



Photo by Tommy Weber.

## Austrian Group Presents Songs, Dances Saturday

By Lockwood Seegar

The National Student Association will present a program of folk songs and native dances by members of the Austrian Good Will Tour in the Tech gym Saturday night at eight o'clock. The purpose of the nation-wide tour is twofold: first, to bring about better understanding between the two countries and second, to afford an opportunity for students of Austria and the United States to meet each other and to compare common interests and ideas.

The tour is being brought to the local campus by the N.S.A. committee of Student Council. Bill Kennedy is chairman of the committee. The Austrian group, which is composed of sixteen boys and thirteen girls, will arrive on campus at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and will visit various fraternity houses, where they will have lunch and spend the afternoon.

### Tea to Be Held

An informal tea will be held at the Tech YMCA at five-thirty that afternoon. All students are invited to attend and meet personally the individual members of the tour. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be served. Following the program Saturday night the group will be entertained by Austrian Consul Hecht and his wife at their home. The female members of the group will be quartered in Atlanta homes for the night, and the male members will spend the night in various fraternity houses.

Tickets for the program will be available at the information desk in the Administration building Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no charge for the tickets. Tickets will be on sale to outsiders for one dollar each.

### Bock Is Director

Director and organizer for the Austrian group is Dr. Oskar Bock. Felix Molzer, music director of the group, is already well known in this country as conductor of the Vienna Choir Boys. He is twenty-seven years old and a graduate of the Vienna Music Academy, where he is known as a promising future composer.

Vroni Stockl, star yodeler of the group, is only nineteen. Quiet and retiring, she has a voice that is described as a cross between a bird warble and a waterfall. Another member of the tour is Karl Martitsch, academic ski champion of four countries. Martitsch has an engineering degree from the University of Graz. He has notched more than 150 skiing victories and will represent Austria in the competition at Lake Placid this winter.

Susanne Polsterer, art director for the group, has received her Ph.D. degree from the University of Vienna. A blond, she has been compared in looks to Marlene Dietrich.

## Blue Print Pictures

Sophomores and juniors can check their pictures in the 1950 Blue Print at the information desk, Administration Building, from nine to four Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, and from nine to twelve on Saturday. Seniors and graduate students will be allowed to check their pictures in the Blue Print office in the basement of the YMCA from one to five on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

## Billiard Exhibition To Be Given Friday

Mr. Charles G. Peterson, the world's fancy shot billiard champion, will give an exhibition at the Ga. Tech YMCA on Friday, January 13. Mr. Peterson can make any shot that has been designed and challenges his audience to name a shot that he cannot perform.

Peterson will devote his show to a demonstration of billiard fundamentals, designed to show the beginner how to approach the game, and also his bag of "impossible" shots.

### Dollar Shot

The "dollar shot" serves as an example of Peterson's cue wizardry—skill that requires one of the most delicate strokes in the game. Pete stands a silver dollar on end between two pieces of billiard chalk. The pieces of chalk are about one-quarter of an inch apart. Pete then strokes the dollar to the far cushion from whence it rolls right back through the two pieces of chalk.

### Relaxing Game

Peterson is enthusiastic about his appearance before men and women in the college group, since he believes billiards is a game of relaxation after the concentration of the classroom, and he is confident that new stars in the sport will emerge from college students who learn the game while in school.

Pete is appearing before American colleges and other groups under the auspices of the Billiard Congress of America and the Association of College Unions.

# Cossacks To Perform On Sunday Afternoon

## Noted Russian Choral Group To Present Varied Program

By Cooper Morcock

A big event of the winter quarter is the appearance of the Don Cossack Chorus at three Sunday afternoon, January 15, in the Tech gymnasium. Tech students can pick up their tickets at the information desk in the Administration Building. Tickets are free to students, but the limit is two tickets per student because of the unusual popularity of the chorus and the large audience expected.

