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Briefly

Campus

Open forum planned:

President Paul Olscamp will have an open forum tomorrow at noon in the Chart Room on the second floor of McFall Center.

Students with University concerns or any other issues are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Coordinator Famed:

Crayton Moss, coordinator of the athletic training program, has been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas.

He became the first athletic trainer to be inducted in the college's Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies held Oct. 26.

Professor elected:

Patricia Reed, professor of education, has been elected a member of the national board of directors of the Association of Teacher Educators.

Reed is associate dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions and chairperson of the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision. She served as president of the Ohio Association of Teacher Educators from 1986 to 1990.

Reed has been a member of the faculty since 1970, and formerly taught at Miami University and Ohio State University.

Local

Bars highlighted:

George Schildwacher, manager of Good Tymes Pub will appear on After Dark, the talk show on 88.1 FM, tonight at 10 p.m.

Schildwacher will discuss the recession and affects on bars as well as problems surrounding the establishment.

The number at After Dark is 372-2826.

State

KKK given the 'no go':

CINCINNATI — The Ku Klux Klan won't be allowed to erect a cross on a downtown square but officials are considering the group's request for a display at another site.

Public Works Director George Rowe said he rejected last week the Klan's request to put up a cross on Fountain Square during the holidays.

The Klan refused to comply with recently adopted city rules that require a display in a public forum to be removed by 10 p.m. and replaced at 6 a.m. the next day, Rowe said Tuesday. The Klan was permitted to place a 10-foot cross on Fountain Square last year.

Weather

Snow likely:

Today, windy with periods of snow tapering to flurries; high 20 to 25; the chance of snow is 80 percent. Tonight, partly cloudy; low 5 to 10.

compiled from local and wire reports



(l-r) Dale Matney of Hickory Hollow shows Marian Ghazal and Emily Brown one of the heart shadow boxes he is selling at the UAO Gingerbread Alley Holiday Craft Fair.

Sununu resignation brings end to weeks of speculation

by Tom Raum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John H. Sununu, the combative White House chief of staff whose abrasive style earned him enemies in both parties, resigned Tuesday, telling President Bush he didn't want to be "a drag on your success."

Speculation immediately centered on Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner as a likely successor, although the White House said no decision had been made.

Sununu handed Bush a five-page handwritten resignation note on Air Force One while Bush was on a trip to Florida and Mississippi.

Bush accepted the resignation, effective Dec. 15, and said in a statement that Sununu would remain as a counselor with cabinet rank through March 1.

Sununu's resignation ended weeks of rumor that he was on his way out. The 52-year-old former New Hampshire governor and Bush campaign aide had come under increasing criticism in recent days from Republicans for his role in the mixed signals from the White House on the faltering economy.

Administration and Republican sources said they expected Skinner, a close political ally of the president's who played an active role in his 1988 re-election effort, to get the top White House staff job.

White House spokesperson Judy Smith said that as far as she knew, Bush had not offered Skinner the job.

Skinner is well respected by other Cabinet members, GOP members of Congress and Republican campaign workers.

Speculation that he would get the post was fueled by revelations that he had a private dinner with the president on Sunday and breakfast at the White House on Monday with Bush's son and chief political trouble shooter, George W. Bush.

It was Bush's eldest son who delivered the bad news to Sununu last Wednesday that there was wide opposition to him among Bush's top advisers, administration and Republican sources said.

Faculty Senate votes to reject health care bill

by J.J. Thompson
administration reporter

Faculty Senate voted against a resolution on long-term health care costs Tuesday due to fears it would divide University constituent groups.

The proposed resolution, which was defeated by a vote of 24 to 31 with five abstentions, was an attempt to amend inequities in what administrative staff, classified staff and faculty members pay for health care benefits because of a short-term health care resolution passed by Faculty Senate May 7.

The long-term resolution states faculty and administrative staff with family coverage pay about 32 percent of their health care benefits while single employees and classified staff with family coverage pay about 14 percent.

During debate, most senators were against the resolution because they thought it would divide Faculty Senate from administrative and classified staff.

"If this is seen as creating some kind of class conflict, I think we should put it down," Raj Padmaraj said.

Senator Elliott Blinn said he was against the resolution because it was unfair to classified staff.

"I read this motion as saying we are paid the worst among Category I schools and what we are doing now is saying there is one source where we can get it from," he said. "We want to take money from the lowest paid people and, in essence, from their pockets, and I think that's disgraceful."

Ann Marie Lancaster said she did not understand why there was a difference between what the groups paid for health care benefits, and thought further research

was needed before a position on the issue should be taken.

"I don't think we want to make a recommendation until we understand fully why this is," she said. "Without the history I don't want to support this."

However, some thought Faculty Senate should take a stand — any stand — on the issue.

"Primarily, I think the Senate

See Senate, page four.

Blinn's attitude adds life to debate

by Jeremy Stone Weber
news editor

It was a typical day in Faculty Senate, with a rather atypical man leading the way.

Commentary

Elliott Blinn was in all his bow-tied glory Tuesday, denouncing the University's administration and the Faculty Senate in the same breath. He started by launching a crusade against a health care proposal he said robbed from the poor and gave to the rich.

"It makes the lowest-paid people pay more and, in essence, puts it in our pockets," he said. "It's disgraceful."

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The BG News/Rob Wetzler

In the Kohl Hall study lounge, freshman business management major Steve O'Hara gets a jump on his studying for his business calculus exam next Monday.

University, Ohio rank low for hazing Organizations combating the problem, but infractions still occur

by Amy Applebaum
greek reporter

Though hazing is still a common problem greeks, as well as other organizations, are battling across the country, Ohio and the University are seemingly less affected than other institutions.

Hazing is a problem which threatens the very existence of greek communities around the nation, according to Eileen Stevens, founder of C.H.U.C.K. (Committee to Halt Useless College Killings), an organization she founded in 1978 after her son was killed in a hazing incident.

But, said Linda Schnetzer, as the Mid-American Panhellenic Council Association's eastern area vice president she has had the opportunity to speak with other greek leaders, and though there is still a problem with hazing in other areas, especially in

the South: "Ohio is not as much of a problem."

Stevens said many colleges and universities in the East have eliminated the existence of greek systems because of fears of litigation, adverse publicity and a belief in the negatives of the system.

And in many other areas of the country, systems are also in jeopardy.

Currently at Western Illinois University, there is a case pending involving athletic hazing, according to Stevens. She said the entire system is getting attention because: "clearly the actions of one group affect the other groups."

Universities and colleges are more sensitive to the issue, Stevens said, because of stronger media attention and the focus on the negative aspects of the greek system.



Stevens said task forces to eliminate hazing on campuses have been formed in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York and New Jersey, as well as Texas. At Rutgers University, Stevens said, the education department conducted a series of hearings to investigate and examine hazing and the very existence of the school's greek system.

Though Stevens believes hazing is more common in some areas of the country than others, she believes hazing is a national problem and no one really knows exactly how serious the problem is.

However statistically, at the University only one incident report involving hazing has been filed in his year-long term, according to IFC chief administrator Greg Valandingham.

Hazing violations are not a normal occurrence at the University, Wayne Colvin, director of greek life, said. In the past five years, he said there has been one sorority chapter and two individuals convicted through the Bowling Green court system. Derek Dickinson, director of Standards and Procedures, the University office which decides hazing cases, said there have been less

See Greek, page three.

Quickly...

(AP) — Following is Cushman & Wakefield Inc.'s ranking of the best cities in which to do business, according to a national survey of chief executives conducted by Louis Harris and Associates. Last year's rankings are in parentheses.

- Atlanta (6)
- Seattle (1)
- Tampa, Fla. (10)
- Dallas-Fort Worth (8)
- Portland, Ore. (3)
- Columbus, Ohio (7)
- Cincinnati (13)
- Houston (15)
- Phoenix (19)
- Indianapolis (new)
- Chicago (14)
- Sacramento, Calif. (2)
- Kansas City, Mo. (12)
- Minneapolis-St. Paul (9)
- San Antonio (11)
- San Diego (5)
- Washington (21)
- Pittsburgh (18)
- Denver (17)
- Baltimore (27)

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Put your finger into the dike and halt the junk mail flood

GUEST COLUMN

Christine Cooperrider
Bromfield Hall Clerk

With all of the heightened awareness about recycling, why do we continue to have so many 'mailbox stuffers'?

into the mail slot.) It we only put ONE per box, that saves half the litter...er, I mean paper.

The guy said he thought two per box would be better anyway since they had plenty. I asked him what he did when he picked up the mail and there was a filer for each roommate.

I'm not complaining because of the time involved in stuffing — being a seasoned mailbox stuffer, and bored (Did you know that you can stuff boxes 25.5 seconds faster by going horizontally than by going vertically?)

And then there are the lobby posters. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't receive posters and fliers to hang up on each wing and in the lobby.

own mailboxes located elsewhere in the office. The amount of fliers they are given to post each day wouldn't fit in a normal box! Usually we get in the neighborhood of 18-36 a day.

Solutions?? I have a few. First of all, limit stuffers to one per room. And they don't need to be a full size sheet of paper. It doesn't take a nuclear scientist to figure out how to print two things of paper and then cut in half.

I think the recycling effort is going very well. There isn't a scrap of newspaper, colored paper, white paper or cardboard that goes into the wastebasket.

Innocent casualties in the war

United States emphasizing politics over people



MICHAEL BRENNAN

I recently returned from New York City. My mother lives there, and traditionally I visit her for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For those of you who have never been to New York City or any other metropolis, there is a severe problem with homelessness. On the subways, the buses and all major streets there are homeless people, begging desperately for spare change.

I, too, pass them by. Why? Although my heart goes out to them, and their need is genuine, who can tell if their desperation is a result of hunger or drug withdrawal?

Last Saturday, my family and I toured the unfinished cathedral of St. John the Divine. I fully recommend visiting this breathtaking

ing site if you are ever in New York. The construction of this cathedral started in 1892 and is still continuing today.

When we finally left this gothic sanctuary, we found a homeless couple waiting outside for tourists. The man approached us and said that he and his wife, who was four weeks pregnant, lost their home and had no place to sleep tonight.

That evening I listened to George Herbert "Hoover" Bush on C-Span and he said that we were winning the war on drugs. I guess the only way Bush will try to accomplish anything is if he gets to call it a "war."

The homeless may also tie into the issue of national health care. Certainly this issue is still in a stage of metamorphosis, as to what national health care would take care of besides the middle class (where it is politically

aimed.) And no wonder most conservatives run away from it. Creating a national health care program would mean that the federal government would have to decide how such a program would relate to abortion, AIDS and the mentally disabled.

It is a national embarrassment that we allow our own people to suffer in the streets of our cities when we have the power to correct the situation.

Today in America, ideology and politics take precedence over human suffering. The greatest leaders in our history have been those who have had the vision to escalate beyond the status quo;

Michael Dylan Brennan is a columnist for The BG News and is having a perfectly marvelous time reading all of his hate mail from alleged North Dakotans.

Letters to the Editor

David Duke attack based on ignorance

The BG News:

As a visitor in Ohio and a citizen of the state of Louisiana, I have never felt a necessity to respond to columns written in The BG News until I read the editorial written by Michael Martone in the Nov. 19 issue ("Louisiana '91 or Germany '35?").

Do you think all the citizens of Louisiana sit around watching TV and drinking beer? Your stereotyping of a people — whose state

you have probably never visited — shows a bigotry that you are intent on holding against David Duke.

Before you write another state's political differences, it might be a good idea to do a little research. The people of Louisiana had to vote between a liar and a bigot or a liar and a crook.

All politicians appeal to the emotions of voters. All politicians target certain groups of voters whether it be black, white, liberal or conservative.

As for Louisiana's primary system being "sort of stupid sometimes," I guess you are right.

F.L. Langton
Aerospace Studies

The mighty fight against the sight blight of writing 'right'



SHARLYN AVINA

"I want to see you after school today," Sister Mary sternly told me after English class within the second week of my first year of high school.

I was petrified. I could not imagine what I had done wrong! I wasn't talking, chewing gum, or cheating, and I had on the proper uniform.

I made my way back to her office and she was waiting for me. I sat down in a hard folding chair, trying to smile.

Well, this wasn't news to me. I immediately flashed back to the fourth grade when I actually got a 'D' on my report card — in what else, handwriting.

