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Students Will Celebrate Christmas With School-Wide Party, Open-House

Open House Tomorrow At 814 Park Avenue

Business Department Entertains Students

Open house will be the order of the day at the new business building tomorrow. The festivities, which are a combination Christmas celebration and housewarming for 814 Park Avenue, have been planned by the students in the business department, and all students are invited to attend.

The building will be decorated with holly and other Christmas ornaments, and there will be punch, cookies, potato chips and candy for everyone. Those who wish to play games have their choice of bridge, bingo or other games, and the record player will be there for those who wish to dance.

Ahern Chairman

Betty Ahern is the chairman for the committee who planned the activities, and the elected committee representatives from each of the business classes are Helen Hansard, Alice Curry, Beannie Passeri, Sarah Elizabeth Jones, Betty Jean Hoover, Lillian Beatty, Jean Fitzgerald, Caroline Hill, Joan Riddel, and June Childress.

150 Dolls Dressed For Needy Children

Christmas morning will see the faces of one hundred and fifty underprivileged children of Richmond brightened by the discovery of lovable little dolls nestling under their Christmas trees.

RPI is following its five-year tradition by dressing dolls for the Salvation Army, the organization distributing them to needy children, who, without this help, would not be remembered by Santa. Mrs. Lois Washer, head of the recreation leadership department, is in charge of the distribution of dolls here.

The degree of ingenuity going into the outfits of these dolls should provoke squeals of delight from any child who receives one. The wardrobe consists of play clothes, sleeping garments, and a "dress up" costume. Dr. Margaret Johnson's mother gave one bald-headed doll an attractive blond wig of knitting yarn, and also garbed another doll in a blue-and-red job like her brother in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Irene Gordon, the receptionist, is especially to be commended for her fine job of offering a doll to each student requesting an absence slip, using the telephone, or merely passing quietly through the hall.

Drs. Davis and Kalif Selected for Board

Dr. Howard H. Davis was elected president and Dr. George Kalif was named to the board of the Southern School for Workers last week at their annual meeting in Richmond.

Organized in 1927 as a program for women industry, the School has enlarged to serve men and women, both races, and industrial and agricultural workers.

Projects being conducted by the School are group discussions, conferences, institutes for training leaders, and classes which teach the fundamental skills of reading and writing to workers who are handicapped in progressing in their occupations due to scanty education.

The board announces that additional staff members are being recruited to continue this phase of the organization's program in other communities.

Christmas Pageant Set for Carillon

RPI students who are remaining in Richmond for the Christmas holidays have been invited to attend the presentation of the sixteenth consecutive pageant of the Nativity to be given at the Carillon in Byrd Park on the eve of Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 23, at 6:30 P.M., under the direction of the City Division of Recreation.

Formerly presented on Christmas Eve in Capitol Square before the war, the pageant will feature the Carillon bells, the choirs and choruses of churches and other groups, and the pageant, consisting of seven scenes telling the Christmas story.

Mr. Raymond Hodges, head of the dramatic art department at RPI, has been chosen to portray Joseph in the pageant.

Holiday Extended; Exams Announced

Two days have been added to the Christmas holiday schedule here as a result of a communication from the College of William and Mary last week. Christmas recess will now begin tomorrow at P.M. and classes will be resumed Friday, January 4.

Students are requested to notice that absence from the last meeting of a class before a holiday is penalized with double cuts. Should a student not be entitled to two cuts at that time, he may be fined on this basis.

With the extension of the holiday recess, the examination schedule will be moved up from the original date to Wednesday, January 23, according to Dr. Margaret Johnson, advisor to students. She said that the actual schedule will be posted as soon as it is completed and approved by the faculty. All examinations will be given during the eight-day period after January 23.

Paper Maintains Rating In ACP Collegiate Test

Maintaining its standing in the first semester last year, The Proscript has again been awarded first-class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press, which rates college publications semi-annually.

