

Don't over indulge, it might
be good for your health!

MAYO HIGH SCHOOL ADVOCATE

Just what you want to be,
you'll be in the end.
— MOODY BLUES

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Commons' windows Brighten school

Once upon a time . . .
The Levy Referendum which failed almost a month ago was so sudden and its consequences were so hard to believe, that to many it all seemed like a fairy tale. But this fairy tale has only just begun.

In voting down the levy override, the Rochester taxpayers may have avoided a one point five million dollar problem, but they didn't erase it. Now the school board must go about carving that amount out of the school district's 1977-78 budget.

The following list, including the amounts saved, should give you some idea of the general cuts to be made. First, the junior and senior high school cuts:

1. Reduction of overall staff by more than three hundred and ten positions. Four hundred and twenty thousand dollars.
2. Elimination of Summer School (currently under dispute). Three hundred thousand dollars.
3. Reduction of student choice of classes from seven to six in junior high and to sixteen in three years for senior high. One hundred and sixty-

4. Intra-mural program reduction. Thirty-six thousand dollars.
5. Athletic program reduction. Twenty-five thousand dollars.

Severe cuts are also to be made at elementary levels:

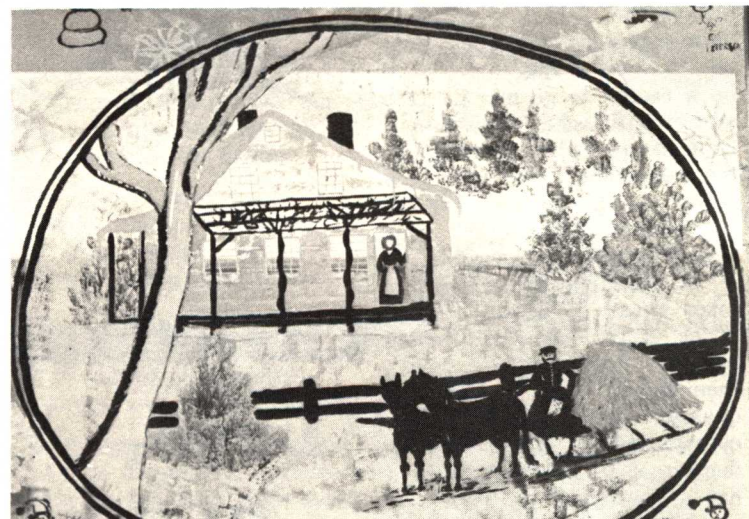
1. Reduction of staff ratio to fifty point five to one thousand, from fifty-four point three to one-thousand. Class size increase to an average of twenty-five. Three hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars.
2. Reduction of staff for declining enrollment. One hundred and seventeen thousand dollars.
3. Two schools to be closed. Twenty-eight thousand five-hundred dollars.
4. Elimination of after-school athletics. Twenty-eight thousand five-hundred dollars.
5. Field trip reduction. Ten thousand dollars.
6. Elimination of All-City Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Science Fairs. Three thousand dollars.
7. Other general cuts. Ninety-two thousand five-hundred

dollars.

School Board meetings on December 7, December 14 and January 4 will determine exactly what will be cut and the amounts of many specific cuts. However, the amounts of many cuts will depend largely on the upcoming settlement of the teachers' contracts. The Teacher's Association promised to be "reasonable" in negotiating a new two-year contract next May.

All of this will happen, of course, because of the three to one drubbing the Levy Referendum on November twenty-third. Over sixteen-thousand people voted, a record for a school election. In fact, the failure of the referendum marked the first time such a vote has failed since 1937. A second referendum vote will have to wait until July, 1977; and even a yes vote then would not add money to the budget until the 1978-79 school year.

So, although the entire story of the referendum may seem to many a fairy tale, don't be fooled, because in this fairy tale not everyone will live . . . happily ever after.



A Work of Art On One of the Commons' Windows
(Photo by Paul Loftgren)

Referendum is not a fairy tale Consequences hard to believe

by DAVE BROWN
and DEB WHALEN

The art students are bringing more Christmas spirit into Mayo by painting the commons and the cafeteria windows. Brilliant splashes of yellows, oranges, blues, and of course reds and greens, are arranged to create scenes, to set the holiday mood.

Mrs. Carol Martin, Art Director in charge of the project, said that this is not the first year the windows have been painted. She said she came up with the idea while teaching at John Marshall in 1961.

There are two or three students involved in painting each window. The Christmas designs are the students own creations.

After they draw the designs on paper they are transferred onto the window with water soluble

ink. Paint is then applied with small square sponges. The sponges are used to let light through for a special effect.

Students involved are the "Spartan Specials," in charge of the outside windows of the commons, and the Basic Design classes, who are painting the inside windows of the commons and the cafeteria windows.

Lori Warfield, grade 11, one of the students working on the windows said, "It's a fun thing to do, and it's a good thing to get you out of class."

Lynn Johnston, grade 10, remarked, "They're really good and they add a lot to the commons."

Janet Jones, grade 11, also replied, "They really do add a lot to the school."

The biggest ever Here at Mayo

by VICKI MAUS

This year Mayo's winter play will be the biggest production ever put on by the drama department. *Cyrano De Bergerac*, by Edmond Rostand. The play will be presented February 17, 18 and 19.

The director for the play is Mr. Johnson. The main characters are 'Cyrano' played by Don Harreld, Roxanne played by Sue Sheps and Christian played by John Uhlenhopp.

Other cast members are:
Amy Adson, Janet Anderson, Dale Bengtsen, Ginny Berry, Monte Bathum, Jim Bowie, Shawn Brooks, Judy Campbell, Chris Daniels, Steve Davis, Bob Dunn, Tom Fleming, Lynn Flickinger, Peggy Funk, Jenny Gleich, Howard Hammett, Mark Hartfield, Becky Heins, Terri Herman, Paula Hollenhorst, Sarah Huckstead, Lisa Johnson, Mike Kennedy, Kim Kema, Mark LeQuia, Mark LeQue, Gail Lindsay, Martha Mallon, Nathan Markowitz, Charles Martin, David Mataye, Vicki Maus, Anna McDonnagh, Lisa McGrand, Kim Miller, Elizabeth Northcutt, Siabhan O'Duffy, Jeff O'Neill, Cory Peterson, Mark Peterson, Tom Pathoulas, Mike Plumb, Sharla Rietmann, Paul Rome, Alan Schroeter, Sue Shandley, Hillary Shandley, Sandy Shea, Annette Smick, Sheri Swenson, Linda Thompson, Dale VanFanningham, Norman Ward, David Weeks, Mark Wernstrom, Diane Wiltsie.



by SHERI SWENSON

PEP CLUB

Ski trips are now scheduled for eight Thursdays beginning in December. Buses will leave school at 3:45 from door three and return there at 11 p.m. These trips are to provide an opportunity for students to ski at reduced rates and to give non-skiers a chance to learn at minimal cost. To sign-up, see Mr. Laakso in room 2-121.

