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**Quiz for the Week**

**NEWSPAPER**

**SOUTH CAROLINA SECEDES FROM UNION**

Stephen Stacall

With 71% of voters coming to the same concensus, South Carolina has decided to disassociate from the USA.

Governor Mark Sanford of South Carolina announced this morning that the State Election Board has certified the results of last week's referendum on secession. South Carolina's voters were given the opportunity to vote whether the state should remain in the United States, or as it did once before, to secede from the Union.

Voter turnout was at a record high, with ninety-four percent of registered voters making their way to the polls. Of those who voted, seventy-one percent voted for secession. Following the vote, the South Carolina General Assembly met today and voted unanimously to secede from the Union. Governor Sanford quickly approved the measure, stating that, "it's high time we sent Washington a message. They've ignored us for too long."

Senator Jim DeMint, of Greenville, said that he, "saw it coming. We've been telling people for years that the South would rise again but nobody believed us. They think we're a joke. But we're serious."

Pitching to the state's military forces, DeMint said South Carolina is more than prepared for any federal retaliation. "Our South Carolina State Guard has all the training and equipment they need to take on those Yankee riff raff they're sending our way."

"This won't be like the last time; we're in it to win it." South Carolina has a pace record when it comes to secession. In 1860, South Carolina seceded along with a number of other states in protest to Washington's abuse of states' rights and civil liberties. In recent years, the federal government has made many of the same mistakes, including domestic spying programs and irrationally high taxes. South Carolinians began pushing for secession several months after the election of Barack Hussein Obama to the presidency.

In Texas, actor Chuck Norris has begun a campaign to promote secession there. A recent survey conducted by the Society for A New Confederacy shows eighty-four percent of Texans support succession. Norris has explained that he would like to run for President of Texas should the state secede and "takes its rightful place once more as one of the great republics of this Earth."

President Obama has issued the following statement: "No state will be allowed to secede from the Union. Once you join, you can't leave. The Constitution is a contract that can never be broken, except by me. Secessionists movements will be met by force. Remember, Big Brother is watching you."

In other news, an anonymous source at the Pentagon has called The Colloquium several times, each time with the message that "Scorpion Green is people." We'll let you know what that means if we ever figure it out.

**PHOTO COURTESY OF OLD PICTURE.COM** Charleston, South Carolina was established in 1670; much of the city was left in ruins.

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**A WORTHY CAUSE**

OPSU American Government Service Learning Project students ask for help to find recycling bins for their service project. The group needs donations in order to fund recycling bins for use around the OPSU campus.

Recycling bins will be used for recycling paper which will be transported from campus to a recycling center in Stratford. The group hopes to purchase enough bins to supply each professor interested in participating with a bin for his/her office. If funding allows, the group also hopes to purchase public bins for the campus as well as the individual bins for professors.

If you are able to donate to help please contact Brent Burgess at bmburgess@opsu.edu or speak to Christy Rerick, Ron Al-Moghrin, or Ty McDade.

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**Healthy Mastication Tips**

Revisiting an important topic.

- Put it in your mouth.
- Swallow.
- Oh, but be sure to chew first! Totally forgot! Just don't get too carried away.
- Repeat.
- When you're done, make clean up fun! Have everyone who enjoyed some gather around the sink and scrub away. Let the conversation flow so it doesn't get awkward.
Heavy snowfall this past Thursday and Friday made for a terribly dull weekend; editor thrown into existential funk.

Goodwell, Oklahoma - When it was announced campus would be closed based solely on the forecast, I feared what it might mean for my weekend. I mean, even my Thursday evening class was cancelled. Sure enough, a late night movie marathon Thursday had me waking up Friday to my vehicle buried in snow. I’m a pansy man.

Nurse Association Organizes Awareness Event

- Special to The Collegian

Goodwell, Oklahoma - Several OSU-OKC Associate Degree Nursing students took time out during Spring Break to spread the word about deep vein thrombosis prevention. The students, who are members of OSPU’s Student Nurse Association, gave a lunchtime presentation at the No More Land Senior Citizens Center in Guymon on Monday March 16th. Their activity was a part of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Awareness Month. Denise Ball gave an educational presentation explaining how clots are formed, how they can progress into heart attacks, strokes or pulmonary emboli—all of which can be fatal.

