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Classes Present Traditional Gifts at White Gift Service

Alice Clagett Leads Service; Christmas Pageant Follows Given by Ye Merry Masquers

Decorated with evergreens, palms and lilies the Little Theatre will be the scene of the traditional Christmas White Gift service on December 15, at 7:30 in the evening. Alice Clagett, president of the Y. W. C. A., will lead the service. Christmas hymns, under the direction of Mr. Talmadge, head of the Music Department, will be used in the ceremony. The presidents of each class, with impressive solemnity, will present the customary class gifts. These Yuletide expressions of good will are voted on each year by the individual classes.

Miss Maddrey has invited all the new students to a tea to greet President Randolph, Dean Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Estes Cocke from 3:30 to 5:30, December 15, in the green drawing room of Main building. The green drawing room will be decorated with festive Christmas greens for the occasion.

Miss Susie Blair, professor of Dramatic Art, will read a Christmas story in the green drawing room from 6 to 6:30 Sunday afternoon. All members of the College community are invited to this story-telling hour, which is a time-honored tradition at Hollins.

Immediately following the White Gift Service in the Little Theater the Christmas Pageant will be presented by Ye Merry Masquers, the dramatic organization of Hollins College. The play presented at this time is chosen from several which students have submitted. This year the play, written by Virginia Couper, was chosen from the three plays submitted to Ye Merry Masquers. The theme of this play is modern, for the scene is contemporary England. According to custom, the climax is the presentation of the Madonna, whose identity is unknown until the actual performance Sunday evening.

Johnson Plays For Prom

Universe Prom Theme, Girls and Dates Dance Among Planets and Stars

At the Junior Prom last Saturday night, Hollins had the pleasure of dancing under the stars to the music of Freddie Johnson with their dates from all sections of the country. The different committees, led by Anne Hall, vice president of the class and prom chairman, deserve a great deal of credit for the huge success of the prom.

As one entered the gym, he was immediately transplanted millions of miles into space. All the planets, constellations and cosmic rays were represented against a dark background with the sun being formed by the bandstand. This scheme was certainly one of the most original and unusual that has ever been used at Hollins and, judging from the comments of the faculty, dates and students, one of the most well liked.

The music of Freddie Johnson seems to have satisfied both the "jitterbugs" and the "swing-and-sway" type as he was continuously shifting from one to the other with a smattering in between for those who were not either type but who strike a happy medium in their musical tastes.



Alexander Fraser Speaks at Annual Honors Dinner

Alexander David Fraser, associate professor of Archaeology at the University of Virginia, was the speaker at the annual Honors Dinner, Monday, December 9th. He spoke on his own field, archaeology.

As is her annual custom, Dr. Bessie Carter Randolph gave the dinner at the Hotel Roanoke for those students who had obtained honors for their work in the past year. To be on the Dean's List a girl must have gotten a 2.3 average for her work during the past two semesters of the preceding year. Selected members of the faculty were invited to attend the dinner. The dinner was held at 7 o'clock in the pine room and was formal.

Freshmen Give Party for Children of Nearby Schools

On Monday afternoon, December 9, the Freshman Class gave a party in Keller for the children from the nearby schools. From one until two a party was given for the little white children from the Burlington and then from four until five another party was given for about forty little colored children from a nearby school. At the parties games were played, presents were distributed, and refreshments were served. There was a Christmas tree in Keller and a Santa Claus to officiate at the party. Sally Dearmont was in charge of the party and organized the various committees to work on the party.

The Hollins Student of 1878 Celebrated Christmas on Campus

Times have changed in our celebration of Christmas at Hollins, just as they have in other things. Way back in 1878, no girl entertained the thought of going home for the holidays, because transportation was so difficult. Hollins blossomed forth to do the occasion justice and, despite a little home-sickness, all had a wonderful time.

