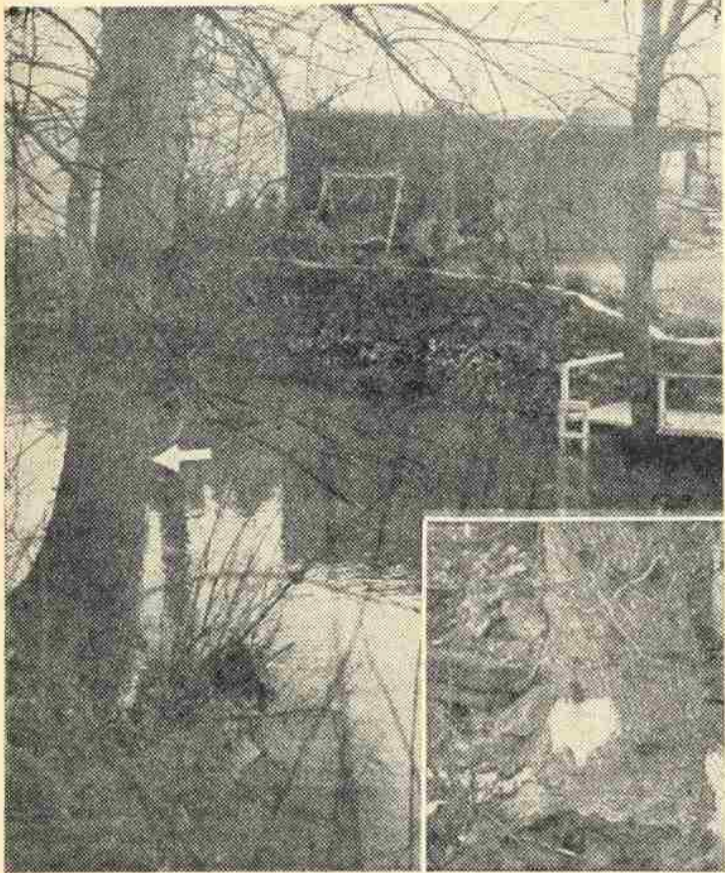


Light Ballot Elects Blankenship Glee Manager

Beaver Chow Time



Arrow marks the spot where a hungry beaver has been chewing on an Alpha Chi tree, endangering the house in the background. Inset shows how the beaver's work has progressed to date. (Photo by Bill McKinney.)

Eager Beaver Munches Tree In Alpha Chis' Back Yard

An overly-ambitious beaver with a taste for ash has been plaguing the Alpha Chi Omega's and their next door neighbors on 15th street with his long-range plan for building a dam between their respective banks of the mill stream.

The ash tree that Benny's attempting to topple towers some 75 feet upward—and should his persistence whittle the trunk in half, the tree would fall on the neighbor's newly constructed summer house. Needless to say,

the neighbors were alarmed.

A request for immediate action to forestall any future calamity prompted the Alpha Chi's to coat the growing notch with turpentine, hoping to make Benny's midnight snack a bit distasteful. But the turpentine didn't deter his appetite one morsel.

Their strategy foiled, the Alpha Chi's sent a request to the Salem Park bureau, who dispatched a crew to survey the situation. Their solution was a wire barricade around the tree to discourage further nibbling. For the moment at least, Benny is stumped.

Nobody has seen anything more of Benny than his dental work, and there is no way of knowing whether or not he has any accomplices. Why he chose the branch of the mill stream below the city ice works for his chomping ground is a further mystery, but his presence poses a problem.

If Benny is predisposed to building dams, he won't be discouraged with only one set-back. Benny's fate therefore now rests in the hands of the game commission.

Ed Armstrong To Keep Job

Ed Armstrong, Willamette associate director of development until he joined the "Oregon for Eisenhower" committee last December and was subsequently appointed administrative assistant to Governor Douglas McKay in January, will continue as an executive aide to Oregon's new governor, Paul Patterson, Patterson announced Tuesday night.

