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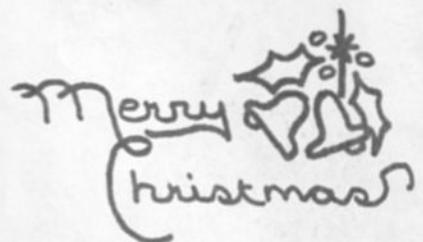
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**OPINIONS**

# The how's

# and why's

# of college

**By ALICE ADAMS**

"Why go to college?" is a question most students ask during the course of their lifetime. In a recent opinion poll of North Mesquite teachers, the consensus was that it is advantageous for most students to attend college. But the question of "why" was not explored.

Professor Lawrence C. Howard of the University of Pittsburg feels the purpose is that "higher education must be the liberation of the person and society for the higher realization of what humanity is capable (of)." Explaining this view further Harris H. Parker, Professor of Religion at Columbia College says "In other words, our task is the liberation of the human spirit, setting people free to realize their full humanity."

Somewhat relative to the question of "Why" is also the question — "How?". According to a recent survey of 2,200 educational institutions by the College Entrance Examination Board, basic college costs have skyrocketed more than 40 percent in the last four years. Currently, a resident student at a public four-year college will pay about \$2,400 a year. A resident student at a private institution pays about \$4,039.

Where can a student get financial help? Many federal, state, and college programs are designed to help the average family finance their children's college education.

Some federal programs are as follows:

**Guaranteed loans** — The Guaranteed Student Loan Program enables students to borrow from a qualified lending institution any amount up to \$2,500 a year for a total amount of \$7,500 for undergraduate or vocational study.

The government agrees to pay the interest on the loan while a student is in school if that student can prove financial help is needed. The loan is still available for those who can't qualify for financial assistance, but the student must pay the interest while attending school. The borrower does not begin to repay the principal until nine to twelve months after he leaves school.

**Direct loans** — Under the National Direct Student Loan Program a student borrows from the government, through the educational institution he attends, up to \$2,500 for the first two years in college and \$5,000 for the total undergraduate program. Repayment begins nine months after the student graduates or leaves school.

**Opportunity Grants** — The Supplemental Educational Opportunity grants and Basic Educational Opportunity Grants are intended for students who have exceptional needs. The Supplemental Grants range from \$200 to \$1,500 a year for a maximum of \$4,000 over a four-year period.

The Basic Grants provide up to \$1,400 a year, but not more than half the students' total costs. No repayment of either the Supplemental or Basic Grants is required.

**College Work Study** — In addition to its grant and loan programs, the Federal government sponsors the College Work-Study Program, which provides jobs for students who demonstrate financial need.

Many states provide aid for state residents attending public or private institutions in the state. Information for this and other programs are available through the counselor's office.

What happens after college is largely dependent upon the student's vocation or choice of career and the job openings that year. In the August 16, 1974 issue of Science, an article entitled "Education and the Job Market" says "Between 1960 and 1970, jobs requiring professional and technical higher education increased 49 percent while demand for "craftsmen and foremen" increased only 19 percent and non-farm labor less than 5 percent."

Who can predict what the labor market will be doing in the next four years?

In conclusion, college education is beneficial and also possible for those who wish to achieve higher education. Professor Marianne Micks says the purpose of college is "to help men and women to learn and practice the arts of freedom."

## OPINIONS

## Those fortunate souls

By GLENN HUGHES

For some seniors, these last few weeks until mid-term have a special meaning. It means that these seniors will no longer have to wait out the spring semester until graduation in June.

These fortunate souls are the last students able to graduate at mid-term in January. Next year there will not be a mid-term. Instead, the trimester system will go into effect.

Approximately one hundred or more seniors will graduate on January 10, 1975. Many of these people will be exempt from their semester exams. Thus leaving on January 9 instead of the tenth.

Along with graduating together, many privileged seniors will exit these school halls with mixed feelings.

## Just a thought

By GLENN HUGHES

Is the Christmas spirit deteriorating? It seems this way. What with all the rising prices, Christmas is being looked at this time of year when almost anything can be sold, worthless or expensive.

Today's youth is growing up in a world where the real meaning of Christmas is slowly fading away. Already over three-fourths of the world do not celebrate Christmas.

People such as those who are Hindus, Buddhists, Taoist, Confucian, and Shindo. Christianity may take a back seat when all the religions are totaled up.

There are 924,274,000 Christians in the world as compared to 1,602,288,000 other religions other than Christianity as stated in the Encyclopedia Britannica's 1969 Book of the year.

But the United States will not possibly follow into that increasing path. Just stop and think for a moment what the real meaning of Christmas is. The birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

Keep that thought in mind while you ponder over these thoughts. Christmas is the time of Santa Claus and his eight reindeers, Christmas trees, loaded down with ornaments, stockings hung on the mantle, the so called bargains pushed on shoppers, the best selling time of the year, NFL football, getting useless presents from distant acquaintances. Now with all these thoughts and more in mind, consider this. Are all these things more important than the one thing Christmas stands for.

Upon being asked, "Why are you graduating at mid-term?", many seniors looked upon the question with a negative viewpoint.

Don Richerson, said, "After so many years you get tired of being treated like a small child. That's why I'm moving up and out!"

Sharing Richerson's views is Phillip Pope, who just simply said, "I want to get out of this school."

While another senior, Glenn Hughes, had this to say, "I don't see any reason to go another semester when I already had eighteen credits. Besides, everyone knows that the spring semester is always the longest part of the year."

But when asked what they plan to do after graduating, a variety of subjects were mentioned.

"Go to California and take it easy," is what Jim Brownell has in mind.

But this senior, Phillip Pope, said this, "Let my hair grow down to my knees."

And Randy Blanks intends to "go to work."

College will be a well-traveled path for many seniors who intend on furthering their education.

Many students plan to go to Eastfield. College seems to be the place for Glenn Hughes, too. "I'm going to get a job this spring, and save some money up. Then starting next fall I'm going to enroll in Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport."

So many seniors leave North Mesquite with mixed feelings and different paths. But they will all share one in many things in common — they are the last mid-term graduates of this school.

Only Christians  
should celebrate Christmas

By ANDREA KNIGHT

Would you go to the birthday party of someone you don't know? How about someone you know about but don't know personally? Of course not.

Then why celebrate Christmas if you don't know Jesus of Nazareth personally. After all that is what Christmas is all about.

I can understand having fun at a birthday party, but the abundance of frivolities that occur during the Christmas season seems inappropriate.

Rather than merely complain about the commercialization of Christmas, I propose to offer a few suggestions or alternative ways to celebrate this season.

First, have a birthday party with a cake - leave a chair for Jesus. (Make this a time of rededication.)

Second, the Christmas tree can stay without becoming superficial. "God's most precious gift to mankind was hung on a tree." Billy Graham once related.

Third, share with others — not only your money but your time and talents. (This can be done through caroling at convalescent homes, orphanages, hospi-

tals, etc.; also by giving gifts made personally instead of store bought gifts.)

Next, one may wish to serve communion.

Last of all, Jesus is the "Light of the World". Taking this into consideration one might enjoy having a candle lighting ceremony. As each person lights his candle let him proclaim something he is thankful for and/or recall one of the many names for Jesus.

The true Spirit of Christmas is shown in an article by Martin Luther named "The Birth of Jesus Christ." At the end of a lengthy article he concludes, "There are many of you who think to yourself: 'if only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby!'

"Yes, you would!"

You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need, you do to the Lord himself."

## OPINIONS

# Marijuana: To be or not to be

By SUSAN JORDAN

Have you ever smoked marijuana, was the first of five questions asked to North Mesquite students in a recent survey on whether or not marijuana should be legalized. The results — Yes 63 percent, No — 37 percent.

The other questions were:

Do you feel it does or does not harm your body in any way? Does — 30 percent, Does not — 70 percent.

Do you want it legalized? Yes — 69 percent, No — 31 percent.

If it was legalized, would you or would you not smoke it? Would — 60 percent, would not — 34 percent, maybe — 6 percent.

Should the penalty be laxer, hardened, dropped, or kept the same? Laxed — 8 percent, hardened 12 percent, dropped — 62 percent, kept the same — 18 percent.

Most students questioned feel that it doesn't harm the body, that the penalty should be dropped, also that alcohol and cigarettes are worse in comparison.

"Marijuana should be governed like liquor (contributing to minors, etc.)" said a 17-year-old girl. Another said, "I think the law on drinking (DWI) should be the same on smoking pot (DWS)."

A few reasons why people want it legalized are to improve the relationship between students of today and police, to give the law enforcers more time to enforce more important laws, and to reduce the cost. Another feels it should be legalized "to get it out of the hands of the dope pushers and the Mafia."

Opposing arguments from people who don't want it legalized, range from comments such as "The penalty for less than one ounce should be torture." However, most opposing legislation feel that it leads to harder drugs, or that it may become a habit. One boy doesn't want it legalized because "I Hate Hippies".

**Editor's Note:** Although this staff does not support smoking or drinking on any grounds, it does feel that student opinion on current issues is newsworthy.

## Christmas sweets soured

By RENEE MAREK



As Christmas approaches, "visions of sugar plums that dance in the head" might well be replaced with carrots, raisins and celery sticks. Why? Soaring sugar prices.

Sugar price boosts of more than 50 percent in a month pushed up the family grocery bill in November an associate press marketbasket survey shows. Much of this increase was due to disproportionately large boost in the cost of sugar which more than tripled in some areas as world-wide demands shot up.

In May sugar was 51.44 cents per pound and by November 20, it rose to its peak of 63.44. By now the prices of sugar have gone down about 12 percent, but compared to the beginning of the year it has increased 20 percent.

The latest survey showed the sugar increase in every city except Dallas where the five-pound size cost \$2.13. The monthly increase in Chicago ranged from 21 percent where the price went from \$2.39 to \$2.89 to 55 percent in Miami where the cost jumped from \$2.13 to \$3.31.

Amstar Corporation, the nation's largest sugar cane refinery and other

large refiner's said they were lowering wholesale prices of fine granulated sugar (the kind bought at the store) to \$66.75 per 100 pounds. Amstar said this act will bring the wholesale price of a five-pound bag of sugar to about \$3.47.

Dallas schools were affected by this spiraling raise in sugar prices. Dallas administrators initiated a policy recommendation that would require "nutritious foods" such as raisins and fruit drinks in campus vending machines instead of high-sugar snacks. Foods such as peanuts, cheese crackers, fruit juices, and sugar-free drinks are going to replace sugar-rich products.

So far this is the only school district that has been affected by the high sugar prices.

If the sugar prices don't go down more, then it might affect Christmas feasting.

Last year the big problem was the energy crisis which stopped some of the Christmas lighting decoration scenes. This year the sugar prices might put starch into some of the feasts at Christmas.

What's next year?

