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Perhaps it's just a hangover from those nine-week exams, or possibly too much turkey garnished with too little vacation—or we can always blame it on the weather. At any rate, the semester's end seems a long way off and if there are some who have no qualms about the test-studded weeks ahead, there are others who do. They begin to find it more pleasant to dream of Shangri-las—adventure in South American sea ports, or good jobs with fat pay envelopes—and enough of this silly business of what am I doing here anyway?

All of which brings to mind a pertinent observation once made by William James, the outstanding psychologist, who should know. He said in his essay on "Habit," "Let no youth have any anxiety about the upshot of the working day; he may safely leave the final result to itself. He can with perfect certainty count on waking up some fine morning to find himself one of the competent ones of his generation." That seems even a better dream than waking up some fine morning to find oneself on the shores of Honolulu or with a "swell" job; and certainly better than the threat of waking up some fine morning to find oneself flunked out through sheer negligence and lack of vision.

So let's turn the radio on low, and to the strains, possibly, of "White Christmas," dig out the old testbooks and dig in—Maybe the profs are doing us a favor.

## WHO CARES

Now that the noble festive fowl has completed the long trip through stew, patties, soup and finally gravy, we can once again put away the drool bib and fix our face for a fish dish. This suits Mary Mulder just fine. In fact, Mary isn't in the mood for much eating of any kind any more. After staying away a hearty Alpha Phi Thanksgiving dinner she helped Phyllis Rigdon polish off a box from home containing among other things, shrimp, olives, pickles and good old berry jam. Don't you think that bilious green is becoming to Miss Mulder?

Fascinating facts about food dept. Did you know that... "People who smoke are not relished by cannibals, who think that tobacco impairs the flavor of the meat." Mind you, they can gawk at the nasty stuff down but give 'em a non-smoker every time.

Vacation time brought more than glibet gravy to many an Idaho co-ed. The ring harvest was heavy with Saxon La Turner from Hays, Jean Reichow, a Delta Delta Delta sweetheart, and Teddy Earl down Gamma Phi way all accepting a jewel with a drool (blame Anderson, that's his expression). The rest of the Idaho femmes broke even on the deal. Saxon took Bob Shelly, one Willis-Sweeter out of the running, but Teddy's engagement leaves Mark Rhinard, free to dedicate even more and better pieces to numerous other girls.

The box score in the pin-planting league shows Chuck Henderson finally made a home-run with Mary Hutton and Patti O'Connell is a big hit with Bob McLaughlin—no error. Concerning the last two you should check the way he calls for his date. Manfully stunning the doorbell, he heaves a clod at P.O.'s front window in the DG house. We're waiting until spring when she leaves the window open. 'Snow use girls, Pete Rowell won't budge an inch. He's set his heart on taking Ester Williams to

the Fiji Christmas fireside and he won't give in. Any tall, muscular, reasonable facimilies in the audience?

One of Grangeville's hotter hot spots is still vibrating from the intermission show that Marge Morris and Helen Osterberg, Kappa sunbeams, put on during an all too brief stay there. It included everything from tap dancing to piano-playing and that can cover a lot of territory. To quote the gruesome two-some: "We can't dance but we sure can intermission!"

A brief survey of what the bored person Moscow-bound over vacation did shows Marietta Hanford and Ann Moore have the best remedy for ennui. Using salt shakers and grapefruit, they set up a bowling alley in the Theta dining room and ran up some pretty fair scores. Sherman Saylor must like what he sees with the Sigma Nu spy glasses. At any rate he certainly makes it his business to find out more about Shirley Gustafson at close range. It must be love; they even enjoy studying together.

Vera Anderson and Lavona Craggs may look innocent enough but don't let it fool you. Working together under the cover of night they cruelly strangled their sorority sister, Jackie Ritchie, as she peacefully sawed logs. When super-sleuths Margaret Burson, and Verna Kelly failed to name the murderer after careful investigation, they received a royal Pi Phi baptism. It's just part of a game but V. A. was dead serious about the murder—she has her eye on Jackie's Christmas-time job.

