

Yup, even more Christmas stuff

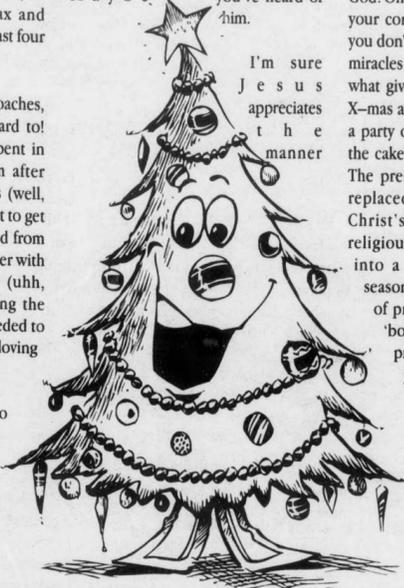
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Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noël! Happy Holidays! After the bi-yearly exams that determine the success or failure of your entire future conclude, you can forget the horrid tests and classes for a few weeks. Why? Well, because it's Christmas vacation, of course! The time off to relax and dismiss what you learned the past four months is wonderful.

But as Christmas itself approaches, there's so much to look forward to! There's the countless hours spent in malls browsing through item after glorious item to select as gifts (well, your parents need to know what to get you, right?), relieving your mind from the pressures of a rough semester with the beverage of your choice (uhh, eggnog, right...), and receiving the money that you desperately needed to avoid eviction (God bless those loving parents).

As for myself, I can't wait to experience those gingerbread-caused convulsions again. Don't we all love OD'ing on X-mas cookies? And it certainly wouldn't be Christmas without my cat's annual gagging on the tinsel, or Uncle Tom showing up drunk and kicking the tree over. Ahhh... All the things that make Christmas, well, Christmas.

Oh yeah. There's this other little thing that accompanies the holiday. Something about the birth of a saviour, some bearded Nazareen who died to save the souls of humanity. I know what you're thinking: Santa Claus isn't from Nazareth. But I was referring to this other guy who makes Christmas possible. He travelled under the name of Jesus Christ. M a y b e you've heard of him.



I'm sure Jesus appreciates the manner

Standard attitude today, right? Perhaps a little recognition and reflection would be appropriate - for Christ's sake. Will the same predicament occur after the last war veteran dies? Will we honour their memory by colourfully lighting our houses, or eating barley toys?

However, maybe you're exempt from blame because you don't believe in God. Oh, nothing to worry about then; your conscience is clear. However, if you don't believe in God, Jesus, or the miracles performed in the Bible, then what gives you the right to celebrate X-mas at all? It's the same as crashing a party of someone you dislike - eat the cake, grab the loot bag, and run. The presents and commercials have replaced the traditional beliefs of Christ's death. A spiritual and religious holiday has transcended into a tawdry, overglamorized season of fun and festivities instead of praise and thankfulness. That 'boring' X-mas mass isn't just a prelude to the gifts. Nor is it just a stipulation of Christmas - it is Christmas.

When you bite off the head of your next gingerbread man or rattle the contents of your present parcels, try to remember the real reason for X-mas. Christmas spirit should be in honour of a particular spirit. Perhaps regaining the proper perspective would be the greatest gift this holiday season.

in which we remember his suffering for mankind's sins. Hey, Jesus died for me, but I got a new espresso machine!

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FIRST OF ALL, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED - THERE WERE 21 CORRECT ENTRIES IN TOTAL, AND THE THREE NAMES PULLED FROM THE BRUNSWICKAN HAT WERE:
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- AND IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, THE ANSWERS WERE:
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 2. 1962
 3. 1964
 4. A HARD DAY'S NIGHT
 5. WITH THE BEATLES, RUBBER SOUL, REVOLVER, SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND, ABBEY ROAD

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