## Ho! Ho! Ho!

By DAWN WHITNEY

It's him, it's got to be! I've waited all year for this night — I hung up my stocking and made out a Christmas list.

Now it's Christmas Eve and I can hear distant noises constantly getting closer. They're really distinct now — the chattering of little voices and a booming "Ho! Ho! Ho!" He must be nearly here. I knew he was real.

Everybody told me that he wasn't; that he was someone you only saw on television, but I knew better. I can hear a patter of footsteps on my roof now. And there's something moving near my window. I jumped out of bed and ran to the window, and I saw him. He was just leaving, big and jolly with his sack full of goodies and 12 of his little helpers.

I ran to my stocking and delighted in the presents he had left me — Golden Niblets, French Style Green Beans, and Brussel Sprouts. I heard his laugh once more — "Ho! Ho! Ho!" — he must be heading back for the Valley.



Mid-Term graduates are as follows: Front row - Cindy Bonham, Karen Lassiter, Kathy Williford, Becky Norman, Bobbie Straughan, Jan Williamson, Gail Moore, Brenda McClurg, and Sharon Conrad; 2nd row - Jimmy Hoover, Carol Young, Cindy Hopkins, Cindy Macon, Melody Jones, Jeri Sue Kier, Helen Jeffords, Shanon Estes, and Sherry Doggett; 3rd Row - Lance Carter, Cheryl Henderson, Mark Dugan, Thomas Alvarado III, Lynn Kennedy, Karen Williams, Beth Christy, John Thomason; 4th Row - Theresa Bailey, Tim Potter, Priscilla

Garcia, Charles Turner, David Johnston, Randy Blanks, Donnie Richerson, David J. Woodham; 5th Row - Jim Brownell, Tim Heffron, Kenneth Davenport, Roger Tutt, Larry Kerr, Phillip Pope and Jackie Young; 6th Row - Robert Crow, Ricky Deere, Curtis Brown, Glenn Hughes, Nancy Dorsey, Janet Thompson and John Bales; 7th Row - Lisa Brizendine, Linda Harmon, Tina Rabon, Pattie Stevens, Jackie Choate, Donna Smithson, Bryce Jenson. Not Pictured - Moises Pina.

## Final Mid-Term Grads

For the last time in North Mesquite history, seniors will be graduating in January because the quarter system that will go into effect in 1975.

These seniors graduating are Thomas Alvarado III, Theresa Jo Bailey, John Sinclair Bales, Donald Cary Banks, Randy Mitchell Blanks, Lisa Kay Brizendine, Curtis Jackson Brown, James Frances Brownell, Elizabeth Christy, Sharon Kay Conrad, Robert Kenneth Crow, Lawrence Richard Deere, Sherry Jean Doggett, Nancy Jo Dorsey, Mark Thomas Dugan, Shannon Eileen Estes, Priscilla Ann Garcia, Tony Glenn Hughes, Timothy Gene Heffron, Jimmy Allen Hoover, Cynthia Lou Hopkins, Helen Yvonne Jeffords, Bruce Neale Jenson, David Edward Johnston, Melody Ann Jones, Anita Lynn Kennedy, Larry Dean Kerr, Jeri Sue Kier, Brenda Joyce McClurg, Cynthia Kay Macon, Rhonda Gail Moore, Rebecca Monroe Norman, Kimberly Lyn Pennington, Moises G. Pina, Richard Jay Pollan, Phillip Don Pope, Timothy Ray Potter, Donald Lloyd Richerson, Jr., Debra Sue Shipp, Patricia Sue Stevens, Bobbie

Lynn Straughan, Tommy Dale Tarpley, John Andrew Thomason, Janet Kay Thompson, Charles Nicholas Turner, Kathy Lynn Willeford, Janessa Rae Williamson, David Joel Woodham, Carol Elaine Young, Jacquelyn Marie Young.

Other graduating seniors are Judy Byers, Lance Carter, Jacky Choate, Donna Douglas, Linda Harmon, Cheryl Henderson, Karen Lassiter, Tina Rabon, Donna Smithson, Roger Tutt, Karen Williamson, and Kenneth Davenport.

### Students qualify for All-Region

All-region band competition was held December 7 at Irving High School. Qualifying for the Symphonic band were Kathy Acker, second chair Baritone Sax; Liz Shelton, second chair Bass Clarinet; and Ricky David, fourth chair Alto Sax.

Qualifying for the Concert band were Jean Price, first chair Tenor Sax; and Karen Cowen, Donna Miller, Vicki Gibbons-ninth, eleventh, and twenty-first chair, respectively on the clarinet.

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# Five try for All State Choir

By KAREN COLLINS

Only one obstacle remains in the path of five North Mesquite choir students Brad White, Charlotte Balch, Pam Seal, Phillip Phelps and Cindy Herring.

All State Choir Tryouts will be held in Stephensville sometime after January.

In past UIL contests, this year, they placed as follows: Brad White, 1st in regional and 3rd in area; Charlotte Balch, 6th in regional and 3rd in area; Pam Seal, 8th in regional and 4th in area; Phillip Phelps, 5th in regional and alternate in area and Cindy Herring 4th in regional and area. All are members of the NMHS Singers.

Charlotte Balch, senior, has been in choir 6 years and plans to attend Baylor University. "I want to take voice courses and improve my voice. Mr. Jim Casey, choir director, is the first one that really worked with me," states Charlotte.

Brad White, senior, has received numerous other solo & ensemble awards in his four years in choir. Brad plans to attend Stephen F. Austin and major in Music. "I was shocked at being chosen. Thanks to Mr. Casey he drug us through it," explained Brad.

Pam Seal, the only junior of the five, is involved in many other activities along with choir. "I've been in choir five years and someday would like to write and teach music. I started knowing what singing was when Mr. Casey became our choir director," states Pam.

North Texas State University is

where senior Phillip Phelps would like to attend and major in choir three years. He would also like to start his own group one day. Phillip says, "I started singing in junior high but Mr. Casey really got it all started."

Music Education is what Cindy Herring plans to major in at Baylor

University. Cindy has been in choir six years and has won many previous awards. "I've been interested in singing all my life but Mr. Casey gave me my chance," said Cindy.

With only one door left to open, its label reading "All State Tryouts".



All Area Choir members are Brad White, Charlotte Balch, Cindy Herring,

Pam Seal, and Phillip Phelps.

## New Speech Club formed

An Honor Society for speech students, the North Mesquite Forensic Club has come into existence this year. Any interested North Mesquite student can join the club, but to be eligible for an office one must be a member of the National Forensic League, said Mrs. Debby Chapman, speech sponsor. This is done by earning at least 25 points by performing either in contests or service projects.

In NFL a member falls into certain classifications depending on his number of earned points. A Degree of Merit requires 25 points, a Degree of Honor requires 75 points, a Degree of Excellence requires 250 points and a Double Ruby requires 500 points.

North Mesquite students with a Degree of Merit include John Marshall, Lisa Aznaran, Mike Wallis, Cindi Jameson, Tommy McNeely, and Dorothy Tarpaley. Those who have earned a Degree of Honor are Paula Mackey, Debbie Vest, Karen Pirkle and Glenn Anderson. Each of these students are eligible to be officers. Election returns will be announced in the next issue.

The Forensic Club attended a tournament at Trinity High School on November 14 and 15, 30 schools participated in the competition. Those students placing in finals and receiving trophies were Paula Mackey - third place in interpretation of prose; Candi Duke - second place

in dramatic interpretation; and Paula Mackey and Karen Pirkle received first place in duet acting.

Semi-finalists included Dorothy Tarpaley, Tommy McNeely, Brian Rush, Mike Wallis, Paula Mackey, John Marshall, Anna Janecka, and Cindy Herring.

Mrs. Chapman says of the Sam Houston Tournament which students attended on December 13-14, "It's the biggest tournament of the year."

Future activities of the club include participation in the tournaments, hosting a city wide tournament in the spring, competing a program for some Mesquite junior high schools, and holding a spring banquet.

## Dear Santa:

### I don't want...

With the Christmas season comes a time of gift-giving and gift-receiving. What is the most unusual or useless gift you have ever received?

We asked this question of students at North Mesquite, and here are some of the most unusual or useless answers we received.

Phyllis Balthrop - a pair of yellow sunglasses in the shape of an apple.



Anna Janeka - two pacifiers and two kiddie books.

Cheri Waters - a grass skirt

Mrs. Janet Hooper - a halo

Debbie Chambers - a pair of "dirty" green tenny kickers (tennis shoes).

Mr. Jim Casey - a corsage

Sandra Roush - a box that throws a penny at you.

Debbie Cox - a pair of feet

Sherri Rhea - I guess the most useless gift I ever received was the gift of

knowledge; I just can't seem to put it to work.

Bryan Wreyford - a big box of nothing. Laura Wieding - a peace symbol on a shoelace from my boyfriend's old pair of tennis shoes.

Cindy Hadley - a pair of pink floppy house shoes with roses embroidered on them.

Terry Moseley - training pants from Laurie Essary at the age of 15.

Julie Stapleton - long johns

Jeane Price - a wine bottle with \$1,000,000.00 inside, tied with a pink and purple polka-dotted ribbon. It was useless because the money wasn't real.

Kristie Yniguez - false eyebrows



Vicki Chapman - a left-handed straiter frachet

Perry Causey - a haircut  
Jeanell Walters - a jar of olives  
Kim Bobo - a bust developer  
Michael Patterson - a rock  
Susan Minton - a poodle key ring that the fuzzy hair fell out of.  
Ron Holderman - my car — without an engine or tires.



Sissy Hulls - a fake mole to wear as a beauty mark.

Mary Malone - a necklace my old boyfriend gave me that turned my neck green.

Priscilla Garcia - a painting of an elephant.

Rick Pollan - a roll of toilet paper.

Vicki McCollum - a rock and a cigar.

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# Hodge Podge

## Slide Rule places second

The Slide Rule and Number Sense team traveled to Sherman High December 7 to take an overall second place team rating.

Of the five places, Longview placed 5th with a score of 1,488 points; Sherman third with 1,653 points; North Mesquite second with 1,915 points; and a team from Andrew, Texas with 2,410 points placed first.

## FCA parties

A Christmas party for the combined members of both FCA groups took place December 4 at Lakeside Recreation Center.

The entertainment consisted of guest singers, games, and Christmas caroling. Under the supervision of Mrs. Judi Baggett, the girls prepared and served dinner. A committee led by Carol Pace was responsible for the decorations.

Future activities include gathering clothes for elementary children, entertaining at a home for the elderly and attending a retreat in January at Sky Ranch.

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Contributing to the North Mesquite's team score were Howard McNeil, Larry Boyle, Mike Yancey, and Paula Miller in Slide Rule and Howard McNeil, Larry Boyle, Denise Tatsch, and Cindy Gibson in Number Sense.