The Don Cossack Chorus is a unique male group of Russian singers and dancers. Their program includes music of many types, ranging from serious religious works in which the chorus sounds much like a great church organ, to light folk music and soldier songs. The vocal range of the group as a whole covers the entire singing range of the human voice, and the versatile Cossacks also inject whistles, cat-calls, the sound of horses' hoofs, and women's laughter into some of their selections.

### Colorful Troop

The stage appearance of the Don Cossacks is that of a colorful troop of giant soldiers, led by a small and energetic officer. The twenty-six men in the chorus average six feet in height, but their leader, Serge Jaroff, barely scrapes the four-foot-ten-and-a-half inch mark without wearing built-up shoes. Yet, without waving his arms, jerking his head, or using any other violent motions, he draws forth music from his men just as surely and confidently as a master organist plays his instrument. Jaroff's control of the singers is achieved simply by turning his palms up or down, pointing his fingers, or raising his eyebrow; to the audience he often seems to be merely standing before the group, enjoying the music.

The twenty-six singers who will present their music to the Tech audience this Sunday first began singing together many years ago on the other side of the world. According to the story, the now-famous group were in 1920 just soldiers of the Russian Army, grouped around a campfire in a field near Constantinople, dreaming of their homes a thousand miles away in Russia, in the valley of the Don River. They began again to sing the old songs of home, forgetting in the deep harmonies their hunger and discomforts. A small Cossack officer heard them and wondered if other people would not appreciate the music of a group so naturally talented.

### Formed Chorus

Choosing from the soldiers the best voices, he formed a group which was later named the Don Cossack Chorus, since they were Cossacks from the Don River Valley. They sang at one time as the choir of the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sofia, in the capital of Bulgaria, and were sent on their first concert tour by a concert manager who was one of the members of the congregation.

Nine years after they were first organized, the chorus began touring the United States annually and in 1943 the entire group took the oath of American citizenship. They are said to be about the only Americans who can recite the United States Constitution from beginning to end, having learned it just as they would learn

a new concert selection, by studying and repeating it for six weeks.

The program at Tech is part of the 1949-1950 concert tour of the Cossacks, their 20th anniversary tour of the United States. They have presented over six thousand concerts since their organization in 1920, and yet have managed to make each return engagement as exciting and popular as the earlier visits regardless of the size of the auditorium or its location.

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## Concert Tickets

A maximum of two tickets for the coming performances of the Austrian Choir and the Danish Gym Team will be issued from the Information desk in the Administration building to each student upon presentation of his ID card, until the tickets are exhausted. Distribution will be made on Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 9 a. m. Tickets for the Don Cossack Concert were issued on a similar basis yesterday and today.

Faculty and staff members may pick up tickets to these concerts at the Public Relations Office, Room 201, Administration building.

## New Basketball Ticket System Is Approved by Athletic Board

Recently a new plan for the distribution of basketball tickets to the student body was approved by the Athletic Board. Originated by Mr. Charlie Griffin, the plan was presented at the Athletic Association meeting on December 17 at the Athletic Club.

Under the new system, really interested students can attend every game it is said; whereas, in the past, some were forced to miss games which they wished very much to see. Larger crowds are also expected under the new system.

Ticket distribution began yesterday at the Athletic Office, with tickets being issued to any student to the Auburn game. Remaining issuance of tickets will follow a definite schedule, which has been put in each student's post office box.

A typical example is the distribution of tickets for the Kentucky game, which will begin on Thursday to seniors only. On Friday, any other student may receive tickets on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. After this second day of allocation to the Tech student body, the tickets will be followed throughout the season after each assignment of tickets to students.

Distribution of tickets for the Tennessee game, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, will give freshmen the first chance to get tickets, while the sophomores will be given the preference for Tulane tickets, on Mon-

## Informal Receptions At Van Leer's Home Planned for Students

The first of a series of receptions to be given by President and Mrs. Blake R. Van Leer will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 15, from 4 to 6 p. m., at the president's new home on Tenth Street, honoring members of the senior class. All seniors, their wives or their dates, are cordially invited to attend.

