



"Our mom can beat up Mark's mom"

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## Switzerland Invades Iraq

### Bush, United States blow opportunity for war

BAGHDAD, Iraq—The usually neutral nation of Switzerland stunned the world Wednesday when they unleashed a full-fledged military attack on Iraq. In the course of just twelve hours, the Swiss Armed Forces have been able to reduce Saddam Hussein's military to "three camels and a bunch of empty warheads," according to Swiss President Pascal Couchepin. The White House is reportedly "bummed" about missing out on the opportunity to level Iraq's forces.

Switzerland first launched an intensive air campaign shortly after midnight Iraqi time. The initial bombing took out most of Iraq's radar, air defense, and ground-to-ground missile capabilities. With their defense systems severely damaged, Iraq then suffered what may be history's greatest ground invasion. At the break of dawn Swiss soldiers seemingly came out of nowhere and, within four hours, made Swiss cheese of virtually all Iraqi

ground troops within forty miles of Baghdad.

Armed only with army knives and fine wristwatches, the Swiss were able to time the invasion perfectly. "For years Americans have ridiculed our policy of armed neutrality," said Swiss Federal Chancellor Annemarie Huber-Hotz. "But now we have proven to the whole world that you don't want to mess with Switzerland."

President Bush, who has repeatedly called for the disarmament of Saddam's forces and has warned of a possible American invasion of Iraq, was disappointed by the news of the Swiss invasion. "Does this mean we can't go in? Who do those Swisslanders think they are? I thought they just made chocolate and banks up in them mountains," said a visibly distraught President Bush.

Much of the financing of the Swiss war effort is reportedly from financier Marc Rich, who received a controversial pardon from Bill Clin-

ton at the end of his presidency. When asked of his involvement in funding the war effort, Rich, who has been outside of the U.S. for nearly 20 years, responded, "I just did what I could to help Bill out, especially since he lost to that Bush kid in 2000."

Among the captured Iraqis are dictator Saddam Hussein's two sons, Uday and Qasay. Hussein himself is reportedly holed up deep inside Baghdad. "We apprehended (Saddam's) two sons just outside of the capital, and now we are going to bag dad," explained Couchepin.

With Iraq now almost completely under Swiss control, President Bush is said to be focusing his war efforts on North Korea and Kim Jong Il's obsession with getting M\*A\*S\*H back on television. According to unnamed sources within the White House, Bush is secretly worried that a revival of the Korean War sitcom may cut into his favorite cartoon programming.

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## Sophomore Psyched for Super Bowl

### 19-year-old enjoys "week off before the big game"

CONCORD HALL—Oblivious to the fact that Super Bowl XXXVII has already been won by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, sophomore Jesse Dickerson is "totally psyched" about this year's game. "I can't wait till Sunday," said Dickerson. "I think it's the week off before the big game each year that really lets the suspense build." Super Bowl teams are traditionally given a bye week before the game. This was the fifth time in NFL history without a week off in between the championship games and the Super Bowl.

The sophomore's friends are torn between telling him and allowing Dickerson to find out for himself. "It's a tough decision. Jesse's a pretty big Raiders fan, so I just don't know how to break it to him," said Alan Banks, also a sophomore. Chris Squire, a junior, is hoping to capitalize on his friend's ignorance of reality. "I bet Jesse

twenty bucks that Tampa Bay would win. The moron even gave me 2 to 1 odds. I'm not sure, but I think I might even try to increase the bet," said Squire. Tampa Bay beat the Raiders 48-21.

Those around Dickerson are surprised, but not shocked, that he has yet to discover the Super Bowl was played on this last Sunday. "He usually isn't this out of it, but, you see, (Dickerson) went to his parents' cabin in northern Wisconsin to ice fish," explained Banks. "They don't have TV or anything there. And back here he pretty much only studies Greek and listens to Green Day." Threatened by Squire and other upperclassmen who are planning on placing more bets on the game, no one has mustered the courage to break the news to Dickerson.

Dickerson believes Oakland will win, saying, "The Raiders will cream them, 42-17. Plus I think

the week off before the Super Bowl will benefit Oakland more than Tampa. It gives Charles Woodsson some time for his leg to heal. I just can't wait till Sunday!"

#### Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

\*\*\*Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression\*\*\*



"Hi, my name is  
(insert your name).  
How 'bout you?"

# Kim Miss M\*A\*S\*H

## I miss MASH

PYONGYANG, North Korea—In an attempt at resurrecting his favorite television series, M\*A\*S\*H, President Kim Jong Il of North Korea has expelled United Nations inspectors from the country and reopened a nuclear weapons program. President Bush's advisors appeared concerned over this disturbing news, while Fox President Tony Venciguerra (not to be confused with Mexico's Vicente Fox) is reportedly "psyched" about the idea.

For the past month, North Korea's brinkmanship has been explained away as the frantic ravings of one small man (Il) who desperately needs international aid to save his bastion of socialism from falling into energy-deprived financial ruin. Political scientists have speculated that personal insecurity caused him to overly inflate his military force, smother the populace with propaganda, curb the national economy, and effectively destroy his own country. These speculations have been found to be groundless, however, as Il's obsession with M\*A\*S\*H has recently proven.

