

# Exchange Student Tells Of German College Life

By Jerry Bailey  
"I like it damn well!"  
That's what Hans Dieter Berendt had to say, when asked what he thought of life at the University. The 22-year-old German is an exchange student from Bonn University, located in the "land," or state, of Nord-Rhein-Westfalen.

Dieter, as he is called, is a veteran of the German navy. He has a wide grin and the happy-go-lucky nature that other Germans say is typical of all Rhinelanders.

Active in student affairs at Bonn, Berendt has been devoting time to an intensive study of student life, politics, and student government here. He gives the following description of certain phases of the system at Bonn university:

The institution is headed by a rector (corresponding to a chancellor) and a senate. This senate consists of the deans of the different colleges (called in Germany "faculties"), three professors elected at large and a student representative from the student council.

**CARE Packages**  
The Bonn version of the student council is called the ASTA, which stands for "Allgemeiner Studenten Ausschuss."

Among things handled by ASTA are distribution of CARE and relief parcels to students, affairs of the foreign student exchange, passports, student housing, entertainment for students and many other items.

ASTA provides, or secures cut-rate tickets for concert and theater productions which students attend.

An ASTA representative sits and votes with administration officials on the student admissions committee. In other words, the Bonn student council has something to say about it if someone has trouble gaining admission.

**Student Council**  
"In anything concerns the students, the student council is going to be heard," says Berendt.

ASTA at Bonn includes members of the following groups:

1. Student "Verbindungen"—the fraternities and sororities.
2. Campus political groups. Each political party has a branch organized as an active student group. They are the socialists, Christian democrats and liberals. This is quite different than the local situation, where a few students are active as young democrats and fewer still—if any—are young republicans.
3. The Bonn International Student club, of which more will be said later, is also classed as a political organization.
4. The "Studenten Gemein-

den"—the two student religious groups representing the Catholic church and the protestant "Evangelische Kirche Deutschlands."

4. Students at large—two or three students are elected representatives from each college's student body (philosophy, natural sciences, etc.).

**Council Activities**  
Each of these student representatives takes charge of one phase of the council's activity, acting alone or forming a committee if needed. These jobs include the many services of the council, such as help with passports, help with finding employment, distribution of food and clothing or providing social activities.

Berendt comments on the difference in German and American conditions for students who have to work their way through school. "In America it's easy to find a job," he says. "In Germany there is a terrible unemployment problem."

Dieter Berendt was active in forming the Bonn university's International Student club. He served as the group's president in the '49 to '50 school year.

The international group was born in 1945, when the dust had hardly settled from the war. It has grown until it has members from France, the United States, England, Ireland, Finland and various nationalities of D.P. students who happen to be in Germany.

The ISC built itself up right along with Bonn university, which was 80 per cent destroyed

by bombing. The club was given what little support the university could afford. University officials gave the use of a building for a club house. There was little left of the house but four blasted walls and piles of rubble. It was a monument to the power of Allied bombers.

The ISC was allowed to rent the ruin for a nominal fee—one mark a year.

**House Building**  
The international group of students set out to raise their club house, a scraping salvaged brick, hammering nails and raising a roof. They built their house working alongside professional laborers.

Donations enabled the students to furnish and finish the house. The state government gave 140,000 marks. The French high commission gave 30,000 marks. The British army sold the student furniture, linen, and silver from a Hamburg officers' club for 10,000 marks.

Today the house provides 27 rooms for 50 students. The lecture room, game room and library are still not furnished.

Throughout the reconstruction, the students had to contend with official red tape. They still got the job done.

A peculiarly German institution mentioned by Berendt is the "Altestenrat" or "council of the oldest," made up of graduate students. This group is called in to give advice when emergencies such as needed constitutional amendments are faced by ASTA, the student council.

# Two Students Attend Fifth White House Conference

Two University freshmen, Phil Even and Nancy Pumphrey, attended the Fifth White House conference on Children and Youth in Washington Dec. 3 to 7.

The conference, which was attended by more than 6,000 people, attempted to solve some of the problems of children and youth. Between 150 and 200 young people from all over the nation attended the meetings.

# Open House Will Include Combo, Shows

The Union's annual Christmas open house will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The entire Union building will be used for the affair. From 900 to 1,000 people are expected to attend. The theme this year is "International Christmas."

Almost every room will contain some sort of entertainment. In the ballroom there will be dancing to Aaron Schmid's combo from 9 p.m. to midnight. During intermission a skit will be given by Alpha Epsilon Rho, national radio honorary, and a style show, by Cosmopolitan club with the members in native costume.

Henry Cech and Nick Adduci will be masters of ceremony.

**Other Events**  
Punch and a juke box will be the features in Parlors ABC. Cartoons entitled "The Night Before Christmas," "Snow Time Serenade" and "Christmas Trees" will be shown in Room 313.