The festivities usually started about 3 A. M. Christmas morning, when the entire student body was awakened by the noise and clatter of various musical instruments. Christmas day, heralded so noisily, was spent by the girls interchanging presents and eating each other's baskets of food from home. In the evening,

McCurdy, Maraist Take Over Duties As Frosh Leaders

Last Friday night the names of the president and vice president of the Freshman Class were posted. The president of the class is Emily McCurdy and the vice president is Evelyn Maraist.

Two weeks ago in one of the Freshman Class meetings the names of nominees were taken for the offices and a nominating committee was appointed to discuss and then nominate the two candidates for each of the offices. The members of this committee are Suzanne Whayne, Peggy Trusler, Harriet McCaw, Paula White, Ann Neal Cole, Nancy Couper, Lucy Gray Hill and Jeanie Applick. The candidates that they named for the class president were Emily McCurdy and Suzanne Whayne while the candidates for the vice president were May Hill Overton and Evelyn Maraist. These names were voted on in a Freshman Class meeting on Friday afternoon, and in their next class meeting the officers who were elected will take over their duties from Carolyn Peters, Junior Class president, who has been officiating until this time.

As yet the names of the nominees for the other class offices have not been posted but it is hoped that the elections will be completed before December 18.

Annual Y Party Held in Keller

The annual Christmas party for the children of the neighboring schools will be held in Big Keller on December 16. As is customary, the freshmen are in charge of the party. Inasmuch as the freshman Y. W. C. A. representative has not been elected, Alice Clagett, president of the Y. W. C. A., asked Sally Dearmont to take charge of the party. The children will be entertained with games, refreshments and last, but far from least in the eyes of the children, Santa Claus will find a present for each child under the Christmas tree.

When the invitation was issued, the children responded with excited shouts and clapping. One hundred white and thirty colored boys and girls are expected. The colored children will be allowed to "jit" to their hearts' content. The white children will be entertained from three to four, the colored from four-fifteen to five-fifteen. The Y. W. C. A. cabinet has been particularly pleased with the enthusiastic response of the freshman class. It is thought that their spirit of cooperation has been unusually fine.

the school gave a charming masquerade ball, the like of which none of us at Hollins today have ever seen. Imagine our veranda and social rooms thronged with boys in high button shoes and lace ruffles! During the week, the Euzelian society, or dramatic club, did their bit, too, to make Hollins a gayer place, by putting on charades and tableaux and a musical soiree, which topped off the fun. Mr. Charles H. Cocke frequently followed this with an oyster supper.

With the improvement of transportation came the change in our Christmases. More and more girls went home, until in 1908, Christmas time meant a complete desertion of the campus, as we know it today.

Rachael Wilson Receives Ph. D. at University of Chicago



MISS WILSON

Dr. Wilson Received Her B. A. at Hollins; Her Graduate Work Was All Done in Chicago

The Hollins campus was very interested and excited when the news arrived that Miss Wilson had been successful in obtaining her Ph. D. degree. Miss Wilson received her A. B. degree at Hollins and both her M. A. and Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. She has been a member of Division I, the Humanities, and a distinguished professor of French here at Hollins for the past number of years. Miss Wilson left the Hollins campus for the past few weeks to finish work on her thesis at the University of Chicago.

Christmas Made Merry For Hollins Servants

Christmas time at Hollins is one of excitement and pleasure. Everyone is looking forward to going home, but in our thought of this we must think of those here at Hollins who are giving their services all year round in making us happy and doing so much for us. Every Christmas each girl gives some money toward making the holiday a lovely one for the maid on the hall, for her laundress, for the waiters, and for those others with whom we may not come into quite such close contact but who are working in many ways to see that Hollins is more comfortable for us. These four contributions are whatever amount a girl feels that she can give.

Children at Mercy House Given Christmas Party

On Tuesday afternoon, December 17, Hollins College will sponsor a party for the nine children in the Hollins room of Mercy House. The Sophomore Y. W. C. A. commission, headed by Bernard Berkeley, will be in charge of the Christmas party. Before the party on Tuesday clothes, Victrola records and magazines will be collected from all the dormitories. Students are urged to contribute as liberally as possible. These collections will be distributed among the nurses in Mercy House.