Over 2 million Americans are affected annually by DVT. Just a few of the risk factors that lead to the formation of DVT, or blood clots, include smoking, sedentary lifestyle, genetic predisposition, obesity, recent joint replacement, fractures of the hip, pelvis or leg. Those in attendance were given handouts to screen themselves for risk factors for DVT. The students then led the seniors in a fun activity of creatively decorating white tube socks with DVT awareness emblems, markers and craft supplies. Some of the reminders chosen for sock decorations included “Don’t cross your knees”, “Get up and move every 2 hours,” etc.

The students hope that their audience will put these prevention techniques into practice. Students who participated were Denise Ball, Judy Austin, Chelsea Wilson, Selene Garcia, Melissa King and Adrienne Kirkland. For more information about risk factors and preventive measures for deep vein thrombosis, check out the www.preventdvt.org website.

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Should troops move out of Iraq? Is abortion ok? Do you have an opinion or comment about something on campus? Is there something we should know or an issue to be addressed? Write your letter to the editor, e-mail it, or bring it by Muller Hall. Letters must include writer’s name, signature, and phone number. Telephone numbers will not be printed. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for length, libelous statements, and personal attacks.

Events

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A view of stickers on the socks that the decorated with DVT prevention reminders.

Hemphill, MS, RN

OSU-OKC, OPSU campus

Nursing Instructor

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It’s like The Day After Tomorrow, except, the day after six days ago. I’m sure how to fill large fonts which is really nice when you’re not sure how to fill said space.

LONG TITLES IN LARGE FONTS TAKE UP LOTS OF SPACE WHICH IS REALLY NICE WHEN YOU’RE NOT SURE HOW TO FILL SAID SPACE

Goodwell, Oklahoma — We just may be on the verge of a Pulitzer here, ladies and gentlemen.

Psychology Club Quote of the Week

“Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you." - Oscar Wilde

Author of "The Great Gatsby" was the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

At 90 weapons per 100 civilians, the US has the world’s highest rate of gun ownership, according to the Small Arms Survey 2007.

More than half of women in the United States will not leave their home without makeup on.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

An earthquake on Dec. 16, 1811 caused parts of the Mississippi River to flow backwards!

There are 400,000 credit cards for every person in the United States.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

It takes approximately 12 hours for food to entirely digest.

43.7% of all statistics are made up right on the spot.
How about turning your TV on for an event that has more viewers than the Super Bowl every other weekend for 16 months a year. The sport: car racing. The category: Formula 1. Yes, Formula 1 racing averages over 250 million single viewers that is, TV sets for each Grand Prix. This amounts to a captive audience of about 1.2 billion individuals watching a single Grand Prix at one point in the race!

I know that American audiences are not to be bothered with the intricacies of good piloting, skills, and strategy; they would rather watch a guy drive in circles for three hours. Some of the arguments I heard in the past is that Indy and NASCAR have more spectacular crashes. Okay, if this is an argument, then you have never seen an F1 crash. NASCAR cars are designed to break on impact, and are open safety features. An F1 machine, weighs only 600 pounds, is designed to break on impact, and are open wheel, meaning the drivers head will be exposed.

Or how about NASCAR not racing when it rains because its too dangerous? Grow some stones. In my entire life, I've only seen that happen once in F1, and it was because a typhoon was crossing the circuit, an F4 typhoon crossing the circuit (for those who don't know, that is a hurricane over in the west Pacific). On the speed side there is no comparison. The fastest ever speed for an F1 car in a qualifying session by a NASCAR vehicle was 239 mph. Compare that to 272 mph in a qualifying run by a NASCAR vehicle. This is where F1 excels.

I haven't even mentioned strategy, pre-race entertainment, exotic locations, driving over bridges or in tunnels, top of the line technology, and all the money. The season just started last Sunday with a lot of surprises, including a crash in the last lap between the drivers in second and third place. It's not too late to join the rest of the world and watch one of the most exciting sporting events on the planet.

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Three months down, nine to go. After lavishing Company of Thieves with praise last week, I thought I'd compile the best albums of 2009 (so far).

The Decemberists – The Hazards of Love


Just say things have since cooled off a bit. Jerome won't publicly admit it (low self-esteem runs rampant with these fellows, you know), but I hear him to the punch-line with Ms. Branco. "More like help me dodge a bullet!" Jerome is fond of joking. Haha! Too true! Well, let's see... help me dodge a bullet!" Jerome is fond of joking. Haha! Too true! Well, let's see...
Never Say Never...

