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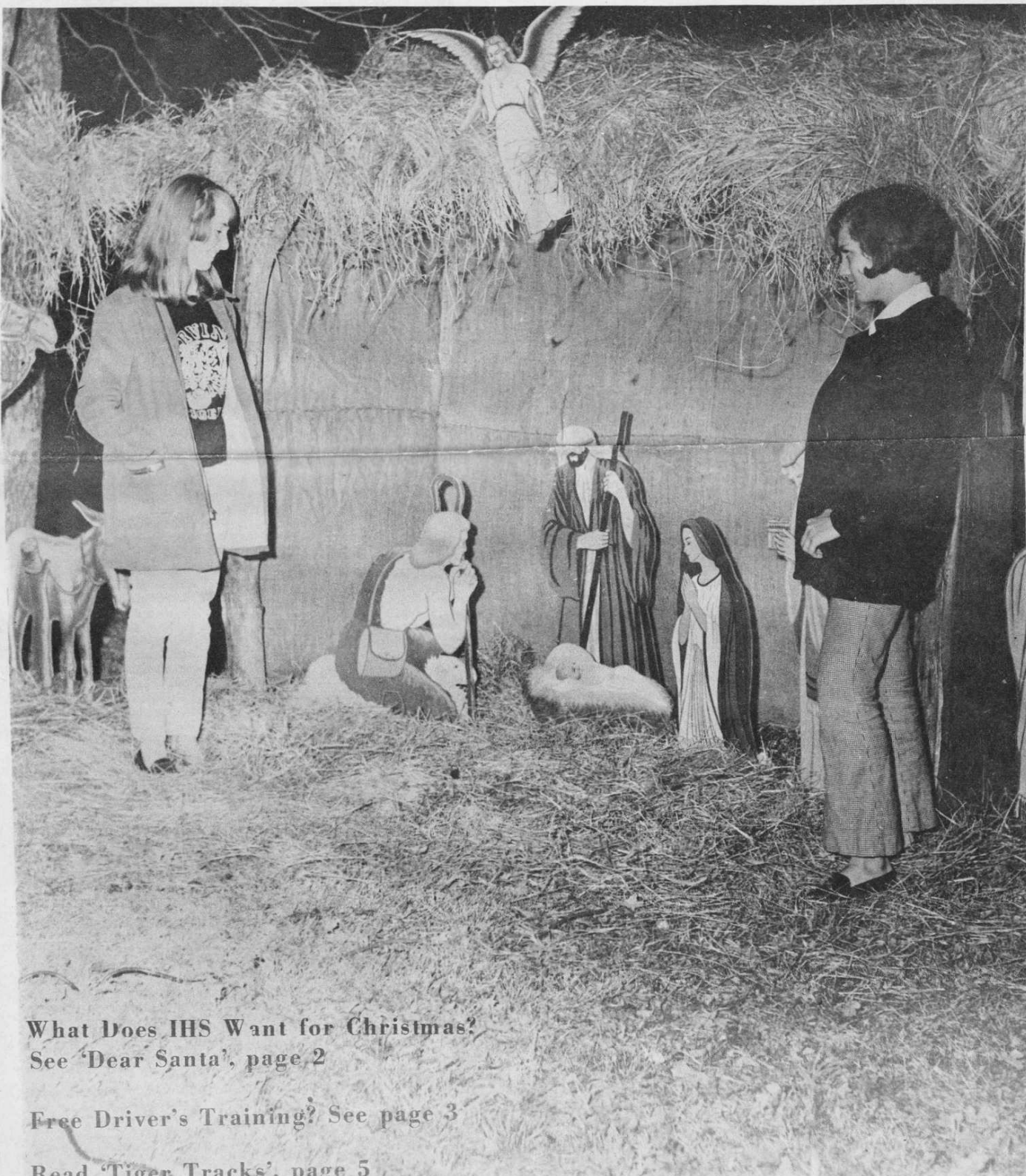


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What Does IHS Want for Christmas?  
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## Christmas Spirits

During the festive season, Christmas spirit fills the great halls of IHS. While students are fun-loving and gay, they should never forget the true meaning and significance of Christmas.

All students should do their part to present not only the festive side of Christmas but the more serious side too. Assisting students in helping make this Christmas a little brighter and a little more cheerful for those families who are more unfortunate than theirs are several clubs and organizations. The Student Council is sponsoring the annual can drive and will distribute them to help make Christmas more pleasant for others.

The Spanish and FHA Clubs are joining in the helping spirit by making toys for needy children and presenting families with a Christmas dinner.

Other organizations and classes are completing festive fetes for all students at IHS to enjoy. The annual band and choir Christmas program presents the spirit of Christmas in music. The choir tends to be spiritual with their beautiful songs of praise to Christ for whom we celebrate Christmas. The band presents gay, popular songs of joy and delight that really gives one the spirit of the season. A debt of thanks goes to these groups who make school halls rings with the gaiety of the yuletide.

Also, for visual atmosphere, the art students are filling their canvases with glowing wintry scenes and bubbling Christmas activities that will be displayed in the main hall for all to admire and enjoy.

## Cheaters Lose

Sharon Haynes

Students who cheat can't seem to understand why they don't make good grades. All these students are doing is making it hard on others. For example: The teacher catches someone cheating. He then decides to give another test or give both students a zero.

The student sitting in the back didn't study, so he asks the answer from his neighbor. This not only embarrasses the other student, but makes him feel guilty. Trying to ignore this person makes him hiss louder. Finally the student gives him the answer to get him to shut up, then he feels horrible. If the student doesn't give him the answer, he acts as though his friend has turned against him. He then officially gives his friend the cold shoulder, and this causes more hard feelings.

Students who cheat hurt themselves. For one thing they probably never learn the material, and for another they begin to lose their friends. So think twice or maybe even three times before saying, "I won't study because Sally, who is an 'A' student, sits in front of me."

