

Maryland, My Maryland

Student talk was concerned with holidays and a special holiday event—the Orange Bowl—on campus in early December. Campus news events as reported by Oklahoma Daily editor.

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PHYLLIS ANDERSON, Oklahoma City sophomore, votes in favor of an Orange Bowl trip while W. T. 'Dub' Huddleston, Konawa senior, is preparing for skiing over Christmas vacation recess.

From sunny Florida to the snows of Colorado!

Many Sooners are planning to spend half of their Christmas vacation relaxing on the rolling Miami, Florida, beaches and cheering the Big Red on to victory in the team's first Orange Bowl plunge since 1938.

Students will be using every conceivable means of transportation to reach Miami from flying to hitch-hiking. Several plan to cut their Christmas short at home and leave early to allow for a day or so of added festivities in New Orleans.

More than 30 members of O.U.'s pep club, the Ruf-Neks, will attend the New Year's classic, rated among the top bowl games this year. Cheerleaders also are limbering up for the big game.

A campaign to send the Pride of Oklahoma to the sunny state has been launched. Donations have been pouring in from over the state to go toward the \$25,000 goal. Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity for men, sent letters to state publishers asking them to plug the campaign in their newspapers and to send donations for the band trip.

For more cold-natured Sooners, there'll be a vacation of skiing in Aspen, Colorado.

A chartered bus will leave the campus December 28 for the five days. The Union Activities Board is sponsoring this second annual mid-winter trip with the aid of an Oklahoma City travel agency.

Pat Delaney, Ada, is the U.A.B. member in charge of arrangements. Mary Lou Stubbeman, '45bus, director of Union Activities, will accompany the group. Provisions for 76 students have been made.

Yes, the Christmas spirit reigns supreme this month in Soonerland. Students were busy making trips to the Campus Corner and to Oklahoma City on last minute shopping sprees before the 16-day Christmas holiday began December 19.

A majority of the houses went caroling and squeezed in Yuletide house parties and formal dances. But it was not all play before the holiday festivities. Sooners also were busy preparing term papers so the "rest and play period" would be one free of

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king, which officially ended the evening celebration.

As I look forward to this festive Hanukkah season I remember vividly the celebration in 1946 and all of the great fun, yet deep significance that it now connotes.

This assignment is a bit unusual for me—"My Most Memorable Christmas." For some reason, perhaps temperament or childhood training, or . . . I am not inclined to write on such personal matters, or not so gifted. It could be that I am unable to single out one Christmas over a half century, more or less. May I select, then, a few instances? There may be no connection among them, or perhaps there is.

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Out of the past.
The Christmas
after World War
I, a vivid and linger-

ing and growing question. Writ deep on my childhood mind were stories of the war. Writ deep too was the Christmas story. Are the war stories and the Christmas story both true? Did I understand the question? Do I now?

In the thirties, traveling homeward after a year and some months on the other side of the continent. On crossing into my home state, I ejected an unrestrained animal war whoop. The calm response of a remarkable woman: "Christmas redeems the past and opens the future."

The Christmas after World War II, with my family listening to a magnificent 160-voice choir sing Handel's "Messiah." At the climax of the "Hallelujah Chorus," our little boy leaned over and asked, "Is Jesus a man of sorrows and a prince of peace too?" What had been going on in the mind of this lad to prompt this question?

And in the future? This Christmas I shall listen to the presidential address of one of my colleagues to the Southwest Philosophical Society. His paper is entitled, "The Wisdom of Love"—perhaps a wise twist to the Socratic view of philosophy. Will this be (is it) the Christmas message: the wisdom of love?

Or . . . out of the past. What of the expression on the face of a three-year-old on opening her gifts? And in the future, what of the joy and awe of another three-year-old this month?

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school worries until classes resume January 3, 1954.

