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President's Christmas Message

To the Student Body of Xavier University:

World War and Christmas joy may seem most incongruous, but if we reflect upon the stable of Bethlehem, we will see no contradiction. In Brussels, Trinity waited, we may say, four thousand years until "all the world being at rest" became incarnate and was born for our salvation. Now, in our own day, we are conscious that the purging effort of war that men will turn from themselves, that men will declare a truce in their actions in ultimate hope at peace with their God the Word Incarnate may again be the Christmas mission of our age. God had directed a wayward word to a hillside stable in Judea; today Our same Lord is directing us to the crib of His Christ.

"Lux fulgibis hodie super nos: quis natum est Dominum: Dixit annuntiatus, Dominus Princeps pacis..."

May the grace and peace of this infant Prince of peace be your Christmas joy and consolation.

Cletis J. Steiner, S. J., President.

**Improvements Are Planned by Committee**

The Student Council, in their weekly meeting last Monday, revealed that the newly formed Union House Committee will suggest improvements for the amenities of the Union House. Robert E. Rielly, chairman of the committee, stated, that a pay-telephone is to be installed at the earliest possible date in the foyer of the Union House.

After the resumption of school in January following the Christmas holidays, the Student Council will determine the changes that will be made in the present Union House. These improvements include a pay-telephone, a basketball schedule for 1941-42, and plans for the presentation of a trophy.

**Drop Latin, Says Debater in Philp Win**

Due to the long Christmas holidays, the next meeting of the debate society, the Xavier Latin society, is scheduled for January 8. Continuing the new policy of private debate, the speakers will be selected by the debate judgment committee.

Feature of the party will be the presentation of motion pictures, cartoons, in the spirit of the X-Rays' "Battle of the Bands." The posters on the walls will be the result of the students' efforts.

The party will be held in the Xavier Union on Thursday, January 8, at 8:30 p.m. All students are invited to attend.

**Sought Band by Prom Committee**

Oratorical Prelimes

Suggesting that those students interested in participating in the annual Christmas celebration, "Drop Latin," the fall semester, have been named. The speakers will be selected for the date for the preliminaries.

The students should prepare a three-minute speech for that date. The exact time and room for the preliminaries will be disclosed later.

Cletis J. Steiner, S. J., President.

**Santa On Hand For Booklovers**

Celebration of the annual Christmas party of the Booklovers' Union will be on December 19, a success, Mrs. Catherine A. McGurth, secretary of the association, stated after yesterday's meeting.

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**Order Books Now**

Xavier students who must purchase new textbooks for the second semester are advised to place their orders at the Student Store, Rev. John J. Benson, dean of the arts and sciences, will be the person to handle their orders.

Due to the difficulty in having orders filled promptly, we ask that students order a minimum of two textbooks.

The annual pre-Christmas meeting of the Student Council will be held in the Biology Building on Thursday evening, December 18.

The Rev. Cletis J. Steiner, S. J., president of the University, will speak at the meeting, expressing his views on the war and plans for the relationship and cooperation with the University.

Every member is urged to attend in order to help us decide the fate of the organization and to form a useful program of future activities.
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The future of the college men

In this period of war hysteria there is need for clear-thinking and scientific action. Keep your shirts on! Thus Reverend Father Benson, S.J., Dean of the liberal arts college addressed the upper classes of Xavier after Japan's stab at Pearl Harbor pushed the United States over the brink of war.

Correcting the erroneous notion that unless Xavier students abandon their studies upon enlisting in the service, the college's future is clouded, Father Benson logical explained that vital future college graduates, as we are, are a select group of individuals and would be of far greater service to their country if they continued to develop their talents for the men for whom they are trained. In order to make use of its manpower most efficiently and effectively our country needs capable, trained doctors, chemists, engineers, production managers, teachers—now and after the peace has been attained.

Our present leaders have been trained as leaders in their respective fields. Our country's present leaders certainly have the foresight and far-sightedness to conduct the war, administer intelligently the activities of our life other than on the actual field of battle. The war is won on the field but they strive for the future in which planes cannot hope to win the peace if their country lacks the leaders in industry, education, and business to preserve our way of life behind the lines.

Prudent hesitation and careful thought are necessary before college students desert their educational opportunities, to overflow the enlistment centers of the armed forces opportunities for developing more useful lives for the future.

Xavier University wants no slackers and expects every student to sacrifice and extend his efforts for his country's welfare. And when his country requests his services on the field, on the seas, and in the air, he will at once answer the call.

QUID ERGO?... By Robert E. Kasek

Guest columnist this week is Second Lieutenant William J. F. Roll, Jr., former News editor and now stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., with the 2d Armored Division.

Every alumnum, coming back to the Alma Mater, MUST have some kind of message for the folks at home. I'm not one to flaunt tradition, so I'll try to dig up a message.

