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Freshman Elections Jan. 26

Henry Kissinger To Appear Jan. 30

One of the nation's most brilliant political scientists, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, is coming to the Broome Tech Campus on Tuesday, January 30, to address the student body in a convocation at 10:25 a.m. in the Gym.

Dr. Kissinger's lecture is entitled "America and Europe; a New Relationship." It is concerned with the changes which have arisen throughout the world in the past few years and their effect on America's relations with Europe. He will discuss new conditions that have been created through the new weapons technology, the changes in the Communist world, the emergence of new nations, the problems which could be posed by a "United Europe", and the meaning of the Atlantic partnership.

Dr. Kissinger is well known to millions of Americans. He has been interviewed on "Face the Nation" and other leading television and radio discussion programs. His articles have appeared in such current affairs publications as The Reporter, The New York Times Magazine, Foreign Affairs, and Harper's Magazine. His recent book, *The Troubled Partnership: a Reappraisal of the Atlantic Alliance*, is on a subject of great importance that is being widely discussed.



HENRY KISSINGER

Dr. Kissinger is now Consultant to the U. S. State Department, for which he took two trips to Viet Nam. He is also a Consultant to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Professor of Government, Harvard University; Faculty Member, Harvard Center for International Affairs and Executive Director, Harvard International Seminar. He was formerly Consultant to the National Security Council.

Born in Germany in 1923, Henry Alfred Kissinger was brought to the United States in 1938 and received his A.B. (Summa cum Laude), M.A., and Ph. D. degrees from Harvard. His academic honors have included

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Campaign Speeches on 24th In S.U.B.

Despite an apparent lack of interest among the freshman class, suggested by the participation in the Freshman Executive Committee, the small group of volunteers that make up this committee have organized the elections for Freshman Class officers. On Wednesday, January 24, candidates will deliver election campaign speeches in the Little Theater at 10:25 to 11:10. On this day the regular convocation scheduled will be in effect.

Friday, January 26, the elections will be held in the Student Center, and will last from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to facilitate student scheduals.

The Candidates are:

President — James Ayres, BT; Peter J. Badera, LA; Ruth Gdovin, LA; Brendon M. Marks, PE.

Vice-President — Gene A. Cline, LA; Katherine Conant, SEC; Edward A. Seraydarian, PE; Diann Kettle, SC.

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Corresponding Secretary — Betty Jane Sivak, BT; Nancy Slachta, LA.

Recording Secretary — Jacquelyn Bonear, LA; Susan Rogers, BT.

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Glen Miller Band Headlines Artist Series Premier

Besides having been a great musician, arranger, and conductor, the late Glenn Miller was a great organizer. Proof of this is the fact that the Glenn Miller Band is still in existence, as evidenced by their coming performance on the 22nd of January. Starting at 8:15 p.m. the Band will give a one-hour concert, followed by two hours of Dancing to the GLENN MILLER Sound.

The clarinet, more than any other instrument in the Band, is the one which gives the MILLER Band its distinctive Sound. Buddy DeFranco, leader of the Band, seems to be the natural choice for this job. Considered the Number One clarinetist in the United States for the past fifteen years, DeFranco has consistently won practically every major poll as an instrumentalist.

DeFranco began his career at the age of eighteen with the band of Johnny "Scat" Davis. From there he went with Gene Krupa, Ted Fio Rita, Charlie Barnet, Tommy Dorsey, Boyd Raeburn, and then back to Dorsey.

Buddy has always been an admirer of the MILLER Music. This is not unusual, however, since the musical philosophies of Miller and DeFranco parallel one another in two very important ways: they both have always evidenced a keen inter-

est in new and different sounds especially with the woodwinds; and each has displayed an intense respect for the basic principles of music and its production. Those already familiar with the history of the MILLER Band are aware of Glenn's great preoccupation with intensive rehearsing, with the production of good, clear, ensemble sounds, with correct phrasing, and, of course, with creating an emotional rapport with his listeners.

To this approach, DeFranco adheres implicitly. During a recent interview, he said, "In order to give music meaning in life, there are three basic elements—good tone production, facility or technique, and expression of feeling." All three of these factors, feels DeFranco, must play an important role in the music of any big band.

Spurred by the belief that Miller would have expanded on his basic ideas, DeFranco plans to develop even further the basic tonal colorations created by Miller. This, as Buddy has said, "... should lead all of us to an even broader and more satisfying form of American music."

As those who know the MILLER Music will probably agree that the 22nd should prove to be a very rewarding and entertaining evening for all who attend.

President's List Announced Five Freshmen Students Honored

Five freshmen posted "straight A" records to top the Broome Tech student body in academic accomplishment for the recently concluded fall term. The five, all from the Triple Cities, who earned perfect 4.00 averages are:

★ Linda Barvinchak of 35 Camden St., Johnson City

★ William Durst of 13 Norman Road, Chenango Bridge

★ Edwin Hogg III of 7 Smith Rd., Binghamton

★ Michael Polesnak of 189 Myrtle Ave., Johnson City

★ Gerald Russin of 134½ Henry St., Binghamton.

Mr. Durst is the son of the dean of the college, Herbert L., and Mrs. Durst. He is enrolled in the chemical technology pro-

gram.

Mr. Hogg and Mr. Russin are veterans of military service, having served in the Air Force and Army, respectively. Both are taking the college's Business program, as is Mr. Polesnak. Miss Barvinchak is enrolled in the new Nursing curriculum.

These five led a total of 47 students who were named to the President's List. This is an honor reserved for those whose grades average between 3.50 and 4.00 for an entire term.

Rosemary Harvilla of 1105 Stella Ireland Rd., Binghamton, and Michael Dahulich of 276 Clinton St., Binghamton, just missed perfect records. They finished with averages of 3.94, getting one B to go with their

A's.

Following is a complete listing of the Broome Tech students on the President's List for the fall term, arranged alphabetically within geographic designations:

Binghamton: Donna Buchel, 43 Downs Ave.; Walter Callahan, 26 Hazel St.; Patrick Carbone, 108 Prospect Ave.; Michael Dahulich, 276 Clinton St.; Beverly Ellinger, 53 Rotary Ave.; Sharon Gill, 9 The Arena; Rosemary Harvilla, 1105 Stella Ireland Rd.; Edwin Hogg III, 7 Smith Rd.; Leonard Kelly, 114 Moeller St.; Dennis Lia, 7½ Cypress St.; Albert Mariani, 72 Moeller St.; Nancy Morris, 3 Wilcox St.; Gerald Russin, 134½

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Sixth Annual Gerhart Speech Contest Arrives

Sponsored by the Liberal Arts division, and coordinated by Mr. Harold Sunshine, the Sixth Annual Gerhart Speech Contest will be held in the Little Theatre at 10:35 A.M. on Wednesday, February 21 as a scheduled convocation. The contest will be open to all full-time Freshmen and Seniors, men and women. The topic is "Resolved: That the Federal Government should guarantee a minimum annual cash income to all citizens."