A photograph exhibit taken by Kappa Alpha Mu, honorary photography fraternity, can be seen in the game room. The cafeteria will feature bingo from 8 to 11 p.m., with prizes for the winners. Delta Phi Delta, art honorary, will sell Christmas cards at a booth in the lobby. Samples are available at the Union office.

**To Sing Carols**  
In the lounge, punch and brownies will be served all evening and Ralph Hanneman will play Christmas carols on the organ. There will be a fire in the fireplace, and the Union choir, composed of Union employees, will sing during the evening. At 11 p.m. carol singing will take place in the lounge.

Throughout the evening, Santa Claus will tour the halls of the Union distributing candy to all who befall his path.

The committee for this special event is composed of: Chuck Widmaier, sponsor; Thom Snyder, chairman; and Mary Pittman, Betty Stratton, Helen Vittek, Ralph Hanneman, Joan Ostberg, Lorraine Westfall and Nancy Dixon.

Decisions and recommendations were reached through joint planning of adults and youth.

Both Even and Miss Pumphrey agree that the most valuable thing they got out of the conference was the better understanding of the viewpoints of other youths all over the nation.

"You'd be surprised how really different some kids are. When you meet them you learn what think on different subjects and you get to understand them more," said Even.

**College Youth**  
Miss Pumphrey was especially interested in learning what other students were doing over the country, especially in Eastern colleges.

Meetings of the conference were held in the Armory in Washington. President Truman and Carlos Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, spoke to the group.

The two University students observed two things about Truman and Romulo:

1. There is an increasing guard of secret service men who are continually with the president.

2. Romulo, though not an American, is sincere and vigorous in his belief in the cause of democracy.

"I didn't realize that non-Americans could be so democratic-minded," said Even.

**Panel Discussions**  
Most of the work of the conference was done in panel discussions, work groups and lectures.

Miss Pumphrey participated in a panel discussion on symptoms of and reasons for conflict between adults and children. Working the panel discussion were six adults and two young people.

A work group in which she participated discussed certain specific problems of recreation pertaining to children.

In Even's work group, the effect of neighborhood environment on healthy personality was discussed.

The general problem included subdivisions such as the problems of segregation, effect of the church on youth, schools, geographical location of the neighborhood and the inhabitants of the neighborhood.

**Recorders**  
Discussions in the work groups and panel discussions was taken down by official recorders which will gather the material and finish the report of the conference.

A number of work groups and panel discussions were going on at the same time. General sessions were held, however, throughout the week.

Miss Pumphrey represented Girls' State at the convention and Even represented the Catholic Youth organization.

# Modern Dancers . . .



CHRISTMAS IN DANCE—Members of Orchesis and pre-Orchesis portray yuletide themes by dances.

# Orchesis Yule Recital Tonight

Orchesis, University modern dance society, will present a Christmas worship service through dance in Grant Memorial hall, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The concert will open with the Doxology presented by the Orchesis and Pre-Orchesis, followed by the first of the dances on Christmas carols by Pre-Orchesis. Members will present "Twelve Days 'Till Christmas" using the Fred Waring arrangement of the song.

The program, representative of

a church service, is built around a text from Psalm 150:4 "Praise Him with the timbrel and dance."

A sermon danced to a favorite French story, "The Juggler of Notre Dame," is included.

The recital also features the three winners of the Women's Athletic association dance murals. Phi Beta Phi will dance "Santa's Toy Shop," Delta Gamma, "English Carolers," and Towne club, "We Three Kings."

"Gesu Bambino," presented by Orchesis will represent a church choir's special music. Tickets are 50 cents and may be obtained from Orchesis members or at the Women's Physical Education office.

# Authors of Late Term Papers View Vacation With Alarm

Most NU students are now having the misfortune of hearing the eleven saddest words of the whole semester.

These few "choice" words are being spoken by profs in classes all over the campus.

They are: "Your term papers are due the first day after Christmas vacation."

These words of "wisdom" are

usually followed by lost looks, asorted moans and groans, and an air of despair on the part of the class.

One or two members of the class may have that "ha-ha, I've-got-my-paper-written" look on their faces, but they are the exception rather than the rule.

**Funeral March**

At the end of the class, the students file slowly out of the classroom, whistling strains of "The Funeral March." They realize that they won't be dreaming of a White Christmas, but only of a black and white term paper during their respective Christmas vacations.

Most of the term paper writers know of their paper deadlines well in advance—sometimes as much as three months in advance; but, nevertheless, they still hope that the teacher may have a memory relapse and forget all about them.

Sad to say, however, most teachers' memories are usually far better than those of their students; so, Betty Coed and Joe College who continue flitting busily around campus, with their respective minds on everything but term papers are the ones who have the memory relapses as far as papers are concerned,—that is, until the fatal day when the eleven little words are spoken!

**Worst Ordeal**

It has been said that everything comes to those who wait. That certainly doesn't apply to term paper writing, for, sad to say, term papers just don't write themselves.

