

Transportation Companies Plan Holiday Specials

Students Will Get Absence Cuts

Students who absent themselves from class immediately before or after vacation shall have their final grade reduced ten points in each course in which the absence was incurred, the academic council has announced. Absence before and after vacation date from the last class the student attended prior to the vacation, to the first class attended after vacation.

Libe Hours

Library hours for the university have been announced by Miss Belle Sweet, librarian. It will be open from 8:30 a. m. until 12 noon and from 1:30 until 5 p. m. week days excepting Christmas day, New Year's day and the afternoon of Friday, December 24. It will be closed evenings and Sundays.

The Christmas holiday is from Friday, December 17, at 5 p. m., until January 3 at 1:20 p. m., and both Union Pacific and Northern Pacific railroad companies have made special arrangements for getting students home. In addition, extra busses have been chartered to go both to Spokane and to southern Idaho.

Union Pacific is putting on four extra coaches for about 220 students to leave Friday at 7:10 p. m. for southern Idaho. Mrs. Roy Van Winkle will chaperone the trip. Arrangements are not being made for baggage and students are asked to express their extra baggage a day or two in advance. The company said in a letter to President Harrison C. Dale that it would provide box lunches if it were not possible to serve meals on the coaches. Arrangements for the return trip have not been completed, but will be announced in local papers during vacation, officials said.

Northern Pacific has arranged coach equipment to take care of from 5 to 100 students from Moscow to Spokane. This train, number 314, is to leave here Friday at 5:15 p. m. On the return trip, trains are to leave Spokane at 9:30 p. m. January 2 and at 8:40 a. m. January 3.

Women's houses on the campus are to close Saturday.

Debaters Attend Tournament In Walla Walla

Varsity debaters attended a three-school debate tournament held at Whitman College at Walla Walla on December 10 and 11. The final results of the tourney placed Whitman first with nine wins, WSC second with eight wins, and Idaho third with seven wins. Idaho was represented by Betty Echternach, Doris Mae Holtz, Joyce McMahon, Frances Freeman, Elaine Anderson, Eleanor Andrew, June Sutton, and Clara Beth Young.

Mr. A. E. Whitehead, debate coach, and Mr. Kenneth Hoag accompanied the teams and acted as judges for the debates.

Students Attend Holly Day Dance

More than 200 couples, led by sophomore class officers and their dates, made their way through a fir tree arbor in the grand march of the sophomore Holly day dance last Saturday evening. The affair climaxed Holly Week, which is sponsored annually by the sophomore class.

Earlier in the week, amid the first snowfall of the season, the class serenaded all the houses on the campus, including the Army. General theme of the dance was "Winterset," which was carried out with fir trees, cotton snowflakes from the ceiling and exhibits of Santa and reindeer around the ballroom.

Marines Recruit Idaho Women

Sergeant Dorothy Gilkerson, accompanied by Staff Sergeant Robert Blum, both of the U. S. Marine Corps, were on the campus this week in the interest of recruiting new members for the Marine Corps. All women interested in getting complete information about this branch of the service may secure it by writing to Sergeant Dorothy Gilkerson, U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, New Rookery, Building 14 Howard St., Spokane, 8, Washington.

University Offers Courses In High School Work

Thirty-six high school courses in seven basic fields—mathematics, history, and government, science, business, English, sociology, language—to be given by correspondence starting December 15 represent the University of Idaho's answer to the thousands of Idaho boys and girls who have quit high school to work on farms or in war industries but who do not want to stop their education. The steady flow of inquiries to the correspondence study division of the university reveals those youths are determined not to forego permanently the chances for an education," said President Harrison C. Dale in announcing approval by the university board of regents of the wartime expansion in correspondence study to help them. "Under this program the university now offers a full range of accredited high school courses for boys and girls who have had to quit high school. Additional courses will be given as the demand develops."

Program Requested Although this expansion in non-resident instruction was made primarily to meet the specific requests of high school students on war jobs, Miss Bernice McCoy, head of the non-resident instruction division, believes it will fill another big demand. "In the armed services there is a large group of adults eager to make up high school deficiencies by correspondence study so that when the war is over they will be able to step right into college work," she reports. "These courses will make it possible for many to realize that ambition. The correspondence received at this office indicates a great interest in education among the service men."

The university's new high school extension service was developed by a committee consisting of Dr. R. D. Russell, professor of education, chairman; Milton C. Albrecht, instructor in English; Dr. John Ehrlich, associate professor of forestry; W. W. Timmiswood, assistant professor of civil engineering; and Miss Bernice McCoy, director of the non-resident instruction division.

SAI Holds Pledging For Nine Women

At formal pledging ceremonies, held at Ridenbaugh hall Wednesday, nine women music majors were pledged to Sigma Alpha Iota, national music honorary. Those pledged are: Betty Scott, Lucille Thompson, Lalene Cargill, Sidney Buchanan, Fern MacGregor, Iris May, Eleanor Andrew, Pat Lanning, and Kathryn Horner. Following the pledging, the group had its Christmas party where refreshments were served, and carols sung.

