

Let's Make Christmas a Time of True Giving



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editorial

With Christmas fast approaching, perhaps we should take time out from the mad exam rush and the frantic preparations for the big celebrations to attempt to re-establish the roots of this season. Too often, we forget in the middle of the rush that this is indeed intended to be a season of

Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards Men.

Christmas today means calculated, rather than spontaneous, gift-giving. You think in terms like I will have to get Aunt Matilda something....five dollars should cover it... cousin George of fifteen dollars - let's see what would that be... Does that mean cousin George

is worth three times as much as Aunt Matilda?

Only when a gift becomes an expression freely given rather than an obligation grudgingly donated will this type of thought cease. Until then we will continue to have to give more and more each year until the extravaganza breaks many families. Already for some it means stringent budgets for months. Funny that in order to prove their love, we force our closest friends into this position.

It strikes me, too, that a gift to be anything of meaning should express the giver not the receiver. It should be an attempt to give part of yourself to him and thereby enrich his life not just his possessions. Hence a

small hand-knit pair of mittens is worth in the fuller sense, more than the finest of mink coats. The coat is merely expensive, the mittens are priceless.

Perhaps our biggest mistake in the past was to look at the rich man giving his wife that magnificent diamond and wishing we could afford it to. Now that we can "afford" it perhaps we should decide not to. When we do, we make possessions the only important medium of exchange in human affairs.

Unless we decide that giving of the self is more "valuable" than giving of possessions, then we will never be able to obtain "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men," Christmas or any other day.



What? ? ?

Dear Cadre:

We are writing this letter, to bring to your attention the discrimination exhibited by your paper. It is a disgrace the way your paper made public ridicule of certain people's physical characteristics. We are referring to lines 22-23 contained in the article

"Governors Ignore Referendum, Act as Bored," which was printed in the Nov 11, 1975 edition of the Cadre.

Such a thing is inexcusable. It is enough to make a decent person blush with shame. I am sure those involved Ray Shalala (Hey You) and Art Reddin were mortified by such slander. If they do not want to press charges we will contain ourselves to this public exposure but if they wish to take the matter to court we offer our support in every possible way (except financially).

Indignantly yours,
The Perpetual Society for the Propagation of Proboscises

IT With a Husky!

Egad!! The audacity!! The outright gall!! The nerve of anyone writing about such profanity and

then placing it the university paper where all the young innocent, perhaps ever virgin girls (and boys) can read and be influenced by. The mere suggestion of one hot lady and two Siberian huskies is bad enough, but to add seven sex-oriented Canadian males and

then suggest to a highly cultured reading audience, the possibilities of what might happen next. This is downright shameful and if I ever see any such suggested filth in this column again I'm not going to read it, so there!!

Sincerely,
A devoted reader



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FOR A PURPOSE. WE
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FOR EVERYONE, AND
SOME PEOPLE ARE
ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR MISTAKES !!!

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