

Grinch visits Bookstore

by Pat Kiernan

"I can only hope it was someone who was not of the University," said a disillusioned Bill Quick, assistant director of the U of A Bookstore.

Last Wednesday, Quick was the first to make a donation to this year's Santa's Anonymous bin at the Bookstore. By Thursday morning, the items were gone.

Quick's first reaction to the disappearance of his donation was that either Bookstore staff had moved the items, or that Santa's Anonymous volunteers had made a collection. Upon investigation, Quick discovered neither of those things happened.

"The only conjecture we can make is that someone has taken the donation," said Quick. His contribution consisted of two children's shirts, some toys, and a coloring book.

In a letter to *The Gateway*, an "outraged" Quick said that only a "sad, pathetic and low" individual would steal items intended to brighten a poor family's Christmas.

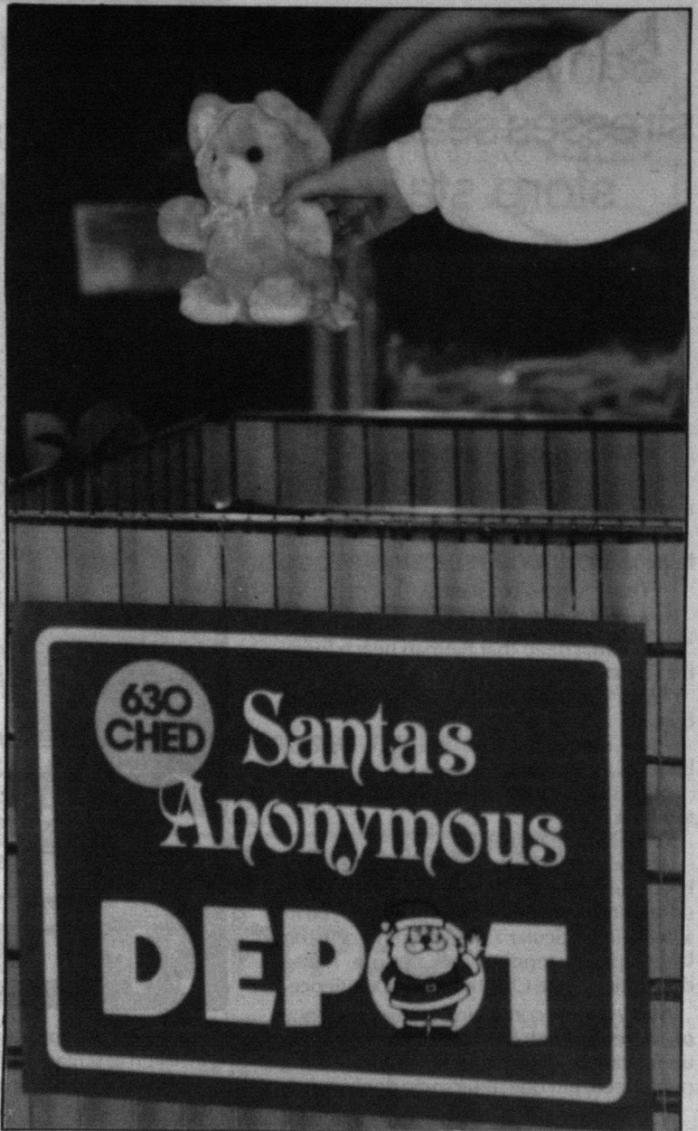
The Bookstore's toy donation bin has since been moved to an area where it can be monitored by staff. But Quick wonders why that should be necessary at the University, when similar boxes—overflowing with toys—are located in the middle of

busy shopping centres like West Edmonton Mall.

A Santa's Anonymous spokesman admits, "it's happened before." But Diana McDaniel says the problem isn't widespread. She notes that the boxes are usually set up in a visible location, but concedes there is an element of honour involved as well.

Quick has decided to try again with his contribution. He replaced the toys at his own expense once he realized they had been stolen.

Santa's Anonymous is an annual charity campaign. Through the Christmas Bureau, Santa provides nearly 20 thousand gifts for needy children.



Donations to Santa's Anonymous help bring Christmas to the needy.

Lister Hall quiet come exam time

by Lisa Hall

Lister Hall residents can rest assured that they will be studying in peace for their Christmas exams.

At a meeting held at the end of November, members of the Lister Hall Students' Association asked David Bruch, the director of Housing and Foods, if there would be any construction at Lister during exam time.

Lister residents were subject to noisy construction during midterms exams this October, and LHSA members were concerned that a

similar situation would occur again.

Bruch said he didn't know of any planned construction, but when asked if he could guarantee there would be none, he could not make this assurance.

Bruch said that if some construction was to be done at Lister in December, it was out of the control of his department.

John Mark Fisher, the Students' Union's housing and transport commissioner, decided it was necessary to get "a strict guarantee that no

construction would occur."

Fisher contacted the Physical Plant last Wednesday and found out that construction on a new computer lab in Kelsey Hall was planned for December. "But the workers have now been told to have the noisy part of the construction completed by December 7," said Fisher.

Fisher also received word last week from the Planning and Development department that no construction would occur during the December 6 to 16 period.



Nu är det jul igen

Lynn Gallager, Lucia Ray, and Tammie Skiften, members of the U of A's Scandinavian club, portray Saint Lucia at the club's Christmas party held last Saturday. Saint Lucia marks the beginning of the Christmas season in Sweden.

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