The Hollins Room, where the Christmas party will be held, is dedicated to Mrs. Rath, wife of the former head of the Hollins Music Department. Nine children, all under five years of age, are cared for in this room.

Any person who is interested in making preparations for the party should see Bernard Berkeley, room 205, Main.

Dr. E. Marion Smith Gives Party for Sophomores

In the gracious atmosphere of the green drawing room, Dr. E. Marion Smith, sponsor of the Sophomore Class, entertained her class on December 4th. The room was decorated with bowls of flowers and candles lighted the tea table where Mrs. Poulton served the punch. Dr. Smith, wearing the orchid which the class had given her, and Charlotte Wilson received the girls at the door. Susan Johnston, Emmy Lou Hart, Val Kuntz and Marilyn Grobmeyer served the sandwiches and cakes and very few sophomores were in the dining room Wednesday night.

Panama Christmas Includes Tans

While the rest of us are in the midst of the last-minute rush of Christmas shoppers—some of us wading around downtown ankle-deep in blush—Ann Green will probably be basking in the sun on the deck of a boat bound for Panama. Of course, she won't get home until Christmas morning, but just the same, wouldn't it be nice to come home tanned and rested? Some of her friends are going to see her off in New York, and from then on her time is her own, to swim, sun, play and relax as she pleases. She says the weather is warm almost all the way, and she lives in summer clothes and bathing suits during the trip. The cruise includes a day in Tahiti where she usually gets off the boat to buy gay straw bags, shell or silver jewelry, or French perfume, or simply take in the "local color."

Ann's home in Panama is built on stilts to make it as cool as possible, and the open, paved floor underneath is used for dances and picnics. Of course, there are also the inevitable palm trees, and gardenias grow wild (orchids cost a dollar). The beach is within walking distance, and she can see the Pacific Ocean from the house.

However, Ann's romantic description of the balmy weather, moonlight beach parties, native Conga bands ("they are rather tinny, but the real thing"), Spanish food and dancing in gaily colored cotton prints on pavilions built out over the Pacific left no place for Christmas trees. "But we do have them," she insisted. "I mean evergreen trees," she said. "We have to order them from the States, but almost everyone has one."

Cigarettes are only six cents in Panama and perfume is very cheap—in fact, Ann is already planning how she can get by the customs officials on her way back.

All is not peace and dreamy serenity in Panama, however. Recently there was an election down there and the man who is President now won the election by having his opponent and a few of his party locked up in jail until after the voting.

Revolutions are not uncommon, but are carried out in the easy-going Panama way. In the last one, the only person killed was a Chinaman, an innocent bystander.

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AND WHAT OF HUMAN VALUES?

At practically every convocation this year, in almost every newspaper you pick up, on the lips of many is the pessimistic line of thought that the world has never been in the bad condition it is in now, civilization has never before reached this low ebb, and all our modern culture is doomed. Such an attitude is pure gloom. We do not wish to give the impression that the United States should not defend itself, no, but we do wish to remind those defeatists that the world before has been in periods of conflict, has seen dreaded civil strife and has watched civilizations decline. What of the Hundred Years War, Medieval Feudalism or the French Revolution? Yet, through all this outward strife, the real values in human nature of perseverance, leadership, honor and loyalty have remained. The world is in a bad state of affairs but why do we have to continually hear and read about the destruction of civilization? Instead of sitting back and saying civilization is doomed to fall, we should be more intent on seeing that our own values remain intact. We should develop those qualities necessary to rebuild a world after this period of strife is over. Let's have less talk of the destruction of the world and more concentration on building up those qualities of each individual which, after all, make a civilization what it is.

