

SWEDE SKIIS FOR FIRST TIME

By Jo Miller

"Everybody ought to learn to ski and skate," it says here. I am beginning to doubt these noble words as I limp along nursing my broken back and fractured—as I limp along nursing my injuries!

Last week though, I was top in enthusiasts. I went through all the boxes and trunks in the basement searching for skates and a pretty rakish looking ski garb. Due to lack of transportation, the gang decided to take a whirl on Manzanita. I was trembling with eager excitement, natch, as I sat on the sidelines putting on my skates. That flying dutchman looked so easy.

Getting up, I took a few hasty strides to try my wings, so to speak. Not having wings, however, I landed the hard way. Picking myself up joint by joint, I had another try. Pretty soon I was passing everybody up. (Well, not everybody, then!) Drunk with power, a friend and I decided to try a sort of double swan.

I got my leg up in back of me all right, but it just kept coming all the way over to the other side. As luck would have it (heh, heh), I landed first and, unfortunately, my companion was right there, too, a few seconds later. Undaunted, we had another whirl. This time, when we assumed the desired pose, we couldn't trust ourselves to get both feet back on the ground and had to call in a few friends to unwind us.

It was all right until someone suggested tag. Nothing is more annoying than the self panicker who dodges and makes one feel so totally foolish swatting the air. Tag is all very well and good, I decided, after being "it" for 45 minutes, but it has no place on the skating rink. I smugly whirled past the self-panicker who had fallen down in the interim, and suggested we play something else. "An evening at the Waldorf" preferably.

Next day being Sunday, sadly enough, the cry arose, "Let's all go skiing." I passed off their scoffing at my bundled-up self and rolled into the car. Maybe that last layer of sweaters was a little bulky, I thought, but forgot my troubles as the hill hove in sight.

The place was full of gayly clad merrymakers. Kids half my size whizzed by doing the stem-christie and things. However, I didn't let them unnerve me. I plodded up the hill and prepared for the great descent.

Of course, you have to count on the skis going down by themselves the first time (That's half the fun, I said, baring my teeth in what was supposed to be a grin), but some kind banker or somebody usually brings them up.

I decided that you can't be too cautious. No sense courting trouble. So I went down squatting the first time. I grimly marched past the howling kids on my way up the hill, and resolved to make them sorry. A mistake as it turned out.

Standing at the top of the slalom hill looks like going down the side of the city hall, but I shut my eyes and pushed. It's easy at first. You can talk yourself into imagining it's like flying. (Every skiing book in usage says it's like flying; "that air of soaring through space.") However, after you have knocked down three or four stakes, skimmed the tow a few times and they start evacuating all women and children, you begin to lose your esprit de corps! I swallowed my growing fear, sailed past the kids, laughing, and buried myself in four feet of drift.

After they had turned me upside down and shaken the snow out of me, I spent the duration of the afternoon on "beginner's hill."

Skiing is all very well and good; in Switzerland, that is. (Just because the Swiss don't know any better.) But let's be American about this and all go down to the Wal for a Tom and Jerry. Or, as one ski said to the other ski at the bottom of the hill, "Well, who waxed you to come down?"

(Editor's note: Ouch!)

Artemisia To Be Larger for 1945

By Twenty Pages

A large percentage of pictures for the Artemisia have been taken, Bette Poe, editor, said today. Individual pictures of all fraternity, sorority and campus organization members and most of the group heads have been made.

New pledges and members of the various social groups will be photographed by Conant Studio shortly after the second semester begins, Miss Poe added.

Because of increased enrollment this year the book will contain 20 more pages than last year's edition.

Members of the editorial staff thus far include Jackie Prescott, Frances Ullom, Vivian Davis, Mary Lou Hovenden, Alice Echart, Barbara Olesen, Virginia Olesen, Josephine Eather, Dorothy Hooper, Florine Miller and Margaret Moseley. New members will be added next semester, Miss Poe stated.

Hall To Be Empty During Vacation

By Pat Riley

Lincoln Hall will be almost entirely drained of its personnel over the Christmas holidays.

"Sunny" California will claim eight Lincoln Hall residents. Chuck Blenio and Buster McClure will journey to San Francisco where Buster is to play in the Shrine East-West game. Bill Fryer is heading for Mt Diablo. Francis Escobar will visit his mother in Santa Maria and Bob Uhlig will spend his vacation at home in Riverside.

