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CO-CHAIRMEN FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE, Ann Carroll and Bruce Cromwell go over plans for the dance.

Christmas Dance Scheduled; Contest Winners to be Told

The League of Dresden and Court of Carmine are sponsoring this year's annual Christmas dance "Memories Won't Melt." The dance will be held December 21 from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Ferris cafeteria. Music will be provided by "The People Upstairs." Girls are to wear dressy wools and boys should wear sport coats and slacks with ties being optional.

General Chairmen for the dance are Ann Carroll and Bruce Cromwell. Committees are headed by: Kim Anderson and Tom Stark, band; Craig Adkison, chaperones; Marsha Williams, decorations; Colleen Tiede, pictures; Linda Smith, publicity; Dave Mummey, tickets; and Judy Jacobson and Larry Plager, clean-up.

During the dance, the winners of the "Friendliest Boy and Girl" contest will be announced. The nominations were December 11 in homerooms. Two girls and two boys were chosen from each homeroom. Today, selection will be made of forty finalists, 5 boys and 5 girls from each class and their

pictures will be displayed. Thursday, members of each class will elect the friendliest boy and girl of their class.

This contest is sponsored by the Freshman Class, under the supervision of Mrs. Keith Campbell and committee chairman Patty Prentice. The publicity and planning committee members for the contest are Leslie Neller-moe, Yvette Hall, Marcy Clark, Pam Lloyd, Anne Adams, Hal Gill, Wayne Kraft, Carol Van Eaton, Kim Roberts and Gayle Gamelin.

Mrs. Campbell said, "The purpose of this contest is to continue the idea that Ferris has the friendliest student body in Spokane. We hope to show the winners on local television and in local newspapers."

Phone Company Sponsoring Contest

"Have you considered what you would like your neighborhood, city or state to be like in 1976?" Pacific Northwest Bell is asking this question of high school students all over Washington and will pay \$8,000 (\$1,000 to each of the eight school districts) for the best essays in response.

The question is being asked in an effort to stimulate an interest in the community, city and state of the future. The challenge is to list the good and bad points that will be in Washington in 1976 in writing or on tape. You are allowed to use any media; tapes, movies, photos, or essays.

All entries for the contest must be in by January 15, 1968.

For any further information about the contest, contact Mrs. Culler in Room 405A.

L'enchante
Ferris - Lewis & Clark
Inaugural Ball
FEBRUARY 17

Headliners

Friday, Dec. 15 — Ferris vs. University at University, 6:30-8:00.

Saturday, Dec. 16 — Ferris vs. Cheney at Ferris.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 — P. T. A. Christmas Concert, 7:00.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 — Christmas Con. Valkyr Dime-A-Dip dinner. Ferris vs. Rogers at Ferris, 6:30-8:00.

Thursday, Dec. 21 — Candy cane sale by the Pep Club

Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Friday, Dec. 29 — Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Saturday, Jan. 13 — Majorettes candy sale.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 — ASB Introductory Con.

Thursday, Jan. 4 — Wrestling, Ferris vs. Shadle at Shadle, 7:00.

Friday, Jan. 5 — ASB Primary Election, Ferris vs. Central Valley at the Coliseum, 6:30.

Monday, Jan. 8 — ASB Final Election.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 — League of Dresden and Court of Carmine Introductory Con.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Thursday, Jan. 11 — All-school play, 7:00

Thursday, Jan. 11 — Wrestling, N. C. vs. Ferris at Ferris, 7:00.

The Staff
of the
"Saxon Chronicles"
wishes everyone
a joyous
Holiday season

Guest Speakers Discuss Teen Drug Usage At Science Seminar

"High" Psychological

Dr. Edgren also spoke of people who thought they had been given marijuana. They got "high" only to find out afterward that they had been smoking a common spice and had gotten "high" through the power of suggestion. This is known as the "placebo effect." He does not think marijuana should be legalized.

Speaking on "The Law Enforcement Aspect of Drugs" was Detective McGougan. He estimated that roughly one percent of the stu-

dents under 18 are drug users and said that drug use and abuse was on the increase in the Spokane area. Most of the narcotics in Spokane come from Seattle, he stated. The Spokane Police Department has recently formed a narcotics division, of which Detective McGougan is an employee. Current Washington laws for the possession of marijuana call for a penalty of up to \$10,000 fine and/or from five to 20 years in prison on the first offense if the offender is 18 or over.



SATURDAY SEMINAR GUEST SPEAKERS are seen discussing drug addiction.

Senior Class, ASB Combine For Show

Senior Class and ASB are combining to present a talent show January 16 from 7:30 to 9 p. m. in the auditorium. Proceeds will be contributed to the March of Dimes.

The theme will be a parody of the well known nightclub "Purple Onion" in San Francisco. In the show the name of the nightclub will be the "Purple Potato." People will be seated at tables on the apron of the stage to help produce a realistic nightclub setting. There will be 14 acts. Admission prices will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

General chairmen for the talent show are Laurie Huber and Cathy Wiseman. Jeff Eng will be the commentator. Performers will be Ray Batten, Debbie Brown, Tom Canning, Mary Christensen, Bob

Dodge, Marilyn Felt, Shelby Gates, Laurie Huber, and Connie Jarvis.

Also performing will be Iris Klobusicky, Nancy Krakenberg, Steve Moss, Mike O'Brien, Stan Parrish, Denny Phillips, Candy Safranek, Peggy Warth, and Cathy Wiseman.

Other seniors will be featured as waitresses and bartenders.



Mike Campbell

Frosh Boxer Meet Winner

A Ferris freshman, Mike Campbell, won boxing's "Golden Boy" trophy at the 1967 Northwest Junior Boxing Championship Tournament held in Seattle. The "Golden Boy" is the award presented to the most outstanding fighter at the tournament.

Boxing is a fairly new sport to Mike, who was entered in the 118 pound group of the novice class. His coach is Jim Reilly who has also coached Toby Gibson.

The 1967 Northwest Junior Boxing Championship Tournament was the first international junior championship of its kind ever held. There were 106 bouts in the tournament, which had over two hundred entrants from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Canada.

