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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS—The Christmas spirit has clunked the campus with a generous dose of "feeling"—seen in the faces, felt in the hearts, heard in the voices and expressed in the animated action of TC students. A highly contagious atmosphere of warmth and good cheer is on the rampage, but the spirit of unity and joy in the hearts of men stirs only for a single month.

Why must it follow, that once the music stops, the decorations taken down and put

into storage, the trees removed and crammed into garbage cans, people return to their state of aloofness. Why can't there be Christmas in February, April or September, at least in spirit.

They have not found the answer yet, but Debbie Cervini, Harold Abney, Charles Levine Lee, Ruth Golden, David Menting, Connie Waller and Anna Crawford have proposed a resolution: the "spirit of Christmas" shall be constant 365 days a year.

Life Isn't All Bad

The FBI's 10 most wanted list has swollen to 14, crime in the streets is steadily increasing, and if none of this succeeds in destroying man, pollution will. But cheer up, life isn't all bad! Dec. 25 is coming, and soon jolly old Santa Claus will appear in the chimneys (and at the front doors) of thousands of homes. But did you ever wonder just how St. Nick came to be?

The first half of the legend started at about the time the Christ child was born, when a new god named Odin wandered into German mythology. At first a cruel god, Odin gradually became the protector of all his people. When rumors of Christianity drifted into Germany, the people set up their own religion with Odin acting as the chief god—and as Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas constitutes the second half of the Santa Claus legend. When his parents died, he inherited a great fortune. He wanted to give it to those in need, but because the Scriptures say "When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth, that thine alms may be in secret" he felt that he could not let people know that it was he that was giving the gifts. Thus, the secrecy of Santa Claus entering a house by night when people are "nestled all snug in their beds" came to be.

Besides being fond of little children, St. Nicholas is the guardian of unmarried girls. This fact also comes from legend. One day, the Saint was passing the house of a widower with three daughters. The widower was a nobleman, but had no money with which to provide his daughter's dowry. When St. Nicholas heard their crying, he decided to give his last three sacks of gold to them. Each night he would drop a sack into the window of the girl who was to be married. This worked fine until the time came to give the third daughter her gold. It was then that the suspicious father caught him, but St. Nicholas made the father promise to tell no one.

The American Santa Claus was officially created in 1823, when Clement C. Moore wrote "The Night Before Christmas." In Europe Saint Nicholas is a tall, thin, and stately person. But, thanks to Moore's poem, our American Santa Claus is fat and jolly with "a nose like a cherry" and a belly that shakes "like a bowl full of jelly."

And so it was that from the merging of several cultures and legends, we came to know this whimsical and kind old spirit that is so needed by today's hectic world.—by Cylla Rodgers



The smog is so bad this year that I had to trade in Rudolph for **RADAR!**

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Menting's Music Musing

Christmas Gift Ideas

Christmas is upon us once again. Everyone is running around trying to find gifts for their family and friends. One gift that everyone loves and one that will last is music.

A music gift can come in many forms. One of the most popular forms for young teenagers is a portable stereo. These units don't cost much in comparison to console and component systems and yet have a good sound. Since they are portable these stereos can be taken anywhere the user wants to take them. Some models come with a battery pack so you can take them to the beach or on a barge and not worry about wall outlets.

You say the person you are buying for is a bit more advanced than that? If you want to get them music you still can. If he owns a console or component unit you can invest some money in an accessory for his unit. Some good suggestions are eight track cartridge players or cassette units. They are usually inexpensive and are something that makes a stereo unit very versatile.

Some other good ideas are stereo FM tuners or elliptical cartridges for the tone arm. The ultimate addition to a stereo system is a reel to reel tape deck. They are a little

more expensive than the other types of tape machines but are the most versatile. This is the finest gift you can give to a stereo nut.

Though it may look funny under the Christmas tree because it is so flat, an album is always appreciated by someone that loves music. This is especially true when it happens to be one that he, or she, just can't quite afford. With so many new bands coming out the competitions is really getting

strong. This means that the selection of top sounds is great. Buy an album by some new band that they normally wouldn't buy. You would be surprised at the variety this would add to someone's album collection.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Suggestion Box Ideas Gleaned

Several students, through the suggestion box in the Student Center, have voiced a need for additional ash trays in the Student Center placed somewhere besides the snack bar counter.

