To Play In Emery Hall

Christmas Season Heralded By Choral Group Program

Eleanor Waters, 1947 Grad. Now In New York NCWC Post Reception At Edgecliff To Be In Her Honor

By Mary Overbeck

You remember Eleanor Waters — graduated last year; College club president, I.R.C., N.F.C.C.S. Of course, that's the girl. Yes, isn't she a grand girl? She's coming home for the Christmas holidays, you know, and Edgecliff's plan to feature her in a reception in her honor. Eleanor is president of the Newman club at the University of Cincinnati and signed her own name to the list of members of the English department of Xavier university, whose topic was "The English Language and Its Role in the Development of Our Lady of Fatima." Santa will distribute toys and presents and the refreshments will be served by members of the Newman club.

The "Crib Devotion," one of the oldest and most inspiring traditions at Edgecliff, takes place each year on the day preceding the commencement of the Christmas vacation. The entire student body, in cap and gown, is led in procession to the crib. Christmas cards are sung in English, French, German, Spanish, and Latin by members of the respective language classes.

This year the gifts offered at the crib will be gifts of new clothing for children ranging from infancy to 12 years of age. Specific age groups have been assigned to each class. Gifts from the senior class are for infants and children up to 2 years; those from the junior class, for children from 3 to 5 years; and the Future Classes for children from 6 to 8 years. The crib will be gifts of new clothing for children ranging from infancy to 12 years of age. Specific age groups have been assigned to each class. Gifts from the senior class are for infants and children up to 2 years; those from the junior class, for children from 3 to 5 years; and the Future Classes for children from 6 to 8 years.

Contributions will include sweaters, mittens, scarfs, dresses, and similar apparel. Each gift is wrapped in Christmas gaiety and labeled as to content in distribution.

Freshman Awarded Stewardship In New York

Mary Grace Zinn, freshman, was the recent winner of a Crosley table-model radio on Station WLW's "Builders of Destiny" program. The radio was awarded to Miss Zinn on the merit of her letter suggesting that the work of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor in Cincinnati be dramatized on the program.

Choristers Sing Traditional Carols

Solemnly Named Solosats are Helen Mae Federle, president of the Choral Group, Doris Wolf, Virginia Cooper, Marilyn Lieff, Anna Llewellyn, Marilyn Wolfer, Suzanne Schimmann, Mary The resa Duwell, Beulah Verde, Mary Meyer, and Anita Monter. Miss Mary Catherine Carlson accompanied them at the piano.

Guild To Sponsor Literary Annual

The new editorial board of the Edgecliff Literary annual will include Mary Jane Braun, Mary Beth Ritter, Suzanne Schimmann, and Anita Monter. The names of three editorial assistants will be announced later. This announcement was made by Dr. Daniel J. Steible, faculty moderator, on Dec. 17, when the literary Guild held its Christmas party supper meeting in Emery hall.

The Guild is sponsoring the literary annual, contributions for which are being solicited by the editors. A tentative deadline for contributions is Jan. 14, 1948, has been established. Essays, stories, poems, and articles will be considered.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Charles F. Wheel- er of the English department of Xavier university, whose topic was "Mark Twain, Man and Writer."
Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

The lonesome friendly stable of Bethlehem with its Treasure of Treasures breathing quietly on pillowed straw has been the subject of countless meditations, Saint and saint both and on the part of God the Man at the realization that a God who would love so much as to take on lowly manifestation, and fathom the ‘poverty in spirit’ of the Man. What is this we hear, we, who stand on the Mount with our restless, wary, avaricious, suspicious neighbor, ‘... poor in spirit.’

The poor in spirit, those seeming fools who are despised from everything, and yet possess all things; who care about nothing, yet care about all things; who give up all freedom, yet rejoice in eternal freedom. We can not countenance such reckless abandon. Such is the Man, the Saviour that no one wants no success or good fortune, who want to go through life unknown, unloved, unwanted. But the Man’s words can not be so disdained. He has a message for us in the crowding.

Blessed are you who are poor in spirit. Blessed are you who love all things you are and are manifest in me and in My Heavenly Father.

The Right Approach

Father James Keller, Maryknoll missioner who is now in session in Geneva, Switzerland, made the following statement of the American stage follows closely upon a similar plan which will award $30,000 in prizes for this year. Many people have seen the need for reform in these types of literature, but mere trend . Successful condemnation calls for encouraging of authors to produce such literature, which in turn calls for positive action in the production of Christian themes and true philosophy , but we do not countenance such reckless abandon.

This positive effort toward encouraging the Christian principles on the American stage follows closely upon a similar plan which will award $30,000 in prizes for this year. These rights are inherent in human nature, conferred by the Creator, the Author of nature. Men must realize that some power , greater than that of man, exists. These rights are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. The realization that God confers rights is the only means of achieving universal respect of individual rights, and when this comes, peace appears.

The Commission on Human Rights could do nothing better in warming up a World Bill of Rights than to reecho these words of the Declaration of Independence of America.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Woman Eternal

No night had ever thrown its arms About the weary form of man. As that kind of spirit—to detach self from your every phase of life, so that I may breathe in, you and me, In that blessed moment I forgot The cold, the toils, the hearts. I only heard His cry and felt Him cling And in His plaited hair of shining, The echo of a million longings so I was quick to press and long to hold This warm pink flesh of Him against my heart. I fondled those small hands that shaped the Jordan, and dried the tears that angels fall before. I felt the tiny heartbeat close to mine And blessed the precious breath of Him. His context of Love, fulfilled and whole. To hold your first-born child, the flesh of you, To glory in His hallowed helplessness, To feel the look of love in His eyes, To still the troubled rest of His new sleep And know in His face the sweet dream of life. O miracle of miracles, to know The child you hold is yours to care and love, to play, to rock with through the years, Yet with a flash of pure incarnate light To know that He who holds is still your God.