"GOOD WILL TO MEN"

Within the next two weeks while you sing Christmas carols into the clear, frosty night and hang dark, green mistletoe with jaunty, red bows and dangle shiny ornaments from your little brother's Christmas tree, stop and think a minute. These things we do are the symbols of a beautiful ritual—the Christmas of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Let's let some of the Christmas warmth get into our hearts and go out in compassionate love to all the world. Can't we forget envy, prejudice and hatred? It is unimportant whether we're American, German, Japanese or Spanish. This is the season of the year when Christ came on earth to establish the brotherhood of all men. "God gave His only begotten Son" whose birth we celebrate with yuletide gifts. Christmas greetings, and general good will that all men should be united in a common bond of fellowship and love—a bond that includes all races, creeds, and colors. In the midst of the debutante parties, the Christmas date rush, remember the true significance of Christmas in a modern world.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

Within the next week I have four writens, two of the hardest on the same day. My roommate has a written the day that Christmas vacation begins. Why is this necessary? Wouldn't it be just as easy for the faculty to spread the writens out more, and not to wait until just before Christmas to give them?

Of course, we are all supposed to keep up with our lessons from day to day, but it is almost impossible to pass a written without a review of the material we have studied. And that review doesn't do much good unless it is done the day before the written. Right now it is harder than ever to find time to study with the excitement before Christmas and the after-effects of the Prom. But writens always seem to come in flocks and droves.

Why can't the faculty get together on some plan to spread the writens out? They are supposed to register their writens in the office. Why can't they pick a time when there are not two or three others scheduled? Not only would there be bigger and better grades, but there would be fewer freshmen studying in the bathroom at four in the morning, and fewer dark circles under all of our eyes, and fewer people dropping subjects because they can't stand the strain of piled-up work.

A FRANTIC SOPHOMORE.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

Many girls have asked for some definite plan of action which the Student Curriculum Committee intends to follow this year. In this rather brief article we shall attempt to give a report of our activities thus far. One of the changes which we feel important is the offering of courses in American Literature and Social Reorganization every year instead of alternating years. Then, too, at the request of the present class in Education 20, we petitioned that this course continue two semesters rather than make one semester so very strenuous. Finally, a course in Marriage and the Home have been proposed.

Not only are we interested in maintaining a vital curriculum, but we also hope to improve studying conditions. At the moment, our attention is focused on getting a study room for Main and making more effective those study rooms already existing. A decided improvement has been noticed in the study room in West since these girls were reminded about it some days ago. Many feel that if college boards or some similar examination were set up as standard entrance requirements, we would then have a student body to whom studying would be more real. Should this plan go into effect, there would, no doubt, be a much smaller mortality rate at the end of the sophomore year when a C average would be required of each girl. If a girl is not college material, is it not fairer to deny her admission to college than to let her come, waste the time of both herself and others, and finally, in tears, flunk out?

CORNELLA MOORE.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEAR ALL-YOU-HEALTHY-ANIMALS:

I'm not happy, I'm not happy at all. Can't even eat without getting cross-eyed. Can't breathe without thinking about it beforehand, but, then, I guess I can't kick. Have you ever tried to kick with a hole in your side? Impossible.

Operation was very successful. It was like *Life* going to a party. *Life*, where is thy sting? Right here in my side.

I may have missed the prom but I get my mail just the same. Oh, things happen so fast around here! It's time for me to turn on my other side. It's grand not to have anything more to do than Ferdinand—just lie quietly all day and smell the flowers. Thank you!! Thank you all . . . Yours in the stitch of time—

McCLESKEY.

Under the Dome

Now that the prom is over, life seems pretty dull. However, there are exciting things happening all around us. For instance, we noticed that there is a new bulletin board on campus—in the Business Office. Rare things, bulletin boards.

Funniest sight of the week was Jane Chess patiently instructing Anne Hutcheson in the fine art of signing out. It seems that Jane mistook Anne for a slightly over-ignorant freshman.

Prom talk is most amusing. Found a memo from the "We All Do Our Part Department" saying that Betty Harman tore down to the gym to help with the decorating and added to the general confusion by swallowing a paper clip.

Also saw Val Kuntz tearing around equipped with pencil and paper. It seems she wasn't really collecting telephone numbers, just taking notes on who wore what.

