

Madison Captures Christmas Spirit



Charlene Marsh was elected by the student body to portray the Madonna in the annual Christmas pageant to be held December 17, at 1:00 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium. The three angels, also chosen by the students are (l. to r.): Mary Beth Drayer, Nancy Catlett, and Kathy Colvin. The Christmas assembly sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association, will be directed by Belle Landrum. It is entitled "The Holy Grail" and includes a cast of characters from the court of the legendary King Arthur.

Honor Societies Hold Service, Tap Members In Assembly

Phi Sigma Iota and Kappa Delta Pi tapped new members in assembly December 3, 1964.

PHI SIGMA IOTA

Phi Sigma Iota, a national romance language honor society, tapped seven new members. They are: Jane Early Chambers, Janice Page Elliott, Martha Gochenour, Marie Lanspery, Mrs. Virginia Alliotti, Mrs. Neyda Grimal, and Mr. Mifta Spahija.

The officers of Phi Sigma Iota are: Joan Perry, president; Sharon Leinart, vice president and recording secretary; and Mr. John Stewart, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

KAPPA DELTA PI

Kappa Delta Pi, honor society in education, tapped the following students: Deborah Lee Boden, Mrs. Milton G. Coyle, Jr., Carla Rosarine Daniels, Carolyn Lorraine Danner, Leila Ethel Donahue, Susan Diane Doyle, Bonnie Gail Ewers, Dorothy Jean Foxworth,

ZTA Announced Winners Of Cup

Zeta Tau Alpha Social Sorority was presented with the scholarship cup at the recent sorority Sing-spiration. They won this cup by having the highest average among the seven sororities for the previous semester. The overall average for Zeta Tau Alpha was 2.781. Alpha Sigma Alpha ran a close second having an average of 2.7882, and Sigma Sigma Sigma was third with a 2.7024.

All sororities had an average above a 2.62 with the average for sorority women being 2.6923. Approximately 355 women were involved in the competition, Alpha Sigma Alpha held the cup for 1963-64. If a sorority holds the cup for three consecutive semesters they are allowed to keep it.

Jeanette Pinnell Grainger, Rebecca Jane Harman, Kathleen Haught, and Merle Ann Kay.

Others tapped were: Marie Ann Lanspery, Laura Virginia McMillan, Diane Jean Miller, Callie Ellen Reid, Ruth Lynne Rinker, Judy Lane Simmons, Elizabeth Carole Stevens, Cecelia Joan Stewart, Ann Temple Stoneburner, Mrs. Elizabeth Swecker, Elaine Ann Tutwiler, and Judith Ann Vryland.

The persons selected to membership must exhibit commendable personal qualities, worthy educational ideals and sound scholarship.

The officers of Kappa Delta Pi are: Linda Lynn, president; Donna Blair, vice president; Liz Foreman, secretary; Brenda Deener, treasurer; Ellen Wade, reporter; and Joan Perry, social chairman.

Stratford Festival Company To Present Gilbert, Sullivan's 'H.M.S. Pinafore'

Tyrone Guthrie's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be presented at Madison on December 10 at 8:00 P.M. in Wilson as part of the Lyceum Series.

The initial performance of this production at the Stratford Festival of Canada was followed by engagements in New York and London.

Guthrie has broken the traditions of performance which have characterized decades of Gilbert and produced with a new look.

Playing major roles are Stephanie Augustine, Captain's daughter; William Greene, Ralph Rackstraw; Michael Bates, Sir Joseph; Graham Laver as the Captain of the Pinafore, Irene Byatt as Buttercup, and Howard Mawson as Dick Dead-Eye.

Also featured are Donald Young, Margaret Chrisholm, and John Harcourt.

Greeks Sponsor Christmas Dance

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils of Madison College are sponsoring their annual Christmas Dance for December 12 from eight p.m. until midnight. The dance will be held in the Bluestone room of Harrison Hall.

The seven sororities: Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha; and the two fraternities, Phi Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Delta Rho, will handle the decorations. A prize will be given to the Greek group selling the largest number of bids and having the greatest number of its members present.

The music for the dance will be provided by Ted Sims and his orchestra.

Linda Nobles, chairman-elect of the Panhellenic Council, urges all students to attend. She said that this is a dance for the student body as well as the sorority and fraternity members.

Bids for the dance may be bought in the post office lobby Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bids will also be sold at the door Saturday evening.

During the dance there will be a figure in which the presidents of the different groups and council members with their escorts will form interlocking Christmas figures symbolizing the unity of the two councils.

"Old Fashion Christmas" is the theme of the dance. Both the inside and outside of Bluestone will be decorated to carry out this theme.

A huge fireplace with stockings for each sorority and fraternity, an old fashion Christmas tree, a train with cars for each Greek group, and garlands of green with kissing balls are some of the things to create the old-fashioned atmosphere in the ballroom.

The figure will emerge from a large model of a grandfather clock.