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# Dear Santa: Please Bring Just a Few Little Things

Christmas is just around the corner and Santa's getting his reindeer ready for that magic flight through the universe and

Ellen Shamblin getting his list ready to make sure that he doesn't forget anything anybody wants.

So that Santa doesn't forget

Irving High School, an itemized list has been prepared to send to the North Pole.

### SCHEDULE

First on the list is a 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. school day. Since the teachers already have their wish for an off-period, the students would like to put in their request too. No homework is necessary for a complete yule list and for a little amusement, a color television in every classroom would be nice.

### ACTIVITIES

By the way, about that off-period mentioned, it's necessary for the students to have something to do. So, a beautiful student recreation center complete with stereo, bowling alley, and indoor miniature golf course, just to mention a few, would be just great.

Speaking of indoor things, all the Tigers would like a fabulous new indoor football, basketball, etc. field called Tiger Dome. While on the subject of sports activities, a new air-conditioned, carpeted gym would be greatly appreciated.

### TRANSPORTATION

Next on the list is a bigger, air-conditioned parking lot. Of course, with this, we expect a new freeway in front of the school. And don't forget the walking sidewalks that take students from their car to the classroom.

Oh, yes, and about those elevators that have been on order for quite some time by the seniors. The freshmen still insist on buying passes to use it, so could something be done about getting one put in?

### LUNCHEONS

For the benefit of the slow eaters, how about a one hour lunch break. Constant music played and service by waiters would be nice for a change. For the benefit of everybody, how about buffet luncheons everyday, one of those "all you can eat" kind.

That just about does it except for any little odds and ends that he puts in. And, oh yeah, Santa, please don't forget to bring along a lot of extra cash to put under the tree so that we students can pay for all these "little gifts."



## On The Go

# Cinema II Presents 'Alfie' as Xmas Film

Judy Dooxee

"Alfie", the Michael Caine film which has been waiting in the wings at Cinema II, now has a confirmed opening date of December 22.

This makes "Alfie" the Christmas film for the Cinema II. It will bring to an end the run of "Dr. Zhivago" has kept "Alfie" waiting since early November. Starring in "Alfie" are Michael Caine, Shelley Winters, and Millicent Martin.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, with Buddy DeFranco, is dated for a January 16 appearance at the Music Hall. Appearing with the band will be singer Dorothy Shay.

The Monkees are tentatively scheduled to be in Dallas for a spring appearance. The exact

date is not yet known.

The movie "Murderer's Row" will open at the Majestic on December 21. This is a Dean Martin movie.

Also revealing himself, Michael Caine has two other movies showing during the Christmas holidays. One is "Funeral in Berlin". This movie stars Oscar Homolka and Eva Renzi. It will begin at the Palace on December 23. Michael Caine and Shirley McLaine star in the other movie, "Gambit", which is scheduled to open at the Cinema I on December 23.

Attention, Sonny and Cher fans! "The famed 'Singing Sons Family' is being brought to Dallas by radio station KBOX. They will make an appearance on December 27 at the 10,000 seat Memorial Coliseum.

## True Light

Ellen Shamblin

Christmas time brings lots of gifts  
In all shapes, colors, and sizes.  
The sparkling kind that always lifts  
Spirits and brings surprises.

Bright shiny packages under the tree  
Making a glimmering view.  
People saying "Is that for me?"  
But is this the spirit true?

Do we really think what Christmas means  
While we're busy celebrating,  
Or do we think of nice gifts and scenes  
And of only the fun awaiting?

We pray the glitter of the trim  
And the brightness of the light,  
Won't make The Star more dim  
And the Spiritual fade from sight

# Future Writers Won't Lack Suitable Titles

Lindsey Horton  
James Beaver

Writing books seems to be popular with famous people these days. Such renowned people as Pierre Salinger and his "With Kennedy", Douglas MacArthur's "Reminiscences", and Judge Brown with his forthcoming book about Lee Harvey Oswald, have all kept in step with today's trends. We feel that the students of IHS will continue in this as they rise to fame and fortune. Some of the results might be: "Mountain of Dirt" by Sandy Hill "Leave it to me" by Donna Beavers

"My Mother the Baker" by Darryl Baird

"Fun on the Freeway" by Lane Lively

"I Was a Chinese Servant" by David Cooley

"Loopholes in Lawsuits" by Bobby Baker

"The All-American Joke Book" by Phil Riddle

"Proper Mother-Son Relations" by Marsha Anderson

"The Thousand Mile Race" by Tom Werry

"One Brick Shy a Load" by Rock Owen

"Life in a Cracker Factory" by Keith Graham

"The Sudden Shower" by Mrs. Sprinkle

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" by GAY Uhl.

# Free Driver's Ed Bill To Go To Lawmakers

Mary Hardee

Will driver's education be a compulsory course for Irving High students next year?

A plan providing each high school free driver's education was presented to the 57th Texas Annual PTA Convention by Ben Barnes, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Barnes told the convention that such courses are the answer to the "grim problem" of death on the highways.

"We will have to work something out on a state-local co-operative basis, since our local tax dollars are already spread about as thin as they can be," he said. "Twenty seven states are already providing financial aid to school districts for driver's education, and I think Texas ought to join in."

THE MAIN money problem at the present is the hiring of special teachers.

Mrs. John Toombs, PTA vice president of Region Three of Irving, was a participant at the convention. She said the course will take place during school and be a requirement because everyone needs to know how to drive. She said that chances of the plan being adopted are very good not only because the convention is for it, but the Department of Public Safety is supporting it strongly.

SEVERAL STUDENTS and teachers voiced their approval of the plan. Mr. Jon Leffingwell, Irving High government teacher, said that he feels the course would cause better qualified drivers, both mentally and physically, with more experience in driving safety. He thinks that this would in turn cut down on accidents.