The rating has just been received by the staff, and was awarded for the second semester of last term. During that period Ann Yost edited The Proscript for a portion of the semester, resigning to become house president of her dormitory. Pat Miller and Ruth Sussman then were elected co-editors of the student publication.

In recent years The Proscript has come from third class to second and attained first class for the first semester last year.

Gymn Is Setting For Joint Program

First Celebration Of Its Type Here

Faculty and students of RPI and the School of Music will have their joint Christmas program in the Gymnasium Building on Shafer Street tonight at 7:30 o'clock, with Mr. Raymond Hodges as director.

The opening feature is to be the processional led by the Glee Club, with Mrs. Helen Fill Rhodes, head of the voice department of the music school, in charge. The club will sing a number of Christmas carols as the procession enters and leaves the building and marches around the campus.

One of the speech classes will read as a choir a group of carols, which will be interpreted by the modern dance group, among them being "Silent Night," traditional German; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella," old French, and "We Three Kings," traditional English. This group also will dance "Jingle Bells."

Another speech class will read as a speaking choir the original "Night Before Christmas," known to every child and adult, and then do a parody called "The Shop Girl's Night Before Christmas."

The closing feature of the program will be given by a third speech class during the Bible story of the Nativity, which will be given with tableaux, after which carols will be sung. Mr. Hodges is being assisted in putting on this comprehensive program by Mrs. Rhodes, Miss Mary Jane Dole, Miss Gertrude Reinhold and Mrs. Edna Jane Dexter.

Staff Needs Snapshots For Annual Features

One final plea for snapshots for the feature pages of the Wigwag, student annual, has been announced by Mildred English, editor-in-chief. Pictures of campus life or of students are desired. They may be left in the Wigwag mail box in the Ad Building.

The Wigwag has just completed two successful campaigns, the annual Christmas formal held Saturday night in the gymnasium and the sale of student directories. Men from the local camps and colleges attended the colorful dance, attendance to which was limited by the weather.

All of the student directories were sold in the drive last week. However, students may still order copies at fifteen cents each by signing the list on the bulletin board today.

White Christmas—Here and Abroad

Are you dreaming of a white Christmas, as the popular tune goes? And about that perennial turkey or baked ham with all the trimmings and goodies?

As we dash around doing our last-minute shopping, it is difficult to realize that in this very world there are many people to whom a white Christmas is anything but a dream. To far too many Europeans the snow has ceased to be a thing of beauty—it is a hard reality, and their starving bodies are in no condition to withstand another cold winter.

Our contributions cannot reach these war-devastated countries in time to give them something to call a Christmas dinner, but they will be no less appreciated in January or February. Before you leave for a happy, carefree Christmas vacation, get in the spirit early by getting in the canned goods for starving Europeans. Drop your cans of vegetables, potted meat, milk or soup in the barrel in the hall of the Administration Building under the official bulletin board.

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Holiday Mix

We fear that just a plain "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to the students and faculty of RPI would seem prosaic. We decided to try our luck at a novel way of wishing you the same. Here goes:

M is for mistletoe which brings results (they say)

E is for eager, you know the way.

R is for reindeer all prancing and gay.

R stands for Richmond where they'll land any day.

Y is for yummy—the food, turkey and goodies.

C is for Christmas. What else?

H is for holiday and long may it last.

R is for records sweet, slow, and fast.

I is for ingenuity which writing this takes;

S is for snow—what a Christmas that makes!

T is for the tree—shining, lovely and tall.

M is our wish, "Merry Christmas to All".

A with our A we hasten to add

S Santa Claus is coming—hurray!

We didn't claim to be poets in the first place, did we? But at Christmas time you can forgive anything, so get the idea?

Help Feed the Hungry

During the past week and lasting through tomorrow, students have had an opportunity to help feed the starving people of Europe, by placing canned foods in a box in the front hall of the administration building.

Energy building foods are needed urgently in Europe. Most of the children are stunted and apathetic from lack of food. A ten-year-old in Paris, Marseille, or Lyons gets only a half pint of milk a day, and a chocolate bar once a month. His eggs are powdered, and he seldom sees cheese or margarine. Some months he goes entirely without meat. Parisian girls of fourteen or fifteen years of age are ten pounds underweight and five and a half inches shorter than the average girl that age.

