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Come on people now
Smile at your brother
Everyone get together
Love one another

MERRY CHRISTMAS
A Few of Butte's Christmas Customs
by Kathy Mack

Butte is a town with some unique Christmas customs. The decorated gallow frames of the mining city are one of Butte's unique Christmas offerings. Each of the six frames is decorated differently, announcing its message of holiday cheer to all.

Midnight Mass is probably more widely attended here than in any other community. Every Catholic church in town has a midnight service for the people of its parish. It is also the custom of Butte people, after Mass, to engage in holiday festivities with friends to "help Santa down the chimney."

The food in Butte also plays an important role in the celebration of Christmas. Povaticha is made for the festive occasion, cocktail parties hardly ever missing a Christmas party, people often send Truzzolino's tamales as gifts since they are an old time Butte product, and of course there are different special recipes made by people of Butte's many nationalities.

Dr. Burt's wagon, decorated with lights and other decorations, is also decorated with children of the community that go through the city singing out holiday cheer.

Two Butte nationalities that celebrate Christmas with special traditions are the Serbians and the Germans.

The Serbians celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7. In the old country, it is customary for the women to stay home and do the cooking while the men go from house to house visiting, and spreading holiday greetings. A young sucking pig with an apple in its mouth adorns the table; money is put inside the apple, and the first visitor to the house on Christmas day receives either the money in the apple or a gift. In Butte, the Serbs celebrate a Christmas Mass and Dec. 25 is purely a day of worship.

The Germans have their own Christmas traditions. In Germany, good children get candy in their shoes, while the bad ones get a potato, but they no longer do this in Butte; perhaps there would be too many potatoes.

While singing carols, they open their presents at Christmas Eve rather than Christmas morning, and decorate their trees with candles and sparkles, rather than lights and balls. One family of five, in Butte, has three trees at Christmas time (in Germany each member of each family has a tree).

Traditionally, Germans consume a great deal of rum that they have been saving all year for the holiday season.

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you. Dale Carnegie

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING
- Mr. Claus -

(A quicky note found on the desk of the double triple (with a pinch of cinnamon) F.B.C.I.A. agent concerning under the cover activities of a certain seasonally prominent agent) . . . Mr. Claus. Also goes under the names: St. Nick, Santa Claus, Jelly Belly, Red Raddish, Red Raddish?

He wears a red suit ... maybe he is a commie.

What's in the pipe that he is smoking? . . . hummmm Giving away things (toys to kids) FREE . . . check the gimmick . . . and check with I.R.S. Sneaks down people's chimneys at night—Robbery? Has long hair and beard . . . a hippie?

Known to associate with elves—wierd.

Pilots a sleigh without a license—check F.A.C.

You must know that the above was in part taken from that famous American, Mr. A. Guthrie.

He who trusts men will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them. "Sunshine"

CHRISTMAS 1969

The celebration of Christmas takes on added meaning each year. It reminds us that material success holds little value if we neglect the spiritual. The strongest tie in human endeavor is that of the family, and through this tie we project our good wishes and feelings to those around us.

Some of us express the holiday in material ways through an exchange of gifts, others through an exchange of cards, personal visits or telephone calls. But they all focus on the main theme of brotherly love.

It is the time of year when good-fellowship, in spite of some commercial overtones, becomes contagious—when friendly, kind thoughts and actions are directed toward our fellow-man. It is the time when voices are heard in song and prayer—and the cares of the world melt away.

Let us try to extend the quality of the Merry Christmas of Christmas Day to the other 364 days in the year—by looking for positive ways to further the well-being of all mankind.

Forgive Me, Darling

Dear Miss Coed,

I have been sitting here for what seems to have been an eternity trying to force my troubled mind to find a way of saying what destiny demands I must. The barren loneliness of my dark room offers me little solace or comfort. The violent emotions within me at times surge and swell to such strength as to overwhelm me and leave me shaken and gasping for breath, but, my love; I know destiny demands I must. The barren loneliness of my dark room and leave me shaken and gasping for breath, but, my love; I know it must tell you. It has been carved in the hard granite of destiny that I must be the one to speak of this to you.

We have held the glories of life together for such a seemingly short moment but that moment has wrought what cannot be undone by either you or me. I am held by our love which bids me and leave me shaken and gasping for breath, but, my love; I know I must tell you. It has been carved in the hard granite of destiny that I must be the one to speak of this to you.

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John D. Fursheooter
Memories of Green Fields and Singing Birds
by C. C. Howshaw, Jr.

Green fields and singing birds
Are only brief memories
Of bygone summer days
That from the chill wind fled.
And winter on feline feet
Slowly creeps over the last domain
Of bright sun and happy days
And frost and snow replace the rain.