Debaters Wood, Scheidel Win Wachtel Achievement Award

Jim Wood and Tom Scheidel, both seniors and veteran Willamette debaters, won the Wachtel Achievement award of Tau Kappa Alpha, national honorary forensic fraternity, Dr. Howard Runkel announced this week.

The honor was communicated to Dr. Runkel from the national president of the fraternity, Dr. Wayne C. Eubank, of the University of New Mexico. The award, the only one to be made to a Pacific Northwest team this term, is presented for "superior work in debate."

Scheidel and Wood were es-

pecially cited for their achievement of second place among 150 teams in the recent Western Speech association tournament, held at the University of Denver. In this event they defeated senior teams from Stanford university, the University of Southern California, Brigham Young university, the University of Southern California, Brigham Young university of Utah, Arizona State college, Colorado A. & M., the University of Colorado and Pacific university. They lost in the tournament's final debate to Occidental college of Los Angeles that took top honors.

Vaughn Blankenship, freshman from Riverside, Calif., was elected 1953 Glee manager Tuesday in a vote of less than half the members of the freshman class, according to Bob Stone, election manager.

Blankenship received a majority of the 131 votes cast in the one-day election over running-mates Bill Freeman and Bob McDonald. He received a few more than half the ballot, eliminating a run-off election.

This year's low ballot of 131 was surpassed by the freshman vote in 1950 and 1951, with no figures available for 1949. The class of '53, this year's juniors, cast 169 votes in their Glee manager primaries, with the class of '54 tallying 203 votes last year.

Student body president Rollin Cocking will appoint the Execu-



Vaughn Blankenship

tive Glee committee which serves as an advisory group on the Tuesday after vacation.

With Glee set for March 21 this year, 92 days remain before the forty-fifth annual class competition which will feature an alma mater theme. Blankenship will name the various freshman committee heads in January.

In campaigning for the post, Blankenship said he would attempt to publicize Glee nationwide. He hoped to sell a national magazine on printing an account of Willamette's annual event. He promised also to issue a special edition of the Collegian.

Blankenship was notified of his appointment Wednesday after the student council decided he should be given more time in which to prepare before vaca-

Lilles, Revisions Committee to Jointly Study Proposed Changes in Tuesday Convocation

Amaryllis Lilles, convocation manager, has tentatively adopted several new rules of procedure for the Tuesday meetings following an open hearing for suggestions last week.

The new rules of procedure are a combination of Miss Lilles' ideas and suggestions made by Cardinal Key for convocation improvement. The new rules are scheduled to be incorporated into the by-laws of the constitution by Manager Lilles and the constitutional revision committee at their next meeting after vacation but require the approval of the student council before they are valid.

Improvements to be discussed include closing of the doors at five minutes after 10, singing of school songs at the close of the meetings, student seating on the main floor, service as ushers by the "W" club and requiring all announcements to go through channels. It is also planned to schedule class meetings during convocation periods at the discretion of the manager.

At the Thursday hearing, Miss

Lilles called for a more clearly defined account of chapel committee limitations and duties. Rollin Cocking, student body president, suggested that such provision be made in the by-laws and that a report be submit-

ted at the end of each year by the outgoing manager for the use of the new committee. If the plan passes the student council, all changes in convocation procedure will then necessitate passage by the council.

Blood Drive to Begin Jan. 6; 75 Gallons Needed to Fill Goal

The first steps in the bi-annual drive of the American Red Cross to solicit 75 gallons of blood from Willamette students on January 15 were taken yesterday by Bob Goff, manager.

Goff met with a committee composed of various representatives of the living organizations to discuss policy and advertising procedures for the drive.

The week-long campaign for blood will begin on January 6, immediately after Christmas vacation, when the representatives will contact students for blood pledge slips. A total of 600 students out of the 1000 enrolled in school will be needed to fill the 75-gallon goal, Goff said.

Goff warned students not to give blood this Christmas vacation if they plan to give in January.

