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The Man in the Plaster Mask

By Becky Lane

What would cause Mr. McClelland to suddenly cancel his Drawing for Everyone class? Why would Lisette Deemer decide to unexpectedly postpone her voice lessons? What kind of emergency would bring a fire truck to Union College in the middle of the day? And what would possess two dentists to suddenly tell all of their waiting patients that their appointments would just have to be delayed?

Aside from a half-price Deli special or a nuclear disaster, only one event could cause so much chaos in Lincoln, Nebraska. That's right--we are finally going to set the record straight on Eric Lunde's four-hour Plaster Mask Ordeal. Bizarre news of Lunde's brave battle with the clinging plaster face has spread from the halls of the art building to the far corners of our campus and city.

For those who spend all of their waking hours playing pool in the Student Center or isolating unknowns in organic chemistry labs, here is a quick synopsis: On Thursday, April 16, in Engel Hall, Union College student Eric Lunde found his face trapped in a hardened plaster mask as a result of his attempt to create a replica of his face for an art class. Lunde and fellow student Dan Potter were working together to make the plaster molds when the tragedy occurred. They covered their hair and faces with vaseline to prevent potential disasters, but apparently Lunde had an insufficient amount of vaseline on his hair. When it came time to remove the heavy plaster, the top portion was found to be permanently attached to his hair. Rather than panic immediately, they remained calm for about 15 minutes in order to assess the situation.

Then they decided that someone was needed to save Lunde's life, or at least his social life. At this point he did not suspect that the ordeal would be long. Lisette Deemer and Carolyn Adams were the first rescue workers to attempt to chip the plaster away without permanently rearranging Lunde's facial features. Meanwhile, he was able to gaze sideways out from his prison as Mr. McClelland provided him with a play-by-play account of the happenings. Lunde was

unaware that a miscellaneous crowd of 20 onlookers had gathered to entertain themselves by watching his plight.

Two hours passed. Finally, Mr. McClelland announced, "That's it--we're calling 911." This was not especially exciting to Lunde, and he admits that it was actually one of the most embarrassing moments of the afternoon. "I didn't hear any sirens, thank goodness. But everyone saw the fire truck, and news spread rapidly after that," he says. Unfortunately, the fire fighters did not have any tools small enough to fit between the plaster and Lunde's scalp. He was so close to rescue, and yet so far. Anxiety began to build.

"They told me to go to Bryan Hospital, but that was the last thing I wanted to do," he says. Then someone suggested the dentist's office across the street. Bad idea. "Now, I really wasn't very cool about that idea," Lunde says, "but I didn't explain why at the time." Of all the dentists in town, he didn't want to go across the street "because I had ceased to date that dentist's daughter about a week before." What an ironic twist of fate. Nevertheless, Lunde soon found himself walking through a crowded waiting room with a huge chunk of plaster hanging from his forehead. "I was glad I couldn't see everyone staring at me," he says.

Immediately, all other patients were put on hold and the dental staff went to work on Lunde. The process was quite painful, and they did not give him Novacaine, but his mind remained free to ponder life. "I was sitting



there thinking about how strange this was--that I was sitting in a dental office having a dentist and an orthodontist work on me to get plaster off of my face. Figure that one out, why don't you?" Lunde admits that he was worried, but did not give up hope. The dentists continued to work for 30 minutes while Lunde made hairstyle plans for the future. "I figured I would have to get a crew cut immediately," he says. He also spent some time wondering if he would be featured in the Clocktower when it was all over.

At last the moment they had all been waiting for came--the heavy mask tumbled into his lap, and he was free. "The instant I stopped thinking it was about to come off, it did. I just looked down and was amazed that it was gone," Lunde recalls. After all of the fussing, he was made to sit and recover from the trauma for another 45 minutes. Finally

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ASB Student Center to be Completed

By Rikki Stenbakken

Those of you who have used any of the student center facilities lately have probably noticed a few changes. People have been working in there and things are getting done. Although it seems like things have been moving rather slowly this year, they are going to get a great big push this summer.