Such receptions, which had long been desired by the president and his wife, had previously been impossible because of the small size of the president's former home. However, the completion of the new and larger residence has alleviated this difficulty, and the informal receptions were planned to enable the students to become acquainted with the Van Leers, and also with prominent members of the faculty. The junior class will be honored by a reception on January 29, and the sophomore class on February 12. The freshman reception will be held on February 26, while graduate students will be honored on March 12.

Dean and Mrs. Phil B. Narmore will greet students at the door on Sunday afternoon, assisted by Dean Lloyd W. Chapin. Vice-President Cherry L. Emerson will assist Mrs. Van Leer in receiving the students, in place of the president, who is recuperating from a recent operation, and will be unable to attend. Also assisting will be Dean and Mrs. Hefner, and Deans Griffin, Mason, and Sweigert. Refreshments will be served by Mesdames Griffin, Mason, Chapin, and Sweigert.

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## Slide Rules

The College Inn has announced that slide rules may be rented from eight to four-thirty on the following days: seniors and graduates on January 10, juniors on January 11, and sophomores on January 12 and 13. Renewal of rents will be handled from January 23 through January 28.

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## A BIG WEEKEND

... is in store for students with a billiard champion, a Danish Gym Team, Austrian dancers, a president's reception, and the Cossacks.

The holidays are over and classes are back in full swing now. But here we would like to call the attention of all students to the big weekend coming up. A number of outstanding events share the spotlight this coming weekend.

First on the agenda will be the appearance of Charles G. Peterson, the world's fancy shot billiard champion, at the YMCA game room Friday afternoon. Mr. Peterson will devote his show that afternoon to a demonstration of billiard fundamentals which are designed to show the beginner how to approach the game. He will also open his bag of "impossible" shows and perform the favorite shots of such champions as Willie Hoppe, Jake Schaefer, Jr., Welker Cochran, and others. Peterson played before two hundred thousand billiard enthusiasts last season and expects to fill two hundred and fifty engagements during his 1949-1950 tour.

Peterson's fancy shots number about 550, but they are only incidental to his primary purpose. What he wants to do—and what he has been doing successfully for the past twenty-five years—is to teach youngsters that billiards is an easy game to learn and easy to play. The cue ball boys should be able to learn quite a bit from the master.

Friday night will feature the Danish Gym Team at the gymnasium at eight o'clock. The team, composed of twenty-four boys and girls, is visiting Tech on its tour of this country and Mexico. The Danes feature perfection and precision in group activity. They will include not only gymnastics but also ballet and tight rope walking techniques in their repertoire. At intermission the gymnasts will appear in their costumes for fifteen minutes of folk dancing.

Saturday morning at 10:30 the sixteen male and thirteen female members of the Austrian Good Will Tour will arrive for their visit to the Tech campus. The highlight of their visit will be the performance in the gymnasium at eight o'clock Saturday night, featuring their native songs, yodelling, and folk dances. The group is reputed to be quite good. An interesting event occurred in New York when the nation-wide tour was just beginning. The Austrians were having supper in a cabaret in the nation's

largest city when another gourmet urged them to sing and do some of their native dances. The tour members started their routine and the response was terrific. They were so good that they even stopped the floor show. When they had completed their program one of the diners came over, asked if he could make a contribution to the tour, and handed the singers a check for two hundred dollars.

We are particularly glad to have the tour here because they are being brought here by the National Student Association. The tour is one of the first tangible results of Tech's membership in NSA. All arrangements for the visitors have been handled by Student Council's NSA committee under the chairmanship of Bill Kennedy.