Ben Lewis will take in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day. Howard Williams will visit Los Angeles and Warren Parks will go home to Los Angeles to be with his brother, Major Stanley Parks, and his sister, Pfc. Mary Parks.

New Jersey will also take a heavy toll of Nevada boys. Dick Bossert, Jim Clarkson, Ed Diercks, John Helstowski, Fred Kuge, Matthew Piccini, Vince Scaleria, Ken Sinofsky and Leonard Marmor are going home or the Christmas holidays.

Bill Mackrides and Elmer Green will both head east to be home in Philadelphia for Christmas.

Florida, Illinois
Florida will have another native son home when Bob Durham gets there. Larry Heinz will spend his vacation in Rockford, Illinois, and Metzker in Lake View, Oregon. Herman Ilg will visit in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Nevada Men
Nevada's native sons from the southern part of the state returning home are Fred Abercrombie, Boulder City; John Friel and George Vucanovich, Tonopah; Bruce Larson, Manhattan.

Paul Yarraguirre and George Hines will go to Carson City and Fred Parker to Hawthorne.

Art Alles, Bill Cristiani, John Friberg, Roger Lamb, Gordon Mills and Harold Okholm will leave for Fallon after finals.

Neil Burns and Rex Ricketts will return to their homes in Yerington. Bob Jones and Bill Ward will have Christmas in Ely, and Don Johnson will be in Golconda for the holidays.

Saddle and Spurs Plans Initiation

Plans for the Saddle and Spur initiation to be held next semester were formulated at a short meeting held at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house Monday evening.

The initiation will take place during the banquet, to be held January 24 at the Cedars.

Those to be initiated include Catherine Aldrich, Jennie Bates, Camille Cummings, Gloria Springer and Frances Kennedy. Dr. Muriel J. Hughes and Miss Patricia Lowry, selected honorary members, will also be initiated.

Phyllis Baumann is the president of the Saddle and Spurs organization; Valerie Scheeline is secretary, and Frances Burke is treasurer. The vice-president is to be appointed.

Pi Beta Phi Week of Bond Drive Nets \$156,256 in Drive to Buy Hellcat Plane

By Jini Auchampaugh

Pi Beta Phi totaled \$156,256 during their week of the Hellcat war bond drive which ended last week on campus. Part of the total was obtained at the Pi Phi card party held December 13 in the State building, according to Rose Marie Mayhew, card party chairman.

Admission to the card party was \$1 in war stamps for adults and 50 cents in stamps for students and servicemen. A booth was available for bond sales, and Pi Phi staffing the stand were Beulah Haddow, Florence Shakarian and Betty Waugh.

Various card games were played by students, faculty members and

townspeople during the evening.

Entertainment was provided by performers from downtown night clubs. Those appearing were Dick Mills, baritone; Fran Ryan, comedian singer, who was accompanied by Earl Hultberg, and Patricia Inch, pianist.

Coke and doughnuts were served late in the evening, Miss Mayhew said.

Committee in charge of the card party consisted of Miss Mayhew, chairman, assisted by Helen Meaker, Laurel Davis and Betty Waugh.

Faculty members attending were Mrs. Alice B. Marsh, Mrs. John O. Moseley, Mrs. J. S. Pierce and Mrs. H. Seamon.

Sagen Meetings Over for Term

No more Sagen meetings will be held this semester, according to Leonore Hill, president.

During the semester four new members, Dorothy Abel, Barbara Byington, Marge Kelly and Lucile Shea, were elected to the group, which is a pep organization for campus women.

Sagens were especially active in selling programs and pom poms at football games this semester, besides operating a coke stand.

They also sold stamps and bonds at football games and took charge of a stamp and bond booth during the week of October 1 through October 7, netting \$304.73 in all.

A get-together dance was sponsored by the Sagens September 20.

Artic Specimens Given to Campus

Several specimens of natural grasses and other plants from Baffin Island have been presented to the university herbarium by Dr. Joseph H. Robertson of the U. S. Forest Service. They were secured by S/Sgt. Robert M. Willey, U. S. Army air force weather observation pilot.

The specimens have been identified by Dr. W. D. Billings of the botany department, and are now on display in the biology laboratory. They are dissimilar to plants previously catalogued here, for most of the plants and grasses have been taken from within Nevada.

