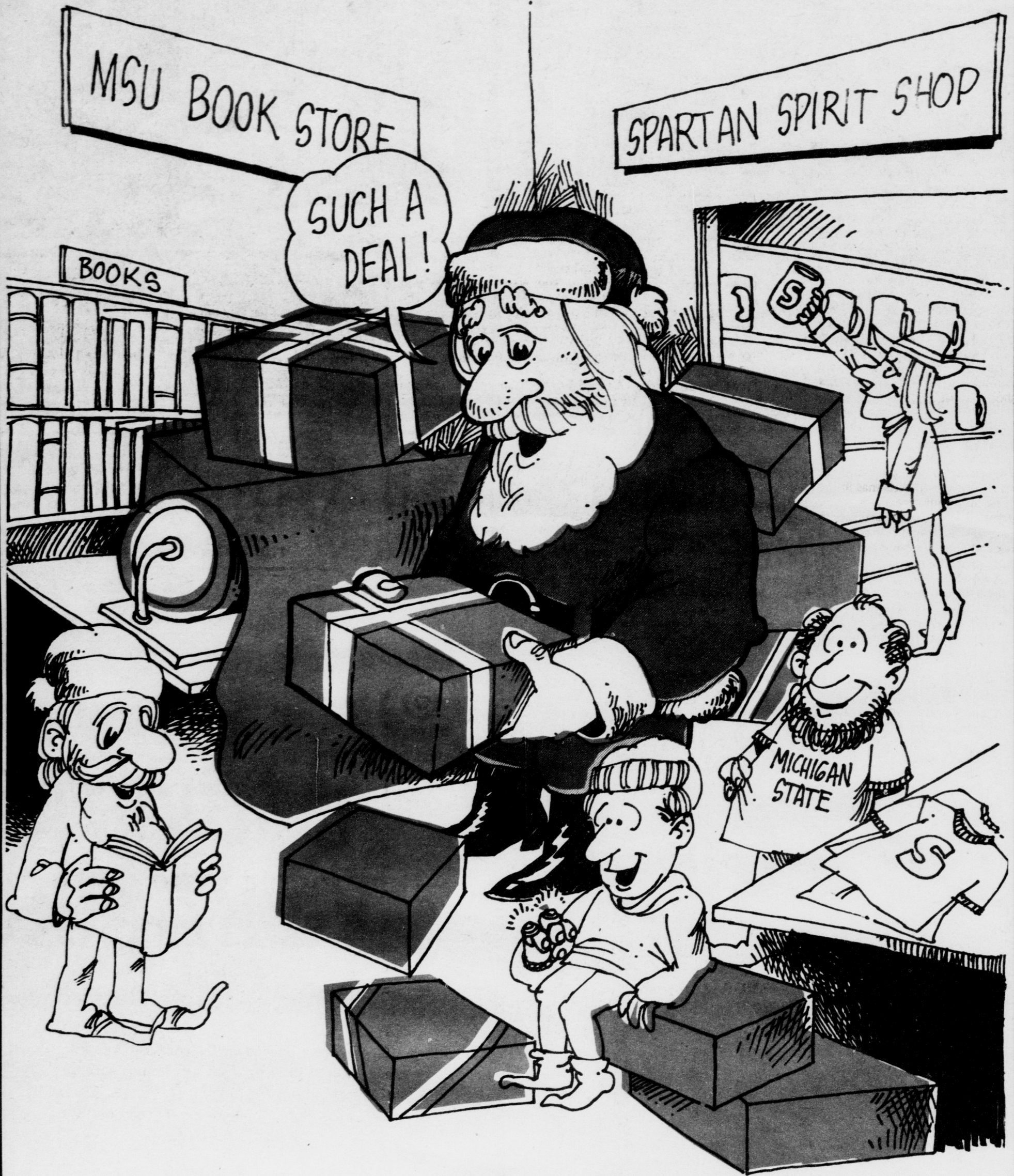


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ANITA PYZIK

The art of giving

A University is the most frustrating place to be in during the Christmas season. Students anxiously wait for finals to end so they can hurry home to their friends and family — but empty-handed. The problem of not being able to afford Christmas presents is as old as that crafty old man, Claus, who started the holiday, but many students fear the loss of friends if they don't stock plenty of presents under the tree.

The problem starts when you aren't clever enough or don't have enough time to make your presents and don't even have enough money to afford to wash your dirty laundry.

Buying presents

There are ways to get around buying presents and still keep friends if you are willing to be original and unusual. A little forethought on the part of students can even get them around the holiday crowds and shopping, legally.

The first rule is to plan in advance. Write a list of the people you can afford to leave out. Obviously, you have to buy presents for your family or expect to spend Christmas in the care of your local Salvation Army. Narrow the list down to the brothers and sisters who remembered last birthday and work from there.

Mother is usually the easiest person in the house to buy for, except when you don't have any money. Students need only to take a quick look around the campus grounds to discover many items that double as Christmas presents for Mom.

A short walk

A short walk with a pair of scissors along the railroad tracks near South Complex may get you a bouquet of dried flowers that are so popular and overpriced in the department stores. Keep a sharp lookout as you walk along the Red Cedar River for stones that strike you

as unusual. A quick dab of shellac on them and Mom will receive a hand-crafted paperweight.

Promise your Dad everything, especially tickets to next year's football games. Make sure he understands that you will pay for them yourself (you can worry about that over summer vacation) and move on to the rest of your family.

Browse through your collection of records and select the one that your teenage brother would be most surprised to receive. Along with it, attach a note that reads, "In a few years, these will be collectors items." Give him Danny and the Juniors' Greatest Hits" or "Deedee Sharp's Mashed Potatoes."

Pick a poster

Carefully examine the walls of your room and take down the poster that isn't hiding the paint-chipped spots. Roll it up carefully and give it to your favorite sister saying, "I remembered how much you admired it the last time you were up." She will be thrilled beyond words at your generosity.

The next group of people you have to worry about during the Christmas season are your friends. Make another list, with two columns, your friends who believe excuses and those who must get presents.

Some believable excuses include, "I left your present on the bus and I'm just waiting for them to return it;" or to really impress them say, "I ordered your present from France and it's being held up in New York harbor because of the dock strike. If they are understanding, you can say, "I'm sorry, but you know how broke I am."

For the friends and acquaintances who require

presents to still remain on speaking terms with you, take the practical route.

Offer to drive them to the city of their choice after classes, and mention that they don't even have to pay for gas. Ask around and find out when their next term paper is due and get a head start on their research work — the midnight before the paper is due they will be grateful. Set up your lonely friends with nice looking girls or guys making sure you have plenty of mistletoe around.

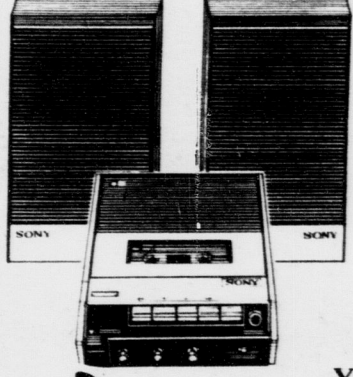
If you have scrapped enough funds together to go shopping, make sure you know exactly what you want and where you are going to get it. Check the newspapers for the sales and clip out coupons, especially if you plan on purchasing all your presents at the drug store.

To wrap it all up, be sure you give even the smallest gift with a smile because the spirit is what Christmas is all about.

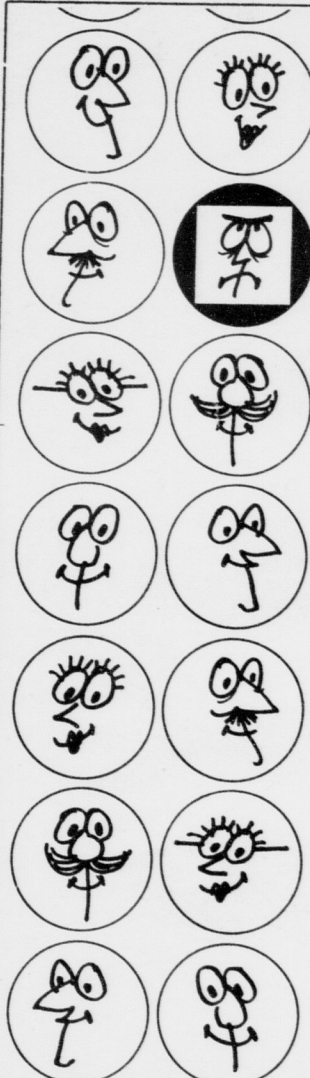
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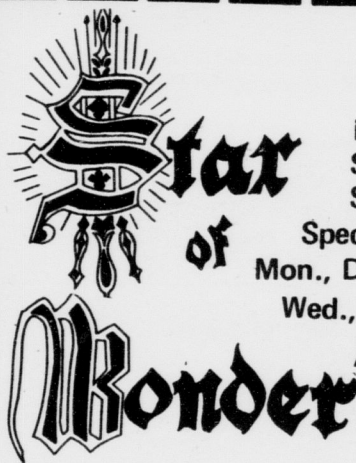
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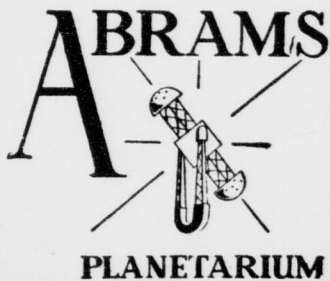
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William G. Milliken
* * *

Greetings:

As you may very well know your United States Selective Service System has recently revamped its draft classification system. Your category, IV-E (Elves over 400 years of age), has therefore been abolished and you have been reclassified I-A effective immediately.