Those receiving trophies from North Mesquite were Mike Yancey, Howard McNeil, Cindy Gibson, Larry Boyle, and Denise Tatsch.

## Pacesetters help needy

As a Christmas project, the Pacesetter will aid the Mesquite Elk's Club in sponsoring a party for underprivileged children of Mesquite on December 21. They will perform a skit and then hand out presents to each child.

## Cookout for Christmas

French hotdogs, a cookout in a barn, a hayride and French caroling will be featured at the French Club's annual Christmas party. It will be held December 21 at Paul Sampeck's house.

## Musical successful

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Mike Wolfe and the more than 150 people involved in the production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Around 2,000 tickets were sold for the December 5 and 6 presentations. The money will be used to pay for expenses of the show and for future productions.

Mr. Wolfe, drama teacher and director of the musical says, "We're very pleased with all the students who came to see the show. From what we've heard they seemed to enjoy it."

Three more productions are planned for this year. The first will be either a one-act play or a children's play, scheduled for early spring.

## Candlelight Concert

Candlelight and carols filled North Mesquite's auditorium December 17 as choirs from North Mesquite, Vanston Middle School, and McDonald Middle School combined for a Christmas concert.

Each choir sang separately and then the close to seven hundred choir students combined for a candlelight service.

Christmas carols in the halls of North Mesquite, are also a part of the Christmas plans for the choir.



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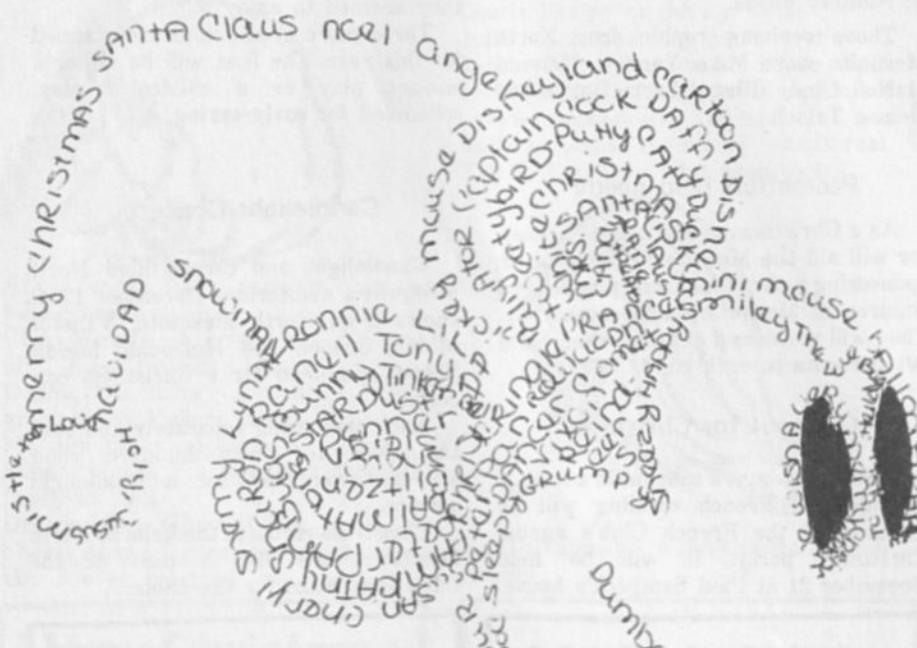
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# "Christmas with Mickey Mouse"

"Christmas Thoughts"

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

It's that time of year again,  
with Santa on his way.  
There is fruits and lots of candy,  
and toys for Christmas Day.



A season for mom's home cooking,  
and decorations all over the tree,  
songs of rejoicing moments,  
a time of giving, I think we'll all agree.

But during this time of excitement,  
we shouldn't forget the name  
of the one who made Christmas  
on the very day He became,

A little Baby, long ago,  
born in a stable afar  
Three men came with treasures for Him,  
as they followed the guiding star.  
Jesus, came here to live a life,  
just as we do today,  
The day He came from Heaven  
was the first Christmas Day.

Cheryl Hawkins

Christmas thoughts a gleaming  
Sleeping children dreaming.  
Of the jolly ole man  
With his ruby red cheeks  
Spreading out his Christmas treats.  
In which he prepared  
With love and perfection  
To meet all their satisfaction.  
While waking to find,  
The gifts they had in mind  
The perfect toy  
For each girl and boy.

by Renee Marek

## The Christmas Season

Where is peace?  
Where is quiet?  
Where is serenity?

Deadlines, copy, printers, ads  
Yelling screaming, shouting, mad!  
No time to laugh, a moment to cry,  
When I say "do it," they just ask "why?"!

Where is love?  
Where is fellowship?  
Where is togetherness?

Concerts, plays, studies, papers,  
Frustrations, ulcers, jangled nerves,  
No time to talk, just pressure to work and reason.  
Is this what's known as 'The Christmas Season'?

by Alice Adams

Dedicated to Mrs. Hooper

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Merry Christmas, Laurel Dooley and Kelly Lyons from Sandy Wallace.

Merry Christmas - Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hurst and Mr. McCoy. Fanny Fox.

Merry Christmas, Paula, Sandy, Dooley and John Thomasson. Kelly Lyons.

Cindy H., Cheryl, Kathy, Janette, Jennifer, Pam - Merry Christmas! Love Cindy S.

Linda Baughman, to my best friend? Ho HO - S.M.

Sherri S., I'll never tell our secret!

Merry Christmas! Love, Jan D. Merry Christmas, to the students working in the library.

Merry Christmas, Katie and Candi. Love and Smiles Georgie Girl.

Kathy Darst, Have a Merry Christmas. I love you, Joe.

Michael Barry, Everything's cool! Merry Christmas.

Mike Vince, Merry Christmas and I love you more. M.H.

To Betty Irons - Merry Christmas, I love you. From Tommy.

Jimmy Simpson - I love you. Have a Merry Christmas J.B.

To the three musketeers - you guys are swell! Kristie ynguez.

Arthur, I love you. Merry Christmas. Jeni.

Stanley, have a very Merry Christmas, I love you, Kelly.

To Clint Brown, Better be a good boss! Hope we get closer. Love Karen.

To my basketball star, Good Luck and stay 1st string - Have a Merry Christmas! Cindi.

Sam, May your new home be happy and your fire burn bright, Gisele.

To Richard and Bobby: Merry Christmas. Love always, Big

Moma Scott, I've got another match for you! Love you, Phyllmore.

Merry Christmas Beetle from Jam. Today, Tomorrow and Forever, o.k.?

To D&B: Merry Christmas; especially to Jimmy and Jelly. Moma.

Merry Christmas Keith C., Jimmy R., Leslie O., Pam R., and my son. C.S.

Merry Christmas to a great staff, I love you all! Mrs. H.

TGH and DR we'll miss you - Happy Graduation - the staff and Mrs. H.

To Pam and Deedra I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Tambri Newkirk.

Cindy, wish you a very Happy Holidays. Things will get better. Green's better than red. W.W.

Kay T. - May our friendship grow closer and have a Happy Christmas. V.C.

Ricky, Hi! Merry Christmas and be good. Debbie.

Mike Doremus, hope you get a head-shrinker for Christmas. Susan Ryan.

Tracey, I hope we spend every Christmas together. Love Andy. Donna, Merry Christmas and a happy Birdie. Bye. Love, Steve. Becky Lou, thanx for being a great friend! Love, Yvonne Sue.

Kay, I hate you! Garry.

Julie B., Julie L., Donna P., Kathy F., Pam S., Darlene P., Jamie vous. Barry Gumm.

Merry Xmas, Suzy. Love ya Always, Bobby B.

To: Mitchell Freaks everywhere. S.A.L.T. Luv smiles Merry Christmas, Cheryl.

C.H. hope you get your Christmas present; Merry Christmas. Love, L.D.

Eddie, In spite of our misunderstandings, I still love you! Karen. Merry Christmas Tommy, Karen, John, and Drama Department - Love Paula.

Lynne, Hope you and Baby Broozer have a good Christmas! Lisa.

Cindy, your Geoffrey Beene does it every time! Love Gary.

Franzina and Fudge, I hope ya'll have a Merry Christmas! Lippo. Big sis Nana, Cathy - Have a Christmas! Luv LM.

Mike, tickle - tickle, you owe me one Merry Christmas! Love Cindy. Merry Christmas - Rabbit, Fanny, and the wild bunch. Cindy Harrison.

Becky Neely, Thanks bunches and whole lots. You know what I am talking about. See you at lunch, Vicki Chapman.

Lori, Merry Christmas to a real nice little sister. Susan S.

Vance, Redheads always get their way. Merry Christmas! Love, B.S. Ronnie, I can't get enough of your love. Love, Teresa.

Lynn, it's been five months, I love you. Your wife.

Steve, I love you, have a great Christmas. Love, Donna.

Mel - Debbie I hope Santa brings you everything you want. Luv Linda.

Gary, Hope you have a super-nice Xmas. Love ya, Pat.

Merry Christmas to my wonderful husband. Surprises coming. Monkey Barnes.

Princess HB 49 forever and a day. I love you Michael.

Michael, our memories may be old, but our hopes should always be young. Merry Christmas Baby. I love you Princess.

Merry Christmas, Sandra Wallace, Kelly Lyons, and David Fischer, Paula.

Lisa Bolten. You are a very courteous girl; too bad.

To Booboo: may the New Year be as good as the last. From Yogi. To Andy and Jay: You Squirrels. The Tree Lady.

To Chris Campbell, Barry Gumm, Jay Morris you can't hack it. Joe Sudderth - WAGMA! from 5th period lunch.

To Chris Campbell from Archie Griffin you are de greatest.

To R.V.O. Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, I love you, DeadBeat.

Coachie Baby, Self, it looks nasty, tastes nasty, and sounds really nasty. It can't be all that bad; just think, it could be worse ... there could be six of us! HANG ON IN THERE BABY! Three "M" Saggy, Bertha, and Birdlegs.

Hunt, How's pete and Bear? They didn't get me after all did they! Maybe next time ... Sandi.

Jenifer - Have a very merry Christmas - Steve.

Steve, - Have a very Merry Christmas - Jenifer.

To Fudge with love (it rhymes!) Merry Christmas - Santa's Elf. Godfather - Merry Christmas - from Goddaughter.

Roses are Red, Snow is White, John E. Chadwick, I'll see you tonight - Deneb.

Reggie - the day is closer than you or your wallet thinks! Does that ring a bell! I LOVE YOU. Merry Christmas - Joan.

Holli C. How do I love thee? I'll never tell! Rick.

M.&M., you missed my birthday, but Christmas is soon! Jan.

Carrie Frances, Merry Christmas, Love ya, J. Anna.

Ted, Have a very special Christmas. Love ya Always, Carri. Mex., Foylegs behave yourselves or you won't get nuthin' from Santa???

