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April Fool's Issue

The Croissant

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Asbestos in library linked to feline intrusion

"We've declared war and we're out to win," exclaimed Physical Plant director Paul Mitts earlier this week.

A declaration of war against the famed feline that attacked Josh Nauman January 25, 1988 was proclaimed as Physical Plant workers ascended upon Shambaugh Library.

According to Mitts the Physical Plant has been working in cooperation with GFC security in bringing the mischievous cat to justice.

"I've spent many sleepless nights in that Madhouse," said Phil Marchant of the Security staff, speaking of the library. "You never can tell when that cat will strike and until it's found the cat will be a threat to the safety of all mankind."

Another security staff member who wished to remain anonymous brought to attention that the code name for the Shambaugh Library is "The Wild Kingdom" since the Nauman attack.

"For cryin' out loud, I saw the Josh Nauman, I saw the cat, and I saw the blood.... I wouldn't want to be caught unarmed," said the anonymous security staffer.

The search for the elusive cat has brought about much frustration and few positive results. The cat has made numerous appearances causing mass hysteria among library patrons. However, whenever Physical Plant officials or the security staff enters the library, the cat takes to hiding among the voluminous books contained in Shambaugh.

Mitts commented, "We've tried everything from baited animal traps to live dogs in flushing that blasted cat out and have had absolutely no luck. However, I think we've got him now."

The new attack planned has come in the form of filling the entire library with carsonogenic and toxic asbestos insulation.

"This will make that cat wish he would have found another home," noted a spokesman for the Newberg City Animal Control.

Though the asbestos poisoning offers an inconvenience for students, especially as finals week draws near, an administrative spokesman stood up for the Physical Plant decision.

"Here we have a conflict of interest, it's a matter of the lesser of two evils," said the spokesman. "You can study with a ferocious cat prowling about you or you can put an end to the beast. We believe we are doing the best for all."

Mitts commented that according to his research the cat can only survive among the asbestos for up to 3 months. However, Mitts noted that this isn't just any cat. "...This thing is wild," he stated emphatically.

The Center for Peace Learning has filed a formal complaint against the Physical Plant on the basis that asbestos poisoning is cruel and inhumane regardless of the cat's earlier crime.

As soon as the library is shown to be rid of the wild cat, then cleanup will begin.

In the meantime most professors are referring students to Professor Lukehart for checking out research material from his personal library.

While Lukehart is happy to offer his personal collection to students, a mandatory "cat check" will be performed at the door.

"You can't be too careful -- look at what happened to Shambaugh," said Lukehart.

With the closing of Shambaugh library all book fines will be dismissed and each student will receive a \$600. rebate from their spring tuition for this inconvenience.....April Fool's!!!

Juniors Abroad program expands its horizons

For a program that was introduced just recently, Juniors Abroad has been launched with avid success. For its third study tour, GFC has signed a contract with NASA to experiment with extra-curricular extra-terrestrial travel.

"I believe this type of cultural experience will directly benefit our students," announced administrators earlier this week.

Trips to the Soviet Union and Europe were originally scheduled, but an uprising from students swayed a final decision.

"We're hoping that the school will get with the times and the rest of the world," one

student advocate stated. "The days of Chris Columbus have passed -- we've discovered the New World. Now it's time to branch out to new and unseen lands."

This year's excursion leaves in May, and hopes to reach Jupiter by the March of 1992. Although this trip will delay graduation, many students are expected to participate in the new program. "I don't know of any other four year, Christian liberal arts college that offers this type of experience. When they say, Experience Excellence, they really mean it," one freshman commented.

Their ship finally came in ...

The 1987 George Fox College Raft Race truly was the slowest in 18 years.

"The Drifters" reached the finish dock at Champoeg Park Thursday, March 31, 1988, at 2 a.m., a full 230 days after the starting shot.

"We got a little bit confused about directions," said team captain Joe Bifflespick. The three-mile course turned out to be a 400 mile trek for this dedicated team.

"We ate fish the whole trip," complained Claude Cadiddlehopper, a devout vegetarian. "Tennis shoes were a real delicacy, but they were hard to come by."

Newberg Hospital reports that the team is in good condition, but should rest and eat lots of SAGA food to regain strength.

Bifflespick said that the worst part of the trip was when the innertubes kept deflating. "The team kept passing out in their attempts to blow the six tubes back up," Bifflespick said.

"The Drifters" have decided not to sue the college for medical and emotional strain, but are demanding an A for each class they did not complete last semester.

"It's the least they could do, considering they forgot about us and left soggy doughnuts on the finish dock," said Cadiddlehopper.

The team does plan on entering next year's Raft Race, calling themselves now "very experienced" at navigating the Willamette River.

Herbert loses face

Sometime between dusk and dawn on April 2, the Hoover Academic building was broken into and vandalized. It was first thought that the vicious local gang known as the "Street Troopers" were responsible for the damages, but later an unknown terrorist group claimed responsibility.

The first to discover the damage was Ginger Hoover. She said, "I knew something was wrong when I was walking in the building, and then it struck me -- the face of Hoover on the side of the building had been painted. The weird part is that the graffiti resembles Ralph Beebe." The face is thought to be that of the terrorist leader.

Some of the other damages include the rearrangement of all the furniture in the admissions office, and slogans written on the walls in the lobby and on the windows. One slogan read "Herbert's mother wore army boots."

While Beebe is declining any comment on the terrorist act, a passer-by reports hearing him rave about the artistic representation of his profile. However, the artist parted his hair on the wrong side.

Administrators are still debating on whether to put Herbert's face back on the building. A keyhole reporter testified that the Dean's council believes it would be more economical to simply change the name of the building that repaint the face on the side of it.

Space alien lands on roof of Calder Center

(Not really, this is just to get attention)

The GFC Enquirer has emerged! We hope you enjoy this final issue of the 1987-88 Crescent. Due to the asbestos in the library access to the library (and subsequently the Laserprinter) wasn't granted. This is the excuse for the change in format this issue.

What we don't have an excuse for is the outrageous factual errors and potential libel suits contained in this issue (Consistency however, is a virtue) Send all complaints to Carrie Brown, Communications Director.

Darin Sturdevant, faithful Crescent writer is graduating this year and the article on the front page about the cat is his. He will be autographing copies Friday and Saturday nights from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Feel free to call him or even stop by his home during the above specified times. He will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The articles in this issue are plays on previous articles in the Crescent. If you have read all of your papers, may you be rewarded with hours of literary pleasure. If you haven't kept up on your reading and have graced the waste receptacles with our efforts, ask Darin for some back issues.

We thank you for your support....

(Baker &) Ed.

Street troopers about to meet their match

The vandalism imposed on this campus is about to be stopped. A new perimeter security fence is in the planning, and should be in place about the same time as the library completion.

The school has hired Manuel Rodriguez, the same person who has designed a section of the fence at the Mexican/American border. He feels that a fairly inexpensive fence can be put into place that would be highly effective against the pesky vandals.

Rodriguez commented, "The fences that I have designed in the past have been highly successful, and as far as I know, noone has been able to get through or over or under one yet." His first successful fence was completed early last week, and he is anxious to begin another.

The designer said that his plans would include a 20 foot high cyclone fence, reinforced with thin, iron plates. The top of the fence would be topped with razor wire loops and the gates would be patrolled 24 hours a day by armed guards requesting ID of everyone who enters the campus.

Rodriguez added that money could be saved where the fence could be joined up with pre-existing brick walls such as Calder Center, the Pennington dorms, etc. He pointed out that "shards of glass from broken bottles could be cemented into the tops to keep people from climbing over. It works great in Mexico."