Five Men Receive Varsity Letters

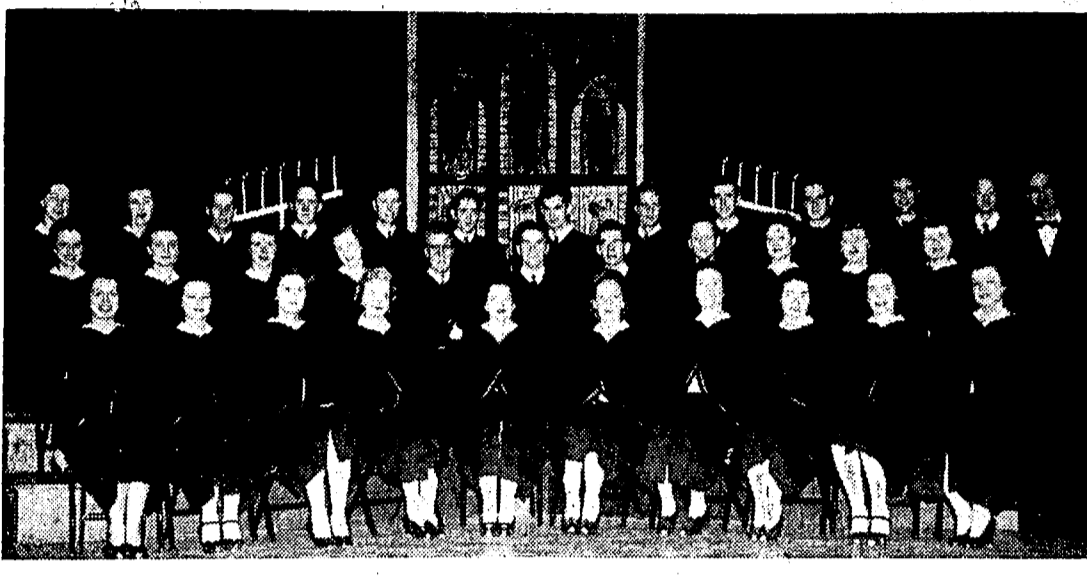
Approval of five varsity letters was made Tuesday evening by the ASUI executive board for men who participated in cross country track this fall. Recommendations for the awards were made by Track Coach M. J. Ryan, and requested by A. J. "Babe" Brown, athletic director. Those receiving the awards are Jack Anderson, Ed Putnam, Mob Haworth, Clayton Ockert and Sam Auger.

Also awarded Tuesday evening was an "I" sweater to Erma Smith, who has earned the required number of points through participation in WAA activities.

High School Hears Vandaleers Sing

The Vandaleers, under the direction of A. A. Beecher, sang at the Moscow high school on Wednesday afternoon. The occasion was a Christmas program for all the Moscow schools. Also on the program was Prof. Carl Claus, violinist.

Candlelight Singers



Before a large audience, the Vandaleers presented the traditional candlelight concert last Tuesday at the university auditorium. The program was climaxed by their singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

Vandaleers Hold Candlelight Service

The Vandaleers candlelight concert, one of Idaho's most impressive traditions, was held Tuesday evening in the University auditorium. The auditorium was lighted by candles and the Vandaleers carried lighted tapers as they marched in.

The first group of songs by the Vandaleers included: processional, "Adeste Fideles" by Reading; "Ave Verum Corpus" by Byrd; "All Men, Now Sing, Rejoice" by Bach; and "Beautiful Savior" by Christiansen.

Hall M. Macklin, organist, played "Florentine Chimes" by Bingham, Nevin's "Will o' the Wisp," and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes," arranged by Miles.

Mr. Robert Walls, tenor soloist, sang "Oh, Po' Little Jesus" arranged by James, and "Oh, Holy Night" by Adam, with the Vandaleers chorus as a background. "Carol of the Russian Children," arranged by Gaul, was sung by the Vandaleers. "Ave Maria," by Bach-Gounod, was a violin solo by Carl Claus, accompanied by Hall Macklin at the organ.

The audience and the Vandaleers sang a group of Christmas carols together.

Final selection of the evening was the Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah, by Handel, sung by the Vandaleers.

The University Brass Ensemble played before and after the concert from the entrance tower. Members included Dale Ablin, Marina Dochios, Edmund J. Marly, John Bonnett, Gladys Larson, Ruth Fisk, Virginia Transue, and Manfred Morris.

Spurs Plan "Hop" For February

In order to keep the after-vacation slump from being too great, the Spurs have planned a Nickel Hop with a tentative date, the first Saturday of the second semester, awaiting the approval of the calendar committee. Each women's house will hold open house from 7:30 to 9:30, and men on the campus, both civilians and servicemen, are to pay a nickel at each house they visit.

At an earlier meeting it was decided that the members would wrap Christmas gifts for the army if the soldiers so desired. Further business of the meeting included the taking of pictures for the Gem and for Christmas cards.

Home-Ec'ers Fete Nine Children

Home economics club members entertained nine children, aged six to ten years, from Russell school, at a Christmas party last Monday. About a Christmas tree decorated by club members, the children played games and sang carols.

Mary McBride acted as chairman of the party committee, with Doris Mae Holz assisting her with games. Marjorie Childs and Mary Ellen Nelson were in charge of refreshments, and Carol Buescher, Mary Cosho, and Jo Marie Cramer arranged the decorations.

Merry Xmas

To the Soldier Students of the University of Idaho, Their Officers, Faculty and Civilian Employees.

Our third wartime Christmas is at hand. Many of us shall be spending it under circumstances that differ greatly from conditions which prevailed in our homes. Yet with all the combat and devastation which faces us, the Spirit of Christmas remains with us as a guiding light on our road to victory, and to the establishment of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

I desire to express to each of you my sincere wish for a Joyous Christmas, a Happy and Successful New Year, and one which may bring us Victory and Peace.

Signed, W. A. HALE, Lt. Col. Infantry, Commandant.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Smith

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Smith, Ridenbaugh housemother, were held Tuesday morning at Short's Chapel. Mrs. Smith died Sunday from cerebral hemorrhage and complications resulting from a fall last Wednesday.

