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# ENVIRO-FAILURE -FAILURE -FAILURE

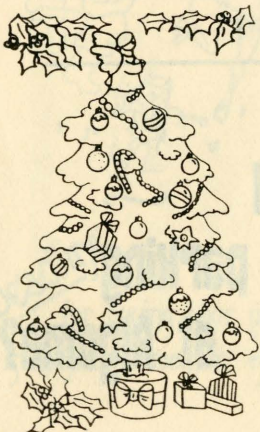
Our world is severely wounded and in this matter, indifference at A.U.C. is sovereign. Environmentalists have been considered loonies, but we are people that give a damn about the world's health, and probably the only people concerned about the damage that our own species are inflicting to it. With this in

mind, a small group of people started working together at A.U.C. and the Environmental Club was born in 1990. We figured that it was ridiculous to pretend to be genuinely concerned about our futures if we didn't insure that there will actually BE a world left for that future. Small but rewarding efforts materialized, and we felt good. We were not afraid of the criticism, our voices were heard and our efforts paid off: we saw in campus less styrofoam cups and more mugs, plus the paper and pop cans were properly disposed of. It was a shiny start, not too shabby for a handful of people.

However, interest declined in 1992, new projects evaporated and we hit bottom: the Environmental Club ceased to be recognized as a Sub-Organization of the Students Association. The unfortunate lack of involvement of the Club's members and the weak interest shown from the rest of the University's community won the battle..... see page 11

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

To The Entire  
AUC Community



### — WHAT'S INSIDE —

- OSAP: CUTBACKS AND WHY ?
- Casino & Community
- Christmas Spirit !
- Dear Santa...

PAID PARKING  
IS COMING  
TO ALGOMA

- see inside for details



## Casino Gambling....

I have some questions about the desirability of casino gambling in Sault Ste. Marie:

Casino gambling is fundamentally irrational: it's an activity whose ostensible purpose is to win money, but structured so that most people (except "the house") lose. So? As long as people enjoy it, why shouldn't government exploit the irrationality as a source of revenue? We might ask: "Is it wrong to take candy from a baby, if the baby offers it to you?"

What about the model of success implicit in gambling? What does it say about our society when life's "big winners" in the news are not those who have worked hard or performed excellently, but those who have taken an irrational risk and "gotten lucky"? When we substitute chance for achievement, what do we teach our children?

Tom Allaway - Psychology Professor

Although casinos in most of the country are still limited mainly to special events...the total cash exchanged for chips, approach \$1 billion a year, or about a quarter of the total spent on lottery tickets... casino operators say it's only a fraction of what they could be earning - if only the provincial governments would lighten up a bit.

Reprinted from the Financial Times of Canada, August 19, 1991. Page 8.

Why a casino? Look no further than Soo, Michigan. Over recent years, unemployment in our sister city has dropped from 14% to 8%. Cross-border shopping has topped \$100 million.

Vegas Kewadin is a cornerstone of this success, now employing over 700 people. The Sault Tribe is the biggest employer is Chippewa County. More importantly, the casino attracts millions of Canadian dollars.

Vegas Kewadin is like a small hole in a tire, slowly letting the air out of our local economy. To plug this hole, we must compete. A casino might even draw tourists, complementing regional day-time attractions like the Tour Train and Ski Searchmont.

Casinos do encourage certain social problems such as organized crime and compulsive gamblers. However, these challenges are not insurmountable.

As the State of Nevada has learned, it is possible to keep organized crime out of the casino industry. In casinos across the United States, tight regulation and control have positioned casinos as a credible recreation alternative.

Research suggests that up to 5% of the population are potential compulsive gamblers. However, most people are already exposed to many different forms of gambling. As such, a casino could not possibly create that many more new compulsive gamblers.

Inevitably, Sault Ste. Marie must decide whether to act, or to be acted upon.

R.B. Irwin - AUC Student



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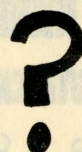
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at Algoma?

# CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Last weekend we took an excursion to Bruce Mines to participate in the second annual Holy Walk put on by the United Church. This event is a recreation of the journey made to Bethlehem by ordinary people who had to travel there to pay their taxes, in the year that Christ was born.