On the subject of mysteries, there are several we would like to know more about. For instance, where does Paul Wykert go on his weekly field trips, and is she really that good-looking? How did Barbara Smith get trapped in the Alpha Chi garbage can one dark night and what was she doing in the alley in the first place? Where is Don Collins' beautiful term paper that he accidentally left in the Nest one morning in a sleepy stupor? Who is the fellow that Gen-eva Ferguson mumbles about in her sleep every night?

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A popular junior is in the limelight this week—twenty-year-old Gerry Merril. In her first two years on the campus Gerry compiled a list of activities worthy of any upperclassman and this year she's not letting her outstanding record stop. To the list of those two years' achievements, which include presidency of Spurs, secretary of Curtian club, A.W.S. secretary, membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, Independent Council, Lambda Delta Sigma, and the varsity debate team, we find that already this year she has added Delta Sigma Rho, Cardinal Key, Spur advisory, secretaryship of Lambda Delta Sigma, and vice-president of inter-church council.

Gerry's debate record is worth noting. Though she hasn't won a cup by herself, she has been on the winning twosome three times in inter-collegiate matches and last year was on the Forney hall team which took the intra-mural championship. These inter-collegiate debate trips have always been a lot of fun and there are always a lot of happenings to be put in one's memory book. Take the trip to Oregon last year, when Gerry just happened to be standing outside a door and, as she put it, "I was making a few derogatory remarks about the W.S.C. team, and who opens the door?—the W.S.C. team!"

If you're calling anyone at Forney hall after 10:30 p. m. and the person can't be found, try Room 308. This is Gerry's room and the midnight gab fests start early and last late, while the room hangs heavy with the weighty remarks passed out in the wee hours of the morning. These gab fests Gerry lists as her big like in college life and alarm clocks signalling the morning after as her pet peeve.

A sociology major, Gerry spent last summer in San Francisco with the Red Cross to "get the feel of the thing." She plans on spending next summer's vacation working in Yellowstone National park. "Child welfare is my big aim though," says Gerry. Maybe it was her eleven nieces and nephews that started her out, but we would say she does have a background for her chosen profession.

When will Chuck Urban slip his "bourgeois bauble" on to one of lush Pam Harrington's sweaters? How did "Puggy" the Phi Gam's pet hound, get a hang-over bad enough to send him to the dog hospital? Has Phi Delt Charley Bateman ever been in a bad mood? Does Wendell Jensen try to look like Jackie Cooper or is it accidental?

It's a good cook that can eat her own cooking so the home management girls must be top-notch. At least Dora Dau and Audrey Hartman each lost five pounds after moving back into Hays hall, while Marlan Dykman went straight to the infirmary.

Prize "Was Her Face Red" item: June Cone answered the telephone

## Seein' Salts

with Ed Keath

The festive board has been laid away and those disturbing after-effects of Turkey Day gorging have been quieted with the familiar bicarb; so the officers and men of the local NROTC unit are squared away for the short cruise to December 19 and the fourteen-day Christmas leave.

Top billing in the past week's news undoubtedly rests with the trouncing of Sigma Nu's nine times victorious and heretofore undefeated football aggregation by the Navy gridders on Tuesday afternoon. The sailors came through with a 26-0 win sparked by the superb offensive and defensive play of trainees Comiski, Unger, and Thompson. We don't know whether this should make us intramural champs, but the victory could hardly be regarded as anything but decisive.

