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Student Association Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 1976
SA Office 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bambi, Jimmy was even here!, Julie, Richie, Susan, Alan, Jamie, Brad, Nita, Suzie, Mike, Bob, Doug Henneman, Jerry Morgan, Kenny, Libby

Absent: David, Dr. Barnes, Jeff Ballard,

TOY AND DOLLY DRIVE: We still need many toys and dolls. The club participation has been fair, but could be much better. We hope that students and staff and faculty will feel free to bring toys and dolls up to the SA Office all this week and the first of next. We would like to have all the toys here by Saturday, December 11, so that we can get all the boxes ready to send to the homes on Sunday night, so that as people begin to leave the first of next week, they can pick up the boxes they are going to deliver for us. We have around 15 homes that still need people to take their gifts to them. These homes are located all over the US, so please come by the SA office and look the list over, find a children's home that is near your home and sign up to take toys and dolls to them. Without your help and cooperation, this drive will not be a success. Please help to bring a little joy into some lives that could otherwise be rather sad and lonely. Thanks to all of you, and a very merry Christmas!!!

SA CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual SA Christmas party will be held this coming Saturday night, December 11. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with singing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree on the front lawn. After singing for a while, we will proceed into the Main Aud for a concert, letters to Santa, and the movie, Scrooge, for which there will be a minimal charge. After this, we will go over to Patti Cobb for Hot Chocolate and Doughnuts. Let's all come out and have a good time celebrating Christmas together. We would like to see many students, the faculty, and the staff and their families come out and enjoy the Christmas spirit with us.

"A Visit From St. Nicholas"

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap--
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a luster of midday to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick!
More rapid than eagles his courses they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys--and St. Nicholas, too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head and turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a round little belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump--a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang in his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

The SA would like to wish that each of you have a safe and wonderful holiday! Don't forget to spread Christmas cheer wherever you go, and come back to school in January ready for a fantastic spring semester!!

Merry Christmas!

Julie Grobmyer
SA Secretary