This being a very popular event, we were greeted on arrival with a lineup of probably a thousand people or more. After a short wait those of us near the end of the line were informed by a kindly, smiling shepherd that we faced a wait of approximately four hours! Undaunted (or perhaps unbelieving!) we decided to stay, as did most of our neighbours in the line.

True to the word of the good shepherd we waited in that lineup for at least four hours, and another hour listening to carols inside the church before it was our turn to embark on the walk to Bethlehem.

Now, four hours is a long time in a lineup, especially on a cold, crisp evening in late November, but the amazing thing is that the wait was in no way an unpleasant experience. The children ran and played and made new friends. People chatted with others in the line, joking and smiling all the while. And never once in that four hours did I hear one person complain.

The walk was well organized and beautifully done. Most people felt it was definitely worth the wait. I agree that the walk was nice, but what I feel was really worth the wait was the revelation that the ability still exists within us to handle what could be a stressful situation with peace and harmony and goodwill toward each other. I've never been a particularly religious person but in my opinion the true meaning of Christmas was revealed Saturday night.

Stephanie Ross - ALC Student

## Algoma University Students' Association's First Annual Christmas Party

To be held at the Union Hall  
(68 Dennis) on Saturday  
December 19, 1992

Single \$20.00 Couple \$35.00



**Deadline**  
for buying your tickets  
is Monday, December 13.

### MENU

Antipasto Plate  
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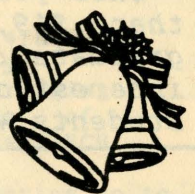
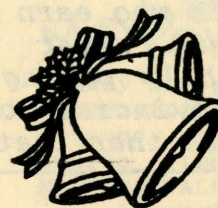
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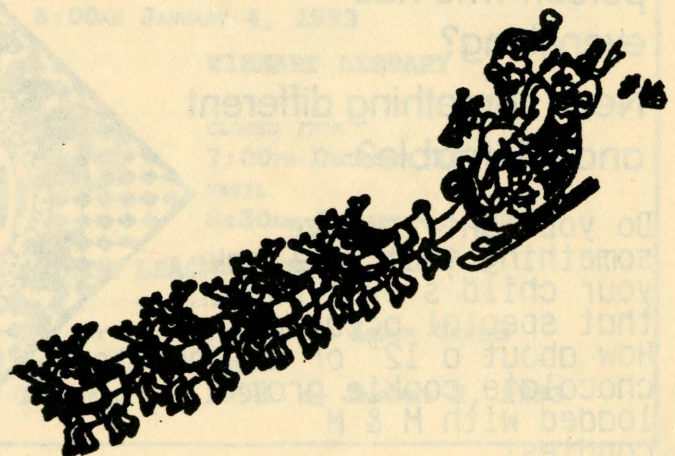
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## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

for Christmas Cheer. Please show your generosity in supporting this very worthwhile cause.

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# OSAP Cutbacks & Why

\* This Year, most OSAP students are getting some money that they don't have to pay back (a grant) and some are getting loans.

\* In 1993-94, most OSAP students won't get grants, but they will have improved access to loans. Also, students who need to borrow more than \$5,570 a year, on the average, won't have to pay back anything over that amount for that year. And students who have child-care expenses or have special needs because of disabilities will get bursaries to help with their expenses.

\* This year, a total of \$668 million is available to help students.

\* In 1993-94, a total of \$800 million will be available to help students pay for their post-secondary education

\* This year, students who earn more than \$19,100 a year after they graduate can't get help paying the interest on their provincial loans. Students who earn less than that can

apply to have the govt pay 100% of the interest on their loans for 18 months.

\* In 1993-94, students who earn up to \$20,100 a year will be able to get help paying 100% of the interest on their provincial loans and students who earn between \$20,100 and \$35,000 will be able to get help paying part of the interest they owe. This help will still be available for up to 18 months.

\* This year, there is \$2.7 million available to help students who are taking academic upgrading programs.

\* In 1993-94, there will \$5.4 million--available to these student in groups that have been found to need extra help (Aboriginal students, francophones, disabled, sole-support parents, visible minorities, and people on social assistance).

\* This year, the Ontario Work-Study Program has a budget of \$2.7 million. This program pays 75% of...