From June 8 through 18 it is estimated that more than one hundred Maranatha volunteer workers will descend on the campus. They are intending to finish up lots of small jobs around campus that Plant Services just hasn't had time to do. Mostly though, they will be concentrating on the student center/deli area. This area also includes the auditorium.

Maranatha is an active volunteer group based in Sacramento, California. Their main form of outreach is building churches all around the world. Many of their projects take them to places such as Mexico and Santo Domingo, but their service is not limited to overseas work. They have built many small-town churches in the United States. In fact, Maranatha helped to build the City Mission right here in town.

Even though the majority of the volunteers are not professional construction workers, they have gained much valuable experience by simply going to a work project and learning by doing. Maranatha workers have a reputation for getting things done--and getting them done FAST. Their object is to accomplish as much as they can while they are at the project, because often after they leave a project, there are not enough people with time to finish the work.

Each year Maranatha picks a work site for a convention. According to Gary Bollinger, Union applied some time ago to have the convention here even though they thought the chances of being selected were slim. This summer Union College is lucky enough to be hosting the Maranatha workers.

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**"Think for yourself and feel the walls around you
become sand beneath your feet"**

--Queensryche

I've learned many things in my life and especially at college. One of the most important things I've learned, or have been taught by my better teachers, is to think for myself. In this college atmosphere in which we live it is important that people learn to think for themselves.

When we were in high school we spent a lot of time trying to understand life and figuring out basics. But now we are in college, and we should understand some of the basics. Teachers and parents have always said that we shouldn't be influenced by others. We must do what we see as beneficial to us. However, most of us take that as not drinking, smoking, or doing drugs. People apply this thinking to peer pressure, and we don't apply this to all of our lives. As college age adults, we must take this a couple of steps further.

I see people on this campus controlled by others or what others might think. People falling into a rut in which they do exactly what their friends do even if they don't want to. Their friends in turn do what they do because they think they have to. It becomes a vicious circle. Following your friends in all they do and think is not conducive to reality. You end up being an indecisive individual incapable of coping or living unless you're sure of what your friends are going to do first.

I see people on this campus who want a boyfriend or girlfriend because they feel they need one. After all, their friends have them. They can't function without their friends or get some more friends to add a little variety to life.

I see people following blindly the religion of their friends and parents. They know only the rules. They don't understand the principles that are involved. They don't seek to find out where they personally fit in their religion. Not thinking for themselves--just following placidly along.

Let's shine in a little reality. If you follow your friends because they will not appreciate you if you think a little differently, or if you have friends outside their clique, get some new friends. You will only suffocate in this type of life. If you have to have a relationship because your friends do, then you need to get a clue. Following the religion of your parents or friends will get you nowhere if you don't understand how it applies to you. Thinking for yourself, searching out your own questions and answers, and allowing your friends to do the same is what life is about. Sheep follow each other blindly in all they do. Sheep are considered the dumbest creatures on the face of this earth. Show a little bit of your human side and start thinking for yourself.

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Dear Editor

Sex education at Union College?

Yes!

Safe sex?

Yes!

But what is "safe sex"? Not the use of condoms. Condoms fail 15.7% of the time among married couples--a lot more for the unmarried and minorities. That's enough to have a baby every year. Couples who rely on them for birth control are called "parents."

Since conception can only occur one or two days in a month, most of the failures go unnoticed. But one slippage or breakage of the condom in sex with an HIV infected person is a death sentence for the partner--even after 500 "safe" episodes.

Condoms are an iron curtain to pleasure. People who rely on them will, in the heat of passion, sometimes take the chance that their partner is safe. They forget, when it comes to disease, that they are having sex with all the ones their partners had sex with and all the ones those people had sex with, ad infinitum. That can add up to a lot of people.

Condoms are a spider web for protection.

Holes in latex rubber can be five microns wide--enough to protect from sperm, but not from viruses which are 450 times smaller than sperm. Among 800 sexologists at a recent conference, not one indicated a willingness to have "protected sex" with an HIV infected person. And yet these people will tell kids they can have "safe sex" with condoms.