For several years she had acted as a University of Idaho housemother, for Pi Beta Phi from 1929 to 1940, for Kappa Sigma last year, and this year she was hostess at Ridenbaugh hall.

Correspondent Discusses Post-Hostilities Plans

"The fate of America after the present war lies in America's hands," said Dr. Emil Lengyel, author and correspondent, who spoke to ASUI and ASTP students Monday morning at the Memorial gymnasium.

Basing his discussion on his own experience in Hungary after the first World War, Dr. Lengyel pointed out that America will be expected by the small nations to take the largest share of reorganization of the world. He pointed out that the one nation which will hate the United States after the war will be Germany, in which hatred has been the keynote of the last generation.

Two Problems The two serious problems which will have to be solved immediately after the cessation of hostilities, are how much money the defeated powers should pay in reparations to the victorious powers, and what relationship there will be between the United States and the Soviet Union. The second of these problems will be aided by the fact that the Soviet Union and the United States have one very vital point in common—the mutual danger from Japan.

When the war is over, said Dr. Lengyel, there will be two stages in the reorganization of the world. The first will be a phase in which the United States, Great Britain,

Council Schedules Formal Dance After Holidays

Interfraternity Council members have planned the first social event following the Christmas holidays in the form of a strictly formal dance at the Alpha Tau Omega house. The affair tentatively is set for Saturday, January 8.

"The dance is being held in the Alpha Tau Omega house so as not to conflict with people wanting to use the Bucket ballroom," Darwin Brown, president, said.

The dance will be open to all fraternity men with chapters on the campus. Special invitations are being sent to ASTP and Navy students who are members of these fraternities from other chapters, Kent Barber, general chairman, said. He added that all individual arrangements for taxes, etc., should be made before leaving for the holidays. The Army orchestra has been chosen to play for the dance and decorations will feature various fraternity badges.

"We hope that fraternity chapters and men will cooperate in presenting this dance to the extent that it may become an annual affair," Barber said.

Tickets and programs may be obtained through the following active fraternity representatives: Dale Ablin, Beta Theta Pi; Bob Manning, Kappa Sigma; Carl Minden, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Jay Gano, Phi Delta Theta; Al Kiser, Delta Tau Delta; Bob Stilling, Phi Gamma Delta; Darwin Brown, Sigma Nu; Tom Ryan, Alpha Tau Omega; and Kent Barber, Sigma Chi. For further information contact Darwin Brown at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Other members of the council include John Braddock, Sigma Chi; Dean Dennison, Phi Delta Theta; Pete Rowell, Phi Gamma Delta; Dick Kube, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Jerry Lattig, Sigma Nu; Reed Clements, Beta Theta Pi; Edgar Teagarden, Delta Tau Delta; and Tom Collins, Kappa Sigma.

Phi Betes Elect New President

At a meeting held last night at the home of Dr. F. C. Church, R. H. Farmer, dean of the school of business, was elected president of the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dean of Women Beatrice Olson was elected vice president, Dr. Church, secretary, and Mrs. Earl David was elected treasurer.

Plans for the guest meeting to be held next spring were also discussed at the meeting.

Faculty Musicians Will Entertain

Prof. Hall Macklin, pianist, and Prof. Carl Claus, violinist, of the department of music, will go to Lewiston Saturday to present two concerts. In the afternoon they are scheduled to play for the Tescimanic club, and their evening program will be for a joint meeting of Lewiston service clubs.

Bunk Fatigue

By T/5 BILL SALTZMAN
I received my walking papers from the university infirmary this week, and the staff lined up—too gleefully, I thought—to see me go. "Here's your tie," said O. J. "Scram," . . . "Here's your coat," said Mrs. Becker, "Scram," "Here's your cap," said Vera, "Scram," . . . "How about some farewell kisses?" I said . . . "Scram!" . . . I scrambled. . .

LONELY SESSION

Co. A's Bill Sisson was tossed into the next bed during the latter part of last week. He is a good-natured, blond basic engineer from Kalamazoo, Mich., who was suffering from a chest cold and the belief that he would have no visitors. "Cheep up pal!" I said, feeling sorry for the lonely youngster. "My roommates will be here visitor's hours. So you'll have some one!" He smiled gratefully.

Came visitor's hours, and not a roommate appeared. Instead, girls came pouring into the room. Blondes, brunettes, red-heads, tow-heads . . . They crowded around Sisson's bed, patted his head, held his hands, laughed at his quips . . . Poor, lonely Sisson. I took a look, cheered, pulled the covers from my face. . . . Lindy Porath, in a third bed, took a look, shuddered, pulled the covers over his face. (He's a happily married man). The gals glanced at me and turned away. . . . "Well," I heard one say, "he may be kind to his mother . . ."

An hour later, the damsels left, and the nurse took our temperatures. Sisson and I each had a 100. Porath had 98.6—perfectly normal. . . .

BIRTHDAY CHATTER

Odds and ends plucked up here and there: More than 20 members of ASTU 3926 are over 35 years of age. Oldest is Russian student B. Israel of New York City who celebrated his 38th birthday on December 4th. . . . Pvt. John H. Kimman, born on May 16, 1925, is the youngest. . . .

And speaking of birthdays, both Bob Hasson and Tom Burke of Co. A celebrated their 21st birthdays this week. . . . And Co. B's Bob Salvato and Harold Kuhnau were born on the same day, July 27, 1918.

