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## PRESIDENT REPORTS JEWELRY QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

On November 19 President Kerbs sent a statement regarding dress standards with the primary focus on the jewelry issue to students, faculty and staff inviting their responses. Following are portions of his published statement:

### THE BASIC PRINCIPLE

From my study, it appears that whether you are dealing with hair, jewelry, or clothing, the principle is the same: Our most prominent feature should be "inward adorning"—our characters, our personalities, our very beings and attitudes, rather than our outward appearance. I believe by focusing on

particular articles of dress, we have at times missed the whole point of "dress reform." Even the Old Testament texts we use, like Isaiah 3:16-24, have to do with focus and not particular adornments or articles of clothing. In this passage the proud, wanton "daughters of Zion" were condemned not only for their emphasis on jewelry, but for their preoccupation with mirrors, perfumes, and extravagant varieties of clothing, hairdos, bonnets, head bands, etc. We regularly single out jewelry and other items which we wish to oppose, from these so-called "lists" and forget that the issue is really "exhibitions of pride in dress, which [are] forbidden in the word of God . . ." (4T 647).

... My purpose is not to make a case for the wearing of jewelry, but to remind ourselves that jewelry in itself may not deserve the special place we have given it when we speak of adornment and extravagance.

### POSITIVENESS AND BALANCE

In all of Ellen White's counsels there is tremendous breadth and a great deal more positiveness than many of us have emphasized. "The influence of believers would be tenfold greater" if they dressed better and gave more attention to "neatness, order, and good taste" (MYP 349, 350). We have heard it said that the exterior (referring to heavy makeup, extreme hairdos, profuse jewelry, and immodest attire) indicate what is on the inside of a person. This is no doubt true at times, but does not the opposite extreme also give evidence of disorder within? Those who dress without "order and taste," who "class decency and neatness with pride," "who are careless and untidy in dress are seldom elevated in their conversation and possess little refinement of feeling" (CG 415) . . .

### INFLUENCE AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Though some students at Union College may rightly feel they can wear some jewelry in a modest, non-extravagant, non-prideful or non-rebellious manner, we have appealed to

them also on the principle of influence and respect for others' sensitivities. I share in chapel services such verses as these found in Romans 14: "Try . . . to live in such a way that you will never make your brother stumble by letting him see you do something he thinks is wrong. . . . Don't do anything that will cause criticism against yourself even though you know that what you do is right" (verses 13 and 16) . . .

... We, therefore, do not think it hypocritical or devious to take special care to respect Adventist traditions and the personal sensitivities of our supporters when we "go on parade" beyond the campus through our President's Statement Regarding Dress publications or through our tour groups, whether a gymnastics team or a choir.

Even on campus we typically ask students to cooperate in presenting an image which will be acceptable to the more conservative in our constituency and which will help parents feel comfortable in sending their children here. We have not generally resorted to threats, harassment, or coercion; . . . Character is not well developed by enforced obedience, and we believe 80 percent voluntary cooperation, for example, is a far greater success than would be 100 percent conformity under threats

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## The "Other Guy" May Be Someone You Love

by Jessica L. Greer

"I'll never need blood. Why should I donate my blood?" Jennifer said. "It will hurt and besides, I have O+, a common blood type, the Community Blood Bank must be stocked with it."

These thoughts and other similar ones are often heard by people everywhere. What they don't seem to realize is that 67% of the US population will use blood or blood products sometime in their lives while only 5% donate. Comparatively, out of 576 students at Union last semester, that's 386 people you know and see everyday that could need blood or blood products at some point in their lives.

Two years ago, Bruce Paulien's father, Charles, was in a bad auto accident and suffered severe internal injuries. Because of them, he required several quarts of blood.

Anika Riojas's second cousin was a hemophilic, but he didn't know it until he was in his twenties. He was always having nose bleeds but didn't know why. Then he was in an motorcycle accident and needed a blood transfusion.

Five years later he got married, hoping to live happily ever after. But three months after his marriage began, he was diagnosed as being HIV positive---he had received contaminated blood after his accident. A year to a year-and-a-half later he died.

Last winter Michael Lawrence's grandmother had a tumor and needed brain surgery. The surgery took over seven hours and a blood

transfusion was necessary. "If someone hadn't taken the time to donate blood," Michael says, "my grandma might not still be here. But thanks to someone's small sacrifice she's recovering from her surgery and still telling me what to do."

In 1973 my father, Warren Greer, was in a terrible auto accident in Germany where he was stationed in the US army. He was driving down the highway one day and ran off the road right into a guard rail. The rail came through the window and literally scalped him from the front to the back of his head. He had a compound fracture in his left leg and his right knee cap had to be replaced. He could have lost his life if the guard rail had come a 1/4 of an inch closer to his brain. I'm glad my Mom was there to donate blood for my Dad. I can't imagine life without him--he really means a lot to me.

The point is, anyone, at any time, could be in dire need of blood. According to the Lincoln Community Blood Bank, every three seconds someone needs blood. But blood must be available to the patient at the *instant* it is needed. That's why it is so important to donate BEFORE THE FACT, so the blood can be collected, processed and ready to be transfused immediately.

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**Results of the opinion poll**

Do you plan to attend Union next Year?  
 No--25%  
 Yes--75%

What is your major?  
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 Pastoral Care--25%  
 Broadcasting--25%  
 Nursing/Law--25%

Is your major covered well by--  
 Variety of teachers--  
 Yes--75%  
 No--25%

Subject matter that is taught--  
 Yes--75%  
 No--25%

Hands on experience--  
 Yes--25%  
 No--75%

New knowledge--  
 Yes--75%  
 No--25%

What is the most attractive I color?  
 75%--Blue  
 25%--Brown

Why do birds sing so gay?  
 Due to the varied responses of the readers, this has not yet been fully resolved.

4 people responded to this poll

People are starting to fascinate themselves by actually turning in Opinion polls. It's fun and enjoyable and produces some rather startling results. If you hand your poll to me in person, be forewarned that I lose things rather quickly. The best bet is always to slip them under my office door.

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**EMERGENCY BROADCAST**

by Monty Nicol and Shan Thayer

This is a test of the emergency broadcast system. It's going to be a little zany, so if you prefer the sensible to the zany, take a break and read the comics.

The editor and co-writer of this article have determined that approximately ten people actually bother to read these editorials at all. Therefore, in the interest of saving earth's precious resources used in making these editorials possible (trees, water, flowers, rare and endangered primates), this will be the last editorial to appear in this space. Perhaps we could devote the space that will be freed to adding more comics and sports coverage, instead of providing an un-used forum designed to foster student participation.

