**Crown Attests To Success of Parents Night**

College officials indicated today, after a "highly successful" Parents Night, that next year two identical programs may be staged to accommodate those who desire to attend. Three hundred mothers and fathers of Edgecliff attended last night's buffet dinner in the Garden Room, student art exhibit in Edgecliff Theatre, and a performance of the Broadway hit, "Gigi," in the theater's residence. Mr. Fred H. Detter, general chairman, said that the committee in charge "deeply regretted having to return a sizable number of reservations after the guest list of 300 had been filled." "It was a highly successful evening led us," he said, "to ask Student Services about whether next year it would be advisable to have duplicate programs on separate nights. It is clear that the college favors the accommodating the accommodations in such a way." Among the 300 at last night's events were many from out of town—from Chicago, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Lansing, Providence, Columbus, Springfield, Dayton, Middletown and Hamilton.

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**Student Reports On Angers**

Betty Seibert is spending her holiday with her brother in France. Here are some excerpts from a letter Edgecliff recently received.

"We Americans have become quickly accustomed to our new way of life in Angers. By taking daily walks into the center of town and looking at the "Vieille" or "Ancien" and of the "Monoprix" we have made many new friends easily. Angers is a beautiful city with flower gardens everywhere, not to mention the history it can tell. Here at the Foyer de la Retraite we have a daily routine—it's different from American living but not impossible to learn. This is the beginning of a new experience because for the first time in our lives we are the "foreigners." The pace of living, however, is really easy going and the people are very down-to-earth. It's really wonderful."

My French is progressing greatly. I've been helping the French students with their English and they've been helping me with my French.

Recently, we went to Paris for five days. There was so much to see that a return trip is necessary. We visited the Tour Eiffel, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Louvre, Jeu Basileau des Sacrée-Coeur, Latin Quarter, and the Sorbonne. We rode on a battery monoche (fly boat) and the metro-well-known Paris subway. When I visit Paris again I hope to buy a Paris fashion or two.

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**Dormies Deck Sullivan Hall For Season**

Christmas came to Sullivan Hall this year with original decorations and a holiday dinner.

The girls living on the fifth floor of the resident hall began the activity which eventually led to the establishment of a decorations contest, when they decided that the decorations they had arranged in their rooms didn't give the floor a bright enough holiday touch. So they transformed their elevator foyer into Santa's living room on Dec. 28, and provided their Santa Claus with a bucket in which to soak his aching feet. Christmas music plays in the background.

The idea spread until every floor had a distinctive Christmas scene in its foyer. Then Sister Mary Virginia, R.S.M., president, proposed a contest with a prize for the best decorations. She named as judges Miss Helen Detter, head of the Edgecliff News Bureau and journalism instructor; Miss Virginia Gross, secretary to the president, and Miss Claire Seidlenfeder, director of college relations.

The girls on the second floor fashioned a manger scene of paper figures. Three became a store window decorated with Christmas gifts. A silver tree with blue ornaments is the focal point of the "living room" with a fireplace and presents created by the girls on their own.

"Peace on Earth" is the theme of the display on the sixth floor. Three cardboard "stained glass windows" form a backdrop for the Christmas scene. The sixth floor residents also initiated a system of "Kris Kringle" for the Advent season. Each girl drew the name of another, and agreed to do something secretly for that girl each day.

A snow scene, with a snowman, frozen lake and flying snowflakes transforms the seventh floor for the holidays.

The 272 residents had the annual Christmas dinner in the Garden Room and foyer of Sullivan Hall, Dec. 16.

Menu for the dinner included peaches au champagne, prime rib of roast beef au jus, baked potatoes with sour cream, French green beans almondine, rolls and butter, three Christmas trees and candy cones.

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**Procesional Banners Emphasize Advent Theme of Joy and Peace**

Edgecliff students participated in the Advent Program.