Director, Michigan State Selective Service System
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Dear Santa:

Please bring back the Days of Yore.

The Greeks



M. Claus:

Just the same thing I asked for last year, only this time it's really important. You see, I retire in June so if you can just keep those snottoses from printing words like ---, --- and ----- for another six months I'll be clear.

Louis J. Berman,
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S. Claus
North Pole

Sir:

This year I will require a few things. For example, if it would not be too much out of your way I would greatly appreciate four new trustees, preferably Republicans this time. Also, the

Ms. would greatly appreciate some more of those Walgreen's watercolors. And we mustn't forget the help: please, Santa, a new box of crayons for Al Ballard and a new typewriter ribbon and red velvet fez for trusty Jim. And, oh yes, is there some way that you can make people forget about that Rockefeller Foundation stuff?

C.R. Wharton Jr.
* * *

Dear Lackey of the Imperialist Toymongers -

Please see that Wesley Fishel stays on the political science faculty. If he ever leaves we're sunk.

SDS
* * *

My Fellow Michigander -

Could you fix it so that I could get back in good with the Democratic Party?

Clair White, trustee
* * *

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From minorities and hippies and long-legged liberals and things that go "point of order" in the night, Santa deliver us.

Hal Buckner, Chm.
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To: S. Claus, Chm., Dept. of Goodies

Re: Requests

Sir:

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Sheldon Lowry, Director
Multi-Disciplinary Social Science
* * *

Santa:

Ditto.

John E. Ivey, Dean
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* * *

Up Against the Wall Santa!

On behalf of Elves Local No. 001 I present the following demands: 1) Since the sun sets only once a year at the North Pole we feel that the present daily wage scale is clearly exploitative. 2) We demand the establishment of employee grievance procedures - this

"Ho, ho, ho" stuff has gone on long enough. 3) Making only Spiro Agnew watches is clearly a racist affront to elves everywhere: we demand the right to immediately begin the production of Mr. Keebler sundials, 4) Either you housebreak those eight tiny reindeer, or you find some new lackeys. We await your answer.

"Dr." C. Patric "Twinkletoes" Larrowe
* * *

Union Negotiator

Dear Santa:

No offense, but we won't be needing you this year. Ever since we got our hands on the student tax it's been Christmas every day.

The ASMSU Student Board
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Mr. Kringle:

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Brother Claus:

All we want for Christmas is some office space, hummm.

Joint Issue
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Pvt. Claus:

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Mary Gardner,
associate prof. of journalism
* * *

Mr. Kringle:

How about a recount for Christmas?

Gordon Thomas, Mayor emeritus
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Dear Kris:

Thanks for the present, albeit a couple of months early. Hey, one more thing: Let's not have a recount for Christmas.

Wilbur Brookover, Mayor
(Please turn to page 11)

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Yule means feast, safari

By ROBERT BAO

The vicissitudes of Christmas celebration around the world can range anywhere from animal sacrifices to outdoor safaris complete with baboons, flamingos and cheetahs.

Recently several foreign students at MSU described the Yuletide activities—or nonactivity—of their native cultures.

Michael Bottenheim, graduate student from the Netherlands, said Christmas in his country revolves around eating.

"Around December, the food industry in the Netherlands is by far the most important," he noted. "Our custom is not to exchange gifts, but to exchange food and sweets, especially a pepper cake called Taai Taai."

Bottenheim added that the Dutch concept of Santa Claus is strikingly different from the American version:

* Santa Claus is known as Sint Nicolaas.

* Sint Nicolaas comes not from the North Pole in a sleigh, but from Spain via a boat.

* Children leave shoes instead of socks beside the chimney, and they do it on the eve of Dec. 5 instead of 25.

* Sint Nicolaas sends his helper, Black Peter, presumably a sixth century saint from Turkey, down the chimney with the gifts.

An even more striking version of Christmas was described by Nilam Bedi, graduate student from Kenya:

"It's a general holiday that has no religious significance

whatsoever. We emphasize the outdoors—travels to the coast, sports and a lot of communal activity."

"Unlike the United States, where everything is closed on Christmas, in Kenya the businesses stay open and bustle more than ever," he observed.

Bedi added that the American tradition of family get togethers did not apply to Kenya except for a few converts to Christianity.

In South America, Yuletide festivities stretch from Dec. 16 to Jan. 6, the "Dia de los Magos" (Day of the Wise Men), according to Gabriel Robayo, graduate student from Colombia.

He indicated that the central focus of the season is on midnight Christmas eve, when people get together with their families for the "Buena Cena", a religious dinner.

Robert Babe, graduate student from Canada, said the Canadian approach to Christmas is as commercialized as the American one.

Though most foreign students at MSU come from non-Christian countries, they said Christmas might still be celebrated, but in unconventional fashion.

Bhoocha-Oom, graduate student from Thailand, explained that her country is mainly Buddhist, but that during the Yuletide season it is customary for older relatives to become philanthropic and give money to their nephews and nieces.

Similarly, Mehmet Sahin, graduate student from Turkey, said, "We don't celebrate Christmas because it's a Christian holiday, and 98 per cent of our people are Moslems."

But Sahin added that Turkey has an equivalent holiday during which animals are sacrificed, especially by the rich.

"Our religion says: 'Don't sacrifice if you're in debt,'" he explained.

Sahin stated that the spirit of Christmas is reflected in Turkey during Ramdan—a Moslem holiday which varies according to the Arabic calendar—when people are supposed to fast for a month.

"I, myself, haven't fasted though" he confessed.

Pham Chung, graduate student from South Vietnam, said Christmas is a legal holiday there even though only 12 per cent of the people are Catholics.

Calling himself a non-Catholic, he said:

"On Christmas eve I enjoy going to Church. I go around and look at people."

According to Chung, Christmas has a cooling effect on the war, apparently because both sides temporarily recognize that making love is preferable to making war.

Raman Padmanabhan, graduate student from India, said:

"Christmas is a public holiday in India, but there isn't much of

a celebration. Santa Claus is known to very few people there."

The most unusual noncelebration of Christmas, however, was described by Chin Ann-Ping, junior from Taiwan.

"We had to go to school on Christmas," Ms. Ping complained.

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 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon cardamon seed
 2 yeast cakes
 ¾ pound raisins
 ½ pound citron
 enough flour to form a firm dough

Melt butter and sugar in milk. While lukewarm add flour, cardamon seed and dissolve yeast cakes. Knead well. Let rise until light. Add raisins and citron. Knead again. Shape in loaves. Let rise again. Bake in oven at medium heat for about 1 hour.

SAN BAKKELS
 1 cup butter
 1 cup lard
 2 teaspoons ground cardamon
 3 eggs (beat slightly before adding)
 ¾ teaspoon salt
 1 cup sugar
 6 to 7 cups flour

Cream butter and lard together, then add sugar, cardamon, eggs and flour. After putting in the fifth cup of flour work in the balance slowly. Press into forms and bake until light brown.

FATTIGMAND
 4 eggs
 4 tablespoons cream
 dash of cardamon seed
 4 tablespoons sugar
 3 teaspoons brandy
 enough flour to form a dough

Roll out dough and cut in small pieces. Fry in deep fat until light brown.

SN prints titillation in recipes

Two quasi-famous chefs, John Juel and Dave Person have consented to release some of their internationally popular recipes to State News readers in time for the 1971 Christmas holidays.

Juel, who says he is funding his college education with money he made baking girl scout cookies during his grade school years, submitted recipes for old Norwegian treats brought over by his ancestors years ago. Julekakke is a Christmas bread and SanBakkels and Fattigmand are Christmas cookies.

Person, who earlier this year won a Betty Crocker award for his peanutbutter omelets, submitted only one recipe. "When I think of Christmas, the first thing that comes to my mind is that old Swedish delicacy, Pressylta," he said.

Swedish recipe

PRESSYLTA (HEAD CHEESE)

½ hog's head (about five pounds)
 2 pounds lean pork
 2-2½ pounds veal shoulder
 1 large piece hog's rind
 To every quart of water:
 1 tablespoon salt
 5 whole allspice
 5 white peppercorns
 1-2 cloves
 ½ bay leaf
 2-3 slices onion
 ½ carrot
Spices:
 2 tablespoons salt
 2 tablespoons white pepper
 ¼ teaspoon allspice
 ¼ teaspoon cloves

Clean hog's head and singe off hair and bristles. Clean teeth with stiff brush and cut off ears. Soak in cold water for 6 to 12 hours, changing water if necessary. Place with other meat and rind in boiling water and cover. Bring water to boiling point again, skim and add remaining ingredients. Simmer 1½-2 hours or until tender. Remove meat and cut rind away from head. When cold, cut all meat in thin slices. Spread cloth or towel wrung out in hot water in deep bowl and line with rind right side down. Arrange fat and lean meat in alternate layers, sprinkling spices on each layer and cover with pieces of rind. Pull cloth together tightly and tie securely with string. Place head cheese in saucepan, cover with stock and cook slowly for ten minutes. Remove to platter, cover with board and put weight on top for 24 hours. After that time, remove cloth keeping head cheese in strongly salted water. Serve sliced with pickled beets.

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Yuletide season turns to tinsel

By MAUREEN McDONALD
State News Staff Writer

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring . . . except Saint Nick, stuffing goodies in stockings.

Alas, this famous scene of Yuletide bliss is but an eggnog hallucination. The Catholic Church said, last year, that Saint Nick was a myth, and banished him from sainthood.

This reporter interviewed the benevolent red-suited man at his North Pole villa, to find out what he has been doing with his time.

