

Twinship: The Negative Aspects

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The closeness of twins is predictable: "I feel my twin's pain and sorrow. When I cry my twin usually cries also," is one statement made by twins during a recent Post twin survey.



Gretchen (l) and Gary Rost are fraternal twins who feel that twinship is not a competitive bore. Sometimes, however, they are treated alike, despite their individuality. (Photo: Teresa Simmons)

In recent articles it was assessed that perhaps this closeness can be associated with matching hereditary makeup or similar environmental factors. In addition to the more positive and pleasurable instances of being a twin there is also the negative. Coupled with these negative aspects is that fine line as to whether being a twin actually causes physical or mental defects.

Identical twins may often be afflicted with hereditary diseases such as diabetes or sickle cell anemia. But one expert reports that "Once safely through infancy, it is the big exception for both members of an identical pair to develop the same serious ailment at the same time or soon thereafter...such as major heart diseases, common cancer or pneumonia."

Other than the physical ailments twins may suffer either together or apart are the emotional ones. One expert suggests however: "Seriously disturbed twins as a whole are no more representative of twins than seriously disturbed singly-born individuals are typical of all other persons."

Amram Scheinfeld author of "Twins and Super-twin" states: "Even when the twins saw each other as the chief cause of their (mental) difficulties, we must still remember that most persons under analysis are beset by hostilities or unnatural attachments

Regional Economic Outlook Conference To Be Held

Charlotte next month again will be the site for a regional Economic Outlook Conference. The conference will offer national and regional perspectives of the economy in 1983 and the years ahead.

The conference, February 23, at the Sheraton Center, 5555 McDowell St., will feature futurist Michael H. Annis. Annis is vice president of the Naisbitt Group, whose president, J.H. Naisbitt, wrote the top-selling book "Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives."

"The last Economic Outlook Conference of this magnitude (1980) was such as success, we knew we would have another," said F. Walker Lockett, senior vice president of NCNB National Bank in Charlotte and conference chairman. "Now is the time. Business people need all the information they can get on the economy in order to chart their futures."

The nearly day-long conference, sponsored by the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, also will feature a panel of five editors from "Business Week" magazine and a

distinguished panel of business leaders.

"Business Week" panelists include: J. A. Dierdorff, managing editor; Jane Cutaita, associate editor; Robert Ferrell, Washington, D.C. bureau chief, William Franklin, Business Outlook editor; and Richard Jensen, senior editor. The panelists will talk about the economy from a national perspective.

Regional speakers include: D. M. Faircloth, N.C. secretary of commerce; K.G. Younger, president of Carolina Freight Corp., Cherryville; D. R. Hughes, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Burlington Industries, Inc., Greensboro; H. J. Faison, president of Faison Associates, real estate developers, Charlotte; and F. N. Peck, vice president of First Boston Corp., NY. The business leaders will discuss how the region's major industries are preparing for the future. Annis, of Denver, Colo., will talk about economic development trends in the region.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Dr. Cole Is Guest Lecturer At Seminar Here

There is a strong consensus that the current emphasis in science and engineering in the United States is inadequate to maintain this country's preeminence in science and technology, according to Dr. Thomas W. Cole Jr., president of West Virginia State University.

Cole will be guest lecturer at a two-day seminar sponsored by the chemistry department of Johnson C. Smith University. The seminar will be held on February 9-10 and is a part of the United Negro College Fund Visiting Lecturer Series.

Cole, who has a strong background in chemistry, will address the topic:

"Science and Engineering: A National Priority" on February 10 at 4 p.m. in room 107, Perry Science Hall.

"There is a worsening shortage of persons competent and willing to teach science and mathematics. Only one-third of the U.S. high schools offer calculus, and fewer than one-third of the courses in physics are taught by qualified physics teachers," Cole said.

Cole also stated that a national agenda is needed regarding the future prosperity and international position of the U.S. "Adequate preparation of all citizens in fields of mathematics, science and technology is essential to main-

taining the nation's economic strength, military security, international leadership...in a...technological society."

A native Texan, Cole received his doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Chicago.

