

MAILCALL VIET NAM

Mailcall was instituted as a project to enable men in Viet Nam to receive personal, morale-building letters from citizens in the United States. A high school class from Michigan was the first in the nation to send a batch of mail, but since then, colleges have gotten into the act. Villanova University supplied 20,000 cards, Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania sent over 15,000 cards each.

One problem in writing these letters is "How do you begin a letter to someone you don't know?" This problem is solved by using a variety of salutations such as: Dear Son, Dear American, Dear Brave Ones, Dear Everyone Out There, Hi, Fella, Buddy, Dear GI, Dear Beautiful Beardless Boys, Dear Captain (I hope), Dear Yank, Dear V.I.P., Dear "Paisan", Dear Dogface, and "Hey, Gumba".

The authors of these letters represent a whole variety of Americans. One interesting comment was made by a Pennsylvania professor: Be understanding and patient with the college teach-in crowds. They are a very small and very mixed-up group, but will someday realize the foolishness of their behavior and the courage of our fighting men.

Comments can also be chatty, such as the letter of a Michigan High School girl. "What would you like to know about me? I am studying advanced math, but the only figures you would be interested in are mine: 36 - 24 - 36-- and two other girls in my class with the same measurements."

Mailcall is being shipped to Viet Nam in boxes of 500 letters, each carton containing ten bundles of fifty cards. Each box contains a cross-representation of letters from all states and age groups, with no duplications.

The boys in Viet Nam have sometimes sent back very touching letters, telling how glad they were to hear that someone in the States is supporting them.

Mailcall has been important in boosting the morale of these soldiers.

If we expect to win the war in Viet Nam, we must show our troops that we support them.

Send letters, Christmas cards, Chanuka cards and letters to:

MAIL CALL VIET NAM
P. O. BOX 45A
BRYN MAWR, PA.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

"What is Christmas?" will be presented by the Behrend Readers during Common Hour on December 2 in Room 101. The title question will be answered by selections from poetry and prose.

"The Story of the Nativity", read by Margaret Herrmann and Jeffrey DeWalt, is first in the program. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" will be sung by Margaret Herrmann. The history of the Christmas carol "Silent Night" will be read by Jeffrey DeWalt. A series of Christmas stories will follow, read by Sue Lancaster, Gail Holmstrom, Bill Holmes, and Carol DeArment.

It promises to be a good performance. Initiate the Christmas season by attending the Common Hour program this Thursday.

CAMPUS COVER GIRL CONTEST

Time is growing short to apply for the Campus Cover Girl contest sponsored by The Erie Times. Applications can be obtained in the lobby of the Science Building, but you'll have to hurry because the deadline for handing them in is Tuesday, December 1.

The entire campus will vote for Behrend's choice of a girl to represent our campus in competition with the other area colleges, on Thursday in the lobby of the Science Building.

All applications must be brought to the NITTANY CUB folder on the desk at the office of the O.B. Building. The bulletin board in the O.B. Building has full directions.