Another student believes Blacks should be employed as waitresses behind the counter at the Snack bar.

Many ideas were given related to student I. D.'s. Some thought it should be good for free admission to productions in the auditorium. One person thinks the card should be a free ticket to movies, rides at the "fair," and campus parties and concerts.

Other people suggested the installation of bulletin boards upstairs, and an autophone record player (whatever that is) downstairs.

The directions for placement of parking stickers should be made perfectly clear at the time of purchase. Also, the parking lots in front of the girls' dorm should be extended and vacant lot by the tech building should be utilized.

Too Busy

Christmas time, formerly a time of peace and inner joy—a time to reconsider and rededicate, is fast becoming a time of chaotic rushing with little more meaning than a commercial enterprise to many businessmen.

Christmas bargains and shoplifters thrive. Liquor stores have more business than churches, people forget the religious holiday—but really dig into the selling season.

Wouldn't it be great for someone to put Christ back in Christmas? But we're all too busy buying gifts this year.

—By Randy Barnes

To the Editor

LETTERS

To the Editor:

I am very concerned with the attitudes of both Sophomores and Freshmen in the elections held at Texarkana College. What does it take for the students to realize that they live in a democratic society, and voting is a right and a privilege. It is very disgusting to see an election take place and so few people voted. Will it be that minority of students that vote who will decide our fate in the upcoming years?

We have heard many comments on the right of 18 year olds to vote, but after the election for the class favorites and class officers, I am rather skeptical about what difference the 18 year old vote would serve in our present society.

You've heard many complaints about the elected officials, but what have you done to try to change the situation? I may now sound a little corny, but I'm beginning to feel more like the older generation about my peers. I'm afraid that we are irresponsible, and the majority of the students do not care.

Let me quote the figures of the important elections that we have had this semester; in the class officers and student senate election approximately 500 voted out of total student enrollment of 1900 which is only 26 per cent. In our last election of class favorites there were less than 200 votes cast.

THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE MY FRIENDS.

Bruce Dexter Sharp

Won't You Help?

By Meredith Beug

Christmas is the most family-centered of all times. As we rejoice in our blessings let us think of those who are less fortunate and of what you and I can do to help them.

Let me tell you about a little boy, one of many in Texarkana that you can help.

Rusty Taylor is a 10-year-old boy who found his mother dead in her bed. Rusty's mother was 80 per cent bed-ridden. She needed surgery but the family was too poor to afford it. Rusty's father is partially paralyzed from a stroke. He tries to find work but because of his condition, he usually can not.

Mrs. Taylor's death was needless. She had blood poisoning. One shot of penicillin could have cured her.

You see, none of the local welfare services would help—the hospital would not admit her; the family didn't have money or insurance—the doctor wouldn't make a house call or wouldn't demand her being admitted into the hospital.

Rusty did all of the house work, but his parents saw that he was in school. He was offered free lunch at school but refused. He wanted to run

home at noon to see if his mother was alright.

Rusty found his mother dead in her bed. He knows her death was not called for.

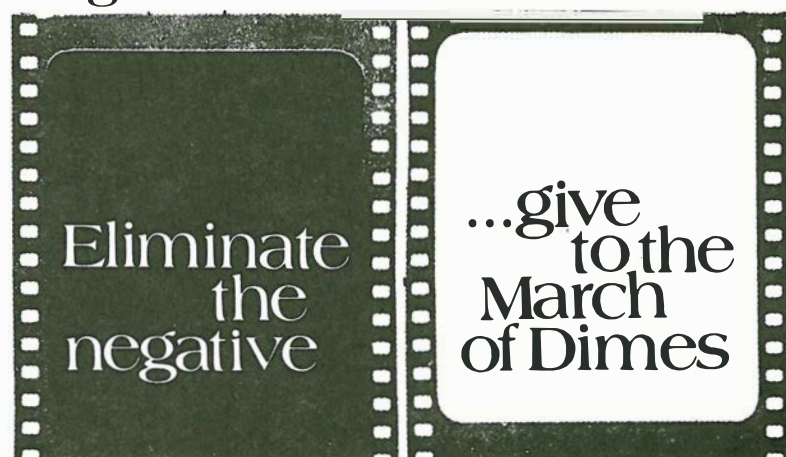
Will you help Rusty and his father have a good Christmas? They can't have a happy Christmas — Rusty's mother would have been 48-years-old this Christmas day.

