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# BEAR FACTS

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## B. J. C. Chorus Rehearses

Every Thursday morning 34 junior college students raise their voices in song as a part of the Boone Junior College Chorus. Under the direction of sophomores Darrell Fagen and Judy Tornell they are accompanied by Mrs. Kathryn Thompson. Officers elected for the year include Darrell Blaess, president; vice-president, Barbara Anderson; and secretary-treasurer, Glenda McCambridge. Mrs. Mari'nn Tisdale is the advisor.

The chorus is planning on going Christmas caroling this winter and also taking part in the school Christmas assembly where they sang 'Winter Wonderland,' 'What Child Is This?,' 'Angels We Have Heard on High,' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.' Also on the year's program is the Music Festival which the chorus is planning to attend. This festival will be held at the Keokuk Junior College on March 15th.

Last year the chorus Christmas caroled at the three old people's homes in Boone and participated in the Christmas assembly.

The Boone Junior College was host to the other junior colleges last winter for the annual Music Festival which was held in the Boone High Auditorium. About 400 students took part under the direction of Stanford Hulshizer, Director of Drake University Choirs.

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## Jr. College Students Participate in Adult Swimming Activities

Fifteen Boone Junior College students, including 12 boys and three girls, are participating in Monday night swimming at the Boone High School pool.

Besides the 15 B. J. C. students, there are nine adults enrolled in the weekly activity.

Activities of the swimming session include water basketball, tag, diving, and lessons for the non-swimmers. Non-swimmers are restricted to the shallow end of the pool, while the swimmers are free to take part in the various water sports.

One of the students participating in the swimming session is a post-polio patient. Her exercises are the same as those instructed and recommended by the Sister Kenny Foundation.

Instructions are given by Dr. Jack Cummings between the hours of seven

and nine o'clock. Dr. Cummings, who is a local optometrist, has charge of the Monday night swimmers. He is a Red Cross approved instructor who has had much experience locally and while in the Navy.

At the present time, according to Dr. Cummings, there is not much organization in the class due to much time spent with lessons. But he anticipates organized games, diving, and lessons in the near future.

Enrollment in the class is offered to all Boone Junior College students and all adults wishing to participate.

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### DATES TO WATCH

December 21: Christmas Party

December 23: Holiday  
through January 1st

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### ORCHIDS TO—

Vicki Lester—for her imaginative angel decoration on the lower hall bulletin board.

Judy Tornell—for helping the student body over the bloopers in the tree-lighting assembly.

Mrs. Thompson—for doing the honors on the piano.

Us—for getting this paper out on time.

MISS FLORENCE GROVE

The new instructor taking over the duties in the B. J. C. library is Miss Florence A. Grove.

"I was very favorably impressed with the school library and student attitude," was Miss Grove's comment concerning her new position at B. J. C.

Although actually attending high school at Roland, Miss Grove claims Ames as her home town. She holds a B. A. degree from St. Olaf College in Minnesota, and an A. B. S. degree in Library Science. Her library experiences include Britt, Roland, and Manly High Schools, as well as serving as head of extension work with the State Traveling Library.

**New Form of Recreation Being Added**

The smell of fresh paint and a sign, "KEEP OUT—PAINT NOT DRY" indicated to the students of B. J. C. that their recreation room, a converted coal bin, was having its face lifted.

Since the basketball team did not materialize, the money usually appropriated to that activity has been re-allocated to provide more and better facilities for the recreation of the B. J. C. student body. Recent acquisitions with that money have been some new cards, ping pong table, paddles and balls, and checkers.

To provide boards for the checker players, the cement shelf has been repainted grey and 13 red and black boards painted around the ledge. Ted Bass has done most of the work of rejuvenating the room.

The new ping pong table will become the center of activity as the ping pong tournament gets under way soon. Although it was unfortunate that B. J. C. will not participate in intercollegiate basketball, "It is an ill wind . . ."

The improvements in the recreation room, and the new additions to its facilities provide another step in the growth of B. J. C.'s total program.