On the opposite wall will be a wreath displaying the crests of the members of Panhellenic.

The nine crests of the Greek letter organizations will flank the walk leading into Bluestone. The door will represent a gate and the lobby will be decorated to look like the yard of the old fashioned home.

The Decoration Committee is composed of members of each of the seven sororities and the two fraternities. Tommie Lou Cusimano heads the committee. Other members are Jane Meredith, Alpha Gamma Delta; Robin Bowyer, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Betsy Talbott, Alpha Sigma Tau; Kay Compton, Phi Mu; Pam Whitcraft, Sigma Kappa; Patricia Brumbach, Sigma Sigma Sigma; and Gray Anderson, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Panhellenic spirit is demonstrated by the spirit of cooperation and fellowship demonstrated by these groups.

Holiday Assembly To Feature Play

The Christmas assembly will focus around the pageant, "The Holy Grail" which incorporates the traditional nativity with the concepts of spiritual perfection as illustrated by legendary King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. The setting is Christmas Eve at Camelot. There are no speaking parts, except for the narrator, Carol Steinla. A forty-voice choir composed of various church and college affiliated choral groups will provide a program of the more familiar Christmas carols. This music portion will be directed by Mr. Woods of the Music Department and accompanied by Sue Dixon on the organ. Belle Landrum will direct assisted by Cory Colladay. The stage manager will be Betsy MacPherson with Judy Pravecek as her assistant.

The Young Women's Christian Association officers for 1964-65 are as follows: Ruth La Dane, president; Jo Saunders, vice-president; Ann Corro, secretary; Barbara Smith, treasurer; and Missy Hubbers, reporter. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Partlow and Mrs. Agnes Dingleline.



Pictured above are members of Christmas Dance Decoration Committee. They are, left to right, Jane Meredith, AGD; Gray Anderson, ZTA; Tish Brumbach, Tri-Sig; Betsy Talbort, AST; Tommie Cusimano, Sigma K; Kay Compton, Phi Mu; and Robin Bowyer, ASA.

News Briefs

The college chartered buses for Christmas will leave the Grace Street parking lot (near Cleveland Hall), at noon Friday, December 18. Students who do not have their receipts for the buses will not be permitted to ride.

Members of Madison College are requested to discontinue their newspaper mail deliveries during Christmas Vacation. All newspapers will be returned to the City Post Office in downtown Harrisonburg unless a hold order is given to the College Post Office.



Cast of 'H.M.S. Pinafore.'

Crosswalks Deserve Respect; Immaturity Causes Accidents

On Main Street in front of Madison College are three sets of white lines, each set consisting of two parallel lines with diagonal lines between them. They were put there for the safety of Madison students; they are crosswalks.

Students and faculty members who were here before 1962 can remember when Main Street was not decorated with these lines. That year, the administration and some faculty members of the college formed a safety committee for crosswalks. The committee worked long and hard to convince the city that the crosswalks were necessary for our safety. It conducted detailed surveys to determine the amount and speed of cars that pass each hour and the number of students who cross Main Street each hour in front of the college. With this information compiled and after many meetings and discussions with the city officials, the group persuaded the city to give Madison College some crosswalks.

It is possible to consider the effectiveness of these walks, since they have been with us for two years. Certainly they are not as safe for the students as a stop light or a full-time policeman directing traffic would be, but are better than nothing. But they could be more effective if Madison students would use them properly.

True, most students use them wisely; but there are two types of students who are making the crosswalks ineffective. The first type is the student who ignores the crosswalks and crosses Main Street where it is most convenient for him.

The second type of student is the one who uses the crosswalks but uses them unwisely. This type is probably worse than the type who uses them not at all, for the type that does not use them probably still remembers the rule stressed in elementary school of "looking both ways before crossing." But the second type, "the unwise user" feels that a crosswalk means that a driver will without question stop his car for a pedestrian in or about to enter a crosswalk. This student steps into the crosswalk disregarding an approaching car. This foolish act may have no more serious consequences than causing the driver of the approaching vehicle to slam on his brakes. But, suppose the driver's son or daughter is standing up in the front seat. What happens to him when his father or mother slams on the brakes of the car to avoid hitting a Madison student? He could just knock a few teeth out when hitting the dash board, but he could also go sailing through the windshield.

Another serious consequence of the foolish act of an unwise user of the crosswalks could occur if there happens to be a car behind the car that slams on its brakes for a pedestrian. The car behind could do one of two things. He could slam on his brakes, but not quickly enough, and plow into the rear of the car in front. Or if he decided that he could not make a safe stop, he may decide to go around the stopped car and instead of plowing into it, plow into the pedestrian.

The crosswalks on Main Street can be only as safe as the students of Madison College make them. Use them; but if you do, use them wisely!

Are Madison's Professors Examples Of Ideal Scholars?

