Thursday evening the Training School is presenting their annual Christmas pageant. Their custom of having a family dinner and giving gifts for the poor will again be observed.

The children and teachers have been working hard on their music this year, and are singing the carols with feeling and real interpretation. College students will miss something very worthwhile if they miss Thursday evening's pageant.

ASSEMBLY

Last Friday's assembly was featured by music with the boys' glee club making a great hit. We only wish they would sing for us oftener. The student body itself proved to be quite capable of singing in three parts. Even the school pessimist said it was "not bad at all."

President Swetman, President Spellenberg, and several student body and faculty members urged everyone to attend the Frosh Frolic in such a way that few could or did resist.

SENIORS BUSY

The "Christmas Seniors" are busy people these days, and are getting busier all the time. Last Wednesday they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Swetman at a lovely tea and reception at the Swetman home.

Announcements have been ordered plans made for commencement program and Senior banquet and ball, and now the "high and mighty Seniors" are getting measured for caps and gowns.

We wonder why Prof. Bally said that boys die more often than girls.

MIP-HURRAY FOR THE FROSH.

The "Frosh" have scored another hit! Their ability to plan a program and dance that will draw as large a crowd as was present at the "Annual Fresh Brawl" last Friday night proved this. Even though there was a heavy rain, the student and faculty, armed with galoshes, slickers, and umbrellas came trooping through the doors of H.S.T.C., eager to see what the "Peagreeners" had in store for them.

They were not disappointed! First, there were elaborate decorations carrying out a color scheme of green and gold, Humboldt's own colors. Much credit for the decorations is due F.J. Salle.

There was, of course, "Ken Hill's" peppy music, and then during the intermission, a tango, tap dances, and snappy jazz numbers with Herb Inskip at the piano. Miss Beatrice Martin should receive special commendation for her aid in training the dancers. Much of the credit for the whole affair, however, should go to "Pinkie", Freshman president, who for several weeks has been working hard to make the dance a success. He did!

H.S.T.C. ASTRONOMERS FIND NEW STAR IN HELVENS.

Some of the members of the astronomy class nearly wore out their star maps while trying to locate a large star that appeared above the college. A bit of investigation, however, proved that it was the star that is placed on the dome every year at Christmas time.

OUCH!

We hear that Pres. Spellenberg received a bad burn when he accidentally backed up against a radiator while dressing for gym.
We of the staff wish all of our readers a very merry Christmas.

Christmas is to most people the principal holiday of the year. In fact, Christmas time is spoken of as the holiday season. Everybody goes home for Christmas; in many cases it is the occasion for annual family reunions.

Tradition has made Christmas a time of great revelry and ritualistic ceremony. Originally a simple religious festival, it was early transformed to a gay holiday by the Roman converts to Christianity. Yule-log and mistletoe ceremonies were adopted from Druidism. The Santa Claus idea was started by St. Nicholas, an early bishop in Asia Minor, who inaugurated the practice of distributing gifts and greetings. The name as we now have it comes from the Dutch form, Sint Nicolaas. The modern Saturnalia of gift giving is probably due to the influence of Jewelry and department stores.

DRESS: V.L.E.LY

Come with me, dear pel of mine,
To the valley of my dreams,
Where dazzling dew-drip diamonds,
Reflect the golden sunbeams;

Where streams of silvery waters
Ramble on and on and on,
And the sunset juee linger,
Till the gold and rose-red dawn.

Where the brilliant colored fishes
Swim in waters calm and cool,
Flowers always bloom
On the banks of shadowed pools,

Come with me, oh pel of mine,
Where radiant sunshine gleams
For happiness awaits us
In the valley of my dreams.

-College is a highway
With sign posts all along
"Go slow"—"Both bands"
And "Hugging the curves is wrong."

Pay heed to all these sign posts.
But when all's done and said,
The most important sign of all is,
"Danger! Bad grades ahead!"

- V.L.B. -
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Legends of
the
mistletoe

A very old legend tells us that as Adam and Eve fled from the Garden of Eden they took with them a twig from the Tree of Knowledge. As Adam was a gardener, he succeeded in getting the slip to root, thus forming the beginning of our Mistletoe. It became the wood from which the Cross of Christ was made, and for this reason, we reverence it at Christmas.

Another tale relates that previous to the time of Christ the mistletoe was a splendid forest tree, but it was made a parasite, and a stigma was placed on it because it was the tree from which the Cross was made.

