

As another December 25 rolls around, we start casting a few glances—both forward and backward. Since time immemorial, we have linked the stories of St. Nick and the reproduced scenes of the Nativity with the great pageant of the Yuletide season. Phrases of the carols lighten our hearts—"Silent Night, Holy Night," "Joy to the World," "Dashing Thru the Snow"—these all rekindle the holy, kindly spirit of Christmas known to us in other years. But then we have also upheld during this holiday, the ideal of "peace on earth, good will to men." How does this fit in, in this year's festival? How will it fit next year—and the year after?

None of us can make an accurate prediction. We can only have our faith, and wait for time to paint the forecast of the future. But then there is the old maxim that "history repeats itself." So we check back a few years—way back to 1920, post war years and happy years.

**Co-eds Report News**  
"Was back in the year '20 that the first co-ed edition of the Argonaut appeared as the Christmas issue. It was a regular news edition, carrying stories of the holiday festivities. This co-ed edition was to become a regular tradition—the women journalists being given the chance to put out the Christmas issue as a widely heralded feature edition. The Vandaleer candlelight service, down through the years almost invariably appeared as the lead story. Giving it a close race for the big news of the week were the senior ball and the Holly week festivities. These were the years that our brothers and sisters fondly and poignantly label the "good old days." Some may have been depression years, but mostly they were happy days, carefree days; a far cry from these war days when gala activities can never throw off the ferment and ache deep in our hearts.

**The Blow Fell**  
Those were happy memories, but span a couple of years in a jump and view 1941. Christmas, 1941—only about three weeks after Pearl Harbor. Wartime regulations already instigated and in force. After ignoring as best we could the strife in Europe for several years, we found ourselves acutely conscious of the war clouds above. Blackout regulations prohibited the lighting of the campus Christmas tree—so a decorated tree was placed in the lounge. Students were more than ever anxious to get home; to talk the situation over with their parents.

The faculty was faced with a real problem. Should the old idea of the 10 per cent cut be enforced? Or was the war a valid excuse for students to willfully extend their vacations. They asked, "Did the students realize the opportunities and the value of such an education, or should it be rammed down their throats? And so the studies galloped home, home to mom and dad to discuss the advisability of enlisting. Vitamins and carrot juice were valiantly consumed in efforts to pass the air corps physical. "White Christmas" was in its first season of popularity.

**Bright Side Vanishes**  
Advance another year. In 1942, we still find campus activities carrying out the same holiday traditions. "White Christmas" was named the theme of the Senior ball; Holly week was still with us, though not so elaborate; the candlelight service much the same as before. So went the brighter side of life. But on the minds of many dwell the factual possibility of the reserves being called before schedule. What now? Confused minds and emotions were more predominant than ever. And would Tom get a Christmas furlough? It was the first year for many without the whole family gathered around the festive board.

1943 found us somewhat hardened to the existing conflict. Found us thinking maybe a little more of Christmas as a religious festival and less as a time to be selfish as to what compensations Santa might bring. "White Christmas"—hummed more than ever, taking on almost the proportions of the old familiar carol. We were learning the score and (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

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## Thetas, Sigma Nus Win Cups In Decoration Contest

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity were awarded cups at the half of last night's game for being judged winners of the all-campus Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Interfraternity, Pan-Hellenic and Independent councils. Dr. H. Walter Steffens, chairman of the judging committee, made the awards.

The annual contest was revived this year, not having been held in 1943. In announcing the awards, Dr. Steffens said "There were a number of excellent displays which depicted the spirit of Christmas, adding much to the holiday spirit on the campus. A lot of time was put in on them, and the decision of the winners was a hard one."

He reported that final decision was postponed until Monday afternoon. Commenting on the winners, Dr. Steffens pointed out that "The Thetas struck an excellent Christmas note showing good taste. Their decorations looked like a Christmas card on the porch," he said. The judges felt that the Sigma Nus fit their decorations to the type of house they have. "They made the most of their house and its architecture," Dr. Steffens said, adding that the chimes were effective.

Kappa Alpha Thetas used a Noel theme, with three choir boys shown caroling. Sigma Nus carried out their decorations with candy-cane posts, candles and "Merry Christmas" and "Buy War Bonds" signs.

Dr. Steffens was chairman of the judging committee, with Dr. L. C. Cady and Miss Margaret Ritchie the other members.

**Previous Contest Winners**  
The last Christmas decoration contest was won by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1942, with Delta Gamma as runnerup. In 1941, Sigma Nu placed first and Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon made honorable mention. Delta Tau Delta took first place in 1940, and in 1939 they split first with Hays hall, Beta Theta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta received honorable mention.

Beta Theta Pi was judged first place winner in 1938, with Alpha Chi Omega in second place. Delta Iaus were first in 1937; Gamma Phi Beta, second. In the first decoration contest in 1935, Kappa Sigma won first place cup and Jeta Delta Delta took second. The first Holly week was celebrated at Idaho in 1934.

### Women Decorate Xmas Trees

Last week, with the holiday season in full swing, AWS asked two women from each house and hall to decorate Christmas trees for Army and Navy personnel stationed on the campus. In groups of 10 the women went to Lindley Hall and the Idaho club to trim the trees.

Another project is now under consideration, President Bette French stated Monday, but details will not be announced until after the Christmas vacation.

### Newman Club Holds Holiday Party

Approximately 60 members of the Newman club, Catholic organization, attended a Christmas party held in the small ballroom of the Student Union, Sunday, December 10. Dancing and games were included in the program. In charge of refreshments were Mary Stanek and Patty Kulzer.

### Dance And Assembly Planned By Seniors For February

Co-chairmen for the annual Senior Ball, to be held February 17, will be Bellie Keeton and Reed Fife, Carl Spalding, senior class president, has announced. The dance, one of the most prominent of the year, will be preceded by a senior assembly, the tentative date set for Thursday, February 15. In charge of the assembly are

Publicity will be handled by Tom Ryan and Helen Howard, with Darwin Brown and Beverly Weber in charge of the orchestra. On the clean-up committee are Al Kiser and Frances Freeman.

Plans are being formulated now for the semi-formal dance, and will be announced at a later date.

### Hank Celebrates Two Decades At U. of I.

By DAVE STIDOLPH

Not even the peace and quiet of a Normandy beachhead nor the surprise of a dozen robot bombs dropping on the Ad building could keep me from overhearing that Henry Brannon, head custodian of the Memorial gym, is celebrating his twentieth year as professor of Janitorology. Hank, Henry, or just plain Brannon started his way to the position of head janitorologist right after the last war, and being a veteran he's decided to sit this one out.