The members of the committees and the groups that they will represent in the campaign are as follows: Linda Gregg, Alpha Chi Omega; Stuart Shaw, Baxter hall; Bob Anderson, Beta Theta Pi; Sharon Griswold, Chi Omega; Delores Miller, Delta Gamma.

Sue McMullen, Lausanne hall; Bill Briggs, Phi Delta Theta; Pat Harris, Pi Beta Phi; Larry Pritchett, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Paul Ackerman, Sigma Chi; and Bonnie Baker, Wits. Mrs. Ewalt represented the faculty.

Rebecca Hang To Attend Meet

Rebecca Hang, Willamette freshman from Singapore, will leave tomorrow for East Lansing, Michigan, to participate in a "Christmas Adventure in World Understanding" sponsored by the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, part of Michigan State college. Rebecca will be one of the 200 foreign students attending the conference.

Student delegates will celebrate Christmas in East Lansing, visit surrounding farm homes and Detroit factories, and participate in meetings and discussion groups. On December 31, World Cooperation day, the conference will close with an international talent show. The performers will be chosen at the conference.

Campus to Be Deserted Today Except for Squirrels, Janitors

Farewell Willamette — till next year anyway.

The University lockout is scheduled for 4 this afternoon. For the next 16 days squirrels, janitors and repairmen have the run of the campus. Intellectual endeavor will cease; the porch of Lausanne hall will become silent.

The weather bureau promises no snow for the weekend, in this part of Oregon anyway, so students will be able to evacuate Salem without this hindrance.

Dorms will remain closed until noon Sunday, January 4. The last meal before vacation will be served this noon with campus kitchens to resume operations Monday morning, January 5. Sororities and Bishop house will also be closed over the holidays.

According to Dean Hatfield all foreign students who have not made arrangements for places to stay, may get information in his office. No arrangements will be made by the University itself, however, he said.

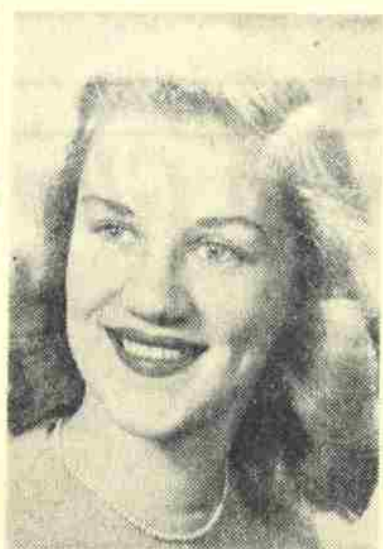
Yesterday students from Hawaii participated in a half hour tape broadcast made in the capitol rotunda which will bring holiday greetings to their friends and relatives in the Islands.

For students who wish to study in the library over the vacation period, the following schedule will be observed: from 8 to 12 a.m. only, December 20 and 24, and January 3; from 8 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., December 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31, and January 2. The library will be closed December 25 through 28, and January 1.

Six Couples Announce Engagements



Thelma Klepp



Marilyn Hunter



Betty Breakey



Patsy Faber

Snow men, in keeping with the Christmas theme, told the news of two engagements at the Chi Omega house Monday night. Thelma Klepp announced her engagement to Dick Ruff, and the troth of Marilyn Hunter and Bill Briggs was revealed. A snow man on the front door of the chapter house led to smaller snow men hidden in the dinner table centerpiece, which told the names of the two couples.

Thelma is a senior majoring in home economics. Dick, a member of Sigma Chi, is a senior majoring in physical education. No date has been set for the wedding.

Marilyn, a music major, is a junior. Bill is a sophomore majoring in economics, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Red roses decorating the desert plates at the Delta Gamma house last Thursday carried the announcement of the engagement of Patsy Faber to Richard Stratton. Patsy is a senior majoring in business and president of Delta Gamma. Richard, now residing in White Salmon, Wash., is a former student of Eastern Washington College of Education. Plans are being made for a late summer wedding.

