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Classes Present Traditional Gifts at White Gift Service
Alice Claggert Leads Service; Christmas Pageant Follows
Given by Ye Merry Masquers

Decorated with evergreens, palms and lilies, Little Theater "planted" one of the traditional Christmas White Gift services on December 15, at 7:30 in the Little Theater. Alice Claggert, head of the Music Department will be used in the ceremony. The presidents of each class, with impressive audience, will present the customary class gifts. These Yuletide expressions of good will are each voted on by each year by the individual classes.

Miss Madrye has invited all the new students to a tea to greet President Randolfe, Dean Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Eates Cooke from 8:30 to 5:30, December 15, in the green office of the Main building. The green drawing room will be decorated with festive Christmas greens for the occasion.

Miss Snie Blatt, professor of Dramatic Art, will read a Christmas story in a certain drawing room on December 15 and Sunday afternoon. All members of the College community are invited to this story-telling hour, which is a time-honored tradition at Hollins.

In immediately following the White Gift Service, 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 written. This year the play, written by Virginia Cooper, was chosen from 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 Madame, whose identity is unknown until the actual performance Sunday evening.

Johnson Plays For Prom

Univere 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 mused 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, one was immediately transplanted millions of miles into space. All the planets, constellations and cosmic rays were there, set against a dark background with the sun being formed by the headband. This scheme proved to be one of the most colorful of the annual that has ever been used at Hollins and, judging from the comments of the faculty, dates and students, one of the most liked.

The beauty of Freddie Johnson seems to have distanced both the "island" type and the "swinging-away" type as he was continuously shifting from one to the other with a merriment in between for those who were not either type but who strike a happy medium in their musical tastes.

The Hollins Student of 1878 Celebrated Christmas on Campus

Times have changed in our celebration of Christmas at Hollins, just as they have in every other things. "Way back in 1878, to get the kind of gifts a young lady would want, her parents would send her to a fancy store, where they would let her choose her own. But today, the kind of gifts that are on everyone's wish list are things that are unique to her interests.

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McCurdy, Marais 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 Edward McCurdy and the vice president is Emiliano Marais.

Two weeks ago in one of the freshman class meetings the candidates for the offices and a nominating committee were appointed to discuss and nominate the two candidates for each of the offices. The members of this committee are Susan Wynn, Peggy Tucker, Harper McCaw, Paula White, Ann Neal Cole, Nancy Cooper, Lucy Gray Hill and Joan Appled. The candidates that they named for the class president were Emily McCurdy and Susan Wynn while the candidates for the vice president were Walt Hill Overton and Emiliano Marais. These names were voted on in a class meeting held Friday afternoon, and in their next class meeting the officers who were elected will be presented to the student council by the Freshmen. Junior Class president, who has been officiating until this time.

As yet the only nominations 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 freshmen Y. W. C. A. representative has not been elected, Alice Claggert, president of the Y. W. C. A, asked Sally Deardorff to take charge of the party. The children will be gathered for games, refreshments and fun, 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 requested that no gifts be packed. One hundred white and fifty colored boys and girls are ex.

Freshmen Give Party for Children of Nearby Schools

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

Rachel Wilson Receives Ph. D. at University of Chicago

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

The Hollins college was very interested and excited when the news arrived that Dr. Rachel Wilson, who has been attending Hollins for the past number of years, was to graduate this year. 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 Hollins family 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 handmaid, for the waiters, and for those others with whom we may come into quite close contact but who are working in many ways to see that Hollins is more merry this Christmas than ever before. These four contributions are whatever amount a girl feels that she can give.

Children at Merry House Given Christmas Party

On Tuesday afternoon, December 17, Hollins College will sponsor a party for the nine children in the Hollins room of Merry House. The Sophomore W. Y. W. C. A. commission, headed by Bernard Berkel, will be in charge of the Christmas party. Before the party on Tuesday night, courtesy 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 Merry House.

The Hollins Room, where the Christmas party will be held, is dedicated to Mrs. Ruth, wife of the former head of the Hollins Music Department. Nine children, all between the ages of five and eight, are cared for in this room.

Any person who is interested in making preparations for the party should see Bernard Berkel, 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, and Miss Smith, held the annual Sophomore Party.

The room was decorated with bowls of flowers and candles lighted the table with a soft glow. The guests were greeted by Dr. Smith, wearing the orchid which the class had given her, and Charlotte Wilkes, the song leader, and Marion Johnston, Emmy Lou Hart, Val Kuntz and Marilyn Groomley served the sandwiches and cakes and very few students were in the dining room Wednesday night.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Many girls have asked for some definite plans of action which the Student Curriculum Committee intends to follow this year. In this rather nebulous area, we shall attempt to gain a measure of our activities thus far of the changes which we feel are important in the offering of courses in American Literature, and Social Reformation, among others, for the next two years.

These changes are the result of long and careful consideration. We have been meeting almost every week with the hope of making a definite program in the near future.

In our discussions, we have been exploring the possibility of having a larger number of students in our courses, and the possibility of having more students in the future.

We feel that the changes we have made are important, and we hope that they will be followed by all the other schools.

Sincerely yours,

Geraldine Moore

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Editor's office is overflowing with letters from many people, but the one that caught my eye was the one from Geraldine Moore. She wrote about the changes that the Student Curriculum Committee is planning to make this year. I believe that her suggestions are very important, and I hope that the other schools will follow her lead.

Sincerely yours,

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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 tried them all athletes but, never—nor they—and they are Blues, too. Oh, well, who are Neka and Rinky, when they have the Red spirits against them?

Wanted New Conscription

The sophomores, juniors and seniors all lost valuable court talent and I do mean playing basketball and at this point are scouting for material. Betty Bilt, Dotty Bestor and Amy Rosefield failed to return to old Holl Coll, whereas June Coddle 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 Cheever's beginners (well, most of us were beginners, anyway) golf class made its debut last Monday at the Blue Hills Country Club. (Sorry invitation could not have issued to all of you, it was strictly exclusive—little graduates only.) It was really quite a party. In the midst of the wintry blasts, with the temperatures 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 shoes.) 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, as such piece of 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 compared 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 Reverses

The fall term of Physical Education came to a close with the interclass tournament. The Hollins Heifers defeated the Dancing Turtles with an eleven to nothing victory—Betty Cahill making seven rush alone. The highligh in these games, however, was when Lee King revealed her unspeakable ability at dribbling (the ball, of course). In one game she was dribbling down an open field and 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 Blia Day and Penny Jones, the winners. They had a tough fight, though, in the finals against Hess and Watts, for there was a third team to defeat—the wind and the cold, not that Hess and Watts 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 mollies 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 water sports has been 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.

Plight Before Christmas?

Troubled about gifts for the men on your list? Just visit our Men's Shop and consult your old friend, "Eskie." He's there with his carnival of gifts, and knows all your men.