### Down Memory Lane

Dr. Brannon's office is a two-by-four room located at the main drag of the gym where scholars, faculty, alumni are always welcome. Listed in Hank's hall of fame and memory lane is Ted Fio Rito, noted band leader, who played a one-night stand at the gym. Along athletic row he can name such greats as Brendon Barrett, basketball star, who lost his life on Whitebird around 1936; Ted Banks, now a colonel in charge of all P.E. in the army; and Phil Liebowitz of the 4.09 mile fame.

The late Coach Schmidt is credited with dreaming up some of his best while drinking from Hank's aqua cup. Missing, claims Hank, was the many campus activities that highlighted the prohibition era; such as the tug-of-wars between the sophomores and the frosh, with the frosh always at the losing end. The old campus days when the fellows and the girls cleaned up the whole place still hold a bright spot in his memory.

### Fan Mail Deluge

Letters keep pouring in from the far corners addressed to Professor Brannon, Hank the head janitorologist of Memorial gym, or just plain Hank. His fan mail, mostly from alumni service men, has increased two-fold since the war, and there's a rumor going round that he'll soon be conferred the degree of dean of janitorology which includes the privilege of having his own mail box.

Pressing into his private life we find that Henry has two charming daughters, and a son now serving in the armed forces. Doc Brannon refuses to admit his age, but just on the guessing basis I'd say he was close to the half century mark young. His home is the little white house on the corner of sixth and the Paradise creek section of the campus. When the lights go on again all over, Prof. Brannon promises to be waiting for his boys to come home with open arms and a few dust brooms for those jokers who want to give him the usual hand. Sacramento, Santa Barbara, California, cut the cards Hank!

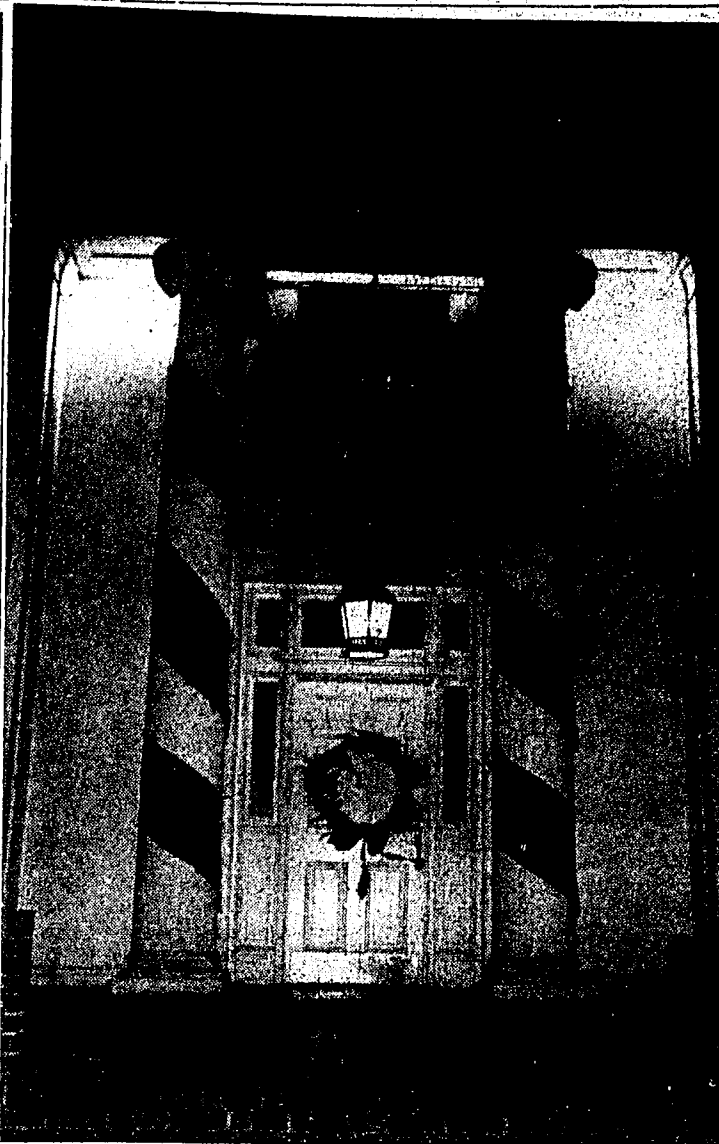
## Student Special Pulls Out Today For South Idaho

With an announcement from the office of Dean H. E. Lattig, students learned of the Christmas special which will leave for southern Idaho today at 3 p. m. The Moscow section of the train will consist of three or four cars, pullman or coaches. Special instructions from the dean's office read:

"We are not urging people who have already purchased bus tickets to make use of the special train. However, those who have purchased bus tickets and who wish to secure a refund on them may do so by getting receipt from the agent where the ticket was purchased. This receipt should show the amount of the ticket and the amount of tax as separate items. The receipt plus the ticket may be taken to Frank Stanton, the bursar, on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. He will take up

the ticket and issue a refund for it." Railroad officials are attempting to get the best cars available for the trip and it is unknown as yet, if they will be coaches or Pullmans, or both. The train will be connected with Number 18 at Pendleton and will go on to Pocatello on the schedule of Number 18.

Classes will be dismissed at noon today for the convenience of students catching the train and busses.



### Hall Manifests Yule-Tide Spirit

Women of Ridenbaugh hall held their annual Christmas dinner Sunday, with a party and exchange of gifts that evening.

Guests at the dinner were Dean Louise Carter and daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugo Johnson, Mrs. Florence Burkhardt, Mary Howard, Mrs. Bliss, Helen Warren, Betty Roe, Nola Whybark and Marjorie Aeschiman.

Other guests were Ralph Joslyn, Gene Rainwater, Tyler Cave, Bruce Johnson, John Morrison, P. B. Munson, Bob Wise, Ralph Buesgens, Don Pack, Donald Rankin, Leo O'Connor, Jack Boder, Herbert Reese, Earl Mason, James Libby, Erling Johannesen, and Larry Prentice.

### Thetas Celebrate With Fireside

Sunday was Christmas party day at the Theta house. The sophomores had charge of the formal dinner given in the afternoon. Sunday evening freshmen gave a fireside. Gifts were exchanged and given to the Kiwanis for distribution among Moscow children. Mrs. Eugene Thompson of Moscow was a special guest.