Santa Claus surprised guests at the DG slumber party Saturday night by announcing the engagement of Betty Breakey to Bob Witham. Betty is a junior majoring in physical education, and Bob is serving in the army at Camp Roberts. He is a graduate

of Willamette and a member of Sigma Chi.

Alumni Announce

Word has been received on campus of the engagement of Leihulu Kealoha to Bennett Holt. Lei graduated from Willamette last year and is working in Hilo Hawaii. Bennett is a sophomore majoring in physical education. No wedding plans have been announced.

Latest news is of the engagement of Jean Kell to Dan Montag. Both are Willamette graduates; Jean is a member of Pi Beta Phi and Dan is affiliated with Sigma Chi. Wedding plans have been announced for next summer.

Bidding Lively At AWS Sale

Auctioneer Tom Scheidel spurred student bidding to a total sum of exactly \$30 at the AWS auction in Tuesday's convocation. Ad libs and quips by the bid-receiver were credited by auction chairman, Elanore Rigby, with creating lively participation.

Beginning with a fluffy frosted pink cake, bidding proceeded through jackets, after-dinner entertainment of singing and piano playing, kitchen help, car washes and odds and ends of left-over lost and found items.

'Scuse Us

The Collegian wishes to acknowledge two errors in advertising that appeared in recent publications.

One of the miscues involved a Greyhound bus ad that was run in the November 7 issue. The wrong prices for 6 one-way tickets from Salem to Portland were given. The correct prices should read: 6 one-way tickets cost \$9; 6-ride family book costs \$6.90; the saving is \$2.10.

Another advertisement, listing rooms for parents of Willamette university students at half-price, was given under the name of the Senator hotel. The ad was for the Marion hotel.

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Objections Overruled

No doubt many criticisms are justified when there is student objection to Convocation programs, the quality of those in office and too many extra-curricular activities to leave sufficient time for studies. However, we maintain that many of such criticisms are based on a "not look before you leap" proposition and that they deserve more mature thought than they are receiving. May we cite several examples.

A hearing open to the student body was held last week by Amaryllis Lilles, convocation manager, for the purpose of taking into consideration criticisms which previously have been muttered only in the ranks with an eye toward improvements. Student criticisms were apparently unfounded because the only unofficial representatives of the student body that attended were one fellow who needed a place to sit down in order to finish his dinner and another who was to go out with one of the girls present when the meeting ended.

The Freshman glee manager election only managed to drum up 131 votes, less than 50 per cent of the class. This makes us wonder on what basis many "grown-up" 18 year-olds base their claim to a voice in national and local elections. Is the reason for this lack of participation that freshmen are just plain indifferent or that they didn't like any of the candidates?

Another morsel on the bone that we have to pick is the incessant cry by many students that there are just too many activities and that no time is left for studies. Recent action by the student council and the activities board has shown that there are not a surplus of activities but simply a well-rounded field for many varied interests. This means that students must fall back on their individual judgments and choose which activities will benefit them the most. To hearken to every call is nothing but folly and the individual has no grounds for appeal to home or hospital.

Let us make an appeal to ourselves, then, and intelligently examine our opinions lest we make incorrect statements or do not justify our actions by our words. —C.R.

Season's Greetings

We join with Oregon's safety council in urging our readers to please join us again in January. We don't want to read any obituaries or visit any hospitals or to cut our subscription lists by even one person. Please play it safe for the best Christmas and New Year possible.

And Season's Greetings from all of us.

Winter Play To Be Changed To 'Menagerie'

Because of technical and casting difficulties, Tennessee William's "The Glass Menagerie" will replace "The Shop at Sly Corner" as the next Willamette dramatic production February 5 and 6, according to director Dean Graunke. Casts for both "The Glass Menagerie" and "Pygmalion," the March production, were released this week.

The four character cast of William's play includes Margie Leonard as Amanda; Clarine Woolery, Laura; Garold Meinke, Jim; and George Evans, the gentleman caller. Rehearsals will begin immediately after vacation.

