The night of December 18th is scheduled to be one of the most memorable nights on the L. C. calendar. This is the night of the annual S.C.A. Christmas Tree, which crowns our faithful con-dominiums, maids, and cooks of the "hill" and their families. Other outstanding events of the evening are Christmas caroling, sister class parties, and a midnight vespers service.

The activities of the night will start at 7:00 p.m. in the college dining room. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Malone Dodson. Entertainment will be provided by some of the students, and carols will be sung by the entire group. Before the program ends Santa Claus will arrive with gifts for all of the honored guests.

Previously, the names of all the employees and their families have been drawn in the dormitories by the students. Each student draws a name and buys that particular person a gift.

Immediately following the S.C.A. Party students will divide into several groups to sing Christmas carols to the town folks. Each group will be assigned a certain section of town in which to go caroling. At 9:00 o'clock all groups will meet at the Chalvey fountain in the downtown section of town to sing their farewell Christmas greetings to the people of LaGrange.

Later, all students will return to the campus for the brother and sister-class parties. The Junior-Freshmen party will be in the dining room where the Sophomores and Seniors will meet in Turner Hall. This is the time when college brothers and sisters exchange their Christmas tokens. Entertainment and refreshments are scheduled so that everyone will have a good time. The various class sponsors will be present.

The grand finale of the night and of the year 1958 as far as VOLUME I-

Horton, Dodson Tabbed As Miss, Mr LaGrange

Bloodmobile Here Dec. 15

BY GEORGE PULLEN

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Foreign Students Tell

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One day in December, the members of the household on December 15th, bring gifts of coffee and cakes. St. Lucia wears a bright red sash. On her head is a crown of pine boughs adorned with seven candles. This custom became very popular as our Santa Claus. St. Lucia is picked in every town, and then one is picked for the entire country, making a huge beauty contest. At school the girl picked to be St. Lucia has handmaiden dressed in white who follow her around with candles in their hands.

Of course the boys have to get into the celebration. Putting on high-pointed hats and stars on them, they become star boys honoring St. Stephens who brought Christianity to Scandinavia. The star boys go about singing to St. Stephens who is honored on December 26th, St. Stephens Man, on Christmas Eve.

This custom has become commercialized as our Santa Claus. St. Lucia Man, on Christmas Eve is the day of tree trimming, dancing, singing, and a dimer of buffett, the Christmas fish. In Sweden the children look forward to opening the presents and the coming of Jul Tomten, the little Christmas Man, on Christmas Eve. The Pigs place a cross on St. Stephens and the door to their house is said to be haunted by the ghosts of the community. The children go around the house, and sometimes members of the immediate family also exchange gifts.

On Christmas Eve the people dress up in their most colorful costumes and parade up and down the winding streets singing Christmas carols. The parade is ended by the bursting of firecrackers announcing midnight mass. No matter how you say it, Jul in Swedish is God Yul, or in Finland with Hyvaa Joulua, or in China with Ouy-Lo Sain-Tan, or at L. C. Hodges, Libby Coleman, Judy Harris, and Marlene Whetlock played background piano music. During the afternoon Claire Holmes, President of Student Government, and the Student Government Association, gave some introductory remarks and welcomed the members of the administration. When Maladone had finished he asked Dr. Henry to tell one of his stories for which he is famous, and we feel that the program will help serve that purpose.

After Christmas the college will be closed for Christmas vacation, and will open again at a week-day time which will be announced later, say station officials.

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New Program
Airs LC News

A regular weekly program of LC news is being sent out on the air for the first time last Saturday over station WFRP in LaGrange.

Under the supervision of the College News Service, the quarter-hour program is being conducted by Nancy E. Gibson, Perry Ray, and Joe Haynie.

According to George Pettit, station manager, the program will help tell LaGrange College and the surrounding area of the progress and activities that so characterized LaGrange College during the past three years. Local citizens are wanting to know more and more of what’s going on at ‘The Hill’ and we feel that the program will help serve that purpose.

During the first airing of the LC news program on Saturday afternoon, Haynie served as program announcer and Miss Gibson and Jerry discussed campus news in conversational tones.

