The Many Meanings of Christmas

By Barbara Jean Walker

Once again the time of year that each person celebrates with eagerness draws near. This eagerness comes from the excitement and joy that we feel at the very mention of this season—Christmas. Christmas is not just a word given to a particular time of year, but it is a word full of meaning. It brings to mind memories galore and given a special significance to each person celebrates with Christmas. Christmas is not just a word given to a particular time of year, or to others, the homes in which they live and love. The "H" may remind us of the homes of the season or of phrases like "Hosanna In The Highest" and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." The letter "R" reminds us of the real reason, the rich meaning of Christmas. To a child, the "R" might mean "Red-Nosed Reindeer" or rides or roofs covered with snow. The "T" is for each individual and what Christmas means to Him. The "S" could be for the songs sung at Christmas time, a smile from a friend or stranger.

Art Exhibit

Attracts Crowd

By Sharon Boatwright

A fascinating exhibit of art in the upper rotunda of Ashley Hall was the center of much conversation among the students and faculty of VSC as well as people from the surrounding areas.

This exhibit was the work of Lee Bennett, Instructor in Art here at VSC. (Her students hope that they can only have half as much!) The wide variety of art work included still life, portraits, figure studies, perspective study and pottery.

Such titles as "Faith In The Pines," and "Yellow Grass" seemed to perfectly suited to the paintings that each seemed to almost whisper its title to the close observer.

VSC is proud of Mrs. Bennett and is looking forward to seeing much more of her work in the future.

Alpha Chi Initiates

Thirteen Junior and Senior students at Valdosta State College were initiated into the Georgia Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society, at a public ceremony in the Rotunda of Ashley Hall on Monday evening, Nov. 22 at 8 o'clock.

Following the initiation, the new officers for the academic year 1960-61 were installed and a reception was given for the new members. Officers installed were: Pamela Paul Nichols, president; Martha Bruce McElroy, vice-president; Carolyn Elizabeth Garner, secretary; Sandra Elizabeth Massey, treasurer; and C. B. O'Neal, Jr., representative to National Council.

Alpha Chi is an organization for the promotion of scholarship among undergraduate students. Membership in the society is the highest scholastic honor a VSC student can attain. Membership is limited to the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior classes and to recent graduates who were graduated with "Honors."
**EDITORSIALS**

Is the Privilege Yours?

By Doug Calhoun

I write for the Student Canopy, I write editorials and feature articles. And since there are at least a few people on campus aware of this, I've received several comments on what these people want in this paper. Recently, one such comment was dropped and said, "Doug, I want to see more humorous articles in the paper." Another said, "I want more campus news, please." I want more intellectual items." I want, I want, I want. But do they, or you, get it? There are about 7 or 8 people who consistently work on and contribute to the Campus Canopy. They devote many hours a week to preparing newspaper that, to a large degree, goes unread. The paper may not always be good, but neither is it always bad. This job entails no honor, little recognition and seldom a voice of input when the time comes to do it. But what happens when you no longer agree? Is it always bad.

The majority of the people on the United States are not conscious of the spirit of taking. They stoutly denounce socialism with one breath and with the next say that they want socialized medicine, education, and so on for the aged; governmental aid to farms, schools, highways; governmental controls on industry, farms, wages, prices, etc.

We seldom stop to realize that the more governmental control we have, the less personal freedom we have. Many people say that this is not bad. That the spirit of democracy will guarantee our freedom. But I say that what is good can come from the governmental helping hand. This may be true, but it is true that if a government has control over the people, all the people, are just the few who accept the job and assume the responsibility and authority.

True only if there is a consciousness among the people that is lacking in this country. There is a fear and complacency in the country for the United States.


**Math - Science News Letter**

Maurice Whidden has been accepted to the University of Georgia, September 6, 1961 at the Medical College of Georgia.

Mr. Lyle Bond, president of the VSC branch of the Georgia Education Association, supplied each faculty member with a helpful handout on the most constitutional amendments prior to the November 8 election.

Emmet Taylor has completed his assistant engineering and scientific assistant at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio.

A Chemistry Education Symposium on Radiochemistry in the Curriculum was reported by Dr. W. E. Phelan of the Argonne National Laboratory in the Journal of Chemical Education for August, 1960. Dr. Phelan, head of the Chemistry Department at VSC was chairman of the symposium.

Dr. Council of the Biology Department was one of the college representatives at the G. E. A. meeting in Waycross on October 31.