Inquiry Method Classes Attended

Six Ferris teachers attended a class which taught a new method in instruction, Inquiry.

The class, entitled "The Inquiry Method in Social Studies," was held at Havermale Junior High School.

The purpose of this course was to explain the Inquiry Method. The objective of this method is to teach students to think. What a student learns in these courses will help him make decisions later in his life.

One of the problems of the Inquiry method is that it is so new that few materials and texts have been produced. "The method really isn't new, good teachers have been using this method for years," said Mr. Iverson.

When asked why an English teacher would attend this social studies oriented class Mrs. McLaughlin said, "I was interested in the class because I wanted to learn different approaches to subject matter using the Inquiry method."

No Comment...

Has Ferris High School been getting a "fair shake" in the local newspapers? There have been a lot of comments made by students as to what local newspapers have been saying, or rather, not saying. When Ferris first started out in athletics the comment "farm club" was often heard.

Ferris has been called "lowly," and has been said to belong to the "third division." And how does this reflect on the school when readers all over the city pick up their papers in the morning and read such articles as the following one by Alden Cross, on Saturday, October 14: "Rogers, obviously not very fired up by the prospect of beating the lowly Saxons, was able to score just enough in the first three periods, then coast in." This is not a very complimentary statement. And considering that there are only four periods to a football game, Mr. Cross does not seem too correct. He was referring to the Ferris vs. Rogers football game.

Again Mr. Cross wrote an article where he used a quote from an unidentified football coach in the city. This is what he had to say, "This was a three division league. (The football league). Lewis and Clark shouldn't have been allowed to play the rest of us. Shadle, Gonzaga and Rogers were all equal in the middle and the rest of the league shouldn't have had to play North Central and Ferris." In the basketball game that Ferris played last December 9, Ferris defeated Lewis and Clark 51 to 50. In the Spokesman-Review of Sunday, December 10, the game was given very little coverage either because no reporter bothered to go to the game or perhaps it was not that important to the paper, the real reason is not known. Yet all of the other games played by Spokane city high schools were given coverage that included the player by player breakdown of points scored. On Monday, December 11, the morning paper again gave full coverage to the other area high school teams and gave Ferris a grand total of 17 words. There were scores and player by player point totals also. But not for Ferris.

To the newspaper writers these games might just be a pre-season warmup and may not be that important. But Ferris High School is proud of their athletic teams and every team deserves all of the praise that they receive.

Again let me ask this question: Is Ferris High School getting a "fair shake" in the local newspapers?

Read the facts for yourself and decide.

C. A.

Anonymous

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Ferris Forum

(Editor's note: This column appears in the "Saxon Chronicles" as an opportunity for students to express their opinions on world, national, local and school affairs. The opinions written here do not necessarily coincide with those of the Chronicles staff or Ferris High School Administration.)

Dear Sir,

In regards to a letter you printed in your latest issue, I was completely dumbfounded, shocked and mortally wounded. I believe I head a behemoth group of students who loooove thick milkshakes. That run down, weak lunged minority who sent in the letter degrading these marvelous "thick" shakes should be sought out and refused the sale of these milkshakes. Why do these puffy-cheeked, frail individuals feel need to purchase them if they do not appreciate the extra time, effort and material put into an extra thick shake, instead of watered down chocolate milk. As to the trivial matter of eating a milkshake with a spoon, I know of a vast group of students who like to eat their 15 cents worth with a spoon.



By Donna Tombari

Hello, may I help you?

Click, click, ring. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas. Bah! Humbug! Working during the Christmas season is far from merry.

Any conversation sounds like it's right off a broken record player, or maybe one of those telephone recordings, like, "At the tone, the time will be . . ."

And of course the customer is always right. No matter how grouchy or unreasonable she is, you've got to be sweet and polite. Yes, ma'am, I'm sorry, ma'am, I'll look into that right away, ma'am.

Sometimes it gets really hectic. Business will slack off, giving you time to catch your breath. Then all the people in town and their uncles seem to want to buy something. It's always during times like these that people ask stupid questions. They either ask about the price when the price tag is staring them in the face or ask impossible questions that not even the department head can answer. Friends always choose times like these to drop by. Usually all you have time to do is wave your hand and yell a quick "Hi."

The worst part of it is missing out on most of the Christmas fun. There's no time for baking cookies, wrapping presents or making candies. You're lucky if you get your homework done. And when Friday night rolls around your line is always, "I can't go, I have to work."

Christmas commercialism stares you right in the face. You sometimes wonder if Christmas isn't a holiday that a bunch of business men make up as a get-rich-quick scheme. Everyone is so involved in buying and selling that it seems no one has time to care for the other person.

When payday arrives you step to the other side of the counter to buy those presents you've had your eyes on for days. It's these times, when you trade places and become a customer, that you realize that when people buy presents, they are expressing, however clumsily, their care for other people. That realization makes everything almost right.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Saxon Stockings To See Variety Of Gifts

With the Christmas holidays almost here, Saxon Chronicles staff members asked this question. "What would you like to find in your stocking Christmas morning?" They received the following answers:

- Mike Harper: Snow!
- Janie Boyle: Long Socks.
- Colleen Tiede: A Cougar.
- Afton Miller: A potted plant.
- Lolly Moss: A Jean Claude Killy doll.
- Stan Parrish: Miss December!
- Mr. Rogalski: A new set of debaters.
- Mr. Beese: An automatic brain stuffer.
- Mike Dillon: Coal.
- Bobby Sox: My feet, I hope!
- Mr. Watson: A new pair of skis.
- Dan Toone: A pretzel.
- Mike Snell: A set of legs.
- Gary Kenney: The Beatles' new album.
- Jamie Sonneland: I'm not going to say!
- Jim Calkins: Money.
- Ann Parviainen: A new pair of roller skates.

SOLDIER'S LAMENT IN JOYOUS SEASON

In response to anti-war demonstrations and draft card burnings, Pfc. John H. Peterson, now serving in Vietnam, wrote this poem which is reprinted from *The Columbia Basin Ledger*. It expresses well the sentiments of those who support the war effort.