Regardless, there still exists a small, perhaps insignificant trickle of demand for thought and perhaps even angst-provoking editorials. These will still be written at the same feverish pace, but instead of making their appearances here, wasting time and space and hurting your eyes, they will be offered on a free-subscription basis. Since we basically can guess the identities of approximately half of the ten who actually read these words (only our truest and bluest friends would gleefully point out our glaring spelling and grammatical errors), you will soon be getting your own, personalized, limited edition, hand-signed copies in your mail boxes. Simply send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will ensure that these editorials will be delivered to you (we don't actually require stamped envelopes, you see, we just thought we could steam the stamps off and re-use them, since this job

has little or no other monetary remuneration.

With this new service, you can begin collecting these editorials immediately. It sounds like a good concept so far, though our marketing research indicates these editorials certainly will never appreciate in value. Please just look the other way as we allow ourselves one last thread of vanity and pride. We are not responsible for lost, mis-directed, or poorly thought out editorials.

Suffice it to say that, in addition, we are also not responsible for lost, mis-directed or poorly thought out readers, either. We've been thinking about thinking about a few things that are thought-provoking. Although this editorial may be slightly unusual, hopefully, by its conclusion, it will be thought-provoking to you.

What is thought, and why do we do it? Do some of us think too much? If so, do some others think too little? If thought and thinkers fall in this range, then surely someone out there is thinking and pondering the deep mysteries of life just the right amount of the time. This person is perfect, right there, sitting smugly (and silently) on just the right amount of thought. Not too deep, not too shallow. If you happen to BE this lucky person, could you contact the editors of this paper? We'd like perhaps to talk to you (and possibly to dissect you) at your convenience. Please meet with us in Jorgensen Hall on the 21st at 2 p.m., would you?

When we look at history, it's hard not to wonder how long we've been thinking. Anthropologists and archaeologists can make some pretty accurate educated guesses about the lifestyles of cave men based on artifacts and art they have left in their wake. While cave paintings and tools may have reflected

their diet and some aspects of their daily lives, they say nothing about what the cavemen actually thought and felt. Were they philosophers? Did they sit around the campfire feasting on woolly mammoth and pondering the questions and mysteries of life? There is no scientific evidence to suggest they did or didn't. Therefore, anthropologists and archaeologists would decline to comment. Curiously enough, the editors of this paper are going to do the exact same thing. We wouldn't presume to tell the anthropologists and archaeologists their jobs. Besides, what do we know about cave men? We're just college students. Forget we mentioned it.

Let's jump ahead about 6,000 years (or was that a couple billion?) to the present. As you may know, Union College is a parochial school. Do you ever wonder where you are going in your religious life? Certainly you are wondering where this editorial is going. Are there larger questions in life you should really be considering? Perhaps some Union College students profess certain beliefs without actually stopping to consider why. Next week, when you're sitting in church, ask yourself, "Am I here because I WANT to be here?" Regardless of this question's answer, it's important to understand the reasons behind your beliefs and behaviors, and examine what is driving them. Are your convictions imposed upon you from the outside, or do they spring up from the inside?

Our reasons for asking this question are not to try to pervert your mind or to lower church attendance statistics. What we want to impress on you, our one and only remaining reader, is that you could be in danger. Perhaps we'd all agree that although college is sometimes very stressful, it is by no means as scary as what we

know faces us in the real world. Someday, when you are striving to survive and your life is suddenly much more complicated than it is now, how will you react? Will you remain true to your religious convictions and behaviors when the outside constraints and social pressures to conform to this lifestyle no longer exist? There are no worship credits in the real world. If that's why you're attending worship now, what will motivate you to attend when you must depend only on yourself?

When it comes to one's convictions, it's impossible to tell who will strive and who will decide to quit when the chips are down. Essentially, we all look the same, at least, judging by our outward behavior. All we're saying is, hey, ask yourself, "What's really inside me?" If there's nothing, and you know it, then all we're really saying is, "Hey, don't stabilize your life with indecision." You can't bide your time forever. Perhaps one day soon you will actually make a decision, whether you know it or not. What are the chances it will be the right one?

I realize this editorial is the opposite of a well-written and concise piece of work. Hopefully it entertained you enough to get you down to these final paragraphs. It's important to have fun, but sometimes you just can't ignore these kinds of thoughts. There's a decision coming, one way or another. Don't get trapped making a decision you never thought you'd make, okay?

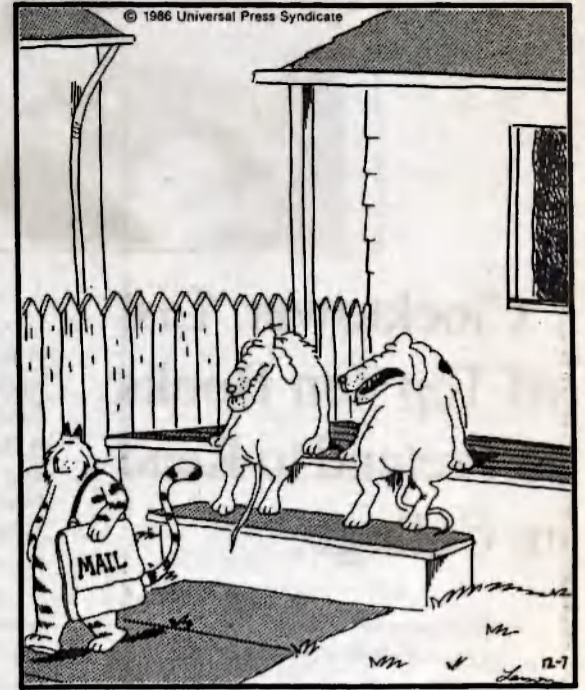
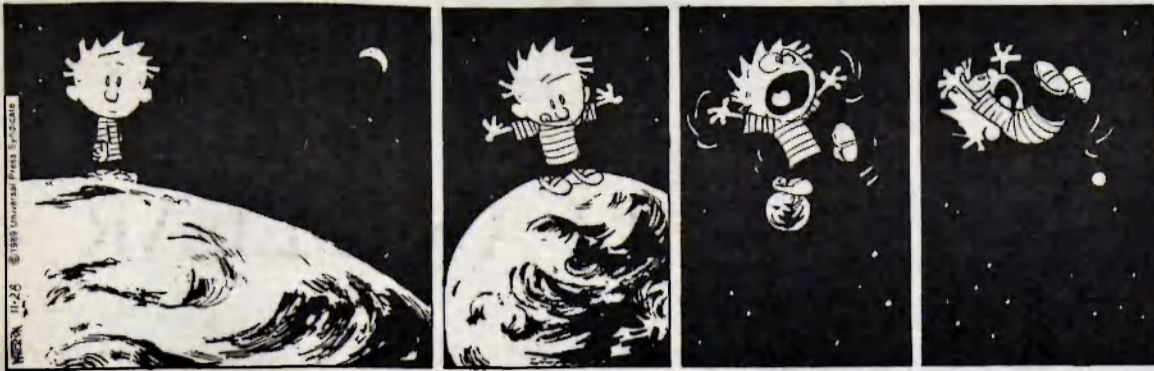
Okay. Did you catch the far side? Was that priceless or what?

