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Tourney Coming Soon

by Kurt Heinz

Over the Christmas holidays, Coach Don Barnbrook's injury laiden Eagles will have a chance to regain all the pride they lost during a disastrous December that brought everything from 40 point losses to hepatitis. The chance will be found in the annual Holiday Tournament featuring seven of the South Bend Sectional teams plus Jackson.

The tournament, which costs 15 cents a game, will be held at Notre Dame's new Convocation Center. The first game, matching Adams and Jackson, begins at noon of December 26. It is followed by three other games (Central vs. Clay, La-Salle vs. Washington, and Riley vs. St. Joe). On Friday, the losers meet and on Saturday the semi-final and final games are played.

Although the tournament is actually meaningless, it has in recent years told the Sectional story. For the past three years, the team that won the Holiday Tourney also won the Sectional.

If there is a pre-tourney favorite, it would definitely have to be St. Joe.

The Indians are undefeated in five starts. Central is also expected to make a strong showing. The Eagles may have Alonzo Warnell and Timm Barnbrook back, but it's a long road back to the type of basketball they played at the start of the year.



The annual wish at this time of year is for the kind of world in which Bob Hope could spend Christmas at home.

Bill Vaughan

Spoon River Anthology To Be Presented

SPOON



RIVER

by Jill Kuespert

Charles Aidman's adaption of Edgar Lee Master's "Spoon River Anthology" has been chosen as the second play of the '68-69 season. It will be directed by Mr. William E. Brady, and will be presented in the three-fourths round in the Little Theater.

"Spoon River Anthology" is a unique play. It consists of many epitaph-biographies delivered by people long dead. Through their words, the audience becomes familiar with the community of Spoon River. Interspersed between these biographical monologues will be folk-type music, accompanied by guitar.

Sue Zeiger will be student director. The cast includes Dean Darsee, Jim Fox, Kevin Hanlon, Greg Hedman, Mike Joyner, Terry Kirwin, Dan Neff, Ken Spigle, Gary Taylor, Pat Walter, Paul Williams, Tim Williams, Paul Woo and Jeff Wyatt.

Also in the cast are: Debi Ball, Nancy Berman, Donna Eskew, Aline Fitzgerald, Nancy Groff, Holly Kirwin, Jill Kuespert, Mary Laird, Cathy Lukens, Carol Martin, Cindy Maroch, Kathy McMillan, Dolores Moody, Ann Prebys, Janelle Seal, Sally Strycker,

Jane Watt, Nena Zeiger, and Sue Zeiger.

The music will be provided by guitarists and singers. They are: Dean Darsee, Kevin Hanlon, Dan Neff, Paul Woo, Paula Bolger, Donna Eskew, Jill Kuespert, Carol Martin, Kathy McMillan, Leanne Muncie, and Nanci Nowicki.

Heading the lighting committee for the stage are Craig Bridge and Jay Barnes. The House Committee chairmen are Pat Moody and Shelly Natkow. Publicity will be handled by Carol Martin and Tobey Pfeiffer. The costume committee chairmen will be Karen Slutsky and Kathy Fredenburg.

Chairmen for the make-up committee are Jill Kuespert and Rosie Born. The tickets will be handled by Eunice Jackson and Jane Watt. Cathy Lukens will be in charge of programs.

The set will be constructed under the chairmanship of Bob Havel and Billy Kratz.

Anyone interested in these committees should attend drama club meetings Tuesday evenings in the Little Theater.

"Spoon River Anthology" will be presented January 15, 16, and 17.

News In Brief

FIVE

More shopping days till Christmas. Get busy.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the swim team for the big win over Elkhart.

GAMES AND MEETS

This week: In basketball, Muncie South, Saturday, December 21, here. In swimming, Michigan City, today at 4:15, there. There will be a Frosh-Soph meet from 10 to 2 tomorrow, here.

HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Will take place at the new Convocation Center at Notre Dame. Our games will be on December 26, 27, and 28.

