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EDITORIAL

Whatever happened to the old-fashioned Christmas when families gathered to exchange gifts, eat turkey dinner, and enjoy each other's company? I often hear older people speak of those old-fashioned Christmases. They talk about what a ceremony they made of decorating the Christmas tree and hanging the holly and mistletoe. What fun those sleigh rides were with everyone bundled together to keep warm, and gaily laughing and singing the songs of the season. How good those old kitchens must have smelled with the rich aroma of nuts, brown sugar and cinnamon, and fruit cake slowly baking.

Oh, to have an old-fashioned Christmas!



Merry

Christmas From The Staff

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With the coming of the holiday season a festive spirit not often equaled is instilled within the heart of most everyone, young or old. It is a feeling of joyfulness and gaiety which comes only once a year.

Christmas is a time to be happy. Our worries should be pushed aside, and a carefree attitude characteristic of the season should be assumed.

This carefree attitude is one which is difficult to assume in the face of adversity. "What adversity?" you may ask. I'll tell you. The most adverse condition which faces the American student today--WORK! More specifically, homework.

Picture this if you can. A beautiful, stately, exquisitely decorated Christmas tree beneath which lies an array of gifts of every shape, size, description, and decor. Beside all this sits a child, frantically searching and opening every package which bears his name. This youngster should be the picture of happiness and contentment. But wait! There's a flaw in his countenance. A small line of worry creases his youthful forehead.

Why this unhappiness? Because the poor dear has to spend his vacation doing homework. Research of some sort to be done, a term paper to be written, a book to read and report to make: all this must be completed before the new year and school.

Teachers, I beg you, be considerate. We, as students, have had a long hard semester. We need a rest. Many of us deserve a rest. Please, give relief to the masses. Be tender....