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**STAFF THIS ISSUE**—Twas last pressnite before Christmas, and gone was Ralph Bat. Not a creature was tiring except me, the rat. Wee Willie ensconced in his office looked queer. And Rust was long gone to seek out some cheer. So had Allan Shute, Ginger Bradley, Barrie Brennand, Bryan Campbell, Irene McRae, Helene Chomiak, Elaine Crum, Wayne Dowler, Dave Estrin, Patricia Hughes, John Loewen, Miles Murray, Lorne Larson, Gerry Ohlsen, Marilyn Pilkington, Janet Orzech, Lawrence Samuel, Donna Shoebottom, Cheryl Smith, Brenda Walls, Hans Smith, Al Bromling, Kevan Dalen, Jim Dutton, Gavin Edmiston, Malcolm Fast, Web Macdonald, Linda Strand, Colleen Crozier, Doris Oulton, Sue Hill, Carol Kaye, Big Jim, Glenn Sinclair, Don Risdon, Rick Assinger, Mary Shearer, Larry Duignan, Gary Klernan, Mike Chomyr, Brian Flewelling, Mike Horrocks, Emilio Falguero, Bentley Le Baron, Branny Schepanovich, John Barr, Joe Clark, Don Guy, Hiroto Saka, Al Scarth, Stacey Jarvin, Brian Credico, Bryan Wilson, Heinz Moller, Lloyd Ruhl, Curt Enerson, Gord Cummings, Nell Driscoll, Ben Wolodko, George Yackulic and Corrie Reitfield (my only friend).

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## Before You Go, Give!

Before you leave campus for the Christmas break, stop and think.

When was the last time you gave to a charitable organization at this time of year?

Probably you have given to charity on other occasions. It is difficult to refuse a poppy when approached on the street or decline to "give the united way" when a knock comes to your door, isn't it?

But Christmas is supposed to be based on the spirit of giving. For the most part this is spontaneous giving, giving from the heart with little or no intimidation. When was the last time you rose to the occasion?

And Christmas is a time when everyone is supposed to be joyous, or at least have the right to be. For some, and there will be some, joy during Christmas '64 will be reduced to memories past and hopes for the future. Others', the young's, only chance for happiness is summed up in the adage "ignorance is bliss." But when the boy down the block sports a new coat, a five dollar jack-knife or one of those complicated games?

Let us hope this potential number of "joyless" can be reduced. Many people have taken upon themselves the responsibility of lighting a candle

for the "matchless" this yuletide. All they need is some matches, a few basics to work with. Students, contrary to the actions of many would lead us to believe, are not divorced from the world. Students can help.

Oh, we know most students aren't rich. Perhaps you are on a restricted budget, depending on a loan to pay for your year. Maybe you are wondering what you'll do for cigarettes before the term is out. But, you may also be wondering whether you should have blown so much on that party a few weekends back, and we'll venture to say you're really not concerned about getting matches with which to light your cigarettes.

Extensive services to the "have-nots" at Christmas are provided by several organizations, among them the Salvation Army, Edmonton Christmas Bureau, and CHED radio who sponsor the Santa's Anonymous program. The Gateway, particularly in case of the latter, endorses their operations. May we suggest that before retiring for the holidays you drop downtown, buy a two-dollar gift and leave it at a Santa's Anonymous depot.

The Gateway editors and staff want you to have a Merry Christmas. Give yourself a reason for having one.

## Control By Fear

Professor Mathews has implied that the provincial government "controls by fear". We need look no further than our student government to see some truth in the statement.

It is obvious in the attitude and actions of various student councillors that their recent decisions have been made in fear of possible consequences from across the river.

For example: the provincial cabinet last week refused, in a classic example of shortsightedness and indifference, to contribute to the planned French Canada Week on campus. Needless to say, campus organizers were extremely disturbed with the decision. Did they say so? No. Why?