McCleskey really had a surprise coming-out party. We heard that her first conscious act was to ask for some lipstick and a copy of HOLLINS COLUMNS. Also heard that she was saving her appendix to present to the Agassiz Society.

Lucy Sasser has her troubles, too. The other day she was trying desperately to write a paper for Miss Rathborne. Looking through the library, she found a book that answered all her questions. "Aha," says Lucy, frantically taking notes. Just as she was crossing her last "T" she happened to glance at the author's name. It was Isabel Rathborne.

Cynthia Collings claims the final and ultimate. In the midst of all of last week's excitement and furor—of all things—her metatarsal arches fell! She says she felt them when they fell, too. Must have been a funny feeling.

The Art lab has its moments. The other day Nancy Wotiz arrived and announced that she was allergic to turpentine, she had a cold, and could she sketch today instead of paint, please, Mr. Ballator? Said Mr. Ballator, "Do you want me to get you a menthol pencil?"

Saw Louis wandering back to the senior tables the other night. Also heard him mutter that Miss Randolph would like to speak to Miss Metcalfe "before she passed out."

Another item from the "We-All-Do-Our-Part Department" to the effect that Professor Talbert began his teaching career by coaching a girls' basket ball team in his home town. As we always said, the unique feature of physical education is activity.

Daily thought for the vacation: Do your Christmas shopping early—so that you can spend the rest of your vacation writing your term papers!

Choir to Present Christmas Programs

The Hollins Choir will sing carols at 5:00 A. M. on Wednesday, December 18. This is a custom which has existed at Hollins for many years. First the choir will sing in the middle of the quadrangle. Then they sing in West, the Monastery, Main, East, Turner Lodge and Faculty Row.

On Monday, December 16, at 4:45, the Choir will sing on the Hollins program from WDBJ. The program is as follows: English Carol, *Babe in Bethlehem's Manger*, arranged by E. H. Geir; *Noel Bressan*, arranged by Darcieux Arnyolds; *Christmas Song*, by Adam de la Halle, arranged by A. S. Talmadge; *Three Slovac Carols*, arranged by Kauntz; English Carol, *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, by Hopkins.



the clothes Bag

By VAL KUNTZ

Bells, bells, belles—Christmas bells and Prom belles! We certainly are getting in the holiday spirit around here, but then, haven't we been in the spirit ever since before Thanksgiving? Well, it's almost here, and until then let Paige Roby's cute idea of wearing a cluster of tiny bells tied to a bright red ribbon in her hair distract you as she tinkles by. She says it's a good way to keep track of her head, and that sounds like an idea lots of us could use these last few hectic days. But then, Peg Trussler wears bells around the hem of her evening slip. Do you suppose she is trying to keep track of her feet? We give up on that one, but we'll have to admit it's a darling idea.

You all heard about the Prom? We had one this past week-end, you know, in case you were working too hard in the library to notice the beaming looks on all but the hard-working Juniors' faces. It was a grand success from the opening number of the tea dance right through that last Carolina song at midnight. Framy Lunsford looked very well in her gray crepe dress with the two-tone "midriff" of red and green. Frances Taylor looked definitely glamorous in a bright red two-piece velvet outfit. There seems to have been a predominance of red and black on the gym floor that afternoon. (Don't take that too literally!) One of the unusual black dresses was seen on Neale Cole, who was wearing a black velvet and taffeta dress—sweetheart neck, three-quarter length sleeves—and of her own design.

Soft lights, not-too-sweet music and lovely floating cellophane planets revolving above were the setting for the last Prom to be given by the Class of '42. The decorations were definitely becoming to the girls who alternately drifted and whirled around the transformed gym floor. To begin more or less at the beginning, Carolyn Peters looked lovely, if frightened, leading the figure in her off-white net with colored sequin flowers scattered around the full skirt and on the tiny sleeves. Anne Hall, at the head of the other line, had a disarmingly innocent look in her gown of white brocade and net.