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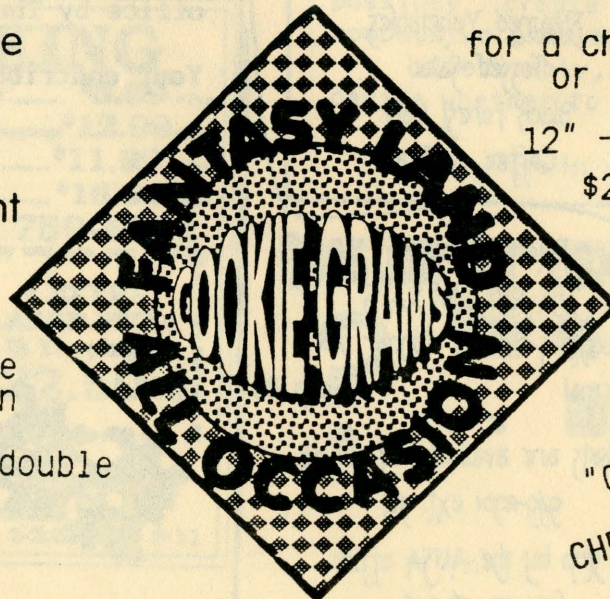


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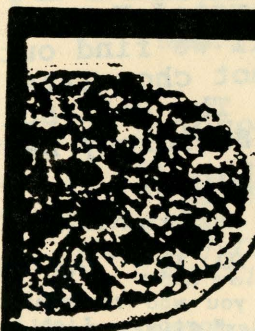
It has recently been brought to my attention that a member of the Algoma University community had applied for full professor status. It gave me a sense of adulation when I found out that Dr. Hassan Gardezi was this person. However, my adulation was short lived, for the powers that be turned him down. Despite the fact that he more than met the criteria to be given this status, the committee chose not to.

From my own personal experience, Dr. Gardezi conducts his classes in a competent and professional manner. The materials are relevant and always well presented. Students are encouraged to express themselves and participate to the fullest.

Thus if he meets the criteria, and from what I've seen, he possesses the skills, then what is the problem?

Foreman

P.S. Time for a change of mind.



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# PUB REPORT

Well, another semester nearly gone - and with it, 13 of the 26 Pubs for the year. The next semester boasts an even higher caliber of entertainment in the T-BIRD LOUNGE on THURSDAY NIGHTS. OVER HALF of the UPCOMING PUBS will feature RECORDING ARTISTS and COMEDIANS.

All of the pub patrons can give themselves a pat on the back for contributing to the overall SUCCESS of the AUC PUBS. For those of you who HAVEN'T been frequenting the lounge on Thursday Nights - GET TO IT! MIX, MINGLE, HAVE A BLAST, MEET NEW PEOPLE, AND ENJOY THE SHOW.

The listings for next semester's entertainment is in the glass case in the Lounge along with other items you should be aware of.

my generation will be rockin at the first pub of '93, followed by

**MIDPOINT** on the 14th.

Comedy had proven to be so successful that we are bringing in 3 comedy nights, and also - of course - the World Famous MARCH MADNESS TALENT NIGHT.

I myself, will be moving on to Laurentian for the semester, but you can address any Pub concerns to Todd Hoover, my current assistant who will be taking my place after December. Todd is no stranger to AUC's END-OF-WEEK-UNWINDERS and is looking forward to doing the Pub thing.

Stay Loose,  
Steve Infanti  
AUSA PUB COORDINATOR

## CHRISTMAS HOURS AT ALGOMA

CLOSED FROM

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UNTIL

**8:00AM JANUARY 4, 1993**



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# Nostalgia... Celebrating 25 years

★ Reprinted from The Northern Light December 14, 1973

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us less criticism for Christmas. We'll consider your application to join as soon as possible.

Dear Santa,  
Please send more athletic offices, more Fridays and less mail for the Northern Light.  
The Secretarial Staff.

Dear Santa,  
Please send more info on birth control, better washroom facilities and a large supply of Flushabyes.  
The Staff of the Day Care Nursery.

