

# The Clocktower

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## Journey of Life

Nearly seven years ago, Bob and Bev Bretsch first arrived at the College View Church to begin their ministry here. Since then, they have taught a message of love and acceptance that is difficult to forget. Pastor Bretsch has reminded church members of this message in his extemporaneous sermons, lively Adventist Beliefs classes, and casual games of softball and golf. Mrs. Bretsch has lived her message through long hours at the Good Neighbor Center, patient counseling with troubled members, and most recently in her psychology classes at Union College. Both have been known for their innovative approach to sharing the Gospel. Many members were surprised to learn early this month that the Bretsches will soon be leaving College View.

According to administrative pastor Terry Bock, Elder Bretsch will be leaving in late May for a new position at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Oregon. His last Sabbath at CVC will be May 2. Hopefully, the new senior pastor will be in place by this summer, definitely in time for the beginning of school next fall.

No doubt Pastor Bretsch will put some careful thought into the preparation of the last few sermons with his College View family. He says that one of his favorite responsibilities here has been preaching on Sabbath mornings. "That is the biggest challenge, but also the most rewarding," he says. In his new position, he looks forward to continuing his service with open, authentic people "who are willing to travel together toward the love of God, the mind of God, the essence of God." Students will probably remember that this sense of teamwork and togetherness has been an important element in many of Pastor Bretsch's sermons.

Pastor Bretsch took a few moments to talk about issues he sees influencing the future of the Adventist Church. First, he expects that we will soon face a theological debate over creation and the age of the earth. Secondly, he fears that we may have a split in the church because "there is a group out to undermine the trust in the organized church. This could come to a head in the next five or 10 years." As the Adventist Church deals with these trends, Pastor Bretsch hopes that they will stay together. "We need people who will



Bob Bretsch, Senior Pastor of College View Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1985-1992.

love each other and who are grounded in Scripture," he says.

What is the one message that Pastor Bretsch hopes students will not forget about his ministry at CVC? "I want them to remember that they are on a journey, and that the most important journey of life is not what they do but what they are. And what we are is much better when we are with God."

The selection of a pastor for such a diverse church as College View is no easy task. This pastor must be the ultimate blend of liberal and conservative, innovative and traditional, feeling and objective. And after achieving this delicate balance, someone will still be unhappy. Fortunately, many others can still receive a great blessing from the dedicated

service of a man who allows God to lead.

While the Kansas-Nebraska Conference Committee will make the final decision about the new CVC pastor, the members of this church will also be able to give a great deal of input. Pastor Terry Bock explains that in the last few years, large churches have been requesting more power in the decision-making process of calling pastors. On March 17, a search committee of 11 people was nominated to list candidates and narrow the possibilities for the next CVC pastor.

The search committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, April 5, to do some preliminary checking on their current list of about 25 names. Ultimately, they will

narrow the list down to two or three names, which will be screened more carefully before they are prioritized according to first, second, and third choices. The final recommendations will be sent to the Conference Committee, which will discuss the candidates and vote on whether or not to extend a call. Pastor Bock says, "There is a fairly good chance that the search committee's choice will also be selected by the Conference Committee."

The search committee includes representatives of many areas of CVC. Members include Dr. John Kerbs, Elder Jim Hoehn, Pastor Bock, Pastor Rich Carlson, one representative from SDA Schools of Lincoln, one from the finance committee, two church members from the community, and one member of the church board. Also on the committee are Byard Parks, representing Union College students, and Shannon Fordyce, representing the twentysomething group.

Pastor Bock mentions three characteristics that he believes are important for the new pastor. "He should be a good preacher with relevant sermons. He should be a good people person who has a strong identification with his members. And he should be a progressive person who relates well to college students." Some things that Pastor Bock appreciates from the ministry of Pastor Bretsch are his contemporary issues Sabbath School class and his wide variety of worship formats. He says, "I think kids have sensed in him that God really loves and likes people where they're at." His advice to the new pastor is to be genuine and to be open. "I think openness appeals to both college kids and to older members," he says.