As a startling contrast to these dresses, Pat Wadsworth was stunning in black velvet with only a jeweled pin for relief; Kitty Anderson looked good enough to eat in black marquisette with a deep, squared neck of pink with a ruffle and long, full sleeves, and Rinky McCurdy was striking in beige jersey with a dark green velvet bodice trimmed with gold. Harriet McCaw had us all fooled with a darling little trinket—a gold key chain with five tiny, dangling kid purses for comb, powder puff, mad-money, hankie and lipstick. Many orchids (including the two that Bunch wore atop her head) and gardenias were seen but, unexpectedly, no chrysanthemums! We even spied two birds (not real, mind you!) perched amid shining curls. To put it mildly, it was a beautiful sight. But it seems that Miss Chevrax cannot get her physical ed off her mind. To quote her on Sunday morning, "I thought the girls looked simply lovely last night, but, of course, to me, they look much nicer in gym suits!"

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Professor Lewis Talks on Science

On Thursday night, December 5th, Dr. Ivey Foreman Lewis, Professor of Biology and Dean of the University of Virginia, spoke to our Hollins community on "Three Hundred Years in Science." He discussed the progress of science from the seventeenth century to the twentieth century, and the contributions made by such notables as: Galileo, Copernicus, Priestly and Sir Isaac Newton. Professor Lewis defined the pure scientific method as one of induction through observation under controlled conditions, and explained how it has changed our whole point of view in science. He pointed out how Galileo, by performing a childish experiment of dropping different weights from the Leaning Tower of Pisa and noting that they reached the ground at the same time, revolutionized old scientific beliefs. In closing, Professor Lewis mentioned protective coloring, found in nature, as an aide to defense in the world today.

'Twas the Week Before Christmas

Hollins...the place we can't wait to leave December 18th...the place we tear back to eagerly a few weeks later... Before Christmas...excitement...rush... fun.

After the Junior Prom...a week of recuperation...rehabilitation...finishing off term papers...starting Community Surveys...reserving those library books most of us want to take home with us...cranking for writens...flunking.

The last week-end before home...good-bye to V. M. I. and W. & L...etc...etc...we'll see you later...thanks for the lovely fall...the movies...the house parties... it broke the monotony.

Christmas carols in chapel...wreaths on the freshman doors...Santy Claus in the halls of West...the ticket man...the package window...all that brings home the startling fact...the Family Present Problem...the annual hunt...oh, for a quick, free ride in town...the dear people in Roanoke who delight, evidently, in helping brainless students make their Christmas go off smoothly at home...mother's not here to help now, gals...

The Christmas lists grow sickeningly long...utter confusion reigns. Bewilderment pays court...but we came through...how, we'll never know...we have to "do our daily lessons"...

Those three days...pay the man for your ticket...mail the distant cousins their neckties...ask your roommate what she wants...go to the Christmas party for the little children...watch the pickaninnies dance the floor boards smoky in Keller...go sentimental at the White Gift Service...get up early the morning we leave to hear the Christmas carols by the Choir outside the window...throw last-minute things in a bag...struggle through that four o'clock gym class...kiss everyone good-bye...pour yourself in a painting cab...and GO HOME!!!

Martha Washington

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Organizations

Cargoes
 The second issue of *Cargoes* will appear right after we return from Christmas vacation. This issue is expected to be an unusually good one in both its prose and poetry content.

Athletic Board
 At the last meeting of the Athletic Association on Tuesday, November 25th, plans for the approaching seasons were made.

The primary winter sport on campus is basket ball, and practices have now begun. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons the freshmen and juniors occupy the court, while the seniors and sophomores practice on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday there is a practice for all classes. As usual, basket ball season includes a series of intermural class games, followed by the Red-Blue game. This year we plan to send two teams to Sweet Briar to participate in a Sports' Day program. One team will be composed of seniors and sophomores, the other of juniors and freshmen.

The individual swimming meet will take place some time in the early spring. Anne Hall, the manager, states that, as usual, eight practices will be required for eligibility. Diving as well as form and speed will be featured.

