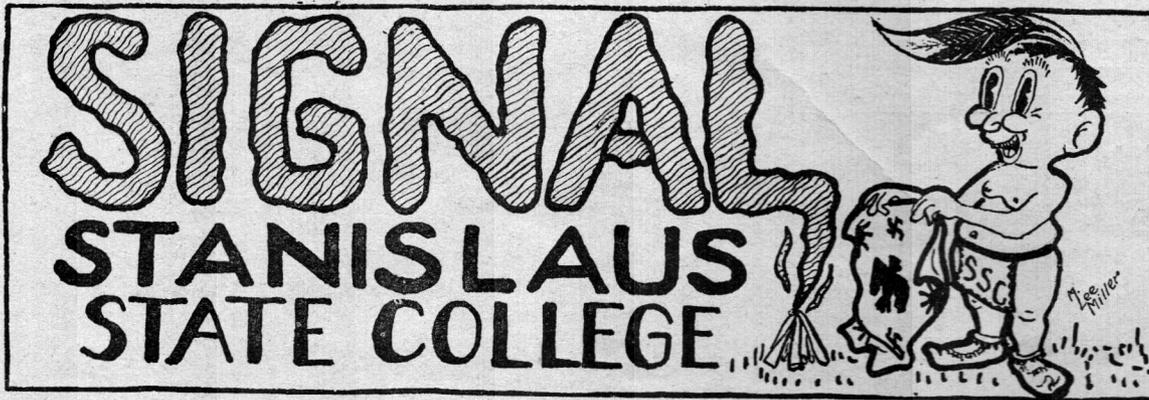


'Wonderland By Night' Dec. 18



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'TOUGH LUCK NIGHT'

Wilde Movie Set For Friday Night

Oscar Wilde's views on morals, manners, and matrimony will be aired in the featured motion picture, "The Importance of Being Earnest", to be shown Friday, December 13, at 8:15 in Donnelly Hall.

The film, which is being shown in conjunction with the "Tough Luck" festivities, stars Michael Redgrave and Joan Greenwood.

Other modes of recreation scheduled for the evening include ping pong, badminton, chess and what-

ever games those attending wish to bring and share.

Those wishing to bring their children will find entertainment provided for them too. Josephine Daniel is in charge of children's entertainment and supervision for the evening. A variety of children's films will be shown.

The event is free to the college community and their families. Refreshments will be served.

AS Minutes To Be Filed

The Associated Students of Stanislaus State College are in the process of compiling and binding the official minutes of Executive Board meetings and Student Senate meetings for the purpose of placing them on permanent and accessible file in the college library.

The need for such a file is indicated at this time due to the fact that the student body does not have a permanent employee who is able to keep the student body office open at all times.

The additional files of minutes in the library will enable any student at any time to examine them. It is believed by the student president, Pat Jara, that this will aid in establishing a better system of communication between students and their elected representatives.

Toepfer New Vice-Prexy

At a recent meeting of the Student Senate Jim Toepfer was officially installed as vice-president of the student body, a position left vacant by Pat Jara when she assumed the presidency. Other appointments included Veralyn Fernandes, Associated Women Students representative. The AS secretarial staff has been divided into three sections which involved two appointments. Gwynne Chandler, elected as secretary last spring, is in charge of correspondence. Appointed to assist her were Virginia Gnekow, filing and general office; and Veralyn Fernandes, recording.

Coy Roberts was elected chairman of a committee to formulate associated student policy regarding recognition and chartering of clubs and organizations. Serving with Coy are Pat Jara and Al Bizzini.

Bach Magnificat Slated Sunday

The college Community Chorus will present Johann Sebastian Bach's, the "Magnificat" at the Turlock First Methodist Church on Sunday, December 15 at 4:30 p.m. The concert will be directed by Professor Cunha, head of SSC music department. It will be open to the public.

The chorus will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble consisting of flutes, oboes, bassoon, trumpets, organ, harpsichord, and strings.

The "Magnificat" is considered to be one of the greatest choral works ever written for it includes twelve sections of music intersperse full chorus and orchestra will solo settings for various portions of the text. It was first performed on Christmas Day in 1728 at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig.