SUPPORT WRESTLERS

Saturday, December 21, the grapplers will meet Riley, there.

THANK YOU

To all those students who contributed to the Tower's Christmas Drive.

In The News

The Broadway Theater League will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Morris Civic Auditorium January 17 and 18, 8:30 p.m. Order tickets in advance.

President-elect Richard Nixon has made familiar politician George Romney Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Romney is the only widely known figure in the Nixon Cabinet. Nixon made no attempt at forming a coalition cabinet. It is made up of Republicans. There are no Negroes in the Nixon team, and only one Southerner.

The Hong Kong flu has struck. 300,000 school children and teachers are out in the Los Angeles area alone. The epidemic now spreads from East to West coast. Several teachers here at Adams are down with this mysterious virus.

Twas the night before Christmas and down on the first floor There was confusion going on behind the Tower door.

Kathie and Jenifer were going out of their minds, Trying to get articles to the publisher on time.

Articles of Christmas sleighbells & snow, Stories of parties and places to go.

Things about carolers Christmas poems of lore, Were coming to Cheryl and Sheila once more.

Kurt and Dave and all the boys on sports Sat there timing Santa's course.

Judy and Rick were collecting ads, Of Christmas desires to give to moms and dads.

Jan and her helpers counted once more All of the TOWERS to go beyond Adams' doors.

All of these helpers, Joe Photographer, too, Worked day and night to get the final copy to Sue.

Sue Wyatt, Mrs. Santa number II, Watch over us all to make the Christmas issue come true!

With a merry Christmas to you.
Jenifer Huff

A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding & that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified & that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them & that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory; not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses & that the true spirit of this Christmas Season—its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us & that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

CLUBS PLAN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

The annual Christmas party for migrant worker's children will be held the afternoon of the twenty-first in the cafeteria. The party, sponsored by the Student Council, will feature movies, games, presents and refreshments. Highlighting the afternoon for the children is the arrival of Santa Claus portrayed by John Miller. After talking with the children he will give each of them a present. Christmas cookies contributed by the students, candy and punch will be served. Program chairmen are Martha Hamilton and Tony Pfeiffer.

Y-TEENS

The Y-teens have arranged a program of Christmas music for the patients at River Park Nurs-

ing Home. On December 21 members of the club will sing carols and visit with the patients. A gift provided by the club will be presented to each person. Making the arrangements is Diane Cline.

WALTONS

With the screams of baying hounds Adams Waltons will begin their annual Fox Hunt on December 21. Each winter club members come the Isaac Walton League's woods in search of the hidden (stuffed) fox. Afterwards they build, repair and fill feeders for the birds and small animals. The holiday season is then celebrated in the club house with cookies, hot chocolate and fun. Dick Wilson and Rick Miller are in charge of the program.

Saturnalia Celebrated

The holiday spirit is spreading abroad and different people are preparing to celebrate in many different ways. One of the more unique celebrations planned by Mr. Carroll's Latin I classes. They prepare to celebrate the Roman festival of Saturnalia. This is a holiday which was celebrated on December 17, lasting for seven days, declared in

honor of Saturn, the Roman harvest God. The festivities included public and private sacrifices, closing of all schools, business and courts of law. Decoration of homes, banquets, and exchange of gifts were the custom for this festival. Mr. Carroll's group did not go to these extremes, but celebrated with refreshments in class.

SEASONAL SPIRITS SPEAK

Aries--March 21-April 19

Don't accept rides from strangers in sleighs drawn by reindeer--or you may find yourself in somebody's stocking! (Of course, if you want to find yourself in a special somebody's stocking, go ahead, hitch a ride.)

Taurus--April 20-May 20

You will meet a wonderful stranger--he has a wonderful personality, also a belly that shakes like a "bowl full of jelly." (You'll probably meet him at Robertson's or Wyman's).

Gemini--May 21-June 21

Be very careful during your Christmas vacation--don't end up being a Christmas spirit, instead of having it.