Q. Santa, what have you been doing for income since you lost your saintly seat in heaven?

A. Actually, (his stomach rolled with laughter this time, like a bowlful of jelly) I'm still collecting royalties on that Kris Kringle flick, "Miracle on 42nd Street" and I still pose for a number of pictures, for Christmas cards and the like.

Q. Speaking of posing, how do you deal with the vast number of Santa imposters?

A. Ho, ho, ho . . . Most of them are unionized. We've had a bit of trouble this year with the workers demanding a wage increase, but I have friends on

the Pay Board. You see many of them have children who wouldn't want coal in their stockings.

Q. How about your elves, are they satisfied with their toymaking wages?

A. I've been forced to give them a raise. What with all these new-fangled safety features the FDA requires, my elves are working a good deal of overtime. I can't afford a strike at this time of year.

Q. Speaking of strikes, has the dock strike affected your usual supply of fan mail?

A. Well, I've had to send out Dancer and Blitzen to the docks to pick up the surface mail. Sleigh fare is quite economical.

Q. My, I nearly forgot to ask, how is your old friend Saint Christopher doing, since he lost his sainthood at the same time?

A. Oh yes. He's considering an investment in a travel agency. He may offer a special sky sleigh tour, utilizing my reindeer, you know those twelve animals draw unemployment 364 days a year.

Q. Santa, perhaps I'm presumptuous, but you've turned into quite a businessman.

A. Times change, Virginia. The Yule season used to stretch from my feastday in early December to Epiphany Day in January. Christmas day, itself, was a day of religious reflection on the birth of Christ. Now the tinsel is up before Thanksgiving in stores and taken down on Christmas eve. Christmas has become a hectic maze of bell ringers, harried shoppers, stuffed cash registers, and gaudy decorations.

Q. Is that all there is, Santa?

A. Somehow, underneath it all, the genuine spirit of giving

remains. From the bright sparkling eyes of children as they open their new toys, to the contented smiles of the aged, when someone remembers to call on them. Christmas, for all its commercialism, could not exist without the spirit of joy it continues to generate. Well, Merry Christmas. I have to get back to my work now.



Jolly Saint Nick

Santa Claus has been spending a lot of time in recent weeks in the Greater Lansing Area. A little girl at Meridian Mall looks shocked that Santa would even consider asking whether she had been good all year.

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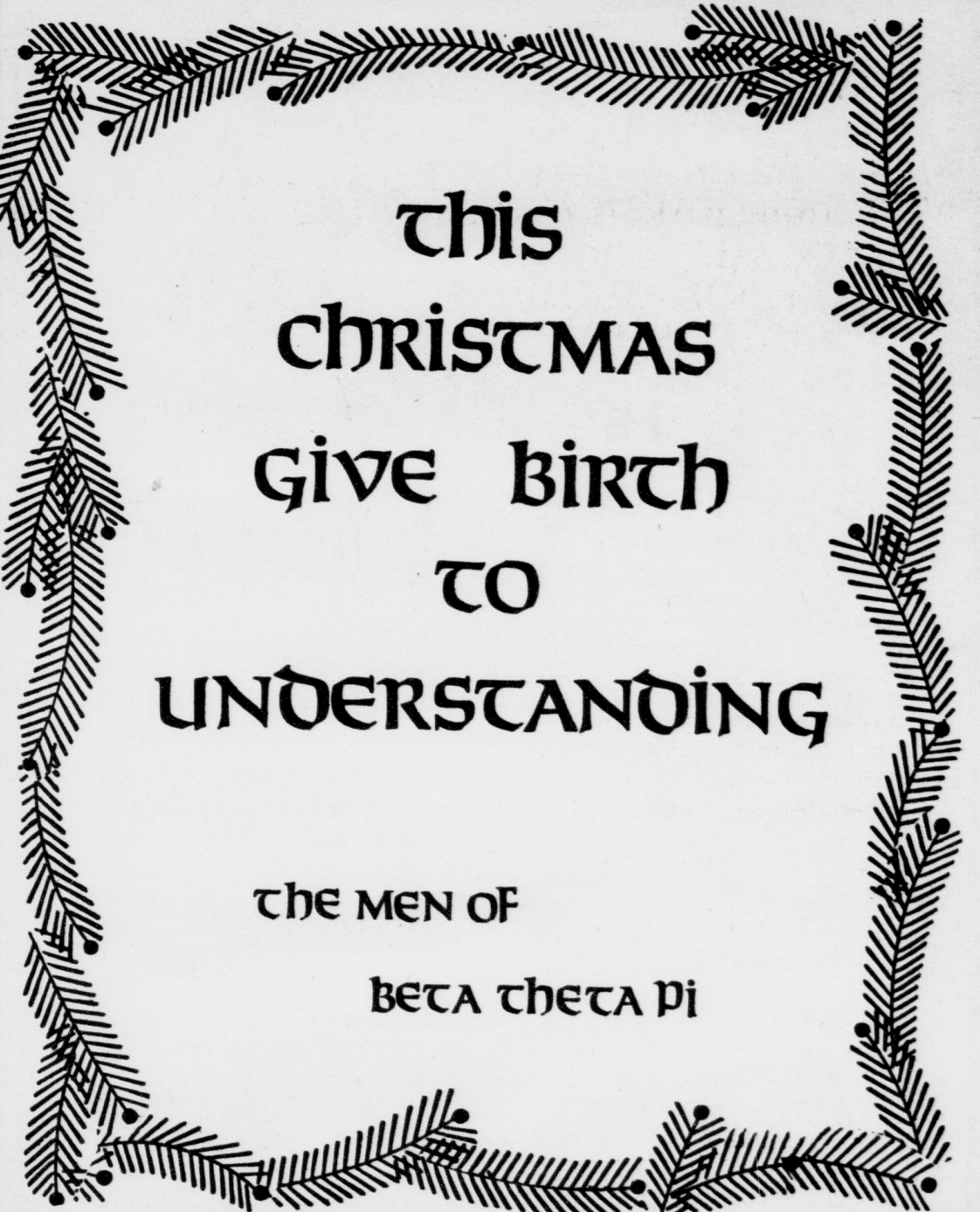
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HOLIDAY PLANS TOLD

Break lonely for some

By BOB NOVOSAD
State News Staff Writer

"The Christmas break has been a very bad experience for me," says Krishna Kumar, graduate student from India.

"I'm isolated from my family, have no place to travel away from campus, and find nothing to do here during the break," he said. "All I can do is some general reading and get some relaxation." "Back at home in India we have Christmas celebrations. We have parties, visit friends and the big cities have special holiday programs. But here in the states Christmas is a lonely time for me," Kumar continued.

His reaction typifies most foreign students' feelings toward the holiday season spent at MSU away from home. Foreign students inevitably feel homesick and the Christmas break reinforces this feeling of isolation for most of them.

Some students from abroad are able to spend their vacation with friends, while others travel across the country. Others find

time for a reunion with their exchange organization, where they can hash over their new experiences. Many students, however, are unable to travel, and are forced to spend their vacation on campus.

Staying on campus is not a complete disaster. Some students like Clyde Kiang, Formosa, graduate student, have found that the break gives them a chance to brush up on their language and communication difficulties.

"The longer you stay here, the easier it is to adapt to the American way of life," Kiang said. "Previous Christmas breaks have helped me relieve pressure from studies, and have let me make up some of the cultural differences."

Kiang has spent nine years in America, occupying his time with work and school. He used to be a traveler at Christmas time, and says he has seen nearly every state in the country. Now he is content to spend his vacation at Owen Hall.

Umpawun Satayanurug, Thailand, graduate student, has

vowed to be better prepared for this holiday season.

"Last year I stayed with a friend in New Jersey and was very homesick," she said. "It was like learning new customs all over again."

"At home we celebrate the new year, not Christmas, so the American holiday really has no meaning for me," she said.

She said she has no definite plans for this year.

Suriyan Tishyadhigama, also from Thailand, graduate student, agreed that he was very homesick at Christmas time last year.

"I was impressed by the family unit during the holiday season," he said. "I had to learn new traditions all at once even though Christmas is different from our new year celebration."

Tran Hue, Vietnam senior, is a member of an exchange organization, and is planning to visit the group in Chicago during the term break. He said the visit will give him a chance to discuss

current issues with his old friends, as well as serving as an opportunity for social activities.

"The Christmas season is lonely, but the longer you stay here, the less you are homesick," Hue claims. "I don't want to stay on an empty campus when I can be with my friends."

Not all foreign students have the advantage of having spent a previous holiday season in the states. For some students, this will be their first experience with an American Christmas.

Masanobu Koutake Futsukaichi, Japan, graduate student, is one of those students. He said he just wants to know what Christmas is like.

"I have no foster family, so I have no idea of the Christmas celebration," he said. "In Japan we cook special foods and have special presents for the children. I wish I could take a long trip to see Christmas in America firsthand."

Another graduate student from Japan, Takemi Ide from Tokyo, is not apprehensive at all about the Yuletide, in fact, he is most anxious for it to come.

"I'm going with a friend to New York," Ide said. "I have friends here, so why should I be lonely?"



Friends

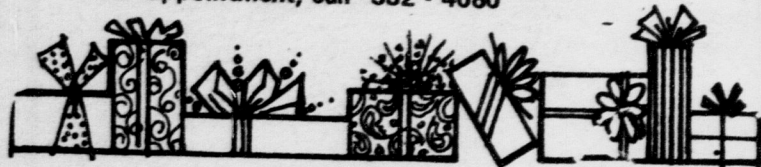
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The tribe getting the jungle land held a huge feast and sing-sing to celebrate.

Yule tree sent to White House

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The national Christmas tree that will grace the White House lawn during the holiday season was given an official sendoff this week.

Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor officially presented the Fraser fir from the mountains of western North Carolina to the White House as a crowd of about 250 persons watched at a ceremony in front of the State Legislative Building.

Taylor said the tree was "a symbol of hope and peace from North Carolina to all the American people." He said it was the first national Christmas tree to come from North Carolina or from the South.

Dayton Rogers of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Tree Growers Association, said the 65-foot tree, mounted on a large flatbed tractor-trailer rig, would arrive Washington on Monday.

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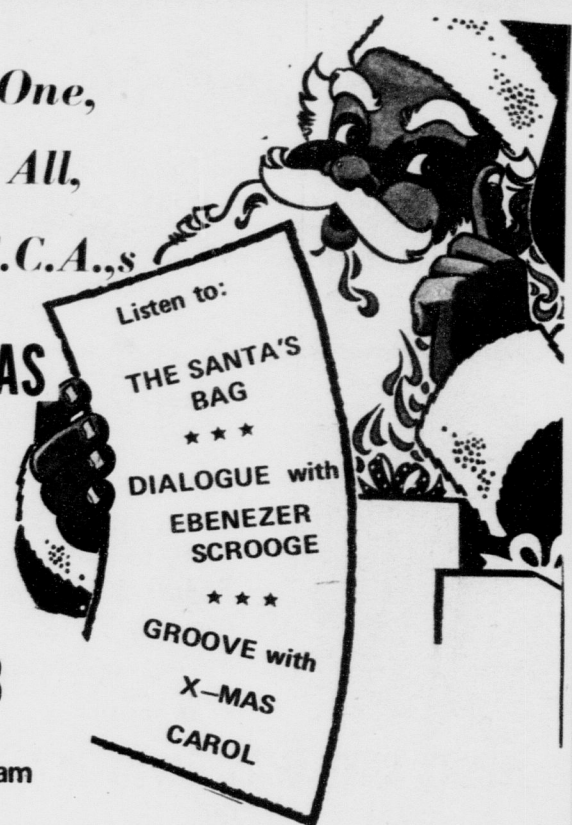
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Seasonal mail hits post offices

By NANCY JABLONOWSKI
State News Staff Writer

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For Christmas seasons since the 1840s, postal authorities have worked overtime to channel holiday mail through five official American cities named Christmas.

Located in Gila County, Ariz.;

Orange County, Fla.; Lawrence County, Ken.; Bolwar County, Miss.; and Roane County, Tenn.; post offices in these five cities handle 3.5 million letters and cards during the Christmas mail rush.

One Christmas, near Orlando, Fla., received its name on Christmas Day, 1835, when the fort originally surrounding it was completed. Each year during jingle bells season, 300,000 messages of holiday cheer are re-routed by Florida's Christmas post office.

Santa Claus himself postmarks mail routed through his namesake city, located near Evansville, Ind. Two explanations for the name have arisen through the years.

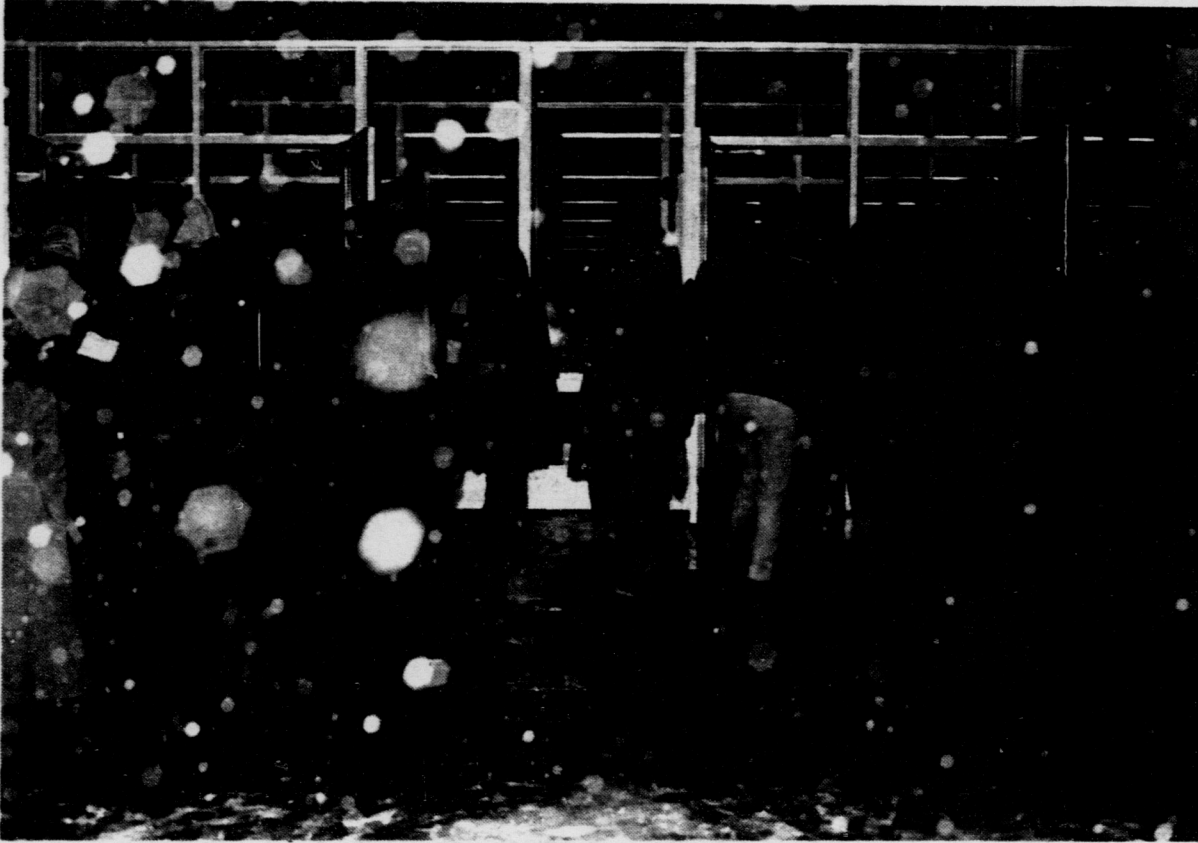
Some town historians claim that when the town applied for a post office 85 years ago, Santa Whiteface Mountain at Fe was suggested as the town name. When officials learned that another Indiana village was already named Santa Fe, they decided to call their town Santa Claus. It was later changed to the traditional two words.

A second version claims that on Christmas Eve, 1882, Santa Claus walked in during a meeting called to discuss a possible town name, and inspired their decision to honor the jolly man himself with a town named after him.

Regardless of its origins, Santa Claus, Ind. is a busy town both winter and summer. Tourist favorites include Santa Claus Park, Kriss Kringle Street and a 23-foot high statue of St. Nicholas, weighing 42 tons.

Another Santa-spirited village, Santa's Workshop, the North Pole, is located on the side of Whiteface Mountain at Wilmington, N.Y., near Lake Placid.

Completed in 1949, the town includes a permanent home for Santa Claus, and ten log houses which are workshops for Santa's elves.



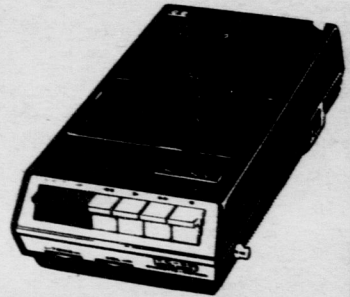
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Snowflakes didn't stay shy of the camera as a photographer took pictures of Holmes Hall students returning to their residence hall after a fire alarm forced them to evacuate the building earlier this week.

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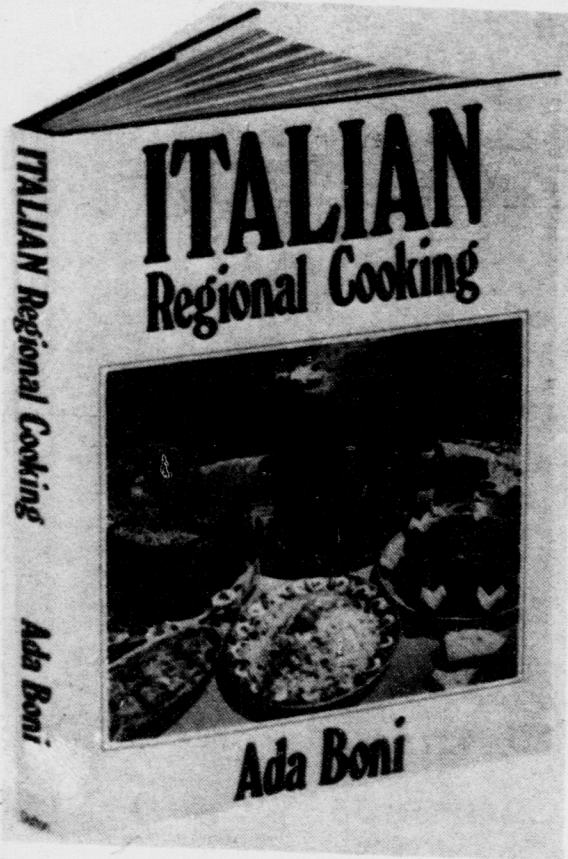


