

## Peace Elusive in Sri Lanka

Delegations from the Sri Lankan Government and the Tamil Tiger rebels are in Thailand for a second round of peace talks scheduled to begin on Thursday. The talks come as an overnight curfew was imposed in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo after inter-communal clashes between Muslim and Sinhalese mobs.

### AIDS Reaches High

South Africa has one of the highest HIV-AIDS rates in the world, with 20% of its people between ages 15 and 34 infected. The disease has left nearly 300,000 orphans. Many of them live in households headed by an older sibling forced by circumstance to assume the role of parent

### Here Again Gone Again

This past week multiple bomb deposits and threats have been made across Northern Ireland. This, after the IRA, a dissident republican group, reported its own disbandment. Though, after multiple claims of disbandment the IRA continues to act as an existing entity with no evidence to back up the claim. Authorities in the UK doubt the group has or will disappear anytime soon.

### Cow Manure Powers Homes

Portsmouth's Environmental Power Corporation said that they have mastered a technique to collect methane called anaerobic digestion. Methane gas can be harvested from cow manure -- which, like propane, can

be used for heating or electricity. The solid manure is left almost odorless and can be used as fertilizer. A mid-size farm that has several hundred cows can produce enough electricity for up to 2,000 homes.

### Implantable Chip, On Sale Now

The maker of an implantable human ID chip has launched a national campaign to promote the device, offering \$50 discounts to the first 100,000 people who register to get embedded with the microchip. The rice-size device costs \$200. Those implanted must also pay for the doctor's injection fee and a monthly \$10 database maintenance charge. 125-kilohertz radio frequency signal

that transmits its unique ID number to a scanner.

### EtnaBlows

Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, erupted October 27, spouting molten rock 650ft into the air above Sicily and producing streams of lava that engulfed small buildings on the island. By late afternoon, the eruption had destroyed a line of ski-lift pylons used to reach the summit, as well as a pine forest. Pre eruption earthquakes numbered more than 100 up to 3.5 on the Richter scale

*News Sources include: Africa Online, Wired News, ABC Online, BBCi, Ulster Television Internet*



"You know, there are lots of types of people in the world...I am just glad I am one of them."

## DAN'S GIMCRACK ...

### Living Water

By Johanna Wright  
Forgiveness

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."  
Ephesians 4:32

When we are hurt or wronged by others it is difficult for us to forgive, let alone to be kind and compassionate to them. It is easier to hold on to a grudge and allow scars of bitterness and hatred to grow deeper and wider until a relationship has been completely destroyed. In the same way our relationship with God is broken and cannot be restored without forgiveness.

Scripture is clear that none of us deserve forgiveness from God. We are sinful and deserve judgment and punishment, yet our God chooses to mercifully forgive those who call on the name of Jesus. His ultimate act of forgiveness was displayed in the cross. Jesus Christ died because the Father loved us so much that He wanted to forgive us even though we were undeserving. This is the key to being kind and compassionate to others and fostering lives of true forgiveness. If God could send His Son to die in order to forgive us, how could we not be willing to forgive others the wrongs they commit against us? Outside of knowing Jesus Christ, true, lasting, transforming forgiveness cannot be fully given or received. May we all accept the forgiveness God has given us in Christ Jesus and freely bestow it upon one another in kindness and compassion.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we also forgive those who trespass against us.

## FCA 'Sets the Pace'



By Peter Thompson

The FCA's vision is simply to follow God's Vision, God's purpose, and God's will, while reflecting His light. This year is a new beginning filled with opportunities for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). (However, one does not need to be an athlete to participate.)

Our theme this year comes from Jeremiah 12:5: "If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out,

Then how can you compete with horses? If you fall down in a land of peace, How will you do in the thicket of Jordan?" We want to learn how to "set the pace," just as God has already done in our lives.

Colonel Sullivan and Dr. Bill Cain got us started with great words of wisdom. Colonel Sullivan shared his inspirational testimony, and Bill Cain shared what it meant to "set the

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## SGA Minutes

By Toney Johnson

Meeting called to Order: 7:06

Prayer by: Graham Ottley

Attendance:

Adam Schultz, Graham Ottley, Jonathan Bennet, Lindsay King, Lyndsay Mayer, Vince Norfleet, Kaylin Fisher, Toney Johnson, Ashley Presson, Kelley Cleveland, Excused absence: Tim Tyson, Lucas Fisher, Sarah Hicks

Old Business:

Recycling: (Kelley) Kelley confirmed that Don Yelton is speaking at convocation on Tuesday, October 29. She requested help for advertisement. Update on research found: The current state of Montreat's recycling program is having communication difficulties and is most likely inactive.

Coffee House with President Lindberg:

(Vince) President agrees to do the coffee house. Vince only needs to confirm which date. Adam suggests Tuesday November Tuesday 26 or December 5. Vince will confirm by next meeting.

Technology inquiries:

(Kaylin) Received clarification from Tom concerning internet speed.

MLK:

(Graham) He will have an update by next meeting.

Trash Cans:

(Ashley) Paper work is complete. The cans will be installed soon.

New Business:

Need new Treasurer: Ashley volunteered.

Need new Junior Representative:

Lindsay M. volunteered. (Toney, Ashley, and Lindsay M. will be sworn in at next convocation.)

Yearbook Proposal:

Adam asks that SGA members begin asking student and faculty about interests. To be successful we need money appropriated, location, and involved students. Kelly suggested creating a yearbook class. Vince suggested speaking with Mr. Southerland for a location and to seek his ideas. Kelly asked when the budget would be approved for next year. Adam said by the spring of next semester.

Hands and Feet:

SGA to organize next event. It will possibly be April 5 or 12.

Cafeteria:

(Lindsay M.) Committee to check on food disposal status: Lindsay M. and Lyndsay K.

Christmas Dance:

Dance Benefit? Possibly donate toy to attend? Adam and Lyndsay will check out music possibilities.

Kelly proposes:

Next meeting to be held at Cherry St. Dairy Bar November 4, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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