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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FREE

Tues. Night

at

8 P.M.

Berkshire

Auditorium

Presented by
The D.S.C. Music Dept.



S.G.A.

S.G.A. Council met on Monday, December 4th. in Higgins Lecture Hall.

Mr. Lauer made a Food Committee report and asked the S.G.A. representatives to inform their respective classes of the purpose and function of the Food Committee.

President Demo informed Council that the S.G.A. Board group had agreed on a temporary compromise liaison proposal. Because there was no opposition to this proposal, Mr. Demo announced it accepted. (Con't pg. 4.)

FLU CLINIC

A second Flu Clinic for all State Employees will be held in the College Health Service Office on Thursday, December 7, from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M.

If you received the first inoculation, the second will give you added protection. If you did not receive the first you should consider this one very necessary in view of an anticipated Flu epidemic this winter.

Laura MacDonald

Formal Yearbook pictures will be taken of graduating seniors & sophs. Monday & Tuesday....

DEMOCRATIC ACTION OR COMMUNIST AGITATION

by Joe Magazzi

Mr. X, of Summittville, New York, had recently participated in a peaceful demonstration in front of the United Nations in favor of the admitting of Red China into the U.N. One week later, his name appeared in his home town paper as a member of a Communist Front Organization, along with several other members of his community.

Mr. X is an eighth grade teacher and a man of strong character and integrity of action. He sincerely believes
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perclassmen think it is top high schoolish and undignified to cheer for their team? I have a theory that if there is a lot of enthusiasm in the cheering section, the spirit will be imparted to the team. Let's have a big turnout, kids at our home games, and as much as possible at our off-campus games.

Hopefully,

Joanne Hooker

Movie Well Attended

Approximately 180 students attended the Sophomore presentation of the movie Psycho Wednesday night at the Berkshire Auditorium.

Bob Pettinicchi, President said that although the attendance wasn't as large as the last movie shown, the people who were there enjoyed the movie more so because of the large screen, and the fact that there were no "cuts" or intermissions. Bob also said that the film committee will try to schedule a movie every other week starting in Jan. 1962.

NEW YORK DISCONTINUES LOYALTY OATH REQUIREMENT

NEW YORK - The board of superintendents here has dropped the requirement that high school seniors must sign a loyalty oath before receiving their diplomas. Instead, the students will recite an oral pledge at graduation exercises.

Last March, the signed oath was challenged by a senior at Bayside High School in Queens who viewed the requirement as a form of coercion and violation of his principles. He and four others who had refused to sign, received their diplomas anyway. The requirement was waived until action could be taken by the board.

The new oral oath includes a pledge to support and uphold the laws of the city, state, and nation, and the Constitution, and to "strive constantly for the kind of com-

STUDENTS OF D.S.C. WAKE UP!

Last Saturday night, our basketball team played at Southern Conn. A fair number of D.S.C. enthusiasts attended, considering that it was an off campus game, but they might as well have stayed at home or visited their sick grandmothers. Not because we lost the game, but because the crowd had so little spirit you'd hardly know that we were represented. Our boys were having a "tough time" against Southern State, and I'm sure that the discouraged looking faces in the bleachers didn't boost their moral. With the exception of a few Freshmen, (God bless them), no one cheered, yelled, or even had hope when the scoreboard began indicating our defeat. Even the cheerleaders seemed spiritless, if they'll forgive me for such a statement).

What's wrong? Do the up-

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OFF THE CUFF
by Reggie

It has been commented by the grape (wine grapes of course) vine, that people are having trouble deciphering some of the little remarks included in my column. Let's face it—it takes a knack to be nasty and get away with it.

I don't know who the brick wall is. It could be S.G.A. or it could be the Board of Governors. But no matter which is which, if you keep pounding away at a brick wall it is bound to cave in, and it could possibly fall right on top of the pounder-killing himself in the endeavor. One point always to remember is that a compromise as stated by Webster is "A settlement of a dispute reached by each party YIELDING PART OF HIS demands." This means to say that one group isn't necessarily the wall and the other a pounder, but more likely to be two sure-footed, capable boxers pounding away until both are ready to meet half way. So don't think that each of your local campus groups are doing each other a favor when compromising, especially when the welfare of the students is concerned.

