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I haven't talked to Santa Claus since I was a kid — until the other day when I interviewed him. After all those years of him asking the questions, the table was turned. I finally learned what it is like to be the world's favorite jolly old man.

I talked to Santa at the Rock Hill Mall in Singer's Storeroom. Although he had removed his beard, white hair, and hat, I detected a twinkle in his eye. After some persuasion, he granted me an interview. Because he preferred his true identity to remain anonymous, he asked that I call him Santa.

I tried picturing myself sitting in a chair for several hours, having little children come up and cry in my ear. To find out what being Santa Claus is really like, I asked, and was told, "It's rough."

Santa works five hours each day from eleven until five with a one-hour break from two until three, hours which "pretty well shoots the whole day."

When he isn't in his Santa suit he enjoys a life of retirement. He said he took the job "more or less to just get out." When the mall secretary said that she needed a Santa Claus, he said he would "try it, although he had never played Santa before. He enjoys the job although he admits that this is his third and last year." His only complaint is with his costume. Everything is fine except for the hair and beard. "Something about it itches," he said.

The kids want everything, but especially toy "race tracks with cars that spin around," Santa said. Most of them will come up and spell out what they want, some of them asking for an organ or piano just like it was a little horn." Once in a while they will ask that he bring their "daddy shoes" or "momma clothes." There is little hesitation among kids today.

One of his strangest experiences occurred when two brothers came up. "One of them spelled out what he wanted and directly ran out of things to say," Santa said. "I asked the other one what he wanted and he said, 'I want you to bring me something 'cause my daddy's in jail.'" Santa asked why his father was in jail, and the boy replied, "Well, they said he stole a television, but he didn't." Another interesting thing is that some of the kids don't tell their parents what they want at home, so the parents "stand up there and listen," to find out what their kids want.

How does it feel to have little kids look up to you because you're Santa Claus? "It makes you feel like Santa Claus... It's a funny kind of job. I can come in here with my Santa suit on and the kids follow up everywhere. When I take it off to go, they don't know me."

He gives advice for anyone interested in becoming a Santa Claus: "You got to like them (the kids). You got to love them... Some of them will grab you around the neck and hug you and you can't get loose. You also have to have all the answers, like where your reindeer are, or if you are really Santa Claus. In closing he said that he would tell anyone interested in being a Santa Claus "like it is. It's rough."
A day at the toy store

By RON HOUCH

Well, troops, it's Christmas (a sarcastic roar from the crowd: Oh, wow! We never would've known) The jolly season-decorating trees, putting up lights; filling the bottle, all that stuff is fun!

However, what about shopping?

I had a picture the other day of a poor unfortunate of a guy going to buy his kids some toys.

"...we have the doll that develops a rash."

But this cat isn't your average need-of-all-the-people-who-claim never-to-watch-TV, this guy actually doesn't!

So, picture if you can this scenario:

December 23rd, a huge department store in Suburbia, USA, Christmas carols (muzak, of course) in the background, and what seems to be four million people crammed onto 20,000 square feet of floor space. Here we find our protagonist, a young to middle-aged gentleman, decked out in his genuine Levi's, Adidas sneakers, and cordsed damen sweater. He is in the process of snaring a frizzled salesperson.

"Uh...ma'm, can you..."

"Miss, could you..."

"Sorry, sir. Back in a sec."

"Ma'm, that's what's good for a little boy these days!"

"Well, sir, we do well in Star Wars toys..."

"Great! What have you got?"

"Uh...well...we're sold out of Star Wars stuff."

"Anything else?"

"Cool Encino monster toys..."

"Good. Give me something..."

"Sorry..."

"Don't tell me..."

"We HAD some good race sets and..."

"Yeah, good. What about for little girls?"

"Well, sir, we have the cow that gives milk..."

"The WHAT?"

"The milking cow, sir... it's a big hit."

"Oh my God!"

"Uh...we have the doll that develops a rash."

"Do what?"

"And we've got a doll that sneezes, and one that says 'whoop,' and..."

"You've got to be kidding!"

"Nope. How about a microwave oven?"

