





# Hy-Lites



By Joan Hyllnd

"Peace on earth to men of good will." The season of yuletide cheer, fellowship and good feeling is once more upon us. The Christmas spirit descends upon State, the P.O. and even upon the sports department. In keeping with this customary jollity, we emerge, Scrooge-like into the realms of sweetness and light — extending MAA and WAA each one hand in friendship. An invitation goes with it — an invitation to forget all outstanding difficulties and start the new year in peace and harmony.

To be practical, the situation boils down to this. We are all working toward the same end — the furthering of athletics at State. Naturally we can accomplish this best by working together. We are frank to admit that we cannot exist without MAA and WAA—and conceived enough to believe that we can help them.

Our suggestion is that our AA's each appoint a representative to the sports staff. The duty of this representative would be to keep in touch with activities of his organization and communicate same to us at a certain specified time each week. This system was used by WAA and worked out very well. We don't know why it was dropped but we would be glad to see its resumption. News would be authentic, accurate and complete. Everyone would be happy. Life would be beautiful.

Congratulations go to the clever designer who is responsible for the decoration of the WAA bulletin board. It is attractive and neat — a great improvement over the sheet of notebook paper type of poster. We also think it a good idea to have authority for use of the board come from one person which is the new WAA policy. If all organizations would cooperate as well with the effort being made to improve the appearance of our halls, the powers-that-be would have cause for joy.

### Camp Johnston Plug

Camp Johnston does not seem to have come in for its usual publicity on the sports page. The snow and, believe it or not, a sled parked in a corner of the P.O. have reminded us of the attraction of that place. A week-end at camp is really a unique experience. It offers an opportunity to get away from it all and come close to nature a la Thoreau. The winter season is perhaps the best at camp. A pond nearby provides skating on non-dug up ice, a rarity which is not to be found on local ponds. The surrounding scenery is whiteness unmarred by the soot and grime of the city atmosphere. Hiking, tobogganing, eating, sitting around the fire and sleeping succeed in filling up the rest of the week-end sufficiently and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

### Presents For All

Continuing in the foot-steps of last year's edition, we distribute our Christmas gifts via our column. It does save such a lot of wear and tear—and money.

First, to the beloved P.O., goes a quantity of brand new, shiny, typewriters—that work.

The Co-op gets a big sign reading "Out of Cigarettes, hershey bars, and gum."

We present MAA and WAA a sports page that really "understands" them.

Myskanla gets lots of good things in its stocking in return for their work in providing a merrier Christmas for 140 Albany orphans.

All students with tongues hanging out for cigarettes receive a package of Bull Durham and a rolling machine complete with wrappers of their favorite brands to give that certain illusion.

To the library goes a staircase ten feet wide leading from the lower hall of Draper.

Practice teachers get skates for that long trek to Milne and snowshoes for when the door to the auditorium is locked.

State college audiences are given more first-rate entertainment like the "Damask Cheek."

To all the boys and girls far away from home this Christmas go the

# Sixteen Teams Compete In WAA Hoop League

## Schedule Announced; League Rules Compiled

Sixteen teams have signed up to compete in the WAA basketball league, according to Edna Sweeney, captain of the sport. Last year only eleven teams were formed. The schedule will be full and teams will have to comply strictly with the rules of the tournament in order that all games can be fit in the season. Following are the rules for the league:

### League Rules

1. A team which is to play must be on the floor at the scheduled time, 7:00, 7:50, or 8:40.
2. Five minutes lateness means forfeit of the game.
3. Three forfeits eliminates a team from the league.

Tournament games are scheduled for Monday and Thursday afternoons and Tuesday and Wednesday nights. There will be practice sessions on Saturday afternoons from two till four for all those wishing to come.

Captains are warned to watch the WAA bulletin board for schedules of dates and times and keep their teams informed of their playing schedules.

### Teams

Teams participating are: Stokes Hall, Newman Hall, Moreland Hall, Chi Sig, Wren Hall, Kappa Delta, Psi Gam, Phi Delta, Beta Zeta, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Sayles Hall, Rares, Dynamiters, Whiz Kids, Tommy More, and Gamma Kap.

### Outcome?

The outcome of the league is extremely unpredictable at this point. All the established teams have lost valuable players and have added unknown quantities to their rosters since last year. The new teams which have been formed this year AE Phi, Tommy More, Whiz Kids, Stokes, Dynamiters, have of course, never been seen in action on State court and add even more to the uncertainty of the outcome.

The Freshmen and Sophomores are coming out quite regularly for practice and a spirited Rivalry basketball game looms in the offing.

### Schedule

The schedule of games from the end of Christmas vacation until exams is as follows:

#### Wednesday, January 3

7:00 Psi Gamma vs. Whiz Kids  
7:50 Rares vs. Alpha Epsilon Phi  
8:40 Beta Zeta vs. Tommy More

#### Thursday, January 4

4:30 Stokes vs. Newman Hall

#### Monday, January 8

4:30 Moreland Hall vs. Sayles Hall

#### Tuesday, January 9

7:00 Phi Delta vs. Wren Hall  
7:50 Kappa Delta vs. Dynamiters  
8:40 Chi Sig vs. Gamma Kappa Phi

#### Wednesday, January 10

7:00 Psi Gamma vs. Alpha Epsilon  
7:50 Whiz Kids vs. Rares  
8:40 Beta eta vs. Stokes

#### Thursday, January 11

4:30 Tommy More vs. Newman Hall

#### Wednesday, January 17

7:00 Phi Delta vs. Moreland Hall  
7:50 Wren vs. Sayles Hall  
8:40 Kappa Delta vs. Gamma Kap

#### Thursday, January 18

4:30 Dynamiters vs. Chi Sig

### Senior Class Plans Banquet

The Senior Class will hold its annual banquet on Friday evening, January 12. Dinner will be served on the roof of the Ten Eyck Hotel.

