

ON CARRYING AN UMBRELLA



by Renee Jenkins

I would rather catch pneumonia than carry an umbrella. When I came to college, one of the things I couldn't wait for was not having to carry an umbrella. When I was small, my mother insisted on me carrying an umbrella. I would almost be out the door when I heard her yell, "Don't forget your umbrella!" I would roll my eyes and stomp back in the house knowing there was no use in fighting about it. Sometimes I would say, "But Mom a raincoat does just as well if not better." But she would always find an excuse to make me carry that bothersome umbrella!

What use does an umbrella serve? Sure it keeps the rain off the top of my head but as soon as a big gust of wind comes along, the rain whips right underneath it and blows that wet stuff right in my face. As I think back on my primary school days, I remember a situation with my umbrella. I was getting ready to leave one morning for school, when I opened the door and I realized it was raining. Well I started to rush out the door but it was too late. My mom yelled from the kitchen, "Don't forget your umbrella." It just happened to be the day that I had to take a project to school and my violin and five books and THAT DUMB UMBRELLA! On the way to the bus stop, I was caught in a big gust of wind and the umbrella started to fly away. In my attempt to catch it, I dropped my books, my poster I had worked on for two hours, and my eight hundred dollar violin, ALL BECAUSE OF THAT UMBRELLA!

Being a child of this "Umbrella Syndrome," I discovered some tricky ways of ditching the unwanted umbrella. To please my mother, I would carry the umbrella on to the bus stop and then throw it behind Mr. Williams' bush. Then when I got home from school, I would pick it up and carry it home. Another way was to wait until the last possible moment to leave for the bus stop and then go running out of the house screaming to my mom, "I couldn't find the umbrella mom and I've got to go!" If all else would fail, I would take the umbrella on to school and then accidentally lose it somewhere.

One possible alternative for an umbrella is the raincoat. For those who dislike the rain apparel, I would suggest the paper hat. In just a few lessons, one can be properly trained to make many different styles of paper hats. If one likes the umbrella and its uses, but doesn't like to carry it, there is also an umbrella hat on the market that would suit the needs of such people. For the people who don't like to have their hands full, then there are two possible solutions. Either stay inside on those rainy days or catch pneumonia!

There must be a better solution for keeping rain off than carrying an umbrella. Not only does it cause the problem of having too much to carry, it can cause injury. Imagine if I was caught in a wind storm. The wind comes along and sweeps me away never to be heard from again. I could've had broken bones or even a cracked skull! Who could I sue? Mother Nature? Also if it had been lightning, I could have been struck dead! So why carry around a death stick? That's SUICIDE! In my opinion, people should think on the



TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER

by Janet Grogan

If someone were to say this to you on campus in relation to the music department of M-AC, then you would probably be confused. The reason why is that there has been a change in direction.

Ed Carwithen has been put into the worthy position as the new Director of Admissions. To take his place is a new face on campus known as Foster McElfresh. His job is to take over the M-AC choir.

I am sure that both of these efficient leaders would appreciate your words of encouragement and kind prayers during this time of new responsibility and change they are getting used to.



DR. FOSTER MCELFRISH

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OKAY GUYS, WHAT DID YOU DO THIS TIME?

INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS

by Tomoko Takahashi

The International Club met on December 4, of last semester, at Scott Richardson's home. We shared how each country celebrates Christmas. We found out that countries in Asia celebrate New Year more than they do Christmas. Some countries in Asia do not even celebrate Christmas. Also, some of the students told about Christmas traditions of their families.

Later, we heard reports from the students who went to the International Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia during the Thanksgiving holidays. Those who went said that they had a real good time. According to them, there were over two hundred people from forty-four countries present. The talent show was strong in their memories.

This was the first meeting since we elected officers. We had good fellowship and delicious refreshments.

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