BECKY CAMPBELL, Irving High Junior, said, "I think it is a great idea because with more training there would be fewer accidents. If it is free for each student, everyone will have a chance whereas students may not be able to afford it."

Linda Moffett and Charlotte Burch, seniors, agreed that the course will prove profitable to many students.

THIS PROPOSAL is one of the original 16 proposals introduced to the State Board of Education earlier this year. It will be placed before the 60th Texas Legislature in January.

## Yule Shared

The Future Homemaker's of America will be collecting needed items for distribution to a children's hospital in Denton while the Spanish Club's Christmas project is to collect canned foods and toys and give them to a needy family.

Many individual classrooms have also undertaken projects to share their Christmas.

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# Lair Ties For First In Contest

The 1966 "Lair" has received two awards this year.

The yearbook was awarded a certificate by the Columbia Press Association for a "first rating". They also received a trophy for first place in Class I after tying with Houston Memorial in the state contest. In the book, their photography was judged to be outstanding, the theme was well carried out, and it has a good layout design.

The senior members of the staff went to Texas Women's University on December 2 for a conference sponsored by the Texas High School Press Association. They listened to speakers from Taylor Publishing Company and year book sponsors from area high schools. December 3 the awarding of the trophy took place and Karen Salach received the award for the staff.

# Five Irving Students Win Semis In Invitational Speech Tourney

Five of sixteen speech students placed in semi-finals at North Texas State's eighteenth Invitational Speech Tournament December 9.

Connie Lynn and Pam Murphy placed in dramatic interpretation. Pam Turrentine placed in prose interpretation while Cathy Turrentine went to semi-finals in original oratory. Sherri Taylor placed in extemporaneous speaking. None placed in the finals Saturday.

THIS SPEECH tournament is the oldest and largest in the state and is noted for being the most professional since all judges are professional in the particular fields. Fifty-nine schools all over Texas are represented. Other schools were invited from outside of the state; however, a group from Marietta, Oklahoma was the only one to attend. Students from as far away as Houston, Austin, and San Angelo attended. The Irving participants

usually compete only against 20 schools.

Friday morning the students attended an assembly at Denton High School. The doors were decorated with banners saluting the schools represented. Key Club members from the college drove the groups around the North Texas campus in courtesy cars. The campus was so full that many of the events were held in any available buildings and church. Friday the drama students listened to a debate between Harvard and North Texas; then went to see the play "Caligula" which was presented by North Texas students. Saturday night the awards were presented at a banquet.

THE NEXT TOURNAMENT the students will be attending is at Waco. They also hope to attend the ones at Sherman, Bryan Adams, and possibly Bishop Dunne.

Several weeks ago, three Irving

students competed in the Invitational Speech Tournament held at Sunset High School. Debra Black and Sherri Taylor placed third in girl's debate. David Hill won finals for his dramatic interpretation while Sherri Taylor placed finals in extemporaneous speaking.

MANY OF THE participating students were selected by Mr. George Morrow, Irving High School speech teacher, and others were chosen out of his speech classes. The other participants were Nancy Andree, Lance Bachran, Cathy Baker, Jim Curtininger, Mike Dobbins, Laura Decker, Phil Ford, Debbie Grimes, Raggan Hagger, Mark Huse, and Gary Weger.

## SC Bears Gifts

Members of the SC are bringing gifts to be taken to a children's home for Christmas and are sponsoring a canned goods drive for needy families.



"BAD SEED"

Photo by Guy Feaker

Cindi Dixon as Monica Breedlove, Vicki Jones as Mrs. Penmark, Tina Neff as Rhoda, and Barry Sprouse as Richard Bravo enact a scene from the second act of the Thespian play "Bad Seed" presented December 8 and 9.

## PLAY REVIEW

# 'Bad Seed' Receives 2 Standing Ovations

Janice Moyer

The Thespian play "Bad Seed" ended its December 8 and 9 presentation with a standing ovation both nights.

In the two scenes when Gwen Crandall, who played Mrs. Daigle, was drunk and went to see Mrs. Penmark, her hysterics filled the audience with such empathy that her exits were greeted with great applause.

THE AUDIENCE was made to feel the anxiety of Mrs. Penmark by Vickie Jones' constant twisting of her hands. Vickie again this year had the lead and proved to the audience how versatile she is in acting. She put a great amount of feeling into the scene in which Leroy was killed making

her performance very arousing.

Tina Neff, a freshman, also held one of the main parts. Tina as Rhoda displayed a surprising amount of talent and showed the audience that they most likely will be seeing her often in the next three years. She was able to make the audience think of her as an eight year old.

A NEW ACTING discovery was Cindi Dixon who portrayed Monica Breedlove. The perfect person for the part, one would expect she was type cast. The use of her hands while she was talking added to Monica's flighty character. Cindi added a refreshing part to the play and acted it out beautifully. She, too, will probably be seen again.

David Hill as Leroy was back again this year after having the male lead last year. His acting was not a new discovery and was not surprising, for he too is a versatile actor. His fire scene was so vivid that the wall that separated him from the audience seemed to vanish, and they could see the torture he was going through. He did an outstanding job in a difficult role and greatly added to the success of the play.

SHERRY KELSO as Miss Fern appeared to be type cast also. The role seemed to come naturally to her without having to act. She was able to portray the doubt in the teacher's mind concerning Rhoda's innocence to the audience.

Rick Huebner played the part of Reginald Tasker. His characterization was not as complex as the others, but he presented it extremely well. Ron Cowart as Mr. Penmark also displayed his acting ability, although he too had a normal role. Rusty Shaw, Lindsey Horton, and Joe Shaw as the Messenger, Emory Wages, and Mr. Daigle had the minor roles.