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

THE FAR SIDE

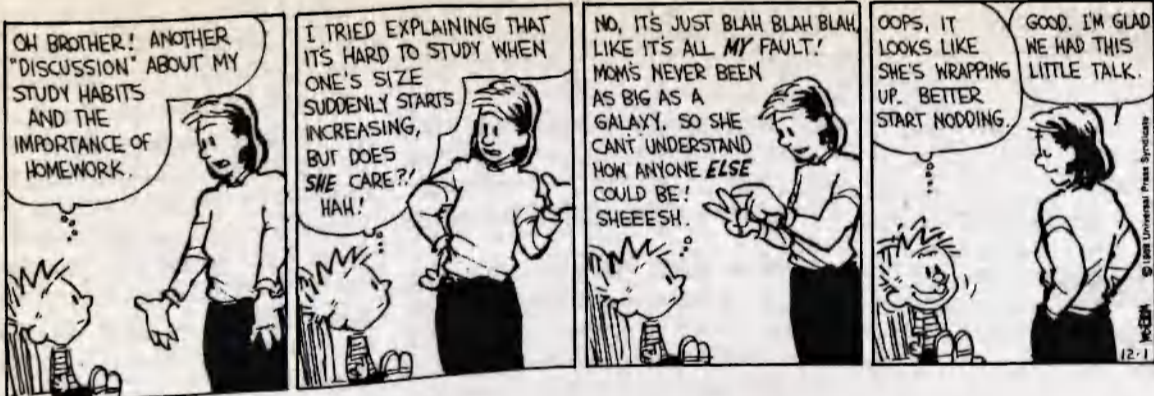
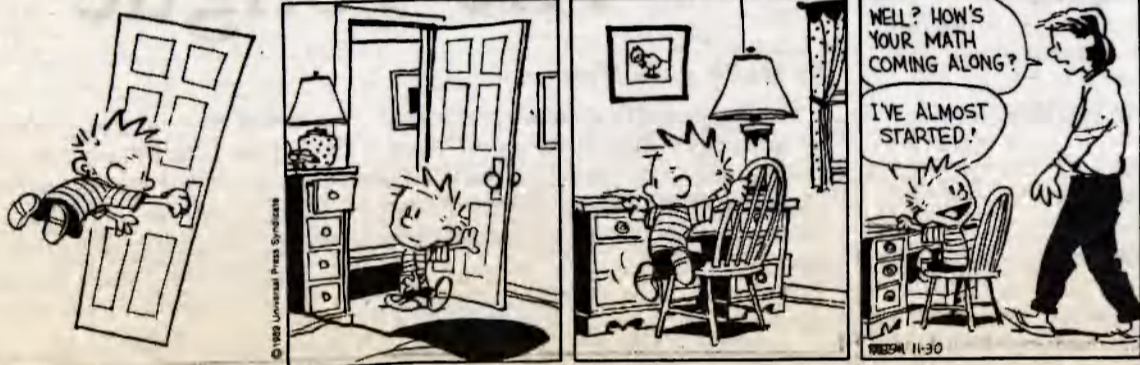
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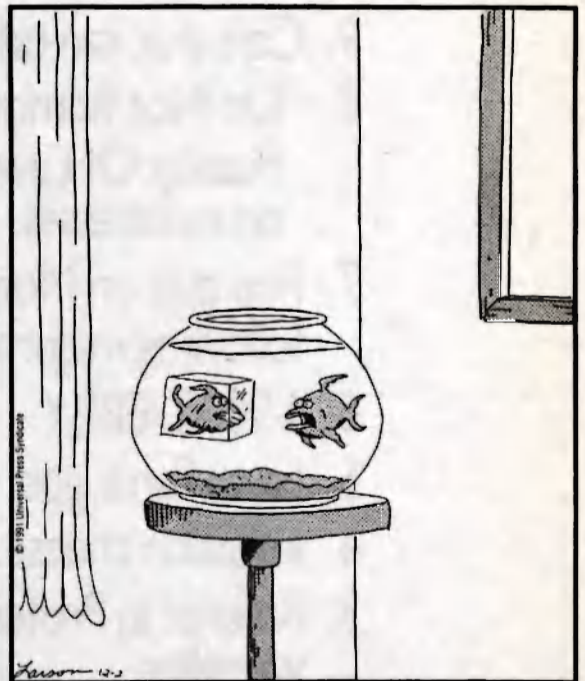
"We're gettin' old, Jake."



The class abruptly stopped practicing. Here was an opportunity to not only employ their skills, but also to save the entire town.



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"You're a cold fish, Raymond."



"Injected with a poison..."

## Clocktower List of Top Ten Books to Pretend to Read in College:

G. K. Chesterton

THE MAN WHO WAS THURSDAY

George MacDonald

AT THE BACK OF THE NORTH WIND

THE PRINCESS AND THE GOBLIN

THE PRINCESS AND CURDIE

THE LOST PRINCESS

THE GOLDEN KEY AND OTHER STORIES

LILITH

PHANTASTES

John White's

THE IRON SCEPTRE

### CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE FICTION

Madeleine L'Engle

A WRINKLE IN TIME

A WIND IN THE DOOR

A SWIFTLY TILTING PLANET

THE ARM OF THE STARFISH

A RING OF ENDLESS LIGHT

MANY WATERS

DRAGONS IN THE WATERS

A HOUSE LIKE A LOTUS

THE YOUNG

UNICORNS

STARFISH

UNICORNS

Charles Williams

THE PLACE OF THE LION

DESCENT INTO HELL

WAR IN HEAVEN

MANY DIMENSIONS

SHADOWS OF ECSTASY

THE GREATER TRUMPS

C. S. Lewis

TILL WE HAVE FACES

OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET

PERELANDRA

THAT HIDEOUS STRENGTH

TILL WE HAVE FACES

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Various Authors

THE SECRET COUNTRY

THE HIDDEN LAND

THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON

TAM LIN

HOLY BIBLE

## TOP TEN MOST BOGUS THINGS ON EARTH

10. The Donut Diet.
9. Cars that can talk.
8. "Do Not Remove Under Penalty Of Law" tags on mattresses.
7. Pop quiz on Monday following major weekend.
6. 1-900-DEBBY.
5. Lawn flamingos.
4. Imitation cheese.
3. Referee in Professional wrestling.
2. Did we mention the pop quiz?
1. Drugs.