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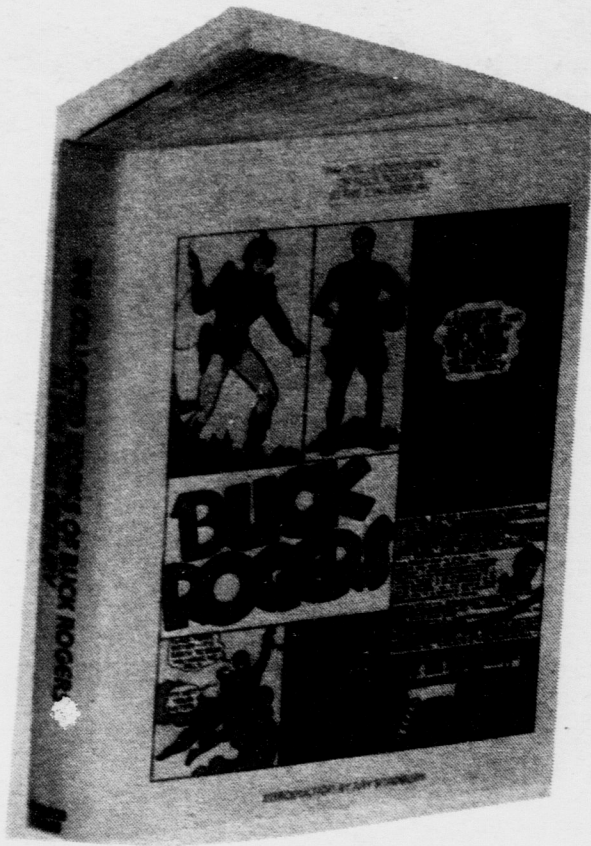
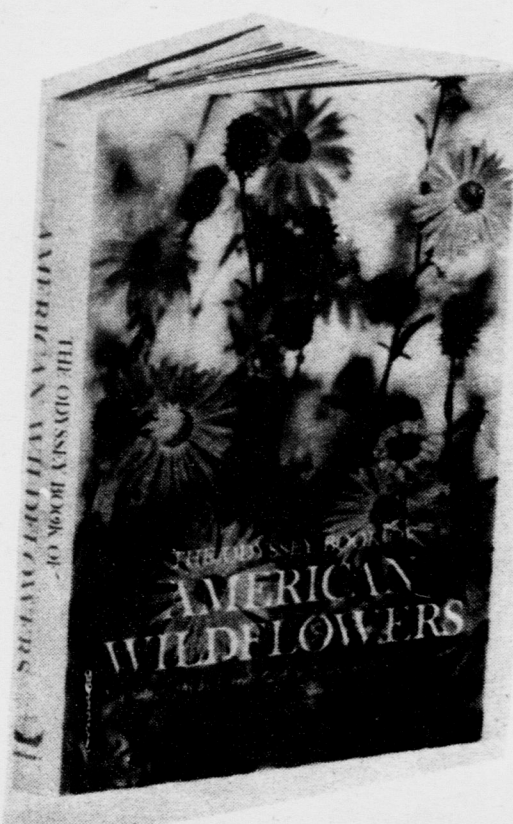
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Many making own gifts

By CAROL THOMAS
State News Staff Writer

Students with more time than money are in great abundance at MSU if the sale of handicraft materials is any sign of a new trend in Christmas gifting.

Stores featuring winemaking, candlemaking, knitting, decoupage, and knitting materials report a tremendous upsurge in the sale of make-it-yourself gift items.

"When you give somebody something you made yourself—it means more," commented a customer at Michael's, heavily laden with candle wax.

The newest addition to the panorama of do-it-yourself items is the winemaking kit, offered for sale at Linn's Camera Shop and the Ace Hardware Alley Shop on Grand River Ave.

Ranging in price from \$10 for simpler wines to \$20 for sparkling wines, the separate kits contain all the ingredients needed for white chablis, cherry, red burgundy, and blackberry wines, plus a deluxe kit for cold duck.

After the first batch is made with the fermentation tank and bottles provided in the kit, additional wines can be made using refill kits available, or making the wines from "scratch" using "The Art of Winemaking" available at both stores.

The \$1.50 book provides complete instructions on how to make such exotic treats as dandelion wine, plum wine, raisin wine, and blended fruits. The additives like yeast can be purchased in small kits. Since the kits manufacture wine with under 12 per cent alcohol content, makers of the wines need not worry about the consumption of the homemade brew by minors, according to Cyndi Opalek, a clerk at Linn's.

Another relatively new home-type gift making art is that of decoupage.

Originally the word decoupage was used to denote the cutting and pasting of paper pictures on articles to form designs, popular in the Victorian Era, but modern usage includes the varnishing and sanding processes used to seal the picture onto the article being decorated and into the wood.

In decoupage, a cut-out print is glued on a wooden, metal or glass object, then coats of varnish alternated with sanding of the surface are applied until the print is buried under the varnish, making it look like a part of the wooden object.

Decoupage supplies like wooden boxes and plaques are available at several places on Grand River, Beverly Batten's upstairs shop across from the Human Ecology Bldg., the Alley shop in the Ace Hardware store, and Michael's art store.

The long and drawn-out

varnishing process involved in decoupage immediately brings some drawbacks to the gift idea, since each coat of varnish applied to the wooden object must dry usually for eight hours before another can be applied, but Dave Miller from the Ace Alley Shop reports that decoupage is tremendously popular among both students and townspeople in East Lansing.

Including varnish, sandpaper, prints, and hinges for a box, the average sized decoupage project would cost somewhere near \$5, with each additional piece done being less expensively because more of the supplies can be bought in larger, cheaper quantities, according to Miller.

Macrame, the art of tying knots, is extremely popular among students, Miller said, with only a few students venturing outside the realm of belts and purses in the Christmas gift-making.

Cord, the only supply necessary for macrame, is relatively inexpensive, and a belt usually costs between \$1.50 and \$2.50 to make, depending on the style of the article.

Shiny nylon cord and colored rough jute cords are the most popular items at the Alley Shop, Miller said, but some students use leather or velvet strips to make smaller, less expensive items or trim larger items of different materials.

The old-time favorites, knitting and crocheting are leaving the area of Grandma's rocking chair and returning to the student population with the recent popularity of long scarves, hats, and vest-sweaters, according to Illah Monroe, manager of the yarn shop at Polachek's.

"Scarves, hats and those short, easy-to-make 'shrink' sweaters are definitely our most popular items," she said.

Low price is definitely an incentive for the knitter or crocheter, since a scarf and hat, or a short sweater costs only \$3 or \$4 for the yarn and needles,

and the rest of the gift is supplied by the knitter.

Candlemaking, due to

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Macrame

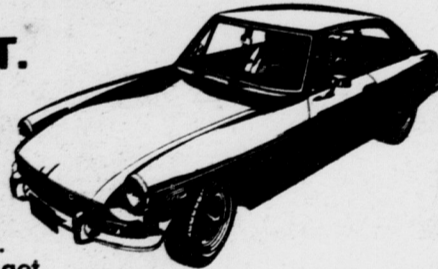
Susan Aud, Warren Senior, examines a gold nylon cord macrame vest on display near the side entrance of East Lansing City Hall. The vest, an example of a do-it-yourself Christmas present, was made by a local craftsman.

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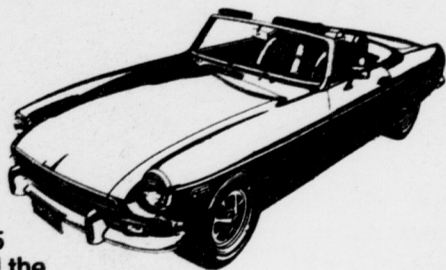
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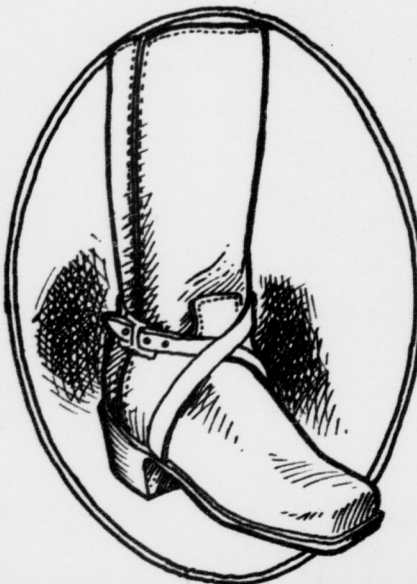
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Plan ahead for Yule trip

By CARL STODDARD

If you plan on traveling this Christmas break and have not yet made reservations, you may run into problems. There are still a limited number of air, train, and bus seats available, but they are filling fast.

To fly from Detroit to Miami costs \$65 with a student discount. United Airlines offers a flight from Lansing to Miami

for \$61 with the discount.

To qualify for a student discount you must be between the ages of 12 and 21 and have a student identification card. The card will allow the holder to fly at two-thirds the normal fare. It cannot be used between 2 p.m. and midnight Friday of Sunday. The cost of the youth card is \$3.

For those going to the Bahamas, Eastern Airlines has excursion flights from Miami to Nassau for \$38. A flight to

Freeport is \$6 less.

All airlines and travel agencies in the Lansing area advise getting reservations as soon as possible a United Airlines official warned.

"All the airlines are booked fairly solid," a United Airlines official warned. "You will find virtually nothing available from before Christmas to the first part of January."

A flight from Lansing to Chicago will cost a student \$18. To Detroit the cost is \$13.50.

For \$33 you can fly to New York City, and for \$90 to Los Angeles.

A bus ride to Detroit is considerably cheaper than flying. Greyhound charges \$4.15. On longer trips the saving is less. It takes a day and a half to get to Miami by bus and the cost is \$59.65. The ride to New York City costs \$35.20, and to travel to Los Angeles the fare is \$82.80. The prices vary slightly, a Greyhound spokesman said,

depending on the particular route of the bus. He also emphasized that round trip tickets are somewhat cheaper.

Train schedules and prices were not available at the end of November. Information may now be available at the Michigan Railroad Assn. (MRA), 601 Prudden Bldg., Lansing.