**Recipe for a Good Yearbook**

*Ingredients:*

- A well balanced staff,
- Art work by Mrs. Porter,
- Pictures of organizations,
- A dedication page,
- Title page by Mr. Matson,
- Help from Mrs. Hartley,
- Advice from Mrs. Tisdale,
- A nice looking cover,
- Ads from the community.

Mix together the above ingredients until well organized. Add a pinch of fun for flavor. Divide batch into alternating layers to be baked at the publishing house in Texas. When returned, inspect and proudly distribute among student body. When making this yearbook *omit* losing ads, unwilling members, and forgetting to meet deadlines.

If the above directions are properly followed a good yearbook will be produced.

MR. JACK PORTER

"Although my duties are light, they are pleasant, and I have hopes of continuing instructing at B. J. C." This was the comment of Mr. Porter regarding Boone Junior College. Mr. Porter, who also teaches math at Boone High School, instructs a small class in calculus.

After completing high school at Bloomfield, he spent four years in the U. S. Navy, after which he received his B. S. degree at Parsons College in 1954. Keosauqua H. S. was the site for three years of instructing before coming to Boone in 1957. Mr. Porter received his M. A. degree in math from I. S. T. C. in June of this Year.

Even though Mr. Porter is comparatively new at junior college instructing, he feels that junior colleges have a definite place in higher education.

**Letters to the Editor**

On occasion this paper will publish letters by j.c. students or faculty members. Letters must be signed in full but the name of the writer will be withheld when published, if so requested:

DEAR EDITOR:

Did anyone attempt to dance or get a chance to dance at the Thanksgiving party November 24th?

If someone could dance or even enjoy himself in spite of the loud yelling, record changing, junior high acting individuals it was amazing. It was those few individuals who were making it unpleasant for the majority.

Instead of asking for more dances and parties, why not ask for more co-operation and college students who act like college students?

A J. C. Student

**Tree-Lighting Ceremony Held**

Delta Tau bought and decorated our tree which graced the assembly last Monday, December 7th. It was set up and adorned on the preceding Sunday. The assembly began at 9:30, with tree lighting by Jack Kelly, President of the student body, and group singing. Coffee and doughnuts were served later by the BEAR FACTS staff from a table decorated with a Christmas motif.

A modern definition of a bride is a girl who discovered that where there's toast there's smoke.

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## Has True Meaning of Christmas Been Lost?

With only a few days remaining before Christmas, do you think you know the meaning and have the real spirit of Christmas? Here is what some j.c. students had to say when asked if they thought the true meaning of Christmas had been lost.

Paul Nally: "If it hasn't been lost it certainly has strayed from the meaning that people a few years ago gave to it."

Gary Bass: "Yes, the joyful religious meaning is being replaced by a drastic financial problem."

Gerry Raettig: "Yes, the true meaning of Christmas has been lost. Christmas has become secular rather than sacred. People look forward to all the presents they will receive instead of going to church and being thankful for Jesus."

Carolyn Erickson: "Not entirely, although it does look that way. I believe many people have the real spirit of Christmas in their hearts which comes forth in all the unselfish giving."

Diana Caywood: "Yes, I believe Christmas has turned into a commercial rather than a religious thing."

William Heitkamp: "Very much so. Christmas has practically vanished in its true sense. Too much emphasis has been placed on the material idea of big, lavish gifts. One small gift given with the Christmas spirit should be sufficient. We should place more emphasis on the religious theme of Christmas."

Bonnie Richter: "Yes, partly. Instead of celebrating the birth of Christ it has become a commercialized Christmas with the emphasis on Santa Claus."

Darrell Fagen: "Yes, I think we have made Christmas a commercial holiday and not a sacred holiday. It seems we hardly finish the Fourth of July and commercialized Christmas has begun. I'm definitely for the theme, 'Let's put Christ back in Christmas.'"

Wanda Carlson: "Yes, more and more people are beginning to realize that the true meaning has been left out. You hear more people saying they think Christmas is too commercialized. That's why I say, 'Christ should be brought back into Christmas.'"

## Renovations Planned—Someday

"In order to compete with other nearby colleges, B. J. C. will have some changes made!" announced Dean Heyen today.

After a dramatic meeting with the school board, in which one member filibustered for three days, thus breaking the Congressional record in Washington, D. C., our side emerged victorious in the fight of "to spend or not to spend." We are finally going to spend.