Baffin Island, fourth largest in the world, is located west of Greenland. Dr. Billings points out that plant life there is subject to arctic climate in which the longest day of the year approximates 30 calendar days; so conditions affecting growth there are different from anything studied in this section.

13 World War II Veterans Enrolled At Nevada Under GI Bill of Rights

By U of N News Service

Veterans of World War II enrolled at the University of Nevada, now number 13, according to R. B. Jeppson, vocational adviser for the Veterans Administration.

Inquiries received by the administration indicate that the enrollment next semester may be increased by several applicants. Thus far, veterans returned to the state of Nevada have been relatively few, Jeppson said, and only a small percentage of these take advantage of the college training provision of the readjustment act, better known as the GI Bill of Rights.

In many cases, the returned veterans are interested in vocational training, which is also provided for in the bill of rights at government expense.

Jeppson, whose office is located in the new engineering building on the University of Nevada campus, estimated that there are approximately 12,000 men and women now in service from the state of Nevada. Of this number, about 1800 are former students or graduates of

the university.

Every effort is made by the administration to give the returning service man vocational guidance which will direct him to the profession or work for which he is best fitted, and to help him readjust to civilian life, Jeppson said.

"Merely giving the returning soldier a chance to pass a college course is not sufficient," Jeppson added. "The chief consideration is helping him to become a well adjusted and useful citizen again."

90 Days Service
All honorably discharged service men or women who have served as much as 90 days in any branch of the armed forces and who entered the service when under 25 years of age, are entitled to at least one year of college training in any field under the bill of rights.

After the first year is completed, the veteran will be entitled to additional schooling equivalent to the actual time spent as a member of the armed forces, providing the scholastic record for the first year is satisfactory, Jeppson stated.

Campus Red Cross Plans Schedule For Second Term

To acquaint the students with the work of the Red Cross, a tea is slated for January, according to Jane Perkins, chairman of the University of Nevada college unit.

The college unit has made plans for an accelerated production program, Miss Perkins said, and being considered is the organization of classes among the campus women in motor corps, canteen aid, senior life saving, staff assistants and nurses' aids. Entertainment by various college groups for the Reno Air Base hospital has been scheduled for the near future.

Campus officers of the Red Cross in addition to Miss Perkins include Phyllis Snyder, vice-chairman; Mary Ancho, secretary; Valerie Scheeline, treasurer. Committee heads are: camp and hospital, Jo Ann Miller; entertainment, Tosca Masini; production, Pat Thomas; nurses' aid, Mary Libbey; publicity, Gloria Mapes; water safety, Gloria Rosaschi; staff assistant, Eileen Kerr. Each college chairman has a corresponding chairman who is active in the Washoe county chapter of the Red Cross.

Journalism News Letter Planned

Professor A. L. Higginbotham, head of the department of journalism, is gathering data about every journalism alumni and the activities of the department to be printed in the annual Journalism News Letter sometime after Christmas.

The news letter will be set to journalism alumni, journalism students in the service, and students in journalism at the university this year.

"This feature keeps journalism alumni in touch with each other and proved very successful last year," said Professor Higginbotham. Not only activities of the journalism department but also important campus happenings are included, he said.

Six New Generators For Engineering Lab

The old alternating current generator, which dated back to 1900, has been sold, Dr. Stanley G. Palmer, dean of the college of engineering, said today.

Funds of the sale will be used to buy six new electrical transformers, modern and air-cooled, he said, and they will arrive on campus before next semester begins and will be installed in the electrical engineering laboratory.

Purpose of installing the six identical transformers is to give students actual practice in interconnecting banks of transformers, something which they have formerly had to learn by theory alone, Dean Palmer explained.

Daylight Classes Despite F. D. Roosevelt

Dreaming wartime complacency, discussion was held at ASUN senate meeting last week regarding changing campus classes from dawn to daylight by returning to standard time.

Francis Escobar, Sigma Rho Delta senator, sponsored the suggestion that the campus clock be set an hour ahead, changing from war to regular time.

If the change were possible—if several warmed up senators became imbued with the delight of sleeping longer—eight o'clock classes would begin at nine.

Orsie Graves Visits

Lt. Orsie Graves, former Nevada Sigma Nu, visited the university campus and the military department last week.

Lt. Graves, who is en route to Florida after having been recently presented with his wings, was active in interfraternity sports while attending the university.