Many students agree that the new pastor should have some of the traits that Pastor Bretsch has shown here. "Laurel McClelland explains, "He is the type of person who accepts everyone. Yet he wasn't afraid to tell things the way they were. He took risks, and I like that." Helen Cassidy says, "He made Christianity applicable to us in today's world." Mark Morton admires Bretsch's sense of balance and his practical approach to issues,

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# Abstinence -vs- Ignorance

In the past two weeks there has been a lot of discussion on this campus and, I hope, elsewhere about an article published by The Clocktower 20 March 1992, entitled "Sex Education?". Responses varied from person to person. Some agreed wholeheartedly, while others were vehemently against it. I must say here that I wish the teachers who voiced their opinions in the classroom would have written to the paper and shared their response with us all. This issue of sex, contraception, and the education about both touched a sensitive chord within this institution. Whether it irritated you or pleased you or caused only a brief response of any kind, it did at least one thing. It caused you to think about an issue that has long been kept dormant in our Adventist sub-culture, and to some extent in our whole society. In both segments the lack of thought in this area has caused problems.

Think about this for a moment: As a fairly conservative Protestant denomination we, especially when young, are taught three basic vices that are evil. These are alcohol, sex, and movies (or rock music).

When you were growing up and actually went to Sabbath School, how many times did you hear about the detriments of alcohol, or see the really cool Smoking Sam demonstrations? Or have somebody come and talk about back-masking on your favorite record? I dare say that most can't count the times. But you could probably count on one hand the times you saw anything on why our church taught that pre-marital sex is a no-no, or what the consequences were if you did have sex. Where is the logic in that? You probably had one class of sex ed in academy (I can't say about high school), and even then it was probably by your Bible teacher, with whom you felt really uncomfortable asking very personal questions about sex. When I was in academy, I had about a half hour of good discussion about sex with a qualified adult. John Buxton told me that while he was in academy he had "...one day of sex ed." This consisted of a man coming with pictures of all the terrible sexually transmitted diseases that are out there. He was told that because of these diseases he shouldn't have sex before marriage. This scare tactic is common, but all it offers is an increase in ignorance or confusion.

Sex is a very important part of life. But immature, casual, or ignorant attitudes can cause major problems with sex in life. A casual attitude causes emotional stress and spreads disease and callousness; immature

sex causes emotional stress and unwanted pregnancies and a score of other problems; ignorance causes all of the above. So why as Christians are we so afraid of discussing sex and offering classes that teach people to have healthy attitudes that are mature and knowledgeable? Because it will cause people to have sex? Because if I understand contraception or have it available to me I will use it? This is ridiculous and immature thinking. All of us were shown the pros and cons of drinking; that we could have a good time, but it was harmful. Does this mean that 90% of you are alcoholics? No it doesn't. It means that you are informed about the subject. Unfortunately we can't say the same about sex.

Union College offers what is known as SCIP (Student Community Intervention Program) to counsel those with drug or alcohol problems. It tries to catch the problem and deal with it before it gets out of control. This is an excellent program--a good Christian way to help a person help themselves and to give demonstration of our beliefs about temperance. So why not have a good seminar on sex education once a semester? Why not bring in somebody from the community and teach the students about the sexual situations they may find themselves in and what they need to think about as far as their responsibility? This could easily be reinforced with why Adventists believe in pre-marital

abstinence. Then each student would have to think about their responsibility to themselves and the doctrines that they have been taught. Understanding one's position on sex and morals before they're at Holmes Lake is a must. To think out our beliefs and understand them, we must understand the subject and its pros and cons. Union had a date-rape seminar, but we have not had a thing on sex or contraception. We have one class period by Planned Parenthood in Concepts of Science. I must say that when I took this class it was the only period that everyone was there and even some not in the class attended.

The Adventist Church has always taught abstinence. No one is advocating that those principles be thrown out. But to not let a subject out of the taboo stage and into the discussion arena is showing an incredible ignorance. People often find themselves in situations without understanding how they got there. Maybe if they had discussed it with qualified adults in a non-threatening manner, they could have applied their beliefs and learning so as to understand where it was they were heading and how to avoid problem areas. Advocating abstinence is a strong Christian principle in this world. However, **abstinence and ignorance don't go hand in hand.** Union is both a Christian, and an educational institution. At this point Union is only living up to half of this description.

