven. The sermon is now over. The choir sings another hymn and then you go. You leave, but you remember all day long what you have experienced, and you feel wonderful because you are at peace with God and yourself. Everything seems to be in its proper place. This is what I am reminded of everytime I hear a Christmas carol or see a Christmas card, or anything else that reminds me of that wonderful day. Perhaps you are reminded of the same thing when you think about Christmas.

Hanging of Greens Highlights Service

By Jay Roling

The winter season certainly transforms our campus into a Winter Wonderland. What would be more perfect than for the students at Behrend to hold their annual Christmas service, "The Hanging of the Greens," in the beautiful, secluded atmosphere of the Behrend Center Chapel.

The chapel will be lit only by candles which will give a deep feeling to all who attend. After a prelude on our newly acquired organ, Linda Hamer will open the ceremonies with a responsive reading, and the congregation will join with the choir to sing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Bob Gornall will then place the greens on the tomb of Ernst R. Behrend.

The serene atmosphere will be kept constant by the choir's singing of "How Still the Night," and Mr. William Hover's singing, with

the choir, "O Holy Night." Mr. Lane then will give his Christmas address, "Christmas," a three-fold approach. Linda Hamer follows Mr. Lane's address by reading the Christmas story according to St. Luke, while the choir will sing "Silent Night" in the background. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslas," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The First Noel," and "Joy to the World" will be sung by the entire congregation.

No one can doubt that our Christmas service will top any of the other services that have been held before. Through the combined efforts of Mr. Lane, Mr. Hover, and the Behrend Center Chorus, the "Hanging of the Greens" will produce an everlasting effect upon our minds and hearts. We are sure that everybody who attends the service will leave with a better idea of what Christmas is and what it actually means.

Behrend Holiday Scene



The Nittany Cub staff, on behalf of the student body, wants to utilize this Christmas card arranged by the school's Photography Club to symbolize and say, "Best holiday greetings to all our readers!"

Dean Speaks



IRVIN H. KOCHEL

Here's a Christmas wish from our administrative head, Mr. Irvin H. Kochel, that we all have a very merry Christmas wherever we may be over the holidays.

Pre-Vacation Preview

By Jeanette Flory

The day before, students were everywhere: going from class to class, eating in the dining room, and especially happy. Tomorrow they would be with their families or their special "someone."

TIME: December 22, 1955.

PLACE: Behrend Center.

SETTING: A serene and quiet administration building, classroom, and Erie Hall. Everyone has disappeared. There are no snowball battles, no falling on the ice, and no looks of anxiety on faces as students enter classrooms. The place is literally "dead." In the dorm, all is quiet; no screams, and no squealing. Even cute "Pug" has vanished. Pug, the tiniest white hamster imaginable, due to regulations, has moved in with Mr. Hover, instead of residing in the dorm. Even the goldfish have stopped chasing each other around in the bowl, and Judy Young and her pals' trained mice have settled down for a long winter's nap.

The past week has been jam-packed with activities and not much studying has been done. Oh, well, it's Christmastime!

On December 5, the faculty was entertained at a tureen dinner at Mr. Richards' home. The dinner was given by the wives of the faculty.

The Christmas Service at Behrend Chapel was held at 7 P. M. on Thursday, December 15. On Friday the 16th, the Sno-Ball was well attended and a colorful event. A delightful Christmas assembly program was presented in Erie Hall at 11:05, Tuesday, December 20. At last, Wednesday, the 21st rolled around, and at 12:30 we departed from Behrend, never to return that year.

Yes, Behrend Center stands alone on December 22—until January 4. Then, gangway! Here we come—the energetic, brave souls, who struggle here for an education.

Colorful Christmas Formal to Be One of Biggest Campus Events

By Anne Pagel

One of the brightest events of the Yuletide season is Behrend Center's annual Christmas dance, the Sno-Ball, which will be held in Erie Hall on Friday, December 16th. Dancing will be from nine to one to the music of Neil Charles and his eleven piece orchestra.

The orchestra will also feature a vocalist, to provide some of the best music in this area for your enjoyment. The dance will be semi-formal, characterized by a beautiful color scheme, as girls in gay formals create a lovely picture on the dance floor.

