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**NEWS BRIEFS**

A new secretary, Mrs. Olly B. (Madeline) Todd, has been employed in the college business office. A native of LaGrange, she was previously secretary to the area engineer of the Georgia State Highway Department. She replaces Mrs. LaJuana Price, whose husband was transferred to Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. Todd live at 403 Hill Street.

Tryouts for acting parts in the next Speech and Drama Department production, an Irish comedy entitled "Playboy of the Western World," are scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Dobbs Auditorium. The tryouts are open to all students.

Students will be admitted to all Panther home games upon presentation of student activity cards. There will be no charges for members of faculty and staff, but admission for members of their families will be regular. (25c) price for public school students.

Lithographs and etchings by three of the world's greatest graphic artists, Honoré Daumier of 19th Century France, Francisco Goya of 18th Century Spain, and Raphael and Pierre Sandrin of 19th Century France, will be on exhibition in the Hawkes art gallery through Wednesday. The original prints may be purchased.

The final pre-Christmas edition of the Hilltop News will be circulated on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Deadline for news for the issue is Wednesday afternoon. News should be turned in to the News office in Smith Hall.

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Panthers face Shorter's Wave in Tuesday's home opener

**Cage team's chances depend upon hustle**

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A new and highly respected coach, six returning lettermen, three junior college transfers, and much more depth are cause for optimism on the LaGrange College campus and among Panther basketball fans.

However the team lacks height and will be facing the toughest schedule since the college played in its first intercollegiate competition eight years ago.

Coach Al Mariotti, one of Georgia's highest school coaches during the last 17 years, can be expected to have a hustling, well-conditioned squad, grounded in hardwood fundamentals. He feels that teams he coaches are usually fairly well-balanced between offense and defense, but his prep teams through the years have carried the reputation of being tough defensively.

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It will take a maximum effort on the part of the Panthers in this first GIC competition of the young season, but Coach Mariotti is well-known for his game strategy, so look for a real thriller.

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TIME FOR GOOD SPORTS

The growth of sports in America in the past 50 years has increased tremendously. The influences of two major wars, of modern means of transportation and communication and of more leisure have given an ever-increasing impetus to the popularity of sports.

The increased growth of sports with its wide spectator appeal has created a serious problem. In fact, we have situations of spectator jeering, and other forms of spectator misbehavior across our nation place our sport programs in jeopardy.

It is human nature for people to be critical of our athletic programs, especially when the news of the cold war, politics, crime, and accidents are pushed to the second pages of newspapers by such headlines as "Official Assaulted After Football Game," "Students Riot After Basketball Game," and "Players Attacked by Irate Fans." A display of this type of sportsmanship is one of the most eye-catching weaknesses of interscholastic athletics.

LaGrange College does not fall into such categories but she has shown some indications of weak sportsmanship in the past years. LC has begun this season showing that its students and the coach and his team. This was exemplified at the homecoming game and at the previews that preceded it.

An over-emphasis on competition and winning rather than cooperation and playing the game for the sake of the game has caused the American student to lose sight of the importance of athletics as a part of our educational system. Here LC, an important factor in our college life. It introduces our college to many who would never have another chance to become acquainted with it.

It is the responsibility of each of us to put our best efforts behind the sports of this college. Under the LC sports program the student body, the faculty, and the administration unite (for a change) to support a common cause. Sports seem to be the best way to bring all facets of the college life together.

Sportsmanship is contagious. It is hard for spectators to boo and jeer when they see the team they are supporting behaving with courtesy and good manners toward their opponents and the officials. They see the members of their team quick to render a helping hand to an injured opponent; their performance.

This basketball season will prove to be the perfect chance for each of us to demonstrate our personal responsibilities of sportsmanship and to back our Panther team as strongly as possible. Our strong, unending support will help the Panthers to represent LaGrange College in the best possible way.

LAGRANGE COLLEGE PANTHERS 1962-63 Basketball Schedule

Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24
Southern States Warm-Up Tournament — Williamsburg, Ky.
(Cumberland College, LaGrange College, Lincoln Memorial University, West Georgia College)

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by Mickey Johnson

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Placing third in the Georgia Intercollegiate Conference with a 7-5 tally, the Panthers were toppled by Valdosta State, the league champion, and Shorter in the run-up to the 1963 season. Overall, LaGrange won nine and lost nine during last year’s Panther edition seemed to run into more than its share of injuries and other troubles.

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15 Panthers ready to fight for LC's honor

by John White

The Panther cages’ “lock” for 1962-63 can best be summarized by briefly looking at each player.