"I really try to write neatly," I told her in my defense.

"I think you should try harder," she replied. "Practice, practice, practice. This handwriting is a disgrace. Now I want you to know that I'm only telling you this for your own good."

"By the way," she said as I was about to leave. "If your handwriting doesn't improve, I will be forced to lower your grade by an entire letter grade."

I turned to my dad for guidance. I showed him the evil paper and told him what Sr. Mary had said about it.

Eventually I learned to accept my handwriting for what it is. So what if the teacher never asked me to write on the board or be

secretary of my group. I never felt deprived, in fact I felt lucky! I can't change the way my handwriting is, so why worry?

I smile to myself when I think back on those handwriting incidents of my childhood. I bet none of those handwriting critics ever thought I would chose a writing career!

Sharlyn Avina is a senior English major from Bowling Green.

5:15

by J.A. Holmgren

Wild

"The only duty we owe to history is rewrite it."
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

About Wilde

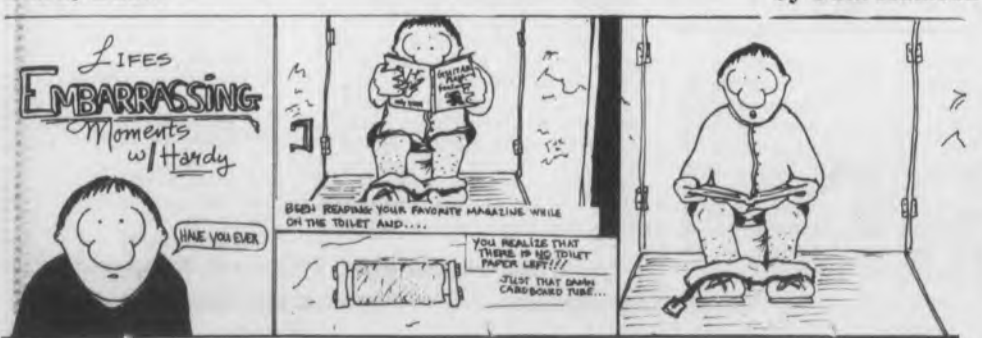
by J. Gonzalez

Hit or Swiss



Hardy Buber

by Tom Hanicak



Greek

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than 20 cases involving hazing in the past 10 years.

Stevens said often victims, or others who gain knowledge to the hazing incidents, do not know how to go about reporting the incidents or are afraid to do so.

She said being the one to report the incident often results in disastrous consequences, citing a case in Wisconsin where a student left school due to harassment that eventually led to the assault of his girlfriend - because he reported a hazing incident.

Therefore, Stevens said, "These activities are shrouded in secrecy." The participants and victims often believe in the secrecy as a part of their brotherhood and sisterhood, as well as tradition.

Stevens said it angers her when members claim hazing is tradition because hazing came along so much later than the founding of the organizations. Hazing, she said, is in direct violation of the ideals in the organizations rituals.

"Hazing is such an aberration," Stevens said. "It's hypocritical. I truly believe it exists everywhere to some degree," she said.

Since Sept. 12, Stevens said she has had over 100 hazing incidents reported to her from across the country.

As evidenced by these reported incidents, she said, paddling, nudity, sleep deprivation and dramatic subservience still commonly occur. She said the reports came from a variety of places.

Stevens works with national organizations to help eliminate hazing through positive programming, but the individual chapters of these organizations still retain some degree of autonomy.

"They have worked tirelessly [at a national level] to eliminate this problem," she said.

She said new member programs which eliminate pledging are a positive sign of this work because pledging has become so synonymous with hazing.

"It may not be the answer, but they are being progressive," she said. Author Hank Nuwer, whose book *Broken Pledges: The Deadly Rites of Hazing* was published last year, said though hazing is on

the rise in high schools, the trend in colleges and universities has been fewer deaths.

He said Ohio is not immune to the problem, but it is not present to the extent that it is, in say, Texas.

According to Nuwer, who spent two years traveling across the country researching his book, the abuse of alcohol when related to hazing is escalating, especially on initiation nights. Nuwer said many organizations require drinking large amounts of strong alcohol - EverClear, for example.

Stevens said the existence of anti-hazing legislation "clearly acts as a powerful deterrent" to hazing. She said these laws raise awareness and place accountability on those who commit the acts.

According to Stevens, who was involved in the efforts to pass legislation making hazing a criminal act, Ohio's laws are considered very strong. Stevens said the Ohio law is important because it also focuses on the mental and emotional damages that can be done by hazing.

These laws, Stevens said, also help focus on the issue before violations occur.

Stevens said for the first time, hazing legislation is receiving federal attention. Senator Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is drafting legislation to submit to the Judicial Committee which would federally criminalize hazing and mandate colleges and universities act on hazing violations.

Stevens said there is hope the final legislation will be a happy medium between federally criminalizing hazing and mandated guidelines for educational institutions to follow.

Hazing in Ohio can be in violation of state law, University regulations and the InterFraternity Council. One violation can and usually is reviewed by the state, University and IFC.

The presence of these laws and regulations has lessened, even if not erased, the occurrences of hazing, according to Colvin.

"With the policies and laws, hazing is just not permitted," Colvin said.

State laws, adopted by about 40 of the 50 states including Ohio, make hazing a criminal action.

The law, Colvin said, applies to any officers, advisers, staff, faculty, organization leaders, members at large, participants in hazing activities and those hazed.

According to Colvin, the law addresses hazing in a way that anyone knowing about hazing activities can be charged and convicted, receiving 30 days in jail and a \$250 penalty. This is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

State law, Colvin said, prevents the defense that the person hazed was a willing participant. "The issue is: did this activity occur and is it hazing?" Colvin said.

The only defense allowed to universities, Colvin said, is showing that at the time, the university was actively attempting to prevent all hazing activities.

The law also requires any persons hazed to report the violations, Colvin said.

The University policy on hazing and demeaning activities is much more specific about unacceptable activities, listing 37 specific areas of activities considered violation of the policy.

Valandingham said the InterFraternity Judicial Board can hear hazing cases involving any

Committee discusses merits of racial tension conference

by Kimberly Larson
human diversity reporter

The People For Racial Justice discussed a presentation on racial tension and conflict at a conference at the University of Michigan during a meeting Tuesday morning.

Carolyn Palmer, assistant professor of education, reported on a conference at the University of Michigan which dealt with racial conflicts experienced on college campuses. Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, a professor from UCLA, said student perceptions of racial conflicts show the size and selectivity of the campus is positively related to amount of racial incidents.

"The more students there are on campus, the less attention is given to student issues and problems," Palmer said. "Also, selectivity is positively related because there is a certain type of

student that tends to be attracted to these universities, and these are more liberal-type students."

Palmer said Bowling Green has been spared some of the racial tensions because the number of minority students at the University is few. Palmer said Hurtado found that the larger the minority group on campus, the more likely fighting for "finite" power against the majority on campus will occur.

Students and faculty quite often believe there are more minorities on a campus than there actually are because white people tend to remember seeing all of the black students on campus, she said.

Hurtado said residential campuses tend to have racial incidents occur not in the classroom, but on the weekends and at night after drinking has occurred.

Palmer said Mary Ellen Ashley, author of *Combating Racism on Campus*, said students tend to

contain two major problematic attitudes in dealing with minorities.

"The first is, 'We wish you weren't here,' and the second is 'If you must stay, try to be as much like us as possible,'" Palmer said.

These attitudes contribute to the high degree of racial tensions experienced on campuses across the nation, Palmer said.

Cliff Brooks, assistant professor of education, spoke about the racial tensions between minority students and the campus police department due to an alleged altered police report following a black greek dance.

Brooks wrote a letter to Robert Dennerll, director of public safety, which dealt with offensive statements which were allegedly made by Dennerll in regard to minority students.

New zoning boundaries at OU may give students vote

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) - Leaders of Ohio University students think they might be close to getting their own political ward.

City Council is redrawing boundaries for Athens' four Council ward seats as required by law, said Council President Ric Abel.

Student senate representatives want at least one ward so the student voice can be heard in city affairs, member Jonathan Prince said this week.

He said no one on the council now really represents the interests of students.

Council member Nancy Bain is translating U.S. Census data onto a city map. The last census shows the city with a population of 21,265, and its four wards are to have approximately equal numbers of residents.

Since the number of students living in campus residence halls and apartments - which OU reports to be at about 6,800 - is about one-third of the city's population, the creation of a student ward would seem likely, Abel said.

He said creation of such a ward would raise several questions.

"One realization has to be that Council is a 12-month body," Abel said. "If we create a ward all on campus, what do you do when the Student Senate university closes all of the dorms?"

He said state law requires ward representatives to live in the area they represent. If a council member living in a residence hall had to move out during OU's winter break or the summer, Abel questioned legality of the representation.

"It's [hazing] still going on. It's real prevalent on many campuses."

—Wayne Colvin, Director of Greek Life

organization, but not individuals. But, he said, individuals reflect upon their entire organization so when an incident is filed involving members of an organization, the entire chapter is charged.

Incident reports, he said, are the first step to bringing a chapter up on hazing charges. The report includes a brief description of the incident and then a hearing officer checks into the charges to determine whether the report warrants filing charges.

If charges are filed, there is a preliminary hearing at which the accused organization enters a plea of in violation or not in violation. There is no guilty verses not guilty, VaLandingham said.

The IJB is empowered to prescribe sanctions including complete restitution of property and punitive fines of whatever damage was done as determined by

the board; fines; charitable donations and acts; admonition; social, intramural and organizational probation; loss of membership in IFC for up to one year and expulsion from IFC.

Basically, VaLandingham said, loss of membership in IFC equals loss of the organization's charter.

VaLandingham said IJB investigates every hazing-related allegations and uses the Student Code and IFC bylaws to determine if an act is a violation of anti-hazing policies.

In other places, Colvin said, hazing is still a major problem for the greek community. Mid American Panhellenic President Linda Schnetzer agreed.

Despite all of the laws, rules and regulations, Colvin said, "It's [hazing] still going on. It's real prevalent on many campuses."

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Sports

Men's basketball beaten by Raiders in overtime

DAYTON — The men's basketball team dropped to 0-4 on the season as it lost a heartbreaker at Wright State in overtime 82-76 last night.
The Falcons controlled the first half as they went into the locker room with a 38-35 lead. Sophomore center Jason Crump took charge and scored eight points in the first stanza. However, Crump would only score two more points in the second half.

The two squads battled back and forth in the second stanza as the Falcons utilized the services of senior forward Tom Hall to remain in the hunt. Hall notched a team-high 19 points and a game-

high 12 rebounds on the night.
With under five seconds remaining in regulation, Hall rebounded a Michael Huger shot and laid it back in to tie the score at 69-69 to send the contest into overtime.

In the overtime session, the Falcons were outscored 13-7 and had to play catch-up basketball the majority of the overtime.
Junior Vada Burnett contributed 16 points to the Falcon cause, while Huger added 12.

Center Bill Edwards paced Wright State with a game-high 29 markers.
Collectively, the Falcons connected on 30 of 74 shots (40.5 per-

cent) while Wright State hit 28 of 57 attempts (49.1 percent). Hall had a fine shooting night as he made 9 out of 15 from the field.

The Falcons started Hall, Burnett, Crump, and freshman Shane Kline-Ruminski and Ray Lynch.

BG journeys to Iowa on Friday to battle Louisiana Tech at the Hawkeye Classic. The game begins at 6:05 (CST). The other teams in the tourney include host Iowa and Army.

The women's basketball team hosts Dayton at Anderson Arena tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Falcons are 3-0 on the season after defeating nationally-ranked Purdue, Youngstown State and Cincinnati.

MIDWEST

College Scores:

Michigan 100, Detroit 74
Minnesota 98, Youngstown St. 59
Northwestern 83, Vanderbilt 81

Purdue 81, Indiana St. 65
Toledo 62, Miss. Valley St. 44
Xavier, Ohio 75, Samford 59

Senate

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needs to get a position out there," one senator said. "We had no say in the implementation last year — I want something and this is better than nothing as far as I'm concerned."

In other matters, revisions to the Academic charter which provide representation for retired faculty on the Senate was approved. The revision states retired faculty will have one repre-

sentative elected by other retired faculty. To be eligible, the representative must have retired from a full-time, tenure track position at the University and must be eligible for benefits.