For a major spring sport the Association discussed the possibility of introducing soft ball. Several years ago baseball was popular but the interest grew less until finally the sport was abandoned. It is believed, however, that if enough enthusiasm is shown in regard to softball the sport will be introduced to the campus.

Orchেসis
 Orchesis has started definite work on its program to be given the first Thursday night after spring vacation. Members of the dance group have already started to work on their particular numbers for the convocation program. The dances to be given are chosen to interpret human feeling and convey meaning through the medium of the dance. Much of the work is original. The dances are composed in part by the members of Orchesis as the work progresses.

The group as a whole attended the dance program given by the Hampton University dance group on Thursday, December 10.

Division III
 There will be a meeting of Division III on December 13th. This is the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, of which Dr. Patterson is chairman. In this meeting they will discuss curriculum changes for next year. These changes will be handed in to the curriculum committee. The meeting will be more or less a continuation of the meeting they had November 29th.

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Sears without Roebuck, Barnum with out Bailey, Stanley without Livingston, HOLLINS COLUMNS without McClesky! She lies in her wee trundle bed at the Jefferson, looking pale and pitiful in her hospital strait-jacket, surrounded by a jungle of flowers and a bunch of white, starchy nurses. We huddle about in a small, frantic circle, chewing our nails, feverishly pounding typewriters and shrieking, "Don't ask me how to spell. I never spell...you mean this has to be typed double-spaced? Why didn't you say so before, dear? Grr...write seven inches on nothing. Sure, what do you think I am, Houdini? Hey, how do you spell 'Houdini'?"

We are losing friends and we are not influencing people. We have begged, beseeched, threatened people to hand in their stories. They smile. They promise. We do the stories—six columns on nothing. Hah! So we resort to sabotage, espionage, plagiarism and yellow journalism. We can't find the typing paper, we don't know the printer's name, we can't find the headline chart. "Do you use 24 boldface with a 12-point subhead and why doesn't the dummy balance and why was McClesky (oh, you paragon of journalistic wisdom) born with an appendix?"

Catastrophe stalks our path. After writing this, which is obviously only to fill up space, we find (oh, reader, prepare yourself for a shock) oh, we find that this issue was supposed to be only a baby edition of two pages and we—we've made it four, four long pages, which have drained our spiritual and mental resources. How about that?

Goodale Choruses Prepare for Holidays

A chorus of seventy voices under the direction of Robert Goodale will give "The Messiah" at the Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, December 15th, at 3 o'clock. Miss Wardle is to sing the soprano. Buses will be provided in order that a large part of the Hollins community may attend.

A male chorus of fourteen voices, also directed by Robert Goodale, will sing Christmas carols in Chapel on Monday, December 16th. Bach's "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" and "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" will be given. Negro Christmas spirituals and pieces

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Well, the prom's over, and do we hear some sighs of relief echoing around the campus? The dances were swell, and we loved Yehudi or the man from Mars, or whoever he was. But it's kind of a relief now to settle into the old rut.

But to go back beyond that fateful week-end to the week-end of the Army-Navy game—both sides had fine support from Hollins. Mary Ellsberg, Bernard Berkeley, M. L. Mills, Marta Cantwell, Betty Hunt Murray, Mae Shelton, Joanne McMullen, Cyn Collins, Ruth Jones and Eloise Seligson were all there in person.

That same week-end Susan Johnston, Angie Frazer and Priscilla Hammel sought diversion at Beta house parties in Lexington, while June Smith and Pannie Riggs took the bus south for the Georgia-Georgia Tech game. And Anne Page had some of the worst and best luck we've heard of in a long time. While she was at Princeton, she broke her arm and spent the whole time in the hospital. But it seems that her date was quite intrigued by the Camille role, since he came down to Hollins the very next week-end. Betty King and Annie Laurie Rankin went home to Washington.