We still have one more day before the holiday in which we can bring either food or money; so why not begin our holidays, which will be filled with plenty, by helping to feed a starving world? By collecting food through schools, clubs and churches, we can show our representatives in Washington that we are willing to help bear the responsibility of feeding war torn Europe.

Hopes For The New Year

For the past four years all of us have hoped that this year would bring peace and a better world. In 1945 our hope for peace became a reality. In 1946, let us hope once again for a better world. If we show a little determination behind that hope and we all do our part in making it a better world, there is no reason why our hope for the year 1946 should not also become a reality.



You Write Us

Dear Editors:

I am sorry to have to announce at this late date that due to circumstances over which we have no control the third annual concert to have been sponsored by the Richmond Intercollegiate Council will not be given.

The prevalence of colds, inability to secure the buildings at Virginia Union, and the pre-Christmas school rush were all contributing factors. We all are very sorry that this had to be the case but we feel that by postponing the concert until after Christmas we can present a more attractive program.

I want to thank all who have worked in order to make the concert materialize and I ask your patience and continued cooperation.

Yours truly,
Martha Jane Coleman.

Dear Editors:

It is most inconvenient and exasperating for students who are on their way to classes to be forced to plow their way through a mass of coats hung thoughtlessly in the passageway between the day students' lounges. This practice is not only irksome, but dangerous as well, since it is quite possible for casualties to occur at the juncture within the coats where opposing forces meet.

If one half the number of students who deposit their wraps on hangars on the iron rod will cooperate by putting them on the hooks provided at the bottom of the stairs, the situation will be greatly improved.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Frayser.

Dear Editors:

Have the students of RPI done their best in the campaign for the collection of canned foods for Europe? Surely the half-filled barrel should be full and running over when we consider the number of students here and great need that is behind it.

Certainly we should be proud that we are able to do so small a thing for so great a cause.

In this season of a peacetime year when the spirit of remembrance and thankfulness prevails, we must surely feel humble when we consider the appalling conditions of a ravaged, war-torn Europe. Their's is the struggle for existence, our's is the privilege to help. We are grateful that the opportunity has been given us.

Sara Elizabeth Jones.

Caroling Opens Season

Ushering in the Christmas festivities, the students met in the parlor of Founder's Hall to sing carols on Friday during twenty minute period.



Frank Sinatra

Doctors Refuse Talk With The Voice

By Nikki Calisch

"Interview Frank Sinatra." I read it again, and it still said the same words. That was what I found on the *Proscript* bulletin board one morning last week.

I immediately contacted Edith Lindeman, publicity chairman of the Victory Bond Campaign, and discovered, to my regret, that the interview could not be given.

Frankie is, at present, fighting a battle against bronchitis. Two weeks ago he was so ill that his doctor ordered him not to speak for one whole day.

While the Voice has a contract to sing in a well-known night club every night, he still finds time to do charity shows. Last Saturday he was in Cleveland, Ohio, singing for a benefit.

Doctor's orders forbade any interviews of any kind when Frankie got to Richmond, even though he likes to talk to reporters, especially high school and college ones.

According to Miss Lindeman, every governor of every state requested him for a bond show, but Richmond is the only one who got him. Thanks go to Ed Sullivan, Broadway columnist and showman, who was on the bond show Sunday with Frankie, for this. Mr. Sullivan is very fond of Richmond, and Frankie is fond of Sullivan. So when Sullivan asked him to come, he did so gladly.

I'm not sure I could have done a good job on it. I am a bobby-soxer of the first degree, but I am not one of the girls who fall on their noses every time Frankie opens his mouth. True, I am glad I went to hear him at the bond show, but I would not battle a mess of females to get a glimpse of the Voice.

Council Outlines Banquet, Seminar

Replacing the annual birthday party of the Richmond Intercollegiate Council will be a banquet given in mid-January at Virginia Union University at which time Russel Jones, founder of the organization, will speak.

