

The songs of the Christmas season carry fond memories

“Deck the Halls with boughs of holly...’tis the season to be jolly.”

Sound familiar?

It’s the lyrics from one of the many popular songs of the season.

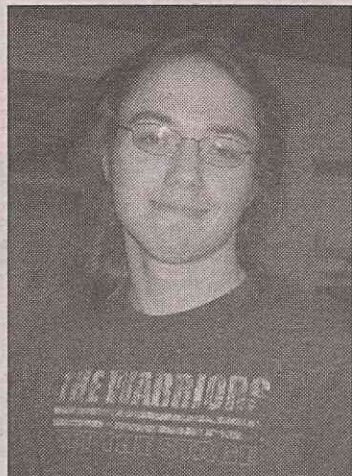
Around this time of year, Christmas songs start playing everywhere, and some people have a favorite with a significant memory attached.

What songs appeal to WCC students?

“The last Christmas party with my grandma before she passed” is the memory **Tommy Vermeulin** associates with the song “White Christmas” sung by Bing Crosby.

“Silent Night” is **Jerry Lawson’s** favorite song. He says he is reminded of “the Christmas plays at church.”

When **Hope Pittman** hears “Jingle Bells” she

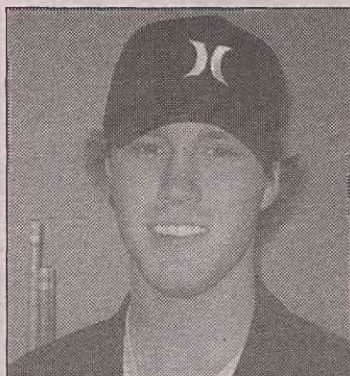


Kyle Alexander

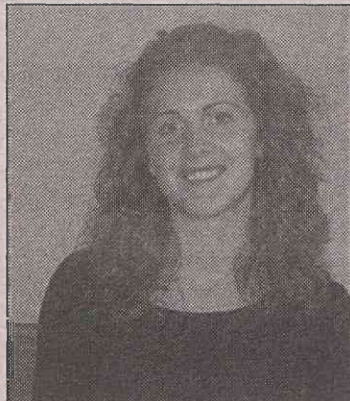
thinks of a piano because, “that’s the only song I know how to play on the piano ... it really is,” she says.

“Our family spending time together on Christmas Eve,” is what **Mari Cruz** is reminded of when she hears the song “Holy Night.”

“Jingle Bells” makes **Kyle Alexander** think of singing at his grandma’s house.

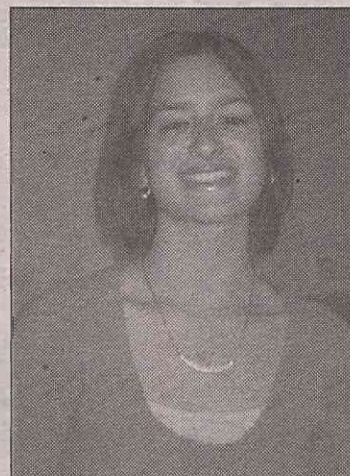


Chad Edge



Stephanie Hubbell

Shaletia Woodard has a humorous memory tied to “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” She said, “I had a pimple one time on the middle of my nose



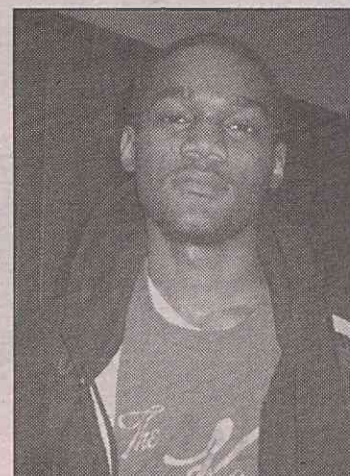
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and they used to call me Rudolph and it was right around Christmas time.”

Chad Edge remembers watching the “Home Alone” movie when he hears the song “Jingle Bell Rock.”

Stephanie Hubbell said that her favorite song was “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.” When she hears this song she thinks of “singing it in the car.”

Cashmere Ruffin



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remembers “fun Christmas parties” when the song “Deck the Halls” is playing.

Whether it’s a good, emotional or humorous memory, many students have a memory tied with a favorite, popular Christmas song.

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WCC celebrates the season with free art show and concert on Dec. 6

WCC will celebrate the season with an arts festival and holiday music concert on Dec. 6.

The celebration will kick off at 5 p.m. The WLC atrium will be filled with the sounds of the season supplied by students and staff, and art produced by Continuing Education and college credit classes.

The public is invited to browse and enjoy refreshments provided by the SGA, settle into Moffatt Auditorium for a choral concert from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., then mingle among the art again.

The concert will offer a mix of holiday songs, both familiar favorites and new takes on old standards. The chorus

will do “Christmas Time Is Here,” “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (the Prayer of St. Francis),” and “Alleluia.” It will also perform two medleys: a “Christmas Classic Celebration,” and a “Canon of the Bells.”

Some instrumental pieces are scattered in as well, with Caroline Franco performing “Air

on Greensleeves” and a special arrangement of “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” by WCC music program director Steele Sasser, performed by trumpet major Josh Artis with Mr. Sasser on piano.

Brother and sister Andrew and Katie Harper will play “O Holy Night” on piano and flute,

respectively. Sisters Alison and Elizabeth Rawleigh, joined by accompanist Tom Casey, will perform a version of “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” that they arranged.

“Baby, It’s Cold Outside” will be performed by students William Sander and Karrie Johnson.

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