

Gifts for mom and dad pose dilemma

State College shops offer gift alternatives to ties and cologne

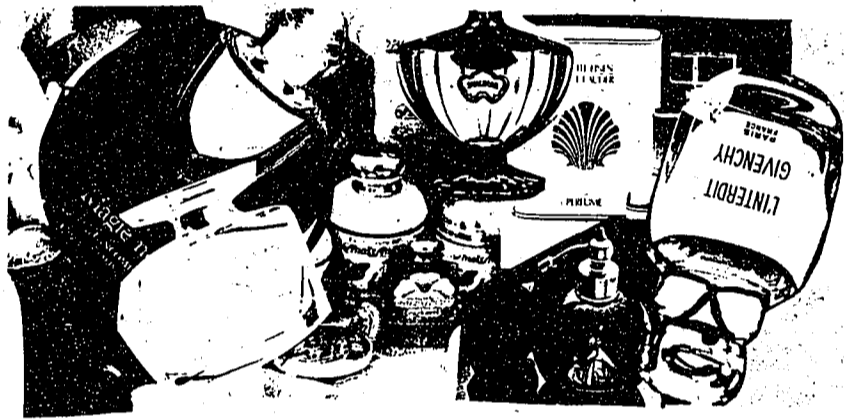
By SUZANNE M. CASSIDY
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

What to buy Mom and Dad for Christmas is an age-old question, one that old Kris Kringle probably had to wrestle with himself. But there are alternatives to the cologne-necktie syndrome — it just takes a little ingenuity and creative thought.

State College is filled with dozens of specialty shops which offer items found in few other places. Perhaps your parents would appreciate a gift unique to the area where you are spending your college years.

If you are interested in gifts handmade by local artists, try Something Old Something New, 135 E. Beaver Ave.

For less than \$40, you can choose from collections of handmade pottery, blown glass, wooden candles, hand-batiked silk scarves, original watercolors, hand-painted stationery, porcelain or pottery wind chimes, patchwork pillows or handmade



garment bags, Sherry Dersheimer, manager of the store, said.

If Mom and Dad are ice cream or cheese lovers, think about giving them a taste of good ole Penn State in products from the University Creamery, 12 Bonland Lab.

For only \$2.35 a half-gallon of ice cream and packing charges for dry ice of 15 cents an hour that you will be traveling home (plus the price of a bag), your parents can enjoy a University tradition at home, said Ronald Ross, supervisor of the Creamery sales room.

The Creamery also offers cheese boxes, Ross said. For about \$7 to \$10, you can choose your parents' favorites from a variety of cheeses, cheese spreads and honey.

If your parents prefer candy over cheese, Gifts-N-Things, 124 S. Allen St., offers Gardner's chocolates and candies which are made in nearby Tyrore, Pa., said Rose Agostinelli, co-owner of the store. Gifts-N-Things also offers holiday gift



tins and jars to add a special touch to your yuletide presents. For \$2, Gifts-N-Things will mail your gift anywhere in the United States and will wrap any gift free of charge upon request, Agostinelli said.

If your parents enjoy games and puzzles, The Game Store, 342 E. College Ave., has everything from poker sets to professional casino wooden dealer shoes, jigsaw puzzles to computer games, and backgammon sets to chess pieces and boards, said Rich Henderson, manager of the store.

The Game Store also offers German hand-carved wooden candle pyramids ranging from about \$6 to \$400 and hand-painted wooden Nutcracker figures, ranging from about \$11 to \$45 in price, he said. Nativity sets ranging in price from \$12 for wooden and plastic sets up to about \$125 for those that were handmade in Italy are also available. For the parents who have everything

but a new hairstyle, Your Fathers Mustache, 322-B E. College Ave., offers gift certificates redeemable at any of the Your Fathers Mustache's 15 Pennsylvania stores or in any of the 14 out-of-state stores, said Corrine Henderson, manager of the State College store.

The gift certificates are \$12.50 for men's styles and \$14 for women's, Henderson said.

If you think your parents would enjoy a night out on the town by themselves after the hectic holiday whirl, you can order theatre, concert or sporting events admission tickets at your nearest local ticket agency. This year, the University Artist Series will also be offering students an opportunity to purchase tickets for selected performances at a special holiday ticket sale to be held on Dec. 10, 11, 14, and 15 in Eisenhower. Please see MOM AND DAD Page 18.

Handmade Gifts

Crafts offer creative gift ideas

By CHUCK HALL
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Scarves, hats, bookmarks, ornaments, mittens, baskets, wall hangings, wreaths, needlepoint designs, book covers and Christmas cards. All are holiday gifts that can be made by anyone — even those with little craft experience — willing to spend a little bit of money and a fair amount of time.

"The most important thing is to just be able to have an interest and to have a willingness to learn," said Sara Feathers, owner of Knook and Cranny, 201 W. Beaver Ave.

Many macramed items that can cost as little as \$1 are not hard to make and do not take a lot of time, Feathers said. Macrame projects can be as involved or as simple as the maker wants them to be, she said.