"A microwave...this is un-believable!"

"We've also got..."

"Hold it! Have you got anything normal-like a Barbie doll, or a train set, or a G.I. Joe, or something?"

Oh, sir. You must be joking. Kids don't like that kind of stuff anymore."

"Oh, sir. You really must be joking. Kids don't like that kind of stuff anymore."

"They don't? Uh... give me one of the..."

"A micro-wave...this is unbelievable!"

"We've also got..."

Oh, if you are desperate for Christmas Ideas for a friend, and your friend is a Tolkien buff, instead of buying your friend another replica of THE LORD OF THE RINGS, take him/her/it (choose one) to see it. Ralph Balakof's animated adaptation of the trilogy is opening soon in this area; anyone you know who is a fan of Bilbo, Frodo, Gandalf, or even Gollum would probably enjoy a trip to the flick as much as any present. See ya.

As you go your separate ways this Christmas season, The Johnsonian staff wishes you a safe journey and a joyous holiday.
Paintings and sculptures on display

The Springs Traveling Art Show features paintings and sculptures done by Carolina artists selected from the Springs Annual Exhibition and on display in the Winthrop Gallery of Art, Nov. 28-Dec. 17.

Elaine Gilmour of Charlotte, North Carolina, received the Purchase Award, Best in the show, and was winner of $2,000 for her painting entitled "The Birkenhead Cathedral.

Edward D. Lewandowski, chairman of the Department of Art, said Gilmour's prize-winning painting invites pictures into the living room.

The prize-winning sculpture piece belonged to Steve Sekor, of Kingston, North Carolina. Beckley's work entitled "Marti I" won the merit award. Lewandowski described "Marti I" as a steel weld piece which reflects good timing skill in the use of a hard unique material.

Lawrence Merveinstein of Charlotte, North Carolina, won Honorable Mention for his painting entitled "It Was My Birthday."

Merveinstein, Lecturer in Art, was the only freshman member to have a painting in the art show.

"It Was My Birthday" results in reflection of my life on one given day, thus it was 'my birthday," said Merveinstein.

Philip Mullen of Columbia, South Carolina, won Honorable Mention for his "Nevada Tea."

"In the painting the artist explores the intimate fabrications and patterns of textiles," said Lewandowski. "A personal concept of applying color patterns to simulate textile surfaces in the".

Other Honorable Mention awards went to "Self Portrait, Participating Project" by Karen Gurney of Charlotte, N.C.

"These two artists move away from the traditional media and represent, by two works combining man-made objects to represent and reflect their innermost personal experiences of found objects," said Lewandowski.

New sorority pledged

By KATIE C. LEE

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority was chartered on Monday evening, Dec. 4, in Dintzs Stein, according to Owen evening, Dec. 4, in Dintzs Stein.

The women Indude Kathy Scott, new sorority pledged and their classmate, Laura Ann Rhodes, president. Also Included were Rhonda Robbins, Laura Ann

Urscheler only guilty of poor judgement

Dr. Mary T. Littlejohn said, "According to the University regulations, the part of Dan Urscheler with regard to student payroll was brought to me by Dean Cummings and I investigated the matter thoroughly and can state very clearly that any kind can be confirmed."

Littlejohn said this in suspension of the disbanding of the Student Government, President Dan Urscheler and the possibility that he had a kickback. Kickback refers to receipt of money for favors or influence from any party in another.

Urscheler said that it was something that happened on the spur of the moment. "I misjudged the hours worked by a student assistant," he said. "I had to turn in her working hours. I found out that day that the time sheet was to be in that afternoon and she wasn't in town."

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Dr. Gary Stowe will serve as the Faculty Adviser for the sorority.

News workshops offered

By KATIE C. LEE

Steven R. Miller, Artist-in-Residence with the S.C. Arts Commission, is holding an exhibition, Nov. 30-Dec. 17, in the Intimate Gallery of Rutledge, according to Edmund D. Martin, Chairman of the Art Department.

"This work consists mainly of concise (opaque watercolor) paintings," said Miller. "I have developed a unique style of photographing metallic objects, color and repeating geometric patterns, stripes, diamond, circles, squares, hearts, etc."