"Safe sex" with condoms is a disasterous misnomer. It creates the impression that one can safely be promiscuous. Today all nature is screaming that only monogamous sex is safe.

Even if condoms could protect from disease, sex outside of marriage can do incalculable damage. How can one trust a partner who is used to sleeping around?

"Safe sex" for Union College? You betcha! The kind that God provided for--between two committed people whom God has joined together for life.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Neall

Shoving Good Food Down Others Throats

By Doug Hardt

I love the Adventist church. I have been born and raised in what I consider a Biblically and fundamentally sound church. I believe that we are the "bearers" of truth to the world in these last days of Earth's short history. Doctrinally speaking, I would argue for Adventism above every other religion and church.

However, there is one thing that really upsets me about our church. Why don't we tolerate other people that think a little differently than we do? For example, I have heard rumors that somebody in our Mid-America Union complained that Union College had a pastor that was too liberal and that is why enrollment was down. They also said, supposedly, that they would not encourage anybody from their conference to attend Union because of that fact. Now, whether or not this one rumor is true is not what I care about; I care that attitudes like these can even exist in our church. And the sad thing about it is that they do! There are many examples in our denomination where conservatives and liberals become Biblical pugilists and go a few rounds in the name of Adventism.

I am not trying to argue that the liberals or the conservatives are more correct in their theological views than the other. I am arguing that each side needs to accept the other and the way they think. This attitude that "I am right and you are wrong" has got to stop. Although this attitude is prevalent in all of society, I think

it is more prevalent in the religious sector. I believe that this is because people believe they are divinely inspired to proclaim the truths that they have discovered about God to the world. They think that since it works for them in their relationship with Christ, it should work for the rest of the world in their relationship with Christ. The crazy thing is that they believe God actually **approves** of their holy close-mindedness. For example, look at the Middle-East. Why do you think those terrorists are so scary? It's because they believe killing people of an opposite religion is what God wants them to do. They will fight to the death for their beliefs.

Although the Adventist Church's problem is nowhere near that magnitude, a microcosm of it does exist. We have people in our church that believe if you don't think like they think, then you shouldn't have the right to think at all. Well, I'll tell them what I think about that! I think that attitude is dead wrong.

The problem with people that have that attitude is that they have forgotten that religion at it's core is a **relationship** with Jesus Christ, not a set of doctrines established by a church. The church is a human attempt to make a support group for this relationship. For example, if I were to start a father-son support group, I hope I wouldn't criticize fathers who don't play catch or go fishing with their sons. Even if that was the best thing for