Stately trees stand like starving children;
And the wind mourns summer's demise.
The shivering world huddles close
And waits for summer to once again arise.

A place hateless
He who has it is never poor
Never to be bought, never to be sold
Love is a wonderful emotion
Love comes in April or in May
A purest of innocence
A key that is lost in maturity
A part of God that is a gift to the world
A child is loveliness
To know that you care for and love
The presence of a beautiful bird
The wading into a babbling brook
The sweet notes of a ringing chime
Rich,er things there are
Everything that sparkles

A place distrustless
A golden note
Until the cold world shatters the resistance
In it are the riches of the universe
Even over space's endless ocean
Or for pretence—to be a delicate lilly

A Child

A child is loveliness
A shiny golden holiness
A part of God that is a gift to the world
With all its grace unfurled
A key that is lost in maturity
A something that keeps mankind
From himself and absurdity
A purest of innocence
A knowledge-thirsty ignorance
A ceaseless amount of energy
Timelessly legendary
A rare treasure of the universe
A golden note
Put into song and verse

A place hateless
A place distrustless
A place where love is love in existence
Until the cold world shatters the resistance
A place where nothing is too silly
A place for dreams—to be President
Or for pretence—to be a delicate lilly

This I Call Love

Love comes in April or in May
Whenever the time its gay
Love is a wonderful emotion
Throughout the world in perpetual motion
Even over space's endless ocean
Never to be bought, never to be sold
Always to be cherished, even more than gold
In it are the riches of the universe
To all this has been spoken, taught, and told
Inside there is warmth, never the slightest cold

He who has it is never poor
If he is rich he is richer more
Never to be broken, shattered, torn, or worn
Always as fresh and crisp as the dawns early morn
And more welcome than the sun after a storm.

And The Stones Only Mock
by C. C. Howshaw, Jr.
The sword is broken to dust;
And the spear is gone forever.
The wars of men are only a game,
The stones only mock.

The traces are vanished,
Traces of ancient glory;
And that glory is long banished;
And the stones only mock.

I Look Around
by Kim Bawden

A glowing smile and he speaks not a word.
The enveloping silence is making itself heard.
The darkness blinds me with its brilliance.
The sound fades into oblivion and suddenly quiet.
The people vanish into the everlasting night.
Deeds, long forgotten, people now are remembering:
Now the silence is disturbed by the weeping.
The children now are the masters of war.
The world we once knew is no more.
Then, as the ray of hope begins to dawn,
I look around and find that I am gone.

And The New American Family
A Christmas Story

Their first Christmas in America the McCLEARNANS decided to celebrate the Holiday in the true American tradition. LEST ER YOUNG daughter catch cold, Ma SAT'TER down and proceeded to DRESS ER warm.

Then in the VAN, MATTRE, Pa, and daughter drove down to HOLDWORTH'S, a dime store where MANNY people shopped.

They ENGL parked in the parking lot where broken GLESS from a KOCH bottle was strewn AL'T over the ground. Going into the store they SAW (YER would not believe it) a WIDE MAN WARING a red suit. He was so STOUT a TAYLOR had to specially make DO MAN'S clothes. He was very MURRAY and would HOWELL with laughter until he almost BURT.

DIE BOLDER children would go up to him and he would pick them up with his fat HANS EN ask them what they hoped to find under the tree, EARLY Christmas morning.

One boy wanted a CAT, and to bring PARISEAU's (in case of rain) were HETHERING TO-N-foo. Many got headaches and took ASPERick to relieve them. Pa HERND ON the lights of the van and joined the RIVERS of cars. For presents Ma and Pa decided to GRIF FITHS to the McCASLIN, McGLASHANs and the McGLYNNS, people in the old country. They also planned to give a fifh to the FISKS, their neighbors.

The new American family asked me to give their warmest Christmas greetings to everyone and to remind you to be patient and not PECK at your Christmas presents. COX SANTA is watching.
Career Opportunities in Mathematics
With Your Math Degree From Tech
by Dr. Jack Gobbel

With the advent of the new degree in mathematics, several students have asked what they would do with a degree in mathematics after graduation. Actually there are many areas of opportunity for someone with a mathematics background, ranging from actuarial science to oceanography. Graduates work in manufacturing, transportation, communication, public utilities, trade, finance, insurance, and real estate. I wish to confine this note to just three areas: computers, graduate work, and teaching.

