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MERRY CHRISTMAS?



On Wednesday, November 1st, I came face to face with a startling and shocking development. The realization of this happening, which I will enlarge upon in a moment, occurred to me as I was making my daily walk south on Yonge Street from the College subway station. (I sell pencils at the corner of Yonge and Gould, but don't tell my mother; she thinks I'm going to Ryerson.) As I hustled along in my 'commuter-type' walk, I glanced up in the sky and what to my wondering eyes should appear but---ribbons of gold festooned with red and green ornaments, all hanging from the lamp posts and telephone wires! At first I shrugged it off as undoubtedly being the church of Scientology's new advertising campaign. But, something deep within me would not accept such an explanation. It was true and I had to face the facts; Santa was coming to town.

The morning after the witches of Hallowe'en had flown away, the main street of downtown Toronto was decorated to welcome St. Nick. With only four days having elapsed in November, the Eaton's Santa Claus parade had already taken place! This is the earliest official beginning of the Christmas season in the history of the Dominion of Canada; (There's a noteworthy fact for you---and you thought you were wasting your time reading this feature!) (Editor's note: No, you didn't).

Why such an early appearance by the jolly old fellow in the red suit? In simple terms it can be rationalized as the result of overly zealous shop keepers who are trying to make more than the most of the Christmas gift buying tradition.

Some observers are inclined to speculate that the hasty advent of the Christmas season is actually a plot by the owners of football's

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Argonauts; a scheme intended to replace Toronto's autumn 'Boo's' with 'Ho's', by moving the public's eye away from the double-bubble blue on to jolly ol' St. Nick. Of course, if such a hypothesis is true, the Santa Claus parade should have taken place back in the third week of August.

What really does the early arrival of Santa and his decorations mean to us as individuals? It means that, if current trends continue, by 1987 the Santa Claus Parade will take place the weekend following Easter! When this takes place, the clocks will then be adjusted in late April to conform with Christmas Savings Time which will continue until the autumn when we will then return to Christmas Standard Time.

In conclusion, it is the opinion of this writer that Santa Claus must learn to wait until the very end of November before making an appearance. The only possible and justifiable advantage to an early Christmas start is that certain distinguished lectures specializing in The Night Before Christmas oration would have a much longer listener season!

Well, that's all for now. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, (but not until the third week of December).

Terry Dorey-One Year Sp. Grad,78.

Santa Claus, riding on his sleigh through the night sky, gets his name from St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop known for his generosity and popularly regarded as the patron saint of children.



Editorial

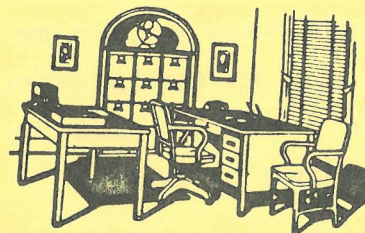


Aesop (you remember Aesop?) dealt with an interesting situation a-while back that I was reminded of recently at Calvin Miller's York University lecture. A peasant and his son end up carrying their donkey to town because some "helpful" bystanders along the way had mentioned that maybe the beast was a little tired and perhaps the boy should walk and wouldn't it be better if they took the rest of their packages off the poor creature's back?

Miller would say that the bystanders were "pre-occupied with liberating the peasant's vision." He feels that we (the Church) tend towards that also. We're crowd motivated... "What will they think?" seems to have become our motto. We trade away our personalities trait by trait, characteristic by characteristic, bargaining for acceptance. "But," Miller emphasizes, "One of God's greatest bestowments to us is our individuality and He isn't flattered if we toss it back in His face."

When Jesus was nailed to the cross, the nail-drivers were saying, "You really should have been more like us." They resented His allegiance to His individuality and set out to annul. So they thought.

Children, you may have noticed, also have this "allegiance" to themselves and it takes constant group interaction and plain old growing up before it leaves (some of) them. But it doesn't have to leave us. "Maybe" Miller suggests, "This is what Jesus was talking about when He said that we should become like children." (Mt. 18:3,4.)



DORM - Dins!

HALLOWED HALLS W + M

Way back at the beginning of Oct., OBC experienced its first dorm supper of the year. The heralding dorms were Dixon and Rhodes North, affectionately (and respectively) referred to as the "North Trekkers" & Norsemen.

It's always difficult to be the first of the year in anything as there aren't any examples to learn from. The idea of an earthman before a dais of intergalactic personalities was innovative and promising; but unfortunately the plot emerged slowly. It was a difficult emergence, greatly due to audience interference.