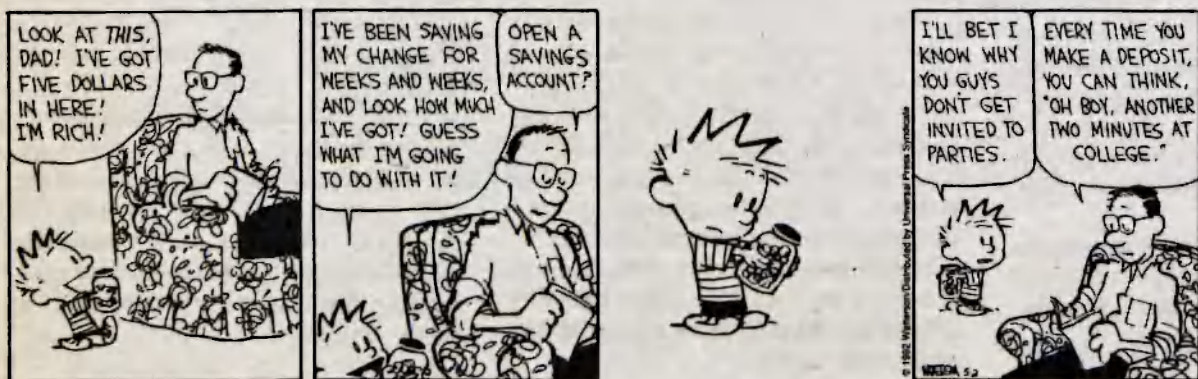
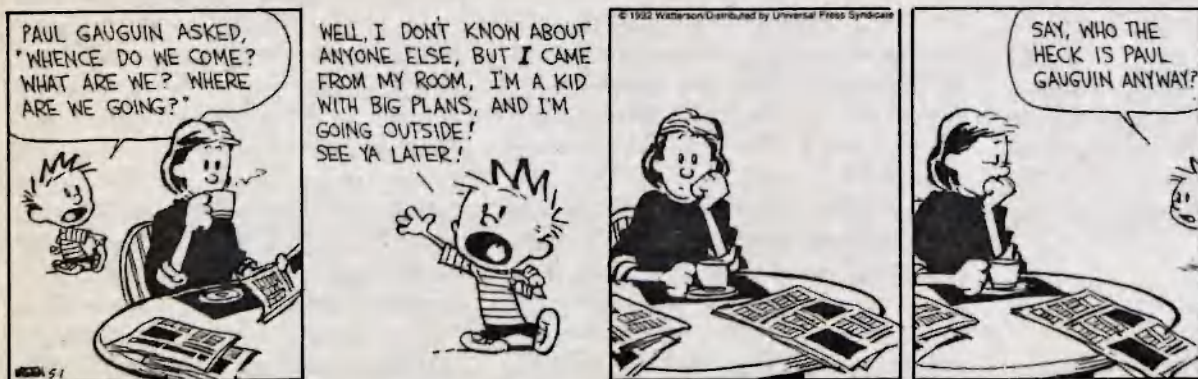
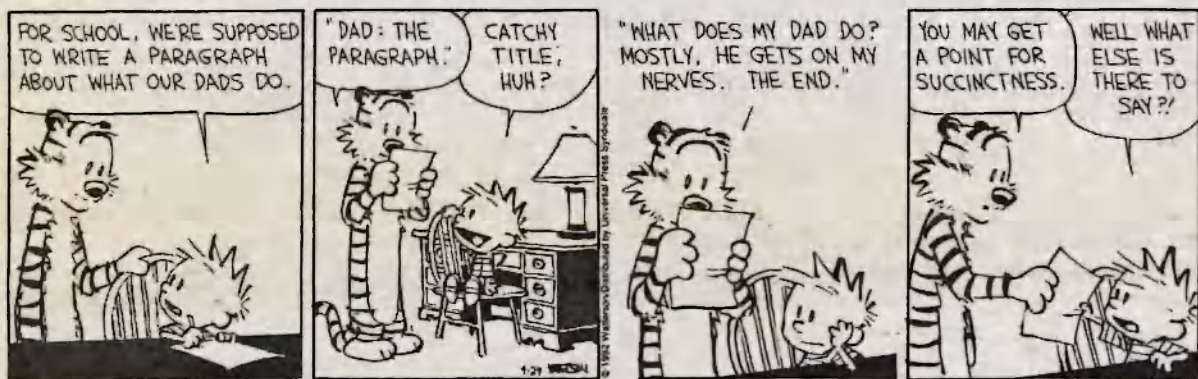
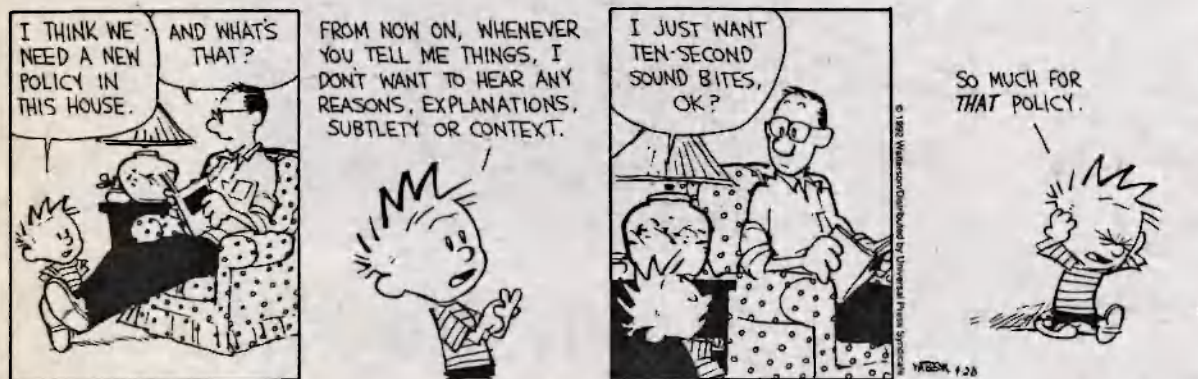
me and my dad to do to get closer to each other, maybe their sons don't like fishing or baseball. It's true every father should do some things for his son like tell him he loves him, feed him, etc., but there is no one right way to achieve these goals. The same should be applied to the church. What works for the individual may not work for the whole. Maybe some Adventists get a blessing from Stryper or from water-skiing on Sabbath; and then again, maybe some Adventists come closer to God by eating tofu and not using any electricity on Sabbath. Every individual's relationship with Jesus Christ, although governed by the same principles, is unique.

