

College Students Learn Russian

Nicholas Siniapkin, a native Russian is conducting classes in Russian at the College every Monday and Thursday from 7 to 9 P.M. in Husted Hall. Approximately twelve State College students attend the classes.

Mr. Nicholas Siniapkin was born and educated in Russia. He taught engineering before coming to America around 1921. At present he is an electrical engineer for the City Public Works. His son, who also attends the classes, is a student in the Milne School.

In his classes, Mr. Siniapkin teaches about the geography and civilization of Russia as well as the language itself. Discussions of such things as the Cossacks and White Russia add interest and humor to the classes. Paintings and artists will be discussed in the future, and songs, beginning with *Dark Eyes*, will be learned in Russian.

Since it is not too late to begin the Russian lessons, students who are interested are urged to attend. There is a small fee of ten cents per hour.

Photo Club To Be Organized

Precipitated by the unusual display of student interest in the recent Photo Exhibit, a photography club is now in the process of organization. A short meeting of all those interested in joining will be held Wednesday, January 4, in Room 109, Draper.

Those interested who are unable to attend are asked to contact Anita Feinstein or Helen Stuart, Juniors, via student mail.

"No Mail For Servicemen" Is Forum's Plaintive Cry

"I haven't time to write."
"There's nothing to say."
"But he's married!"
Oh, yes, there are plenty of excuses and alibis—plenty of supposedly good reasons a State girl can give for not yet writing to the serviceman whose address was given to her by Forum.

What is all this raving for? Several hundred girls signed their names on a sheet of paper, thus pledging themselves as college correspondents to some former State man. They were asked to write immediately to keep the servicemen posted on State news. They were asked to make sure that the address was correct and to keep Forum posted on changes of address.

To date, at least half of the girls who signed up have not written.

John Niles

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hillbillies. Moreover, he is the only folk singer who is rated as a recording artist for RCA-Victor Company along with Toscanini, Caruso, and other music notables.

Niles feels that the United States has failed to make use of its folk music to build up a strong national spirit as Germany, Italy, Russia, and England are doing now. Because Americans do not realize the importance or beauty of their own folk songs, Niles feels it is his job to help write them down and keep singing them so that the ballads will not be lost to people of future centuries.

Dr. Louis C. Jones, Assistant Professor of English, will have Mr. Niles as a guest in his folk lore class. The singer will give a program of his ballads for the students.

State Comes To Aid Of Destitute Greece

Although last Friday officially ended the Old Clothes Drive, students continued handing in coats and other articles of clothing as long as the box remained in the lower hall of Draper. Geraldine Merhoff, '44, President of Classical Club, the group sponsoring the drive, announced that the campaign was successful.

Old clothes and still new "old-fashioned" clothes have been liberally contributed by the student body. Warm coats, suits, and woolen dresses and sweaters composed the major part of the collection.

The clothes received were in good condition and will satisfy the need that originally stimulated this drive. The clothing will be sent to the Greek Church on Lancaster Street which is the head of the Greek War Relief Association.

On the last day of the drive, Miss Merhoff said, "By their cooperation and enthusiasm in this project, State students have shown their willingness and ability to help on another of the many present war fronts of civilian life."

College Banner Arrives

The State banner, given to the school by the four classes, arrived last Saturday, according to Patricia Latimer, President of Student Association. The banner will be hung in the Commons.

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Sayles Hall Annex Steps Out; Men Pool Clothes, Car, Money

A line in the *State College Directory* reads "Sayles Annex, 203 Ontario Street, 2-2013," listing the lone residence hall for men on campus. Complete with eighteen men, a pool table, and Bob Sullivan, house manager, Sayles Annex is the remaining incentive for Pierce girls to hold open houses for college men.

As even the gay young sophomores will remember, last year's already weakening ratio of men was scattered in KDR, Potter Club, Sayles Hall, College House, and SLS to mention a few. 203 (the former SLS house) now stands alone with approximately 40 per cent of the State men under its roof.

For those unfortunate souls who haven't seen the interior of the "Modern Man's Mansion," a tour will acquaint them with it. The living room has in its center a large pool table, or should it be said the living room centers around the pool table? Incidentally, a pool tournament open to all male students was held this fall—so the pool table is still in the middle of the living room, of course. There's Jim Miner and Al Beninati sitting on top of the piano supervising the "eight-ball" players.

Dick Smith and Jim Conley, freshmen, are official hash-tossers when

anyone is hungry between those comfortable, cold walks to Pierce at 7:15 in the morning and six at night. As entertainment between courses, Manny Miller comes out with his *Mineola Shuffle*, a combination of *She Had to Go* and *Lose It at the Astor* and *Why Don't You Do Right*.

