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Over The Top . . .



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UP AND OVER—St. Nick and eight prancing reindeer make their way across the deserted campus after a fruitless search for a student body which is gone—real gone.

Critic Price Hails 'Exciting' Performance of New Play

By Reynolds Price

Dennis Marks has written a fine play, and the Duke Players have permitted him to produce it finely. *A Study in Sin* is good not so much in spite of its faults as because of them. It accepts its flaws with exuberance and turns them into an exciting evening.

It is a morality play, a kind of Everyman-gone—very modern; and if its characters are types it is the nature of the morality form that they should be so. Marks knows his play perfectly, and he has directed it with a breadth of scope which ranges from the obviously theatrical to the subtly evil. The quality of the professional is everywhere—particularly in the uniformly strong cast which plays with real ensemble spirit, somehow managing to make the violently contrasting characters and episodes merge into a meaningful whole. Alvin Fox's Max Rappaport gleams with the hard and steady brilliance of a Lucifer. As George Brown, Brad Craig is properly bumbling. As his wife Virginia Hillman has naturalness and subdued charm. Judy Le Fever is a glorious hoyden with all the force of an uncapped volcano; and Larry Talshoff, her husband, is indeed the original of the man who would kill his mother for an easy dollar. It is rather unfortunate that Dave Brown and Sally Hazen cannot realize all the innocent lechery of their roles. But then there are just so many Judy Holladays. Paul Lucy underplayed with beautiful perception a character drawn in acid and copper; and Lenore Green was terrifying with the reserves of quiet malevolence which she unleashed. Norwood Long as a doctor and Jack Edmond as a gigolo were thoroughly competent.

A Study in Sin is the sort of things which would lend tone to any university.

Missionary Speaks Here

Dinner will be served at a meeting of the Mission Interest Group, scheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m., in the Men's Graduate Center.

Principal speaker will be Dr. Carl Judy.



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STUDENT DIRECTOR—In recent rehearsal, Denny Marks, author and director of the one act play, "A Study in Sin," which opens tonight, talks over last minute instructions with two actors in the Duke Players' production, Paul Lucy, and Lenore Green. This is the first student written and student directed play that has been presented at Duke in 5 years.

4237 Persons Contribute \$140,476 Total In First Phase of Loyalty Fund Campaign

During the first phase of the 1953-54 Duke University Loyalty Fund campaign 4237 persons contributed for a record total of \$140,476.

B Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw, former president of the General Alumni Association, announced at a luncheon meeting of the Duke National Council

that the campaign had reached a new all-time high for the mid-year point.

He indicated that the committee had been encouraged "by the fact that the students at Duke are aware of the need of their institution and in accordance with their ability, are doing something about it."

Yuletide Spirit, Campus Rain Saturate Homesick Students

Christmas Decorations Enliven East and West;
Last Round of Parties, Exams Prelude Vacation

By MIKI SOUTHERN
Senior Staff Reporter

With overcast skies promising snow but producing only rain, Duke students entered into the holiday spirit this week with a kaleidoscopic rush of parties, hour quizzes, traditional services and plans for departure.

Christmas trees appeared on both campuses, blazing in multicolor splendor from East dormitory windows and on the West quadrangles. Reindeers with flashing red noses danced on Durham streetlights, and wreaths and ribbons were combined in fanciful door decorations.

Reminding students that it is well to be "camel drivers" as well as "stargazers," Dr. James T. Cleland delivered the annual Christmas sermon in the Chapel, Sunday morning.

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Christmas pageant was presented in the University Chapel Sunday night. With an Auburn-haired Mary giving a unique touch to the scenes of the Nativity. The English Department and the Chapel Choir produced the inspirational drama before a slightly damp but worshipful audience.

Religious organizations, sororities and fraternities caroled shut-ins in the local hospitals and the women's infirmary. Other groups held parties at Edgemont, playing Santa to many starry-eyed children in that area.

Sponsored by the YWCA, the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony took place in each Woman's College house on Wednesday, and the Madrigal Singers gave their annual performance of the "Singing Christmas Tree" in Page auditorium, Thursday.

After-hours stag parties on West and pajama parties on East brought together dormitory neighbors for high-spirited sessions and the exchange of gifts.

Christmas formals held by several fraternities and Hanes House were supplemented by informal dances and gate parties over the week-end.

Just to make sure the Gothic and Georgian are not forgotten during vacation, Duke-away-from-Duke clubs around the country are planning various types of entertainments, such as the Christmas dance at the Veteran's Center in Charlotte on Dec. 22 and the Duke night, Dec. 28, at the Beverly Hills Country Club in Cincinnati.

In the midst of the holiday preparations, students still are registering for courses next semester, cramming for a last round of hour exams, Christmas shopping in odd moments and finishing (or receiving) variegated Argyles. And so Christmas on campus ends as it ends: in a rush.

Jones Address

Nation Must 'Learn to Respect' Recipients of American Bounty

By SUE SMITH
Coed News Editor

Emphasizing that the American people must "learn to respect" as well as give aid to other nations, the Reverend Barney Jones, Chaplain to the University, spoke to the students of the Woman's College last night on "Christmas and Korea."