I encourage us all not to play judge when we look at others and to think twice before we act in Biblical retribution. We may not agree with and approve of everybody's lifestyle, but fighting them about it does more bad than good. Even if you feel like "force-feeding" them the good news of the Gospel it is best to offer them a living example and not a verbal reprobation. Just remember this: God can work miracles in people's lives; you can't. That is why He just tells us to "love our neighbor as ourselves" for "love covers a multitude of sins."

Although God can bless each of us individually in millions of ways, don't think that the ways He blesses you are the same for everybody. Don't shove good food down others' throats.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Word of the Week

HUMOR

Learn it!
Love it!
Live it!

Dream Forever

By Manish Raj Pandey

In every drop of the monsoon rain,
In every flake of winter snow,
In every gust of the eastern wind,
In every ray of the morning
sunlight,
In every tide of an ocean,
I see your image.

In every song of the birds,
I hear your lilting voice.
In every flower in the Garden of
Eden,
I recognize your bright smile.

You seem to be omnipresent.
Maybe you are everywhere.
Maybe it is just an illusion.

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he was driven back to Union College--by the dentist's daughter.

"I was greeted on campus by Mike Needles and Chip Hart," says Lunde. "Their first words were, 'How's it going, plaster face?'" That was only the beginning of the creative nicknames he has heard since. A favorite comment seems to be, "Hey, Eric, we heard you had a heavy weight taken off your mind the other day."

The plaster mask attached to Lunde's forehead for four hours was found to weigh 10 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces. He says that his forehead and even his hair are basically back to normal now, although it took three washings with Dawn detergent to get his hair clean.

Surprisingly enough, Lunde insists that he

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There are two phases to the convention. The first will be the work project June 8 to 18. During this time, they will be working around campus doing re-roofing, construction on the student center, and painting in Jorgenson and Engel halls. They will come and work in exchange for free room and board.

The second phase will be more of a retreat for the workers June 18 to 20. It will serve both as a reunion for workers recently returned from Santo Domingo, and a workshop where they can learn better ways to do things efficiently.

Charlie Henkelmann has been the motivating force behind the work in the student

Or perhaps you have formed a veil
around me,
A veil that is beautiful and
protective,
A veil I absolutely adore.
It makes me forget all the miseries.
It alienates me from this bitter
world
and takes me to a wonderland,
Where everything around me is
merry.

It is like a dream.
If it is, I never desire to wake up
again.
I pray to God to make the longest
night He has ever made,
so I can sleep forever.

is not about to destroy the mask that held him captive. "After all this work, of course I'm going to use it," he says. He plans to use the mold to create a positive image he can save for all eternity. Signed replicas will soon be available in the Union College Bookstore.