Next Semester Begins at 8:30 am on January 8; Changes Made in Schedule

New Education Courses Offered

Two new courses, each valued at two university credits, will be offered by the education department beginning next semester, open to teachers in service or anyone interested, Dean Fred W. Traner announced this week.

An evening course entitled, "Supervision and Instruction in Junior High School Grades," will be taught by Dr. Harold N. Brown, professor of education, on Monday nights from 7:15 to 9 pm, he stated.

Offering the second course, Edith M. Reubsam, associate professor of education, will teach "Auxiliary Subjects in the Kindergarten-Primary Curriculum," and particularly the application of arts and crafts, music, games and rhythms to the education of such age groups. Miss Reubsam will set the day and hour for this course after registration to serve the convenience of her students, he explained.

Biology Professor Studies Tortoise

Dr. Frank Richardson, assistant professor of biology, is now engaged in a study of the desert tortoise, native to the southern one-third of the state, and has found the creature remarkably adapted for survival in areas of scant rainfall and little vegetation.

Shell Protection
Completely protected by shell-like plates which cover him abaft and abeam, the tortoise depends on plants alone for his food, and can subsist on practically any variety of desert vegetation. Within the walls of his shell, he carries special sacs for storing water, which enables him to exist through periods of scorching drought.

The small portion of his anatomy exposed beyond the shell is scaly and dry. Thick, stubby legs, ending in hoof-shaped feet equipped with broad, blunt claws, enable him to dig into the sand with astonishing rapidity, Dr. Richardson reports.

When traveling from one vicinity to another, the tortoise will average perhaps four or five miles a day, and he frequently digs deep into the earth for protection against the sun and heat, coming to the surface following a rain.

In common with other members of the turtle family, the desert tortoise has a typical reptilian head, and a short, pointed tail similar to that of a terrapin.

The eggs of the desert tortoise are round and thick shelled, resembling golf balls in size and color. Young tortoises are hatched by the heat of the sun and are immediately self-supporting.

When full grown, the tortoise may measure more than a foot in length, and a mature specimen will probably weigh about ten pounds. In captivity the tortoise will eat lettuce, apples, alfalfa and the like.

Partly owing to the efforts of eager souvenir hunters, the tortoise is becoming increasingly rare, and California now protects the species by law, but Nevada has yet no law to prevent their destruction.

The shell has no ornamental value, since it will not assume a luster when polished as will the shell of the commoner sea tortoise.

Two other species of turtle are found in Nevada, Dr. Richardson said. The soft shelled, aquatic variety found in the Colorado river vicinity, and the California mud or pond turtle. One of this variety now makes its home in Manzanita lake on the university campus.

PVT. GEORGE FREY

Pvt. George Frey, Nevada '43, is a medical assistant to a major in a special troops unit of the infantry. Frey was active in Theta Chi fraternity, Aggie Club, Chem Club and interfraternity council while on campus.

UN Class Schedule Changes Effective

University of Nevada students will register for the second semester of the 1944-45 school year on January 8, with classes scheduled to begin the following day.

Except for a brief interval at Easter, there will be no holidays until summer vacation begins May 12, with the 55th commencement to take place Monday, May 14.

Enrollment Expected
Little decrease in enrollment is expected by the registrar's office, and applications on file with the veterans' administration office on the campus indicate that there may be a slight increase in the number of discharged veterans next semester.

Schedule changes have been effected by the committee in an effort to eliminate 4 pm classes, but the shifts in time are not expected to affect materially courses already planned by the students.

Reinstated Faculty
Two faculty members who have been absent on leave will meet their classes with the opening of the second semester. Professor Eldon C. Grafton, associate professor of structural engineering, who has been serving with the armed forces in France, has been released from active duty.

Dr. Ernest L. Inwood, head of the department of economics, business and sociology, who has been serving in the state department of the United States government in Washington, will return to the campus and take up his duties in his department with the opening of the second semester.

Dr. Hungate
Replacing Dr. Edward Lowrance, associate professor of biology, is Dr. Frank Hungate who will act as instructor in the department.

Dr. Lowrance is now on leave engaged in special work at the University of Kansas. Dr. Hungate recently completed work on his doctor's degree at Stanford University, and will take over his classes at the University of Nevada when the semester begins.