Have a great Christmas Snookem. I Love You. From Sneakem.

Val, have a Merry Christmas from: you know-who.

Dana, you're the bestest little sister anyone could ever have. Have a very merry Christmas and I love you, Cindy.

Sam, you know how it goes! Love, Bozo and Pinkie.

Dave, have a very Merry Christmas. Love Jimi Sue.

Steve, I remembered - Aide-toi le ciel t'aidera. Love, Donna.

James - I bet you thought I was going to say Merry Christmas, and all that stuff, but I just wrote this to say I love you. Love ya, Pam.

Fat Boy - What's new? Hope you enjoy your present. Love Carrie. Fat Boy - So now you have a "Spiritual and other Awareness" and I'm insecure. Thanks! Little-one who bugs you lots. Christmas Messages .. p. 11-18



## Christmas Messages

To Steve: Have a Merry Christmas. I Love You. Tina. Paul, Suberu, Suberu, Suberu, Have a good New Year, Love, Deb.

Larry S., Have a Merry Christmas! I Love You Lots! Kathy C. Tommy Nevill - We'll have a good Christmas together again this year. I Love You - Cindi Barlow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Trails Trio from T.T. Sue.

Donnie - Merry Christmas. I Love You - Roberta.

Ricky I Love You, Pat you're a very special friend. Love you both - Lisa.

Kathy and Lisa say: Ricky, Pat and Jay stay out of trouble. North Mesquite students, Merry Christmas - B-Drill.

Dear Tony, Merry Christmas good looking. Love ya lots - Leah.

Merry Christmas Roger, I Love You. JoAnn.

Merry Christmas David, I Love You. Diana.

Merry Christmas Pacesetters and Belle Ensemble Choir. I hope Santa's good to you. Al Clark cause I Love You! Lometa.

Jiger, I love you very much. Love always, Kitten.

Merry Christmas Anna, Cathy, Vicki, Roger, Shrenda, and David. Diana.

Mike, Love is the time you and I have had together! Let's share "75" together. Merry Christmas! Love you, Debbie.

Merry Christmas Mrs. Murrey — Thanks for everything. Love, Cheerleaders.

T.R. Love you always. K.B. Karen, To the best friend anyone could ever have. Penny - Merry Xmas - Love you

Thanks for everything!! Love ya, Sharon.

Bart: Have a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Susan J.

Love you, Julie.

Terry, hope to have many more M&M, Merry Christmas!

Christmas' to share as this one, To all Baylor fans, few and far and hope this coming year will between. We got the SWC.

have many great moments. I Kirk.

Love You! Edie.

To my Big Brother, Thomas, Merry Christmas. Love ya Jess - Have a Merry Christmas

Edie.

BB, It's good to know that you Les - Have a Merry Christmas

will always care. Love LS. Coach Thorne, I'm still looking for that raise. Guess Who? H-H-H-Hi G-G-G-Greg from K-K-K-Kentucky.

To Shawn: It's a law you can bag a Stovall.

To Walls: The One Who Nose! From private messenger.

Irena you can have a ride when I get my car back. And you better look out for you-know-who!!

To Gary from Pam: How's Henry and his pendulum?

To Terry B. from Cindy S. "I bet you can't wait to see Henry again."

Hi Danny Spoerl from Linda V. and Susan M.

Brad Roberts, I Love You, have a great Christmas, Dalene.

Timmy, Merry Christmas, I love you lots and lots, etc.

Terri - Merry Christmas, good luck with Mark. Love ya, Robbie.

Merry Christmas to Susan J. from me.

Merry Christmas Gang - Jeanell, Pam, Mark, Barry. Happy New Year.

Merry Xmas, Anna Janecka, from Stallion Battalion.

Cindy, thanks for another great year! Love you, Janice.

Wayne - You're a great friend - Merry Christmas, Love ya, Lee.

Julie Kula - Merry Christmas. Love Ya A Lot, Robbie.

To all Aggie fans: We will win SWC next year. Boo Longhorns and Baylor. Merry Christmas Aggies. Randy Johnson.

V.W. Love you a whole lot, be mine always, J.P. Lisa, I Love You wish you lived here!

You - Penny - Merry Xmas - Love you lots. Bob.

Ralph - Merry Christmas, Remember I will always love you.

To my T.L. I love you! your

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Robbie, thanks for everything

It means so much, Love Janice.

and keep hold of Mark.

BB, It's good to know that you Les - Have a Merry Christmas

and don't give up on Jack. David - I just wanted to let you know that I love you all year around; even at Christmas. Love Lisa.

To Trails Trio, Merry Christmas TT Sandy.

Mrs. Murrey: Merry Christmas. Remember 69. Ha! Ha! Debbie D.

Merry Christmas Tracy, I love you alot! Ho! Ho! Lisa.

Merry Christmas Ricky Carter, Trisha Turner.

Merry Christmas, Donny, I love you very much. Cheryl.

Everybody have a good Christmas. Peewee.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Mike B.

To Jeff LaFoy - Even though I don't know you I still love you

From: Sheri.

We Love You, Ruth & Sue.

Merry Christmas Jackie, Janet and Good Luck Cindy and Rocky.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Tweeter S.D.

Merry Christmas Cheryl, Carol, and Cathy. Happy New Year. Melody.

To Killer from Pam: How's Henry and his pendulum?

Jeff - you still haven't told me what I blew. Merry Christmas. Susan.

Susan, Merry Christmas, and hold onto Blondie! Sharon.

Connie, Teresa, Melody, Kathi, Janet, Kathi, Merry Christmas. Woodstock.

To Brad Boys, Have a Merry Christmas. Love Tracey Jordan.

Merry Christmas Susan, Cathy W., Sherri, Kim, Laura, Sharon, Love Les.

Dennis - Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love ya, Cindee.

Kris - Hope we're friends forever. Merry Christmas, love ya, Cindee.

Joe, Kathy, Ken, Jimmy, Merry Christmas - love ya, Cindee. Kris Bruck and David Crumpton - Merry Christmas - Cindee.

Merry Christmas Mark, Jimmy, Lee, Hal, & Karl! Shelly.

David - I hope we have many more Christmases together. Love ya lots, Kim.

Tweeter - thank you for a fantastic year in drill - you are great. S.D.

Janette, Patti, Susan, Kim, Vicki, and Lisa. Merry Christmas, Pam C.

To my big Sister, Pam Spates. Merry Christmas, Pam Cut-right.

Merry Christmas Glenda C. You're the best little sister ever. Now what did you get me for Christmas? Love Vicki C. Bobby. Santa has his reindeer along with all his elves. I wish that for my Christmas, he'd put you on my shelf! Sport. Deedra & Tambri, may Santa bring you lots of Christmas joy. And a very happy New Year. Good luck, Pam.

Joel, Santa can't bring you to Arkansas for Christmas so I guess he'll just have to bring me back here. Merry Christmas, Love Ya, Nancy. 33, Love ya little, Love ya big, Love ya like a big fat pig. 76. Joyce, Hope your Christmas this year is the best ever! June. Longinski, Kalea-Louise, Hustler, Sonny: Heh, Bebe, y tiene chicle? from Nurse Hackett 7 Benninski.

Benninski, Rasca como ese? Que? El mejor de suerte. Nurse Hackett. Terry - I love you - it's been a great year! (Nov. 20, 73) Cindi Glenn, Merry Christmas, let's spend it together! Love ya, Kathy.

Tony Severs, To a sweet guy, Merry Christmas, Diana.

Mike D. - start thinking girls, instead of track. K.D.

Gary Day: God's gift to women, HUH?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Duffy, Kim and Lynn. Big Sis Janine - could be sticky! Merisue.

Freshman Cheerleaders hope ya have a fun holiday! From Karen.

Wayne, Merry Christmas; have fun! I luv ya! From Karen.

Rich, Have a good time in Ohio! Love ya, Lisa.

Merry Christmas basketball in first period, Lisa Az.

Merry Christmas J.V. Cheerleaders. Love ya'll always. Laurie Boley.

Lisa,

Thank you very much for being there when I needed you and for the one year and nine months of happiness.

With love,  
Lonnie

Larry Jones - Merry Christmas! To: North Mesquite - You're an  
Maybe someday you'll find out O.K. school! Merry Christmas -  
who wrote this. Guess Who. Donna.

Merry Christmas! To: Mary M., Don, Lisa, Sonja, Tammy,  
Deana S., Erin H., Debbie R., Teresa, Gayle, Kim, Danna,  
From: Darlene.

Randy - Have a Merry Christmas and I love you! Ranell.  
Terry - I wuv's you, and B.A.! Gary, Derryl, Merry Christmas!  
Merry Christmas! Love, Happy New Year, Carolyn Morris.

Merry Christmas to Karyn, Charlie, Danna, Russel, Joy,  
Marty, Scott.

Charlie - Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Love Ya,  
Karyn.

Nancy Ward - Hope you have a Great Christmas! Love Daylene.

Tim - Hope you have a Great Christmas! Love Ya, Jan.

Merry Christmas, Greg. I Love You - Michelle.

Hey Dingy: Je Tem Bo Cou, and Merry Christmas, too!

From Your Little T.B., P.J. To Shannon - Merry Christmas and I Love You! Teresa

Keith Lowery - Merry Christmas, With Love, Bubba. Love, Kim.

Franklin - I wuv's you, and Houston! Merry Christmas! Love, Darla.

Jaybird, Noodle, Vivian - Have a Very Merry Christmas! Love - Becky.

Gilbert Farrel - Have a Merry Christmas! A Secret Lover.

North Mesquite - Merry Christmas. See You Jan. 6!! Mr. Gray.

Teresa - Have a Merry Christmas! Love Ya! Guess Who?

**Christmas is a time when people everywhere should pause and give thanks for what they have and for what God has done for them. Mr. Hurst P.S.**

#### Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas, with all my love, Fernando. Love, Peri.

Kingrey: Even chumps can have a good Christmas - Your Lover.

Terry J. - I love you, Merry Christmas - Debbie W.

Hey Students - You're O.K.! Happy Holidays - Stay Healthy!

Mrs. Eaton.

Tammy, Carolyn, Jane, Jackie, Karen, Jeni, Lisa - Merry Christmas - Gayle.

Have a Merry Christmas, Cutler. "The Cricket".

Have a Merry Christmas - To: Terry Hester and Sandra Covington. Janet.

Dale Drum - Merry Christmas, Love Ya Lots! Guess Who?

Mark Metcalf I wish you a Merry Christmas. I love you S.C.

Janet Miller. I hope you have a good Christmas. S.C.

Adena, Merry Christmas and I love you! Butch.

Mike R. - I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love C.S.

Joy, I hope you have a great Christmas. I love you - Jimmy.

Bonne Annee Meilleurs Voeux et a tous mes eleves formidables

David, Brian, Billy, Bohemian Airlines is alive and doing well!