A portrait—the Madison professor and scholar: A giant in his field, he is sufficiently equipped intellectually to share some of his knowledge with his students. Having given his courses some thought, he has a plan of action, rather than a plan of disorganization. Being up to date in his field, he constantly revises his courses, interjecting new ideas and discarding outmoded ones. He is stimulating to the mind, pleasing to the ear, and a joy to behold, so to speak. The sign of this teacher is the description: "He makes you work, but it's worth the effort!"

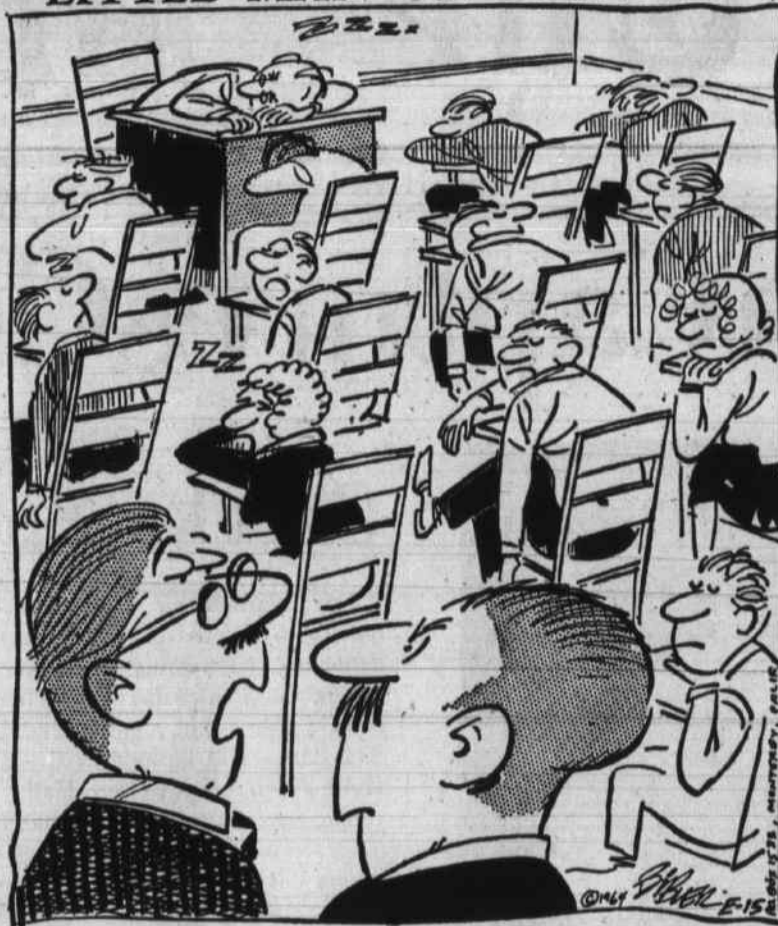
Madison is most fortunate to possess only this type of professor. Woe be it if the Other Kind were allowed at Madison. They would be easily recognizable were they here. Pale and lifeless, they stagnate in departmental pools, overgrown with intellectual vegetation. Lulled into complacency by a comfortable tenure of office, they feel little responsibility to impart to others anything from their small store of knowledge. With a spiritless voice they pursue themselves endlessly around their subject, occasionally treating the class to an unrelated personal experience story. If the class is so well planned as to include notes, the same ones are given yearly, probably notes they themselves took in college. They create no intellectual challenge and have virtually nothing to say. They tend to be lazy and unfair. They are unworthy to be called teachers.

But Madison has none such impostors. No responsible institution of higher learning would permit these parasites to drain the life from it. They would be advised to take leave to refresh their mental resources, or travel to broaden their scope. They would not be allowed to pollute the educational atmosphere.

Madison is basically a college which trains teachers. How rewarding it must be to every professor here to feel within himself that he is a credit to his profession and a model for his students.

J.R.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"PERHAPS, DEAN, ONLY OUR MORE SPIRITED FACULTY SHOULD BE TEACHING 8:00 O'CLOCK CLASSES."

Campus Comments Ed. Motivation Held Lacking

with Ken Stanley

Three hundred and twenty-five Seniors are enrolled in Madison's teaching program this year. A significant percentage of other students are in educational curriculums.

It would seem logical to assume, then, that these students would consider it their responsibility to keep up on the newest courses and trends in education. This, however, does not seem to be the case.

Courses in "The Use of Television In Education" were offered as early as last year at Madison. It was not until this semester, though, that three students took advantage of this course offering.

Madison students should keep in mind that advances in technology are rapidly transforming the field of education. Students who fail to keep up on such changes will find their teacher preparation lacking upon graduation.

Examination Schedule First Semester 1964-65

The following schedule for first semester exams has been released to the students by Pauline Long, Registrar. There will be no classes held Wednesday morning, January 20, 1965.

