

News

Christmas across the border

by Mark Neerman

Christmas is often considered a time for being with family and friends. We often take for granted how lucky we are for simply being able to be with our families. Five GHS students, however, won't have that luxury this Christmas. They are Grimsley's exchange students. They are from Australia-(Susie Miris), Sweden-(Patrick Bernestra) Germany-(Britta Cremer) Spain-(Barbara San Martin), and Denmark-(Ray Lynglund Jensen)

.... Australia

Susie Mills and her family often spend Christmas in Australia on

the beach. Below the equator. Christmas falls during the summer vacation. Salads and cold meats replace the traditional hot meals we have in the United States. Wrapping paper with surf boards on it can often be found. Other than the differences in seasons, Susie finds the observance of Christmas is much the same.

.... Sweden

Patrick Bernestra of Sweden says he will definitely miss his family this Christmas. In his country, the Christmas season begins on December 13 with "Luciadagen." This is the Festival of Light in honor of St. Lucia who, according to legend,

was a young girl who lived in Sicily about 300 A.D. When she insisted on remaining a loyal Christian, her eyes were taken out by the Romans. For her martyrdom, she was made a saint on December 13. Patrick plans to spend Christmas this year with his American friends.

.... Germany

Britta Cremer lives in a country where St. Nicholas brings holiday gifts on his own day, Dec. 6. St. Nicholas was a man who lived in Asia Minor around 300 A.D. It is believed that he could create miracles. Upon his death in 343 A.D. he was immediately made a saint. According to Britta,

Christmas is the most important holiday in Germany.

.... Spain

Barbara San Martin spends Christmas eating Turkey and going to church. Because Spain is a Catholic nation, Christmas has a strong religious importance. Presents are exchanged on January 6, when the three wise kings went to visit Jesus. This year, Barbara looks forward to spending Christmas with her American family to learn about U.S. Christmas.

.... Denmark

Food plays a big role in Denmark's Christmas according to

Ray-Lyngslund-Jensen. Ray's family eats duck and turkey on December 24. They also dance around the Christmas tree singing and exchanging presents. Then two days later on December 26, they sit down again to an eight course meal to celebrate Christmas day. According to Ray, the religious importance had faded over the years and Christmas is now more of an excuse to get together with family and friends.

No matter how far apart our borders may be, the Christmas season is truly one of love, peace, and family togetherness everywhere.

Christmas spirit all year round Promises for 1986

by Anna Schleunes

For many, Christmas is not a time of large dinners, lots of present, and a cozy fire, instead, it is a time of need. This year, as every year, many organizations help needy families in the Guilford County area. Some of these organizations, such as the Urban Ministry and the Salvation Army, provide help 365 days a year.

Money collected by the Salvation Army is used to buy food and clothing, to help pay utility bills, and to give less fortunate families an opportunity to enjoy the things most people take for granted. Some of this year's money will help buy shoes for children in 150 families in this area. Donations can be made by dropping cash in

their kettles located around shopping centers and malls.

Many organizations function only during the holiday season for the holiday season. The Christmas Clearing Bureau has names of needy families which can be adopted by church groups, clubs, and individual families. The adopting group receives the ages and sizes of the family members. It then provides food, clothing, toys, and a wrapped gift for each. The Christmas Clearing Bureau also accepts money donations throughout the Christmas season which are used to buy gift certificates for families who do not wish to be adopted.

In addition, there are many fund-raisers that provide toys for children who might otherwise not have them. WGLD and WFMV-TV are co-sponsoring the

"Stocking of Love" at Forum IV, a city wide effort to collect non-perishable goods for the Northwestern North Carolina Food Bank. And then there is always the Empty Stocking Fund, a Guilford County tradition. Started in 1927, by the late A.L. Stockton, then managing editor of the Greensboro News and Record, it has been joined by the Greensboro Jaycees and the local unit of the Marine Corps. The Empty Stocking Fund provides toys for children up to age twelve. Donations pay for stockings stuffed with toys and clothes for 5,000 children in Guilford County.

Not only do these organizations provide for needy families at Christmas, but they serve to remind us that there are people who need help all year round.

by Rachel Barger

It is that time again to be thinking of your 1986 New Years Resolutions. With 1985 coming to a close, all of your old vows that were broken or forgotten have a brand new chance arriving very soon! It is a good idea to think about and compile a list of resolutions before January 1st. The actual resolutions that are made depend entirely on ones particular lifestyle and what they wish to change about that lifestyle. There are several tips that could be helpful in successfully carrying out ones New Years Resolutions. First, a good way to begin the process is to divide them into different categories with headings such as diet, school work, relationships and attitude, etc. as needed. For example where one

person may need to work on their diet resolutions, the next person may need to work on their homework. The number and range of the categories depend on the individual. After a personalized list is completed, it needs to be posted on a obvious place such as the refrigerator or bathroom mirror or anywhere that it will be noticed. One GHS senior gives the suggestion that, "It is not good to make an extremely long, unreasonable list, keep the resolutions short and realistic." Another senior said, "It helps to tell a good friend about the resolutions so that they will make you feel guilty if you break them."

With these tips and suggestions in mind, good luck on the "new beginning" -86!

What's happening at Grimsley?

News Briefs

by Maureen Musgrove

JROTC Cadet Honored

The following article was submitted by Kevin Hunt:

A member of the Army Junior ROTC from Grimsley High School was honored as the fall quarter Honor Cadet. Cadet Corporal Katrina LeClear was chosen from 56 first year cadets.

A review board conducted an interview of the three finalist on Thursday, November 14, 1985. The finalist were selected from each of the three JROTC Companies based on their outstanding performance in the classroom,

the drill field, extra curricular activities, and overall military bearing. The board consisted on C/Lt. Colonel Kevin Hunt and his six-member staff. The board of officers asked a series of questions ranging from military organization to current events. The board also evaluated the cadets' on their marching ability, military courtesies, military bearing, and wearing of the uniform. After the cadets were interviewed, the board selected the cadet who amassed the most points—Katrina LeClear.

This is the first time that the Grimsley JROTC program has had a Honor Cadet selection. This is one of many new plans put into action this year by the cadet commander and his staff.

Little Four Tip-off

For all the basketball fans there will be the Boys Little Four Invitational on December 26, 27, and 30. It will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum. The Whirlies competition will consist of both city and county schools.

Grimsley also hosted the Girls Little Four Invitational on December 18 and 19. All four city high school participated.

Madrigal Singers

The Grimsley Madrigal Singers are following a tight schedule this holiday season. Early in December they traveled to the Biltmore House and on the 12th they performed at the City Club. On the 15th the singers gave

a concert for the Reynolda House while on the 16th they entertained the Elks and Kiwanis clubs. The Madrigals took part in the GHS Holiday Concert on the 17th. And their final performance for December was at the Starmount Country Club on the 19th. In addition they will be making appearances on both WFMV-TV and WXII-TV.

SSBAG Update

The November meeting of SSBAG, held at Dudley High School, covered three main topics; a fund raiser for SSBAG, the selling of Little Four tickets, and extra curricular eligibility. A decision was not made on a fundraiser or on ticket sales, but

several opinions were made regarding the extra curricular eligibility. Mr. Lem Cox of the Greensboro Public Schools discussed the requirements proposed by a task force. Those included mandatory attendance of 3 periods during the day, passing four courses, and automatic ineligibility for felons. It was also made clear that any school related group activity that does not effect the grade given in a class is considered an extra curricular activity.

The purpose of the Student School Board Action Group is to improve communication between the students and the administrators of the high schools, the superintendent, and the School Board.



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