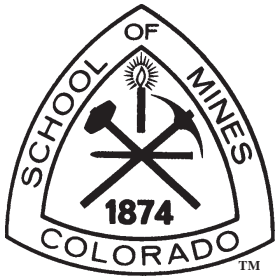


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The Pastels of The Christ

Andrew Gonzales

According to a nationwide poll conducted by the American Medical Association, the average American eats about 2.4 pounds of chocolate, 3 pounds of eggs, .94 pounds of jelly beans, and 3 ounces of fake basket grass each Easter. Why, you say? Well, because we're the second biggest nation of lardasses. Why else, though? Why do we willingly subject ourselves to the sugar comas and egg vomit, the Charlton Heston movie marathons and the horrible pastels?

Only in recent weeks have we unlocked the mystery. Several months ago, landmark video footage was discovered that is believed to be dated to the time of Jesus. In this marvelous archaeological find, which, for simplicity's sake we'll call, "The Passion of The Christ," much of the Easter tradition has been explained. For instance, right before Easter there is a holiday called "Good Friday." We now know that this is taken from the acronym TGIF, which stands for "Thank Good It's Friday." It doesn't make a lot of sense to our English ears I'll confess, but in Pig Latin, the native language of Jesus, it reads: "ankthay

oodgay itsay idayfray." Anyway, in the movie they explain that we call Good Friday Good Friday because that's the day Jesus died (sounds pretty good, eh?).

"Hold on! Who's this Jesus fellow?" Well, for those of you who aren't well-versed in the Bible, I'll recap: Jesus is a normal guy right? He goes surfing, bootlegs liquor, wears sandals and hangs out with his 12 best friends. However, some people don't like Jesus' dad, because he's always smiting this, bringing plagues upon that, and "Thou shalt not"ing everything else. This leads them to pressure Pilate (pill-AH-tee, now known for his groundbreaking exercise that shapes and tones your muscles) to turn him over to Herod. Then he dies (Easter eggs) on the cross (on Good Friday). On the following Sunday, Judas betrays Jesus, and, dressed in a giant rabbit costume, he hides Jesus' eggs all over the land. Jesus puts on his "tunic of many pastel colors," (Eas. 37:3&4) grabs a basket, and heads out in the "Easter"ly direction to hunt for the eggs. When he finds them, he celebrates by eating a myriad of jelly beans and

chocolate rabbits, until he has to ask Pilate to help him lose weight. So, that's why we celebrate Easter with eggs and rabbits and candy and Pilates videos. If you doubt the validity of such a holiday, just ask yourself one question: WWJD? (What Would Judas Do?)

There you have it; a brief synopsis of all the knowledge we've gained in the past few months. To conclude this article, I would like to thank my two sources, from which all of this groundbreaking information was gleaned: the movie "The Passion of The Christ" and, of course, the good book (The DaVinci Code). Unfortunately, I have yet to experience either one of these historical artifacts for myself, mainly for strong pecuniary objections. However, I assume that all of the facts that I have invented are true to Mel Gibson's word, and will thereby facilitate the understanding and enjoyment of Easter for generations to come. "Good" bless you all, especially Mel Gibson.

The Editor's Corner

If you are an American, you belong to one of three groups:

- 1) You hate Bush (the person). He maybe Satan himself.
- 2) You love Bush (the person). You want to have his Republican babies.
- 3) You're stupid.

If you belong to either of the first two groups, voting is going to come dancing your way by the end of this year, and you'll have a chance to get rid of the bastard/keep the angel in office. Make sure you know what you're doing. To become an educated voter, I recommend going to Project Vote Smart at the following address:

<http://www.vote-smart.org>

I hope that's big enough type. Their site includes info on all of the candidates (including a fascist party, which might be an acceptable alternative to Bush), as well info on registering to vote (many of you may need to fill out absentee ballots).