"Dying and Living"

Take a man, put him alone.
 Put him 12,000 miles from home.
 Empty his heart of all but blood.
 Make him live in sweat and mud.
 This is the life I have to live.
 And why my soul to the devil I give.
 You "Peace Boys" rant from your easy chair.
 But you don't know what it's like "over there."
 You have a ball without really trying.
 While over here your boys are dying.
 You burn your draft cards, march at dawn.
 Plant your signs on the White House lawn
 You all want to ban the bomb:
 "There's no real war in Viet Nam."
 Use your drugs and have your fun,
 and then you refuse to use a gun.
 There's nothing for you to do.
 And I'm supposed to die for you?
 I'll hate you 'till the day I die.
 You make me hear my buddy cry.
 I saw his arm a bloody shred,
 I heard them say "this one is dead."
 It's a large price he had to pay.
 Not to live another day.
 He had the guts to fight and die.
 He paid the price, but what did he buy?
 He bought your life by losing his.
 But what's a damn what a soldier gives.
 His wife does and maybe his sons.
 But they're about the only ones.

'FEAST OF LIGHTS' CELEBRATED SOON

At the end of this month comes a special holiday other than Christmas. The eve of December 26 marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, The literal English translation from the Hebrew word is Feast of Lights.

The holiday began in the year 165 B. C. After three years of battle against the Syrians, the Jews defeated the tyrant king and the Syrian nation. The Jewish people once again returned to the Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to God. After cleaning their Temple of Syrian idols, they found only one small cruse of oil to light the holy lamps. Miraculously, as the story goes, the cruse provided light for eight days. Judas Maccabaeus, the Jewish leader, then proclaimed the holiday to be observed by the Jews.

The lunar Jewish calendar is entirely different from the solar calendar. In the lunar calendar Hanukkah is celebrated on the twenty-fifth of Kislev, one of the Jewish months. Because of this variation of the two calendars Hanukkah usually falls in the month of December, but not always on the same date.

Each evening, in observance of the holiday, one additional candle is lighted in the Hanukkah menorah or candelabra. By the last evening, eight are lit. Just as for Christmas, gifts are exchanged, usually one per day. Contributions are also made to the needy and poor.

Happy Hanukkah to all Jewish students and faculty at Ferris!

Saxon Senior Hi-lighters

Christi Irwin

Blanche, alias Christi Irwin, even after the wizard's many attempts to be rid of her with his famous vanishing cream, "Blanche Be Gone," is still around. Christi likes to pretend a lot. She acted as the wizard's wife in last year's junior con, Id.

As an active representative in the League of Dresden, Christi pretended to be a teddy bear in the League's Christmas play presented to the children at Deaconess and Sacred Heart hospitals. She also took a part as a thief and a villain in one of last year's League convocations. Christi is serving the League this semester as treasurer.

Last summer Christi visited Wales with the American Institute for Foreign Study. She studied four weeks at the University College in North Wales. Then she spent two weeks touring parts of Europe. In Paris, Christi managed to survive four days on 25 cents! She commented that the Europeans were "fantastic."

This winter she will be seen on the slopes of Schweitzer Basin for her fourth year of skiing.

Christi owns a quarter horse named Thunder. Not to hurt any feelings she asked that her "interesting animal," Trudy, a "minilab," be included.

Christi plans to visit California over Christmas vacation and return there next fall for college. She wants to further her education in art and go into it as a career.

Jeff Eng

He has black hair, brown eyes, is six feet one inch tall, weighs 179 pounds and is, as he says, "quite eligible." This is Jeff Eng.

Jeff came to Ferris during his sophomore year. He first became interested in the Spirit Committee. Jeff is one of the first members of this elite group. In his own words, "The best way a young man can support his school is to join this wonderful group." After this auspicious



"OH JEFF, YOU MUST BE KIDDING," sighs Santa Christi Irwin as Senior Jeff Eng bores her with his requests for fame, glory and power this Christmas. Photo by Brown

start he joined the Key Club, a boys' service club.

This year Jeff really went into motion. He set his sights on the office of President of the Senior Class. His reason for this was, "Fame, glory, and I'm hungry for power!" His acceptance speech was humorized by the following message: "There is a dire need for staunch leadership in this time of graft and corruption in class government. I feel I can clean up all this graft and corruption and push these misguided people forward down the road of righteousness."

Jeff has been appointed chairman of the publicity committee for the Inaugural Ball. He says this is good because of the power and glory he will acquire. Besides, he's always wanted his name on the tickets.

Washington State University is his choice of college. Liberal arts is the field in which he plans to spend most of his time.

And in the immortal words of that great poet and ham, Jeff Eng, "Live each day as it is — for tomorrow will always come and then today will be yesterday."



Merry Christmas



Christmas Stocking Begins In England

America is such an entanglement of traditions representing countries from all four corners of the globe that it is difficult to determine exactly where each custom originated. Historians, though, have a fairly definite idea how we inherited the good old Christmas stocking.

Tradition has it that there was a little man in Holland who rode a horse called "Sleipner" all around the country. At each house he left gifts inside the shoes that boys and girls placed on their porches for him. If the Dutch children were naughty they received switches rather than gifts. In Holland they referred to the man in red as Saint Nicholas. When the tradition of the "Christmas giver" jumped borders to France, the French boys and girls did much the same thing but instead of waiting for St. Nick on Christmas Eve they found their own hero, Bonhomme Noel.

Of course the Germans knew a good deal when they saw it, so they created a third giver. Santa Claus hid their toys around the house.

In this country the benefits of a stretchable stocking were discovered. From England the custom of the Christmas stocking traveled with the Pilgrims to the colonies. So the shoe of Amsterdam became the stocking of New Amsterdam.

Spokane Engulfed By Christmas Spirit

By Jenny Williamson

It's almost here! Christmas is being prepared for in cities across the nation and Spokane is no exception. In order to get into the Christmas spirit, let's take a trip downtown.