Latest members of the fifth column are Penny Byer, Anne Biggs, Lois Jespersen, Anne Adams, Mary Taylor, Barbara Simpson, Anne Heffenstein, Joan Afflick, May Hill Overton, Alice Claggett and Gina Hinman, who deserted the prom for Washington and Lee.

V. P. I., too, drew several away. Charlotte Wilson upheld the name of Hollins by leading the figure at the Military Ball. And, incidentally, she's going to lead the German figure at Mid-Winters, too. She and Beverly Smith, Bette Gardner, E. May Wolfe, Evelyn Anderson and Genevieve Mills were there Friday night, while Evelyn Marast, Tut Caldwell, Betty Culham, Anne Straub, Janet Williams and Charlotte Tolley went over for Saturday night.

by Praetorius will also be on the program. This male chorus has become a regular and important feature of the Christmas festivities at Hollins.

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Sport Slants

By INDIA DUNNINGTON



All right, you indoor athletes, your chance to shine has finally come. Basketball season opened last Monday and, at this point, is getting well under way. The old faithfuls from last year are on the courts with a few new recruits from each class, and as you would imagine, "those freshmen" are out in full number with plenty of good material. Don't look now but Rinky and Neka play this game, too. I was sort of hoping for the sake of our class as well as the others that hockey had tired them of all athletics but, never—not them—and they are Blues, too. Oh, well, who are Neka and Rinky, when they have the Red spirits against them?

Wanted New Conscriptives

The sophomores, juniors and seniors all lost valuable court talent (and I do mean playing basketball) and at this point are scouting for material. Betsy Bath, Dotty Rountree and Amy Redfield failed to return to old Holl Coll, whereas Janie Cauble is still hobbling around dragging that wounded ankle behind. I know there are a lot of you who can play, so stop keeping that much-needed talent a secret and come on out. Incidentally, it's good exercise, too (don't forget that long-desired figure).

Debut Ball

Miss Chevraux's beginners (well, most of us were beginners, anyway) golf class made its debut last Monday at the Blue Hills Country Club. (Sorry invitations could not have been issued to all of you, it was strictly exclusive—pasture graduates only.) It was really quite a party. In the midst of the wintry blasts, with the temperature way below freezing, we started out, wrapped in our complete stock of clothing. (We made it a point to carry our bags over our shoulders, so as to avoid confusion of wondering how one could ski sans snow.) Lacking in what may be called self-confidence (and can you blame us), the idea of getting caddies was forgotten even before it was mentioned. On second thought, it probably was a good idea to carry the clubs ourselves, each piece of extra apparel was welcomed

to help break the wind. Oh, what we wouldn't have given for a portable heater. However, just as we were getting into the swing of things that last blast conquered us and we once again found ourselves in the clubhouse trying to thaw the frigid. Aside from all the kidding, it really was a lot of fun and we did better than we had expected—nice things, these pessimistic attitudes.

Fall Term Retires

The fall term of Physical Education came to a close with the interclass tournaments. The Hollins Heifers defeated the Snapping Turtles with an eleven to nothing victory—Betsy Cahill making seven goals alone. The highlight in these games, however, was when Lee King revealed her unapproachable ability at dribbling (the ball, of course). In one game she was dribbling down an open field and was approaching the goal, but because of her desire to gain yardage or maybe her fright of the goalie, she dribbled on past the goal box and before the whistle could be blown she had crossed the little hockey field.

Tennis was more on the serious side, however, with Rhea Day and Penny Jones the winners. They had a tough fight, though, in the finals against Hess and Woetz, for there was a third team to defeat—the wind and the cold, not that Hess and Woetz weren't enough competition in themselves, but I always say, take on one team at a time.

Rigid Swimmers

This frigid weather doesn't seem to be enough to stop those rigid swimmers. The poolites are coming out in full number every day (well, nearly, anyway)—even Miss Jackson has been granting them the pleasure of her presence. Because of this universal desire to swim, a new class in it is being organized for the winter term with diving as one of its main objectives. More power to you if you can brave it into the pool all during the wintry months.



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