



"MERRY CHRISTMAS" . . .

. . . say six Alpha Phi coeds, trimming their tree before the exam week rush starts. The decorators include: seated; left to right, Nancy Gloor, B. Clark, and Dorothy Hopping; standing, left to right: Virginia Hales, Jean Bryce, and Phyllis Wisting.

Going Home for Christmas? . . .

Rail Travellers Must Reserve Space Today

Students planning to travel home for the Christmas vacation will face the most serious transportation problems since the war began. Unless tickets are purchased and reservations are made today there is little chance for those who wait to get home.

Today Last Day

Southern Pacific passenger officials visiting Eugene Wednesday declared that both coach and Pullman reservations must be made today. Trains are now running to capacity and the extra load resulting from holiday travel must be known in advance.

All University dormitories and most other campus living organizations will be closed after December 16, making it necessary for students to go home or to find other arrangements to stay in Eugene. If many students stay on the campus some means of housing will be arranged for them, Dean Hazel P. Schwering said.

Coach and Pullman

Most trains require reservations for both coach and Pullman space, and students travelling by rail are advised to complete their travelling arrangements today in order that an effort can be made

to provide space for them and connections with other railroads made possible.

Students leaving for Christmas will be able to get home, but many may have to shift their date of departure from one day to another and their train or bus to a different time. Railroad passes will be invalidated for a period immediately preceding Christmas until after the New Year.

No Reservations

Busses operating from Eugene require no reservations, but local Pacific Greyhound agents report that busses are usually filled to capacity and any great increase in travel can not be carried upon short notice. Passengers are urged to take as little baggage as possible.

The transportation situation is expected to be so serious at Christmas time that soldiers from Camp Adair and Camp White are having their holiday furloughs cut a day or more in order to provide space for students to return to the University on December 28. Approximately 500 furloughs have been shortened for the convenience of civilian University students.

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Final Goal Neared As WSSF Hits \$750

Pushing into the home stretch towards its goal of \$1,000 by the end of this week, the second World Student Service fund drive has now rolled up a total of \$750, according to Nancy Boles, treasurer of the campaign.

"We have more contributions still coming in," Miss Boles declared. "We are encouraged by the way the students are responding, but some of those who have not yet contributed must dig down in their pockets if we are to make our quota."

The drive has been carried on through the representatives of each house on the campus and through the activities of Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, and Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, in contacting students who live in private residences. All other donations should be turned in to Dorothy Rogers, general chairman, at the ADPi house, or to Miss Boles, at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

War Chest Drive

The WSSF is now part of the campus war chest drive, and as such its money is used, not only to aid the struggling students of other lands, but also to help support numerous charitable activities and soldiers' aid organizations here at home.

"You will be able to view the work of your own money any time you choose," stated Miss Rogers.

The Lane county war relief drive, of which the campus war chest is part, has been assigned a quota of \$115,261. Officials of the drive were pleased to hear of the progress made by the WSSF campaign on the campus, and O. A. Houglum, of the Eugene war chest declared that, "If these college men and coeds can show us the way, we 'towners' certainly ought to be able to shake ourselves up and follow."

The final figures for the drive will probably be turned in by Saturday evening.

ISA Senate Meet

The ISA senate will meet at 4 p.m. today in the men's lounge in Gerlinger hall. All members must be present.

Senior Ball Set For January 8

Plans for the 1944 Senior Ball are underway and arrangements are being made for a Portland band to play for the event, according to Chuck Pelly, chairman. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 8 in McArthur court and will mark the first social gathering of winter term. Campus social chairman, Mary Wright, has declared it formal.

Bill Fisher's band from Portland may furnish music for the dance but this is not definite, Miss Pelly said. Barbara Lamb, senior class president, is working with her in connection with the orchestra and other committees are as follows: decorations, Sue Sawyer and Edith Onthank; tickets, Kay Jenkins; publicity, Marge Curtis. The remaining committee members will be chosen today or tomorrow.

As yet a theme for the ball has not been found and anyone interested may submit their ideas for an appropriate theme to either Miss Sawyer or Miss Onthank by Wednesday, December 8.