Shoppers bustle past each other and a general feeling of good will lingers in the air long after they are gone.

Walking among the shoppers, smiling at young and old alike are the traditional Santa Clauses. They seem to lend a lot to the occasion, judging from the broad smiles they receive in return.

In the vicinity of Howard and Riverside, you immediately notice the brightly colored ornaments on the street corners. They are ball-like in shape, yellow and red in color.

Small but lovely Christmas trees can be seen around the Spokane and Eastern Bank. They are adorned with tiny decorations for an added effect.

The Crescent window is beautiful this year as always. The theme is "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." The window shows several small children preparing for old St. Nick's annual visit.

The Parkade Plaza, showplace of Spokane, sports a large green, gaily decorated Christmas tree

Decorative green arches adorning the interior of the Bon Marche add to the holiday mood.

High above all decorations is a portrayal of the true meaning of Christmas. A picture of Mary and the baby Jesus looks down on us from the side of the Bon Marche building. This familiar sight reminds us of peace on earth, good will to men.



FERRIS STUDENTS are seen here enjoying the first snowfall of the season. Photo by Brown

Early Santa Claus of Europe Big Change From Present Santa

By Claudia Shustoff

If you happen to be watching the sky on a snowy Christmas Eve and if by chance you see a flash of red, it might be that jolly old man Santa Claus. But who was that jolly old man and where did he come from? Today the attitudes toward Santa Claus have changed.

Today Santa Claus has become very commercialized. He can be found in every department store and various other stores. He arrives by every mode of transportation. In late November he arrives with his helpers and candy canes and stays 'til the night before Christmas. Each Santa Claus has his own store in which he listens to children's requests. Some children go to a store and ask Santa for something and then turn around and ask another Santa in a different store for something completely different. Today there are so many things from which to choose that one can have his pick. Santa is no longer considered one person, but many.

Santa Claus can be seen filling numerous jobs, such as driving buses or selling Christmas trees. During the Christmas season he is seen everywhere. The concept of Santa Claus has certainly changed throughout the centuries.

His legend began in Lycia, a town in Turkey. Known as Saint Nicholas, he devoted most of his life to the church and helping the needy. He made his annual rides on December 6. The traditional Saint Nicholas was a bearded saint, riding a white horse or horse and cart. He carried a basket of gifts for the good children and birch rods for the bad.

How did he turn into Santa Claus and why did the day of giving change from the 6 to the 25 of December? The answer lies in Europe. Europeans always celebrated Saint Nicholas day on December 6, which is the anniversary of the Saint's death. Saint Nicholas was the patron saint of the Netherlands and it was through the

Dutch settlers in America that the others heard of him. Today the Dutch put out their wooden shoes for his gifts on December 6. But in the new world, Saint Nicholas gave up his own day and became part of the tradition of December 25, Christ's birthday. His name change occurred when the English-speaking children tried to pronounce the name, SINTER KLAS. They spoke it so quickly and excitedly that the name soon became Santa Claus.

Santa's appearance began to change about the same time as his name. For hundreds of years the Europeans had imagined Saint Nicholas as a tall, thin, stately person. But with the help of many men throughout the centuries Saint Nicholas has changed to today's jolly old Santa Claus. As he makes his way down chimneys, his costume appears as such:

"He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
His eyes — how they twinkled!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.

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Christmas Tree History Relates Ornament Origin

By Ann O'Brien

While trimming a Christmas tree the question "How did all this get started?" has probably gone through many peoples' minds.

The origin of the Christmas tree is attributed to many different people and places. A popular legend is about St. Boniface. He replaced the sacred oak of Odin with a fir tree. St. Boniface told the heathens it was the tree of life representing Christ. Another legend involves Martin Luther. He was walking on a snowy Christmas Eve and saw the stars glittering through the branches of a fir tree. Luther went home, cut down a small tree and decorated it with candles.

Evidence Written

The first definite written evidence of anyone using a tree to celebrate Christmas comes from a forest ordinance of Ammerschweier dated 1561. It said "that no burgher (town) shall have for Christmas more than one bush of more than eight shoe lengths."

The legend of trimming Christmas trees goes back to long before the Christian era when Egyptians decorated their homes with date palms. Arabians started the custom of hanging gifts on the date palms and early Jewish customs included the use of lights on trees. Ancient races worshipped trees as spirits and set meat and other food in the branches. Druids favored their chief god by placing lighted candles, gilded apples and cakes on the tree. Romans did the same.

The idea of a tree bedecked with symbolic flowers and fruits incorporates an ancient legend that on the first Christmas Eve all the trees and plants of the forest burst into bloom to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Flowers Used

In a travel book written in 1601 mention is made of "Christmas in Strassburg" where they set up fir trees in the rooms and hung on them roses of colored paper, apples, wafers and gift sugar. This is why Germany is credited with starting the custom of trimming the Christmas tree in the sixteenth century.

The ornamented tree was held in disrepute for some centuries. It was regarded as pagan and unchristian. But as time progressed it advanced over Europe and by the early eighteenth century the

tree was firmly established in Protestant Germany. It was resisted by German Catholics and disapproved by more than a few Protestant pastors. But it spread to Prague, Vienna and even across the ocean to America. German soldiers in America during the Revolution probably brought the custom with them. It was introduced in England by Prince Albert.

The early German trees were decorated with stars, angels, toys, gilded nuts and candies wrapped in bright papers. Later they added tinsel and candles.

The custom of lights on Christmas trees dates back to the tenth century when an Arab geographer quoted a tradition that trees and flowers blossomed on Christmas. In the thirteenth century a French epic tells of candles appearing on the flowering trees. The candle lighting of trees in Germany undoubtedly grew out of the belief that candles appeared miraculously on trees at Christmas.

The first Christmas trees in the United States were trimmed with bright paper ornaments, candy canes and strings of cranberries and popcorn. In 1852 in Virginia the first Christmas tree in the south was decorated. On the tree were strings of popcorn, yellow and red paper balls and gilded nuts. The finishing touch was candles.