The PVS website also includes:

- Public statements made by U.S. Senators and Governors
- Voter registration forms for each state
- Contact information for state and local election offices
- Polling place and absentee ballot information
- Ballot measure descriptions for each state, where applicable
- Links to federal and state government agencies, political parties and issue organizations
- Information about PVS membership and internship opportunities

You can also access this information, and much more, through their toll-free Voter's Research Hotline by calling 1-888-VOTE-SMART (1-888-868-3762). Hotline operators are available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time. In even-numbered election years, hotline hours expand beginning in October. '

People our age don't vote, but if they did, there could be some drastic changes. Let's not be the apathetic sheep everyone thinks we are.

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET

ELEMENT:	Woman
SYMBOL:	☺
DISCOVERER:	Adam
ATOMIC MASS:	Accepted as 55kg, but known to vary from 45kg to 225kg

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint
2. Boils at absolutely nothing – freezes for no apparent reason
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

1. Reacts well to gold, platinum and all precious stones
2. Explodes spontaneously without reason or warning
3. The most powerful money reducing agent known to man

COMMON USE

1. Highly ornamental, especially in sports cars
2. Can greatly aid relaxation
3. Can be a very effective cleaning agent

HAZARDS

1. Turns green when placed alongside a superior specimen
2. Possession of more than one is possible but specimens must never make eye contact

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Registration Frustration

Dear Board of Trustees,

I'm a freshman and I was recently trying to register for classes. It was while I was doing this that I realized that the number of available openings for required classes (like Physics II) was less than the number of students who needed to take these classes. Now, not all the classes were like this, but the classes that were the most filled were Calculus III and Physics II, required classes, important classes.

I was told by an anonymous employee of the registrar's office to "ask the board of trustees!" Well, the entire student body should know why. From

what I've gathered, it's because our freshman student body has reached a record size for population. Shouldn't our sophomore courses fit our plump population of freshmen?

It is my opinion that relaxing our enrollment standards is a disservice to all students of CSM and alumni of CSM. Are we not recognized for our strict standards and prestigious reputation? Does this change in enrollment standards endanger those special qualities? Thank you for your consideration and excuse my audaciousness.

Chase Hoffman

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I recently came across a documentary titled "Jim in Bold" that is going to be shown campus-wide in the next couple weeks. The documentary follows the story of three gay men as they travel thousands of miles across the U.S. examining gay culture and acceptance. As a straight student, you might be wondering why I think this film is so important. Here's why:

Everyone who is at Mines has endured some type of discrimination. Whether it be because we chose calculators over Shakespeare, are introverted, or care more about academics than Friday nights (E-Days excluded), it doesn't matter. There are stereotypes and labels that must be eliminated. Every Mines student is not an introvert. And I'm pretty sure that we have some students that could rival anyone at CU in terms of partying.

The documentary focuses on a student from the east coast named Jim. He figured out pretty early on in his life that he was gay. His Quaker family openly supported him, but it wasn't enough. He never found the social acceptance that he held so dearly. For that reason, he killed himself.

If you've ever felt different or left out for whatever reason, you need to watch this film. It is important for us as students to constantly examine our perspectives and challenge existing stereotypes and labels.

Alisha Tremaine

Duke,

I normally don't care enough to say anything about your articles, but the editor's response to that whiny bitch about not going to mines will probably be working for one of us some day.....if we feel like hiring the little uneducated bastard. I bet that guy has never even been to CU, and if he has, he is probably like most applicants, a nerd. With this in mind, he sure as hell would not be at any parties there. I love your response to death. I just get really upset when we have people ignorant of reality criticize something they know nothing about, and I get even more upset when that criticism is aimed at a school that I love, and is respected throughout the engineering world. I mean come on, welcome to college you stupid asshole. Thanks again for keeping out one more stupid nerd that thinks he knows it all, only to realize that yeah, he just failed that test. Sorry if this seems a little of a spasmodic writing, but I just read your article at 4am on the way to get my laundry and decided to congratulate you on your response.

Aaron Sanford