For many years this plant was considered a panacea for all ills. In Sweden finger rings of mistletoe were worn to prevent illness. For the same reason amulets were worn in France as a charm. The Druids cut it with golden sickles.

Another story which accounts for our present use of mistletoe is derived from the Scandanavians. Balder, the god of light, dreamed of a disaster which was to befall him. His mother, fearing for his safety, proclaimed that no plant growing from the earth should harm him. However, she forgot that the mistletoe grew as a parasite and not from the earth. Loki, the enemy of Balder, caused him to be shot with a mistletoe arrow. By this act the mistletoe became the emblem of purity and innocence, and was so proclaimed by the goddess of love, who ordained that whoever passed beneath a branch of mistletoe was to be kissed immediately as a token of love and not of vengeance.

The distribution of mistletoe depends largely upon the seeds and fruits carried by the birds. The fruits are sticky and adhere to the beaks and feet of the mistletoe thrush, which was the messenger of the gods.

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TID-BITS

After absorbing the contents of several ponderous books on Natural Dancing, Devé Erton has decided to give an exhibition on the college golf links. His performance will include The Dance of the Hour, Dance of the Seven Veils (minus 5), The Spring Dance, and the Blood Rinkers Dance. No admission will be charged.

Dame Rumor says that a certain H.S.T.C. student, who sometimes answers to the name of Rat, has been feeling very poorly; and has a horrible suspicion that he has fallen in love. He reports a severe stomach ache as the first symptom.

Chet Stromberg and Bert Munther are very, very much upset. They have just heard that story about one Norwegian chasing ten thousand Swedes through the weeds in the Battle of Copenhagen. They are positive that there simply couldn't have been more than 5000 Swedes.

Leo Sullivan and Harry Reilly have amassed such a large rock collection for Geology, that their friends are inclined to believe that the boys are secretly throwing up fortifications for the next war.

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HAYES VERSUS BURNS

Oh, here's a friendly warning, Very confidential, too, For Burns, the candy salesman, Oh Burns, you hoo hoo hoo!

The Rooters' staff of snoops Find that your roommate Hayes Is cutting you out with Frances, You'd better mend your ways.

We won't presume to tell you What to do about it—no! But if Hayes should win the lady, We'll say, "We told you so!"

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CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Of all the cheer at Christmas The greetings and Christmas tree, It's the little Christmas candle That means the most to me.

Christmas candles brightly glow Sending forth a tiny light But just the same a bit of cheer Throughout the darkest night.

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Jimmy Spiering: I'm burning with love!
Val Lee: Don't make a fuel of yourself!

The difference between home and college is that between a Saturday night bath and a Sunday morning Turkish bath.

—Cornell Widow—
UPPER CLASS CO-EDS WIN

On Friday noon, the upper class co-eds showed the Soph's that they had the better basketball team. They needed an extra period to make the Sophs believe it, however. The score was 11-9. Johnson and Younker made 6 and 5 points respectively for their teams. Line-up:

- Younker
- Johnson
- Cottrell
- Cameron
- Nellist
- Keusen
- Huber
- Fielding
- Giacomini
- Cooper

HIGH SCHOOL MIDGETS DEFEAT COLLEGE LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Friday evening Kerriam and a bunch of college lightweights saluted forth to the high school to take on the high school midgets. Later in the evening they wandered homeward, after skillfully chalking up 1 point to 12 for the high school midgets. Line-up:

- Gallagher
- Larriam
- Aero
- Cooperider
- Murphy
- Holmes
- Hamilton
- Lounbs
- Fenton
- Todd
- Mendes
- Sundquist
- Seidell
- Spiering
- Dickenson
- McCoy

THOMAS VERSUS MUNTHUR

Thursday noon witnessed a close game between Toddy's all star team and Munther's Monkeys. In a three minute period (extra) Munther's team demonstrated their superiority by chalking the winning points, 13-11. Hadley was high point man with 10 markers. Thomas starred on the losing side. Line-up:

- Thomas
- Munther
- Brantley
- Hadley
- Branstetter
- Stromberg
- Waldner
- Hogan

MUNTHUR VERSUS KERRIAM

With Hadley and Munther running wild to score 25 of the 27 points made by their team, Munther and his quartette trounced Kerriam's outfit 27-9 on Monday. Hadley was high point man again, making 14 counters with Munther close behind with 12. Kerriam showed up well for the losers. Line-up:

- Munther
- Kerriam
- Hadley
- Sullivan
- Stromberg
- Bryant
- Hogan
- Baxter
- H. Inskip

DE MARTIN'S DOWN TODD'S

On Friday De Martin and his three teammates defeated Todd's quartette by an 18-9 count. The game was featured by poor passing, inaccurate shooting, and football tactics. Tuchey and De Martin were the outstanding men on the floor. Line-up:

- Todd
- De Martin
- Kaski
- Patenaude
- Spellenberg
- Monahan
- L. MacMillan
- Guttridge
- H. Inskip
- Tuchey

MUNTHUR AHEAD IN TEAM STANDINGS

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"I got a letter from the college, that says our Nellie's been stealin'." "What?" "Says she's takin' home economics."
THE COLLEGE MURDER CASE

Finger prints of the students were taken and a fingerprint expert, Josephus Dumbfellow, declared Mrs. Thruditt to be guilty. The case for Mrs. Thruditt's trial was drawing near when J. Sparring proved Dumbfellow to be a fake. He then stated that he believed Dumbfellow to be the murderer, his motive being jealousy, as Fanny Dreddy had been making frequent trips to the bookstore just before Burr was killed.

President Parina called a meeting of the following people: Slick and Flille, Attorney T. B. Fiddle, Max Todde, Selom Leeb, Coach Crums, Mr. Poulter, J. Sparring, Judge Dddy Daeedee, Mr. Kicklin, and Earl Beauum. When this group met just before the Frosh Flop on Friday, 13, in room 12, Mr. Bally Bonnie aligned in making a group of 12. The subject under discussion was "Shall we turn Dumbfellow over to the law, or take matters in our own hands?" Mr. Bally Bonnie pleaded for Josephus, stating that anyone who had the soul of an artist couldn't possibly commit murder. Selom Leeb, further defended Dumbfellow by declaring him to be the person to murder anyone of his policy was "kill the woman and you commit one murder, kill the man and you'll keep on killing men." The group decided that Josephus probably wasn't guilty after all. Just at this point Prof. Kicklin rushed into the room crying "help--a bottle of muriatic acid has been stolen from my lab. It's highly explosive and deadly poison and the manice is at large. Miss--run--jump--fly for your lives." They finally calmed Kicklin and were trying to get a coherent story from him when F. Sparks burst into the room shrieking, "Save me! Save me!" and threw before the group a piece of black paper. This was too much for Bally's nerves. He began to shout, "Save the women and children first; I can swim." When everything was quiet again Sparring read the black note, "You Next!! H. Ding Dong." The plot thickens. The group organized to track down the murderer and henceforth to be referred to as the "College Bloodhounds" were confronted with these problems:

1. What is the little tin box?
2. Who stole the poison?
3. What does the black note signify?
4. Who is the mysterious "H. Ding Dong"?

(To be continued)

PEEK-A-BOO-BIRD

We notice that Brick Hammington is wearing a silver football that belongs to someone at Eureka Hi. Oh Brick!!

Rudy Kaski the Astronomy shark wants to know what part of the sky the North Star is in in Dec. (My dear boy, rumors have it that the North Star is still standing over the North Pole, and that there is only one North Star---except when one feels extremely collegiate... Then there is two of everything.)

If Clyde Patenaude and Jerry Wilson must sage a Romeo and Juliet act, why can't they find a nice secluded balcony instead of dominating the whole library.

The Fee-a-bob bird is somewhat puzzled over the actions of Alice and Louis, are they serious?

Louise Wright and a group of athletically inclined Humboldt co-eds had a wonderful week-end recently out at Petrolia. The Hooper's staff has appointed a large number of "snoopers" to find out everything that happened, but so far the girls seem to be full of secrets and only hints about the "cow-punchers", sarasas and the marvelous Petrolia ballroom.

One thing, though, the peek-a-bob bird just found out is that Tessie Giacomini is interested in the "Red" Packers Association. Too bad he can't tell you any details. It was also discovered that Aileen McAllister has been taking brawny busting lessons from an ex-champion. This is another case where the student loves the teacher. Another deep dyed secret must be implied in the statement that "Potts" Younker is probably thinking of picking Christmas trees.

I hear that Katherine is marrying that X-ray specialist." "Oh, yeh? What can he see in her?"