Kevin, I am still confused about Bill, I still love you, always will. Love Laurie.

Merry Christmas to Mrs. Chapman - From the masterful debaters.

Sam Estes, To my very best friend, you can't move from me.

I love ya, Diana.

Nancy, Hope we have a nice Christmas together. Love always, Joel.

Merry Xmas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Mr. Chapman!

L.S. It was great while it lasted, B.B.

Sherry Jean - don't turn the knob.

Suzanne; Merry Christmas Red Roses; Long Lost Lover.

I love you Shirley "very deinty" huh

Becky and Sandy, Merry Christmas sistas! I love ya!

Lisa.

Beth, Happy College Days! You're lucky to get out of here,

Barbie Jo.

Rich, I love you very much! Merry Christmas! Lisa.

Gregory, Hope ya have fun snow skiing. Love Mary Jane.

Haddock, have a Merry Christmas, I'll miss ya. Love Slayden.

To Varsity Basketball Players,

"let's all go together, Student

Body.

Pam Barnett - It's still not your

ear.

Dodo - have a nice Christmas and thanks for being you.

Tee-Tee.

Ronnie, I love you, Teresa.

Ronnie, I want Santa Claus to Tommy Holloway, I really like put you under my tree for you alot and hope we get to be friends. Love Ya Lots, Rhonda Waters.

Tambri and Pam, Give Santa my address and have a Merry Christmas. Deedra.

Terri, Good luck with Johnny - I know he likes you.

M.B. Merry Christmas and a Fudge, Lip, Wieds, Smith: Happy New Year. Love, B.B. Have a Merry Christmas, Kenneth, You're not the neat, Santa's elf.

cool, guy you think you are. To Ken - Have a nice Christmas. I love ya' bunches! Magic.

Mark Dugan - I sure would like quick bugging Nancy, Nancy quit bugging Kenneth. Your Admirer.

A message from Sheila Rouse: Merry Christmas Van Slaton and a Happy New Year. See ya soon. Love always Sheila.

Have the best Christmas! Love ya bunches. Kim-N-Jay.

Bubba, Merry Christmas to my Red Hot Lover, Love Liza.

Lee, To a nice little sister who doesn't eat enough. Merry Christmas. Liza Jane.

Cindy, to a fantastic majorette. Merry Christmas, Liza Jane.

Barb, I still don't get the joke about the mayonnaise lids!

Kim.

D.B. - My car needs waxing and yes, he's still around!

Merry Christmas A.J. and Happy New Year. The Seniors.

Have a happy holiday season



Terri - June is only 6 months awas. You and me forever. I love you. Richard. Edie, you're the one that I love for now and till the end of time. Hope this is one of many Christmas's we will share together. All my love Terry.

Merry Christmas to Melba Jean, I love you. Gary M.

Terrie - To the only girl I'll ever love. Stay Sweet and remember I Love You. Richard Mowell.

Brad, Buga! Buga! Have a Merry Christmas! Love always. Karen. Diane - you're the nicest girl anyone could have. I hope we stay together for a long time. Love Frank. Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas Bonita.

Steve & Charlotte, Merry Christmas! You're two very special people. Karen.

Hi Anna, Have a Merry Christmas - Junior John.

Merry Christmas - Denise, Suzy, Gisele, and Kim From John.

Brad, Good Luck at State! Merry Christmas! Love you, Karen.

Herbert - Have a very Merry Christmas. I love you, Debbie.

Jim, I love you and always will. Yours 4ever, me!

Valerie & Jimi Sue, Merry Christmas to the itchiest girls in town!

Love, Sherri.

Robert Martin I love you. Merry Christmas, Cheryl.

Lonnie, Wayne, Mike, Clay, Rick, Louis, Johnny, and Steve, Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love A.J.

Joan and Mary, Merry Christmas, Love Banana.

Rick tell Pete I said Merry Christmas. Guess Who???

D.J. needs a ride to J.P.'s Happy Goldfish and Merry Christmas. In tow.

Augustine - Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Pam, Glenda and Jan. Sherryl - Merry Christmas. May next year be better. Love Jan.

Susan - Good luck with Robert in 1975. Merry Christmas. Jenifer.

Howard, Larry and Lynne: Thanks for a wonderful four years. Hope all the rest are just as great.

Merry Christmas. Paula.

Mouse - I've been watching channel 39 and I haven't figured it out. Love Ya, Rosie.

Hi Bill - Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love ya, Rhonda.

Merry Christmas - Laurie, Debbi, Tracey, Becky, Kris, Kim, Cox, cindee, Suzie, Tina, Susan, Tammy, Brenda, Bruce - love ya'll lots. Rhonda.

Coach Hernandez - Merry christmas to you from your four favorite third period girls - Love ya lots. Laurie, Rhonda, Tracey, Debbi.

Richard - Hope we have a Merry Christmas. Love you, Nonnie.

To the cutest, sweetest girl I've

ever known. Love ya always. Becky Wriht and Gary. Merry Christmas.

Lisa, I love you more than you think. Steve.

Merry Christmas, Mr. Sanchez from the 74-75 Calculus Class, Merry Christmas little Roe and middle Row. Love Karen Jo. #30 and Deadbeat, Hope ya'll get your private couch for Christmas. Love ya, Kim.

Cathy and Fudge, Wish Renee lip a Merry Christmas and Love worms.

Frank, You are the only thing I want for Christmas. Diane.

Lisa, I am sorry for not being able to see you Christmas. We'll make up for the time we lost. Love Tom. Vicki, Hope we have another great Christmas together. Remember I Love You Very Much, US FOR EVER, Jimmy.

Mark, you're my only detail, Merry Christmas. I LOVE YOU. Renee.

Jim, 10620, many years to go. Love you always, Vicki.

Terri Davis - I'd do almost anything for you. Secret lover.

Warren Lee: Hope when I wake up Christmas Day, Santa Claus has put you under my tree. Secret Admirer.

Randy Young: Hope you hAVE A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ask Janice Bamburg

who I am if you don't remember me. I love ya lots anyway, Cindy. "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to Kathy and the two D.D.'s from "Cowboy" Chris duh duh duh I burned you. J.M. and B.G.

Ronnie Hawkins - To the sweetest boyfriend a girl could ever have and I Love You very much. May God Bless and Keep my baby forever. Love Always, Linda R. To Coach Jenkins and Talbot from the BIB MOUTH TALKING CLOWNS (in second period) Annette, Kathy.

Merry Christmas to Mrs. Vos-camps first of fifth homeroom. Sue.

Merry Christmas to Debbie Armstrong from BOO BOO.

Rickey: I'll Love You Always - Merry Christmas. Debbie.

Debbie Armstrong - Guess who's coming down your chimney on Christmas Eve?

Mrs. Miller's 6th period English class and Mrs. Miller, Merry Christmas. Debbie.

Mike. Hi! Have a Merry Christmas. Love Ya D.W.

Lisa, Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year. D.W.

Ray. Hi! Have a Merry Christmas and be good and maybe you'll get that race car set. Love ya, D.M. Cathy, Merry Christmas and don't do anything I wouldn't do. D.W.

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Tweety, Merry Christmas. Love, Bumble Bee.

Edward - Merry Christmas and I'll see you at ski camp, Leann.

Merry Christmas to Cindy C. from Randy H. Happy New Year.

Sharon, I'm glad I have a sister like you. Thanks for everything. I love you. Edie.

Jay - I Love You a Whole Bunch! Merry Christmas! Kim.

Robert Jackson - Love ya too much and I will forever! Love Sharon Huddleston.

To Don Davidson: I Love You Very Much! Love - Darla.

Mark - I Love You very much! Merry Christmas and it will be a Better New Year! Love Always - Lisa.

John Wayne - Hope you have a Merry Christmas - Debbie Daniels.

Merry Christmas Bill; We've had great times together, let's make this Christmas another.

To Richard - It's more than Love - Merry Christmas! Love Bridgett.

Ronnie Harrel - I am going to kick you - Merry Christmas.

"May you all get new cars for Christmas!" - Gene???

To two lovers - James Foster and Alice Boughter, Merry Christmas. I'm in Love, Dennis Kingrey! Have a Merry Christmas! T.J.

To a very special panda-bear! From Someone who loves you very much! Merry Christmas - K.B. Let's all Go Together!

Lee - Come see me Christmas morniing - Love Teresa.

To Lyle, Christy and Roger Daniels - Happy Honeymoon ole friends.

To: Mike Redmond From: "The Flirt" - I'll Love you and Baby Termite as long as I live even though you both tend to be stubborn at times. Merry Christmas!! Love, "Me"

To Mike Redmond From: "Little Tooth" - May you find an orange mas. I Love You, Bill.

Grand Prix with shaving cream David, Buy me something nice for and a busted bottle on the back in Christmas like a cupcake. Love your stocking!! Love - "The 3 Jimi. wrappers"

Pam Cogswell - Lots of Luck, Love ya always! Kevin Sellars.

To: Danny and Clint. Remember Carol, Teresa, Linda, Kathy, November 30? We love ya, Susan Debra - Merry Christmas! Tigger, and Carolyn.

Merry Christmas and Happy Farming to Mr. Bench's 1st and 2nd period classes. C.

Kathy, Karon, Stacy, Rick, Zane, Dennis, Merry Christmas Love Ann.

Hey Gunner Inmon: Whateha want for Christmas? A new .38? Bye Beth, see you around, Tommy's all right, Merry Christmas, Sheila!

Cindy, Merry Christmas and hope your coming years are filled with happiness. Love ya, Sherie.

Sharon have a Merry Christmas. Your Secret Pal in VOE.

Karen, Donna, Leslie and Teresa, You're really great people!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. June.

Mark, may all your Christmas days be mistletoe. Luv ya, Pat.

Frances, All you want for Christmas is (Luther)? Love, Lynda.

Deb - Hope ya get Little Greg in your stocking! Love ya, Mel.

Donna, Hope Santa Claus brings you everything you want, even John!!! Luv ya, Pat.

Mr. Stanglin - 3rd Period really does Love you!!! Lynda and Mel.

Lynda, Carol, Kathy, Frances, Deb - Hope ya'll have a good Christmas. Love ya'll Mel.

Teresa - ya better hurry up and get well cause we miss ya. Love ya, Mel.

Dumbo, thanks for the fries! Lisa, Barbra, Janine, and Jeri Sue.

Cindy S., Julie H. ya'll are really good friends and I hope Santa is good to ya'll. Love ya Terri.

Larry, I love ya. Have a Merry Christmas, I'll miss ya, Connie.

Danita and Jim have a Merry Christmas. Love, Cheri.

Jill - Have a Merry Christmas in Hannibal. Love - Chuck.

Keith and Sonna have a Merry Christmas and enjoyous life together, Love Auntie.