Miller also has helped students in school functions such as the blood drive.

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The workshop will be held on Jan. 16, 23, 30, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 208 Johnson Hall on campus.

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Fall intramurals have successful season

Four fall sports with approximately 550 Winthrop students, faculty, and staff participating, made a hectic but successful semester of intramural sports, according to director Evans Brown. "If we get our women's flag football going before the end of the semester, it will add about 120 more participants," said Brown. "I'm very pleased with the way the program ran this semester."

The intramural sports for fall included 10 men's flag football teams, an increase of 4 from last year, and the addition of softball and water basketball, according to Brown. The women's flag football increased 400 percent from last year's 2 teams to this year's 8.

The increase in teams created an increase in referees need, and Brown said that the quality of officiating this fall was probably the best ever.

Intramural basketball begins next semester. "Basketball is our most active and competitive sport," said Brown. "Many people want to know what rules we use. Our games are played under high school league rules because most students are more familiar with those rules."

"Basketball rosters, including the team name, captain, and alternate captain should be turned in to the intramural office, second floor Peabody, by January 20," said Brown. "The captain's meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 in Peabody 125, and games will begin the 22nd."

Brown added that the officials' clinic will be held January 17, 18, and 19 at 5:00 in Peabody 125.

Intramural Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS as of Nov. 30

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Winthrop's record 5-4 after losses to Lander and Newberry

By DAVID JACKSON

The Winthrop Eagles men's basketball team continued their 5-0 streak with a 69-68 win against the Eagles' Saturday night game against the Eagles at 8:00. The Eagles, led by senior forward Pete Testa, outscored the Eagles in the first half, 39-27. In the second half, the Eagles were unable to score consistently, allowing the Eagles to pull ahead in the closing minutes. The Eagles won the game 69-68, improving their record to 5-0. The Eagles are now ranked 10th in the nation and are the first team to win both games against the Eagles in the current season.

Winthrop's women's basketball team continued their winning streak with a 76-70 victory over the Eagles. The Eagles, led by junior guard Sarah Johnson, outscored the Eagles in the first half, 38-31. In the second half, the Eagles were unable to score consistently, allowing the Eagles to pull ahead in the closing minutes. The Eagles won the game 76-70, improving their record to 5-0. The Eagles are now ranked 10th in the nation and are the first team to win both games against the Eagles in the current season.

The Eagles' victory over the Eagles was their first of the season. The Eagles had been struggling to find consistency in their play, and the win over the Eagles was a much-needed boost for their morale. The Eagles are now 5-0 on the season and are looking to continue their winning streak in future games.

"I can't believe we lost," said Eagles' head coach, Pete Testa. "We've been working so hard and playing so well, and then to lose to the Eagles. It was a tough loss, but we're looking forward to the next game."

"I'm happy for the Eagles," said Eagles' guard, Sarah Johnson. "They've been working hard and playing well, and we're happy to have won the game."

Winthrop Eagles Donna Creamer shoots for 2 over Lander College's all-district center Alfonso Harrison. Lander defeated Winthrop 70-69. (Photo by A.P. Smith)
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Merry Christmas.
Love, Stew

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Merry Christmas to Lisa Floyd, a good friend, an incurable gossip, and a crazy cootie.
May you find Mr. M. under your Christmas tree.
Love, Coolie

To CM from RP with love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

To Zeke the elf—
Have a Merry Christmas!
S.A.B.

A very special Merry Christmas to MARTHA FERRIS from her Secret Angel!

R.O.B.
3:00 is too soon—let's make it an all-nighter!
Merry Christmas

Roe Isaac—
Scoot, scoot; New York and me.

Season's greetings to Lucy Gordon, a lovely lady whom I hope to meet very soon. From that tall guy and a secret admirer.

Terry

To Tammy Finley—Second floor loves you! Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

R.O.B.

To Tannery—We love you! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Robin—I'll miss you next semester! Merry Christmas!