Two special Christmas programs were

held before the holidays. A University choral concert was presented December 13, under the direction of Chester Francis and members of the Orchesis modern dance club gave their annual interpretation of "The Juggler of Notre Dame" December 15 in Holmberg hall. The dance-drama is based on the legend of a street entertainer who had no gift but his ability to juggle to offer the Madonna.

Orchesis members also presented "The Juggler" over Tulsa and Oklahoma City television stations. Carolyn Way, Oklahoma City, danced the Juggler, and Jean Fischer, Edmond, portrayed the Madonna.

The traditional "Hanging of the Greens" was held in the Women's quadrangle December 13. The program, honoring faculty members, told folk-lore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, Egyptians, English, Jews and the modern Christmas practices of Americans. Jo Ann Wagner, Enid, was chairman of the presentation.

Athletics were not forgotten before the holidays. The Sooners were to meet Oklahoma A.&M. basketballers on the home court December 16.

One of the biggest campus-wide elections in recent years was held last month when senior class officers and 16 student senators were elected.

Fred L. Cook, Holdenville, edged Boots Taliaferro, Oklahoma City, by six votes to take over the reigns of the 1954 senior class. Other class officers are Otis Gallas, Kermit, Texas, vice president; Kathleen Smith, Clinton, secretary, and Richard Elms, Erick, treasurer.

Jon Withrow, senior engineering student from Seminole, was elected to head the Student Senate as president for the new semester. Other new officers are Al Alschuler, Lubbock, Texas, vice president; Ernestine Smith, Guthrie, recording secretary; Ann West, Antlers, corresponding secretary; John Dean, Sapulpa, treasurer; Arnold Fagin, Oklahoma City, parliamentarian, and Sherman Coffman, Ponca City, director of public relations.

Both elections ran smoothly and no ballot boxes were reported stuffed as was the case during the March, 1952, senate election. However, a bobble did occur when student senators questioned the qualifications of a former senate president elected to represent the graduate college.

Quay Williams, graduate student from Duncan, was elected automatically to a senate seat because he and two other graduate students were the only candidates for the three graduate school representatives.

Closing a five-hour session, senators voted 25-3 not to seat Williams on the

grounds of his past record as senate president. Williams appealed his case to the student conduct committee of the University and said he would take it to the Board of Regents if necessary. He was seated December 3 when the senate reversed its field.

Outstanding theologians visited the campus during Religious Emphasis Week, December 6-11. Convocations were held throughout the week in Holmberg Hall. Marlene Miller, Oklahoma City, was R.E.W. chairman. The Drama School presented a religious play during the special week.

The annual Matrix Table dinner sponsored by members of Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism fraternity for women, was held November 19 in the Union ballroom.

Martha Plummer, president, presented awards to Marlene Miller, Oklahoma City, outstanding senior woman; Helen Gregory, associate professor of physical education for women, outstanding faculty woman, and Mrs. Maud Lorton Myers, publisher of the *Tulsa World*, outstanding state woman.

Doris Fleeson, Washington columnist, spoke at the annual dinner attended by 400 students, faculty members and prominent state women.

The mysterious disappearance of three O.U. trophies, the Sugar bowl, Big Seven and bronze Texas hat trophies, caused quite a bit of excitement on campus last month. The prizes were taken from a Union exhibit case three weeks before the traditional O.U.-A.&M. football game. An accusing finger was pointed at the Aggies, who earlier had stolen "Big Red," blunderbus used to herald Sooner touchdowns.

The Sugar Bowl and Big Seven trophies turned up in Perry when an unidentified young man attempted to mail a "mysterious looking" package to W. H. Freeland, '38fa, Union manager. The third trophy was discovered December 2 by a gardener in some shrubs on the A.&M. campus.

Greek Row will be expanded soon with the addition of another national fraternity, bringing the number to 25. Rho Lambda, local fraternity petitioned the Delta Kappa Epsilon council and expansion committee, received word that the fraternity's council has approved its chapter. The approval of the Deke council clears the way for formal petitioning by the group in December at the national convention of the fraternity. Mike Sandlin, Henryetta, is Rho Lambda president.