



Staff this term

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the *Gateway* not a creature was stirring, not even a typewriter. Instead, good Saint Michalysbyn and all his merry elves were busy making shaving kits and blenders and Atari video games for all the good boys and girls of the western world. John Roggeveen was busy putting together a gift set of the complete works of Jean-Paul Sartre and Hunter S. Thompson. Bob Kilgannon was building a Coleco football game that could beat Acadia. Muray Whitby worked on his design for a binary paint-by-numbers set. Peter Hammond sorted out parts for a model of a comfortable Greyhound bus. Tom Freeland perfected his Polaroid one step that made two copies, one for the safe. Jordan Peterson gift-wrapped "Speak and Spells" that corrected their own types. Peter Durovic finely tuned his radio controlled pterodactyls. Brent Jeffrey remixed the Plasmatics Christmas album "I'm Dreaming of a Wet Christmas". Dave Chan baked sweet and sour Matzoh balls. Daryl Ronsky printed mail-order engineering degrees. Mike Ekelund tested his stuntman doll by throwing it out a window in Mac hall. Marianne Nielson and Michael Skeet collaborated on a big stuffed BAZ doll, and matching greeting cards (Anxiety is a warm puppy - that hasn't been paper trained). David Marples mixed another batch of his non-stick glue (patent pending). Geoffrey Jackson wrapped up another pair of elevator gloves for reaching the top shelf. Donna Macalear painted monochromatic Rubik's Cubes. Keith Krause and Mike Walker were going over the final proof of their memoirs while Alison Thomson was making her list and checking it twice. Don Millar was having a hard time parting with his K-tel Vegimatic that not only sliced and diced but also eliminated seeds and stems. Elizabeth H. made artistic rings and bracelets out of melted light fixtures. Peter West wrapped gift passes to Caligula (now showing at St. Albert Cineplex). Mathew Moralis looked over his newly completed book of photos, *Holiday Suicides and Mass Murders*. Brad Dreschler put together a gift pack of alluvial soils of the world. Andre Zawallich recorded old episodes of *This is the Law*. Gunnar Blodgett packaged conscientious objector GI Joe dolls. Dave Oginski mailed out Christmas gift subscriptions to the *Bridge*. Sandy Pugh hand painted designer ties. Vic Marchiel mixed assorted holiday confections with matching syringes. Bill Inglee printed "Reach Out and Touch Someone" gift certificates, no minors. Garnet DuGray authorized seasons' passes to inner-tube indoor soccer. Gerard Kennedy sculpted a copy of the Pieta in black velvet. Martin Beales packaged a do-it-yourself Theatre Nuclear Weapon (TNW) that can destroy Cineplex and still leave a print of Superman II intact (everyone said it was a fun movie to see, even Steven Scobie). Lloyd Takeyasu updated the prices on his hotel rooms in his travel guide, *Upper Volta on Fifteen Shiny Stones a Day*. Russ Sampson put the batteries in his electric body-building set. Allison Annesley mailed gift certificates for the Love Shop (leather items excluded). Ben Yee strung together potatoe chips, beer caps and dip for hoser Christmas decorations while Dave Cox tried to snort snow angels. Jim Miller, Sandra Shaw, Rob MacDonald, and Grace Hickman were filming a remake of *Miracle on 34th Street* called *Miracle on Boyle Street*. Peter Jarvis gave all his friends Lotto-Cannabis tickets - you don't give a hoot whether you win or not. Cindy Oxley took a picture of Ken Tsai taking a picture of... Tina Van Rikoord fashioned a new-fangled fire extinguisher that puts out three arsons simultaneously. Peter Melynychuk retold the classic Ukrainian joke: "What do you call a Ukrainian toque? A block heater!" Nikki Hyrnyk took exception to the crass ethnic joke and took cheap shots at Anglo-Saxons. Edward C. May took up a collection for starving children whose parents were victimized when the Trudeau government started closing tax loopholes. Dirk Boivin, Joe Chidiak, Beth Jacob, Therese West, and Walter Viscammclass all went to neighbours' front doors caroling while Susan Bailes, and Les Parsons broke in through the back way and stole all the Christmas gifts (for Santa's Anonymous, of course). Al Hunt put the strings on the push-me-pull-you 'I'm in control now' Alexander Haig voice box that said "There are more important things in the world than peace." Diana Taschuk sewed sexy negligee by Fredericks' of Vegréville with provocative holes in the feet. Luis Pena packaged souvenirs for bankrupt NASL teams. Grant Guilet, James Less, David Benoit, Mike Cheng, Ann Steven, and Suzanne Bizon hitched up the reindeer to Santa's Toyota Hatchback, and loaded up all the gifts. A merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Kent Blinston and Greg Harris

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