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an accomplished, local writer to judge the entries. This would add credibility to the contest and may even provide students with some genuinely thought-provoking writing.

K.M. Peterson
Arts III

*No, I did not enter the competition, nor am I acquainted with anyone who submitted material.

Address wrong

In your classified ads, you have an ad from Birthright Inc. This ad lists Birthright's address on campus as room 030K.

Now, I'm sure that Birthright does a great service on campus and I have no objection to their ad, but it seems that the address is not quite as complete as it could be. I assume that it means 030K SUB, but there is also a room 030K Lister Hall. In fact, 030K Lister Hall is my home!

As you can well imagine, this confusion is of no service to anyone and slightly embarrassing for me. I hope that you would try to clear this up for next year.

Thank,
K. Graham Bowers
030K Lister Hall

Editor's Note: Actually, Campus Birthright's office is 030W SUB. Multiple apologies to everyone involved.

Harpur off base

Re: Headline: "Will the real Jesus please stand up", Gateway, April 2, 1986.

Some interesting statements were quoted from Tom Harpur's book *For Christ's Sake*, and I agreed with quite a few of them. For instance, no one will argue with him that indeed many horrible atrocities have been committed, and are being committed — in the name of Christianity (although I'm not sure

whether anybody in his or her right mind could call the people behind these atrocities followers of Jesus).

But then he goes on to say that he "rejects many of the traditional views of Christianity: the Trinity, Jesus's divinity, the Virgin Birth, Jesus's moral perfection and Jesus's transcendence of humanity." The point I want to make is this: this man is not simply rejecting "many of the traditional views of Christianity" — he's rejecting the Bible. Since reading the Bible, I've discovered that, to the best of my understanding, it strongly supports all of the previously listed views (except the last one; Jesus was, indeed, fully human). Since an attempt to adequately support my assertion with a whole bunch of scripture verses is far beyond the scope of this letter, my only purpose in putting in my two bits is simply this: to encourage those of you interested in finding out who "the real Jesus" is to look at the first-hand account and read for yourselves what he himself claims and what the eyewitnesses of his life say about him. Because if they're wrong, what's the point in looking any further?

Jorg Dyckerhoff

Shaw right on

I think the following remarks made by Bernard Shaw at a meeting in London is worth publishing in Gateway.

"It is the desire of the president that nothing shall be said that might give pain to particular classes. I am about to refer to a modern class, burglars, and if there is a burglar present I beg him to believe that I cast no reflection upon his profession. I am not unmindful of his great skill and enterprise; his risks, so much greater than those of the most speculative capitalist, extending as they do to risk of liberty and life; or of his abstinence; nor do I overlook his value to the community as an employer on a large scale, in view of the criminal lawyers, policemen, turnkeys, jail builders, and sometimes hangmen that owe their livelihood to his dangerous undertakings.... I hope any shareholders and landlords who may be present will accept my assurance that I have no more desire to hurt their feelings than to give pain to burglars; I merely wish to point out that all three inflict on the community an injury of precisely the same nature."

Thank you for reading.
Yours Sincerely
D.E.M. O'cracy

Opinion

Do's and don't's of tests

Final exam tips



THINK ABOUT IT!

by Greg Whiting

As a public service, this column will now present several ideas which might help you survive, and possibly even thrive, while taking final exams.

1. Check the room and time of your exam very carefully. Showing up at the main gym in the middle of a basketball game generally means that you failed to do this.
2. Although the temptation to relax instead of study is great, remember that it's unlikely that an airplane will fall on your professor's desk while your exam paper is on it. In fact, it's far more probable that your paper would be the only thing in the office to remain undamaged if that crash were to occur.
3. Once you have decided to study, make sure that you are studying for the right final. If you will be taking a geography test, it might be worthwhile to know that Tanzania is south of Kenya. However, this fact is not likely to help on a biology exam. To illustrate: Q: Where is the humerus? A: South of Kenya. See? It won't work.
4. Don't take a Walkman with you. It's very embarrassing to miss the announcement "You may start" while listening to "Weird Al" Yankovic.
5. When you go to the exam room, do not take a snack with you. Food attracts stupid mice which will chew on your calculator cord instead of finding the edibles which drew them to you in the first place.
6. Take two calculators. If the exam requires calculators, the second should prevent a heart attack if the first stops working. In fact, the mere presence of the second calculator should prevent the first from breaking down at all. If the final is an essay test, you can keep yourself from being bored to death by typing "07734" on one of your calculators, turning it upside down and determining that this

does indeed spell "hello" on the screen.

7. Even if neatness counts, using a typewriter on an essay test is not advisable. It's hard to fit an examination booklet into one and even more difficult to type within the lines of the pages. Also, you might drop the typewriter on your foot while carrying it to the test.
8. Do not solve the calculus problems using Roman numerals. No extra credit will be given for doing so.
9. Don't be distracted by the people who leave after half an hour of a two-hour physics exam. These students are of two types: geniuses who have already determined where Einstein was fundamentally incorrect, and others who are in the wrong building and should have been taking a test on underwater Monopoly.
10. Don't smoke while taking a test. You may set fire to your exam booklet. Even if you don't, a non-smoker may rip up your booklet. Either way, you will have to come back during the spring break to take the test again.
11. Even if you don't understand the question, don't try to see what the person behind you has written. His answer is probably wrong anyway.
12. Make sure that your watch alarm isn't going to go off during the exam. A sudden beeping from your wrist during a philosophy test can make you forget why the universe exists and focus in on the reasons behind the existence of watch alarms instead.
13. Bringing a watch is not a completely bad idea, though. Look at yours fairly often to make sure you aren't taking too much time answering one question. Of course, in the case of an exam that only consists of one question, this is not nearly as important.
14. Don't waste time talking about the test once you're finished. Talking about an exam which is over is slightly less interesting than reading a 500-page report in the last 15 years of rainfall in Brazil.

The preceding was an unpaid public service announcement. Good luck with your final exams — particularly if you choose to ignore the above advice. **Think About It** will return next year.