In 1850 Charles Dickens called the Christmas tree a "new German toy." In 1891 President Harrison termed it "old fashioned." In Hans Christian Anderson's tale, "Fir Tree" the tree was decorated with gilt apples, honey cakes, playthings and many hundreds of candles.

As Christmas approaches, the excitement and spirit of trimming the tree is renewed.

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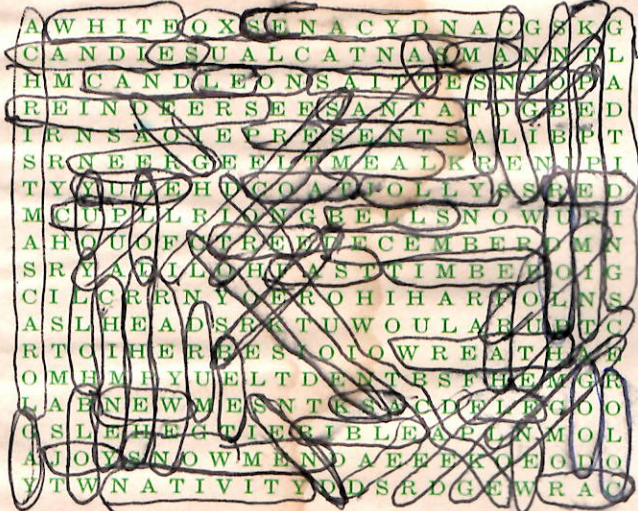


Happy New Year



Holiday Puzzle Prize Given

The letters in this puzzle go together to form words commonly associated with Christmas. The words are written backwards, forwards and in diagonal directions. The newspaper staff will award a delicious prize to the first person to correctly circle all the words given. Completed puzzles should be turned in to a staff member in Room 404 after school.



CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN THE PUZZLE?

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| A Christmas Carol | cup | inn | seals |
| age | December | jolly | see (twice) |
| angel | deer | joy | shepherd |
| angels | deer | kid | shows |
| Ann | dog | lead | sing |
| ask | dog | meat | singing |
| ate | cup | Merry Christmas | sled |
| ate | cup | nativity | sleigh |
| bell | cup | new year | snow |
| bells | cup | new year | snowmen |
| Bethlehem | last | ornament | tales |
| Bible | fear | ox | tent |
| Bible | fruit | peppermint | tie |
| bow | fruit cake | poinsettia | timber |
| bread | glad tidings | poinsettias | toot |
| candies | green | presents | tots |
| candle | green | red (twice) | toys |
| candies | green | reindeer | tree |
| candy | helper | room | white |
| camel | holiday | route | win |
| car | holly | Rudolph | window |
| chimney | holly | Santa | yule |
| coat | holly | Santa Claus | yule (twice) |
| colder | holly | | |
| cuddles | holly | | |

Santa's Mission Dangerous, Could Be Last Year For Claus

By Chris Anderson

At this time you will discover what really goes on in a typical house on Christmas Eve. This is the home of Mortimer and Cleora Phlugrad, limited and incorporated. This typical couple has two typical children: Joey Phlugrad, age 13, who is a 68 pound wonder and Hortence, his DARLING sister (dear ole Hortence is called darling because she is 5' 10" tall and weighs 230 lbs. Her secret ambition in life is to play tackle for the Chicago Bears. Anybody that looks like that is always called darling, or else).

As we enter on the scene we see that Joey and his sister are enjoying a little bit of arm wrestling for fun and relaxation on the floor. Really it is only Joey, who is on the floor. His sister has just broken his arm and he is writhing in agony. Now you may ask why they are arm wrestling. That is easy to answer. They are preparing for the annual game that all teenyboppers look forward to . . . it is called "bounce Santa Claus."

It is the night before Christmas now and all through the house not a creature is stirring. After all of the adults have gone to sleep, Joey and Hortence sneak downstairs. That is quite an accomplishment for Hortence since her sneaking around is like trying to hide a semi-trailer truck in a matchbox. But the feat is accomplished and the two little kiddies get all of their equipment into the living room and in front of the fireplace.

Some of the tinker toys that they will be using are balloons, bear traps, a flame thrower, jello and rubber cement. I will not tell you where all of these things are placed. Now our two small monsters wait for that sweet old man named Santa Claus. While they are waiting let me explain what Santa Claus is. There is this myth perpetuated upon the world by a band of sadistic elves. He lives like a hermit up at the north pole, got



that? He's Santa Claus! It is now close to 1 a. m. and Joey and Hortence are still waiting for Santa Claus. As the clock strikes one there comes from the roof a sound like the entire United States Army is conducting maneuvers on top of the house. But it is only friendly Santa Claus making his annual rounds to brainwash all of the kiddies and bum a free meal of everybody.

Have you ever wondered why the old man is so fat? It is because he robs every refrigerator that he sees lying around loose. But not in the Phlugrad house, Joey and Hortence will see to that. Let us now switch our hidden camera to the rooftop to watch as Santa Claus tries to make his entrance. The reindeer are now bringing the sleigh across to the chimney. There is Donner and Blitzen, Comet and Cupid, Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and then there is What's-His-Face with the nose that glows. The reindeer unhook themselves and start stuffing Santa down the chimney. Since this chimney has


been coated with jello, Santa starts down with surprising ease. As a matter of fact he gets up to about 30 or 40 m. p. h. on the way down. Joey, seeing that he has started down, lights the fire inside the fireplace and arms all of the bear traps.

Santa hits the first trap with a thud, the second one with a bang and he hits the third one with a splat. The two typical (typical, mind you!) children roll him for all of his money and goodies, then glue him back together with rubber cement and start him back up the chimney. But Santa, who is not in very good shape, doesn't seem to be climbing too fast. So Hortence uses her flame thrower to make him climb faster, which he does now with surprising speed.

Santa stumbles out onto the roof and his reindeer stuff him back into his sleigh and then take off with him hanging out the door like a sea-sick hippopotamus. So much for that Christmas.

We now switch back to the living room. Your pals and mine, Joey and Hortence are splitting up their haul. Hortence is taking all of the money and valuables while Joey gets all of the crumbs, like Santa's boots and funny red cap. So ends another exciting episode of Santa and the two Phlugrads.