Cancer--June 22-July 21

If you think you hear bells when meeting a certain stranger, think again--there are lots of bells around Christmastime.

Leo--July 22-August 21

Your biggest gift is not necessarily your best--you know the old saying--good junk comes in

little packages.

(Well, I tried. . .)

Virgo--August 22-September 22

Avoid mistletoe if you have mono. Libra--September 23-October 22

Just because you don't believe in Santa Claus, don't disillusion the poor freshmen!

Scorpio--Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Don't be a Scrooge!

Sagittarius--Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Don't eat too much during the Christmas holidays--if you do, your New Year's resolution will be to diet!

Capricorn--Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Clean your chimney and Santa Claus may give you what you want. (Note the symbolism.) (Ain't I clever!)

Aquarius--Jan. 21-Feb. 19

Make the most of your Christmas vacation, the next vacation is a long way off!

Pisces--Feb. 20-March 20

If you don't like your presents, remember, it's the thought that counts. (So, thank Aunt Jane for the weight-reducing pills.)

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Student Council Notes

by Judi Meadow

"I am innocent." Those were the words of Linda Everly, Representative from Homeroom 125.

Her Homeroom teacher, in a note to Mr. Rensberger, asked to be informed of the procedure to impeach a homeroom representative. The procedure is as follows: the case is presented to the Council and the members of the council vote.

The teacher wished to have Linda impeached on the grounds that she wasn't living up to her Council responsibilities.

Linda presented her side and was supported by Jim Dunfee, a member of the homeroom.

After a short discussion, Council voted not to impeach Linda Everly.

In the future, after the minutes have been read to the homeroom, they will be signed by the teacher and the representative.

If a representative misses three or more meetings without being excused or sending someone in his place, the representative will be considered for impeachment.

Chanuka Celebrated

The ancient feast of Chanuka originated in 165 B.C. At this time the Macabees and the Jews were being oppressed by Antiochus, emperor of Syria. Contrary to their religion he forced them to worship Greek idols in an attempt to extinguish the Jewish religion.

With faith in their ability and backed by a strong love for their religion the Jews revolted in 165 B.C. and scored a miraculous victory against the powerful Syrian army. Immediately after the battle they set about reclaiming their temple which the Syrians had used for idol worship. In the process a cruse of oil, with only enough oil to burn for one day in the "menorah", was found. Through another great miracle the oil burned eight days, long enough for more oil to be purified.

Thus was the origin of the eight day holiday of Chanukah, "The Feast of Lights." Sunday, December 15 Chanukah will again be celebrated with many ancient traditions. The most significant of these traditions is the lighting of candles at nightfall for eight days. Each night an additional candle will be lit on the menorah (an eight-whaled candelabra) until, on the last of the night of the feast, all eight are burning. Among other traditions are the singing of hymns, special food such as "latkes", potato pancakes, and traditional games. One of these games consists of "gilt" or money and a four sided top or "Dreidel".

Chanukah is not the equivalent of Christmas. The similarities are the time of year they occur, and the kindling of lights, though for different reasons. The time of year, not set on the English calendar, is the twenty-fifth day of Hishler. The Hebrew word Chanukah means in essence "to dedicate the twenty-fifth."

Guards Nab Hippie on Mayor Daley's Roof

by Cheryl Morfoot

Last night a portly hippie and eight hooved creatures were apprehended after an attempt was made to enter Mayor Richard Daley's chimney at the mayor's Bridgeport home, near Chicago.

The ancient anarchist sported a white beard similar to that of hippie poet Allen Ginsberg. He wore black combat boots, red stocking cap similar to that worn by French revolutionaries, and a Mao-style red suit. (Red traditionally symbolizes the International Communist Movement.)

Also apprehended was a strange vehicle and eight hooved creatures identified as rare arctic reindeer. Local zoos are being contacted on the suspicion that the animals were stolen. The assailant who identified himself as S. Claus remarked that they "flew" him to the roof, "flying" being the hippie term for a drug-induced high.

