

Christmas Might Come But Once A Year, But When It Does MSC Students Get Their Full Money's Worth

By ED KITCHEN

Armed with empty purses and stomachs, but carrying home three months more of education, Michigan State's student army will move out onto the highways and byways next week in the direction of cities and students in every part of the U. S.

Busy today exercising thumbs and searching under desks and in old textbooks for railroad tickets, the 6,300 undergraduates were more than ready to leave school dormitory and rooming house, fraternity and society, for 18 days of hibernation at home. Vacation officially will start Dec. 20 and end Jan. 5.

Aim of most of those 6,300 students is to forget about them and econ., American lit and T. C. and A. for a little while, anyway. Some want to hurry back to those second helpings and triple-layer chocolate cakes and all the others asked for it to just slip between downy blankets and stay there forever.

Almost all Spartans will go home changed from the end of happy-go-lucky vacationists of last September, exhibit for mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, etc., will be new honorary keys, for sure plus, active plus, and Sandra Sue pin-ups. For now it will be the first chance to answer to "what

about those dean calls" questions. Some roommates will be on exhibit and some coeds that left home brunettes will return as blondes.

Then there'll be the old familiar stops to make, at the corner drug store and with the old high school gang over at Charlie's. And it will be a race that only the fittest survive. For those that get past homecoming will survive Christmas and those that are still punching after hanging 3,843,286 yards of tinsel, or however many there is in those boxes, on Christmas trees, will come out for the bell New Year's eve. And after all these tests it will be a hardy, rugged group of Spartans who return Jan. 6 for the winter term at M. S. C.

But for others the process doesn't promise to be so simple or the future as certain. For a lot of students the total war will be brought home in big capital letters. Army tags will replace identification tags and army khaki will succeed campus herringbone. And though the cause is worth it tenfold, the ties beside the Winding Cedar are tough to break at Christmas time.

And then one group won't get home at all for Christmas, but will carry the Michigan State sports flag into more uncharted territory. That is the Spar-

tan basketball team, which will play one of the most colorful portions of its 1941-42 schedule over the holidays. The State eagles meet University of South Carolina here next Saturday and then clash with Harvard's travelling squad in Jenison fieldhouse on Christmas eve.

Christmas day the basketball team will leave for the east to meet Syracuse and Rochester, Dec. 27 and 29, and then comes back Jan. 2 to face the giant Cougars of Washington university. Most of State's student body, back for registration, will return in time to see the Spartans in action again against powerful Great Lakes Naval Training Dec. 6.

And while the eagles are warming up for those games and the boys from Buffalo are cooling off in snowdrifts hitch-hiking home along Lake Erie, State's administration building workers and accounting office employees will be as busy as bees figuring out the statistical lowdown on those same 6,300 Spartans that we started with. For this is the time of year when probation either becomes a career or a memory and you find out if the pros meant what they said at mid-term. And zooming through the countryside in the possession of Uncle Sam's mail service will go all the

answers to those questions in the form of neat duplicator-copy, tissue-paper report sheets.

And still left-on campus will be the police crew of Bert Daniels, lonely with no tickets to issue; the grounds crew to shovel snow and keep it from melting and running into the State News office; the buildings crew, to dust out Ag hall and Vet clinic, and the Union crew, who like the traditional housekeepers, "their work is never done."

Bleak and bare will be the burning corner and grill. Barber yet will be auditorium and fieldhouse, Dem hall and library. But like the swallows in the popular song about Capistrano, State's students will be back.

On a larger scale, State's students will be going home to a whole lot different Christmas than ever before. Most will be experiencing their first holiday season in a country at war. Economically, commodities will be up, purchasing power down. Psychologically, it will be a period of tension and uncertainty. But, generally, it will be unity for victory and the good old English "thumbs up."

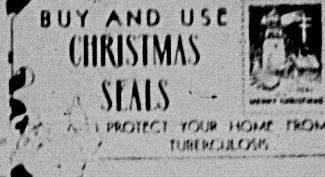
And in peace or war, in East Lansing or Jerusalem, you can still say it in 26 different languages—Merry Christmas.

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Annual Christmas Concert Listed Tomorrow Cagers Head for Battle With U. of M.

Santa Also Serves



Fleet Quintet Faces Taller 'M' Squad

Barreling along with two victories already in this 1941-42 season, Michigan State's small cage forces were to attempt to stall the University of Michigan's dangerous basketball machine before it even gets underway in the 44th court meeting of the two foes tonight in Yost fieldhouse, Ann Arbor.