Mrs. Rawles to Leave UN Campus
Mrs. Catherine Rawles, who has been a dormitory matron at the University of Nevada for the past five years, will leave the campus at the end of this semester to reside with her daughter, Mrs. John Carlton, in Alameda, California.

Mrs. Rawles plans to stay with her daughter while her son-in-law, Ensign John Carlton, who was recently graduated from Harvard University, is on duty with the U. S. Navy. Ensign Carlton is a radar specialist.

No one has yet been named to replace Mrs. Rawles.

Pvt. Joe Haslett Killed in France
Pvt. Joe Haslett, former University of Nevada student, died in France September 25 from wounds received in action at the front, his parents learned this week.

Pvt. Haslett left the university in his freshman year to enter the armed services. He was wounded September 18.

His brother, Midshipman Robert Haslett, was also a former student here and is now at Annapolis.

Former UN Teacher Pictured With Star
Mary Benton Smith, acting correspondent of the Reno bureau of Associated Press and former instructor in journalism at the University of Nevada, was pictured interviewing Mary Pickford on the screen star's recent trip to Reno, in the October-November issue of the Associated Press News Bulletin for bureaus around the world.

Mrs. Smith taught news gathering and writing in the journalism department during the school year 1942-1943.

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THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Last week reports were so confused concerning the Pi Beta Phi card party and the amount of bonds and stamps solicited that week, the Sagebrush did not print a story concerning the sales of the week.

Several people immediately began to ask questions—including, quite rightfully, the Pi Phis. After explanations were made, everybody concerned understood the situation, and no hard feelings resulted from the incident.

This week, after the figures have been totalled, we have printed the story about Pi Beta Phi's part in the campus bond drive to buy the Hellcat fighter plane.

This is the sort of thing that is likely to come up when deadlines are to be met. There is simply not enough time to get certain information, and it is the policy of the Brush to be right—even if a little late.

However, we appreciated the straight-forwardness shown by Pi Beta Phi. They were entirely reasonable and justified in asking questions about the seeming oversight—as justified as any other campus group is in challenging the policy of the student newspaper.

The Sagebrush belongs to the students. When things seem not quite right, we welcome questions, criticisms and corrections. Only by serving the interests of all the University of Nevada students can the Brush fulfill its function as a student newspaper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

With so much confusion and heartbreak flooding the world, it seems almost sacrilegious to celebrate the birthday of the Man who has lived down through the ages as the symbol of all that is good and kind.

Along with the holiday spirit, we should revive the old feeling of "peace on earth, good will toward men," and follow it up throughout the year by doing our utmost to retain that spirit.

Merry Christmas should be a little more than a greeting this year. It should be a sincere wish that everyone have a merry Christmas—and a little happier new year than those we have experienced since December 7, 1941.

To everyone on campus and all the fellows who would be here in normal times, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

"Do you believe in clubs for women?"
"Only in self defense!"—Overheard.

Student: When I left my last boarding place, the landlady wept.
Landlady: Well, I won't I always collect in advance.

Former Journalism Student Tells of English Newspapers in Letter to Prof.

News Coverage in England Is Excellent, But Papers Suffer Newsprint Shortage

Lt. Bob Bennyhoff, former journalism student at the University of Nevada, now stationed in England with the air forces, stated in a recent letter to Prof. A. L. Higginbotham, head of the department of journalism, that English reporting is "not to be sneezed at."

Lt. Bennyhoff said that the news coverage in England is excellent but that newsprint rationing is quite strict. Most of the papers are limited to four pages and the London Times to six.

Bob, who was a member of the United Press staff before joining the army, noticed the lack of rural papers or small town weeklies in England. The large city papers, especially those in London, are circulated throughout the island.

English papers take more active part in domestic and political activities than those in the United States. Editorials are very strong and direct and even stories are often slanted to drive home the publisher's points, continued Lt. Bennyhoff.

As for the news from America, it is usually summed up in one

column, giving front page space only when something of major importance occurs, but the English press does not differ from others when it comes to playing up the deeds of their own men in war reports, Bob said.

Parliament's activities are covered in more detail than legislative news here in the states, and the papers pay a great deal of attention to the present problems of demobilization and reconversion, he noticed.

Bob concluded by saying that the comic strips are inferior to those of the American papers. "British humor is just what we Americans have always said of it," stated Lt. Bennyhoff.