Stephanie Christie, once set to become an accountant, now finds herself pursuing an entirely different career path thanks to the encouragement of those around her.

The stories I have heard from my fellow students over the last several months have truly intrigued me. Hearing about the things that the people I know claimed they would never do has allowed me to get to know them on a much deeper level. It really is amazing to discover how often people end up living lives that they never thought they would. Carlton Cox proves that he is no exception to that rule. His life has been an example of the different directions life may take following an unforeseen event.

Carlton Cox interest your friends. I T’S a got milk? as much money as his time would allow, time and energy on working hard, making of being when he was younger, now jokes of God. guy strives to teach others about the Word. When he is not studying or spending valuable time with a memorable face and an equal -

Feeling that God had much more in store for him, this distraught man crawled out of the life he was living and started to create a new way. The devastating incident made him realize that the money and prestige of work were not worth the time invested in them. Carl focused on reading the Bible and even jumped into investing in others who were in need of a youth pastor for about four years.

Carl has a busy year ahead of him, full of challenges that he thought he would never conquer. In April, Carl and his wife will adopt the two boys and one girl who have been living with them since July. After completing his degree in May, he plans to move to a Tibetan monastery but a pitch at a 1st MMP and to play for Mets fans on a point finding a more funny time. How in Bell made claiming they on April Fool’s Day, some sort of foolery is a must on April 1st. From humorous hoaxes to simple pranks, don’t be tricked into missing the laughs to be had on this day of pure practical pranks. !

Humorous Historical Hoaxes

The origins of April Fool’s Day are uncertain. Many accounts relating to the heritage of April Fool’s Day trace back to issues dealing with calendars and the celebrating of summer early. However, one component of April Fool’s Day is simple: people have been pranking for numerous years. In some countries, pranking is only allowed before noon on April 1st, and if this unwritten rule is violated, the late prankster is considered to be an “April fool!” However, in the United States, as we all know, the act of trickery is allowed and encouraged the entire 24 hours of April Fool’s which has led to many great pranks over the years.

One great prank in 1962 was put on the news show Panorama. The show announced that after a mild winter, Swedish farmers were growing spaghetti noodles on trees. After this knowledge was publicized, the show received many calls from curious viewers inquiring on how to grow their own spaghetti. Another comedic April Fool’s prank was fabricated by Sports Illustrated; writer George Plimpton broke a story containing exhilarating knowledge was publicized, the show received many calls from curious viewers inquir-

The best April Fool’s pranks

I think we would all agree that there is nothing that is more annoying than trying to find that last quarter for laundry or five cents for the vending machine when you haven’t eaten all day. It’s a completely harmless joke, although you may tick some people off. Super glue some coins to the sidewalks and watch how desperate people can get.

While your friend is away, go ahead and snag their cell phone. Make sure the ringer is on loud and grab some duct tape and tape it to the bottom of the desk. It will drive them crazy looking for it!

Friend for Fun Try these ideas:

Answer the Phone!

Switch the bags around in cereal boxes (open up the Cheerios and out comes Lucky Charm). Switch the “Pull” and “Push” signs on a set of doors. Watch as people get confused trying to open the doors.
Opinion/ Editorial

Voice for the Silenced

The United States’ society, along with its norms, has, over the years, become inherently intertwined with that of the Muslim religion. Most Americans are well aware of the religious practices of Islam, but for Muslim women, how truly different is American life from the lives of their native country?

Even though it may be 2009, in Saudi Arabia, women are forbidden to drive cars or maintain a passport. In present day Afghanistan and Pakistan, it is extremely difficult for women to attend school or even leave their house without a male escort. In these countries, women’s rights are extremely scarce, which is the opposite of the situation in America. The transition between no rights to overflowing rights can indeed be a difficult conversion.

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article posted on TheDaily.com, states “Life for Muslim women in the U.S. is so different that they say they’re not sure whether to accept the sudden opportunities they have here, or reject them for fear that it doesn’t fit within their religious followings.”

According to many sources, one of the hardest changes for these women to accept is independence. Like many religions, Islam recognizes men as the head of the household; however, women in the U.S. have many rights from other religions is the consequence suffered if this ideal is not completely fulfilled. In February, a Muslim woman was found decapitated in her house after complaining about domestic violence to the police. Muslim religious leaders claim that domestic violence is prominent in every religion and society; however, one Muslim woman says, “The typical Muslim man, they always are very overprotective, they’re very controlling over the women. They’re not allowed to do this, they’re not allowed to do that.”