Where class meets for first time on Monday	Examination will be on
1st Period	January 26, 8:30-11:30
2nd Period	January 21, 1:30-4:30
3rd Period	January 22, 8:30-11:30
4th Period	January 20, 1:30-4:30
5th Period	January 28, 8:30-11:30
6th Period	January 23, 8:30-11:30
7th Period	January 25, 1:30-4:30
8th Period	January 27, 1:30-4:30
9th Period	By arrangement—See NOTE

Where class meets for first time on Tuesday	Examination will be on
1st Period	January 21, 8:30-11:30
2nd Period	January 25, 8:30-11:30
3rd Period	January 22, 1:30-4:30
4th Period	January 27, 8:30-11:30
6th Period	January 26, 1:30-4:30
7th Period	January 28, 1:30-4:30
8th Period	By arrangement—See NOTE

NOTE: Examinations are by arrangement for classes that do not meet on Monday or Tuesday and for classes whose first meeting is Tuesday, 8th period, or Monday, 9th period. The first priority for the time by arrangement is to avoid to the fullest possible extent more than two examinations on any full day or one examination on any half day for any student. Saturday afternoon may be used.

For any change in examination schedule consult Percy H. Warren, Dean of the College.

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Students Offered NSF Fellowships

Candidates for the National Science Foundation's program of graduate and regular postdoctorate fellowships will be selected on March 12, 1965. The fellowships will be open to college seniors, graduate students working toward a degree, postdoctorate students, and others with equivalent training and experience.

Fellowships will be awarded for study in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological and engineering sciences; also in anthropology, economics (excluding business administration), geography, the history and philosophy of science, linguistics, political science, psychology (excluding clinical psychology), and sociology (not including social work).

Applicants for the graduate awards will be required to take the Graduate Record Examinations designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. The examinations, administered by the Education Testing Service, will be given on January 16, 1965, at designated centers throughout the United States and certain foreign countries.

The annual stipends for graduate Fellows are as follows: \$2400 for the first level; \$2600 for the (Continued on Page 4)

Write An Essay; Win \$300 Prize

An essay contest is again being sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is open to any Madison undergraduate writing about a person or phase of colonial history.

All essays must be submitted between April 15 and June 15, 1965. The Colonial Dames reserve the right to retain the winning essays. Awards consist of \$300, first prize, second prize, \$100, and \$50 for third prize. All entries should be mailed to Mrs. Edwin Cox, Chairman, Aylett, Virginia, 23009.

All essays must:

1. Be between 2500 and 4000 words in length and accompanied by a bibliography and footnotes.
2. Be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, typed, double spaced, on one side and fastened in a folder.
3. Have the writer's name in a sealed envelope. The name of the writer must not appear on the essay. If the paper is to be returned, sufficient postage should be enclosed, with the correct home address.

Students may contact the English Department for further information.

Letters To The Editor

Student Questions Spic, Span Rules

Dear Editor,
It seems to me that the administration here at Madison is not putting the emphasis on the right aspect of our education. The girls here at Madison are not paying over four-hundred dollars per semester to learn how to be maids. It is supposed that we are here so that we can obtain an education which will make us capable of teaching the younger generations. If this supposition is true, then why are we expected to spend so much time satisfying the administration with neat spic and span rooms. The administration does not seem to realize the fact that if you live in a room, it is bound to look like it has been lived in. Who has time before going to every class to see that every single thing in the room is in its proper place? I feel that if I wanted to clean rooms, I could have stayed home and not spent all this money trying to obtain an education.

I am not objecting to the weekly inspections that the house mothers make; these inspections are necessary to eliminate students from letting their rooms become pig sties. I am not objecting to the inspections which are made during the vacations to make sure that we have not defaced any of the state's property. I think that the administration should judge us and our housekeeping ability by these surprise inspections. Please let us study so that we can get the education we are seeking.

A Fellow Slave

PR Man Praises MC "Good Image"

Dear Editor:
Certain members of the Madison College Board of Visitors were here on Nov. 23. They made an inspection tour of several buildings. During this time they met many students in the halls, rooms, sidewalks and dining hall. The reaction of these students was general.

They were polite, congenial and well-mannered.

As a PR man, I do a lot of work—if you will excuse the hackneyed Madison Avenue expression—"projecting a good image" of Madison College.

However, it is my opinion that students flashing an attractive smile, greeting strangers on campus and being mannerly creates the best possible image and a first-hand one at that. This was done time and again by students who engendered a feeling of pride.

Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Richard Mandeville

Director of Public Relations

Are Madisonites Untidy Roomers?

Ed. Note: The Staff wishes to state that the views expressed in the letter are not necessarily those of the BREEZE. We hope this selection will be received with open-mindedness—and a chuckle by the college as a whole.

Dear Editor,
It is often said that it is not wise to write anything in anger, but in this case there is no other alternative. This is supposedly an institution of higher learning and a place to develop responsibility. However, we must confess that there are some of the most juvenile and offensive acts committed that we wonder of the intent of college.