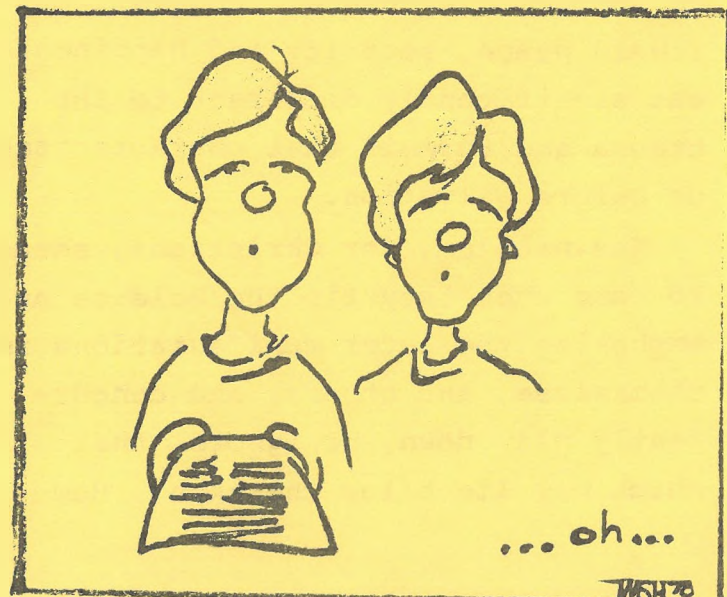
The message of the skit was that we need to be reminded at times who our Creator is. Man moves too fast and loses sight of his origins in the blur. Laurie Petkau brought things into focus with the song, "Praise the Lord, He never Changes". Janet Sherk accompanied on the piano. - W.GIBSON

THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES OUT!

LAST MONTH, WE THE STUDENTS OF OBC EXPERIENCED AN UNUSUAL DORM SUPPER. THE INHABITANTS OF USHER SOUTH HUMANE SOCIETY AND ALLOWAY SOUTH PANTHERS WENT "PINK" AND TOOK US ALONG WITH THEM. THE SETTING WAS THAT OF A FRENCH CAFE WITH "REAL" FRENCH WINE (CHUCKLE).

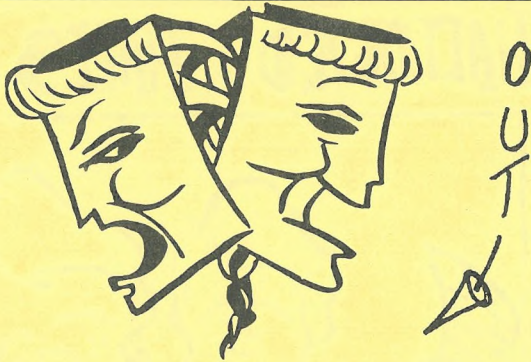
THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT STARTED OFF WITH OUR RESIDENT SINGER A LA FRANCAIS, MICHEL SHERBINÉ, FOLLOWED BY MLE. CATHY TAPLEY WHO SHOWED HER EXPERTISE ON THE CLASSICAL GUITAR. WE THEN WITNESSED A ROUSING RENDITION OF ERIC THE PINK WITH RANDY SKINNER AND IRELAND'S OWN DAVID DRAFFIN.

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Inside out?? Where does the heart of Christianity lie? Is it in the observable and behavioral? Does it rest in the heart and the mind? Is there some interaction between the two so that inner and outer work together? Let us return to our salvation and view it from a Biblical perspective. Paul tells us in Romans 10 and 10 that there is an inner and outer component--commitment is with the heart and confession is with the mouth. Salvation then is the inward reality, through faith in Christ, and the outward proclamation, through witness to others. Depending on our background, the circumstances surrounding our conversion experience, and various other factors, our outward behaviour may not have undergone an appreciable change. However, our inward peace, security and happiness was significantly different to the trauma and turmoil that characterized us before salvation.

The problem, for Christians, seems to come when they tip the balance and emphasize the outer manifestations in themselves, and others, and concurrently play down, or ignore, that which may lie below the skin. How

many times have you talked to someone, being convinced that their outgoing, extroverted style indicated peace and happiness, only to find that inside they were depressed, bewildered, and confused? How many times have we experienced ourselves putting on a facade when beneath it all there were completely different feelings and thoughts? Although we may fool others, and even, at times, ourselves, God, with His explicit emphasis on the internal, is never fooled!