M\*A\*S\*H was a situation comedy about a

Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit set in the Korean War. The Fox sitcom ran for eleven years, encompassing the highly political Vietnam War era. Characters such as Hawkeye Pierce, BJ Hunnicutt, and Hotlips Houlihan are some of the most memorable in television history. The final episode of the series remains one of the highest rated shows of all time.

A high-ranking official for the South Korean government recently leaked the shocking news about Jong Il's obsessive scheme. "The SBC (Seoul Broadcasting Company) recently pulled reruns of the syndicated show from its lineup due to lack of interest," reported South Korean Secretary of State Laura Vang. "The only remaining sponsors of the show were Warheads 'R Us and the Missile Silo Barn. So we cut the show and Lil' Il Kim gets a little violent. How were we supposed to know about his obsession with Hotlips and Klinger? He sits up there in the north and plays with his army and his Taepaedong (missiles) while his country faces mass starvation. It's disgusting."

White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer had little to say about the President's reaction, but relayed substantial intelligence information. "We have discovered that the North Korean President has been a member of the official M\*A\*S\*H fan club since its inception. Once North Korea's power supply dwindled, the country lost its only channel not devoted to anti-U.S. propaganda, and it became totally reliant upon rebroadcast feeds from the South. Then South Korea Fox axed M\*A\*S\*H. That combined with the fact that President Kim was not named Time's Dictator of the Year led to this standoff," said Fleischer.

President Il's brinkmanship seems to be working on three fronts. First, the prospect of war is influencing America's top pandering network, Fox, to seriously consider another lucrative run of M\*A\*S\*H. Second, the reopening of the North Korean nuclear power plant at Pyongyang will be able to produce weapons of mass destruction while at the same time rebroadcast the Fox signal across the country. Third, were a war to occur, the show could be billed as reality television, thereby substantially increasing viewership.

In a related story, I played MASH today and it turns out I will live in an apartment, have six children, drive a Lamborghini, work as a garbage man, and be married to Britney Spears.

Awesome.

## Editorial: "Let us closely examine our acronyms ASAP."

By Professor Bruce Manchester III



My tenure here at Martin Luther College recently reached the twelve-year zenith and I feel that it is time that I remonstrate against the inherent inanity displayed by a growingly linguistically lazy populace. This contention is made not

only of unapprised pupils here at this institute, but, alas, it bemoans me to say it: of our beloved Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

As always I enjoyed my Saturday evening of worship at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is actually erroneously entitled "St. John's," the possessive meaning of said name eludes my understanding. Is it customary beyond the realm of spiritual societies to assign such possessive appellations to edifices? Does the building belong to St. John? Obviously the other choice is that the apostrophe represents the linking verb "is." This would direct one to interpret such an obtusely assigned designation as "Saint John is Evangelical Lutheran Church." I will not even endeavor to explain such a syntactical calamity. Alas, I digress.

The senselessness that stung my aural sensors after evening adulation was the utterance of the acronym "SG<sup>2</sup>." As per the lexis (this is not a "living above you" means of transportation, but words: oh, sweet joviality of pun) of the Reverend William Bernhardt, the aforementioned semantic shortcut denotes the program "Special Gifts for the Specially Gifted." Let us scrutinize

this supposition mathematically. SG<sup>2</sup> is at an echelon of complexity that is beneath that of simple quadratic formulae, so we need not even toil with FOIL (ah, sweet hilarity). SG<sup>2</sup> can be rewritten as S x G<sup>2</sup>, which can be further explicated as S x G x G. As little as I fancy applying mathematical convention to linguistics, I am obliged to elucidate an extensive peccadillo pertaining to this cross-disciplinary analogous truncation. An additional term initiated by the alveolar fricative consonant "S" is requisite to formulate mathematical sagacity. The remaining resolution, obviously, to this faux pas is simply to verbalize "the quantity of SG squared" or (SG)<sup>2</sup>.

Having now been enlightened to this linguistic miscalculation, the reader is certain to necessitate my analysis of other acronymic gaffes. Allow me to surmise a potential narrative which incorporates four recurring maltreatments of acronyms. After the story I shall supplant the acronyms used with the actual expressed denotations. (An "acronym" is a word or a set of letters formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term. exempli gratia: "FBI" is considered by proficient English speakers to be an acronym, despite not forming a quasi-word.) "I shall drive my coupé, which has ABS brakes, to the college on the hill, which is the WELS Synod school of ministry, where I shall take the PPST Test, and then I shall purchase some carpet from the GCO Carpet Outlet." Acronyms expressed by intended phrases: "I shall drive my coupé, which has anti-lock breaking system brakes, to the college on the hill, which is the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran

Synod Synod school of ministry, where I shall take the Pre-Professional Skills Test Test, and then I shall purchase some carpet from the Georgia Carpet Outlet Carpet Outlet." Utter absurdity!

Needless to say, the implication of this straightforward colloquial composition is this: Let us closely examine our acronyms ASAP.

Class dismissed.

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