Tryouts for Basketball Team Promise Success

"Forty-five girls have reported for basketball practice, and the prospect for two strong teams are excellent," said Coach Dexter last week. "The squad will begin practice again after Christmas, and any girls who have been unable to come out yet will be welcome to join the squad," she added. "We shall practice Monday through Friday, and the two regular teams will be chosen from the present squad. We have a tentative schedule with West-hampton, and expect to schedule games with other teams soon," she concluded.

The members of the squad include Mary Roberts, Marion Collins, Barbara Perkins, Jane Guthrie, Virginia Rowe, Peggy Cunningham, Margaret Snell, Byrd Bradshaw, Gene Layne, Bobbie Huddle, Ann Jolly, Katherine Tartar, Connie Hatke, Gladys Watson, Mae Dickerson, Norma Hadden, Anita Spivey, Mildred English, Joyce Mathis, Mary Clark, Elton Hill, Mary Munce, M. F. Dimmick, Nancy Duggan, Nancy Sherman, Margaret Acres, Betty Donahue, Anne Tucker, Jean Wilson, Harriet Richards, Helen Jean Keeling, Norma Potter, Jinx West, Jean Elbertson, Pat Quisenberry, Ida Quarles, Ruth Fitts, Nell Hogshead, and Ebbie Stigall.

Veteran Speaks to Post War Problems Class

"Everything that was seen in the newsreels about the horror camps in Germany was absolutely true," declared Lt. James Rose, veteran, who spoke to the Post War Problems Class.

"I went to a camp that was planned to hold 10,000 people, but found 35,000 people interned. Bodies were cremated, 60 persons a day, and were stacked up like wood while waiting."

Lt. Rose is stationed at McGuire Hospital and served in Africa, Sicily and England.

Christmas Eve

The latch is on the string tonight,
The hearth fire is aglow,
I seem to hear swift passing feet,
The Christ Child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight
For stranger, kith, or kin;
I would not close a single door
Where Christ may enter in.
—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

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Cut by Peggy Jamison

Snow in Richmond Enjoyed by Young Folk

Snow fell on Thursday in Richmond, bringing all the younger folks out to play, and causing the older to walk more gingerly. If not out yourself, you probably didn't see the attempted snow battle in front of Founders' Hall, as the girls tried to make snowballs out of what appeared to be a quarter of an inch of snow. It was undecided as to which dormitory was the victor, but "a good time was had by all," they said.

Everyone expressed the wish that we have a white Christmas, which seems to be the general hope of all at RPI and elsewhere. Until then, Merry Christmas, everyone!

Cellar Door Players Continue With Plans

The Cellar Door Players presented "Figureheads", directed by Lillian Cohen, on Wednesday evening. After the play, a talk was given by Miss Mary E. Pepel, dramatic of the John Marshall High School. Miss Pepel talked about teaching dramatics in rural and city schools, the joy of teaching, and the hardships that sometime face the one in such a capacity.

For the last one-act play, Miss Gertrude Reinhold was technical director, with Peggy Jamison as stage manager, and electrician, Muriel Deno. The cast included Joan Walenstein, Carolyn Graves, Elaine Winer, Suzanne Thornton, Burt Edwards, Charles Gale, and Joe Sillfin.

Plans are already in progress for the coming year with many varied performances, says the president.

Betty: Love is like an apple pie.
Jane: Meaning?
Betty: All you need is a lot of crust and apple sauce.

Holiday Club Flourish Cut Short by Sickness

Spurred on in their pre-Christmas program activities by the nearing of the holiday season, the clubs at RPI met last week for what is, in most cases, the last time in 1945. Plans were made for Fine Arts and International Relations club meetings, but the illness of many of the officers and members caused last-minute cancellation of these until after the holidays.

To pay for the basketball uniforms already ordered for the boys' team, the Minority Club sponsored a bingo in the Blue Room of Ewart's Cafeteria on Thursday evening. Prizes were donated by local merchants.

