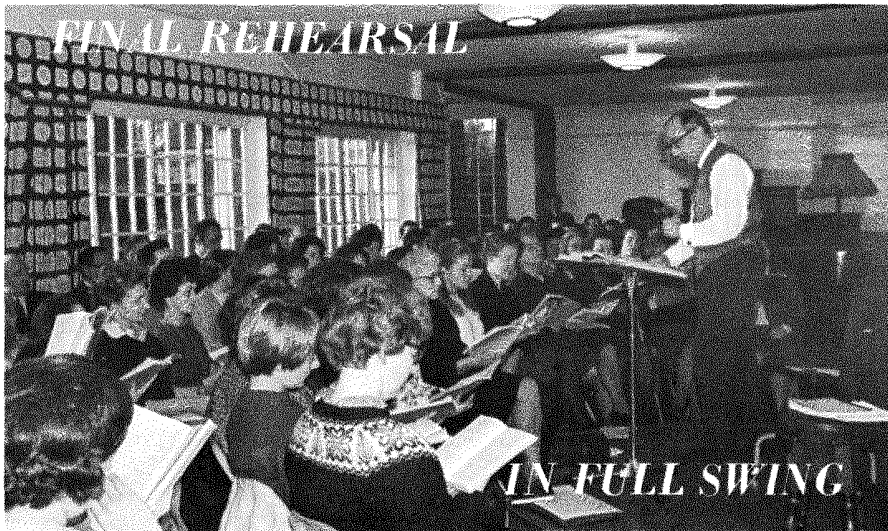




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THIS MORNING one hundred and thirty seven passengers – Ministers, Faculty, special guests and students will board a giant Boeing 707 at Heathrow, Minutes later at 12:05 p.m. a transatlantic and transcontinental journey will begin.

This will be the TWA *Ambassador Special Flight* bound for Los Angeles, more than 6,000 miles away.

In-flight lunch and dinner will be served. A personal stereo and movie service will be available. Excited Ambassadors will no doubt sing part of the time – filling the air with music.

At 2:45 p.m. – U.S. time – the mighty Boeing will touch down in Chicago for refuelling and a customs check. Here some students will meet parents and friends again! At 4:24 p.m. the plane will thunder

from the runway to complete the last part of the trip, some two thousand miles to California.

This will be the start of an exciting seventeen days. After final rehearsals, Mendelssohn's ELIJAH will be performed on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium to a packed house of more than *three-thousand people!* And on the following Sunday, Handel's MESSIAH will thrill the vast audience.

Marineland of the Pacific, Knott's Berry Farm, the Los Angeles Music Center, Disneyland – these will be just a few of the added attractions on a busy itinerary.

On January 21st the return trip begins – after the experience of a lifetime!

Bon Voyage, Chorale!

Mass Exodus - Soon!

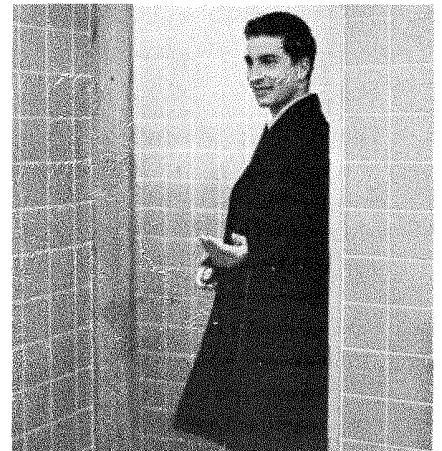
by Tom Demeter

The new home for the girls at Ambassador is in the final stages! The windows are in. But why the plastic sheets? What are they hiding from us? Nothing!

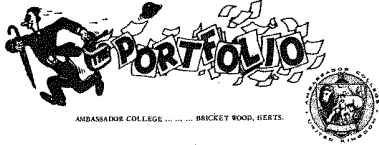
The sheets protect the window plates from tar and scratches while building carries on. Behind the misty panels of glass the work progresses. The western wing – or front – is about 80% completed.