A student interested in “applied” mathematics can investigate the computer fields with the aim of being a programmer, system analyst, operator, etc. A recent survey by the U. S. Department of Labor (Data Processing Magazine, Oct. 1969, page 1- page 1) produced some average figures for computer jobs in 10 areas of the country. Average weekly pay for analysts ranged from $275.50 in Los Angeles to $203 in Jacksonville. Programmers in Los Angeles average $228 per week but the lowest paid make only $164 per week in Cincinnati. This study points out the wide variation, up to 80% from area to area, and is significant in the unrealistic classified ads of salaries up to $2,000 per month. The survey indicates that even the better analysts in Los Angeles are probably not getting much over $1,800 per month.

Graduate work is becoming more and more the “thing” to do for several reasons, other than to avoid the draft or to keep from going to work. The bachelor's degree is just not sufficient preparation for most of today’s difficult problems. Furthermore the undergraduate program usually does not test a person’s creative ability and only through the original research necessary for most advanced degrees can one's future potential be adequately judged. Finally, an advanced degree is almost a necessity to teach in college. Finally colleges today hesitate to even interview a recent graduate, without experience or a publication record, unless he has demonstrated his potential by obtaining a Ph.D.

This brings us to the field of teaching. While colleges may require a Ph.D., one can teach in public schools without an M.A. Graduating from a university with an education department, a student can fulfill the requirements for a teaching certificate while obtaining a bachelor’s degree. A graduate of Tech could go to Missoula for a fifth year of work, fulfilling the requirements for teacher certification in about one semester and at the same time do a substantial amount of work toward an M.A.

Made in Butte by Butte craftsmen, this beautiful felt wall banner will be available soon through Montana Tech's Circle K club.

Pledge Ceremonies and Children’s Party Highlight December for Rho

At house ceremonies December 1, Sigma Rho Fraternity initiated 15 former pledges to active standing. The new Rhoers are Joe Anders, Bob Bently, Steve Cezhura, Marion “Smith” Drezwiecki, John Freeman, Jerry Fleming, Gary Hancock, Chuck Irick, Jim Laskovar, John Roberts, Bill Rogers, Paul Rust, Mark Schroer, Ron Verbeck, and Dave Wittman.

Taking the pledge oath were new pledges Gary Compton, Dave Margolin, Ralph Sorensen, and Dan Smitham. New honorary members are Dr. Guillaume DeVault, Dr. Michael Doman, Dr. Gordon Shuck, and Professor Charles Wiedeman.

An invitation dinner at the Acoma Lounge followed the ceremonies and, despite the draft lottery, a fine dinner, and an afternoon of activities for the group, everyone was high in spirits.

Rho is holding its annual Christmas party for retarded children from Warm Springs State Hospital, on December 18. This party is certainly the high spot of the year, for these children and, indeed, for the many Rhoers who take part.

Sigma Rho wishes to take this opportunity to wish the faculty, Alumni, students, and the fine people of Butte, a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

Grant Is For Mined-Land Reclamation And Modernizing Montana Mining Law

Montana Tech has received a $2,622 matching grant under Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The grant is for the “Governor’s Interim Conference on Mined-Land Reclamation and Modernizing Montana Mining Law.”

The conference is under the direction of Dr. S. L. Groff, chief, Ground Water and Mineral Fuels Division, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. The conference will be held at the State Capitol in Helena, March 20-21, 1970.

Dr. Groff explained that the purpose of the Governor’s Conference is to “clarify goals of the General Assembly and in initiating a meeting of minds that could result in eventual economic gains for Montana.”

The proceedings of the first conference will be published after approval by the committee and the Governor.

The next scheduled conference will be in October 1970.

Tech Awarded $10,158 Grant

Montana Tech has been awarded a $10,158 Institutional Grant from the National Science Foundation, according to Dr. Edwin G. Koch, president of the college.

N.S.F. presents its Institution grants once a year to assist colleges and universities in the development and maintenance of strong, well-balanced programs of research and education in the sciences.

The individual institution may decide whether the money will be used for scientific research, science education, or both. The only limitation according to N.S.F. stipulations is that the grant be used for science, including social science, mathematics and engineering.

There are no uninteresting things; there are only uninterested people. G. K. Chesterton

Electronic Prunes
Serenade Butte

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1969

Butte was visited by the Reprise recording artists, The Electronic Prunes.

Their first million seller single was, as you no doubt recall, “Too Much to Dream.” Since then, they have put out five albums, including “Mass in F Minor,” and “Underground,” plus many more singles. The group is expected to release a new album in January.

In their plans for the future they are scheduled for numerous television appearances which will include a trip to Holland next summer.

