

Letters to Santa

205 Maple ave.
Metuchen N.J.

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is everybody in Santa Claus land? Now getting to what I want for Christmas would you dear man please bring me a Sweet Sue doll and a doll buggy that rocks and please bring a typewriter and doll trunk a little bit of doll clothes and a pair of shoes for my walking doll thats all I want from you, but will you please, bring my mommy and daddy something nice. Don't eat much on Christmas Eav because I will have a little lunch for you.

from
Nancy
Rupert

P.S. I love you. Dec. 8, 1954

"A guide to what every student wants for Christmas."

Dear Santa, we, the students of Behrend, hearby vow that we have been faithful scholars for a whole year. So for Christmas we would appreciate the following

Trash & Treasure

- 1 20 ft. drag strip (taken from Station Road)
- 2 charm bracelets
- 1 false left front tooth
- 1 30 ft. tape from a Yale student
- 1 small Yule log (40 ft. long)
- 3 dwarf Behrend pines
- 1 pair of cracked sun glasses, good for snow driving
- 1 pair of tennis rackets converted into snow shoes.
- 1 used Santa Claus suit
- 6 snow shovels, minus handles
- 1 bushel of mistletoe that missed
- 1 parking ticket, compliments of a friend

Call depot at Station Road, at TW 9-2559, between the hours of 1 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Dorm Decor



items:

Three more weeks of vacation.
A promise of an A in one of our winter courses.

A chaise lounge for Psych class.

A book on "How to Pass Your Tests Easily," by I. Cheat Nicely.

A dog sled and a team of huskies for the dorm girls, so that they too may discover civilization.

A can of sterno for the desperate.

A signed photograph of the abominable snowman.

A heated cabin in the gorge.
Firecrackers to scare the "G" boys with.

And 48 hours of sleep.

SANTA COMES TO BEHREND

appearance at Behrend Campus to reward all the good students for past services rendered. There is only one thing wrong. There won't be anybody at Behrend! Everyone's going home for Christmas. Poor Santa hacking his way through all that snow and barb wire just to give presents to the needy, that won't even be there. So this year to remedy the situation we have decided to have a volunteer stay at school and welcome Santa and collect is loot.

In fact we already have a volunteer. Someone in our ranks has generously offered to give up his vacation at home. This volunteer will go down in the annals of our school as one of the minutemen of Christmas. He will be given the great honor of handling our Christmas list to St. Nick and also serving the traditional refreshments of B.C.: (cookies and milk, of course.)

In fact our volunteer even has an angelicly beautiful voice to regale Santa with the time-honored Christmas Carols. Like that old favorite "Fight on State."

So to our self-sacrificing volunteer we dedicate this issue. Dean Lane take a bow!

SGA HOLDS MEETING (Continued from Page 1)

Bill Harding was appointed to look into this.

The Engineer's Club budget was submitted. It was moved that consideration on the appropriations for the Engineer's Club be tabled until a representative can explain the proposed expenses to the SGA.

An appropriation of \$25.00 was allocated for The Choir at the November 17 meeting.

GIVING IS JOY

Wherefrom all this seasonal joy? Why is everybody so eager and

happy? Because of the many colored lights that gild our towns and homes? Is it the prospect of gifts on the coming holiday? Or is it the happy times; the Christmas Season and the Christmas Spirit that has every one of us bubbling and sparkling? Or does this feeling stem from a beautiful story of birth in the Bible? All these things, yes, but does not the key of this joy lie in Giving? Don't we feel a little bit of cheer for each person on our list?

Traffic Court Proves Vital

The students of the Behrend Campus are very fortunate to have as much responsibility in carrying out student affairs as they do. One way this responsibility is made manifest is the traffic court. Members of the traffic court are Bonnie Cass, Al Zeppfield, Bill Kern, Paul Wise, and Jim Brennan, the chairman of the court.

The purpose of the traffic court is to allow violators of the traffic code who believe that there were extenuating circumstances of great enough significance to warrant freedom from fine to plead their case. The traffic court then decides whether or not the violator had a sufficient cause for violation and subsequently may or may not relieve the violator of fine.

Jim Brennan states that any student who wishes not to become involved with the traffic court in any way should be sure he has a parking sticker on his vehicle. If for some reason this is not possible, some person in authority should be informed as to why there is no sticker on the vehicle.

Most of us love to shop. What a perfect excuse the Christmas season is for us! And all of us window shoppers; the stores are a wonderland.

Like people? Do you enjoy crowds of friendly, happy strangers where lurk occasional acquaintances? Then the Yule season is your heyday!

One of the special enhancements of the season is the music. Favorite singers and composers turn their talents to the seasons feelings and all the stores are filled with happy and inspirational tunes.

For many Christmas means going home, family dinners, and old friends and visiting relatives. And eating and sleeping and dating and skiing and parties and presents!

Goodbye 'til next term everybody and Merry Christmas!

HOLLY IS TRADITIONAL

The use of evergreen branches for home decorations at Christmas stems basically from the Yule observance of pre-Christian days and the belief that its verdant qualities were symbols of immortality. But there are many legends and associations, both pagan and Christian, to explain the popularity of this custom.

Holly was believed to have the power of protection from thunder and lightning. The burning bush from which God spoke to Moses was thought to be holly.

In some places, it was customary to reconcile enemies during the Yule season under the branches of the holly tree, as a symbol of fidelity to the promise of friendship.

There are more than three hundred varieties of holly and it is found in almost every country. Thus, it is not strange that many traditions have grown up from primitive times regarding this unusual plant.

One story is that Christ was crowned with the thorny branches of the holly and that its berries which were then white, changed to blood red.

It was from this that holly wreaths came into popularity and a candle was placed in the center to remind people of the new light of the World that was born on Christmas Day.

Behrend Readers Display Talents

A Christmas Common Hour Program will be presented by the Behrend Readers during the special Common Hour to be held Monday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. The name of the program will be "An Hour With William Saroyan." The following students will be participating in this program:

George Del Portor—The Author
Nancy Rupert—The Shepherd's Daughter

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