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Merry Christmas

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Seniors Graduate Today Plan Varied Careers

The third graduation of 1943 in Ithaca College will see nine students receive their diplomas. All three departments are represented in this group.

From the Music Department are Otto Miller and Lois Hamilton. Otto plans to stay in Ithaca and conduct the choir in the First Unitarian church. In addition to this he will open his own music studio here in town. Lois will probably teach music although plans are indefinite.

The Physical Education representatives in the graduating class are Steve Zawyrucha and Aaron Norton. Steve has a temporary teaching job in Springfield, Vermont and will probably enter the armed forces in February as a Physio-therapist.

The Drama contingent includes Jane Young and Gloria Raunick, both of whom will enter the English teaching profession, with Jane first doing her practice teaching in her home town. Bette Buehler will leave immediately for New York City to try her fortunes in the professional theatre. Dorothy Conger will also try professional work, but in Hollywood, where she will join her family and prepare for a screen test. Carol Lewis will be married in February to Richard Schwartz, formerly of Cornell.

No formal exercise will be held since these students participated in the graduation ceremonies last August.

Drama Seniors Present Interpretative Readings

Four graduating seniors of the Drama Department presented a varied program of readings last week in the Green Room. The presentation was given as a part of a Private Interpretation Course under the supervision of Mrs. Rose C. Broughton.

Dorothy Conger opened the program with a comedy selection, William Dean Howells' *The Elevator*.

Carol Lewis presented another piece in a light vein—*First Lady*, by Kaufman.

Gloria Raunick's contribution was *The Stronger* by Strindberg.

The second half of the program was entirely given over to Jane Young who gave a forty-five minute cutting from Maxwell Anderson's *Mary of Scotland*.

This presentation of selections by senior is a tradition in the department.



Peace In A World At War

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men", the familiar watchword of the Christmas season, may in this third year of war sound a little hollow and perhaps out of place. But before we start to bemoan the fact that this year there will be no Christmas spirit, let us first consider what it may mean.

Christmas has always been a time for fun and merry making; it brings to mind warmth, cheer, love, and happy family gatherings. Its basis is of course religious, and yet all these other attitudes grow out of the religious background.

But even without form and ceremony the Christmas season has a meaning all its own to each individual. The peace that we may speak of need not necessarily be among groups of people, it can be a peace in the heart of each man; good will to men can imply a faith in the ultimate goodness of all mankind.

This fundamental goodness of each individual can be shown in the incident of World War I familiar to everyone. The story is told of Christmas Eve at the front, and of how all fighting ceased and American, French, English and German troops joined in singing Christmas carols across the stretches of No Man's Land. The present struggle has seen no such expression of feeling. The Germans with whom we are fighting today have been schooled against any display of emotion; the Japanese come from a civilization entirely opposed to our own. This year perhaps there may not be outward signs of Christmas throughout the world, but wherever there are those who have been brought up in the Christmas tradition, as we know it, there will be an inward feeling and knowledge of Christmas. In pauses in battle, in quiet homes, in all the four corners of the earth, if only everyone would stop in his heart remember what Christmas has meant, and what it will mean again then perhaps the real Christmas spirit will unfold. When men realize this, they will recall the beginning of the familiar quotation "GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH" and there will be "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."



Student Competitors Work For The Ithacan

In response to a recent announcement, six students are now competing for positions on the Ithacan staff. John Javonovich, Enid Kronick, David Little, Jennie Lou Mieras, Eugene Troobnick, and Janis Washburn attended the meeting November 15 at which assignments for the competition were outlined by Mr. Finch, faculty adviser.

Judging will be done by staff members and Mr. Finch and results will be announced after Christmas vacation.

Margaret Daum Signs New NBC Contract

Margaret Daum, president of the Ithaca College Alumni Association, has signed a year's contract for the N.B.C. radio show, "The Album of Familiar Music". She will star with Frank Munn, Jean Dickinson and Gus Henchen's orchestra.

Miss Daum studied voice with Dr. Bert Rogers Lyon while she was at Ithaca College, and has continued voice culture with him until the present time.