He saw Bob Miller, another student from the University of Nevada and prominent war correspondent while the latter was on a leave from the battlefield because of wounds received in France.

Harry: Look at that guy eat spaghetti!

Jerry: I understand he's a baseball pitcher and he's practicing a new windup.

Norman Bell Back After 15 Months In North Pacific

Norman Bell, '27 Nevada graduate, is back in the United States again, after nearly 15 months as war correspondent in the North Pacific for the Associated Press.

Estimating he has flown about 20,000 miles in the North Pacific area, Bell was the first reporter to see bombs dropped on Japanese home territory when he rode with a navy bombing mission over Paramushiro last January.

While on the campus, Bell was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Iota K, Sagebrush staff and editor of the Desert Wolf.

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Nevada Graduate Receives Honors

Attorney General Alan Bible, graduate of the University of Nevada with the class of 1930, received recognition in the October issue of the Fraternity Month when his picture appeared in the personalia section.

The Fraternity Month mentioned that he was "one of the youngest attorney generals in the nation and was influential in state affairs, holding membership on several major boards."

Mr. Bible was a charter member of the Nevada Lambda Chi Alpha chapter and was elected to Phi Kappa Phi.

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Letter: . . . trouble at all, old scout.

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Guadalcanal Veteran Returns Home to U. S.

Capt. Elliot Lima, U of N class of '41 who is a veteran of Eniwetok and Guadalcanal, is back in the United States for further hospitalization.

Capt. Lima, who was wounded in action on Guadalcanal, visited the

campus military department last week en route to San Diego where he will receive medical treatment. While on the campus, Lima was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, the men's upperclass committee and the Sagebrush staff. He was also active with the wrestling team and the football squad.

Back the war bond drive.

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Tues., Wed.—Dec. 26, 27

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Thur., Fri., Sat.—Dec. 28-29-30

Double Indemnity

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Richard Arlen

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Paulette Goddard Sonny Tufts

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Louis Allbritton Robert Paige

Wed., Thurs.—Dec. 27-28

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Virginia Bruce Geo. Sanders

Fri., Sat.—Dec. 29-30

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Modern Physical Education Programs Rate Dancing as Beneficial Exercise

By U of N News Service

Dancing now ranks with tennis, swimming and other sports as a social and recreational expression as well as a healthful aid to grace and bodily poise in many modern physical education programs, according to Miss Elsa Sameth, head of the women's physical education department at the University of Nevada.

Miss Sameth, accompanied by members of her advanced dancing group, returned recently from a symposium held at Stanford University in which representatives of the University of California, Mills College, San Jose State, San Francisco College, Stanford and the University of Nevada met for demonstration and discussion of the various types and uses of dancing.

Nevada Hosts

When facilities are available in the new gymnasium, Nevada will seek to act as host to the group, Miss Sameth said, since the symposiums are held in rotation among the schools invited to participate in the meetings.

Hitherto, lack of adequate equipment and space has prevented the University of Nevada from entertaining the symposium representatives.

The university has long offered dancing to advanced students as a creative activity, and has taught dancing as part of the physical education course for women, emphasizing the basic skills in this as in other forms of physical education, including riding, tennis, bowling,

archery and other recreational games.

Uniformity in Training

Chief problem in organizing women's physical education at the University of Nevada, Miss Sameth added, is the lack of uniformity in previous training among women who enter the university.

Many high schools have no physical education program for girls; others place the entire emphasis on competitive sports such as basketball.

With such a variety of skills and ability represented in first-year students, the university program aims at giving each girl at least the fundamental skills necessary in a variety of recreational fields.

Flexibility of Program

Were more uniformity possible among high schools, university work could be greatly broadened and specialized, allowing for a greater flexibility of program, in Miss Sameth's opinion.

Women interested in physical education as a background to teaching may obtain a minor in the subject at the University of Nevada.

For those who desire further specialized training, the basic courses are carefully outlined and planned around the particular field in which the major is desired, to be obtained elsewhere, in the case of specialized training.

Corrective Classes

Corrective physical education classes are available at Nevada upon request, though not mandatory.

Greatest need for corrective work among women today, Miss Sameth believes, is in posture and poise.

From an economic standpoint alone the corrective work would pay ample dividends, she maintains, since in the competition for employment the woman with an alert, confident bearing resulting from proper training in posture, will invariably take precedence over an awkward, ungraceful competitor.