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## The Tongue

By Hugh A. Barlow

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12

This text was driven home to me in the summer of '91.

I had been staying in the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City, South Dakota. I didn't want to be there, but I had no money and nowhere else to go. As in many places I have been, I had made a number of friends and acquaintances. For some reason I had acquired a reputation for being somewhat of an expert on everything: a specialized generalist, or maybe a generalized specialist, I'm not sure. People I barely knew would come up to me and ask for advice, or talk philosophy, or just talk.

Well, eventually I got a job at a packing plant. I still was unable to move out of the mission; I had not yet received my first check. I came "home" from work one evening, dead tired, and one of my friends came up to me with someone in tow. He asked me a really stupid question.

"What would you do if you wanted to kill someone? I mean, how would you do it?"

Well a stupid question deserves a stupid answer, right?

"I dun'no, a gun, I guess."

"What if you only had a knife?"

"I'd either cut his jugular vein, or stick the knife up under his breastbone--into his heart."

"Why?"

"Cause it would be quick and painless."

"What if you wanted to make him suffer?"

Hey, this is all hypothetical. Nothing is going to happen. We're all reasonable people, right?

"I'd slash him across the belly and let his guts hang out."

Time Eternal passes on; months went by. I'd forgotten about this conversation. I had found God and moved out of the mission.

Randy, a friend of mine from the mission, had been seeing a woman. Randy, when sober, was quiet; introspective. On Sunday he would go to church. When drunk, which wasn't often, he became quarrelsome and abusive.

Randy's woman left him because of his treatment of her while he was drinking. She had left him and had taken up with a boy. He was only fourteen and had a reputation. He was known to use drugs, and it was rumored

that he was very violent and extremely possessive. Randy, and his lady had been talking, making up, and the boy was jealous.

One day at the mission, the boy took out a knife and sliced Randy open across the belly. Several hours later, Randy was dead.

The police came to my job and questioned me. I could not figure out why. They kept asking about a conversation that I had supposedly had with the man who had killed Randy. I could not remember.

After the trial, I saw the man/boy in the news. I suddenly remembered the conversation. The "someone in tow" was looking at me from within the television screen.

I remember Randy mostly for his music. He would sit downstairs in the mission dining room and play his guitar for hours. He liked love songs, ballads, and rock and roll. People would come up and say, "You know this one?" Randy would play it. He looked so peaceful playing his guitar. It was as if he were caressing a lover. He made music beautiful.

It is hard to believe anyone would want Randy dead.

I keep asking myself, "What would have happened if I had told the boy about God instead of answering a stupid question."

The apostle James said, "the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!...the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature....Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" James 3:5,6,10.

My friend was dead; I had inadvertently played a part in his death.

The boy had used information I had provided to kill.

Had I known that the boy would actually do what I had spoken, I would never have said what I said.

I intended no harm, God knows. He also knows that I have learned of the wickedness of the tongue.

People do listen to what you say. For God's sake, and our own, maybe we should watch, carefully, what we say. Maybe we should speak more of God.

# TOP TEN SCARIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

10. Prune-eating Sumo wrestler.
9. High-rise window cleaner with bladder problem.
8. Near sighted knife juggler.
7. Megalomaniac Third World Dictators.
6. Grown men named "Biff."
5. Heavily armed hot dog vendors.
4. Carsick brother in the seat next to you.
3. Brain surgeon with hiccups.
2. Anyone with a cranky disposition and a chainsaw.
1. People who offer you drugs.

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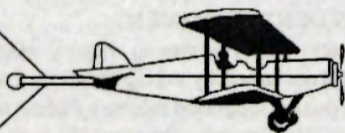
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and harassment.

### APPARENT INCONSISTENCY

There is concern with our apparent inconsistency. Some practices, such as "nose rings," men wearing earrings, and outlandish haircuts are far less common and acceptable, generally, both within the church and outside. Business and professional men are seldom seen with earrings, extreme haircuts, or even visible necklaces and bracelets. On the other hand many, if not most, business and professional women wear some jewelry, though usually in a conservative manner, as naturally as men wear neckties, mustaches, rotary pins and other "useless," but appropriate, acceptable and meaningful "adornments." Influence is important, and we need the respect and support of our constituents and the business and professional people both within the church and without. Very simply, therefore, without making moral judgments or accusations, we have generally been more rigid with certain persons and practices than with others. Our seeming inconsistency is, however, not without good reason, we believe.

Following the written statement, the president asked that readers respond to two questions:

1. How much do you agree with the philosophy and practice set forth in the President's Statement on Dress Standards?
2. How much do you agree that a student should be asked to withdraw from school if he/she continues to wear jewelry?

### STUDENT RESPONSES

To date, 87 students and 90 faculty and staff members have responded. Student responses are as follows:

Fifty-five students (63%) indicated agreement with the President's Statement. Almost all of the 55 students added comments indicating that their agreement was in support of a more liberal, generous position on the wearing of jewelry. Only three who indicated agreement commented that they were clearly in favor of a more conservative and more strict enforcement policy on jewelry.

Of the 17 students (20%) who disagreed with the President's Statement, it is important to note that 15 of these explicitly disagreed because they feel this topic unworthy of discussion, and definitely stated their support for a more liberal position than that stated in the President's document. Fifteen students (17%) indicated neutrality; however, 14 of these clearly stated in their comments that they favor a more liberal position than the President's Statement.

It appears that approximately 93 percent (81 out of 87) of student respondents are in favor of a more liberal dress standard, especially in regard to jewelry. This conclusion is supported also by the 65 students who disagreed (all but 5 strongly disagreed) with Question 2.