Four contestants will each speak for eight minutes, two in favor of the proposition and

two against. Each of four finalists are assigned a professor as a coach, and three citizens from the community will serve as the final judges. Four cash prizes will be donated by Mr. Eugene C. Gerhart: first prize - \$25, second prize - \$15, third prize and fourth prize each \$5.

Tryouts will be held at 3:40 and 4:40 P.M. on Monday, January 29 in T102. Contestants will deliver a 5-minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice. Candidates cannot participate as finalists without tryouts.

NEW IN THIS ISSUE: AD-MEN, PROGRAMS IN PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIALS

LETTERS to EDITOR

All letters to the editor are encouraged and welcomed. The editor recommends that all letters should be limited to 300 words, typewritten and double-spaced. Letters should be placed in the "OTHER" box in the press room (T-10). Names will be withheld on request, but all letters must bear the author's signature. Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this staff. —Ed.

Welfare: A Headache

There appears to be one issue on the "American Scene" which challenges the time-tested law that all Americans will agree on any one subject. Republicans, Democrats, rich, poor, L.B.J., Rocky, and even welfare workers agree that the present welfare system is outmoded and inadequate.

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The public welfare program was fostered in 1935 in the midst of the depression era, and was hailed as farsighted by many. Today the organization has festered into one of the largest agencies and sore spots in the government complex. To quote statistics from the Sunday Press, one out of every twenty-five persons in the United States receives welfare assistance. The cost to the government has in the past ten years doubled and from 1966 to 1967, increased one quarter of the total amount. The enrollment lists have in some instances provided permanent position for family lineage; since the beginning of the program many third generation families have simply existed and, when old enough, applied for welfare.

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From our middle-class perch, we cannot help believe that the present system of aid has accomplished the rejuvenation of a larger problem. The poor are presented with a gift, usually monthly, and even this is too little to substantially provide for one's needs. Because of their extreme poverty, these people congregate in depressed areas, therefore the birth of slums. From these slums the seeds of riots are born of tension and free time.

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We recognize that in such cases as a mother rearing children without male aid, to put aside her role as a mother to join the ranks of the working class or other extreme cases, is too much to ask or expect. However, it appears to us that the location of fathers and husbands in permanent-type jobs would relieve a large burden on the national tax dollar. This very basic solution has one thorn. There do not exist, in these slum areas, sufficient job opportunities. Forcing people to find jobs that do not exist might cause tension tremors.

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Therefore it becomes the governmental duty to provide these job opportunities, perhaps in cooperation with industry. Whatever extra financial drain this might cause would be replaced over the years in a subtraction from the welfare rostrum. If the slum areas are inappropriate for industrial purpose, force these poor out of the slums by withdrawing public welfare but provide special aid for relocation.

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This editorial has been a serious attempt to provide an answer to a serious problem. Being neither economist or sociologist at the moment, we fail to recognize the shortcomings of these ideas, but would sincerely appreciate your reactions.

Is "Brave New World" Becoming A Reality?

When Aldous Huxley wrote *Brave New World*, it is doubtful that at the time he realized how close his visions would be to the truth in another thirty years. It seems that we are indeed on the threshold of this brave new world. Perhaps the fear that Huxley's visions could become a reality is the impetus for certain irate mothers censoring this book. After all, if cancer is ignored it will go away.

Huxley's world was one in which man was no longer an entity in himself. He enjoyed neither the memories of a past, nor the hopes for a future. His world was confined to present sensations only. When reality became too much to bear, he could "Cop-out" with a soma-pill, which was issued by the government according to one's decantation rank. Decantation? —that's life from a test tube, sort of a super planned-parent-hood. The rigid hierarchy which was arranged before birth ranged from Alpha-plus, those who were fortunate enough to be dealt a superior genetic make-up, down to Epsilon-minus, the least fortunate. No social mobility existed in this world in which every thought, emotion, and action was rigidly controlled.

In light of present scientific advances this theoretical world seems to be proceeding from a remote possibility to a horrible probability. Today's soma-pill takes the shape of LSD, "pot", methedrine—the list continues to grow. Life has actually been evolved in a test tube from inert ingredients, so it is conceivable that one's genetic make-up could be decided before birth. Then "people" could be more easily adapted to our computerized society.

There is no denying that our world is increasing in complexity, but the decisions which must be made are still basically ones which have faced man since the beginning of time—the use of his knowledge to ennoble himself or to degrade himself. The creation of life artificially can be used to cure hereditary defects and to control certain kinds of cancer. LSD can be used in the treatment of certain types of schizophrenia. The tools of a mechanized world are to be an aid to man, not to make him their slave. The choice is with the individual.

Dental Hygiene Re-Accredited

The Dental Hygiene department and its program have been re-accredited by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The accrediting team visited the campus in October, and the official notification of its full approval of the program was received during the Christmas holiday week.

Cafeteria Open Letter to Freshman Class

A great deal of noise is being made about our "filthy", "pigsty" "garbage dump" cafeteria. I admit, it gets bad at times. At 10:30 (my lunch hour) it is next to impossible to find a seat. I've taken to buying my food there and eating elsewhere just to avoid the crowd.

This is fair ground for the administration to attack the student body on. I admit we are not the cleanest people since Mr. Clean.

The administration does not, however, complain about the quality of the food, which is getting progressively worse. Last night I ordered a fish sandwich, thinking that no one, not even myself, could ruin a fish sandwich. I was wrong. The glorious submarines they sell contain (for 75 cents) 10 cents worth of cold cuts (if that), perhaps some lettuce and rarely some onions. Oh, I forgot the oil that they dump on it to wet down the bread. The onion soup today I will not mention out of reverence for the mouse that apparently drowned in it. If, during this grand expansion that is going on, a cafeteria or, even better, a separate snack bar was included, I feel the problem would be slightly ameliorated.

In the meantime (if and when our new library is opened) the Audio-Visual Department could be moved to where the library is presently located, a snack-bar could be located in their present office and this overcrowded department could be given some room to operate in. "Sic"

Another Angry Student

On the 26th of this month, the future of the Class of 1969 will be decided. This will not be done by the faculty or administration, but rather by you—the student.

This is your time to let your voice be heard on this campus. Yell hard and loud; make sure your officers are the type of people you want to represent you to the rest of the students, the faculty, the administration, and the community. These students will lead your class for the next year and a half. Your choice will make the difference. It can be a very exciting and dynamic year or a completely uneventful one.

During this election, I have made myself available to any candidate who has needed help with his campaign; however, I am not personally backing any one student, because I do not feel it is my place to do so.

Looking over the list of candidates, I'm only too happy that they are running this year instead of last; otherwise, the signature of this letter might have been different.