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POGEBRA

by 46

POGEBRA is falling earthward dangerously during this time of peril. Rock Head, who is my secret disguise, is rushing toward recovery, flashes down a a d
swoops up, tiny, Pogebra according to the rules and reg-
ulations of the Recovery Society. Rock Head gently places Pogebra down, administers artificial
respiration, uses his only band-
dage in the Last Aid Kit, and
self destructs in five seconds,
back to
I have tended the fire now for six days, watched Sun, Moon,
and my rice krispies. Pogebra is very bad. He has the bends
from his fall, approximately
6,2783 miles (to slide rule ac-
curacy only). At this time I am
fighting off the only inhabitants
of the brush, the fierce and noted
Aracabor
The nights are cold and I am
afraid of the dark. Fire wood is
scarce and leaving my fell pal
is dangerous. Aracabor are
hidden behind each tree and rock.
Remembering that only
three thousand Aracabor bites are fatal, I venture into the night
for wood .
Here ends another action pack-
et episode of boredom to be
started up again in the next
thrilling third page history list-
ing Amplifier.

Thank you, here lives in your
watch-pocket.

Dear Robin

Recently, while hiking in
the wilderness I met an old Egyptian fur
trader. He was coarsely dress-
ed, as are all old Egyptian fur
traders, but on his back he had
a cage with two animals in it. I
instantly recognized them as
Aracaboras because I just finished reading James N. book The
Mating Habits of the Aracabor
(Random House, $5.95) the day
before. I traded two old Archi
e and some school books to one slightly mad
Red Guard for the Aracaboras.
Since I do not speak the Egyptian
tongue, I could not find out
what to do with them. Could you
tell me what to feed them?

Thanks in advance, Little John

Dear Little,

As you probably do not know,
Aracabora that only during the
winter months when the snow
is soft and fresh. Their diet
consists of the most expensive,
best, and newest skis. To feed your
captive Aracabora periodically
visit the nearest ski resort and
raid mangled skiers.

When the Wingate Music
Corp. had the Little Fugitive
Music captured by the Malisko
Melodies . . . oh by golly,
there was trouble until the won-
derful Trousdale Music Publish-
ers, Inc. came to buy up all of
the leftovers. Then they all had in
"LYRICS FROM PAST AND PRESENT."

AN OPEN LETTER TO
\SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD

December 9, 1969

The Honorable Mike Mansfield
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Senator Mansfield:

I feel certain that you and I see the Vietnamese war in much the
same terms: We know its background and its development; we
know that it is both immoral and futile, and that the terms winning
and losing are both meaningless, perhaps even inverted.

In view of this -- and let us remember that such is the case
- am I to sacrifice my December-born son in this war, a war which
was born in the stuper of Hell and which is now being fed by the
bile which flows through small men's hearts...

Quite frankly, I shall not. Before I would stoop to being that
kind of father -- or that kind of citizen -- I would first choose to
be shot down in the street.

Mr. Nixon may well have the majority support. He does not, how-
however, have mine. Nor does he have the support of other knowl-
edgeable men. His support comes from those who are ignorant of
how we got into this war, ignorant of the fact that we are
supporting a government that is by its own admission an admirer of the Hitler id
Irony, ignorant of the fact that we have done nothing toward land
reform, that we are in truth spending billions to support an oppres-
sive government, ignorant -- finally -- of the fact that we are sending
our own poor and uninnocified off to shoot down the poor
and the uninnformed of a small, distant land -- the very people whom
our national ideal should compel us to assist.

Still worse, and as you know, we have been lied to: We have no
duty obligations in Vietnam; and the Bay of Tonkin Resolution
was perpetrated by a fraud on the United States Congress, as its own
Record reveals.

Beyond all doubt, and perhaps beyond all repair, this war has
now cost us our national honor abroad while it has eaten away our
soul. Our honor among the unfortunate, neither here nor abroad. Nor
have we, because of this, any honor with our knowledgeable youth.

Needless to say, Senator Mansfield,
I am most disappointed that
you chose to support the Nixon policy on Vietnam, disappointed
because it is my firm conviction that such support can be given only
after one has lost sight of all that America has stood for, lost sight
of all that light which did not go merely from shore to shore but
which went 'round the world and was the hope of oppressed peoples
everywhere.

We were that hope. We were that freedom.

We stood as the defender of the poor and oppressed. Now, we have no
duty, no rights, and can see
the truth, now have we, because of this, any honor with our knowledgeable youth.

It is through this last, of course, whereby our sins abroad have
come home. It is this last which shall surely sound the death
despair of everything that America has stood for. With the movement
of time--simply look about you--that American dream is rapidly
turning arthritic. Before long, it will slowly pull the blanket over
to face, moan all too softly, and then be gone, gone with those
who once held it as a reality.