"If you want to go anywhere around Christmas time you'd better get your reservations soon, because the trains are filling pretty fast," an MRA spokesman advised.

This year, as before, the majority of travelers will probably be going by car. If you plan on driving, the police recommend that you first make a thorough check of your vehicle. Tires should be properly inflated and in good condition. Also, make sure that all lights and the brakes are in good order.

If you are a member of the American Automobile Assn. (AAA) it will route your trip for you and recommend accommodations.

Do-it-yourself gifts add special Christmas touch

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newly-marketed kits and waxes is becoming popular on campus. The process of melting the wax and pouring it into the mold is simple, and all deviations from the procedure are up to the

candle artist.

Scented waxes, colors, glitter, and complicated shapes can be added to the basic process, and the biggest investment, according to a devoted candle

enthusiast, is the molds for the various candle shapes.

"Once you have the molds, and they cost three or four dollars apiece, the wax only costs pennies per candle."

"I think we're going back to

our past," said Beverly Batten, owner of the upstairs decoupage shop on Grand River.

Ms. Batten said the sales in her shop have jumped tremendously this year with needlepoint, knitting, and decoupage items.

"Think Christmas," she said.

Letters

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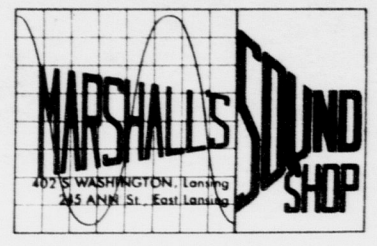
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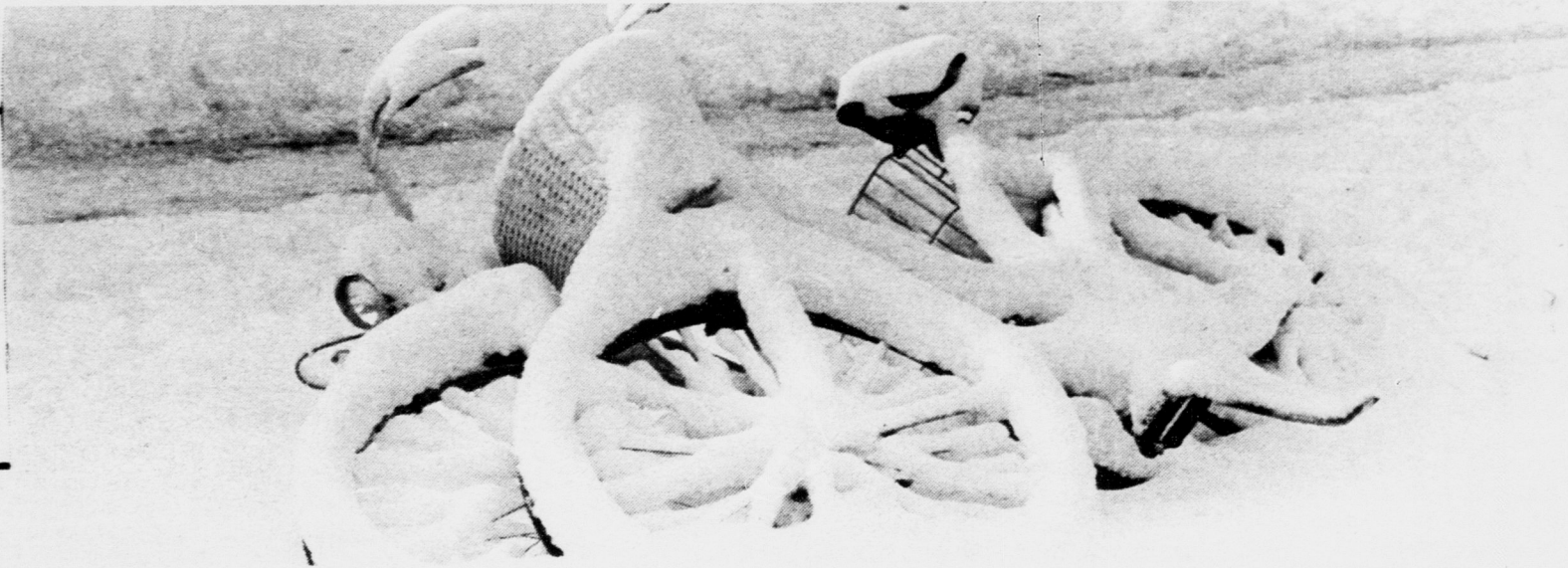
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Halls show holiday spirit

By JANE SEABERRY
State News Staff Writer

Christmas, one of the most celebrated events of the year, far surpasses Homecoming and even Halloween in MSU residence halls.

Where Halloween pumpkin-carving left off, Christmas projects begin with nearly every hall celebrating the season with dinners, parties, or other functions.

Many halls will be serving a

special Christmas dinner Sunday. Landon Hall will continue the tradition of inviting President Wharton to their Sunday Christmas meal. In addition, Landon held an all-hall Christmas party, Thursday night.

Christmas dinner at Case Hall is usually a "pretty gala affair" one adviser remarked. The meal will be highlighted by the carving of a whole side of beef and an elaborate desert table, all served in the atmosphere of candlelight. An ice carving contest will wind up the evening's festivities.

At Gilchrist Hall, the merriment will continue with a choir-sing, followed by a traditional candle ceremony. The senior residents file through the hall holding candles decorated with red ribbons, and then present them to a favorite underclass resident of the hall. Also, one woman selected to play Santa Claus, red suit and all, delivers gifts to Gilchrist residents. Following the

gift-giving will be a special Christmas dinner, Sunday, for Gilchrist and Yakeley hall residents.

Mason Hall residents will decorate their doors. Prizes are given for the best decorated doors in each house and in the hall. Butterfield Hall also sponsored a contest in which each floor selected a theme and each door was decorated according to that theme.

Angel-cherub week was celebrated this week by Campbell Hall residents. In this annual gift-giving ritual, each floor member randomly selected a name of another hall resident, and for four days the Cherub gift-giver secretly bestowed a gift upon her angel. The rite ended Thursday at the all-hall Christmas party, where the Angel, in return, presented her secret cherub with a Christmas gift.

Still other halls provided holiday atmosphere in different ways. Mayo Hall celebrated the

season with a decorating party and popcorn roast in the hall fire places. Wilson Hall's holiday celebration began with the decorating of a Christmas tree, Monday night. Also planned are a pancake-eating contest and a special dinner to be held Sunday. Tree decorating was also an event at Mason and Abbot halls Monday evening.

In a more socially conscious manner, residents of Phillips Hall held a Christmas party for underprivileged black children from the East Lansing community.

However, for nearly all hall residents, the season will be marked by finals, and fall term's end, when MSU students will return home to celebrate the holiday season. For those who remain over break Owen and Fee Halls will be available for housing.

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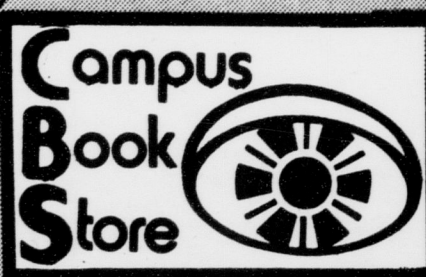
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Museum displays parlor decorations

By CINDI STEINWAY
State News Staff Writer

Tucked away in the Americana case, main floor, west wing of the MSU Museum, is a Victorian parlor decorated in the spirit of a "turn-of-the-century" Christmas.

Designed by Val Berryman, curator of historical artifacts and Roger Mitchell, Kalamazoo senior, the case is used to portray rooms of early American households.

"The tree standing in the right corner is trimmed with shiny ornaments and original antique candleholders which came from Gladys Olds Anderson, daughter of R.E. Olds," Berryman said. Candles and popcorn strands adorning the branches were customary to this period, he added.

"A red and blue oriental rug wraps the base of the tree under which are spread authentic toys dating from 1870 through 1900. The toys are displayed openly, as set out by Santa the night before," Berryman explained.

According to Berryman, on Christmas morning the children found small, inexpensive items decorating the tree and larger, more costly items set underneath it or hung in stockings on the mantel. He said he believes the children were happier with fewer toys then, as there was little money available in the middle to lower class homes depicted in the display.

"The big toys for the boys were usually Hans

Brinker-type skates or mechanical horses and carts run by a clockwork mechanism to make the horses move and the driver crack his whip.

"The little girls always looked for china head dolls and checked their stockings for spinning tops or colored cloth books," the curator stated.

A set of tiddly winks can also be found under the tree, termed a "game of fun for the whole family" by Berryman. He explained that the "winks" in those days were made of brightly painted bone chips.

