SANTA'S COMING — A quintet of comely campus coeds met Santa Claus (Roy Cook) last week on the patio of Carlsbad's new City Hall complex and assured they would lead him to the good little MiraCosta boys and girls when he tours the area Christmas Eve. Ousting Rudolph, Donner, Dancer, Blitzen and Prancer temporarily from the traces are Carol, Susie, Peggy, Karen and Donna. Appreciation goes to the Carlsbad Fire Department for getting Santa's Sleigh to the patio. (Staff photo)
Not Forgotten

If you are planning to go to San Diego and have already applied; have 60 units of 2.0 or better and have completed the general education requirements - you will get in.

Mrs. June Warren, Director of Admissions, San Diego State, announced December 10, at a meeting of all JC and State College Faculty Senate Presidents, that qualified JC transfers will be allowed to SDS on a full time basis.

Students who fit into the as yet unfilled general education requirements will be admitted on a part-time status at SDS and a corresponding JC.

See San Diego

The vacation bound Spartan who has more of a yen than an itinerary could start today with an evaluation of the splendid array of vacation spas in his own back yard.

Two weeks in the San Diego vacation land in December could be rewarding for the home grown vacationers as for the thousands who will come from other states and other countries. The vacation bound Spartan could, indeed, start most profitably with an evaluation should own vacation spas. D.W.C.
Dear Santa

...An Auditorium

Tradition has it that King George I was so inspired by the "Hallelujah Chorus" in Handel's Messiah that he fervently rose to his feet, a custom gratefully followed here.

Never did an audience yearn, yes, even ache for singers to begin that noble chorus than last week in Spartan Gymnasium when the world-famous masterpiece was superbly presented by the Community-College orchestra and chorus.

Ninety minutes on those bleacher boards that pass for auditorium seats in this affluent North San Diego County, are enough to send anyone gratefully erect, breathing thanks to that doughty English king who started the custom back in 1743.

In spite of a brilliant musical treat, the humbling experience on those boards brings to mind the dreadful state of conditions existing for public performing artists in this JC district.

The hardships which both performers and audience must suffer in order to see the spark of fine arts, could not be worse.

It is incredible to believe that not one decent auditorium exists in the modern communities that dot the shoreline of North San Diego County; that there is not one public hall with comfortable theater-type seats and stage facilities adequately equipped to handle a production like the Messiah.

It is impossible to comprehend why we should lack the facilities that nearly every "cow-town" in America enjoys — a school auditorium with fixed seats on a sloping floor, comfortable enough to make a program enjoyable.

You wonder how many artists have come to this area on one-night stands and be appalled at the performing conditions provided.

All we have are barnlike cafe-toriums, gym-toriums, ad nauseum, silly lighted, acoustically bereft, either cold or uncomfortably hot, equipped with hard folding seats from which you can neither see nor hear, or bleacher boards designed to drive a person to drink.

This is the setting we provide for ballet groups, symphony orchestras and productions like our own Messiah. Is it no wonder attendance is poor?

While listening enchantedly to rusted strings in the hauntingly beautiful pastoral number at last week's Messiah, one looked with growing respect at the musicians — largely an older generation.

You begin to wonder ... Will we have an orchestra like this in 1990? Only a handful of young people were to the orchestra.

Where are the future violinists going to come from? How many public schools in our districts offer students the opportunity for orchestra? Where can a fifth grader get the incentive to play violin?

If Santa Claus wanted to bring something to the people in our communities, it would be a determination to have an adequately equipped community Music Hall, large enough to accommodate major attractions and provide a place to drive a person to drink.

The site is already available, cost-free and graded, on the spacious MiraCosta College campus.

 Couldn't this be the incentive for more cultural development in our communities?

We all deserve something better than the well-named Spartan Gymnasium or a cramped lecture hall that was never designed for dramatics.

Let us finish the Fine Arts Center with a big multiple-purpose Music Hall complete with a Little Theatre-in-the-Round and a large commodious auditorium that could accommodate a convention in an air-conditioned comfort.

Let us provide a Music Hall professional artists will remember with pleasure; let us also build so our own talented students can be heard in comfort and pleasure.

Let's use this land as a setting for the development of fine arts in our communities — we will all benefit materially and culturally.

Remember?