This Christmas, give him what he may have been missing all year.



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By Gail Kirk

The new Civic Theatre was filled opening night, November 30, as "A Room Full of Roses" made its premiere. The play that finishes its run December 16, is the story of a divorced mother who is fighting to win her teen-age daughter's love. On premiere night, everything moved along smoothly and the full effect of the play was projected.

Victoria Oakley, a Ferris sophomore, plays Bridget, the teenage daughter whose parents are separated. Victoria, whose entire role requires numerous emotion-packed scenes, lives her part. Through expression and voice she does a superb job of capturing all emotions from a gay smile to quiet tears.

Analee Compton portrays the party of Nancy, Bridget's mother and gains the sympathy of the audience as she tries desperately to bring Bridget out of her shell of fear.

Dick Oakley plays the part of Jay Fallon, Nancy's second husband. Jay tries very hard to make Bridget feel welcome and at the same time keep his wife's confidence up.

Bart Haggin, as Bridget's real father, portrays a man who takes it for granted that he is doing his part as a father. He is conscious of his feelings but unaware of the feelings of others.

Danny Villalobos, the youngest member of the cast, takes the part of Bridget's half-brother Larry. With his antics and his childish manner, he adds laughter and gaiety to the play.

Phyllis Villalobos plays the maid, Willamay. With her matter of fact, easy going manner she keeps everyone at ease.

Tom Tomlinson, also a Ferris student, did the lighting effects for the play. Tom's lighting was excellent and is to be commended.

The play was written by Edith Sommer and is directed by Bart Haggin.

Coleman Blumfield Piano Concert In Auditorium

Ferris students had the opportunity to hear the well-known concert pianist Coleman Blumfield in a concert held in the auditorium December 6.

Opening the program with an introduction, Mr. Blumfield expressed his feelings toward the arts and he urged the audience to attend as many concerts, museums and exhibits as possible.

The first number on the program, "Variations Serieuses, Op. 54," consisted of a series of 17 variations, each having different tones and tempos. The second number composed by Moussorgsky was entitled "Pictures at an Exhibition." Moussorgsky was inspired by an art exhibit held in honor of the dead painter. Each painting was characterized in music by different keys and tones which portrayed its mood.

Blumfield received a standing ovation and played "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as an encore.

This concert was under the sponsorship of the Community Action Council of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

December 13-16—Civic Theater—

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December 15—Ft. Wright College Gym

Basketball, Spokane Community College vs. Boise College

December 16—Ft. Wright College Gym

Basketball, Spokane Community College vs. Treasure Valley College.

December 17—Coliseum

Hockey—Jets vs. Nelson, B.C.

December 18—Salk Junior High School

Choral Concert
Glover Junior High School — Choral Concert

December 19—Coliseum

Spokane Community College vs. WSU Frosh

December 20—Shadle High School

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December 21—Lewis & Clark High School

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Christmas Concert

December 23—Coliseum

Exhibition Hockey — Jets vs. U.S.S.R.

December 24—Coliseum

Exhibition Hockey — Jets vs. Finland

December 25-January 1—Coliseum

Ice Capades

January 6—Coliseum

Hockey — Jets vs. Cranbrook

January 7—Coliseum

Hockey — Jets vs. Nelson

January 12—Ft. Wright College Gym

Basketball — Spokane Community College vs. Wenatchee Valley College

January 13—Coliseum

Hockey — Jets vs. Kimberly

Students Enjoy Social Studies Films, Speakers

The social studies department of Ferris has its busy schedule of geography, history and political science well underway.

The world geography class, headed by team leader, Mr. Bob Burkhart, is presently studying Russian Satellite Countries. With the exception of Mr. Burkhart, the world geography team is new this year. Mr. Dan Niksich and Mr. Larry Weir are assisting.

The World History classes are studying Greece and Rome. So far this year they have had one guest speaker, Mrs. Richard Frankel, mother of one of Ferris' students and an amateur archeologist. She talked on things she has found and places she visited to find them. A guest speaker for the future is Mrs. Lois Neswick of the Senior English department.

The team teachers are Mr. Herb Watson, Mr. Perry Sanders, Mr. Fred Hughes and student teacher Miss Sloan.

The U. S. History students have been studying the War of 1812. They have a new way of studying which involves giving the students problems about things which have happened in history.

The U. S. History teaching team is Mr. John Kingsland, Mr. Ron Miller, Mr. Larry Reid and Mr. Bruce Wylder.

The Political Science group is busy with numerous guest speakers and films. Among the guest speakers was a candidate for mayor, Mr. David H. Rodgers.

OFFICE TO SHOW CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Personnel in the Business Office at Ferris are celebrating the Christmas season by making it as Christmasy as possible. Mr. Ken T. Varty, Art teacher, is in charge of the decorations. They will consist of a Christmas tree by the bulletin board and the traditional faculty Christmas cards tacked on the bulletin board.

Education Departments Busy; Drama Class To Give Plays

Art Department

Members of the 2-Dimensional art class have been hard at work on pictures for the "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme.

Grouped pictures of the 12 days will be in the halls of each building and the doors of each room will have a picture of one of the days. Color scheme of blue and white will add to the "cool" Christmas spirit.

Following up with "Goodwill Toward Men," Tracy Stone and Pam Hogsett are doing drawings for the large Christmas cards which Ferris Associated Student Body is sending to high schools and junior high schools in the area.

Friends of Joel E. Ferris around the country will be receiving cards also.

World Geography

World Geography students are studying the different cultural areas of the world. There are several aspects upon which they dwell: the living conditions, agricultural and industrial products and topographical features. They use guest speakers if available and movies from the District 81 film library.

Having recently finished the study of Africa, they have moved on to study Europe. Materials on Africa were obtained from the African Embassy and Consulate General in New York and Washington, D. C. Student projects were included in the African study.

Map work is done in labs. Students are given maps and placement lists for study and testing purposes. All students attend the World Geography large groups.

