

Season's Greetings



HARK!

Christmas has no rivals for total impact. It more than any other time brings together the highest moment of history, the pleasantest recollections of memory, an unmatched presentation of things to delight our senses and sensibilities, and unparalleled opportunities for generosity.

History furnishes the marvelous Christmas story; as one famous American preacher put it, "Only God could have thought of Christmas."

From our memories come those wonderful flashbacks into many a Christmas gone by, especially those of our childhood, bringing to mind many people--family and friends--some no longer with us, some separated by great distances, some growing old along with us.

Our senses of sight and hearing "never have it so good" as at Christmas, when light and color and form are presented to us through the eye and ear. Even the tastes and aromas of Christmas are rich and distinctive.

Most of all, however, we should treasure the opportunities for generosity and for being our best selves. When all else about us puts forward its best for Christmas, can we withhold joy, kindness, peace, hope and love?

"Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing."

We soon shall pause for two weeks (less one day) in our academic calendar. During this time, Christmas is yours for the asking. It is my hope that you will both give and find more meaning than ever before. Lucy joins me in sending good wishes.

J. M. Moudy

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION

An attempt to respond to the critics of the current system of higher education is voiced in an article, "The Counter-University Movement", in the Oct. issue of the Journal of Higher Education. Writes J. W. Swanson, "The critics claim that higher education has deteriorated, but deteriorating means changing from something else". Swanson examines the ideal from which the current system has moved and notes that higher education at the turn of the century appealed only to a limited number of students, with little opportunity for students to encounter "great minds". The current situation is that much of the undergraduate teaching is handled by teaching assistants. Swanson writes that these are not, as is reported, bad teachers; rather, teaching assistants represent a carefully selected, well-trained group of young people who may be closer to the undergraduate than the senior professors.

The United States expects by the latter part of the next decade to have about 70% of its high school graduates attending college. Currently the U. S. has a larger portion of its young people in graduate school than would be true in undergraduate colleges in almost every other nation.

An editorial on "Public Aid to Private Schools" in a recent issue of The Medical World News, discusses how the United States has long prided itself on diversity in higher education, with major institutions being supported by private philanthropy. The editorial states that the partnership between public and private institutions is in jeopardy because private giving seems to be decreasing. Private philanthropy has been affected by creeping inflation and growing demands from private sources for an expanding number of agencies, plus more giving being diverted to publicly supported institutions. In the long run, this could mean a limitation on the private institution at the very moment when its public service in partnership with the public institution is in demand at an all-time high. "If private giving were to dry up as a result of personal or corporate indifference or as a result of short sighted punity of tax legislation or for any other reason, the diversity that is the strength of American higher education would eventually die. And with its death one of the great bulwarks of educational freedom would be circumscribed and opportunities for educational innovation diminished".

In the Winter issue of The American Scholar, Kenneth Clark, professor of psychology at the College of the City of New York, writes on "Intelligence, the University and Society". Says Clark, "Probably the only protection for contemporary man is to discover how to use his intelligence in the service of love and kindness. The training of human intelligence must include the simultaneous development of human empathy. Only in this way can intelligence be made an instrument of social morality and responsibility". Clark writes that the need to produce human beings with trained morally sensitive intelligence is essentially a challenge to educators and educational institutions.

\$5,000 GIFT RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN OIL FOUNDATION

An unrestricted gift of \$5,000 was presented to TCU recently by the American Oil Foundation. L. W. Moore of Chicago, the Foundation's president, stated that the funds were to be used currently to improve education and not for endowment purposes. "Our contribution," he said, "may be applied wholly or in part toward research, faculty salaries, libraries, training teachers, operating costs, building programs or any other purposes desired". In receiving the gift, Chancellor Moudy indicated it would be used to support TCU's teaching and research programs.

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QUICK-DRAW WORCESTER ELECTED "SHERIFF"

Dr. Donald Worcester, chairman of TCU's history department, may not wear a "star" over his vest pocket to prove it, but he's now a "sheriff". Don was elected to hold this distinctive honor during 1967 by the Fort Worth Westerners Corral. The corral is one of 25 unaffiliated organizations of persons interested in Western history. The Fort Worth group was the first formed in Texas. Another is in El Paso. Other TCU members of the corral are Ben Procter, Maurice Boyd, W. C. Nunn, Malcolm McLean, Rawlins Cherryhomes and Charles McFarland. Worcester also holds membership in the Western History Assn. and Western Writers of America. Of course, Don may not be too quick with a six-shooter, but man, is he fast on the draw with a pipe!

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LORRAINE SHERLEY NAMED TO PROFESSORSHIP

Lorraine Sherley, a member of TCU's faculty since 1927, has been named to succeed the late Cecil Williams to the Addie Levy Professorship of Literature. The professorship was endowed by a trust fund in the will of the late Dan A. Levy of Fort Worth and the chair was established at TCU in the name and memory of the donor's mother to recognize an outstanding teacher-scholar in the area of world literature. In writing to Miss Sherley, Dr. Moudy said: "I know you will grace this position and wear well the honor which it brings. In turn, you will bring honor upon the memory and intent of the donor".

