

1953



Christmas time in Irene's and Miriam's room.



Fix it pretty.



1954





The Higgen's family at Christmas.

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"CHRISTMAS ORATORIO"
AND
"SAINT PAUL"

The hearts of many rejoiced as the Oratorio Chorus presented its annual Christmas concert under the able direction of Professor Rex D. Hicks. The Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saens was beautifully presented.

Saint Paul, an oratorio written by Felix Mendelssohn, presented in May by the Chorus truly was an inspiration and again our hearts were thankful for the musical heritage which is ours through these God-inspired composers.



1956



Christmas party

1957

Community Center



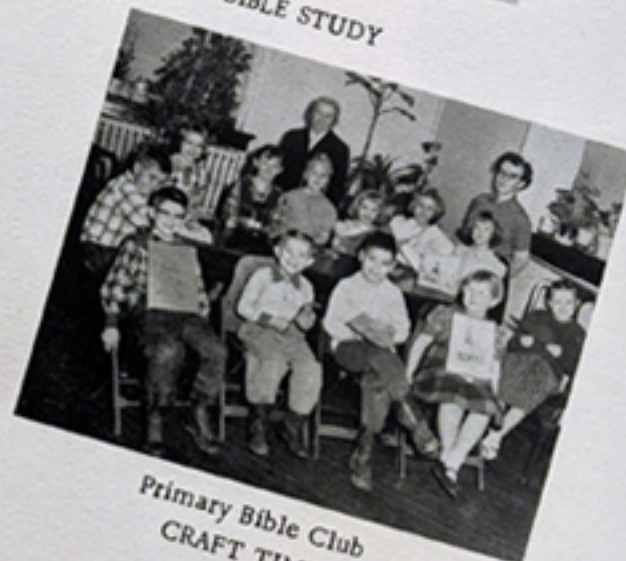
Juniors, Miss Goff
FAITHFUL IN ZERO WEATHER



Youth Group
READY FOR BIBLE STUDY



Some Junior boys and girls
SINGING TOGETHER



Primary Bible Club
CRAFT TIME



Kindergarten - GIVING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

1958



1960



1962





The Reverend and Mrs. Joe Weigel—Congratulations!



The Faculty and Staff enjoy an early Christmas dinner together.



The long awaited 'Hallelujah Chorus'



Joyce Richards and Student Council president, Leroy Lindsey, Jr., decorate the Christmas tree in the Administration Building.

Theta Phi and MHA members enjoy a Christmas party together.



Winter Activities



How do you like our tree?



Miss Holly said we didn't need an SP card, 'cause he's already starting to melt.

1964



Some of the musical students are called upon to perform on pop bottles at the Christmas Party.

1965



Is it all right, Bonnie?



John and Cheryl serve refreshments . . . playing?



Student Council serenade us with carols.

Christmas Activities

Students look forward to Christmas with all of its gaiety and activities, and Vennard students are no different. There is the Theta Phi and Toga Virilis party, a Christmas "concert" by the Student Council as they present the Student Project, and the Swedish carolers as they portray an old Swedish custom of serving mother in bed and singing.



One of the girl's trios sing several of their own arrangements of Christmas songs.



Our roving reporter, Ron Farnum, questions a busy mother, Betty Hutchinson, what Christmas means to her.



"Santa Lucia . . ."

1967



1968



PRESIDENT ENJOYS DINNER . . .



ED RICKMAN CONDUCTS . . .

Christmas Banquet



ANGELS DESCENDING . . .



ENJOYING FORMAL OCCASION . . .



The Christmas activities at Vennard often bring a new outlook into the real meanings of the birth of Christ.

1968



SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE . . .



THE ADOPTED ONES . . .



REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL . . .



NARRATION OF CHRISTMAS STORY . . .

New and exciting describes the ideas for this year's Christmas party. Vennard students adopted needy children from the Oskaloosa area for an afternoon of fun and activity and an evening of enjoyment and rich blessing for all. Love was the mediator which crossed all barriers as the students and children shared together the real meaning of Christmas. Only a few hours long, but we hope the beginning of a long-lasting tradition.



REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL . . .



NARRATION OF CHRISTMAS STORY . . .



THE GROUP . . .

1969



The littlest Angel—Choral Reading



"A walking melody" by Paula and Karen.

Christmas 1969



1970



Christmas Activities

"Santa Lucia" is the old Swedish custom of serving the mother of the house in bed and singing Swedish carols.

Several Vennard students enjoyed carrying out the custom.



Winter Wonderland



Students enjoy a Christmas party with children in the community.



1971

Sharing in Seasonal Activities



Girls beat the boys again in the traditional Christmas caroling contest.