### Libe Hours

For students remaining in school during Christmas holidays, the library will remain open from 8:30 to 12 and from 1:30 to 4:30 on week days and from 8:30 to 12 noon on Saturdays. The library will be closed Sundays, New Year's Day, and Christmas.

To avoid fines, all books should be returned today, Miss Belle Sweet, head librarian, warned. However, students who wish to keep books over the holidays may renew them today and return them on Thursday, January 4.

### Westfall Receives High Recognition

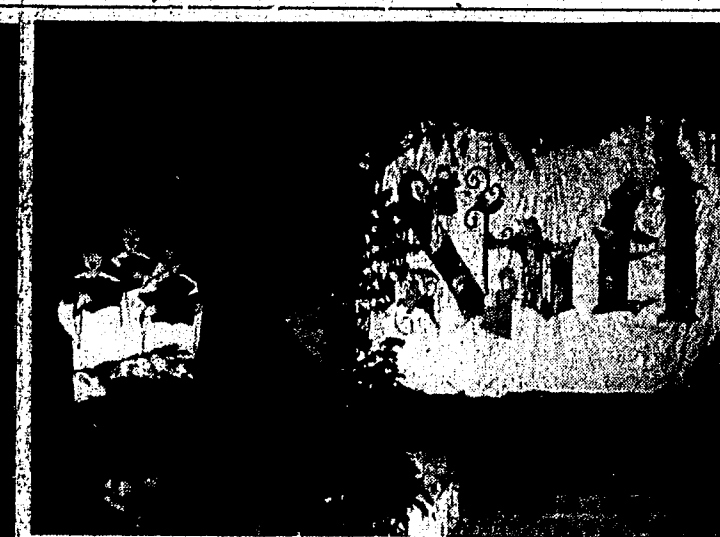
For outstanding achievement in the China-Burma-India theater of operations the veteran 64th troop carrier group, to which Second Lt. Harrison K. Westfall of Aberdeen, former U. of Idaho student, is assigned, has been cited by the 12th Air Force. Lt. Westfall is now entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Last April his troop carrier group stationed in the Mediterranean area was ordered to report to support allied forces in Burma and the Imphal valley. Flying daily through enemy territory without protective armor or defensive weapons during the 75 day emergency, the 64th transported troops, supplies, and evacuated wounded. Each man averaged 290 hours in the air. Their commanding officer, Colonel John Cerny, praised the "proficiency and heroic self-sacrifice" which accomplished "almost impossible feats under the most hazardous circumstances."

### Classes Adjourn Today At Noon

Classes will be dismissed at noon today instead of 5 p. m., according to an announcement from President Dale's office. This enables students to leave on the special train at 3 p. m.

All university classes start again at 8 a. m., January 4, the registrar's office reports.



WINNERS of the first Christmas decorations contest since 1942, were announced during intermission of the basketball game last night, with Sigma Nu fraternity, whose decorations are shown at the left, receiving the cup for the best decorated men's house, and Kappa Alpha Theta, above, winning the cup for the best decorated women's living group house. Dr. H. Walter Steffens announced the awards.

## Popular Comedy Featured By Idaho Thespians

Warmth and hilarity characterize "Papa Is All," light comedy written by Idaho graduate Patterson Greene, which makes a campus appearance January 19 and 20. With the announcement of cast and crews by Miss Jean Collette, director, rehearsals for the production are now well underway.

"Papa Is All" comes with a good recommendation of success on Broadway where, under Theatre Guild auspices, it was staged in 1942. Critics hailed the plot as novel and entertaining, as well as a welcome change from heavy war dramas. The play came to Broadway from the Paper Mill Playhouse, where its gay mood also scored remarkable success.

Popular among west coast universities, Greene's comedy has entertained student audiences at Stanford, Washington, Oregon and Montana. Most recent presentation was at the University of Utah, which gave favorable comments on the comedy.

With a smaller cast than usual, Miss Collette has a promising successful production of the trials and tribulations of a Mennonite family of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. The author, Patterson Greene, who graduated from the University of Idaho in 1918, is still remembered by members of the faculty for his outstanding English and musical accomplishments.

### Kappas Fete Frosh At Yuletide Party

Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained their pledges and alumnae at a Christmas party Sunday evening. A skit and presentation of gifts by "Santa Claus" provided entertainment.

Among the alumnae and patronesses who attended were Mrs. Earl Aeff, Mrs. James David, Mrs. Earl David, Mrs. Arthur Ficke, Mrs. Clarence Childs, Miss Mary Fran Marshall, Miss Marjorie Robbins, Mrs. M. Kenworthy, Miss Joyce Kenworthy, Dr. Ella Woods, Mrs. Vaughn Lattig and Mrs. William Sprout.

### Lutherans Gather For Annual Party

Lutheran Students association held their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 12, at the Lutheran church. Beverly Ford will preside over the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, January 9.

### Campus Men Sing

Campus club men, carrying out the holiday theme, serenaded women's living groups Sunday evening. The program, first of the year presented by this group, included carols and traditional Christmas hymns.

### Personality

#### ... Of The Week

In the Nest the other day, an outstanding blond, with a cup of hot coffee balanced precariously in one hand, was plowing her way through the crowd. It was Bette French, one of the most prominent women on the campus and this year's A.W.S. president. She was looking collegiate with her raincoat, boots, and white bandana showing traces of the snow.

She sat in the booth and graciously gave out some vital statistics to one lowly cub reporter sitting across from her. Briefly she stands five feet six in height.



stocking feet and she has blue eyes and blond hair.

It's easy to see why she's sporting a glittering solitaire on third finger, left hand. This March, Bette will be married to a young ensign in the U. S. Navy. She will continue school, however, and graduate in June with a degree in commercial studies. With excitement sparkling in her eyes, she revealed plans for her job at Hickum field in Hawaii.

"It's a government job. They will pay my way over and I'll probably be in the distribution department. And I'll feel that I'm doing something for the war effort." Then rather nostalgically she added, "But it would be fun to be starting all over again at Idaho."

#### Good Swimmer

Hawaii will be the perfect setting for Bette's swimming prowess. Can't you see her out there in Diamond Head bay with a tan, a surfboard, and three battle-

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# A Merry Christmas To All!