PERHAPS the hardest role to get into character was Richard Bravo played by Barry Sprouse.

He was the 65 year old father of Mrs. Penmark and had a very significant part in the play. The role was extremely difficult, however in spite of its complexity, Barry turned out a great performance. His heart attack scene was one of his best moments.

The perfect timing of the entrances, exits, and lines also made the play one of the best that this writer has ever seen.

## 2 Programs To Feature Xmas Music

The Irving High Band, Girl's Choir, and A Cappella Choir will present their annual Christmas assembly this morning during second period.

During the first assembly, the band will play about 30 minutes. The Madrigal Singers will be presented for about 10 minutes. Some of their songs are "Now Is the Caroling Season," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and "Christmas Song."

During the second assembly, approximately one-third of the band will play in the pit area for about 10 minutes while the Girls Choir and A Cappella Choir will sing about 30 minutes. Some of the songs the Girl's Choir will sing are "First Noel," "Covenant Carol," and two songs from "Ceremony of Carols." The A Cappella Choir will sing "Hodie Christus Nates Est," "Carol of the Bells," "Two Kings," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and "O Holy Night."

Mr. David Clark, assistant band director, will direct one of the songs.

The girls in the band will be wearing their new skirts for the assembly.

# Spirit of Christmas Envelopes School



Student Council officers (from left) Pam Loaring-Clark, Melody Rennie, Jeri Culwell, and Danny Alston decorate the traditional Christmas tree that is in the foyer in front of the cafeteria.



Typical of the Christmas decorations seen throughout the halls of IHS is the home room door of Mrs. Suzanne Stephens.



Christmas season always brings extra jobs for earning cash for holiday expenses. Senior Keith Graham earns money by selling Christmas trees.



The backdrop for the annual Christmas programs was painted by the art classes. The one for this year is one of the largest in recent years. (From left) Guy Shockley, Jerry Dorety, Roger Black, Lee Baughman, and James Haley are some of the students who worked on the Christmas scene.

## Tiger Tracks

# Teenagers Write Letters to Santa

Lisa Brownfield

As Christmas draws near all the little children bring out their pencil and paper and sit down to make a list beginning DEAR SANTA.

Although most high school students are past this stage, they still have their preferences and wishes for Christmas items (?). Here are letters to Santa from several students.

Dear Santa,

Please send me an Aggie for my stocking--its a rather large stocking so make him about 5' 10!"

Hopefully,  
SANDY HOGAN

"All I want for Christmas are my two front teeth without braces," sings LUONA McGUISTIAN.

"For Christmas I'd like a private tutor," says junior RICKY HARRIS. "The subject isn't important, just make her 36-24-36."

PAM LORING-CLARK wants a gun from Santa, also a good instructor named JEFFREY.

Senior LARRY SAWYER wants a honda, but not for himself, Santa, deliver it to JERI CULWELL, Driftwood Apartments, Falcon Street. BILL HODGKISS also wants a Honda.

A rather odd request for Santa comes from JAN THOMPSON who wants a more understanding mother.

Sophomore JOY DIAL has a rather expensive wish. She wants Santa to bring her a car. JOY, you'd better make it a plastic model, after all Santa's getting rather old and can't carry real heavy things any more.

WAYNE DICKSON wants The Girl From "UNCLE". However, GAYLON SILVEY wants one much more tangible like a Toy Tiger Leader.

PATTI BENYON requested a years supply of peaches and chocolate chip cookies. Seems sort of odd doesn't it? I guess these do get expensive after a while.

SHERRY BAILEY wants a Mexia football captain. JACKIE POWERS and LINDA BATES also want boys from Mexia. Guess Old Saint Nick will have to go there before he comes to Irving.

ANN FALLON asks for a summer job at a Canadian resort.

A matching doll for KIM CROCKETT, please, Santa.

RODNEY OWENS wants a retractable Hungarian body rot machine. Would you believe a water pistol from the five and ten cent store?

NEAL VALENTA has decided on a gold plated trampoline with no pads. JEANNE CARTER, DAVID FISHER, and SHIRLEY ORTHWEIN are more on the practical (?) side. JEANNE wants some more pages for her scrap book, a teddy bear for DAVID and a tricycle for SHIRLEY.

A faithful woman is GREG MCGIBBONEY's request for Christmas. Sophomore JERI CULWELL would like permanent puppet strings.

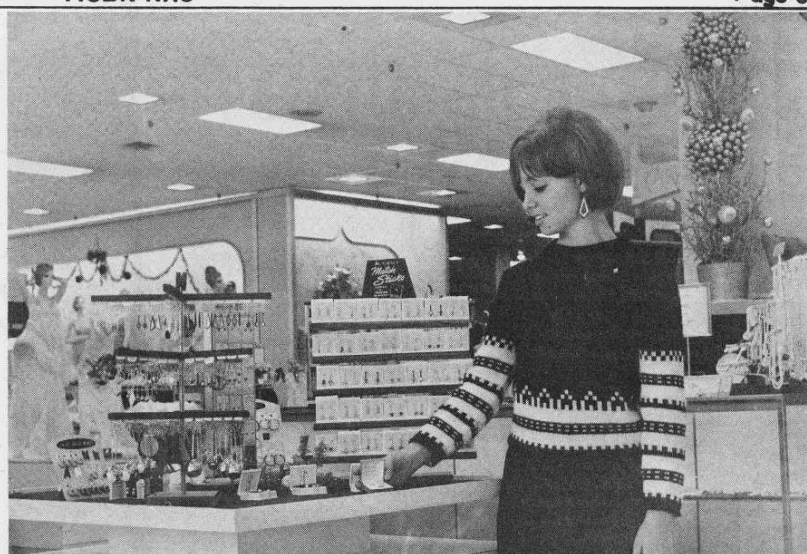
GAIL CHANCEY thinks she would like some Rum soaked cigars. Why the rum, GAIL???