Commentary

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Blinn also attacked a proposal that would have withdrawn an earlier senate action, blamed the Senate Executive Committee via a memo for the senate's inability to act on resolutions this year, and was the first person to raise a hand when the "issues and concerns" portion of the meeting came up.

It was a surprising performance to the handful the first-timers in the audience, but just another day at work for the senators who either love or hate the "rebel without a resolution." In a body that is continually

struggling with its inability to find a place within the University's power structure, Blinn's in-your-face style often meets with resistance from both administrators and senators who believe diplomacy is the key to a more effective senate. A recent senate chairperson often confided he considered Blinn a problem to be dealt with.

Tuesday was no exception. As Blinn went on a "tirade" — as one senator termed it — against the health care proposal, another high-ranking senator mumbled, "shut up."

Senator Peter Wood, uncharacteristically supporting one of Blinn's statements, jokingly told Blinn he was nervous because the two were agreeing.

Blinn's reputation as a troublemaker is well-earned. The long-time senator often tells other senators through the media to "stop their whining and bitching." In the spring, when he said Board of Trustee members were not paying enough attention to the faculty, he said "I think it's about time for them to wake up and smell the coffee."

But it is a reputation he enjoys, as evident by his smiling face when someone makes a comment like Wood did Tuesday.

"All I'm doing ... is to try and get the senate to take itself seriously," Blinn said in the spring.

Despite his speeches denouncing the senate, Blinn is known as a passionate defender of the faculty and its rights. When former Senate Chairperson Ann-Marie Lancaster claimed she was forced to resign because the administration would not recognize her as the senate representative, Blinn was one of Lancaster's most vocal supporters.

And, when two hours of debate end with the adjournment of each senate meeting, Blinn still has plenty of colleagues who will still talk to him. And another meeting to look forward to.

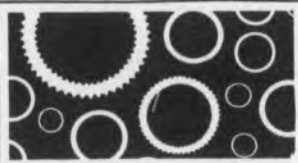
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 - "Blowing Kisses in the Wind," Paula Abdul
 - "Set The Night To Music," Roberta Flack and Maxi Priest
 - "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye to Yesterday," Boyz II Men
 - "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," PM Dawn
 - "Can't Stop This Thing We Started," Bryan Adams
 - "I Wonder Why," Curtis Stigers
 - "Street of Dreams," Nia Peeples
- (Source: Cashbox magazine)

Best Sellers

FICTION

- "Scarlett," Alexandra Ripley
- "No Greater Love," Danielle Steel
- "Needful Things," Stephen King
- "The Sum of All Fears," Tom Clancy
- "Sapphire Rose," David Eddings
- "The Doomsday Conspiracy," Sidney Sheldon
- "Remember," Barbara Taylor Bradford
- "All the Weys of Pern," Anne McCaffrey
- "Sleeping Beauty," Judith Michael
- "Star Trek, the Next Generation: Reunion," Michael Jan Friedman

NON-FICTION

- "Me," Katharine Hepburn
- "Under Fire," Oliver North
- "More Wealth Without Risk," Charles J. Givens
- "Heaven Is Under Our Feet," Don Henley and Dave Marsh
- "The Best Treatment," Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld
- "Awaken the Giant," Anthony Robbins
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'Outward' kids look inward

by Shari Wroblewski
 contributing reporter

Outward Bound programs let students get in touch with nature and themselves. Each year, nearly 25,000 people in the United States participate in Outward Bound, a non-profit educational program which uses outdoor adventure travel to increase self-respect and personal confidence. The students explore the wilderness for as few as three days, or as many as 26 days. Outward Bound school trips cost anywhere between \$70 to \$100 per day, depending on the length of travel. A typical 26-day program costs about \$1,600.

According to Outward Bound President Henry Taft, the schools have two goals.

The first is gaining the self-confidence and strength individuals gain from knowing they have done something which one seemed impossible.

The second goal is for individuals to become comfortable with themselves so they are able to open up to others.

On the journey, participants must share with their companions and help others when the need arises. Taft said this is necessary for survival in the woods, in the mountains and on the sea.

Taft also said Outward Bound challenges participants to learn through experience. It tries to change the notion that if something is not academic it is not worthwhile.

Kurt Hahn, a German political activist and a developer of new educational theories, started the Outward Bound movement in 1934. Hahn opened a private school in Scotland called Gordonstoun where he developed and carried out a concept called "Moray Badge."

This program was described in the *London Times* as "a system of athletic standards for every boy to reach."

In 1962, the first Outward Bound School in the United States was established in Colorado. Today, five wilderness schools are located in Colorado, Minnesota, North Carolina, Maine and Oregon.

Greg Fetter, an employee at the Voyager Outward Bound School in Minnesota, said safety is a major concern. In 1978 Outward Bound strengthened its safety program. Since then 200,000 people have participated in the program.

Prospective students undergo thorough medical and psychological examinations. Telephone interviews conducted by Outward Bound for both the youth and the adult who recommended them help decide whether they should be included in the program. If a student lives close enough to the Outward Bound School he or she will attend, a personal interview will be given.

Although Fetter said most Outward Bound participants are in their late teens, anyone over the age of 14 can participate. Courses are designed for adult men and young women ages 16 to 22, managers, men and women who are undergoing career changes, educators, families and other speciality groups.

The school also founded courses for the physically challenged in 1976. These include pro-

grams for the blind, persons with hearing impediments, paraplegia and cerebral palsy.

David Cappetta attended the Voyager Outward Bound School when he was 18. Cappetta grew up on the south side of Chicago, so the 28-day course in the wilderness was a new experience for him.

"For me the most rewarding aspect was just being out in that environment for a long period of time."

He said he believes the most growth for him came out of the group interactions with the other Outward Bound students.

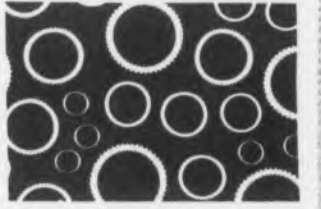
"I learned about different people's perspectives and how they view things," he said.

The most difficult aspects of the program for him were the physical activities which he says were "very tiring." Although this was not easy for him and the course was a challenge, he looks at it as a positive growth experience and said he would highly recommend Outward Bound to any interested individual.

While on their Outward bound journey, the students learn a great deal about the wilderness. This is accomplished by rock-climbing, crossing over rivers on rope bridges, sailing, backpacking, learning and accomplishing rescue work, traveling many miles on foot, learning how to protect the environment and traveling through the wilderness on their own.

"Learning about the wilderness is an intense, demanding and beautiful part of Outward Bound" Taft said.

Individuals interested in taking an Outward Bound course can call Outward Bound USA at 1-800-243-8520 for information.



Unique wrapping makes many gifts appear expensive

NEW YORK (AP) — With good paper, imagination and professional advice, Christmas presents, once wrapped, can look expensive even if they're not.

Or if a lack of time forced you to buy in multiples, special wrapping can make them look hand-picked.

Robin Cohen, a custom gift wrap guru in Stockton, Calif., suggests painting the recipient's name on a ball tree ornament rather than a gift tag. And she likes to make the package decoration an accessory to the gift — by gluing chocolate kisses to a box of candy, for example, or tying grapes to a bottle of wine.

From Yoshiko Hase, a wrapping whiz in Japan, comes the art of origami to create personalized packages. It's all in a book called *Wrap It Up! Creative Giftwrapping Ideas* (Kodansha America Inc., \$14.95).

The merit of this well-illustrated soft-cover book is that it goes beyond color schemes and suit-the-occasion themes. It actually shows step by step how to wrap a bottle, the odd-shaped box, a single flower. It also illustrates how to craft an envelope for a gift when you're short of boxes.

The basics of bow-tying are there, too. But more interesting are ways to pleat the wrapping paper and use stickers to make mailed packages pretty.

Film star mumbles, Mum takes tumble

BOSTON (AP) — James Caan said his character in "For The Boys" isn't a likable guy.

He plays Eddie Sparks, a song-and-dance womanizer in a love-hate relationship with performer Dixie Leonard, portrayed by Bette Midler.

"His life is that stage, and everything else is foreplay. There's a certain majesty about that," Caan said in an interview published Saturday in the Boston Herald.

Partly because of the movie's World War II setting, Eddie echoes Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Bing Crosby and other war-era entertainers. But Caan said he didn't model Eddie on any of them.

"I didn't want to be influenced by anybody, to sound like anybody or look like anybody else," Caan said.

He prepared by watching old

newsreels and war movies, as Midler did, he said.

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP) — The 91-year-old mother of Queen Elizabeth II stumbled on stairs and fell on one knee Saturday, losing a shoe, as she left a service at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Queen Mother Elizabeth quickly recovered. Members of the congregation at a service of consecration marking completion of the cathedral applauded her.

Apparently unhurt, the Queen Mother walked a short distance to the provost's house, where she insisted on standing as she chatted.

The provost, the Very Rev. David Stancliffe, said she told him: "I've got quite a large heel on my shoe and I caught it. How silly."

The queen mother felt no discomfort and wasn't shaken by the incident, he said.

Review of the latest music

New rap, punk and hardcore analyzed by gurus

Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy
Television, The Drug of the Nation (EP)
 4th & Broadway/Island

Taking Chuck D's "Rap is black America's TV station" message literally, San Francisco's DHH (rapper Michael Franti and music man Rono Tse) uses TV soundbytes and spoken-word rapping more deadpan than Rakim or Spoonie Gee to get across an anti-media, anti-commercialism message - "Education is sucked out of children/By a cathode ray nipple." Kinda bludgeoning in its approach, but interesting as a cultural artifact.

- Frank Esposito

Blur
Leisure
 SBK Records

"Manchester" has evolved into a catch-all definition for bruised 60s pop, sweetened by tambourine and maracas. Blur's earth-bound and tart frankness on *Leisure* transcends the this quagmire, leaving a flawless stone among prefab roses.

Producer Stephen Street's experience with this English phenomena sharpens the Byrdlike futurism of *Leisure*. While cuts like "I Know" and "Bang" build innovations on model Manchester formulas, "Repetition" and "Fool" shift into flowing power-chord pop.

Throughout the LP, full-band vocals pave restless guitar melodies, replacing the lyrical monotony or obscurity of their mentors with a grimly rosy tone.

- Tim Funk

Pearl Jam
Ten
 Epic Associated

Good God, I don't understand Seattle. Soundgarden I can live with, but so much of Sub Pop and bands like Pearl Jam sound a bit too much like later Zep and Kiss *Alive* for my tastes. Not that either of those things totally sucked, but for Cutting Edge '91, it's a strange choice. "Even Flow" rocks on a hellacious groove, but "Black" and "Oceans" reek on so many basic aesthetic levels that it turns your stomach.

- Frank Esposito



Pegboy
Strong Reaction
 Quarterstick Records

Pegboy returns hardcore its purist edge in an age of speed-metal crossover. The strong-arm punk of *Strong Reaction* blends a sing-along quality with crisp guitar which founder John Haggerty crafted in previous act Naked Raygun.

The Chicago boys uphold punk integrity with Raygun-influenced, decade-old hardcore formula perfected on their debut EP Three-Chord Monte. Larry Damore's rugged vocals accent upbeat melodies like "Superstar" and "Not What I Want" and return the introspective voice of heyday hardcore that got buried under screaming and obscurity. The bass of Steve Saylor lurks under skank anthems like "Locomotivelung" and "Time Again."

- Tim Funk

Timbuk 3
Big Shot in the Dark
 IRS

Postpunk folkies wanna have fun too. But they've got to be more careful about it as middle age approaches. That's the situation that the husband/wife team of Pat and Barbara K MacDonald face on their fourth album. They're still capable of twisting wicked rhymes with a Woody Guthrie-meets-David Letterman kind of charm ("Upon his grave this epitaph/His life was so funny

he forgot to laugh" from "Two Medicines") but they're a bit less righteous and a touch more sentimental these days, as titles like "Wake Up Little Darlin'" and the gorgeous "Sunshine" would imply. Still, addressing automotive lust ("Mudflap Girl") and the perpetual decline of mankind ("God Made An Angel") on the same album is no mean feat. *Big Shot in the Dark* proves that Timbuk 3 is still capable of such an accomplishment.

