

# A&T Lecturer Says Child Abusers Take Cues from Actions of Gorillas

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The abuse of human infants may be related to the social isolation inherent in modern civilization, and some studies being conducted on gorillas are proving the theory.

"Some of the studies

suggest that social isolation is a characteristic of the child abuser," said Dr. R.D. Nadler, a psychologist with the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center in Atlanta. Nadler and botanist, Dr. William D'Arcy were recent guest lecturers for the Artis

P. Graves and Arthur F. Jackson lecturers at A&T State University. Nadler's work on the mother-infant relationships of gorillas in captivity, suggests that gorilla mothers are likely to abuse their infants when they have been separated from the male or the group. In other words, said Nadler, they gave birth in social isolation.

Because of the change, Nadler said some people adjust less well in a crisis situation and that type of crisis attributes to child abuse.

"It's common," said Nadler, "to find that anti-social people are social. Da David Berkowitz (Son of Sam) was a loner."

In D'Arcy's talk, he noted that gorillas in their daily activity, have a strong impact on the vegetation and they determine the plant association of their environment.

"Gorillas live in a tall herb association, and remove all of the plants which are not a part of that association," he said.

D'Arcy said gorillas have a tendency to trample plants which are not useful to them, but keep those plants which are useful. "Most other animals affect their environment to their disadvantage," he said.

Nadler said his studies show that gorillas who give birth in a group are generally good mothers.

The reproductive scientist said that in a similar way, human females are not giving birth in a wholesome social setting.

"At one time, the basic group was the family and when a female gave birth, she could get support from close relatives. Females now leave the family group and live their lives away from the primary group," he said.

## RESCUE FIRE STICKER MIGHT SAVE LIVES

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Fires are likely to damage or destroy millions of homes and be one of the major causes of accidental deaths in the United States in 1979. But there will also be a nationwide effort to cut down on the number of Americans who'll die in these fires.

Part of this effort will be the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's new Fire Rescue Sticker. Attached to a window or door, it can alert firefighters to the presence of someone who needs help to escape.

Although fires in the home threaten every family member, they are especially hazardous to the very young, the aged and the handicapped, whose lack of mobility hampers escape.

According to Metropolitan's statistical bureau, fires and flames are the third leading cause of accidental death among females, and the fourth leading cause among males. Annually, one to three million people are injured in about 4.5 million fires in the home.

One man in particular who's especially pleased about the new sticker is Roger Koopmann, a computer programmer at Metropolitan's home office in New York. As a volunteer fireman in Hicksville, N.Y., he's seen his share of home ablaze.

"It hasn't made me paranoid about fire, but I am acutely aware of the dangers," he said. "I want to be sure that my family is protected while I'm out fighting someone else's fire. I have a smoke detector, a fire extinguisher and a rope ladder for escaping from the second

floor of my house, and we've practiced escape procedures. I'll use the sticker so rescuers will know to look for my little boy, who might need their help to get out of the house.

"I plan to distribute the free sticker in my community," said Koopmann. "It's a very simple way to give my neighbors peace of mind."

Metropolitan will contact all 27,000 professional and volunteer fire departments in the country to let them know about the new sticker. Although similar ones are in use in some localities, Metropolitan's orange iridescent sticker will be the first to be distributed through nationwide media. It will be available in a tear-out ad in the April issue of Reader's Digest magazine. You can also get a sticker from participating fire departments on the nearest Metropolitan office.

### COMPLETE RECRUIT TRAINING

Marine Private First Class Kenneth M. Brown, son of Monroe Brown of 2208 Summit St., Durham and Marine Private Michael L. Burt, son of Leroy Burt of Durham have completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the nine-week training cycle, they learned the basics of battlefield survival. They were introduced to the typical daily routine that they will experience during their enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

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### An Ancient Easter Tradition



quite supply of raisins for the Easter season.

This Easter, treat your family to the newest twist on this ancient tradition, the Giant Hot Cross Bun. Plenty of sweet raisins and a touch of lemon make this giant bun just as tender and moist as its miniature counterparts.

**GIANT HOT CROSS BUN**

1 package (13 1/2 ounces) hot roll mix (calling for 1 egg) 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel  
 1/2 cup sugar 1/4 cup flour  
 2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine 1 cup raisins  
 Egg glaze  
 Icing (recipe follows)

Prepare hot roll mix as package directs, except add sugar, butter and grated lemon peel with the egg. Knead dough on floured board, using about 1/4 cup flour, until smooth and elastic (about 5 minutes). Cover and let rise in warm place about 1 1/2 hours, or until double in bulk. Punch down. Knead in raisins, cover and let rest 15 minutes. Shape into a ball about 6 inches in diameter. Place in greased 9-inch cake pan. Let rise in warm place until almost double. With sharp knife, slash a cross in the top. Brush with egg glaze (egg yolk beaten with 1 teaspoon milk). Bake in 375 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes. Cool. Drizzle icing on top to make a cross. Makes 8 servings.

**Icing:** Beat smooth 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted, and 2 tablespoons milk.

This giant hot cross bun is made quickly and deliciously with hot roll mix and plenty of chewy, tangy raisins.

Hot cross buns have been a part of the Easter season for centuries. The tradition of baking hot cross buns on Good Friday dates from the Middle Ages. Even earlier, records show that sweet buns decorated with an icing cross were part of Greek and Roman religious celebrations. Greek and Roman bakers used dried fruits like raisins as one of the chief ingredients in these special breads.

Today, raisins are still an important ingredient in favorite breads and other baked goods. They have just the right amount of tangy sweetness to give any special bread, cake or dessert a truly unique flavor. And, the raisin industry reports there should be an ade-





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