STUDENT-FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In their last meeting they discussed such vital topics as how the National Honor Society selects its members and why the school has abolished work permits.

AFS

They are planning a winter party. Two people have been chosen to go abroad on an exchange program either this summer or next year. The two are Lori Schoonover, grade 11, and Brenda Kieffer, grade 12. The papers for the exchange have been sent to the AFS office in New York.

They felt their "Big Bash" last month was a smashing success. They're now busy painting signs and promoting school spirit by organizing pep buses to away games.

DECLAMATION

The first organizational meeting was held on November 30. Students were briefed on the areas of competition. There are still open positions on the team. Anyone may go out. If interested, talk to Mrs. Sullivan in room 2-143. Meets begin in February.

FRENCH CLUB

On December 17, they will have a progressive dinner featuring French foods. In January, they'll be holding a winter outdoor party with fondue and cider afterwards.

GIRL'S CLUB

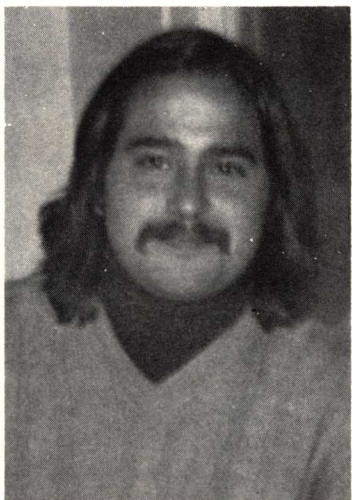
The Big Sis - Little Sis Christmas party was held and cookie cookbooks were sold. They will be sponsoring the Father-Daughter dance to be held in February.



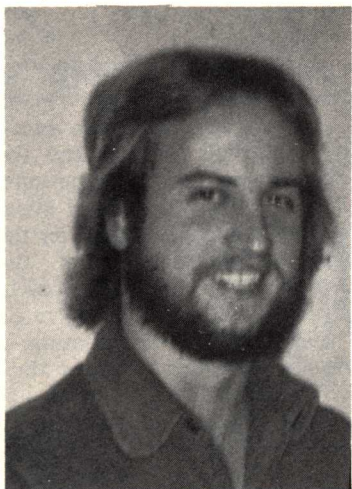
Coming Up

DEC. 21	Boys' Basketball — JM	H	8:00
21	Girls' Gymnastics — Red Wing	T	6:30
22	Wrestling — LaCrosse Central	H	
23	Hockey — Farmington	H	6:00 & 8:00
23	Beginning of Vacation		
27	Hockey — Armstrong	T	7:00
28	Hockey — Robbinsdale	T	8:00
JAN. 3	Vacation Ends		
3	JV Boys' Basketball — Albert Lea	T	4:30
4	Girls' Basketball — Spring Valley	H	
6	Girls' Basketball — Mankato West	H	
6	Girls' Gymnastics — Mankato West	T	6:30
7	Boys' Basketball — Owatonna	T	8:00
7	Hockey — Alexander Ramsey	H	5:30 & 7:30
7	Boys' Swimming — Winona	H	4:30
7	Wrestling — Owatonna	H	
8	Hockey — Austin	H	4:00 & 6:00
8	Boys' Wrestling — Ellsworth	T	
10	JV & B Res. — Winona	H	
11	Hockey — Owatonna	H	6:00 & 8:00
11	Girls' Basketball — JM	H	
13	Girls' Basketball — Austin	T	
13	Girls' Gymnastics — Austin	H	6:30
14	Boys' Basketball — Winona	H	6:20 & 8:00
14	Boys' Swimming — Albert Lea	T	4:30
14	Wrestling — Winona	T	
15	50's Dance		
15	Hockey — JM	H	6:00 & 8:00
15	Boys' Swimming — Northfield	H	1:30
17	Boys' Basketball, JV & B Res. — Austin	H	5:30
17	Girls' Basketball — Lourdes	T	
18	Wrestling — Apple Valley	T	
20	Boys' Basketball — JM	T	6:20 & 8:00
20	Girls' Basketball — Owatonna	T	
20	Girls' Gymnastics — Owatonna	H	6:30
21	Boys' Swimming — Austin	H	4:30
21	Wrestling — JM	H	
22	Hockey — Albert Lea	T	
22	Jefferson Inv. — Olson Jr. High		2:00
25	Girls' Basketball — Albert Lea	T	
25	Girls' Gymnastics — Pine Island	H	6:30
27	Girls' Basketball — Winona	H	
27	Girls' Gymnastics — Winona	T	
28	Boys' Basketball — Albert Lea	H	
28	Hockey — Minneapolis Edison	H	6:00
28	Boys' Swimming — Golden Valley	H	4:30
28	Wrestling — Albert Lea	T	

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Staff of the ADVOCATE



TONY BROWN
(Photo by Shelly Christensen)



TONY BIANCO
(Photo by Shelly Christensen)



BOB ASHENMACHER
(Photo by Shelly Christensen)

Former Advocate staff members Comment on journalism

by SHELLY CHRISTENSEN

Three former ADVOCATE staff members have found that journalism adds a little more excitement and the feeling of success to their lives. Bob Ashenmacher, Tony Brown, and Tony Bianco are all currently working for the Minnesota Daily, the University of Minnesota campus paper.

Bob and Tony Brown, both are 1973 graduates of Mayo. Bob was the ass't editor of the ADVOCATE and has been writing for the Daily since the beginning of this school year, covering Labor Unions.

Tony Brown had a sports column in the ADVOCATE, and he also wrote some news. He started out at the Daily in the fall of '75, covering hockey and other sports, then the legislature, Hennepin County Government and he has been covering politics since May of '75.