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Mary Jane Donart, Shirley West, Betty Ehternach, Helen Howard, Jean Bruins, Romaine Galey, Elaine Thomas, Helen Terhaar, JoAnne Hunter, Dorothy Anne Hauge, Jean Seymour, Jack Anderson, Betty Jean Rice, Betty Ann Craggs, Pat Miller, Elaine Anderson, Ann Elie, Evelyn Fisher, Vera Anderson, Dorothy Bowell, Margaret Jane Dempsy, Helen Moulton, Rosella Reeve, Jean Fugh, Lynn Davis, Mike Wolfe, Marian Griggs, Clara Beth Young, Darwin Brown, Jerry Riddle, Pat Hagen, Lucille Thompson, Frances Rhea, Copy Desk Staff: Betty Ring, Judy Boone, Jean Parker, Joyce McMahon, Beverly Ford, Eve Smith, Howard Reinhardt, Mary Mathot, Dorothy McKee, Dorothy Humphrey, Geneva Ferguson, Doris Ring, Sports Staff: Len Pyne, Dave Stidolph, Exchange: Gwen McKay, Elaine Sellers, Pat Burris, Margaret Degendolfer, Advertising Staff: Louise Schlegel, Billie Sweet, Marilyn Williams, Jean Glenn, Elizabeth Glenn, Ann Smith, Lois Smith, Betty Campbell, Kathryn Fowles, Virginia Harrington, Betty Scott, Barbara Bedwell, Circulation: Marina Dochios, Pat Bridewell, Margaret Finch, Phyllis Harrison, Pauline Woodcock, Julia Ann Ryan.

## Chomphing At The Bitt

By JERS

This week and the end passed brings us the news that the old university special courtesy of Union Pacific might possibly be able to make the trip for the holidays. How the gang used to complain about the over-due-ness, the chaps, the noise, dust, lack of sleep, and the gas lights! But without these the university has lost another touch of local color. Americanism seems to be to complain and gripe until the situation is altered one way or another. Now it appears as though the train will roll and so dust it at the south Idaho students are not deprived of their part of university Christmas holidays.

The SAE's really pulled thru with a large huge gigantic affair at Steve's despite internal rumbblings. Tiny Pat Blessinger of Kappa house was garbed as tho she came directly from the Bowery Street fashions sheet. Claire Becker, GPB, was there in all her glory swiping eyes from 'neath Bowlers and Stove Pipes. Stidolph was high man with Larson in second.

Last Sunday saw many new jewels released for distribution as several of the men's houses initiated their hard-working (?) pledges. New Phi bearing the Sword and Shield are Jim Pearce, Bud Galey, Art Packenham, Bart Chamberlain and Mike Oswald. The white star of Sigma Nu, if you hurry, can be seen on the manly chests of Don Ferguson, Jeff Overholser, Dave Wooters, Russ Ward and Jack Anderson. Sunday before last the Fijis had out their flag but who knows, perhaps it was just somebody's bedspread.

### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Occupying the house on the hill overlooking Moscow and the Sigma Chi backyard are the Delta Mu chapter of Delta Tau Delta. This fall things looked little better than last year with only two members back to hold house and home together. When rushing was over, the Deltas had five pledges under their wing, plus Jack Gooding, a Beta pledge, living in the brick red-tiled house at 720 Idaho. Sunday, December 10, Howard Kambitsch, Bob Gardner, Gerald Hattrup, Howard Kaufman and Al Dunn (who left recently to join the Navy) were initiated, leaving the house pledge-less. Jack Gooding was initiated along with 3 other Betas (which I'll cover later) and they and the Deltas threw a joint pledge dance which was really swelly decorated with a winter ski lodge scene!

Annually (perhaps a peacetime luxury this year tho) the Delta Taus give a Russian 'Cossack' ball, have an elongated exchange with their sisters, the Pi Beta Phi, and throw their seniors in the chill water. As yet all the DTD's are reported to be in possession of their jewels, but our Deltas are not inactive. The house was built in 1931 when they got their national charter, but has stood up well under the barrage of weekly firesides. Four of the boys are engineering students so this perhaps explains how they have been able to engineer an inter-mural basketball team out of only six boys in the house. Delta Tau Delta, youngest fraternity on the Idaho hill, is now quite small, but the boys are looking both backwards and forwards to previous and next semesters with a gleam in their eyes.

Lots of activity on the grounds Satlast as the Christmas decorations were taken from the moth balls after a semi-absence of a year and readied for the Sateve spectators and judges. Early paper this week omits the results in this column of the judges' decisions on the decorations but perhaps the Chomphfer should let it fall by the wayside and forget the big predictions. Lighted Agala

The big tree in front of the Ad

# Army Men Choose AST Sweetheart



BEVERLY SIMON, newly elected queen of AST, is shown, above, with her escort, Pvt. Laurel McMurray, leading the grand march which preceded her coronation at the military ball Friday night. She was awarded a certificate for a \$25 war bond for winning the contest, which was entered by 11 campus women.

Idaho's G.I.s and their dates danced to the strains of Red Jensen's orchestra last Friday night at the annual military Christmas ball. Miss Beverly Simon, Alpha Phi, was crowned queen and presented with a certificate for a \$25 war bond on behalf of Col. Benjamin Hensley, Lt. Morris Herzog, advisor-coordinator of the ball, made the announcement and presentation.

Making arrangements for the gala affair, which was attended by nearly 150 soldiers and their dates, were Lt. Herzog, Pvt. "Dixie" Basile of Company A and Pvt. John Bojazian of Company B.

The grand march at the ball immediately preceded the coronation of the queen.

Patrons and patronesses at the dance were Capt and Mrs. William Wideman, Lt. and Mrs. John H. Swain and Lt. and Mrs. Morris Herzog.

## G.I. REPORT

The big military ball Friday night—boy, what a dance! This seems to be the consensus of opinion of all 150 G.I.s who attended the big shindig. And some mighty interesting sidelights developed, too. For instance, after the seventh dance during intermission, while ballots for the "Queen of AST" were being counted, the unmistakable sounds of a budding jam session came from the lounge. Ahd, so it was!

Hep-cats had begun to hop and about 50 other jazz enthusiasts crowded around the piano in the lounge to watch Pvt. (solid on the ivories) Ulrich Krasnopolsky and Don Rapp "fool around a little bit." After a while, in true jazz tradition, Pvt. M. C. Harris joined Krasnopolsky with some of the best saxophoning I've heard in years. (As you may gather, I am not at all adverse to jazz.)