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## Coming Soon! New Management!



Shan Thayer (place the umlauts over the first a) of Bozeman, Montana will take over for the next issue of The Clocktower. A second year Unionite, majoring in Computer Science or Critical Socialism (it hard to tell from the PG), Shan brings a strong background and healthy attitude to the arduous task ahead. He will be joined by an able staff of yet un-named. However, the 1992/1993 staff will doubtlessly reveal themselves appropriately in the next breathlessly awaited installment of your ASB dollars in a literary pastime, The Clocktower. Coming soon to a desktop or low table near you on April 16.

## "Bretsch" cont. from page 1.

while Jason Welch appreciates the many small groups he started within the church. "He can't be replaced," says Sam Fazio. "I thought he was a good teacher because he wasn't hypocritical. He gave us the pros and the cons and helped us see both sides. I liked that."

While these students say they will miss the Bretsches, they also have several ideas of what to require in the next pastor:

Jeni Newman: "Someone creative with an open mind."

Ernie Staatz: "Good sermons. Approachable. Easy to talk to."

Gene Astolfi: "He must be able to relate to all generations, preferably ours."

Chuck Hagele: "I think the main responsibility of the senior pastor should be to preach. And he should be a people person."

Dr. Ralph Neall: "He should love our young people. Orthodox but innovative. Open-minded. And I would like to see a pastor who is interested in reaching out to the community and someone interested in stewardship."

# Dialogue . . . At Last

Dear Editor:

Forty students in my class, Philosophy of Christian Service, were asked to respond to the recent editorial titled, "Sex Education?" I collected these statements before offering my personal views to the class, and the students understood their statements would not be graded and that they were free to respond anonymously if they preferred. I have attempted to select paragraphs from their written reactions which fairly represent the predominant view of the group. Here they are:

I think that Gabrielle Bailey has a very valid point. Just because we are, for the most part, SDA young people does not mean that we will be well informed on the topic of sex. . . . If the young people are educated properly in our institutions, they will be better equipped to face difficult situations or to avoid them totally. . . . I feel that we should be informed on the topic of sex factually, emotionally, and spiritually.

--Roger Hagen

I don't know what the solution to this problem is or even if Union College can provide a solution, but I do agree that education is imperative. People need to be taught that it CAN happen to them. . . . Union is in a position to give guidance and education about sex, AIDS, pregnancy, and birth control, and it should provide this! They should also encourage responsibility.

--Kim White

Good people these unmarried individuals may be, but God-fearing? To be a God-fearing Christian means to follow God, to respect and obey Him, and in His word God plainly denounces sex before marriage. . . . Gabrielle states in her article that prevention is the answer. I agree. And so does God. But His answer - listen up, all you professing God-fearing folk out there - is abstinence before marriage.

--James Bise

Sex education could help prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. I don't know why sex is such a scary topic at Union. If it were talked about, students would probably have less curiosity to try it themselves. Also, students would know of the physical and emotional consequences of having sex. It is unfortunate that pregnant women are asked to leave Union. . . . Maybe if they were in school, other students could see what it was really like to be pregnant, and choose to use birth control.

--Julie Allardyce

I thought that the article was merited in some ways. The Seventh-day Adventist school system needs to greatly improve their sex education. I have gone through the

system all my life and only once I had a talk about sex in the 4th grade. I think that when it is never talked about, it makes the topic mystical and almost scary. I think that it is almost too late at the college level to educate people about sex in general.

--Jeff Means

To teach how to use contraceptives because students are going to have sex anyway would be like teaching a class on how to cheat and not get caught since students are going to cheat anyway. . . .

--Mike Carner

One thing I would like to see the college do somehow is to give students good reasons why to wait until marriage to have sex. Many students see no point in waiting and are curious to experiment. . . . I would like to see the college come out and say a little bit louder, "wait," and give students justification for it.

