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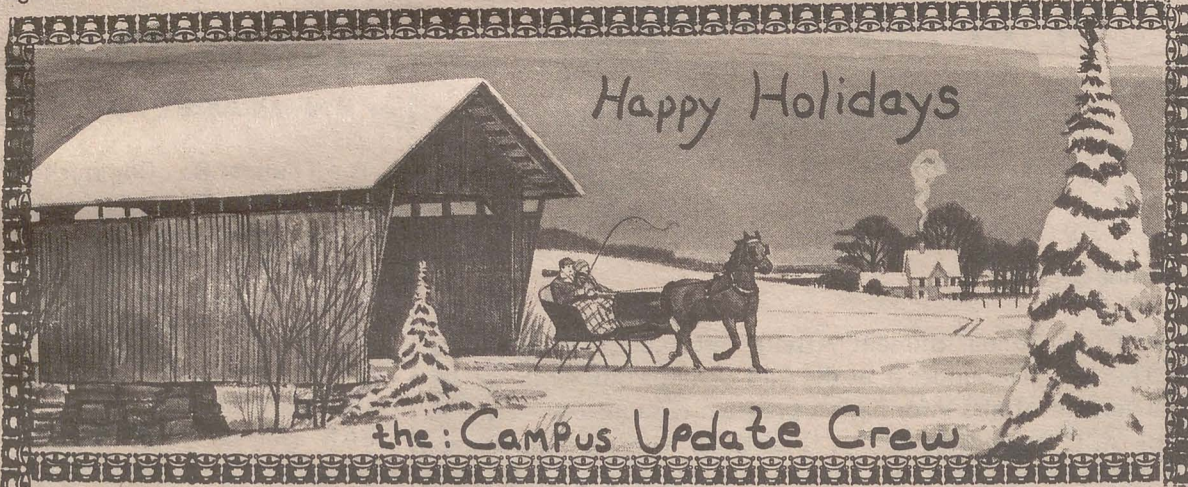
Dear Santa,

Every year at Christmas time I write to you with a long list of material wants. This year my Christmas wishes may be a little harder to fill.

I would like everyone to be filled with peace and joy, I'd like to see someone come up with a way to help those poor people in Ethiopia, I want an end to ALL world hunger, and do you think you could find a way to stop the terrorists in Iran and other places from hurting anyone else.

I know this is a tall order, but with these things you would not only make me, but a world full of others, happier.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



All I Want For Christmas Is...

By Ursula McClendon

Christmas is a time where we have the opportunity to give others presents. It also is a time to receive gifts. Recently, the following members of the ACC student body were asked, "What would you like for Christmas?"

- "A black vette." Jeff Blust
- "A ride in Jeff's corvette." Julie Brutmeyer
- "I'd like to have twelve eligible healthy bodies." Frank McCourt
- "A blue tone seville, because I want to drive up to Alpena and give Irish-girl a ride in it." Pam Pringle
- "I'd like to get all A's on my next report card." Andrew Lewis
- "I want to have Chaka Khan all to myself." Alton Hardy
- "A 1984 Pontiac Fiero- red with a walnut interior." Candy Hiser
- "A red corvette (1984) and a chauffeur (6', muscular build)" Patti Hallam
- "The ACC cheerleaders for one night. (The other six nights are for the women's basketball team!)" Randy Darnell
- "I want the parties at the Cedars to come back." Karl Shuler
- "I want to win the Lotto!" Charlene Crowe
- "A nice bright red Firebird!!!" Linda Wozniak
- "I want Robert Redford gift wrapped and under my Christmas tree." Kelly Gates
- "To be beamed somewhere for three days where I could sleep and find my sanity!" Monica Wozniak
- "I'd like to rent a limozine with everything in it for one night." Cyndi Feltz
- "My two front teeth." Todd Dewell
- "To make it through college!" Tom Hastings
- "I want to own the whole country of Cuba." Dwayne Houston
- "My car payments to be paid for, and a trip to California." Melissa Burrone
- "The ACC Lady Lumberjack basketball team for one night- that's all I could handle!" Mike Bouchard
- "Love, peace and contentness for the world, and money, a profitable business and a 6'2" eyes of blue for me." Val Willis
- "To dress like Morris Day" Leiron Chandler
- "I want Christy Brinkley's phone number." John Webber

As for me, I'd like a gift wrapped bunch of hustle, so I could be quicker at basketball practice!

Ursula McClendon



Jewish Festival of Lights

By Connie Allen

In the Jewish religion the holiday time, between November and December, is the Festival of Lights or Dedication, called Hanukkah or Chanuckah. Jewish history relates that in 165 BC a large force of Jews led by Mattathias vanquished an army of Syrians. The Jews were fighting against being forced to worship the Greek gods. They wished to pray to their one God, Jehovah, from the time of Moses. Mattathias and his sons were called the Maccabees. Maccabee means "hammer" in Hebrew.

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev. On the Roman calendar this day falls at the end of November or sometime during December. The holidays last eight days to celebrate the eight days the sacred oil lasted after the Maccabees reclaimed their temple. The Menorah, the temple lamp of old, was used to burn the oil in nine cups, the first cup being the Shamos or servant. Most modern Menorah's hold candles and one is lit for each of the eight days, beginning with one and adding another each night. Each night the Shamos is lit first and then used to light the others.

Small gifts are exchanged during this time, special foods served, games played, and other traditions observed.

All Jewish families remember their fight for freedom to worship as they chose, without fear. They share the spirit of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, with all people who love freedom.

To Dr. L. Aufderheide and the Journalism staff:

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, and I would like to thank you for a good semester.

Renee Kaschner

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C is for Children everywhere

H is for Happiness we can share

R is for Reindeer prancing and pawing with each little hoof

I is for Icicles dripping down from the roof

S is for Santa, the spirit of giving

T is for the Tree we all help trimming

M is for Mother who works hardest of all

A is for Angels we hang on the wall

S is for Stockings and stars in our eyes, waiting for Christmas sunrise.