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S.G.A. Holds Party
On Sunday, December 16th, the Student Government Administration held their annual Christmas party in the Formal Parlor of Smith.

The party began at 10 o'clock with a few piano selections presented by Miss Carolyn Babb. Afterwards M. a lo Dodson, President of the Student Government Association, gave some introductory remarks and welcomed the members of the administration. When Maladone had finished he asked Dr. Henry to tell one of his stories for which he is famous, and we feel that the program will help serve that purpose.

Gifts were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Talbott, Mr. Crenshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Talbott. The audience was served on behalf of the entire student body.

Manger Building

The Manger building will be the first new classroom building built on campus. It was built 60 years ago.

At Christmas we say it with FLOWERS

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Christmas Oratorio And Masque Performed By LaGrange College

The audience which assembled Monday night, Dec. 15th, in Dobbs Auditorium witnessed a unique double presentation. First, one of Bach's major choral works was sung by the Choralaires, and then a contemporary masque was presented by the Curtain Raisers with the choral background provided by the Choralaires.

The 45-voice mixed chorus, directed by Walter Westafer, worked hard to give depth and meaning to Bach's extremely difficult "Christmas Oratorio." It was the first time that this work had been presented in LaGrange, and the greatness of the oratorio was easily recognized. The majesty and power of the choruses as contrasted with the soft, deeply moving chorales were living evidence of Bach's skill.

In addition to the choral parts, the performance included recitatives, arias, and duets. Student soloists were Sandra Daniels, Elizabeth Brown, and Emily Eady. The guest soloists, both of Atlanta, were Don Henderson, bass-baritone and Carlton English, tenor. Carolyn Babbs and Gerald Chatham accompanied both the choruses and the soloists. Kathryn Cline, professor of organ and piano, played the Pastoral Symphony which opened Part II of the oratorio.

Preceding the oratorio, the masque, "On Christmas Night," adapted from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by Adolph Bolm and R. Vaughn Williams was presented by the Curtain Raisers. This was the first presentation of the contemporary work in Georgia, and the uniqueness of its dramatic form added much to its enjoyment. The masque included both the traditional Dickens' story and the Biblical account of the Nativity. It consisted of dancing, singing, and pantomiming with an emphasis on unusual lighting effects and authentic costumes.

Miss Irene E. Arnett directed the production while Mrs. Dorothy Westafer created the choreography and trained the dancers.

VARIOUS YULE

A Statistic!

The other day our vice president in charge of good news announced that someone, somewhere, enjoys Coca-Cola 58 million times a day. You can look at this 2 ways:

Either we’ve got an incredibly thirsty world, or Coca-Cola is the best-loved sparkling drink in the world.

We lean to the latter interpretation.
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By DONNA HIERS

The World's Just A Snowball?

Darji To Have Christmas Thanks To S.C.A. You

As Santa slides down your chimney this Christmas, you may well ask yourself—Who is also visiting Little Darji in far-away Germany?

Many of us get so busy exchanging gifts with family and friends that we forget the true spirit and purpose of Christmas. This year in the person of Darji many of us have been able to show a little of this true spirit.

The members of the Student Christian Association are the foster parents of Darji. As parents, we must also be his Santa Claus. This Christmas the S. C. A. has sent to him a red, white and blue crew neck sweater, a pair of oakle white leather pants, a point set and a white shirt.

Sometimes one tends to be rather unsympathetic with those near our own age. One particular group of youngsters, however, has demonstrated feelings of sympathy to this June. Darji, a LaGrange College student, is a member of the home-room class of seventh graders at West Side Junior High School of LaGrange. Before coming here, Darji was living in the manger where the Son of God lay. This was the original meaning of Christmas—this is where it got its name, and it is exciting because it is unusual in this locality. It may seem snowy to those who see it all the time, but to most snow days can't be beat.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor,

I was thinking the other day that we ought to add a bit of humor to the school newspaper. I believe we capitalize too much of our students. Perhaps some of his students are not too young to remember the time when Scotch and Porter were all the rage.