It is interesting to note, however, that 10 students clearly agreed that asking a student to withdraw is an appropriate measure if appeals and lesser penalties fail to be effective. Another 13 students who indicated neutrality or disagreement clearly commented that they favored more strict enforcement of some kind. One suggested, facetiously I hope, a public whipping! Of the 65 who disagreed with Question 2, two made comments favoring more strict enforcement of some kind.

In summary, 73 percent disagreed that a student should be asked to withdraw even if he/she persistently wears jewelry. While 37 percent indicated some agreement for more strict enforcement, only 12 percent support asking a student to withdraw. A number believe the policy should be revised, but if it continues as currently stated in the Handbook they believe it should be enforced.

The President very much appreciates the thoughtful responses from the students, and

believes they represent rather well the majority position. Typical student comments are as follows:

"During my first experience in the Adventist Church, I wore jewelry because I didn't know about the standards. I appreciated the fact that everyone welcomed me and made no mention of my jewelry. Later, I was convicted in my heart to give it up. I think students should be given some chance for the Holy Spirit to work on them in regard to the do's and don't's of jewelry. They should be gently spoken to—yes! but not immediately kicked out and considered heathen for wearing jewelry. There are much more important issues that need our concern."

"I feel that the manner in which I dress should be up to me." I appreciate the guidance and guidelines that Union offers, but I respect these principles and incorporate them mainly because I am not forced to."

"Dr. Kerbs presented this very well! I myself wear jewelry, not for any reason of rebellion, but only because I like it. But because I know it makes some others mad, I remove it when I see I need to. But I would be offended if anyone judged me on my choice of dress. Everyone needs to be respected... and should be allowed different tastes!"

"I believe that we do need to have respect for other's sensitivities, but I do not believe that when someone is so extreme in their beliefs, that my life should be governed by their standards. 'Don't do anything that will cause criticism against yourself even though you know that what you do is right.' (Romans 14:16) What differences would the literal following of this verse have made in the ministry of Jesus? If Jesus had read this and was asked to interpret it the way it is used here, could He have continued to heal on the Sabbath? Would He have allowed his disciples to nibble on the grains of wheat during Sabbath hours? I don't think He could have. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we should not lose sight of our principles, and should be aware that whatever we do affects others. In my opinion, however, these verses have been used too many times to insulate the Adventist Church from change."

"Why can't we hold certain standards in a Christian school. 'No jewelry,' then those who would come would respect that. ... A lot of people come here knowing that Adventists don't believe in jewelry—they see here at UC that the standards we keep here don't make much difference to the faculty. 'Just do what you feel is right.' Well, I'm sorry, but this wishy-washy attitude of standards makes me sick!! ... I think that if UC said 'no jewelry' and actually upheld that statement it would be respected. Of course, no matter what, there will always be a few who cross that line. But that is no reason to become more accepting of these different issues. I mean no matter how lenient you become, there will always be some wanting to push the limits. I believe the time has come to uphold some standards."

"This is the first time anyone has given me a decent, honest explanation to these rules. And it is greatly appreciated; however, there are points missed, and I don't necessarily agree with you, but it is much easier to cooperate with."

"The fact that it is addressed at all is some indication of the faculty and staff becoming more involved with the student body. Three cheers!!"

"I have run into many non-Adventists who have some familiarity with Adventists and their beliefs. What worries me is that so many of them have a view of the Church as consisting of a lot of rules. Putting too much emphasis on things like jewelry, we are misrepresenting God and Christ's message to us."

"I personally do not wear jewelry, and I think that the students here should not wear it

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on campus just out of respect. But it is their decision."

"This matter does not deserve any special attention for it doesn't do us harm. When people wear jewelry, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are showing off or materialistic. This matter is not important; we should concentrate more on the school's development."

"I feel the faculty at Union are afraid if they say it's okay to wear jewelry, that people will go overboard wearing extensive amounts. We, the students at Union, are adults. I feel nothing would change if the school allowed this, as far as the students' response."

## FACULTY/STAFF RESPONSES

Of the 90 faculty and staff who responded, 83 (92%) indicated agreement with the President's Statement of philosophy on the topic of dress and jewelry. However, eight who stated agreement with Question 1 tended by their comments to clearly favor a more conservative approach than the President's statement indicated. Five disagreed with Question 1, one without comment, two stating that it does not deal with the deeper and broader issues involved, and one tending in their comment toward a more liberal approach. Two took a neutral stance on Question 1; one tending toward a more liberal, and one toward a more conservative stance. Among those who added written comments, a total of 14 (16% of 90 respondents) appear to favor a less generous and liberal position than that of the president.

On Question 2 regarding whether a student should be asked to withdraw if they persist in wearing jewelry, 65 (72%) of the 90 faculty and staff who responded were against this, 39 strongly. Twelve (13%) agreed that asking a student to withdraw is appropriate if lesser measures fail. Eight stated disagreement with Question 2, and yet their comments tended toward stronger enforcement. One indicated disagreement but commented that expulsion was appropriate as a last resort. Thirteen took a neutral stance on Question 2, but many of the 13 tended in their comments toward more enforcement, but in ways somewhat this side of expulsion. A total of about 34% (30 of 90) appear to favor more enforcement, but only 13% (12 of 90) clearly support expulsion as appropriate under certain circumstances.

The following is a selection of faculty and staff comments which the president believes fairly represent their position. (He found all of the comments of the students, faculty and staff insightful and valuable and is happy to share them in a more complete document if there is interest.)

"It appears that much of what we wear is adornment of one kind or another--from floral prints and lace on ladies' dresses to the design of a man's watch or hairstyle. We cannot escape, nor would we necessarily want to, any type of adornment. Character should transcend adornment. I think that is the message in Scripture. When in the Old Testament Israelites were called upon to give up their jewelry, it was often (as the rich young ruler was called upon to give up his riches) a call to revival or sacrifice. Our focus has often been too narrow and legalistic and has sometimes done great harm. I agree that the inward adornment is most important. I agree that we can do much harm by offending the person whose beliefs call for stricter standards. Something in the middle seems appropriate. Jesus did not shrink from changing concepts and customs when they were in error. Neither did He make that his entire mission. What He did do was show people how to love and to accept people where they are. By some He might have been regarded as a liberal. For others He called them to even greater obedience by helping them see beyond the mere overt keep-

ing of the law to the keeping of the very spirit of the law. If we err, let us, like Jesus, err on the side of love."