Dr. Eugene F. Odom, well-known ecologist, visited our campus on November 2 and was guest speaker in the Health Science Seminar. His illustrated talk on "Environmental Aspects of Atomic Radiation" was well received.

Dr. Odum is Foundation Professor of Biology at the University of Georgia and the author of a widely used textbook Fundamentals of Ecology. This book has been translated into Japanese. Dr. Odum did his research at the University of Georgia under Dr. Odum's direction.

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The Hanging of the Greens

The hanging of greens at Christmas time is an ancient custom dating back to the days of the Roman Empire. By using greenery, the Romans believed that they could keep out evil spirits, thus insuring carefree, fun-filled holidays.

The Christians at first rejected this custom, but later adopted it as a partial necessity, because an untrimmed house identified them as Christians. This was during the time when Christ was faced with persecution, an untrimmed house only called for more cruel treatment.

Eventually hanging greens became a firm part of Christmas and the Advent Season was always initiated by the hanging of them.

The Hanging of the Greens is an old, established custom on the campus of VSC. At one time it was followed by a celebration known as the Old English Festival. The Rotunda will be dressed for the Christmas Season complete with holly wreaths and candles.

With the Hanging of the Greens we hope the warmth and joy of Christmas will be felt by each faculty and student member as he realizes in his own heart just what Christmas really does mean.

Student Favorite

The biology department of Valdosta State College can be proud to have as its head Dr. Beatrice Nevins, who is also Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Math-Science Division of the VSC faculty.

Dr. Nevins received her high school education at Oshkosh High School in Wisconsin and then following a primary teaching course at Oshkosh State Teachers' College, she taught the first grade. Her interests having later turned to science, Dr. Nevins studied at the University of Wisconsin where she received the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, and Doctor of Philosophy. For her Bachelor's degree Dr. Nevins presented an honor's thesis on the topic of the morphology of a South American centurian plant. As a research assistant for Dr. C. E. Allen she did research on a lower plant in which she discovered the first sex chromosomes reported for plants; incidentally, this plant grows in Georgia.

Before being employed here at Valdosta State College, Dr. Nevins was Associate Professor of Biology at Georgia State College for Women. She teaches classes in human biology, bacteriology, plant taxonomy, and vertebrate embryology. Dr. Nevins is also a sponsor for the Math-Science Club, an organization for students interested in mathematics and science.

A Beatnik's Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the pad, someone was stirring... 'twas this little old dad.

I had hung up my leotards in great expectation, knew the little old man would lay it on without hesitation.

Then settled down behind my favorite chair, (so he wouldn't know I was watching there) I pulled out a weed and a mad comic book, and waited around for him to bring the goods.

Out on the lawn there arose a great clatter, I sprang from the floor to see what was the matter! Traipded to the window and pulled on the latch, saw there the street cleaner on his midnight dash!

Soon back on the floor I was gently seated, these wild sounds of night left me plain depleted.

Then again, I heard a wild sound, like hoffs on the roofs! I sat up with a bound.

He's here, he's here! I jumped with joy, then realized the sound, the neighbors boy.

Man what a drag, civilization has wasted, the joys of the night to be left untaunted.

Worn and tattered, I went to the pad door, opened it and let chill in with a roar.

There before my very nose, stood the little fat man with his cool clothes.

"Hey man," I said, "what's with this jive, how come so late on the scene?" "Been waiting on you all night long, man, tune me in on this beam."

"Was out all night, in quite a tizzy. Lost all of me raindeers in a snow," he said. "And all my presents, too." "What does a beat do with all these dolls?"

Before joining the VSC faculty, Dr. Nevins did a research project for the Department of Agriculture. Her recent research includes studies on the relatives of the lost tree of Georgia.

Some of the honor societies of which Dr. Nevins is a member are Sigma Xi, an honor society for scientific research; Alpha Chi, a national honor society, and Sigma Delta Epsilon, an honor society for graduate women in science.

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**SPORTS**

**FROM THE REBEL BENCH**

Here it is already - the first quarter of this year completed. And the Rebels have met four opponents; Georgia State, Rollins, Florida Southern and Oglethorpe. By now the weaknesses have been tackled and the strong points recognized. From this indication, the future of the '60-'61 Rebels looks good.

The height of the team is being used more and more to its greatest advantage, the shooting statistics are looking good and the players’ teamwork efficiency is building up. Naturally, game experience is adding to these qualities, and it is hoped that any “off” nights will be few and far between.