Two big events are occurring on Sunday. The president's reception for seniors will be held from four to six at the home of Colonel and Mrs. Blake R. Van Leer. We should like to urge all seniors to take advantage of this opportunity to meet Mrs. Van Leer and to inspect the mansion. It is indeed unfortunate that Dr. Van Leer is confined to his hospital bed and will be unable to receive the seniors.

The second big item on the Sunday agenda is the appearance of the Don Cossack Chorus in the gymnasium at three o'clock. The Cossacks need no introduction, no big build-up. Anyone who has heard them in previous years knows that they are well worth hearing. Those who went last year will remember that by concert time the gymnasium was full to capacity and there was still quite a line waiting outside. We recommend that tickets be picked up early. The schedule for tickets for the Danish Gym Team, the Austrian Good Will Tour, and the Don Cossack Chorus is printed on page one.

Congratulations are certainly due the Student Concert and Lecture Committee for the fine job they have done in bringing the Danish Gym Team and the Don Cossack Chorus to the campus. They are both real drawing cards. It will be a long time before the students at Tech will have so much offered in one weekend. We strongly urge all students to attend as many of the events as possible.

—DWU.

## Breakdown of NSA?

The Daily Cal wonders if the California-Nevada-Hawaii Region will be responsible for the first step in its ruination.

It is encouraging to note that our own campus has produced student leaders who are not afraid to speak out against the indifference and ineffectiveness which characterizes the present chief executive of the California-Nevada-Hawaii region of the National Student Association.

Quality of leadership in any organization fluctuates. This seems to apply in student activities. But for those who viewed NSA with great hope two years ago and fought so tenaciously for its constitution and projects, the regional situation today must appear tragic.

During the terms of more active regional leaders—a period of even more long-range uncertainty for the region than is the case today—many projects were envisioned that are still far from being carried out. The purchase card system, a plan formulated over a year ago to help students save their dollars, is still a pipe-dream in Northern California. A commission to study state legislation concerning students and education has yielded nothing.

Plans for a student centennial to be celebrated in conjunction with the California State centennial program also failed to materialize.

None of these programs was impossible. There is still some hope for some of them. And they represent only a small portion of those which the potential of the National Student Association would make possible. Other regions in the country have carried out far more complete programs with significant success.

The most telling testimony to the failure of NSA's administration in this region is the fact that in the last two years the region has lost more members than it has gained. The loss of San Francisco State last week, for example, was a blow, one which the region might have been spared if it had an energetic program, adequately administered.

The present administration is a far cry from that one and two years ago. In 1947, a University student became the region's first chairman. During his term of office, he covered the entire state, conferring with

student leaders and college administrators. Thanks largely to his efforts, initial interest in NSA in this region was stimulated.

Last year, the regional chairman was known to have conferred with campus leaders throughout the region—travelling on his own time and money—from the early hours of one evening into the early hours of the next morning. The present regional chief executive has as yet failed to get out so much as a written report on the year's first regional assembly held in Los Angeles in October.

NSA is still in a critical organizational period. Its ultimate success will depend solely upon energetic cooperation of member student bodies in carrying out NSA programs. And the functioning of member student bodies is impossible without proper regional coordination.

A national federation of students is not a new idea. Students in other generations have attempted to organize nationally. But what has been the result of their efforts?

Unless steps are taken to correct the present trend in this region, students of this generation will get a practical lesson to supply the answer.

The process is something like this—a member region loses enthusiasm and becomes inactive. By inaction in this one region, the national organization is weakened. Thus weakened, the national organization is less able to fulfill its obligations to the remaining members. Unable to get their money's worth, these student bodies will withdraw their dues and the whole structure will crumble.

We hope that our own region will not be responsible for the first step in a general breakdown of NSA.

We must realize that members in this area must either revitalize the region with new administrative blood and more concrete projects or sit by and watch NSA suffer the same anonymity and shame of failure that now characterizes its predecessor movements.

—The Daily Californian.

