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Amy Webb's Spider's Webb "TO LAUGH"

The other day someone said to me, "You are always smiling or laughing." My reply was, "Thanks. A smile or a laugh always makes me feel good inside and out."

I sometimes wish I could share my good feelings with everyone. However, I must remember that not everyone feels as I do. Sometimes I wish I could sprinkle a little happy dust in the air and just for one day we could all laugh. Maybe we could laugh until we all ached and tears stream from our eyes.

To have the whole world chuckling at the same time would be a dream come true.

It is amazing what a giggle can do. It can chase away a bad thought or a lonely

feeling. It can fill an empty heart and comfort a stressed student.

A laugh doesn't cost a dime, but it is worth millions.

"Magic Medicine"

Laughter makes a tremendous contribution to man's happiness. Think about what the world would be like without it! The wonder of it is - not that we pay our comedians better than we do our philosophers - but that laughter ever could have been frowned upon by philosophers.

Lord Chesterfield considered laughter beneath a gentleman's dignity. "I am sure," he wrote, "that, since I have had the full use of my reason, nobody has ever heard me laugh."

Even the poet, Shelley, who could be enchanted by a sky lark, sadly insisted, "I am convinced that there can be no entire regeneration of mankind until laughter is put down."

Joseph Addison declared that "Laughter ... unbraces the mind, weakens the faculties, and causes a kind of remissness and dissolution in all the powers of the soul."

By Gerald Horton Both

The following is an excerpt from a book entitled *Whatsoever Things*. It shows how so-called great minds underestimated laughter.

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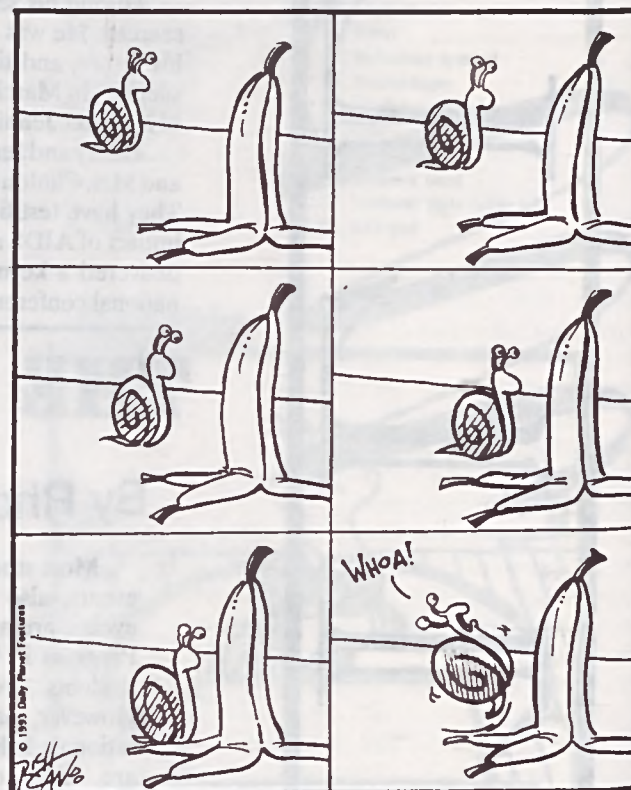
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Last year the youths were involved in juvenile court help combat Madison C the Madison Program, essentially brother/big program.

This is a state-funded program which began years ago. It relies on volunteers who do most of the work involved. The program is presently looking for adult volunteers to help with the children, a

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Fall rush has gone but there's something missing from the classes of fraternities and sororities this semester. The new transfer students and freshmen. The rush committee is aware of this omission from the Greek rosters and has a "deferred rush" vote on the agenda.

Melody president of the committee, said, "The committee met and voted for the rush because we would be more prepared for the new students. We present ourselves as Greeks throughout the semester rather than swamped by