The purpose of a satchel carried by Claus is still not clear. The contents of the bag were

found to be baseball bats, army helmets, and miniature tommy guns. Although Claus described them as "kids" toys, last summer's riots proved their usefulness against police.

A later police bulletin reported Claus has been charged with illegal entry, possession of unlicensed dangerous weapons, suspicion of drugs, trespassing, and cruelty to animals.

He is presently in the hospital with a minor concussion, broken ribs, left arm and leg, dog bites in the posterior, human bite on ear, and face blisters from excess application of mace.

Police claim minimal force was used to suppress the subject, but while being informed of his rights he slipped on ice injuring himself.

Reporters at the hospital say Claus is still withholding information. The only mumble from beneath the oxygen tent is a vague Ho Ho Ho. This is another hippie cry using the name of North Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi Minh.

Modern Carols Composed for Students

"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"
Oh, little school of John Adams
how still we see thee lie
above they brief vacation sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark halls shineth
the ever-lasting light,
the EXIT sign
alone does shine
within thy halls tonight.

"Up on the Housetop"
Up on the school roof
reindeer pause
Out jumps good ole
Santa Claus.
Down through the chimney
Click, click, click!
Down in the boiler room--
Poor St. Nick!

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"
Oh, you better not cheat
you better not skip,
you better not fail,
or teachers trip,
Santa Claus is coming to school!

He sees you when you're studying,
He knows when you are not,
He knows when you've been bad
in class,
and he knows the grades you got.

So, you better not cheat
you better not skip,
you better not fail,
or teachers trip--
Santa Claus is coming to school!



EAGLE
OF THE WEEK

"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose, and if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows." Who could be more appropriate for our Eagle of the Week than that wonderful reindeer, Rudolph?

Rudolph, as everyone knows, is no ordinary reindeer. When asked about how he got his shining nose, he explained, "Before I was born, my mother was helping Santa trim the tree. She was holding a lightbulb in her mouth and accidentally swallowed it." Thus the mystery of Rudolph is solved.

Rudolph is a member of Reindeer, a club similar to the Moose or Elks. He is an honorary corporation stock holder in the GE lightbulb Company. He is also a member of the NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Christmas Personnel.

