Shop Early in Ames

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING comes once a year, but sometimes is even too much when it comes to finding unusual gifts. With thoughts in mind of who the person is, and his hobbies, interests and preferences, shopping starts.

Iowa State students have two Christmas shopping centers in Ames—campustown and downtown Ames. Besides being close to the campus, both carry well-stocked Christmas displays priced for the collegiate pocketbook. Wandering through the holiday stores, we spotted these Christmas brighteners, listed according to price.

The summer “pony tail” fad is pacing winter styles this year through the wool pony tail caps. They come in five different colors and include a yarn tail tied with a bright colored bow at the back of the crown-fitting hat. A novelty hat guaranteed to keep ears warm. $2.

**Bright Plaid Scarves**
Plaids come in pairs—this time in matching head scarf and clutch purse. Take your pick of red or blue plaid. $2.

Newly released plays a la record include T. S. Elliot’s Murder in the Cathedral and Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest. The later stars John Gielgud, an English Shakespearean actor. $12, each.

Adding the finishing touch in accessories are mink fur earrings and bracelet. The fur colors are white, brown or black on a gold hoop base. $3.

**Decorated Casseroles**
In Tornala, Mexico, little round earthenware casseroles with lids and stem handles are decorated individually by artists so no two are alike. The designs are in brown, blue or green on a cream-colored background. They make what’s cooked in them extra special. $3.25.

A collector’s item is an India brass vase with a flowing all-over design of etched flowers and leaves.

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But you’ll find a large and varied assortment of tasty bakery goods and pastries at “Ames’ Newest Bakery.”
trimmed in rich colors of red, blue and green. The vase has adequate depth for flowers and a sheen finish. $3.50.

Dainty metallic braid caught our eye on an extra set of accessories for that special dress-up occasion. The set includes collar and cuffs of white silk faille. $3.50.

News in nightwear is a short night shirt in fire-engine red cotton flannel appliqued with colorful travel stickers. Comfy wear for even a sleep walker. $6.

A sprinkling of rhinestones or a band of velvet now trim the new longsleeved, tailored print blouses. The best thing about the trim is that it's washable. $6—$8.

You'll find 3-D in exquisite black mandarin faces set in heavy gold to form a dimensional bracelet and earring set. $6 and $2, or both $8.

Keep-Neat Kits

A neat kit to help him be neat is a combination clothes brush and manicure set. The zippered leather top is suede lined and holds forged steel nippers, cuticle scissors, nail file and shoe horn. $7.

The basket weave has jumped into the jewelry line. For the new jewelry "steady pair" choose gold basket-weave earrings and matching cuff links. $8 both.

For both you and your man of the moment, a handmade sterling silver belt buckle. It's a saddle-type buckle with choice of three initials on it. There's also a tie clasp to make it a set. $9 and $4 or both $12.50.

"She shall have music wherever she goes" with a gilt chain bracelet featuring a charm of a miniature Swiss music box. It plays such songs as "Stardust," "Anniversary Song" and "The Third Man Theme." $15.

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