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Quibbles and Bits

FA group campaigns against censorship

Look out Jerry Falwell, Fundamentalists Anonymous is on the loose. According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, Fundamentalists Anonymous is a support group formed in 1985 for ex-fundamentalists. FA grew quickly as a self-help group for people hurt in any way by fundamentalists and has since branched out to campaigns against fundamentalist censorship.

The group's latest campaign is a boycott of Pepsi-Cola to protest Pepsi's killing of a Madonna ad. According to a co-founder of the group, it is targeting college and high school students with the slogan "No Madonna, No Pepsi!"

The goal of the protest is to make Pepsi the soft drink for losers, according to an FA press release.

Since Pepsi is now "the Choice of the Fundamentalist Generation," people who aren't fundamentalists will stop drinking Pepsi.

• Protesters on two college campuses have prompted negotiations between administrators and students.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, students at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque continued a sit-in at the administration building last week to protest a tuition hike.

At Wayne State University, students occupied the student center, forcing it to close down on April 12 to seek more resources for black studies.

About 120 black students at Wayne State occupied the student center with demands involving the curriculum, financing and faculty members for the university's black studies center. Negotiations between the students and administrators continued last week, with no word on their progress, according to the Chronicle report.

About 50 students at the Albuquerque campus have been occupying sections of the administration building since April 11, when the university's regents approved a 7.9 percent tuition hike. The students demanded a special meeting of the regents to reconsider the tuition increase, and the regents agreed.

Obviously, student action can produce results.

But what are the chances of this happening at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln?

-- Amy Edwards
for the Daily Nebraskan

Officer's actions called racist

Will the ignorance ever end? It seems that the ugly head of racism not only continues to exist in the Lincoln community, but among the ranks of our law enforcement community as well.

This past weekend at the annual Sigma Chi philanthropy "Fight Night," a blatant example of this increasingly prevalent attitude occurred. A member of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department took it upon himself to save us from the "savage intentions" of a young black man. Because the man happened to be black, well-dressed, wearing a gold neck chain and carrying a Lincoln Telephone beeper, it was readily apparent to the good-intentioned law officer that the man was a drug pusher, doing his best to ruin our lives; two nice, young American white boys.

It just so happened that the young black man was a good friend of ours, who simply wanted to know what we would be doing later in the evening, and, if we had too much to drink later, offering us a ride home. He had just purchased the beeper, because he works most of the day and wanted to remain in touch with his family and friends. When he gave the beeper's telephone number to us, the quick-thinking officer realized that an obvi-

ous "drug deal" was taking place, and immediately escorted the man out of the arena for questioning.

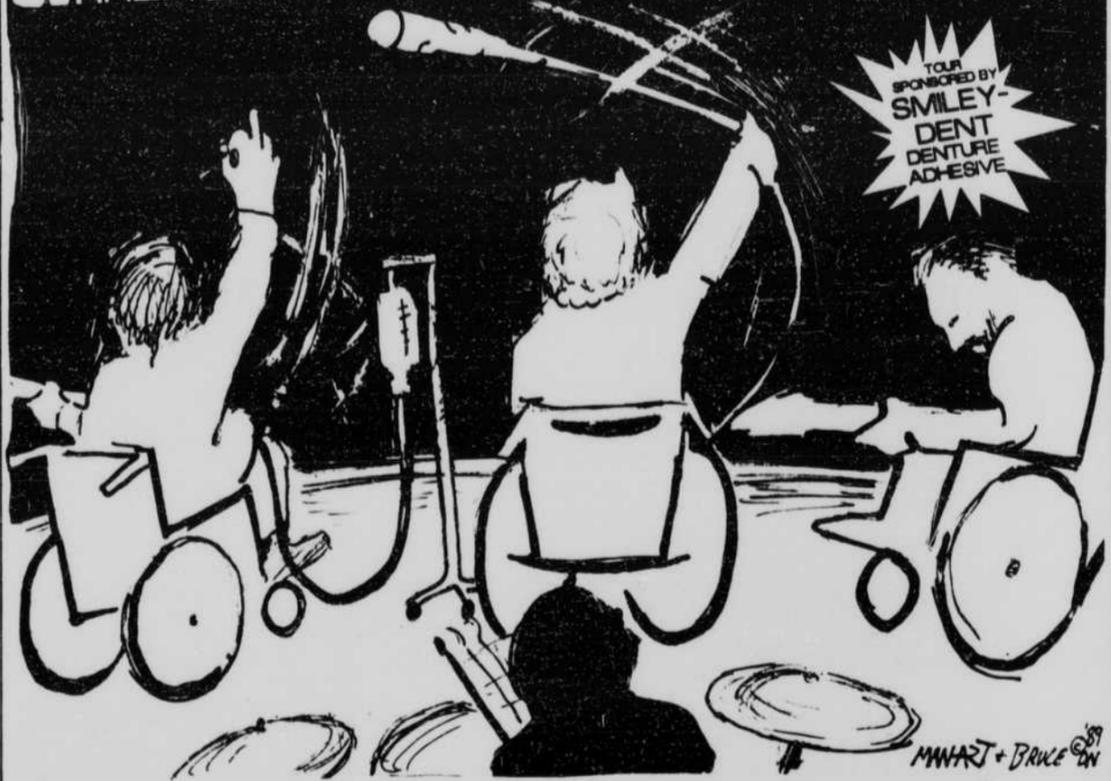
Both of us are deeply grateful to the officer for saving us from the horrible intentions of our good friend. For it's inherently obvious to every red-blooded American that a black person can't associate with a white person, unless of course it is because of mutual participation on an athletic team or to make a drug deal. Furthermore, the two of us, not to mention the entire Southwest corner of the arena, slept immeasurably better knowing that some of Nebraska's finest are so in touch with the needs of the white community.