--Doug Hardt

The least that could be done here is that the issues be discussed. . . . To those who believe our youth are not doing this sort of thing, my only question is, How long will it take before these people take their blinders off and start realizing that it is a much needed topic on our campus. There are many people who may be opposed, but I don't think that it would hurt for them to learn a little something.

--L o v e r n

Moseley

I think that the article even started out on a bad tone. God fearing people are fornicating, yes, but is it right? Does it matter? Should it matter if we are somewhat ignorant of these birth control devices? It would not matter if we had enough guts to abstain in the first place. Sure we should make people aware of sex, but teaching contraceptives is a cop-out for the weak. To teach it makes it readily available and supported; therefore, "it must be right." Teach abstinence, not sex.

--Evan Moravetz

The problem of rampant sexual intercourse outside of marriage is a problem of the secular age we live in. In whatever we do to protect and educate our students, we must remember that we cannot endorse sinful actions on a Christian campus. We cannot address the problem of sex out of marriage by hiding it--handing out condoms is not the answer. Even if it was not openly said, the message would still be there: "It is okay to avoid disease by protection--abstinence is no longer the only answer." This message is wrong, and must be avoided.

College students are adults responsible for their own actions. We must make sure that the Seventh-day Adventist position on

sexual behavior is presented to all in a loving, non-condemning, non-threatening manner. If college students do not want to abide by these standards, they can go down to the local gas station and stock up on condoms. Condoms and other forms of birth-control should not be freely distributed. If sexual diseases do begin to spread in the Adventist church, it should and will be publicized to make people aware, but it should not be curbed by a compromise.

We should not encourage people to continue to do wrong by removing the consequences. Sex education should occur. People should be made to understand that immoral sexual acts are wrong, and that the consequences could very well be sickness or death. Let's not pad that fact with foam and condoms.

--Jason Welch

I wholeheartedly agree on the concept of education. I do find it unfortunate that abstinence is nowhere mentioned as an option. The attitude seems to be that of a defeatist. "Everyone is having sex anyway, so let's throw up our hands and admit that God's way just isn't working." This attitude seeks to treat the symptom rather than the disease. The emphasis is on being careful instead of being responsible. . . . What about commitment? What about love? Are we controlled by our lusts? The world around us follows the line of this article - must we follow the world, or does God have a higher standard? Why is it that prevention is only used in relation to birth control? Why not wait for marriage? Virginity is not a life-threatening condition. No, the school policy doesn't need to change; these attitudes do, however. "Good", "God-fearing", "smart", and "Christian" are not terms I can freely use about someone who casually tosses out God's advice and accepts the perverted advice of human "wisdom." God did not suggest abstinence to oppress us but to protect us. The answer truly is education, but what education? Man's or God's?

--Bob Forbes

The class strongly agreed with the call for more education. On the issue of providing birth control supplies on campus, about 10 percent agreed while 90 percent were opposed. I find myself in rather complete agreement with what appears to be the consensus of this class; i.e., more openness and education in all sex-related areas; more personal responsibility; total harmony with the Word of God; and gentleness with those who err.

Regarding the availability of contraceptives on the Union College campus: No

## Events:

**April 4:**

Laser Doors Mueller Planetarium

**April 5:**

Daylight Savings Time begins 2am.  
(remember spring FORWARD and fall back)

**MCAT**

Parent/Daughter Brunch  
Lser Beatles "Abbey Road" Mueller

**April 6:**

ASB-Monday Morning Blues  
ASB Senate  
CABL Cancer Week April 6-10

**April 11:**

FES Jeremiah People  
ASB Birthday Party  
Laser Zepplin Mueller

**April 12:**

Business Club Banquet

**April 13:**

GRE

**April 16:**

## Clocktower

### #15!

With Shan Thayer at the helm, the Tower of intellect prepares for next year.

contraceptive sponges have been given to unmarried students, and none have been purchased by the school for that or any other purpose. Some samples have been received by the student health office and to date have been used for educational purposes only. These samples will not be distributed to unmarried students. There have been no other contraceptive devices in the student health office this year or, to our knowledge, in years past; and there is no present intention to stock, distribute, or sell such on the Union College campus.