Hey Bearded Freak,  
Mike wants some spurs to match his hat, Louie needs a big cash register, Debbie digs the idea of a new pen, Richard would like a private pub, and Ken wants an executive washroom. The others are undecided, but they voted for a box of joints.  
Student Council

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us a grand canyon, a giant shield, a map of downtown Wawa, and contour maps of Raquel Welsch and Burt Reynolds.  
From the Geography Department

Dear Oldtimer,

Our story is a little worn. We would like you to bring us a new one. We all love Rudolph, but could you do something about Francer.

The hiSTORY Dept.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas we would like a new play, a pipe and a literate newspaper. Thanks a lot from all of we.  
The English Dept.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us some pre-marked essays, some chalk, less committee work, and an autographed picture of Larry Brown.

The Faculty Association

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, We would like a ten year subscription to Playboy and Playgirl Magazines. Please use the side entrance, and try to make less noise than last year.

The Library Staff

Dear Santa,  
Please send fewer barbarians and more soap freaks to Algoma College; and please send Mr. Clean's latest book on hairpieces.

The Janitor and Night Cleaners.

Dear Santa Claws,  
We would like some help. How about some grammar lesions! We have all been good, hasn't we And please tell we who Lord Homer ain't. Could you get here before midnite maybe, see there ain't no December 25th on our Dixon calender,

Yours Censoredly,  
The Northern Light Staff

Dear Mr. Claus,

We have come to the conclusion that you must spend exactly .47628 seconds at each home on your route. Could you please verify or refute our conclusions. We would also request a new ruler.

The Math Dept.

Dearest Kind OLD MAN,

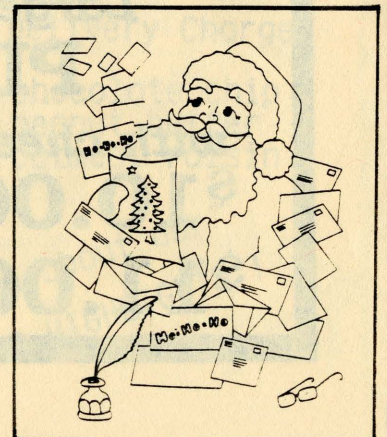
We would be eternally grateful if you could possibly bring us a list of Freud's private hang-ups. Any information which you can supply will be deeply appreciated.

The Psych. Dept.

Dear Claus,

We want to know if you're really a capitalist, and whether or not you voted N.D.P. Until we find out, no hot chocolate!  
The Poli-Sci and Sociology Depts.

P.S. For those of you who remember the old Northern Light and for those who don't... the Northern Light was an old Student Newspaper.



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## FACTUAL CONCEPTS

THINGS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW BUT YOU DON'T!

- did you know that in 1992 approximately  
137,500 (4 out of 10) students in  
Ontario got help from OSAP.

- Algoma University has its very own Political  
Critic for Sault This Week. Do you know who it is...  
LUCY PEREDUN !

- in case you were wondering what was happening  
on the front lawn, Algoma University is getting its  
very own outdoor sign.

- did you know that almost \$1,000,000.00  
has been earned by Co-op students at Algoma to date.

- Marty Putz will be back in the New Year !  
Let's hear it for Steve Infanti !!!

- did you know that nearly 140,000 students  
dropped out of school in Canada in 1989.

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## DO YOU FEEL SCREWED?

...a column  
for those  
lonely voices....

From the Northern Moronic Temple of  
Apathy reporting...

Many individuals do not seem to comprehend what University life is all about, and apathy has made Algoma University it's home. Don't ask me why, but the majority of students just sit there picking their noses.

**What ever happened to student spirit and fun?**

During Frosh Week, events after events were cancelled for lack of attendance, the Students' Council tried to do everything in the book to lure people to have fun, we even gave food for **FREE** during our Frosh Week BBQ!!! Nevertheless, that did not help a hell of a lot. For Novemberfest the same tune prevailed, a bit better thanks to a **Few Good Sports** that participated, making the Tug-O-War the only semi-attended event. Those that were there know it was fun. **The best**

**part:** some morons dare to say that this school is boring! But what do they do to improve it? **NOTHING !!**

Embarrassing to say, but it looks like some people here identify fun with booze: alcohol-free activities just don't cut it. How sad!

To be part of the Students' Association Council is a superb experience. I have the wonderful luck of working with exceptional people that I call friends, and to tell you the truth, if it wasn't for them and **THEIR** support, Special Events would just be a memory.