The teaching team for World Geography is Mr. Dan Niksich, Mr. Bob Burkhart and Mr. Larry Weir. Any student who has done world traveling should contact Mr. Burkhart for possible lecture time, to share travel experiences with the World Geography students.

The second semester of this school year, the freshman class will begin the study of local Pacific Northwest history.

Math Department

Algebra students are enjoying all the benefits of the Ferris system possible this year. Mr. Mack Saunders of the teaching team, explained that this year a student may work at his own speed. He mentioned that one student completed a full semester's work in a little over a quarter's time. Students who find the course difficult are allowed to work more slowly.

Another goal of the Algebra team is to work with students individually. The teachers are writing a unit of study which will adjust to the students individual problems.

Drama Department

Three plays are to be presented by the Drama department on January 11. The plays, all of which are one-act, will be directed by students. Included in the plays are two comedies and a drama.

"The importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde is a comedy. Included in the cast are the following students: Tyrus Tenold, Tim Grovac, Connie Hasstedt and Teresa Hildebaugh. Others are Lee Lewis, Hal Gill, Janet Anderson, Patsy Castino and Doug Clark. Student-director is Vic Wold.

Robert Nail's "Antic Spring" is the second comedy. Student director is Carol Schmelzer, with a cast of Ken Crawford, Deanna Honneger, Marcia Weatherby, Richard Johnson, Gary Homan and Judy Boyce.

The drama, to be directed by Tom Tomlinson, is "The Plum Tree," adapted from a story by Mary Ellen Chase. Darla Zornes, Margaret Wells, Rosemary White, Debra Dechenne, Connie Duncan, Cynthia Wynn and Maureen Deviny are the cast.

English Department

Friday, December 8, sophomore English students presented "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga" in their large groups.

The play, a humorous side of Julius Caesar's death, is centered around Brutus' hiring detective Flavius Maximus, to find Caesar's murderers.

Mrs. Ida Culler, sophomore English teacher, directed and produced the play. The performers were: Steve Haskell, Flavius Maximus; Neil Dennie, Brutus; Ann Christensen, Calpurnia; Mike Sullivan, Mark Antony; Joy Hughes, Claudius; Chris Hodgson, the secretary; John Snyder, the sergeant; and Paula Everest, the announcer.

Frosh Involved In Exciting Experience

The Freshman Class is sponsoring a Foreign Exchange Student. Anne Adams is conducting the negotiations with the American Field Service. The student will come to Ferris in September, 1968. Mrs. Keith Campbell said, "This program was begun in the hopes that Ferris could send an exchange student in the following year." The program is being supervised by Mr. Tracy Walters, Freshman counselor, Mrs. Keith Campbell and the Freshman Class.

Faculty Footnotes

Three years ago an explosion rocked Joel E. Ferris when Mr. Herb Watson arrived for his first teaching assignment and was taken for a student by some of his fellow faculty members.

Mr. Watson was born and grew up in Seattle. He attended University School, an all-boys' school in Canada, for five years. Because the school had a 10 p. m. curfew on Saturday, Mr. Watson faked them out by coming in at 10 and sneaking out at 11.

He attended the University of Puget Sound and graduated in '62.

Mr. Watson teaches World History and advises the ski club, chess club and Junior Class, besides coaching golf.

If he could make some changes at Ferris, he would like it to be a school where each student could move at his own pace, as long as he masters the material required for the course and he would also like to see it be a school "without grades."

Commenting on the high school drug problem recently publicized in local papers, Mr. Watson said, "There should be the same penalties for minors who push drugs as for adults and they should be enforced."

If given three wishes, he would take a Ph.D. in Education, the city championship for his golf team and would like to always enjoy his work as much as he does now.



Mr. Herbert Watson (Photo by Brown)

Orwell Puts Point Across To Readers

By Nancy Schultz

A variety of paperback books is available for sale in Room 401, the English Resource center. One of these books is "Animal Farm" by George Orwell.

Many students have the misconception that this is a juvenile book about animals. This is not true.

George Orwell uses his book to criticize totalitarianism. The story is about a group of animals who, led by a pig, manage to overthrow their government, a farmer, and set up self rule. Although they start with rules for the good of all, gradually this ruling body changes.

The plot uses animals to symbolize men. "Animal Farm" is written for adults, not children. Its message is meant for the educated person who can "read between the lines" and understand what Orwell means to say.

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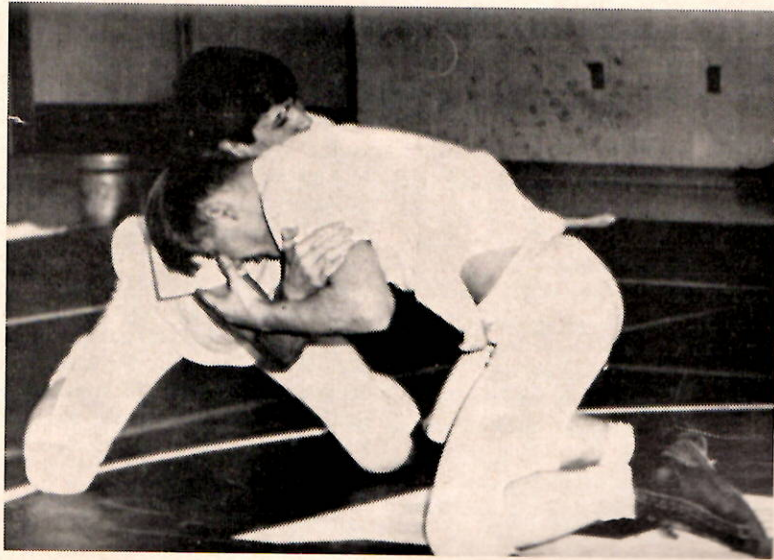
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SAXON MATMEN prepare for upcoming matches in strenuous workout during practice.

Matmen Top Davis

Looking for their first win, the wrestling team traveled to Yakima to take on the tough Davis High team and defeated them in a very close match, 23-19. Taking almost all the upper weights, they had a little trouble with the lower weights. Scoring for the win were Kevin McVey and Jerry Yates with ties; Rick Schieman, Larry Vance, Sam Hieronymus by pin, Landis Kannberg and Syl Lassman by pin in the first period.