- Frank Esposito

Generation X
Perfect Hits 1975-1981
 Chrysalis

Perfect Hits offers a perfect sampling of Gen X's genuine but brief '70s punk roots and their quick decline into the shopping mall punk which a plump Billy Idol broods in today.

The LP's inner sleeve, like the album, records Idol's incubation in the glamour which shifted Gen X's sound to festering rock. Noble youth culture anthems from their first album, like "Your Generation", "Ready, Steady, Go" and "One Hundred Punks", jump with a bubblegum-Buzzcocks energy. Later cuts like "King Rocker" and "English Dream" show the signs of age. The best of Gen X lies on their first, self-titled LP, offering the sharpest footnotes to Gen X's whimsical punk history.

- Tim Funk

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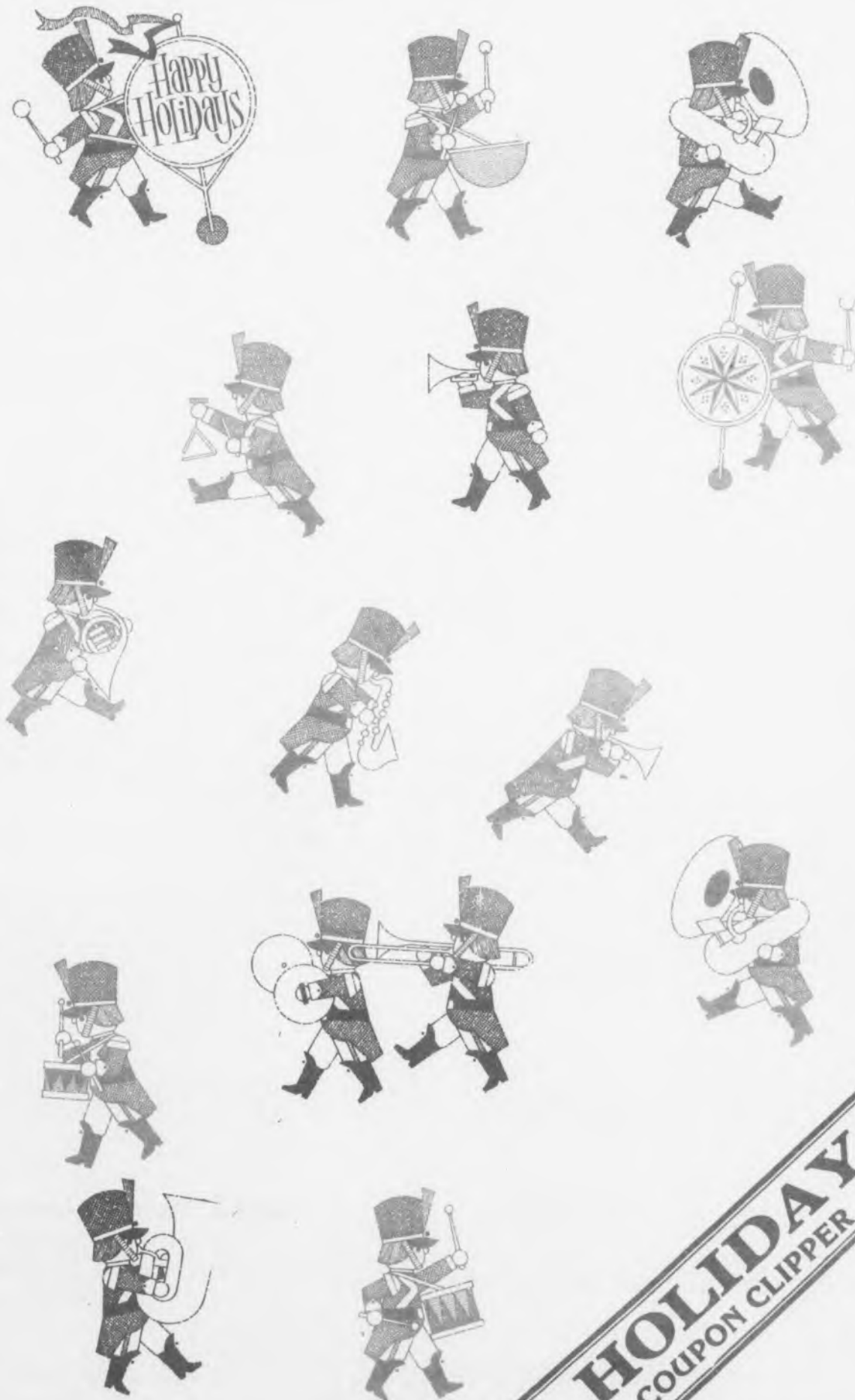
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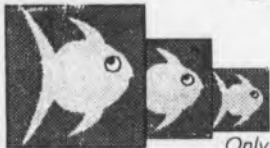
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Healthy munchie options

by Sherry Turco
contributing writer

Finally — exams are over and the long ride home is completed.

As you walk into your house you're greeted by the smell of freshly baked Christmas Cookies, and boxes of Christmas chocolate are just lying around the living room.

Before you reach for a cookie ask yourself, "Is it really worth not fitting into the clothes that are bound to be in the colorfully wrapped packages below the tree?"

There are many healthy alternatives that can be chosen. "Eating fruits with angel food cake is a healthy alternative to fattening Christmas desserts,"

Jean Wright, Health Educator for the Wellness Center, said. "Also making pumpkin pie with skim milk is an healthy alternative."

One of the key things that a student can do to make sure they eat healthy during the Christmas season is to anticipate what is going to be served.

"Students can usually anticipate what is going to be served for traditional Christmas meals," Wright said. "Turkey is one of the best things that can be served, especially with cranberry sauce."

Desserts are often what makes Christmas eating unhealthy. It's easy just to pick up a cookie and not worry about it. "Choosing a cookie without nuts is a good choice because nuts add many of

the fat calories that cookies contain," Wright said.

Weight Watchers has compiled a list of holiday survival tips. Some of the suggestions include: cutting corners everywhere, especially in preparing the food, reducing the total amount of fat and sugar in your diet, and beware of appetizers, as they often are made from fatty ingredients.

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Seasons Greetings

Professors look at recession

by Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — The first weekend of the Christmas shopping season was pronounced a success by some of the nation's big retailers, but sales were down when compared with more robust financial times.

Americans, worried about the weak economy, generally had visions of lower-priced gifts in their heads. Others were just window-shopping.

"We're just here to play," said Jenny Barry, who strolled at a mall in Bellevue, Wash., with her 2-year-old son on Friday, normally the biggest shopping day of the year. "Our expenses are higher, but our paychecks are not. We're planning a lean Christmas."

"We're looking more at jeans

and shirts this year," said shopper Tom Friedel at the Metrocenter in Phoenix. "We're on a more limited budget this year than last, and family is coming first for us."

J.C. Penney Co. said sales were stronger than expected, with shoppers favoring women's cotton turtlenecks, sweaters in the \$18-\$30 range and men's flannel boxer shorts. "Business was good all over," said spokesman Duncan Muir.

Matt Howard, a senior executive at Sears, Roebuck and Co., said, "On balance, we're quite pleased with the entire weekend."

Home furnishings retailer Pier 1 Imports Inc. said it was satisfied. And at Dayton Hudson, sales were better than expected at its department stores and its Mer-

vyn's clothing stores, spokeswoman Ann Barkelew said.

Storeowners said they generally got their sales through special ads and markdowns aimed at bargain-hungry shoppers.

Stern's department store in the Paramus Mall, a shopping mecca outside New York City, had "sale" or "as advertised" signs in almost every department.

The retailer, part of Allied Stores Corp., offered 10 percent off coupons for merchandise purchased Friday and Saturday.

Howard said Sears shoppers responded well to ads that ran during the movie "E.T.," broadcast on CBS Thanksgiving night. Sega and Nintendo video games and wide-screen televisions, which were advertised, sold well, he said.

Holiday shoppers tighten their belts

There's day to day talk about the economic crunch of the past and lingering recession. Speculation centers around its affects on holiday spending.

The question still remains unanswered, University economics professor Leo Navin said.

"It's difficult to say," he said. "It appears there's going to be some caution on the part of the consumer and it will hold sales down."

Navin explained that the recession is uneven throughout the country, and as a result certain areas will be affected more severely than others which might not be affected at all.

"Ohio has a degree of unevenness" Navin said. "Christmas spending will be affected by people's psychological attitudes." Bruce Edwards, associate professor of economics, said.

"These attitudes will be affected by the recession and from political propaganda about the recession from both," Edwards said.

Edwards said he believes a rise in Christmas spending will result in worsening debt in the new year.

Navin agreed.

"I would coin the economic condition as being anemic and that the condition will be reflected in sales," he said.

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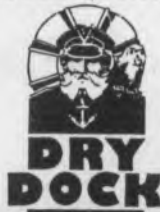
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Jewish holiday rich in tradition

by Carol Deegan
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For Jewish families around the world, Hanukkah is celebrated with a rich tradition of serious reflection, joyous festivity and magnificent food.

The feast of Hanukkah, which begins this year at sundown on Dec. 1, has different meanings for different people, says cookbook author Faye Levy. For example:

— To the religious scholar, it is a commemoration of a historic event — the rekindling of the eternal light in the temple in Jerusalem.

— To the Jewish child in the United States, it means Hanukkah parties, potato pancakes and presents.

— To the Jewish child in Israel, it is the time to enjoy fluffy doughnuts filled with jam.

"The miracle of the oil, the central theme of Hanukkah, lies behind the holiday's traditions," Levy writes in her new cookbook "Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook" (Warner Books, \$29.95).

"A little over 2,000 years ago, the Jews defeated the Syrians, who had tried to force them to give up their culture and to worship Greek gods. The Jews drove the foreign army out of Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple, and relit the light in the Temple with pure oil.

"Legend says that only enough ritually clean oil for one day could be found, but it miraculously lasted for eight days until more could be prepared. For this reason, Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and is known as the Festival of Lights. The lights are only a symbol; the real celebration is of religious freedom," Levy says.

Foods associated with the celebration of Hanukkah are symbo-

lic of this historic struggle, the Culinary Institute of America explains. Latkes, for example, were initially made from flour and water, and are a reminder of the food prepared in the rush to battle. In addition, the oil used in the latkes symbolizes the cleansing and the rededication of the Temple after the Syrians were driven from it.

The special significance of oil to Hanukkah led to its wide use in cooking for the holiday. Oil is used to make crisp latkes and Hanukkah doughnuts.

Other foods served at Hanukkah include brisket, roast chicken and applesauce. Many dishes are family favorites of the season and vary from country to country.

"Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook" features a variety of banquet dishes and party

treats to help fuel Hanukkah and other holiday gatherings including Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Succot and Purim.

The 364-page cookbook begins with profiles of two major Jewish cuisines — Ashkenazic (eastern European) and Sephardic (Mediterranean) — and their major subcategories. The recipes are arranged first by Jewish holidays and then by course, with the different styles, including Israeli "new cuisine," mixed throughout.

Levy's menu for Hanukkah features Chopped Liver and Eggplant Pate; Israeli Vegetable Salad; Aromatic Cornish Hens with Raisins, or Brisket, American-Jewish Style; Celery and Potato Pancakes with Dill; Honey-Glazed Carrots; Apple Cake with Pecans and Cinnamon, or Hanukkah Doughnuts, or Quick Han-

ukkah Pastry Puffs.

"Hanukkah is a time for parties and fun," Levy writes. "The children play special Hanukkah games and often receive gifts or coins made of chocolate."

"In both the U.S. and Israel, family and friends get together for relaxed dinners or buffet-style parties. Hanukkah food suits this atmosphere. Crisp latkes and light doughnuts disappear quickly at a casual get-together of family and friends and add warmth to the cold winter days."



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University shirts a reasonable gift

by Marie Dunn
contributing writer

Christmas shopping is stressful and tiring - finding an inexpensive but practical gift is not easy. However, many students find a University sweatshirt is the perfect gift when put in the bind of finding an economical present.

According to Kent Kokomoor of Student Book Exchange, the demand of University sweatshirts most definitely goes up during the Christmas season. "From now through finals, people are buying things," he said.

With students purchasing gifts, the local bookstores must prepare for the rush. Bee Gee bookstore puts everything out that sells well because business does pick up during the holiday.