"Ducky". If you're good you'll get me for Christmas! Love "Lips"

Janine, When's my first swimming lesson? You wish and I know! B.J. Lips, Hope you get your "Ducky!" Merry Christmas. Blue Bird.

Sunshine, Try it you might like it, think about it! B.J. & Lips.

Tina Esslar - Our family is shrinking and fast. Mom & Sis.

To Martha, Randy, Karen, Peter, Richard, Lisa, Brenda, Joni F., Hershel, Pam, Rhonda: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love Joni S.

Brenda, I hope we can stay friends for a long time to come! Stay the same! Merry Christmas! Love, Joni.

JV Cheerleaders HO-HO-HO!! Merry Christmas. Love ya, Kay.

Jo Ann Fuson, Best friends forever. Love Ya Terrie and Scotty.

Yogi, I promise I'll be home for Christmas. Love BooBoo.

To: Danny and Clint. Remember Carol, Teresa, Linda, Kathy, November 30? We love ya, Susan Debra - Merry Christmas! Tigger, and Carolyn.

Merry Christmas Terri, Tammy, Cheryl, Jana, Mark, David. From Karen.

Merry Christmas Olga, Sonna, Kim, Becky, Kathy, Terri. Love, Cindy R.

Gary, I love you. Good luck Litta mama and Keith. Cindy.

T. Johnson, To our favorite teacher from your hardest working students in third period class. Merry Christmas, Kim and Kim. Renee Lipsey 5th Wasn't typed in paper. Yoomie Sue, Ironing Board Lynn, and Lisa - Merry Christmas! Lippo.



Janette, I Love You, Merry Christmas - Happy New Year, Bucky.

John Anderson, I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Call me sometime. B.C.

Lori and Joni - My two best friends, hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love, Brenda.

Hi Sherry, Merry Christmas, Love Joe.

To Judy, Merry Christmas, Love Lance.

Mrs. Bowdoin - Here's your Christmas message. Merry Christmas! Love, Cindy.

X-Country Team! Hope you all have a Merry Christmas. I Love ya all - XRM.

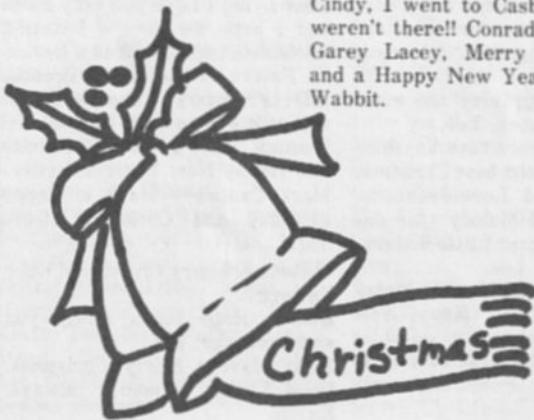
Mr. Ganze, Love ya always, enjoy your vacation from 7th period. Hope your leg feels better. Your friend always. Joni Franklin.

Bruce, Hope you have a great Christmas. Love always, Lynn. Cheryl, Johnny wants to meet Deneb very soon. Love John.

Julie, Hope you have a great Christmas! Mike.

Cindy, I went to Casba but you weren't there!! Conrad.

Garey Lacey, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love A Wabbit.





Julie, I hope you have a super Rita H. - Remember to always terrific Christmas. And get what wear a smile. Merry Christmas. you want most this year. Love Carrie.

Robert - you're a really great guy, and I hope you have a super great Christmas. Be good, Love always Carrie.

Sharon B. - Have a Very Merry Christmas!!!! Santa Claus.

Buster - I wish you'd forgive me. Merry Christmas, Love, Steffi.

Debbie, I won't ride my Suzuki all vacation. Ross.

Carrie, I wish you would stop making fun of me. Fatboy.

Thanks Mr. Wolfe and to "Bye Bye Birdie" cast for help with props. Sorry about black paint Mr. Wolfe. Love Thurman.

Cathy, even though you are a Skeeter, I still love you!! Love ya, David.

Chuckle - things could be different this New Years - Love you.

Ada Allen, Merry Christmas! We'll try to do better starting January 6th. Bax and Laurie.

Gee, I wish Sharon Scott over at MHS would take another look at me - TGH.

Dylinda - Believe-It-Or-Not, I Love You with Christ.

Merry Christmas CA from HJ Merry Christmas to Journalism I students. Mrs. H.

Sherry, Merry Christmas Love ya lots and lots. Jeff.

To the Ysleta Star at Christmas time - Happy Holidays! Judith.

Cindy, Merry Christmas to you and Gary; two great friends - Kay.

Corky - Thanks for making my senior year a memorable one and for being yourself. Have a great Christmas. Love ya, Tammy.

Vickie, Janette, and Cathy, Thanks for a great year in Pacesetters. Merry Christmas. Tammy.

Cathy, Have a Merry Christmas with Me, Love You, Fudge.

Cathy, I love sweet people (and frogs) Like You, Fudge.

Terry Davis - Merry christmas, I love you, An admiring trumpeter. To all pits: keep in pitting! from THE PIT.

R.W. Even though you're over there you can read this during our Happy Christmas Holidays together. Lisa B.

Scotty: I LOVE YOU! I'll have a Merry Christmas with you in mind! Love Ya, Debbie.

Stud, Merry Christmas, I LOVE YOU!! Dummie.

Merry Xmas Kim S., Melody H., Denise N., Cindy H., Darlene P., Carrie A., etc. Lometa.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Al Clark, Love Lometa.

To Debbie from Scotty: I LOVE YOU!! Merry Christmas.

Go Cross Country, It's Now or Never for this year, Russ.

Rob, Thanks for the many great times we have had and our Love that means so much, Merry Christmas Love Sharon.

Terri Sigman, Merry Christmas to the most beautiful girl in the world. I love you so very much. Always, Richard.

David Denton I love you, Merry Christmas, Sherry.

To - Rose family - Hope ya'll have a great Christmas, Love; Donna Eaton.

To - Julie (Euell) Gibbons may Santa bring you all the hickory nuts ou can eat. Yours truly, hot shot.

Coach Lambeth: Hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Wink.

Mrs. Hardin - May you see brighter days, warmer nights, and have good luck in all your business ventures. 6th period boys.

Curly, Merry Christmas, Sam. Merry Christmas Becky and Gary, Happiness to ya'll forever, Colleen.

Alan Shuttleworth Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Dip. Corky and Tammy - Merry Christmas. Best wishes. Gary and Becky.

Richard and Bridgett - Merry Christmas. Best wishes always. Becky.

Colleen - Good luck always and Merry Christmas, becky.

Congratulations to Cross Country Team for going to state, R.G.



Have a happy Baby and a nice Christmas. Mrs. Guest, Love 5th and 3rd period.

To Miss Henderson, from all her favorite students. Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas Mike Green. You said put nothing, so NOTHING.

Terry - Merry Christmas, Love,

Jalinda.\$

Bubba, Merry Christmas. I Love You. Your secret admirer.

Martha, We'll always be together, from now on. Love ya lots, Randy.

Terri, Merry Christmas. I will always love and remember you.

Love, Keith.

Merry Christmas to Ricky, Kathy, Jackie, and all the gang. Marilyn.

Merry Christmas to the speech and drama classes, Darren.

Kim Fredricks - You're really a Farout and Swinging L.U.T.S. Remember? From your two best friends in 3rd period.

To my best friend, Dave, Merry Christmas. Love ya, Les.

Randy, you and Ann Murry are two of a kind.

Merry Christmas to Mrs. Malone (the teacher) from Mark Swann.

Merry Christmas - Joanie, Stephanie, Lee, Dink, Becky, and Marsha. Matt.

Merry Christmas to Sherri, Dink, Paula, Lynne, Diane (Skyline), Debbie. Mike Y.

Steve, thanks for writing ... have a nice Christmas. Kim.

J.B. - Merry Christmas. I love you (like a pizza)! Taco.

Doug, Merry Christmas! I love you! And Happy New Years!

Eddie E. Hope we can be friends again. Merry Christmas. Nancy S. Lee - Roses are red, violets are blue, you are cute, your ears are too! Guess Who.

Duane Lancaster - Merry Christmas, Love ya Tammy.

Diane Truesdell - Wish I had you for Christmas. Guess Who.

Greg Moore, Thanks again for my bestest friend! Love, Teresa.

Merry Christmas Rick, Greg, Kevin, Jeff, Max, Kathy, Renee,

Steve, Thespians, Pacesetters, Art Clubbers! I love you all! Teresa Thurman.

Norris, Merry Christmas - Glad we know each other Donna Avon.

Mary Catherine - to the best looking girl to EVER attend North Mesquite, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Love Phred.

To the Chris Everett of Bookkeeping II. Merry Christmas, Jimmy.

Merry Christmas Mrs. Allen, and Happy New Year. Bookkeeping II. To Sam C. - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love from You-Know-Who.

Congratulations - Mark and Jeanell. Happy Honeymoon. B.C. Barry and Diana, Hope ya have a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas Mrs. Miller. Surly Ted.

Attention Mrs. Miller's last year seventh period class: we're going to have a party at her house. Surly Miller beware!

Steve - Get Your Peanuts here, a fistful in every bite.

Richard Lee - from he'll know who. I can't buy that candle.

KT, Merry Christmas you crazy nut! ha! ha! (Donald Duck)

VC, Has CAT and JDB been in touch! Guess? (Donald Duck)

R.N. Merry Christmas. See ya and Happy New Year. Bye

Johnson, ya been run over by any trains lately? S.I.

Chuck - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tammy, Julie.

Julie - Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fanny.

Tim Heffran - Hope you have a Merry Christmas - Love T.M.

Bart - Hope you and Julie have a Merry Christmas - Fanny.

Bret - Hope your Christmas is as white as the top of your head. Love ya, Kim.

Merry Christmas North Mesquite, Student, Faculty, and Administration. Thanks.

Mr. Thompson, Merry Christmas, Good Luck, 6th period Business Law.

Ralph, Do you remember Nov. 8th? I'll never forget it. Hope you get to go to Arkansas with me for Christmas. I LOVE YOU! Susan, Cheryll, Jan, and Bill, Have a Merry Christmas, Bobbie.





Mark. Don't get stoned this X-mas. Ha Ha Hee Hee.  
Dave, I really love you and I know you're the best fiance in the world. Have a Merry Christmas.

Terry Davis: saw you in Gibson's and would like to get to know you better. Have a Merry Christmas. Me.

Mark Warren: I love you **very** much! Your secret admirer.

Taylor - Merry Christmas, Love Ya Lots - Sandi (chump)

Michelle, Darlene, Victor, Tammy, Gayle, Jimmy, Rusty, Jeff, Carolyn, Merry Christmas - Jackie.

Glen McHenry - Merry Christmas, I Love You, ALOT! Guess Who

Roy - Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. I Love You Always! Debbie.