You and I can make this the best possible Christmas for the Taylors. They need everything, anything. Food, clothing, soap, money, . . . everything. Rusty wears a size 12. His father wears a size 38 jacket, 34-31 slacks, 8½ shoes.

Will you take your gift to the Texarkana, Tex. police department? Or call them and they will pick up your gift?

This Christmas, won't you take the time to help another person? Won't you give of yourself to help Rusty? Both you and Rusty will be better for it.

give to the March of Dimes



Real Greenhouse Substitutes For Pictures Used in Past

The greenhouse needed so long by the Agriculture Department is finally nearing completion according to Royce Granberry, horticulture instructor. He hopes it will be finished by the beginning of next semester.

The 18x20 greenhouse will be used for all the plant science courses; however, the agriculture and biology courses will also have access to it. Granberry said, "The greenhouse is a necessity for the laboratories. We need plant specimens in January when the courses begin that are not available unless grown in a greenhouse. Pictures have been used in the past, but there is no substitute for the real thing."

The greenhouse has completely controlled environment. Humidity and temperature are automatically regulated and will not vary regardless of outside conditions. The teachers like this because should the weather change suddenly at night or over the weekend, they will not have to worry about the plants. There will be some limitation on the variety of plants grown because the conditions will be the same for the entire greenhouse.

The greenhouse will be used for starting plants early. Plant growth experiments will be conducted by varying temperature and humidity. Budding and grafting will also be done.

The greenhouse will be used during class hours, not just

during lab hours, so it is located adjoining the horticulture classrooms. Granberry says that class may be found in the greenhouse as often as in the classroom.

According to Granberry agriculture offers many good job opportunities, one of which is greenhouse management.

Student Directed Plays Portray Sociological Ills

"The Teacup Tree" directed by Don Shreve, and "A Thing Of Beauty" directed by Alvin Morgan will be presented to sociology classes next semester.

The two one-act plays will deal with sociological problems prevalent in society today.

According to Mrs. Nancy Keyton of the drama department, the production will be presented in theater-in-the-round with the audience seated on stage a few feet from the actors.

"The Teacup Tree" has been presented three times to various civic organizations in the city. "A Thing of Beauty" has been late in being cast but will be presented to these organization next semester. The cast of characters for Don's play includes Linda Price as a woman enthralled by trees decorated with teacups; Sherry Ryan as the town gossip; Mike Wands as a college student; Sherry Dorsey and Terry Fry as "involved" high school students; and Don Shreve as a Life photographer.

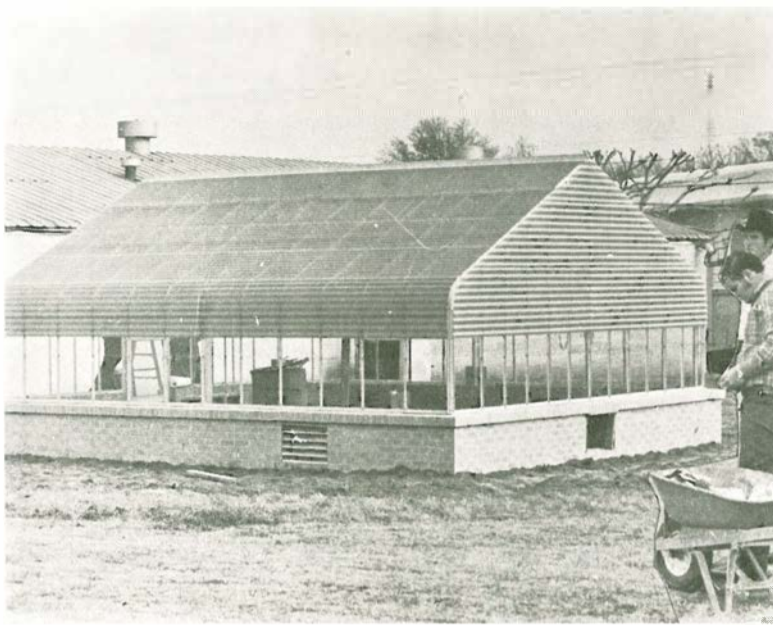
The cast for Alvin's play include Alvin Morgan as the Man; Dan Mosley as a policeman; Mike Wands as Jones; Kennie Stone as the Woman; Betty McDonald as the Mother; and a pre-schooler as Bobbie.