The plumbing is already in working order. The inside doors are fitted, as well as the built-in wall lockers. At present careful hands are preparing the fireplace in the common room to give that homely atmosphere.

The decorators of Harrod's
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The Shower's Ready!



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Laundry Letter

by Dave Walton

A gaping hole in the laundry wall! That was the sight that greeted us. What had happened? Had the overworked washing machine finally succumbed and exploded?

Not at all! Quarters have been allocated for a new occupant – a boiler! And along with it another tumble drier is being added to our fleet!

The present laundry can cope with the washing – but all College bed-linen still goes outside to be cleaned at high cost. We could do it in our own laundry for a whopping 50% less – a sum not to be sneezed at!

Soon you will snuggle down into Ambassador-cleaned, crisp, white sheets as our laundry expands its capacity!

Editorial

JUST THREE WEEKS

by David Ord

This break many of us will be crossing the Atlantic to Pasadena. Some will be going to the Continent. Others staying in England. But wherever we are, we *all* have THREE WEEKS.

What are we going to do with them?

In Ambassador Club last year, our director constantly emphasized that the *only* way we could have a stimulating club was to have *stimulating* PEOPLE! And the way to become stimulating is to live *stimulating* lives – to have an abundance of STIMULATING EXPERIENCES. We have to continually FILL our minds with information and *experience*.

This break we have a tremendous opportunity to go places, to meet people, and to learn about everyday things. Those going abroad have the added experience of travel. But those staying right on campus can also profit.

On a recent trip up north, Lyle Welty and I talked to taxi cab drivers and people we met. We conversed with Church members – learned about their jobs, their homes, their problems. We talked with people who were dining with us on the express. And we *learned!*

We learned about common problems – the way the average person thinks, his opinions and prejudices. We were STIMULATED by that trip!

Last year the entire college went on a Field Trip to London. We were assigned museums and exhibitions to visit. Then in the evening we went to a stage play. We were all STIMULATED – our appetites were whetted! And that was the purpose of the trip, to give us a *desire* for *more!*

If you get the opportunity to broaden your knowledge, *take it!* Visit places in London. Travel whenever you can. TALK with people. Our job *demand*s that we become *experienced*, STIMULATING Ambassadors!

And we have just *three weeks*. Let's USE them!

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

by Jim Davison

For weeks the British Isles have been scourged by this crippling disease. Right now it is just 50 *short miles* from college!

Agriculturists have blamed this disease on a yet unisolated virus. They claim it was imported from Argentina, or possibly brought into the country by birds migrating from the Continent. But the proverbial saying, "The answer lies in the soil," holds a key to the real cause of this disease. Foot and Mouth results from wrong agricultural practices, improper breeding, and sick

soil.

Sir Albert Howard showed that animals raised by natural methods will not contract Foot and Mouth even while literally rubbing noses across the fence with infected animals.

The college farm has just purchased 70 head of Dairy Short Horn cattle. They range in age from a few weeks to 8 or 9 years.

On the surface our animals look healthy. *But are they strong enough to withstand Foot and Mouth?*

The cattle have been raised in an environment where false principles of nutrition and breeding were employed. These animals need time to change their physical make-up. They are still susceptible

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A Church In HOLLAND

by Nick Ursem



Our Dutch brethren had been waiting for *many years*. On the 23rd December it happened! For the **FIRST TIME in history**, a Sabbath Service was conducted in *Utrecht, Holland*.

Since the Dutch and German Churches come together once every four to six weeks, a Bible Study and Sabbath Service are held on the same day.

On Thursday, 21st December, Mr. and Mrs. McNair, John Cunningham Aimee Stewart and Sharon Philips journeyed to Holland to inaugurate the Services. These were held in the hotel "Des Pays Bas", one of the finest, most luxurious Dutch hotels. A hundred and one people attended this first Service – far above the expected number!