Again I urge all of you to take advantage of your right as a Broome Tech, and vote for the people you believe will be an asset to you and to the class of 1969.

Francis L Battisti
President-Class of 1968

Scholarship Incentive Raised To \$360 Max!

When the tuition rate at Broome Tech was raised to \$360 this year it was expected that the total financial effect (on the majority of students) would be small, since, in most cases, the benefits of the Scholar Incentive Award should increase from \$100 to \$160. Up until this year, because of the tuition rates the maximum Scholar Incentive entitlement to Broome Tech students had always been the minimum State award, or \$100.

The eligibility of the student for \$160 is not automatic and depends upon the net taxable income (gross income less allowable exemptions and deductions) of the student's family. If the net taxable income of the family, as reported on the Scholar Incentive Application, is under \$7500 the student is eligible for the maximum award. If the income, as reported, is over \$7,500, or is not reported on the application, the student will receive the minimum, or \$100.

The College does not accept the Award Certificate which is

sent to the student from Albany as a credit toward tuition. The Scholar Incentive checks, which are received in three payments of either \$33.33 or \$53.33 each, are made payable by the Regents Examination and Scholarship Center to the individual student and are forwarded directly to the student upon his arrival at the school. It should be remembered that the date of application normally determines when the checks are processed in Albany and students should expect at least a one-term lag in their receipt from the time of application.

The above presupposes academic and residential eligibility, and proper submission of the application forms. The student is required to apply only once a year and the deadline date for submission for Winter and Spring benefits for those students who have not as yet applied this year is April 1st. Applications and information can be obtained at the Financial Aid Office.

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The Old Man

By Mike Manley

The old man was a good man. His life was at its ebb, but his love for the things of life was not. Summer evenings saw him sitting, humming, on the stoop of his apartment; sitting, humming in a rocker as worn as the face his whiskers hid. He was making the best of escaping time.

He was a kind man. The birds knew. Each morning found the old man sprinkling crumbs of bread on earth that sparkled with dew. When the early snows came, the dew was gone, but the bread was not. The birds would peck at breakfast and, when the weather was good, the old man would sit and watch. He sat only ten feet away, but his slow, infrequent movements never bothered the birds. They knew the hand that fed them would never harm them.

Later, when the birds were gone, the cats would come. They knew the old man too. The sky-blue saucers were always on the stoop, filled with milk. The old man really couldn't afford the milk, but he felt the strays couldn't afford to go without it. Besides, it was good to hear them purr when they brushed against his legs.

When the last cat had jumped from his lap, the sun was getting higher and the neighborhood children were coming out to play. They, more than anyone or anything else, saw the kindness in the old man. When they tired of skipping rope or playing ball, they would walk over to him and see what he had for them that day. Sometimes it was a story, sometimes a piece of candy. Occasionally, there was a bouncing ride on his knee. Always, there was something. He loved the children and the children loved the old man.

Now and then, when the weather was bad, the old man would stay inside. He liked to tinker with sewing machines. Twenty years had separated him from his last job, but his wrinkled fingers were steady and he enjoyed doing favors for other people. If someone's machine needed fixing, it was taken to the old man. When he was finished, he took their thank-you's, but never their money. "Money spoils it," he would say, and everyone understood.

He was always giving. At Christmas time he would bring everyone in the neighborhood a wreath he had made. It was an old pie tin, adorned with sprigs of crisp evergreen and clusters of silvered pine cones. Everyone thanked him and said "Merry Christmas". His lips smiled and his eyes laughed as he went to the next door.

The last day came in late summer. The old man was rocking and humming and the sun was starting to fall. It was hot, and the old man was tired. It had been a good day, with the birds and the cats and the children, but it was over now and it was quiet. The old man stood up slowly and looked around. He noticed the clouds bunching together, becoming black. How he hoped it wouldn't rain. It would spoil the day for everyone. The rocker con-

Writing Seminar Presents

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Sarcastic Society's Warmth

The fur stood out among the group.
It seemed to howl within.
It tried to show them what it wasn't
With the act it tried to give.
It cared only what they thought
And how they treated it,
The club of the many furs
Which one of them's the best?
And what about the price of it?
Why wasn't the price in cash
Given to all those others
Who always do without?
Was it really worth spending
All the money that was saved?
The difference is to everyone,
But what should it mean to me?

Donna Ann Roden

On Walking On

When dying night is almost dead,
Just before the change to day,
When shapes of night have almost fled,
Taking clouds of sleep away,

This is the time our minds will bare,
Awakened by the shafting light
Thoughts clear as springs of morning air,
Thoughts drowned in passion so last night.

What last night was joy and pleasure,
Brings forth fruits that we must reap,
Our emotions used to measure,
What we do before we sleep.

When dying night is almost dead,
The red mist of last night's dream,
While we are still lying in bed,
Leaves us with the sun's first gleam.

Paul Lott

Alone in This Vast Sea

Alone, in this vast sea
Whose waves caress the sands.
Man's footprints despoil His earth
And rape His heavens.

Alone, in this vast sea
My ship lists and falters
As delicate white caps conceal
The depth of their torment.

Alone, in this vast sea
The sails selfishly seek protection
From the storm's lashing tongue,
Caring not that they leave me,

Alone, in this vast sea.

Gloria Zielasko

tinued its motion beside the empty saucers as the old man walked the few steps to his door.

The birds went hungry the next day; the saucers were dry; the children weren't laughing. Some men came and took the old man away. The air was filled with thunder and sadness. The birds, scattered by the retreating ambulance, fluttered to the dark sky. They would miss him. Very much. Because . . . the old man was a good man.

Tech Talk Extends Apology

The staff sincerely apologizes for omitting the names of two creative authors whose works were printed in the last issue of *Tech Talk*. The poem, "Virtue of Nature," was composed by Donna Roden and Ron Tarby is the author of "Silence is Maddening."

Ships To The Sea

By Alfred Beers

When I was a very young boy in the black dirt country of New Jersey, something happened one day which has proven to be of value to me throughout the growing years of my life.

It was a sunny day in April when the snow on the hillsides seemed to shrink away leaving patches of green where the cedars were unable to shade the snow. Even the old gray pine boards of the barn seemed to be changing color as the snow on the roof melted and trickles of water ran down the sides.

I went deeper into the valley that morning than I had ever before dared to go alone. I was almost into the swamp where my older brothers and I had gone skating a few months earlier. I hadn't intended to go so far, but as I followed the ships in the stream, I must have forgotten about being able to see the barn. They were ships to my imagination anyway, and each knothole on the small logs was a coil of mooring rope. The ships sailed quickly along in the water as the melting snow filled the stream to the height of its banks.