Therapy Discussed

Jerry Frankhauser, a social worker from the Texarkana Mental Health and Retardation Center, spoke to John Benson's psychology class about the different methods of therapy used at the Center.

Frankhauser, a former preacher, stressed that the most important thing is to treat the patients as people not as things.

Frankhauser pointed out that the psycho-drama therapy was one of the most effective treatments to mental problems. People act out their situations.



NEW GREENHOUSE—Agriculture students inspect the construction of the 18x29 greenhouse adjoining the horticulture classrooms. The greenhouse has a completely controlled environment, with humidity and temperature automatically regulated.



J. A. Rorie, M.D.

Pediatrician Speaks To Psychology Class

J. A. Rorie, M.D., who has practiced pediatrics in Texarkana for twenty years spoke to John Benson's psychology class on Dec. 3, regarding the development and problems of children from birth through adolescence.

Dr. Rorie is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and received internship training at Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

The doctor stated the first thing a newborn responded to was love and later he would react to his environment. He discussed the different stages of growth and a child's normal capabilities at each stage.

Problems concerning sleep patterns, language, feeding, toilet training and behavior were discussed with the students participating by asking relevant questions.

Busy Holiday Season For TC Sophomore

Barbara Linville, recently crowned Arkansas Honey Queen, has a busy Christmas season representing the bee industry in parades in Arkansas and Missouri, including the Victory parade for Governor-elect Dale Bumpers in Charleston, Ark.

She will also visit hospitals and local beekeeping associations in Arkansas counties during the holiday period.

Barbara represented Arkansas in the American Royal Parade in Kansas City and was a featured guest along with Fess Parker at the American Royal Livestock Show.

TC sophomore Barbara will compete for the American Honey Queen crown Jan. 26-29 in Columbus, Ohio.

OBU Representative Visits TC Campus

Dr. Tom Gambrell, field representative for Ouachita Baptist University, visited the TC campus with his wife last Thursday to talk with students interested in transferring to OBU as a senior college.

Dr. Gambrell said he receives many inquiries about Ouachita from Texas students, as well as from students from 40 states.

Ouachita, which has an enrollment of 1430, is located in Arkadelphia, Ark. It is under the direction of a new president, Dr. Daniel Grant. Out of state tuition is not required by OBU.

"We are interested in a personalized study program for students. We take their objectives and build a program for them in junior or senior college. We invite inquiries about Ouachita," said Dr. Gambrell.

Student Directories On Sale by Circle K

Circle K student directories were recently completed and are presently being sold by club members.

The directories are the first produced by Circle K and mark the first time in a number of years that any have been compiled at TC.

Circle K has planned two projects before the end of the semester. The club will serve at the Emerald Ball on Dec. 11 and will hold a Christmas Party Dec. 13 for the children at the Texarkana Orphans Home.

WHAT IS YOUR VIEWPOINT?

Conservative?
Liberal?
Moderate?

Are you looking for an opportunity to express your viewpoint on such subjects as

- ★ Legalized Abortion
- ★ Legalized Marijuana
- ★ The Welfare Programs
- ★ The Draft
- ★ Pollution
- ★ The Population Explosion
- ★ The Voting Age
- ★ Inflation
- ★ Law and Order

Radio Station KOSY is seeking four college students interested in serving on a regular panel for weekly discussions designed to give college students the privilege of speaking out on the issues of our time.