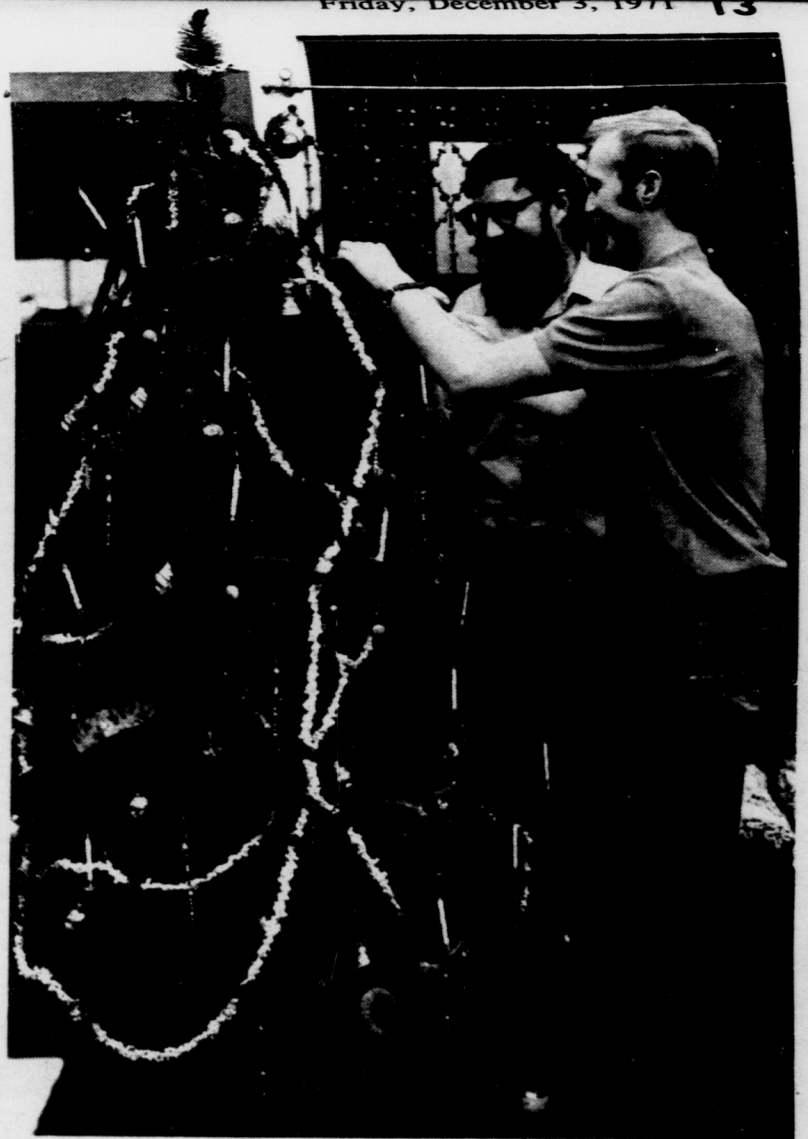
A big attraction in the display is a green-suited Santa, sporting brown shaggy hair, bent over his sack filling the stockings near the fireplace.

"This Santa is pretty odd compared to today, as there was no set stereotype for him in those days. He could have brown, black or gray hair, and any colored outfit, as illustrated by the old-fashioned Christmas cards around the parlor," Berryman said.

A melodian, described by Berryman as an organ-like instrument smaller than a full-sized parlor organ, stands next to the tree. Decorated with a bowl of unpolished real English walnuts, the melodian was popular among middle class folk because of its easy mobility, added Berryman.

"Authentic 19th century Christmas cards are placed throughout the room, illustrating flat and fold-out varieties. Most of the cards are of the dye-cut method, printed in Germany, with the colors embossed onto them," Berryman explained.

The parlor will be displayed through New Year's Day during the regular museum hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Decorating

Val Berryman, curator of historical artifacts, at the Museum, at left, and Terry Shaffer, curatorial assistant, touch up the Christmas tree in the Americana case in the main floor of the Museum which holds a replica of a Victorian parlor at Christmas time.

State News photo by Terry Miller

Church sponsors annual Yule party

University Christian Church is sponsoring its annual all-Church Christmas party at 8 p.m. Friday at Groesbeck Colony Clubhouse, located at Fairview and Heights avenues, Lansing.

The party, for all parish members, junior high age and above, will include swimming and refreshments. Interested parishioners may contact Ms. Chad Edmonson for details.

The church choir will present "The Story of Christmas", a cantata by John W. Peterson, at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Bible school classes will present a Christmas program at 6 p.m. Dec. 19 featuring plays, songs and recitations.

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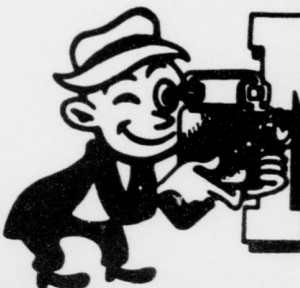
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Santa: a football hero?

For the benefit of all of you skeptics out there who don't believe in the myth of Saint Nick, there is an alternate story that might be of some interest, especially to sports enthusiasts.

There has never been a more heart rending tale in all the history of this humble school than when Tuffy Taugherty took the poor little chubby kid in the red jumpsuit in under his wing and made him into a real football hero.

'Twas a long, long time back. Yes, even before Howard and Dandy Don and that other guy even knew about Monday night football.

They scoffed at him at first. No one would have thought that he could ever turn into a first rate tackle. But when the transformation came, all of the doubters finally believed in Santa Claus, Superjock — the poor man's Alex Karras in BVDs.

It wasn't all roses, you know! Poor Santa made his first mistake by singing "Hail Michigan" while showering with the entire first string defensive

line, an all-American linebacker and a strange looking econ prof.

For penance, the poor rookie was forced to sing three Boo Bo's and five Hail Tuffy's while swallowing page by page the first ten chapters of the MSU catalog.

After that episode, Santa was downcast. He had to find a way to get back into the favor of the rest of the team.

One day during the first game of the year, he saw his chance when an overzealous punter (who went by the nickname of Horseleg Harry) booted the football right out of the stadium and into the smokestack of the Power Plant. Needless to say, with money scarce (the freeze and all, you know) and the football team on a strict budget (they only charged two bucks a ticket back then), there was only one football.

So it was up to Santa to save the day. Without hesitating, he crawled up the smokestack and much to the amazement of 50,000 awed onlookers, he emerged with the football.

Santa was now one of the boys.

With that resolved, Santa's next problem was to try to break into the starting lineup.

He wasn't that fast, you know. Oh, he could scurry up a fireplace with the best of them, but fireplaces were scarce in Spartan Stadium ever since Moody Hayes of OSU had gone on a rampage and torn down every fireplace in sight, brick by brick. You see, at that time, they didn't have sideline markers and Moody had to do something to get his team riled up.

Well, now Santa had to find something else that he could do better than anybody else so Tuffy would let him play.

First of all, he was at a big disadvantage because his uniform wasn't exactly the same as everyone else's. With his red flannel pajamas, he stuck out like a sore thumb amid the green and white of the rest of the Spartans.

Every night Santa would, without fail, pray to Sparty that he would look like the rest of the team, but that failed to do any good.

But one miracle did happen during the halftime against this Protestant school that everybody liked to watch because they would cross themselves before every play. A herd of reindeer stampeded through the locker room, wiping out the entire first three teams and leaving only Santa, the team manager, the coaches and the econ prof unharmed.

Santa finally got his chance to play, and although the Spartans didn't win, he grew to like reindeers.

The rest is history.

Now, if you really think that that's too unrealistic to believe in that Saint Nick garbage, but personally, I prefer to think of Santa as Tuffy's helper.



No more candy

Rick Gosselin, State News Sports Editor, looks downhearted when he realizes he has finally consumed the last candy cane on the Christmas tree which enhances the State News editorial office. Gosselin ate the candy under threats to his life by City Editor Charlie Cane who bought the treats.

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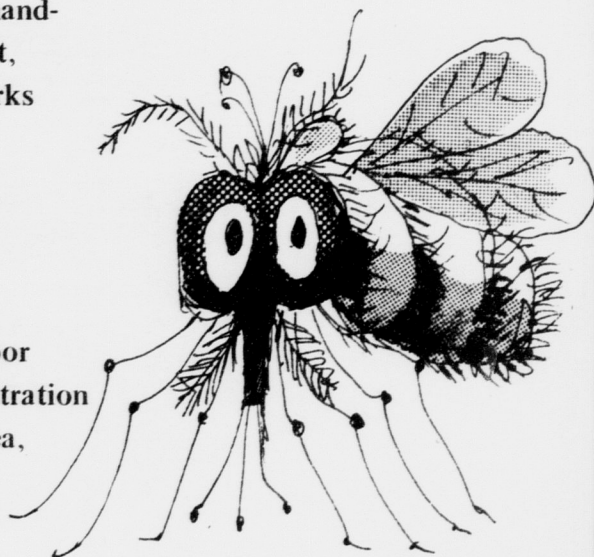
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Holiday toys go modern

By DAN DEVER
State News Staff Writer

NORTH POLE—In a special message to the United Elf Workers (UEW) today, Mr. S. Claus, president of the Little Old Toy Corp. announced plans for several new Christmas toys to go

into production this week. He said the new products indicate the more modern approach his industry will be taking this year. Of the several new products presented, the ones that generated the most interest were the political toys. The first one shown was the Richard Nixon

doll, "You wind it up and it freezes," Claus said. Some of the others were: a recording of Ted Kennedy saying, "I will not run;" a tour map of the UN autographed by Mao Tse-tung; and a new book, "How To Win An Election In Five Easy Steps" by Nguyen Van Thieu.

Mr. Claus also previewed several new "stocking stuffers" now in production. These include an English - Cuban dictionary for airline passengers, Army surplus gas masks for people who live in the city, and Daniel Ellsberg's version of "My Secret Life".

elf." But Claus was very cool about the whole situation. As he walked off the stage he said, "I want to make myself perfectly clear—I am the president!"