While the game will mark the first appearance of the Wolverines in the inter-collegiate basketball war this season, it will also be the eighth successive year that State has journeyed to Ann Arbor seeking a triumph on Michigan's home floor. Game time will be 8 p. m.

The clash between the powerful intrastate opponents will climax a giant athletic program at U. of M. today. The Wolverine hockey team, coached by Eddie Lowrey, was to meet the Port Dover, Ont. Athletic club in the afternoon while the annual swimming gala, held in the Michigan pool under the direction of Matt Mann, was to attract top-notch swimmers and divers from all parts of the state.

SMALL SQUAD TO GO

A 14-man State squad, small to attend the opening Wolverine clash in recent years, was to leave East Lansing at 3:30 p. m. for the junket. Not since the first game of the 1933-34 campaign when State annexed a 26-25 victory have the Spartans been able to win in Ann Arbor. Last year a surprisingly strong Michigan five stunned the Spartans, 42-14, in the opener.

An expected crowd of 6,000 was to see the tables completely turned this year with Michigan State speed matched against U. of M. Last season it was the Wolverines who outran the Spartans. Tonight's game will also see the test of State's long-range basket-shooters against strong Michigan under-the-basket maneuvers.

U. OF M. BOASTS HEIGHT

All but two members of the 12-man squad that will occupy the Michigan bench measure better than women students in physical education.

Moyer Named To Edit Wire

The State News board of control yesterday announced appointment of Sheldon Moyer as wire editor, effective with installation of Transradio press facilities Jan. 6.

Moyer is a junior from Detroit, and has served one term as an associate editor as well as working as a reporter for two years.

NEXT STATE NEWS ON JAN. 6 WITH WIRE SERVICE

He also works for the Detroit Times.

As wire editor, Moyer will handle press news which will come directly to the State News from 5 p. m. until 1 a. m., giving the State News the latest deadline for spot news of any morning paper in Michigan.

Tabler's Orchestra To Play for Dance

The final Tea Dance of the term will be held Saturday, December 13 in the Union ballroom, announced Jim Church, head of Union board, yesterday.

Tommy Tabler's orchestra will furnish the music. The dance will begin at 3 p. m. and continue until 5:30 p. m. Church stated.

BIG PROGRAM PLANNED

Besides the banquet and pro-

gram, high school visitors and other visitors to the campus Saturday afternoon will be entertained with a program of athletic events

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December 11, 1941.

Lt. Col. Stuart McLeod,
PMS&T, Michigan State College,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Colonel McLeod:

I am answering your recent letter to the ROTC officer regarding the policy of enlistment versus study continuation.

It is the policy of this Headquarters to encourage students to continue their studies rather than to join some military or naval agency. It may be considered just as patriotic for a student to work hard in school so as to prepare better for an American future, as it is for him to drop his studies and enlist. These enthusiastic lads who wish to enlist now will be needed at a later date for important commissions and jobs vital to this Country.

I trust this information will serve to answer the many questions that are being thrown to you at late.

Yours truly,
F. A. ROHRMAN
Major, Field Artillery,
Asst. ROTC Officer.

The letter above is an exact copy of a communication just received by Lt. Col. Stuart McLeod, head of the military department. Its import is self-explanatory.

'Voder' Makes Its Debut Before Audience of 1,000

By Dick Derrick

Voder, product of American Telephone and Telegraph company's research department, made its debut in college auditorium last night together with Dr. J. O. Perrine, A. T. and T. assistant vice-president, before a small but enthusiastic audience of about 1,000.

After going through the fundamental sound vibrations, Voder hatched out its first word, crying out "mama," and then went on to more difficult subjects, ending up by repeating long and difficult scientific sentences which Dr. Perrine dictated.

Of chief interest to the audience was the skill of Anna Mae Swenson, who manipulated the keyboard. She punched out such songs as the "M. S. C. Fight Song" and "Home on the Range."

The operators of Voder had to train for a year before becoming skilled enough to make the machine talk. Miss Swenson, a native of Brooklyn, is a telephone operator when she is not demonstrating Voder.

The Bell Telephone engineers who created Voder studied human speech, breaking down the basic sounds into ten definite vibrations. By combining these vibrations, the engineers were able to create vowels, consonants, and then words. Unusually difficult words for Voder to say are "club" and "food" because the vibrations run into each other, blurring the sound.

The machine is highly versatile, being able to talk with a lisp, an accent or a monotone, although it speaks in a slightly guttural tone.