A member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Miss Daum is the Alumni Representative on the Board of Trustees at Ithaca College.

Medieval Manuscript Inspires Rawski Book

Delving far back into medieval times, Dr. Conrad Rawski is compiling a book about one of the most revealing manuscripts of that period—the Roman de Fauvel.

Written in approximately 1314, by a clerk in the court of Phillip the Fair of France, was a political pamphlet against the abuses of the Templars. At the time of the reign of King Phillip, the Templars were at the peak of their power. They were a group of people who had a great deal of money, yet were tax-exempt, and were perpetrators of many crimes—social, moral, and political.

Into his account of these abuses the writer of the Roman de Fauvel interpolated appropriate pieces of music, chosen, from his own time and from the 12th and 13th centuries. It is with these tunes that Dr. Rawski is concerning his book.

According to him the manuscript and its music are valuable for several reasons: (1) They contain the only known medieval manuscript that gives a historic repertoire covering several periods; (2) Early Notre Dame pieces appear in it. Immediately after the Roman was written came the Renaissance with its changes. Hence, it is the last summary of this music; (3) Certain stylistic changes in the older pieces were inserted by the editor. Through these and by a comparison with the originals, to which there is access, one can draw certain conclusions in regard to the musical tastes and concepts of the 14th century. We are able to discover what the people liked in contemporary music, and what they considered valuable and great from the repertoire of earlier times.

These music trends run closely parallel to the things already known about the art, philosophy, and literature of the time. It has been said that the Franconian style is the Summa Theologicae in music.

Dr. Rawski wrote his thesis on

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**Student Council Elects;
Jr. Class Picks Slate**

Student Council met in Dr. Landon's office last week and chose a new slate of officers for the spring term. Jim Ure, representing the CAYUGAN, has been elected president. Vice-president is Helen Champeau, council member for the Junior class. Connie Conroe, who with Ure is co-editor of the CAYUGAN, is filling the post of secretary-treasurer. Dr. Landon will continue as advisor.

Other Council members and the organizations they represent are: Joan Day, head of W. S. G. A.; Beverly Miller, senior class president; Eleanor Segal, ITHACAN representative; Mary Alice Hilgenberg, president of the sophomore class; and Helen Davis, freshman class head. Inter-Fraternity Council, normally represented on this Council, has not as yet selected a delegate. The head of this organization will automatically become a member of the Student Council.

Junior Class officers were also selected recently. Helen Champeau becomes the first girl president of the class. Tony Pezzano was chosen for the office of vice-president. While Helen Tapley will take care of the secretarial and financial duties. Dr. Landon is also faculty sponsor for this group.

Segal Heads T.A.P.

Theta Alpha Phi, honorary national dramatic fraternity, has a new slate of officers ready to take over at the beginning of the next semester.

Eleanor Segal will assume the presidency; Rafael Brewster will take over the duties of the vice-president. The secretary's job will be handled by Marion Teter and Edna Ruelke is the newly chosen Historian. Mary DiSarro retains her position of treasurer.

This mid-term election takes place because three of the outgoing officers are December graduates.

Coffin-Courting Coughers

Ithaca College students, beware of the snifles, snuffles, and coughs that have been running rampant among so many of your classmates. The infirmity is overflowing with germ-ridden, bleary-eyed sneezers and coughers. In addition numerous house-mothers and members of the faculty have succumbed to this epidemic of flu and pneumonitis.

For the sake of Miss Mac and Dr. Denniston (not to mention yourselves) drink plenty of water, get lots of sleep and steer clear of the germ-carriers.

P. S. Don't do as we do, do as we say.

**Spring Vacation Included
In Next Semester**

With the dropping of the accelerated schedule in Ithaca College an extra week has been added to the present semester. Final exams, in most courses, will be given from January 3 to the 7th. Registration for the winter term will also occur during this week, and classes will begin on January 10.

The new school calendar for 1944 as announced by the administration is as follows:

January 10— Winter Semester Begins

March 3— Spring Vacation Begins at 5 P. M.