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Lt. Williams Is German Prisoner

Lt. Eugene Williams of Reno, former student at the University of Nevada, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received last week by his wife, the former Florence Cowgill.

Lt. Williams was reported missing in action on a photo reconnaissance flight over Germany on October 29. He recently received the air medal for meritorious achievement on reconnaissance missions over enemy held territory.

A telegram received last week by Mrs. Williams stated that Lt. Williams was a prisoner and that a letter giving more details would follow.

While on campus, Lt. Williams was active in Scabbard and Blade and several other student activities.

Lt. Edwin H. Miller Wins Flying Cross

Lt. Edwin H. Miller, '43, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for participation in more than 50 combat missions in the European theater, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller of Carson City.

Pictures of the presentation ceremony were forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Miller by the army. Lt. Miller, who is now resting at a "flak home" in southern England, is a Sigma Nu.

FORMER STUDENT VISITS UN CAMPUS

A. C. Richard Colin, former University of Nevada student from Avon, California, visited in Reno recently. Colin is stationed at the Iowa pre-flight training school, Iowa City, Iowa.

At the time of his enlistment, Colins, an SAE active, was a junior student.

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Dr. Joseph H. Robertson of the U. S. Forest Service has directed a plea to former students now serving with the armed forces in far places, to undergraduates who will be joining up, and to women students who correspond with friends or relatives in various parts of the world, to lend a hand in scientific research.

Reseeding Program

Dr. Robertson, who is spending the winter months working from his campus office in the Hatch building, is in charge of investigations for range reseeding in the Nevada area.

His work would be greatly aided, he said, by receiving samples of natural grasses or any other plant

with forage value grown in cold, dry desert sections similar to Nevada climate.

No Knowledge Needed

No one need be a botanist in order to gather a handful of grasses bearing seed and dispatch them to the range division at the university, says Dr. Robertson. The department will identify and classify them, and they will be used for experimental purposes and added to the herbarium in the biology department.

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Miners Find Gold Crystals in Petrified Cypress Logs in Churchill County, Nev.

By Barbara Mills

Gold crystals have been found in petrified cypress logs at Nigger Wells in southeastern Churchill county, Nevada, according to Prof. Vincent Gianella, professor of geology in the Mackay School of Mines. This is the only known case of gold found in petrified wood in the United States, Prof. Gianella said.

Gold in Logs

Whole logs of petrified wood were discovered under the earth in a search for gold. The gold vein cut through the logs in its path. The miners crushed some of the wood, and sent it to the mill, but the small amount of gold made any further work impracticable.

The gold found was in crystal form, which is very rare. Streaks of quartz crystals are found on the carbon surface of the pieces containing gold.

Ancient Wood

One of the most unusual objects on Prof. Gianella's well laden desk is a piece of cypress wood 5,000,000 years old, not petrified. The wood is in perfect condition, and was found on the bank of the Yuba river, near Soda Springs, California, in a placer mine.

It is estimated that cypress grew in that vicinity, and near the present site of Reno during the Pliocene Age 5,000,000 years ago. Redwoods grew near Goldfield, Nevada, about the same time. Chalk Bluffs west of Reno are remnants of the same period.

Other Gems

Opal and jasper are minerals more usually found in petrified wood, whose value depends on the composition of the silica and the action that takes place. One piece of petrified wood found on the Virginia river, in Humboldt coun-

ty, Nevada, and now in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., contains opal value at \$250,000 Gianella said.

Near Reno

Petrified wood may be found in many places around Reno. A forest of 40 or 50 stumps, still standing, may be found at Leadville, Washoe county, north of Gerlach, Nevada. Some of the stumps are as large as 17 feet in diameter. Another rich area is near Wilson Canyon on the Walker river near Yerington, Nev.



By Chuck Blenio

When the laurels were being passed out after the football season ended, one of the most praiseworthy men of the Wolf Pack squad was passed by.

Not many students know that in Elmer Green, Wolf Pack end, we have one of the finest young track athletes in the United States.

It was at Overbrook high school, Philadelphia, that Elmer set the middle Atlantic AAU high jump record with a leap of 6 feet 7 inches.

Not content with captaining the track team, Green starred at end on the football team, besides being a member of the student cabinet and participating in other student activities.

