

Shop talk

Shopping for Christmas. A time most people fear, yet the fear is not in the idea itself, but in the actual time, effort and expense put into it.

I find Christmas shopping a heartening experience but find its time an inconvenience. Generally, Christmas shopping officially begins after the Thanksgiving holiday which leaves about four weeks left to shop before the eventful day. The finals crunch starts taking its toll on students these last four weeks which surprisingly coincide with shopping season. If employed, as I am, the employer usually demands a little more attention during this time since it is a busy season.

With these priorities demanding considerable attention, shopping becomes a luxury commodity to the college student. Living in the metropolitan area makes it a little easier on shopping in that expressways to Washington Square, Lloyd Center and downtown are readily accessible. But to myself, a ruralite, which is the case of many College students, driving to any of these places, whether by bus or by car, takes a great deal of time. Since time is so valuable in these waning weeks to the rural students as well as the metro students, I, after shopping all three of these locations, find that shopping downtown rather than W Square or Lloyd's Center is the ticket.

Since many of the shops in W Square and Lloyd Center are composed of branches of many of the downtown main shops, the selections are quite better being that they are the main stores. Many of these main stores are compacted together in the vicinity of about five square blocks which makes them easy to find. Sure, the new shopping malls contain miniature replicas of these shops but they don't have the little specialty shops intermixed with the other shops. You spend less time walking downtown than you would at Washington Square or Lloyd Center.

The benefits from shopping downtown are a variety of clothing shops to smoke shops, music shops to record shops, art galleries to import stores, a vast assortment of eateries ranging from the fast fooders to the intimate dinings, all at your disposal.

After six parking spots are generally easy to find and many downtown shops offer free parking spaces to their customers.

Downtown shopping is exciting. The atmosphere is more festive during this season than any other place which makes Christmas shopping more of a pleasure than a drudgery. And to the student who is pressed for time, downtown shopping eliminates the time and efforts factors but not the expense factor. But then, who finds spending money during the Christmas season a problem. The joy is in the giving. s.s.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

...by phil frank

NO MORE, PLEASE... I'M
TELLING THE TRUTH.. I
HAVEN'T BEEN NAUGHTY..
I SWEAR IT.. I'VE BEEN
NICE.. ALL YEAR!!



guest shot

A fable

Once there was a fair land with a beautiful name, where it rained a lot.

This land was filled with bright, hard-working people who, by long custom and practice, had learned to manage many of their own affairs in their own localities.

There came a time when the rulers of the land saw that the people's educational system was flawed. The people cried that they had few places to learn how to meet the world of work. They said much of their education was not of practical value. Costs were heavy, and the places of education distant. Great numbers of the people were not able to read and write well. Only a few could be taught new skills in place of old skills no longer needed. Many women in the fair land needed more education, but it was not here for them.

Helped by the seers among them, one day the rulers said, let us bring forth upon the land a new kind of schooling. And they went on to tell of their vision, saying:

Let the direction of the new schooling rest with the people in their localities.

Let the doors to the new schooling be open to all who might benefit.

Let the new schooling be built according to the needs and wants of the people. If a man seeks the new schooling and he cannot read, do not turn him away. Instead, teach him to read. And if he cannot figure, teach him to figure. Teach him that which he needs and wants to learn.

And the rulers said also, we will carry half the burden of this new schooling. Let the people in their localities carry the other half.

And so it came to pass.

Divers places began to practice the new schooling. Many people of many kinds were put to work at it. A great activity filled the land. And the new schooling multiplied and became fruitful, even beyond the farthest visions of the seers. The people profited and were pleased. And the rulers were also pleased.

But the burden of the new schooling became heavy. And some among the rulers began to find fault. Others declared that the old schooling was being ruined, forgetting why the new schooling began in the first place. Others said, our burdens are heavier than we can carry.

But still others said, let us continue with the new schooling. Our people value it

and profit from it greatly. Their lives, and ours, have improved mightily from the presence of this new schooling. It is doing those things we have said ought to do. Let us go on with it. The people will be wiser, and the burden of the new schooling will become lighter.

Those who found fault with the new schooling said, we know better than the people those things that are good for them and those things that are not good for them. Let us order rules and create bureaus in order that the new schooling be controlled and directed.

But those who were pleased with the new schooling cried that rules and bureaus were like unto the adder and the asp and other serpents. The wise among them saw that the new schooling would soon become much like the old schooling. And they told the people of the dangers.

And the people believed them and rose up in a great outcry against those who would destroy the new schooling.

And so the new schooling was allowed to go on meeting the needs of the people.

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