March 13— Classes Resume

May 5— Winter Semester Ends

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the two part melodies contained in the Roman de Fauvel and has been doing research in connection with this pamphlet since 1934. At present he has all the music transcribed and has finished a complete account of the two part works.

The original manuscript of the Roman is in the Paris library and, although it is famous, no similar work in connection with it has ever been attempted.

MAIL CALL

Dear Johnnie,

Christmas comes but once a year and it's in the air now. Carols all over the place—in the lobby, in the Little Theatre around the piano, at dining hall, and on Sunday night Phi Mu, S. A. I. and Kappa Gamma made their annual tour of all the houses. After the caroling the S. A. I. girls invited the whole gang up for a buffet supper. After all that ice and snow the hot chocolate was just right.

All the houses have big Christmas trees as usual, and you should see the kids racking their brains for "clever" gifts for the parties. One of our loveliest Christmas traditions, the annual Choir Concert, was just as wonderful as usual. It left us all with that old cozy Christmasy feeling, and made us miss you just a little bit more. Also in the musical line was Otto Miller's organ recital at the First Unitarian Church. It was a Christmas program and I think that you would have enjoyed it, particularly the two French Noels. Helen Rogers also sang on the program.

You should have seen the lobby last week, it would have done your heart good. It was just about like old times, what with the pledges going through their antics. The Phi Mu boys even resurrected "The Charge of the Light Brigade." Loudly resounding paddles made it really sound as though the boys were taking a beating. However, when the night of formal initiation rolled around, and new and sparkling pins appeared, each one agreed that it was worth it.

Seen around the campus last week was Second Lt. Bob Marden back from Alaska. Up there in the cold country he met "Rooster" Fauls, who is now an aviation cadet.

Word has just been received that Joe Abraham, Herb Pittman, and Dick Jesmajian are stationed in England. Also that George Burgess, M. P. and Don Sutton are in Italy. Our boys are really getting around.

The Ithaca College basketball team of last year has transferred to Hobart College. Jim Hercinger, Jack Lupton, John Nolan, Joe Skwarek and Steve Charsky, all V-12's at Hobart, are tossing the ball around now under different varsity colors.

Here's one for the books, Johnnie! Dottie Dunn spent all fall coaching boys' football and has now taken over basketball as part of her teaching job.

First news in a long time came the other day from Bud Frank. He is a Radar man on a blimp, doing coast patrol and convoy escort duty.

It took Hawaii to bring H. Page Johnson face to face with Maurice Evans. It seems that our Howie was interviewed by the famous actor. Maybe Honolulu with its grass skirts isn't so far from Broadway and it's top hats.

As you probably know "Cradle Song" opened last weekend. It was well accepted by both houses although on Saturday night we ran into stiff competition from Hans Kinder who was playing on the hill. The mood and atmosphere of the show are very beautiful and much in keeping with the religious spirit of Christmas.

Johnnie, you'd be amazed to see how close our departments are these days. With Phy Ed Jim Freeman and tuba-player Bill Keyser alternating on curtain and lights, and T. Pezzano supplying sound effects with his fiddle for "The Cradle Song", we were really very chummy. Note to future stage managers: Always let music students know of any first minute cuts in the script. It was rather nerve wracking to see Tony climbing up into the fly gallery a split second before his cue.

Speaking of violinists it was grand to see Nickie Morano the other night, but we missed "Miengooch" (?) Say, Dom, how do you spell that?

Well, I'm going to get all bundled up now and go out into the cold, to mail this to you. As I step into the snow I can't help remembering how much you loved "White Christmas", and although there may not be one where you are now, at least you can keep on dreaming of all the white and happy Christmasses in store for you when you come back,

So Merry Christmas, Johnnie, and "God Bless us, everyone."

SPECIAL TO SERVICE MEN

The *Ithacan* would appreciate notification of your change of address. Also if you know of any I.C. man in service who is not receiving the *Ithacan*, please send his address.

The Staff.