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NOTE ON FACULTY LUNCHEONS

In case some are wondering, we'll have our usual Wednesday Faculty Luncheon tomorrow in the Student Center ballroom. We'll skip a week and then resume after the holidays with a luncheon on Jan. 4, 11 and 18. And then, believe it or not, we'll be into final exams and the end of the Fall semester.

RETIREMENT CHANGE FOR T. I. A. A.

The T. I. A. A. office has announced that persons covered under their retirement plan may now allocate up to 75% of their dues for the CREF program. Faculty members who wish to increase their participation in the CREF program should write the University business office requesting such change.

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EXPANSION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PLANNED

Two programs in Special Education, both leading to teacher certification, will be expanded during the 1967-68 academic year, according to Dr. Wyatt E. Stephens, director. The programs will be in cooperation with Fort Worth's Child Study Center and will train teachers of children with special learning disabilities and of the mentally retarded. The program for training teachers of the mentally retarded will have four major goals: 1) establishment of a certification program in Mental Retardation; 2) development of a basic program of sufficient quality to attract teachers to the field and serve as a core for programs to upgrade professional training among teachers and others in the community who work with the retarded; 3) provide a foundation for graduate programs in Special Education; 4) provide a strong cross-disciplinary orientation toward child development.

The Starpoint School for children of normal or better intelligence, but with learning disabilities, is the first project begun in Special Education at TCU.

Special Education certification at TCU is a 127-hour program. "Of seven four-year colleges and universities serving the 2 million persons living within a 35-mile radius of Fort Worth, only one (Texas Woman's University in Denton) certifies teachers in this field", Dr. Stephens said.

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WORK UNDERWAY ON GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN, TOO

This is the year of the catalog. As everyone is well aware, all University bulletins are being updated and printed for the 1967-68/1968-69 two-year period. Included is the General Information bulletin which is printed annually--to keep us current on faculty changes, admission and registration procedures, finances, etc. Though everyone most concerned with this bulletin has been notified to let us know of any changes that need to be made, we'd appreciate hearing from any others on campus who are aware of errors or corrections. Just call the Public Relations office, ext. 211 or 210 and give the catalog page involved.

YULETIDE NOTES ON MOST NOTABLE FOLKS

Whether it was a flair for the dramatic or a streak of oneriness, only his barber knows for sure, but HOWARD WIBLE does know how to get hold of the attention of his students. Last week he walked quietly into the Student Center cafeteria with a stern-looking policeman by his side. Howard announced he had something important to tell the students. The usual chatter became silent. There was not a sound as they waited to hear what kind of "trouble" was afoot. The the Dean of Students told them there was a film on motorcycle safety being shown in the ballroom and all persons interested should attend. The policeman turned out to be the friendly kind.

In his efforts to stay busy, Howard has spoken recently to the Fort Worth Chapter of AAUW on "Families in Changing Communities", to the Texas Society of Professional Engineers on "Motivation", to Arlington Heights school teachers on "How to Get In and Stay In College", and to the Dallas chapter of the Administrative Management Society on "Managerial Obsolescence".

MALCOLM ARNOULT of psychology will speak this evening (Dec.20) on "Distance Judgments under Simulated Space Conditions" at a meeting of the TCU Sigma Xi Club at 7:45 p.m. in Room 112, Winton-Scott Hall. The topic concerns some of the research going on for NASA in the temporary building immediately east of the library.

PAUL YOUNG of testing and guidance spoke recently to the TCU Psychology Club on hypnosis, to the Arlington Frist of the Public Library on Humor, and to the Progressive Pre-School PTA in Arlington on "Let Me Speak to the Dads".

Last Sunday, for the third consecutive year, IRA SCHANTZ (asst. prof. of voice) was tenor soloist in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" with the choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls. Ira was one of the tenor soloists the preceding week in a presentation of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" with the orchestra and chorus of Friends Univ., Wichita, Kansas.

Ten members of TCU's Art Department faculty have some of their recent works on exhibit at the Dallas Public Library. The exhibit, scheduled for Dec. 12-Jan. 7 includes paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and ceramics of JAMES ALLEY, MISS BROOKE BULOVSKY, ROBERT CARDWELL, HARRY GEFFERT, WILLIAM HANEY, CHARLES ISOLINE, RICHARD LINCOLN, KARL RICHARDS, JOHN THOMAS and MCKIE TROTTER.

MORE NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

BEN STRICKLAND and PORTER CROW of education and HOMER KLUCK, Methodist campus minister, are among the professional leaders who will participate in a "Retreat for Becoming Teachers". The retreat will be held Dec. 28-30 at Lake Sharon and is sponsored by District V of the Texas State Teachers Assn. The three-day session is planned for Future Teachers of America and Student Educational Assn. members and will focus on the meaning and importance of the teaching commitment in today's world.

