

MadLab has the green team support Bush's idea and the red team oppose it—even though everyone knows Democrats are more likely to be "green" and Republicans are more likely to come from "red" states.

- Those who love audience participation. MadLab divides the skits into 25 topics and invites viewers to yell out the number of the skit they want to see performed next.

- Those with short attention spans.

Each skit lasts only a minute or two.

- Those with lots of time on their hands



If you know these people, you'll probably like the play: From MadLab's *Too Much Christmas*

during the holiday season. Because there are red and green versions of each skit, but only one is performed each night—and because not all the skits can be performed during the hour MadLab allots for them—you might have to go back three or four times to see every possibility.

- Those who love self-referential humor.

Host Katie Palcsak and others pepper the show with "in" jokes about MadLab.

- Those who like to see their political humor mixed in with scenes of presidents screwing, people drinking their own urine and famous reindeer getting blown away. Depending on which night you go, you're likely to see such things and many more like them.

- Those who know people in the cast.

It's undeniably fun to see people you know playing people they're not.

- Those who like candy. MadLab gives away red- and green-striped candy canes so you can throw one into a hat at the end of the night to show which team you agree with. Then you can take the other candy cane home and eat it.

So there you have it. If you belong to one or more of these groups, chances are you'll get something out of *Too Much Christmas*. And if you belong to several, you'll probably love it.

There are things to like about *Christmas*

This is the time of year when we're called on to give in to the charitable impulses we've been stifling all year. With that in mind, I'm going to concentrate on only the good things about MadLab's **Too Much Christmas**.

First, the show starts with a creative concept. President Bush (nicely impersonated by Rob Stretch) wants to boost the economy by holding Christmas on the 25th of every month rather than simply once a year.

The show takes this idea and turns it into a competition, which should appeal to the hundreds of thousands of sports fans in Central Ohio. A "green" team and a "red" team—representing those who support the idea and those who oppose it—perform skits reflecting their viewpoint.

Naturally, no show can appeal to everyone, but many kinds of people are likely to be attracted to *Too Much Christmas*. Here are a few of them:

- Those who think logic is overrated.

INFO:

Too Much Christmas will continue through Dec. 23 at MadLab, 105 N. Grant Ave. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays. Running time: 1 hour, 10 minutes. Tickets are \$8-\$15, \$6 for students and seniors. 470-2333.