The weeks before Christmas vacation at Vennard are filled with excitement. Early morning caroling between dormitories is a tradition. At the formal banquet the Family shared in decorating the Christmas tree and telling what Christmas meant to each one. A child was to Christ at the party sponsored by Toga Virilis and Alpha Theta Phi.

President Nixon (alias Brian Donley) addresses members of the press (alias the senior class), at the formal Christmas Banquet.



Danny and his dummy, Sam (?), entertain youngsters at the Christmas party for underprivileged children, sponsored by the men and women's housing associations.



These boys enjoy the food at the Christmas party.

1972



1974

Behold the King!!

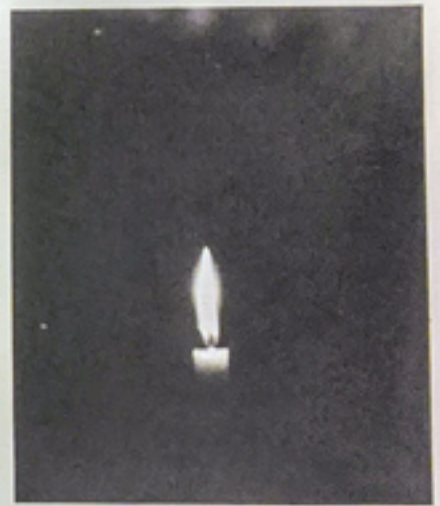
The highlight of Vennard's Christmas season was the Christmas musicale, sponsored jointly by the music department and the Senior class. The choir sang old Christmas favorites such as "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" and "Little Drummer Boy" as well as traditional Christmas carols. Other features were the Madrigals and their version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the girls trio and Santa Claus. And thus began our Christmas season.



TOP: The choir sings "Carol of the Bells". ABOVE: Rev. and Mrs. Morris and Cheryl Lindahl. RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.



1974



TOP: Patty and Percy McKnight. LEFT:
The girls trio: Debbie Swanson, Margo
Cox and Lorna Trosen and Santa.

1975

Christian events bring joy



Christmas is a special time for Christians everywhere, but at Vennard we celebrate the birth of our Redeemer with an extra sense of joy. We observe this occasion as a family, rejoicing together over the Christmas Banquet and rediscovering the mystery and magic of this wondrous event through the Christmas Musicales. This year's presentation was an excellent rendering of Mensotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The particular blessing of Christmas comes only through the eyes of children, and Vennard continues its tradition of sharing Christmas with underprivileged children from the community. The student body hosts a party for these children, each student "adopting" a child for the evening, making sure each one experiences for himself the glory of this holy season.



1975



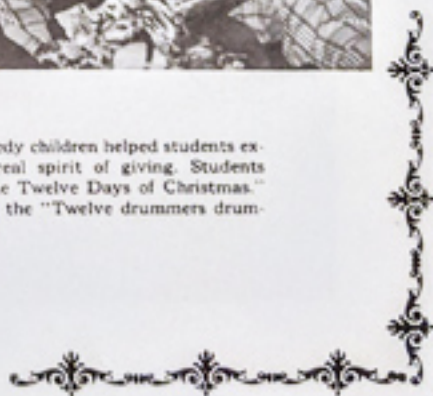
1976



"The Messiah" was performed by a mixture of students, faculty, staff, and outsiders. This was a very moving preamble to the Christmas season.



A party for needy children helped students experience the real spirit of giving. Students acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Here is shown the "Twelve drummers drumming."



1976



This year's Christmas musicale was a presentation of the three phases of a Christian's outlook on life. It began with the past Old Testament history, proceeded to the present of today's modern world, then moved on into the future and the expectancy of life with our Lord.

Vennard's choir started the program accompanied by a string quartet on one of their numbers. Christlife finished with part of their musical repertoire climaxing the remembrance of our Lord's birth.



1977

His Love Reaching



The week preceding Christmas vacation was one packed with special chapels and programs. The theme of the entire week was the name of the musicale presented by the Christlife Singers entitled "His Love Reaching." Included in the weeks activities were a still life Nativity scene, the chorus' presentation of the "Messiah," and the Christlife's concert which also included a slide presentation.

1977



Christmas Musical

Lovely ladies and good looking guys are always the order of the day when the annual Christmas Musical rolls around and this year they came in two sizes - big college size and Kiddie Kollege size. The Vennard College Choir was accompanied by the Kiddie Kollege Choir. Dr. Harris also joined the kids for a story and all in attendance were favored with dramatic silhouettes of the Christmas story by the drama team.

1978

CHRISTMAS PARTY



1982



December



1982

Vennard is accredited by the American Associations of Bible Colleges, and is also a member of the Council on Post Secondary Accreditation. This allows Vennard graduates to present their credits to other colleges for continued education or post graduate work.