Cast in Shaw's "Pygmalion" are John Bone as Henry Higgins; Jim Chittick, Col. Pickering; Teddy Ruth Gordon, Eliza; Fred Cummings, Freddy Eynsford-Hill; Kent Lawrence, Alfred Doolittle; Dee Miller, a bystander; Bob Kaufman, another bystander.

Lollie Coffey, Mrs. Eynsford-Hill; Liz Winship, Miss Eynsford-Hill; Jean Thomas, Mrs. Higgins; Mrs. Pearce, Margaret Conklin; and Johanna Beckman, parlor maid.

In the Line of Duty

Dick Dewey, freshman reporter for the Collegian, was stricken with an appendicitis attack about 8 p.m. Tuesday evening while working in the Collegian office. He was rushed to the Salem Memorial hospital by Dr. Ralph Purvine, where he underwent an appendectomy. Dewey's condition was reported good by hospital authorities.

Miser Brews Vicious Drink Only to Stew in Own Juice

By Jim Scott

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived a man and his name was Scratch. He was a very wicked man for he was mean and he was cruel and he was miserly and he lived in an old dungeon where he was very comfortable for it was a place where the sunlight never wandered and the moonbeams never strolled. In his soul there dwelt only the darkest poetry as we shall show.

And he lived in a single cell of this crumbling dungeon far above the earth, beneath the very roof among the creaking eaves, in shadows where the sunlight never wanders.

It was on the Eve of Christmas day and the wind howled in the naked trees, and it was cold and dreary. It was a night on which the moonbeams never stroll. The wind wept through the eaves and cried through the vacant eyes that were the windows. A night such as this was never meant for Christmas Eve but Scratch had cursed the elements and profaned nature and this was the night of nature's vengeance, for an element never forgets.

Atop his pile of hoarded coin Scratch had placed his Christmas tree—of phosphorescent, dead, dreary driftwood, with tinsel of tangled serpents, coiled with cobwebs, and ornaments of obscene shrunken heads, for of such substance was the soul of Scratch. And venomous vampires sulked in the sultry shadows of the silent, solemn skulls. And in the center of the cell sat a caldron cooking the jaded juices of a diabolic drink. And as he brewed the scaly Scratch sang:

Caldron, Caldron, boil and bubble,
We'll give them children lots of trouble;
Evil, evil, in the barrel,
We'll pay them children for their Christmas Carol.

From the village and over the hill the caroling children came, dragging their footsteps behind them through the quietly deepening snow. And they stood in the drifts at the foot of the wall; their innocent faces toward the silken snowfall turned, and their voices like caroling angels arose.

And Scratch looked out from his window to see if the children were in position for the cal-am-ity. And he gibbered to the tree in ecstasy, and he shouted for the vampires to come and see. And the tinsel slithered in expectancy, as the ornaments grinned in anticipated glee.

And the children sang of the season of joy.

Scratch pushed the caldron to the window's edge, threw in a final fifth of cyanide and a dozen lizards and stepped to the edge of the boiling brew for a final stir before pouring it on the children below.

But hark! Comes calamity! Scratch loses his grip and falls into the juice of his own stewing. The mixture spills and in spilling sweeps the heap of gold that has been the life of Scratch down the drainpipe and into the rain barrel. The happy, innocent children accept the ungiven gift as only children might.

In their understanding, kindness and charity they build a new home for the homeless vampires that is drearier and darker than any place they have ever known and the vampires are happier there than they have ever been, for the children know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. And they all lived happily ever after, in the new aviary.

Morale No. 1. Those who are unhappy with the world, stew in their own juice.

Morale No. 2. You can't expect to find happiness if you have to start with Scratch.

Morale No. 3. Those who aren't able, should never write fable.

Council OK's Constitutions

The constitutions or statements of purpose of 10 campus organizations were approved this week by the student council. The group okeyed those of the Inter-Faith council, Theta Kappa Alpha, forensics society, the "W" club, Arnold Air society, Cardinal Key, Beta Alpha Gamma, Young republicans, Mitchell's Marching cadets, Bishop hall and Lausanne hall.

