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As We Prepare to Celebrate Christmas...

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men," chorused the heavenly host on the first Christmas Eve.

This thought is refreshing as the Christian world once more prepares to celebrate the anniversary of Christ's birth.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God," the Savior said in his Sermon on the Mount. Never has the Christian world prayed with more concern for world peace. Generally speaking, those nations dominated by followers of the Prince of Peace have supported their religious beliefs with peaceful acts.

Unfortunately, however, those who rule

much of the world deny His message. Their "might makes right" philosophy has forced the free world to remain militarily strong if peace on earth and our human ideals are to survive. Thus much of our God-given wealth must be used for weapons instead of for aid to the world's less generously endowed peoples.

Gift buying has become to too many the most important aspect of this religious holiday. Let's hope that this year it shall not interfere with the celebration of the birth of the Son of God, who was sent here that men might know the Father's intended way of life.

Next Three Weeks: Full of Sports

Sports enthusiasts will find plenty to keep them occupied during the next three weeks, what with basketball opening at McArthur court this weekend and post-season football games coming up.

Basketball, America's favorite spectator sport, gets off to a flying start with a series of doubleheaders. First McArthur court action will come Saturday night, with the Ducks taking on the University of Texas after Oregon State and University of Portland have collided in the opener. A forty-mile trek to Corvallis on Friday night will reward the traveler with games between Oregon and Portland and OSC and Texas.

Providing a little spice in the sports menu is the state high school swimming meet, held annually in the Oregon men's pool and scheduled this year for December 15. Admission is free, and spectators will see the finest prep swimmers in the state turning in their best efforts.

Then basketball comes back, providing a welcome break for those who have to wait till Tuesday for their last final. The Webfoots take on Rice Institute in Mac court Dec. 18, while Oregon State is tackling Missouri; then the home state teams switch opponents for another doubleheader in Corvallis the following night.

In football, all Oregon eyes will be on the East-West game, to be played in San Francisco Dec. 29. All-around athlete and school leader Phil McHugh has been picked to participate in the post-season classic, and he should see lots of action.

No Oregon State players will be in that game, for they'll be busy getting ready for their first Rose Bowl game in 15 years. They play Iowa in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

A full sports schedule, and one that promises lots of thrills for even the most sophisticated among us. (J.W.)

A Word to the Wise Frosh on Finals

Next week, when the rest of the country is scurrying to and fro, preparing for the Christmas season, the Yule will be the last thought in the minds of 5,500 Oregon students who are indulged in the wraths of another finals week. For the older students, this week has lost much of its stress and strain, and now is nothing more than a series of extra-long mid-terms. For the freshmen, however, it's a week filled with uncertainty; and it is for the benefit of these new students that this article is written.

You frosh have learned by now, that if you haven't kept up on your daily assignments, finals week is going to be a real chore. You have no alternative, but to do a lot of "cramming" in the hopes of picking up enough learning to get a passing grade. If you're lucky, this cramming will pull you through; but any knowledge you attain in one or two nights of study isn't going to stay with you much longer than finals week; and you'll have received nothing from the course but a passing grade. If this course is a background course for more advanced study later in school, you're going to feel the effects of your laxness the farther you progress.

It's pretty late in the term to be worrying about this, however, so let's get on to some tips on how to best use your time.

Make out a schedule for study, so that you won't waste a minute. We've found it best to study for each final in the order you will take it during the week.

If you sit hunched over the same table, studying for the same test for four or five

hours at a time, you're going to become awfully strained, so take a break about every hour. Your mind needs a little relaxation as well as your body.

Another consideration deserves some thought: and that concerns the alternative of whether to stay up all night studying for a course you're not sure of and going into the test sleepy, or whether to go to bed early and take the test with a clear mind.

The answer to this problem depends somewhat on the student, but mostly on the course. For a subject like English composition, there's no doubt that a good night's rest would be best; because your exam will involve writing a short theme during the test, for which you will want a clear mind to organize your ideas.

For a course like literature, all the sleep in the world won't help you if you don't know the material. Therefore, in order to cut down on the time spent burning the midnight oil, we advise getting a good start, early in the day.

After having spent so much time studying, you'll want to answer the questions as effectively as possible, writing down everything pertinent that you know in a well-organized manner. Therefore, spend a minute or two before starting to answer the question, and outline what you're going to say.

In closing: When you have finished all your finals, remember the next guy who hasn't. If you're going to let off steam, do it somewhere away from the dorm or house. You would expect the same courtesy from him. (S.V.)



The Christmas Story

From the Gospel according to St. Luke

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Freshman Success Story