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## Road-Weary Jackets Meet Auburn Plainsmen Here Tonight After Closing Trek Saturday

By Bob Kimzey

Tech students get their first chance of the young quarter to watch the Jacket quintet in action tonight, as the hoopsters meet a scrappy Auburn outfit in the gym. In preparation for this outing, the White and Gold men wound up their road trip with two losses down in Louisiana, bowing to both LSU and the Greenies of Tulane. This second loss was a heartbreaker to the Jackets, as they led by two points with a minute left to play, only to see their lead disappear before a Tulane rally, and the final tally was 64-62.

During the Christmas recess the Tech basketball team was far from idle. They played a total of seven games during the holidays. The most notable achievement of the group was a third place in the Dixie Tournament at Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Yellow Jackets left with everyone else at the end of last quarter, but instead of going home the team headed for Peoria, Illinois where they played Bradley on December 19. Bradley, the most powerful team in the mid-west, handed the Jackets their first defeat of the season in a high scoring 84-60 match.

### Bow to St. Louis

The next day Tech moved into St. Louis where they dropped another game 59-45 to the star studded St. Louis University team. The Jackets wound up their tour with the middle west on the twenty-second by defeating Michigan State 68-60, and returned home for Christmas. In this game, played at Lansing, Colin Anderson scored a record number of 28 points.

Together again after Christmas the Jackets entered the Dixie Tournament

N. C. State squad in the semi-finals. The Wolfpack downed Tech 57-34 and went on to win the tournament. Tech clinched a third place by routing West Virginia 63-48 in the consolation match. Cline's foot was in good shape for this game and he led the scoring along with Sermersheim. Each had 15 while Anderson (11), Dold (10) and Keener (8) were next in order.

On their way back to Atlanta after the tourney the Yellow Jackets stopped off in Chattanooga where they defeated the Moccasins for the second time this season by the score of 73-43. Joe Keener and Mel Dold led the scoring with 16 and 13 respectively. Mel was tops for all the holiday games with a total of 80 points while Joe was second with 69.

## Rebels Down Naval ROTC For Independent Championship

By Lew Levenson

The Georgia Tech Intramural football season will come to a close next Saturday, January 14, when the Betas play the final game of the season to determine the winner and champion of the fraternity leagues.

The Independents Intramural season came to a high-power finish on the second of January when the Southern Rebels edged out the Navy ROTC team, 6-0, with just thirty seconds to go in a ten-minute overtime period. Both teams agreed before the game started that in the case of a tie after sixty minutes of play, the game would be played on in overtime periods until a decision was reached.

### Mud Slows Play

The Rebels and the Middies had to fight it out on a muddy field Monday afternoon, and as a result passes were hard to handle and footing was difficult to maintain as the teams battled for the Independent trophy.

With seconds remaining, Rebel Garner heaved a forty yard pass to Littlejohn. Littlejohn managed to avoid the Navy's safety man, Donald Zell, as he went over to hit paydirt and win the game. The attempted conversion was no good, so the final score remained 6-0.

### Perfect Rebel Season

With a highly successful season behind them, the Southern Rebel I.S.O. unit can point with pride to their record of five wins, no losses and no ties. The Rebel aggregation piled up a total of 157 points and held all of their opponents scoreless, with the result that the Rebel unit emerged as true champions, unbeaten, untied, unscored upon.

The Navy ROTC won the right to defend their league for the championship by virtue of their record of four wins, no losses, one tie.

The Independent Football Champion's Cup has already been presented to the Southern Rebels.

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## Famed Danish Gym Team To Perform Here Friday

By Eben Tilly

Tech students will have an opportunity to witness the world famous Danish gymn team in action Friday night in the Tech gymnasium.

This celebrated team, which has been featured in newsreels and in Life magazine, is composed of twenty-four boys and girls and will perform here as part of a year's tour of exhibitions in this country and Mexico.

This performance will afford a chance to compare the techniques and exercises of the foreign gymnasts with those which we practice in the United States.