Art professor Jim McClelland claims that this is the first such incident in his lifetime of teaching. Foul play is not suspected, although a thorough investigation will be conducted.

Lunde says, "Now that it's over, I think it was foolish. The entire experience was crazy. But at the time, it was quite serious to me. I didn't plan to spend my entire life with a chunk of plaster attached to me."

center. For the past month, he has been working free of charge getting the area ready for the Maranatha workers to come. He would like to get it to the point where they can maximize on the man-power Maranatha will provide. The group is so optimistic about getting things done that they have tentatively planned to have the convention banquet in the finished auditorium on Thursday evening, June 18.

So if all goes as planned, by the time the next issue of the *Clocktower* is published, the student center and the deli will be finished. We can always hope.



Homeshow!!!

By Kelly Strom

Saturday, April 18, was the moment to shine for 27 Union College athletes. The stage was set at the college gym, where an enthusiastic crowd and a group of nervous gymnasts gathered for the yearly Home Show.

At 9 p.m. sharp, the lights dimmed, and the first notes of the entrance routine burst forth as spotlights simultaneously hit the gymnasts. The hard work, sweat, determination, and prayers of the team now manifested themselves in the form of grace, strength, and coordination.

This year's Home Show demonstrated a wide range of skill levels and talents. Highlights of the show included an individual routine featuring Brean Martinez and a men's four routine featuring Denison Sager, Bryan Fly, Matt Rodgers, and Doug Nesmith. Brean showed off her grace and flexibility, while the men's four displayed their advanced strength and tumbling abilities. Other performances of note were those of the chair and block routines. These guys should be congratulated on an incredible handstand! However, I would have to say that five-year-old Brittany Spaulding both stole the show and won the hearts of the audience. Her poise, grace, and mastery of difficult skills were displayed in a women's pair routine which brought the house down.

This particular team has presented a special challenge for head coach Frank Martinez and assistant coach Cindy Spaulding. This year's team of 27 can claim only 12 of those members as veterans, while the other 15 were either new to the team or were incoming freshmen. "We got off to a good start though," says Spaulding, "because the skill level of each individual member was relatively high to begin with." Overall, Cindy was very pleased with the team and the progress they made in the last year.

The advanced skill level and determination on the part of the team allowed for numerous tours this past year. A few of the weekend trips were to places such as Colorado, North Dakota, Michigan, and Kansas. The highlight of the year was a 10-day trip to Mexico, where the team performed almost everyday.

Although this year's team was very successful, Cindy and Frank have even bigger plans for next season. They intend to tighten up the requirements for team tryouts in the hopes of increasing the overall skill level. If you plan to try out next year, you better start working on that handstand. Rumor has it that a 20-second handstand will be required for both men and women of next year's team.

Over the past three years, Union College gymnastics has risen in popularity on campus, as well as outside of the school. The college gymnastics team has made a real contribution to recruiting efforts over the past years. UC freshman Matt Rodgers says his decision to attend Union was made solely because of the gymnastics program Union College offers. "I had pretty much decided to attend Walla-Walla," says Matt, "but they didn't have a gymnastics program at all out there. After talking with Ric [Spaulding] about what Union had to offer, I made my decision to come here." Now Matt is encouraging other academy students to come to Union.

Undoubtedly, the hard work and commitment of the team has paid off. This is displayed both in its increase in skill level and also, in the not-so-obvious but very real benefits to recruitment. Let's congratulate the team and the coaches for making gymnastics a strong incentive for attendance at Union College.

The Year in Sports



Events:

May 1:

Dead Day
Last day to withdraw with a "w"

May 2:

CVC Bob Bretsch
ASB Yearlook

May 4 - 7:

Finals

May 8 - 10:

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The Meaning of Life? We'll Tell You!

By Sockritease and Playdough

Union College, lift up your heads from your lifeless existence as we grace you with our words of timeless wisdom. Sockritease and Playdough have once again taken up the task of answering your far from insightful questionings. No need in wasting more space complaining; we will just print the wretched things, and you will then be shown by comparison how beef-headed your inquiries really are.