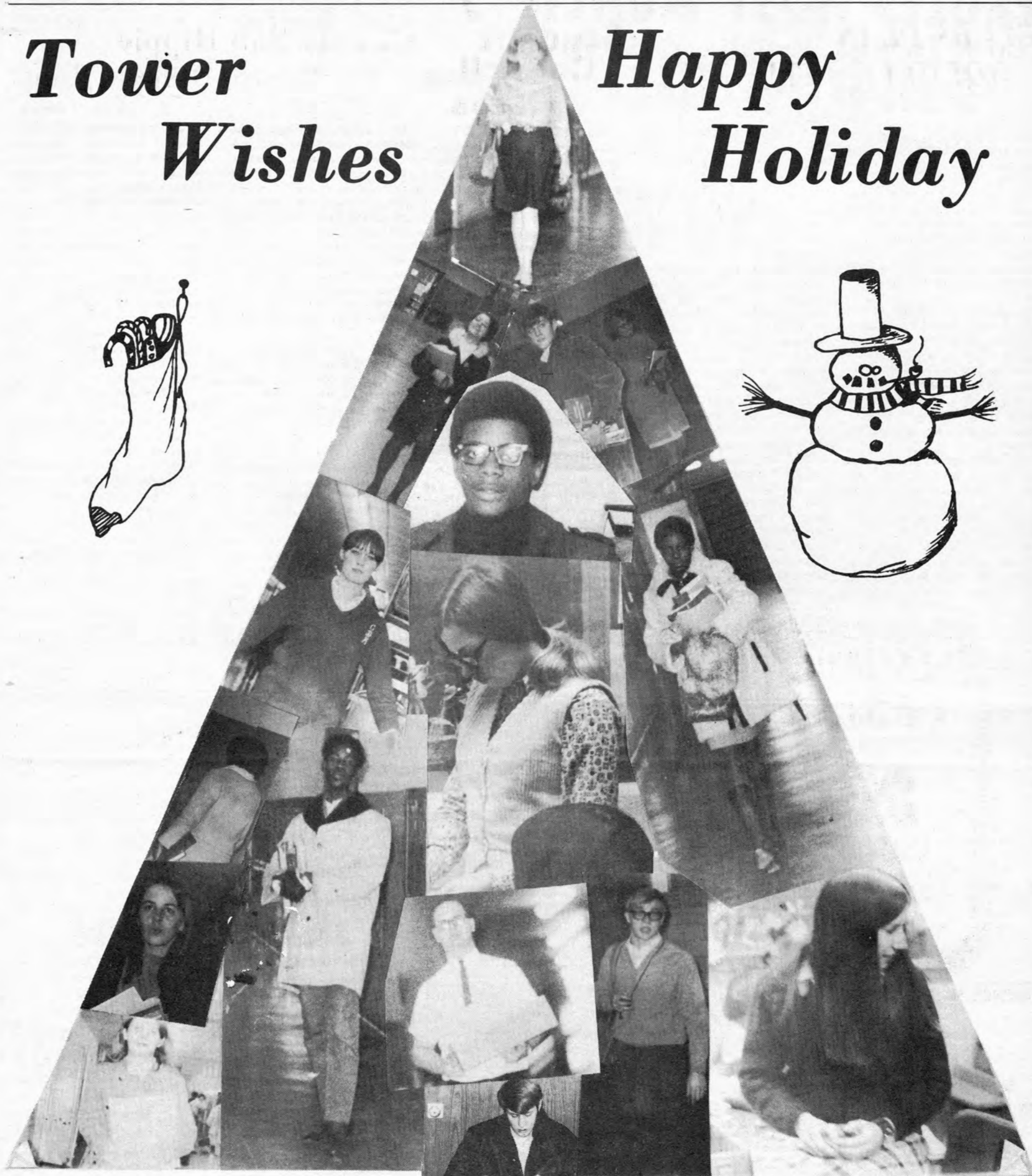
Rudolph holds degrees in Astrology, (useful in navigation among the stars) Geography, (so he doesn't get lost) and Roof Antennae (for survival)!

He holds a pilot's license and has received a medal of honor for frightening three Nazi bombers out of the sky. (Evidently, Nazis don't believe in Santa Claus.) When asked if he had any problems with his nose, Rudolph replied, "No, actually it comes in pretty handy. It serves as a clearance light when we pass airplanes."



Tower Wishes

Happy Holiday



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Reader's Digest

Upon the housetop reindeers pause, antennas hooked poor Santa Claus.

Suzanne Douglas

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EAGLES HOST MUNCIE 5

Lose To City, LaSalle After Good First Halves

by Jim Siberell

On December 13, Adams journeyed to the home of the 1966 champs, Michigan City.

Adams held a 2-point deficit after the first 8 minutes of play and City coach Doug Adams was sweating in his red socks on the sidelines. Tim Madison gave the Eagles a one point lead at 7-6, but the Devils pushed 3 straight across to close the quarter at 9-7.

After several 2nd period ties, City moved ahead by as much as 8 points (22-14) but at the 5:33 mark, Rick Sayers' 3 consecutive baskets pulled the Eagles five into contention. The half ended with a 28-24 City edge, Sayers contributing 12, while Mike Newbold and Madison had 4 each.

The third period proved to be the Eagle's downfall, being outscored 27-14. Adams was within 7 at one point, but Ike Whitfield and Eddie Wilson took over and that's all she wrote.

In the 2nd half against the Red Devils' press, Adams had trouble getting the ball across the ten second line. The officiating also

hurt Adams. Newbold was getting bumped so many times he was getting to look like Sonny Liston against Ali.

