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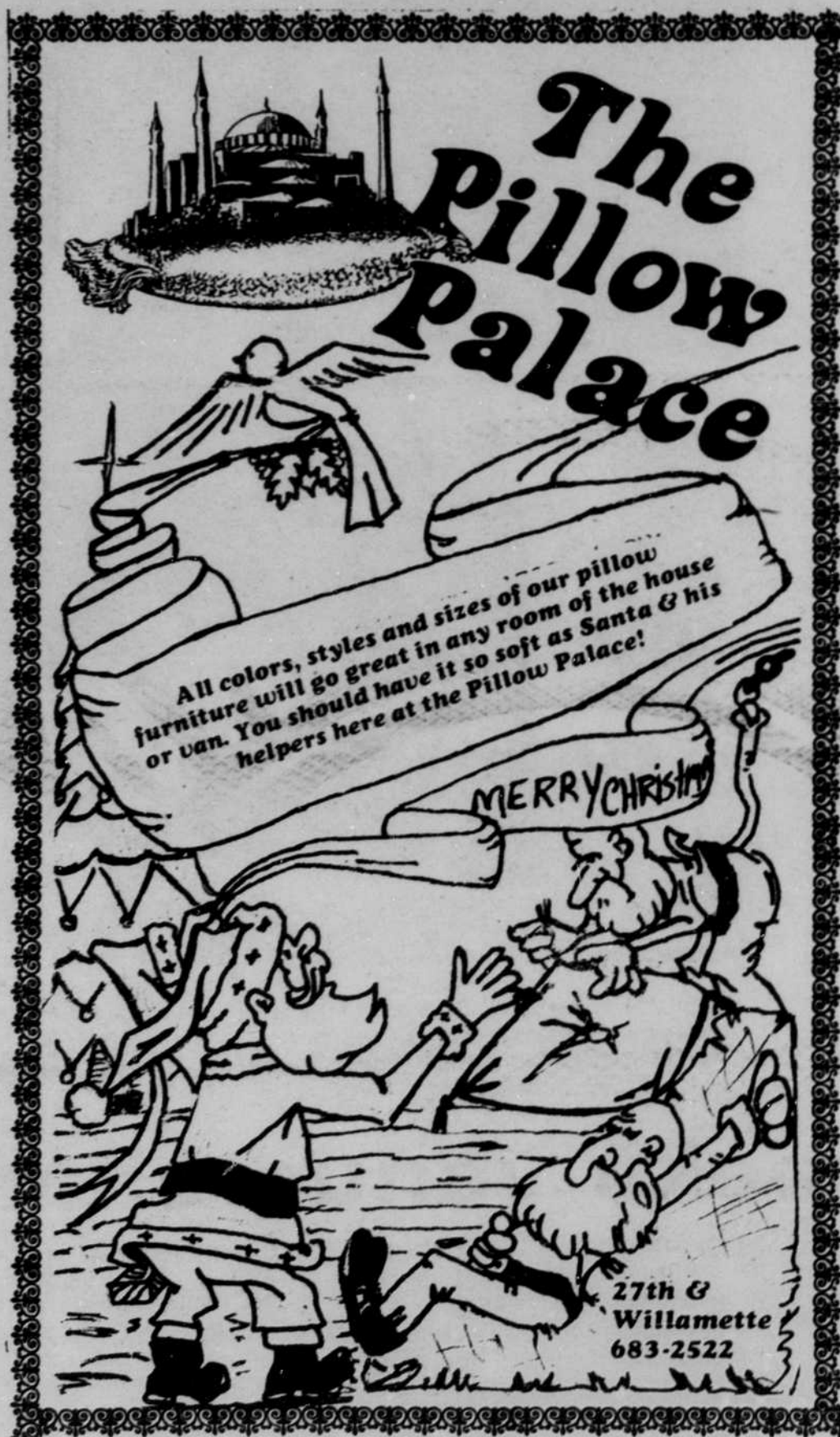
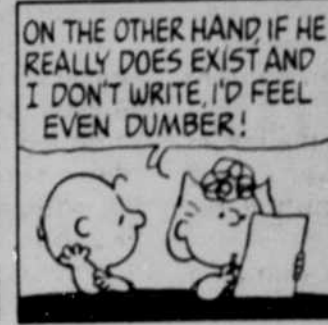
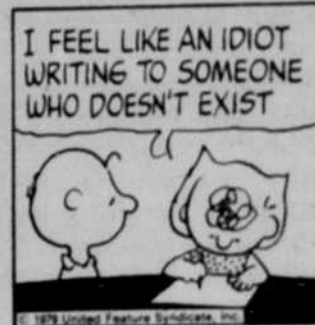
A 14-member University Student Retention Steering Committee has been appointed by University Pres. William Boyd to find ways the University can explore to encourage students to complete their educations.

"A major part of the committee's focus will be to analyze existing information, to make recommendations for improvement and to help directly to effect changes aimed at increasing student satisfaction with their educational experience at the University," Boyd said in his letter appointing the committee.

Attrition — students leaving school before completing their degree — has prompted University officials to develop retention strategies in all areas of campus life.

Although fall term enrollment increased, Boyd said this unexpected boost must be tempered by a recognition that many University student experience disenchantment and about half leave without graduating.

"Even discounting the numbers who planned to 'stop out' temporarily, this loss is of major consequence for the University," Boyd said.



Self-esteem workshops offered

The American Association for the Advancement of Clinical Training is sponsoring a special workshop Dec. 8 and 9 on techniques to raise self-esteem.

The focus of the workshop will be approaches to raise the self-esteem of children and adolescents, but the usefulness of the techniques also extends to adults and to enhancing one's own self-esteem, according to a AACT press release. School teachers, psychologist, psychiatrists, social workers, marriage and family counselors and parents with some background in psychology are encouraged to attend.

The workshop instructor is Reynold Bean, a nationally-known author and lecturer on

self-esteem. Bean complete his graduate work at Harvard University and for the past 15 years has been one of the leading innovators in the development of programs to enhance self-esteem.

In addition to leading workshops and writing, Bean maintains a private practice in marriage and family counseling

Reservations and further information on the workshop can be obtained by calling 485-3317 or 485-3318. The training fee to attend the workshop is a tax-deductible expense for teachers, mental health care professionals and others who work with children.

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MEETINGS

The Hunger Forum will meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. Bring your sack lunch, a friend and your ideas. There will be discussion of Frances Moore Lappe's visit and a presentation of some views opposing her analysis. "The Connection," a slide show dealing with consumerism, will also be shown. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and tea will be available.

The Incidental Fee Committee will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU room to be posted.

LECTURES

William Pagliuca from SUNY at Buffalo, New York, will speak on "Phonetic Process and Generative Notation" today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 159 Straub Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Foreign Students and non-native speakers: the English Writing Placement Test required for enrollment in any Department of English writing class will be given today at 2 p.m. in Room 361 PLC. The test is free and takes a half hour. The next testing will be in February.

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