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Yule Activities Continue; Holiday Break Approaches

YMCA Schedules Program Tonight

By BOB PALMER
Battalion Staff Writer
As Aggies prepare to return home for the holidays, Christmas activities cram the schedule for both campus and community.

The annual Christmas dinner in Duncan and Sbis Dining Halls Monday night was a highlight of the remaining days before the holidays begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Aggies donated fruit on their tables to the Bryan Boys Club to help the underprivileged children of the area.

The "Campus - Community Christmas" program will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday in front of the Systems Administration Building.

THE PROGRAM will feature the Singing Cadets and the lighting of a 25-foot tree. The tree, cut by YMCA members south of College Station, will be trimmed with about 400 lights, according to David Howard, YMCA public relations chairman.

"This tree will serve as a symbol of the best wishes of the student body toward the community," Howard said. The tree will be lit every night until New Year's.

The School of Architecture will treat area youngsters to a "Christmas Happening" from 1 to 7 Tuesday afternoon in the Architecture Building.

THE CHILDREN will be given pinatas filled with treats, and will be taken on a tour of "Funville." The trip includes trolley rides through "mountains," crawling through "Carlsbad Caverns," and a 60-foot toboggan ride.

Although most Aggies will be vacating the campus, some to whom home is too far away must spend Christmas here.

Dorm 22 and ramps E, F, G, H, I, J and K will be left open for them, while all others will be closed.

For the duration of the holidays, the bowling and billiards area of the Memorial Student Center will serve normal functions of the entire building. Newspapers will be sold and dominoes, checkers and other games will be dispensed there. The rest of the Center will shut down Friday.

HOLIDAY activities will continue during the break for faculty and staff.

Tickets are now on sale for \$3 at the main desk of the MSC for the Faculty-Staff Dinner Dance Club's Christmas party Dec. 28. The party, planned for the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m., will be open to other faculty and staff members.

MSC personnel and families will have a party where "Santa" will hand out gifts to the 100 youngsters expected to attend.

Marring the Christmas atmosphere of the holidays is the theft during the weekend of YMCA Christmas lights.

"They took three strings of electric lights and about 90 percent of our Christmas decorations," J. Gordon Gay, YMCA director, reported. He said this was the first such occurrence in 27 years.

The latest forecast by the university's weather station indicates Aggies should have generally good driving conditions for their trips home and back to school.

Jim Lightfoot, station manager, predicted the only hazardous driving in the state Wednesday and Thursday will be in the mountains in far West Texas.

Rain, however, is expected for most of the state Christmas.

Cotton Bowlers can anticipate a crisp but dry day. Dallas weather for New Years should be clear to partly cloudy with temperatures in the high 30's or low 40's, Lightfoot said.

The favorable weather should continue through Jan. 3, the meteorologist continued, allowing students safe driving conditions for their trip back to the campus.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Students enjoy the traditional turkey-and-trimmings Christmas dinner in Duncan Dining Hall. Guests included officers from the Military and Air Science departments and other administrative personnel.

Holiday Seminars Scheduled For 33 Dominican Students

Texas A&M students from the Dominican Republic will continue their education straight through the Christmas holidays.

Outside the classroom, lab and textbook, that is.

The 33 sophomore and freshman students under Agency for International Development contract will participate in mid-winter leadership training seminars, announced Dr. Jack Gray, International Programs director at A&M.

Students will scatter to 19 U. S. cities Dec. 21-30.

"The main purpose of the seminars is for experience in different cultural environments," explained William E. Beach, International Programs campus coordinator for AID-Dominican Republic.

"They will view the major segments of U. S. society, receive

orientation on local government, tour major points of interest and experience citizen participation in local public issues," he went on.

Sponsored by international visitors councils, schools, colleges and service organizations, the students will be among 30 AID-spon-

sored participants in each city. Including families who invite the boys to stay in their homes at Christmas, from 50 to 75 persons in each city will be involved in the seminar, Beach said.

A&M students will be in Hartford, Conn.; East Lansing, Mich.; Seattle, Wash.; San Diego, Calif., and Miami, Fla., and most of the nation's major cities.

"Many of our students asked for northern and northeast locations since they have never experienced winter conditions including ice and snow," Beach noted.

"They will exchange experiences and ideas when they return to the campus," he added.

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AGGIE SWEETHEART
Kathy Heldman and "Santa" Slouch

Kathy Asks Santa To Visit Aggies

Dear Cadet Slouch,

Since you're dressed up like Santa Claus, I'd like to introduce myself and tell you what I want for Christmas. My name is Kathy Heldman. You see I'm extremely proud of the Aggies so I want a few special things for them.

First of all I want you to let all the Aggies have a safe and enjoyable trip home, to the Cotton Bowl Game and then back to Aggieland.

For all the coaches and their respective teams I want a Conference Championship.

To Coach Stallings and the football team, a Cotton Bowl Victory with all the players free from injuries. On New Year's Day I would like for the Twelfth Man with its Fightin' Texas Aggie Spirit to spread throughout the nation and let this spirit last for years and years to come.

Cadet Slouch, since you are so close to the Aggies, I want you to send each and everyone of them a thank-you for me. Being Aggie Sweetheart has brought me many wonderful experiences and memories. My Christmas and New Year will be one I'll never forget. The cards I have received at school and the HOWDYS I get from them at Aggieland make me the proudest girl ever.

My one last gift to the Aggies is to let all their dreams come true during the Christmas Holidays and the New Year.