Surely this price is much too high. Therefore, I beseech you
to rescind your endorsement of the Nixon policy, and in so doing,
I urge that you carry your denunciation of this war to all those
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Respectfully yours,

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The size and color and variety of our world is governed wholly
by the ideas we invite into our minds. The Curtis Courier

THETA TAU HOLDS ACTIVATION

Theta Tau held its semi-annual
activation ceremonies on Wed-
nesday, November 19, in the Tau
City, and Dick Rule of Butte.
Mr. Herndon and Mr. VanMatre
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Tech To Hold Annual Bridge Building Contest

The deadline to enter the 1970 bridge building contest, in which a $1.00 entry fee must be paid, is 5 P.M., December 19, 1969. Bridges must be submitted to the judges by February 6, 1970.

Each bridge must be made from wood, glue, and nylon cord (max. 1/32 in. diam.), with a maximum size of 26 inches long, 8 inches wide, and 8 inches high, so that a 3 in. x 2½ in. high car may roll through it from one end to the other. Specific rules may be obtained from the engineering department. The winning bridge, which will be judged during Engineering Week in February, will be the one with the highest ratio of failure load to truss weight.

Student Gambles .04 Million Dollars
by S. C. Martin

Attending college is an investment gamble. I estimate that, in addition to such intangibles as a home and car I am foregoing for the five years of my education, I am investing approximately $40,000.00 in cash and wages lost. I am wagering that this five year and $40,000.00 investment is going to pay off by substantially increasing my wage earning capabilities. It would sound nice philosophically if I were to say I was educating myself for the sake of education alone, but let's face it, such noble philosophies do not buy bread.

It was upon consideration of the excellent reputation that the Montana School of Mines held, the favorable teacher-student ratio, and the excellent curriculum offered that I decided in 1964 to invest my resources here.

The name of the college has changed and the enrollment has almost doubled since then, but beneath the changes, the school is still "The Mines." I believe that the caliber of the faculty and administration is of the highest possible level. Most curricula are being improved as rapidly as feasible in an effort to provide us with good educations. Disappointingly, the number of less contributory students has increased with the growth of the student population but then to the more desirable factions must also have increased.

Society is a dynamic and ever-changing organization that demands that its constituents keep pace with change or fall behind. I must, therefore, in an effort to protect my investment, be sure that the college grows and prospers in pace with the changes of society.

I feel that constructive criticism is the best way of promoting the introspection necessary to maintain the awareness of the student that is necessary to pave the way for growth.

I am disappointed that there has been so little constructive criticism of the status quo this year. I am also disappointed that there has been so little support vocalized for that same status quo. Nobody seems to care about my investment, for that matter, about their own.

Do you have an extra .04 million dollars that you would care to invest blindly? If you don't, look first, invest in Tech, and then nurture the growth of that investment into a lifetime of good fortune.

Murray Listed In A.I.C. Directory

A Montana Tech professor is one of four Montanans listed in the membership directory of the American Institute of Chemistry.

Professor Joseph Murray, associate professor of chemistry, of the four, Murray is the only one holding a professional accredited chemist rating.

Earlier this year Murray was awarded an American Institute of Chemistry Fellowship.

Two Girls Enjoy Christmas More
Thanks To Kindness of A.W.S.

I don't know how many of you have ever visited the Boulder River Hospital and School. Many of the patients have been there for a number of years, either practically forgotten or completely ignored by their families. These neglected people are human and they experience feelings of disappointment and loneliness when they are not remembered on special days such as Christmas or their birthdays.

In order to bring a little happiness to one who might otherwise be forgotten, after much excited and anxious waiting, the A.W.S. adopted two girls. They are Sharon Raile and Annie Jefferson. Each year the A.W.S. likes to send extra little surprises to our friends on all holidays and special occasions.

To show these two girls that someone does care for them, we are asking a donation of a quarter from all coeds. Anyone wishing to donate can give their contribution to Bonnie Johnson, Anne Moscol, Laura Likarsh, or Karen Humphrey. If you can't find any of the named, you can leave your donation in the container, provided for this purpose, in the Cofd Room.

Let's put Sharon's and Annie's names on Santa's list this year again, and make it the biggest and best day of the year for both of them.

Tech Has Coeds Worth Watching
by Chuck McDaniel

Some of us fellows got to talking the other day and we came to the conclusion that Montana Tech has some of the loveliest coeds at any college. I think that most of the guys have noticed that our coeds take a good healthy interest in how they themselves look. Each coed on skirt, pant skirt, or slacks—oh, come to the conclusion that right point, enhancing what nature gave her instead of weighing it down. And I must say each has rather good taste in the style, and color of her clothes whether it be a dress, skirt, pant, or slacks—oh yes—and even jeans. They have a fresh feminine look that's delightful to look at.

If there was an award for campus lovelies as a whole, Tech's would get it, but since there isn't, you can have the satisfaction of knowing that a few of the fellows around here think coeds are pretty dog gone nice.

