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Dale Henderson- Christmas is a season that forces you to remember past Christmases.

Ricky Jones- Christmas is giving, caring, sharing and helping.

R.J. Walker- Christmas is a time to pay tribute to the great Almighty. It is also a time when you can spend time with your family and loved ones. And we all have our loved ones, if you know what I mean.

Oliver Griffin- Ba Hum Bug!!!

Howard Oglesby- Christmas is a day when people spend more money than normal.

Carlen Sullivan- Even though Christ's birth should be the main reason for the celebration, I also feel Christmas is a time that all the good in Man comes out and is projected to one another.



The Compass

MJK- What I think about Christmas...secrets, shared warm greetings, seeing old and new friends, paying homage to the long ago heralds wishing us all "PEACE, JOY, AND GOOD-WILL"

Claire Moncla- Christmas is a time to be with the ones you love. It is a special time for us to remember Christ's sacrifice, for He was born on this day.

Jacqueline M. Weddington- Christmas is caring, sharing;giving, receiving; and, spending time with a very special someone in a very special place-Charlotte, NC.

Shawn Watson-Christmas is a month off from school...

Zelene Bunch- Christmas is a pain in the ass.

Al T.- Holidays have become so commercialized that the only meaning Christmas can have is the dissipation of financial stability.

DEFINITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Various Meanings from People Around the Yard are Around This Page

by Mike Moore

Since its inception, the meaning of Christmas has undergone several dramatic changes. Initially, Christmas brought much jubilation as a religious holiday celebrating the birth of Christ. Since that time, it has been celebrated as a deeply, personal holiday, and now, many people see Christmas strictly as a time of commercial gain.

The idea of exchanging gifts at Christmas time originated with the Magi bringing gifts from the Orient to the infant Christ. They laid gold, frankincense and myrrh at the base of Christ's cradle to show their unwielding love for him.

This action heralded the secondary meaning of Christmas. The Yuletide became a time for friends and loved ones to share gifts among themselves to show mutual affection.

Today, Christmas means, to many, solely a time for commercial profits. The "Christmas season" as the business world terms this time, begins the day after Thanksgiving. This day in November denotes the largest day of the year in commercial sales volume. It also tells the business world generally what volume in sales to expect until the season ends on midnight, December 24.

Mike Moore - Christmas is sharing time with some very special mortals (our parents) because of the realization that they will not always be around to share time with. Christmas is a time to kill the childhood fantasy of Santa Claus and, indeed, all childhood conceptions.



WHY WALK IN A LINE?

by Lawrence Wright



Individuality is a way of expressing one's self. Yet, when the time comes that I becomes we; my becomes yours; and she, he, or it becomes ours, you can be certain that this lucky individual is pledging. Dedicating your time and strength is a small fee for membership in the various Greek and Social Fellowship organizations.

Once one has pledged, the individuality of the student now turns into a conglomerate which lets that particular organization function as one with various working units. What is seen on the outside looking in, are lines of people marching around, keeping in step as if the nucleus of the group stems from the front line.

Wherever the first line goes, the rest must follow, for the group works as one. Perfection in togetherness is proven on one of those long, sleepless nights. The line proceeds to walk and the first one in line walks into the bushes. Why walk in a line? Why eat, sleep, or wear the same thing? Although every organization's pledge period is different, each line has a purpose. The concepts of unity, trust, and devotion must be learned so that the organization itself is allowed to work effectively. There is a closeness achieved between the members of each organization.

Togetherness can only be achieved through trust and devotion. Each virtue is needed for the other to be effective, so that organizational members must stress the importance to all perspective new members. The reward obtained from those many sleepless nights is far greater than any dreams missed.

At the beginning of the pledge period several seeds are planted. The organizational members take great pride in cultivating the growing seeds. They watch them grow into one strong oak tree with sturdy branches reaching in all directions.

An organization is only as strong as its weakest member, therefore stress is placed upon the need to be strong. Strength will aid those who become weak. The desire to achieve the highest goals strengthens the organization.

Pledging can be fun but, like anything else, the end result is determined by the amount of effort the pledgee is willing to exert. So congratulations should be given to The Pyramid Club, Crescent Club, Trefoil Club, Rasinette Club, Lambella Club and the Sphinx Club.

What are you doing during the Christmas break? Students replied:

Greg Watford- spending time with my wife and son and teaching my son a whole lot of creative things, plus catching up on my reading.

Karen Brown- "laying around the house and chilling-out" and also spending some time with my friends.

Celeta Mann- seeing the Nightrider, partying hearty, eating, and celebrating to bring on new romance, and enjoying my family.

William Pender-planning to be "with somebody's daughter."

Clarissa Hurdle- Planning to eat more and get fatter.

Myra Spencer- planning to spend some time with my ex-boyfriend and relaxing for the first time to relieve some tension from tough classes.

David Pickens- will be "getting zooted, having fun, and making pretty babies."

Jackie Weddington- planning to go to Beaufort to play one-on-one with H.W.

Y.D.C.- Seeing my man and getting all the loving I missed during this semester, and enjoying my family.

Pretlo Knight- Planning on partying it up with Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck at Disney World.

MILITARY WORSHIP

BY Algie H. Mabry, Jr.

In this sophisticated age we now live in, people have the tendency to forget their moral upbringing. On October 30, 1983, the ECSU Reserve Officers' Training Corps remembered theirs and worshipped in their first Vesper Service of the year.

The guest speaker was Rev. Gerald Tyler. Tyler is employed by the University as Special Assistant to the Chancellor.

Rev. Tyler spoke on the topic "Just in Case." His informative message gave a solution for the sin and turmoil in the world. He asked the question "can we make a difference?" and he replied that we can make a difference through Christ.

Remarks were made by Rev. John E. Trotman, University Minister, and Major Roosevelt Adams. Members of the ROTC took an active part in serving on the program.

Katherine Blount- Just chilling out and taking a break from school.

Becky Whitaker- Living it up and enjoying life with William and family.

Kathryn L. Vann- Enjoying herself, visiting, being with my family and honey.

Renee Mackey-Enjoying her family, visiting and enjoying the break from school, and thinking about special people.

Tammy Askew- Enjoying my family, visiting my special love, Ed Costley. Taking a trip to The Big Apple.

Jackie Caldwell-Spending some time with family, and most of all with someone I've missed throughout the semester, which means another trip to the green mountain state, Vermont.

Renee Anderson-Going home and visiting family, freinds, and hopefully spending some time with that special someone.

Jamie Turner-Setting back with my baby, and having a six-pack of Coors in Boston, Mass.

Lisa Williams-Going to enjoy myself and just going with the flow.I'm going to have a nice time doing the things that I like to do, which will probably be a little of everything.

Bobo Parks-Enjoying my vacation in more than one way, if you know what I mean.

Domino-Taking my son to get his picture taken, and of course to see Santa.

Taurus-Partying hard all day, every day; and going out of town as much as possible.

A.J.-Laying back feeling nice the whole break, clowning around having a good time, and getting stuffed on some turkey.

Perry Skinner-Trying to find gifts for every one in the family, rushing to decorate the tree, and visiting my in-laws, and going to the local disco for some fun.

W. Robert Ashe-Spending time with my family, and my friends, and just chilling out.

Volanda Mann-Spending time with my love, Barry Whitaker, and enjoying him as much as possible.

Gloria Roundtree-Being reunited with my husband, Sgt. Fred Roundtree, and taking a break from school.

Vernestine Kent-Enjoying the family, and my love, singing Christmas Carols, and trying to please everyone as much as possible.