The chief use to which Voder may be put in the future, said Dr. Perrine, lies in the field of communication, where the machine could send a code which would take the place of the present telegraph system. Chief problem of the engineers of Voder is the difficulty of changing word sounds into electrical impulses that in turn would make the machine talk.

Dr. George Campbell, who built the Voder's keyboard, which is the heart and brain of the talking machine, received the Edison medal for his work.

By Barbara Hafford

Members of the audience will participate in the fifth annual Christmas Carol concert to be given tomorrow by the Michigan State chorus and the Men's and Women's Glee clubs, it was announced yesterday by Prof. R. L. Underwood, music department head. The concert will begin at 7:30 p. m. in Fairchild theater.

Those attending will be invited to sing with the three amateur sponsoring groups in a series of carols. Underwood said.

Opening the program, the chorus will sing "Christmas Fantasy" by Shaw Baché; "Beside the Cradle Here I Stand" and "Beautiful Savior" by Christensen.

FEATURE PRAETORIUS

The men's glee club will present the third group of songs consisting of two numbers by Praetorius, "Lo, How a Rose Blooms" and "The Bell William the Steeple" and Gounod's "Sanctus."

Following these will be three French carols arranged by Mr.

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men and sung by the chorals "Jesus the Christ Is Born," "Two Snows Whose Doves" and "Yuletide is Here" to be sung by the Women's Glee club. The chorus will then reappear to sing "Silent Song of the Infant Jesus" by Gevaert and a Russian Folk song, "Carols of the Russian Chorus."

At the close of the concert, the audience will be invited to join in singing "The First Noel," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night" and "On Come All Ye Faithful."

PROF. EDWIN STEIN

A graduate of State in 1938, Stein will direct the Men's glee club and chorus in the annual Fairchild theater at 7:30 p. m. There will be no charge for the concert.

WAA Features Novel Theme At Banquet

Marsmallow and apple Santa Claus, together with sprigs of pine, will highlight the Christmas theme of decorations at the annual Women's Athletic association fall term banquet to be held at 1 p. m. today. Social Chairman Norma Henningsen, Scotia, N. Y., junior, announced yesterday.

Between 50 and 60 women students are expected to attend the banquet which will be held at the Hunt Food Shop, Miss Henningsen also announced.

Peg Hazelton, Pontiac junior and Barbara Scarlett, Owosso junior, will be the guest speakers of the afternoon.

Prof. Edwin Stein, director of the college chorus and Men's Glee club,

No charge will be made for the concert, which is open to both college students and non-students, music department officials said.

TIME TABLE

What - When - Where

TOMORROW—

Alpha Phi Omega exec. council, 7:30 p. m.
Org. room 1, Union

MONDAY—

Sigma Delta Chi luncheon
12 m., Union porch
S. W. L., 5 p. m.
Org. room 1, Union

Independent women
7:30 p. m., Spartan rm., Union

TUESDAY—

I. S. A., 7:30 p. m.
Org. room 2, Union

WEDNESDAY—

Men's council, 7 p. m.
Org. room 2, Union

Boxers List Six Dual Meets

Six dual meets will face Coach Al Kaval in his first year as Spartan boxing mentor, according to the schedule released by Athletic Director Ralph Young yesterday.

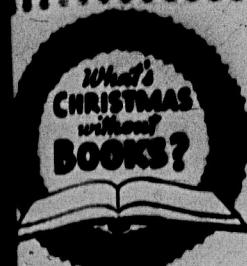
The schedule:

- Jan. 30—Purdue, here.
- Feb. 11—Florida, here.
- Feb. 23—West Virginia, here.
- Feb. 26—Penn State, at State College, Pa.
- Mar. 2—Bucknell at Lewisburg.

March 6—Wisconsin at Madison, Wis.

Mar. 13-14—Eastern Intercollegiate at Morgantown, W. Va.

Mar. 28-29—N. C. A. A. at Baton Rouge, La.



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All-College Tournaments In Athletic Spotlight Today**Konrad Sets New Record With Fall**

Sixteen intramural wrestlers completed their preliminary matches successfully yesterday, advancing to the singles to be held in the Jenison Fieldhouse starting at 2 p.m. today.

SCORES LAST FALL.
Eggy Konrad, Cleveland freshman, scored the fastest fall ever recorded on a Spartan mat in the first round matches Thursday. Konrad pinned Alf Weidman in seven seconds in a 130-pound match.