To Debra Simmons—
Merry Christmas!
From your Best Buddy

Merry, Merry Christmas to the Eaglettes!
Love, Kelly

A Christmas wish, and a new jar for Ray Toby; a good mood for Mr. Hill; Carlin sneakers for little Annie, and Maren for Uncle Lyn. From Brad.

To Nancy G. I just wanted you to know how much I value our friendship. May you and Ron have the best Christmas ever! With love,
Your roommate, LR
An elf speaks out

By SIDNEY A. BREEZE

TJ (walking into Santa's workshop, where hundreds of elves in green outfits are shouting out ideas, wrapping presents, and checking lists): This is Santa's Workshop, where busy little elves are making toys for the little children of the world. Let's talk to one of Santa's helpers. (Leaves door and interrupts one little elf who is checking off Christmas lists): Uh, excuse me, sir.

ELF: Waddaya want?

TJ: My name is Sidney Breeze, from THE JOHNSONIAN, the Winthrop College newspaper, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I wonder if I could have a few minutes of your time.

ELF: Cant you see I'm BUSY?

TJ: Yes, I can see that, but...

ELF: Wait till break time, huh?

TJ: When is that?

ELF (irritably): I don't know. When ol' Fatso decides to let us have one.

TJ: You mean Santa?

ELF: Yeah, yeah—ol' Fatso. Uh, yeah.

ELF (calling to another elf across the room): C'mon, now! If Bobby doesn't get that choo-choo train, ol' Fatso'll get on YOUR case, not mine! Look, lady, I just don't have TIME right now. Anyscray, will ya?

TJ: Uh, okay—sorry.

ELF: Oh, ya slackers—lets MOVE IT!

TJ: Uh, I'll just wait till you have your break, okay?

ELF: Yeah, yeah, uh, this is Sidney Breeze here in Santa's Workshop, where I am—another elf—-Outa the way, big fella—where I'm waiting to get a—

TJ: What are your favorite shows?

ZEKE: Oh, let's see—I like "Chips" and "Knots Landing" and "Dallas" and "Dynasty" and "Santer Night Live" are a couple of my favorites, too. No, couldn't watch them the whole week without my little booh tube. Hey, you know why it's called a booh tube?

TJ: No, why?

ZEKE (shrugging): I see. So ever time there's something of Patso doesn't like, he calls it the pipe.

TJ: But you really are busy around here, aren't you?

ZEKE: Yeah, but it's nothing compared to how busy we used to be.

TJ: Why?

ZEKE: WHY! Mattel, Ronco, Play-Doh, and all the rest—THAT'S why.

TJ: I don't understand.

ZEKE: Look, we elves used to do THIS toymaking. Now we've got competition and lots of it. What can I say? I mean, parents go to department stores and buy machine-made toys. Things from Japan and Canada and Penn—Go on. He was the last time you got something that was made in the North Pole I ask you.

TJ: I guess you have a point.

ZEKE: Damn right I do.

TJ: Well, do you think there's a solution?

ZEKE: Yeah, I've given it a lot of thought, in fact... (smiling)

TJ: What do you suggest?

ZEKE: Commercial.

TJ: You seem to be an awful lot of ideas in your head.

ZEKE: Yeah, well, I'm no jet-head.

TJ: I can tell.

ZEKE: Oh, no, I'm not. I mean I've been here in the North Pole for over a hundred years. They don't seem to be much around here to spend money on.

TJ: That would you do with the money? There don't seem to be much around here to spend money on.

ZEKE: THAT'S the truth. This place is Deadsville, man. No store, no money, no X-rated book store—NOTHING! I tell ya, if I get paid, I'd save up a whole stack of books, play from this place, move to Miami, and even a condo and a junket...

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A hurled stretch of Zeke the Elf by Sidney A. Breeze.

racehorses, dabble in the stock market...

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(To be continued in the next issue.)
Santa Says

By MARSHA ATCHISON

It has come to the attention of THE JOHNSONIAN that Santa is having some trouble filling Winthrop students' Christmas wishes.