Cadet Slouch, will you introduce me to all the Aggies I haven't met? No! Wait. I'll make that my New Year's Resolution!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,
Kathy Heldman

Australian PM Declared Lost; Services Set

By GORDON TAIT
Associated Press Writer
CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The government declared the prime ministry vacant Monday night and Australian officials prepared to receive President Johnson at a memorial service Friday for Prime Minister Harold E. Holt.

Johnson will fly 10,173 miles to Melbourne to pay his respects to the man who led Australia as a strong supporter of U. S. policy in the Far East. The President will leave Washington at noon Tuesday and arrive about 30 hours later—Thursday—in Australia, on the other side of the International Date Line.

Governor-General Lord Casey ended Holt's commission as prime minister and announced that Deputy Prime Minister John McEwen will be sworn in as interim prime minister Tuesday. Casey had delayed the action while there was hope that Holt had survived the riptides that swallowed him as he was swimming Sunday.

The memorial services was scheduled for noon, Friday, in St. Paul's Church of England Cathedral, Melbourne.

Battalion Staff To Get Holiday Break

This will be the last edition of The Battalion for 1967. So until next year, may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next edition for the new year will be January 5.

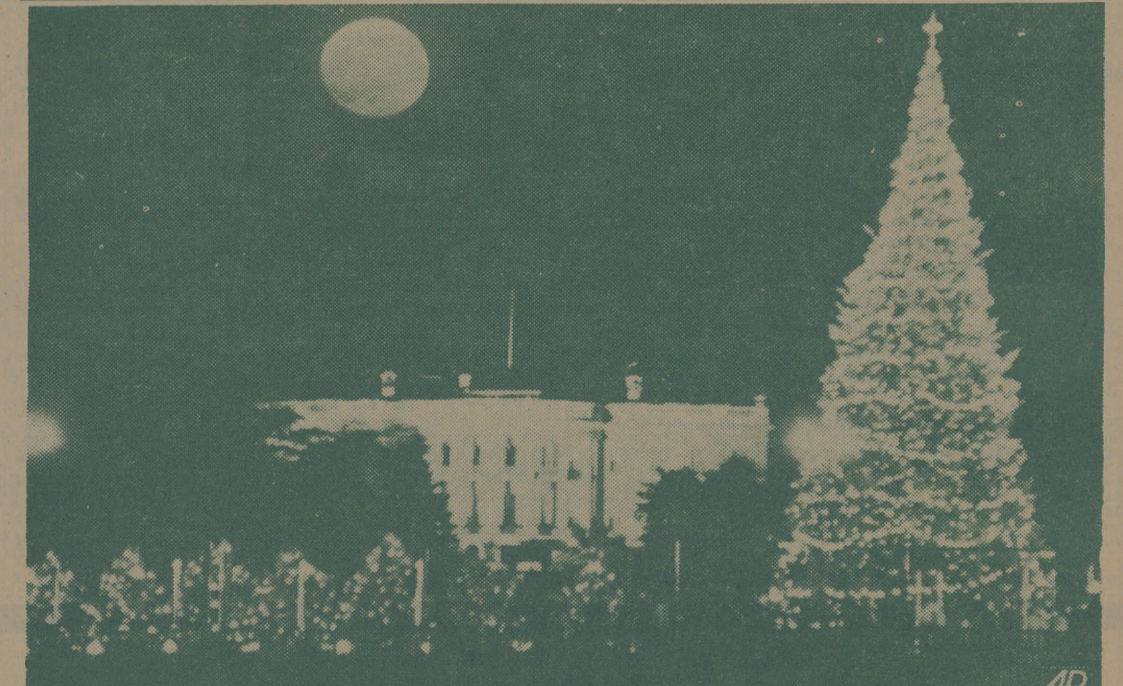
'63 Grad Named Air Medal Winner For Viet Service

A Texas A&M and Bryan High graduate, Air Force Capt. Ronald W. Marshall, has been awarded the Air Medal for combat service in Southeast Asia.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marshall, 4310 Hwy. 6 N., was cited for outstanding airmanship and courage as a C-135 Stratolifter navigator.

Captain Marshall is now assigned at Fairchild AFB, Wash., in a unit of the Strategic Air Command. He studied physical education at A&M, graduated and was commissioned in 1963. His wife, Jean, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lynch, 711 Inwood Drive, Bryan.

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CHRISTMAS MOOD AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The National Christmas tree stands brightly lighted in the Ellipse near the White House, background, after lighting ceremonies. The full moon was added to picture by double exposure. (AP Wirephoto)

UN Group Recesses Discussion On Anti-Proliferation Treaty

By CHARLES STORER
Associated Press Writer
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. N. General Assembly's Main Political Committee voted Monday for a resumption of the assembly session next spring to debate a proposed treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

The resolution, approved 94 to 1 with four abstentions, was one of several key disarmament questions considered by the committee as it wound up its business for the year.

In the show of hands, Albania opposed the resolution and Cuba, France, Ghana and Mali abstained. THE ASSEMBLY, now in its adjournment rush, will take up

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the resolution Tuesday. Since all 123 U. N. members are represented on the committee, assembly approval is considered certain.

The assembly is scheduled to complete its work for the year Tuesday night.

The Political Committee also adopted a resolution urging suspension of all nuclear tests, underground as well as in the atmosphere, and called "as a matter of urgency" for a treaty to bar underground tests.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS approved provide for continued consideration of general and complete disarmament and elimination of foreign military bases in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Another schedules for August and September a conference of state without nuclear weapons to consider their security problems.