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"We're the Sunday Supplement that gives a rat's ass."



FBI Storms *Rat's Ass* Compound. Cult Members Tar and Feather Themselves to Fulfill Prophecies. by Brian Dixon

In a surprise move late last night the FBI, feeling that a peaceful end to the skirmish was impossible, penetrated the secret location of the *Rat's Ass* offices. "Things were getting out of control in there," stated a top FBI spokesperson. In response to the maneuvers, cult members doused themselves with molasses and jumped into huge barrels of chicken feathers, which they had been illegally stockpiling for several weeks. The FBI did blast several containers of maple Syrup into the compound, hoping to drive out the members. However, the maple syrup used was a non-sticking variety. An FBI syrup specialist defended the actions, "In no way whatsoever did our blasting maple syrup into the compound have anything to do with the horrific actions taken by the cult. In fact, we used a fat-free syrup to avoid raising their cholesterol levels."

The cult, now hopefully defunct, has been printing collages in the guise of accurate student journalism for at least five weeks. The FBI began monitoring the situation when cult members began to prophesy that the journal would double in size

each week, possibly reaching the 1000 page level in a matter of months. This, of course, was the first in a series of lies during the tense period.

Apparently, however, their promises to tar and feather themselves and anyone who attempted to impede their

efforts was no hoax. "Thank God none of us were made subject to their humiliating torture," said an obviously relieved Federal Agent. Another agent, obviously distressed after five weeks of tense waiting, was heard exclaiming, "Oh my God they're tar and feathering themselves," as the compound became an oozing, viscous puddle of molasses.

Humanitarian groups have criticized the FBI, calling their surprise attack premature. "Why didn't they nab the cultists on their way to class or in their dorm rooms," noted a concerned member of the liberal free press, "The actions of the FBI have resulted in a blatant loss of molasses."

President Clinton, however, stood by the actions of the FBI and the Attorney General, who approved the FBI's plans. "We stand by the actions of the FBI and the Attorney General," Clinton said

in an address to the nation minutes after the ordeal was over. The director of the FBI praised the Federal Agents for putting their humility on the line in a potentially embarrassing situation. "The

Federal Agents showed poise. Despite being showered by feathers, they never retaliated in any fashion," remarked the Attorney General, "I think we've set a precedent for dealing with embarrassing cults and other counter-culture groups."

The cult members are in custody, but have not been identified as of yet due to the thickness of the chicken feathers. As soon as the members can be identified they will stand trial and more than likely be scapegoats for a

variety of society's
unexplainable ills.

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Campus virgins.
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BOY, Are You Fat!
Rat Rhymes with Fat
by Mike Augspurger

The Rhodes College Wellness Center has announced plans to hold a series of instructive seminars on two common eating disorders, anorexia and bulimia. "The college campus like Rhodes is a perfect place for behavior patterns such as these to spread like wildfire," says the Rhodes College Wellness Coordinator.

Recently the center began another awareness program with the same goal: posting the fat grams per serving next to meal selections in the Rat. But that simply wasn't enough. "The women on this campus just aren't Well enough," she

continued, "They must learn to trim those tummies and hem those hips. We felt like a program which would take the girls step-by-step through the process of attaining an eating disorder would be helpful. Many women are too shy to ask questions about the pros and cons of the various disorders; many are left on their own to experiment, and this can hinder their move toward Wellness." Parties interested in achieving Wellness are encouraged to contact the Center, or simply watch out for bulletins announcing the program, entitled, "Weighing Less for Wellness."

Have you heard about the one with Tiddy's Canadian Liqueur?



Saints Appear During Annual Rites Debauch
by Clay Combs

Several students have reported seeing ghostly figures bearing the likenesses of Jerry Fernandez and Jeff Gadomski, Rhodes's two Patron Saints of Financial Aid, during the Rites of Spring festival earlier this month.

"I was just standing around watching the end of the [NCAA championship basketball] game," said junior Billy Bill Billings, "and then I look over and see these two guys standing around a light pole outside Clough, with their hands folded. I just thought they had been, you know, smokin', or I thought maybe they were a couple of fags. Well, I didn't know what they was, but I knew I saw *something*. It was spooky."

"It was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen," said Drucilla Festeuse. "At first I was overwhelmed with awe. Then I just relaxed and allowed myself to get caught up in the moment. I was moved to interpretive dance."

The sightings follow a year of controversy surrounding Fernandez and Gadomski. Both came to Rhodes under the pretense of secure financial aid packages, only to find their scholarships, grants and executive washroom privileges withdrawn after they had completed one year of studies. The pair disappeared under a cloud of suspicion.

There followed a wave of reactions from all segments of society. Several students, appalled at perceived injustice, picketed the Financial Aid office. They were hosed down with a solution of Aunt Jemima syrup.

The Arkansas-based Church

of the Sub-Genius sanctified the missing collegians as the Patron

Saints of Financial Aid.

Art History Professor David McCarthy delivered a lecture entitled "Ben Shahn Meets Fernandez and Gadomski: A Sacco and Vanzetti for Postmodern America." The comparison sparked a national debate surrounding alleged unfair treatment of students with ethnic surnames and first names that begin with the letter J.

(Rhodes's Minister of Homogeneity and self-professed Good Ol' Boy Jim "Whitey" Smythe, responded to the allegations in a CNN press conference. "The Filipino and the Yankee?" he said. "No way did we ever discriminate against them. They never lost their executive washroom privileges.")

Professor Michael McLain of the Religious Studies department published an essay in the ultra-hot *Journal of Philosophical Stuff* entitled "Visions of the Patron Saints of Financial Aid: Delusory or Veridical?" He asserted the visions' veridicality cannot be rationally admitted because of the yearly recurrence of visions of all sorts around Rites of Spring, citing past reports filed by current *Rat's Ass* correspondent Major Bat Guano.

Critics of the article claim the visions could be verified, even capitalized upon, if there were pictures. The *Rat's Ass* brings you here the only known pictures taken during the Rites appearances.

The campus has calmed down. But doctors are beginning to assess delayed effects of the saints' appearance in response to Moore Moore Moore infirmiry reports of drastic increases in complaints from short-term memory loss, involuntary

poverty and hallucinations of Elvis.



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The Critics Korner

"Anyone can do a paper -- just ask the kids at *Rat's Ass*. Hell, next year why doesn't everybody print a paper next year?" Brett Cullum



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