The observers, now well over

## Women To Resume Volleyball Turnout

Women athletes will continue to have volleyball practices after Christmas vacation, announced Kay Beaver, manager for the sport. January 11 marks the end of the practice period and the tournaments will begin the following week.

pie, rolls, butter, coffee milk, candy and nuts. All that good food is sure to make any hungry G.I. (and what G.I. isn't always hungry?) happy. A feast like this surely tasted good at Thanksgiving!

## Two Men Transferred

Pvts. Fred Lush and George Garland, pre-med students under the Army Specialized training program, have both received other assignments. Pvt. Lush will go to Fort Lewis, Wash., and Pvt. Garland has been ordered to report to Camp Livingston, La.

And then there's the one about the near-sighted snake who eloped with a rope. —Exchange

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## Be Glad You Get There!

Just like cars, butter, and steaks, the Christmas special has become a luxury during the last few years instead of a custom. And like the rest of the shortages, we're inclined to gripe occasionally when we're hit personally. What if the southern Idahoans were a number of hours late in getting home last year? We ought to be thankful that the railroad company stopped long enough to divert needed cars for us non-essentials, and do their best to transport us at all.

If we looked up statistics, we could show how much each car is needed for troop trains and other wartime transportation and how much four cars mean to the railroad companies. Most of us can, however, without the aid of graphs and numbers realize this problem, and we could also realize that it's not the railroad's fault that our train is late and accommodations are not up to pre-war standards.

Again, this year, Union Pacific has arranged for a student special. It was thought that other accommodations would be sufficient, but at the last minute other transportation was found to be necessary and the railroad company offered its services. They've promised the best available and we owe them our gratitude for even bothering. We were a bedraggled looking crowd last Christmas when we stepped off the train at Weiser, Boise, and points east—tired, hungry and disgusted. But we didn't stop to think how lucky we were to even be there, through the courtesy of the railroad. Remember, it is a courtesy and an effort on their part, so let's cut the gripes.

## House Christmas Parties Precede Vacation Plans

Winding up the busy season of Christmas social affairs in the last few days before students began leaving for the holidays many group houses entertain guests and alumnae at Christmas dinners.

The Alpha Chis had a busy Sunday with two dinner guests, Virginia Hansen and Ethel Nimms, followed by their Christmas party that evening from 6 to 8 o'clock for the members of the house and their alumnae. Special guests for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Jones of Malad.

Visiting Lois Smith at the Kappa house over the week-end was her sister, Mrs. George Steele. Mrs. Steele, who was recently married in Spokane, is going with her sister to Idaho Falls for Christmas.

A fireside held at the Phi Delta Theta house Friday night was attended by the Gonzaga basketball team after their game here. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Sherman were chaperones. Visitors at the Phi Delta house last week included Joe Driscoll of Moscow, on leave from Scott field, Ill., and Don Kennedy, from the University of Minnesota.

Sigma Chi pledges entertained their members at a Christmas fireside Friday night. Sigma Chi visitors through the week included Fred Bagley and Clark Chandler.

Guests of Dave Wooters at the Sigma Nu house last week were Roscoe Patterson and Marsh Feehan of Pocatello. A returning visitor to the white-pillared house was Bill Finke, of Buhl.

Delta Gamma held its annual Christmas party Monday night, when alumnae were guests of the sorority. Refreshments were provided by the Mothers club, and gifts exchanged have been donated to the Kiwanis club.

Guests at the party were Mrs. Les Howells, Miss Della Adkinson, Mrs. Herbert Samms, Mrs. Joseph Brooks and Barbara Simpson. Other guests at the party included Mrs. Mary Berlius, Mrs. Alice Brunzell, Mrs. Helen Orr, Mrs. J. G. Eldridge, Mrs. Shirley Tauber, Miss Belle Sweet, Mrs. J. Renfrew, Mrs. Mary Driscoll, Mrs. T. A. Sherman and Miss Agnes Peterson.

Guests of Forney  
Guests at Forney hall's Christmas dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hosack and two daughters, Harriet and Elizabeth; Richard Helgerson; Russell Knudsen; Cpl. William Ball of Ft. George Wright, and Esther Schroeder of Spokane. All women who had had birthdays in November and December were honored at the dinner. A huge cake resembling a Christmas package was a special attraction.

## Alpha Phi Herald Holiday Season

Alpha Phi mothers, alumnae, and their children were entertained at a Christmas party Sunday night. Christmas readings were given and everyone joined in the singing of Christmas carols. Refreshments were served and each child was given a Christmas stocking full of candy.

Dean Louise Carter was a special guest. Following the party the pledges gave a fireside for the members.

## Phi Deltas Initiate Five Pledges

At a formal ceremony held Sunday, December 17, Phi Delta Theta fraternity initiated five new members. The ritual lasted from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday evening.

In addition to the four present house members, Jack Goetz, Don King, Don Kennedy, Joe Driscoll, James David and Bob Driscoll conducted the ceremony.

Men who were initiated were Bart Chamberlain, Frank Galey, Jim Pearce, Art Packenham and Mike Oswald.

She: "What did you do last summer?"  
He: "I worked in Des Moines."  
She: "Coal or iron?" —Exchange

Visiting at Forney hall the last week have been Esther Schroeder of Spokane who was a guest of Alma Hofner, and Ivora Wittman of Clarkston, Wash.

Sunday evening women of Forney hall held their Christmas party. Skits were presented by the various members of the group. Lucille Cummings acted as Santa Claus and mistress of ceremonies.

Betty Hoffman Visits  
Miss Betty Hoffman, Alpha Phi who graduated last spring, was a week-end visitor. She is taking a graduate course in social work at the University of Utah.  
Dinner guest of the Delta Gamma Sunday was Mrs. Joseph Brooks.  
The Gamma Phi Betas held their annual Christmas dinner Sunday. In charge of the arrangements were the seniors. Guests were Mrs. Bertha Morrison, and Al Kiser.  
Lucile Thompson, Jean Armour and Maybelle Harris were guests for dinner of the Pi Phi, Sunday.

## Vacationers Reveal Yen For Arms Of Morpheus

Dreaming of a white Christmas, literally, is the consensus of opinion when students were asked by roving reporters, "What's the first thing you're going to do when you go home for vacation?" Disregarding sighs of blissful expectation we found that most want fundamentally the same thing—hours of uninterrupted sleep with perhaps breakfast in bed as an afterthought.