Whether this statement is completely accurate or not, it has and will continue to be a place of refuge for these secluded freedoms.

No matter your view on religious tolerance or intolerance, violence should never be accepted regardless of your religion, race, or heritage. We as a country pride ourselves in even equality even though it is occasionally distorted. The women of the Muslim religion should not be excluded from the realm of justice when it comes to personal freedoms.

“Go, Fight, Win!”

In response to February 25th's “We Suck Again, Wait, What?” by Rachael Beck, Staff Writer.

Alisha Jannelli Special to The Collegian

I want to start off by saying I absolutely LOVE the new layout of the collegian. I am also happy to see news articles from around the world, not just pertaining to OPSU. Definitely keep up the good work.

My complaint, however, is that I find some of the articles, especially those involving politics, to be very biased. Though the latest issue is not too bad, some of the previous ones have been. Maybe the issue has already been addressed, but if not I wanted to bring it up. I make it is nearly impossible to write a piece completely bias-free, but I think a little more effort should be put forth.

I also wanted to respond to “We Suck Again, What?”, I’m not sure that OPSU athletes are not the best right now, and it is true that maybe some of the athletes need a little wake-up call. But what the heck ever happened to school pride? And I’m not just talking about the article. As a cheerleader, I am at every single game, even the ones where we do not do well. I can not tell you the countless amount of times that our team has been WINNING and the crowd still acts as if they do not care. How many people wear our school colors to games? How many people stand up for the school song? How many people even so much as clap when we score? It takes a lot of talent to go out and win games, yes, but who wants to win if no one even cares? Of course, sometimes it seems pointless to cheer on your team when your losing by double digits, but how many football and basketball games were we close, tied, or even winning at half time? Those are the games people should be the loudest and yet our guys and girls come out to a nearly silent crowd. So for everyone who has ever gotten a game and just sat there, I think a little more effort should be put forth for every person who has just sat in their seat during our school song, you are part of the problem. I’m not saying every person should come out with their faces painted, yelling and screaming (though I would prefer it), but clap when the team scores. Yell with us when we’re yelling defense. Get on your feet and screaming (though I would prefer it), but clap when the team scores. Yell with us when we’re yelling defense. Get on your feet and screaming (though I would prefer it), but clap when the team scores. Yell with us when we’re yelling defense. Get on your feet and screaming (though I would prefer it), but clap when the team scores.

Continental Instability

Self-Wake!

An interesting wind has been blowing the last two years, making this year a promising 12 months. The last presidential death Africa witnessed was in February 2009 when Togo’s ailing dictator passed on, we as Africans clapped and said, “We are blessed” with the VIP death.” Because in Africa, the only dictator to die in office is the ones who are murdered by soldiers during a coup or slaughtered by rebels as what happened in Liberia during Samuel Doe’s reign in September of 1990.

To emancipate themselves, rebelsconfined on the capital in Monrovia, Doe, who was holed up in the state house, left too late to make his escape. There are conflicting accounts of what happened, but a popular version goes that, with rebels knocking at the gate, Doe finally decided to take off. However, the soldiers who were with him at state house told him he must flee with them which hindered his getaway.

So, it was then the brutal rebel leader, Prince Y John, took over the capital to find Doe still there. Doe died a most terrible death; the rebels cut him to pieces on the kitchen floor as John enjoyed a beer. So, in Africa, as the natural death of leaders becomes more common, it will no longer be a crime to speculate or report when the president might expire.

This in turn means that we are likely to see more Africans states treating the issues of succession planning, which is still off limits in some countries, with the seriousness it deserves. Guinea’s case is even worse. The country’s ruling party of unity and progress was brushed aside by the military. The soldiers “took back” the power and installed one of their own captains as the president.

The situation in Africa, to sum up, is so complex even dead presidents are still quite influential, particularly if they have a prestigious place in a country’s history as with Julius Nyerere of Tanzania. It’s been more than 20 years since he stepped down from power and 10 years after his death. The idea is that Nyerere holds such revered place in Tanzania history, his memory is what keeps loyalty to the party he built intact.

How did Africa come to this? First, this seems to be the case in most countries with dominant military parties (parties formed by soldiers who took power in a coup). But even countries without a history of military rule or armed rebellions see the same pattern: the reason, then, is obvious: lack of Democratic controls. In Ghana, after having a clean first round of presidential elections, second round votes have come under question. Election turbulence in Kenya led to the massive bloodshed of innocent voters even in the wake of a clear election victory. It seems, regretfully, anyone who takes power in Africa abuses it.
Aggie Peers Are Back!

