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Editorial

# The Holiday Season

The holiday season is fast approaching. The Christmas decorations have been up at the K-Mart for more than a month, and as the date nears, more stores have followed suit. To read a magazine or watch television these days could leave you with the impression that Christmas serves only as a mass consumerism ploy once a year. Such comments as "Buy now and don't pay until next year" in the hope that people won't think about the fact that the new year comes

only seven days after Christmas.

One has to try and ignore these consumer techniques and take advantage of the finer things that occur during the season. It should be looked upon as a time of giving, not buying. You don't have to be a mass consumer, in order to express a holiday spirit.

The words "Holiday Season" are being used more often than Christmas, because it has become a celebration that is recognized by many non-



Christians. It isn't just a celebration of the birth of Christ, but more a time of year when people express their good will toward their fellow man.

It has evolved into an international period of good cheer. You will often see the words "Happy Holidays" or "Merry Christmas" written in all the languages of the world. Many of the famous carols have been translated and are sung in all different dialects. It has become a period of merriment with people recognizing the differences of other cultures, and each celebrating in their own fashion, whether it be putting up stockings, putting your clogs outside or banging

away at a pinata.

Families are brought together, old friends are contacted, and enemies forget their foolish disagreements.

There are innumerable accounts of how it has been possible for countries at war to call a moratorium to their conflict, and treat each other as brothers.

Some may dismiss them as simply being cliches, but some of the most beautiful sayings emerge during the holiday season. We should hope to extend the attitudes throughout the whole year, and not limit it to such a short time.

"Peace On Earth - Goodwill Toward Man."



Dear Editor,

I would like to protest and express my contempt for that damned glass door which has been put in the main entrance of Main Building.

It's a real pain on the building and can reflect nothing more than a plastic image for this university.

Outside the tradition it lacks, the foresight it lacks, the consistency it lacks it is also very impractical. It seems an unnecessary expense and if it spells dollars and cents it lacks taste and sense.

I suppose the next thing is that we will be building a glass building around the door.

Excuse my thinking,

Dianne T. MacDonald

Dear Sir:

There are two points in Professor von Dreger's letter about parking, one to do with the basic regulations and procedures and one to do with the delay in the case of his appeal. On

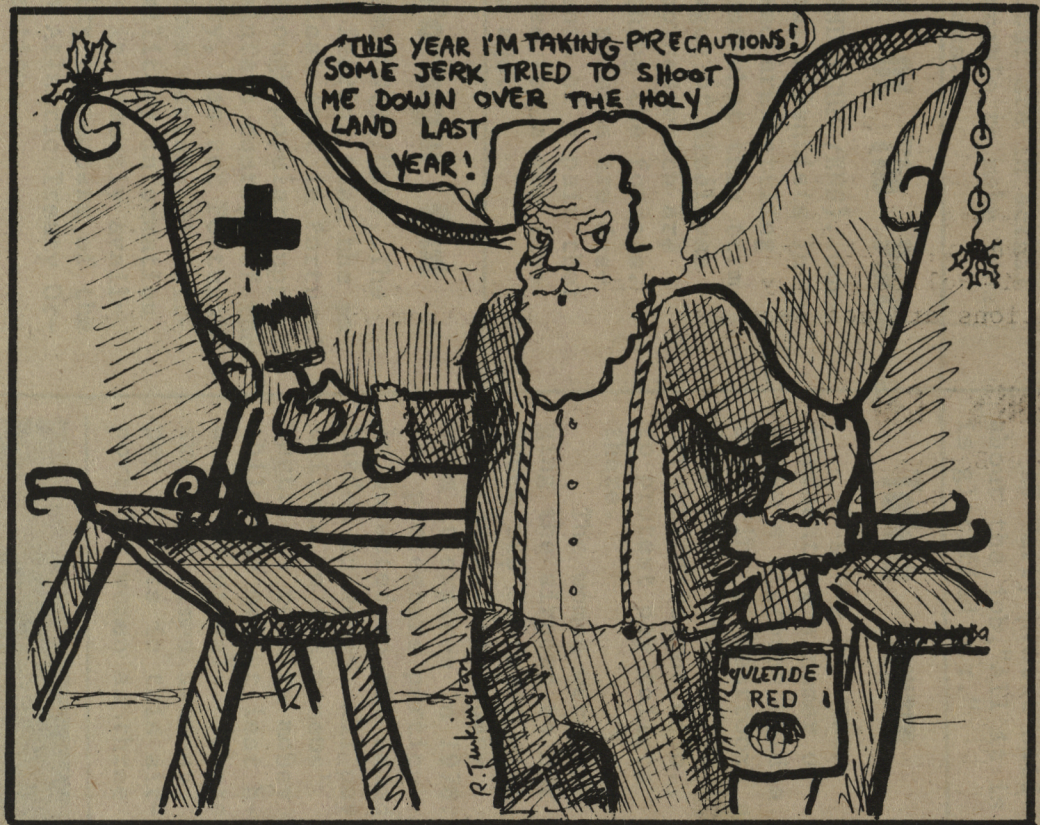
the second, I am trying to discover what happened. The Appeals Committee did reach a decision last spring, and I had believed that it had been sent to Professor von Dreger. It now appears that he never received it, and I am trying to discover what went wrong.

On the first point, however, that of policies and procedures, I would like to point out that these were the result of recommendations from a student-faculty committee and of decision by the Senate - also a faculty and student body. Moreover, the University Parking and Traffic Committee is also overwhelmingly a student-faculty committee appointed by Senate. If any one in the University wishes to get changes made, I am sure that the Committee would welcome constructive suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

R.J. Baker

President



Open Letter to Mr. Blouin:

Thank you for your letter of 18 November referring to mine of 16 September to the U.P.E.I. Security Police.

In your letter of 18 Nov. you express the belief that I should register my vehicle with the Security Department as you assert that I am "using campus facilities regularly".

Most of the time I am picking up or discharging passengers at irregular times on irregular days. I then go on to my work 9.2 miles from the campus.

At other times I park in the visitors' lots because I am escorting the delightful, frail mother of a government minister to the library.

I would also like to know precisely what purpose is served by registering a vehicle and getting a sticker. As an "evil eye" the stick-

ers do not do well in warding off tire thieves, gas siphoners, or scattered glass and beer bottles in or about the "campus facilities". As a "club badge" it cannot be invoked to summon its priests of the writ to help start a stalled car, push through a snowdrift or change a tire.

Its only purposes boil down to:

- 1) A patronage job at taxpayer's expense for printing and paper costs.
- 2) Reinforcement of any waning belief that it's not a sane world.
- 3) Obscure vision in the left rear vehicle window and deface the vehicle.
- 4) An irrational desire to adopt the coloration of all "big places".

By the way, did you ever notice that a roaring town