The most recent incident which has roused many a temper is the monthly room inspection by the Superintendent of Inspection under

the guidance of Mrs. Lenox. Inspection announced or unannounced by the house mother or the vacation inspection are both helpful and necessary but, this "visit" is a definite intrusion. The inspector does not even bother to knock before entering the room and curtly announces her arrival with "Room Inspection!" Often these visits are made early in the morning and notes with obvious contradictions such as "good—untidy" are left for the occupants. "Untidy" seems to be the word this year for many a note has been left with the criticism "Untidy trashcan" . . . now really!!

Most of us here are from eighteen to twenty-plus years of age and by now we are certainly capable of caring for our own rooms and are not in the wrong to expect privacy . . . especially before noon and during the week. We appeal to Mrs. Lenox and others who may be concerned to give credit where credit is due.

"Some Gifford Girls"

*A copy of this was sent to Mrs. Lenox.

Firedoors Judged Expensive Hazard

Dear Editor,
"What was that?"
"It sounded like glass."
"Glass?"
"Yeah, somebody dropped something I guess."
"Blood!!!"
"What happened?"
"A girl ran her hand through the glass in the fire door."
"Look at her hand!"
"My Gosh!"
"Why don't they put a glass with wire in those doors?"
"I don't know. The same thing happened last year I heard and the dorm had to pay for the glass."
"Well, they sure bought a poor piece. Did you see it shatter?"
"Why doesn't the school pay for the glass? It's just a hazard anyway. Why someone could be coming through the door and let it fly back and hit someone and break that way."
"Well, I guess the dorm had to pay for it because they said the girl was running."
"Well darn! She wouldn't have to be running. Someone could just open the door and let it swing back and if someone were coming through right behind the other person and had his arm out to catch the door and his hand hit on the glass you can bet that glass is going to go."
"I don't know why they put glass in fire doors, but it sure is dangerous."
"I've got an eight o'clock class. I'm going to bed. Turn the light out when you finish, will you?"
"Yeah, I will—after I write to the BREEZE."

Kittie Lloyd

"Busy Work"

Dear Editor,
We are beginning to wonder just what the concept of education here at Madison is based on. However vague and abstract a concept of education may be—and we agree that it includes a multiplicity of ideas and philosophies—we do not feel that it consists of an endless drudgery of meaningless readings, observation analyses, term papers, and innumerable other time-consuming and energy-wasting projects of questionable intellectual value. Is it really necessary to write a series of ten observations for an education or psychology class, repeating the same thing each time, realizing that since quantity counts, you must write at least a paragraph describing the teacher's shoes? Is it necessary to spend several hours in the library copying a reading from a book—and this is just what the majority of students do—or
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Facilities Available For Student Union

Dear Editor:
Do you have any idea what a student union is or can be? No, it's not an AFL-CIO union of students, although after recent development it appears we need one!

A student union is an idea, a student body, a program, and a building. It is something which will bind the students and faculty closer together if supported right by spirit and co-operation as much, if not more than, money.

Depending on the facilities available and whether or not a building is erected specifically for this purpose, the union building can house many and varied activities.

A typical building will have places for a game room, (ping-pong, billiards, shuffleboard, cards), music and reading rooms, meeting rooms for Student Government, Honor Council, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, and other various clubs. It houses the paper, annual, magazine, and handbook staffs, a ballroom, a tea room or grill which remains open till the building closes, a P.O., a bookstore with paperbacks as well as school books and supplies, lounges and powder rooms, a main information desk for the campus, and the union director's office.

But the union is more than that. It sponsors dances both formal and informal, brings in speakers, plays, and artists for an artist series, and in general, helps co-ordinate student projects and activities. Working with Student Government, it can make many a year enjoyable and profitable for all.

Many students find the union building a good place to study as well as to meet for some fun and relaxation particularly when others in the dorm wish to study without interruptions.

On week-ends it provides a place for large group activity with or without a date. We all know that with the exception of the Saturday night movie or sorority open houses (which are zero right now), there is not much to do on or off this campus.

One class has shown some interest in getting the spirit up on this campus. Do the other three classes, (as a whole), care or is it just the 25 or so that go to class meetings?

It is up to the students (and faculty too) to promote such a product. Madison has the facilities, do the students have the spirit and initiative to do something with them.

Beth McKay

Brown To Teach Geography Course

Dr. G. Tyler Miller, president of Madison College, has announced that Earl F. Brown of Luray has been appointed assistant professor of geography effective February.

Brown has held full time teaching positions at Kent State University, Ohio, and at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. He has also served as lecturer in geography at George Washington University and as instructor for the University of Virginia.

With a background in government work, Brown served the Map Division of the Office of Strategic Services; the Department of State and recently retired as Deputy Chief and Chief of Procurement, of the Map Library Division of the Central Intelligence Agency, a position he held since 1948.