Soon I tired from following my ships and decided that the sea was too far anyway. As I rested by the side of the stream I looked up into the sky. It was turning gray, a weird shade of gray. The sun was going away, and I remembered what my brother had read to me from his science book the night before. It had said that if it were not for the sun, the earth would be a ball of ice. What would I do here in the swamp if everything were frozen; how would I ever find the house?

I'd never heard of anything like that happening before so I decided that I wouldn't be that unlucky. But then I remembered that last Sunday in church the minister had said that the world would be destroyed by fire soon. Maybe God was going to freeze up all the water first so that the fire would burn

good.

I could still follow the stream, so I started back, hoping soon to see the outline of the barn. My mom always told me that big boys didn't cry, but I thought that it wasn't hurting much this time. The earth was going to need all the water it could get when the fire started, and besides, there would be a lot more tears than mine by then.

Off to my right I saw a movement, but I wasn't scared of it after I recognized the outline as that of a cow, because I liked cows. Earlier this morning, when I was in the barn with Harold, the landlord, he told me that one of the cows didn't come back and he thought there might be a newborn calf somewhere in the meadow behind the barn. I thought surely the wobbly little calf would be there alongside the cow. It was there. It wasn't moving; it was cold and stiff!

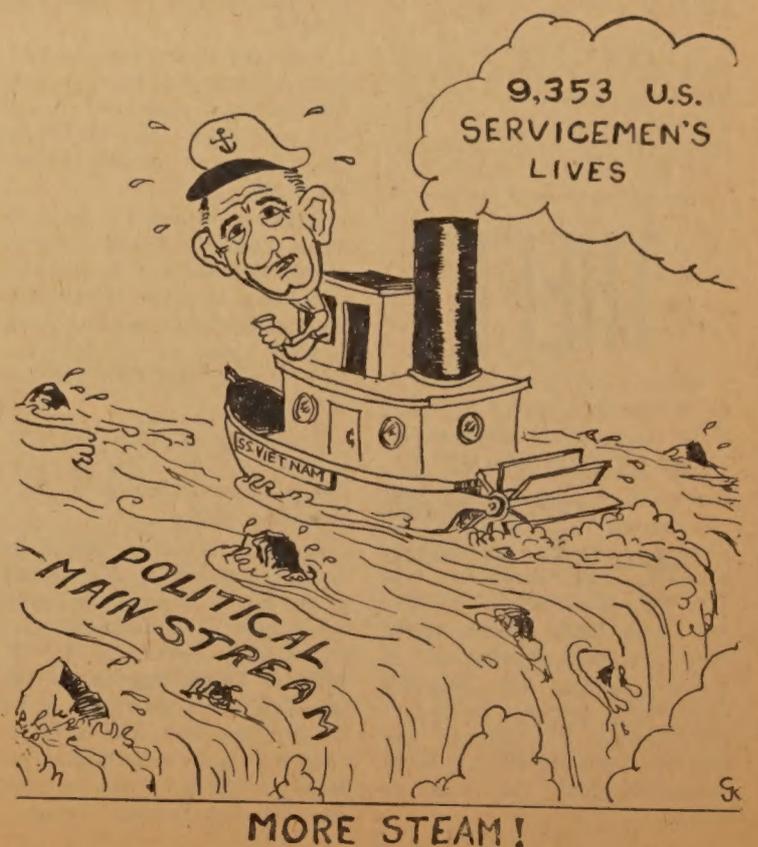
It must be a bad dream, I thought to myself. Pretty soon I'll wake up and snuggle down under the warm quilt where I could concentrate on getting some restful sleep. But it wasn't a dream. The old man was looking at me, making throaty noises. The stream was filled with the icy water; my ships must have been almost to the ocean by now, and I was still alone in the pasture.

The sound of Harold's tractor was almost as wonderful as it was to sit on the stairs and overhear Mom tell Dad what Santa should bring me for Christmas. Even after Harold had the calf in the wagon he was still trying to explain what an eclipse was.

He promised not to tell Mom that I had cried, if I promised never again to go out of sight of the barn. It sounded like a good deal to me so we shook on it.

The sun was shining again as I got down from the tractor. I felt sorry for the dead calf and its mother standing behind the wagon. I was kind of glad now that they wouldn't let me go to the neighbor boy's fun-

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Tech Players To Present . . .

The Broome Tech Players are at it again. Casting has been completed and rehearsals are now underway for their production of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew", scheduled for presentation on February 23, 24, and 25. This is the Tech Players' first endeavor at Shakespearian drama and promises to be a new experience for both Players and audience for several reasons. The play will be performed in true Shakespearian style with blackouts being used in place of a curtain, and no change of scenery. There has also been a new forestage constructed to increase the working area for the actors.

It might be noted here that while rehearsals will be taking place 4 to 5 nights a week until the production date, these rehearsals will be closed to anyone who is not participating.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is a comedy which contains a main plot through which is interwoven a sub-plot. The theme evolves around the daughters of wealthy Baptista, Katherina and Bianca. The younger daughter, Bianca, has several suitors who are anxious to claim her hand in marriage, but her father has stated, "That none shall have access unto Bianca till Katherine the curst have got a husband." This means that if any of the suitors succeed in finding a mate for Kate, Bianca will be free to marry one of them.

The major problem lies in Baptista's own words of Kate, she is "curst" with the most miserable disposition ever, and no one who knows of her would even consider approaching her, much less marrying her. The solution lies in the gentleman known as Petruchio, with a personality afraid of nothing; and due to the sizeable nature of Kate's dowry, one even willing to take on such a challenge as the "taming of the shrew."

The fun is found when, after "winning" Kate's hand in marriage (not to her complete satisfaction), he goes about taming this woman into one he might be able to spend the rest of his life with.

The sub-plot involves the rivalry and competition between the three suitors of Bianca; Gremio, a pompous older man; Hortensio, the close friend of

Petruchio; and Lucentio, a wealthy student.

The members of the entire cast are as follows:

Petruchio — Dave Henderson
Katherina — Rita Opie
Bianca — Marie Loscavio
Lucentio — John Benyi
Baptista — Howard Miller
Gremio — Steve Webb
Hortensio — Gene Cline
Tranio — Bob Hagin
Vincentio — Dick Norton
Grumio — Keith Armentrout
Biondello — Ernie Blake
Curtis — Dave Vergason
Pedant — Larry Frechette
Tailor — John Glueckert
Widow — Lorraine Giroux
Servants — Betty Cummings
Mike Kratochvil
Jim Hubbard

Also involved in the production of any play are set construction, lighting, make-up and publicity people. More students are needed for each of these committees; in particular, someone is needed to work the lighting board, preferably one from the Electrical Department and specifically one with previous experience in stage lighting. If anyone is interested in taking part in this production by working on any of these committees, contact Carla Aiken (LA) for further information as soon as possible.

Students Reap S.S. Benefits

Will any Broome Technical Community College students benefit from recent changes in the Social Security Act?