Russell - Merry Christmas. Sorry, no hints! I Love You! Danna.

Linda P., Teresa O., - Have a Merry Christmas! Debbie Thompson.

Mark Lewis - Merry Christmas, Love Ya Lots! Guess Who?

Bill: Have a Merry Christmas, I Love you lots. Linda.

Patti: Your Christmas present is "Miss Dairy Queen of the Year".

Merry Christmas Sherry and Moses. Sue.

Kevin: I'm glad we're together and Merry Christmas. Love you bunches, Linda.

Paul, where have you been this year?? Sasser - Sasser - Sasser. "Mr. Muscles" - I hope you have the Merriest Christmas ever. I love you always! Cindy. P.S. Red's better than - green!

Joni: Hope you like NMHS. Good luck in the future. Annette.

Mr. Sanchez: See you next year Analet. Annette.

Fanny: I hope you have the Merriest Christmas ever! Love, Julie.

Peter: I hope we get to spend Christmas - together. Love always, Joni.

To Patti: Merry Christmas, I wish we could be together for the New Year. Love Randy.  
To Terry Walker, Need some visine for Christmas. J.W. and T.N.

Chuckle - things could be different, this New Years - Love ya.

Debi Beane, Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love She-She, Ruinaboon and Me!!

Mrs. Murrey, Hope Santa's good to you! Merry Christmas. Love, Kay T.

Merry Christmas Cindy Dye, Becky Neely, and Karen Collins. See Ya at lunch. Vicki C. JV Drill - have a Merry Christmas, Love Kim and Kay. Kathy, Merry Christmas to the two most beautiful people. Kay, Ross, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Debbie.

Nancy J. You think you're so smart! Guess who sent this.

Vicki, Thank you for your friendship. Have a Merry Christmas and much, much happiness. Kay.

RLM, Even though I am faster than you, I promise not to beat ya. Love ya, TKA.

Edie, Merry Christmas and good luck with Terry, Debbie. Pam, Jeneall Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, The Kidd.

Donna Moore, Happy New Year from admirer. Mike. Debbie and Wayne Merry Christmas. Good luck this time. Susan.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year Pattie. Good luck with Dave.

Rod - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Love You, Tammy.

Feliz Navidad a todos mis estudiantes. Senora Perry.

Brenda Drumm - guess who likes you. Craig Tooker.

Brian Mahagan - We love you, Laura, Penny, Lisa, Glenda.

Merry Christmas Carm and a Mrs. Malone, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian Magahan - what Cindy told you is true. Really!

Marty Winn - I hope we have many more Christmases together. Love Sandy.

Terry Smith when are ya going to take me out?

Lisa, I hope you get what you want for Christmas, Love Steve.

Chris Blackman: You're a good back scratcher! Merry Christmas!

Ziv, Merry Christmas! What would it be without friends? A.Z.

Merry Christmas Buster.

RLM, I love Christmas that fact is true, and this Christmas will be better since I'm spending it with you. TKM.

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Pooh Bear, Merry Christmas! I luv ya! Your Friend, Annette.

Geronimo Monkey-Friend, hope you find Willie in your stockin'!

Merry Christmas, Annette.

Debra Williams - How did you wake up this morning?

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo a las clases de espanol. Merry Christmas to Brian Aube. Love ya Lisa.

Merry Christmas Susan from secret admirer and Happy New Year.

A.J. The Juniors.

Happy Birthday, Christmas, and New Year, Anna. Wayne. Merry Christmas Lee; Santa will bring you another one.

To Government Classes: Merry Christmas and happy second semester!

Tammy - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love ya, Rod.

Carol and Jane. Wishing ya'll the best of luck. Merry Christmas. Les.

To Mother Miller: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas Tommy. I Love You. Helen.

Seventh in H&F-L, You drive me insane! Ha Ha Ha.

Julie, Hi, what's up, not much here. Bye, Peter Muhl.

Hi Baby, What's up, Be my sweetie at Christmas. To Karen Schweng from Peter Muhl.

To those fantastic and superb Stallion Cheerleaders - Merry Christmas - Mrs. Murrey.

David - remember May 17, and the stop sign at the corner of Driftwood and Casa Ridge? I do, Merry Christmas. Kim.

Mrs. Malone, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Welcome back, Sherry Doggett.

Debbie, Hope to have the Merriest Christmas together. Love, Bill.

Scott Westlake - I love you very much. Love you Beverly.

Jeanell - I hope you have a Merry Christmas and may Santa leave you your fruit From old Mesquite.

Brian Aube, only you could shoot a rare duck. Merry Christmas. Love Pamela.

David M. You are a very special friend. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Love Pam S. Glenda J. over at Mesquite. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. N.M. No. 1. Love Mikel Jo.

Kelli Kay. Merry Christmas. Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Baggett, Coach Robinson, Coach Stanglin, Merry Christmas, too. Mike G. Merry Christmas Laurie. I love you - from Kevin.

Celita, Merry Christmas! Thanks for being a best friend. Love Loraine.

Merry Christmas Debbie, Cindy M., Carma, Loraine, Connie, Paula, Gina, Love James.

Wayne Barnett, Merry Christmas and see ya next year. Lisa. David, Merry Christmas! I Love You, Sandra.

NMHS - Remember the real meaning of Christmas - Jesus. Sharon, The only one at Christmas for me. Love Rob.

David Futrell, Notice me, sure would be a nice present. You'll never guess who.

Kathy, Merry Christmas, to the girl I'll always love, Dale.

NMHS - Remember the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus was born for you!

Cindy Nicks - I love you alot. Yours always - Jeff Cooper.

Cecil - You're the most wonderful guy I've ever met. I wish you all the happiness in the world. Merry Christmas. Love Always, Brenda.

Sylvie - You are the best friend anyone could have. I'm so glad you're my friend! Merry Christmas! Guess Who?

Don't Worry - Turtle Gizzard, Tomatan Amarillo, Big Glenda, and Poor Prasifika, I'll get your Christmas presents: Merry Christmas, Kathy.

K.C., B.N., and V.C. - Merry Christmas - and remember ...., there are lots of fish in the sea!!! C.D.

# George Harrison-John Lennon

Backed by such notables in the music industry as Alvin Lee (of "Ten Years After"), Tom Scott (of his own "L.A. Express"), and a few old friends — Jim Keltner, Billy Preston, and Nicky Hopkins, George Harrison has finally succeeded in putting together a well-rounded, satisfying album.

"Hari's on Tour Express", an instrumental written by Scott, opens up the album with a strong sax and guitar dual lead, then settles down in a laid-back blues groove, finally roaring back into gear for a blazing finish with Scott taking the lead.

Harrison himself showcases his famous guitar licks on "Simply Shady". The next tune, "So Sad", written by George for Alvin Lee and Mylon Le Fevre, features Alvin Lee's own skillful guitar work.

Some great blues - influenced electric piano by Nicky Hopkins can be heard on "Bye Bye Love." To help celebrate the New Year, Harrison offers "Ding Dong Ding Dong", that, complete with chimes, says, "Ring out the old, ring in the new"; somewhat suggesting his new musical style.

The title song, with the chorus, "I'm a dark horse, running on a dark racecourse," is an uptempo melody that contains some nice jazz-tinged flute, plus drumming by Ringo Starr. "Far East Man", one of the highlights of the album, is a melancholy tune expertly backed by Scott's "L.A. Express".

On "Is It 'He'" (Jai Sri Krishna), Harrison is still chanting incessantly to his Indian god, but it's not as nauseating as usual.

Though maybe not quite as good as when he was with "The Beatles," Harrison nevertheless has some fine high-quality music on "Dark Horse". Let's hope he keeps on riding until the sun sets.



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Although John Lennon's music has sometimes been questioned, no one has ever accused him of over-modesty. His latest album, *Walls And Bridges*, comes complete with six different pictures of Lennon, a page history of his name, and the best music he's done since he left the Beatles.

The first song, "Going Down on Love," is about love, but it's definitely not a love song. It's reminiscent of the Beatles. Following this is "Whatever Gets You Through The Night," highlighted by Elton John on organ, piano, and vocal harmony. As if this isn't enough, the next cut, "Old Dirt Road," has Harry Nilson on background vocals adding a unique sound to the album.

Lennon can't share the spotlight long however, and the next song, "What You Got," tells us "You don't know what you got, until you lose it." After this is "Bless You", with excellent mellotron that lends the song a sad, haunting, quality. "Take a Listen" asks Lennon before the next song, "Scared." "You don't

have to worry in heaven or hell, Just dance to the music."

The second side leads off with No. 9 Dream. "I thought I could feel music touching my soul, something warm, sudden cold." Elton John joins Lennon again in "Surprise, Surprise" (Sweet Bird of Paradox) and they again fashion an excellent song.

One of the best songs on the album follows, "Steel and Glass." A story of a man "Off the wall," it tells of New York, just "steel and glass." Next is "Beef Jerky", the only instrumental on the album. Excellent horn and guitar work make this song. The longest song of the album, "Nobody Loves You" (When You're Down and Out) follows.

"Everybody's hustlin' for a buck and a dime, I'll scratch your back and you knife mine." The last song of the album \*\*Ya Ya," features Julian Lennon on drums with Tod on Piano and Vocals.

Since John has separated from Yoko, his music has regained some of its former greatness. His best album to date, *Walls and Bridges* is well worth the investment.



THE  
CRYSTAL PALACE DINNER THEATER

By PAUL NEELEY

Playing frisbee, tap dancing, and Jesus Christ cavorting in gym shorts may not be your idea of a religious experience, but all of this and more can be found in "Godspell", the current musical at the Crystal Palace Dinner Theater.

Based upon "the Gospel According to St. Matthew", the play has Jesus, admirably acted by Scott Jarvis, cast in a clown-like face and a Superman shirt. He instructs his "disciples" in the ways of the Lord, using comical illustrations as well as serious dramatizations.

Even though some of the jokes are extremely corny, good taste and Biblical adherence are standards throughout the entire show. Very few (if any) people should be offended at this remarkable collection of New Testament stories.

Aside from a few sound difficulties, the show is very well-produced and staged. The musical selections come from a wide variety of sources; there is definitely something for everyone. "Day by Day" and the intense "Finale" are clearly the audience favorites; the latter accompanies the terrifying scene of Jesus being crucified while bathed in blood-red spotlights (the dramatic highlight of the play). However, unlike "Jesus Christ Superstar", he rises triumphantly from his cross with his followers dancing and singing, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Besides being a most certainly personal, emotional experience, "Godspell" is most certainly a "musical entertainment of irresistible charm."



## Music lovers arise

By BRIAN DHORITY & PAUL NEELEY

Music, an always popular subject with students, was the topic of a poll taken recently of 200 North Mesquite students.

Rock was favored by 63 percent of the students with pop getting 23 percent and country and western 10 percent. The rest were jazz, soul and religious music.