"Cut, cut and Banish" a new political game being manufactured by the strategically Grouped-Animated-Toys Company is coming of age. It is a toy that would be enjoyed by any College Leader. This toy would help develop political skills as well a military and other aggressive skills needed to have a well-run, tight, closed mouthed campus, of which you are the leader.

(Of course.) Reggie is waiting for the Troops to arrive. They will be distributing the games free of charge. All you have to do is promise to follow all the rules of the games. CUT, CUT, AND BANISH.

NEXT WEEK THE BIG DISCUSSION, "CURRICULA CHANGES AND YOU."

ART AND INSANITY
by Mr. Jacobus

The special Christmas Art Show appearing at Hoffman Fuel Co. from December 3 on.

Moderism in art is always a supreme test of the sanity of an age. Today, as we know, sanity is a premium, something we look for, pray for—now that the season of Peace is at hand—but somehow don't really expect to find in the latter half of the twentieth century. The swastika of our times is the mark of insanity. Modern art hasn't overlooked it.

A hundred, or two hundred or even three hundred years ago, modern art was considered by most conservatives to be a trifle eccentric, by which was simply meant a bit off-center, and on some few occasions it was considered insane too, but that was rare. But then, of course, genius was always somewhat suspect: Van Gogh and Blake were not warmly received in their day and the chances are that perhaps they really were deranged by the world's standards. Today's world standards make derangement a great deal more difficult to spot in art. Today, and all through the twentieth century, modern art has been thought of as somewhat cracked, insane, or, totally deranged. There may be a valid reason for this standard public reaction.

Freshman M.A.A. & W. A.A.
Election for Representatives

M.A.A.

Tony Bergantino
Tom Blonski
Walter Lacz

W.A.A.

Sheila Clarke Barb Davis
Wendi Turick Sherry Boyce

NOTES FROM MEMORIAL HALL

Big Bogen, our intercom system, was fixed last week to the joy of all in the Director's Office. Hope you will help us in making use of this system. If you have any programs on tape, disc or radio that you would like to hear, just drop by and ask any of the directors to play your favorites. Ask, and you shall receive.

Game Room—Jim Flynn related the following: the Ping Pong and Pool Tournaments will start this week. More than twenty entrants are participating in each event. This is a larger number than we have had in the past. I know that there will be keen competition in both events. A trophy will be awarded to the winners, and will be displayed in the Student Union, with the champions' names inscribed. We would like to wish all participating players the best of luck!

The Christmas season is rushing upon us all. In a few days Memorial Hall will begin to radiate the spirit of the holiday season. Last year, Connecticut Lounge looked like Santa's Workshop. Heaven only knows what it will look like this year!

Sunday evening, December 10th, we are having a Caroling Party, returning around eight o'clock for refreshments and a "folk sing!" The caroling will be led by the new Men's Glee Club, which ought to be something to hear.

Last year it was a big success, this year, let's make it a bigger one.

Joe Sanchez
Activity

Mr. Bliefeld has arranged a practice schedule for anyone, male or female, interested in fencing. Instruction will be given. Sneaks and loose clothes are worn. Time is Tuesday at 3:00 P.M.

S.G.A. Cont'd

Mr. Gauss reported that the Red Cross was interested in starting a Junior Red Cross program in the Lab Schools on campus. This entire matter will be discussed more thoroughly at the next meeting. The agenda, time, place, and date of future S.G.A. meetings will be posted on the bulletin board space no later than Friday before each Monday meeting.

DEMOCRATIC ACTION Cont'd

that Red China must be admitted into the United Nations if world peace is to become world reality. Is Mr. X a communist?

Thursday night, a "freedom rider" spoke in Berkshire Auditorium to a small group of freedom-loving spectators.

These freedom rides are sponsored by a group called C O R E--Congress of Racial Equality. According to many voices of conservative reaction within our freedom-loving country, CORE is a Communist front or Agitation organization.

Undoubtedly, there are Communists in this organization but does this mean it is a Communist Front Organization??

We must differentiate between Communist agitation and democratic social action. We must not crucify the Mr. X's with nails of emotional reaction.