The EDGECLIFF

The Soap Box

By Helen Mae Federle

In your opinion, do you think that the giving of Christmas presents detracts from the real meaning of Christmas?

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Christmas Party

By Mary Jane Braun

"You better watch out,
You better not cry,
Better not pout,
I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is comin' to town."

The hustling-bustling Christ­
mas shoppers, the beautiful
spruce and pine trees patiently
waiting to be decorated come
Christmas eve. To swish merrily
plaid taffeta in one of the newer
Ball, which is so much a part of
to wear to the Yuletide. Grecian
which make
here at Edgecliff is the day after
time again to write to you, so
Dear
me that time
and the hearty
Christmas eve,
Santa ·
I'm telling you why:
Better not pout,
mint canes and
mas shoppers, the beautiful
"You
Dresses
other than forms are
also welcomed with open arms,
and so, Santa. I'll tell you about
Christmas Spirit Enters Kitchen

These senior dietetics majors, left to right, Malda Hicks, Mary McCarthy and Joan Schumann, are making candy to help the Home Economics club fulfill its quota of 75 pounds, to be distributed among the poor children of Cincinnati. The candy will be distributed through the Catholic charities.

Kingsblood Royal
Subject At Forum

Monsignor Charles E. Spence,
professor of Greek and Latin lit­
erature at St. Gregory's seminary,
Mt. Washington, was the second
guest speaker in the Critics' For­
mum, sponsored here by the Cincinnati circle of the Inter­
national Federation of Catholic Al­
umns on Dec. 14. He reviewed
the book, "Kingsblood Royal," by
Sinclair Lewis. A reception fol­
lowed his talk.

On The Aisle

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Teaching Primary Grades

"My pupils are very young children and I'm often touched by their delightful gestures and little simple acts of appreciation," she said. "They are thrilled when a teacher dresses up in bright colors or a new dress and their childish enthusiasm at once calls mother’s attention.

I didn't get even a chance to insert a question between her torrents of words. Ruth just happily went on about "my children." The group under her direction is a pre-reading group, that is, children who aren’t mature enough to do first grade work. Her daily schedule includes classes in reading, writing, music, games, recreational activities and storytelling.

No direct religious teaching is allowed, she said, but by examples and lessons of truthfulness, obedience and charity, Ruth endeavors to aid the children spiritually.

Composing Children's Stories

When she finally stopped for breath I quickly asked her if she was doing any writing. She replied that while not writing for any paper, she finds herself making up children's stories or else rewriting adult stories to conform to a child's level. She has also undertaken a new project; she is now taking piano lessons which she said she enjoys immensely.

She is so intensely interested in her work, that it is an inspiration to listen to her talk about it.

"My college training at Our Lady of Cincinnati has been invaluable to me," Ruth emphasized. "The Catholic philosophy so vividly instilled in me at Edgecliff has helped to keep my moral and spiritualities when I am faced with the unhappiness of individuals living in the Basin area."

‘Misses Edgecliff’

Ruth told me in a serious note how she misses the sociability of the college atmosphere. But she has found that once as individual finds a place in the world, there arises such a feeling of satisfaction that is with thanksgiving that one can look back to the college which so helped her to find her own niche in the world.

Noticeable alas," Ruth said, "is the absence of the familiar Catholic atmosphere in public schools. There are now no more quick visits to chapel or the accustomed prayers before class, but I found some Catholic atmosphere in a nearby church," she added.

DRESSING UP

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about exhausted your supply of Christmas gifts, but I could use a few extra skirts and blouses. Mary Grace Zins and Dorothy Cronce both look so sweet in the skirts and blouses which they are wearing these days that you should be very pleased to find under the Christmas tree skirts and blouses exactly like theirs.

Dorothy's skirt is a black crepe and with this she wears a white

ceptable" rating. A rating from 25 to 50 indicates that the program or performer is "barely acceptable." An "unacceptable" rating is one which falls between minus 25 and minus 75, and an "offensive" rating is given to programs or comedians whose scores are lower than minus 75.

On the basis of this system, the first results from the Radio Acceptance Poll are as follows:

Jimmy Durante 77.5
Baby Snooks 73.5
Burns and Allen 68.5
Fibber McGee and Molly 65.5
Charlie McCarthy and Art 65.5
Jim Backus 64.5
Henry Morgan 63.5
Eddie Cantor 60.5
Art's Tavern 59.0
Jack Benny 51.5
C. T. 49.5
Bob Hope 8.3

According to Suzanne Schieman, chairman of the committee here, the poll is conducted with the object of "good taste" shown by the performers.

Et Cetera

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Basketball fans Helen Mae Federle, Doris Wolf and Rosemary Haas are always anxious to see the boys at it again in the Morris Harvey game next Monday.

Ah Ah, It's Formal

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On this holiday event for almost all and rightly so. Always on campus we always almost the same Christmas atmosphere, it is the loveliest event of the year and a whole season with that Joinging brighty in the future we start the holidays with light in our expation.

Christmas Seals

Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The faculty and students of Our Lady of Cincinnati college wish to extend their sympathies to Alida Valerie and her family on the death of her father, Mr. Alfred Valerie.

Support

The Relief Drive

For Foreign Students

Do Your Part

To Secure The Peace

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