To you other coeds—I 2 S Suffer! To all of you I say keep up the good work—we don't mind Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
**The SUB Behavior of Students**

**Indicative of 'With It' Generation**

by Gordon Crawford

Students! We must acclaim ourselves (nobody else will) for being so astute, so marvelously forward thinking, so with our generation (however good the latter may be). All jesting aside and in all seriousness, I think our present student body is really with it. Let me illustrate my point with an example (as all our professors do when they lose the last page of their lecture notes).

There is a policy here, a very established one in fact, which consists, among other things, of leaving garbage on SUB tables. Now, to some people this policy may seem against and contrary to established modes of conduct (however, what are all the younger generation’s policies anyway, but radical); but, also, I will show that this policy, as invented by the student body, only goes to show that we are progressive thinking, astute to the principles of good engineering economics, and generally using our heads.

First, the policy of leaving garbage on tables, not cleaning up messes, and the like show that the student body is in keeping with current, new, young ideas. Actually our policy is ahead of present trends. You see, younger generation revolutionists advocate personal freedom—especially the freedom to be dirty, sloppy, messy, unkempt, etc., etc. Now as everyone knows, things move quickly in Butte. Whereas trends have only reached personal sloppiness elsewhere, we have already passed that stage, so quickly perhaps, that it never really caught on. However, as always, Butte likes, to be first to extend all ideas, and we have. We’ve extended them from intra-personal sloppiness to extra-personal sloppiness. We don’t make ourselves conscious as we are, we make them last longer by not using them. Oh, those engineers—always thinking!

Thirdly, we like to let the alumni, faculty, and administration know that we are using the SUB, so we make it look used. I’ll even bet that if we impress them enough, they will give us a new SUB to use just as enthusiastically as we do this one.

So you see students, we should compliment ourselves, we’re keeping with our generation yet we’re doing our duty as responsible, thinking students. Just think what society’s going to be like when we become its leaders. Ah-h-hh (sigh) pleasant thought isn’t it?

**Bids Let for SUB Addition**

The bids will be let for the new addition to the Student Union Building, hopefully, in March. Construction will start them, as soon as weather permits.

The final construction drawing was made available Dec. 15. It had to first be approved by Housing and Urban Development and the State Architect’s Office. Tech will advertise for bids after this approval. The bids should begin the first part of February the contract will then go to the lowest bidder. The new addition will be built directly west of the present SUB and will be approximately the same size.

The contract will also include complete renovating of the present SUB.

The main level of the new SUB will handle dormitory and cash dining facilities, a coffee shop, a new lounge area, a conference room and the SUB office. The lower level will handle an expanded recreation area, student offices and a publications office. The new building is expected to be able to handle 1,200 students. The present SUB was built to handle 450 students.

Religion: insurance in this world against fire in the next...

**Eight Tech Mountaineers Brave The Pintlar Wilderness To Tackle East Pintlar Peak**

by Bob Chebul

Early Friday morning, Nov. 28, eight members of Montana Tech’s Mountaineering Club set out to climb East Pintlar Peak, situated within the western boundaries of the Pintlar Wilderness Area, a jagged alpine peak beckoned to the mountaineers, prompting them to brave the cold in search of its summit.

Members making the trip were Jillene Kannegaard, Byron Maxwell, Eric Grinde, Steve Davies, Ron Duncan, Robin Sterrett, Mike Gardiner, and Bob Chebul. The four tents, our home for three days, were pitched at Johnson’s Lake at the base of the northern face of the peak. Early Saturday morning Robin, Byron, Steve, and myself attacked the couloir, splitting the north face. Mike, Eric, and Ron chose to climb along the western ridge. Jillene chose to tend camp. We climbed on steep snow and ice and rewarded us for our efforts by a rapid glissade.

This climb was very challenging and rewarding us for our efforts. Slides of the climb will be shown soon at a Mountaineering Club meeting.

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An Open Letter To Santa Claus
by Kathy Mack

Dear Santa,

I know you probably don’t receive many letters from college students, but please don’t think this is just foolish, because actually I am very serious. Please read it, don’t throw it away.

I know how busy you probably are trying to get all those toys ready to deliver, and thinking of all those good snacks that people leave out for you. But would you squeeze in my few requests, although they are not small ones.

First of all for a Christmas present to the whole wide world, I would like you to bring a large gift of peace all bright and gaily wrapped—not just a small and blankly, perhaps even carelessly wrapped 24-hour cease-fire.

Next, I thought maybe you could bring a little, but nicely decorated, love to all the destructive protestors throughout the country—you know the kind, like those who drew bright and bold swastikas on the Kennedy Memorial in England recently.