John Kerbs  
President

# Deli To Open!

The new deli is going to be done within ten minutes from the time you read this article. Well, actually it will not be done until the last couple of weeks of the school year. Food Service Director, Pat Parmele thinks that it will be done in plenty of time for this year's students to see the finished product. Although it will not be finished in time to use this year, Mrs. Parmele encourages all students to take a quick look anytime they are in the student center.

There has been a lot completed already, and they will be starting on some of the aesthetics next. Parmele said that it will have black and white tile, which will extend into the TV room so students can watch the tube while eating. Later, they plan to have a carpet that will match the new mauvish, greyish, pinkish type of color that is currently being sported by some of the tables in the old deli. The seating will be a great improvement over

the current closet style of the deli. The seating area will extend north to the second pillar, and there will be a chest high divider running along the ASB offices to section off the dining area. There will also be stools at the dining bar and some cafe style tables set in the middle and booths running along the divider. At the far north end will be the pool table and other games. These will also have a divider to section it off.

Mrs. Parmele hopes that the new sign that has been in construction should be in during the next couple of weeks.

Stop by in the next couple of weeks and watch the improvements. It has been a long time coming, so don't miss it. It will be a drastic improvement over the back room, closet-like, beauty that we are used to from the present deli. I don't know if the food will change, but the scenery will definitely be better.



Food Service Director Pat Parmele and Director of Deli Affairs Linda Vollmer lend their painting talents to finish the work on the new deli. (Photo by Gerik Parmele)

## News Shorts!

By Gaylena Gibson

Once again a few brief descriptions of current and upcoming events on campus: This time of year--as always--it seems most divisions are either planning major events or nothing at all.

### Arts and Humanities

April 21 -- General Piano Recital.

April 28 -- Union Brass concert.

April 30 -- Advanced Piano Recital.

All recitals and concerts will be in the recital hall at 7:00 p.m., and they are all free.

### Business

April 12 -- Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m. This formal dinner, to be held at the Eleven on top of the NBC bank building, will be free for members and \$15 for non-members. (See the Ad in this Clocktower)

### Human Development

This division is still showing the Emmy-award-winning series, Eyes on the Prize. This history of the United States Civil Rights movement is a must see, every Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the amphitheater.

**Education Club's** 1992/1993 officers are planning something for April. If you have any questions about events, contact Stephanie Stickney in Human Development (2525) or at home (486-3597).

### Nursing

April 26--brunch at the Cornhusker. At this time the Nursing club is unsure of how much it will cost. Find out when signing-up in the nursing division. (Non-members are welcome.)

### Religion

The Ministerial Club members are invited to the Senior Banquet, to be held on Monday, April 13. Non-members interested in going should contact Virgil Minden for the cost.

### Science/Math

April 12 -- Science Fair. This is another chance for all creative and talented people to earn \$\$\$\$. There will be two contests, each of which has a first prize of \$50 and a second prize of \$25. The two contests will be the *bridge-building contest* and the *egg-drop contest*. You provide materials for the egg-drop, but the Science/Math division supplies toothpicks for the bridges. Science/Math will also be providing munchies. Hopefully not the eggs!

April 25 -- Sabbath afternoon activity. What an opportunity to look at God through nature. Each department will have something for to look at, such as videos or microscopic slides, or maybe even *the beetle collection*.

April 26-- Human Croquet. You've heard about it all year long, and it's finally here. Just what is human croquet? Find out, by attending this event. The venue is not yet known and the science people aren't talking. They did give one clue, however: wear tennis shoes and clothes that can be stained.

That is the short list of events upcoming on and off the Union College campus.