Roy Awbrey, a 6-3 junior from Franklin, is a probable starter at forward and possibly the best scorer on the team. Last year he was selected most valuable player on the Columbus Junior College cage team. Averaging 19 points per game, Awbrey grabbed one of nine rebounds while playing at Heard County High School. He has been named to the Class “B” all-state team.

Larry Bush, a 6-4 junior from Phenix City, also played on the Columbus College team. Averaging 9.95 points per game last year, Bush is a probable starter at forward.

One of the two seniors on the Panther cage team this year, Jon Goldman, a 6-3 center from Meansville, is a probable starter at the pivot position. A natural leader on the hardwood, Goldman was able to score 10.3 points per game and lend the team with a 74.1 field goal percentage. Although injured last year, he was selected as a member of the All-Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference second team.

Larry Howell, a 6-1 guard of LaGrange and the other senior on the team, was the Panthers’ playmaker last year and can be expected to be the same this year. Perhaps the best defensive player and one of the best drivers, he scored an average of 10.3 points per game last year. Howell was also a member of last year’s All-GAIC second team.

Glenn Lord, a 5-11 freshman of LaGrange, who was at guard position. Lord, captain of his high school team last year, was selected to the all-state team, of which he was co-captain. While on the LaGrange High cage team last year he averaged 12 points per game.

Forward Jerry Massey, a 6-1 sophomore from Waycross, although sidelined several times last year with injuries, averaged nine points per game. Massey, a good all-round offensive player, was a valuable reserve and sometimes a starter last year.

A starter on both defense and offense and a good shot at guard, Jack Mayo, a 6-1 junior from Phenix City, was a starter last year. Mayo, who averaged 11 points and eight rebounds during his second junior college year at Columbus, is another probable starter.

One of the team’s two tallest men, Colby Mosier, a 6-4 freshman from Huntsville, should see considerable action at the pivot position. Mosier, while captain of the Baker High cage team his senior year, scored 15 points and 12 rebounds per game.

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A sophomore guard, Benny Rickman, 6-1, from Marietta, is one of the Panthers’ most aggressive and hardest working players. Although not a high scorer, Rickman is a strong player.

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November 26, 1962
All conference teams improve; exciting cage games coming up

by Clarke Stone

LaGrange College begins its ninth year in basketball Tuesday night, and the way teams are shaping up in the Georgia Intercollegiate Conference this could be the most explosive year in the nine-year span.

Good reports from all the teams have been circulated throughout the league, and what looked like a three-team race between Valdosta State, LaGrange, and Shorter has suddenly burst into a six-team struggle for survival.

LaGrange's record with Shorter

Coach...from p1

state AAA championship.

Twice the genial coach guided a Georgia All-Star team in the annual summer high school classic, winning once.

The new LC coach is known for his surprising hardwood strategy and his tenacious defensive teams. His teams have led the state, defensively, for a number of years. However, he feels that he coaches a balanced game, with equal emphasis on offense and defense. His offense is basically a post type.

Mariotti grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, but became a southern when he enrolled in Newberry (S.C.) College. There he earned three letters each in football and basketball and captained the grid team.

Following graduation with a degree in science and mathematics, he worked a year in Youngstown before returning south as football coach at Lyons (Ga.) High School. Then came three years in a similar position at Millen and a year at Fitzgerald.

In 1945 Mariotti found a home in LaGrange, coming to town to coach basketball and football. He is a member of the Board of Stewards at LaGrange First Methodist Church and has served two years as president of the men's Sunday School class.

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was Feb. 1, 1966, in Rome.

Chances...from p1

In the front court, Awbrey and Tuggle lock like they have the inside for starting positions, but Blaysee and the Corises will be ready to go if called upon.

At center, Goldman has more experience and will be the chief contender, but Bush and Mosier have more height and heft and will be trying to nudge Goldman out of the starting line-up.

 Probably teaming in the back-court will be two hustling playmakers and quick defenders, Howell and Mayo. However, Stephens and Rickman will be fighting for their old positions, along with newcomers Lord, Christopher, and Nalley.

The prospects, in short, depend on overcoming the lack of height with aggressiveness and accurate shooting and on the blending of veterans with inexperienced college careers. All of this under a new coach.

Panthers...from p3

ers. Rickman shoots with accuracy from various positions and is a good defensive player.

A starting guard in every game this season, 5-10 sophomore Terry Stephens of Atlanta, is a combination ball handler, playmaker, and scorer, averaging 9.6 points per game last year. He was honorable mention on the All-GIAC team last year.

Bob Tuggle from Atlanta, a 6-3 sophomore forward, is a rugged rebounder and good jump shot, averaging 12.5 points per game last year. This year he can be expected to develop into an all-round performer.

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