

## Main Reading Room Unfit

### Library Chamber Is Thorofare, Says Faculty

In the realm of improper room facilities, the most glaring example of inadequacy is the main reading room of the university library, according to a report of the faculty committee.

"The room is a general concourse or thorofare. All patrons desiring to borrow books must pass thru it; all persons desiring reference service must pass thru it. Its walls are lined with the bound titles of the general periodicals, the use of which disturbs the reader. In fact there is nothing about the room which encourages the student to come to it; hence only those whose work actually forces them to do so, really use it."

The main reading room seats 150 readers.

## Extension Faculty Holds Xmas Party

### 200 Persons Attend Party in Union

About two hundred employees, faculty and friends attended the annual Christmas party of the University Extension division held in the Student Union ballroom, Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10:30. The program consisted of an accordion solo by Evaline Salisbury, tap dancing by Marilyn Padack, accompanied by Hazel Dean, a talk by Dr. Harold W. Stokes, associate professor of political science, on the TVA, and concluded with group singing led by Mrs. Agnes Nelson and accompanied by Natalie Stromberger.

Following the program there was a social hour and light refreshments. Christmas decorations were used on the refreshment table.

## AS I SEE IT

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Cleveland.  
T. P. Heard, Louisiana State athletic director, announced that L.S.U.'s coaching staff will be retained for at least another year... that means "Blue" Howell, ex-Husker great, has his backfield coaching job back... Biff Jones and Babe Hollingbery's West team has a pair of nice sounding tackles in Blas Miatovich, San Francisco, and Dick Trzusowski, Idaho... Al Braga, San Francisco back, is considered the best back on the coast next to Vic Bottari of California, and both are on the West squad, too... Herman Rohrig was the only Husker to make Oklahoma's all opponent team... other members were ends Brown, Washington State and Helleman, Iowa State; tackles Shugart, Iowa State and Waldorf, Missouri; guards Ed Bock of Iowa State and Waldorf, Missouri; center, Kinnison of Missouri; and backs Christman, Missouri, Hackney, Kansas State and Kiacher, Iowa State... three Oklahoma reserves with little game experience are being groomed for the positions of Bill Jennings, Howard McCarty and Jerry Bolton, injured Sooners... Sophomore John Martin who caught a pass for a touchdown against Washington State is a candidate for Jennings' position... 160 pound Deryl Clark, junior who played four and one half minutes this year, is trying out for McCarty's halfback position, while Bill La Rue, junior, who played six and one half minutes in 1937, will probably step into Jerry Bolton's guard spot... Jennings has a double ankle fracture, McCarthy a broken leg, and Bolton a twisted knee... Haskell's Indians are really Indians... their starting lineup includes Big Bear, Little Thunder, Prairie Wolf, Tunder Bird, and Pretty On Top... Pete Bausch, former K. U. center, who is a Chicago Bear now, made the U. P.'s second all pro league team.

Mississippi State college has just opened a new petroleum products testing laboratory constructed at a cost of \$20,000.

## Christmas Spirits Discuss Meaning of Christmas Spirit

### Merrie Gentlemen Try Define Esprit de Noel

Christmas is just around the corner, and with that trite truism rankling in your soul, we begin a discussion of the Christmas spirit.

"What are the elements of Christmas spirit?" we asked of nobody in particular. Getting the expected nothing, we decided to call in a symposium of Those Who Know. Accordingly we called in the following and held a secret session in a telephone booth. Those present at the meeting were: A beautiful lady known as Christmas Carol, three Merrie Gentlemen in beaver hats and Dickensy attire, a disgruntled manufacturer of one horse open sleighs, a recruiting officer for Salvation Army Santa Clauses, and a taxi-cab driver who claimed he picked up Santa Claus in Washington, D. C., wandering about in a daze.

"I knew it was him," said the taxi-cab driver, "because he kept muttering 'I'm a piker, I'm a piker,' into his white beard. His suit was red and his face was redder. He kept muttering about the need for a federal loan to rehabilitate his toy factory and

complained of increasing government competition with the North Pole Public Utilities company."

That revelation broke the ice and everybody freely voiced their opinions on Christmas spirit. The tallest Merrie Gentleman began his remarks by saying that he thought the taxi-cab driver's story plausible but not probable due to the fact that he had read a news item just the other day in the Manchester Guardian that all hope had been lost for a mysterious sky pilot named Kris Kringle who attempted a one night round the world flight last Dec. 24 and was believed to have crashed in the Arctic wastes.

"My motto," he continued, loosening his scarf, "is to let nothing dismay you. That's what I sing and what I say from Thanksgiving time till Christmas day."

"I think," said the tallest Merrie Gentleman, trying to balance a Yule log on the end of his nose, "the true Christmas spirit is the sincere desire to make others happy and wish well of everybody independent of what you would like to receive."

Christmas Carol brushed some stray holly from her hair, sang two stanzas of "Silent Night," and

## ESTIMATES OF SPACE NEEDED BY LIBRARY

	Have in Library	Need Now	Need in 1957
Stacks (Linear feet) .....	20,000	40,000	100,000
Main Reading Room .....	5,000	14,000	14,000
Periodical Reading Room .....	1,000	2,400	3,000
Reserve Reading Room .....	4,800	10,000	10,000
Faculty and Advanced Students .....		5,000	10,000
Staff Offices and Work Space .....	3,400	6,000	9,000
Rest Rooms, Checking and Locker... ..	800	2,000	3,000
Storage in Building .....	800	5,000	10,000
Area for Public Catalog .....	400	800	1,500

said:

"I guess you're right."

How does that concern the collegiate generation?" asked the shortest Merrie Gentleman.

"Not enough," said the tallest, trying to steer Christmas Carol under some mistletoe. "For proof I offer the question which students seem to ask of each other the first time they see each other after Christmas—what did you get for Christmas? I contend that that conventional remark is inspired by a curiosity to compare gifts received."

"Aren't you guessing at motives?" said the shortest.

"Maybe," said the tallest.

"Maybe."

Of the 1,899 parolees of the New York state parole board, only 4 percent graduated from college or a professional school.

## INTERFRAT BALL

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Last year's decorative scheme centered around St. Valentine's day with appropriate decorations carrying out the sweetheart motif of the party.

"In living up to our promise of satisfying the students with a well known dance band, that always plays exceptionally good music, the Interfraternity ball committee feels that it will fulfill that pledge again this year," declared Leadley. "We now have several of the country's leading dance bands under consideration."

Public housing in relation to city planning is the subject of a new five year study recently begun at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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