Brown is a graduate of Ohio State University and was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Geography by the University of Chicago.

He will teach a graduate course titled, Geography Seminar: Regional, and in the 1965-66 session will teach Introduction to Geography in the undergraduate program.



Annual Christmas tree lighting comes from both factual and legendary traditions. This monk could have been a friend of Martin Luther, for it was Luther who first put candles on a tree displaying the beauty of the stars at night.

Christmas Tree Was Symbol Of Immortality, Health, Success

The Christmas Tree will become a familiar sight on Madison's campus during the remaining weeks prior to the Yuletide. But unfamiliar to most Madison students are the traditions, both factual and legendary, connected with this nation-wide symbol.

The Bible tells how Jesus "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24). According to Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, who is heard by 30 million listeners on radio's "The Lutheran Hour," the Christmas tree does have great religious significance for many people around the world. However, trees were not always looked upon in the way we see them today.

In ancient Greece, for example, the fir was sacred to the worshippers of Dionysius, and a branch tipped with cones and twined with ivy was carried in his honor. The wood of the silver fir was used in the ceiling of Solomon's temple.

Romans of pre-Christian times decorated a tall conifer in celebration of the arrival of winter. And primitive European tribes took fir trees into their homes to please the "tree spirits" who might then reward them with immortality.

In the Votjak tribe of early Finland, the fir tree was regarded as sacred, and certain branches were thought of as family gods to which sacrifices must be made. Offerings of bread, meat and drink were given to a tree placed on the mantle; and the Votjaks believed that a new house couldn't be built unless a fir was placed under the roof, a cloth spread before the tree, and sacrifices laid out on the cloth!

The Ostyak tribe of Siberia used a fir pole to represent the fir tree, and they, too, placed sacrifices before it. According to "The Lutheran Hour's" Dr. Hoffmann, one of the probable reasons for the popularity of the fir tree as a religious symbol was the fact that it was an evergreen: it always flourished through each of the four seasons, and was symbolic of a beloved God who was immortal.

Germans of the Middle Ages put on church plays in which a "tree of Paradise" was used to represent the garden of Eden. When authorities put a stop to public displays of this nature, the tree was transferred to the home, where some

families hung cookies and fruit on it.

The first person to put candles on a Christmas tree was the 16th century German theologian Martin Luther. Dr. Hoffman relates that while walking home one night shortly before Christmas, Martin Luther felt a strong tie between the lovely forest he was in, the starry heavens above, and his love for God. At home he placed tapers on a little evergreen tree to recapture the scene for his children by showing them how beautiful the stars had looked through the high branches of the fir forest as they winked in the skies.

The custom of decorating a Christmas tree spread throughout Germany, and eventually throughout Europe. It was introduced in England in 1841 by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German husband. German immigrants brought the practice to the U.S. in the 19th century. The first Christmas tree in America was displayed in Cambridge, Mass., in 1832.

The early twentieth century saw candles replaced by electric light bulbs as a safety measure, but fondness for setting up a glittering tree remained strong.

Some people regard it as unlucky to have an odd number of Christmas lights on the tree, and there are many who believe it is necessary to remove the tree before Twelfth Night, or Epiphany. Other people say it is important that decorations be removed before Candlemas (February 2nd) or "misfortune" will follow.

In Central Europe it was thought that death of the master or mistress of the household would follow if a fir tree outside the home were struck by lightning. And in medieval Bavaria, poachers ate the seeds of a fir tree before dawn on St. John's morn to make themselves invisible from lawmen!

In modern America, however, the Christmas tree is looked upon as a symbol of joy and good will to others. And, although it's straight and green, many children see it as curved and many-colored—as the rainbow at the bottom of which, on Christmas morning, they find the treasures they've waited for breathlessly. (Precis)

(Continued from Column 2) writing a term paper in every class which, when finished, will have left no mark on the mind of the student?

Many of the empty seats at Lyceum programs and lectures, and many a dusty book on the library shelves could receive the attention they deserve as part of a true education if the students were not sitting in their rooms wading through piles of busy-work.

Looking For An Education

CALENDAR

- 12-10 Lyceum program, play — "H.M.S. Pinafore," Wilson
- 12-12 Christmas Dance, Blue-stone, 8:00 p.m.
- 12-12 Movie, "Dr. Strangelove," Wilson, 7:00 p.m.
- 12-13 Concert Choir Vesper Service, Wilson, 4:00 p.m.
- 12-17 Assembly, Madonna, Wilson, 1:00 p.m.
- 12-18 Christmas vacation begins 11:50 A.M.

Work To Begin On Roads, Sidewalks, Lighting To D-Hall

Since the new dining hall opened students have been complaining about the bad road to the dining hall and the absence of lights in the parking lot behind Maury. Now Madison students can stop complaining because work will begin immediately on roads, sidewalks, and lighting around the dining hall.