Soloists include: Letha Petersen, Sylvia Sateren and Ray M. Carter, Turlock; Joan Pearson, Delhi; Roy Austin, Modesto; and Homer Maxwell, Oakdale.

Participants in the Baroque ensemble include Betty Allard, Arlene Abel, Larry Cole, Ruth Cunha, Turlock; Walter Beckwith, Janet Lancaster, Robert Parmeter, Isla Parmeter, Eve Rader, Edith Wheeler, Modesto; Elizabeth Blixt, Escalon, Brenda Breck, Jean Howard, Patterson; George Cunha and Kevin Schilling, Stockton.

Also featured during the concert will be Mary Ellen Neil, organist at the First Christian Church in Turlock, on the harpsichord and Fern Patten, organist at The Turlock First Methodist Church, on the organ.

Seniors Continue Four Year Yule Dance Tradition

Tinsel sparkle, soft music, and the warm glow of happy faces are promised those members of the Stanislaus State College community who attend the fourth annual Christmas formal to be held December 18, at the Turlock Country Club.

The Senior Class, which is sponsoring the event, has entitled the gala affair "Wonderland by Night." The event has been planned as a dinner-dance. Dinner will be served from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and dancing will start at 9:00 p.m.

Dress for the evening will be semi-formal which means cocktail dresses for the ladies and dark suits for the men.

Music will be provided by Pat Tobin's group of Turlock.

A choice of roast beef or ham dinners will be served at the price of \$2.50 per person. The dance will cost \$2.50 per couple, making a total price for the evening, per couple of \$7.50. Those not wishing to come for the dinner may attend the dance only at the price of \$2.50 per couple and \$2.00 for stag.

General chairman of the event is Coy Roberts, Senior Class President. Veralyn Fernandes will head the committee providing the atmosphere via decorations. Refreshments are in the charge of Pat Jara.

Another highlight of the evening will be the Mr. St. Nick and Miss Merry Christmas contest. Contestants sponsored by the various organizations on campus will vie for the crowns and will win by securing the greatest amount of votes. Voting will be by pennies.

January Legend Sale Scheduled By Staff

The 1964 LEGENDS will be sold on January 13, 14, 15th from 10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Donnelly Hall. The LEGEND staff is offering '61, '62 and '63 yearbooks to all for \$3.50. Persons who have not finished their previous payment on the '64 LEGEND may do so at this time. The price of the 1964 LEGEND during this sale will be \$4.50 with a student-body card and \$5.00 without.

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Editorial

Spirit of Peace?

Well, the Big Day is almost here. The best way to tell just how near is the red and black sign on the front page of the newspaper proclaiming, "Only 364 SHOPPING days until Christmas." Most people, upon hearing that Christmas is less than a month away, beg to be reassured that this isn't so. In stores, most shoppers have a glassy stare as they crowd and fight their way to a counter, and the key word seems to be RUSH, RUSH, RUSH!

Once upon a time an important part of Christmas was a beautiful story about a mother and a newborn child, a cradle in a manger and a group of lowly shepherds. Today this all seems lost in a haze of Barbie dolls, massive war game "toys," and the two and a half billion Christmas cards that Americans will send out this year. The basic thing we've forgotten is that nineteen hundred and sixty-three years ago a child was born into the world who lived and died for his message of peace to all men and we celebrate his birthday at this time.

Christmas should be a time of peace and re-evaluation, perhaps more this year than any other, for another man of peace has given his life. Less than a month ago our president was struck down by a sniper in an American city. This is the time when we should search our souls to find how much WE would give for peace. We can start by celebrating Christmas the way it was meant to be.

Merry Christmas

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**Bake Sale Held
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Bake sales were held by both the Senior Class and the Newman class in the lobby of Donnelly Hall recently. Proceeds from the Senior Class sale will go towards the Christmas Dance which is to be held on December 18 at the Turlock Country Club. Proceeds from the Newman Club sale will be put towards a scholarship fund.