A stocking full of butter fingers would please GINGER CALDWELL. DANA LANDERS would enjoy an extra month of Christmas vacation.

Another plea for a Toy Tiger was made by JOE SHAW. Only he'd like her shorter and better looking than he is.

Senior MELODY RENNIE wants a new football helmet and JOE in it. GLORIA HARLIN is rather general about her preferences, all she asked for is a boy.

To add to his Christmas fun PETE WAGNOR asks Santa for an electric fork. Really PETE, aren't you getting a little lazy.



PIERCED EARS are back and Becky Melton, junior, examines the latest fashion in earrings which many teens are now wearing.

## Modern Fad Reverts To Ancient Customs

Jackie Cherico

As man becomes more civilized he seems to revert to ancient customs or so it seems with the present fad of the pierced ear.

If present trends continue with the earring getting longer and larger every day, soon girls may be seen with actual "ear plugs" supporting bobs up to 4 1/2 inches in diameter weighing up to 2 lbs. and 14 ozs. Such was the case of the Berwan people of Borneo who had their earlobes stretched as to pierce them with holes, up to one inch in diameter, in which a plug was placed to support the enormous weight dangling at the end of the earlobe.

The history of the pierced ear is a long one dating back to prehistoric man who tried to dress up himself with crude stone or-

naments. Until the time of the Etruscans, who made beautiful gold hoops, a large variation of materials were used to make their rings.

The trend of using gold for earrings was later picked up by Egyptian artisans who made lovely flowers, fruits, vases, peacocks, and even Medusa heads. Archaeological excavation has found long series of pendant chains hanging from disks in both Egypt and Assyria.

Symbols and forms which were considered sacred were made into ear ornaments. Mycenaeans wore pendant bull's heads or forms based on the bull's head. Greeks of upper society wore rings with carved statues of famous gods or goddesses.

Greeks gave classification to their earrings ranging from the simple, "enotia" to the stalagma, forms of water droplets; to the finest in shapes of statues and pictures, the "crotolia." Even statues from these people have been seen with the perforat-

ed lobe, for the earrings to be placed.

Men began to wear earrings nearly exclusively in the Orient by displaying fine jewels. In 208 AD Emperor Alexander Severus of Rome had men executed if they wore earrings, because he believed he should be the only one to wear them.

Barbaric Northmen wore the earring due to an old superstition. They believed that "earrings prevent evil and malicious suggestions from entering the ear."

By the 17th century the wearing of earrings took to decline and usually were not worn by anyone but pirates, gypsies, sailors, and Latins. Finally at the end of the 19th century earrings came back into style, but were altered with a clip instead of a hoop through the ear. Within the past 2 years the pierced look has again come back with a great flourish and is worn by a great percentage of the womenfolk.

## Club News

# Clubs Plan Festivities And Christmas Parties

Beki Williams

The French Club will have a skating party for the fourth in a row. Club members will meet at the library parking lot on December 30, and leave from there no later than 7:10. The cost is one dollar per person, and a trip permission blank must be turned in for each person going before school is out for Christmas vacation. After the skating part of the party is over, the group will return to Irving for refreshments.

FHA

The Future Homemakers of America had a Christmas party December 13, in the form of a progressive dinner. Foreign foods prepared by the girls were served at four different homes. FHA cookbooks are on sale in D-103. "Meats," "Vegetables," "Desserts," and "Salads" are available for \$3.00 each or \$8.25

for any three. These make excellent Christmas gifts.

Debate Club

The Debate Club entered the Sunset Tournament held on December 9 and 10. Debbie Black and Sherri Taylor won third place in the girls' debates. The debate teams won 9 out of 12 debates. There will be another tournament in February in Waco.

FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America are organizing plans for the sending of telegrams during February. These telegrams will go out right before Valentine's Day. The club also plans a picnic in the spring.

VOE

The Vocational Office Education Club, a newly organized club with the purpose of training girls going into the business field,

inducted officers December 7. President is Karen Brown, vice president is Janet Pope, secretary is Margaret Hensley, and treasurer is Dianne Bradford. Also at this meeting, guest speaker Miss Marion Cantrell, VOE area supervisor from the Texas Education Agency, talked about today's business woman. The VOE Club has petitioned the state to associate them with the state organization, Office Education Association of Texas.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club Banquet was held at El Fenix on December 1. Mr. Frank P. McGowair, the consulate from Peru, spoke on the differences between Peru and the United States. The induction of new members and officers took place after the meal.

## Books Suggested As Gifts

A list of books that are considered to be good gifts for Christmas has been compiled by the library staff.

The books are all new, and the list is a reminder to everyone that a book would make a nice gift for Christmas.

Two books that are especially recommended are "The Random House Dictionary of the English Language" and "Shakespeare". The first book contains concise dictionaries of French, Spanish, German, Italian, and English, besides information on many other topics. "Shakespeare" is a book game which stimulates interest in Shakespeare and his work, while teaching a great deal.

Other books classified in adult comprehension are the following: "Miracle at Philadelphia," "Diaper Days of Dallas," "The

Iron Orchard", and "Five Women I Love".

Authentic fiction treatment of the business of finding and producing oil in America is the setting for "The Iron Orchard", the story of America's first oilmen. "Five Women I Love" is a quip-a-minute account written by Bob Hope of his trip to Viet Nam.

Several books classified as Young Adult are "The Specialist in Pro Football" and "Tomorrow's Children: Eighteen Tales of Fantasy and Science Fiction". The first is the story of the Dallas Cowboys' defensive tackle Bob Lilly as told by Gary Cartwright of the "Dallas Morning News" in one of its chapters. The second book is science fiction and has eighteen stories written by such writers as Asimov, Bradbury and Simak.