Claudia Lambert - AUSA Special  
Events Coordinator

## OSAP cont'd

the salary of a student who works part-time at a college and univ. The school pays 25%.

\* In 1993-94, the program is the same, but the budget will be \$5.4 million, the extra money will going to the above mentioned students.

## TUITION FEE INCREASE

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### Conway's Law:

In every organization there will always be one person who knows what is going on.  
This person must be fired.

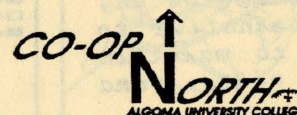
### Anonymous:

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.

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# PAID PARKING

For several years Algoma University has endeavoured to find ways through each capital project, to improve the site and specifically the parking lot. Recently, funds were used to provide much needed and upgraded lighting in the parking lot, and expansion to the north. In response to the many problems that we have with pot holes, improper or not enough walkways and difficulty in finding parking spaces, we are in the process of developing a scheme to address all concerns.

The draft site plan provides 605 paved parking spaces (present capacity - 400 to 450 cars), additional walkways, lighting, and an upgraded main driveway. The south section would be sectioned off for visitors, one day and reserved parking spaces. The rest of the parking lot would be for student and staff parking by permit.

The parking scheme includes a new sidewalk from Queen St. bus stop to the main elevator; and from the elevator rear entrance to the GLC, a new walkway from the back door of Shingwauk Hall, around the GLC to Florwin & Shannon Rd park, landscaping, chainlink fence installed for security. The main driveway would be widened and bump on the curve removed. The plan calls for a future road extension along the east side of the campus connecting the driveway at the old rectory, and an access road towards the Cemetery.

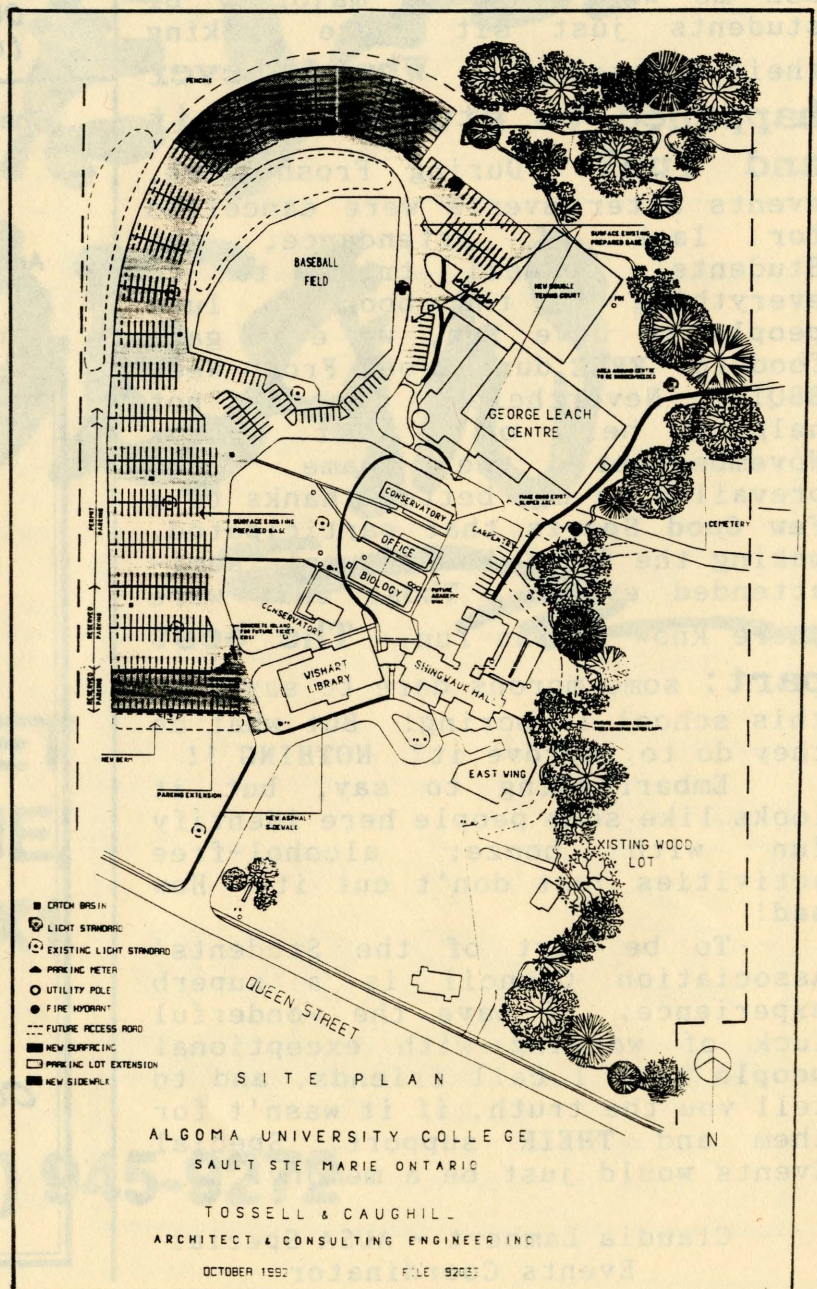
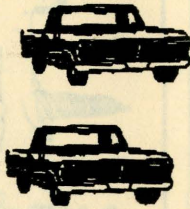
A bank loan will finance the project as an ancillary operation. Repayment is through a pay for parking scheme. Estimated costs will be between \$300,000.00 / \$350,000.00 with anticipated full payment in approx 7 yrs. Fees will be an average of \$100.00 / yr for parking permits and reserved & day parking more costly. The Board of Governors has approved the plan in principle pending the final draft and estimated costs and revenues.