Tony Bianco was editor-in-chief of the ADVOCATE and graduated in 1971. Tony did not take up journalism right away in college, in fact he has only been working for the Daily since February of '76. First he covered the Metro Government and the MTC, now he is covering the administration.

Not everyone is suited to being a journalist. "There are a lot of saps in journalism as a whole; they used to bother me, but they don't anymore," said Bob. The reason these "saps" no longer bother him is because there is a very strict weeding out process and these people are forced out.

A basic ability to put words together is a great start into journalism. Liking to write is probably more important, even if what you like to write is poetry. Tony Bianco said that creative writers may be frustrated

by some restraints in journalism, but Tony Brown was quick to add that writers with a poetry background have an advantage because they are more conscience of the words they use. Feature writing is probably the best area for these people to go into. Tony Bianco stated, "Journalism gives you a feeling of self-importance, you're doing something that really matters."

Being able to explore current events by investigative reporting, can take a great deal of time and turn out to only be worth a paragraph. The reader doesn't see the amount of work that is actually done. But to Tony Brown, "One of the most fun parts of journalism is taking current events and just kind of putting them into a stronger perspective." Freedom of expression lets the writer be himself.

"Journalism's main virtue is that it's not boring," said Bob. "You're doing something different every day so you get into very few ruts," remarked Tony Brown.

Tony Bianco felt what appears as boredom in the beginning is really frustration, but with a good teacher who's willing to help this can be overcome.

"There's little real glamor in journalism, maybe the thrill of seeing you name in print," said Tony Bianco, "It's all 99 per cent hard work." Bob feels, "To report the truth without complaints is satisfying and worth the work."

Tony Brown stresses, "The only way to learn to write is by writing." Experience is of the utmost importance. You learn by making mistakes; once you make a mistake you know better the next time," he added,

"One of the most important things you can learn in high school is how to write."

Writing is not easy, but it can be a challenge. "Journalism is always the attraction of being close to power," said Tony Bianco, "I don't think that should be a reason to go into it. It's sort of an illusion." Power goes hand in hand with responsibility they equal out. You have the power to influence, but the responsibility to represent your school through your writing.

"At the high school level it takes pride to make a good paper. If you can make people proud to work for your paper, their output will be of better quality," said Bob. Bob also commended Mayo's journalism department by saying "Mayo has a journalism program that is better than most others in the state. I appreciated that a lot. They should keep funding it; it's definitely worthwhile."

Tony Bianco said, "I think journalism is a good beginning for any type of work, it teaches you a lot. Sitting at a typewriter you know that you have to get something out, your object is to get words on the paper. It's a good discipline to produce."

There is excitement in writing a story and seeing it in print. Those who go into journalism are not trying to get rich quick. It's not until about five years after you start that you notice the money. "Journalism seems to be a good way to make a living; it strikes a good balance between discipline work and freedom," said Tony Bianco.

All three agreed that along with the little glamor and satisfaction, is hard work and experience is a must, but in order to succeed at anything you have to like to do it.



Christmas, Love, Giving

by DENISE GRANTNER

I was sitting in my rocking chair
Listening to some Queen
Thinking of the Christmas
upon us

When I fell into a dream
Thoughts came slowly,
Foggy at first
Then picking up
In a whirl wind
Like a storm in its thirst,
And as the ghost of

Christmas came to pass
In my dream he told me
Of all the things

I should remember
Not for giving under the tree
But in the heart as well
It's in the heart,
Not in the hand
That love and giving
should dwell

He left me with this message
Implanted in my brain
Waking to the spirit
of love and giving
In its well worn fame

Take a peek at Santa's gift list

by ART BEERY

This past week I had the pleasure of going up north and visiting Ole' St. Nick. I was really impressed by the mass production of gifts that he and his elves have been making.

Throughout my whole tour, my curiosity grew and grew, until I finally flat out asked him if I could take a peek at the list of gifts. I was wondering who gets what and what gets who.

He took a list that was about a mile long. At the head of the list was JERRY FORD, he was going to get a years supply of band-aids and a crying towel. Next came Jimmy Carter. Santa was going to give him a gold peanut and a years supply of toothpaste.

Robert Dole was to get a punching bag with Jimmy Carter's picture on it.

Walter Mondale was going to get a shirt with "Hero" printed on it.

Secretary of State Kissinger's present was pretty hard to think of but Santa decided to give him the whole Middle East.

Earl Butz gets a book called "Black Like Me."

Wayne Hays doesn't get anything, because he was a bad boy.

Elizabeth Ray gets a brand new

typewriter and the hit record, "Tonight's the Nite."

Governor Wendall Anderson gets the hit record, "You're so Vain."

Patricia Hearst gets a free get out of jail pass.

Gary Gillmore gets the exciting "Game of Life."

Jimmy Carter's brother gets a case of beer.

Howard Cosell will get a special gift from Santa — Some friends!

Alex Karas will get one of his own super jock toys.

Mary Hartman gets a week's training on drug abuse.

Charlie's Angels all get a book called "50 Ways to Pick Up Your Man."

After skipping down the list I finally came to the Rochester area.

Dr. Harry Vagos and his gang were to receive Sylvia Porter's "Money Book." Santa emphasized to read the chapter on "How to Spend Money Wisely."

Mr. Davis will get a solid gold cane with a diamond on top, just like Evil Knievil's.

Mr. Brunswold will get a soft padded bench, and a new pair of steel toed shoes. Santa has been watching some of the basketball games and he feels Mr. B. will hurt himself kicking the bench so much.

Mr. Grosso will get a years

supply of garlic to he can keep his "Italian Connection" going on the faculty hockey team.

Mr. Pucci will get eleven sophomores each 6' 6" and 250 lbs. and quicker than lightning.

Mr. Massey will get new signals for his baseball team, the sign for steal is now 1/2 Ocas-1/2 Ooc 1/2s.

As I looked down the list I started to spot some of the good little boys and girls of Mayo. The first name that I noticed was none other than Bradley Boisen. He was going to get a pair of tennis shoes with six-inch heels (That will make Mr. B. happy).

Next on the list was Ron Reichart, he was going to get some double-bladed ice skates so he could go twice as fast. (Mr. Grosso won't mind that).

John Derouin will get taller.

Mark Anto will get free lessons in cliff diving.

Mike Krahn will get a hit that fits. It seems everytime he pitches the ball his hat falls off.

Guy Mertz will get a chauffeured golf cart from one of the lovely ladies of the Rochester Golf Course.