Against LaSalle the following night, the situation was equally as tough as the Eagles absorbed their fifth defeat, 60-54. The members of this 1968-69 basketball team cannot avoid dejection this year. They have been plagued by injury and disciplinary action. And then one bus to Michigan City or any other sponsored trip cannot be filled, coming back to Adams, two balconies are unpopulated. To top it off, some critical Adams fans began cheering for LaSalle.

This basketball season is hardly one third over but when people start giving up their pride in the school for their liking of one player, it might as well be 1970. As a student body, we cannot criticize a team or a coach as long as there are five players trying.

Tomorrow night Adams entertains Muncie South. A little team spirit could sure help the chances for winning.

Wrestlers Lose Twice

by Dave Haskin

Coach Moe Aronson's Grapplers will face some stiff competition in tomorrow's annual holiday wrestling tourney, which is comprised of teams from the city and from the bustling metropolis of North Liberty (yawn). The stiff competition part of the meet will definitely not come from North Liberty, but from those small hick schools called Central, Washington, and LaSalle.

Last week, two unexpected losses came from the hands of Penn and Mishawaka.

The Penn meet was at least close. Ditsch was decisioned 10-7. Eugene Russel won 2-0. Don Price of Adams was decisioned. Bob May was decisioned 3-2. Jerry Muncie racked up another pin in the 127 division. Chomyn decisioned his man 8-3. Matsushima was decisioned 7-2 and Dick Hawkins was pinned in 4:16.

Nyikos won 9-8, but Vince Fragomeni was pinned. Marty Powers drew, and Mike Kluszcynski pinned his man at 2:41. The final score was 24-21 in favor of Penn.

Seagles Win Two

by Kurt Heinz

Tonight the Adams' Swimmers will travel to Michigan City and will undoubtedly add but another victory to their seemingly endless streak. Tomorrow at the Adams Pool, the underclassmen will get a chance to do their thing in the annual City Freshman-Sophomore Meet. They will be defending a crown that Adams has never lost. After tomorrow, the Beagles will have a two week layoff. A layoff means they won't have any meets. It is by no means a vacation. While the rest of the student body takes it easy, Coach Don Coar will be cracking at the whip while his Seagles swim laps.

Last Friday the Tankers clobbered Elkhart 57-30 in a what had to be the most confusing meet of the year. Officially, there were no double winners, but counting all the exhibition swimmers, there must have quite a few and perhaps even a triple winner. It took a math teacher like Mr. Coar to figure out who was swimming exhibition and who wasn't and what the score actually was. Everyone watched the diving and saw Jeff Lichtenfels and Rick Allen calmly picking up sixes and sevens and heading towards an apparent sweep. When the results were finally in, it turned out that Lichtenfels and Allen were just diving for the fun of it and Bill Hinkle had won the event.

KURT'S KOMMENTS

By Kurt Heinz

Due to the excess of ads on this page this week we were unable to have a B-team or Freshman basketball article. The Beagles beat Michigan City 73-64 and downed LaSalle 61-54. The Frosh fell to Marian 49-35 and beat Mishawaka 36-32.

The Christmas holidays provide paradise for the football fan. Counting pro and college there are fourteen games over this period plus what comes after vacation. The Rose Bowl game matching number one Ohio State and number two USC will be something to stay sober for on New Year's Day. The Orange Bowl between Kansas and Penn State also should be a good one. The football season will finally end with a double-header on March 16 and then spring practice will begin.

The next issue of the TOWER will be January 10, and there are too many basketball games between now and then to predict. In lieu of the basketball games here are my bowl picks:

ROSE BOWL:
Ohio State over USC
ORANGE BOWL:
Penn State over Kansas
COTTON BOWL:
Texas over Tenn.
SUGAR BOWL:
Georgia over Arkansas
GATOR BOWL:
Alabama over Florida State

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