Meanwhile, we are looking for input from all sources to help us change or improve the plan as much as possible. The only way we can have these proposed improvements is through a paid parking scheme. No other funds are available from any other source. The alternative to the plan therefore is to maintain the status quo--pot holes, and parking shortages.

AUC is one of the few, if not the only University in Ont. which provides a free gravelled area for parking in a pothole heaven. Paid parking has become the norm even in the Sault considering the high cost of providing decent parking in slow economic times. Paid parking has proven to help the environment, people take public transport or car pool, traffic may decrease 10%.

Although we would like to put the project together for next summer, we hesitate to do so unless we come up with a plan that meets most of our needs with fees that are as low as possible. Inquires and suggestions can be directed to the Physical Plant Office and further developments, changes, upgrades or revised plans will be posted on the AUSA bulletin board to keep you informed.

- Bruno Barban, Director of Physical Plant and Planning



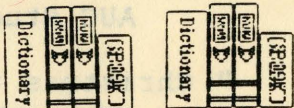
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Looking for a certain textbook and just can't find it! Tired of searching through the mountains of papers stapled to the infinite number of bulletin boards. Well

**STOP !!!**

Write down all of the relevant information and drop it off at the AUSA Office (GN-2)

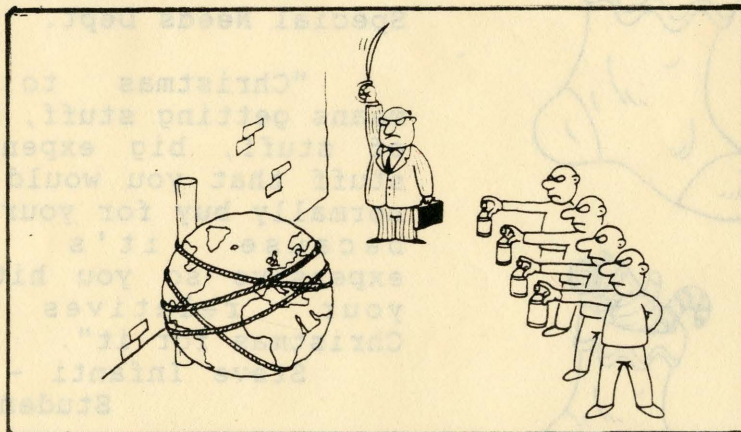
If your book is out there.... we'll find it.

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ENVIRO-FAILURE cont'd...