Big Snowstorm Rips Campus

A Year Ago This Week

Do you remember the day the snow came?

It was just one year ago last Wednesday when Spartans drove to campus in a blizzard and the Chamber of Commerce is still trying to live down.

For many native Californians, this was the first time they had ever seen snow falling, let alone having enough to make a snowman.

By 8 a.m. the campus was white with a three-inch blanket and big flakes were still coming down to everyone's delight.

Most classes were either excused or cut as Spartans frolicked in a massive campus-wide snowball fight.

Even Santa Claus was pleased when he appeared at the annual AS Christmas Party that morning with genuine flakes clinging to his suit.

All San Diego County had snow falling that morning, but no where did it stop up a campus like MiraCosta. San Diego State reported only flakes.

It was the best Christmas Santa Claus could possibly bring.

Annual Christmas

Open House Sets

Gay Yu'e Mood

MiraCostans gloved with holiday spirit as they decked the halls and made merry at the annual Christmas Open House Wednesday morning in the Library.

Opening the festive event was a skit performed by the Comedie de Arts, including Wendell Wright, Frank Leidl, Gary MacNeil, Nancy Spronze, and Maggie Delbonte.

The Spartan Singers, under the direction of Prof. Jeff Sell, sang a medley of old-time Christmas favorites, casting a nostalgic spell as all joined singing .'Jingle Bells' with the group.

As in years before, the peak of the program came with the appearance of Santa Claus, making a short stop in his busy schedule to pass out gifts and candy. Dr. MacDonald offered thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. With everyone in a gay, festive mood, the Open House ended with cookies and punch served by the AWS.

November

McCartin Selected
Spartan-Of-The-Month

Dennis McCartney has been selected November Spartan-of-the-Month by the Student Senate. McCartney is a Freshman Business major. He plans to complete his education at San Diego State after graduation from MJC.

McCartin is a member of the Patrol Improvement Committee and the Free Speech on Campus movement. His interest and concern in student affairs has been a tireless willingness to lend a hand on any project in the Student Center, is a factors which secured the honor for Dennis.

McCartin is an affable, popular student at MiraCosta.
Car Rallye Set Jan. 11

Sparking ignitions will mark the start of the first AMS Car Rallye and Scavenger Hunt of the year on Saturday, January 11, at 8 a.m., in the school parking lot, AMS President Don Hansen said today.

Trophies will be given to the winners. Applications are available from AS office and all interested drivers are welcome.

To insure safety each car must be inspected by the California Highway Patrol before the start. Entrance fee is a paltry $1.50.

A navigator and two tail gunners are recommended, but a crew of no more than four, including driver, is allowed.

The object of the rallye is to follow a pre-established 50-mile course through back San Diego County, gathering objects on a list. First car to retrieve all the items and reach Lake Henshaw, terminal point, is the winner, Hansen said.

A minimum of 15 cars will be entered and the rally ending with picnic lunches being the order of the day.

Pick a crew and join in the road riot of the year. It has been suggested that female navigators be picked to insure against losing your way in the backcountry or worse yet, running out of gas.

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BIG JOHN — End John Moen lugs the pigskin on slippery footing during the MiraCosta-College of Redwoods playoff game for the small California Junior College. COR won 29-8. (Frum photo)

BAKE SALE — Sinawicks show they also have culinary skill when their recent bake sale was a sellout. Around the patio table are Mary Lee Mobley, Cathy Felt, Chuck Benninghoff, Tom Poapst, Charlie Weber and Donna Collins. (Larry Frum photo)

TOP GRIDDERS — Blade-Tribune Sports Editor Steve Schofield presents the Most-Distinguished-Player Award to Eric Larson at the annual Noon Optimists Football Banquet. Other top awards went to Buck Paopao, Most-Valuable-Player and Ron Giesel, Most-Outstanding-Lineman. (Zoffel Bros photo)

REINDeer RoundUP — "Where is the snow?" Santa Claus asks his quintet of coed assistants as he contemplates a yule trip that could be just a little bit slow. (Larry Frum photo)

ALMOST LEFT — Ron Giesel's alarm didn't work the morning Spartan gridders flew to San Francisco for the playoff game. He narrowly missed taking the router bus by five minutes. (Larry Frum photo)

DECORATING — Pretty Kenna Deschenneaux places the final decoration on the Library Christmas tree as the campus begins to decorate for the holidays. (Roy Cook photo)
Mira Costa Basketball Season Opens

Tourney Play Set For Holiday Action

By CRAIG JUSTICE
Chariot Sports Editor

For the first time this season, the highly underrated MiraCosta basketball team achieved a long-sought victory, outscoring the USDHS fresh 72-64 last Saturday night in Palomar's silver dome. It was also the first win for popular basketball coach Skip Enger, in his first year as basketball coach here.