NO NEWS

Cpl. Mariano Abejon, a Co. C advanced engineer, hasn't heard from his parents and four sisters since Pearl Harbor. They were living in Manila at the time of the sneak attack. Abejon, himself, was born and raised in the Philippine Islands and came over to this country in 1925 at the age of 12. He is a graduate of Jasadena Junior college, class of 1936.

BEAUTY QUEEN

Soon to be married are German student Sol Schachtman and Miss Ruth Pollack of Chicago. Like Sol, Miss Pollack is a graduate of the University of Chicago. She was formerly a photographer's model, in teardrop dancer with the famous Allis group, Chicago, and a Beauty Queen at the university. A former zoot-suiter—but, professionally, if you please—is Co. A's Mel Edwards, the mad saxophonist, who toured with Al Donahue's orchestra last year.

Cpl. Joies Stone, the classification clerk, claims it is only professional jealousy that has kept news of his "alarm clock prize" out of the army page. Stone, it seems, wrote a brilliant (or cock-eyed) essay recently to win an alarm clock in a local contest—and now finds he gets to work later than ever.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GREETINGS

I express to the officers, soldiers, and civilian employees of all elements of the Ninth Service Command and to the people of our Western States the wish that the Christmas season may be one of good cheer and hope and that the next Christmas may find our common enterprise well on the way to a real Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Men.

Major General David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General, Ninth Service Command.

GIs MAKE PLANS FOR 32-PAGE YEARBOOK

Annual Set For Spring; Workers, Photos Needed

ASTU 3926 will have its own yearbook, Lt. Col. William A. Hale, post commandant, announced today.

In cooperation with the University of Idaho's annual Gem of the Mountain, a 32-page book devoted to the activities of the ASTU will be issued next spring. The same material that will appear in the separate book will also appear as a section of the Gem, Ted Sherman, UI graduate manager, said.

The ASTU yearbook will be engraved and printed by the same companies that handle the Gem, and the photography will be by the Gem photographers. Only this close cooperation of Idaho's annual with the ASTU makes an army annual possible, unit officers explained.

Plans for the formation of a staff are going ahead under the direction of Pfc. Henry Santiestevan. Anyone wishing to serve on the staff should leave his name in his company orderly room, or come to room 214, Forney hall, Santiestevan said. He also emphasized that photographs of all kinds—scenic shots, snapshots, personality shots, and so on—are urgently needed. Soldier photographers are requested to donate their pictures to Ralph Behrens, room 109, Forney hall, the editor said.

According to present plans, the cost of the book will be \$1.50, just enough to cover the cost of engraving, printing and photography, the editor pointed out. Arrangements are being made to allow soldiers to pay voluntarily 50 cents a month for three months, if they wish to buy the book on time payments.

ASTP Exchange News

By T/5 RALPH BEHRENS

In an editorial discussing the type of social program on the campus for soldiers, the Washington State Evergreen, college weekly published at Pullman, Wash., says that "women students must start the ball rolling within their groups if they intend to hold the traditional spirit of friendliness that has always been prevalent at the State College of Washington."

From the University of Maine: Highly interesting results have developed from speech classes which have been organized for ASTP soldiers. Instructors have been impressed by the wide variety of sectional accents among the trainees. The speech program is divided into three terms as follows: First term, platform deportment, delivery, voice control, and speech organization; second and third terms, development of methods of informal speech, such as group and panel discussions, and types of speech. Speech methods of voice direction and projection are employed, the university has reported.

A number of colleges and universities in the ASTP have established classes to instruct ASTP

The ASTU Angle

By Henry Santiestevan

We have mumbled over here in our cob-webbed corner for several weeks, emitting mordant remarks on the state of Society as we saw it. But we consider that this is the joyous Christmas season when peace, 'tis said, should be upon earth, and goodwill toward men. We are so mellowed by the season's spirit that we feel an urge to strew gifts gayly around.

Dear, Brave Bracken

To dear, brave Claire Bracken, Argonaut editor, sympathy and the blissful knowledge that even the weariest river winds somewhere safe to the sea.

To hard-luck Marion Franson, ex-Argonaut editor, gone home now to ruminate, a frank appreciation for her loveliness and writing talent.

And to our staff, that irrepressible, ebullient group of geniuses: Saltzman, specialist in Bunk; Shaw, the by-line happy sportsman; Shea, the temperamental, erratic Irishman; Chanler, the competent newsman; Del Tufo, ASTU's society Cholly who goes everywhere, knows everybody; Warnock, Cholly's undercover man; Sewell, court-clown and bodyguard; and Behrens, rumormonger, and work-house good in any emergency: to all these talented souls, a handful of nothing except a deep-seated, grateful appreciation for doing all the work.

To The Ladies And Lassies

To, all the co-ed lassies, a copy of "Lysistrata"; to all the soldier laddies, a copy of "Enough Rope"; and to all those who, with generous judgment, added unintended potency to our punny words, we offer a copy of that great study in semantics, "The Meaning of Meaning."

And to everyone—yes, we mean everyone—the same old, trite old, merry old MERRY CHRISTMAS!