Santa had everyone's name on this list and I can't name them all, but he made sure he told me that when he stops at Mayo, everyone who is good will get something they really need.



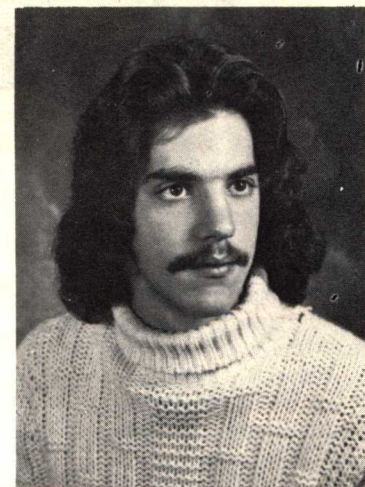
THEN

by CHRIS SMITH

A car is the subject of his devotion. He spends a great part of his time working on his AMX. Of course, it isn't really "work," it's more of a hobby. He does "work" though — at Rochester Deep Rock. "He" is Brad Black.

Brad likes bowling, fishing, ice skating, roller skating, skiing, hockey (he used to be on the city team), and water sports.

Besides his car and athletics, art is another big subject for



NOW

Brad. He is especially talented in weaving.

What kind of a person really is Brad Black? His dark hair and dark eyes can lead you to believe that he's shy and quiet, but in reality he's a perfect Gemini (which, incidentally, is his Zodiac sign). That is, his moods change quite easily. He can't sit still — he always has to be on the go talking and being with other people. He's easy going, and to put it simply, a great guy!

The day before Christmas Mayo style

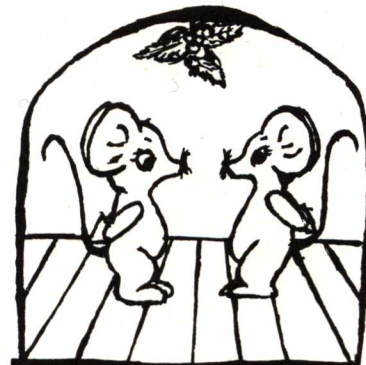
by CHARLIE BROWN
RICK BATCHELOR
and ED JOHNSON

'Twas the day before Christmas
When all through the classes
Not a student was moving,
Without yellow passes;
The jackets were hung
In the lockers with care,
In hopes that the thieves
Would leave them there;
The students were nestled
All snug in the halls,
With visions of cigarettes
Drugs and alcohol;
When down in the commons
There arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their desks
To see what was the matter;
Away to the commons
They flew like a flash
Kicked open the doors
And knocked down the trash;
When,
What to their wondering eyes
Should appear,
But a miniature keg,
And eight cases of beer;
Now Grosso! Now Sievers!
Now Pucci and Beacher!

Appeared at the door
With every other teacher.
From the top of door six!
To the bottom of four!
The students grabbed up the
liquor
And ran out the door!
So out to the parking lot
They all flew
With the teachers right behind
them,
And Mighty Mayo too;
As one finished his beer
And drank another down
Mighty Mayo grabbed him
And spun him around;
He spoke not a word,
But went straight to his work,
He brought back his fist;
And flattened that jerk,
The students, the teachers,
And even the jerk,
Went back into school,
And back to their work;
Then the loudspeaker clicked
And began to recite
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all a good night!"



Wayne Pulford and Charlie Johnson (Oh yea, and Santa Claus).
O.K. Charlie, we're here, now what'll we do? We don't look like
Little Sis!
(Photo by Nathan Markowitz)



Well here we are
Under the misletoe,
Now what'll we do?

Christmas near and far

by RICH WESTERLUND

There are many different ways
of celebrating Christmas around
the world.

In the United States and
Canada, cities and towns deco-
rate their streets with bright
lights and decorations. Shoppers
fill the streets carrying brightly
colored packages. Most people
decorate their homes with color-
ed lights, holly wreaths, mistle-
toe and, of course, what would
Christmas be without the bright-
ly lighted Christmas tree?

Schools usually have a two-
week vacation. Of course, all the
small children can hardly wait
for that very special morning
when they find all those wrap-
ped presents under the tree.

In Great Britain, children hang
their stockings by the fireplace,
with hope that the Christmas
Father will bring them presents
on Christmas Eve night. Customs
in Great Britain are similar to
ours. The English also have a
great feast for Christmas dinner.

Many of the world's great
Christmas stories were written
by England's Charles Dickens.
He wrote "The Christmas
Carol," about Scrooge and the
Three Spirits of Christmas.

In Germany, some people
have Christmas trees for every
member of their family, and
they decorate them with bright
lights and candy. Germans en-
joy giving hand-made gifts in-
stead of presents bought in

body gathers around the tree
for the Berchering (ceremony
to light the Christmas tree), and
later they gather to receive
gifts and for Christmas dinner.

In Switzerland, the young peo-
ple go to the nine fountains on
their way to the Christmas
church service. They take three
sips of water at each fountain.
If they do this they will meet
their future mate at the church
doorway. The Swiss also believe
that the animals can speak on
Christmas Eve, and the animals
kneel in honor of the Christ
child.

In Italy, on Christmas Eve,
people fast. At the end of the
day the family holds a ceremony
around the presepio, which is a
miniature scene of the Wisemen,
Mary, Joseph, and the animals.
The mother of the family places
baby Jesus in the manger. Christmas
Day is mainly re-
served for religious ceremonies.

In Spain, the Spanish people
enjoy dancing in the streets
after midnight Mass on Christ-
mas Eve. The words and music
for this celebration have been
handed down for hundreds of
years.

In Sweden, Christmas season
begins on December 13, and the
Swedish children believe that
little elves help them with their
Christmas tasks. They enjoy
fish as their main food at the
Christmas feast.

In Norway, the Christmas Sea-
son begins on December 21. The
people of Norway make special

cakes for St. Thomas on Christ-
mas Eve. They also have a
custom of ringing in Christmas.
All the bells in the country are
rung at four o'clock in the after-
noon.

In Poland, the people fast the
day before Christmas, and have
their feast at nightfall. At the
dinner table they leave an empty
chair for the Christ child. They
also scatter hay on the table to
remind them that Christ was
born in a stable.