All the advisees of Mr. Harold Werner and Mr. Robert Baker are sponsoring the dance and have combined their ideas and talents in making arrangements for it. Elected last week as co-chairmen of the dance were Clark Jamison and James Hendershot. The publicity committee, headed by Dennis Polatas, is taking care of the advertising for the dance and the making of tickets and programs. Tickets will be given to the students a few days before the dance, free of charge. Lovely souvenir programs will be designed and will be obtainable at the dance. All the provisions for refreshments are being handled by Gerald Marross and his committee, and these will be served free of cost. During intermission and orchestra breaks, couples may enjoy refreshments at individual tables which will be set up for their convenience. The decorating committee, with Donald Mitchell and Ross Caruana as co-chairmen, has planned a striking decoration scheme featuring a Christmas tree with snow and evergreens beautifully arranged, centering around the Christmas holiday theme. Checking coats, removing snow from the walk, setting up tables, and many other duties will be executed by Ralph McClintock and his general service committee. The committees

are working hard to complete their many tasks and certainly deserve a word of praise and a helping hand whenever it is needed.

In past years the Sno-Ball has held a high spot among the school's festivities, being anticipated by students and faculty alike. This year has been no exception. Although some confusion concerning the date has arisen, many sides to this question have been considered, and it has been settled in the best interests of all those concerned. So "fellas," invite one of the young ladies about campus and join in for an evening which will remain as something always to be remembered.

Christmas Tea for 'Behrendettes'

There is to be a Christmas Tea held December 18, for the women students of Behrend Center. The tea is to be given by Mrs. Louis Balmer in the Memorial Room, and refreshments will be served. The girls are to bring a 25c gift to exchange, so, girls, let's not miss out on this pre-Christmas party and start planning on having a wonderful time at the Christmas Tea.

Inquiring Reporter

This issue's question: What would you like most for Christmas?

Mr. Patterson: My star assistant photographer out of "hock."
Warren Rose: At least a "D" in Calculus. (att. Mr. G. Baker)

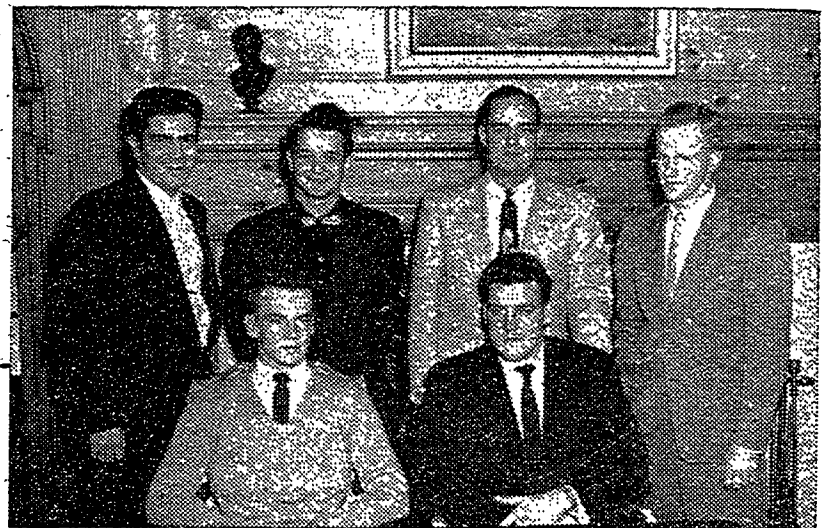
Honey Greenlee: A man!!!
Mr. Hover: Some large corks for the holes in my choir's face.

Don Andersen: A pair of elbow pads.

Sonya Weidner: A few more piano students.

Mr. Lane: 1000 disposable diapers.

Sno-Ball Committee



No this isn't an executives' meeting above, just the hard-working engineering committee responsible for the Center's coming "Sno-Ball" on Friday. In front (left to right) are Clark Jamison and James Hendershot. In back (left to right) are Dennis Polatas, Ross Caruana, Don Mitchell, Ralph McClintock.