To Betty McCoy, who wants "an engagement ring and a man to go along with it"; to Owen Jackson, who wants "the love that 1 once had"; to Linda Jacobs, who wants, "a phone call from David for Xmas"; to Elaine Lyman, who wants "a macho man and everything else I can get"; to Susan Griffin, who wants "a steady that’s ready"; and anonymous who wants "the man who has everything," Santa says he’s got lots of free time after Christmas.

To Johnson Yee, who wants "a ring and not the kind around the bathtub," he’s gotten "ring around the collar."

For the folks like Noel Vance who want "a car, a driver's license, and a bank full of gold," to Beverly Burton, who wants "a new car and a day off from work"; to Edna Black, who wants "a 1978 Caprice Classic," and to Michael Kennedy who wants "a new bicycle," Santa says he’ll rent you the reindeer and the sleigh at weekend rates that will best Avis. His motto is: "First come, first serve, sir."

To Phyllis聪, who wants "a new image, I’m sick of the Dolly Parton one;" and to Lena Caughman, who wants "inflated books, deflated hips, or anything else on special," Santa has a poster of a huge hand from the ad to reassure your budsline. He says if you’re creative, you can get the deal right.

To Diane Mclean who wants "a, fun, the money to get the fun of being part of a family," to Mohamed N. Kooss and Mohammed Karrad who want "to go home and see their families in Iran," Beth Tucker who wants to "go with my boyfriend to Hawaii"; Santa says, "See the Wizard of Oz, he takes care of that kind of trip."

To Kevin Albino who wants "a being room concert with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops" Santa says to catch the reruns of American Bandstand on TV.

To Bill Gregory who wants "to live on my friend’s land, Bay Point, for a year," to Patti Bradley who wants to "graduate and find a place to live;" and to Tony Neil who wants "rent money for the rest of the year" Santa suggests you all consider cohabitation with each other.

To Tumeko Takahashi who wants "to go back to being 19" and to Bart Silver who wants "to be 16 again" Santa "The Timey-Warpey" it worked for Rocky Horror.

To Robin Smith who wants "to stay with my family all together;" to Janine Wilson who wants a B.A. degree and more happiness for her "family" Santa says "if you can’t be with the one you love, love the one you’re with."

To Jeff Robinson who wants "16 kegs of beer and one glass" Santa says he’ll bring 30 kegs if you bring another glass.

To David Man who wants "a better rapport with Molly Breitfield;" to Kathy Kral who wants "to go to Europe and after Christmas;" to Sheila James who wants "to pass this semester;" to Sheila Harper who wants "to pass my writing class to take 102;" Santa says, "I’m a success and I didn’t get a college degree!!!"

To Deborah Mccracken who wants "more mice" he says leave out some cheese and maybe you’ll get lucky.

To Mohammed Fell who wants "to celebrate Nowroz here;" to Margie Steele who "would like peace and happiness for the world;" to Theresa Black who wants "a traditional Christmas and skip the commercialism;" to Bill McKell who wants "the industrials to stop polluting the air;" to Norris Blackman who wants "happiness and prosperity;" to Jan Elliott who wants "Dr. Gilbeau home and well to Christmas;" to Chip Feemster who wants "a traditional Christmas with a lot of warm friends and family to celebrate;" to Dave Don-lop who wants "Christmas to bring peace among the people" Santa says he’ll try his best.

To Abby Adams who wants "an easy-bake own to learn; how to cook;" and to Cifter who wants "a family plan, mine be broken in three places" Santa says playing house between adults is lots of fun too!!

To Nina Benjamin who wants "a 9 ½ box to put Carl in" and to Carl Peemster who wants "a box to put a car to snuggle up in," Santa says, you don’t need him, you’ve got each other.

To Piti Sogyi who wants "an unbreakable box for a ski trip" Santa sends "all the love in the world" to the king’s men" to put her back together again. If they can’t do it, send a box to Lisa Prince who wants to be taller.

To Baldy Kirkman who is "the Socrates, I want nothing" Santa says give me a holler. He says "Baldy’s all over Santa says he’s like Mary Critter, who wants "happiness and peace with everything."

Oh, by the way, Santa says Merry Christmas, this is all in the "Ho-Ho-Ho."