There are, however, a few energetic individuals who expect to put those two short weeks to good use. Leroy Beeson plans on ice skating in Spokane and having a good time in general. Elsa Natson of Polatch intends to spend the pre-Christmas days shopping and wrapping presents, while Connie Melgard boasts she will take sunbaths in the good old California

building is certainly beautiful with man's additions to nature's handiwork of the tree itself and the frost. What puzzles many students is how they strung the lights so high! Browsing thru the directory, we find that the juniors listed total 134. Compare this to a faculty (which includes secretaries and clerks) and we find 222. This would about average 4 studes for each prof.

One person on the scene is still trying to get his girl elected as queen of something-or-other. He suggests that we now elect a queen of queens with past queens ineligible so that we will leave his lil sugar the honor of the big cake.

"Auntie Enid" joins the rest of the Phi Deltas in wearing a sword and shield as "Uncle" Mike Oswald walked across the street Kappa way and slipped his jewel to Enid Almqvist. Theta pledge Peg Macklin became an "Aunt" December 1 when "Uncle Jackson" (Sailor man) Goetz parted with his jeweled Phi pin.

"Guess I'll take a month off," said the janitor to his boss as he tore November off the calendar on December 1. Guess most of us will be saying come Special time—"Guess I'll take the rest of the year off." But hurry back like mad for the rest of this school year will really be darby meet-darby.

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# STRAIGHT TALK

## ABOUT THE

# SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

AS WE MOVE closer to victory, it wouldn't be surprising if you were saying to yourself—"What's the big idea of asking for all this additional money now? Isn't the war almost over?"

No sir, it is not! Not by a long shot. Of course, for many months now you've heard mostly about the war with Germany, where our greatest effort is concentrated. That's why many people have the idea that the war's practically over.

But make no mistake about it—nothing could be farther from the truth! The Japanese war is a tremendous undertaking, and victory will come high. We'll have to fight every inch of the way.

### Everything Costs More—in the Pacific War

The European war is expensive, but almost everything in the Pacific war will cost more. Take transport costs, for instance: Because of the longer distances, the same amount of freight costs 25 per cent more when shipped to the South Pacific than to Europe. And it takes twice as many cargo ships in the Pacific to support a task force of a given size because turn-around time is twice as great!

### More Planes . . . Tanks . . . Ships . . . Oil

In addition, we shall need more of everything. More B-29 Superfortresses that cost \$600,000 each. More P-47 Thunderbolts that cost \$50,000 each. More M-4 Tanks, with bulldozer blades, that cost \$67,417 each. More amphibious tanks

—more aircraft carriers—more supply ships—more gasoline and oil than it took for the invasion of Europe!

### Care for the Sick and Wounded

And lest anyone forget, we shall need more battalion aid stations—more clearing stations—more evacuation hospitals—more convalescent hospitals—more hospital ships.

For many, many years the sick, wounded, and otherwise disabled veterans will require medical attention and care. That's the least Uncle Sam can do in appreciation of what they've done for us.

### Maintenance for Millions

Did you ever stop to think how much money it costs to maintain the 11 to 12 million men and women in our army and navy? Whether the men are actually fighting or not, they must be fed, housed, transported from one training center or battle area to another, cared for in a hundred and one different ways. That all costs money and will continue to until the last man demobilized is back in civilian clothes.

In addition, millions of dollars will be required for mustering-out pay, for various benefits and services voted by Congress to help the boys get started in civilian life.

These are reasons enough why patriotic Americans will want to buy heavily during the Sixth War Loan. But here are still more—

### Winning the Peace—for Your Country

If we're to win the peace as well as the war, the cost of living must be kept down and the purchasing power of money preserved. A reckless inflation that would necessarily be followed by the catastrophe of deflation—with its unemployment, bankruptcies, misery and heartache—must be prevented at all cost.

Let's make no mistake—a dangerous period lies ahead. The American people have nothing to fear, however, if they show in the future the same common sense they have shown in the past, and continue to put every penny over rock-bottom expenses into the purchase of more and more War Bonds.

### Winning the Peace—for Yourself

Want another important reason? Yourself! There isn't a better or safer investment in the world today than War Bonds. In helping your country, you are also helping yourself! Never in our entire history has it been so necessary to save as right now. We'll need money, individually, for education, repairs, replacements, retirement—and we'll need a lot of it.

As you can see there are many reasons, important reasons, why our Government must have the financial support of everyone, and have it for many months to come.

Let all Americans do their part—for their own sake, for their country's.



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TOWARD LATAH COUNTY'S QUOTA

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# BENCH NOTES

By JACK ANDERSON

One of the best additions of suspense, to an already exciting game, was the scoring demonstration put on by Max Call in the Geiger field game the other evening. As the second half started he began drawing down on the hoop with startling accuracy. I'm sure that other fans also wondered when he was going to miss, as five consecutive shots settled into the net for two-pointers. Finally a shot curled on the rim and dropped off, ending one of the exceptional bits of warm shooting we've seen for some time, and proving once more that people are not capable of being machines for very long.



MAX CALL

Moscow again receives the thanks of the U. of I., for Max has made these rolling Palouse hills his stamping grounds for all of his 19 years. No stranger to Idaho's style of play, Call played under Coach Babe Brown when the latter was piloting the Bear high school squad. Doc lettered twice in prep competition, and was chosen captain in his senior year. He is a pre-med student, which, coupled with the fact that his father is a doctor, gives him his nickname of "Doc."

**Last Year**  
Max came out for varsity ball last season, and played during pre-conference play, but had to withdraw at the semester due to eye trouble. With the optics repaired, he again drew his suit to try his luck on the hardwood, and from the results it appears he is on the way up. He is a likeable chap, rather quiet in his ways, but plenty rugged on the floor.

The basic weakness of the Idaho team last season was lack of reserve strength, but with boys like Max Call who can turn on the heat at the right time for backing, this year should see some changes in our won-lost column. Here's hoping he will keep rolling up those counters for the Vandals the rest of the season.

**Count to 10**  
for what comes next will probably turn you into an irate, protesting, self righteous student, who has been maligning.

At the Airforce game the other night, I noticed the looks of consternation and misbelief that came over the faces of some Idaho fans as the Navy cheered loudly and enthusiastically for the Walla Wallans. It is only natural that, being service men themselves, they should support the service men team.

Maybe the Vandal rooters didn't care for the competition from their small, but vocal-powered group. Did you notice, that when we were behind, the yells died down to nearly a whisper, and the gym became almost as quiet as English class on recitation day. Let's not be fair-weather fans; you've seen that with home support the team can win, so why not back them all the way. Maybe you don't like the way the game is going at the moment; just remember that their effort is largely proportional to our encouragement.