**Annual Library Tea
Set For December 19**

Stanislaus State College Library will hold its annual tea this year at the college library, on December 19, 1963 from the hours of 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The tea will be an open house for the faculty and staff of the library. The tea will be held in the reading room of the library.

Dean Discusses

'Learning to Think'

A study of the development of individual personality generates numerous intriguing questions. For example, assuming that ability to do critical thinking is a desirable personality trait. One may ask, "How does a person learn to think for himself?" A question of equal interest is, "How can an individual be certain that his decision at any given time is a true reflection of his own personality?" In exploring possible answers to these questions, it would seem rather obvious that a person must be willing to face himself and his own conscience at every step of the way.

Correct decisions require accurate information. A person must be eternally self-critical not only concerning his decision but of the process by which each decision is reached. He must be ever-mindful of a need to substantiate opinion by fact. He must be willing to explore all avenues regardless of potential obstacles or setbacks. The individual who is unwilling to confront reality is cursed by having to live in eternal wonder as to why his decision often backfires or, at the best, bear meager fruit. Self-examination is a most formidable task involving self-control, recognition of values, and personal integrity.

Opinions are ideas that men hold — convictions are ideas that hold men. The true individual personality acts at all times upon a foundation of positive conviction. Impulsive or indecisive action often reflects immaturity and the result

tant unwillingness of an individual to transpose opinion into conviction. Personality development is not an easy task. Like a prize rose, it must be nurtured, cultivated and protected at all times not only from exterior influences, but from internal decay.

Another desirable characteristic of a positive personality is that of flexibility. Flexibility which compels one to search out and accept ideas, comments, and criticism from others. Flexibility which provides the ability to relate self and situations to an ultimate objective. Concern over the possibility of compromising a principle may at times cause inflexibility thus resulting in a highly opinionated individual whose frustrations are evident to others who attempt to work with him. A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small package indeed.

Encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other such publications are filled with information and data. Obviously just to have information or data is not enough. An individual is endowed with a mind with which he can think and develop interrelationships necessary for positive decision. John Stuart Mill is quoted as saying, "One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine having only interests." Great things may be expected from those whose decisions are rooted in deep personal conviction which in turn is based upon full and accurate knowledge.

Joseph E. Bruggman

Rushdoony Publishes

An article by Professor Rushdoony entitled, "Achievement in Map-Reading: An Experimental Study", has been published by a University of Chicago publication, the "Elementary School Journal".

The article deals with (1) the relationships between map reading and intelligence, reading and arithmetic, and (2) teaching third grade children map-reading skills.

Dr. Rushdoony, earlier this year,

contributed to John U. Michaelis, "Social Studies for Children in a Democracy." Prof. Michaelis of the University of California was Rushdoony's doctoral adviser.

Dr. Rushdoony is a fellow of the American Geographical Society and a member of the National Council for Geographic Education and the National Council for the Social Studies.