A Christmas Magnolia?

By MARGARET CAROLL

Winthrop College celebrates a southern style Christmas every year with the traditional lighting of the magnolia tree.

The tree, located on the lawn in front of Tillman, is no ordinary tree. It towers to a height of more than fifty feet and is covered with more than three hundred and fifty lights and a star.

The huge magnolia blossomed into a colorful array of green, red, blue, and white. The lights were strung so as not to hurt or damage the growth of the tree.

When the tree was first lit, it marked the official beginning of the Christmas season in Rock Hill. Just after the tree was lit, the parade would take place. The tree stayed lit from sunset until midnight, and on the last night before Christmas vacation, the students of Winthrop, together with the faculty, gathered around the tree to sing old-fashioned Christmas carols in honor of President and Mrs. Charles S. Davis and Ira C. Gibson, dean of women.

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By L.P. Culp, Culp’s father, the last tree used was planted in 1934 when the tree was first lit. He designed the lighted tree and its lights were strong and took part in the first lighting. The lights are strung in three parts.

By MARGARET CAROLL and BONNIE JERDAN

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A Christmas Magnolia?
Ministries celebrate Christmas

Wesley/Neerman/Westminster will prepare for Christmas with scripture, poetry, and a meal Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, according to Rev. David Valtiena, director.

BSU will sponsor a hayride and caroling, Monday, Dec. 11, leaving from BSU center at 7:00 p.m., according to Dea Lucy, assistant director.

"BSU will celebrate Christmas with a student led program, Thursday, Dec. 14, at 5:00 p.m. at the BSU center," Lucy said.

Book and Key initiates

The Book and Key Honor Society initiated ten students, Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8:00 p.m. at President Vell's home, according to Dr. Dorothy Medlin, advisor.

In accordance with Phi Beta Kappa, the national Liberal Arts Honor Society, the ten new initiates are all seniors and have shown excellence in the liberal arts. Kathy Kirkpatrick, who was already a member of Book and Key, was named as secretary-treasurer, presided over the initiation ceremony.

The new initiates were Elizabeth Alexandria Broughton, Cathy Rochelle Campbell, Theresa Suzanne Davis, James Elliot Denahure, and Louis Ellison. Also initiated were Jody Guy, Linda Margot Linson, Susan Denise Pinochet, Norma Marie Rushing, and Sonla Hannah Russell.

New officers were also elected. Guy will serve as president, Davis as vice-president, and Ellison as secretary-treasurer.

The previous members of Book and Key are Charles Dwayne Elmore, Kathy Kirkpatrick, and Diane Marie Meyers.

Eaglettes chartered

The Winthrop College Eaglettes' charter and constitution were approved in the third reading at the Nov. 30 SGA meeting, according to Kelly Gordon, Eaglettes chairman.

Gordon said that the 45-member athletic service club has had an active initial semester. On Oct. 29 the club attended the 1978 Eagle Club Rally. Along with being in charge of decorations, members presented a sketch entitled "Support the Eagles."

"The ski was quite a success," said Gordon. "We hope to start working up similar programs to present at the halftime of some home ballgames."

According to Gordon, other activities for the club have included hosting at home men's basketball games, making spirit banners, attending away ballgames, and helping the cheerleaders with the first pep rally.

"We'll begin more fund raising and spirit projects next semester," said Gordon. "Now that we're officially recognized by SGA, we hope to become even more active with campus activities."

Senior Order meets

At the Dec. 4 meeting of Senior Order, members discussed the possibility of the club changing from Senior Order to Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, according to chairman Kathy Gibson.

"ODK is a very active school service organization," said Gibson. "To be a member, you have to be a junior or senior in the top 35 percent of your class academically, and be involved in any of five phases of campus life: athletics, government, social and religious organizations, publications, or the arts."

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-Joyce Odell

"A diamond."
-Anna Yancar

"Money."
-George Lee Singleton

"I'd like for my son to come home from Germany."
-Jodi Krever

"Rims for my car."
-Robert Mcgriff

"A pair of Nike tennis shoes."
-Mary Josey

"A new Jerry Lopez Lightning Bolt Surfboard."
-Gene Knight

"A positive outlook by everyone on the residence hall program."
-Cynthia Cassens

"I'd like a degree."
-Mark Hugley
Winthrop in a day

Prospective students and their parents visited Winthrop College Saturday, Dec. 2.