The favorite group was Chicago with 56 percent and its closest competitors were Grand Funk with 9 percent and Deep Purple with 8 percent.

Elton John was the favorite male solo artist with 60 percent of the votes. He was trailed by John Denver 22 percent; Jerry Jeff Walker 5 percent and Frank Zappa 4 percent. Also receiving votes were John Wayne and Fats Domino.

The favorite female solo artist was Olivia Newton John with 60 percent. Helen Reddy had 21 percent and Carole King had 19 percent.

Radio listening was closely divided. KNUS led with 22 percent followed by KZEW 20 percent, KLIF 19 percent, KFWD 16 percent and KAFM 10 percent.

The average student listened to the radio 28 hours a week for freshman, 50 hours for a sophomore, 35 for a junior and 26 for a senior.

Asked to comment on the current musical scene a freshman said, "In the past year or so, music has started concentrating on the brighter side of life instead of death and drugs."

A sophomore noted, "The current rock scene is full and varied. It ranges from Frank Zappa to John Denver and I like them all."

A junior added, "If it's rock — hard rock, country rock, or soft rock, it's great."

A senior summed it all up with, "Rock is kind of like a reflection of us. You can tell a person by their music."

# Surprise — SANTA CALLS

By DON RICHERSON

It is Christmas Eve and I am about to go to bed when the telephone rings.

"Hi," I said to the unknown caller.

"Good evening," said a very cheery voice in a not so cheery tone, "this is Santa Claus, Ole St. Nick, Khris Kringle, and don't say you don't believe me or I'll scream, you follow me?"

"I believe."

"Good, now then this is John Fratz I'm talking to, isn't it?"

"No," I answered, "you're wrong." I hung up.

The phone rang again about the time I got the water for my shower started. I wouldn't have answered it except I was expecting a call from Abe Gideon, since it was apparent he wasn't going to come over tonight.

"Yes," I said to the phone.

"If you're not John Fratz, then who are you?" It was Santa again.

"What—"

"Shut up. Now if you ain't John Fratz who are you? I mean I looked on all my old lists, you know, checking them twice, and I swear this is the number for John Fratz. So, who are you?"

"Sir," I nastily snapped back, "I don't usually hold conversations with lunatics on the telephone, but to save myself the inconvenience of a possible third call from you I will tell you all I know. Number one, I don't know John Fratz. Number two, I am Dick Bombard. Question number three, please?"

"Dick Bombard, huh. Why, did you know I never did know that you moved. I'm glad I got a hold of you. Do you still want

that Maserati?"

The water in the bathtub began to overflow. I could hear it dripping on the floor.

"Yeah, sure, that'd be nice, a red one. Drop it by the next time you're in the neighborhood. Now I really must go because my house is flooding, all right?"

"You sure you don't know where John Fratz is?" he asked in one last attempt.

"Positive, good night, Mr. Claus."

"Be seeing you."

I am awakened during the night by a thumping at my front door. It is Abe Gideon and he really looks trashed, so I led him to the couch and went to the kitchen and fixed some sandwiches.

"Man," explained Abe, "I tried to call but the line was busy and I was lost until I found a cop who knew where your house was."

Suddenly it occurred to me. Abe had made the Santa Claus calls and now was trying to give me an alibi of why he hadn't been here on time. I didn't say anything about it though because I figured I'd let it pass until morning. I showed Abe to his room about an hour later and then made my way to my own.

For the last time that night the phone rang.

"What'd ya want?"

"Hello, Dirk, this is Santa. I really hate to harrass you like this, but would you settle for a blue Fiat instead of a red Maserati?"

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## Cross Country places 7th in State

By SHARON CRABTREE

Traveling to Austin December 7 for State Cross Country North Mesquite placed 7th.

The winning time was a 9:39 by Ken Tobert from South Oak Cliff. North Mesquite runners placed as following: Mike DoRemus 34th; Greg Lautenslager 38th; Lou Hulcy 45th; Steve Cain 65th; Robert Ford 66th; giving North Mesquite 248 points, before individuals were taken out.

School in top ten were as following: Sunset 10th; R.L. Turner, 9th; Baytown, 8th; North Mesquite 7th; Odessa Periman, 6th; El Paso, 5th; Bel Air, 4th; Clear Lake, 3rd; McAllen, 2nd; and Clear Creek, 1st. McAllen and Clear Creek tied and a sixth man was added to break the tie. Clear Creek came out on top for state.

November 23 North Mesquite took Regional winnings, which qualified them for State along with Sunset and R.L. Turner.

Coach Brent Thorne feels the runners should be congratulated for being District and Regional champs and going to State. "Being in State finals is an honor in itself" added Coach Thorne.

## Baylor clinches Cotton Bowl

By JESSIE WHITE

By virtue of the Texas Longhorns 32-3 smashing of the Texas A&M Aggies, and Baylor's 24-3 victory over the Rice Owls the Bears won their first outright Southwest Conference in 50 years. Not many people around Baylor remember a winning season since 1963.

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Gregg Lautenslager places second and Mike DoRemus places third in regional meet November 23

By MARTY MCLENDON

The award for the best college player in America went out December 3 to perhaps one of the best running backs the sports scene has had in quite some time, Archie Griffin from Ohio State.

The Heisman Trophy race wasn't really close as Anthony Davis was the closest competitor to Griffin's 483 votes with only 120 votes. Oklahoma's Joe Washington followed Davis with 87 votes.

Archie had rushed for over 100 yards in 22 consecutive games. This is probably one reason for his great accumulation of votes along with his great quickness and ability to change direction easily.

## Roundballers

## crunch Plano

By TOM GREEN

With about one fourth of the basketball season gone, the North Mesquite Roundballers pushed their record to 7-1 with a 97-71 win over the Plano Wildcats, December 7. The Stallions have now won seven in a row after losing the opener to the Roosevelt Mustangs.

The Stallions jumped out to a fast start sparked by Robert Boley and Van Ogden. At the end of the fast moving first quarter the Stallions had a slim 4 point lead, 20-16. The Stallions increased the lead by 16 points at the end of the half with a score of 47-31.

The second half was dominated by the Stallions completely. The Plano Wildcats never even threatened the Stallion lead.

Trying for 100 points, NM had 95 points with 3 minutes left to play, but were unable to carry it out.

Leading for North Mesquite was Robert Boley with 23 points followed by Mark Davis and Van Ogden with 22 and 20 points respectively.

Greg Haddock and David Beane came off the bench to boost the Stallions' score. David Beane scored 11 points.

Scoring for the Stallions were as follows: Robert Boley 23, Mark Davis 22, Van Ogden 20, David Beane 11, Greg Haddock 7, Mike Nelson 6, David Crumpton 4, Bucky Oakley 3, Tom Green 2, and David Jennings 1.

In his acceptance speech he said he would much rather win the National Championship than the Heisman Trophy because it would be more for the team than for himself.

Griffin became only the fifth non-senior ever to win the Heisman Trophy, despite his lack of size at only 5 ft. 9 in. and 185.

Others in the running for the honor were Joe Washington from Oklahoma; Tom Clements of Notre Dame; David Hume of Nebraska; Dennis Franklin, Michigan; Rod Shoate, Oklahoma and several others too numerous to mention.

No one has ever won two Heisman Trophy's but should Griffin be healthy next year; it could actually happen.

## Griffin awarded

## as tops

## in the nation

## Cotton Bowl continued

Some of these methods are breakfast at 7 a.m. If breakfast was missed, team members ran a bunch of laps. Bed check at 11 p.m. by the coach was started and followed through since fall practice.

They were 8-3 the same as Brant Teaff and his team have produced this year.

Ahead at the moment is Baylor's first Cotton Bowl appearance ever, as they will be opposed by the Nittany Lions from Penn State. Teaff pushed the Bears to the top by using methods that people remember back in earlier collegiate days.

Another project Teaff has initiated was to put players on a weight program. His top 30 players gained an average of 8 pounds. "I made a promise to the player's when I got here," Teaff said in a Dallas Times Herald interview story. "I told them you'll never lose a game because some one is in better shape than you!"

Teaff governs the Bears with a 8-man player committee. Teaff is the head man though, because he has the final say. However, he has been known to give in to the committee. Last week a top player stepped out of line and Teaff really wanted to tear into him. However, the committee interceded for the player so Teaff gave in and let him back on the team.

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## The Sports Scene

### Skeeters moving along

By MARTY McLENDON

The Mesquite Skeeters have represented our town well by winning the first two games of the state high school playoffs.

In the bi-district game against Irving MacArthur the Skeeters staged quite a comeback show before a large crowd at Texas Stadium and pulled out the victory, 20-13.

In the regional game the Skeeters stayed at Hanby Stadium to meet the number one ranked Raiders from Wichita Falls Rider. That number one rating didn't bother the Skeeters as they prevailed 14-0 and advanced to the quarterfinals.

The Amarillo Palo Duro Dons were the Skeeters' opposition at Hanby Stadium, December 7 in the quarterfinals.

With their victory due to penetrations over the Amarillo Palo Duro Dons the Skeeters advanced to the semifinals of the playoffs and will meet the Carter Cowboys even though the game ended in a tie, 10-10.

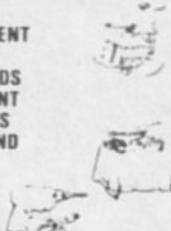
Actually the game was probably one of the most closely contested games in quite some time as both defenses displayed incredible strength.

Carter, being victors over Plano will provide opposition in the semi-finals. It's likely to be one dandy of a game.

The last time the Skeeters were in the playoffs was in 1943 when they were only a Class A team. It's been a long 31 years since Mesquite has been in the picture of high school champions, but this year Coach Tom Gray has them in the picture in fine fashion.

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# A visit from St. Bud

by Dawn Whitney

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through NM  
the students were cramming for final exams.

The teachers were nestled all snug in their seats,  
grading their papers and watching for cheats.

When out in the hall there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.

I ran down the stairs all the way to B-floor,  
I ran down the halls and then out the front door.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
but a Volkswagen bus and eight bikes in the rear.

With a jolly old driver so happy and cheerful,  
I knew in a second it must be Bud Campbell.

More rapid than track boys his followers came  
and he whistled and shouted, and called them by name.

"On Homer! On Jimmy, Now Bobby, Now Rusty!  
On Charlie! On Mikey, On Jonnie and Gussy!"

"In the front door and down the main hall!  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

The students were caroling in each of the rooms  
with the janitors all keeping time with their brooms.

"Bud" and his gang were handing out handfuls  
of corridor passes and early dismissals.

When the two o'clock bell rang his words filled the air,  
"Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year!"

# JINGLE BELLS 1974

Dashing to the store  
in a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the streets we go  
counting pennies all the way.

For mom a mother's ring,  
for dad a new black light  
What fun it is to spend and spend,  
and go home broke tonight.

Phyllis Balthrop

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