Any student in Texarkana College is eligible. For detailed information call 772-3771 not later than December 22, 1970.

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Effects of Home Life Discussed As Factors in Juvenile Delinquency

A panel discussion on the effects of home life on juvenile delinquency, with Father Raymond Fisher and Texas-side police officers Bruce Fitzhugh, Joe Cerrato and Bill Fincher

participating, highlighted the Dec. 3 sociology class of Mrs. Thelma Bollinger.

Each of the above gentlemen gave a brief description of his research on the subject and joined in open discussion with the students in class.

According to officer Cerrato, persons under 18 now account for 50 per cent of all arrests. Juveniles also seem to be more involved in crimes of violence and contempt rather than offenses committed for personal gain as is common in older criminals.

Cerrato went on to say that there are three types of homes: the happy, unbroken home; the unhappy, unbroken home; and the broken home. He said that those from the second category, where the home life is bad but the family remains together, tend to be the poorest atmosphere.

When asked about gangs, Cerrato said that a child who cannot find a suitable relationship with his family often seeks companionship with a gang. However, he did say that association with a gang does to necessarily breed contempt for law and order.

On the influence the church has on the juvenile crime rate, Father Gisher said that the church does not really have that much power to help. He went on to say that the ministers today are trained more in psychological counselling than in pastoral training.

The discussion turned to the ways a church will reject a person for his dress or appearance and some students said that they felt that this was one of the church's shortcomings.

This led to the question of the dominance of the nonconformist in today's society. Cerrato said that he felt there was no nonconformity, only conforming to different sets of values.

In an attempt to get back to the main subject, Fincher told of some actual cases.

He told of one girl who ran away from a supposedly happy home because her parents refused to discuss a dating problem with her. He also told of another girl who ran away often because she said her stepmother and her father mistreated her. She was once left in the city jail for three days because her father refused to take custody of her.

All the officers said that at one time or another, they had each been offered children for sale. Fincher said that he knew one infant whose mother sold her for \$50 in order to take a trip to California.



CLASS FAVORITES—The results of the recent class favorites election were disclosed at the Snow Ball Saturday night. TC favorites from left to right are freshman Mike Morris, sophomores Bill Whitecotton, Carole Kelly, and Mona Wright, and freshmen Mike Hickerson, Linda Harris, Randy Guillot, Debbie Cervini, and Dwayne Peace.

Favorites Revealed at Snow Ball Preceding Dead Week, Final Exams, Christmas Holidays

TC students danced their way into the Christmas holidays to the music of "My Generation" at the annual Snow Ball Dance last Saturday.

The beautiful girls and long flowing dresses enhanced the Student Center decorated with a huge Christmas tree, snow man, black lights and strobes.

Freshman and sophomore favorites were announced at the gala event. Debbie Cervini and Linda Harris were selected as favorite freshman girls while a three-way-tie resulted in the selection of four freshman boy favorites, Mike Morris, Dwayne Peace, Mike Hickerson and Randy Guillot.

Carole Kelly and Mona Wright, Randy Barnes and Bill Whitecotton were named sophomore favorites.

Harold Abney Heads New Campus Club, Black Heritage

Eighty-nine members of the Black Heritage Club met to elect officers and write the club's constitution.

Harold Abney was elected president; Charles English vice-president; Christal Smith, secretary; Cynthia Brown, treasurer; Bruce Sharp, parliamentarian; and Jessie Keaton, sergeant-at-arms.

The purpose of the club is to give service to the community, to establish awareness, to increase the knowledge of black history, to bring about better understanding of the black man today and his contributions to society.

College to People By Way of KTAL-TV A Public Service

"The idea of taking college instruction to the general public, by way of television, is an excellent way for people who have had no college education, or for people to "up-date" their education and keep in touch with recent developments," stated Mr. Rolfe A. Wylie, speech instructor at TC. Mr. Wylie is winding up his last week of a four week course on communication for Channel 6, KTAL-TV presented each weekday morning at 6:30 A. M.