Forming a procession from Grace Hall with wrapped gifts for the poor, Advent banners, their designs applied on felt two yards in length, Cheryl Zimmer, Student Council president, led the students with the college bells.

As each student deposited her gift, she received a house blessing leaflet designed by freshman Sandra Hess, lettered by Sister Mary Fabian, R.S.M., and printed by the Edgecliff Press.

After the entire student body assembled, an "O Antiphon" was recited and an Advent hymn was sung.

Following the presentation of the students' Christmas gift to Sister Mary Virginia, R.S.M., president, by Cheryl Zimmer, Christmas carols were sung by the foreign language students.

Joy, peace and the Great O Antiphons were the themes the banners represented. The banners were executed by the design class, under the instruction of Miss Carolyn Sack.

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**“Midwinter Night’s Dream” Highlights Holiday**

"A Midwinter Night’s Dream" is the theme of the annual Yuletide Ball. Jack Volk and his band will provide music for the dance in the Marie Antoinette Ballroom of the Hotel Alma, Dec. 27, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m..

Senior class president Linda Beardslee made arrangements for the band and ballroom. Chappelears were selected under the chairmanship of Judy Mornhorner, junior class president. Sophomores, under the leadership of junior Elaine Smith will make provisions for refreshments.

"Jack Volk’s band should be excellent for a holiday dance," said Linda. "He promises to be something new and different." In charge of the decorations are the students from underclassman Linda Ebert, class president. According to Linda, a silver tree will reflect the colors of the resident hall colors. Angels, floating on clouds, will be dressed in blue and silver gowns.

Linda Ebert, Lana Barber and Judy DeCane plan table decorations for the Yuletide Ball.
The Arts

Edgcliff's Play Sparks Yule Season

by Laura Weaver '66

The Edgcliff Academy's Christmas production, Once Upon A Mattress, is a triumph for its producer, Mr. David Barrie, and its director, Mr. John Going, in its quaintness, precision and timing.

Lynn Gardiner as Lady Larkin and Bill Vitalo as Sir Harry, are very much the young lovers. The gentle moments between them come off beautifully, and they handle the rougher moments of their relationship just as well and with good comic effect. The singing of both is excellent.

Philip Romito brings across the role of the Minstrel, who introduces and, in a sense, tells the story, with a warmth and gentleness that does not impede his sense of comedy. His "partner" in the production is Bob Jones, a new company member, who plays the Jester. Mr. Jones performs with sincerity and versatility in a role that demands singing, dancing and acting ability. A spirited chorus not only backs up the production, but moves into the foreground as well with solid energy. Their faith in what they are doing gives reality to the whole production.

Judy DePechock deals successfully with innumerable technical problems and creates a set that unites the modern and academic aspects of the musical in both mood and beauty.

Costuming, by Barbara Tyrin, is a simplification of definite medival lines. A color scheme running from green and orange to red and white reflects the Christmas theme imposed on the production but does not overshadow it. Attention to infinitesimal detail reflects itself in the quality and style of the costuming. The last performances of Mattress will be presented Saturday.

Rehearsals now are being held for T. B. Elliott's Murder in the Cathedral which will be given Jan. 5 to 22.

Other productions rounding out the winter season will be Rentfrow's Little Women's Oh What A Lonely War Feb. 9 to 26, and Brecht's Mother Courage And Her Children March 16 to April 2.

The Edgcliff staff extend to the faculty members and students best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Challenges

DeGaulle Challenges U.S. and NATO With Ethnocentric, Perplexing Actions

by Dorothy Pilethamp '66

What is DeGaulle really trying to do in Europe? How many decide he is willing to stop on promoting France's interests? Is he trying to wreck NATO? These and other questions have been tossed about with increasing frequency lately.

It is clear that DeGaulle's main concern in Europe is to extend the influence of France while reducing that of other countries. He is challenging the U.S. and NATO at every turn, attempting to remove American influence in Western Europe and replace it with his own. To do this, he has courted the Soviet Union of late. If he perhaps enjoys the discomfiture he has caused among his NATO allies.