Both June and Jerry are students at LaGrange High School. They are making as practice teachers and are looking forward to the time they will take on their duties in a full time occupation. (By Kathryn Brown)

Letters to The Editor

Dear Janice,

Thank you so much for your excellent suggestions. As you already mentioned the financial problems, I am sure you do not allow us to use any type of comic strip. Your idea on having a campus newspaper is a good one and we shall consider starting one next semester.

Would it be possible to resuscitate the old "announcements" and make them more organized? Or possibly another type of announcement? If so, we feel that the system of making announcements has been inadequate and needs revision.

Nancy Wethel (Editor's Note—This idea is a good one in that more than one person has commented to me on the matter. I am going to improve our present method).
May Queen And King Tabbed

In a recent student body election, Mary Ansley of Blakely, Georgia, and Olin Harp of Cusseta, Georgia were elected Queen and King of the May. Barbara Bradley of Palmetto, Georgia was elected Maid of Honor.

The King and Queen will reign over the annual May Day festivities sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association. The pageant will be held the first Saturday of May.

The early election of the May Day royalty was necessary because annual pictures have to be taken in time to have them submitted to the publisher.

Christmas Dance Is Big Success

On Friday night, December 12th, the annual Christmas dance was enjoyed by both the student body and faculty members.

The dance was held at the armory, and began at 9:00 p.m. and lasted until 1:00 a.m. Dance music was provided by a band of five musicians, all of whom serve as band directors in the West Alabama schools.

During the intermission the officers of the newly formed sorority, Delta Phi Delta were introduced and honored.

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Support Your CHRISTMAS SEAL FUND For Tuberculosis This Year

We Wish For The Students and The Faculty of LaGrange College A MERRY CHRISTMAS And A HAPPY And PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! CALLAWAY MILLS LaGrange, Ga.
Panthers Are Impressive In Three Wins

As if in answer to a dare, the Panthers went on a prow through North Georgia and South Carolina the week-end of Dec. 5-6 and brought home two savage victories: 68-60 over Piedmont College and 64-52 over Erskine College. Then on the following Monday night, in their first game at home, the LC cagers walked away with their third victory in four days.

On Friday night Dec. 5, the Panthers came out on top of a tough Piedmont team in what was probably the roughest game for the squad this season. This was a conference game and gave the Panthers a 1-1 conference record.

On the foul line the team showed superb form by dumping in 22 out of 28 attempted free throws for 88 per cent. Herbert Slayden, 6-4 forward, led the scoring with 20 points, his highest tally of the season. Slayden was followed by buddy Grimes with 17, Wallace Brown with 14 and Wayne Copeland with 16. Larry Boswell with 22 points, the highest points total of the season for a single game. Wallace amassed 36 points on the weekend trip.

10 men played in this game, with Slayden scoring 8 points, Copeland 14, Harp 5, Carden 6, Grimes 7, and Rossell 2.

On Monday night, Dec. 8, the Panthers took an easy victory over North Georgia College, 85-60, in a conference encounter. All 11 men on the squad played with 9 men scoring. Leading scorer was Wayne Copeland with 16 points.

Five others scoring double figures were Herbert Slayden 30, Olin Harp 30, Wallace Brown 11, Jerry Carden 13 and Buddy Grimes with 14. Larry Boswell sank 4 field goals for 8 points and Jimmy Johnson and Max Griffes rounded out the scoring with 2 points and 1 point, respectively.

Panthers Go To Kansas City If —

LaGrange College's Panthers must win a national small college basketball tournament next March, if — and that is an especially big word this time. As a charter member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and a new member of the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and a new member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes, the hilltop cagers will have a chance to go to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, but there's a long, rough road ahead.

The playoff winner will be one of 22 teams in Kansas City out of the 128 participating teams. The only setback. Copeland has scored an average of 33.5 points per game and is the team's leading rebounder with 69.

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Panthers Squeeze By Rebels In Overtime

Wallace Brown pushed through 22 points to lead the Panthers to a 68-66 overtime win over Valdosta State. The victory gave LaGrange a 6-1 mark in pre-Christmas competition.

The Panthers were down 24-26 at half-time as the Rebels from the South proved much tougher than expected. The lead seems back and forth during the second half as the regulation contest ended in a 59-59 knot. The Panthers out scored the Rebels 5-7 in the overtime with Brown dumping in four points including the two winning markers with only seconds remaining.