At eleven o'clock, Mr. McNair and Mr. Schnee began the Bible

Study. Several hymns were sung, and special music was presented by *Aimee Stewart*. Then came a delicious Dutch meal!

At half past two the main Service got underway. Mr. Schnee gave the sermonette and Mr. McNair delivered a very fitting sermon on "Why Sabbath Services?" All the speaking was done in English, understood by most of the Dutch – with a translation into German by Mr. Crandall and Mr. Schnee.

Afterwards a welcome cup of coffee was served, while the people engaged in scintillating conversation. After a very profitable and thoroughly enjoyable day, six o'clock came all too soon!

In the future some forty to fifty people will be able to attend. This was a truly momentous start!

Did you know that we have a trio of "Losts and Founds" collection points? Yep, three. One in the gym, one at Lakeside, and, of course, one in the Common Room.

Danny Banham is the *Fuehrer* of the Common Room's "Catch-All." "You know," he said, "You'd be AMAZED at the things that come through here." Any student can greatly increase his belongings if he's in the right place at the right time.

Every Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Common Room.

That's where the LOST auction is FOUND as Danny opens up his unsolicited wares to all the Common Room patrons. "You like it? It's yours!" (for a very modest sum). That's the time when the losers wish they'd been on the ball in locating their wayward possessions!

What fantastic array of forsaken "mammon" hides behind the little green doors under the Common Room shelves? Bibles, umbrellas, overcoats, textbooks, jewellery, pens, gloves, and other coveted items.

The crazy part about it is that people come in asking for things which *haven't* been turned in, while Lost Property often has a swelling supply of articles that *go unclaimed!*

So, if you're missing a hacksaw blade, a bag of peanuts, a chewed-up Biro, your Bible, or your World History notes – *check Lost Property!*

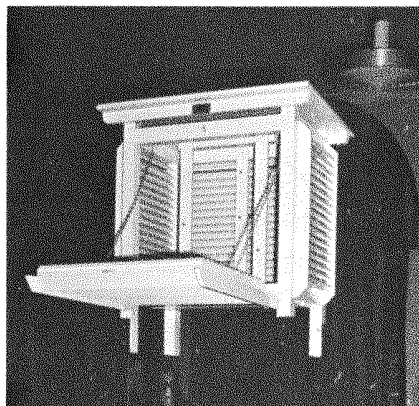
Cloudy News

by Andreas C. Fischer

No longer has Mr. Portune to moisten his finger, hold it aloft and decide from whence cometh the wind. Now from his office chair a quick glance at the wind vane indicator shows "270". (Whereafter he knoweth we have a westerly wind.)

Ambassador College is equipped as an official rainfall station. We possess all the required equipment, controlled and calibrated by the National Physics Office.

Many have asked: "What's this white box on its stilts out there at the carpark?" No, it's not one of Jim Carnochan's bee hives! Rather, it holds four thermometers necessary for two daily temperature readings. A maximum, a minimum, a dry-bulb and a wet-bulb thermometer are hidden behind the lamina of the front lid. The box itself is called

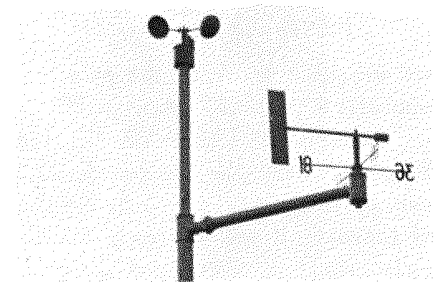


The Stevenson Screen

a *Stevenson Screen*.

Not only are we concerned with wind speed, the amount of rain measured in the rain gauge, and the duration of sunlight recorded by the actinograph (consisting of a beautiful 4-inch crystalball). We also take the soil temperature at various depths.

If you want to understand more about what is going on in the elements around us, join the *Physical Science Class!*



Guess What?