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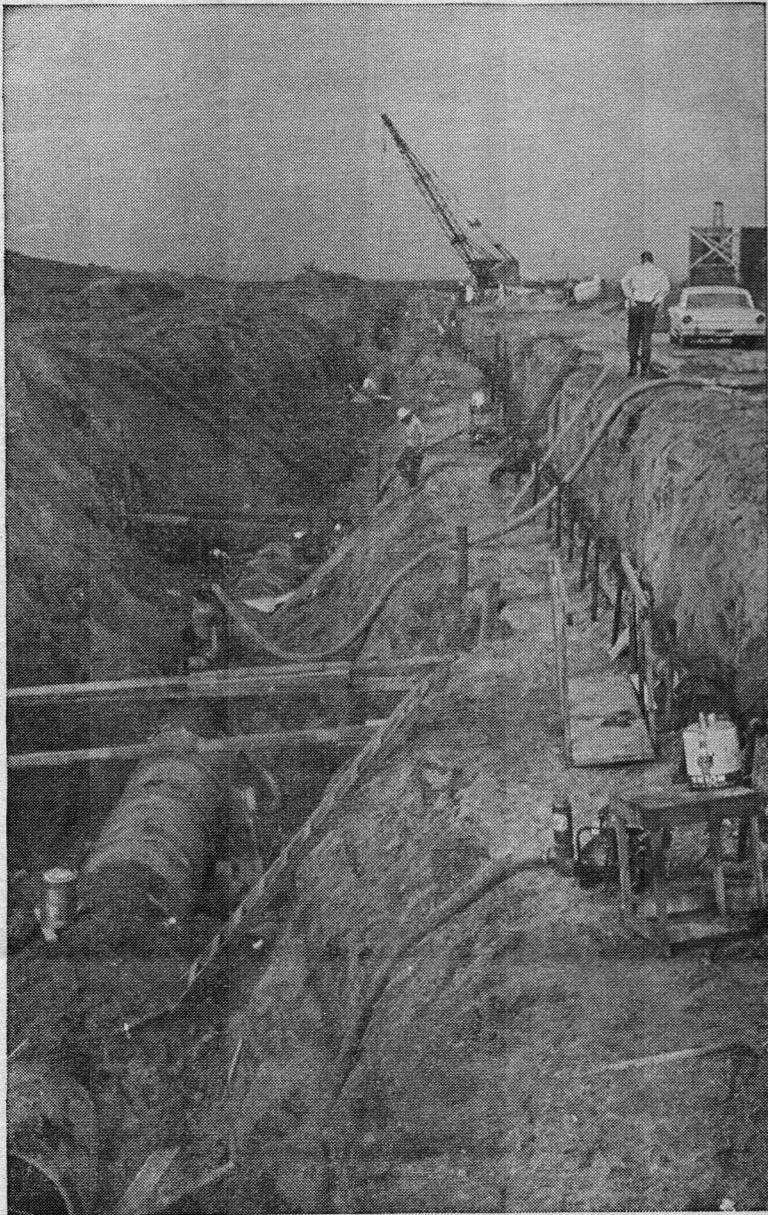
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SSC Site Work



The contracting firm of A. Teichert & Son of Stockton continues to make progress on the permanent campus of Stanislaus State College. The \$1 million site development project began in October. Contracts on a library, classroom building and boiler plant have been awarded and the projects are scheduled to begin next month. A. Teichert & Son has until January 15 to prepare the site for the new buildings.

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Signal Editor Elf In Disguise

By Linda Rosa

Well that most magic of all days, Christmas, is getting nearer and nearer. Santa is becoming a very busy man and on December 19 I will put away my disguise as a Stanislaus State College student and emerge as Elf Linda. Santa is having an elf employment problem for HE is very busy from before Christmas to the end of summer. By then all the toys for next Christmas are already made and there is very little to do. Therefore many of us elves go into the O.W. (outside world) and disguise ourselves as normal neurotics until Santa needs us. Some how I found myself at SSC.

Actually elves are not the only kind of helpers that Santa uses. He has Pixies who bake his goodies for him. They work in the Pixie Tree, Pixie Pantry, and the Good Witch's Gingerbread House. Elves make toys, and keep Santa's house clean, and they are to be found in the Mill Wheel Toy Shop, the Doll House, and Santa's House.

Being an elf is a wonderful kind of life for everyone is always so happy. Unfortunately we elves have a reputation for being mischievous and I must admit that it is true. A few weeks ago some of the male elves, having little to do, raided Santa's vegetable garden of all its tomatoes and had a spectacular fight. Santa was rather upset and several of the elves were forced to join the O.W. for good. Then there was the time one of the maintenance men was painting the roof on Mrs. Claus's Candy Kitchen and the ladder disappeared. Or the tragic day when the Good Witch took off on her broom and found, when she was over the ocean, it had been sawed almost in half. I have happy memories.

There is one problem connected with being an elf—it gets awful cold sleeping under that tood-stool. I have a wide green one which I share with elf Sandy, but those wet dewy mornings are murder, especially after you get used to a nice dry bed in the O.W.



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Christmas Survey

By Haig Arkelian and Pat Jara

In keeping with the Christmas spirit the "Signal" asked the following question:

"DO YOU FEEL CHRISTMAS IS TOO COMMERCIALIZED?"

Toni Irvine, student: "Christmas is so commercialized that all I do during the holidays is work on my term papers. It gives me a chance to get away from school. I like to receive presents, but do not like to buy presents for other people."