A buffet supper, arranged by Carolyn Graves, Margaret Walton, and Jesse Addison preceded the Theatre Associates' theater party to "Wuthering Heights," presented at Virginia Union University last week.

The Therpies Club, of the OT department, also had a meeting, at which time plans were made for several Christmas activities, and carried out. They included the sale of Christmas seals, the decoration of the Christmas tree for the Christmas pageant, a display of hand-made Christmas decorations, and the annual party at Miss Hurt's home.

Christmas Seals

Approximately \$15 worth of Christmas seals were sold on the first day of the campaign which began last Thursday under the supervision of the O. T. students who have studied T. B. in the class of Miss Helen Freas.

The seals were obtained from Miss Lillian Guidry, who is on the staff of the Richmond T. B. Association. Harriet Richards also assisted in the securing of stamps.

Mademoiselle Fifi Is Hailed Campus Beauty

By Virginia Rowe

Cheers and whistles greeted Mademoiselle Fifi, alias Frenchy Grumiaux, representative of 819, when she stepped onto the stage Monday at the Minority Club's annual fashion show. The mademoiselle, attired in the latest garb from Paree, was a typical fashion plate from head to toe. Her side-draped dress, sling pumps, and muskrat fur coat lent an air of sophistication that could not be equaled by the other contestants.

With a smile for all, and with her imported pooch Lassie on a leash, the mademoiselle was compelled to walk the length of the stage many times due to the overwhelming ovation that she received. Her pleasing personality was reflected in the manner in which she walked across the stage, and never in R. P. I.'s history has such an enhancing and captivating personality graced its midst. Such grace and poise has never been equaled, and it is doubtful to say in years to come if so lovely a creature as the mademoiselle will ever darken our portals.

Cameras bopped here and there in an attempt to catch the mademoiselle in one of her extraordinary poses, and bulbs were continually flashing throughout her prolonged exhibition on of the stage.

When the show had ended, and the judges had reached their decision, the mademoiselle was called to the stage and presented the coveted cup, a symbol of her outstanding performance and her unequalled beauty. With a flutter of her lashes the petite one took the cup, with her musical French accent timidly thanked the judges, and sauntered off the stage.

Overseas Food Campaign Started

A campaign to obtain food for the starving countries of Europe has been started. Combining to promote the drive, which will last until the Christmas holidays, are the sociology and journalism classes.

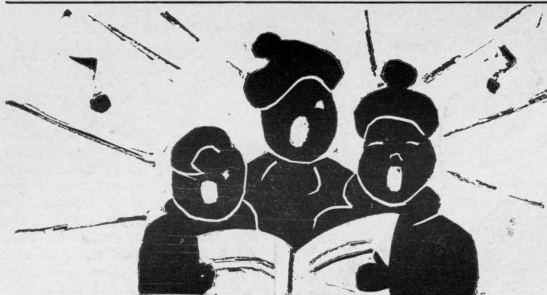
The foods wanted should be rich in protein and packed in tin cans. Paper, cardboard, and glass containers are not suitable for overseas shipment. Types of food best suited for sending are canned fish, such as sardines or tuna, canned meat, such as Spam or Prem, canned milk, and meat-based soups.

A movie, entitled "The World of Plenty," a United Nations film, was shown in Dr. Alice Davis' sociology class. The class also wrote a letter to Congress urging them to rush UNRRA appropriations to Europe. The letter was signed by approximately fifty students.

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Should Auld Acquaintance—

Mary Frances Dimmick, Sylvia Thompson, and Josephine Tote are attending the graduation dance of the Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee tomorrow night. Three OC's are in the Quartermaster Corps. Congratulations upon your earning those shining bars.

Let us suggest for good coupling Joy McAllister and her Phil; also Jinx West and her best Phil. That name is the winner in 818 this month.

Rose Minkoff just hopped, skipped, and jumped to Newport News to greet her brother back after three years in the Pacific. If those pictures on her dresser aren't faked we're sorry we didn't go to say hello too.

