Santa Fund: "Outstanding Success"

In an unmistakable air of good will and Christmas cheer, the Providence College community donated over $760 to the Providence Journal-Bulletin Santa Fund last week.

With student elves and a strangely Portuguese looking Santa standing around the Union all day long and with a host of other helpers lending a hand in the effort, more than 1,400 people chose to donate money to this deserving cause.

Santa set up shop in the morning on the lower level of the College Union with eager aides actively hawking the merits of this program. By early morning the event was assured success. Jack Donahue, vice-president of the Student Congress and chief organizer of this event, characterized it as, "an outpouring of human interest and emotions in a desire to help those people less privileged than ourselves." He sighed and added, "It was truly a joyous occasion for me to see such eager and fruitful participation by all concerned."

The money will go directly to a fund set up by the Journal-Bulletin and not toward the repair of Jack's Oldsmobile as many had supposed. The fund tries to give presents to the poor and underprivileged of the area who otherwise might wake up Christmas morning without the traditional visit from Santa. This year's goal is $68,000 so the large donation from Providence College was greatly appreciated.

Leon C. (Skinny Lee) Drezek, member of the Student Congress and helper in this drive stated the reasons he felt such a drive was necessary, "Being a member of a minority group myself and also with a somewhat depraved childhood I realize the full merit of the Christian ethic of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. It was great to see that the effort was such a success."

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Mike Donahue, personal friend and confidante of Santa and also known as the editor in chief of the CWOL, protects Santa from the ruthless liberals on campus who say they want to help people they should dig deeper the next time, those cheap bastards. Needless to say his views on this matter and most others are not shared by many.

Another group of Santa's helpers led by 'Skinny Lee' Drezek and Candy Cummings looked over the bankruptcy of the Student Congress, discuss the day's take.

Noted Cardiac Club President Phil Russo in the far right corner typing up list of demands that he will present to Santa on behalf of the Student Mobilization Committee.

Rathskellar Meeting: "Ears Several Gripes"

Quite a controversy has been brewing down at the Rathskeller these days, and so Father Duffy, the Director of Student Affairs, held an open meeting on December 6 for the purpose of getting some idea of the student gripes and also, any suggestions.

On the question of the proposed Advisory Board, which would have served as a student representative group to Father Duffy, the session concluded with it still hanging in abeyance. It seems that Duffy would prefer to depend on his employeess alone, rather than create two conflicting sources of information. With reference to the Rathskeller employees, he said, "I have tremendous respect for the past and want to stay with them in the future."

Now, concerning the question of profit. What have they been doing with all that money they've been making? Well, first off, up until this year they haven't been making any money, "We were saved by the legislature," said Duffy. And as for this year, concerning the profit, Fr. Duffy stated we're still in the "suggestion stage." Again the issue was put in abeyance. Fr. Duffy did comment, "I think it (the Rath) will make money in the future, consistently. So we can all keep a close watch, to see what project the Rathskellar profit will build.

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"Group of Santa's helpers (and hinderers) petition Santa for what they want for Christmas." Hopefully this function will become an annual one since it is held every year. One anonymous donor, a "single man with a checkbook," has been the subject of much discussion, and arises because for 30 years the Eskimo curlew was considered extinct. Since 1961 when two Eskimo curlews were seen in Texas, the combined efforts of American birders have failed to produce more than a dozen acceptable sight records.

The question, of course, is: where were the Eskimo curlews in the several decades in which none was reported? And, equally important, why are only one or two birds reported at the infrequent intervals when survivors are seen? For the Eskimo curlew to have survived successfully through nearly six decades, there must be a few flocks of the birds. It is doubtful that any bird which migrates from the Arctic Circle to the Galveston, Texas, then other reports arrived from Galveston. One Eskimo in 1968 one in 1968, and two in 1962. Other sight records of single birds were made at Cape May, N.J., in September, 1969, and near Charleston, S.C., in July, 1956.

The most recent sighting in New England was a possible Eskimo curlew on Plymouth Beach, August 25, 1969. The sightings on Martha's Vineyard strengthen the correctness of the Plymouth report.

George G. Daniels of New York saw one Eskimo curlew August 6 in a field of salt hay near Black Point Pond and Chilmark Pond. Although he had reservations on what his eyes were telling him, he returned the next day and discovered two birds in the same area that fit Eskimo curlew description.

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Veridames

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However, Mrs. John J. Coughlin does not consider herself a stereotyped Veridame, and an interview with her confirmed this. We had arranged to meet at the Archives; awkwardly I searched the faces of every 'older' woman who came down the stairs. A short, robust, gentle and enthusiastic woman with a certain command of the situation, then came down the stairs. I knew that she was Mrs. Coughlin, the Veridames' president. For the next half hour we spoke discussed general issues, and looked over old photos.

Thirty years ago, the Veridames (Women of Truth) was founded by a group of concerned women in the community to benefit Providence College. These women had a stake in P.C.; it was their sons, husbands, and fathers who would pass through this institution of learning. Their object? Simply, 'to advance the interest of P.C. religiously, socially, culturally, and to contribute material aid and cordial support.'

This woman was her 'organization is looking forward to adding to our ranks the P.C. coeds.' Let's face it—here is a well established group, whose membership spreads out across the U.S.; new blood could mingle with the old, and the Veridames could be re-shaped into something really bold and dynamic. The Veridames is not a clique—a club's success depends upon its membership. The Veridames want P.C.'s coeds on its board, they want youth's decision making power.

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Veridames...of the present

$100 to a perpetual scholarship fund, insuring the existence of private education.

To cut down rising expenses, 'I do my own art work on the flyers we send out.' The president is against raising dues and feels that 'we can subsidize with money from our many projects.' Raffles seem to be the most successful, raking in between $500 to $700.

Concerning the Sex Rights movement, the Veridames have 'no intention of competing with it.' But, Mrs. Coughlin impressed it upon me that her 'organization is looking forward to adding to our ranks the P.C. coeds.' Let's face it—here is a well established group, whose membership spreads out across the U.S.; new blood could mingle with the old, and the Veridames could be re-shaped into something really bold and dynamic. The Veridames is not a clique—a club's success depends upon its membership. The veridames want P.C.'s coeds on its board, they want youth's decision making power.

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Veridames...of the future?