WE SAIL THE OCEAN BLUE

by Virginia Parker

Me? Go sailing? NEVER! Who wants to sit around on a sunny deck vegetating all day? How boring! – And dull! But just a minute. Who says sailing is boring? If you want to hear about an exciting, stimulating, action-packed, fun-filled two weeks, just ask:

.....Tom Demeter about how to hopelessly entangle an anchor rope in the boat propellor;

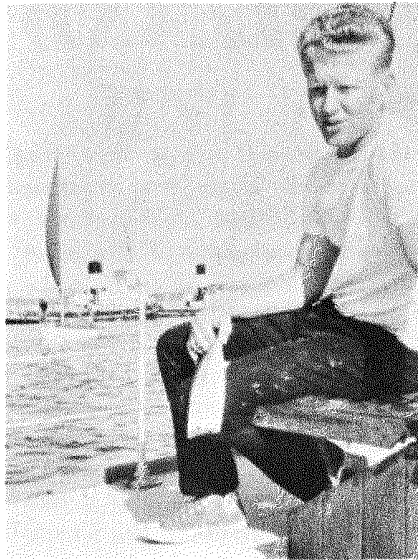
.....Marlene Storz about her mysterious morning rows to shore.

.....Betty Riddle about the time she was abandoned in Mylor Harbour with a penny ha'penny – and nowhere to sleep!

.....George Menassas about when he was at the helm and *Mevagissey's* concrete pier veered right into the boat, or the time he slept in a coffin!

.....Vivien Brooks about how to cook mackerel 101 different ways.

.....Sheri Frantzen what it was like



Sailor Jim

to view an ocean for the *first* time – and catch her first fish!

.....Jim Davison about the gold watch that fell from his hat into the depths of Falmouth Harbour; or any of the others who went on the trip about a truly THRILLING adventure!

If you want novelty, excitement, adventure on the high seas, and a lesson in human nature, try sailing next summer. You'll not regret it.

Mr. Seaton's Seat

by Brian Butler

Mr. Seaton's office is becoming a machine room. Just what is going on?

Three years ago if you wanted a photo-copy of something it cost you 8d. a time. Produced by a wet, unreliable system which practically guaranteed failure, it was a wonder we ever managed!

Then Xerox came along. Everyone was gleeful. Dry, foolproof copies now cost only 3d.

This is fine if you only want one or two sheets, but for multiple copies – it's *still* EXPENSIVE!

For duplicating the college used ordinary wax stencils. This was slow and messy.

But now! We have another photo copier, the *Bruning*, plus a new *Litho Duplicator*. Copies can now be produced at *half* the price. And the quality? Better than ever!

THE BREAK

January 6th	–	FILM "The Story of Ruth"
January 14th	–	CHURCH SOCIAL
January 16th	–	FIELD TRIP
January 20th	–	DANCE
January 22nd	–	CHORALE RETURN
January 23rd	–	M.R.D. OUTING
January 27th	–	FILM "Don't Go Near the Water"

EXODUS

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are kept back only by the painters, who will be finished soon.

Great news, girls! The "House Warming" date may be put forward two or three weeks. By the end of January all will be ready for the girls' mass exodus from different parts of campus.

PLAGUE

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to disease!

Our Agricultural Department is young. Both Texas and Bricket Wood are pioneers. We are learning how to farm and ranch properly. But it takes *time and research* to develop right methods. And right now precautions are being taken.

All entrance ways to the farm were temporarily covered with disinfectant hemp sacks and straw. Tractors and other farm implements, except the Land Rover, were banned from the general region of the college. This guarded against picking up any virus which may be brought to the campus by vehicles passing through an infected area. Farm labour used only one route to the farm – behind the Music Hall and past the apiary. They also had to dip their boots in disinfectant before entering the farm fields.

It's not *every* day you buy a new herd of cattle valued at £5,000 – and we're doing all we can to protect them!

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The memory is a treasurer to whom we must give funds, if we would draw the assistance we need.