Mary MacEntee, that Real Yankee, is very much in favor of a dah-ling rebel from South Carolina; blond hair, blue eyes, and ALL the trimmings.

Sarah Sadler and Babe Hunnicutt are busy buying air mail stamps to send their love to Bob and Charlie respectively. Japan is awfully far away, Babe. Wish we could help.

Did you see Lila Bloomberg totting that stone block to the sculpture studio? The finished statue really should be good, with that working attire of goggles, lab. coat, and flowered kerchief.

Peggy Neeley had a visit from her Louisiana school roommate of last year. Certainly sounded swell to hear those two reminisce.

Quincy Parrish spent a grand weekend entertaining the parents of Sgt. Bill Wright, still in the European Theatre. Not definite yet, but it's hoped Billy may join them for Christmas dinner.

Hannah Bromberg attended her sorority's anniversary dance. We believe tales of that swell time in Newport News.

Doris Ehrencrona continues to receive her daily letter from OAO Steve. That lucky girl was asked for her New Year's Eve date three months in advance. What's the secret of your success?

Helen Hansard is busy knitting tiny garments—for Virginia Bowling Douglas, RPI student last year, who is expecting the stork about the time of spring vacation.

Ruth Richmond has a gleam in her eye! Bet you would too if you had a chance to date her Lt. "Tex". Yes, he's from Texas—you know, the United States lies to its east, north, and west, we're told.

A graduate in '43, Harriet Cooper has become engaged to Capt. Gilbert Stanton, U.S. Army. The wedding will take place during January. Best of everything from all your old friends.

Martha Jane Coleman and Sarah Hirsch have been bridesmaid for their respective sisters this month.

Lyle Omohundro (registrar's office) said "I do" to Charles Henry Davis December 1.

Let's give a bottle of liniment to Letatrice Caplan in hopes that the ankle will soon be well.

Edith Stewart has the Navy in bond these days. The sailor came all the way from Chicago.

Dick Gibbs' "little" brother Herbie (the 6 ft. 2 giant) home on leave is trying to date every girl in RPI and is darn near succeeding.

Overheard at the Minority Club beauty contest: "Look at those good looking legs on Frenchy!"

Feature attraction in the day student's room this week was Helen Jean Keeling cutting Peggy Christian's long, golden locks. No appointment needed, gals.

It'll be a lonely Christmas for Nikki Calisch since her dream guy at McGuire went home on furlough. Same for Dore Abramson if "Chubby" doesn't recuperate from the flu soon.

Elaine Winer received a long distance call from St. Louis recently, but she claims not to be excited about it. It's a different story with Mimi Gersham regarding her call via San Francisco from Henry.

Nunny Glass, fortunate lass, is taking flying lessons from a Capt. Walters.

We bumped into that Fitchette child, who had just got back from a visit at Queens College, N. C. All she had to say was, "Gee, I'm glad to be back." She has plenty to come back to. Six feet four inches of a guy named Larry.

Joan Shapiro and Margie Blumberg were seen rushing to the station for a trip to New York. Susan Griffin is going there to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mary Sue Colonna is walking around on a cloud these days. The man, Carrol, is back from 18 months overseas. Fact is they're both on a cloud.

Ruth Sussman, Marianne Silver, and Erna Rosenbloom were the guests of Lorraine Saunders this past weekend in Norfolk.

Jane Dunkum and parents are taking in Sarasota, Florida, during Christmas. Gosh, some people have all the luck.

Lois Spiess and Leigh Breuer are hopping to the Academy for the Christmas dances. The lucky midshipmen are Bill Ayers and Jack Evergan.

Jean Maddox and Bucky Baxter are taking off for Teaneck, N. J., a few days during the holidays.

Have you noticed those naval officers that have been making Richmond their weekend quarters—could their interest be Charla Frey, Anne Wootton, Connie Cook and Claire Rodman?