The roadway system will extend from Hoffman Hall dormitory to the library with a driveway around the new dining hall to the service area. The road will be extended down the hill behind the college, across the C & W Railway tracks into the former Newman Farm property, where a turn-around will be provided near the site of the future dormitory complex.

The two areas along the rear side of Wilson Hall, now serving as parking lots, will be filled in, seeded, and landscaped, with sidewalks built through them to the dining hall. The parking area behind Maury Hall will be improved, but

not paved during this phase of the project.

A sidewalk will also be laid along the extended roadway to the railroad tracks and then continued to the new field house and along the tennis courts.

Concurrent with this project will be the installation of lighting fixtures along all sidewalks and the extended roadway.

SEA Members To Sponsor Party For Indigent Children

Attention S.E.A. Members! There will be a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in Hoffman Recreation Room. This party is given every year by the Student Education Association of Madison for some indigent children in the area. Members give gifts to these children and some merchants in town volunteer contributions. Why don't you make a child happy this Christmas season by sharing of yourself? Remember "giving is receiving." If you plan to attend the Party there will be a sign-up sheet on the dining hall bulletin board.



Concert Choir.

Madison's Concert Choir To Present Vesper Service

The Concert Choir of Madison College will present the annual Vesper Service in Wilson Hall Auditorium December 12 at 4:00 p.m.

The following selections will be presented: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "The Coventry Carol," "I Wonder As I Wander," "Angels We Have Heard On High," "The Shepherd's Story" by Dickinson, "O Magnum Mysterium" by de Victoria, "Gaude Barbara" by Pal-

estrina, "Wind In the Palm Trees" by Harl McDonald, and "Cantata No. 142 'uns ist Ein Kind Geboun" by J. S. Bach.

Following the intermission during which the audience will participate in carol singing, the program will be concluded with: "God Bless the Master of This House" by Hallstrom, "The Gates of Heaven" and "Stacheri," two Tyrolean carols, "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," "Noel Nouvelet," and

"Good Night and Christmas Prayer" by Foster.

Lester S. Bucher will be directing. Peggy Orr is student director. Accompanists are Lynn Shomo and Mary Marshall Cosby.

Officers of the Concert Choir are: president, Katherine Sinclair; vice president, Peggy Orr; secretary, Sue Dickson; treasurer, Barbara Kinderman; business manager, Belle Landrum; and librarian, Bonita Traylor.

World News

Virginia—November 13—A special three-judge federal court in Alexandria upheld Virginia's law that requires payment of poll taxes to vote in the State and local elections. Poll taxes are not required to vote in Federal elections.

Peking—November 16—Communist China charged that the U.S. is using a pilotless American high altitude reconnaissance military plane. Official U.S. reply—"No comment."

U. S.—November 18—The Interior Department reported that the whooping crane census now stands at 31.

District of Columbia—November 19—Sec. of Defense McNamara announced that he is closing 95 bases and other military facilities. The closing will save \$500 million a year and will eliminate 63,000 jobs.

Leopoldville—November 20 — The United States flew 800 Belgian paratroopers to Ascension Island in the Atlantic for possible emergency service to rescue 800 whites held by the Congolese rebels in Stanleyville.

Leopoldville—November 23—Congolese government forces were poised for their final all-out attack on the rebel capitol of Stanleyville, but an estimated 30 to 35 white hostages were slain by rebel troops only minutes after the Belgians fought their way into the city's main square.

Saigon—November 25 — Premier Tran Van Huong imposed martial law in Saigon and ordered all city schools closed after a day of student rioting against his regime that left at least one dead and more than 100 persons injured.

Leopoldville—November 27 — The International Red Cross reported that 45 more white hostages, including four Spanish nuns, have been massacred in Stanleyville's left bank native section, and some of them mutilated and cannibalized. Their deaths brought the total of hostages murdered in the last few days to at least 100.

Housemother Likes Work At Madison, Students Offered

Any college girl's heart may be warmed by walking into the dormitory apartment of Mrs. L. Belle Ettinger and by noticing the beautiful arrangement of dolls prepared for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund. Mrs. Ettinger, the seventy year old housemother of Gifford Dormitory, busies herself daily with this charitable project. She exclaims, "I'm a Christmas girl!" Christmas, she says, has a special significance and she tries to spread this significance to others through charity.

Mrs. Ettinger, originally from Richmond, has been a housemother for twenty years with the last five being at Madison. She has never regretted coming to Madison. The only complaint she has at the present concerning the girls is that she feels that many date too much and it interferes with their studies. She believes the school is "a little bit too liberal" concerning late hours. The school should remain a girls' school, but she also says that she likes the young men on campus.

Mrs. Ettinger has observed four major areas where Madison could be greatly improved. She describes the whistle blowing method of calling for help during the night an "antique way". Mrs. Ettinger explained that she thought that she spoke for all of the housemothers when stating her desire for a re-

lief housemother so that each regular housemother could go away a couple of nights a month. Also acting as spokesman for the group, Mrs. Ettinger also feels that the housemothers should not be required to pay for meals that they didn't eat on campus. Her fourth and last criticism is the fact that each housemother should be paid according to responsibility as some dorms require more work than others.