Dads' Day Petitions Due

Petitions for chairmanship of the Dads' Day Weekend committee must be turned in by noon today to Jean Page, second vice-president of the ASUO, at the Pi Phi house.

All petitioners will meet with the executive council at 4:30 today in room 1, Johnson hall.

Final Vesper Song Service Next Sunday

Miss Helen Luvaas will be featured on the organ at the presentation of the second and last Vesper choir program for this term, Sunday, December 5, at 5 p.m. in the music building auditorium.

Dr. Cushman, professor of religion on the campus, will read the Christmas story and the choir will take the theme from there in song. Members of the Mu Phi Epsilon music honorary will assist in the Vespers as usherettes.

The program is as follows: organ prelude, pastoral symphony from Handel's "Messiah," Helen Luvaas; Christmas scripture, Dr. R. E. Cushman; "Veni Redemptro Gentium," Vesper choir; "While by Our Sleeping Flock We Lay," Vesper choir; "The Cherry Tree Carol," Rollin Calkin; "The Coventry Carol," Shirley Stearns and Vesper choir; Organ Meditation, Helen Luvaas; "Carol of the Bells," Vesper choir; "Away in a Manger," Edwin Mickel and Vesper choir, Postlude, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

Dr. Gordon Wright to Leave To Accept Government Post

Dr. Gordon Wright, assistant professor of history at the University since 1938, has applied for a wartime leave of absence to accept a position as divisional assistant in the department of state at Washington, D. C. He will leave for the nation's capital December 27, accompanied by Mrs. Wright and their two small sons.

"Someone will be brought in to take over my classes," Dr.

Wright stated during a brief interview, "but otherwise it will be a case of various faculty members filling in for me."

History Knowledge

Dr. Wright's knowledge of European history, conditions, and languages attracted the attention of the state department. A native of Lynden, Washington, Dr. Wright took his B.A. degree at Whitman college, Walla Walla, in 1933, and his doctor's degree at Stanford in 1939. He came to the University directly from Stanford.

The author of several historical articles and monographs, Dr. Wright has also written a full-length book, "Raymond Poincare and the French Presidency" which was published in 1942.

Expects to Return

"I expect to return to the University after the war," Dr. Wright said, adding that he might be drafted before long.

He declined to make any statement on his new position.

TB Seal Sales Reach Goal of \$300 Today

Christmas seal sales will have reached the goal of \$300 by the end of the drive this evening, according to Beverly Carroll, chairman. Alpha Phi leads the donations with \$26.50 worth sold, and Lombardy lodge is second with \$20.50. Highland house has sold \$10, and all other houses will have reached that amount by tonight, Miss Carroll said. Last year sales were \$165.

The booth in the Co-op will be open all day today, for the benefit of soldiers and anyone else who hasn't bought seals yet. Freshman girls have operated the booth this week.

Concert Features UO Pianist; Camp Adair Men Will Appear

Aurora Potter Underwood, University pianist, will be featured on the program of the University of Oregon symphony orchestra concert this evening at 8 in the music building. Mrs. Underwood will present Tschaiakowsky's "Concerto for the Piano and Orchestra in B-flat minor," first movement. The concert is a benefit for the USO and no tickets are being sold, but a silver offering will be taken.

A special highlight of the evening will be the first performance in the Northwest of the number "Fantasia on a Theme," by Thomas Tallis, arranged by Vaughan Williams, a number for double string orchestra.

Specialty Number

Another specialty number will be a half-hour entertainment by three guest artists from Camp Adair. Pvt. Chico Salazar

will present several Mexican numbers. Cpl. Fordyce Waldo, baritone, will sing, accompanied by Capt. Kenneth Burns who will also give some piano numbers.

The "Victory Concert," so named because it features music

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Concert Series Presents Quartet

Only 300 seats will be available to students for the Roth string quartet ensemble concert to be presented Wednesday evening, December 8, at 8 p.m. in the music building. Horace W. Robinson, educational activities director, announced Tuesday.

Tickets may be obtained after 1 p.m. today at the educational activities office in McArthur court. Students may obtain tickets by submitting their registration card on payment of 25 cents.

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