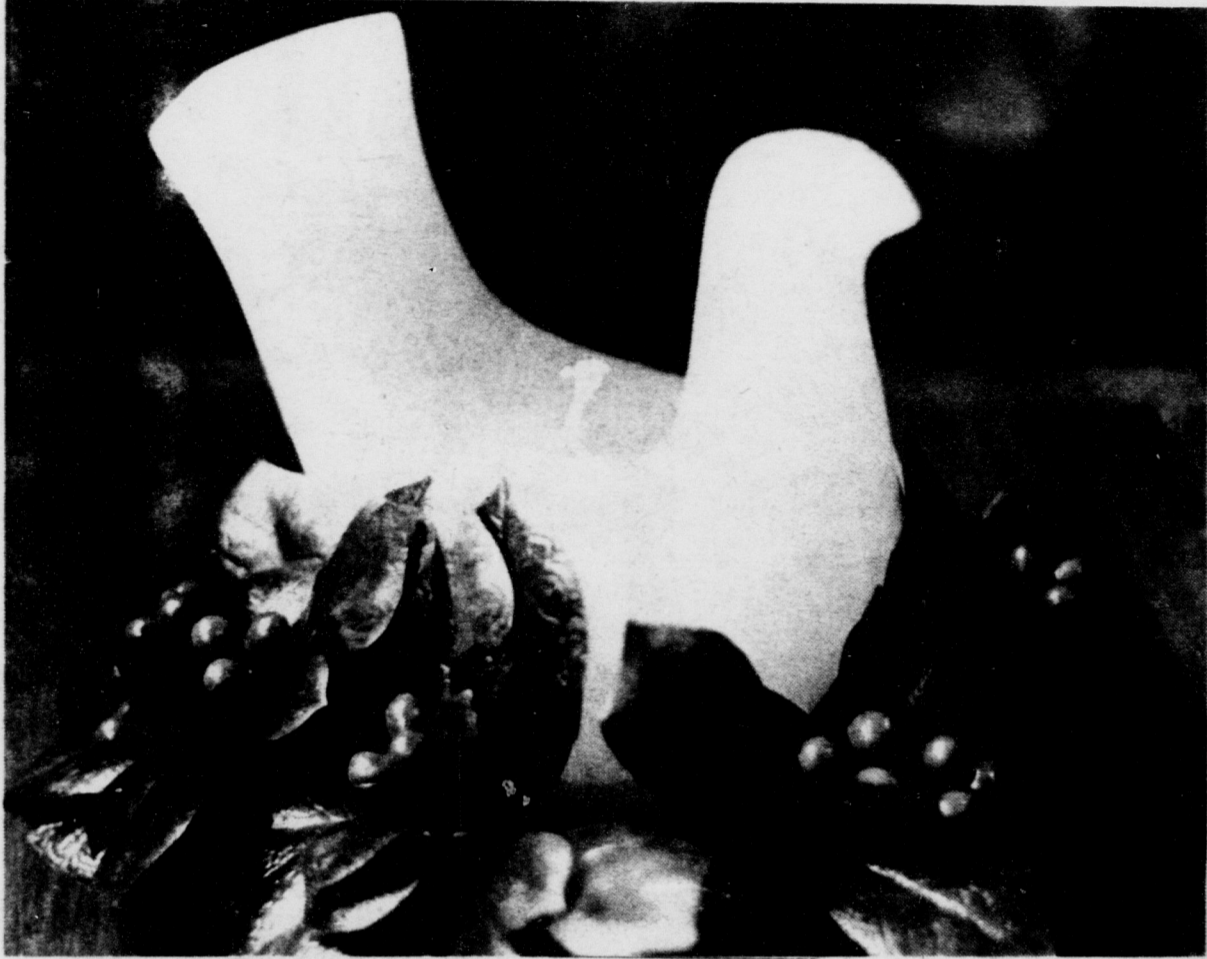
Besides his labor problems, informed sources have indicated that Claus has been having troubles with the vice-president of the firm, Spiro Eggnog. Rumors have been circulating that Eggnog will be dumped in 1972. However, no one at the Pole is quite sure who would take his place.

A strike by the Elves in late November delayed production of many of the products, explained the little old toy maker. "But we hammered out a settlement, ho, ho, ho, and by working overtime we can get these items finished before the big day," he added. "Of course now the reindeer have threatened to walk out on me."

After his speech to the UEW, Claus met with union leaders including Good N. Meany to discuss possible wage increases for 1972. It was only last month at the annual labor convention that Meany shocked the world by calling Claus a "dirty old

Possible candidates for the job are John Cornally, secretary of mistletoe, jingle bells, and midnight nips; George Rummy, secretary of brainwashing; and Henry Kissinger, special adviser on foreign affairs.

But despite all of his problems, Claus was very optimistic. He stressed that his plan was being carried out ahead of schedule and his objectives would be met before the Dec. 24 deadline.



Christmas peace

A Christmas candle in the shape of a dove rests among some hollies symbolizing peace over the holidays and through the coming year.

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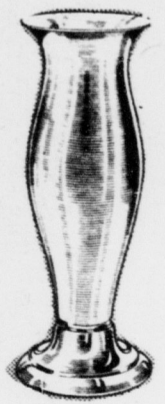
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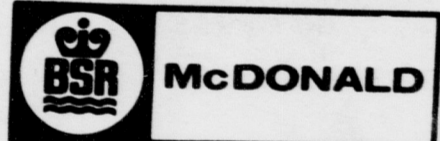
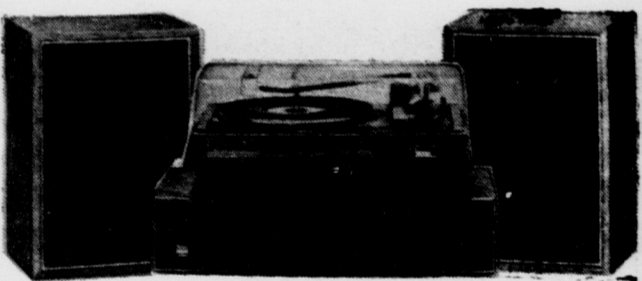
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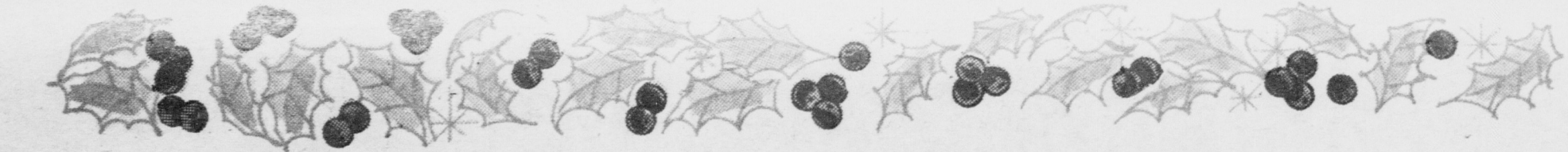
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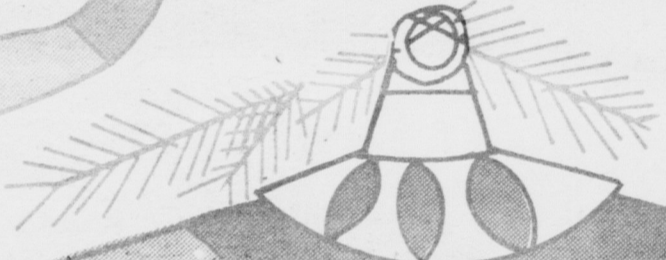
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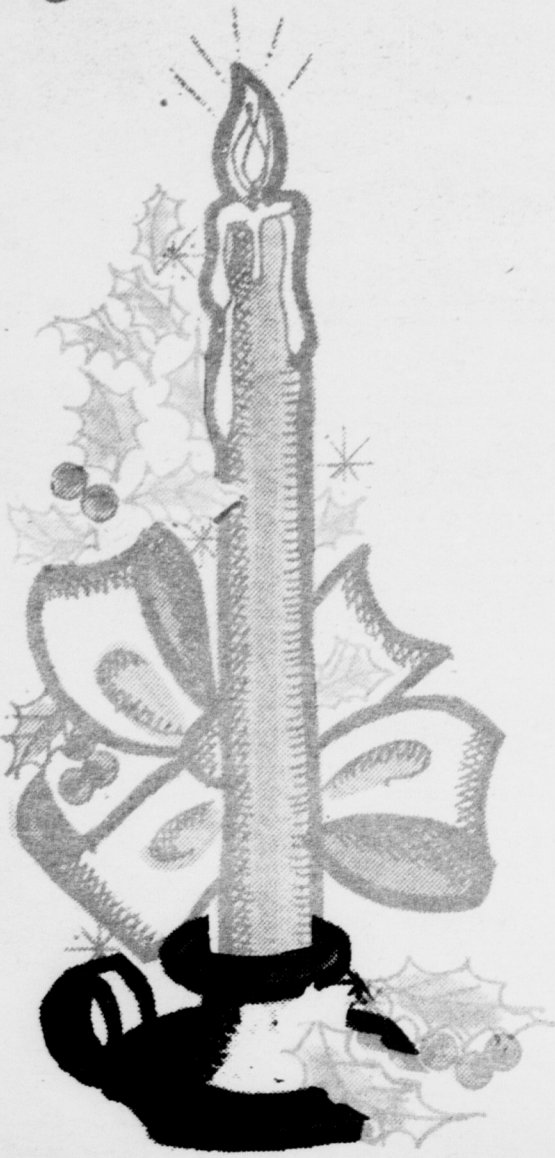
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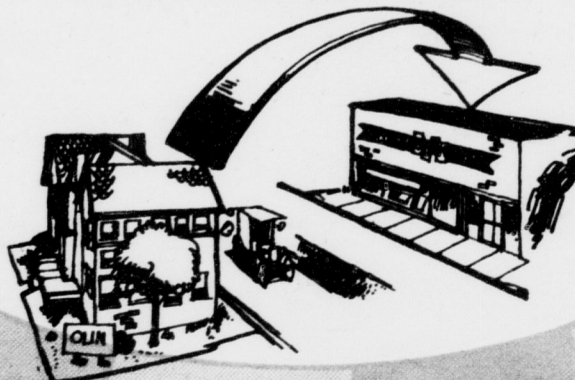
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