Racial prejudice is a definite force of unAmericanism in our country. Organizations such as CORE would not exist if this racial problem did not exist. Democratic action groups are directly motivated by the antisocial forces which conflict with the basic principles of our freedom-loving country.

If a man has enough guts

to non-violently oppose existent anti-social forces, he should deserve the respect of the society which has conceived the evils he is against.

THE MUSIC CORNER

A Christmas Program will be presented for all the students and faculty members of Danbury State College next Tuesday evening at 8 PM in Berkshire Auditorium. The program which is free to all will feature the Danbury State College Chorus consisting of over 100 voices. The band will be conducted by Dr. Mervin W. Whitcomb, Music Dept. Chairman and Mr. Marceau Myers, assistant director of the Band. The Chorus will be directed by Mr. Geyer a new member of the faculty here at D.S.C.

Mr. Joseph Geyer is the Director of Music in the Litchfield Congregational Church, Director of the Torrington Mens' Choral Club, New Milford Community Chorus and Tenor soloists with Oratorio groups in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Danbury, Winsted, Naugatuck, and Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Mr. Geyer has a BS in Music Education from State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania. He has received his MM from Boston University, and performed his Graduate Recital in 1959.

Mr. Geyer spent two years in the Army (11 months in Korea with the 5th Regimental Combat Team.) Mr. Geyer, welcome to the Music Dept. and D.S.C.!

Highlights of the Christmas Program will include selections from Handel's "Messiah," the "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson, the "Cradle Song of the Virgin," by Johannes Brahms, the "Ave Maria" by Giuseppe Verdi, "Behold the Star" by William Dawson, the "Cypress Tree Carol" by R.

Deane Schure, "Love Came Down at Christmas" by L. Sowerby and the "Glory to God in the Highest" by G.B. Pergolesi. These selections will be sung by the Chorus.

The Symphonic Band will perform the "Alleluia" by Mozart, the "Polonaise" by Rimsky Korsakov, "Walter Music Suite" by Handel and "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin.

The immortal "Hallelujah" Chorus by G.F. Handel will conclude the program.

The Music Corner would like to wish Dr. and Mrs. Whitcomb and family a "BON VOYAGE" on their trip to Europe this week. Wishing Dr. Whitcomb and family an early, but most sincere, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our featured Music Ed. this week is a Sophomore, Bart Beninco, is a Piano Major, and resides in Bridgeport, Conn. Bart is also an accordionist, and teaches for a Bridgeport accordion school. Bart, the Music Corner salutes you this week, and always!

Thanks, "Kitchie" for the help on publicity for the Christmas Program.

Mr. Myers will conduct the New Milford Community Band this Sunday at 3:PM, at the Pettibone School in New Milford, Conn. A program of Christmas Music and semi-classical music will be presented at the concert.

Certain people in Mr. Moryl's string class don't have to tune up their instruments before they play, because "with their weird fingerings, the instruments play in pitch." (right, Bill Kochis??) NO PARKER, the cello does not go under your chin.

See you at the Christmas Concert! Bob Pettinocchi

S.G.A. Contd.

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IBL

Action in the IBL was fast and furious this week with 3 out of 4 games being decided in overtime periods and the fourth, being decided in the closing seconds of the game.

In Monday's action the Maestros won out over the Insomniacs in a double overtime 36-31. Irv Thurrott and Al Montecalvo lead the winners with 11 points apiece. Vin Sideli and Bob Groeschner had 11 each for the losers.

The second game was the battle for league lead with the Barbarians nipping the Twisters in 3 overtimes 37 to 35. George Mann was the big man once again with 17 points. Art Mattiello had 15 in defeat.

Tuesday's slate saw the Twisters overcome the Insomniacs in overtime 36-33. Rick La Mothe upped his season total to 42 by firing 13 points home for the winners.

The Magnificent Seven lost out in the closing seconds to the No Names 27-25. Tom Hayes of the winners and Ozzie DeGrazia of the losers shared the high point honors with 8 apiece.

Standings

Barbarians	2	0
Maestros	2	0
Twisters	2	1
No Names	2	1
Magnificent	0	2
Insomniacs	0	4

The Warriors of Danbury made their initial appearance of the season last weekend. Unfortunately the team did not get off on the right foot against the taller teams of Quinnipiac and Southern.

