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why is christmas, or so?

a critique in free verse

Are you in favour of Christmas? I am beginning to wonder if I am because we will agree that if one considers what it really is then we might agree that it is a good thing, if we have a satisfactory definition of 'good', or on the other hand if we do not have a satisfactory definition of 'good' then it is possible to say this or not; on the other hand, when one is able to allow some leeway towards the appreciation of the holiday, then one has no alternative but to accept it for what it is worth, if, I emphasize, if, it is within reason to consider the possible viewpoints on this matter. It should be of interest to us all. If, on the other hand, one allows for the truly independent opinions of human existence, or 'why are you?', and the other argument that 'if I think, then I exist, I think.' Well, the time has come for us all to make ourselves clear on this matter.

But now it is time to return to the original discussion. We ask ourselves "Why is Christmas, anyway?" To deal with this topic fairly we must turn to Plato who said "I guess that we will just

never know."

However that is not entirely true. After all, don't you know that you are you? At the same time I know that me is me. This part of any metaphysical system should be the easiest to understand.

Intrinsically, one assumes the existence of a being, an immortal, impregnable, undesirable being. But why, or even how, do we go about making such an assumption if it is not present in the consciousness. The consciousness is not self evident as one might assume, might one? Mightn't one? This sort of thing really gives me the creeps, because, as one might assume, intrinsically or not, it is not natural for people to think of such things.

But then if not, who is it for to think about? I am not sure. But then that is the whole point of this editorial. Or critique, or thing, or whatever it is. Isn't it?

One might assume so.

an open letter

The editor and staff of the *Brunswickan* have been moved by that feeling "peace on earth, goodwill to men" and have decided to give the students of Mount "A" a Yuletide gift of a newspaper.

The Brunswickan Editorial Board has always tried to foster that feeling of brotherhood and co-operation between itself and groups on other campuses that perhaps do not enjoy the advantages of an informative and revered (and regular) newspaper.

After many evenings spent gazing in wonderment at the only issue of your "Argosy", we have attempted to fill the gap in the Mount "A"

college scene by emulating that fine issue. Many tedious and probably thankless hours have been spent on this week's paper but now that we see it in print, we have to admit that it has been a rewarding experience.

We want it to be understood that we are not trying to interfere in the internal politics of another campus. Our purpose is only to instill a little of that spirit of goodwill which comes over most of us at this time of year. . . "Tis the season to be jolly . . . fa-la-la-la-la . . . la-la-la-la . . . fa!"

Love,

The Staff of the 'Old Bruns'