"When it appears that the student is overtly defiant or is so adorned as to create a spectacle of himself or herself, and only after continued counsel, should that student be removed. The student needs to experience our love. Critics may need education as Jesus sought to educate by either doing himself or permitting His disciples to do that which was wrongly offensive to their critics. I have no desire to see Union College perceived by others as liberal. That would be damaging to our ministry. Neither do I wish to see us shrink from ministry and doing the 'right' thing, as Jesus would do, by courting the favor of the most conservative and legalistic part of our constituency. Those are often the most vocal of our number and too often dictate policy by their sheer vocal nature, though they may be a minority."

"I believe the principal of modest dress without self-aggrandizement should be upheld. And to stipulate 'no jewelry' would seem less 'legalistic' than to start drawing a line as to how 'large, sparkly, expensive, how many inches in diameter, etc.' your jewelry could be."

"Some in responsible positions have exerted an influence in favor of worldly customs and entirely at variance with the Bible standard. They have done their part in bringing about the present state of worldliness and backsliding. (EGW) . . . I am saddened that church leadership gave sanction to the wedding band. . . . I knew that it would lead quickly to the rationale of other jewelry. Most do not even adhere to the guideline of it being a 'simple' band. . . . Sin has pervaded every aspect of our choices and yet God has provided clear, simple guidance on that which is good as well as 'bad' or detrimental. In the area of 'adornment,' He does not just guide us on the wise choice and use of that which is necessary (He wants us to be neat and orderly but cautions against excess); He also points out that we are not to spend time or money with which He has entrusted us on that which is not important."

"If we could focus as much time and energy into meeting the needs of students as we do on what they wear, everyone would be much further ahead!"

"If we intend to fulfill the mission of an Adventist/Christian education for all of our young people we cannot afford to alienate a large segment of Adventist young people who come from a more liberal home environment. Already too many of them are not attending Adventist colleges because they feel uncomfortable and unwanted. We, as an institution and church, ought to remember how Jesus responded to the complaints and objections of 'conservatives and reactionaries.' We must remain open and welcoming to all Adventist

young people!"

"I think if you have a rule in a handbook you need to go by it. Maybe we need to revise our handbook to today's standards, but hang on to the principles."

"By this time next year (beginning of year), I would support a policy of no earrings or necklaces, (men or women). But it should be communicated well in advance and very specifically. We may be surprised at the positive response! . . . Ideally, I wish we could leave it up to the student's individual judgment and simply advocate the philosophy that has been outlined in your memo. Realistically, though, I'm afraid our current stance will only encourage some students to keep pushing the boundaries further and further. Aren't we in danger of losing our distinctive environment, so vital to our mission? I'm still praying about this issue and praying for those students who are struggling with this. Thank you for inviting our input. May God guide you and all of us as we examine our approach to this matter."

"Conservative wearing of jewelry seems appropriate."

"I don't think jewelry should be an issue in this day and age. Young people have far more serious problems--AIDS, acceptance, faith in Christ, faith in teachers. . . . Let's support our kids. Your document is a start."

"Where is the respect from the conservative constituency for a less conservative practice? It seems strong-armed on their part to withhold funds given in a presumably Christian spirit."

"I appreciated when the president [some-time in the past] took time with my daughter and explained that the Union College standard was 'no earrings.' She knew the standard and didn't resent in any way being asked to take them off. It can be done appropriately and in good taste. Maybe we need to train some of our staff on how to deal with conflict without causing hard feelings. Sometimes we can be so dogmatic without consideration of someone's feelings, especially when we are trying to defend a position. . . . Our goal here at Union is to prepare a student, in the best way possible, for a meaningful and rewarding life, not only in the work place, but in their homes and in their churches. If we do anything less, than we have failed."

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

President Kerbs wishes to make it clear that he did not intend by asking Question 2 to indicate that he supported asking a student to withdraw. He claims he does not take such a stand and never has. But some students and staff, as is seen by their responses, believe

President's Report--  
Finished on Page 7Wayne's  
World

Some or you may not (yet) know me. Others, I'm sure have heard rumors. Let me set the record straight. My name is Wayne Schaber. I attended UC for two years (89-91), then took out a year to go to Korea as a SM. It was the best year of my life, so far! It taught me a lot about myself, my Creator, and my values. I came to realize that if I want to have anything to look forward to on this earth, it has to start with ACTION on my part.

This planet is slowly being wasted, used, abused, raped! And, in more cases than not, it is America's fault!

You are all familiar with the show, *Wayne's World!*? (a statement more than a question!) I've rather enjoyed the success and popularity that it has brought to my name. But. . . it's not MY WORLD, really. If it were, I would hope that things would be different than they are today. If it were my world, I'd have a lot to say to businesses and governments who are not doing their best to save it for future use.

I don't want to think, or want you to think that I think for even a minute that I am in control of this world. But, in a way, it is mine. And yours too. God gave this earth to all mankind on the condition that we care for it. That we be stewards of it. Too often, we forfeit our rights to this earth by neglecting to be stewards of this most precious gift.

For instance:

- 1) Americans annually use, and throw away, about 50 million tons of paper (850 million trees).
- 2) Americans buy and throw away 500 million disposable cigarette lighters, each year.
- 3) We throw away enough iron and steel to supply America's auto makers continuously.
- 4) The planet is losing living species today at a rate 1000 times greater than was normal only a few decades ago.
- 5) In Brazil alone, rain forests are disappearing at the rate of 50 thousand acres a day!
- 6) Each year, a leading fast-food chain generates enough non-biodegradable foam packaging to cover Washington, D.C. to a depth of one foot.
- 7) Laid end-to-end, the 18 Billion disposable diapers thrown away in the U.S. each year could reach back and forth to the moon seven times!

Whew! That's a lot of garbage, ain't it? So, what can you do about it? Actually, not a lot, but doing what you can is a lot better than doing nothing. If you convinced two people today to do something about the environment, and the next day they convinced two more people, and so on, it would take less than a month to get everyone in the US to take action.

So for now do what you know you can do. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!! Learn as much as you can about environmental issues by reading up on them in the library, then, act on them!

I'll be keeping you posted with info and tips on what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. Remember, it is Wayne's World, and John's, and Mary's, and YOURS! Do something about it! Do something for it!