As the 1990s approach, it is incredible that racism can continue to permeate even the law enforcement community. Maybe if law enforcement officials would examine their own actions they could understand the unresponsiveness of a certain segment of the young black community regarding efforts to control gang activity.

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SUMMER 2014: THE WHO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR



Fear forces students to unite

Columnist suggests measles epidemic could be advantageous

My sweating body was glued to the Scooby Doo bed sheets. I was hot. It was either, the 90 degree weather or a fever. I chose to believe it was a fever. I rubbed my eyes. They began to water. I rubbed my face. It turned red -- kind of like a rash. The symptoms of ... measles!

It had to be. I was going to die. I could feel encephalitis swelling my brain. Sure, I'd be smarter for a few hours, but then my brain would keep swelling and swelling until enough pressure built up to blast my eyeballs out of their sockets, through the window and into my neighbor's breakfast cereal.

That's not the worst of my horrors. First, my brain will ooze out of my ears and nose during geology class.

"Mr. Nelson," my professor will say, "please refrain from oozing your brain?" Everyone will laugh at me until they realize I'm contagious. Then their brains will swell out of their ears and noses until their eyes pop out. I will not be popular. Maybe a blast of hot lead will help my swelling brain. Oh, woe is me. Stricken down in the prime of life.

But wait. I might have been over-reacting. I wasn't absolutely positive I had the dreaded disease that now cripples our campus.

But that hardly matters. Fear is a rush. It's exciting. When was the last time thousands of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students united against a single cause? Was it at a demonstration against apartheid? Was it a protest at a landmark abortion debate? No, of course not. Only fear and self-preservation agitates and congregates this student body. That's just fine with me cause I'm not a fetus, I'm a student concerned about my own brain. Oh, woe is me.

I digress. The medical director of the University Health Center said that as many as 15,000 students may have to

be immunized today and Thursday. Think of what fun 15,000 students in one place could have.

We could vote on things. We could occupy buildings. We could drink on campus.

A group that large could recall That Arrogant Twerp that a fraction of this student body elected as ASUN president. (Columnist's note: The Daily Nebraskan Editorial Board has yet to place a single derogatory label on the new ASUN president. Some names I suggest should be considered: That Arrogant Geek, That Arrogant Nerd, That Arrogant Dweeb and That Arrogant Toad. The name "That Arrogant Twerp" is solely the label assigned by this columnist.) We could replace That Arrogant Twerp with a real human being, maybe a student version of a slightly sedated Ernie Chambers with no chip on his shoulder. The possibilities are endless.



Bob Nelson

A group that large could occupy the Capitol and demand the millions of dollars our university desperately needs to remain mediocre. We could even get a little violent by demanding the millions more needed to make this university respectable. Maybe dangle chintzy senators from the sower by their toes. Maybe force legislators to do upside-down margaritas until they vote with their consciences. Screw rational and pragmatic politics, this is a party.

Maybe I'm making too much of this student unity stuff. Surely everyone will be a little too concerned about the eight-inch hypodermic

needles used to immunize against the measles. You can trust me, they're eight inches.

I digress again. I just remembered Downtown Julie Brown will be in Lincoln Thursday to film Club MTV starring UNL's own Lisa Twiest-meyer and the MTV dancers. How about a Club MTV/Mass Immunization beer bash on the steps of the Administration Building. Kind of a disco/public service/anti-dry campus policy protest suitable for national television. Also, a great way to forget about eight-inch needles.

Maybe the self-righteous bone-heads responsible for sending thousands of students away from campus to get drunk and drive home would buckle under the pressure of MTV and the civil-calamity of dancing Huskers. Maybe they would realize that students don't like driving drunk just because university officials are frightened of liability suits.

Maybe officials would realize that students like to drink and when they drink at home, they have hangovers, and when they drink away from home, they have accidents. Maybe parents of students would see "MEASLEFEST '89" on television and would realize that their children have a very legitimate point.

Maybe university officials would realize the evils of a dry-campus policy if their brains were swollen from encephalitis triggered by measles. We could infect them and their brains would swell, making them smarter. Then they would change the policy right before their eyeballs blew out the door into their secretary's coffee.

Very simple logic that even Julie Brown can understand.

Oh, the joys of a swollen brain. Now I'm positive I have measles.

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