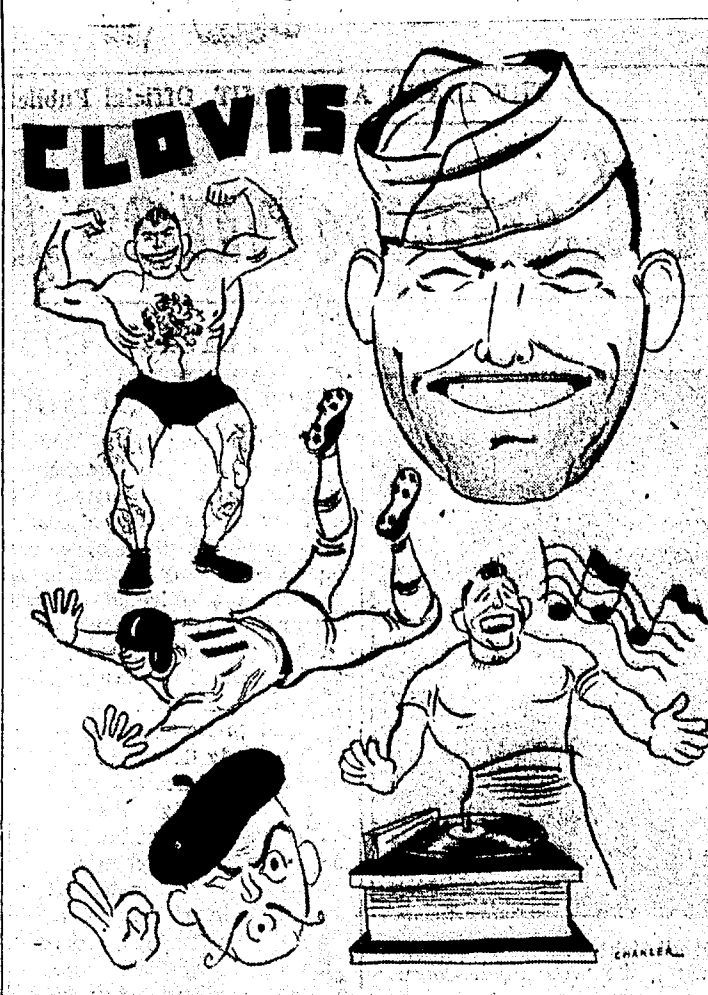
Sgt. Lutesinger Returns To Duty

Returning to his post after an absence of almost a month, 1st Sgt. B. C. Lutesinger reported for duty at the Company C orderly room last Saturday.

Sgt. Lutesinger was confined to the Baxter General hospital, Spokane.

Soldiers in how to make the maximum use of libraries in connection with their academic work. Successful results have been reported.

GI Joes—By Chanler



Dornowitz, Brooklyn's Pride, Takes Music For a Ride

By T/4 JOHN P. SHEA

The tables are turned and we are presenting to you the quasi-official M.C. of Forney hall, Julie Domowitz. This wedge of a lad, whom B-men call "Clovis," is easily identified as the burly one with the chest size like a foot-locker, and heart like a match. Appropriately enough, he has a voice that makes Andy Devine sound like a boy soprano.

Julie was born and brought up in Brooklyn, but sweated out his citizenship papers in time to get a free set of dog tags last December. His form 20 ordained that he go to an Air Corps Administration school in Florida. Two months later he was hopped slightly greener inductees and him with sleeves clean as a GI inspection kit.

Coming to Idaho from Euphrata Field in nearby Wash-

ington, the Pfc. of this week elected to parlay-vo for Uncle. He has attained a Debussy proficiency in the language, but the accent is strictly Gershwin.

This fall he won the honest respect of opponents as he made fully a third of the tackles from a guard spot in Company B's line.

Our hero, who dislikes ties, permanent or sartorial, is a scatsinger of ability. His favorite avocation is accompanying any number being played on Dulcinea's "vic" in a manner that is seldom equalled by any of the pale brethren. "Clovis" is scheduled to re-appear in public on the all-soldier entertainment to be offered in the mess hall Christmas day. We all hope he returns from Detached Service at the Kappa house in time to do a ditty. "Yes Indeed!"

Movie In Hospital

Soldiers confined to the hospital will no longer be forced to miss any of the GI movies which are sent to this unit, Lt. L. D. Parkin, special service officer, said today.

Arrangements have been completed with Dr. Harold D. Cramer to present the films in the

hospital to the army men there. The first showing of a GI film in the hospital recently proved so successful that they will be continued Lt. Parkin said. Because the presentation of the films is restricted to service personnel they cannot be given for other than army men in the hospital.

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Army To Feast In Real Holiday Style

By PFC. RAYMOND DEL TUFO

Shearman Scores

First baby to be born here in Moscow to the wife of an ASTU student is Gerald William Shearman, 7 lb. 2½ oz. son of Pfc. and Mrs. William Shearman. Baby Gerald arrived at the Gritman Memorial hospital December 14. Dr. Joseph G. Wilson was the attending physician.

The father, Bill Shearman, is a student of French here. The mother, the former Miss Meredith Peters of Glendale, Calif., was an army nurse until she decided to trade her lieutenant's bars for safety-pins.

With the arrival of his son, Shearman has won the "paternity room" sweepstakes, so-called because his roommate, John Shea, also expects to achieve fatherhood in the near future. Coincidentally, Shea's wife is also a former army nurse. Sabotage, we call it.

Preparations for a Christmas day dinner with continuous serving from noon until 4:30 p. m. at the army mess hall, have already begun, according to Miss Goldie Manning, post dietician.

Ham and turkey will be the main dishes. In addition there will be a smorgasbord consisting of appetizing salads, pickles, olives, and other surprise varieties.

The mess hall will be decorated in Christmas holly, cedar boughs, pine cones, and Christmas spirit, said Miss Manning.

A program of entertainment to be furnished by members of each company is also planned. Novelty acts and musical specialties are especially being encouraged, according to Lt. Lorin D. Parkin, special service officer.

Decorations for the trees have been bought out of the company funds.