In Latin America, the Christ-
mas Season begins on December
16 and ends January 6. Each
member of the family looks for-
ward to the Posada, in which
the members of the family enact
the Posada in memory of Mary
and Joseph trying to find a
room in Bethlehem. When they
reach the room with an alter,
they put the tiny figures of Mary
and Joseph in a miniature sta-
ble. On Christmas Eve they put
the figure of the baby Jesus in
the manger. On Christmas Day
the children try to break the
pinata (A brightly colored crock
filled with gifts and candy).

In Asia, Christians observe
Christmas much like the people
in the United States and Canada.

No matter where you are in
the world, Christmas is the hap-
piest time of the year. At this
time we all must remember the
real meaning of this holiday. It
is not to receive gifts, it is to
remember that on this day we
are celebrating the birth of
Jesus Christ.



Santa enchants Little Sis', Mary Newhorte, Sheila Klein, Carrie
Losby and Santa.
(Photo by Nathan Markowitz)

The true meaning behind Christmas The birth of Christ

To some Christmas is just a
time to get a lot of presents,
but to others it holds a very
special meaning — the birth of
Jesus Christ.

It all began when the angel
Gabriel visited Mary and an-
nounced to her that she had
been chosen by God to be the
mother of His Son, her husband
would be a countryman named
Joseph.

Caesar Augustus, emperor of
Rome sent out a decree saying
that all the world should be
taxed. This meant that each
man must go to his own city.
Joseph and Mary had to travel
to Bethlehem on donkey. Mary,
being very close to her time of
giving birth, was tired when
they reached Bethlehem. They
tried to get a room at one of
the inns, but every inn in the
town was full so they went to a
stable to spend the night.

It was here that the Christ
Child was born. Mary wrapped
him in swaddling clothes and
laid him in a manger.

Some shepherds in a field
were told by an angel that "a
baby, Christ the Lord, was born
this night in the city of David."
The shepherds immediately
rushed to the stable where they
found the Baby Jesus, Mary and
Joseph.

Three wisemen followed a
bright star to where the child
lay and presented him with gifts
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Then they warned Mary to take
her baby away, for the king had
ordered all baby boys under the
age of two to be killed. Joseph
and Mary fled to safety.

This is a short summary of
what actually happened, but it
reminds us of the real reason
of celebrating Christmas.

Plastic Christmas Where's the Real meaning

by DENISE GRANTNER

Santa's on the corner
Making it known
"Folks better buy this
or the kid will throw a fit"
Decorations up
Before the turkey's been around
Sometimes makes me wonder
Just what's going down
Competition, kids
Remember this, ya know
The biggest thing

this time of year
Is who can get the most
Promises of you'll be good
Nah, never tell a lie
Cross your heart with
fingers crossed
And hope to God you die
Lights and tinsel all about
Advertising the baby child
Buy him a blanket
Buy him a toy
Hey, wait a minute
You got the wrong baby boy.

by CARRIE LYNNE PHYLIKY

During this holiday season,
Christians all over the world
will be celebrating the advent of
Christ, but there is another re-
ligious holiday occurring in De-
cember, which is not so well
known, but just as widely cele-
brated. That is the Jewish holi-
day, Chanukah.

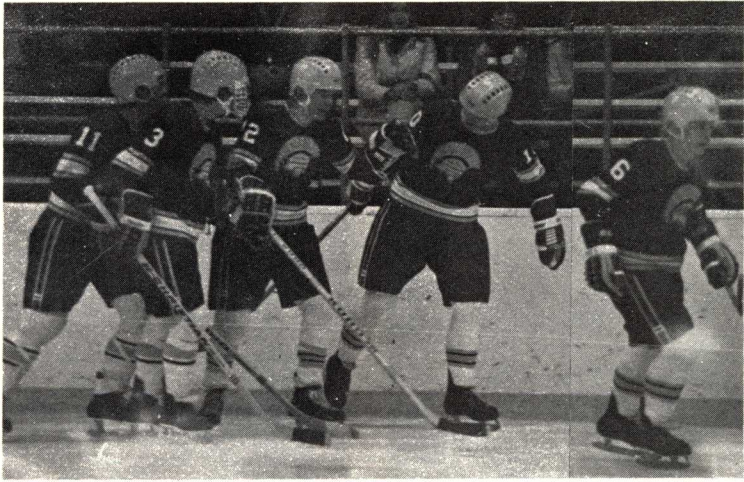
Not many Christians know
much about the Jewish religious
holidays; Chanukah is probably
the most well known because it
occurs around the same time as
Christmas.

Contrary to popular belief
Chanukah and Christmas are by
no means equivalent, nor is it
the most important Jewish holi-
day. But Chanukah has become
an important celebration for
American Jews because of the
commercialization of Christmas
in the U.S.

Jewish children felt left out
when all their Christian friends
sang Christmas carols and told
stories about all the presents
that they received. To counter-
act the Christmas atmosphere,
Jewish parents began to put
more emphasis on Chanukah so
their children would not feel so
left out.

Often during Chanukah, gifts
are received for each of its
eight days. On the first day of
Chanukah eight candles are
placed in a menorah (a branched
candle holder) to be lit, one
on each of the eight days.

The word Chanukah means
dedication. It is actually a cele-
bration of religious freedom.
When the Jews were under
Greek domination the Greeks
tried to force the Jewish people
to worship the Greek gods.
When the Greeks outlawed the
Ten Commandments and many
Jewish customs and turned the
Jewish temple into a pagan
place of worship, thousands of
Jews fled from the army. The
Syrians tried to hunt the Jews
out but most of the Jews re-
mained hidden. The Jewish peo-
ple formed guerilla bands and
eventually defeated the Syrian
army. They re-entered Jerusa-
lem and re-opened their temple.
After the dedication they held a
celebration that lasted eight
days. They named the holiday
Chanukah, celebrating the ded-
ication of their temple and wor-
shipping as they pleased.



Paul Rinde, John Dingle, Steve Dorschner, Jay Jensen, and Dan Mathison celebrate after goal in 5-4 loss to St. Paul Park.