Is this concept of the internal and the external important? God has made us, in His wisdom, thinking, feeling and willing creatures. He has told us in Proverbs 23 and 7 that our being and behaving is dependent directly on how we think. In Romans 12 and 2 we find that the transformation from worldliness to spirituality and the will of God comes from the renewing of our mind. In II Corinthians 10 and 5 one of the most noble aims of the individual Christian is to bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". Would I be right in saying the essence of Christianity lies beneath the skin? Or, more correctly, that is where it starts?

These Biblical emphases might be seen in contrast to our current emphasis, for ourselves, and others, on the adherence to outer behavioural dimensions of our Christian faith.

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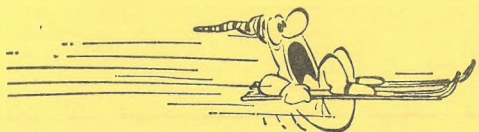


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Many of us are conforming to the demands made on these external characteristics but lack the inner reality and conviction that should go with it. Furthermore, this may give us a partial insight into why many 'well behaved' Christians, in the sense we have been discussing above, are seeking the help of psychologists and other helpers, to deal with inner turmoil, stress and tension. Our Christian faith should be a healthy balance between Christ controlled behaviour and thoughts. To the extent that we push the former to the detriment of the latter we distort the Biblical conception of true Christianity and produce a group of proper behaved, poorly motivated Christians!

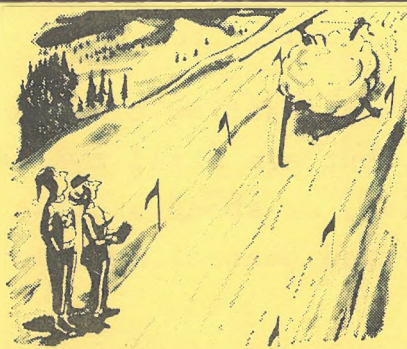
Rod Wilson-- Community Life Dept.

KEEP IN SHAPE, AND ENJOY IT!



Find it hard to discipline yourself to exercise? Why not make it easy for yourself, and learn at the same time?

This is a good time to become qualified for future possibilities, and courses are open in North York in swimming, skating, or skiing.



"That must be Ralph now..."

Swimming courses are open to all levels. Check the Soc. Rec. Board at the mailboxes for descriptions of courses etc., and information on additional courses not listed here. Registration is Dec. 7-9, 1978; classes begin Jan. 2, 1979.

Newtonbrook Pool (Yonge St. & Steeles)
221-8064 (½ hr. walk or TTC Steeles
(7:00-9:30 pm) East 53)

Stroke improvement	Tues. 8:30-9
Bronze	" 8:00-9 or 9:00-10 Sat 9:30-10:30
Bronze Cross	Tues 9:00-10:00
Award of Merit	Tues 9:00-10:00
Synchronized Swimming	Sat. 10:30-11:30

Jackson's Pool (50 Francine Dr.
½ mile walk from OBC) 493-7708.
7:00-9:30 pm.

Bronze	Tues. 9:00-10:00
	Thurs. 8:00-9:00
	Sat. 12:00-1:00
Leaders	Wed. 6:30-8:30

Also, there are lifesaving courses, skin diving, springboard diving, and speed swimming with competition available.

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Instructional skating classes began in Oct., but are still available in power skating, or speed skating for adults. Phone general information 224-6263.

Free shinny hockey 4:00-6:00pm Monday and Thursday at Wilmington arena, 205 Wilmington Ave., (636-0020) near Bathurst and Sheppard.

Cross Country Ski classes begin in January. Classes are kept small and the cost is reasonable. Phone 638-5315 for information on adult ski classes and adult touring program, also listed on Soc. Rec. board.

-Donna Cassidy,

Soc Rec

CANDID SHOTS



STAFF

"You'll like it here. We're one big, happy family."

All through my senior year at school I was constantly asked of plans after graduation. Grads are supposed to know---but I was different. I didn't know---not even a clue as to where to begin to find out. A friend once said to me, rather sarcastically, "You'll probably end up back at OBC as a secretary". I answered him by saying,

"No way". Usually when I say those 2 words, I end up doing it...and here I am!

Being on the other side of the fence was really strange at first. Walking into the Faculty/Staff Lounge for the first time was a weird experience, cuz it had always been 'out of bounds' to us as students. Learning to be on a 1st name basis with some of the faculty and staff is still taking some practise.