Garnet Ohns, manager of T.O.'s Campus Corner, said they are already beginning to run out of some items. "We try to have a large supply of the most popular colors and sizes," she said.

Convenience seems to be the major reason for purchasing University sweatshirts. Besides convenience, one University student is purchasing these accessories for another reason.

Freshman Tanja Ollis said she plans on buying University gifts for her whole family. "I'm planning on buying everyone on my Christmas list either a BGSU sweatshirt, T-shirt, or hat so that every time they wear it, they think of me," she said.

Ohns agrees. "The embroidered mom and dad sweatshirts sell as well as the greek lettered and BGSU lettered sweatshirts," she said.

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Museum to have an old home Christmas

by Patrick Laugherty
contributing writer

The Christmas season is almost upon us and the Wood County Historical Museum, 13660 County Home Road, is getting into the spirit.

From Dec. 5 through Dec. 8, the museum will be presenting "Old Home Christmas 1991."

The museum, a massive Victorian mansion, will have its 41 rooms filled with a virtual potpourri of yuletide displays. The displays will be provided by local Wood County merchants and organizations who will determine the theme of their own display.

Featured will be old Christmas rooms and new Christmas rooms, traditional rooms and new, modern rooms, and realist theme rooms and surrealist theme rooms. All will all have the spirit of Christmas, according to Lynn Smalley, Wood County Historical Society representative.

In addition to the Noel exhibits, the museum will be providing a "living history display," Smalley said.

This display will be made up of people in various archaic costumes who will be walking around the museum, telling tales of Christmas past to all the guests. They will also be explaining the rich history of Wood County and how people lived during the nineteenth century.

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In search of Santa Claus

Mall requests unique qualities in order to be hired

by J.J. Thompson
contributing writer

Playing Santa takes much more than just a jolly laugh and a simple Ho-Ho-Ho.

According to Woodland Mall spokesperson Beth Isaacs, many aspects play into the makings of a good Saint Nick.

Isaacs said she looks for several unique qualities in the people she hires each year to play Santa Claus, but they need to love children of all ages most of all.

"Having to sit in a very hot suit and have kids sit on you and wet your pants — you have to love children," she said.

Isaacs said Woodland Mall had about 10 people apply this year, and interviewed four. The Santas previously hired generally return each year, so new ones are not usually needed to be chosen.

"Having to sit in a very hot suit and have kids sit on you and wet your pants — you have to love children."

—Beth Isaacs, Woodland Mall Spokesperson

"We've had our Santas for three years," she said. "But we had to hire some weekend Santas."

Isaacs said they have had University students who have been good Santas, but they generally encourage senior citizens to apply.

During the grueling and intense interview process, prospective Santas must perform their Santa laughs and take a quiz to show they are up-to-date on the most popular toys. Isaacs also said they look for people who are not afraid to perform the role.

"We want people who are not too inhibited," she said.

If they make the cut and are hired, Isaacs said Santas must undergo a brief training program before meeting the public. The

program lasts for two to three hours during one evening, and its purpose is to familiarize Santas with difficult questions often asked by children.

"Questions like 'Where's your reindeer?' and 'How did you get here? I just saw you in Toledo' are discussed so they can be prepared," Isaacs said.

Isaacs said Santas are also told not to make promises to children and to cooperate with parents.

"You have to be able to work with the parents — [for example] when the kid's crying his head off and the parents want to take a second picture," she said.

Along with being comfortable with children and having a tolerance for the warm suit, Isaacs said Santas need to just appreciate life.

"You need a love of life to just get into the part," she said.



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Remember the days of Ken and Barbie? Unfortunately, not every girl is shaped like Barbie and not every guy is built like Ken, but the newly released "Happy to be Me" doll, invented by 38-year-old Cathy Meredig who is the founder of High Self Esteem Toys Corp.,

is more like normal women are shaped.

Instead of having a bust like a woman, a waist like a kid, and teenage hips, the new doll has wider hips and waist and a proportioned bust. Sorry men, there's no "Happy to be Him" doll yet.

Who ever said that only kids could enjoy stuffed animals? L.L. Bean has the new L.L. Bear for anyone to hug and cuddle with. The bear is also wearing a windbreaker — making it even more cute.

Let's focus on feet. It's 1980. If you're a gal then chances are you probably had a pair of clogs. If you thought they'd never come back into style, think again! L.L. Bean has fur-lined clogs for

women just in time for Christmas!

How about you Steve Urkel fans? If you just adore Steve Urkel from the sitcom "Family Matters," you can have him right in your room with you! The new "Steve Urkel" doll is out in time for Christmas. He's equipped with everything from high pants to oversized glasses.

This year, let's not forget about the pets. L.L. Bean has come out with a circular red plaid dog bed (bone not included).

Nintendo has sprung out with a more advanced version of the previous game system. The Super Nintendo characters move faster and the graphics are more colorful with much more detail.

Crazy about Kevin Costner? Based on the film "Robinhood: Prince of Thieves," a Robinhood doll is on the market now. The doll looks very similar to Costner.

Other hot items for the 1991 Christmas season include eight new Crayola crayon colors and Tequila sucker gimmicks (non-alcoholic, but equipped with the worm).

And of course you can't forget mom and dad. The University Bookstore has plenty of sweatshirts in many colors and styles.



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And Anthony Palumbo, known as Dr. Silly, is creator of the Puppet Therapy Institute of West Barnstable, Mass., which operates a mobile play center called the Sillyumphus program. This traveling theater in a bus lets as many as ten disabled children take part in puppet play that addresses the child's specific therapeutic goals. —

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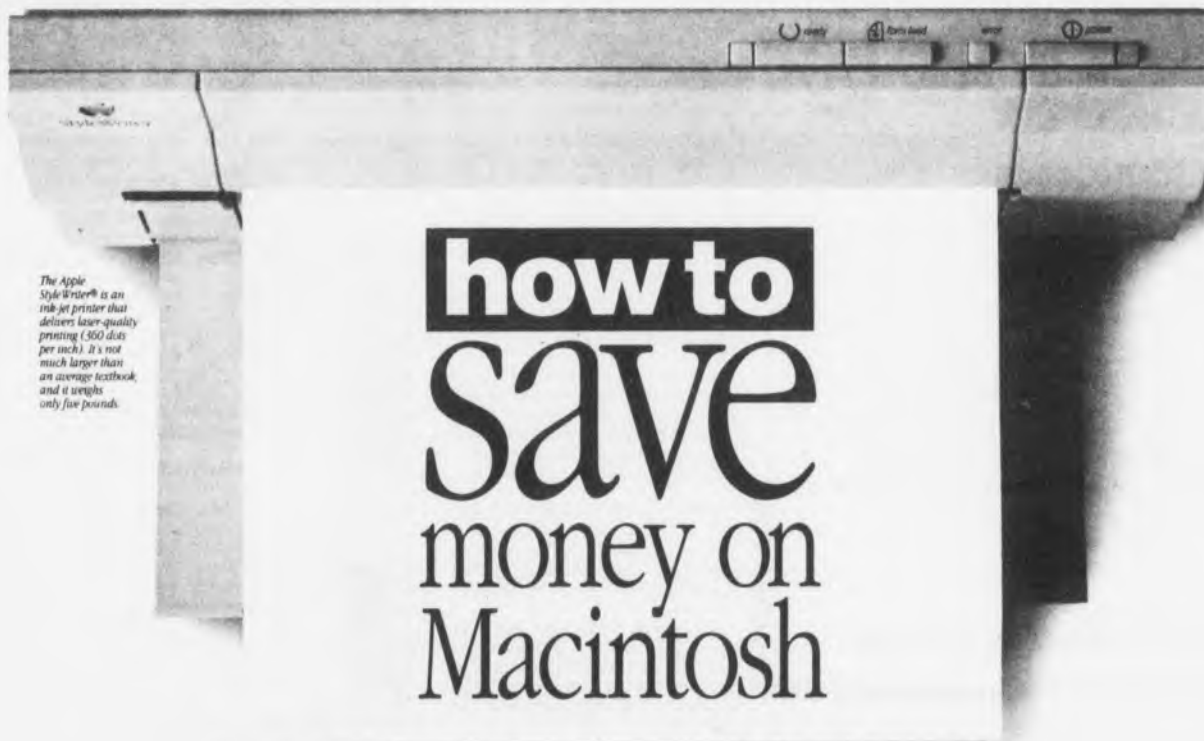
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by Syd Kronish
The Associated Press

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There are five contemporary holiday stamps featuring scenes reminiscent of St. Nick's visit on Christmas Eve. The red-suited jovial gentleman, having left his red-nosed reindeer to wait, is depicted waving as he descends a chimney, checking a Christmas list, placing gifts beneath a Christmas tree, ascending a chimney and riding his sleigh into the night.

The traditional Christmas stamp will be available in panes of 50 and booklets of 20. Additionally, the contemporary stamp featuring Santa going down the chimney will be available in panes of 50.

All five of these contemporary adhesives will be included in an innovative five-pane booklet (with one design per pane of four stamps). This is the first time the

Postal Service has extended a Christmas issue to multiple designs in a booklet.

The traditional Christmas stamp illustrates the "Madonna and Child" from the painting "Madonna and Child With Donor." The original of this work of art by Italian Renaissance painter Antoniazio Romano is on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas.

All the six stamps are non-denominated because of the delay in the postal rate increase back in March—and it takes many months to print and distribute the more than 2 billion stamps needed to meet the customer demand during the holiday mailing season.

Here is how you can obtain your first day postmarks:

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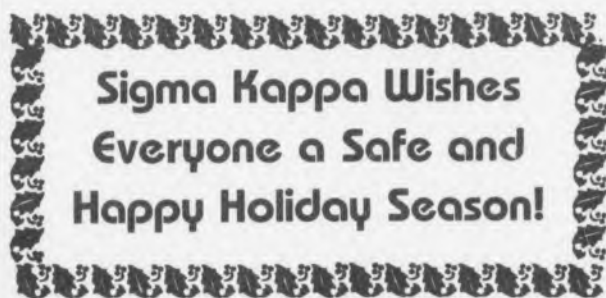
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Children whose parents are divorced can be happy at holiday time, says a Purdue University psychologist.

"If the parents aren't fighting and are actively involved with the kids, the children are apt to be happy even though both parents aren't there," says Kathryn Black, associate professor of psychological sciences.

Parental conflict, not the divorce itself, causes problems for children, she says. And avoiding conflict can be especially tough during that time of year.

Each parent must make a concession, she says, with children spending Thanksgiving with one parent and Christmas or Hanukkah with the other. Furthermore, each parent should make sure the children have money to buy a gift for the other. "This will show the children that their parents get along well enough to still want good things to happen to each other," Black says.

Children often see advantages to the situation, she adds. "Many kids like getting two Thanksgivings and Christmases, and they get more gifts. Also, some children get to travel if their parents live far apart, and they often look forward to that."



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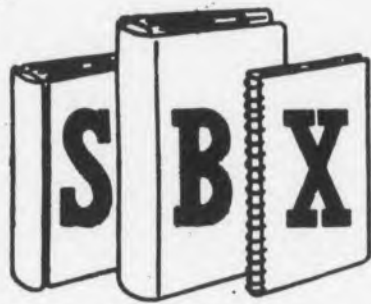
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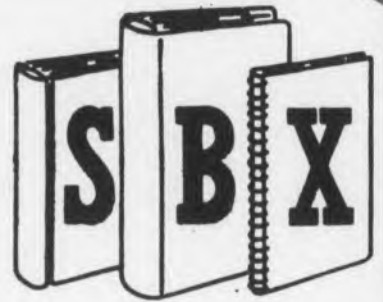


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University Union to host holiday feast for students

by Greg Watson
staff writer

University students will have a chance to have a seasonal dinner with seasonal entertainment — and take a break from finals studies — at the 24th Annual Olde English Yuletide Dinner.

The dinners will be in the University Union Grand Ballroom 7 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14, University Union director David Crooks said.

Sponsors of the dinner are the University Union, Mid-American National Bank and Trust Co., 22 South Main St., and the Bowling Green Singers.

This is the first year the Union has co-sponsored the Yuletide dinner, Crooks said. The dinners were previously sponsored mainly by Mid-Am bank, he said.

