

# Ever celebrated Hannumas?

by Rachel Barger

Why don't we celebrate "Hanamus?" "Hanamus" is an imaginary holiday created by combining the good feelings and joys of both Hanukkah and Christmas. Since "Hanamus" is a newly created holiday, it can be fun inventing rituals for it, and creating many different ways to celebrate it!

Hanamus is not intended to push one's religious beliefs upon another, and its definitely not an attempt to combine Judaism and Christianity. It is more of an opportunity or even a day or two in the holiday season set aside for friends and familys of both religions to get together and learn about each others beliefs and the different ways these two very important holidays, Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrated. There is always room for each person to learn and experience more about everything, and during these approaching holiday seasons, what could be better to learn about since

religion is a very important factor in many people's lives.

Anyone can have a Hanamus celebration. This year it can be celebrated an any or all days between December 19th (Hanukkah) and December 25th (Christmas Day). All that is required to have a successful Hanamus are two families, one of each religion, who are curious and would like to learn about Hanukkah or Christmas and share their own customs. Many people are glad to discuss the customs of their religions and what occurs in their household during the holidays.

Just a simple discussion on each different religion might be held, or even better a time could be set aside to accompany a friend along on a visit to his/her church or synagogue. Another interesting idea might prompt a visit to a friend's home to watch them light the Menorah candles or help a family decorate its Christmas tree.

The holiday foods and dinners always add pleasure to Hanukkah or Christmas. One of the most fun Hanamus benefits could be the sampling of the traditional Jewish foods or a friend's grandmom's Christmas dinner! Who knows, maybe if one is lucky, a dinner invitation might come one's way! And of course, the exchanging of Hanamus gifts and cards could be enjoyable and mutually rewarding.

The main theme of Hanamus would be for the people of all religions to share knowledge and understanding. An important part of both Hanukkah and Christmas is a general feeling of goodwill, sharing and caring of mankind. In addition to one's usual Hanukkah or christmas celebration, what better way to enjoy the spirit of the holidays than to share presents fun and good food with your friends regardless of religious beliefs. With these Holidays just around the corner, have a very merry, happy Hanamus! also adds that "Jennifer has a lot of heart and a competitive attitude" which inspired the other members of the team to put forth their best effort. Poole plans to play basketball and run track this year. She is looking to receive a scholarship for running track.



Photo by Patrick Forbis

## Christmas 'Down Under'

by Amy Cass and Holli Louza

For the past seven weeks, Cath Hutchins has been a visitor at Grimsley. She is here as an exchange student from Australia, staying at the home of Katie Brady. She will be returning home for Christmas on December 16 after a 26 hour plane trip back to her home state, Victoria.

"On Christmas Eve, mum goes to church while we stay home and wrap presents," Cath explains. Before going to bed, the Hutchins put out lemonade and Christmas cake for "Father Christmas." When morning arrives, the family gathers around the Christmas tree to exchange and open their pointment as near every was highly publicized and many people had greater expectations for his team than the 6 and 4 record they posted. However he did bring new life to the Whirlie football program. After getting off to a great start the team went into a slump in the later part of

presents. Their hopes are high that the pillowcases hanging fromt he fireplace will be filled with presents from Father Christmas.

As the afternoon temperatures begin to cool-off, Cath's family returns home and begins to prepare for an "open house" celebration. At 5 pm, guests start to arrive and soon the house is filled with 200 friends and relatives. The big celebration continues until 4 am when finally, the family is ready for bed.

Everyone enjoys the celebration and looks forward to next year when the family will come together once again for the great Christmas Party. long pass and big plays that won't happen next year I guarantee it."


So as Smouse prepares for next year he can be seen almost every morning setting at his table in the grove reading the morning paper and talking with the students and probable players for next year.


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