

Perspectives

Letters to the Editor

Areas on campus that could stand some improvement

Dear Editor,

First of all I want to start off by saying that I love UNCA for the most part. I think I made the right decision by coming to this school.

There are a few times, however, that I doubt my decision. For example, when I come on to campus to look for a parking space and cannot find one.

I had to park in a visitor's parking space, and, needless to say, I got a ticket. I do not feel this is fair. I drove around for twenty minutes and was not able to find a space designated for residential students.

I know that more parking is made for students but when is it ever going to be finished? The construction of the new parking lot, behind the cafeteria, has been underway for a very long time, and in my opinion, it should have been done by now.

Why is America really attacking Iraq?

Dear Editor,

Let me preface this letter by saying that I in no way am defending the acts of Saddam Hussein or any other dictator.

That said, I would like to suggest that the motives behind the recent attack on Iraq be sought. In *The New York Times* on Sept. 4, 1996, a statement made by President Clinton indicates that the missile strikes were in response to "Iraqi forces [which] attacked and seized the Kurdish-controlled city of Erbil in Northern Iraq."

According to Clinton, "Our missiles sent the following message to Saddam

While I am on the topic of construction, work in Phillips Hall and Justice Gym have yet to be completed, and I am wondering what is taking so long.

Justice has been under renovation since before I transferred in January and is not done yet. Even on beautiful days during summer school, I did not see any work being done.

I did see, however, a bunch of people sitting around eating Hardee's biscuits and catching up on their sleep. Is this the kind of work we are paying for?! Since they (the administration) decided to take away our parking in front of Mills for their own benefit, we now have to park further away.

Now I am up for a good walk as much as the next person, but not when I have to come back from work late at night, with absolutely NO SECURITY!!!!!!

The security on this campus is about as bright as a burnt-out

light bulb, (no offense). I have heard from many students and have experienced situations myself, where I needed a security officer, and there was not one to be found.

Also, when I called the wonderful campus security office, I did not receive any help. Point blank, no one was there! I suggest an effective escort and blue light system for late classes and walks across campus.

Heaven forbid we would actually spend a small amount of that wonderful tuition money to keep us safe.

The cafeteria is a whole other subject, that would probably fill up a few editions of *The Blue Banner*.

We need to have more options with our food plan, so we can have more variety of food when the caf is not at its best. Other schools are able to have more options and I think we

should be able to do the same. We pay a great amount of money for food that does not amount to a hill of beans! Here at UNCA, the motto is "if you do not use it, you will lose it."

I know of other schools that give students the option to be reimbursed for the meals not used. I know I might scan my card the allotted amount during the week, but rarely do I come out satisfied with a meal. Basically it consists of an ice cream (when the machine is working) and a sandwich.

The school should make a valid effort to change some of the problems listed above.

I know that I am not the only one that feels this way. I hope I am the first of many to address these concerns about UNCA.

Loirie Johnson
Junior

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out of his office, and back to my dorm room. Key in lock. Open the door. Punch the wall. Ouch. Memo to self: cinderblock walls hurt when you hit them.

Sitting down, I tried to sort out my feelings. I felt hurt. Angry. Betrayed. Why couldn't the *Banner* try to recruit more female columnists?

Maybe re-run The Temple of

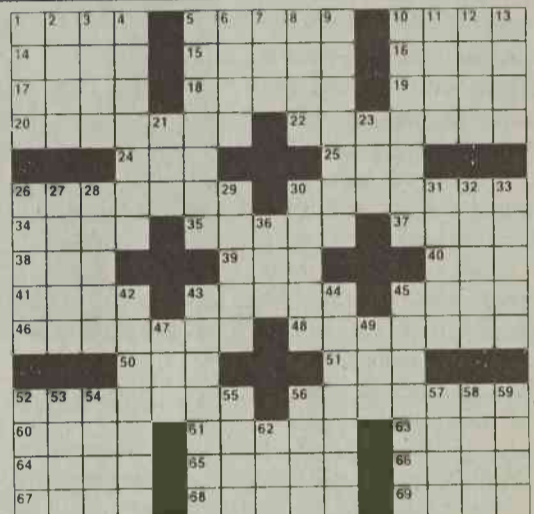
the Tree? Maybe I could write less frequently?

Or anything? The whole idea of being fired simply because I was male insulted me. It hurt me.

I suppose, it made me feel like some of our male athletes might, if they are removed from their teams because they, too, happen to be of the wrong gender.

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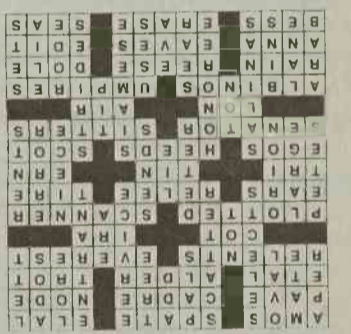
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Hussein is.