## Class Schedule For the Morning of Friday, April 3, 1992

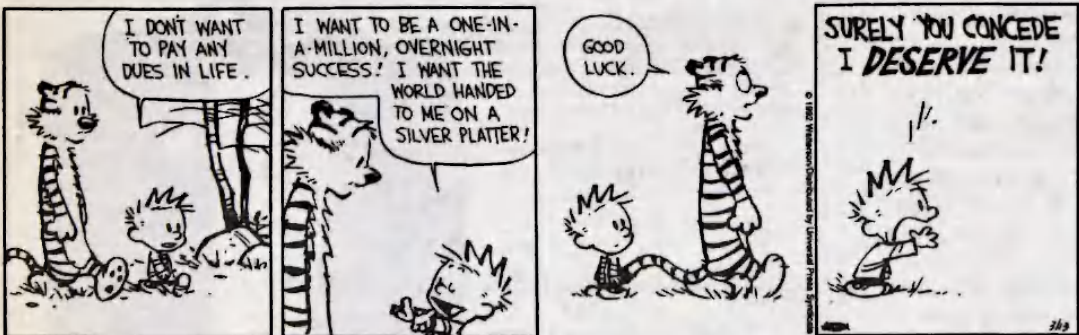
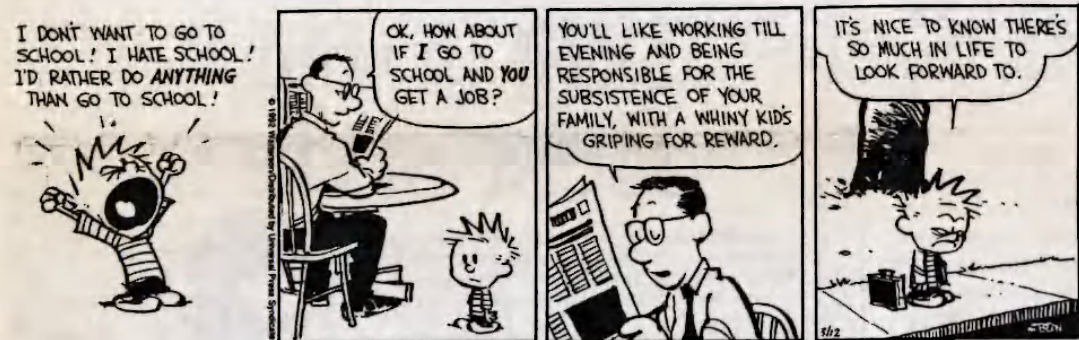
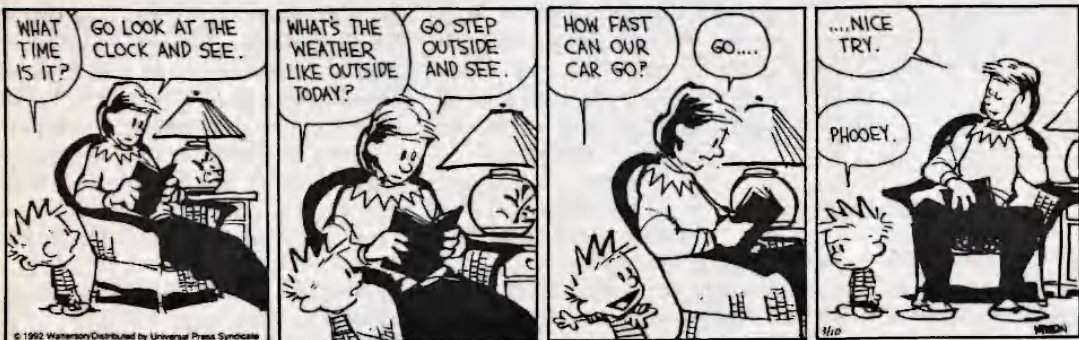
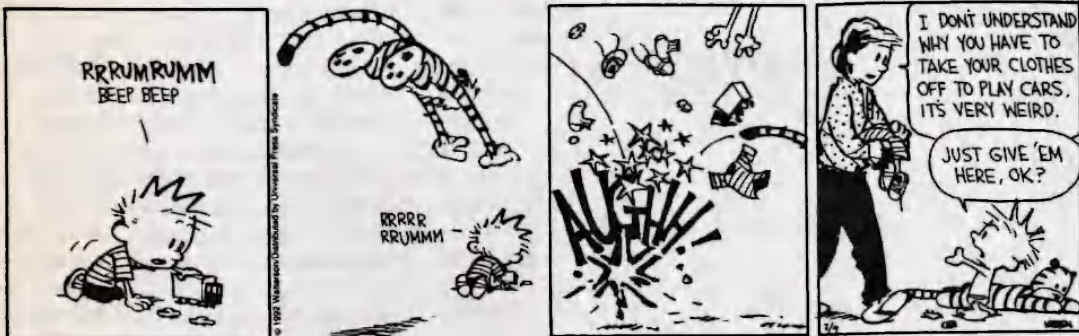
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<b>Fourth Period</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>
<b>Fifth Period</b>	<b>10:10 - 10:40</b>
<b>Honors Convocation</b>	<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>