Miss Joan Smith, '45, President, has announced that the class will pay for half of the meal, that is, \$1.25, the remainder to be paid by the Seniors who attend. Committees will be appointed later.

wish for a merry one and victory in '45.

Now that our shopping is done, nothing is left but to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a happy new year, and board the train for home.

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### Christmas Recess Is Here, Athletes Start Hibernating

*"Dashing through the snow, In a one-horse open sleigh."*

Those world always send a warming thrill down the backs of all the lovers of the "good old days." To the more modern minded of the present generation it means bitter, freezing rides that seem to have no destination as well as no reason. Those up-to-date individuals much prefer the cozy comfort of a sleek sedan. No gas!

Where does all this digressing lead? To the realization that the members of MAA and WAA are either going to spend their Xmas vacation storing up heat for the rest of Albany's wicked winter or get out the sleighs. It is the astute guess of the sports staff that a great deal of heat will be stowed away. Hoarders!

### MAA Pool Tourney To Begin Competition

Ping-pong is still hanging fire as far as the doubles matches are concerned. Even with the ping-pong unfinished MAA is turning its spotlight on pocket billiards. Art Kaufman has announced that his assistant, George Hess, will be in charge of this tournament. Hess beat out Kaufman for the championship last year and is well qualified to promote this one.

Hess plans to start the tournament directly after the Christmas holidays. The usual sheet will be posted on the MAA bulletin board to facilitate registration. Everyone who wishes to compete should sign up as soon as possible.

The tournament will be conducted along the same lines this year as it was last. The individual contestants will be paired off and the number of qualifying rounds will depend on the quantity of men that are interested enough to sign up. If the players tear into their matches the tournament could be over before the January exams. If not, it will have to be held over into February.

### Bowling League Will Start Soon

By BOB SORENSON

Art Kaufmann has just completed a survey which will rock Draper from its cornerstone. By posting an innocent sheet of paper on the MAA bulletin board he found that 22 men of State have at least three fingers on one hand and can lift the sum total of 16 pounds.

Quick to capitalize, Arthur, who at this writing is still in his knight-hood, has started to organize a league. Four masters of the manly art have been chosen as captains. They are, namely: Bob Sullivan, Bruce Hansen, Harry Inglis and some proud fellow who possesses a carton of R. J. Reynolds coffin nails.

It is hoped that the teams will be chosen and arrangements made so the first latex sphere may be sent hurtling at the pins soon after St. Nick makes his annual trip with his old bag (no one as yet has ever found out her name.) The games will probably be bowled at night.

It might do the fellows good to take a few hour each week to lull in the alleys and roll a game or two. I can foresee that this column will be quoted in classes by unprepared bowlers.

### There Is Some Talent

Many of the men will probably remain "dark horses" until after the league is under way. It has, however, been rumored in reliable pin boy circles that State has a few very good kegglers to send to the foul line (oh let's leave that foul line out of this)\*

Harry Inglis, who led the State men to victory over Med School last week, should rank among the leaders. Silent Jim Farley isn't exactly a pin boy's dream, while Bob Sullivan seems to be the best of the southpaws. If Bruce Hanson can keep his mind off the girls on the next alley he may press the boys for individual honors.

Here's a hope for spirited competition and may the best team win!

\* (George Hess would like to know which is the foul line.)

### TNT's of WAA

As this weeks TNT'er, we have chosen Peg Bostwick, '45's representative to WAA Council.

Who would ever think that little Peg would have the energy to take part in so many and such varied sports? Yet this is just the case.

### High School Activities

At high school, in Amsterdam, Peg was active in most of the sports offered at the school, being especially interested in softball, skiing and tennis.

Here at college, Peg has earned credit in four sports every year. Last year she was awarded the WAA key for participation in college sports.

As captain of fencing last year, Peg rose faithfully at nine o'clock every Saturday which is enough to put her name down in history. And then there were the work-outs with the linament just as faithfully every Saturday night.

All of the Seniors and Juniors, who witnessed last year's softball game between the Seniors and Juniors, will recall that Peg worked so hard during the game that she broke her finger offering it up she said, "for a good cause." And, then there was her brief—but spectacular basketball career.

### Elected V. P.

Last year, Peg was elected Vice-president of WAA. Since she was also elected to the presidency of Newman Club, which is a major office, it was necessary for her to give up WAA vice-presidency. She is still representative of her class however, on WAA Council.

In reviewing therefore, Peg's participation and achievements in the field of sports, we feel qualified in choosing her as this week's outstanding WAA personality.

### Fencing Classes Slated; Better Turnout Requested

The first fencing practice took place last Saturday morning at 10. Only six girls showed up but it is hoped that WAA'ers will come out more strongly for the sport after vacation when there is more time.

The next class will be held on the first Saturday morning after vacation at 10 A.M. There will be another sign-up sheet on the bulletin board the week before for all those still interested.

### Season Plans

Included in the plans for the season, as announced by Chuck Axelrod, will be contest bouts with La Salle Academy. The instructor for the classes is a senior from the Academy. He is well-known to those in last year's fencing classes. In the bouts held last year with LaSalle, he was a prominent and skillful opponent.

WAA is offering, in fencing, a chance to indulge in a healthful, poise-building sport. Chuck hopes that more girls will take advantage of the opportunity.

ALAN MAVER

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