High school students talked with faculty and representatives from the career center and different department heads at Dinkins. Music was provided by the jazz band and coffee, juice, and doughnuts were available.

The group went upstairs to watch a slide show of the campus and some historical photos. President Vail, SGA President Dan Uncheler, and Tom Webb, Dinkins director, said a few words to welcome the visitors to the college.

After the slides, the students were able to meet with different departments and discuss any questions they had. The Student Advisory Board escorted groups to Thomson cafeteria for a Winthrop lunch.

At 1:00 the Advisory Board gave tours of the campus. A bus driven by Dale Dow, Assistant Counselor, here at Winthrop, provided transportation for a tour of the college farm.

Another Winthrop Advisor, Counselor, Margaret Wilkinson, said, “Winthrop Day was a success, and I wish to thank everyone who participated in it.”

Myths, both old and new, have a certain persistence. Such persistence, however, does not give them any greater validity. One modern myth of great persistence is that the Americans and British blundered badly in not beating the Russians to Berlin in the spring of 1945. According to one version of the myth, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the author of the blunder.

Recently, the popular columnist Jim Bishop has laid the blame at the feet of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Western Allies’ supreme commander. In this, Bishop follows the lead of General James Gavin, the brilliant paratroop commander, whose memoirs were published in September.

In one sense, Bishop and Gavin are quite correct. Eisenhower did make the decision not to try to beat the Russians to Berlin. But was it a blunder?

Today, of course, Berlin is isolated, some hundred miles within the borders of what is pervertedly called the German Democratic Republic, a brutal Communist state built upon the foundation of the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany.

Eisenhower and Gavin—and those who share their viewpoint—contend that this situation would not exist if only Eisenhower had decided differently.

This view is not substantiated by the facts. The critical decision—or series of decisions—had come earlier. In September 1944, an Anglo-American committee had drawn the lines for the future occupation of Germany. This plan called for the post-war division of Germany into three occupation zones to be administered by the major Allies: the Americans, the British and the Soviets.

The German capital of Berlin would be similarly divided into three sections for occupation purposes.

At the Yalta Conference in February 1945, the Soviet dictator Stalin accepted the Anglo-American plan for the occupation of Germany. The Soviet leader also acquiesced in one significant change: the British and Americans; the creation of a French occupation zone in western Germany and of a French sector in Berlin.

The British particularly desired French involvement in the German occupation as a part of their effort to reestablish France as a continental power and as a potential counterpoise to Soviet strength in Europe.

But all of this means that by early 1945 the lines for the post-war occupation of Germany had already been decided. The post-war Germany would be divided along these lines. The lines established by military necessity at the final weeks of the war would be irrelevant.

This was the situation. And it was in the light of this situation that General Eisenhower decided not to try to beat the Russians to Berlin.

Under the circumstances, Berlin would become far more than a prestige objective, even though the Germans, in their fanatical defense, would fight to the bitter end.

Eisenhower’s subordinate, General Omar Bradley, remarked that taking Berlin might cost 100,000 casualties. Bradley added that this was “a very stiff price to pay for a prestige objective, especially when we’ve got to fall back and let the other fellow take over.”

In the case of Berlin, as in other instances, Eisenhower had made the prudent decision. Whoever took Berlin, the Soviets would occupy West Germany and the capital would lie deep in the Soviet zone.

However, unfortunate this would prove to be, the Soviets had lost 20 million dead and had contributed greatly to the final Nazi defeat. Under these circumstances, Moscow could not be denied a presence in the post-war occupation.

Cocktail Cola

The popular cocktail drink, “Tom Collins,” was named after a 19th century bartender at Limmer’s Old House in London. The drink’s famous for its gin slings—tall drinks that resemble Collins’ mixture of gin, lemon, sugar and soda water.
Good times are great times for the easy taste of Budweiser.