Finally listed for the matches today are Chester Simpson and Harry Haught at 121 pounds; George Wink and Arthur Clifton at 128 pounds; Eggy Konrad and James Archibald at 136 pounds; and Ralph Expert and Louis Zimmerman at 145 pounds.

BARRY TO WRESTLE.

Opposed will be Pat Sullivan and Harry Harris at 148 pounds; Bill Jones and Albert Johnson at 165 pounds; Ben Lovell and Larry Beck at 173 pounds; and Louis Hayes and Ward Viscay at heavyweight.

Consolation matches for third place in all eight weights will be unseated when the finals are completed.

Poloists to Meet Lansing Lancers In 'Bust' Game.

Starting on the 1941 season, the University State polo team will compete with the Lansing Lancers Saturday, Dec. 14, p.m., in Demarest Park.

Bill shooting from their defeat last week end by the Lansing Red Wings, the bulldozers will be anxious to finish off the old year with a win. The game will be part of the annual grid ball celebration.

Coach Capt. Gerald Peterson probably will start his three senior Jack Burton, North Woods and Fred Colson, leading Kurt Weare and Len Brown in reserve.



Bill Cartmill, senior forward, will captain the University of Michigan team tonight in the 14th clash with Michigan State at West Fieldhouse, Ann Arbor. It will be the first appearance of the season for Michigan's five white State's eagles meet their third opponent.

Faasse to Be Head Of Engineers' Ball

Adrian Faasse, senior from Grand Rapids, will act as general chairman of the Engineers' ball this year, according to W. A. Pomeroy, president of the engineering council.

This year's ball will be held Feb. 14. Pomery announced. Complete committees for the party will be announced at a later date.

All teams interested in entering the independent intramural basketball league are urged to signify their intention to Intramural Director L. E. Frimodt immediately.

Sixteen Seek All-College Mitt Crowns

Sixteen hopeful boxers will climb through the rings today in the final bouts of the all-college boxing tournament which are scheduled to start in Jenison Fieldhouse immediately following the completion of the wrestling matches.

SIX VETERANS INCLUDED.

Michigan has four returning veterans to launch its 1941-42 schedule and all four will go out to face the Spartans. They are Capt. Bill Cartmill, 6'1", forward; Mel Comin, 6'2", the other forward; Jimmy Mandier, 6'3", center who scored 169 points as a sophomore breaking in last year; and Leg Doyle, 6'2", who is slated for a starting guard assignment. Either Don Holman, Bill MacCormie, Bob Shemky, or Watt Sprague, who have come up this year, will start the other guard.

SIXTEEN HOPEFULS.

Michigan has six returners in the contingent that will go to Ann Arbor. There are Capt. Auto-instructor captain, Bill Burke; Joe Gerard, Dudley Jones, Carl Petersen, and Mel Peterson. It will mark the first time that Auburn has faced Michigan since the last game of the 1939-40 season when the Wolverines sprinted to a 22-27 victory.

Michigan's probable starters were to be Jones and Gerard, forwards; Petersen, center, and Amundson and Burk guards; Fred Stone tallest man on the Spartan team at 6'6", is expected to see plenty of action in an attempt to offset the Michigan height advantage at center while Roy Diehl, Ollie White, Petersen, and Earl May are also expected to fit into the fast Spartan attack.

WINS TWO.

Kreigh will meet Ed Gundersen in the first final match by taking a T. K. O. verdict over Bill Culver. He will be Roger Tsiskern who defeated Bill Mariner in the second final.

Bob Cartmill will face Will Peacock in the 127-pound class.

John Schleifer will battle with Jim Johnson in the 135-pound class.

John Dorn will meet Bernard Gossens in the 155-pound final.

Audrey Johnson will trade punches with Romayne Hicks in the 165-pound final.

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CAGERS

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than six feet to form the largest Michigan team that has been introduced to a home audience in five years. State on the other hand has only three men who top the six-foot mark.

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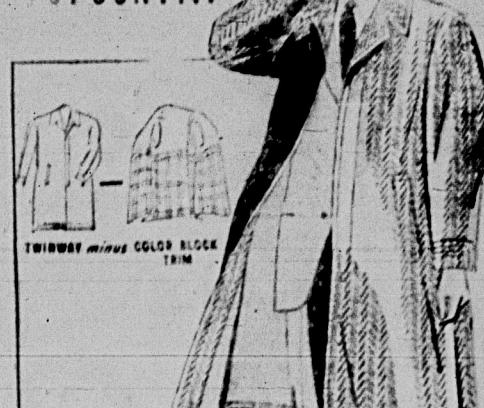
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