Student body president Rollin Cocking said that Shirley Hutchinson and Norm Lawson had been appointed to the disciplinary board by Dean Mark Hatfield from student council recommendations.

The council also voted to reveal the results of the Freshman glee election to the three candidates in order that winner might have enough time to confer with past Glee officials before Christmas vacation.

IFC Restricts Greek Sings

An Inter-Fraternity Council ruling passed Wednesday clamped down on Greek men's serenades.

The action was initiated mainly from complaints received by the University administration from neighbors of the sorority houses because of excessive noise at some of the serenades.

The three-point action is that house mothers of the women's living organizations to be serenaded must be notified prior to the event; that there be no impromptu serenades and that excessive noise be eliminated following the singing. Any breach of the ruling will be followed with punishment by the IFC.

L-T Chairman Names Four To Committee

Appointments this week of Harriet Aller, Beverly Lytle, Judy Fullager and George Evans complete committee arrangements for Willamette's Leadership Training program, according to Dona Mears, leadership chairman. Committees will take action after Christmas vacation in preparation for the March 7 event.

Beta Alpha Gamma, women's honorary, is preparing separate lists of all campus officials, giving their respective offices, to help in arranging special programs. Miss Mears has also secured the services of Don MacKenzie, chairman of the Oregon State College Leadership Training program and past president of the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders, in preparing the program.

Committee members have been given special assignments in preparation for the program, states Miss Mears. Bob Batchelder will be in charge of locating program. Caroline Matter will handle refreshments and Harriet Aller will plan the banquet. George Evans will be in charge of entertainment, which will be provided at a noon-time sack lunch. Beverly Lytle and Judy Fullager will manage publicity with the help of Cap and Gown, senior women's honorary. Dave Wisnom is acting as an assistant to Miss Mears in organizing the affair.

Psi Chi Takes New Members

Initiation of nine Willamette students into Psi Chi, national psychology honorary, was announced this week by Loren Ranton, president.

New members are: Kent Myers, Mary McLaughlin, Eleanor Oakes, Jim Bergmann, Wilma Munger, David Parton, Jane Pinkerton, Joan Currie and Donald Sandstrom.

The Willamette university psychology organization affiliated with the national honorary last spring making it the first Psi Chi affiliate in Oregon. Dr. Charles Derthick, professor of psychology, is faculty adviser for the group.

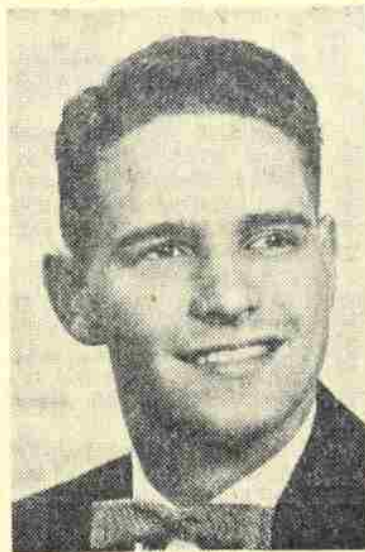
Main purpose of the association is to advance the science of psychology. Other aims are to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology.

Registration Set

Advanced registration for the second semester begins January 14. Students may secure registration books from the registrar, sign with professors, complete all forms and return them by January 16. If the books are not complete at that time, they can be picked up again February 2, the date for final registration.

To avoid that endless line in the library February 2, students can arrange to pay their fees during the advanced registration period.

January Choice



Phil Ringle

Ringle Chosen Next Rotarian

Phil Ringle, Salem senior majoring in business administration, was chosen this week as Willamette's Rotarian of the Month for January.

Ringle is the second manager of the Distinguished Artist Series in the history of the school. He began in this position with the final artist last year and is now a veteran promoter of three such concerts.