Quinnipiac, winner of the NAIA Tipoff Tournament, squeaked by with a 56-50 win on Friday night. Mike Repp was the big man in the scoring column with 22 points. Bob Gorman, a starting freshman, looked

very impressive in his initial college game.

In the consolation game played Saturday night, the team had trouble getting onto the score board and the Southern club built up a big lead very early. After hitting for their first field goal, the team played on an even par with the again taller foe.

Tony Gorman had 16 and Pete Gregory had 12 in the 81-54 contest. An injury to John Russo has kept him on the sidelines but he has been working out in practice sessions this week and we hope to see him in action very soon.

The Pep Club after being the only support Friday night had a number of students in the stands Saturday and made the Warriors know that they were behind them.

The next engagement is Friday when the team travels to Providence, Rhode Island to test the men from Rhode Island College of Education at 8:00 pm.

The first home game of the season will be played Wed. Dec. 13th against Brooklyn Poly. Game time is 8:00. Remember, your ID card is your ticket of admission.

Let's all get out and support the team.

Dec. 1 Danbury

Gergory	Fg	F	Tl
Gorman, T	1	3	5
Repp	3	4	10
Madeux	7	8	22
Gorman, B	2	0	4
Steinberg	4	0	8
	0	1	1

Quinnipiac

Bruno	4	1	9
Gomez	3	1	7
Reilly	3	4	10
Tuthill	5	2	12
Donafrio	4	2	10
Nizoleck	3	0	6
Gee	1	0	2

Danbury	17	16	50
Quinnipiac	23	10	56

Dec. 2

Danbury

	Fg	F	Tl
Gregory	5	2	12
Gorman, T	7	2	16
Repp	5	0	10
Madeux	3	2	8
Gorman, B	1	1	3
Steinberg	1	1	3
Brooks	0	2	2

Southern

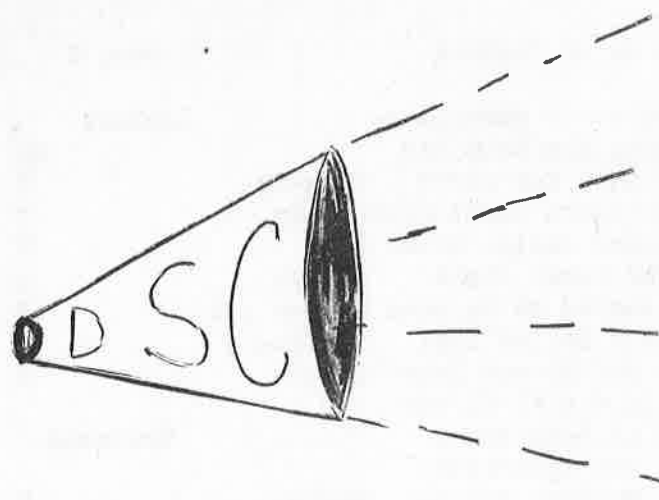
Barker	1	0	2
Baukas	2	0	4
Brunnetti	6	1	13
Castellon	1	0	2
DiNicola	4	1	9
Levenal	3	0	6
Narocci	1	2	4
Perkins	8	2	18
Smith	1	0	2
Tracy	8	3	19
Tullo	0	2	2

Danbury	22	10	54
Southern	35	11	81

HELP

Now that the tennis courts have been flooded, it took all week to accomplish this task, we are in dire need of personnel to help maintain and run this activity. This is a worth while undertaking and one which will require quite a bit of time and energy.

Plans to incorporate this into a winter weekend has already been investigated. The Recreation Committee of the Student Union is working in conjunction with the JAA to having a skating night time activity. All of these committees have a berth for interested persons so support your campus groups not only by attending the functions which they provide but by taking an active part in their growth and development.



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Now's your chance to
put your noise to good use.

A pre-game

PEP RALLY

will be held

Wed. Dec. 13th - 7 P.M. - In The Gym.

Let's start out the
Basket ball Season with a lot
of spirit. Get behind your team
and cheer the boys on to VICTORY.
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DANBURY STATE VS BROOKLYN TECH

see you there

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