"I'm sure there are several students who can become entitled to monthly cash benefits for the first time," said Paul A. Bennett, Social Security district manager, Binghamton, N. Y. "However, these students will have to take the initiative and file an application with us. We don't know who they are."

One of the changes in the Social Security Amendments signed by President Johnson on January 2, is that monthly benefits are now payable to children (including unmarried full time students under age 22) of a female worker who died fully insured.

Until the recent change, such monthly benefits were payable for the most part only if the deceased mother had worked in the three-year period before her death.

What happened in most of these cases, the Social Security official pointed out, is that we were able to make a one-time lump-sum death payment up to \$255 based on her fully insured status, and that was the end of it.

Regardless of when the fully insured mother died, benefits can be payable beginning with February 1968.

Any student who thinks he may be affected by this change in the Social Security Act may obtain more information by telephoning the local office at 772-1050 or by writing or calling in person at 107 Chenango Street Binghamton, N.Y. The office is open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

C.I.S.G.A.

On December 1, 2, and 3, 1967, the first Region IV CISGA conference of the 1967-1968 school year was held. The host college was Broome Technical Community College. Colleges participating in the conference in addition to Broome Tech were Niagara County Community College, Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College, and Jamestown Community College.

The conference opened Friday night with dinner at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge on Front Street. Immediately following dinner, a short opening meeting was held. George Tallet, conference chairman, presented the Region IV flag, made by Joyce Zimmer, to Regional Vice-President Francis Battisti. The main speaker for the evening was Mr. Maurice Battisti. His topic was "Journey into Understanding," and his speech included the showing of slides of his trip to Ceylon and India. Other guests and speakers were Father Alfred Bebel, a Broome Tech Chaplain, Richard Powers, Dean of Students, and Mr. R. Bruce MacGregor, Coordinator of Student Activities.

The conference continued Saturday, after breakfast at Howard Johnsons, with small group meetings held at Broome Tech. The groups discussed the topics: The Purpose of CISGA, The Influence of CISGA, The Value of CISGA, Who should be in CISGA, Campus CISGA, and The Successful CISGA conference. Lunch was held at Broome Tech and the group meetings were resumed. At 4:30 a social hour was held where all the groups reported on their discussions. At 7:30, a smorgasborg dinner was held at the Arlington Hotel.

On Sunday Morning, a general meeting was held at Howard Johnson's after a continental breakfast. At this meeting, it was decided that the next C.I.S.G.A. conference would be held at Niagara County Community College. The topic for the conference will be the student Bill of Rights. The conference at Niagara will be held sometime during the last two weeks of January or first two weeks of February.

A result of the conference was the establishment of an award to be presented to the Campus C.I.S.G.A. group that did the most in the way of activities, to promote C.I.S.G.A. on the campus in the region and in the State. Another result was the establishment of a C. I. S. G. A. library, to be maintained at the college of the Regional Vice-President. It might be beneficial to point out here that the Regional Vice-President is the highest ranking officer in the region. The State Presidency rotates from region to region. The Vice-President of the region to which the Presidency has rotated, becomes the State President. The library will contain records of all C. I. S. G. A. conferences, plus constitutions, handbooks, and other similar items from each college in the region. Still another result was the establishment of a C.I. S. G.A. newsletter. This newsletter, published bi-monthly, will include news of past and future events at all regional schools and reports

Ad — Men by Marie Loscavio

Periodically a new column will appear in Tech Talk. It will contain interviews with members of the Administration on any long range plans of which the student body should be aware, and any pertinent releases from the President of the College, or the Deans.

President Tyrell

President Tyrell recently disclosed that architects have been hired to develop the Master Building Plan for Broome Technical Community College. Leonard J. Robilotti, Architect, has been given the task of designing the proposed new buildings. The County has contributed the land which lies on the West side of Front Street. A topographic survey has also been planned. The present plans, which extend until 1974, include enough space for 4,000 students in service facilities and 3,200 in instructional areas. It is expected that the Master Plan will be completed by June 1, 1968.

Dean Powers

In a recent interview, Dean Powers expressed his concern with the appalling condition the cafeteria is in. Attributing its questionable appearance to laziness on the part of the students who make use of its facilities, he stated, "The cafeteria is looking like a pigsty." It supplies the students with ash trays and disposals, and yet there seem to be an increasing number of crushed cigarette butts on the floor and an insurmountable number of dirty cups, dishes, paper and the like left on the tables.

It should be brought to the attention of the student body that the cafeteria has remained open without interruption. An example of malicious destruction and thoughtlessness was

the recent discovery of a fork, the prongs of which had been forced out of shape, with one left up, and placed on the seat of the chair for someone to sit on.

The Dean stated, "The cafeteria is a growing problem. However, I would like to keep it open, clean and safe."

Dean Durst

"We are planning to acquire a small instructional television system at Broome Tech." About three years ago the Audio-Visual Department requested that a closed circuit television system be introduced to this campus. The cost of such a system would be between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00. However, Dean Durst pointed out that the faculty was not accustomed to using this type of equipment.

It has been decided that as an experiment, a small television system would be introduced to this campus at a cost of about \$12,000.00. Broome Tech hopes to receive Federal Funds under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Dean Durst stated, "If we receive a favorable reaction, we will receive funds meeting half of the cost of the instructional television." "In spite of what happens, we will have this small television on campus between September and December of next year."

The objective is to give the faculty experience in utilizing this system. To assure reasonable success of this program, we now have an instructional television advisory committee made up of faculty members. This committee is going to study the use of the system, assess its value to the use of the college, and assure its maximum usage.

Beware The Fuzz

Motorists on Triple Cities highways will now be subject to an intensive equipment check instituted throughout Broome Co.

Traffic officers from the various law enforcement agencies in the county have decided to start the checks Jan. 15 and to continue them at various hours of the day and night for the rest of the week.

The safety-equipment check is one of the steps being taken in a county traffic safety campaign aimed at cutting down on the increasing accident rate.

The traffic officers are distributing more than 20,000 reflectorized stickers to be used to identify vehicles that have been stopped and checked.

Police will spot check cars to determine that lights, signals, windshield wipers, horns and tires are all in proper working order.

They will also check vehicle stickers and operator's licenses. If the vehicle passes the inspection, a small round sticker will be placed on the front bumper

on the conferences. Any student interested in joining Campus CISGA at Broome Tech should contact Francis Battisti or any member of Campus CISGA for further information.

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so that other police will know it has been inspected and will not stop the driver again.

"Summonses will be issued for any violations found," was the warning from Chief Assistant District Attorney Herbert A. Kline.

