

Christmas Message

In a manger on the straw,
The night was shrewd, the wind was raw,
And the dull fire, untended kept
No comfort where the Infant slept.

Phyllis McGinley

With the simplicity of this verse may we reflect for a moment on the true meaning of Christmas; then may your spirit abound in this season of tradition, gay color and warm feeling.

BEHREND ENGLISH PROF IS TALENTED MUSICIAN

Professor Alexander G. Wilcox of the Behrend Campus recently gave a copy of one of his musical compositions to John King, a member of the Erie Ballet, to choreograph. Mr. King had heard

Professor Wilcox' composition *Ricercar and Fugue* played at its premiere by the Erie Philharmonic in January, 1964, and subsequently asked Professor Wilcox if he would give him one of his compositions to choreograph. Professor Wilcox spent much of last summer rewriting and copying his *Dance Variations for Piano* for Mr. King.

Professor Wilcox began his musical endeavors in 1939 by studying composition and orchestration under the tutelage of Roy Harris, a well-known American composer. The military draft interrupted his studies in 1942. Professor Wilcox has also participated in music seminars at the University of Iowa and took a course in Modern Harmony there.

In addition to the orchestral work *Ricercar and Fugue* which was presented by the Erie Philharmonic, three of Professor Wilcox' chorale works have been presented publicly. *Chorle on Wisdom, A Cradle Song, and And Death Shall Have No Dominion* were played at A Symposium of Contemporary Music at American University, Washington D. C., in 1961. In December, 1960, *And Death Shall Have No Dominion* was presented at a symposium in Dallas, Texas.

CIRCLE K

The Circle K Club closed the fall term with its Nov. 30 meeting with 90 per cent of the members attending.

The Club will have the Student-Faculty directory ready for the student body on the day of registration for the winter term at a charge of 15c per copy.

Also, plans are being made for the winter carnival weekend which includes a dance to be held in January.

The Club wishes to extend a season's greeting to everyone.

MODEL UN SLATED

In his recent message for youth, Secretary-General U Thant states: "Nineteen years ago, after the most bloody and destructive war in history had come to an end, the United Nations was founded for these purposes . . . to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, to establish conditions for universal justice and to provide decent conditions of life for all people. These were the lofty purposes laid down in the Charter of the United Nations. They are not the dreams of an idealist nor the fantasies of legend, but fully realistic even if difficult tasks. The present generation must clearly understand all these aims and actively prepare itself to strive for the realization of these goals, and for the future happiness of today's youth."

For these reasons, the Pennsylvania State University offers the Model United Nations of 1965 to be held January 29, 30, 31. Through the practical experience of trying to solve the problems which the United Nations faces—the admission of Red China, the Portuguese colonies overseas, Cyprus, United Nations finances—the participating student gains an invaluable insight into the difficulties with which the United Nations must cope. One confronts a dilemma—to what extent should his country's interests be compromised for the benefit of the whole or should these interests be compromised at all? The student delegate, also, must judge whether a resolution is worthwhile, practical, propagandistic, etc. He is pressured, cajoled, persuaded and coerced to support one rival block or another. Through all of this, the delegate must persevere and try to faithfully represent the interests and policies of his adopted country.

The cliché: "You only get out of it what you put into it," applies to one's participation in the

Model United Nations. Knowledge of one's country's position as well as of the general problem guarantees the individual a truly rewarding and enlightening experience. This experience serves the student beyond the limited sphere of the campus as Secretary-General U Thant states:

"That is why I appeal to all young people to dedicate themselves to the sublime causes of giving reality to the ideals of the Charter; I appeal to them to work for the triumph of peace and friendship on earth and for the happiness of mankind."

Anyone interested in representing Behrend at the Model United Nations please contact Tom Bundy by Dec. 7.

Award Given

Each year the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers, Erie Chapter, present a scholarship to a deserving student. The scholarship is for a DDT student and is given on the basis of financial need, integrity, and scholarship. The scholarship is for a second-year student; freshmen are not eligible.

The recipient of the award this year is Edward J. Szympruch (5th term—Drafting and Design Technology) from Oil City, Penna.

Mr. Szympruch was awarded the superior academic achievement certificate from Dean Williamson, of the College of Engineering, for the Fall 1963 Term, Winter 1964 Term, and Spring 1964 Term. He has been placed on the Dean's List since his first term here at Behrend; he attained a straight "A" average for the Spring 1964 Term.



Christmas Candid

"The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,

But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."

The above lines by the late Robert Frost must have been in the minds of quite a few persons as the snow began falling last weekend. The first snowfall always brings a special kind of excitement, and this was present at Behrend at the outset, but as time went on, and the weather reports became more pessimistic, the excitement left.

The weather bureau originally called for from two to four inches of snow, but by Sunday afternoon, nineteen inches covered Behrend and the Erie area.

Many Behrend students travelled to University Park for the Penn State-Pitt game, and many others went home, all unaware of what was occurring in Erie, for little or no snow fell south of here.

Sunday found quite a few excited persons making snow angels and having snowball battles



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