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A benevolent Carl Holland pays a greedy Greg Glassner, as Dave Manning sips his favorite brew.

Note-to Behrend Players

Mr. Miller repeats his "thanks" to the Behrend Players (i.e., to all involved) for the bright and biting production of "Richman, Poorman, Beggarman, Thief . . ." (see ruthless review by AGW on page two). Also, he expresses his appreciation for Josh White, the hula popper (and "fishing hints"), and for the subscription to the *Village Voice*. The *Voice* will be given to the Behrend Library—and renewed annually—as a gift from the Behrend Players.

J. T. Miller

WHAT is Christmas?

As this is the last issue of the NITTANY CUB for this term, and in keeping with the pre-Christmas spirit that abounds before Thanksgiving, the staff of the NITTANY CUB polled students here at Behrend as to what Christmas means to them. Following are some of the answers(?) we got:

"Christmas means over the river and through the woods, oops, that's Thanksgiving."

"The term system does not recognize Christmas."

"Christmas is a bourgeoisie pursuit, pursued by us bourgeois."

"Are female elves really forest nymphs during the off-season?"

"Is Santa Claus a compulsive giver?"

"Christmas means pajamas that don't fit."

"Remember—Santa now has a zip code number."

"I don't know about Christmas, but New Years is a headache."

"Christmas means sticky candy canes."

"Santa Claus is an alien."

"Christmas means lots of Cheer, but not in the automatic."

"Christmas means 'hic!' oh, go away."

"Christmas means January White Sales."

"Christmas is a Jewish holiday."

"But most of all, Christmas gives semi-literate journalists a chance to fill up holes in the front page."

HANGING OF GREENS OPENS CHRISTMAS SEASON AT BEHREND

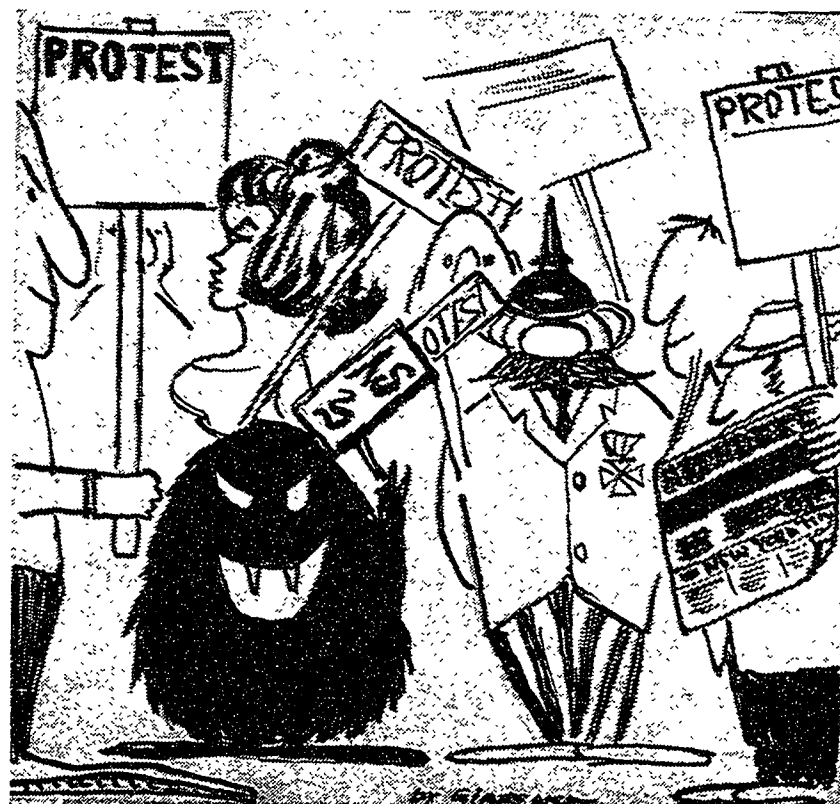
Tuesday, November 26, marked the fifteenth time in as many years that the Hanging of the Greens Ceremony was held. The purpose of the ceremony is twofold: it officially initiates the Christmas season at the Behrend Campus; and it also commemorates Ernst and Warren Behrend, husband and son of Mrs. Mary Behrend, who gave her estate for the foundation of the Behrend Campus.

The simple ceremony is held in the lovely and authentically styled Dutch Colonial Chapel in Wintergreen Gorge. Verses from Scripture are read. Advent hymns and carols are sung, and a yule wreath is hung on the crypt in which Ernst and Warren Behrend are interred. Traditionally, the wreath is placed on the crypt by the President of the Student Government—Robert Cook having the honor this year—who makes a brief statement concerning the considerable contribution of the Behrend family to the education of young men and women. A brief address by Dean Benjamin A. Lane on the essence of Christmas concludes the program.

Since there is no electricity in the Chapel, the entire service is conducted by candlelight. Usually the weather is cold and there is snow on the ground, all of which helps contribute to the joyous yet solemn occasion.

After the ceremony, the students returned to the Behrend Campus where they enjoyed coffee and doughnuts.

The Hanging of the Greens service has become not only an important tradition at the Behrend Campus but also a meaningful event in the lives of her students.



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