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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As Christmas vacation draws near, we naturally turn our thoughts to the wonderfulness of this season and the Christmas spirit. To us in America it is the holiday of all holidays,

the day when we give to others, chat with old friends and relatives, and conclude in solemn prayer at Mid-night Mass the coming of Christ who gave himself unselfishly to all humanity.

In the same true spirit of Christmas as Christ by his example gave us, let each of us leave school with the firm purpose in mind of indoctrinating those who brush shoulders with us everyday with this Christ-like spirit.

From the desk of the CARBON to you, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE CARBON:

Monday's Student Board meeting was the occasion for official censorship of the Carbon by a vote of 5 to 4 in favor of a motion that stated that editorials would be discontinued in the Carbon if one more editorial that did not give both sides of an argument was published. The motion was based on a previous one that had stated that both sides must be given by the editors.

This censorship seems to be out of order when one considers that the Board was to select editors, state policy and leave the actual work of the paper to the staff with the advice of the faculty moderator.

Only a few of us on the Board have even a rudimentary knowledge of journalistic practices. Yet enough Board members felt that their judgment on what is biased or opinionated overruled the experience of even the Carbon's moderator, who has been associate editor of a diocesan paper for a number of years.

The problem comes down to this: Should any student government have the power to force any campus publication to follow its rules? If student publications cannot follow their own judgment, who is to be the censor? The Student Board? NO. Board officers were not elected to govern the school as this motion would have them do.

Certainly the Board would have the right to protest in the event that any publication would violate personal rights or otherwise print articles to the detriment of the school, but discussion, whether it is casual talk in the Percolator or an editorial in the Carbon is the students' right.

If the Board continues in this attitude towards the Carbon, will not this same attitude extend itself to other campus organizations? Probably not immediately but the first step towards too much control has been taken.

As one of the four dissenters to this motion, I urge Board members and students to consider this carefully and decide for themselves who should be censored.

Emilie Murray '57



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TO THE EDITORS:

Steve Gerard

At last "those racous few" on the Student Board have displayed their greatest feat of absurdity and ridiculousness. Their last askant dictate of placing the editors of the Carbon under an ultimatum--no editorial opinions--or fall to the supreme censorship of the Student Board, (more precisely, "those few")--crowns all their previous folly. There is so much wrong with the Student Boards' actions and decrees and to such a degree, it is hardly worth a good debate.

To begin with, the Student Board has no authority whatsoever over this established (see Catalogue) campus paper. As the voice of the students, the Student Board gave permission last year for a weekly paper to exist. First as The Bullentin, then later as The Carbon, a resume of current student thought. The Carbon was never by a stretch of anyone's imagination a puppet of opinion for the Student Board. It was intended to be a bulletin, and by short tradition, encouraged by both faculty and last year's Student Board, a light sounding board for the "Proles." Furthermore, as a moderator was installed, the Carbon definitely fell out of the reach of the Student Board's censorship. Therefore, the Board's motion was out of order.

Only Monday night, "those few" took another step up to their self-asserted pedestal of authority by voting that the editors were not only wrong on the presentation of the NF issue, but that another article like that and they would be recalled. Such stupidity, such narrowmindedness, such blindness has yet to be publicly demonstrated. Again the motion was out of order, again "they" became Pilate. If there is anyone to be reprimanded, recalled, or given ultimatum, let "them" call him who stands to be called, the Reverend Moderator! An act of bravado as this I would not miss for ten gratis rounds at the nearby pub. If "they" wish to dictate, to control, to censor, to judge, needs be they best hasten themselves and find some fresh and solid authority.

STUDENT BOARD MINUTES

PERCOLATOR - Hours will possibly be extended in the Percolator if enough students are available to work in the Percolator.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB - The Lettermen's Club will have a social after the basketball game on Friday, December 16.

NEW CANDY MACHINES - New candy machines will be placed in the school for the convenience of the students. These machines will serve also as a coin changer such as the coke machine does.

EDITORIALS - Herman Schrader moved that heretofore if the editorials in the Carbon do not present both sides of the story the editorials shall cease. Motion seconded and carried.

MOTIONS - Jim McLaughlin moved that all motions be written out and given to the Secretary--Avoids confusion in correct wording of motions. Motion seconded and carried.

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COTT'N-PICKERS BALL

A small organization of great possibilities, the Lettermen's Club, is planning a social dance of equal standing after the basketball game Friday night. The money collected will be used for the support of athletic activities. The invite has been issued---the evening planned---LET'S ALL COME!

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QUOTABLE QUOTES!

This Christmas many persons will die of gas. A few will inhale it, some will put a match to it----but more will step on it.

P.S. Your presence is our finest Christmas present - - drive safely.
The Carbon