Feathers said counted cross stitch and needlepoint projects are also inexpensive and easy to make from kits that include supplies and instructions.

Sandy Sandmeyer, an instructor at the HUB Craft Centre, said batiked items are also not very hard to make, but require careful reading of a book on the art, or special instruction.

Wax, dye, material cut from old sheets or pillow cases, and simple batiking equipment are inexpensive, she said. The most important thing is to have something safe to heat the wax in, she said.

"Christmas cards that are batiked tend to almost become Christmas presents," Sandmeyer said. "You can do a lot of abstract and fairly simple things with batik."

A person willing to learn a few basic calligraphy strokes can also make Christmas cards, bookmarks or book face plates for nice gifts, Patty McCalla, another Craft Centre instructor said.

"If you can do calligraphy, you can do just about anything you want to," McCalla said.

Janis Mershon, also an instructor at the Craft Centre, said hand-made baskets are also

nice Christmas gifts that can be made from skills learned from a book.

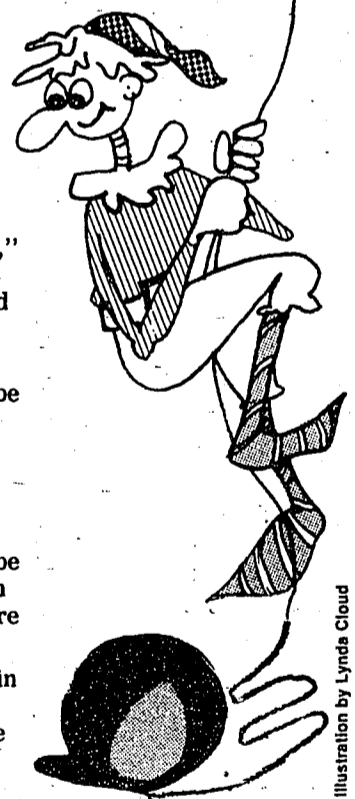
"I taught myself to make baskets that way," Mershon said.

A small basket costs about \$2 to make, and does not require any special equipment, she said.

A wide variety of Christmas wreaths can be made, starting with wire or straw wreath forms that sell for less than \$2, Stephanie Moore, manager of The Knothole, 107 E. Beaver Ave., said.

"Once you have the wreath form, you can decorate it as you like," Moore said. "It can be simple or elaborate, depending on how much you want to spend and how much time you are willing to put into it."

Sandy Daugherty, an employee at A Stitch in Time, 143 W. Beaver Ave., said many gifts, including caps, scarves and sweaters, can be made inexpensively and fairly easily from wool or acrylic yarn.



Tea Gift

18 oz. teapot, matching mug, teaball, and 2 mini-tins of Wagner's tea.

\$12.99 — value
4.04 — coupon discount

8.95 — YOUR COST

The Candy Cane

Next to Ye Olde College Diner
Coupon expires 12/19/81

50¢ OFF RED DOG RECORDS

(with this coupon)

menagerie • Whetstone Run • ARCHIE BLUE

Record Ranch Music Hut Record Bar Plastic Fantastic Record Revolution

(valid until Dec. 31, 1981)

Support PSU Ice Hockey

and
Let us solve your Christmas gift problems from our athletic lines

5% off any purchase with coupon

Cycles: Nishiki, Peugeot, Lotus & more
Figure Skates: Riedell, Hyde
Lacrosse: Brine, STX
Ice Hockey: Jola & KoHo, Cooper, CCM, Bauer

New: Reflective Cycling & Jogging Apparel!!!

JOHN'S derailleurs
480 E. College Ave.
234-3111
Expires 31 Dec 1981

5% off any purchase with coupon

10% off

on the biggest selection of picture frames — from the traditional to the exotic

dan brody

Gift Frame Boutique
College Ave. 234-6798
expires Dec. 18, 1981

FREE Hair conditioning treatment

w/shampoo, haircut and blowdry at

Izetta's
on the Atrium
301 S. Allen
Call or walk in
234-6008

Offer good thru 12/19 with this coupon

A Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Medium Soft Drink and Regular Fries all for just \$1.99

Good at all participating Hardee's. Please present this coupon before ordering. One coupon per customer, please. Customer must pay any sales tax due on the purchase price. This coupon not good in combination with any other offers.

Hardee's of State College
215 S. Atherton Street
Hardee's
"BEST EATIN' AROUND"
Coupon expires Jan. 11, 1982

Super Holiday Special

\$7.00 Off

any purchase over \$30.00 only at

Battory's Shoes
140 S. Allen St. 238-6625

This offer does not apply to handbags
coupon expires 12/24/81

STATE'S CHOICE

10% OFF

Any Purchase With Coupon
Not Valid On Sale Items
EXPIRES 12/24/81

STATE'S CHOICE
246 E. CALDER WAY
(BEHIND MID-STATE BANK)

Hours 10-5:30
Phone 238-7502
MC/VISA