

CHRISTMAS OR XMAS

The schools had let out for the holiday. Hundreds of children joined the influx of college students home for their vacations. The downtown district was aglow with glittering signs and flashing lights. Thousands of shoppers pushed and shoved their way through crowds to get that certain item they had forgotten. Mailmen could be seen on the residential streets, struggling under the weight of mailbags crammed with printed cards, sent out hundreds at a time by many people. The line in the state liquor store was thirty deep with people getting their "holiday cheer."

When the big day finally would arrive, a legendary old man would "visit" each home with toys and games for the children. Everyone would seek to outdo each other in the number of gifts given and received. Then, to climax this gala holiday, people would gather to gorge themselves with huge turkey or chicken dinners.

What was the reason for these festivities? Was it some national holiday? Were the people holding some gala winter festival or carnival? No, they were celebrating the anniversary of the coming of the Prince of Peace into the world. But did they think of this? Will you?

John Thompson

Letter to the Editor

No collegiate enthusiasm at Behrend? I say there is! What do these people who claim there is no Behrend spirit really expect?

I think it is unfair to judge us Behrend students in such a way after only nine weeks. With a whopping 69% of us being freshmen, college is a new experience — adjustment takes time. Also, 67% of us are commuting students — students who often cannot attend athletic and social events because of home responsibilities or part-time jobs. With less than 100 students living on or near the Campus, how much spirit can you reasonably expect?

No, I'm not convinced that Behrend cannot develop more "collegiate enthusiasm." Give us good athletic teams, responsible S.G.A. leadership, and—most of all—at least another half-term and, I believe, Behrend Campus will take a back seat to no similar college in student enthusiasm.

John Thompson

Commonwealth Campus Briefs

YORK CAMPUS . . . A new club at the York Campus is the PSYARRO (Penn State-York Amateur Radio Organization). Its members are primarily drafting and design tech, production tech, and electrical technology students who are interested in radio transmitters and receivers and who desire to earn their amateur radio licenses. . . . The major activities that compose York's social side this year are the Halloween, Christmas, Spring and St. Patrick's Day dances; Monte Carlo Night (as opposed to State's Las Vegas Night and Behrend's Mardi Gras); the spring picnic; and special events days held intermittently throughout the year. On these days classes are cut short, and intramural sports programs are conducted.

DUBOIS CAMPUS . . . On November twenty-first the DuBois Theatre Class and the Delta Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity will present a series of one-act plays

on the DuBois stage. The plays will be: "Where the Cross Is Made," "The Valiant," and a scene from "Anastasia." . . . As a result of the student referendum, coffee breaks will be held on Wednesdays at the DuBois Campus . . . As a guest speaker of the DuBois Biology Club, Dr. Leonard Zimmerman, Associate Professor of Bacteriology on the University Park Campus, presented a program on "Bacterial Mutations" on October twenty-fourth The DuBois basketball "Dukes" open their cage season at the Behrend Campus on December second.

OGONTZ CAMPUS . . . Although it is the largest extension campus in the Penn State system, Ogontz will have no inter-campus sports program this year because it does not have the necessary facilities. . . . During the first term, four ROTC activities will function on the Ogontz Campus. They are: Pershing Rifles, Rangers, Rifle Team, and Public Information Office. . . . Outstanding motion pictures are presently being shown at Ogontz. The films, presented for student education and enjoy-

ment, are represented by such noteworthies as "Pather Panchali" and "Death of a Salesman." . . . Thirty-six students combined to make the chartered bus trip to the Penn State-Syracuse football game a roaring success. More such excursions are in the making On November seventeenth Ogontz Campus played host to a wandering balladeer, George Britton, as a student entertainment activity. Britton concentrated on French, German, Pennsylvania Dutch, Italian, and English folk music . . . Ogontz has a unique extension campus facility in the campus radio station, WOG. WOG is on the air during all class breaks from 8:00 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. For this the Ogontz students are to be envied . . . Ogontz SGA president, Lou Huber, reports that while there was a definite increase in the number of students voting in the recent election as compared with last year's voting, fifty per cent of the enrolled Ogontz students remained apathetic during this year's election. This "situation of dishonor" is not unique to the Ogontz Campus, however. Similar voting percentages are vernacular to nearly all of the P. S. U. extension campuses. It is tragic.

NEW KENSINGTON . . . A Christmas Dance, a Spring Dance, and a Graduation-Dinner Dance are the New Kensington Center's major activities for the 1961-62 school year . . . The Tau Epsilon Chi Society sponsored an unscheduled Halloween Dance on October

twenty-sixth.

ALLENTOWN . . . On October twenty-sixth Allentown sponsored a program entitled "What to Expect at College" at the Lehigh Valley Dairy Auditorium. The color film: "Introducing Penn State" was also shown . . . Allentown has an extensive inter-campus bowling-chess-table tennis program in operation this year. The first match found Wyomissing visiting Allentown on November twenty-seventh.

WYOMISSING . . . Wyomissing Campus has its own radio program every other Saturday morning over radio station WHUM in Wyomissing. Only faculty and staff members participate . . . The Wyomissing SGA, presided over by Stanley Love, held its first meeting on October twelfth . . . An enrollment increase of 76% (from 247 to 436) took place at the Wyomissing Campus this year.

HIGHACRES (HAZLETON) CAMPUS . . . The Hazleton Campus played host to the advisory members of the Pennsylvania State University junior colleges on October twenty-first . . . Highacres students have received nearly \$5000 in scholarship awards for the 1961-62 year A football dance and a Talent Night have already highlighted the Highacres social program for the first term. A hayride was held on October sixth, and a beatnik dance was held on October twenty-seventh . . . The controversial film "Operation Abolition" was recently shown at the Hazleton Campus.

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