A Christmas Carol

SCC is on vacation, conducting a study of French bikinis on the Riviera. The Tech presents one of its most popular columns, reprinted from the Dec. 14, 1976 issue.

A. Lawrence Ebenzer Cabot XXXIII '43 stood in his sparsely fur-

nished study, the phone rang. Cabot picked up the receiver and heard a voice say: “Hi, this is Paul over at MIT. Just been given your name and address. I have $25 million short for the Leadership Campaign. I don’t see any way we can come up with the dough — all the alumni I’ve talked to just care about using the squash courts and the Faculty Club. Can you help?”

“Not!” Cabot replied gruffly, slamming down the receiver. He turned to his shaving bowl and began to shave his chin. The stench of his antiperspirant stung his nose.

“...teresting blot on three more spirits.” he moaned and faded away.

“...are heavier still. Tonight. before the clock strikes thrice. you shall be

joined by the

chains are the sins I accumulated on Earth. The chains you are forging

in my present life will lock me in my present cell until my present life

is over. I think ‘1-11 repossess the corner Burger Boy.” He turned out the light

and was startled to see the visage of his former law partner.

Quincs Wadsworth Hancock XI1. on the far wall.

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“I’m Bobby Orr,” he replied surfonically, and rolled over.

“...a man 6’3” Come with me in the parties of the Charing-

...he commanded, taking a firm grasp of the collar of Cabot’s nightshirt.

“...he tells you to report to Mr. Berke’s office. Red upon the Burger Boy.” He turned out the light and went to sleep.

The clock struck twelve. “Cabot, Cabot,” a stentorian ethereal voice


“A. Lawrence. You recognize your old law partner?”

Hancock rattled the massive chains hanging from his body. “These

chains tell me who I have become. I have become heavier still. There are no words to describe me. I am now the sum of all the sins I have committed.” He turned out the light and was startled to see the visage of his former law partner.

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