You men who are to be graduated as second lieutenants in June... or sooner... know the Book—and be prepared for anything. By that I mean, know what is standard procedure, but be prepared to encounter anything unusual. I see, the army is experiencing a state of flux, in which old traditional procedures are being tried and often supplemented by new. This is especially true in the armed services, which are a direct part of our people. As we can received a letter from a little girl who wanted to know whether there was a Santa Claus. In-epied, the editor set down and wrote what has come one of the most famous editorials in the history of journalism. Of course there is a Santa Claus, he said. Santa Claus can never go out of existence, for he lives in the hearts of men, women, and children all over the world. He is love, and kindness, and generosity. As long as there is a need to have hope in the human heart, Santa Claus will be a real person.

But there is an added element, a personal touch, to the Christmas spirit, the way that the message is related to the whole picture. I was thinking of the time that my young age was with a child. Father Benson, S.J., Dean of the liberal arts college addressed the upper classes of Xavier after Japan's stab at Pearl Harbor pushed the United States over the brink of war.

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Mural Hoop Leagues Swing Into Action

Muskeroots Take Lead In Dorm

The I-M Basketball Leagues leaped off to a flying start last Saturday when the dorm loop played its initial contest. With Gil Gordon and Alex McPherson leading their attack, the Muskeroots set out in search of the ’42 title. Sunday, McPherson Is Hot stepping off to a 41-22 victory in the opener. With Gil Gordon and Alex McPherson leading their attack, the Muskeroots set out in search of the ’42 title.

Washers And Mutryn Honored By Hoyas

Two Xavier gridders, captain Bonny Washer and ace back Chet Mutryn, were honored last week when placed on all-opponent teams published in the Dec. 10 issue of The Hoya. Georgetown student publication. Mutryn was a unanimous selection for one of the backfield positions along with Junie Hovius of Mississippi and Andy Tomasic of Temple on the team picked by squad members. Both Washer and Mutryn were given positions on an all-opponent team picked by Frank J., Pritz, sports editor of The Hoya.

CLEFT CLUB DANCE

To help finance a tour to Louisville, where a series of six concerts has been scheduled for March or April, the Cleft Club is planning a Union House Dance for Saturday, January 9. The dancing will be from 9 to 12, with tempo furnished via the nickelodian, at $.35 a couple. Tentative plans for the dance are being arranged by a committee including chairman Ralph E. Storey, Elmer A. Musil, James A. Arata, and publicity chairman James B. Brommyer.

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Muskie Hoopmen Face Tough Holiday Bill

S. Carolina, Tennessee W&L, Ohio U. Are Foes

The Musketeers will spend their holidays entertaining a trio of top-flight quintets at home and meeting a fourth in Louisville.

The first of the invaders will be the Gamecocks of the University of South Carolina. Coach Frank Johnson has four lettermen back from last year’s sectional squad, plus several outstanding sophomores to build his 1942 squad around.

Vols Are Tough

Second on the list of invading opponents will be Tennessee’s Volunteers, who should give the Muskies one of their toughest tests this season.

Last year the Vols won the Southeastern title and are out to annex that crown again. Experts consider their chances to exceed those of the Muskies.

On the 30th the Muskies will take their annual trip to Louisville, this time to face the Generals from Washington and Lee.
Ten Years Ago This Week: "Sweethearts," the Victor Herbert operetta, enjoyed great success when presented at Emery Auditorium by an All-Xavier cast. The Musketeers were outdistanced 22-20 by the Michigan State bookers, and 21-20 by Detroit U. . . . On the Xavier Hour over Radio Station WKRC, Gene Schott, '34, presented two difficult piano selections.

Five Years Ago This Week: Bob Crosby and his orchestra was signed for the annual Junior Prom. . . . Loyola's rangy Maroons swept aside an inexperienced Muskie squad, winning 41-31 . . . The Rev. George R. Kister, S. J., former President of Xavier, died after a varied and colorful career.

One Year Ago This Week: Paul Pendravis and his band was signed for the Junior Prom. . . . In a rough game, Xavier came from behind to beat Dayton U. 37-35 . . . Maureen DeWar, of the Xavier Evening Division, was chosen Queen of the 1941 Junior Prom.

Dr. Charlotte Boatner, assistant professor of chemistry at Tulane university, has discovered an allergy preventive to relieve hay fever and asthma.

Students Give Opinions On War

(Continued from Page 1) that unity is essential for successful conduct of the war. "The sense of hopelessness that now pervades the minds of many Americans will be quickly banished, since everyone will soon occupy a definite place in our pattern of national defense."

Underclass opinion is reflected in the statement of Jay O'Hara, sophomore class president. "I feel that there will be no immediate effect on the underclassmen. But they will definitely be affected in the future, carrying upon their shoulders the bulk of rehabilitating the United States."

He is also of the opinion that the United States held itself aloof from war as long as it was possible. It is now fighting a strictly defensive war, in defending our cherished democracy, according to O'Hara. "War may bring about a return to the Jesuit form of education. This will occur because people will recognize the fact that an ultra-mechanical world has the cause of much evil. I feel that the war with Japan will last from two to three years." This is the statement of Bob Karka, a member of the Advanced Military, and Host of the Mermaid Tavern.

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