The ball hooking Brown has been picked on the Atlanta Journal pre-season all-GAIC and all-state small college teams. With only 13 seconds left Valdosta went to the free throw line to shoot what could have been the winning marker. The ball went stray and the alert Brown came down with the rebound. A bit of nifty ball handling and fancy faking by Herbie Slayden resulted in the winning two points for the Panthers. Slayden faked a shot and passed off to Brown who tallied the final two points.

Others getting into the Panther scoring column were: Copeland 11, Slayden 10, Griffes 9, Harp 6, Boswell 6, and Carden 4.

Back Euthridge led Valdosta with 23 points. Brothers Wayne and Jerry Studdard produced 15 and 12 points, respectively.
Cage Changes
Noted Since First Team

With the 4th full basketball season in process many changes and improvements have been made since the 1955-56 season.

The first really organized team came in the 55-56 school year. With practically no backing or enthusiasm from the city the eight-member squad was destined to be a failure. The team had no more than 12 supporters at any one game, no cheerleaders, and had to borrow cars for out of town games. Although, the team wasn’t given much hope to begin with, under the coaching of coach-player, Joe Copeland and Captain Ralph Goggin the team turned in an 8-8 record.

The 56-57 season brought more organization than ever before and the first scholarships were given. Hiram Reeves was the first full time coach. The first new uniforms were bought, an athletic fund was set up, the budget, and facilities were made for transportation, room, and eating on out-of-town trips. It was one of the few teams in Georgia to have a traveling squad the same year and started playing larger colleges.

More scholarships were given during the 57-58 season and again the team was coached by Hiram Reeves. In the schedule were games with more of the well-known 4-year schools such as Georgia Tech, Marcellus Jarrell, Underwood and Joe Copeland were captains of this team. The team won 15 games and lost 4. The status of basketball at LaGrange continued to improve.

During this, the 58-59 season, L. C. joined the G.L.A.C., (Georgian Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and the expanded schedule of the coaches of this conference the “Panthers” were prepared for a big swing play. Being the first year to participate in this group of ‘Panthers’ who has already been posted, Olin Harp is captain of the team which has equal possibilities for the remainder of the year.

Pi Delt Race To Frat Loop Lead With Three Wins

Pi Delta Kappa has streaked to a 9-6 winning record in the first four inter-fraternity basketball games of the season.

Mose Walburn netted 20 points for Pi Delta in a 16-30 victory over Sigma Nu. On the Sigma Nu squad, Garry Todd dumped 16 points.

In the second inter-fraternity game Sigma Nu defeated Gamma Phi Beta 14-16. Sigma Nu’s Jim Johnson dropped in 31 points in this contest.

As Pi Delta once again met Sigma Nu in a hard fought game, they came up with a 52-28 victory over their opponents. Gamma Phi’s Frank Powell proved once again high-scorer for Pi Delta.

In the fourth game played by the fraternities, Sigma Nu contested in a revenge game against Pi Delta. But the Pi Delt Charges went on to complete their winning streak by a score of 36-33.

POST-HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Could Be Real Trouble

There will be little Christmas vacation for the LaGrange College cagers—not with the breakup, but important five-game schedule which will face them in the two weeks immediately after the holidays.

Starting the Panthers in the face when campus returns will be Troy State, Shorter, Oglethorpe, North Georgia, and Emory University of Theology.

Troy State will be in town on Sunday, Jan. 6, with a squad of 35 hustling, experienced players. The Bed Wave (from South Alabama) has appeared in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., for the last five consecutive years. Troy beat the Panthers in both meetings last year.

The LaGrange quintet will face Shorter at Rome in a Georgia Intercollegiate Conference double on Jan. 9. The un-freshman Gold Wave has already won loop contests against Berry College, Valdosta State, and Piedmont and only lost in double overtime to Oglethorpe.

When the Oglethorpe Petrels come to Callaway Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 18, the Panthers will have to be ready if they want a part of this year’s conference title. The Rebels are undefeated in conference play and have been highly favored by Atlanta papers to walk away with the crown. The Panthers’ only loss so far this season was to Oglethorpe 58-50, in Atlanta.