Then there’s this thing about school spirit. So far, it couldn’t be better, but this high wave of enthusiasm can’t be allowed to dwindle away at any time passes. (By the way, “hats off” to the fresh-

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**REBEL ROUSERS**

Holding the spotlight as Rebel Rousers for this edition are Johnny Dalzell and Sonny Williams, both juniors having transferred to VSC from junior colleges on a basketball scholarship.

Sonny Williams, 6’5”, is the tailback player on the Rebel football team. He transferred to VSC from Young Harris where he racked up an average of 14 points per game on the varsity team. He hails from Sylville, Ga., and is majoring in secondary education.

Sonny’s interest, other than basketball, seems to center around sports - in fact, he wants to be a coach. He likes baseball, skiting, hunting, and fishing.

Johnny Dalzell, a 6’0” native of Savannah, Ga., transferred from Armstrong Junior College. He played varsity basketball throughout high school at Savannah High, and at Armstrong he racked up an average of 8 and 12 points per game his freshman and sophomore years, respectively.

Johnny’s interest, other than basketball, seems to be basketball. He plans to seek a career somewhere in the field of commercial art. He spends much of his spare time working in the Sock ‘N Slush here at VSC.

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**Moccasins Trim Rebels**

Florida Southern College scored a 96-65 cage victory over the Rebels on Dec. 8 in Lakeland, Fla.

Gary McKee set the pace for the Moccasins, scoring 16 points, helping set their field goal percentage at 42% over the Rebels’ 39%.

McKee’s scoring, plus 6’6” Feldman with 9 points, 6’8” Hopkins with 9 points, and 6’6” Mulhis with 10 points presented quite a problem to the Rebels, with chorus for a Rebel rally to victory.

Midway the game, the Mocs held a 14 point lead over the Rebels. Their half-time 62% on field goals practically eliminated any hopes for a Rebel rally to victory.

Leading the attack for the Rebels were Sonny Williams, who gunned in 13 points, Doug Winters, who hit 10 markers, and Bob Anderson and Nick Nichols who had 9 points each. Nichols and Williams also led the Rebels’ attempt to control the backboard.

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**Rebels Rally Nip Panthers**

After playing a poor first half and trailing 36-39 at half time, the Rebels came back in the second half to overtake the Panthers 39-25 and cop the victory with a 75-66 score.

This was the first outing for the Rebels and first night action was evident as the Panthers controlled the boards the first half. In the second half, the Rebels began to run and rebound behind the leadership of Homer “Champ” Chambliss, Nick Nichols and Doug Winners. Tom McPhee, suffering from last year’s knees injury played a good defensive game. Bob Anderson and Sonny Williams turned in capable play as did Johnny Dalzell with several sharp behind-the-back passes for scoring plays. Nicholas led the rebounding off the boards.

**PANTHERS**

Chambliss, 24 Nichols, 9 Williams, 10 Dalzell, 5 Anderson, 6 McPhee, 2

**REBELS**

Winners, 21 Weems, 22 Chambliss, 24 Dyer, 9 Nicholls, 10 Williams, 10 Dadeen, 2 Mann, 7 Ross, 2 Glass, 2

Johnny Dalzell and Sonny Williams, Rebel Rousers for this edition.

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**Rebels Bow to Tars**

The VSC Rebels were defeated 72-57 Dec. 2 in Rollins, Fla.

Dick Bishop led the defense against the Rebel quarter and rallied 24 points offensively for Rollins College.

The Rebels led briefly at the start of the game, but the Tars took over and never again yielded the advantage although the Rebels came within eight points of Rollins midway second half.

Homer Chambliss led the attack with 17 points. Doug Winners followed with 13, Jim Melgin accounted for 10 points and rebounds. Chambliss again led the rebounding department with 14 rebounds.

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**Dorm Cops**

**First In Intrason**

Nick Nordone, captain of Dorm, led his team to victoryTown, captained by Ben Stanaland, with a 7-1 lead over Town in the championship play-off.

During the first half neither team scored although they both got down to their end zones. In the first few minutes Dorm got close to their goal but failed to score giving Town possession of the ball.

After the half the ball passed back and forth from one team to the other without much sign of progress from either team. Final Anderson and Nick Nichols who had 9 points each. Nichols and Williams also led the Rebels’ attempt to control the backboard.

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**Gosh frosh!**

how’d you catch on so quick? Catch on to the fact that Coca-Cola is the drink on campus, I mean. Always drink it, you see? Well—how about dropping over to the dorm and downing a sparkling Coke or two with the boys. The man who’s for Coke is the man for us.

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