However, I love my work here cuz I'm in the best department!! (an unbiased opinion of course) It's not what I really expected. It's not your typical secretarial work, sitting behind a typewriter, or trying to decode your bosses' writing! It is however, very interesting, with a variety of things to keep me busy.

It's great to be back again for another year, and to have a lot of contact with my friends, without the worry of homework!

Ruth Collett,

Secretary-Community Life

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Mistletoe was sacred to the pagan Druids. So, although it was hung up in houses, it was never allowed to be used in decorating Christian churches, except at York where, during the Middle Ages, a mistletoe bough was brought into the Minister and laid on the altar to be blessed.



THEY KIDS!!
Impress your
FRIENDS with "LITTLE"
KNOWN FACTS!!
NEAT!!

The Christmas tree did not appear in England until the last century: it became popular there after Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert, had their first Christmas tree at Windsor in 1841. It is an old German custom.



"Never mind the snow conditions — what are conditions around the fireplace?"

BAT-LEERS!



Once upon a time, there was a girl living in solitude in Rm. 529 at OBC. Her roommate had gone home for the weekend; yet, this girl was NOT really alone! At 4:28 am, she awoke with a start. Something was in the closet! Scratch, scratch. Nervously shaking, V. ran out of the room, and ran next door. "Wake up, you guys. Big Ben is in my room!" W. and M. looked at each other groggily. Was V. insane? V. was shaking in terror. M. took the initiative and marched into Rm. 529. Sure enough, there was Big Benny crawling up the curtains. A pale-faced M. slipped quietly out of

the room to report to her anxious friends. "We need a MAN to tackle Big Benny!"

It was brave B. to the rescue. Taking command of the situation, B. walked into the haunted room. The girls huddled in the hall. Silence. Was B. still alive? Tense moments later, fearless B. reappeared. A plan of attack was outlined and the ammunition readied. Armed with clipboard and wastebasket, B. was prepared for a second round with Big Benny. The battle raged fiercely. Such squeaking and squawking! Who would be the victor?

Suddenly, a triumphant B. emerged. A captive Big Ben was fighting desperately to escape from his cell. Accompanied by a capable assistant, B. retired to the out-of-doors. They carefully opened the makeshift prison and away flew Big Benny BAT. He was free!

HERO OF THE MONTH: "Batman"

Bob Sturgeon

-written by V. Krstic and W. Pillsworth

-re-written by M. Wilson



"Go get it, Pop!"

ODE TO THE PHILOSOPHY CLASS
I HAVEN'T TAKEN YET

What is the meaning
of meaning---
or more meaningfully
what does meaning mean
if there is meaning
which by no means means
meaninglessness
unless meaning means well
for if by means of meaning
we mean meaning
then, meantime, a meanly
meaning is meaningless
meanwhile we mean meanly,
meaning not meaningly
but meaning by all means mean
which is what the mean meaning
of meaning means---
in a manner of speaking

-Douglas Brouwer.

FOOLIN' AROUND



If anyone is fascinated by the excitement of late night orienteering (finding your way around in the dark with a compass), the time to have joined us was Oct. 27th for the fresh man-senior weiner roast.

After Gerald Burke had completely filled us in on basic compass mechanics, five groups of eager freshmen (accompanied by a solicitous senior) sailed forth into the brisk night air, eager to begin the journey.

Battling their way in the dark, using only the waning light of a few flashlights, they traversed the rough terrain behind the college looking for scraps of paper to direct them to the campfire.

Upon our arrival, the seniors graciously treated us to roasted hot-dogs and simmering hot chocolate. We joined in sharing, songs and a word from the Scriptures which Kevin James brought to us.



Seniors, you have our thanks and appreciation for such a good time of fellowship and may God bless us all as we continue to minister to each other.

Don Boyd--Freshman

DORM DINS, CON'T FROM PG. 3

THE PIECE DE RESISTANCE WAS THAT OF STEPHEN ROBERT KERR'S PRODUCTION OF "THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES OUT". MANY CLOUSSEAU CHARACTERISTICS WERE EASILY RECOGNIZABLE BY ANY PETER SELLERS FANS IN THE CROWD. SAM KHO PORTRAYED KATO, (THE LITTLE YELLOW FRIEND) PERFECTLY.

ALL IN ALL, I FOUND THE EVENING VERY ENJOYABLE AND RELAXING BUT IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT ... EXCUUSE ME!

LAIRD (MARTIN) CRUMP--CLASS OF 80