## Thumbs up and down

**THUMBS UP:** to the **UCSPIRIT**. It's nice to have a winning team to root for.

to the **Union College Witness Team** who set a school record of **one-hundred-and-nineteen** points in the recent game against **Emmas** (who, for those interested, are coming to the **Thunderdome** on February 23.)

to **Frank Martinez** for giving gymnastics another 2 hours of practice even though it pushes hockey back to late night.

**THUMBS DOWN:** to **Sam** (I've got all the pads, got all the equipment, but never play floor hockey) **Fazio**.

**SPORTSWOMAN OF THE WEEK:** **Sarah Boyko**.

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** "What would be a respectable score to lose by?" **Dennison Sager's** half-time speech to his intramural team.

"How can you get ejected on only one technical foul?" **Jeremie Bennet, Doug Hardt, and Chip Hart** after **Jeremie** was instantaneously ejected from an intramural game.

"Why don't **Randy and Hans** play intramural basketball? They watch every game; it's not like they don't have time." **Kareem McCroy**

**SPORTSMEN OF THE WEEK:** **JV Men**, it's about time. **Travis Sager**, who actually scored a point against **Doc Fleming** in a pick-up badminton game. **Terry Forde**, who scored a school high: **forty-two** points in the game against **Emmas**. Congratulations **Terry!** In the last four games he is averaging 25.8 pts/game and 10.3 reb/game, averaging a **Double Double** a game. **Doug Hardt**, who had a **Triple Double**, (24 points, 15 rebounds, and 10 assists) also against **Emmas**, and **Randy Reinke**, who had a **Double Double**, (21 points, 10 rebounds) in the same game.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** OCCASIONALLY IN SPORTSWRITING, ONE ENCOUNTERS CONTROVERSY. OFTEN, REPORTING IS MISCONSTRUED OR MISINTERPRETED. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, SOMEONE IS OFFENDED BY SOME SMALL FACET OF OUR SPORTS PAGE. THIS IS NORMAL PHENOMENA AND ASOUNDS US NOT. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE YOU, THE CONCERNED READER, TO INTERFACE WITH US, YOUR LOYAL SPORTSWRITERS, WHENEVER YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ONE OF THESE SMALL "FACETS". **DENNISON SAGER** WROTE A LETTER VOICING HIS ERRONEOUS VIEWS, AND SO SHOULD YOU, IF IN FACT YOU HAVE ANY. WE WOULD BE OVERJOYED TO PRINT THEM. WE MAY EVEN ELECT TO COMMENT.

## The Spotlight

By: Ron Consignado

Hello! Hello! I have been asked by the editor to write about what goes on around campus. After some pondering, I came up with a new column which is a top ten list of what's "hot" and what's "not" at Union College and is followed by a short remark or saying. I hope one finds this new part of the paper enjoyable and worth the while. May "*The Spotlight*" brighten your day.

### What's Hot:

1. Men's Basketball (always worth watching)
2. UC Women's Basketball (can't miss it)
3. Friday afternoon football (count me out)
4. Chris Wise (count me in)
5. Aladdin (A Whole New World)
6. Taco Bell (Is everybody running to the border?)
7. A Jeremie Bennett dunk (look out below)
8. Stairmaster (a workout usually occupied)
9. Sieg Roeske's Life and Teachings (a class with song service)
10. Gary Bollinger (promptness on fixing Prescott parking)

### What's Not:

1. Christmas Banquet movie (wake me up when it's over)
2. Phone bills (a telegraph sounds good right now)
3. Human Anatomy and Physiology (the notorious class)
4. Christmas Tree Lighting (let's go back inside)
5. Potpourri (pointless)
6. Ross Perot (easy come, easy go)
7. Bruce Springsteen (press EJECT)
8. The Clapper (clap on, clap off, clap out)
9. Minnesota Timberwolves (hopeless)
10. Shan Thayer (creating rug burns...literally)

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dismissal is appropriate and he wanted to discover how many agree or disagree. The president says he is pleased with the similar tendency of the responses of both students and staff. He appreciates that most see the necessity of being generous with students with more liberal views, but also sensitive to those of our student body and staff who hold more conservative views, and also to our constitu-

ency and board who own and direct this school. We are an independent school in one sense, says the president, but in another sense students, faculty, staff, and even administration, are not totally autonomous in how the school shall operate. He plans to share his statement on this topic and the responses to his questionnaire with board members, and perhaps more widely.

## Opinion

What is your favorite season?

Winter  
Spring  
Summer  
Autumn

Are you an avid Monty Python Fan?

Would you prefer to...

Drink through a straw  
Drink from a glass  
Drink through your nose  
I don't drink....

Can you blow your nose in C major?

Would you rather have:

Great Intelligence  
Great Creativity  
Great Common Sense

Are you a happy person?

Do you consider yourself a loner?

Submit entries to the Clocktower office and see the immediate results in the next opinion poll.

## Personals

**It's definitely not a car that years from now you'll say, "What was I thinking?"**

**I think the personal section is really twisted  
-Anonymous Reader**

**What's the point in a pig?  
-The farm hand**

**Peanut butter sticks to the mouths of the strong and the feet of the fast and fleet**

# JV TRIUMPHS UPON DEMOTION TO E LEAGUE

Calvert Rec Center - Since our last issue, JV dropped 3 D league basketball games, and was promptly demoted to E league. Now, they will play every Wednesday night at Calvert Rec Center, which is within walking distance as it's only two short blocks away (hint, hint).

In their E league debut JV crushed the Lawn Co. team to earn their first victory of the season. **Chris Wise** exploded for 20 points, on 10-14 shooting, and **Chip Hart** had 13 pts, enroute to immortality. Special recognition goes to **Sarah Boyko** for being the only female fan to stick with us through the entire losing streak, but she may have a reason (**Brian Johnson**). We also can announce that **Todd Anderson** is on the team along with **Durward Hass**, thumbs up.

**Results:**

Games 4-6: JV was run off the court.  
Game 7: JV defeated Lawn CO. 57-41.