**Basketball
Tonight 8:00
Mayo — JM
Be There!**

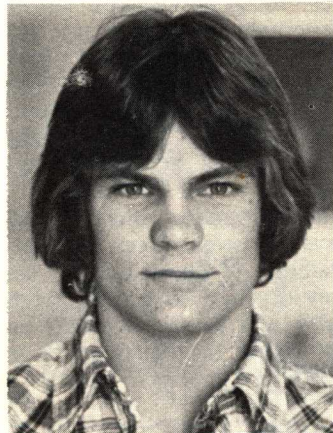
Johnson pleased With state meet Performance

by SUE GRIFFIN

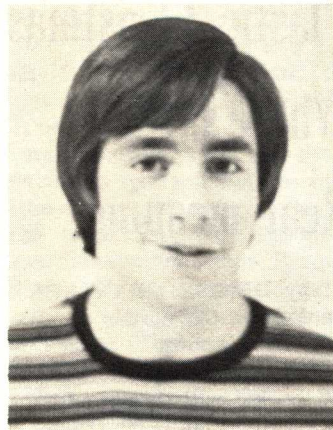
The Mayo girls swimming team ended their '76 season with an 11-0 dual record, first place in Big Nine Conference, first place in South Sectional and fourth place in the State.

In the State Meet, which was held at Cook Hall, at the University of Minnesota, the girls who placed were Jean Joyce, Shella Miller, Cindy Koehn, and Anne Martin for the 200 medley. 200 free style — Elise Thatcher placed fourth; 200 individual medley — Leslie Cloutier placed sixth; Diving — Christy Omen placed second and Lucy Bishop placed ninth; 100 free — Anne Martin placed twelfth; 100 butterfly — Leslie Cloutier placed sixth; 500 free — Elise Thatcher placed third; and the 400 free relay — Tori Jo Williams, Anne Martin, Leslie Cloutier and Elise Thatcher placed sixth.

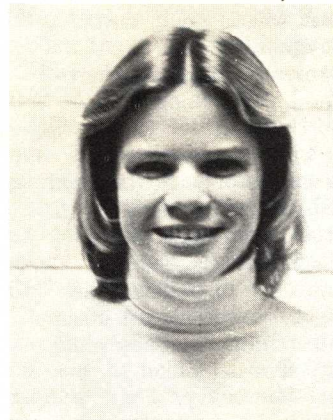
Coach Johnson said, "I was extremely pleased with their top notch performances and with placing fourth in the state out of sixty-six teams."



KIRK BRUNSWOLD
(Photo by Howard Hammett)



JOHN POSTIER
(Photo by Lisa Peterson)



ELISE THATCHER
(Photo by Lisa Peterson)

"Almost anything goes" could prove interesting

by DOUG McCULLOUGH

Mayo's Winter Olympics will have a new look this year that could make the games more wild and fun than ever. It is going to be an "Almost Anything Goes" Olympics, and for those of you who have watched the television program "Almost Anything Goes," you'll be able to get a good idea of how crazy the games will be.

Some of the activities might include: broomball, cross country skiing, dogsled races, tug of war, eating contests, a snowball throw, and some additional activities that have not been named.

The activities will either be

co-ed or in divisions of boys and girls. There will also be class competition (sophomores, juniors, and seniors).

A snow king and queen will most likely be crowned, but in a different fashion than usual. Instead of being chosen like the homecoming king and queen, they will have to compete in the activities and "win" the crown.

The dates for the Olympics are not yet set, but it will be held at the end of January. Let's hope we have enough snow for these games so everything can go as scheduled.

Athletes of month

Coaches son, works for position;
Gymnast has "superior" attitude;
Elise, watching her says it all

by JOE LAUGHTON

KIRK BRUNSWOLD — senior, boys basketball.

Being the coach's son doesn't make Kirk Brunswold an automatic first stringer on the basketball team, he'll have to earn it. And his play so far just might make him a starter before season's end. Kirk helped Mayo's cause in the opening conference game versus Red Wing. He broke the Wingers' backs with 11 valuable points. (First time Kirk hit double figures in a varsity game.) Those points mostly came while Red Wing's defense cooled off Boisen and DiMagno, and staged a rally. The game ended up a Mayo victory because of Kirk's points. Although Kirk isn't a starter, he is an important part of Mayo's bench depth, which is needed for a tournament-bound team. Kirk's great hustling and hard-working ability is contagious amongst his teammates, and really makes the ball club tick.

JOHN POSTIER — junior, boy's gymnastics.

The Spartan boys gymnastics teams of recent years have come up with winning records very consistently. They also send representatives to the state meet repeatedly. John Postier has followed suit again this year, helping Mayo as a team finish high in the standings and getting second in the sectional tournaments. Again, he will compete at the state meet as a performer in the still rings, horizontal bar, and as an all-arounder. He finished third, fourth, and second, in those events respectively. John isn't really an individual star, his apparatus and all-around points helped Mayo win many meets this year. His attitude on the team is quoted as "superior".

ELISE THATCHER — sophomore, girl's swimming.

Statistics are not needed to describe Elise Thatcher's swimming ability. Watching her swim in a meet says it all. You can see she gives maximum effort, but she makes it look so easy. Elise commonly breaks time records while helping the team win meets. Her performance, along with the other great swimmers, make our girls swimming team among the best in the state. She is predominately a freestyle swimmer in the longer distances. She swims relays as well as individual.