# Yuletide Tradition Observed by Many

Sherri Duke

Although Christmas is becoming more commercialized each year, there are still many families that observe special traditions at Christmas, including some IHS teachers and students. They range from old American traditions to many foreign born customs.

Mrs. Nell Conover, librarian, enjoys an old-fashioned Christmas.

## IHS TAPS Organized By Teens

Members of the Amicus Horizon Club are organizing a branch of Teen Age Program for teenagers of Irving.

TAPS is associated with the March of Dimes. The chairman of the Irving Chapter is Jack Johnson, who is working with members of the Horizon Club to organize TAPS. The state chairman is Robin Young, and the National Chairman is Paul Peterson, who will be in Dallas on January 6, for a TAPS rally.

TAPS works with children who have birth defects. Mrs. Peggy Bowers, advisor to the Amicus Horizon, said "TAPS also serves the purpose of educating teenagers in ways of preventing birth defects."

The members of TAPS, baby-sitting for mothers who march for the March of Dimes, and with the children of those who go to see the doctor at community clinics.

For more information concerning the organization of the club, three Irving High students who may be contacted are President of Amicus Horizon, Jean Ann Jungman, at BL 3-0768, Pam Nichols at BL 4-7071 or Dianne Janicek at BL 3-4646.

mas. The children hang their stockings on Christmas Eve and presents are exchanged on Christmas morning, around a big green tree. Mrs. Conover also prepares ambrosia for the family.

Toni Heaton, who spent several Christmases in Hawaii, says the holidays are celebrated with festive luaus. Because of the warm weather, Hawaiians are able to swim at the beaches after Santa has visited.

### Prepares Rice Dish

Senior Dan McCurdy was born in the Philippine Islands. Tradition in his family takes the form of a Japanese rice dish prepared by Mrs. McCurdy at the Yule season.

Melody Rennie looks forward to baked ham at Christmas Dinner with her family. Her fireplace is adorned with branches of white holly as a traditional decoration.

Presents and a holiday feast on Christmas Eve are the traditions at the home of Mrs. Lucille Casey. Christmas Day is spent in visiting and relaxation.

### Uses Family Recipe

Gold and silver pine cones decorate Mrs. Ben Hines' home. For her husband, she makes his favorite dishes, using the recipes of their mothers and grandmothers.

### Listens to French Songs

Brenda Holland, who has a French - born mother, spends each Christmas Eve with her family. They listen to French and American Christmas music and enjoy home-made French pastries.

Kenny and Lorraine Hubenak are served "kolaches" or Czech sweet rolls by their mother each Christmas, as is the custom in Czechoslovakia.

## 'Drummer Boy' Chosen Favorite

Beat music is giving way to the occasional sound of Christmas songs as disc jockeys acknowledge the approaching Yuletide.

Which Christmas songs had students rather hear? Most students quickly liked "Little Drummer Boy", the best, but it was closely contested by "Jingle Bell Rock", "Blue Christmas" and "Silent Night" were next with a close count.

The next three songs selected were separated by few votes. These songs are "White Christmas", "Silver Bells", and "Jingle Bells". The last three positions decided upon by students were "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Twelve Days of Christmas", and "Deck the Halls".

## Rugged Individualists 'Rough It'

James Beaver

Occasionally after the stress of modern schoolwork and household chores, a boy likes to get away with a few of his friends for a while and "rough it."

The modern match, the traffic jams, and the fighting over which TV shows to watch, all were left behind by four rugged outdoorsmen, Greg Turner, Robert Carlyle, James Beaver, and Wallace Harrison who camped out during the Thanksgiving holidays.

After driving 70 miles to the Palaxey River, they unpacked

and walked several miles to a suitable campsite. A package of pre-popped popcorn was opened. This was followed by a fresh can of peaches. For two days these tough pioneers lived on nothing by what they could find in the box of canned food they had brought.

Life was not dull in this secluded spot, for they had a good radio, and they could always drive into town to the pool hall.

Night-time was not dull, either, as it was only 70 miles to Irving and Teen-a-Go-Go. Buy by 1:00 P.M., these rugged soldiers of



Mrs. Mardilla Cox describes life in Alaska as she knew it after living there for three years.

## Mrs Cox Says Living In Alaska 'Challenge'

Jill Wilson

Mrs. Mardilla Cox, whose husband was a minister in a Methodist church in Retchikan, Alaska lived there from 1945 to 1948. A brisk 5'4" sophomore English teacher, Mrs. Cox said she considered life in Alaska a challenge.

"The weather wasn't very cold, but it was frightfully wet, said Mrs. Cox. "It rained from 170 to 200 inches a year."

Living was more expensive, according to Mrs. Cox, but

## Drill Team Presents Scrapbook

The Toy Tigers gave Mrs. Casey a surprise party December 8, to show appreciation for her hard work and dedication.

The girls presented Mrs. Casey with a crown and scepter. She also received a dozen red roses and perfume.

Four Toy Tigers, Barbara Sosbee, Pam King, Bobbie Morse, and Kathy Dingus modeled each of the uniforms the Toy Tigers have worn in the last nine years.

A scrapbook, entitled "Casey At The Bat" included candid photographs and comments about the year's activities.

fortune were winding through twisted trails back to camp, guided only by a flashlight and a Coleman lantern. They passed the night in the light of a giant gasoline campfire.

If, in the future, other men pass that way, they will probably still see signs of these sons of the West, such as tin cans, batteries, gas cans, and popcorn kernels.

Has the West gone soft? Of course not. As many people have been saying, teenagers are just as primitive today as they ever were.

"There weren't many places to go; therefore one didn't spend much on recreation." Entertainment consisted of a large library, one movie, and many different clubs.

Mrs. Cox found some things strange in Alaska. Who wouldn't feel strange at oversleeping and missing half of the short Alaskan summer or waking up in the middle of the night to be greeted by bright sunlight?