Chamber Orchestra, Woodwind Octet Give First in Three Series

Duke's Chamber Orchestra and Woodwind Octet will present the first of a three-concert series tonight at 8:15 p.m. in the Concert Hall in Asbury Building on East Campus.

William Lee, a junior, will be featured soloist in "Coronet Piece" for bassoon and strings. The Chamber Orchestra, numbering some 25 string players, will present string music from Frescobaldi to Peter Warlock and Paul Hindemith.

The Woodwind Octet, comprised of two oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons will play "Serenade No. 2 in C Minor" by Mozart.

A new group on campus, the Octet played for the Christmas singing on Dec. 5 and appeared as part of the recent Woodwind Clinic presented by the famous saxophonist, Sigurd Rascher.

There is no admission charge for the concert.

In confirming the opinion of others who have also traveled abroad, Jones stated that, "... the American public and American itself is not a very popular nation among the nations of the world. . . . We have come to expect a sense of gratitude and dependence from other nations which has not been forthcoming. . . . It is hard to accept animosity from the nations which we have tried to help."

Jones feels that "Americans have a distorted system of values. . . . Because a person is poor, he is somehow of less value than someone in the wealthy class."

In discussing his period of service in Korea as a chaplain, he spoke of the personnel in our armed forces who manifested this feeling of superiority.

In explaining the cause for this lack of appreciation, Jones stated that "We do not regard the Korean people on a plane of parity with us. . . . When we were deciding the final armistice, we did not have a representative of South Korea."

This same attitude of superiority, Jones feels, is to be found in our dealings with the nations of Europe, which "bitterly resent what we have come to regard as charity."

Sixth Column

Job Available for Idea Man; Rosy future...

By LEE EDWARDS

A bunch of pikers are running the Christmas concession this year and have been for a long time. Sure, some of their ideas are imaginative; but they seem to be in rut, afraid to expand, to go all out and make the biggest business of the year "Christmas." The set-up is perfect for the clever young man with a lot of ideas.

The trick is to make people buy. What you must do is convince people that it is the fad this year, and will be every year, to spend money on presents for friends, relatives, enemies, anybody, as long as you strain the banking account.

If everybody is doing it, or believes that everybody else is doing it, the smart young guy with ideas is in. Of course, there are always a few who will flaunt the decision of the majority, but who cares about them—just a bunch of poor misguided intellectuals with no fore or hind sight.

Yessir, bub, think of all the angles that have not been put on the list of Christmas expansion suggestions. For instance, who knows when Santa Claus has his birthday? Take George Washington off the February calendar and substitute jolly old Nick (of course, a subtle reminder that Xmas is only 300 odd days away would be included).

Sky-writing is always good. Why not spell out "Yuletide" in hydrogen bomb dust? You might murder a few innocent citizens at a cost of several million dollars, but the idea that "merry" Christmas is on the way would be punched across.

To reach a cross section of the American public, examine the possibilities of piping Christmas carols such as "O Come All Ye Faithful" or "Silent Night" into the filthy slums of the metropolitan cities, the shouting, raucous dancing union halls and the lush selective living rooms of the best-to-do.

Oh, you could go for pages in such a manner, talking about eggnog (with bourbon) instead of beer in the taverns, a red and green American flag on a snow-white background, a reindeer as the national mascot, etc. But I won't. No, it is up to some bright young lad with ideas and a lot of drive and desire for money, security and American success to do the job right.

Good luck to you, Mr. Young Promising Pusher. You have an audience well along the way to where you want them: right behind the dollar sign.

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EditorJACK PYLE
Business Manager

The Trench Foot Threat

The rains came last week-end and once again the campus walks assumed the appearance of a military obstacle course or a series of childrens wading pools. The walks are certainly Gothic enough, and we admit that, during the dry season at least, they add to the effect of the campus scenery. But the sport of puddle-hopping soon loses its fascination, especially when several strategically located and tactically impassable "lakes" take the competitive spirit out of the game.

As far back as we can remember this situation has existed, and as far back as we can remember the administration has tolerated the gripes, and the students have tolerated the wet feet. But because wet feet are sloppy, uncomfortable and non-hygienic we think it is high time that the Maintenance Department either raised the flagstones up over the water level or drained the stuff off the walks.

Frankly we are begging for mercy. No amount of investigations, questionnaires or gripes is going to do any good until the higher-ups become more sympathetic with the student wading problem. We think that something should and can be done. And we suggest that the University either ad hip boots to the list of what every freshman should bring to Duke or chip in some funds for flood relief.

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Letters to the Editor

High Praise

Editor, the CHRONICLE:

In a recent issue of the Methodist newspaper, the *Crusader*, there was a new item concerning a meeting of physicists from all over the United States in the Physics Building here.

According to the article, both Negro and white scientists attended the sessions and ate together here on campus.

