

CHRISTMAS HELP WANTED

by Kevin Gauthier

Good Heavens! Where has the time gone? Is this really the last SUN before Christmas? God, I don't believe it. But editor John assures me it is, so it must be so. Well, having accepted that fact, I must therefore summon my sensibilities (which have long been dormant) to compose some sort of a pre-Christmas message. I realize that November has not yet expired, and many of you have not even begun to think of the approaching Yuletide, but I refuse to let the last issue of the SUN for this semester go by without offering a few Christmas wishes.

You know, this world being what it is (in a word, miserable) I cannot help but wonder what type of response would be received to a "Help Wanted" ad, that might be placed in any newspaper, reading as follows: "Help wanted. Messed up, miserable world requires fat, happy old man for employment as trouble-shooter. Applicant must be warm, loving, gentle, and perpetually optimistic. A hearty laugh exercised frequently is a necessity. Persons admitting of prejudice, impatience, intolerance, or a vengeful nature need not apply. The successful applicant will be expected to spread peace and joy throughout the world, and foster love and understanding between all men. Work with children involved".

If there is one thing for which I envy children, it is that they have such a man. Although they do not very often appreciate fully the significance of all these attributes of good olde St. Nick, they nevertheless derive a great deal of joy from the simple understanding they have of him. It is unfortunate indeed that,

by the time we are old enough and experienced enough to appreciate what he stands for, we have long been stripped of our belief in him.

Being old and experienced, however, we do realize that physical form is not required for belief in something. Although I dare say most of us no longer believe in Santa Claus, I fervently hope that we all believe in those things which he represents. If only they were more widely accepted and practiced, this world would be unbelievably pleasant. We have a long way to go.

But, we have to start somewhere, and there's no better place than right here at UPEI. We have a small community here, and each member has at least one thing in common with all the others, that being our presence at the university and our desire to learn. Of course, there are many differences that separate us and cause conflict. But the solution lies here before us, and is accessible. Such blessings as tolerance, patience, open-mindedness, kindness, affection, humility, and gentleness can be learned, and outside of a monastery, a university is the best place to learn them. All it takes is a little thought, a little effort, a tiny measure of self-restraint, a generous amount of trust in others, and a desire to make someone happy. It really doesn't sound all that difficult after all. Anyway, it's worth some thought over the holidays.

Good luck to everyone in your final exams and papers. Have a safe, happy, and rewarding holiday. And, despite the absence of the jolly old fat man who embodies it, may the spirit of Christmas warm us all to each other and remain with us long after the presents have been opened. Merry Christmas!



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