The United States is not the only country whose influence in Europe DeGaulle would like to eliminate. He has consistently tried to decrease British political and economic prestige on the Continent. He has looked with disfavor upon any commitment made since World War II that ties his hands or binds France to collective action. France's need for NATO, of course, is such a commitment.

Another of DeGaulle's aims is the prevention of Germany from having any hand at all in multi-power alliances. However, the two travelers reach Palestine, the language barrier creates difficulties not even Gaspar's money can overcome. However, they are aided by an escaped Negro slave, Balbazar, who acts as interpreter. It is he who supplies the third gift, much used in the treatment of a wound.

The three at last find the Infant and His Mother, and find a special gift for himself in the distant mountains. No hidden meanings underlie the words of the text, only the events. There is no burden of archaic structure or tone, but only a setting of music and gaiety and an unmistakable reverence. The book to be enjoyed more than once, a book whose refrain is heard through history, How Far To Bethlehem?
Volunteers Aid Area Missions With Weekend

When Father Ralph Helit sent out a cry for help in the Appalachia missions, sixteen students from Edgcliff responded, volunteering their "week-end" services in his apostolic work.

"This small mountain community of Beauty, Ky., became the field of action for the collegians Working closely with Father O. L. Poul, pastor of St. Michael's in Paintsville, they received first-hand knowledge of the problems and challenges they would be facing. The students met the people of the community and talked with them; they visited the families in their homes.

Charlene Lichtenbach, a sophomore from Edgcliff who spent a weekend at Beauty, Ky., commented on some of the problems of the community.

"The people have only their coal mining as a means of income and employment," she said. "Most of them live in poverty. The education of the children is often neglected so that they work in the mines at an early age."

Asked about the work being done there by college students from this area, Charlene answered, "There is a great need for apostolic work. We know of only one Catholic family in the area. To meet this challenge, Father Poul has organized a community center at Beauty, Ky. It is the job of this college student group to plan and carry on through the activities of the center. We meet informally with the people and plan such activities as teenage dances on Saturday nights."

"Our future plans include regular Bible classes. Our real objective is to provide an atmosphere of communication and openness between ourselves and the people of Beauty, most of whom are Southern Baptists."

Charlene is responsible for organizing the group of Edgcliff students who have the means to make monthly or bi-monthly trips to Beauty, Ky. They are student mócices Cecilia Bubash, Virginia Gleason, Karen Grove and Mary Lynn Yancey; freshmen Rommy Holling, Kathy Hayes and Cynthia Rice. Their alternate are Carla Delibasy, Barbara Fray, Mary Ellen Littlemen, Rebecca Long, Barbara Joe Lefevre, Patricia Mallon, Patricia Marks and Carolyn Minnich.

Notice

The Rev. Carl Pieper, priest of St. Mary's Church, 123 East Thirteenth Street, has addressed volunteers to sing at the church's Christmas Midnight Mass. He would be able to accommodate this at the Sunday 9:45 a.m. Mass and to baby-sit at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Anyone who is interested may call Father Pieper at 731-6171.

Alumni Describe 'Christmas in Missions'

What is Christmas to a nine-year-old Indian or central American student, to a young Urban Missionary? Three Edgcliff graduates recently returned to Cincinnati with stories of Christmas in the places where they served as lay missioners.

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Youngsters Play Santa Claus Plan Presents for Parents

Girls' Club members are playing Santa for their parents. The youngest are the progeny of Edgcliff's social action committee of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

For the past several Fridays approximately 30 girls from Gyles School, near Eighth and State streets, have been making Christmas presents for their parents under the direction of Judy Heringer.

"The purpose of the club," Judy explained, "is to enable each girl to develop her personality by doing things and giving places which her environment might otherwise prevent.