He plays in the University orchestra and leads a dance band of his own. Ringle is affiliated with Sigma Chi and is a member of Sigma Alpha Chi and Cardinal Key honoraries.

Scheidel Tops Men's Division In Extemporaneous Tourney

Tom Scheidel, senior scholar in speech, won the annual men's division contest in extemporaneous speaking sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic association of Oregon last Thursday.

The contest was held at Willamette and was attended by the

member schools who entered the event, the University of Oregon, Oregon State college, Linfield college, the University of Portland, Lewis and Clark college and George Fox college.

Speakers drew their specific topics one hour before addressing an audience of approximately 75 in Waller chapel. Scheidel's winning speech was on the subject: "Should the United States promote a democratic revolution in post-war Germany?"

Logs Damage Students' Cars

Three Willamette students' automobiles were damaged Tuesday morning by logs spilled from a log truck rounding the corner of State and 12th streets.

The car of Bill Colvard was almost completely demolished by the logs, which broke loose when the connecting reach of the truck snapped under pressure of the turn. Duane Shield's vehicle was also badly damaged and the third car, owned by Nick Zafiratos, law school student, suffered slight damage.

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Tenth Messiah Receives Numerous Plaudits; New Oratorio to Be Presented Next Year

By Bob Bain

The performance of the "Messiah" last Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium marked the close of the ten year presentation of Handel's work by the Salem Oratorio society.

Next year the society will present a new oratorio. Two Christmas works to be considered by the society's board are Verdi's "Requiem" and Bach's "Christmas Cantata." The tenth performance was under the direction of Dean Melvin Geist of the Music school.

The solo parts, sung by Anne Kathrens, soprano; Jean Handz-

lick, alto; Ormal E. Tack, tenor; and David O. Johnson, bass, were excellently done. All four of the soloists displayed a gratifying amount of taste in interpretation and facility in tone production — the prime requisites of an oratorio soloist.

The combined choir of 200 voices, made up of Salem residents and Willamette students, gave a capable performance, considered by many annual attenders of the presentation to be the best in its ten year history.

The 40-piece orchestra, made up largely of Willamette students, was organized and directed in early rehearsals by Dr. Willis C. Gates of the Music school. Dr. Gates also served as concertmaster for the performance.

An audience of approximately 1200 attended the presentation and many more heard the pro-

gram broadcast over station KOCO. It will be rebroadcast over the same station at 2 p.m. Christmas day.

The Salem Oratorio society owes not only most of its success but its establishment as well to Dean Geist. When he took over the position as head of Willamette's Music school in 1939, Dean Geist started laying plans for the organization of a group to sing the "Messiah." It was largely through his efforts that the first performance was given in February 1944.

Written in 23 days in 1741, the "Messiah" is generally considered Handel's greatest work. It tells the story of the Nativity of Jesus and something of His mission and fate, set to music passages from the scriptures. Thirty-one numbers were selected for this year's presentation of the fifty-three that Handel produced in his score.

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Sports

ERWIN WEBER, Editor

Bearcat Quintet Cools Off, Drops Tilt To Hawaii 70-56; Bill Lee Hits for 34

Willamette cooled off considerably Wednesday night as the slick Hawaii Rainbows, playing a turnabout themselves from the night before, zoomed from a three-point halftime lead to win going away, 70-56.

The Rainbows, playing their last game of an 8-game mainland tour, suddenly came to life in the third period and led by center

Bill Lee, piled up a 51-33 advantage — then held it through the last period for an easy win.

Lee, a smooth working lad at the pivot post, slung in 34 points during the game. As Lee went, so went Hawaii. He was ice-cold the night before against Lewis and Clark and the Rainbows of Al Saake dropped one to the Pioneers by a 20-point margin.

Dick Hoy topped the Bearcats, who played without the services of Dick Mase, with 12 counters. Harvey Lee, brother to Bill, matched Hoy's total.