Another small gift you could bring down everyone’s chimney would be a little brightly colored civil rest. Can’t you help us all realize that you bring gifts to black and white people.

Last, I was wondering if maybe you didn’t think your reindeer (among others) need a little Christmas cheer in the form of clean water and clean air. This request might be a little rough to make delivery on—I know the others are—but the least thing you can do will be highly appreciated.

I know that you will do your best, and if there is any possible way, you will find it, since you are the bringer of peace and joy on Christmas morning, to all the people throughout the world. I don’t know who ever got the idea that you were made up—but yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

I will certainly be waiting on Christmas morning to see what you left for the world and I want to thank you, if you can even begin to make real these beautiful presents to all the people on earth.

A Worried Shopper

How Christmas Is Celebrated In Different Parts of the World
by Kathy Mack

Christmas celebrations throughout the world are as different as are the people. Here are a few of the different Christmas customs:

In the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg Dec. 6 is the day for St. Nicholas, therefore, the day for their Christmas celebrations. Dec. 25 is purely a religious holiday.

Dec. 13, St. Lucia’s Day, is the day for Christmas in Sweden. The children believe that the Julisse are the helpers that bring their presents and so they leave food on the table for them at night (just as people in the U. S. do for Santa Claus).

Norway also has its special ways of celebrating. St. Thomas’ Day, Dec. 21, is the day for Christmas in this Scandinavian country. The women bake cakes especially for St. Thomas Christmas Eve. When the young people in Norway go visiting they first shoot a gun before the house to scare off the witches that may inhabit the household.

In Finland, the people cut pine boughs and pile them in a long green carpet from the top of a hill to the center of the village for the Christ Child to walk on. They make a special St. Stephen’s Day procession on Christmas day, and also feed the birds in their yards at Christmas time, because the seeds, nuts and insects are covered with snow. On Christmas Eve the birds get an extra portion.

In Switzerland, the people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight mass and take three sips from each, it is believed that by doing this their future husband or wife will be waiting on the steps of the church.

Chinese people call Santa ‘Dan Che Lao Ren’, which means the Christmas Old Man. In Japan, Hoteiosh, an ancient god, is thought to also be Santa Claus.

Thus a traveller will never be sure what to expect travelling to different countries at Christmas time.

What’s In Store From Tech CIC

Montana Tech’s newly formed Cultural Improvement Committee Sunday sponsored its first concert since its organization. The concert was a bigger success—many students were shocked that the pillow concert meant just that: bring a pillow to ease the load of people’s Faith ends.

A “cartoonarama” is planned later in the year to sponsor another concert—possibly a folk or country-western singer.

The CIC also is sponsoring movies for Tech students. So far they have shown “The Face of War,” a documentary on Vietnam, before a crowd of approximately 100 people. Charlie Chaplin headlined the next feature for the students; the old comic performed in a silent feature reminiscent of old Butte, “Easy Street.” Following this, “Wait Until Dark” kept the crowd of 300 on the edge of their seats.

A “cartoonarama” is planned before finals begin near the end of January. This showing will feature some of the oldtimers such as Charlie Chaplin, W. C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, and, of course, the Road Runner.

If you can’t be the moon, be a star; but be the best of whatever you are.

Tech Represented at M.S.P.A. Meeting

A meeting of the Montana Student Presidents’ Association (M.S.P.A.) was held in Helena on December 6 and 7. Representing Montana Tech at this meeting were Pat O’Hara, Jerry Trythall, Jack Underwood, and Bruce Williams.

The M.S.P.A. is an organization composed of the student body presidents of the twelve colleges, and junior colleges in the state. Its purpose is to present the college students’ views as a united front to such organizations as the Board of Regents, Council of College Presidents, and the people of the state.

Topics discussed in Helena included establishment of a state-wide television broadcast on a weekly basis to present student views to the people of Montana. A different feature would be included each week, giving each institution of higher education an opportunity to present itself and any problems it might have. Operating capital for such a program would be obtained primarily from the administrations, with student governments contributing a small part to insure a student voice in conducting such a program. The M.S.P.A. voted unanimously in favor of endorsing such a program. The proposal now must be approved by the school administrations.

