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Fraud!!!

Dennis Allman

I'd like to take the space to explain this in full, but the basic message is too important:

People out there are trying to hurt you. They are trying to steal your money, your time, and your life. This you probably know. However, the specifics are always the problem: Who, Where, How? Here are the specifics.

A scam "company" that goes by the names: **Progressive Media Student Services**

Cruise Employment Services, and International Employment Group has taken to distributing poster-ads on college campuses.

All of their claims are false. Do no business with them.

We at the Broncos' Voice have received an ad from these people, but, aware of their unethical "business" practices, would not run it.

In a letter received at the Broncos' Voice office, an article from the *Seattle Times* chronicled the desperation of seven men who were lured to Seattle by the above con men. I have called this group, under the pretense of applying for work as an English teacher in Japan. Teaching English in Japan is a dream of mine, and the easiest way to sucker a man

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is by playing to his dreams. A very polite young woman answered, asked some information, name, address and the like, and told me that the catalogue of companies looking for students to teach would cost \$39.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. A couple of days later I received a very official-looking postcard thanking me for my interest and they anxiously awaited my correspondence. I laughed, thought, "I'll bet," and threw the postcard in the trash.

Robert A. Heinlein said, "quit looking for the best of it; thereafter [you can] no longer be swindled." Sounds pretty cynical to me, but my grandfather Norb said, "Cons can even cheat a cynic. All they have to do is thinly veil the worst of it. The cynic'll see through it, and think himself very clever. Then when the con's really got him, the cynic'll see it was even worse than he thought." Norb was a man of few words, and this for him is a long-winded explanation. However, conning a man is a complicated matter.

Seven young men, now marooned at the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle, answered one of the group's other offers, issued under the name Student Employment Services. After sending the \$39.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling for the catalogue, and buying a \$431 one-way ticket to Seattle, they arrived in Seattle, and began to apply for the jobs.

No jobs were to be had. They believed, as the company said, that their plane fares would be reimbursed. This turned out to be another lie.

Campus newspapers have stopped accepting the ads this group submits, no matter what fee they offer. Therefore, the cons have taken to posting these posters all over the campus bulletin boards because, supposedly, there is no way to regulate it. Supposedly.

I suppose they assume, even now that we know their scam, we will tolerate their bait on our campus. I don't think so.

I don't want to see any of my friends suckered and robbed and stranded.

It is time for us to protect our own. To tell the truth, I wouldn't mind if every one of these posters ended up in the garbage.



Photo By: Kelli Cardenas

The FSU Honda All-Star Challenge Team

Kneeling: G. Tyrone Battle and Albert Johnson; Back Row, left to right: Coach Gene Carraway, Timothy Jessie, Clifton Cunningham, Dennis Allman, Xavier Priest, and Coach Jerry Williams. Hanging: Ren Hoek.

LA or Bust!

By Kelli Cardenas and Dennis Allman

The Fayetteville State University All-Star Challenge team recently advanced to the quarterfinals in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. The 1994 Southeast Sectional Tournament was held at North Carolina A & T, March 17-20. Sixty-four teams competed nationwide and only eight advanced to the quarterfinals, to be held May 20-24, in Los Angeles, California.

Months of team practices and diligent studying prepared the players to match wits with some of the brightest minds in the Southeast region. This year's team consists of Team Captain Timothy Jessie, Dennis Allman, Gerald Battle, Clifton Cunningham, Albert Johnson, and Xaver Priest. The team was coached by Mr. Jerry Williams, and Mr. Gene Carraway from the Student Activities department;

they were assisted by photographer Kelli Cardenas.

Everyone had his area of expertise, but it was the obscure, unknown bits of information that saved us.. Some would say "useless information," but the fact is, no information is useless. That's what became evident as the contest progressed. Every

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