Along with the crackdown on poor drivers, the traffic officers also decided it would help the safety campaign to attempt to recognize and commend safe and courteous drivers, as well as policemen who do exceptional jobs in promoting highway safety. (taken from the Binghamton Press)

Artist Series Con't

EDITOR'S NOTE

Since there will only be a very limited number of seats available, students who wish to attend are requested to present their Student ID at the Student Activities Office in order to receive their free tickets. Those who are not students at Broome Tech may obtain their tickets at the Student Personnel Office or request reservations. Season tickets for the four ARTIST SERIES Performances may also be purchased at the Student Personnel Office. Prices are as follows: Individual performance—\$1.50; Season Tickets—\$4.00.

THEFT

Recently, from a cabinet in the Student Union Building, three microphones were stolen.

The microphones were purchased to supplement the public address system which has proved inadequate on former occasions. The microphones are valued at over one hundred dollars and Dean Roehl stated that the theft would not be treated lightly. The Sheriff's Department has been notified of the missing microphones and the investigation will not be abandoned until the case is solved.

WUS Week Results

The World University Service (WUS) Week held on the Broome Tech campus during the fall term was considered very successful although the \$1,000 goal was not realized. Approximately 70 per cent of the \$1,000 was raised and it is hoped the remaining 30 per cent can be raised through dances sponsored by the Senior Class in the near future. Dr. Rao, regional director of WUS, was informed of the amount raised and he expressed his grateful appreciation for all the efforts made on behalf of WUS. Dr. Rao also said, in a recent letter to Francis Battisti, President of the Senior Class, that he approves of the plans to attempt to raise the remaining \$300, and reaffirmed his admiration for the student leadership displayed on this campus.

All money raised for WUS this year, at Broome Tech, will be used to build a canteen service in India. This canteen service will allow university students in India to purchase three well-balanced meals a day for 25 cents each. All money raised at Broome Tech, or any college raising money for WUS, is matched by an equal amount raised by students in the country where the money is sent. It is hoped that the WUS Week held this year will be repeated next year, and in every year thereafter.

It is also of interest that some of the food remaining after the spaghetti dinner was donated, by the Senior Class, to the Susquehanna Valley Home which was very pleased with the contribution.

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CSA To Publish Newsletter

Each Friday afternoon a Student Newsletter will be published and posted on all bulletin boards of the campus.

Announcements of all clubs, class meetings and activities (on and off campus) will be listed.

It will be the responsibility of each organization to provide publication. The Coordinator's office will not seek out information from groups.

Better communications will be established on campus through effective use of the newsletter.

Material for publication will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Thursday. Complete and return one of the blanks to the office of the Coordinator of Student Activities, R. Bruce MacGregor.

Through the cooperation of our clubs, classes and activities, we can provide greater coordination of publicity.

Election

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Those elected will then take leadership of the Freshman Class Representatives. This organization presides over Class Activities, one of which is the popular Queen of Hearts Ball.

To quote a popular cliché, "Get Out and Vote".

BT PROGRAMS IN PERSPECTIVE

In an effort to combat the lack of understanding and communication between the various curricula on the Broome Tech campus, this paper will, for the next few issues, run a series of articles briefly outlining the courses of study offered here, the people concerned with their development, and the future opportunities that each curriculum offers.

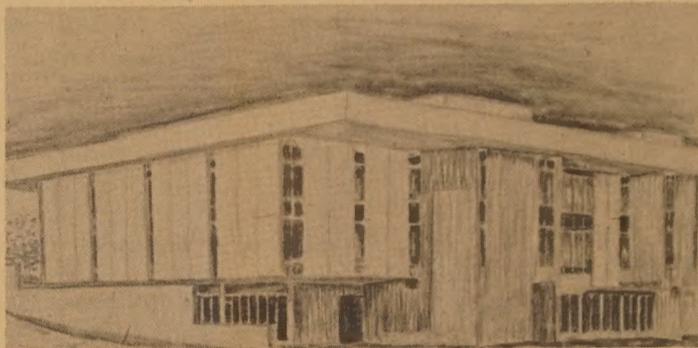
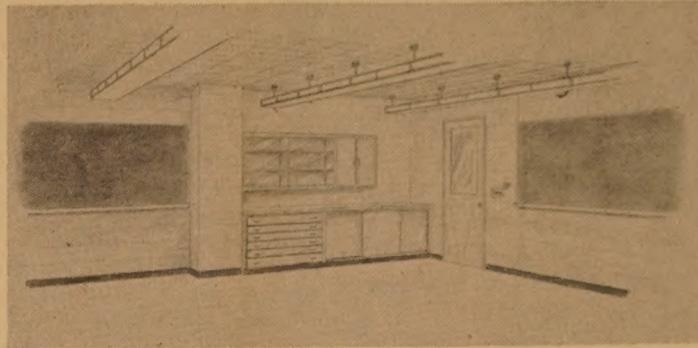
The first curriculum in our series is Civil Technology. The main purpose of this program is to produce qualified Civil Engineering technicians who will be employed as assistants to professional engineers, architects, construction engineers and a variety of other similar personnel.

Approximately 25% of the graduates continue with their college education, in such universities as Michigan Tech. They usually go on to become engineers in one of the many fields available. The remaining 75%, after satisfying their military requirements, go directly to work in their chosen areas. They are often employed by City, State, or Federal Governments to work in the areas of transportation, surveying, the technical development of public sanitation, and inspection of construction projects, such as roads and buildings.

The curriculum has been defined as "Structural Surveying—General Construction Ori-

Civil Technology A View In Two Dimensions

By S. Webb



Drawings by Betty Cummings

ted." It also included courses such as Mr. Hoyt's architectural survey course, from which we have obtained the accompanying illustrations. A close look at these drawings will show the accuracy which is necessary to this type of work. The sketch of the new Library will show another aspect of the standards which are set by the school and the outside employers.

The most demoralizing factor of this curriculum, however, is the fact that the curriculum includes 25-29 contact hours per week and at least 19 credit hours per term.

Mr. S. Steele, a graduate Professional Engineer, is chairman of the curriculum's staff, as well as a specialist in Civil Engineering and surveying. Rounding out the teaching rostrum is Mr. W. Hoyt, specialist in architecture and building design; Mr. N. Boyce, whose major field is land surveying; and Mr. J. Rook, a professor of Civil Engineering and land surveying.

The program was initiated in 1957, and since then has produced many graduates, who, in the years to come, will no doubt carry themselves, and Broome Tech, to national recognition. For those not familiar with this field, we have obtained some superior drawings as an example of the work which Civil Technology prepares their students to produce.

PLAN AHEAD

Friday, January 19

BTCC wrestling at Morrisville, 7:00.
Dionysians film at Harpur.

Saturday, January 20

BTCC basketball vs. Luzerne CC, 8:00.
Film: "Uberfall" and "The Symphony of a Great City" at Roberson's Sears-Hartness Hall, 8:00.
Opera: Tri-Cities Opera. Excerpt Night for Opera Guild, Masonic Temple.

Sunday, January 21

Dance: Roberson Ballet School and guest Artist at Roberson's Sears-Harkness Hall, 3:00.