This seems to be a reversal of the usual policy of the Administration concerning inter-racial meetings, especially those involving non-segregated meals. Although this was on the level of graduate students and professors, it is encouraging to note that the University's long-promised program of "gradual change" in their attitude toward

inter-racial meetings has at last been started.

The Administration deserves the highest praise for their action on the Physics Conference.
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The Fan's Fare

By CHARLES WRAY

Three straight home performances over the century mark is an enviable record for any team regardless of the calibre of the opposition, but it still remains to be seen just how good Coach Harold Bradley's 1953-54 basketball Blue Devils are.

The team has not faced a severe test as yet, and it won't get one tonight, but it won't be long before everyone will know whether or not the Dukes will be a serious challenge to the king pins of the new Atlantic Coast Conference, Wake Forest and North Carolina State.

Coach Bradley's charges will face some of the best opposition in the country on this coming road trip and the Dixie Classic in Raleigh after Christmas. Before going to Lexington for the two-day Kentucky Invitational Tournament, the Blue Devils engage a strong West Virginia quint in Morgantown. This assignment is made doubly difficult because of an over-sized floor in the West Virginia gymnasium which visiting teams have great difficulty becoming accustomed to.

In Kentucky, one of the top eastern independents, LaSalle College of Philadelphia, and the top rated team in the southern division of the Pacific Coast Conference, UCLA, are the other two teams besides the always-powerful Kentucky Wildcats. An idea of how strong Coach Rupp thinks his Wildcats are is given by the new score board in the Kentucky Coliseum. It has three digits for the home team's scores, but just two digits for the scores of opponents.

Strong Field For Dixie Classic

In the Dixie Classic besides the other two Big Four powers Oregon State, Duke's first round opponent, and Navy figure to have very well-balanced teams. Tulane and Seton Hall will be strong, but not as strong as they were during the 1952-53 campaign.

Oregon State will give the Blue Devils a chance to see how they will fare against an exceptionally tall opponent. On the front line, the Beavers have a 7-3 center and their forwards average 6-7.

In all, anything over a .500 record for the Dukes against their vacation competition will be a creditable one. Let's hope they make a good showing in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

It didn't look good when Wake Forest defeated what was sup-

Blue Devils vs. Davidson Wildcats Tonight Seeking Their Fourth Victory of the Year

Co-captains Rudy D'Emilio and Bernie Janicki will lead a heavily-favored Blue Devil quintet against Davidson College tonight in Duke Indoor Stadium. Coach Hal Bradley's club, attempting to go over the century mark for the fourth time in four starts on the home floor, will start his usual line-up.

The Wildcats have eight returning lettermen and expect a more successful season than last year's 4-17 record. Starting for Coach Danny Miller's outfit will be Ish Bennett, Hobby Cobb, Pappy Fowle, George Melton, and Graeme Keith.

Although they have won only one game in four starts this year, the one victory being an upset win over South Carolina, the Wildcats are an improved team.

In the preliminary game, the Blue Ings will meet the 82nd Airborne Division of Fort Bragg. Then on Thursday they will journey to Cherry Point. After routing the Richmond frosh 100-63 Saturday to make their record 3-1, they are favored to win their fourth game against Ft. Bragg.

Swimmers Lose

Led by Fred Ruppenthal, who scored 10 points, the North Carolina State swimming team dumped the Duke tankmen, 53-31.

Hoping to reverse the outcome of their first meet, the tankers will meet UNC in Chapel Hill Wednesday.

Grapplers Beaten

The Washington and Lee Generals edged the Duke matmen here Saturday, 16-13, in the first match for the Blue Devils this season.

The frosh team did better than the varsity, as they picked up their first win against South Norfolk High School. The meet was strictly for practice, however.

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Page Offices Begin Moving to New Site

During the past three weeks, nine offices and departments have moved to the new \$1,500,000 administration building scheduled for completion early in February.

Already occupying space in administrative center are the Summer School, Graduate School, personnel department, rooming office, purchasing department, typing bureau, mailing room and the offices of the Director and Manager of Operations.

Nurses Will Participate In Christmas Program

With student nurses from Duke, Watts and Lincoln hospitals participating, the annual Christmas Choral Communion will be presented in the Hospital Amphitheater at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Officiating at the Communion, sponsored by the Vespers Committee of the Student Government Association of the School of Nursing, will be the Reverend Professor James T. Cleland, Preacher to the University.

Dr. Richard L. Tuthill To Assume Duties As First University Registrar on Feb. 1

President Hollis Edens announced that Dr. Richard L. Tuthill, currently registrar of the University of Kentucky, has been appointed as Duke's first registrar and will assume his duties Feb. 1.

"Dr. Tuthill will be concerned immediately with the organi-

zation of records and admissions at the undergraduate level," said President Edens. "His services will be extended to the entire University."

Dr. Tuthill, an established scholar in the field of economic geography, has formerly taught at Columbia, served as research

analyst with the War Department, was assistant director of research for Pan-American World Airways, and was professor of geography at the University of Kentucky as well as registrar.

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