Accompanied by Vernon Ravenscroft, assistant extension forester, Lt. Parkin and Pfc. Edward Melmer, of permanent party personnel, hiked deep into the tree coun-

try in search of the trees, and returned with several choice samples, Melmer said.

RUMORS

By T/5 RALPH L. BEHRENS

Rumors again swept the University of Idaho campus this week. The big rumor of the week started after newspapers all over the country published an Associated Press release stating that "the army is considering a reduction in the number of soldier students assigned to its college training program." From this innocent looking lead on the AP wire copy various stories were "manufactured" until the latest versions have it that the ASTP will be discontinued altogether.

"This headquarters has received absolutely no official information whatsoever that the ASTP program will be discontinued," Lt. Col. William A. Hale, post commandant, said today. "As a matter of fact, the AST Bulletin for December gives part of the outline program which includes students in medical training up until 1945. This would hardly indicate that army officials are now planning to discontinue the AST program."

Going from one extreme to the other, our other rumor of the week is that all language and area students will continue in school for four terms instead of three. This rumor, too, has been "spiked," and has been given no official confirmation, according to Lt. John Swain, adjutant of the local AST unit.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year-- ROWE'S JEWELRY 113 E. Third

Signature of the Russo-Czech pact on Sunday encourages those who regard the end of the Comintern last May as something more than a gesture on the part of the Kremlin. The Soviet Union is apparently pinning its hopes for Russian national security after the war on a series of mutual-assistance treaties with governments in central and eastern Europe that are moderate rather than Communist and that are assured of solid support in their homelands.

Stalin remembers the failure of the Communists to get permanent control of the national governments of Germany, Italy and Hungary in 1918-1920, at the time when the Bolshevik regime at Moscow was supporting the revolutionary movements in those countries. These Communist reverses weakened the leftist parties in central Europe and paved the way for the return to power of conservative landlords at Budapest and for the triumph of dictators at Rome and Berlin. Today, the Soviet leader can see that the fear of "Red" collectivism among the peasants and the middle class will make the victory of Communism in central and eastern Europe as impossible after this war as it was in 1918-1920.

At this time, the primary aim of Soviet statesmen seems to be the organization of a stable post-war Europe, so that the U. S. S. R. will be left in peace to undertake the gigantic task of reconstruction in the devastated areas of western Russia. Under pressure from the Kremlin, Communist undergrounds inside Germany, France, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia, are co-operating with Catholic, liberal, and parliamentary-socialist groups in the fight against Hitler. There are indications that Moscow will insist on the continuance of this Popular Front strategy in the post-war years—and will work against rather than for a proletarian revolution in Europe.

Britain's willingness to co-operate with the U. S. S. R. in such regions as the Balkans and the Middle East will probably have a moderating influence on the Kremlin. Such official spokesmen as Smuts have expressed British fears of Russian dominance in Europe after an Allied victory. But the recent remarks of the South African premier show that John Bull is alarmed over the destruction of the balance of power on the continent rather than over the extension of Communism westward from the Soviet Union.

Christmas Spirit

Lots of people are now looking forward to a visit from the cheerful old gentleman with the red suit and the white whiskers. That uncomplaining bringer of good things is having a pretty difficult time of it this year. Priorities, labor shortage, lack of transportation, and a host of other inconveniences sort of limit Kris Kringle's physical sphere but in spite of that we predict that he'll still have a lot of unofficial helpers this year, people who have the real Christmas spirit and who don't view it as a mere economic exchange.

Incidentally, the spirit of giving is truly American. The Indians of our own Pacific Northwest enjoyed the spirit of giving so greatly that they originated the Potlatch, at which time the Indian giving it would invite all of his friends and relatives to a great feast after which he would give away all of his possessions. The custom was extremely popular.

This year, ties, cosmetics, silk stockings, electric shavers, and many other things will be scarce. There should be no scarcity of one thing however, good-will, and the other things of this nature that make the difference between a human being and an automaton.

Maybe on other Christmas's you've given handkerchiefs, ties and the other things that go to make up an ordinary Christmas but maybe at the same time there were some cross words and hard feelings. There may be shortages of material things, but remember, friendliness isn't rationed, except by yourself.

M.W.

Alpha Phi Initiates

Alpha Phi initiated Jensine Johannsson Saturday, December 11.

members are Louis Cosho, Rod McDonald, Bill Hardin and Joel Martin, all of Boise.

KAPPA SIGMA INITIATES

Formal initiation was held by Kappa Sigma Sunday. The new

Top Honors At Swim Meet

Mary house is the winner of the final duffer swimming meet held Saturday, December 11, at the university pool. Delta Gamma placed second and Pi Beta Phi and Gertrude house tied for third place.

The winners of the different events of the meet are as follows: Speed for free style: Kay Beaver, first; Erma Smith, second. Backstroke: Erma Smith, first; Olive Dittman, second. Breast stroke: Margaret Finch, first; Barbara Hull, second. In form events for the crawl: Pat Clark, first; Barbara Hull, second. Backstroke: Pat Clark, Olive Dittman and Denise Magnuson tied for first. Breaststroke: Pat Clark, first; Kay Beaver, second. Sidestroke: Margaret Dunbar, first; Barbara Hull, second.

The winning relay team composed of Kay Beaver, Margaret Dunbar and Muriel Butler was from the Delta Gamma house. Miss Margaret Mylne, Jo Gage, Gwendolyn McKay, Kay Barbee, Helen Urness, Jean Brown, Jean Thompson and Betty Jo Smithers acted as officials at the meet.