"Happy is the day when the Annex gets its pay." At the beginning of the year, poker was the favorite pastime of equalizing those what has with those what hasn't. A Communistic system of share and share alike is now in order, what with Christmas holidays and the usual empty jeans drawing near. "If one fellow has the money, we eat," is the motto.

Art Kaufman's '32 Chevrolet affectionately dubbed "Queen Vickie" carries the weight of many a nightly visit to the Boul. Before starting on their nocturnal life, all the men rush for one of Clyde Cook's sport coats and Mark Blunt's red, white, and blue tie.

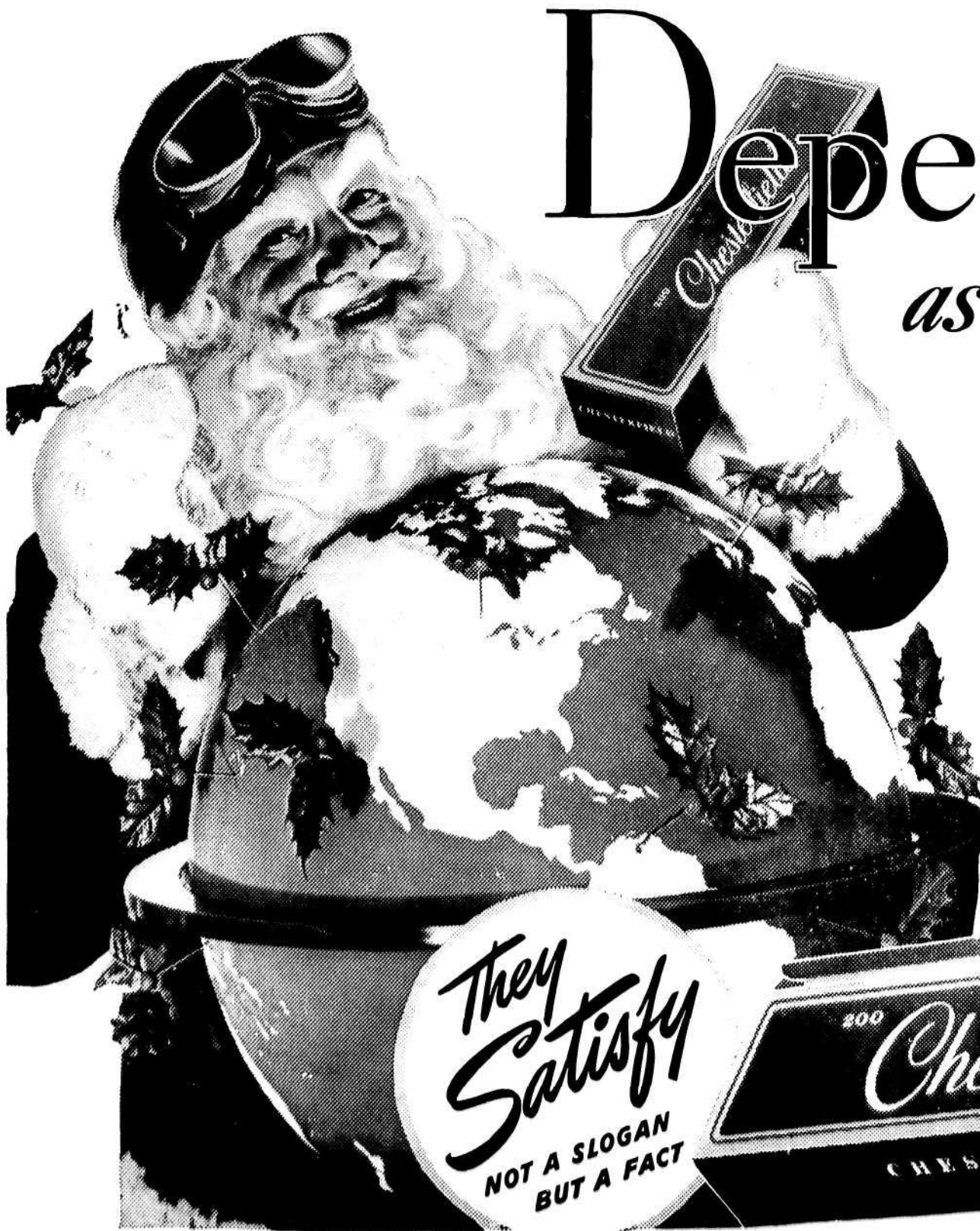
Former State men now in the Service have popped in now and then to be welcomed by McFeeley, Russell, and Sullivan. George Kunz, Pete Porcino, Clancy, Oarr, Ed. Holstein and Dale Wood are a few of the visitors to the home of the low end of the 15:1 ratio.

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