Crooks said the Union is co-sponsoring the dinner so more students will be able to attend the dinner. Student tickets are \$10, while regular tickets are \$15. Senior citizen tickets are \$10.

"In the past, [tickets] were relatively expensive for students' budgets," Crooks said.

Regular ticket prices were also reduced from \$20 this year because of the recession, Crooks said.

Students will be able to purchase dinner tickets with their Quantum 90 debit cards at all University Union cash registers, Crooks said, while other tickets are available at all Mid-Am bank locations.

While the emphasis of the dinner is holiday festivity, Crooks said the dinner is an opportunity for better University and com-

munity relationships.

Crooks said more students should be attracted to the dinner this year because the dinner is at the center of the campus and the reduced student ticket prices.

The dinner will also give students a chance to rest from finals studies, Crooks said.

"We are not suggesting students not study for their finals," Crooks said. "[But they] take a reasonable break, relax and enjoy some holiday music [and food]."

Crooks said he is expecting more people to be attending the dinners this year because of the reduced prices and timing of the event.

The dinners have usually attracted 150 to 300 people per night, Crooks said. Dinner attendance sometimes has been affected by outside forces such as hockey games or bad weather the night of the dinner, he said.

More than 400 people attended the Yuletide dinner seven years ago, Crooks said, a number he hopes to reach this year.

Crooks said the dinner will have a theatrical atmosphere, with four to six trumpeters, a table-side jester, sculpted food, 10 singers, and a harpsichordist — a person who plays a pianolike keyboard instrument whose keys are plucked.

There will also be Beefeater pages dressed in Old-English uniforms who will carry traditional boards heads and flaming plum puddings to be placed at the

center of the tables, he said.

Menu includes roast beef, potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and the flaming plum pudding with hard sauce and wassail — a spiced ale.

Uncommon gifts to give and to receive

(AP)—The dilemma of what to get Uncle Charlie or your mother or your best friend can be solved by looking at the thousands of items merchants are hoping you'll buy. But if you haven't time, or your imagination is at low ebb, consider some of these:

— The Moravian Star, a brilliant crystal cube interpretation of the Czech-American hospitality symbol, designed by Robert Cassetti for Steuben.

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— A cosmetics organizer box that looks a bit like a tackle or tool box, from Sassaby. It's deep enough to hold hairdryers and is fitted with swivel and lift-out trays and a mirror. Boxes come in several sizes and in metallic

colors.

— Crayola color classics for adults, in a special collector's tin. These include the colors that Binney & Smith "retired" last year. The company says protests from adults led them to make a limited edition of the old colors — raw umber, maize, orange-yellow, green-blue, orange-red, violet-blue, lemon-yellow and blue-gray.

— The trusty Swiss Army Knife, interpreted in sterling silver. Two versions — smooth or crosshatch finish — have four implements and five functions in a 2¼-inch body. These include a small blade, nail file with screw-driver tip, scissors, and key ring.

— The 50th Anniversary Citizen Kane Limited Collector's Edition from Turner Home Entertainment includes a video of a recently remastered print of Orson Welles' famous 1941 movie, along with a second video containing a documentary about the film and a print of the movie's original trailer. The set also includes a book, "Citizen Kane: The Fiftieth Anniversary Album," by Harlan Lebo; publicity stills and releases; a copy of an original manuscript, a theater-size anniversary poster, and a color print of the film's original poster.

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Shop celebrates Christmas all year

by Jason L. Hunt
contributing writer

The spirit of Christmas is alive and well all year round at "BRONNER'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND" in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

The Christmas decorations specialty store is the largest in the country, according to American University professor James Heintze's book, *Christmas Year Round*. Recent expansion leaves

operations made, and he agreed to do them," Sutorik said.

"My father started with one small store in downtown Frankenmuth, which became three stores," Sutorik said. The business then moved to its current location south of the Germanic-style town, at 25 Christmas Lane.

Seven members of the Bronner family are involved with the store, including the patriarch, Wally. His current activities include caroling sessions with his wife Irene, and the customers.

"We have items from 75 different nations — and we get customers from all 50 states and around the world."

—Maria Bronner Sutorik, marketing manager

the current sales floor covering the area of four football fields.

"We've come a long way since the business started in 1945," marketing manager Marie Bronner Sutorik said.

Sutorik is the daughter of the founder, Wally Bronner.

The concept of the year-round holiday store began when people were impressed by Bronner's display-window decorating. "Some people wanted dec-

The unusual spelling of the store's name reflects the owner's emphasis on the importance of true spirit of Christmas.

In addition to Bronner's, Frankenmuth features shopping, restaurants, and a covered wooden bridge. The primary industry in the town is tourism, Moody Butman of the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce said.

The town was founded by German immigrants, and still retains



a Teutonic feel. "Most of the buildings in the downtown area have historical fronts," Butman said. "These are protected by city ordinances, and most people go along with them."

Other touches of Germany include annual celebration of Oktoberfest, Zehnder's Restaurant, and the Frankenmuth Brewery.

The Germanic influence of the town is also apparent in Bronner's selection of items — but the selection is not limited to this nationality.

"Quite a few of the ornaments are made in Germany, and our store has an Alpine decor," Sutorik said. "But we have items from 75 different nations, and we

get customers from all 50 states and around the world."

The store's enormous size allows for a wide variety of merchandise. "We have everything from 25-cent postcards to a \$12,000 life-size Nativity set," Sutorik said.

Many customers visit regularly, and traditions sometimes arise.

"Certain families come back every year, with each person selecting a new ornament for that year's tree," Sutorik said.

Bronner's averages around 2 million customers yearly, with the single-day record of 21,750 — set the day after Thanksgiving in 1987.

The store is open 361 days a year, closing only on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter.

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Christmas holiday lives on

Selling of artificial or natural trees a growing business

Folklore and legends among reasons for traditions

by Greg Watson
contributing writer

Many legends and myths are credited as the reasons for now popular Christmas traditions.

Martin Luther is credited for the discovery of the Christmas tree.

According to popular legend, Luther was walking home one Christmas Eve in the mid-16th century when he saw a pine tree covered with snow. Because of light from the moon, the tree to appeared to Luther to be covered with thousands of stars.

Luther was said to have cut off a branch of the tree, then took the branch home and decorated it with candles to show his children.

The use of Christmas trees began to grow, especially in Germany, and later in the 16th century, small white wafers were added. The wafers symbolized the Holy Eucharist [holy bread used in communion] — and were later replaced with pastries shaped like stars, hearts, flowers, angels and bells.

According to G.M. Douglas, author of the "American Book of Days," greenery such as evergreen and pine trees were put into houses because they represent eternal life, plus some believe certain green plants frighten evil spirits.

Two types of trees — the Paradise tree and Yule tree — were used as Christmas decorations

until the early 1880s. According to Sheryl Ann Kara, author of "The Solstice Evergreen."

The Paradise tree symbolized the coming of the saviour and was usually decorated with apples, Kara said, while the Yule tree was a living evergreen symbolizing eternal life and was undecorated. Eventually, people used a single evergreen to symbolize both, she said.

"December 25" author Phillip Snyder said there were few references to the use of Christmas trees in colonial American history, the first reference being made to a small tree used as a table center by German immigrants in Pennsylvania in 1747.

Christmas trees were first sold by private businesses in the United State in Philadelphia in 1848 and most of the Christmas tree decorations were home-made decorations such as sewn ornaments, pastries, pop-corn strings and candles.

Store-bought ornaments were first offered in the 1870s and included small boots, drums and trumpets and a few years later paper flowers, glass balls, glass eggs and glass tears were offered in retail stores.

Candles put on Christmas trees were a safety problem for many years, because many times the candles would tip over and catch the dry tree needles on fire. In 1887, the problem was alleviated when a patent was given for an oil lamp with a protective glass

globe.

Five years earlier, co-workers of light-bulb inventor Thomas Edison made individual electric light-bulbs for Christmas trees, but strings of electric bulbs were not offered until General Electric sold them in 1903, Phillips said.

Early Christmas stands were two strait boards nailed in a "X" shape, then nailed to the bottom of the tree, a stand which proved to be clumsy many times.

Phillips said a better stand was made by Herman Albrecht and Abram C. Mott, who patented a three-legged Christmas tree stand in 1876. A stand which included screws to hold the tree upright was later patented by Albrecht, Phillips said.

While Christmas trees were available to northern states in the United States, trees were not widely used by southern states because it was hard to transport the trees. Stockings and tumbleweed were sometimes used as alternatives.

When the United States railroad system began growing at the turn of the century, so did the use of Christmas trees. According to Phillips, the number of families having Christmas trees rose from one in five families in 1900 to one in four families in 1909.

The number grew even larger around 1910 when retail stores such as Sears and Roebuck began offering artificial trees for sale by mail.

by Greg Watson
contributing writer

The one item found in almost every home world-wide which celebrates Christmas is the Christmas tree.

The options for obtaining a tree ranges from a natural tree to plastic models sold at retail stores.

Some stores have already sold several Christmas trees. One such store is Oberhaus Pools and Spas.

Gale Westhoven, manager at Oberhaus Pools and Spas, said the store sells artificial Christmas trees all year around, and have recently put some of the trees on display.

Sizes of the trees range from as large as full-grown evergreens to small office trees, Westhoven

said. Tree prices range from \$22 to \$90, she said.

The store also offers tree decorations, Westhoven added.

"The best selling [tree decorations] are refills for lights," Westhoven said.

Other local stores offering artificial Christmas trees and decorations include Sears, Hills Department Store, and Ben Franklin Variety Store.

While live Christmas trees are available now, Ted Slocum, partner at Slocum Brothers Tree Farm in Michigan, said the best time to get live Christmas trees is two to three weeks before Christmas day.

Slocum Brothers is one of the distributors to local dealers, who sell the trees at lots, he said.

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Holiday books present funny views

by Carol Deegan
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Popular children's book authors and illustrators have taken a buoyant, fun-filled — and often wildly humorous — look at the adventures of Santa Claus and his elves this Christmas season.

"Christmas in July," written by Arthur Yorinks and illustrated by Richard Egelski, finds Santa faced with a wardrobe disaster! The cleaners have, um, lost Santa's pants. No one recognizes Santa without them! The formerly jolly old man is thrown into jail, clad in his green-and-white polka dot underwear. The world waits and the months pass as Santa cools his heels in the slammer. (HarperCollins, \$14.95).

In a "Dinosaurs' Christmas," written and illustrated by Liza Donnelly, Rex and his dog, Bones, go off to sled on the winter snow when they suddenly find themselves being transported to the North Pole on the back of a huge plateosaurus! It seems there's trouble in Santa's workshop, and the elves need the help of Rex and Bones to save Christmas. "Dinosaurs' Christmas" completes Donnelly's four hilarious seasons of fantastic dinosaur

adventures. (Scholastic, \$12.95).

Older children, ages 8 to 12, will enjoy Dan Greenburg's "Young Santa," illustrated by Warren Miller. In this story, Sophie and Milton Claus can't decide what to name their new baby boy. Sheldon Claus? Sheppy Claus? Morty Claus? At last, in honor of a lovely vacation in Santa Fe, they settle on Santa. Then Milton, an icebox salesman, is relocated to a sales territory at the North Pole.

Greenburg tracks Santa from babyhood to his teen-age years. Readers discover why Santa's favorite color is red, how he got his sleigh, how the reindeer got their names, why he started asking kids in department stores what they want for Christmas, and how he got hooked on delivering presents. Adults who don't know the answers to these questions will enjoy this book as well. (Viking, \$13.95).

"The Jolly Christmas Postman," written and illustrated by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, is a sequel to their popular "The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters." For this book, the Ahlbergs' rhyming text chronicles the postman's bicycle journey through town as he again brings mail to a cast of familiar characters. (Little, Brown, \$14.95).

Crown Books has published a soft-cover edition of E.T.A.

The holiday season is the perfect occasion to purchase books and novels which reflect the humorous side of Santa Claus and his antics.

Hoffmann's "Nutcracker," with pictures by Maurice Sendak. Sendak returned to the original Hoffmann text to create the drawings for the book, according to the publisher. (Crown, \$16, soft-cover).

And Alike, author and illustrator of over 40 picture books for children, focuses on the traditions that make Christmas a special family time in "Christmas Tree Memories." (HarperCollins, \$14.95).