Spirit of Christmas Brings Glee to Campus

By Jeanne Frayser

Conspiracy lurks on this campus! Some unauthorized something has opened the doors of this institution of higher learning and let the spirit of Christmas invade, interrupting our peaceful pursuance of knowledge. Like an unwelcome visitor, it has crossed our threshold and with insolent grace sprawled itself firmly in our midst, spouting its contagious exuberance in every cranny and nook accessible. It has saturated everything with cheery, chuckles cherished, and emblazoned every old thing with a touch of its merriment, so nothing is as it was.

The boisterous notes of uncertain quality once heard floating from the depths of the day students' lounge are now supplanted by honeyed choruses harmonizing Christmas carols; voices but lately obsessed with marvelous tales of tests, term papers, and the bearded "34" now entrance themselves with stories of unscrupulous things in red-and-white tissue paper; escapades to some beloved habitat; or, reflections on the heavenly two weeks dedicated to the prosecution of neglected sleep and parallel reading.

Students who formerly dragged

themselves to classes, suddenly dismiss the drag and trippingly scuttle to their destination, there to moon with distraught expressions over extra-curricula activities—a Christmas card, the text becomes; a Santa Claus, the teacher; and all the sundry questions asked, a non-sensical, stupid feature.

Professors who, several weeks ago, strode briskly up and down the halls nodding to wayward children forget to be absent-minded and scamper jauntily on their mission, flashing mischievous smiles that make them not distinguished, not professors, and rightly so, not absent-minded.

Christmas parties, not heard of this twelfthmonth, break out like a small epidemic, their joy climaxing in an expectant bubble that bursts only when Santa plunges down the chimney on Christmas morn.

Exquisitely dressed Christmas trees peep from dormitory windows, casting furtive glances at passers-by, while the last refrain of "We Three Kings", wafting from an opened window, dissolve into the intermittent tinkle of bells sounding a timorous MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Term Paper Pains Common to All

"Whatcha writing about? I haven't done a thing, either. Mine's due tomorrow—what'll I do?"

These are some of the remarks making the rounds of RPI now as many studies prepare to hand in term papers. Subjects range from "How to Buy a Goat" to "What the Burma Road Means to China."

During the past week and a half there has been a large influx of RPItes to the various libraries in the city, each armed with library cards, pens, pencils, and a large supply of chewing gum. These people browse through the index cards in the reference room, find some seven or ten books from which to obtain information, and then settle down with good intentions.

But there is always a friend there who wants to know how that week-end date turned out. Half an hour later the two decide they are hungry and leave to get a bite at the drug store. They eventually return, look at the clock, and remember that "THE MAN" is going to call at 5:00; so, off they rush, leaving their books and good intentions in the library.

In some way or other, these people manage to turn in their papers when they are due, but the outcome depends on others.

SPECIALIZATION

Specialization is more and more about less and less, until finally we know everything about nothing.

—Dr. McCoy.

First boy: Describe the new bathing suits.

Second boy: When properly filled, it is a garment with no hooks but plenty of eyes on it.



Snow Flakes

HOLLY AND RED BERRIES (in other seasons, orchids) TO: Dinah Shore's sultry Honey . . . the lengthened vacation with more time for fun and sleep . . . Tex Beneke for reorganizing and fronting Glenn Miller's smooth AAF band . . . black lingerie which will delight any college gal . . . Let It Snow (actually) and by Vaughan Monroe . . . those gold slave necklaces or chokers however Vogue now labels 'em . . . the kids who dressed dolls for the Salvation Army . . . Frank Sinatra actually coming to Richmond . . . the hit from "Fallen Angel", Slowly, none of the local platter places have it at present . . . the Army and the Navy for donating to civilians—snafu and hubba, hubba.

Snitched Snatches

Redheads do have some important advantages, after all. They are almost never going to be bald-headed . . . and are much easier to spot in case of shipwreck.

Adolescence—the age when a girl's voice changes from no to yes.

You can tell a city girl from a country girl when it's windy. The country lass will grab her skirts—the city babe grabs her hat.

Luck: Getting a runner in a stocking that has a hole in the heel.