Both squads were cool in the first period, Willamette holding a 12-11 lead. Lee had nine of his team's total. The rest of the Rainbows brightened up a bit then, and went out at the half with a three-point bulge. Then came the red-hot third quarter and Willamette was no longer in the game.

Jerry Frei's Bearkittens dropped the preliminary to the town AAU Marion Motors squad, 51-41. Ralph Harding of the frosh tallied 15 while Al Belling and ex-Willamette star Larry Smith garnered 13 apiece for the winners.

'Cats Set for Five Yuletide Games

While the rest of the student body is enjoying their Christmas vacation, John Lewis's 15-man basketball squad will be playing in five tough ballgames.

Only one is slated for the home court and that one is with the Polar Bears from the University of Alaska for next Monday night.

The Bearcats play the College of Puget Sound Loggers in Tacoma tonight and tomorrow and will travel south the following weekend to meet Chico State in a two-game series. Willamette will again take to the road in January as they will meet Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg the second and third, ending the yuletide games for this season. The Bearcats meet Linfield January 9 on the local court in the Northwest conference opener.

When Alaska plays in Salem next Monday night, it will be the first time in history that the Polar Bears have played a basketball game stateside. The quintet from Fairbanks opens their season tomorrow night when they play the University of Washington Frosh in Seattle.

Wits, Betas, Baxter Remain Unbeaten As Intramural Ball Halts for Vacation

Upsets marked intramural basketball play this past week as it is temporarily halted for Christmas vacation. Action will resume January fifth, the first day of school.

Baxter captured the league lead in the "C" circuit as the quintet upset the Phi Deltis 37-30 last Saturday morning. The Oregon State hospital crew, playing their first game, dropped the Wits 45-32 and the Betas beat the Sigs 33-32 in the only other "C" league contests.

The Betas remained the only unbeaten team in the "B" league as they edged the previously unbeaten Wits 39-37 last Tuesday night. In the nightcap, the Sigs edged past the SAE's 35-34.

The Wits continued their winning ways in the "A" circuit as they walloped Baxter 42-23 last Monday night. In the other game played in the senior circuit, the SAE's ran over the Betas to a tune of 47-34.

In the "B" league game against the Wits, the Betas trailed throughout the first half and

'Cats Surprise Whits 66-63, After Bowing to Hornets

An inspired and determined bunch of Willamette Iron-men gave WU basketball fans one of the most exciting games played on the Salem court in many years last Saturday night.

The hard-driving quintet of Dick Mase, Dick Hoy, Daryl Girod, Dave Gray and Bill Colvard scored all the Willamette points in their 66-63 surprise win over the inexperienced tall timber from Whitworth.

The tune was different on Friday night as the travelling Sacramento State Hornets took it easy and whipped the Bearcats 67-55 for the 'Cats first home-court defeat in many moons.

The Whits were the favored bunch, with men from 6' 11" and 6' 10" down to 6' 4" on the starting squad. But the steel springs in Hoy's and Colvard's legs were responsible for a great majority of the rebound recoveries for the Bearcats, the primary element in the win.

The visiting Pirates, running up against a tight zone defense set up by John Lewis' squad, were hitting the net from outside the key with regularity in the first quarter and managed to hold a two point edge after the first ten minutes and raised it to three points at halftime.

The 'Cats used the third period for their show of violence as they consistently were in the air after a rebound, rolling on the floor after a free ball or fast-breaking their way to two more points. Mase put the ball through the hoop to finally catch the leaders

as the third quarter ended in a tie at 50-50.

The Bearcats sailed to a 61-59 lead with a mere three and one-half minutes left in the ballgame. Mase kept the Jasons further ahead with a field goal and a free throw, despite the efforts of Wayne Hintz as he hit one from the field. Gray put the clincher on with a pair of charity tosses to make it 66-63, the final score.

In the preliminary games, the Willamette Frosh opened their season with a 90-27 win over Wyeast high school Saturday night. Friday night the YMCA City league team won a 46-35 victory over the Warner Motors outfit.

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