Christmas Carols

"The Book of Christmas," edited by Neil Philip, is a luminous sampling of 24 carols, stories and poems for the holiday season. This beautiful, 156-page book is lavishly illustrated by British artist Sally Holmes. (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$27.50)

Well-known children's illustrator Tomie dePaola is the illustrator of "Hark! A Christmas Sampler" by Jane Yolen, with arrangements and original music by Adam Stemple. Stories, poems and carols from around the world fill this holiday treasury. (Putnam, \$19.95)

"The Friendly Beasts: A Traditional Christmas Carol," is illustrated with linoleum-block prints by Sarah Chamberlain (Dutton Children's Books, \$13.95).

The Story of Christmas

"The Story of Christmas," based on the gospels of Matthew and Luke, is beautifully illustrated by Jane Ray. Folk art pictures illustrate the text from the King James version of the Bible. The book is also available in a Spanish-language edition. (Dutton Children's Books, \$15.95).

Madeleine L'Engle's "The Glorious Impossible" is lavishly illustrated with frescoes from the Scrovegni Chapel by Giotto. (Simon and Schuster, \$19.95).

Miniature Editions

Jan Pienkowski is the illustrator of "Christmas," a miniature edition that recounts the story of Christmas as recorded in the gospels of Luke and Matthew. (Knopf, \$6.95).

"Deck the Halls" and "O Christmas Tree," illustrated by

Michael Hague, are miniature versions of these well-known Christmas carols. (Holt, \$4.95 each).

"Babar and Father Christmas: Miniature Edition." This version of the Christmas story written and illustrated by Jean de Brunhoff reproduces the original art and hand-scripted text. (Random House, \$4.95).

Woodland Friends

"Koala Christmas," story by Lisa Bassett and illustrations by Jeni Bassett. When Wally and Carrie Koala get into an argument and break all their Christmas decorations, a friend shows them how to make magic ones. (Cobblehill Books, \$12.95).

"Santa's Favorite Story" by Hisako Aoki and Ivan Gantschev. Santa explains the meaning of Christmas to some woodland friends. (Scholastic, \$4.95).

"The Little Crooked Christmas Tree," written by Michael Cutting and illustrated by Ron Broda. A story set at the Brown's Christmas Tree Farm. (Scholastic, \$13.95).

"A Woodland Christmas," illustrated by Marie Angel. This picture book and Advent calendar chronicles the holiday preparations of a group of forest animals. (Dial, \$12.95).



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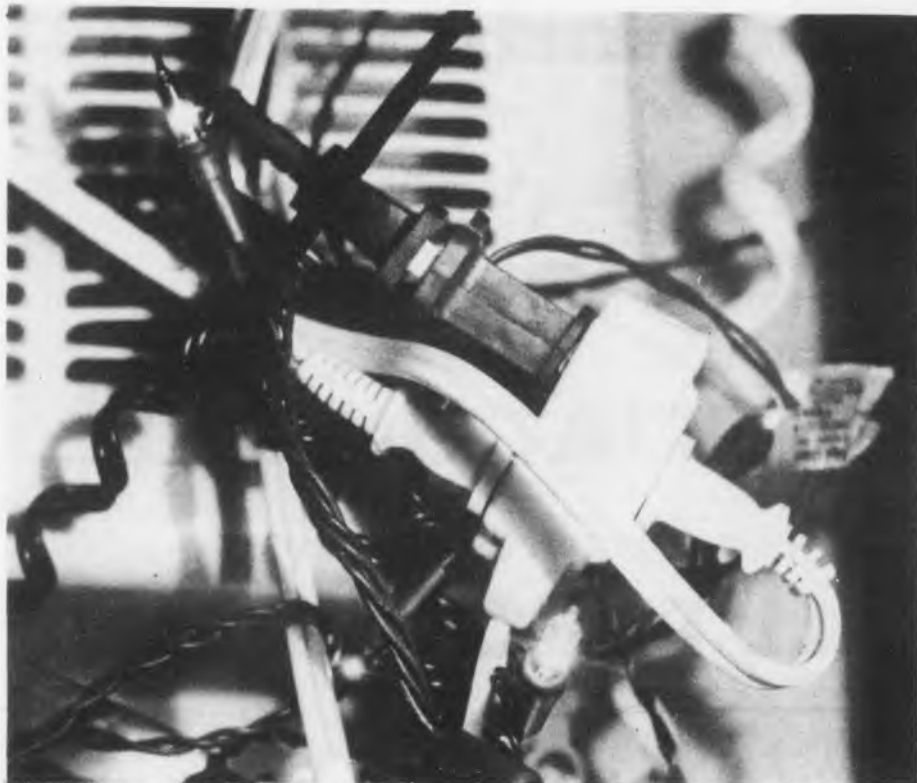


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- Lights can not be wrapped with crepe paper or other materials.

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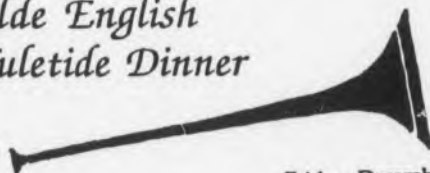
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Iowa family's bond strong

by Joan Cirillo
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Christmas may be a time for gift giving, but for some families, the biggest present is just being together. And for one Midwestern clan, the holidays are synonymous with nostalgic reunions.

For the past 40 years at the Burkhalter's house in Ames, Iowa, the big cardboard star is hauled down from the attic to greet the returning family from the upstairs bedroom window.

"Esprit de corps has always run strong in our family but at Christmas it tends to run amok," writes Holly J. Burkhalter in her memoir, "Four Midwestern

Sisters' Christmas Book" (Viking, \$14.95).

She recalls how sister, Kathy, "in an excess of Christmas fellow feeling" made matching plaid jumpers for her mother and sisters and vests for Dad and brother, Gary.

For 128 pages, Burkhalter treats readers to a celebration of family comingling and strength, detailing her clan's holiday traditions from cookie making to house decorating.

Her reflections are woven into chapters on Decorating, Galas, Christmas Cookies, Giving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. She includes sections on Remembering Snow, a look at fun in the snow and sledding parties at the family farm and Tea Party, reminiscences of the afternoon ritual.

Of decorations, she says: "Once a year, Christmas decorations transform your house and your ordinary world — and you — into something funny and special and magic. Think about it: when else do sober and respectable citizens put reindeer on their front lawns?"

And of gift-making, she writes: "The wonderful thing about Christmas is that ideas and gifts and projects get recycled and re-done and remembered and refurbished."

And so it goes with the holiday. Says Burkhalter of recent years: "We shared more recipes and crafts and party ideas, and found ourselves sharing more happiness and sorrows and successes, too. Christmas made us closer, and that made Christmas better."

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Seasonal songs rock holiday season

by Frank Esposito
Insider editor

Three requisites for a groovy Christmas: Snow, food, and music.

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Christmas songs - traditional and modern, secular and religious - add just the right bit of sentimentality to the holiday season. That corny, schmaltzy, sitting-by-the-fire, feelin'-all-warm-inside kinda groove. Whether it's such golden oldies as "Winter Wonderland" and "We Three Kings" or more recent hits like Elmo & Patsy's "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," Band-Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?," and the classic mid-70s Bing Crosby/David Bowie duet on "The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth," these songs make the season glow.

They also have their own history, which was richly chronicled in Craig W. Pattillo's excellent 1983 book *Christmas on Record*. Pattillo names Bing Crosby as one of the biggest winners in the genre, owning both the number one Christmas single (1942's "White Christmas") and album.

Another big winner is Nat King Cole, whose 1946 recording of "The Christmas Song" ("Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...") has hit Billboard's Top 100 charts in twenty different holiday seasons including an incredible stretch of 12 consecutive years between 1962 and 1973. There are currently over 100 recorded versions of the Mel Torme/Robert Wells classic.

Christmas music is an entire magic realm unto itself. Let's trip through some festive faves, teen-beats:

Various Artists, Christmas Album, Columbia, 1984 - A me-

gawatt all-star spectacular featuring such Easy Listening immortals as Sinatra, Streisand, Mathis, Goulet, and Nabors. The classics are all here. Highlights include Frank Sinatra's "White Christmas," Robert Goulet's "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," and Barbra Streisand's rollickin' version of "Jingle Bells."

New American Guitar Ensemble, A Collection of Favourite Christmas Carols, Revere, 1982 - A cornucopia of classics lifted up on a lush wave of acoustic guitars. Features such faves as "Joy To The World" and "What Child Is This?" as well as such lesser-known gems as "Jolly Olde St. Nicholas."

50 All Time Christmas Favorites - This two volume collection (divided into *Merry Christmas* and *Christmas Wonderland*) pops up at truck stops, K-Marts, and checkout counters across America every December.

Offering "2 cassettes with over 100 minutes of Christmas music" performed by the mysterious Starlite Pop Orchestra, this set usually retails for about five bucks. There's few highlights here and no real standout performances, but it's great background music for wrapping gifts, making cookies, and generally indulging in other holiday pastimes.

Mitch Miller & The Gang, Christmas Sing-A-Long With Mitch, Columbia, 1958 - Miller and his harmonious posse absolutely ruled the adult contemporary market in their 50s and 60s heyday, and this high-octane collection shows why. The power of fifty-plus quality voices adds strength to such monster hits as "O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fidelis)," "Joy To The World," and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear."

Various Artists, Frank Sinatra and Friends Want You To Have

Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, Reprise, 1961 - It gets no defter. Dean Martin croons "Silent Night," Sammy Davis, Jr. rips into "Jingle Bells," and Ol' Blue Eyes steps to the mike himself to bust out a moving rendition of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." This collection also includes one of the hardest-rockin' moments in the history of Christmas music - Les Baxter's Balladeers (who were kinda like Mitch Miller & The Gang from the

bad side of town) rage their way through a yuletide medley featuring the heart-stopping "How Shall I Send Thee." Chills, daddy-o.

Various Artists - A Very Special Christmas - One of the finer Christmas efforts of the rock era. Benefit album features the Pointer Sisters' "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town," John Cougar Mellencamp's "I Saw Mommy Kissin' Santa Claus," the Pretenders'.

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Toledo Zoo lights up your nights during the holidays

by Michael Zawacki
contributing writer

The Toledo Zoo is decked out this Christmas season with the Lights Before Christmas.

This is the zoo's fifth year with the lights and it seems to be instilling itself as a zoo tradition.

"It definitely has become a tradition at the Toledo Zoo and we hope that our visitors look at it as a family Christmas tradition as well," Patty Napierala, the Zoo's public relations coordinator, said.

The zoo lights were first lit the evening of Friday, Nov. 29.

The main pathway of the zoo is illuminated with old fashioned blue Christmas bulbs.

"It looks like a runway with all of those lights," Napierala said.

The rest of the zoo is old fashioned with multi-colored lights and everyone's favorite Christmas melodies engulf visitors with the holiday spirit as they watch the cold weather penguins, polar bears and snow leopards relishing in the frigid temperatures.

University students who have attended the show in the past have been impressed with the lighting displays.

"I have never seen anything like it. It was a really dazzling sight. The Cleveland Zoo, were I'm from, doesn't have anything like this," Tina Thornton, a sophomore elementary education major, said.

Different holiday programs take place in the heated Museum of Science. Children of all ages are able to visit with Santa, dec-

orate Christmas cookies, and view the miniature train display every night during the Lights Before Christmas program.

The other zoo buildings and a concession stand will also be open to visitors.

A gift shop will offer a myriad of unique Christmas gifts ranging from stuffed Koala bears wearing Santa hats to animal posters, to a variety of holiday tree ornaments.

The zoo will be open from 5 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children ages 2 through 11 and senior citizens 62 and over.

The lights will be on until Jan. 5. The zoo will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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by Jennifer Merin
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — While some consider Christmas a time for hearth and home, others seek yuletide adventures. For those with winter wanderlust, search out Christmas traditions, foreign and domestic.

SWEDEN

Sweden's Christmas season begins Dec. 11, with the crowning of Santa Lucia at Skansen, a charming outdoor museum in Stockholm.