An article by JAMES NEWCOMER, vice chancellor for academic affairs, entitled "The Case for the Ivory Tower", has been published in the December issue of The Journal of Higher Education. The article discusses the accelerated production of scholars and the speeded-up programs for reaching the academic pinnacle of a Ph. D. degree. It was based on Dr. Newcomer's Founder's Day address for the Denton Phi Beta Kappa Assn. earlier this month.

RUDOLPH THEOBALD of testing and guidance has just returned from an exciting vacation. While away he became the father of a baby girl, born Dec. 8. Rudolph, and wife Teresa and new daughter, Soraya Fredericke, are doing fine. Congratulations! Sounds like a mighty nice Christmas present.

ART EHLMANN of geology recently returned from a three-day trip to Trinity and St. Marys Universities in San Antonio and Lamar Tech in Beaumont where he gave lectures on his Caribbean research. Art gave a similar talk at Midwestern U. several weeks ago.

Representing the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Assn. of which he is president, JIM STANDIFER of phys. ed. spoke recently to the City and County Administrators of Texas Assn. of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Jim also outlined the planning necessary for future Driver Education programs in the schools.

LES EVANS and KEITH TURKETT of education were in Dallas last week attending a two-day seminar on Data Processing sponsored by the Texas Education Agency, Southwest Educa. Devel. Lab and Honeywell Data Processing.

CHARLES FOOTE of accounting has been appointed district director of Delta Sigma Pi, international business fraternity. Charles will have supervision of student chapters at Baylor, Arlington State and TCU, in addition to the Fort Worth Alumni Club.

You can't keep a good man down. Athletic Director ABE MARTIN is up and about just a bit; even dropped by his office yesterday for a few minutes to greet his coliseum colleagues. Abe plans to be back to work after the holidays.

MORE FACULTY YULETIDE NOTES

Evening College mathematics instructor PHILLIP SLOVER, a project design engineer at General Dynamics, has written an article on "The Design of the F-111 Land Gear/Speed Brake System". The article will appear in the Dec. issue of Hydraulics and Pneumatics magazine.

ALLIENE HARDER, MARGARET ROUSE, PORTER CROW, LES EVANS and KEITH TURKETT all of education attended a two-day meeting of Teacher Educational and Professional Standards in Dallas recently.

MARTINE EMERT, surrounded by flowers, Christmas tree and many cards, reports from Room 625 in Harris Hospital that she thinks often of her TCU friends and would be delighted to have them visit or phone her. Before you drop by it would be best to check with the hospital nurse to be sure she's feeling OK.

C. K. ("Mac") MCFARLAND, new to the history dept. this year, recently published an article on "The Federal Government and Water Power, 1901-1913", in the journal of Land Economics, issued by the U. of Wisconsin.

It was good to see MIRTH and CHARLES SHERER (affectionately known as "Prof") back on campus after a seven-month journey through Europe. The couple retired from TCU in 1965. She had taught in the history dept. and Prof in mathematics. Mirth was busy helping the Faculty Woman's Club decorate the Student Center ballroom for last week's faculty Christmas party and Prof was talking about his new assignment at the Univ. of Texas.

Another far-from-retired couple, HERB and ESTHER MUNDHENKE, are in Fort Worth for the Holidays before leaving Los Angeles on a 70-day boat trip beginning Jan. 2 which will take them to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. Herb was formerly chair-man of the economics dept. and Esther is a recognized authority on religious education for elementary age children. We wish them a wonderful voyage.

KATHLEEN ROBERTS, a student of DESIRE LIGETI and the late John Brigham of music, has been given a contract for ten guest appearances in a major role in "La Traviata" by the St. Gallen Municipal Opera in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

YULETIDE NOTES ON FOLKS

Education Dean HERB LAGRONE is recovering from surgery performed Monday in All Saints Hospital. He'll be hospitalized for about two weeks. Hope Santa can find him.

NEIL HULINGS of biology received a distinguished service award last Tuesday from the Honors Cabinet. Neil is leaving TCU after this semester to become director of research and personnel in the oceanographic division of the Smithsonian Institute.

JIM DYAL of psychology is making plans for a 15-month NSF Faculty Fellowship at the University of California at Berkeley, beginning June 15. Jim will spend one-half of his time back in the classroom studying invertebrate zoology and one-half doing research on animal learning. If there's a student protest march while he's there, Jim already has a sign to read: "Down with vertebrates".

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Christmas is a time of joy--
a time of warmth, of singing,
of friendly greeting.

It is a time of giving, of sharing
heart and happiness
and bounteous blessing.

Christmas is a time of seeking
amid the glitter and clamor
of lights and noise--

the Christ everlasting
and the message He brings
of faith, of hope, of love.

MAY YOU AND YOURS HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!