This win ended a long dry spell for the Spartans who lost four tough matches earlier in pre-season play against Allan Hancock (111-100) and Fullerton (104-73) in the Palomar Tournament. Grossmont (98-76) in the first game of the season, and to the Griffins (93-80) in a rematch in MCC's first home game last Friday evening.

All Ruden currently leads in most points scored with 117, followed by Bob Glover's 96. Rich Langen has 88, Greg Nelson 81, and Don Watson. Mike Casey and Steve Meyer are steadily improving and will contribute much to bolster Spartan reserves.

USDHS was trailing 38-13 until late in the first half, but then started controlling the ball. With only seven minutes remaining, San Diego scored 18 points to MCC's three, but the Spartans held their lead at halftime, 33-31.

The second period was neck and neck as both teams exchanged leads. At one point the Tritons pulled in front of MCC by six, but the score quickly evened.

The game was won on the fast-break. Rich Langen steal the ball, are Bob Glover, foreground, and Greg Nelson down the sidelines. The Griffs won 92-80. (Zoffel Bros photo)
Spartans Drop J.C. Play-Off Bid

By John Donner

College of the Redwoods, generating a strong running attack abetted by mud, up-ended MiraCosta College 29-8 on the slippery Redwood Bowl field in Arcata November 29, 1968.

The loss eliminated the Spartans from the state play-offs and put the Col-Sairs in the championship contest against the Coos Bay Falcons. The Falcons defeated Hartnell, last year's state champions, to earn their berth in the finals.

Rain at the start of the game turned a major portion of the playing area into a mudhole, and Spartan runners found the slough too soft for the speed they exhibited all year. College of the Redwoods Win Small JC Title

College of the Redwoods captured the state small JC championship, overwhelming Coos Bay 51-28 at Coos Bay in the championship game last weekend, terminating a very successful season for the new Humboldt County college.

QB John Schiefer led the Col-Sairs to the big victory as he tossed three scoring passes and tallied once himself on a run.

Three more scores by Col-Sair gridders and another field goal by Kevin Watts boosted their tally to 51. Coos Bay Tom Netzke threw for three TBs but the Falcon eleven could not reverse the Col title which eventually smothered them.

The MCC Spartans earlier this season edged Coos Bay 14-10 in a tough match but were defeated 29-8 by Col in the first round playoff.

Come Back

Spartans can look forward to 14 days of vacation as the school observes an event that occurred in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. Do be around when classes reconvene on Monday, January 6.

Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10-12* Antioch Valley Away
Dec. 13* Barstow Valley Away
Dec. 14* Imperial Valley Away
Jan. 17* Barstow Valley Home
Jan. 17* Mt. San Jacinto Home
Jan. 18* College of the Desert Away
Jan. 20* Victor Valley Home
Jan. 20* Palomar Home
Feb. 3* Antelope Valley Home
Feb. 6* Antelope Valley Away
Feb. 6* Palos Verdes Away
Feb. 9* Barstow Valley Home
Feb. 12* College of the Desert Home
Feb. 12* Palm Desert Home
Feb. 21* Victor Valley Away
Feb. 21* Orange Valley Home
Feb. 25* Antelope Valley Home

* Desert Conference Games

Groaners Open With Pierce

Coach John R. Oakley leads an undersized MiraCosta College wrestling team into Woodland Hills tomorrow for a practice match with Pierce College. Matches start at 10 a.m.

Only six groaners will mit up, precluding any hopes for a win due to forfeit bouts. Matmen are Jerry Stapp, Jim Heard, Dick Swanson, Joe Caruso, Pat Kimbrel and Tom Isomoye.

Final pre-match conference will be in the Jan. 10 Cal Poly invitational at San Luis Obispo.