Monday, January 22

Artist Series: Glenn Miller Orchestra, conducted by Buddy DeFranco. In gym, 8:00.
Dance: Roberson Ballet School and guest artist at Roberson's Sears-Harkness Hall, 8:00.

Tuesday, January 23

BTCC basketball at Dutchess CC, 8:00.
BTCC wrestling at Dutchess CC, 4:30.

Wednesday, January 24

Freshman Election Campaign Speeches in Little Theater, 10:25.

Friday, January 26

Freshman Class Election voting in Student Center, 9-3:30,
BTCC basketball vs. Auburn, 8:00.
Dance in cafeteria, 9:30-12.

Saturday, January 27

BTCC Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game, 8:00.
Music: The Lively Arts, a Junior Subscription Series: Kabi Lareti, pianist, at Roberson Center, 1:30 and 3:30.

Tuesday, January 30

Convocation: Dr. Henry Kissinger, "America and Europe: A New Relationship." In gym, 10:25.
Last day to drop courses with "W" grade.

Wednesday, Jan 31

BTCC basketball at Mohawk Valley, 8:00.

Friday, February 2

Movie: "Barabbas" in Little Theater, 8:00.

Summer Course To Be Offered on "Modern Israel"

The State University College at Oneonta, in cooperation with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is offering both an eight-week 1968 summer course on "Modern Israel" and a full year study abroad program to begin in August, 1968.

The summer session will be from June 29 to August 27 with formal study to be at the modern campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where students will concentrate on lectures given by the instructor of the course and Hebrew University Faculty. Two weeks of the period will be spent in touring, visiting and hearing supplementary lectures by Israeli authorities around the country. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with leaders in varied walks of Israeli life; live with Israeli families; learn Israeli folk songs and dances; and shop, visit, and explore on their own.

The year abroad study program, also to be held on the Hebrew University campus, is open to students of the State University of New York. Although the study of Hebrew will be an integral part of the program, no prior knowledge of the language is required for acceptance.

From August through October 1968, the students take Hebrew University "Ulpan" intensive Hebrew language courses, each at an appropriate level. From November 1968 to

June 1969, the regular academic year of Hebrew University, participants are enrolled as full time students in individually selected programs. Among the programs offered are: elective courses taught in English in many disciplines; special courses in Judaic studies taught in simple Hebrew; and regular courses in Hebrew in all disciplines. (However, our participants may submit exams and papers in English).

Both programs are under the supervision of Dr. Yonah Alexander, Associate Professor of Political Science at The State University College at Oneonta, where he teaches Middle East, and International Relations Organizations. Persons desiring further information on either program may write Dr. Alexander at The State University College, Oneonta, N.Y. 13820, or Allen E. Caswell, Director of International City College, Oneonta, N.Y. 13820.

McLoughlin Receives \$300 Grant

Dave McLoughlin has received a \$300 grant for the Research Foundation of the State University of New York for a project involving the measurement of gyromagnetic ratio of excited states of EU 153.

Broome Tech Sports

A Mat View of Wrestlers

By Ernie Blake

Wrestling is an unpublicized sport, an inglorious sport. The crowds are enthusiastic, but small. Since the matches are often with schools quite a ways away (few schools have wrestling, 16 as compared with 20 in this region), the visiting team has almost no representation. A flamboyant counter-example was Keystone College who brought their cheerleaders with them.

The coach this year is Mr. Whittaker, who has no assistants. He apparently doesn't need them, with only 9 men on his team. An able coach, he studied (and wrestled) at Cortland. This is his first year at Tech, and most of the wrestlers are freshmen. They are: Wolfgang Tinz, wrestling at 130, and at this weight, the smallest man on the team, he's fairly new to wrestling. He wrestled in his senior year at West Side High School, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He now has a 0-4 record, but took third place at the Collier City Christmas Classic in his weight class. He is a Mechanical student.

Dan Casey, a Business student from Chenango Valley, is covering the 145 class. Not for long, however, since the 137 class is empty with the loss of Dave Streno; Dan is trying to get down to cover this class. Due to an accident, Dan has not been in practice as of this writing, but by press time he will probably be back in action. He has had some very tough breaks in the matches and has come out with a 1-3 record. He also took a third place in the Christmas Classic.

John Zurn, new to wrestling, has not yet participated in a match. He will be replacing Casey in the 145 class. He is now taking Electrical Technology, and came from New Milford, Pa. He looks very good in practice and has a lot of determination.

Ken Ribble, a Business student from Cortland, is doing well in his 152 class. He has a 2-1 record, with one tie, and took a second place in the Christmas Classic. His teammates feel he is one of the strong men on the team.

This is mainly a freshman team, however, there are some seniors to contribute their stability and experience.

Robert Smith is a senior in the Liberal Arts department. He is new, however, to the wrestling squad. He came out late, and has had a fight to get into shape. He has a 1-3 record, which he probably will have bettered by the time we go to press. Bob is a local resident, having come from Central High School.

Jim Demeree, who feels that even though we may have a small team this year, with few of last year's students returning, that we are better this year. Last year Jim had a 4-6 record with one tie; he's had a slow start this year with a 1-3 record. Jim took a second place in the Christmas Classic, wrestling at 167 pounds.

Bob Howell, being transferred from Clarkson, was not able to wrestle last year. This year, however, wrestling 123, he has the best record on the team

with a 3-0, and one tie. Bob is one of the team co-captains when he's not busy studying in the Engineering Science Department. Bob is hoping to get down to the 115 class, currently unoccupied, where he feels he might have a chance of getting to the state finals. He hopes he would have a chance (slim, but he's trying) to get to the Olympic try-outs.

Fred Cobb is the other co-captain of the team and wrestles 160. He comes from the same school as Bob, Susquehanna Valley, and has a similar good record, 3-1. Fred did well last year with a 7-4 record, and is working hard to do well at the Region III tourney on February 23-24 at Corning.

The wrestling team in practice is very different from our better-known basketball team in that the team attitude is less of self-assurance and more of determination. Our basketball team has a long history of good to excellent seasons, but our wrestling team has no such laurels to fall back on. Also, wrestling is an individual effort; once on the mat, if a wrestler does not pay attention for one second, if he relaxes for a moment to gasp for air, he is sure to lose. If Frank Streety has a sprained ankle on the court, he can pass the ball and head for the sidelines. If a wrestler has a sprain, he can look forward to a whole ten seconds of rest between periods. Come on out to the next match, we can guarantee you a lot of competition, and a good match, win, lose, or draw.

Cicak, two of the Hornets' subs, have also come on strongly as the season progressed and have been a great help to the team in their last few wins.

On January 5, Broome traveled to Barton Hall and handed a 77-60 defeat to the Cornell Frosh. Frank Streety, Dick Shaffer, and Al Crews led the Hornets' attack with 19, 13, and 12 points respectively as they pulled out their easiest win ever at Ithaca.