The Danes emphasize perfection and precision in group activity, rather than competition on the heave apparatus as we do. However, one of the boys in the group is a member of the Danish Olympic team and plans to work out with the Tech gym squad.

The spectacle will include not only gymnastics but also ballet and tight-rope walking techniques. Midway in the performance, the gymnasts will "relax" with fifteen minutes of costumed folk dancing.

The performers, who are led by Mr. Flenstead-Jensen are all amateurs and were selected from among Danish schools and clubs. In July of last year, they began working as a team, and on August 26, after per-

formances in Stockholm, they left for the United States.

Lyle Welser, coach of the Jacket gym team, urges all students to attend the unusual exhibition and guarantees an evening of entertainment. The Tech Concert and Lecture Committee, which is co-sponsoring the show, went to a great deal of trouble to arrange free admission for students and hopes for a good crowd.

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### Got Any Ancestors?

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### Don Cossacks—

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Many stories can be told about the Don Cossack Chorus. For example, the full beards which they once sported are gone, either because of the American belief that beards belong to old men or because of the feminine influence exerted upon the twenty-two Cossacks who are married. At one time, however, they often astonished people in rural areas as they stopped their bus to stretch and relax beside the road. The sight of the foreign-looking men letting off steam with roaring songs and a few quick steps from Russian dances must have surprised many innocent bystanders.

Director Jaroff is said to have a custom of inspecting all his men, military style, before each performance to insure top-grade appearance and unity. The Don Cossacks will appear at Tech as one of the features scheduled by the Student Concert Committee.

### Slip Stick Instruction Offered This Week

A sound movie giving elementary instruction in the use of the slide rule will be shown in the lecture room of the Physics Building, Wednesday, January 11, at 4:30 p.m. The film will be of most interest to the student who is just learning to use the slide rule. The showing will require approximately one hour.

### Math Club Meets

There will be a meeting of the Math Club Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 219 of the Biology Building. Dr. I. E. Perlin of the Mathematics Department will speak on a topic of general interest to all students of mathematics. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

### Basketball Seats—

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floor of the Administration building, but Mr. Griffin's suggestion of the Athletic Office was the one accepted at the recent meeting of the Athletic Board.

The three student representatives on the Athletic Board are Estes Mann, president of the Student Council; Don Usher, editor of The Technique; and Tom Coleman, captain of the football team. The two representatives present at the last meeting of the Board accepted the new plan and suggested that it be passed.

## Crimsons Beat Water Shortage With Co-Educational Showers

By John Bell

During the past few years, there have been many plans—the Marshall Plan, Brannan Farm Plan, et cetera, but now there is a new plan which should appeal to all American students. This plan goes under the title of the "Harvard Plan."

The Harvard Plan was conceived by the students of Harvard as an aid in saving water for the New York area. Each Harvard student was to invite a girl from a nearby school to come to Harvard and share the showers, thereby saving an estimated 6,092,800 gallons of water.

Nearby girls' schools were quick to acknowledge the invitation, but as yet no official acceptance has been received at Harvard. Students there were quick to agree that they would remain at school in order to aid the girls with their showers.

A spokesman from Yale expressed doubts that the Harvard Plan would be put into effect there. "Yale men would never subject inamoratas to Eli showers which flow hotter and colder than women's emotions and with less

provocation" was the way Yale expressed its opinion.

Here at Tech where there is no water shortage, students would be only too glad to have girls use the showers. If the Chattahoochee should ever run dry, the doors of Tech's showers would be opened wide to the girls of Agnes Scott and of any other girls' school. This would be done as a charitable gesture with no hope of repayment at a later date. Some students here at Tech feel that such a plan would not wholly succeed due to the fact that Agnes Scott would probably require at least one chaperone in each shower.

As the situation now stands, Tech students can only wish the Harvard students good luck with their plan, and hope that some day such a plan might be feasible here at Tech.

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