

# Chechnya

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Many of Yeltsin's liberal supporters have left him. The Russian freepress aired footage of Chechen casualties and revealed the inaccuracy of Russian missiles, one of which destroyed a Chechen orphanage.

Russian troops' morale was low. They took days to push through to Grozny because they hadn't the heart to shoot the civilians blocking the way. Soldiers' mothers protested by carrying signs of disapproval of the war outside the Kremlin.

Clearly because of the decision to invade Chechnya Heltsin has endangered the political and economic stability of an already unstable government.

The U.S. has yet to become involved, which President Clinton has dismissed as an "internal affair."

-By: John Vaught

# Financial Aid

Students needing assistance for the 1994-95 school year (with spring quarter beginning on March 7, 1995) must apply for financial aid as soon as possible.

For more information on the financial aid programs and other sources of assistance, including assistance with the application process, contact: grants, scholarships, college work study- Alan Whittington 651-8633; Vickie Call 651-8630; JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) - Claudia Eller 651-8777; Veterans Benefits - Coot Gilreath 651-8638. Information on other assistance programs: Employment Security Commission, Vocational Rehabilitation, NC State VA, NC National Guard, contact the WCC Business Office, 651-8605.

# Are You a Friend?

Friend is a word that has many different meanings. Some people consider a casual acquaintance a friend, while others think a friend is someone whom they have been close with for a long time. No matter what kind of friendship people have certain values go along with being a friend. They are honesty, trust, and loyalty. First, the key to being a good friend is honesty. After all everybody wants someone to tell them the truth, not lie. If a person is honest, then people feel like they can trust the person. Another part of being a friend is trust. When somebody trusts a person, they feel like they can tell the person anything without it being repeated. Finally the most important aspect of being a friend is loyalty. When a person is there for someone else through the good and especially the bad, the person is usually thought of as loyal. The combination of honesty, trust, and loyalty are what people look for in a friend.

By: Adrianna Euliss

# Review

"The Foreigner," the hit comedy presented by the Wilkes Community College Theatre during the summer of 1994, was reviewed for the November production. The play by Larry Shue, was the winner of two Outer Critics Circle Awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production.

The hilarious Southern comedy occurred in a fishing lodge where devious characters dealt with a stranger who they thought knew no English. This production was an entry in The American College Theatre Festival at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina on Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Local performances were scheduled for the November 9, Thursday November 10 and Friday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m. The audience was seated on the stage with the per-

formers at the John A. Walker Community Center.

Performers in "The Foreigner" included John Owen as Froggy LeSueur, the munitions expert; Brandon Wardell as Charlie Baker who "spoke no English;" Patty Cook, as Betty Meeks, who owned the fishing lodge; Jess McNeil as Rev. David Lee who helped the needy; Dina M. Ormond as Catherine Simms, a guest at the lodge who was engaged to Rev. Lee; Nat Padgett was Owen Mussuer, the local building inspector; and Shannon Reynolds portrayed Ellard Simms, brother of Catherine, also a guest at the lodge.

WCC Theatre Instructor David Reynolds was the production director. Scenery and lighting design were by Lura Myers. Stephanie Moser was the stage manager. This was a great performance.

# Pet Peeves

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a pet peeve simply as "a frequent subject of complaint." No one is without at least one pet peeve. In fact, according to my campus survey, it seems that most people have several.

Even the faculty is not immune to pet peeves. For example, if you want to annoy Clifton Le Cornu, just jump in the express line at the grocery store with too many items. To irritate Jo Hendrix, drive around with your turn signal on. Alan Whittington is perturbed by people who ignore signs while Philip Billings is vexed by people who are always apologizing. (Sorry, Philip!) People who believe that rules do not apply to them grieve Ed Curtis. When Pete Petrie was asked for his pet peeve, he simply inquired, "Why utilize when it's easier to use?"

Here are the rest of the pet peeve survey findings:

Robin Hunter - People that won't tie up their dogs.

Holly Grimwood - When other people act like their time is more important than mine.

Ann Walker - When the computer won't do what I tell it to do.

Mike Kilby - People who expect more out of life than they deserve.

Jason Maloney - People who drive too slow in the left lane.

Mindy Anderson - When my children come up, put their arms around me and say, "Mom, I love you." I

know there is an ulterior motive.

Patty Cook - People that chew loudly, smacking their gums.

Brandon Wardell - People with low self-esteem.

Tina Smith - People who ride their brakes on the interstate.

Carol Griffin - Backseat drivers.

John Vaught - Women that agree with anything to avoid a confrontation.

Judy Kilby - People who spit tobacco into the water fountain.

Tonya Church - People with poor grammar.

Lynn Osborne - Telephone solicitors.

Rebecca Hamrick - People that think they know it all.

Stephanie German - People that leave the toilet seat up.

Angie Spicer - Tailgaters.

Carla Bowers - People who use race as an excuse for their failures.

Alice Riggs - People who fail to properly discipline their children and they wind up in college as a burden to faculty, staff, and other students at that institution.

Shana Ritch - Littering.

Personally, if you really want to "get my goat," just walk in the outdoor, or out the in-door. These are just a sampling of the pet peeves from a few people around the campus. I'm sure you can come up with many more.

-Patty Dollar

# Let Not Resolves Dissolve

Watch how quickly a New Year's resolution can become an irresolution (with the prefix *ir* meaning not) with a little help from a dictionary and a thesaurus...

*Resolution* means *backbone*, which means *strength*, which translates to *power*.

*Power's* synonym is *influence*, leading to *advantage*, which turns into an *alteration*.

An *opening* is also an *introduction* or an *innovation*, which can mean an *alteration*.

Flipping more pages, you find that an *alteration* leads to a *fluctuation*, which leads to *indecision*.

Presto! *Indecision* translates to *irresolution*. And quicker than you can say, "I resolve to..." you find yourself "irresolved."

Of course the above is a game with isolated words minus the surrounds or contexts that give them real meaning. But it illustrates how easily an isolated resolution meant to be kept can become unkept.

Resolutions, then, must be fitted or woven into your life to have staying power. Look to each one's context. For example, something to be added, like regular walking for exercise, must be given a time frame, preferably the same time each day when it will not conflict with other must do's; must be prepared for, with appropriate shoes/clothes and at least one route and alternate route; must have set goals such as so much distance in so much time in so many months.

You get the idea. Plan the context of each resolution, one at a time. Don't let your New Year's resolves dissolve in '95. Strive to make them stick till '96, and beyond.

When the press is free and every man (and woman) able to read, all is safe.

-President Thomas Jefferson

# Write 'Em Right

Your book of life, volume 1995, contains 365 blank pages.

Volume 1994 is closed and all its pages and chapters record the many days and weeks of that year.

Its record is done, finished. You needn't forget the book, but there's no reason to dwell on it either. You cannot change one word or alter one deed.

The important book is the current volume, and January 1 opens its first chapter. It's yours to do with as you think best. Make every day's page count!