The first two weeks of Mr. Wylie's segment had emphasis placed on public speaking. The next week and a half was used to illustrate written communication and the last three days will be used to demonstrate sign language used for communication with the deaf persons in our society.

Even though the shows are taped in advance for presentation at air time, there have been some humorous connotations connected with the show. One such happening was when Mrs. Meredith Beug, one of Mr. Wylie's students (and a reporter for the TC Campus News) demonstrated the correct and the incorrect way to give a speech. George Dobson, Newsman for the Texarkana station, got up early one morning to catch the show. He turned on his TV set in time to catch Meredith give the "How Not to Speech." Meredith was in the process of twirling her beaded necklace, forgetting her lines and running back to the podium to check her notes and in general, making a perfect illustration on how not to give a speech before an audience. Mr. Dobson, fearful of what the general manager might say if he was watching, jumped into his clothes and drove all the way to the TV station in time to catch Meredith giving her How to give a speech presentation.

Mr. Wylie has his BSE and MSE from Henderson State in Arkadelphia and is presently working on his Ed.D at East Texas State University in Commerce.



Eighteen-year-olds and under constitute 50 per cent of all arrests—Open discussion lead by (left to right) Father Fisher, Joe Cerrato,

Bruce Fitzhugh, and Bill Fincher revealed insight into juvenile delinquency stemming from home life.

Coed to Counsel At 'Miss' Pageant

Carole Kelly, TC sophomore, will travel to Little Rock during the the holidays to serve as a senior counselor in the Arkansas Junior Miss Scholarship Pageant. The pageant is strictly for senior high school girls, and contestants are judged on church, community, and school activities, talent, poise, and physical fitness. The girls must have a certain grade point average to be eligible to enter the pageant.

Carole served as a counselor in the pageant last year, and was a contestant herself when she was a senior at Lewisville, Ark. High School.

Representing Texarkana and Southwest Arkansas in the pageant, will be Dee Davenport from Arkansas High.

Holiday Pilgrims

Israeli radio has announced the Christmas pilgrims, including Arabs, will be permitted to enter Israel during the holiday season.

Mr. and Miss TC will be announced at the Presentation Ball next semester.

KOSY Radio Show To Feature Students

KOSY Radio Station in Texarkana is looking for four TC students — preferably one ultra conservative, one liberal, and two middle-of-the-roads—to present a weekly Saturday morning panel discussion on controversial issues.

The panelists will be informed one week in advance of the topic they will discuss. Each student must be outspoken in his beliefs, and members of the panel will change from time to time.

Internationale

'Fishy' Fish

A nationwide check of canned tuna fish for excess levels of mercury may be launched by the FDA. A chemistry professor tested four cans of tuna and found that the mercury level in one can exceeded the level FDA considers safe.

Giant Net

Tests are being made on a sort of super-strong giant volleyball net that could prevent end-of-runway disasters.

One of the developers says the device could be available in a year if no new bugs develop during the proving at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Stain Remover

Window cleaners in Wrexham, Wales, have scrubbed much of the stain off of All Saints Church's stained glass windows, ruining some of Britain's finest examples of 16th Century stained glass.

Teacher Surplus

A regional director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Brunswick A. Bagdon, predicted that the United States would have a "significant" surplus of teachers by 1980.

Onassis Purchase

Aristotle Onassis has gained control of the giant Harland and Wolff shipyard with 25 per cent of the stock.

Traffic Fine

A disgusted out-of-town visitor who was protesting harsh treatment by the city's police sent Sam Ross, mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa, 4,000 half-cent coins packed in sawdust as payment of a traffic fine.

Humble Experiment

Humble Oil & Refining Co. has announced in Houston that it plans to enter the private brand gasoline market in March.

The brand will be called "Alert" and will be sold at a dozen stations in New York and New Jersey. These stations will be separate from Humble stations.

The gasoline sold will not be the same quality as that sold by Humble and will not even be made by Humble.

This experiment is being made to gauge the potential of private brands in the retail gasoline market. The brands usually do not sell as well as major brands.