

LETTERS

Woodley Off The Mark ... Again!

Dear Editor,
 Once again I am moved to respond to another attempt in writing an article and cartoon by Assistant Editor James Woodley. James has a real gift for speaking out of both sides of his mouth. Isn't it James' last self-righteous article and bigoted cartoon (*The Clarion*, March 8) that has most recently ruined our "happy little day" at Brevard College, as he so condescendingly puts it?

Yes James, it's quite obvious that racism has not gone away. In judging from your latest "Toggle Switch" cartoon you certainly are not practicing what you are preaching. (Not that anyone was asking you for a sermon). In the first troubling episode, your character was using obscene language and exposing himself in a telephone booth. In your latest effort he has supposedly "changed his ways" and speaks in pompous English, wears a suit, and then asks a frightened girl in French to go to bed with him. That is a blatantly racist message you are conveying to the readers. Do you somehow feel threatened by African-Americans' sexuality? This subject certainly seems to be an important issue with you.

Another one of James' preposterous ideas is to equate Black History with racism. That's like equating Jewish Studies with Fascism. At Brevard College we are offered "Western Civilization I and II, that in itself is "White History." What is wrong with someone expanding their knowledge and finding out about the many facets of historical information available?

Throughout his last article James refers to how wise a man his father is. Perhaps James should invite his father to write his next piece. At the very least it might be intelligible.

Sincerely,
 James Halyard

was being hurled out the window, but, according to the editorial, at least one other person was. Security is that person's responsibility too. The socially dysfunctional person who tossed the pizza should have been reported by some responsible citizen who is mad for security-on-demand.

2) I am sorry the gas cap is gone, but there is a presumption there that needs to be addressed. Perhaps it was stolen, but, in my own forgetfulness or lack of completion of a task, I have either left a gas cap behind, or failed to put it on tightly. This could be the case. If it was attached to the fuel intake pipe, that should have been mentioned so the "theft" concept would be more viable.

3) My car has been dented here, at Wal-Mart, at restaurants, and in garages. Yes, it is too bad, but I have not been led to believe that security is an extra created for me only. There are certain things that are automatically a part of reality.

If a security person were to be put

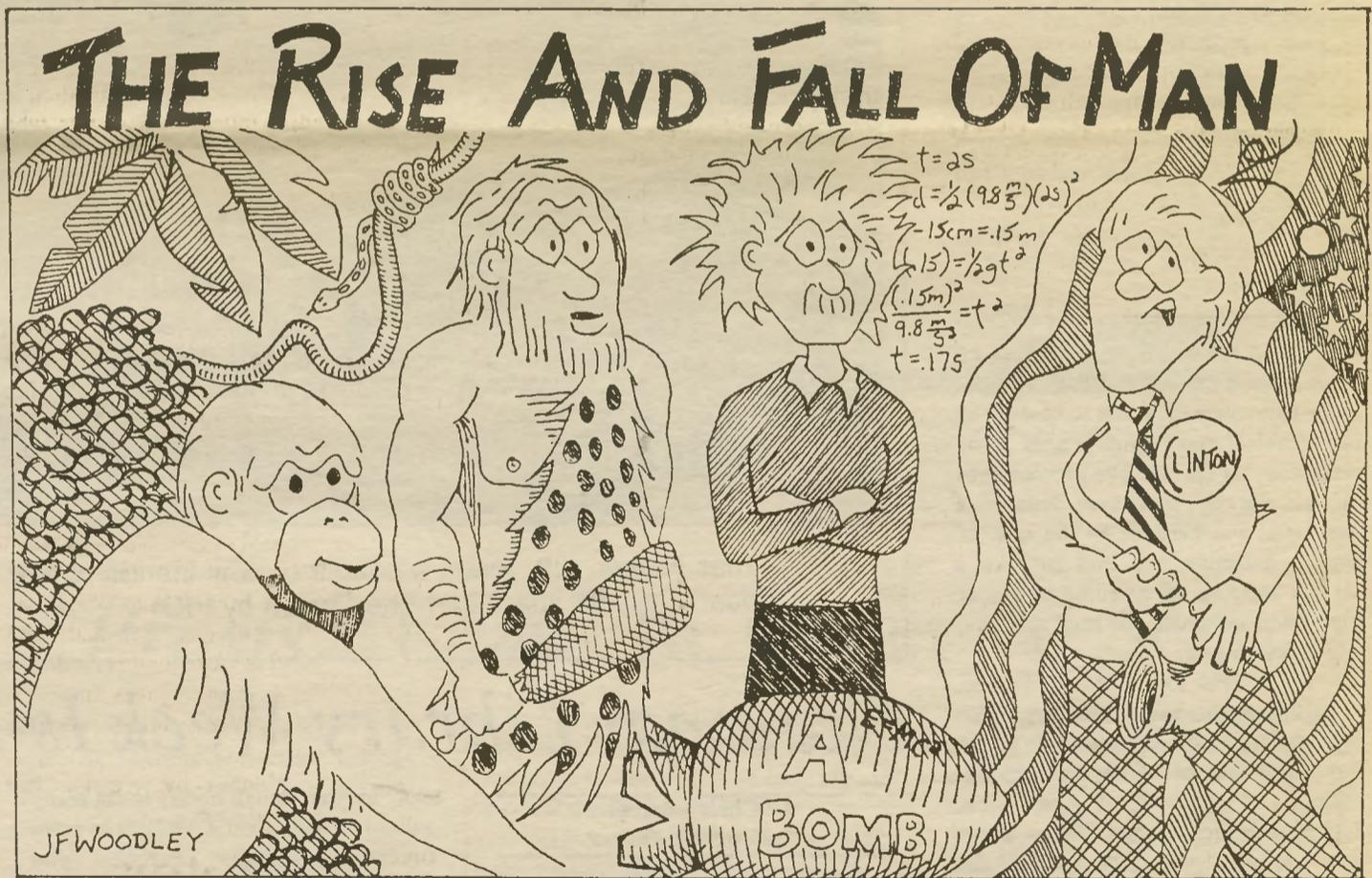
in every parking lot, at the entrance to every building, under every window, or wherever our personal problems lie, no one could afford the \$55,000 tuition it would cost to do so. I would recommend that we begin with policing some things ourselves: report those you know who do something wrong (yes, I mean squeal on them). If you are not a part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Maybe security was a little late, but if they get five calls at one time about pizzas flying out windows, they don't have time to do all the reports and investigations we think our rights give to us, especially when we could help by making a simple phone call. If you are not afraid to criticize, never be afraid to help when you know that would be best. We are nothing but a group of people who need to work together. Perhaps, if the "person" who pitched the pizza out the window were reported, more could be done.

As far as your comment about searching rooms and cars is concerned, I'm not sure how far this needs to go. However, I could almost guarantee that if a security had searched the dorm rooms to find the pizza tosser's empty box, someone would feel rights were violated. Is there any winning with people who have been led to believe the eleventh commandment reads, "Thou shall do everything for ME?" Where does the give-somebody-a-break come into our relationship with each other while we live in a community of others?

I commend the security people on this campus. They have a lot to deal with from larceny, weapons and state law violations, all the way down to pizza tossing. They deserve more than criticism. Thanks security; you're doing great.

Sincerely,
 Robert Allwyn White
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"Thanks Security; You're Doing Great."

Dear Editor,
 I am writing this in response to Meredith Gilmore's "Security is Lacking" editorial (*The Clarion*, Feb. 15, 1993).

I usually do not get involved in political time wasting, but I have some definite reactions to this editorial.

1) Perhaps security was not in the parking lot, looking up when the pizza

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