



THE LANCE



Peace On Earth

More Than Absence Of War



BY BOB MARTIN
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It is that long reach into history and renewed confidence in the future that frees us to be reconcilers, ambassadors, peace makers, new creation, citizens of the Commonwealth of Heaven.

That is the Good News of Christmas even amid exams,

final papers, waiting in 'expectation' for grades to arrive at home. Good News also comes amid a world where the lion is yet to lie down with the lamb... where children dare not play over the den of cobras of hostile worlds... where people still cry out for peace and place and head home, know, as I soon head home to the

house on the lake for larger there is little peace.

But the Good News of Christmas is intended for James like those and times like these yearning toward you and toward me to become part of the Good News for others and for each other. So, as you make ready to vacate this

chunks of time there than usual, I wish all of that for you and for each and for all those you hold dear amid this very special time of the year. A good returning to you all for in-gathering with family and friends and a happy returning to this community after the in-breaking of yet another new year.

This season of the year does have a fascinating way of bringing out genuine 'childlikeness', pushing into the background our more frequent tendencies toward sheer childishness. It is a time of the year that finds us more inclined to thoughtfulness and less prone to thoughtlessness.

Thoughts of 'peace on earth' take on a humane gentleness over-against 'peace' being understood as mere ideology or merely the absence of war. It is a time of memories brought to the foreground of our consciousness of Christmases past, growing up beyond letters to Santa, Christmas dances, shopping on our own for the first time and all the other 'sugarplumb' memories that spring into life about now.

All those are precious and should always be so.

You will soon be creators of Christmas meaning for others as the years rush toward you. Lest we forget, for those who share in the Christian Story, there is also gift-giving central to the meaning of Christmas... a child, an only child come in the color of flesh to show us what God is like and what we are meant to be like to, for and with each other, all the each-others of the human family.

Good News of Great Joy is not something we are called to market, or peddle or push... it is what calls us out to care for each other and for the whole human family. We are bound, implicated, linked with the richness of the Hebrew tradition where the words of the prophets still stir even the most cynical mind or most caustic disposition... 'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light'... 'Fear not for I am with you... redeemed you, called you by name'

Liability Code Bans Keg Parties

By Amy Sarno
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'St. Andrews College keg parties are illegal,' says Beth Elliott, the Assistant Dean of Students of the college, 'The problem lies in selling the tickets,' repeats Dean of Students Bill Loftus. According to the complex Safe Roads Act of 1983, beer cannot be sold without an ABC license, which cannot currently be obtained in Scotland County. The reason is the law which prohibits the sale of liquor by the drink.

St. Andrews College is in violation of this law because students are, in effect, selling beer without a license when they sell drinking tickets to a party. Since the school is in violation of the law, the nature of the parties will have to be changed to prevent the college from being liable.

Liability is a big question for the college because the school is so small. 'One accident caused by one of our students where someone gets hurt could be enough to cause the college to fold,' says Elliott. Since the school is a church funded college, an incident that is in direct violation of the law could make the church decide to discontinue any funding.

To add to this nightmare, people do sue schools. Notre Dame University was sued a year ago because a woman was injured by a student who had been drinking at a tailgate party on the coliseum grounds. The court upheld her complaint because the school was aware of the parties and they were on school grounds. Due to cases such as these, St. Andrews will need to change



party procedures as soon as possible.

St. Andrews has several options, and many of them will have important consequences.

Elliott has suggested parties be BYOB or be conducted by invitation only. Even pooling money together before the beer is bought and not selling tickets after the beer has been purchased was mentioned. BYOB has its consequences in that the school will have no control over dispensing it to minors, which the school is liable for. Invitation only parties would be unfair to dorms who throw more parties and

would create cliques within the students. To have a separate pool of money for beer may still be in violation of the law.

Later on down the road, many other problems may arise, but Student Life is working diligently to correct the violation that now exists. Elliott also urges students to bring ideas to the Student Life Office that may hold an answer for the parties. But be prepared, there will be a definite change in the party system.



SO ELIZABETH, What do you want for Christmas? Santa gets a demonstration (from one of his fans) at the annual CCU Christmas Party.

Calendar Of Events

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December 9 Last Day of Classes

5:30 Lance meeting

December 10 Exams Start

9-12 MTWF 4:50-5:40

2-5 MWThF 3:50-4:40

9:00 Exam Breakers

December 11 9-12 MTWF 8:00-8:50

2-5 MTWF 9:00-9:50

9:00 exam breakers

December 12 9-12 MTWThFr 2:50-3:40

MWThF 2:50-4:40

2-5MTWF 11:00-11:50

MTWF 11:00-12:05

9:00 Exam breakers

December 13 9-12 MWF

12:35-1:40

MWF 12:50-1:40

2-5 MTWF 10:00-10:50

December 14 9-12 MWF 1:50-2:40

TTh 12:50-2:40

2-5 All Th Only Classes before

11:50