

Christmas

rees

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little trees, fat trees, beautiful trees like Charleston majestic trees like

around Bryan/College you probably can find a lot of tree your little for sale for under \$30. Options including the and Lambda Sigma, the honor society, sell on campus every

Club will begin selling pines on Monday,

cost \$20 for a five-foot and \$22 for a tree that is half feet tall.

club members will sell to the Forest Science across the street from the

will buy the trees, to be sold after Thanksgiving, Christmas tree growers and Kountz.

president of the Forestry Club will help pay the expenses, and fees club members go to lumberjack competition

competition, which ends of March, entrants log-cutting speed, axe throwing, log birlification, wood identification contests.

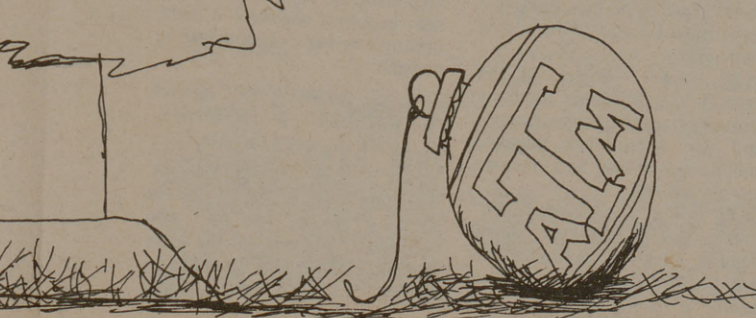
of Lambda Sigma are Douglas firs, Canada balsam trees, and Scotch pines fountain, across the Libisa Dining Hall and treet from the Com-

cost \$7 and \$9, depending on the tree.

\$7 and \$9 trees are from four-foot high, small a dormitory room or

the treasurer of Lambda Sigma will finance the spring banquet.

the money also will be used at a regional conference in Ala., Chin said.



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It's almost Christmas time again and, when it comes to buying gifts, many college students have low budgets and no ideas.

This Christmas, do something special — make your own Christmas gifts.

Still don't have any ideas?

How about miniature yarn baskets, or sparkling ornaments?

Miniature yarn baskets are good presents, even for people who don't collect miniatures, and may be special gifts for those who do.

Materials needed are:

- Yarn (baby yarn or any fine yarn is best)

- Tiny colored glass-topped pins (found in department stores or craft/hobby supply shops)

- White glue

- Acorn caps (wide acorns have little caps which resemble brown baskets)

Instructions:

- 1) Roll three miniature balls of yarn in whatever color you prefer, tiny enough to fit inside your acorn basket.

- 2) Place dot of glue in cap and secure the balls of yarn inside.

- 3) Let dry and take two glass-topped pins, which will resemble miniature knitting needles, and insert them in the yarn balls.

Sparkling ornaments are adorable presents and can be used on your own tree as well.

Materials:

- Plastic cafe style curtain rings

- Glitter

- Miniature figures (deer,

- angels, teddy bears, etc.)

- Cotton, dried moss or any other materials for trims

- White glue (must dry clear)

Instructions:

- 1) Coat curtain ring with glue and cover completely with glitter; let dry.

- 2) Glue appropriate trim of cotton or moss to the center of the inside bottom half of ring.

- 3) Glue desired miniature in place on trim.

For personal instruction in making creative Christmas gifts, you may want to take the two- to three-hour classes offered in the MSC Craft Shop, in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

In each workshop, you complete at least one item and learn basic principles that may be applied in many areas.

Classes offered include: bandsaw boxes, bread dough art, cross-stitch ornaments, cutting boards, etched ornaments, holiday calligraphy, jewelry boxes, needlepoint ornaments, pinecone wreaths, silk flowers, stained glass ornaments, stockings, wooden puzzles and wooden toys.

The classes will be taught on different nights, beginning Dec. 5. To find out when each class is offered, call the MSC Craft Shop at 845-1631.

The costs range from \$5 to \$9 for students, and \$6 to \$10.50 for non-students.

If you decide to buy your Christmas gifts this year, you can still get the personal touch of handmade items at a craft festival, sponsored by the MSC Craft Center, Nov. 29-30.



by Angel Stokes

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Toys, toys and more toys. The "wishbooks" have pages and pages of toys for today's children. Along with such old favorites as Barbie and Ken, GI Joe, Tinker Toys, Crayolas and Play Doh are arcade games, Star Wars figures, E.T. and electronic games. But even the stand-bys aren't quite the same.

For example, Barbie has a townhouse, a swimming pool, a Corvette, a wardrobe to die for and even a McDonald's (Barbie has to eat). You also can buy a Barbie for every occasion — Malibu Barbie for the beach, Dream Date Barbie

for Dream Date Ken and to keep Barbie and Ken single — Tracy and Todd Dolls get married instead.

GI Joe has everything for modern warfare, except the nuclear bomb (next year's addition?). His equipment includes a heavy artillery laser, an armored missile center, a combat jet and an amphibious personnel carrier.

Tinker Toys are motorized, Crayolas are designing kits and Play Doh comes in a fun factory.

For the Star Wars collector's, Return of the Jedi figures Jabba the Hutt and the EWOK Village, along with Battle Damaged fighters and

Speeder Bikes are available this year.

Everything is electronic. No simple toys for today's sophisticated children. Electronic gadgets are part of most board games — even Monopoly.

For those who aren't children but still enjoy video games, save your quarters. Miniature arcade games include Donkey Kong Junior, Zaxxon, Frogger, Ms. Pac Man and probably more to come.

But along with technology comes higher prices. Most "big" toys range from about \$30 for Barbie's Townhouse to about \$60 for arcade games.