The OPSU Aggie Peers are back in business. Peer Educators are dedicated to informing their peers about healthy lifestyle choices and making responsible decisions. Topics include drinking responsibly, safe sex, STDs, eating disorders and other health issues that confront college students on campuses everywhere. OPSU currently has 10 certified Peer Educators who have been trained in the skills needed by all peer educators to:

- understand the basics of prevention regardless of a particular health specialty
- become a caring helper to others
- provide awareness on health and safety risks
- make referrals of students at risk to professionals
- conduct educational programs and events
- increase their leadership abilities
- increase awareness of personal wellness
- teach team building

Aggie Peers will be available for students who need someone to talk to about homesickness, relationship issues, academic problems or any of the other troubles that college students find themselves facing. They are NOT counselors, but your peers who have been trained in active listening and being a caring helper. Their office is located in Hamilton Hall, Room 310 and the hours are posted outside the door. Take advantage of having someone to talk to when you feel the need.

Aggie Peers will also be doing educational programming throughout the semesters. Programming may include skits, games, educational presentations or just passing out literature regarding health issues faced by college students.

Watch for us! Your healthy life is our concern!

CLASS SCHEDULE ERRATA SHEET
(Late Revision)

26 March 2009

Summer 2009

Ref#  Dept/Crs#  Sec#  Title   Hrs  Time Days Bldg Room   Instructor

10059 ENGL 1213 001 FRESHMAN ENGLISH II 3 ONLINE – 6 WEEKS  LEWIS C

10060 HUM 2333 001 PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE 3 ONLINE – 6 WEEKS  LEWIS C

10061 ENGL 3023 001 TECHNICAL WRITING 3 ONLINE – 8 WEEKS LEWIS C

Your Fool's Day Predictions!

Plan's and efforts may well be lost to an extent today. Your best strategy is to aim for damage limitation, which means that if any apparent blunder or glitch is down to you, then admit it. Don't pass the buck, because eventually someone will add two and two and make four!

Money matters will continue to dominate today, but it's not all bad news, because there may be some incoming information that offers a fresh or new incentive to start saving from now.

Perhaps travel will be a part of that incentive. However, don't that get to whatever you will spur you on!

You may well need to face up to a couple of minor but uncomfortable truths today, if nothing else, you will be able to rely on a friend to tell it like it is. By the same token, you may not appreciate a blunt or plain-spoken message, but this should be regarded as advice rather than criticism.

Shifting influences will be subtle today and the ous will be on you to zone in on a specific problem once it has been identified correctly. The planets suggest that some link to emotional matters is a part of it; uncertain or unsettled feelings may need to be clarified, or at least acknowledged!

There's a fair bit of tension in the air today, taking the form of straightforward choices, such as: do you follow your heart or your head? Do you listen to friends or pay more heed to colleagues? Striving for perfection may be a part of the problem. Relive the pressure, for you and for others!

You're likely to be rather inflexible today, and others may find you a little hard to work with. It is more than possible that you'll be ahead of the curve, while others can't seem to grasp the finer points. As frustrating as this is, being patient and understanding will be a preferable change!

No one can be accorded of giving you a relaxed, hassle-free day today! Demands are likely to pull you from all quarters, turning you into an agony-aunt figure. Others may seek emotional guidance; practical advice and answers to work-related issues. Keep your cool and do what you can!

A Pluto/moon combination brings with it a rather prickly mood. Don't argue for the sake of arguing today; maybe it will be best if you indulge in a little 'me-time' too. You may feel the urge to drive one or two sharp home-truths, but this won't help anyone, least of all you!

Prickly influences are likely to cause unnecessary tensions in your personal relationships. Romance could feel strained. Attached Goats might want to consider arranging a romantic evening for two, while singles might benefit from postponing any hot dates until tomorrow!

A slightly edgy mood should be blamed on lunar influences rather than on any specific individual. Try to recognize what the day has to offer, rather than focusing on what may be lacking. An optimistic approach will serve you well today; by the same token, a negative one could result in a missed opportunity!

Luna and moonshine suggest that you may not be entirely showered or untroubled in it comes to work/school related matters and spending money today. It will help to develop a little self-discipline. A friend with those feet on the ground may offer help, but try not to take advantage!