The worst part of the whole ordeal is that no matter how many term papers a person writes during his university life, the average student continues to put off writing the paper until the last possible day.

Who says, "We live and learn!" In this case, a much better proverb would be, "He who procrastinates, is lost!"

If nothing else can be said for term papers, it can always be said that a person will have no time to be bored (or to be anything else) with a term paper to write over vacation. So best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy term paper!

# Paper Surveys Students' Habits

Random surveys of college students seem to be gaining in popularity. At Syracuse, the Daily Orange polled 50 coeds and found that 70 percent favored combining marriage and a career; 20 percent favored marriage alone; and less than 10 percent wanted a career with no marriage involved.

However, even the most vehement opponents of outside work after marriage felt that coeds should think of the future by choosing college courses that could be turned into earning power.

Meanwhile, the State College News reports that a survey of 18 women and 26 men produced the following information: Women get an average of 18 minutes sleep per day more than men. Women spend an average of one hour and 22 minutes on body care and grooming as opposed to the average of 52 minutes for men.

# Christmas Music At IVCF Party

The annual Christmas program of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will be given at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 315, Union.

Guest speaker, Rev. Melvin Jones, will deliver a Christmas message. Special music will include a vocal solo by Clara Scott and a piano duet by Helen Nelson and Devonna Emmeir.

All students and faculty members are invited to attend this annual event.

# Australian Visits Love Library

A. L. G. McDonald, librarian of the Australian National university, Canberra, Australia, visited the Don L. Love Memorial Library on Monday, Dec. 11.

McDonald has been touring and studying English and American libraries with the view of applying certain English and American library methods and ideas to the library of the newly founded Australian National university, which was established for the purpose of promoting and directing advanced research and study, primarily in the fields of physical and social sciences.

McDonald showed great interest in the concept of the divisional plan under which the university libraries operate and which he wanted to see in action in his own country.

# Madrigal Singers Present Concert

The University Madrigal singers conducted by David Foltz presented a formal concert of Christmas music at the Monday meeting of the Woman's group of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. The string quartet also presented music for the program.

Patricia Kilian sang "Balulalou" while Marjorie Danley sang "The Young Child." Donnie Weddle gave an interlude of harp melodies and near the conclusion of the program a duet was sung by Janice Wagner and Nancy Button.

# Ag Engineers to Give Chicago Trip Reports

Reports by the students who went to the Ag Engineer field trip in Chicago will be presented at the meeting Wednesday of the A.S.A.E.

There will be also a discussion of E-week progress and other business.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Agriculture hall recreation room.

# Suggestion Box New Union Plan

The recreation committee of the Union is looking for ways to serve the students better. As a result they have placed a suggestion box near the middle entrance to the lounge.

Students are asked to place suggestions as to games and hobbies which they would like added to the Union facilities.

Tom Podhalsky and Nancy Weir are co-chairmen in charge of the box.

# Language Honorary To Meet Thursday

Phi Sigma Iota, romance language national honorary society, will hold its December program meeting Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 313 at the Union.

Virginia Hill and Janet Lindquist will present papers on "Rostand and Romanticism" and "Autobiographical Elements in the Poetry of Gabriela Mistral" respectively.

# Girls Dorm Prepare Christmas Services

A Christmas candle-light vesper service will be held Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the Residence Halls for Women.

The program was planned and prepared by the girls. It consists of the reading of the "Christmas Story," a short sermon, choir, soloists and group singing of carols.

# KFOR to Broadcast 'Messiah' Monday

Students who missed Sunday's presentation of the "Messiah" by the University Choral Union will have an opportunity to hear it Monday evening over KFOR.

A recording made at the public performance of the oratorio will be broadcast from 8:30 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 18.

# 'Espanol' Cast To Give 'Rubio' Play Tonight

A mixture of comedy and drama is the chief entertainment awaiting Spanish club members when they meet tonight for their annual Christmas party.

Parlors X and Y in the Union will house the cast of advance Spanish students who will give their version of "El Bigote Rubio," a story revolving about a blond mustache and some letters written in French which cause a case of mistaken identity.

The cast of the play is as follows: Clemencia, Edwina, Hokenson; La Generala, Nancy Koehler; El General, Berna Carter; El Profesor, Bob Ingrahm; El Colonel, Don Innis; and assistant, Ed Miyahara.

Professor Hilario Saenz will read his translation of the poem "A Night Before Christmas" in Spanish. Professor Saenz translation once was published in a Spanish newspaper in New York.

The highlight of the party will be the breaking of the "pinata" an old Spanish tradition of Christmas. The "pinata" is a large sack or jug filled with a nut and "goodies," which is suspended from the ceiling, each guest is given a chance at breaking it. When it's broken, everyone scrambles for the candies.

After the entertainment a short business meeting will be held.

Refreshments of coffee and "bunuelos" (a sweet fritter) will be served.

All Spanish students, beginning or advanced, are urged to attend.

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