Vennard College offers a Bachelor arts Degree in the following areas:

- Bible
- Christian Education
- Church Ministries
- Communications
- General Education
- Missions
- Music
- Pastoral Ministries
- Pre-Seminary
- Preschool Administration



1982



1982



Christmas week is always a time of activity and events on Vennard's Campus. This year was no exception. Special chapels highlighted the week. Especially memorable was Mrs. Miller's story entitled "What If ... (Jesus Never Came?) ... Special music rang forth from various members of the student body and faculty throughout the week. The Christmas Musical was the crescendo of the celebration. The choir presented a series of special Christmas songs and a Vennard "kid's choir" contributed to the evening.



2000

Right: Dr. W. Edward Rickman and his wife Martha talk about giving gifts to God during this Christmas season.

Below: Our award winning float in the Oskaloosa Christmas Parade: First place in the Out of Town category.



2001

Right: Chris Bowden checks his watch while others enjoy the atmosphere of the Christmas Banquet.

Below: Eric Hand does some narration for a drama during one of the Christmas Observance Chapels.





Left: Randy Ozan portrays 2 turtledoves in "The Twelve Days of Christmas."



Left center: Betty Kaufman portrays 7 swans swimming.

Below: Fellowship around the tables at the Christmas Banquet.



Left: Martha Rickman (right) acts out 4 calling birds while Joni Hesselstine (left) portrays 3 French hens.

Left: Good friends, good food, and lots of fun were to be had at this year's Christmas Banquet.



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2003



Above: Mrs. Ellen Wubbels leads the choir in singing a special song during Christmas Observance Week.



Above: The seniors are taking part in decorating the Administration Building for Christmas during this chapel session of Christmas Observance Week.



Above: This group of freshman girls is proud of the tree they decorated. Members of the group are (left to right): Amy Leumeyer, Jeni Berdan, Tana Smith, Elizabeth Morrow, Aubrey Roehl, and Meggan Stoll.

2004

Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Christmas is a special time of year around Vennard College. A week of special chapels to observe the meaning of Christmas. A day is set aside to decorate the campus, faculty and staff participate in the festivities by providing snacks for the students to enjoy between classes, the festive Christmas atmosphere permeates the campus. Christmas Observance Week is concluded by a banquet sponsored by the Sophomore Class.



Above: Toni Goemaat shares with us some interesting fact concerning the Christmas Story.



Left: Three little angels, (l to r) Hannah Van Kuiken, Katie Doll, and Jillian Beck, sing "Happy Birthday, Jesus."

2004

Right: Professor Debbie Penn and Professor Jerome Van Kuiken take part in the choir's Christmas cantata.

Below: Greg Mast reads a letter written by Joseph to his parents concerning the birth of the Christ Child.



Above: Aubrey Roehl reads a letter written by Mary to her parents concerning the birth of the Christ Child.



Vennard Celebrates the Holidays

Right: Bryan and Becky Ganny take time to pose for the camera.



Above: Dustin Stewart (front), Donnie Powell, Leanne Merrill, and Dan Deminsky are ready for some turkey and stuffing.

Lower center: Missionary John Muehleisen uses Dr. Moyer as his ventriloquist "dummy."



Right: Dr. Moyer carves the turkey for the Thanksgiving Dinner.





Left: A festive Melissa Pulver welcomes Lynelle Horras and her daughter to the Christmas Banquet.



Center: Tana Smith and Edgar Rodriguez play the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Doll during a skit put on by the Sophomore class.



Left center: Sam Barber and Charles Kates dress up for the occasion.



Below: Good Friends. (Back row, l to r): Renee Rehder, Stephanie Milburn, Kristina Gass, Gayle Green. (Front, l to r): Felicia Hind, Sarah Glick.



Left: Mark LaPaglia, Meggan Stoll, and Mike Owsley play the parts of Mr. Penn, Mrs. Penn, and Mr. Van Kuiken (respectively) during the Sophomore Class skit.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES: BANQUETS

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PARADES



Krista Daulton and Kim Hoch bundled up warmly for a ride in the bitter cold.



Friends Liz Morrow and Becky Canny waiting for people to arrive.



Sarah Chaffin in thought.

A FLOAT IN THE MAKING



Lois Nicholson and Jen Agnew putting in hours of work on the creation of the Vennard float.

READY TO GO!



Team of Vennardians braving the cold:
Tammi Smith, Lindsey Cross, Tiffany Johnson (in front)
Jonie Tooley, Elise Roehl, Kim Hoch, Krista Daulton, Renee Sindt
and others (on float for the Oskaloosa annual Christmas parade).

2007



Gary Griffin gives a thought provoking message on how we use time in this Christmas season.



Dr. Moyer and Tammi Smith posing for a picture.



Dustin Cross helping out with the finishing touches.



Lois Nicholson and Renee and Derrick Sindt waiting for food.



Christmas carols led by Nate and Mandie Drege and Amber Hansen