After Mr. Heyen had spent a day in bed recovering from the shock of his victory, he began looking around to see what he could spend the money on. He decided that our teaching staff is excellent—such illustrious names as Hartley, Porter, Barquist—and the curriculum and textbooks are all in excellent shape. The building is in good repair—the walls are standing vertically and the roof is still up, and the furnace hasn't blown up—yet. He was put in the embarrassing position of having an unlimited fund for improvements without anything to improve.

After a meeting with the faculty,

here's what was decided: The faculty unanimously vetoed a plan to raise salaries because they felt that the honor of the teaching profession would be impugned by so mundane a thing as Hard Cash. Mr. Heyen declined to put his sons on the payroll, fearing that Mrs. Hartley would scream, "Nepotism!" A suggestion to replace the downstairs circular hall radiator with a bar was condemned as being too beatnikish.

And so, because of this, Mr. Heyen will have to give all that lovely money back to the school board and . . . what's that? You say this isn't the April Fool issue? Well, it's such a crazy world—you can't expect me to get my seasons straight all the time.

—BETSY BELHASSEN

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## The Editor Speaks


Eighteen years ago December 7th, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. The majority of us were very young then; a few of us were not even born. We have no recollection of the tragic incident that threw our country into turmoil and sent the world plunging into the second World War.

Dave Garroway on the radio recently commented on that fateful night; he thinks many older people have forgotten it, too—at least its import. He remembered as a boy asking a senior citizen what he recalled of the Battle of Gettysburg. The oldster replied, "Oh, yes; that was the day my belt buckle broke and I had to use a rope to hold up my pants. There was a lot of noise and shooting and excitement, but I remember that day because my darn belt buckle broke."

This is the way we tend to remember great events; by trivial incidents. December 7, 1941, was the day the pump handle broke, or the day Ma burned the roast.

Today—right this minute—is a time full of uncertainty and unrest. Two-thirds of the world are starving, while the remainder have a surplus food problem. Our population is exploding. Great nations have developed atom and hydrogen bombs, and guided missiles, and germ warfare plans, too hideous to imagine. We are plagued with taxes, the high cost of living, radiation fallout, and the National Debt. Countless little things, also, make this a world singing with tension. And yet our daily lives go on, and we remember only trivialities.

Humans have a peculiar characteristic: we don't like to think about war and times of great national strife. It's much easier and much more pleasant to forget, or to thrust these memories into the nether recesses of our minds. In many ways this is good—otherwise living would be unbearable. But if sometimes we could recall these incidents in all their horror and stark atrocity, instead of as trivialities, we would no doubt have peace—everlasting peace—on earth, and as a result, good will toward our fellow men.



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## Delta Tau Engages in Numerous Activities

The education department of Boone Junior College, the Delta Tau, has been busying its members with many activities on the campus in the past few weeks.

Getting in the holiday spirit, the organization purchased and decorated the school's Christmas tree, sponsored a Christmas coffee in co-operation with the speech class, and held their annual Delta Tau Christmas party.

The Christmas party was held in the school's lounge with all members of the organization present. The guest of the party was Dean Heyen. Grab-bag gifts were in keeping with the season's tradition.

Delta Tau has just recently completed a project of purchasing dishes for the school. Two years ago, the organization gave verbal agreement to purchase dishes for service of 60 people, and with the co-operation of Redeker's Furniture store, the girls have fulfilled their agreement.

A former member of the Delta Tau has presented a water color painting to B. J. C. which has added a colorful touch to the lounge. The artist is Delores Williams. This is not her only contribution of art to the school, for it was Delores who so skillfully handled the palette and brushes to decorate the walls of the recreation room.

Delta Tau will be short two members the second semester. They are: Judith Kilbourne and Judeen Munch, who will receive their Associate of Arts degrees upon completion of this semester's studies.

Delta Tau continues to be the most active organization affiliated with Boone Junior College. Its membership of potential teachers plays an important part in the school's social functions.



Then there were the two peanuts who were walking down the road and got assaulted.

Overweight is like sugar in iced coffee—after a while it settles to the bottom.



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