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Glissades (or Keep the Faith)
by The Good Doctor

Now that Robin the Riding has Pogreba on the horn of a Diderictina it is time the Romans told some war stories. This happened back in '68 shortly after old Rastus Wilson joined the Tech Alpine Club. Old Razz was still fresh and hot from his famous successes on the Grandes Jorasses, the South Pillar and the North Col. Our club was, you remember, attempting the first ascent of the north face of Gonna Taka Peak. Rastus had a bad habit of climbing with his ice axe strapped on his pack. "Keeps it sharp," old Razz told us. It kept sharp until the fall near the top of the Blue Headwall. Old Razz shot down that slope like it was greased, heading straight for the edge of the cliff. Just as he shot over the edge, his arm caught on the lone green willow growing out from the corner. Dangling from the tree with one hand, the melting ice from his crampons noiselessly falling to the rocks, 3,000 feet below, old Razz screamed "Lord, save me!" And at that a deep voice boomed from the clouds above him, "Do you have Faith, Rastus?" "Oh man yes, I have lots of Faith, Lord," Rastus assured him. "Well then, Rastus, just let go of that tree!" And that is about where lots of people’s Faith ends.
Carroll College
To Hold Tourney

Montana Tech's Orediggers travel to Anaconda during the coming holiday season for their first appearance in a Carroll College Tournament, December 29 and 29. Tech meets Carroll in the game on December 28, 1969.

The Orediggers enter the tournament with a victory over the Lewis and Clark Warthogs, the first since this series began, and will battle to improve on this record in games prior to tournament time.

Competition in the tournament promises to be stiff with the appearance of the two leading contenders in the Frontier Conference: Western Montana College, Carroll College of Education and Carroll College. An added attraction will be the Cagers of Oregon College.

However, Coach Lester and his Orediggers feel that their young squad will be well seasoned by tournament time to meet the power of these three great offensive teams.

Although, the student body will be dislodged for the holidays, any and all support of the team during the tournament will be appreciated.

Tech Takes 4th In Tournament

November 11, 1969 saw Montana Tech take a 4th place finish at the Rocky Invitational Tournament.

The Orediggers, drawing a bye for the first session, lost to Rocky 82-76 in their first game. Pat O'Brien netted 17 points in the losing battle.

In the consolation game Tech was beaten by a tough Eastern team. The Yellowjackets grabbed a 60-35 halftime lead then coasted to 107-67 victory for a third place finish in the tourney while the Orediggers captured fourth. Pacing Montana Tech were Byron Crooker with 15, O'Brien with 13, and Nick McEnaney with 12.

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Gibunts Champs of Intramural Football

As was earlier predicted, the Gibunts took the intramural football championship with a 13-6 setback of the Obitsuaries.

The Gibunts ended the regular season undefeated at 5-0, followed by the Obitsuaries with a 4-1-1 record. Third was the Furhars with a 4-2 showing followed by the Sigma Rho (Boats).

The Gibunts take the lead in team points for the trophy at the end of the year, and the Obitsuaries are in second after two events (league football and goal kicking contest).

This year's teams were very evenly matched with none of the games being run-aways.

The members of the Gibunts team will receive trophies.

Field Goal Kicking Stars Boothe Parent

The first intramural Field Goal Kicking contest was won by former Oredigger boothe Mike Parent.

Parent nudged out a determined shoeless soccer-styler Gary O'Farrell when both kickers missed two-in-a-row from forty-two yards away from the crossbar.

Parent made 11 for 13, while O'Farrell made 11 for 15 on the windless Alumni Coliseum turf.

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A Christmas Quickie
by Ted Schenk

And have my wrongs all been righted? Merry Xmas to one and all.
Oh what happened to the fall? It seems that it was just September, now already it's December.
And do I have the shopping done? Gifts and presents for everyone? Is the tree all up and lighted? And have my wrongs all been righted? No siree, you silly bird, I'll put it all off till the 23rd.

A Thought At Christmas Time
by Kim Bawden

Christmas is upon us once again, as you all are well aware. The shops uptown are decorated gaily to honor the season. The shoppers hurry from one store to the next trying to find just the right gift for everyone on their list. The choice of gifts seems endless, yet somehow we all manage to select something for everyone so that no one will feel rejected.

Trees are erected in homes, offices and all the other places where people gather. People decorate the trees with ornaments that defy description, with angels, stars and lights. All the gaily wrapped packages are placed under the tree to remain untouched until Christmas.

With all the promotion going on at Christmas time, we often forget why there is a Christmas. The holiday that is meant to pay homage to an infant son of Mary and Joseph is often spent to pay tribute to some tinsel god.

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The Portland Seminar on Water Pollution: Issues and Answers will be the kickoff for the SCOPE Council formation in the Northwest.

“SCOPE offers an excellent opportunity for all high school and college students to obtain sound information on water pollution and the environment and to participate in the formation of the Northwest SCOPE Council,” Regional Director Agee said.

Mr. Agee said that presentation of Seminar topics by FWPCA staff members will utilize graphic aids and that there will be ample opportunity for questions from the students attending the Seminar.

Ideas should welcome attack, for if they passed unnoticed, it would prove that they were without influence. John Kenneth Galbraith.

If you want to be original, be yourself; God never made two people exactly alike. "Sunshine"

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