The girls meet twice a month at St. Michael's school for arts and crafts and take Saturday afternoon field trips under the guidance of Edgcliff students. During the holidays they will go caroling in their neighborhoods. Last Saturday afternoon the youngsters entered our Edgcliff barracks in the Garden Room. After their singing, the club members were given presents from the college.

Faculty Member Donates Books

The Rev. Frank Bandel, professor of philosophy, has donated more than three hundred books to the Blegen Memorial Library. Some of the books, a majority of which are Greek and Roman classics, are part of the Louv Classics series.

Many faculty members are currently donating books in all fields. "These gifts are greatly appreciated," said Sister Mary Amricia, head librarian, "because we are always in need of them for this purpose." In the past the library has received many books from Papy, Robert Sherry and Charles Ryan.
The Red Cross is planning its annual Veterans’ Home Christmas party in a different way this year. Each floor of the dormitory is responsible for some aspect of the program; for example, the seventh floor is organizing the skirt, The Littlest Angel.

At its December 9 meeting, Red Cross featured a social worker from St. Aloysius Orphanage who spoke on the “big sister” program organized there. This is the second year Edgcliff’s RC division has taken part in this project; there are currently eleven girls acting as big sisters at the orphanage.

An extension of the weekly sodality work done in connection with Girls’ Town was a marshmallow roast and hootenanny, Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Seven Edgcliff stalwarts attended the general sodality meeting, Sunday, Dec. 5, for members from Mt. St. Joseph College, where the meeting was held, Xavier University, Villa Madonna College and Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

Catholic Students Mision Crusade and the International Relations Club are organizing the annual All Nations party, planned for February.

A regional council meeting of the National Federation of Catholic College Students was held Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Catherine’s Junior College, Springfield, Ky. The following girls attended as Edgcliff’s delegates: Lynne Radford, Nancy Wachter, Valerie Ondash, Dolores Mack and Cheryl Zimmer. Attending as observers were: Mary Elder, Martha Fairbanks, Judy Heringer, Patrica McLaughlin and Mary Ann Zimmerman.

Lynne Radford, as executive vice-president of the NFCCS Madison region, will attend the national Council meeting of NF in conjunction with the Newman Foundation, at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, III., Dec. 27–28.

Feb. 11–13 has been set as the date for a regional NF special projects seminar to be held in Cincinnati, co-sponsored by Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Xavier University and Mt. St. Joseph College.

Two 1965 graduates of Edgcliff, Mary Urbain and Kathleen Wuerzrig, will be guest speakers at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Psychological Club. Mary is currently teaching a course in mental hygiene at Mount Notre Dame High School, while Kathy is a candidate for her master’s degree in guidance and counseling and is serving as assistant counselor at Mother of Mercy High School.

Mr. Franz Trefger, associate professor of French and voice, will sing songs of a German composer at the Feb. 1 meeting of the German Club.

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### Student Council

**Councilors Lead Advent Procession**

Officers and members of Student Council took part in the annual Christmas program conducted today by carrying banners and other symbols of the Advent season. (See page 1.)

The “Christmas cards to Viet Nam” program, under the direction of freshman Council representatives Donna Mayor and Kathy Sprengard, resulted in the purchase of 600 cards by Edgcliff students. Each card contained a personal note from the girl who bought it expressing her gratitude for the work the soldiers are doing in Viet Nam.

Student Council has nominated Mr. Charles Keating, innovator of the Citizans for Decent Literature organization, for the National Federation of Catholic College Students’ Archbishop Noll Award for the Outstanding Catholic Layman of the Year. The purpose of the award is to bring to the “attention of the nation a living example of an American” whose “work in the key apostolate is deserving of recognition.”

Two permanent representatives of Edgcliff to the Area Council have been appointed. They are Lynne Radford, regional executive vice-president of the NFCCS, and Kathy Sprengard, freshman class representative on Council.

The possibility of a leadership conference for second semester is currently being investigated. Such a program would be conducted immediately before campus elections begin, to provide students seeking offices with information on characteristics, skills and responsibilities of leadership.

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