JOCK SCRAPS

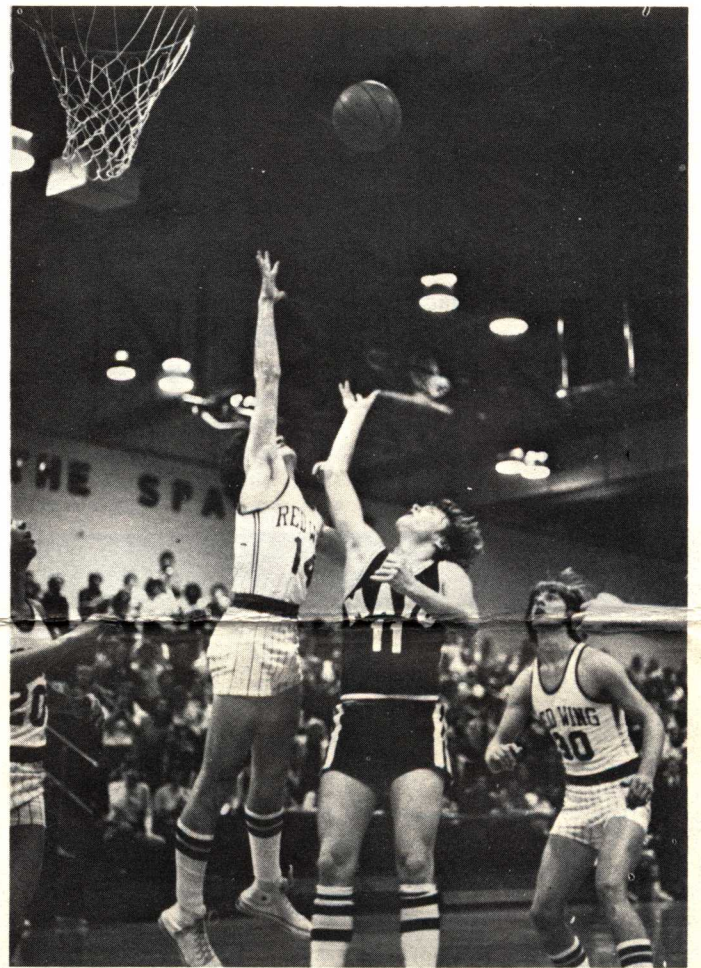
by DOUG BARTHOLOMEW

Fairmont topped Mayo's gymnastics team for the second time this year in the regional to end their bid to get in the state meet as a team. Despite that, there were quite a few lofty accomplishments by the team.

After ending unbeaten against Big Nine opponents we won handily the conference meet in Mankato, where Bill Wassink (vaulting), Charlie Huizenga (pommel horse), and John Postier (still rings) all won their respective events.

Mayo has never had a gymnastics team participate in a state meet, but individuals have, and this year is the most individuals we have sent. Those who competed in the state meet on Dec. 10 & 11 were Eric Mattson, John Postier, Bill Wassink, John Derouin, and Scott Frerichs, all of which had to finish fourth or better in their events in the regional to qualify for the state. Mattson went on to finish 5th in the state on the pommel horse.

Mr. Dallman, who is very well liked, coached Mayo through the fine season. Whether or not he will coach again next year depends on Mr. Kudlus, who may return.



Bart Stiener battles opponent for rebound. Mayo won this contest again R.W. 57-54.
(Photo by Alan Schroeter)

FE= MAYO SPORTS

by SHERRY BRAUN

Women's sports have come a long way and the female athlete has emerged as a star.

Superstars such as the famous tennis player Chris Evert, Olympic Gold Medalist in figure skating Dorothy Hamill and petite Nadia Commenci who gained seven perfect marks in the Montreal Olympics.

In my opinion, all of these athletes are fad formers for America today and they have replaced the Hollywood stars. That is why companies like Colgate, Bonne Bell, Virginia Slims and Sears are paying for tournaments and other things, just to be seen with "her".

Chris Evert is now doing commercials for Helen Curtis and Dorothy Hamill has done her own T.V. special and is also doing commercials for Short and Sassy shampoo. The athlete is what these companies are after to sell their products.

I believe that Mayo has its own outstanding athletes. Such as senior Christy Vitse, who won the 220 and 440 at the state track meet last year and who is also a cross-country runner.

Senior Amy Hurry has put a lot of effort into gymnastics and swimming.

There is also sophomore Elise Thatcher who has been swimming for over seven years and has been to the state meets.

Another outstanding athlete is sophomore Sue Higgins who went to state for two years playing singles and doubles in tennis.

These are just a few of Mayo's outstanding female athletes and I'm sure there will be more to come in the future.

Whether or not you're going to stay in sports and try to make it to the top, this is the time of the fad former. Everybody wants to be a part of it. So when an athlete makes it big, there will be companies after her to sell their products, and more people will want to participate in these sports.

The night before Christmas Santa visits Mayo

by SUE GRIFFIN

'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through Mayo
Not a creaturing (I mean teacher) was stirring
Each kid owned a halo.

The doors were all decorated
On one was a face!
It was a contest you see
And they all wanted first place.

In the air was excitement
Like when Mayo defeats JM
All looked for just one person
They wanted to see Santa again.

When all of a sudden
The kids woke from their doze
Sleigh bells were heard
In view came Rudolph's red nose.

"Santa!" they cried
And sure enough it was!
He still wore a red suit
And hadn't lost his white fuzz.

As he entered the school
He at once became dumbfounded
This school wasn't square
How would he get around?

Santa was confused
He felt like a foreigner
"Where do I go?" he asked
a sophomore
Came the answer, "Right around the corner"

Santa found the four lists
Labeled "Jocks", "Pills"
and "Rowdies"

And "Those in-between-those-three"
Santa read the lists out-loud.
"So that's what the Jocks want"
"Fortune, glory, and fame!"
Santa's gift to them is:
For the Spartans to win every game.

For the "Pills" he had to think hard
What would give them a thrill?
He finally came up with an answer
To no-longer be labeled a "Pill".

The "Rowdies" request was rather weird
But Santa gave it a try.
He decided to give them a ladder
How else are you supposed to get high?

And at last but surely not least
The "Those in-between-those-three"
Santa granted them one wish
"To be what they wanted to be"

Santa's eyes twinkled brightly
As he laughed his old "HO-HO-HO"
He jumped into his awaiting sleigh
And left that round school Mayo.

As he took off in the sky
smiling for what he had done
He shouted "Merry Christmas to all!
And to all a good vacation!"



What would you like to give the school district for Christmas?

"An exploding candy gram."
Bradley Boisen, 12

"Their three weeks notice."
Mike McCormack, 10

"What they've been giving us the past year — a lot of screws."
Andy Duncan, 12

"Game of Monopoly so they'd have their own money to play with."
JoAnn Malizia, 10

What activities or classes would you cut if you were on the school board?

"I would cut Basic Design, because it takes natural talent and that kind of talent is hard to develop."
Jeff Baker, 11

"John Marshall."
Lisa Ehrick, 11

"Some English classes."
Sherry Scheevel, 12

"The classes that use the money; math, English, history, biology, etc."
Marty Gsnong, 11

"School Board (in half)."
Randy Johnson, 12

"Everything, but study hall."
Mike Janssen, 10

Jay Toogood accepts Handicap and looks Toward the future

by SARAH HUCKSTEAD

Jay Toogood, a senior, is this year's stage manager for Mayo's plays. He is also an active member of Mayo's concert choir. What makes Jay so special, besides of course being a great guy, is that he lost his right hand and wrist last summer.

Jay, a counselor at a camp up north, was fire watching with some friends when had his accident. He cannot remember exactly what happened, but he does know that he somehow touched some high voltage wires.