Scholastically, he graduated 25th in his class, which is quite an accomplishment in a school the size of Overbrook, which each semester graduates as many as 300 students.

Elmer was one of the most improved players on the squad this season, learning something in every game. The fastest man on the squad, Elmer got down under punts like fast freight going through a green light.

Green entered the college of arts and science and hopes to enter the real estate business upon graduation.

His ambition while in school is to attain national recognition in intercollegiate high jumping circles.

Sorority Catting



Anonymous, but Female

Anonymous but Female

This week I simply hate practice teaching. What did those little jerks do? Oh nothing—nothing at all. They decided to have a Christmas party—then they asked me to tell them a story about Santa Claus.

Jeeppers, it's been simply ages since I ever gave Santa Claus a thought! I rather transferred the impression of "gimme" to good old papa. But I had to dig up a story about Santa Claus. I gave it a full ten minutes' thought, and the gals at the house thought it was pretty sharp.

When I told that bunch of fifth graders the little yarn, whathappened. One juvenile jerk raised his hand and said, "Really, Miss Smith, don't you think that's a bit young for this class?" I nearly split, I tell you, Mable, I nearly split. (Watch me flunk that bird.)

Speaking of Santa Claus, I had the awfulest experience last week. I took my little niece down to see Santa Claus. Santa Claus was a she—in fact, Mable, it was that insipid Margie who sits next to me in sociology. She giggled, and I giggled, and my little niece sez, "Gee, auntie, you must know Santa Claus pretty well."

It wasn't so bad until some male standing next to me with an armful of skinny little kids, sez, "I wouldn't mind knowing you better myself." Embarrassed! I nearly reached the neon stage. Everybody around me glared as though I were contributing to the delinquency of their minor children.

Well, I've got to cash a letter off to papa and tell him I definitely want that pearl necklace for Christmas. These holidays are an awful strain!

"What's your name?"
"I don't know, but I am very beautiful."

Geology Department Head Tells About Meteorites Discovered Within Nevada

Nevada's sagebrush lands and unexplored hillsides probably contain a large assortment of undiscovered meteorites, Dr. Vincent P. Gianella, head of the department of geology, said this week.

It is often difficult to recognize the meteorites because of their resemblance to ordinary volcanic rock which prevails over much of the uninhabited portion of the state. The second largest meteorite known to have fallen in the United States was discovered near Tonopah in the Quinn canyon mountains in 1908.

The discovery, made by an old prospector who had no idea of the value of his find, was eventually shipped to an eastern museum. Of the original estimated 3600 pounds of meteorite, about two ounces were obtained for the Mackay museum in the School of Mines building on the campus.

Also on display in the Mackay School of Mines museum is a 10-pound meteorite found in 1936 in the Quartz mountains in Nye county. Discovery of this meteorite was sheer luck, since it was found resting on bedrock under the top soil layer by two miners who were driving a mine tunnel. A few inches deviation in either direction and the tunnel would have missed the meteorite completely.

Meteorites have a commercial value of about \$5 per pound, Dr. Gianella said, although one composed of rare metals or in some manner unique would demand a proportionately higher price.

Rumors exist throughout the state of meteors seen passing through the air, and a fairly large specimen is reported to have been shipped from

Las Vegas to an eastern museum recently. A few unauthenticated examples are also owned by private collectors, but these have never been subjected to tests to determine their exact content.

Meteorites may be of any size and shape. When analyzed, they are usually found to be composed of iron and all carry a percentage of nickel. If the rock contains lead, Dr. Gianella stated, it cannot be classified as a meteorite, since this substance is never found in the fragments from the outer surface.

The university mining or geology laboratory will analyze free of charge any substance believed to be a meteorite, Dr. Gianella said. Since there is great interest among geologists and scientists regarding the structure and behaviour of meteorites, new examples are always welcomed.

The course of a meteor across the sky can usually be determined with a fair degree of accuracy, according to the doctor, if the person who observes the fall will take care to mark the flight by some landmark or compass bearing.

Normally the meteorites lose their incandescence about 18 miles above the surface of the earth, although they have been known to strike the surface while still flaming.

On the other hand, Dr. Gianella pointed out, meteorites have been found with frost crystals formed on their outer crust. The temperature at the center of the mass is estimated to be many degrees below freezing, the result of having traveled thousands of miles through the sub-zero outer space.

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