As for the relationship between the housemothers and the administration, Mrs. E feels there is a lack of communication between the two. The housemothers have heard various comments passed down to them such as "housemothers are a dime a dozen, but you always can't find a good maid." She responds to this attitude by stating "They just don't know the housemother's responsibilities. I try to be a mother away from home to each girl". This can certainly be displayed over and over again by noting her thoughtfulness in giving individual monthly birthday parties, making evening gowns for girls for big dance weekends, giving special Christmas presents to each of the girls in the dorm and even "tucking the girls" when they need it.

When asked what advice Mrs. Ettinger would give to her girls,

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intermediate level; and \$2800 for the terminal level. The annual stipend for postdoctorate Fellows is \$5500. Limited allowances will also be provided to apply toward tuition, laboratory fees, and travel.

Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. The deadline for the receipt of applications for graduate fellowships is December 11, 1964, and for regular postdoctorate fellowships, December 14, 1964.

she replied, "You came here to study. Don't forget that. Get as much out of your work as you can." Concerning dating she said, "Be careful of some of those 'wild hyenas from the University', girls. Your actions represent the school's name."

This year Mrs. Ettinger will be retiring. "I don't know what I will do without young people around", she exclaimed. Let's make this year one filled with lasting memories for her.

Seminar Is Open To MC Groups

The European Affairs Committee of Princeton University will hold a conference February 26-28. Madison organizations have been invited to attend.

The conference, entitled "Europe—From Conflict to Confederation" will consider the emergence of a third power Europe and its implications. Representatives from twenty-one European nations and several foreign newspapers have been invited.

The colloquium intends to amass in one place at one time the minds most capable to discuss the future of Europe and the students most eager and able to benefit from that analysis.

An invitation to attend is extended to any interested organization on campus. Seminars will include "Problems of Nations," "Extra-Confederate Political Aims," "Economics," and "The End Result." Additional details may be obtained from THE BREEZE staff.

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Sports Scene

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Madison's basketball schedule this year consists of 10 games, 6 are at home and 4 contests are away.

- Dec. 5—Shenandoah College—Home
- Dec. 12 — Lynchburg College Freshmen—Home
- Jan. 9—Eastern Mennonite College—Away
- Jan. 13—Monroe College—Home
- Jan. 18—Bridgewater College Freshmen—Home
- Jan. 30—Monroe College—Away
- Feb. 6—Bluefield College—Home
- Feb. 13—Eastern Mennonite College—Home
- Feb. 15 — Lynchburg College Freshmen—Away
- Feb. 20—Bluefield College—Away

Home games 7:00 p.m.
Colors—Purple and Gold.
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Madison's team roster this year consists of 12 players, five of whom are returning from last year.

Below are listed the players names, position, jersey numbers (purple and gold), class, height, and weight:

- Brown, Jerry—forward, 43, 30, Jr., 6'1", 190 pounds.
- Cork, John—forward, 44, 23, So., 5'10", 160 pounds.
- Fultz, James—forward, 54, 32, Fr., 6', 180 pounds.
- Harmon, Carl—forward, 55, 33, So., 6'1", 220 pounds.
- Hensley, Barry—center, 53, 31, So., 6", 195 pounds.
- Layman, James—guard, 24, 24, Fr., 5'10", 160 pounds.
- Massie, Phil—forward, 25, 25, Fr., 5'11" 170 pounds.
- Matheny, Ellis—guard, 34, 22, Jr., 5'11", 145 pounds.
- Pence, John — center, 45, Fr., 6'2", 155 pounds.
- Sprouse, Harry — center, 35, Fr., 6'2", 160 pounds.
- Thumma, Earl—guard, 23, 21, Fr., 5'10", 165 pounds.
- Walters, Jerry—guard, 23, 20, Jr., 5'9", 145 pounds.

This certainly seems to be Madison's most successful season and it is up to you, the student body, to come out and support your team.

Five Madison students have been placed on Honor Council probation to extend to the end of this academic year.

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Film Society To Present "Cyrano De Bergerac"

The Foreign Film Society of Madison College will present "Cyrano De Bergerac" in Wilson Hall Auditorium December 8 at 7:45 p.m.

The movie is taken from the play by Edmond Rostand. Amid the swashbuckling swordsmanship of the 17th century, the great poet Cyrano hides his breaking heart.

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Choral Group Will Give Programs At City Churches

The Chorale Ensemble will be presenting two programs before the Christmas holidays.

The group will be at Asbury Methodist Church December 5 at 2:00 p.m. to present a program for the Retired Persons Association.

They will hold a carol service December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mühlenburg Lutheran Church.

The group will be under the direction of Miss Gertrud Bureau.

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