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Over the holidays, my sister and I saw Carrot Top, the comedian, with friends. It was one of the last things we did with one friend of ours.

On January 4, 1993, Jason Brown, our friend, passed away in an automobile accident on the way to our house.

Let me introduce you to Jason, who I only got to know recently. He was best friends with my sister - a true friend. He loved to spend money, especially on clothes and always dressed exceptionally well.

He was infatuated with Madonna, but we won't hold that against him. He was very charismatic and full of life. He sang off key.

Now, I'm not one to make any New Year's resolutions, but I will make an exception this year. I think that I will appreciate more fully the life God gave me.

Sure Jason is in a better place now, but I like to believe God put us here for other reasons than to bide our time until we go home to Him.

My new roommate, Kevin, gave me a book to read the other day, *I Got a Job (And It Wasn't That Bad)* or something like that. It was an illustrated book, an everyday journal, recounting the mediocrity of life after college.

It was scary, but I saw myself in that book. We all have our routines, and sometimes the routine takes over your life whether it's your soaps, a video game, school work or the student newspaper.

My resolution for the new year is that to make my life better, I will start living, not merely existing. Life is precious and not something to be taken for granted.

It's not like I was a hermit before, I just never appreciated fully all the experiences I go through each day.

I'm glad we got tickets to see Carrot Top, I laughed my behind off and so did everybody else, especially Jason.

Greg Carpenter

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Forum

Two seniors, Kevin Walter and Markell Lynch, give us their thoughts on the Lorena Bobbitt trial.

Violence must not be condoned

When asked if Mrs. Bobbitt was justified for her actions if her husband had abused her, Chris Sloan stated, "She should've done something, but not that."

In this day and age more and more women are stepping forward and admitting that they have been abused. It has taken us a long time to finally get to this point.

Abusing anyone is wrong. A man who beats his wife, girlfriend, or any women is without excuse. Punishment should be dealt out to those individuals. The question is, who should deliver this penalty?

Are we to throw our legal system out the window? We have all had times when we wanted to serve justice on those who have crossed us. We can't do that though. Like the old saying goes, "Two wrongs don't make a right."

Whether Mrs. Bobbitt cut off her husband's penis or his little toe on his left foot, it wasn't the legal or moral thing to do. We all think these drive by shootings are inexcusable. Drive-bys are self-determined forms of justification. That is exactly what Mrs. Bobbitt thinks her actions were, justified.

Some people think she was correct. How can a person condemn one act of violence and not another. After all, Mr. Bobbitt could've gone into shock and bled to death.

If this act goes unpunished, who is to say that you might be the next one to suffer vigilantism? You might get your eye poked out for voyeurism, or your car vandalized for reckless driving.

What comes next?

If Mr. Bobbitt beat his wife the courts will take care of him. That is exactly where the responsibility should have been put in the first place, not in Mrs. Bobbitt's hands.

We cannot allow our legal system to be slowly torn apart by letting such actions go unpunished. If you knock down one domino they will all fall down. The only way to stop is by not letting the first domino fall. Stop the violence before it starts.

Kevin Walter

Celebration Week '94

Music! Skits! Prayer!

January 30 — February 3

9 p.m. in the Dover Theatre

Faculty and Student Speakers

Dimensions: **Tuesday** in the LYCC
at 9:25 a.m.**Thursday** — a drama in the
Dover Theatre at 9:25 a.m.
and 10:25 a.m.*For great is the Lord and most worthy of
praise; . . .* I Ch. 16:25*Jesus said, "Now this is eternal life: that
they may know God and Jesus Christ, whom
you have sent.*

John 17:3

Men experience the fear women have always felt

The men are terrified. Lorena Bobbitt mutilated her husband and did not go to jail. How many more women are going to try it now?

The men are terrified. They have just been put in the position women have been in for centuries.

Men have been mutilating women and getting off on insanity pleas for years. And it never gets the national coverage that severing a man's penis has received because rape isn't unusual.

Rape is a fact of life for women. Acquaintance rape, date rape, rape by any definition is mutilation of body and soul. The violence of the act causes mutilation inside the vaginal cavity which can require surgery.

And the men are terrified because one woman picked up a knife and cut off her husband's penis. A man doesn't need a knife to rape a woman, all he needs is to ignore the word "no."

Rape in no way justifies mutilation, although there are several males who would suggest it for rapists. Rape is the equivalent of severing a man's penis in that it is violent, senseless mutilation which inhibits and prevents sex for the victim.

The men are terrified. The women have been terrified.

Markell Lynch

Campus Calendar

Amateur Astronomers Meet
Presentations, Demonstrations,
Viewing.

The Cleveland County Astronomical Society will meet in the DCC Banquet Hall January 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Career Placement and Planning

• On-Campus Interview — January 28

Debt-check recovery systems position: part-time night collector, Mon.-Thurs. 5/6 - 9 p.m. Contact Hope Toney in Career Planning.

• Teacher Ed. Job Fair — February 10

Resume must be submitted by Friday, January 28 to the Career Planning and Placement office in the DCC. See Hope Toney, coordinator, career and placement, for a list of schools. The job fair will take place in the DCC banquet hall.

• Nursing Career Day — March 1

See Hope Toney in Career Placement for details.

Celebration Week '94

• Music, skits, and prayer — Jan. 30 - Feb. 3

A week of prayer and rejoicing on the Gardner-Webb campus held in the Dover Theatre each night starting at 9 p.m. Also continuing in Dimensions on Tuesday and Thursday.

Residence Life

• RA applications due — Feb. 4

Gardner-Webb Theatre

• Hello Dolly — Feb. 24 - March 1

Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night with a matinee performance at 2:30 on Sunday.