(College View Church)

If you have any questions, please contact  
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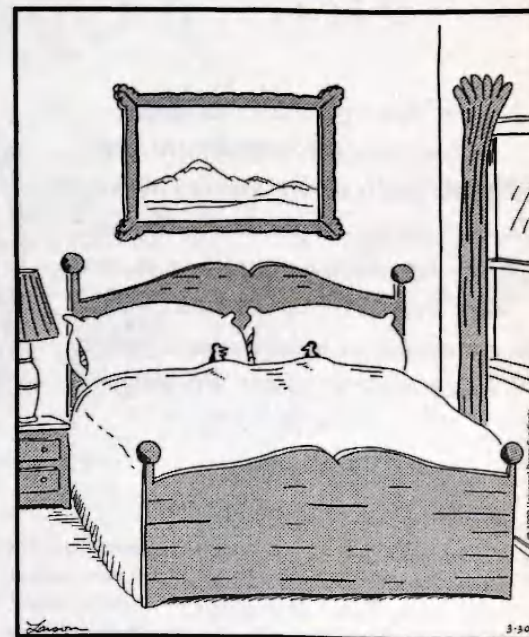
# Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



# THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Well, here we are, my little chickadee."

# THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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# Word of the Week



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Summer Camp Ministry	45	9 wks	May 25-July 26
Literature Evangelism - Task Force	16	6 mo.	Jan.-June/July-Dec.
Literature Evangelism	8	full time	wide open
Secular Campus Ministry	5	9-12 mo.	Sep.-May
LaVida Mission - Task Force	5	9-12 mo.	wide open
Youth Pastor - Task Force	5	9 wks - 9 mo.	wide open
Boarding Academy - Task Force	4	9 mo.	Aug.-May
Glacier View Ranch - Task Force	4	4-12 mo.	wide open
Conference Youth Dept. - Task Force	1	4-9 mo.	Sep.-May
<b>Total Young Adults Needed</b>	<b>141</b>		

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**Personals**

Peons Anonymous: PN Meetings will re-convene, next Tuesday after the unfortunate departure of the last chairman.  
Jude: Give it up. Pris is uncovered.

*All personals and responses should be sent to The Clockbox in the UC Bookstore. The Personals section is a FREE service of The Clocktower, filled bi-weekly on a first come, first serve basis.*

# Opinion!

What do you think? The Clocktower wants to know. A lot has changed since this time last year, in and out of the paper. New format, new paper, new staff, new deal. Do you, the reader, like it?

Please take a few minutes to fill out the following short questionnaire. The Clocktower will compile and print the results in the final 91/92 issue. The results will also be shared with next year's staff. If you really like something about the paper, let us know and perhaps you will see it again. Likewise, vent your spleen and we promise to listen. Circle the response which best expresses your opinion, clip it out and send it to The Clocktower.

- Format. What is your opinion of the Tabloid format of the paper?  
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Like it.  
No opinion.  
Dislike it.  
Hate it.
  - Paper. Newsprint, from Sun News-paper/Nebraska Printing Center.  
Thumbs up.  
No thumbs.  
Thumbs down.
  - Lay-out (graphical). Headlines, tpestyles, graphs and doodles.  
Great.  
Good.  
So-so.  
Bad.  
Evil.
  - Lay-out (format). Frontpage tease-boxes, Cartoon page, Sports page, Boxscores and Pagetops.  
Excellent.  
Adequate.  
Okay.  
Clean it up.  
Ditch it.
  - Editorial (topical). Coverage of pertinent issues, Cultural coverage (Art, Music and Film) and Humor.
- Wonderful.
  - Subtly beneficial.
  - Average.
  - Decrepit.
  - Vile.
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Dig it.  
Groovey.  
Exxxcellent.
  - 7. Photo. Clear, regular, informative, coverage of events and people.  
Swell.  
Dignified.  
Fine.  
Worthless.  
Rotten.
  - 8. Writing (report). Educated, well informed, opinion-free reporting.  
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  - 9. Writing (feature). Well thought, informative and necessary and pointed.  
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By Shannon & Frank E.