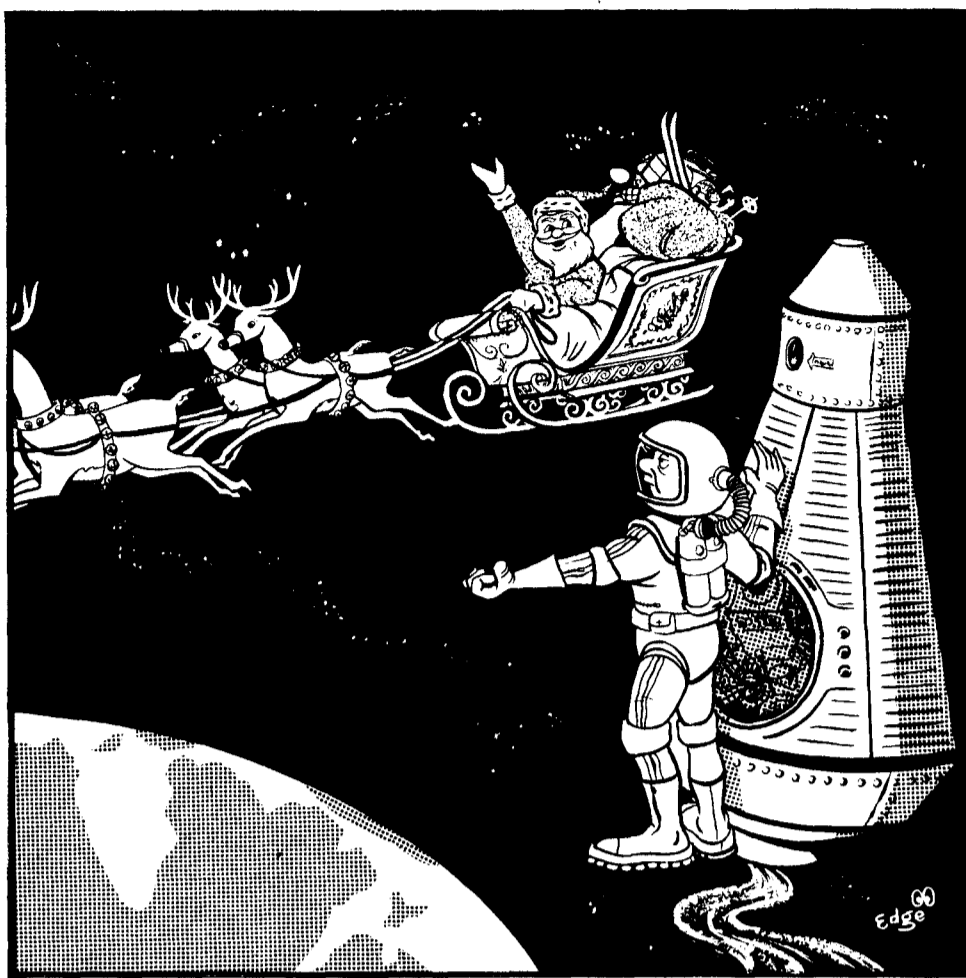
Some rationalized that diplomacy and lobbying might bring a reversal of the decision; and therefore, it would be unwise to be critical of the decision until all else failed. Most felt condemnation of the decision

could put the Students' Union Building project in jeopardy. It is this latter reasoning which lends credence to Professor Mathews' statements.

Do our student leaders really believe Mr. Manning and his cabinet are so petty as to refuse financial backing for the SUB project because one of their decisions was questioned? (Recent statements by prominent cabinet ministers notwithstanding, the cabinet has usually backed their policy decisions with reasonable rationale.)

Must our Students' Union President be an eternal hypocrite, being ever so polite to the cabinet in public, and severely critical in private?

It is time student leaders took a more realistic approach to the provincial government. Mr. Manning is not the tyrant some would have us believe—it is only fear which makes him seem so!



by Bruce Ferrier

Some people collect stamps. I collect quotations. Here are some that have passed the lips of various U of A students and professors:

"I love life—but sometimes I get fed up and think I'm dying."

"The study of psychology sometimes makes the undergraduate think he's sort of a Junior Jesus."

"Happiness is people."

"I want to remain the anonymous blob in the third row."

"Puritanism is more intellectually respectable than the stupidity of its advocates would lead one to believe."

"I don't want to be a girl-girl and make talk-talk!"

"Then, by the grace of God, you find a toilet."

"We're sending out people who aren't qualified—I don't care how nice they are, or sweet, or adjusted."

"They actually wanted your ideas."

"I don't want to cheat on exams either, but . . ."

Which all goes to show that the art of intelligent conversation is not completely lost.

Another fertile area for the collection of various tidbits is the tops of the desks in the Arts Building. Here are some of the better leavings:

"Meet me under the clothesline, Henry, 'cause that's where I hang out."

"Help stamp out vandalism."

"I love Me."

"In Eden, there were two—Ya-hoo!"

Sometimes useful quotations turn up just by chance. Two of the best I found recently were offered by my brother and the Division of Anthropology respectively:

*As I was walking on the green,  
A little yellow book I seen.*

*"Carlyle's Essays on Burns" was  
the edition*

*—I left it in the same position.*

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Finally, by simply reading through mounds of lesser verbiage, one eventually comes up with quotable material:

"Familiarity breeds contempt — and children."—Mark Twain.

"You can cut a man's hair many times, but you can only scalp him once."—Anon.

"All men are moral — only their neighbors are not."—John Steinbeck.

Now, just so that you do not think that I was too lazy to write anything myself, I leave you with one genuine Ferrier Quotation:

"A rolling moss stones no gatherings."

## Letters

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