Obviously though, that reason alone does not explain the actions taken by the United States. Otherwise there would be all sorts of military adventures in the third world countries that are unable to defend themselves.

If one were inclined to be cynical, one might notice that it is an election year. But no one would wage war just to further his or her own political end. That would surely be construed as Un-American, wouldn't it?

Other factors should be sought. Clinton probably touches on the truth when he says that one of his objectives

is to protect "America's interests." But the question remains. Just what are those interests?

I am sickened by this macho posturing at the beach where Hussein and Clinton are kicking sand in each other's faces. Who pays the price? The people of both countries. State violence can never be justified.

As an aid worker who had been working in Erbil before Hussein's attack and was quoted in the same issue of the *Times* said: "When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers, and when elephants make love, the grass also suffers."

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Senior/German

The Latex gloves of death strike again

Dave Barry

Columnist

We here at the Bureau of Medical Alarm hope you had a restful, carefree, fun-filled summer. But before you get back into "the swing of things" for fall, we'd like to take just a moment to remind you that practically everything can kill you.

At the moment we are particularly concerned about:

LATEX GLOVES OF DEATH. We have here a Health Advisory issued June 27 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (motto: "We Have Not Yet Determined That Our Motto Is Safe").

This advisory, which was sent in by several alert medical people, begins with the following statement: "In the spring and summer of 1995, the spontaneous combustion of powder-free latex patient examination gloves cause four fires in different states."

The advisory states that all four fires involved large quantities of gloves stored in hot warehouses. But we here at the Bureau of Medical Alarm are asking ourselves: What if the doctor's hand was, at that very moment, **INSIDE YOUR PERSONAL BODY?** One thing that would hap-

pen, of course, is the doctor would charge you a lot of money. The underlying philosophy of our entire health-care system is that the more scary, painful, dangerous and unnecessary a medical procedure is, the more it should cost. So you would definitely pay top dollar to have a flaming glove thrust into what is technically known as the Booty Region.

Once word of this lucrative new procedure got around, doctors would be prescribing it for athlete's foot.

And here's a related item to be concerned about: An alert dental surgeon named Ian Hamilton sent me the June 1996 newsletter of the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Dental Association, which contains a letter to the editor, accompanied by a photograph, concerning a latex medical glove that was found to have a moth embedded in one of the fingers. Yes.

This means you could wind up with **BURNING RUBBERIZED INSECT** inside your body. Imagine the bill you'd get for THAT: Flaming Booth Moth Treatment (FBMT) - \$578,000; Recharge Fire Extinguisher - \$23; Dam-

age to Doctor's Gold Grip - \$54,000,000,000. We know what you're wondering at this point. But right now you have other important medical things to worry about such as:

DEADLY ITEMS UP YOUR NOSE. We have here a news item from *The Denver Post*, written by Jim Kirksey and sent in by many alert readers, con-

cerning a man who arrived at a hospital "With a device in his sinus cavity that potentially had the explosive force of five powerful M-80 firecrackers."

The device was a trigger used to deploy automobile air bags the man worked at a factory that manufactures the triggers, and an explosion had caused one of them to become—in the

words of a surgeon—"lodged into his nose."

Fortunately, the device was safely removed, but the doctors were very nervous that it might go off during the surgery. Here at the Bureau of Medical Alarm we are wondering: Why doesn't the federal government require auto manufacturers to warn us that air bags contain devices that could be deadly if we get them up our noses? This is especially critical if we have very young children, who can get ANYTHING up their noses. Very young children can get things up their noses that are larger than their BODIES. We think the government should require that the following statement be printed on automobile steering wheels: **WARNING: DO NOT ALLOW VERY YOUNG CHILDREN TO DISASSEMBLE THE AIR BAG AND INSERT THE EXPLOSIVE TRIGGER DEVICE WAY UP THEIR NOSE, AS THIS COULD RESULT IN YOUR HAVING TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR MORTAL LIFE TRYING TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY. ALSO YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT**

TO READ THIS WARNING WHILE OPERATING THIS . . . LOOK OUT! (CRASH) TOO LATE.

On a related medical note, we received a letter from Gail White, who works at a large hospital that shall remain nameless, who relates the following incident:

"A man appeared at the emergency room with his hands over his face, demanding to see a MALE doctor, and to see him ALONE. A doctor (dreading to see some horrible disfigurement) complied with his wishes.

When the man removed his hands, he was revealed to have a brassiere caught in his nose by the hooks."

No, we do not know how the brassiere got caught there. Nor do we know how many men are, right now, suffering from Brassiere Nose, but are too embarrassed to seek medical treatment. Our best guess is thousands.

If you are one of these unfortunate people, we urge you to seek medical help. Your doctor can tell you about a revolutionary new procedure to correct this condition. Tell him you definitely want the moth.