The Berry University “Circuit Riders” are scheduled to appear here on January 23, with what looks like a very impressive team. The preachers from Emory have several players that played on Southeastern Conference teams and are reeled to have two former All-Americans on their squad.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Panthers traveled to Dahlonaga to meet the North Georgia Cades.

Harp Cited As Valuable Panther

Olin Harp, the captain of the Panthers, has made an outstanding place for himself during his four years at LaGrange College.

Olin was a charter member of the basketball team four years ago, and because of the record he made that year and those following, he is the only four-year letterman LaGrange has produced thus far. "Jack", as he many times is called, is a 6'7" center and sports number 24 on his jersey. He weighs 200 pounds and hails from Chatsworth, Georgia.

This year, in addition to practice teaching in his major subject which is science, he is also a student of director of athletics. He has held the office of secretary-treasurer of the Circle K Club and is a vice-president of the Pi Delta Kappa fraternity.

A high honor was bestowed on Olin in January of 1957. The Panthers were invited to play in the Callaway Invitational Tournament. At that occasion Olin scored approximately one hundred twenty two points to receive the Best Sportsmanship Award.

Olin was satisfactory of his performance as the Christ Church High School. He played varsity basketball there, was captain of his team, and was chosen all-region.

One other point of interest is that Olin married Lynn Walker during the summer of 1955. According to statistics, the Caides should provide more positions on their home court than in their initial appearance in LaGrange.

Having been on the road for all but one game before Christmas, the Panthers have a chance to display their prowess before the home audience in three of these five games.
Dr. Epps Tells Of Past Christmases

The Christmas season is fast coming upon us, and as campus activities gain momentum one can't help but wonder about the tradition-bound history of the college and Christmases of the past.

Two years ago Dr. Jennie Lee Epps was honored for having given twenty-five years of service to the college. To find out about how Christmas has changed through the years, Dr. Epps was interviewed about her memories of Christmas when she first came, and her opinions of the changes that have occurred.

Dr. Epps commented on the Christmas memories spent at La. C. that seemed filled with an expectant attitude. All day long the Negroes were heard singing the songs that would be a recognized climax to the Christmas activities on the “Hill.”

The excited air of expectation finally came to a head on the night before going home for the holidays, the students and faculty met in the small dining room to hear and participate in an extemporaneous program. Afterwards, Dr. Epps said, Ike would recite a poem—not necessarily a Christmas poem, but perhaps “The Village Blacksmith” would be his choice. Then there were the Negro children Dr. Epps remembers that gave a new sound to the old, familiar “Night Before Christmas.”

Now, Dr. Epps commented, changes have taken place—changes that have come partly due to the increased enrollment and partly due to the rapid pace at which we live. Unfortunately a lot of the simplicity of Christmas has been overshadowed by many complex activities, and many complex activities, and many complex activities, and many complex activities.

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The calendar of events for L. C. during the dates of December 16 to January 24 are:

- December 16: Academic Admissions Council, 10:00; Ministerial Association, 10:00; Music Educational National Conference.
- December 17: S.C.A. Association Meeting.
- December 18: Servants’ Party; Christmas Carol; Class Parties; Midnight Vespers; Special exercises at Chapel; Marine recruiting officer on campus.
- Christmas Holidays begin at 1:30 P.M.
- January 5: Christmas Holidays end, classes resumed at 8:00 A.M.; Music Educational National Conference.
- January 9: Basketball game, Oglethorpe College, LaGrange.
- January 10: College Student Recital, 8:15 P.M., Dobbs; Methodist Church.
- January 12: College Student Recital, 8:15 P.M.; Dobbs; Methodist Church.
- January 16: S.C.A. Association Meeting.
- January 17: S.C.A. Committee meeting, 10:00; Basketball game, Oglethorpe College, LaGrange.
- January 18: S.C.A. Cabinet Meeting, 10:00; Basketball game, West Georgia College, LaGrange.
- January 19: S.C.A. Cabinet Meeting, 10:00; Basketball game, West Georgia College, LaGrange; End of fall term.

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