After he was transferred to the Mayo Clinic it became apparent that he would lose his right hand. Doctors then concentrated on trying to save his left one.

Jay has already had fifteen operations and has to have more, but does not know how many more.

He has had many things to adjust to, not only how to get along without his right hand, but also dealing with people's reactions.

He said that it was much easier in the hospital when he knew what to expect from people who came to see him. At school, however, he has had to cope with unexpected physical difficulties and of course pity.

Pity would be the first reaction from everyone, however, this is not what he wants. To be accepted, as he himself has accepted his disability is really

the only thing he wants.

Jay has been busy in the little spare time he has off from the clinic, catching up on a quarter of homework. He now comes to school half days and also has a private tutor.

As to future plans, Jay was unsure what he was going to do before the accident, except that he would probably attend college out of town. Now, however, he has decided to stay in town and go to R.C.C.

Jay's only complaint and the hardest thing that he has to adjust to has been his almost total dependence on others, and as he says, "I'm a very independent person."

He is, however, gradually requiring his independence. The first step towards this was a "hook" that he can operate with movements from his shoulder, but as all new things, it takes awhile to get used to. Right now Jay is unable to wear it because of a sore that developed on the end of his arm.

An accident like this would seem impossible to live with. Jay, however, has accepted it completely and has never taken time out to ask "why me?" Instead, he's looked ahead and has learned to live with his handicap. His attitude can best be expressed in a statement that he made at the end of our interview.

"It's just something that I have to go through, because other people are like this, because I'm like this."

EXAM SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SEMESTER		
The exam schedule for first semester is shown below. (Each exam period is one and one-half hours long.)		
Monday, January 17	(Regular School Day)	
Tuesday, January 18	Exam 1, Period 2	8:10 - 9:40
	Exam 2, Period 3	10:45 - 12:15
	Exam 3, Period 7	1:30 - 3:00
Wednesday, January 19	Exam 4, Period 1	8:10 - 9:40
	Exam 5, Period 5	1:00 - 2:30
Thursday, January 20	Exam 6, Period 4	8:10 - 9:40
	Exam 7, Period 6	1:00 - 2:30
Friday, January 21	(Teacher Workday and Make-up Exams)	

Christmas Greed

by DENISE GRANTNER

Quiet in the morning
The kids are creeping 'round
Gloating over the presents
From "Santa" that they found
Taking down inside their heads
How many gifts they've gotten
Santa has made sure
They all are spoiled rotten
Calculating in their heads
How much the treasures cost
So much for
Christmas happiness
The true meaning is lost.



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Dear Santa, Again this year all us good little boys and girls at Mayp High School have a few things we would like you to bring us. Here is our list:



by CHARLIE REESE

Heart has recently released an album titled, "Dreamboat Annie." It is appropriately titled, for it presents three variations of the same song, Dreamboat Annie. It also contains the two hit singles "Crazy on You" and "Magic Man." The music has some trick guitar here and there, a lot of sea shore sound effects and is basically good music.

I think the album is well worth the investment, and could be a fine Christmas gift.

1. This gift is not only for ourselves, 1.5 million dollars.
2. More parking space.
3. Our very own garbage picker-upper for our commons.
4. For our winter sports to be successful.
5. For a Pep Bus to every away game.
6. For the commons to remain open.
7. Longer time between classes (then we wouldn't talk so much during classtime)
8. To have music in the halls again!
9. A white Christmas and enough snow for the winter olympics.
10. For all the students to get along better and be happy.

We all know you'll try to fit this all into your sack.

LOVE,
M.H.S.



Barb Koehn
12/7/76

Editorial

Beat the Christmas rush, start shopping on the Fourth of July

by SARAH HUCKSTEAD

Bam and Ho Ho Ho! That's right, it's the 4th of July and the start of the Christmas Season. And why not? After all, what is Christmas? A time of love and peace throughout the world. It is also the time when shoppers all over the country go buying crazy.

So why shouldn't the toy manufacturers go right ahead and take advantage of all those shoppers?

Ah yes, each year we must start our Christmas shopping earlier and earlier so we can beat the Christmas rush. (Even though it seems that everyone tries to beat the rush and the stores are just as crowded as ever).

Christmas is not a religious holiday, it is a producers' holiday. One where they take all of us innocent consumers and put our hard-earned wages in their pockets in the guise of fair prices on Christmas gifts.

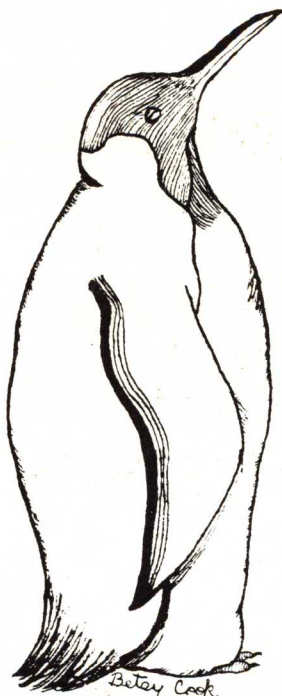
So why not take us for all they can get? We as consumers will believe anything they tell us.

"Start your shopping early and beat the Christmas rush!" is all they need to tell us and soon we'll be buying next year's Christmas presents from this year's Christmas specials.

Since Christmas has seemingly lost it's true meaning, there is no reason why we should not take advantage and be taken advantage of. So step right up and get your free Nativity Scene with each Christmas present you buy before July 1st!

Letters to editor

ARE WELCOMED AT ANYTIME. TURN THEM INTO ROOM 2-248, MR. VOLKER, OR ANY STAFF MEMBER. ALL LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED.



Betsy Cook

Editorial

Is Christmas losing it's real meaning?

by HOWARD HAMMETT

C is for the camera you want from your parents (What about the Christ Child)?

H is for the hockey stick you buy for your brother (The humble manger?)

R is for ribbons and 'rapping that adorns all the gifts (Our Redeemer?)

I is for impatient shoppers, standing in line at stores (Israel?)

S is for a Santa in every shopping center (The shepards watching their flocks?)

T is for the tree, foil plastic or medal, just so it's fireproof (The three kings?)

M is for merriment, party, party, party, (The Mother Mary?)

A is for advertising to psych us into spending more (The angels?)

S is for the sales that begin the day after Halloween (The Star of Bethlehem?)

Is Christmas too commercialized? The choice is yours.

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