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Editorial...

FEATURES OF PAST WEEK

A MODERN-DAY CHRISTMAS STORY

The Fall Term is over; courses for the Winter Term have begun; and, Christmas vacation is only a few hours away! Concluding the 1959 school days, the Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated in Santee Chapel Wednesday evening and last evening the annual Christmas Banquet was held in the refectory.

At the communion service, the Rev. Dr. David Dunn, dean, preached a sermon pointing up the relation of the Lord's Supper to the Christmas season. The Rev. Dr. Alfred Bartholomew was liturgist. Dave Knoebel assisted.

Contrary to what one of the announcements on the worship bulletin would lead readers to think, the communion offering does not help support the Eucumenical Student Project. That project, although a benevolent endeavor, is separate from the Benevolent Budget and must be supported from the all-seminary drive sponsored by the middler class.

At last night's banquet, the Rev. Dr. Wallace Fisher was the guest speaker. The Social Life Commission, headed by George Miller, arranged for a very festive affair, spending much time and effort to arrange the program, provide menu-programs, and decorations.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

(Editor's Note: Nothing we could say would say so much as effectively as does this message from the American Friends Service Committee via their newsletter, "Etcetera". The Friends do not claim originality for this "gospel".)

And there were in the same country, men traveling the highways by night, keeping watch over their stocks and bonds. And low, a new star appeared in the heavens, and the brilliance of it shone round about them, and they were afraid, until they turned on their radios and heard the good news, "Fear not, for behold, we bring you glad tidings. Unto you this day, from the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, a new four-ton satellite, which is called Project Score."

And suddenly there was a multitude of commentators, praising science and saying "Glory to the Advance Research Project Agency, for this will so impress the world that no nation will dare to go to war against us!"

And the wise men, seeing the new star in the south, rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And they brought forth their savings and invested them with Wall Street, for they said, "Surely the time is right. At last we have peace on earth."

SPORTS EDITOR REVIEWS

RECENT BASKETBALL GAMES

The seminary basketball team lost the second match with the Chrispus Attucks, 62-45, and won the third, 29-36, for a final 2-1 record. These practice games were preparatory to participation in the F & M intramural program beginning this week.

Although the outcome of the second game matched the first, they differed in that the Chrispus Attucks held a comfortable margin throughout the game and retained it to the end. Eleven men played in this game: Bates, Butts, Dean, Koller, Ruch, Schneirer, Trauger, Wenck, Wise, Wolfgang and Woodring.

The third game, played on Nov. 24 was unique in that the seminary crew led during most of the game and, this time succeeded in keeping the edge. Eight players took part: Butts, Dean Kurkowski, Richwine, Ruch, Wise, Wolfgang and Woodring.

There were several unusual episodes in this final game:

Shortly after play began, Fred Kurkowski snapped the frame of his glasses and the right lens popped out. However, since substitutes were scarce, some resourceful person found some scotch tape and Fred substituted during the rest of the game with a double vertical column of cellaphane tape obstructing the view of his right eye.

During the second half of the game, Bill Dean suffered what seemed to be a minor injury to his right thumb. However, it was later learned that that thumb had been broken in the first game, Nov. 10, and Bill had successfully kept it secret in order to play the other games.

Finally, one player was observed surrendering his T-shirt for team hustler, Cal Wolfgang (who wore a blue one) to prevent any undue confusion. "For the good of the order" he gave "the shirt off his back."

Coach Englert has formed two teams to compete with college intramural teams. Team 1, hereafter

THE ALTAR

By Mary Wenck

The word "Advent" should have a great deal of meaning for us. But all too often, the noise of the coming festival destroys our thoughts about the meaning of the event.

The word "Advent" means "to come to". The "coming to" which we are approaching is the celebration of the Birth of Christ. This is not a minor happening. In this celebration of his birth, we re-affirm that God did descend to earth in human form through his only Son, Jesus, and that he dwelt among us.

As we come to the celebration of his birth we must prepare ourselves for his coming and his call to us. Just as a builder must clean a building before it is fit for use, so we must purge ourselves of our uncleanness so that God might use us. We have to turn our minds and whole beings to God, and shut out our wants and desires.

Our prayer, during this time of preparation may be, in the words of Phillips Brooks: "O Holy Child, descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today." Then as we celebrate his coming, may we come to the full realization that the words of Isaac Watts are true: "Joy to the World, the Lord is come...the Saviour reigns...He rules the world with truth and grace."

affectionately to be known as the "One-ders", consists of Wolfgang, Dean, Koller, Conrad, Richwine, Woodring and Wise. Team 2, to be known as the "two-mers" is composed of Kurkowski, Ruch, Schneirer, Peters, Wenck, Trauger and Bates.

Six men broke into double figures in their total scoring for the games

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Wolfgang	12	12	16	40
Dean	10	12	0	22
Richwine	8	--*	9	17
Wise	5	2	9	16
Koller	5	9	--*	14
Woodring		10	2	12