

THE BENT TREE

REGISTRATION

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Registration in College Library.

January 5. Students must have Tentative Schedule Form signed by an advisor to be admitted. Students will be admitted according to the alphabetical listing of their name; the order of admittance to be determined by a lottery system. This lottery will be held next Wednesday, December 10, at noon, in the cafeteria area of the Student Center.

All students now classified as sophomores will be admitted to the library for registration at 9:00 AM on January 5. All others will be admitted according to the order of drawing of letters of the alphabet at the lottery next Wednesday. Groups will be admitted every half-hour until 3:00 PM. The registration process will shut down at 4:30, but will reopen from 6PM to 8PM. Any student not registered during the day will be admitted at night without regard to alphabetical listing.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

Seasons greetings from the staff of the Calabash, alias the Bent Tree, alias that piece of litter that keeps floating around the floors of the halls.

For our first effort, the staff received mixed reviews, ranging from unbelievably lousy to not bad. Everyone agreed that there was room for definite improvement.

Hopefully, the brilliance of the staff will begin to seep through. Also, by next quarter, the newspaper will be printed on an off-set press. This way our deadlines will have to be met. As with this newspaper, next quarter's production will be absolutely free.

YOUR CONSTITUTION--RIGHT OR WRONG

By Martin Tuck

On Wednesday, the third of December, a small group of students, no more than fifteen, decided what the student body will accept or reject as their constitution. The number of interested students was disgusting. Just think, only a handful of students gave a damn about something as important as their student government.

The shaping of the Constitution was a long and difficult task, even with such a small group of people. If a larger percentage of the students became involved, the job would have become much more intricate. The loss of time would have been well worth the trade. With more student involvement, more opinions and ideas would have been expressed. This is exactly what Clayton needs--student participation. The result could have been a better constitution.

For the moment, however, what has been done, has been done. The work of the interested students that put a hell of a lot of sweat into the document, does merit your attention. After all, you will be voting on their accomplishments. Read it before you vote. Vote December 9.

THE OFFTIME TIME

By Myron House

Besides having the unheating heaters and uncooling coolers, a certain college is noted for its offtime time.

There was one guy, and he had things all figured out. If a certain clock at a certain place in a certain hall said 2:15, he knew it was 10:29. And if it said 3:46, he knew it was noon. Then one day that certain clock stopped like all the other clocks in a certain school, and that poor guy shot pool one day from 11:33 to 11:33 and missed all of his classes--not that he minded.

And there was a girl who went through the class building. She stopped at the first clock she came to and set her watch back to 8:37. At the next clock she set her watch up to 3:10. At the last clock she set her watch back to 12:50, which meant she had 10 minutes to get to class. She got to class at 12:55 and found that it was neither 3:10, nor 8:37, nor 12:50, nor 12:55; it was 2:36, and she was 1 hour and 36 minutes late.

Then there was another girl, who didn't have a watch. She didn't have a clock. She didn't even have a Big Ben. But that's an entirely different story.

And the immoral is--"It is immoral to have offtime time like we've got, and we've got it bad."

A MARSHALL McLUHAN CHRISTMAS

'Twas Christmas Eve and across the land the media (both hot and cool) were transmogrifying the lives of millions through the method of allowing a somewhat direct participation without necessarily submitting to the participant any means for a high degree of emotional or empathetic breakthrough, but nevertheless paradoxically diffusing passive acceptance of the components of the media by the participant.

The Santa Claus concept is a fitting example. The entire basis for a conceptual understanding of Santa Claus lies in accepting, but not necessarily believing, that he exists. That is why today's mysticism is tomorrow's science.

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AN EDGAR ALLEN POE CHRISTMAS

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered (being weak and weary also), suddenly there came a tapping, as of someone trying to seek entrance down my chimney. It was in the bleak December (distinctly I remember it) and each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the Christmas Tree.

"'Tis some visitor," I muttered, "seeking entrance through my chimney (though unusual)--only this and nothing more." Then down the chimney came a grossly obese man with beard, red suit, only this and nothing more....

The students and faculty would like to really thank that tired and overworked person, Robert Ridgeway, for his contribution of time, blood, sweat, and tears? You see, Robert is the photographer, or commonly known as a camera freak. He's been taking our pictures.

A LESTER MADDOX CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, an all through this great land of ours, people was home enjoyin' their Pickrick chicken and sittin' on their (mahogany early American) Pickrick furniture an sayin' 'God Bless America' an ridin' their bicycles backward an all the Comminists, beatniks, atheists, an hippies was out in the streets trvin' to destroy Chris-