Mrs. Cox has four children. One son was recently appointed associate conductor to Stokowski, a famous conductor in New York, and two others have masters' degrees from SMU in music. Her hobby is music and she plays the violin.

## Girl Views Sport With Curious Eye

Sherri Duke

Girls who date athletes are bound to learn something about the sports their boyfriends participate in, either by watching the sports for hours on end, or by asking questions.

My first serious attempt at understanding sports came when I was recently introduced to boxing. I felt it was a necessity to learn something about the sport before I viewed it. I then proceeded to take a "crash course" on this manly art of self-defense.

I tried to prepare myself mentally for the scenes I would witness at the approaching tournament. I had visions of blood, black eyes, and limp bodies unconscious in the ring. No one bothered to tell me that I would see little of this in the Golden Gloves.

The first thing that caught my curious eye was the white bottles the boxers drank from between rounds. I innocently asked, "What's in those little bottles?" My friend the boxer replied, "I knew you'd ask that! All girls

## Class Capers Slinky Toys Aid Pupils In Physics

Jerry Self Carol Smartt

Slinky toys have entered into the world of Physics. Mrs. Jo Samuel's physics classes discovered jerking the slinky generates a pulse, a great help in their study of wave motion.

If Robin Burdette walks past you in the hall carrying a box of ice, don't recommend the clinic. He is helping with a heat experiment in Mrs. Jo Samuel's first period physics class. The ice is saved for the experiment by the lunchroom.

Mrs. Jimmie Stephens and Mrs. Eva Kay Christian combined their biology classes for an observation experiment. Every day for one week, the students noted the change of color and odor of rotting fruit, crushed grapes, moldy bread with squash and dirt on top, hay and water, dried beans, and cottage cheese.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Mrs. Hines English IV class received their Christmas gifts last Friday. They were all presented with copies of Ivanhoe. Looks like they are going to be busy during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Allye Martin's

senior English classes presented 15 minute scenes from "Macbeth." There were three student directors for each scene.

### ROOF RAISING

The boys in Building Trades are literally raising the roof. The boys are starting to work on the rafters and different kinds of braces to support the roof on their house at 609 Burnt Wood. The gyp rock on the house is ready for bricking.

Twenty-two drawings in twenty-two days are the goals of Mr. James Stephen's drafting classes. Mr. Stephens wants to teach the boys to be able to work accurately under pressure.

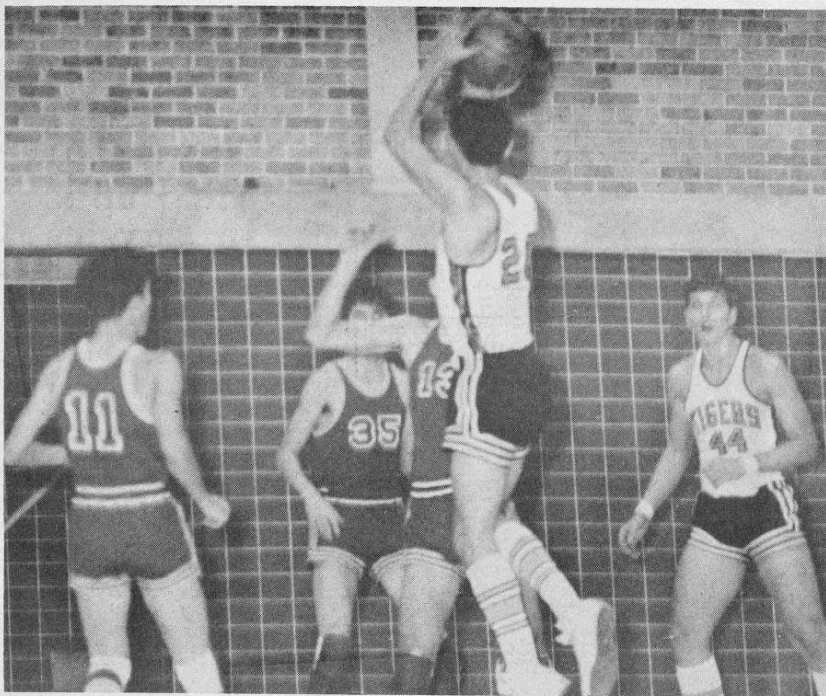
do!" After several incorrect guesses, I surmised the bottles contained pure H<sub>2</sub>O.

I became extremely upset when I discovered that a boxer wins the match for knocking out his opponent, it seems unfair to me that a boy should be rewarded for this. The sportsmanlike thing would be to help his opponent off the floor and start over again.

After watching 78 bouts my first night at the tournament, I must admit that I enjoy this violent sport, and I admire the boys who are brave enough to pursue it.

Above all, I have learned never to ask questions at a sports event. It is much better to quietly observe and make mental notes, then check out several books on the sport.

If your boyfriend is an athlete, never sympathize with his opponent. No matter what sport he participates in, show an interest and if you must ask questions, ask intelligent ones."



Larry Jamieson, senior guard, attempts a long jump shot against Bryan Adams as Kelvin Korver, senior center, stands by.

Photo By Don Clark

## Fans Cheer Football Teams In First Intramural Games

by Larry Sawyer

Coach Stanley Cason's third period P.E. class was pitted against Coach Bobby Ray Emberton's first period class December 7, in what was the first of many intramural touch football games to come in the near future.

A large number of students were on hand to cheer the two teams on as the game was forced

to go under lights.

During the first half of play it was a defensive battle as neither team was able to score. Emberton's field goal specialist, Jean Stone, attempted twice, but to no avail. Early in the third period quarterback Terry Hall scored for Cason's class on a twelve yard keeper. He passed to Shelby Rogers for the two point

conversion. Cason put his defense together and when the final whistle was blown it was Cason's third period 8, Emberton's first 0.