Mary Lou Jones defeated Lucille Vance in the finals to become the winner of the ping-pong tournament, and Jean Jordan defeated Marjorie Childs for the tennis championship.

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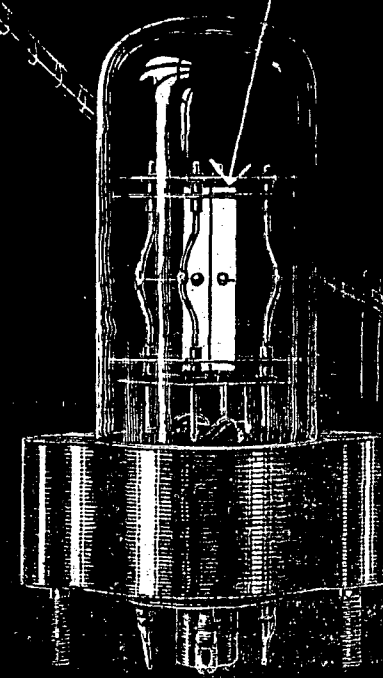
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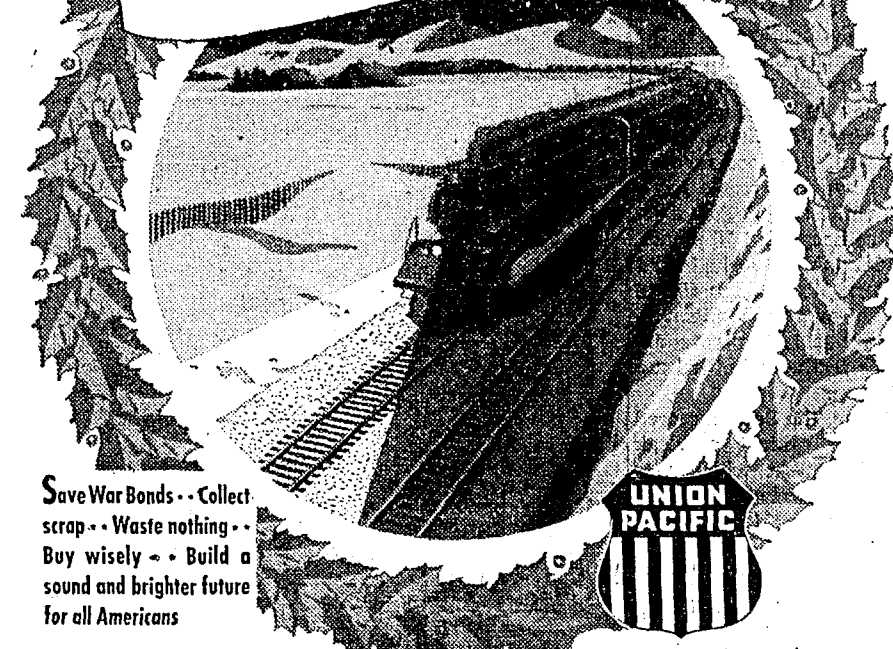
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By TOM RYAN

It is seldom that you find a good student, athlete, and an active member in student functions all wrapped up in one package, but that is the case with Stephen Thomas Collins. Tom is a senior in mechanical engineering which is enough to take up the most of an ordinary person's time but he still manages to play a superior game of basketball and take an active lead in student activities. When not on the basketball court his time is divided between attending class, sitting with the Executive Board or acting as the Secretary for the Interfraternity council.



Tom Collins

Irish Tom graduated from Boise high in 1940. While an undergraduate he was a member of the football team, basketball team, student council, boys federation and the "B" club. With this background it is no wonder that Tom has gone places since his high school days.

After graduating from high school Collins packed up and took a long trip across the Boise river to attend the Boise junior college. Here his record as an athlete, student and executive was equally as bright as it was in high school. While a freshman Tom made the basketball team and was on the team that went to Denver to play in the AAU nationals. As a sophomore he was elected vice-president of the student body at JC.

Now Collins is with us at the Upper State U. making another enviable record. Besides the aforementioned activities Tom is also a great hunting and fishing fan. When he can't do that you might find him knocking a softball over the fence or a golf ball out of sight.

After graduating in June Mr. Collins wants to apply his engineering skills to the airplane industry and we think that he can do it.

Idaho will get her share of the gravy from the proceeds of the Rose Bowl game even though she didn't field a team this fall. At the meeting now in session the Big Wigs of the conference decided to share the profits among the 10 schools as usual. This is undoubtedly to keep athletics going on the Pacific coast. Washington and Southern Cal. are going to be the money makers so they will naturally get the largest share but the other schools will get their "cut."

It is at this meeting that the minor sports schedules are usually drawn up so our friends Bill Ramsey, swimming coach and Bob Knox, boxing coach are more than interested in future developments. Both are training men in hopes of having a schedule.

The eligibility question is up for consideration. It has been proposed that this year not count on the eligibility record of the men who played football this fall. In past years it has been the policy to enforce the transfer rule which requires a player to lay off one season when transferring from one school to another.

It will be interesting to note future developments at this meeting. Barring the unforeseen developments they hope to carry out a football program of some sort in 1944. With only four schools fielding a team this fall that might be quite a trick.

Hard Luck Hits Vandal Cagers

Hard luck followed the Vandal cage squad last week on the road as it dropped two games in the first invasion voyage of the season.

Eastern Washington college of Cheney hung up its second victory of the year over Idaho by winning 37 to 33, while Gonzaga university's Sailors dropped the Brownmen, 66-33.