The yell team can't do all the yelling, so if you try getting in and shouting your head off at the next game, I'm sure you'll catch a glimmer of that thing known as school spirit. Think it over, . . . please.—End of lecture.

**Prepare for Winter Fun**  
Those of us who are lucky enough to live near skating will have a thumping good time during vacation, and don't forget to bring those blades back with you. You might also slip a pair of skis in your suitcase, as, contrary to the belief of some uninformed individuals, it has been known to snow in Moscow in the winter.

My not-over-intelligent friend, Jose, was puzzled a while ago after returning from a basketball game. He wondered how it could be so warm in the building, as all the fans were there.  
Happy vacation. . .

## Here's More About— JASON

to face that same score the hard way.

Here we are again, right back where we started from. What is in our minds and hearts? We find ourselves still out on a limb, but we are trying to make that limb a little more comfortable. No candlelight service—rather to take its place we had the University Singers concert last Sunday. We had Holly week but the senior ball has been postponed until February. Surface activity to give us an escape. And just as much as ever, we're anxious to get home. Home where lies the best we have in the way of security. The rising casualty list saddens us. That list which has contained too many familiar names. Yet we are facing it. And though we may have a few qualms, we're facing those days still in the future.

## TOMORROW AND TOMORROW

Glimmer of Christmas tree lights, beauty of familiar carols, gaiety of shop windows, quietness of crisp, cold nights, happiness and love—that certain penetrating spirit of thankfulness, the belief and the hope. This lightness and joy is the promise for the tomorrows. Tom Ryan's work in decorating his ATO homestead is an active symbol. They may not all be back, but some of them certainly will and with them, and all the others, will once again appear all that gayness and happy spirit which we love and hold so dear. Yes, those lights WILL go on again all over the world.

And from this group of Argonauts, we extend the best possible in the way of Christmas

## Here's More About— PERSONALITY

ships following behind her?

This won't be her first venture traveling. While in high school she and her dad would suddenly decide to see the country and, consequently, she's been around from coast to coast and Mexico to Canada.

Probably her most rugged experience, Bette says, was her initiation into Hell Divers—doing the swan dive and not coming out of it! Besides this, her list of activities would fill a good sized column. She's a member of Phi Chi Theta, business honorary, and was a Spur, a Cardinal Key, and this fall was initiated into Mortar Board, Hem for "Was My Face Red Department;" she slept through her initiation last spring and therefore, was initiated at the beginning of the school year.

Bette was born 21 years ago in Rupert, and grew up there. During her school days, she somehow acquired the name "Stinky." "No significance," she denied vigorously, "absolutely no significance."

The diamond in her Alpha Chi Omega pin represents the fact that she was the outstanding pledge of her class. This year she is the president of her sorority.

And there's more to come! (Is there no end to what this girl can do?) Her beautiful clear soprano voice hoisted her to co-star in last year's production of "Geese-Right" and made her a member of Vandaleers.

Somehow, after knowing her and talking to her, you know that brains and beauty do go together. wishes and may 1945 bring each of you happiness.

# Savages Maul Vandals For 53-39 Victory

In a roughshod melee, the Eastern Washington College of Education Savages repeated their victory over the Vandals by a somewhat smaller margin of 53 to 39. Jack Perrault slipped 18 points through the cords to pace Savage scoring. Freshman Bob O'Connor returned to his scoring form, canning 12 counters, followed by Taylor with eight.

Idaho felt keenly the loss of guard lightfoot Len Pyne, who, though on the way to recovery, was still unable to play. An excellent example of deadeye basket tossing was shown by the EWCE boys, as they converted seven of their first nine tries. After such a lead, had been rung up against them, the Brownmen had trouble in finding a scoring combination, and the Savages continued to increase their lead, holding down an Idaho rally, and ended the half ahead, 27 to 16.

## Vandals Cut Lead

As the second half started, the Brownmen slowed down the game, and drew to within four points of the Savages, who played as their name indicates. At that point the game became a procession from one end of the court to the other, as both teams fouled excessively. Idaho received 20 of the gratis chances, and made 13 for an average of 65 per cent. Cheney dropped 11 of their total of 18, to rack up a 61 per cent. Out of 72 tosses, the red-clads were good for 21, the silver and gold sinking 13 of 50 attempts. The game showed the effect of the new five foul rule on college play, which encourages a rough, lunging game. The Vandals have shown definite improvement in shot-making ability from the first of the season, and with the return of Pyne to the lineup and thorough drilling during vacation, should stack up as the team to watch during the Oregon series which starts on the Friday night after vacation.

## The box score:

	FG	FT	TP
Taylor	4	4	12
O'Connor	4	1	9
Overholser	2	0	4
Carbaugh	0	4	4
Call	1	3	5
Smith	2	1	5
Morse	0	0	0
Totals	13	13	39

## Geiger Quintet Overpowers Idaho In Memorial Gym

Overpowered was the word describing the Vandal loss to the Geiger field quintet Thursday night in a close 52 to 47 contest. Helped by accurate shooting teammates, S-Sgt. Pete Predovich and his 17 points led the airbears down the victory trail.

Idaho's Max Call suddenly found his shooting eye, and when the final whistle sounded had also accounted for 17 tallies. In the second half he dropped five shots through the hoop with rifle-like precision. Both teams scored steadily in the last frame, but Geiger accuracy in the opening minutes gave them an edge the Brownmen couldn't draw away from. Bob O'Connor seconded the point-making for Idaho with 10.

In the final canto, Predovich scored frequently with a fast dribble lay-in shot. Predovich has announced his intentions of becoming a student of the U. of I. after the war, which fact Vandal fans would greet with approval if they saw the style of ball he turned out. On their roster of dead-eyes, the airmen had Pvt. Ernie Maskovich, formerly of Sacramento Junior college; First Lt. Charles Dosskey, who used to play for our rivals across the line, and as director, First Lt. Pete Hecomovich. Anyone who has followed sports of the U. remembers his performances as quarterback on our grid teams of a few years back.

## How they scored:

	FG	FT	TP
O'Connor, f	4	2	10
Overholser, f	1	0	2
Taylor, c	1	1	3
Pyne, g	4	1	9
Carbaugh, g	2	2	8
Call, f	8	1	17
Totals	20	7	47

## Tri-Delts Entertain Alumnae Sunday

Annual Christmas party for the Delta Delta Delta alumnae was held Thursday night. Toys were exchanged and then sent to the Children's Home.