Hockey world has hurled into full schwing here on the Union College campus, with action-packed puck placement in both men's and co-ed leagues. The men's league this season has started out with lots of parity, as three teams are vying for first place. Doug Hardt's team is leading the league in scoring with an average of six goals per game, followed by Troy "Hull" Wood's team who is slapping in 5.3 goals a game. Perhaps the surprise team thus far in the season is Brian Kittleson's. Brian said he wanted to pick a team that didn't have any superstars, but team players. Well so far, Kittleson has his cardiac kids playing as a fine team, and the only team to beat Troy "Hull". Chris Trumble, whose team is in last place, owes their franchise to Gene Astolfi, who at least makes their losses respectable.

Early on in the season, top goalie awards are shared by Rick Craven and Wes "LaBlanc" Phipatanakul. Both have only given up eleven goals in the young season. The other two goalies, Sam Fazio and Brian Herbal, perhaps the best of the four, should come around as the season slaps along.

Hockey is a heated sport with bumbled body contact and boisterous words. It's hard to tell the difference between a hard body check and a soft check, or if there is even any difference at all. If that's not a hard enough paradox, what constitutes a high stick? Is it four inches? Is it six inches? Or is thirty-six inches? Who knows... Finally, hockey is probably one of the most vocal sports around. In the rink, there is a residual ringing of cheers that bounces from blue line to blue line, spot calls on the floor from players, and the providential taunting of wooden sticks followed by intimidating murmurings that bring athletes to higher levels of performance. I repeat, they are murmurings. Yet through all of this, officials think they can see every penalty and hear every word. Somehow, some of the officials think that the athletic arena has become a place to see how many times a whistle can be blown and how long they can keep players inside the box. It seems like some of the officials have never held an L stick in their lives. Yet, they are experts on the sport. There needs to be a rule on the back page of every officiating manual that requires officials



to like the game they officiate and to have at least played it once, just once...

The P.E department has made a smart decision in that they are involving the captains in the officiating rotation, and they are doing a fine job. They are calling good

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games because they understand the game and enjoy the game. First and second year officials can learn a lot from watching the ones who enjoy what they are doing. The good officials don't get intimidated, don't get power hungry, and enjoy explaining the different aspects of the game to the athletes who honestly love the sport they are playing. Officials need to realize that the relationship between an athlete and his or her sport is truly a love affair, an affair that brings the ultimate joy and utmost bitterness. But far worse than bitterness, is an untimely whistle that had no business interfering in the athletes' affair. Officials need to let the kids play, and the kids need to let the officials call their game, and hopefully it will be a good game all the way around the puck.

To officials and athletes alike, a sport is a game, a fun game, and nobody is a winner if everyone is a loser (Yogi Berra)...

## MEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	GF	GA
HARDT	2	1	18	11
WOOD	2	1	16	11
KITTLESON	2	1	14	17
TRUMBLE	0	3	14	20

HARDT	7	TRUMBLE	3
KITTLESON	5	WOOD	4
WOOD	4	HARDT	2
HARDT	9	KITTLESON	4
WOOD	8	TRUMBLE	4
KITTLESON	5	TRUMBLE	4

## CO-ED HOCKEY STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	GF	GA
B. ROSENTHALL	3	0	21	8
J. PETERSON	2	1	16	15
B. WOODRUFF	1	2	15	19
D. KELSTROM	0	3	12	22

WOODRUFF	10	KELSTROM	3
PETERSON	7	WOODRUFF	2
ROSENTHALL	9	WOODRUFF	2
PETERSON	7	KELSTROM	5
ROSENTHALL	5	KELSTROM	4
ROSENTHALL	7	PETERSON	2

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