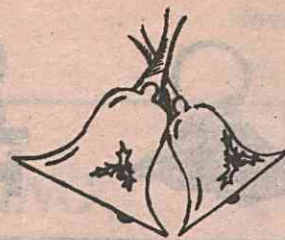




Features



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All Tied Up for Christmas

By KRICKET MORTON

Since teenagers have outgrown their Sears Wishbook, they're now ready for other "presents" stickin' out of their stockin'. When ASHS students were asked, "Who would you want to see in nothing but a big red bow?", these were the comments we received.

It seems famous faces appeal to the majority of those with Christmas wishes. Coach Holcomb has a secret wish to find Tammy Faye in his stocking. (Of course her make-up must color-coordinate with the ribbon.) Cresta Newton and Rachael Kendall have strong desires to see Tom Cruise with a skimpy red bow on Christmas morning. (very skimpy) Cresta also comments that she will settle for Val Kimer if Tom isn't available. Patrick Swayze was the choice of Holli Bradford, and when Cindi Valentine was asked, she said "The Entire Chip'n Dale's calender men, but I also like Holli B.'s idea too! (Who wouldn't?) Sam Davis said he would like to see the women of the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue, and Kelly Blackmon's choice was the Clairol women. Adding a little humor, Luther Misenheimer said he would love to see Wilma Flintstone when he awakes on December 25. (I don't think that Fred will be saying YABBA DABBA DOO about that!) To end the list of famous people, the 1987-88 state champion Girls Basketball team was the choice of Coach Johnston. (I wonder whom he is referring to.)

Those with "steadies" wanted to see their "lovers" with nothing on but a bow and a big smile. Of course, it's obvious that Stephanie Hunsucker wants to see Richard, with or without a bow. Amanda Kimery's wish is to see her "squirt" in her stocking on Christmas morning, while Amber Almond and Claudia Ballenger wait eagerly to find Amber's "sweet little chicken" and Claw's "baby monkey". (Can you imagine seeing a chicken and monkey with nothing own but a red row?) Chris G. and Steve Little were the choices of Tia and Angie Pemberton. Terri Thompson wants to wake and find her "snuggles", and Holly Frick's choice was her sweetie, Jeff Allman. But it seems this survey didn't apply to Phillip Holshouser because he said, "I've already seen her." (Congratulations, Phillip!!!)

Finally, there were those few that decide to remain anonymous for reasons that we can't reveal. Among the choices of the anonymous students wre Mikie Roach, Samy Lamp, Neil Klutz, Mike Kendall, Mike Furr, Danny B., Brona Hester, Melynee Morgan, and Billy Joe Thomas. Then there was that innocent person who said, "Nobody, that's too naaaaaaasty." (and if you know this person as well as I and I'm sure you do, then you won't believe them) Last but not least, there was the poor soul who said, "I want the ribbon around Grandma's mouth so she will leave us alone." (I agree totally!)

So if you have a secret wish to see the person of your dreams in nothing but a big red bow, don't forget to put it in your letter to Santa. Oh, by the way if you want to send Santa a letter to get everything you want, you must have it postmarked no later than December 5 due to the numerous letters Santa has received this year, and since you won't read this until December 18, I guess we'll abide by Coach Holcomb's famous Russian saying "Tough S." (Stuff)



Coach Holcomb peeps through the tree to see what Santa has left in his stocking.

Christmas Cheer: A Temporary Condition

By SAMY LAMP

December has come and Christmas is right around the corner. A school talent show is upcoming and you're equally excited that a two week vacation follows the show. Everybody is in good spirits. You find yourself in class daydreaming of stuffed stockings, a beautifully decorated tree, and all the gifts you're going to receive. As you drive home from school more decorations have been sprinkled throughout the neighborhoods that were not there that morning. In the course of the days to come at school all the students bounce down the halls with smiles on their faces and the anticipation of Christmas brightening their days. The whole school's atmosphere has changed. You find yourself actually acting decent to the freshman you mercilessly smashed into a locker for looking at your girlfriend the week before. The various social groups, even the snobbish "preps", are singing out their "Merry Christmases" to one another, instead of common obnoxious remarks. The most notable change is with the teachers. They seem more complacent and not as ill. Blalock is reluctant to marking tardies, Mrs. Morgan breezes through trigonometry without an algebraic flaw, and Mr. Taylor stations himself in the School lobby, like a cornerstore Santa Claus, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Finally Christmas vacation is upon us and gone just as quickly as it came. Then we are back to school with the thoughts of laughs, and joyful faces of friends. But the school has changed from its Dr. Jeckyl to its Mr. Hyde personality. All the smiles are gone and there are only sneers to greet your "Good Mornings!" The "preps" have their noses in the air once again. The teachers are back in their ill moods. By the end of the day you even find yourself pressing a freshman into a chemistry book for later research. Then you stop and think. Does Christmas really have that big of an effect on people? Apparently it does, even though it was temporary.



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