

Blue Light Is Not A K-Mart Special

As a means to help improve the safety and communications of our students, faculty/staff and visitors, the security department has installed two security phones outside on the campus.

One phone is located on the north side of the public restrooms near the tennis court, inside a blue box. This is a regular telephone. Anyone needing assistance can pick up the phone and dial 765, which will call our security personnel on their radio.

The other phone is a call box model and is located on a light pole between parking lot E and the tennis court parking lot near the duck pond and walking trail. There is a blue light above the unit to help show its location to the public. On this unit, all one has to do is push the call button and it will identify what station it is to the security officer and he/she will ask you what you need. Just push the call button when you speak and release the button to listen.

Both of these phones have been installed to improve the safety of everyone on our campus. You may use these units when you have any type of emergency, need help with a car door being locked or have a dead battery. These phones are for your convenience and safety. Please help us by reporting any abuse of these phones to our security.

Look Out For Leapin' Ladies

To make a long story short, a weeping St. Bridget approached St. Patrick. It seemed women were anxious and distressed because they could not take the initiative in proposing marriage.

St. Patrick clucked sympathetically and agreed women could do their own proposing for one year out of every seven. (Hardly equitable, but that was then.) St. Bridget wanted more and finally got him to agree to a compromise of one year (the leaping one) out of every four — to begin immediately.

Then she proposed to him. He wasn't interested, but wanted to be gallant, so he gave her a peck on the cheek and a silk dress. (Such a deal.)

Those who doubt the veracity of this tale should be told that in 1600 England, it was written in the common law: "as oft as lepe yeare doth return, ye ladies have ye privilege of making love to ye men, which they doe either by wordes or lookes as to them seem-

eth proper." (The French and Italians followed suit.) And until this century, an unwritten law said that any man had to pay a forfeiture of a silk dress to any lady he turned down.

Scottish law was even more serious: "gif he refuses to take her to be his wyf, he shall be mulct in the sum of one hundredty pundis, or less as his esait may be, exceptt and alwais gif he can mak it appeare that he is brtrothit to another woman, then he shall be free."

All this to-do because Julius Caesar's 46 B.C. calendar made a year 365¼ days long. But this was off by 11 minutes, 14 seconds, which didn't matter until Pope Gregory XIII found in 1582 that everyone was now ten days late. This despite the 366-day leap year once every four that was supposed to take care of the fraction. So he decreed away the ten days as well as the leap day in century years, or one of every four, to keep humankind from being late again. (Thus 1600 leapt, 1700, 1800 and 1900 did not. The year 2000 will again leap.) The latest word, however, is that the Gregorian calendar is also slightly off, so a day will likely be dropped some time in the year 4000.

At any rate, 1992 leaps with 29 days in February, so bachelors beware: the ladies they'll be a-leapin'.



They Came, They Tried, They Succeeded



George Washington

The year was 1777, George Washington was at Valley Forge with his troops.

After suffering defeat upon defeat under British fire, Washington and his men retreated - worn and weary - to wait out the winter at Valley Forge, and from there protect Congress, then in session in Philadelphia, PA.

And a bitter winter it was. Living in crude huts built by their own hands, without adequate food or clothing, thousands — a full third of the 11,000 forces — died that winter of sickness, exposure, and starvation. And just as many deserted.

But those who remained, inspired by the faith and determination of the man who led them, went on in the spring of 1778 to defeat the British, win the Revolutionary War, and remain immortal as the standard bearers of America's freedom.

Abraham Lincoln

One loves to read of the man who ran for the legislature of his State, but was defeated; who then turned his steps toward the business field, but failed; then spent fifteen years paying up the debts of a no-good partner; who ran for Congress, and was swamped; who tried to get an appointment with the United States Land Office, and again fell down; who became the candidate for the United States Senate, and lost; who wanted to be vice president of the United States, only to succumb to defeat once more. But who finally became president, and whose fame will last as long as the success of these United States remains on the pages of history — Abraham Lincoln!

Yes, it can be done.

For he believed as other great people before him that the only thing impossible is that not tried.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I think that some of the tutors who teach for 20 to 30 hours a week should be allowed to park in teacher parking. We teach almost as much as some instructors do! Any replies??

Kathy Smith, Tutor

Phi Theta Kappa



Kenny McNeil, Parker Steele, and Lew Wagoner. (Sean Wilson not pictured.)

On December 18, 1991, four candidates were initiated in Phi Theta Kappa. They were: Kenny McNeil, Parker Steele, Lew Wagoner, and Sean Wilson. An additional nominee, Thelma Walker, will be initiated during the 1991-92 Spring Quarter.

Phi Theta Kappa Society, with more than 900 chapters in the United States and abroad, is the only internationally acclaimed honor society serving two year colleges offering associate degree programs.

Academic excellence is the primary hallmark of Phi Theta Kappa. Membership is extended by invitation only. To be considered, a student must:

- 1) be enrolled in a regionally accredited associate degree program,
- 2) have accumulated 12 or more hours, leading to an associate degree,
- 3) have established a record of academic excellence as judged by the faculty,
- 4) be of good moral character and possess recognized qualities of citizenship, and
- 5) have established a cumulative grade point average of 3.50.

Drama Dept.

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Moser, and Rebecca Mayes. The stage managers are Peggy Benson and Mike Church.

The second show, "Sex Lives of Superheroes," will be directed by Tim Reynolds. The cast includes Michael Hall, Karissa Eilert, Heather Duncan, Barbara Tomlinson, Johnny Hall, Dacia Eilert, Courtney Keener, Sheryl Monks, and Peggy Benson.

The third play of the evening, directed by Karalyn Johnson, will be "The Wild Flowering of Chastity, or Chaste Across the Stage," a rip-roaring melodrama, laugh-packed and action-filled. Cast includes Bucky Keener, Michelle Johnson, Michael Laws, Alan Downing, Michael Roten, Stephanie Moser, Becky Johnson, Ricky Carroll, Shawn Lowe, and stage managed by Jacinta Johnson.

Admission is \$11.00 and reservations are required. Further information may be obtained by calling the Walker Center box office between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at (919) 651-8666.

— David Reynolds
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