Dear Clocktower (Sockritease and Playdough),

Is it me, or am I the only person who writes you?

--Lost

Dear L,

As you may already know, the Clocktower is always swamped with letters. You have just been lucky enough for us to ridicule you twice in this feature. This letter was written much better than the last ones we've received from you, but far from significant once again. It's obvious that you have ignored our advice, so we will repeat it: Don't write us anymore.

Dear Clocktower,

I am the president and co-founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Spagetti-O's (PETS) here on campus. In the last article written by Sockritease and Playdough, I was offended by the reference to "smashing faces with Spagetti-O's." HEY! SPAGETTI-

O's have feelings too! If you don't want to risk being boycotted by devoted PETS members I would suggest not slandering our beloved O's. Our modern society was built on Spagetti-O's and now has a nationwide membership of 50 people, 25 of which are here on campus. Sockritease and Playdough should not be allowed to write in this highly regarded paper.

--(Name and address withheld by request)

Dear Chef Boyardee,

As you can very well see, we are still writing this article, and you are an annoying excuse for a decent activist. Your little cult of "Freak-O's" has bored us already. Because your letter was so pathetic, you are receiving the Playdough and Sockritease "Pinhead, don't waste your time on this cause" award. Now excuse us while we go outside and pummel a can of our favorite pre-made pasta.

Dear Sockritease and Playdough,

The other day I decided to watch that network of networks, Fox, and I was struck by a "Penetrating Question." How many times a day is "Who's the Boss" on anyway?

--Bud

Dear Mr. Bundy,

This is one of the many wonders of life. Who really understood the significance of the Carrier Pigeon? Who can really under-

stand the miracle of life? Who is Tony Danza? Well, true believers, Tony Danza is the eighth wonder of the world. And thanks to the phenomenon known as syndication, we will be able to bask in Tony's supernatural housekeeping abilities three times a day! Thank you, Fox, for making our lives a little brighter!

Dear Sockritease and Playdough,
What exactly is NCATE and what do they do?

--A Confused College President

Dear J.K.,

I know that these little organizations and acronyms may seem confusing at first, but once explained, the answer will seem quite obvious. NCATE stands for National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. As of now, no one is really sure what service they supply. They appear to us as a fungus, materializing at the most unwanted times, and staying far too long. Just ignore

them, and after they've eaten in the deli, they will leave.

Now that we have come to the end of another literature landmark, there's something that must be discussed. An event so foul and disturbing that we couldn't conclude this article without making reference to it. A couple of weeks ago, my colleague and I, incognito, slipped into the landfill that you call a gymnasium. There was no amount of preparation that would've saved us from the sight that brutally assaulted our senses. It's hard to believe a college of our standards would condone such a sick, paganistic display of human disgrace. To save the poor idiots involved in this pitiful performance more grief than they already should've received, we will leave this catastrophe unnamed. We leave you with this thought, in hopes that you will someday learn from your mistakes and overcome your sub-human desires of being less than you can be.

Personals

Jenny --

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9,22,32,5,18 11,7,9 4,7,20,3
2,1,2,3!

Toddles

"Phantom",
"Think of me"
From too far away,
"Christy"

Pete E.

Yes I remember you from
Grandmother's. I hope you are having an
excellent semester!!

Jennifer K.

Yo Everybody!!

Thanx for all the warnings about
Miklshake Lollies. After I've already pulled
my crown with one!! Ah well, it's the
thought that counts. I miss yo heaps! You
know who loves ya babies!

Your mate under,
Kurly

Daniel,

He ya Babe! Upon your advice,
I'm no longer herding sheep -- I've taken up
kiwi hunting. Ha! Don't break too many
hearts! Oh, Hey! Will you be my manage
when I make big?! Ha-ha!

Love ya babe! - Jen.

Due to lack of response (four) to *The Clocktower's* opinion poll in the April 2nd issue, no clear student opinion could be accurately compiled.

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