Ferris Fatmen Edge Smashers In Faculty Tilt

Mr. Dan Niksich's ten foot hook shot, with 11 seconds remaining in a three-minute overtime period, turned a one point loss into a 63-62 victory for the Ferris Fatmen in the annual faculty basketball game.

The game, which attracted a capacity crowd in the Ferris gymnasium, kept everyone on edge as the lead changed several times in the last few minutes of the contest. The Saxon Smashers, coached by Mr. Larry Reid, led throughout the fourth period but Mr. Mel Schmidt's foul shot with 13 seconds left in the final period tied the game at 48 points, thus putting it into overtime. The tension was electric as the two teams continued to exchange baskets. Then, after Coach Reid's two free throws had given the Smashers a one point edge with 13 seconds to play, Fatman Coach Niksich ripped the cords with a left hand hook shot and pulled out the one point victory for the Fatmen.

Leading scorers for the Fatmen were Mr. Niksich with 26 points, Mr. Schmidt with 12 and Mr. Tracy Walters with 10. Mr. Reid, Mr. Bob Burkhart, Mr. Herm Caviness and Mr. Bill Knuckles led the Smashers with 18, 16, 12 and 9 points respectively. The game was officiated by Mr. George Derr and Mr. Terry Anderson.

During the half-time the fans were introduced to the Ferris Varsity basketball team and entertained by the Teen Singers, a group from West Valley High School.



By O'Brien

The ski season looks like a good one this year as Schweitzer Basin and Mount Spokane are both reported in excellent early season form according to the grapevine. Steve Moss made the trip to both Spokane and Schweitzer last weekend and gave them the green light.

Ferris rules: Once again Ferris has retained possession of the Southside championship by downing LC in basketball last Saturday 51-50. Farm club makes big? Or wait, maybe we aren't the farm club. We'll have to watch the standings this year to see who really is the farm club. Although trailing by 12 points at one point in the game, there was a spirit in the air amongst the team that there was no way they could lose the game. When you think like that you win! We won! It looks like a good season with an attitude like that behind the team.

The wrestling team racked up a win at Davis of Yakima with Syl Lassman coming through in the clutch for a big pin that gave the squad a 23-19 victory. On the two-day trip, Sam Hieronymus and Rick Schieman also looked good for the Saxons with two wins apiece.

Flash: University of Washington: Marc Wallace, last year's leading scorer for the Saxon B-ball squad is holding down a starting position for the U. of W. Frosh team.

Tonight the Saxons go against University in basketball at U-High at 8 p. m. This is rated to be a tough game against one of the toughest teams in our division, so let's make sure there's a good crowd on hand to root the team to victory.

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Saxon Sportlite

Undefeated thus far this season for the Ferris Saxon wrestling team is this issue's Saxon Sportlite, Sam Hieronymus. This is not unusual as Sam reigned as city champion last year in the 165 pound division.

Sam, "The Greek," as he is called by his friends, attended a wrestling program at North Central High School in hopes of increasing his strong chance to grab a state championship for Ferris wrestlers this year. Sam said that he learned a lot at this camp and also attended Roderick's wrestling camp as a sophomore.

Sam attended Sheridan Grade School and when he moved on to Libby Junior High he was inspired by his wrestling coach, another Ferris Saxon, Mr. Skip Pixley.

This year has started out to be a good one for Sam and when he was asked how the team would fare he replied, "Coach Weir is expecting a good team with a lot of progress and expects us to be on top of the League."

Another achievement Sam hopes to gain this year is a new high jump record as he is currently only one inch off of the school record of five feet ten inches. It looks like a sure thing if Sam continues to improve as he did last year. Sam also plans to hurdle this spring.

Other talents? Sam played end this year for the Ferris varsity football team. Sam was also forced to admit that he was a noted harmonica player and says that he is currently building up his muscles by pushing his 1957 Chevy to and from school.

Sam's dynamic personality and grappling talents have helped to fire up our team's hopes to have the best record ever for a Ferris team and to have several Ferris wrestlers join Sam at the state tourney.

Gymnastics Team Looks Strong

Gymnastics coach Mel Schmidt reports that for the third year in a row his team is strong. He said that he is very pleased with his new equipment and the large turnout of sixty boys this year.

Gymnastics consists of six events (free exercise, side horse, parallels, vaulting, tumbling, and trampoline) and an all-round category. It is scored by judges with five points for form, 3.4 points for difficulty and 1.6 for continuity. Each entrant aims to place in the top five in his event to earn 6, 4, 3, 2 or 1 points per place respectively.

Returning varsity gymnasts are: Bob Hoover, Kurt Bergeron, Jim Couey, Kelly Bogan, and Tom Brandt. Bogan and Brandt are rated by fellow teammates as outstanding gymnasts.

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Saxons Dump Tigers In 51-50 Hoop Thriller

Denny Phillips led a fired up Saxon basketball team to a victory over the school down the hill, Lewis and Clark, in a 51-50 thriller. The Saxons, determined to win after dropping their first two games to Eastmont and Kellogg, showed that they would be tough in city competition this year by coming back with a fantastic finish to overcome the early lead they had spotted the Tigers.

Phillips scored 27 points, including a three point play with 15 seconds remaining in the game to put the Saxons on top. Also included in his performance was a fine 13 for 14 from the foul line.

Lewis and Clark led the first three quarters but the Saxons were not to be denied. Slowly chipping away at the four point lead

LC carried into the final quarter, they grabbed the South Side Championship. Andy Lofton scored 12 points for Ferris and Bruce Cromwell, Grant Dyke and Rich Weidman scored 6, 4 and 2 respectively to round out the scoring. Bill Etter was high man for the Kitties with 25.

Ferris was humbled by Eastmont in a 77-52 defeat last Friday night at Wenatchee as the Saxons saw their second defeat in non-league action, Denny Phillips again led the Saxon effort with a 17-point game total.

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