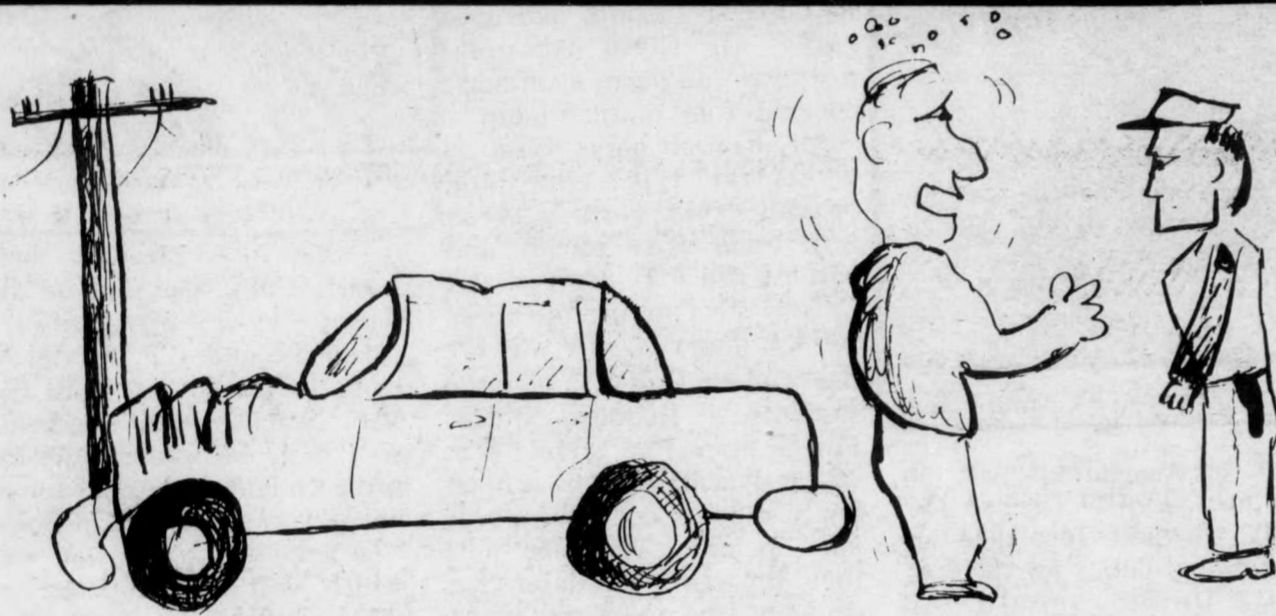


# EDITORIAL

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## "Christmas Spirits"

'Tis the season to be jolly, and after the brain-busting of exams (survived though the consumption of coffee, wake-ups and those funny black pills), you will be thrust headlong into the Christmas holidays where you can enjoy all the spirits of the season.

Wait.

Christmas includes relatives, food, gifts, a nod to religion, and a lot of spare time for socializing. The chance that you will be drinking is almost a given, seeing that 80% of people over 15 drink, regardless of the season. The chance that you will be driving after drinking, or driving with someone who has been drinking is almost as high. Add to that the adverse weather and poor driving conditions of late December, and you've mixed a possible tragedy in your cocktail glass.

Statistics show that in 20 per cent of traffic accidents, alcohol is clearly a factor. In an additional 20 per cent of cases, alcohol is suspected. Be aware of the dangers and strive to make it a safe holiday.

Celebrate the end of exams. Celebrate the joy and *bonhomie* of Christmas. Usher in the New Year. But when it is time to drive home, remember you can take a taxi; you can plan to have one member of your party refrain from drinking for one night; you can make responsible decisions when it comes to drinking and driving.

Do not think you can beat the law. The Criminal Code states you are impaired if your blood contains more than .08 per cent alcohol, and you can be charged with impaired driving. However, a driver can be charged, whether or not your blood alcohol count has been taken, if the police feel you have had too much alcohol to drive safely.

Bartenders should be aware of their patrons, refusing to serve those who are passing a safe limit. Service groups should organize programs like DUTI (Driving Under the Influence) in Red Deer, Alberta. DUTI offers coupons for one dollar off taxi rides. They are distributed through the city, through bar staff. All of us need to divest ourselves of the perception that driving while drunk is "okay, nothing will happen to us," or that it is somehow "cool" to flout the law.

There is nothing "cool" about accident victims except the body temperature of the corpse.

Merry Christmas.

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This is the last issue before Christmas, allowing all us over-worked Brunswies to concentrate on Exams. We'll be back on Friday, January 11, to usher in the new year. Until then I wish all of you the best wishes of the season.

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I must address two issues that came up at the indescribable Brunswickan meeting on Friday, November 30. (See story in NEWS).

The Brunswickan staff voted for a motion that would exclude those holding political office on campus from being editors here at the paper. The motion effectively reiterated the spirit of the Editorial Policy of November 2, 1984, which was reprinted in these pages. I point out that the motion was not just the project of Lethbridge's political enemies. Many of the staff felt our credibility should begin at home. It is unfortunate that our motion meant Timothy Lethbridge, newly elected to the Board of Governors, could not continue as the Brunswickan's Managing Editor. A motion such as this is bound to cause some hard feelings, and in Tim's case, I hope he does not feel we are unappreciative of his years of effort with the paper. Tim Lethbridge has always been a hard worker with a good sense of innovation. The Brunswickan will miss his input and his imitable company here in Room 35.

Also at our meeting, Clayton Burns was served with notice from the Chief of Security, C.F. Williamson that he was barred from the Student Union Building.

While Mr. Burns and the Brunswickan staff have had an undeniably volatile relationship in the past, I assert that we never asked him to be barred from the SUB. We have indeed asked that he be barred from our offices except under invitation from an editor. Perhaps this is called "giving the Devils his due." No matter. L'affaire Burns will undoubtedly be a contentious one. The search for heroes, villains; for saviours of the student movement and judases, will be long. Read about it here, first.

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An employee of Beaver Foods deserves a big fat "Boo" for charging Richard Hutchins 60 cents for two slices of brown bread during his bread-and-water Hunger Strike a few weeks ago. Apparently the employee believes charity begins at home.

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Speaking of charity, remember that Christmas is a time for giving. Please don't forget the relief agencies for Ethiopia, the United Way, and other charities when you make your gift list. Also, remember to give your time. Visit lonely neighbours and aged relatives in nursing homes. Sing in your church choir, or take some friends caroling through the neighbourhood. You'll delight others and make yourself feel really good, too. Be someone special—think of others on this holiday.