The game was played under regular touch football rules with 15 minutes quarters, no time outs allowed. Two passes over the line of scrimmage make a first down.

Officiating was handled by three Varsity Seniors. Dennis Stephan, Phil Riddle, and Bill Hastings. Time keeping was handled by Coach Calvin Kincheloe.

Next on Coach Cason's opponents list is Coach Kincheloe sixth period class. Fourth period, under the leadership of Coach "Dandy" Bobby Jones, is hoping for a crack at Cason's Marauders.

Other players participating in the matches were Rod Green, Bill Flynt, Clark Armstrong, Ricky Littleton, Lindsey Holton, Susan Randle, Monica Mote, and Judy Moore.

## District Games

DATE	GAME	PLACE
1-3	Irving High vs Richland	Richland
1-6	Irving High vs Grand Prairie	Irving
1-10	Irving High vs Haltom	Haltom
1-17	Irving High vs Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls
1-13	Irving High vs Arlington	Irving
1-20	Irving High vs Richland	Irving
1-22	Irving High vs Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie
1-27	Irving High vs Haltom	Irving
1-31	Irving High vs Arlington	Arlington
2-3	Irving High vs Wichita Falls	Irving

## Go For Double Win Tigers Meet Cats For Cage Battle

by Barbara Watson

A tension-packed game will be in store for the Irving Tigers when they take on the San Angelo Bobcats tonight in San Angelo.

Sam Brakley will be the man to watch for the Orangemen, while Jerry Lynch, Fred Palmer, and Larry Jamieson will lead the battle for the Tigers.

San Angelo has a strong team as was proved in the Irving Tournament held December 1, 2, and 3, when they came up to win the Consolation after losing to Sunset in their first game of the tournament.

MacArthur Next

After San Angelo, Irving will take on MacArthur December 19 for the second time. In the previous battle with the Cardinals, the Tigers were edged out to a 70-64 defeat.

On December 20, the Tigers will take on St. Marks. This will be the second time that Irving has played St. Marks, losing to them in the first game.

Over the Christmas holidays, Irving will participate in the Dr. Pepper Tournament. The Tigers will be just one of 32 Dallas area schools to play in the annual tourney.

District Begins

District season begins on January 3, as the students return from Christmas holidays. Irving will journey to Richland to vie for their first district win this year against the Rebels.

Going into tonight's game, Fred Palmer leads the Tigers in points scored with a total of 151 points and a 13.7 point average per game. Jerry Lynch follows close behind with a 150 total points and a 13.7 point average per game. Jerry Lynch follows close behind with 150 total points and a 13.6 point average per game.

Following Palmer and Lynch in scoring is Wayne Dickson with 85 total points and a 7.7 point average.

Palmer Leads

The leading field goal shooter is Fred Palmer with 79 attempted

shots and 50 completions for a 63% average. Jerry Lynch leads in free throws with 43 attempts and 32 completions for a 74% average.

The overall team has scored a total of 661 points with a 60 point average while their opponents scored 649 points with a 59 point average. The team is hitting 44% of their field goals and 63% of their free throws.

## Sports Briefs

by Larry Sawyer

LARRY TURNER and the track team are getting in shape these days by chasing squirrels at Fritz Park. Coach Uhr has a different approach. He stands under the tree and charms them down with words. With the number of squirrels at Fritz Park there must be a few nuts around too.

Irving Places 2

The "REVEREND" LARRY JAMIESON and FRED "GOOSE" PALMER were selected for the All Tournament Basketball Team in the Irving High Tournament held on December 1 through the 3. The Tigers finished second behind Lubbock Monterey. Fred's name is being changed to "Snag". He got a front tooth knocked out in the fading minutes of the last game.

All I Want for Christmas

"MUMBLES" VALENTA has been singing "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Well, Santa came early. Neal got his choppers back last Friday.

Tizers Lift at Lone Star

This Saturday, December 17, MIKE DONIHOO, junior, MARCELL PONCE, sophomore, and DARRELL ENDICOTT, senior, will be in competition in the Lone Star Invitational Weightlifting Tournament to be held at the Sokol Athletic Center in Dallas. The Dallas High School Meet, which is usually a very good meet for our boys, will be coming up in the early part of February.

Cal A-Go-Go

The P.E. teachers must be under paid because lately they have been getting their money's worth out of the boys. Last week all PE classes had at least 25 minutes of hard calisthenics. TREES REEDER, senior, was so overjoyed when they were through that he cheered, and fourth period received a bonus of 20 more pushups and 20 sit ups.

Letter Jackets?

The main topic of conversation in the field house lately is the arrival of the football letter jackets. Many of the players believe that they have already arrived and that the coaches have them hidden for safe keeping. Or maybe they are keeping them until the three missing jerseys are found or turned in.

## Party To Bring About True Christmas Spirit

by Barbara Watson

Dolls, games, puzzles, guns, books, and toy animals bring about the feeling of Christmas to the P.E. department.

A giant party for each P.E. class will be held on December 21 for both the boys and the girls. The party will be held in the boys' gym where a Christmas tree will be set up.

Each class drew names and are to buy a small gift suitable for a child. The gifts are to be wrapped and will be handed out at the party.

After opening gifts, students will get to compare toys while listening to Christmas music.

At the end of the period, all toys will be gathered and placed

in a large box. By the end of the day, the P.E. teachers hope to have collected more than 2,000 toys.

The toys will be given to an orphanage, the Salvation Army, or some other worthy cause to be distributed to needy children throughout the Irving area for Christmas.

## Girls Join 'T'

The I-Association has five female members this year. Gini Bauer, Carla Vestal, Cathy Wallace, Debbie Wahalstrum and Denise Batchelor lettered in tennis last year.



Mary Hardee

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Jerry Self

Janice Moyer

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