Nevertheless, a few souls came out when everything was almost lost. Problems were discussed, and we reached some kind of understanding. Once again, and as an independent group this time, we will try. After all, we have to be a bunch of stubborn individuals with one mission: to make those bull-headed morons (those that couldn't care less if their own children don't have a world to live in) understand that we should change our ways. Why? Mainly because we are the only University in Ontario that does not have a formal recycling programme. We are proud to have a wonderful athletic facility with an even more wonderful motto: "Respect yourself, each other and the Environment", but how good is a motto when it does not reflect our actions? Take a look at the staggering waste of paper generated by almost every member of the A.U.C. community, i.e. the majority of faculty members do not accept essays printed double-sided, the need for photocopying EVERYTHING is larger than the hole in the ozone layer, and mega-piles of paper are wasted in computer printing rooms. The saddest part: People close their eyes to the problem and everybody comes up with the most absurd excuses. Could it be the case that in our University people pursue/supply an education hoping that common sense is included in their tuition/pay cheque? Maybe. Prove me wrong.

Claudia Lambert  
AUC Student



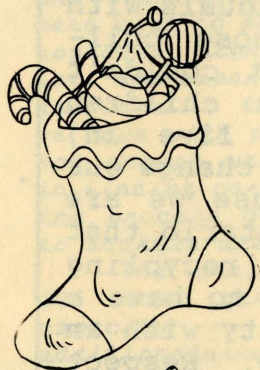
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# THE LAST WORD IS FOR YOU.....

Ana Dyni haunted the halls this week asking any unsuspecting victim in her path...

*What does Christmas mean to you?*

Here's what you had to say...

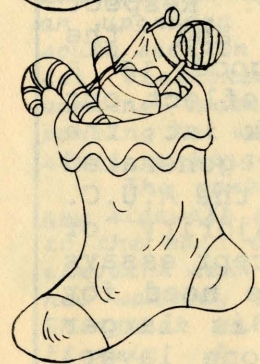


"Christmas is the birth of Christ".

Esther Roach - AUC Student

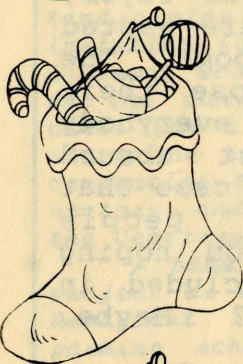
"Christmas to me means flying down south to warm Mexico and leaving all these Canadian people freezing their butts off".

Claudia Lambert - AUC Student



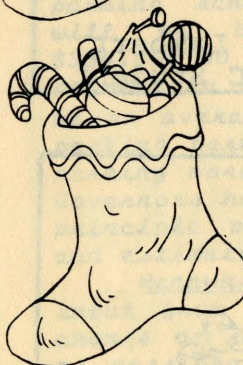
"Great times,  
Great food with  
Great people.

Ho! Ho! Ho!"  
Cindi Johnson - Liaison Officer



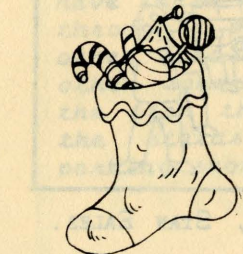
"Christmas to me is celebrating the birth of Christ with friends and family and having a grand ole good time, and remembering the meaning of it".

Dan Charsley - AUC Student



"Traditions...sneaking out in the middle of the night to the neighbours to get a Christmas tree".

Christine Hoegner - Special Needs Dept.



"Christmas to me means getting stuff, lots of stuff, big expensive stuff that you would not normally buy for yourself because it's too expensive so you hit up your relatives on Christmas for it".

Steve Infanti - AUC Student

"It means that exams are over and my Co-op job is done, but most of all that it's Christmas time and you get to spend time with your family. I have more fun finding presents for other people than getting presents myself...".

Michelle Jamieson - AUC Student

"It seems that everyone pulls together at Christmas time more so than they do at any other time of the year. People's moods are a lot happier and cheerful".

Tony Perry - AUC Student

"Christmas is a sentimental time when family and friends all get together and they sit around the Christmas tree and enjoy it - being together but the most important part is to just remember the birth of Jesus Christ".

Dean Giesbrecht - AUC Student

"Christmas to me is getting a present... one with lots of lace on it... and long legs..."

Chris Foster - AUC Student

"To me, Christmas means the birthday of the King of Kings"

George Townsend - Grand Wizard of Computer Services