Lynn Anderson, student: "I feel that Christmas is too commercialized in a sense, and with all this commercialization I am worried as to what type of gift to buy, and if people will like the type if gifts I buy at Christmas. I like the holidays for the fact that it is vacation time, and the general spirit is so much more exciting. I feel that with all this commercialization the children are feeling the drive of wanting so much that the fun of real Christmas giving is gone."

Judy Israels, student: "Christmas is not really commercialized, and it does represent a time of deep reverent feeling and of brotherhood. This is a season when people can get together and really feel warmth and a sense of togetherness. It is a time to give something to yourself."

Monica Mengelt, student: "Christmas is really too commercialized, and people have more of a desire to receive presents than to truly understand the religious aspects of the season."

Virginia Malfait, staff member: "Yes I do. It's for selling merchandise more than anything else. They used to make things to give. Now the kids don't appreciate anything. It should be more from the heart than the pocketbook. I used to buy my niece ten gifts—I'm not going to do that this year. I guess the stores would probably go broke if you did away with the gift giving.

They push everything to you too early."

Richard Reinholtz, art professor: "No, I do not think so in our organized "Christian" concept of today, which seems to say that what is important is not the celebration of Christ's birth but the public declaration of a concept of giving and receiving things of commercial value. In light of this, I would deem it far better for an individual to give money in lieu of gifts which are not really appreciated. To paraphrase, the doctrine should then read: "It is better to give money than to receive money."

Jerry Merryman, student: "When Christmas bargains and decorations go up in San Francisco two weeks before Thanksgiving — is there any question?"

Anonymous: "I'm all for giving LOVE at Christmas."

Charlene Pimentel, student: "Do I what? No, as long as I get my presents, I don't care."

Lola Johnson, English professor: "I really do, because it won't be long before they start putting up Christmas decorations before the fourth of July. Christmas seems to be a time to sell. The heart has gone out of Christmas. When we write "Xmas" we have the symbol "X" marking the spot in place of Christ. We try to sell merchandise instead of love."

John Rasmussen, history professor:

"I do think it is overly commercialized. I watch the commercials on T.V. for children's toys; obviously designed to be as expensive as possible and to break down as quickly as possible, with nausea. I really believe that the secular part of Christmas could be dispensed with, without any loss."

Music Recital Held

A senior recital was held by the Stanislaus State College Music Department in the Turlock High School Little Theater last week. The recital was free and open to the public.

Two senior music students, Mrs. Esther Rich and Kent Whitt, presented the program. Both are currently studying under SSC music studio instructors, June Spencer, voice and William Pickerel, percussion.

Mrs. Rich, a soprano, will present the following selections at the 8 p.m. recital:

"Lungi Dal Caro Bene," by Antonio Secchi; "Les Cloches," by Claude Debussy; "Les Roses D'Is-pahan," by Gabriel Faure, "Gretchen Am Spinnrade," by Franz Schubert; "Das Verlassene Magdlein," by Hugo Wolf; "Der Sandman," by Robert Schumann, two arias from "Le Nozzi Di Figaro," by Mozart; and from "Twelve Poems by Emily Dickenson," by Aaron Copland. Mary Ellen Niel will accompany Mrs. Rich.

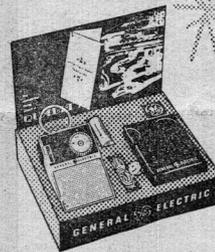
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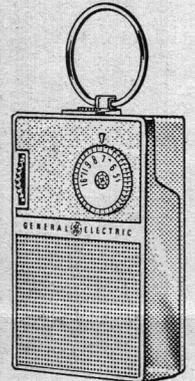
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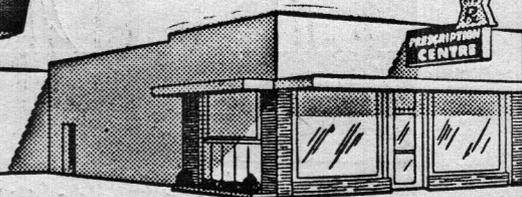
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