On their next outing, the Hornets showed that teamwork is necessary if they expect to improve their record, as Frank Streety, backed by a powerful bench, came up with 13 points and 12 assists, enabling Broome to walk away with a stunning 90-43 win over Alfred. Broome's subs came up with their season highs, as Mark Cicak and Alan Reid led the attack with 12 points apiece followed by Art Lott, Jim Murawski and Al Bullock who shot a surprising 10 for 13 from the floor. This was Broome's high for the season and showed that the whole team was functioning much better.

Jefferson CC was next to fall to the aggressive Hornets as Bob Dexter, Baldwin's '68"

prospect from Susquehanna Valley played his best game of the year, scoring 17 points in the first half and grabbing 12 rebounds, leading Broome to an easy 87-54 win. Once again Frank Streety, exhibiting his great passing ability came up with 15 assists, demonstrating the effectiveness of teamwork. Al Crews, Frank Robinson, Mark Cicak and Frank Streety also scored in the double figures to show the great balance of this club. Broome's domination of the offensive and defensive boards was a big factor in this win and a continuance of this type of play will be necessary if they expect to make it to the regionals.

A win over Niagara CC, who beat the Hornets earlier this season in overtime play, a must if they expect to stay in contention for the Empire State Conference Title. Unbeaten Paul Smiths looks like the team to beat this year and Broome must use all its talent if they expect to overcome them. Our early season conference losses have greatly hindered our chances for the title, but the team is still hopeful and will be applying their best effort in pulling an upset.

Basketball

FABULOUS FACULTY

vs.

SENIOR PLAYBOYS

Sat. Jan. 27; 8 P.M.

Preliminary Game 6:30

Admission 50c

Pres. List Henry Kissinger

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Henry St.; Andrea Truchan, 26 Forest Hills Blvd.; and Kathryn Vill, 50 Park St.

Johnson City: Peter Badera, Jr., 20 Chrisfield Ave.; Linda Barvinchak, 35 Camden St.; Gaye Butler, 36 N. Hudson St.; Rita Cherney, 14 Myrtle Ave.; June Frew, 67 Shelby St.; Robert Kobylak, 11 Peterson St.; Michael Polesnak, 189 Myrtle Ave.; and Annette Stojek, 83 N. Arch St.

Endicott: Maria Cusano, 6 Washington Ave.; Theodore Gasparovic, 106 Adams Ave.; and Joan Young, 30 Grant Ave.

Vestal: Cheryl Coleman, 31b Elm St.; Eugene Johnson, 144 Meeker Rd.; and Deborah Livingston, 537 Torrance Ave.

Chenango Bridge: William Durst, 13 Norman Rd.; Claire Strudgeon, 13 Pine Drive; and Mary Weston, 10 S. Wisconsin Dr.

Hilcrest: Donald Johnson, 1243 Cornell Ave. and Paul Greenwald, 12 Dale Court.

Port Crane: Timothy McAvoy, 32 Canal St.

Apalachin: Martin Ham, 4 Frederick Dr. and Linda Lent, 8 Boland Rd.

Triple Cities Area: Carol Hollenbeck, RD 3, Montrose; Vern Ingraham, 10 Grand St., Greene; Mary Anne Kloda, Keibel Rd., Whitney Point; George Raymond, Box 72, Greene

Out-of-town: Anita Dewey, Bridgeport, N.Y.; John Fay, Nichols, N.Y.; Robert Fenton, Richfield Springs, N.Y. Lana Lockwood, Truxton, N.Y.; David Masker, Elmira, N.Y.; and Thomas Zimmiewicz, Otego, N.Y.

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ed Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard National Scholarship, Harvard Fellowship, and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for Political Theory.

During World War II, he was a member of the U. S. Counter Intelligence Corps, and from 1946 until 1959 he held the rank of Captain in the Military Intelligence Reserve.

His book, "Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy," was the outgrowth of his work as Study Director with a group of experts organized by the Council on Foreign Relations. This book won for Dr. Kissinger the 1958 Woodrow Wilson Prize for the best book in the fields of government, politics, and international affairs, as well as a citation by the Overseas Press Club. He has also written "The Necessity for Choice," which was a nation-wide best seller in 1961, and is the author of "A World Restored: the Politics of Conservatism in a Revolutionary Age."

As Director of Special Studies for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund from 1956 to 1958, Dr. Kissinger directed the work of several panels of distinguished citizens, whose "Report on National Defense" aroused international attention.

All students are urged to attend, as this could be one of the most interesting convocations of the school year.

Is The Basketball Team On The Move?

By Bill Bishop

After getting off to a slow start this season, dropping four of the first ten games, Broome Tech shocked everyone in the Christmas Tourney, knocking off NYCCC and the highly favored, unbeaten Ellsworth JC, to take first place. Many believed this happened by chance and they would lose their sting when they continued conference play, but the Hornets had other plans. After shaking off many of their first-game jitters, due to an inexperienced ball club, they have settled down and are beginning to iron out many of the wrinkles in their offense and defense which have plagued them in their early season games. The results of their efforts can be seen in their present 11-4 record.

It is hard to pinpoint any one reason for this sudden rejuvenation, but much of the credit must certainly go to captain Frank Streety, who has continued to break up the opponents' defense, finding the open man when surrounded by a host of rival players. It is an all-out effort, however, by each member of Baldwin's squad, which has brought about Broome's success. Alan Reid and Mark

Ships To The Sea Cont.

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eral if it was anything like this. Jimmy went to Korea last winter and he told my big brother in one of his letters that it was cold over there. The cold must be what makes things turn stiff when they die. But it still didn't make sense because the calf was newborn and Jimmy was old and graduated from high school. How could anything so innocent as a newborn calf be dead? It just didn't make sense to me.

By the time the school bus came down the road and stopped to let my brothers off, I was more-or-less back to normal; dropping eggs out of the chicken coop window over the barn entrance, trying to see how many times I could hit Harold before he came chasing after me. It was fun dropping things from the sky that would splatter when they hit the ground. Especially when I made a game of it by counting how many hits I had before Harold would get angry.

That day in April, the nature of the universe and the ways of people taught me more than would all the days in the future, when the school bus would come and carry me off to school. I never have forgotten that, no matter how warm and wonderful it may seem at times, the world can turn dark and leave you alone in what seems to be a nightmare. But when we are older it doesn't make us cry; it just turns us colder than the icy water back in the swamp stream. The dark may not be so terrifying for some, though, because mortar shells and missiles light the way.

Today, this very minute, young men are falling on the banks of the stream that carry their ships to the sea. As the darkness hovers around them their ships are being swept around the bend and out of sight by the swirling water. The dark, the cold, and the quiet, remain with them as they wait in all eternity for the sun to shine again.