Jack Roffler paced the EWC attack by counting for 14 points, with Len Pyne leading the Vandal attack, chalking up 10 markers. The Teachers held a 13 to 10 lead at the half time.

In the second out-of-town tilt, at Spokane, the navy crew held a 37 to 16 halftime lead and were never in trouble, holding on to the margin throughout the contest.

Jim Baker, rangy Gonzaga forward, dropped in eight goals to lead the scoring. Jay Gano, lanky Vandal forward, was good for five buckets and two free tosses for a total of 12, while Guard Tom Collins sunk five hoops and 10 points.

The Vandal quintet worked hard in the Eastern Washington tilt in an effort to overcome the two bucket lead, but last minute efforts were effectively bottled up by the winners.

Using 17 men, the Sailors scored almost at will against a weak clicking Idaho outfit which was unable to hit the bucket. The Vandals were only good for 12 goals and nine free throws.

Past Teacher Aids In North Africa

Mrs. Agnes Sculd, a former member of the University of Idaho music faculty who left three years ago to accept a position on the Randolph-Macon faculty at Lynchburg, Va., is now stationed at North Africa as a hospital worker with a recreation and rehabilitation unit.

Idaho Cagers Meet Two Foes Over Weekend

By TOM RYAN

Friday and Saturday nights will bring the Vandals home for their third and fourth engagements on the local maple. It was on the first home appearance that the Idaho team won its lone game this season.

This week-end they will try to break back into the win column against Whitman and Gonzaga. Both the Missionaries, from Whitman, and the Bulldogs from Gonzaga are going to be hard to beat. Gonzaga has already beaten the Vandal team in a very sound fashion and the Whitman boys have shown power in winning a couple from WSC.

It is possible that Idaho will be playing without the services of Bob Stewart who twisted a knee in practice Tuesday night. Stewart is the tallest man on the team and one of the better boys when it comes to finding the basket. If Stewart is unable to play there will have to be some changes made in the starting lineup. Possibly Tom Collins will be moved up to a forward spot making room for Dale Ablin at guard. This arrangement would put Ablin and Len Pyne at guards, Collins and either Max Call or Paul Olsen at forwards and Gano at center in Stewart's place.

Coach Babe Brown is in San Francisco attending the Pacific Coast conference meeting and

might not be back for the Friday night game with Whitman in which case Rich Fox will, handle the team. Fox took the team to Walla Walla last night to meet Whitman.

The games this week will follow preliminaries both nights. Friday night the ROTC will engage Company B and Saturday night they will meet an All-Star outfit made up of Army men. There will be

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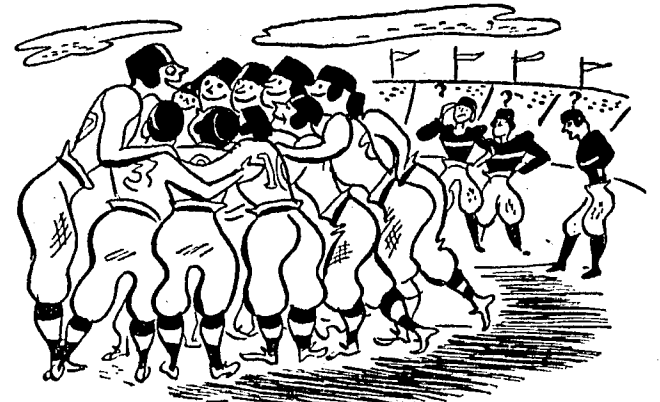
Tryouts for baton twirlers were held December 2 at the Bucket with Billie Keeton in charge. From the seven women attending

the tryouts Evelyn Thomas, Marie and Berle Evesmore, Joyce McMahon and Marjorie Sorgatz were chosen to assist Miss Keeton during the year.

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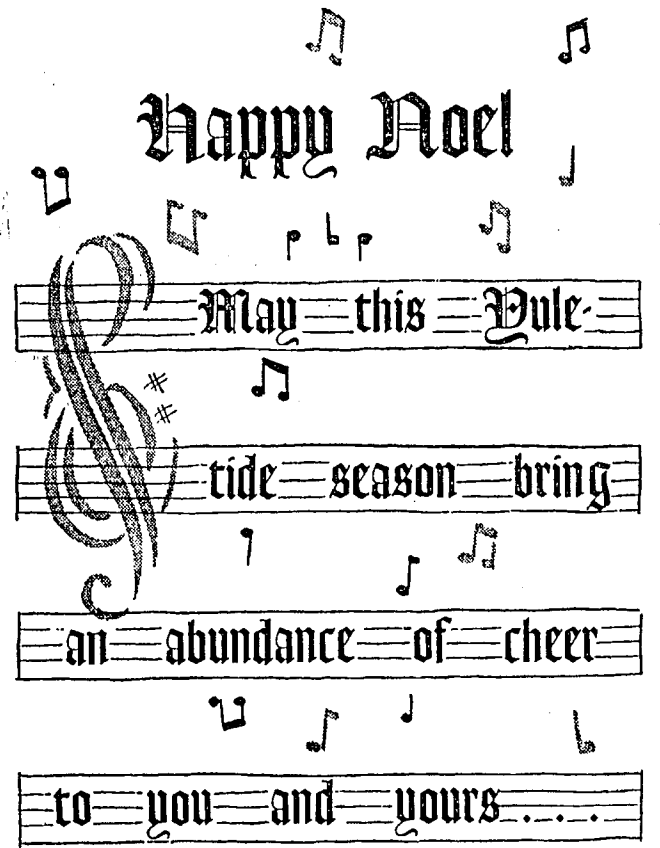
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