Santa Lucia is personified as an Angelic-looking young woman in white robe and a lingonberry leaf crown studded with glowing candles. She leads a candle-lit procession of girls in white robes, boys with star-topped scepters and dancing children called "tomten" (gnomes). They sing traditional songs and share mulled wine. On Dec. 13, the longest day in midwinter, each school or office crowns its own Santa Lucia. There are candle-lit processions throughout Sweden.

The Santa Lucia tradition dates to pagan times, but Skansen's

annual pageant began at the turn of the century. In addition, Skansen established an outdoor Christmas market in 1907. It's in an old-fashioned town square rimmed with vintage buildings moved from the Swedish countryside. The market is open throughout December. Vendors sell handcrafts, baked goods and candies, while local folks dance and sing to the fiddle.

MEXICO

Mexico celebrates Christmas with "Pastorellas," pageants showing how the wise men and shepherds overcame obstacles and resisted temptations in order to visit Jesus at the manger.

These celebrations date from colonial days when Spanish missionaries created pageants to teach Mexicans the story of the nativity. Today, Pastorellas are performed throughout Mexico in public squares, churches and theaters. Most often the pageants are a humorous mix of tradition and local politics and social affairs.

A particularly popular Pastorellas is presented Dec. 15-23 in Tepozotlan, a small colonial town about an hour's drive from Mexico City. The \$40 fee covers ponche, a hot cider-like drink; the play; a candle-lit procession; a pinata party with mariachi musicians and a traditional Mexican Christmas dinner.

There is no public transportation to Tepozotlan, but the drive is easy by rental car or hired taxi on highway 57 in the direction of Queretaro. Watch for exit signs just before the toll. Tickets are available in Mexico City so plan to arrive by 5 p.m. Stake out your seats, then wander through the to midnight, but bleacher seats for the performance is on a first-come basis, from Viajes Roca. Telephone 011-52-5-566-3200. Celebrations last from 8 p.m.



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Unusual store decorates Switzerland

by Jennifer Merin
The Associated Press

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — In this charming Swiss city, Johann Wanner is known as Father Christmas.

In his shop at Spalenberg 14, in Basel's old town, it's Christmas year-round. For there Wanner sells what is popularly described as the world's largest, most unusual selection of tree ornaments.

Wanner's magical forest of model trees, bedecked with color-coordinated baubles, attract shoppers from around the world. Pre-Christmas, people wait in line to add to their collections and get ideas on how to trim this year's tree.

Wanner's delicate baubles are hand-made by time-honored techniques. He says there's something about making things the old way that makes them special for Christmas celebrations.

With labor-intensive manufacture, you'd expect ornaments to be expensive. But prices for simpler items, including sparkling glass globes and shimmering cone shapes, start at 60 cents each. Average price per item is \$2.50. Top price is about \$25, for elaborate tree toppers. One miniature-like piece stands 2 feet tall, a pair of doves with real feathers, atop the points.

Some models are sold in Christmas shops in the United States, but at double the price.

Wanner; his wife, Ursel, and several helpers trim trees with the shop's wares. Some are entirely of silver color. Others are clad in blue, or traditional red and green, or trendy black and white. There seems to be every imaginable assortment of colors to blend or contrast with every sort of home decor.

Some trees are thematically decorated with scores of tiny, shiny musical instruments or dressed with menageries of miniature farm animals. Others show shimmering fish that seem to swim through branches.

The shop is wall-to-wall Christmas: twinkling lights, shimmering tinsel, bows and pine cones, miniature toys and endless strings of colored beads, Christmas dolls, and an array of Wanner's special hand-crafted shiny glass ornaments.

Most glass ornaments are machine-made, often by companies specializing in light bulbs. But Wanner has engaged artisans and small factories in Europe and Asia to hand-make paper-thin ornaments to his specifications using antique ornament molds. Craftsmen heat small sticks of

clear glass over a gas flame then blow molten glass into small balloons. The balloons then are clamped into double-sided antique molds. After the glass cools, silver nitrate is poured into it, and it is dipped into warm water to set the silver lining.



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Charities lend a helping hand

Local organizations help the needy during the midwinter holiday season

by **Christina Wise**
social services reporter

"Tis the season of giving.

Several local charitable organizations are contributing to the holiday season through coordinating programs to help improve Christmas for families with financial need.

One organization dedicated to helping those in need is the United Way. For the past seven years, it has coordinated a holiday food basket program.

Last year, 732 Wood County families were recipients of food and Christmas gifts through the effort.

United Way area director Nadine Musser said a variety of groups participate in the program each year.

"Civic groups, area churches, different private organizations and families all get involved," she said. "The Salvation Army also helps by getting several groups to participate."

The Department of Human Services also has a hand in spreading the Christmas cheer.

Gay Malon, social services unit supervisor, said while there is no special programming done exclusively by the agency, they help match clients with donors for many programs such as the food basket drive and free Christmas tree programs in conjunction with United Way.

Reachout, the University's group dedicated to helping the homeless, is also planning something special for the holidays.

On Dec. 13, Reachout's Martha's Kitchen, the soup kitchen for needy in Bowling Green, will have Christmas gifts for the children including a Santa Claus.

President Adam Motter said plans are still incomplete for the party.

Reachout will also start offering clothing and loaves of bread during the holidays as a continuing project and bread for those who attend the soup kitchen to take home.

"We'd like to start something like a coat rack," Motter said. "We have a lot of bread, too, that we can give away to people who need it."

Another organization known for

its holiday programming is the Salvation Army. Jerrie Unholz, human services worker, said there will be many different programs starting Nov. 29.

Sponsored by the Salvation Army and coordinated by University YMCA is the Angel Tree which will last from Nov. 29 to Dec. 20.

David Thompson, University YMCA president, said this is the first year the organization has participated in the project.

"Needy children will be able to give their names to the Salvation Army and we put them on cards on a Christmas tree in the Woodland Mall," Thompson said of the event. "Shoppers can take down a name and buy a gift for the child."

In addition to the Angel Tree, the annual Coats for Kids project is in progress, sponsored by K100 and channel 36.

Unholz said boxes are placed in several locations, usually six, for coats to be placed in. Coats are taken, cleaned and placed in the Salvation Army thrift store where they are available for those in need — free of charge.

The most visible project coordinated by the Salvation Army is the kettle campaign. As patrons

enter K-Mart or Foodtown they will see a red kettle and hear a ringing bell and be asked for a donation.

This year the Salvation Army's kettle campaign goal for Bowling Green is \$10,000.

Money raised in the effort is used for utility payment assistance and to provide clothing, shelter and food to those in need.

The Children's Resource Center, Bowling Green's agency for children with emotional and/or psychological problems and their families, works with established community programs to help make it a Merry Christmas for the children it serves.

Executive director Anthony Marcson said that the children participate in a number of area programs, such as Angel Tree, in addition to a yearly building decorating party for the children who attend school at CRC.

"We also make sure the children in residence have a Christmas," he added.

These and other community service oriented organizations are trying to help improve the holiday season for others this year. Not everyone lives by the creed of "Bah Humbug!"

Economy hurts at holiday

by **Polly Anderson**
The Associated Press

The economic slump has charities struggling to cope with increased numbers of people seeking aid this Thanksgiving, including a "new class of poor" who were the donors of past years, officials say.

A Connecticut church group is turning people away in what its director calls "the most heart-wrenching decision I've ever had to make."

In Michigan, which abolished welfare for 83,000 adults last month, a soup kitchen is facing "astronomical" demand.

In Burlington, Vt., the emergency food service is trying to serve up to 20 percent more people with only a tiny increase in donations.

"Don't tell me that the recession is over," said Ruth Shecter, executive director of the Housing Information Center in Kansas City, Mo. "President Bush needs to walk with the people and find out what it really means."

Capt. Phil Murphy of the Salvation Army in Raleigh, N.C., said donations to his unit are off \$18,000 from last year for the Christmas and winter relief drives, but the number of people seeking help has been rising.

"There are more people living from paycheck to paycheck than ever before," he said. "This is a whole different strata of people, and it's going to happen for some time."

In Bridgeport, Conn., hard-hit by economic troubles, a coalition of churches known as Area Congregations Together, or ACT, is turning away about 100 families who sought Thanksgiving food, out of about 250 who applied.

"It's unbelievable, it's tragic, it's the most heart-wrenching decision I've ever had to make," said executive director Kathleen Samela.

Donations to fund the holiday meal program are down so sharply that "we don't know if we can feed the families we've accepted, never mind the ones we've had to turn away," Samela said.



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Customs withstand the test of time

Norwegian natives' midwinter traditions comforting and creative for all

by Doug Mellgren
The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — When Scandinavians first saw pictures of Santa Claus more than a century ago, it didn't dawn on them that St. Nick might be a big, jolly old fellow.

Most assumed he was tiny, like their own gnome, the tomte, who seems to have been around since the Vikings' pagan midwinter celebration. It was called Jul, which is now the word for Christmas.

Families often leave a bowl of rice pudding on their doorsteps Christmas Eve. Tradition has it that a tomte deprived of his expected Yuletide treat will punish the household.

Midwinter daylight is so scarce that modern Scandinavians, like the Vikings, look forward to a break in "the dark time," says Olav Boe, a Norwegian folklore expert.

"In essence, a modern Nordic Yule is the same as the Jul celebrated by the Vikings: A family event with food, beer and good companionship," says Boe, a professor emeritus of the University of Oslo.

Nordic countries abound in snow, reindeer and evergreen trees, symbols the world associates with Christmas.

Reindeer have long been a favorite wintertime feast dish

among Lapp herders. But as Christmas trappings, the tiny deer, decorated trees, Santa and greeting cards are relative newcomers to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

Some Nordic customs, like gift-giving, stem from the Vikings' Jul and have endured a millennium of Christianity.

The Vikings brewed a strong Jul beer to toast their god Odin. The brew, still called Jul beer, remains popular at Christmas, partly because the Catholic Church — seeking converts 1,000 years ago — encouraged its use in toasting Jesus, Boe says.

Wheat sheaves — called Julenek — left outside for the birds at Christmas may be a leftover from the Viking custom of making Jul offerings to the gods, according to some history texts.

Norway's first German-inspired Christmas tree arrived around 1820. After townspeople carried it through Oslo, then called Christiania, they weren't sure what to do with it. So they set it on fire, says Boe.

American-inspired cards and advertisements featuring reindeer have failed to make Christmas celebrities out of most of the 1 million reindeer which roam Lapland, the northernmost part of Scandinavia.

If anything, 'tis the season to be nervous for Rudolph's Nordic kin.

They face hungry herders or tourists demanding sleigh rides,

"It is dark and cold and windy. You can hear all kinds of strange sounds, like the trees rustling. It could lead you to believe that supernatural beings were afoot."

—Olav Boe, Norwegian folklore expert

reindeer skins and antlers.

"Of course, we eat reindeer for Christmas," says Jan Amundsen, a herder in Norway's Lapland.

"It's got to be reindeer. It's the best meat," agrees Juhani Magga, a Lapp herder in northern Finland.

Christmas dinner, served Dec. 24 before families open presents, is based on strong regional traditions, some from Viking times. Outside Lapland, favorites include lamb, ham and fish, including lutefisk — cod turned gelatinous with lye.

Santa Claus figures often share tables with traditional decorations: Candles, wreaths, and

the tomte.

"St. Nick is the one you see in the street, but you still see more (decorations) of the old Christmas gnome," Boe says.

The traditional tomte, in rough work clothes, a red hat and demanding Christmas gifts, has little in common with the amiable white-bearded man who hands out presents to children, says Agneta Lilja, a folklore researcher at Sweden's Uppsala University.

The tomte supposedly has an old man's face, a child's body, and watches over the farm.

When Scandinavians claim to see tomte, it is usually at dawn or dusk. "They say they see him pot-

tering around in the stable, or just moving about in buildings," says Lilja.

Santa came to be accepted as a strange tomte.

But until the early 20th century, most Lapp herders preferred their ancient winter beliefs, often involving witches and supernatural reindeer.

Lapps now embrace Santa. The old fellow attracts around 400,000 tourists a year to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland, where he and his reindeer are on duty year-round.

The growing Santa Claus industry has the Nordic countries squabbling, even at inter-governmental meetings, over which is the real home of St. Nick.

All the countries get letters to Santa, but most — about 500,000 a year — are mailed to Finland.

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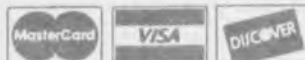
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