Editorial



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September 11 impacted each of us in a multitude of ways. For many, it brought the fear of flying to the surface. For others, it engendered the spirit of volunteerism and the giving of time and money to the unfortunate. For many, the spirit of patriotism rose to unprecedented heights.

Recently, an un-signed e-mail came to my attention that brought an added perspective to the world in which we each live. The academician in me must note that the numbers cited in this e-mail have not been verified and might not pass muster in class, but I think their underlying message is valuable.

The e-mail simply posited that if we shrink the earth's population to a vil-

Just What The Doctor Ordered ...

Perspective

If you have money

If you are reading

in the bank, in your wallet

and some spare change in a

dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the

this article as a student at

Alnena Community College

of educated citizens in the

source suggests "when we consider our world from such

a compressed perspective

the need for both accep

tance, understanding, and

Native American, Chief Jo

seph, reminded us so many

nected with those who have

gone before us, and with

Or, as a remarkable

"We are all con

apparent.

you are among the top 1

people with all the existing human ratios remaining the same it would look some thing like the following:

21 Europeans 14 from the Western Hemi-

52 would be female

48 would be male 70 would be non-white

30 would be white 80 would live in substandard

70 would be unable to read 50 would suffer from malnutrition

I would be near death, 1 would be near birth

The following adds

further perspective to the world beyond Northeast If you woke up this morning healthy rather than

with an illness... you are more fortunate than the one

head and a safe place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of the world.

JENNIFER WEBB

turn around I'm being scolded or another. I thought I was a 20-year-old college student who has her own apartment and bills, and is essentially responsible for herself. (With

But as it turns out my nstructors seem to think different. For example, I about where I was, I think that f1'm paying \$1000.00 plus to attend this fine learning institution that my presence, or lack there of, is none of anyone's business. As long as I'm passing my classes and getting my work done, what concern is it of theres?

far attendance policies of some of the instructors go, I think they Suck. The school doesn't have why should the instructors be

Although instructors aren't always upfront about their attendance policies, they do enforce it in one form or

INSTRUCTORS RUINING THE College Experience

or what? Is it necessary to force us to be here by hanging our grade over our heads?

I must, however, end those instructors that allow us to assume our rightful place as adults in this world. It's nice to see that at least some of you around here recognize that we are capable of assuming responsibility for ourselves. I do understand that

some classes around here require you to participate in group activities, but I have found that instructors seem to milk it for all its worth Give me a break. In a four-year university, the "baby me factor" goes right out the window. They could care less if you're there and pass or not, as long as they get there money.

Why should it be

any different at a two-year? Do you think that your helping us by treating us like we're still in the 10th grade? And lets be honest, does it really help the students attendance to nag at them like you're their parent. If I wanted to be nagged, I'd call

I think that it should be a requirement of all instructors to use the "Black Board" Internet site to ensure the independence of the students. If instituted properly, instructors would be free of the hassle of and long agonizing lectures about homework, as well as receive feed back from their students. I, for one, would be more willing to contribute to some instructors if my made public knowledge. The freedom of voicing my opinion to just the instructor is, in my case, more appealing than making a group discussion of

College should be a time to find and achieve a newfound sense of independence, free from nagging parents. The college experience is one to be looked back on as a time of selfdiscovery, and a time when you are coming into your own as a person and as a productive member of society. I know that we don't always act like adults, but that is all part of the process. Give us a break; some of the "adults" round here don't even act

So the next time you're in class and an instructor jumps your case about attendance, you can tell them to refer to this editorial. To set the record straight, this editorial is not meant to offend or anger (well maybe on some level it was) but only to serve as motivation to insure our independence. If you really want to help, let us be responsible for our own

Angry? Frustrated? Inspired?

Drop us a line to let us know what your thoughts are. We always appriciate input from our fellow students. Has something we've said motivated you in some way; let us know. All contributions can be dropped of at the Lumberjack vi office in BCT 106 or



Scientists are funny

ERIC BENAC ATTACKS SCIENTIST'S EGOS

or twenty thousand leagues under the sea. Another big thing scientists have achieved More like a Charles Manson way. They think they understand a lot of things are computers. They ha They think they just about have all of the universe's secrets unraveled. Well, I way, working with the limited resources we have.

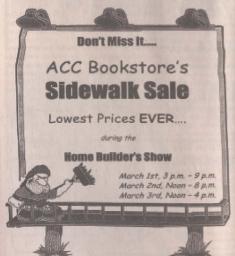
resources we have.

But what about the universe? Where'd it come from? What was there before the universe? Is time travel possible? What's at the center

where is it? What are atoms's made of? What are the things atoms are made of, made of? What happens after we die? Are psychics real? Is Jerry

All of these question and many others, are difficult to answer. In fact, scientists haven't really answered them say, though, if these theories aren't just bull? The average person can't understand things like the theory of relativity or black holes. Only other geniuses can understand these theories. How can we be sure that they just aren't scientist lies?

The thing that bothers me is the scientist's attitude that they have just about everything figured out; it's just a matter of time before we're masters of the universe, much like He-Man himself. Well, I'm sorry, but until scientists can figure out why people buy Britney Spears CDs, I'll keep the same attitude. Ciao!



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