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	RB	FLS	AST	TO	BLS	STL	TP	PPG
C. Hart	27	79	28.4	10	13	34	11	9	20	5	8	76	10.9
D. Wade	22	57	38.6	2	2	13	11	13	19	2	11	51	8.5
C. Wise	32	77	41.6	3	4	24	13	8	20	7	5	69	9.9
B. Johnson	15	30	50.0	5	14	29	6	6	26	0	5	35	5.8
R. Pride	26	54	48.1	2	8	35	9	5	13	6	3	54	7.7
Wes P.	5	22	22.8	3	7	9	7	2	9	2	9	14	2.0
P. Welch	2	8	25.0	0	0	10	2	4	10	0	3	4	0.8
Gary	1	3	33.3	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	2	1.0
Todd A.	2	5	40.0	2	3	7	1	0	5	0	3	6	2.0
D. Hass	5	14	35.7	0	0	4	0	1	3	0	4	13	6.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>55.1</b>

## LADIES B-BALL QUEST FOR VICTORY CONTINUES

50th and Vine - The Ladies Basketball team coached by **Laura Fenton** has been plagued with misfortune. Not only have they failed to win a single game, but they've been snowed out twice! How many times do you have a basketball game that gets snowed out? We've heard that **Laura** has been eyeing some high-priced outside talent. Desperate times call for desperate measures. The girls have done well however, and have good fan support.

**Results:**

Game 3: The Ladies lost to Ameritas 26-15.  
Game 4: The Ladies team lost to a team from parts unknown 35-21. They played well, for their opponents could've given the JV men's team a run for their money.

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	RB	FLS	AST	TO	STL	TP	PPG
J. Branam	6	15	40	2	2	6	12	0	14	1	14	3.5
K. McElvain	3	12	25	0	0	8	3	0	9	1	6	1.5
T. Hodge	6	13	46	0	0	3	0	7	6	1	13	3.3
M. Hoehn	7	15	47	4	7	21	0	0	12	0	18	6.0
A. Thorbus	1	3	33	0	0	2	6	1	7	0	2	.7
J. Hallock	2	9	22	0	0	4	3	1	9	7	4	1.0
K. Shebo	5	13	38	0	0	3	3	2	10	3	13	4.3
D. Kelstrom	3	7	43	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	6	2.0
L. Turner	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	0.0
J. Haynes	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0.0
H. Wolfe	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>22.3</b>

### ROAD WARRIORS SET SCHOOL RECORD WITH 119 POINTS

Deburke, IA - The Union College Witness Team set a school record last Saturday night when they beat Emmaus 119-80. **Terry Forde** was high scorer with 42 points, **Doug** and **Terry** both had 15 rebounds and 2 blocks, **Doug** also had 10 assists, and **Häns Widicker** led in steals with 4. This game was a culmination of the superlative defensive play contributed by **Häns** throughout the colossal 5 game road trip as the Warriors hadn't played at home before last Tuesday since Dec. 5.

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	RB	FLS	AST	TO	BLS	STL	TP	PPG
J. Benn	19	41	46.3	7	10	22	13	2	11	1	3	49	9.8
C. Bock	10	31	32.3	7	12	13	7	11	17	0	9	27	3.0
T. Forde	68	115	59.1	42	55	82	28	42	29	7	24	177	19.7
D. Hardt	59	139	42.1	18	26	71	23	48	44	5	19	159	17.7
D. Pur	27	73	37.0	10	14	59	22	10	15	6	9	67	7.4
R Reinke	49	117	41.9	11	31	33	15	14	15	0	2	109	12.1
E. Smith	0	2	0.0	1	4	6	1	0	3	1	0	1	0.3
J. Was	12	25	48.0	3	7	36	13	0	11	3	1	28	3.1
H. Whit	27	66	40.9	8	15	31	24	6	17	2	15	63	7.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>75.6</b>

\*\*\* These stats do not include the game against Trinity Bible College as they have mysteriously disappeared \*\*\*

### SUNNYDALE BOYS SHAVE PAST CVA IN SCHICK 3 ON 3

UC Thunderdome - **Durward Hass**, **Travis Sager**, **Matt Plank**, and **Tom Hinde** defeated **David Wade**, **Lee Bowes**, **Chris Wise**, and **Brian Johnson** by 30 points to win the Schick 3 on 3 basketball tournament and a lot of razors. You know the talent pool is diminished when the team of **Wesley Phipatanakul**, **Dan Walker**, **Sam Fazio**, and **Andy Norman** takes 3rd place. The varsity could not participate because they were playing in the Norfolk Classic. The winners went undefeated in the tournament, as no team stayed within 10 pts of them.

### Girls Volleyball Posts Best Record

National Guard Armory - The **Union Spirit**, girl's volleyball team coached by the legendary **Tom Berg** and **Mike Needles** have posted an impressive 5-2 record, the only team from Union with a winning record since the **Prescott Persecutors** went undefeated in the regular season this fall. The **Spirit** is led by such stars as **Beth Woodruff**, **Kim McElvain**, **Lorinda Turner**, **Inta Rizijis**, **Becky Aksamit**, **Symrna Solomon**, **Keri Fristoe**, **Dawn Strnad**, and **Paula Koefoed**.

### Reader's Guide to Sports Titles

1. Where There's a Will There's a Way by the men of Prescott.
2. The Applications of Physical Education to Construction, a 6 Year Study by **Dennison Sager**, endorsed by his Mom.
3. Eloquence in Sports Language by **Casey Bock**.

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBRAWL KICKS OFF

UC Thunderdome - Men's intramural basketball teams were chosen democratically this year excluding the faculty team. The seven teams consist of **Shawn Ure's Tigers**, **Doug Hardt's Hornets**, **Jeremee Bennett's Bulls**, **Dallas Purkeypyle's Jayhawks**, **Dennison Sager's Ramblin Wreck**, **Jim Wasemiller's Fighting Irish**, and last but not least the **Faculty**. Play began last week with the **Irish** taking on the **Hornets**, **Tigers vs. Ramblin Wreck**, and the **Jayhawks** playing the **Bulls**.

Game 1: Opening night saw the **Hornets** coming from behind to defeat the **Irish** led by the "Doug and Casey" show.

Game 2: Although **Dennison** says it was because his team didn't know it had a game, the **Ramblin Wreck** was decimated by the **Tigers** in perhaps the most lopsided game in intramural history.

Game 3: In a riveting contest, the **Jayhawks** slipped by the **Bulls** 50-48. **Captain Jeremee Bennett** became the first ejection of the season as he was ejected not only from the game, but from the gymnasium as well. Down the stretch it was **Pedro** and **Mike Needles** who won the game.

4. Fundamentals of Rollarblading Anonymous, critique by **Ric Spalding**

5. Doctoral Studies in Badminton by **Wayne Fleming**, Ph.D.

6. Technical Aspects of Sports Officiating by **Ric Spalding**.

7. A Year on the Road by **UC Witness Team**.

8. Why the Vikings will win Next Year's Super Bowl by **Chris Trumble**