The Tri-Delts had a formal dinner for the members and the pledges Sunday afternoon. In the evening a house Christmas party was held. There were games and refreshments and the group sang Christmas carols.

## Ramsey Sends Call For Boxers To Turn Out

Intramural director William Ramsey announced the opening of Intramural boxing for those with pugilistic ambitions. The program would have as its object the forming of a nucleus of an intercollegiate boxing team for next year. If intercollegiate competition can be located this year and enough interest is shown in the sport, a card could possibly be arranged with the mural winners filling in the various weights. All men interested should start workouts at 4 p. m. each day, as soon after vacation as possible. The following have signed up to turn out:

Cliff Streeter, Bud Gale, Alex Swanson, Frank Henderson, Bert Dingle, John Adams, Tom Kauffman.

Idaho has, in the past, occupied a high place in Pacific coast fistie circles. With such fighters as the Kara brothers, Rollie Shumway and Laune Ericson, the Vandal leather-slippers won the national title in 1940. If a successful program could be completed this year, it would mean another step upward on the return to normal.

## Friday's Tilt Gives Idaho Squad Narrow Margin

From the start of Friday night's contest it was plain to see that Idaho was out for a retaliation of the defeat suffered in Spokane, and did so to the tune of a 47 to 39 ledown for the Zags. Lightfoot Len Pyne stepped up into first place in the scoring, with 13, as Bill Carbaugh and Max Call were on for eight apiece.

Treadwell tossed in nine to top losers' counters. The Vandals had the edge on team scoring, making 18 out of 70 tries for an average of 26 per cent, as Gonzaga sunk 15 out of their 64 attempts to average 24 per cent. At the free-throw line the Boone Avenue squad was again aces as the Moscow boys had 78 per cent of their gift tosses true, while they were able to break even with a 50 per cent average.

The U. of I. boys had their own way pretty much the first half until Presly, Bly and Henwood (who was with the Oregon Webfoots last year) brought the count to 20-19 with a combined scoring drive. As the second half opened, Idaho resumed her early pace and led the rest of the way in.

Neither team could control the ball for any length of time and pass interceptions kept the scoring plays of both from working consistently. Bob Smith, who played in the closing minutes, showed promise of being a reliable reserve guard for the tough conference run ahead.

## Scoring was as follows:

	FG	FT	TP
Taylor	2	2	8
O'Connor	2	0	4
Call	3	2	8
Pyne	6	1	13
Carbaugh	3	1	7
Smith	1	1	3
Morse	0	0	0
Overholser	1	4	6
Totals	18	11	47

## Sigma Nus Hold Marginal Lead In Intramural Race

By virtue of its high-scoring 61 to 53 victory over L.D.S. Monday night, Sigma Nu moved into undisputed position of first place at the halfway mark of the current intramural basketball race. The win was the fifth straight for the black clad boys and moved them a game ahead of the Campus club men who were idle. No more games are scheduled until the first week in January.

	W	L	Pct.
Sigma Nu	5	0	1.000
Campus Club	4	0	1.000
Phi Delta Theta	3	2	.600
Kappa Sigma	2	3	.400
Delta Tau Delta	2	3	.400
L.D.S.	2	4	.333
S.A.E.	1	3	.250
Phi Gamma Delta	1	3	.250
Sigma Chi	1	4	.200

Monday's games:—Sigma Nu 61, L.D.S. 53.

In a high-scoring, race horse game, the undefeated quint of Sigma Nu galloped to a 61 to 53 win over an outclassed but determined L.D.S. five. The contest was the highest point making tilt to date. The win kept Sigma Nu at the top of the league ladder.

Taking quick advantage of the slow starting L.D.S. team, Sigma Nu moved into an early 21 to 8 lead, mainly on the shooting of Phil Eastman and Jack Anderson, but the losers suddenly began to pepper the hoop from all angles and draw up to a 29-17 halftime score.

Retaining their shooting eyes throughout the third quarter, the boys of L.D.S. continued a barrage of baskets which drew them within two points of the worried league leaders. With the count 33-31 the latter finally found themselves again and steadily moved back into a commanding lead.

Carl Neiwirth, L.D.S., paced individual scorers for the evening with 19 points, while Bob Davis bucketed 14 for the winners.

Phi Delta Theta 42, Phi Gamma Delta 21.

Sparked by center Bud Gale, the Phi Deltas scored a comparatively easy 42 to 21 victory over a game but badly outclassed Phi Gamma Delta five. The winners held a 22 to 7 halftime lead, and at the third quarter were ahead 28-14. Gale accounted for 16 points, all on field goals, to pace the winners, while Art Humphrey's six topped the losers.

## Two Dances Enliven Holiday Season

Two all-university sport dances sponsored by Delta Tau Gamma will be held at Ridenbaugh hall December 22 and December 29. All university students, army, and navy, are invited. Dancing will be from 7:30 to 9:30.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## 1945 Predictions Pick U.S.C. Rose Bowl Winner

By RUSS WARD

We've got that Bowl complex again, which means if we don't pick a few winners here we're going to sit right down and bowl our heads off.

But before the dirty work, our season's grid mark. In 90 shindigs we were given the nod 78 times, but were slugged on a dozen occasions for a percentage of .867.

Our 1945 Bowl selections. Probable attendance in parenthesis. Rose Bowl (90,000)—Southern California 27; Tennessee 14—Like every other Pasadena classic anything can happen, but S. C. has amazing improvement in the latter half of the season, plus their ambition to keep that Rose Bowl record unscratched forces us to pick the men of Troy.

Sugar Bowl (74,000)—Alabama 14; Duke 13—Frank Thomas knows how to handle his boys during that long lapse before the New Year's clash.

Cotton Bowl (35,000)—Oklahoma A & M 27; Texas Christian 7—Frogs left bad taste in our mouth following SMU loss, and who's going to stop Bob Fenimore?

Orange Bowl (30,000)—Georgia Tech 20; Tulsa 14—Tech dood again in repetition of last year's 20-18 victory.

East-West (60,000)—East 12; West 7—We'd like to say the latter, but after glancing over the East's roster, well—

	FG	FT	TP
Taylor, c	2	0	4
O'Connor, f	2	5	9
Call, f	3	0	6
Pyne, g	0	0	0
Carbaugh, g	5	3	13
Smith, g	1	1	3
Morse, g	0	2	2
Overholser, g	6	0	12
Totals	13	11	49

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