Sidelights on the military ball to take place Saturday night, December 8: . . . Farragut's top-notch band has agreed to play for the affair. All musicians in the outfit are ex-professionals, many boasting name band experience. . . . In turning down a nomination to the refreshments committee, Chuck Hartmar was heard to murmur, "They don't mean that kind of refreshment." Hmmm. . . . Decorations Chief Charles Altmeier has announced that the

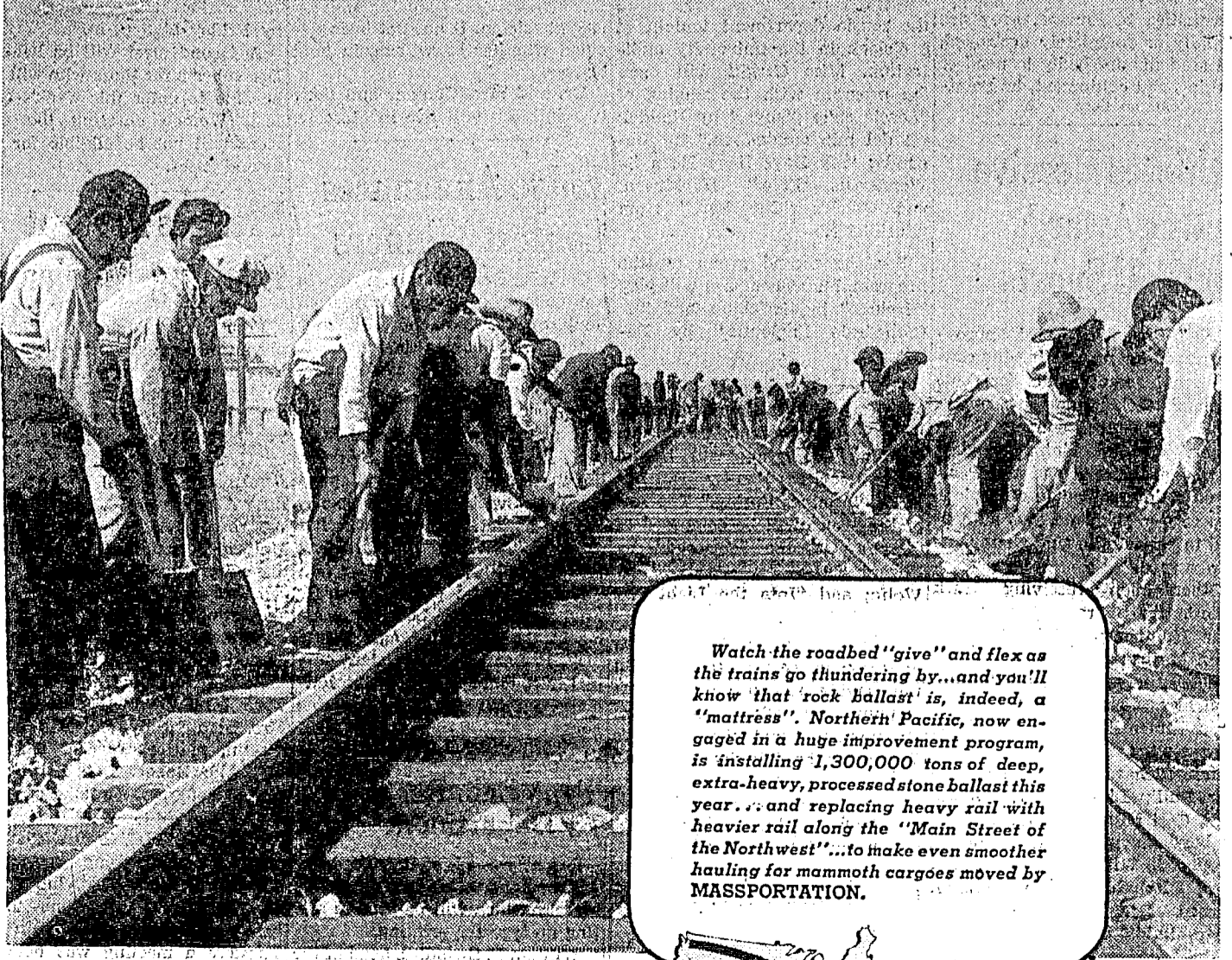
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insufficient evidence. Following expulsion from the Delt university which he entered in 1937, he moved to The Hague, becoming leader in the national resistance movement and in the Dutch underground army. He is now a member of the advisory committee of the Dutch underground movement which coordinates all the former illegal Dutch organizations.

Under suspicion for underground activities, he was arrested in January, 1942, being held until September when he was released for

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