He will also lecture to a

chemistry class on February 9, at 9 p.m., in room 305-Davis Science Hall. His topic will be "Recent Developments in Cubane Chemistry."

Both lectures are open to the public free. For more information, call Dr. Henry Russell weekdays at 378-1054.

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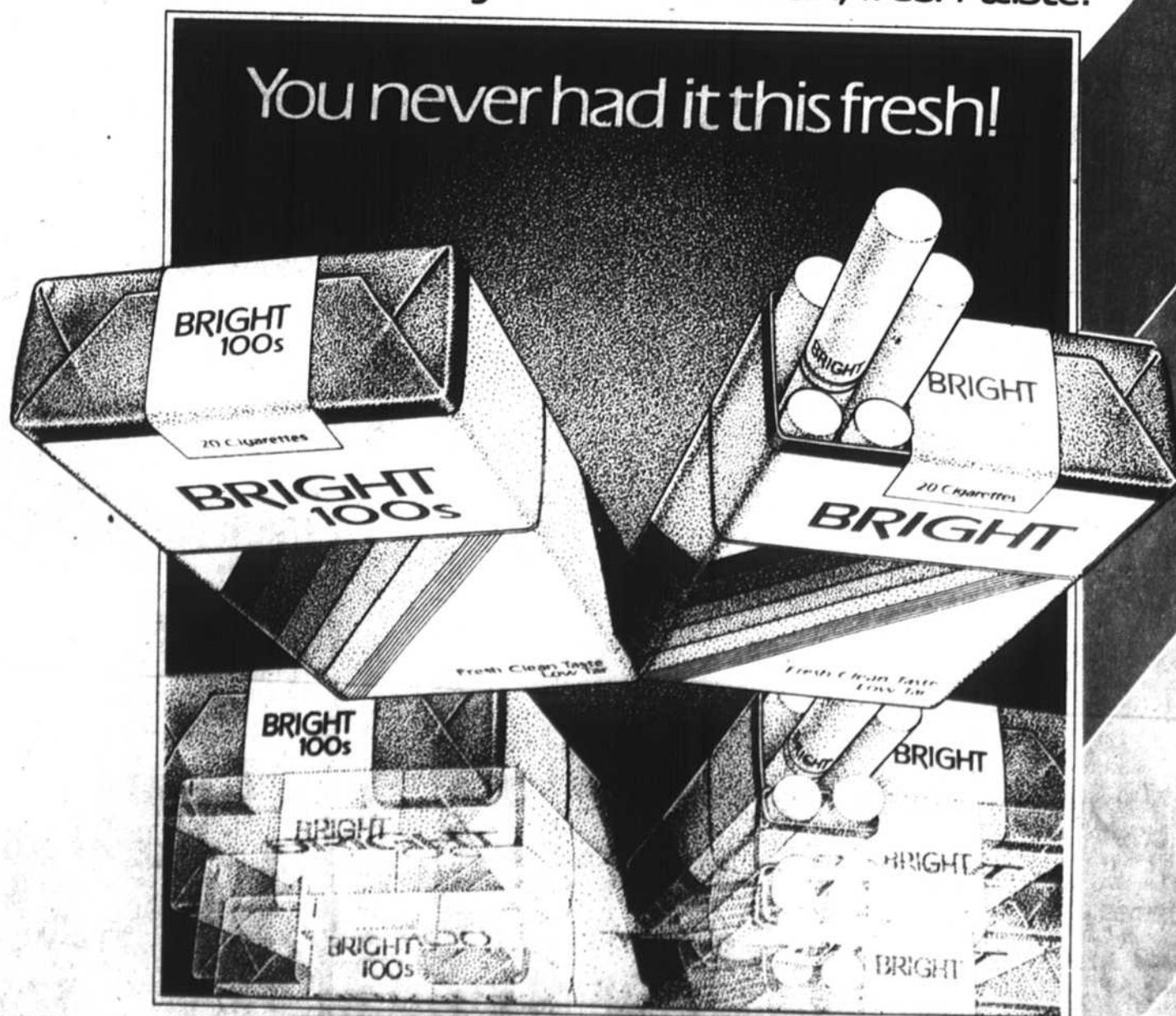
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