

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God’s sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God’s children. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. Now in this hope we were saved, yet hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.

“In the same way the Spirit also joins to help in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. And He who searches the hearts knows the Spirit’s mind-set, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; and those He called, He also justified; and those He justified, He also glorified.”

—Romans 8:18-30

❑ On behalf of Summit’s Board of Directors, Administration and staff we wish to extend our sympathies to everyone who lost their lives, families and livelihood in the December 26, 2004 tidal waves amongst 11 countries in Asia. We are proud (in a good sense) of the rapid response by the various Christian organizations who did not have to wait for any particular government or organization. God bless their efforts done in the name of our Lord Jesus. Our fallen world is not just amongst men’s actions and irresponsibilities, but Creation groans too!! This December 2004 tidal wave should tell one and all that life is short at best and we better be ready for any (and I mean any) eventuality [Proverbs 27:1]. We would pray that every *Journal* reader is ready to meet their Creator [Hebrews 10:30, 31].

❑ “We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters*, 1959

❑ “Do you know, the suffering of the innocent is *less* of a problem to me v. often than that of the wicked. It sounds absurd; but I’ve met so many innocent sufferers who seem to be gladly offering their pain to God in Christ as part of the Atonement, so patient, so meek, even so at peace, and so unselfish that we can hardly doubt they are being, as St. Paul says, ‘made perfect by suffering.’ On the other hand I meet selfish egoists in whom suffering seems to produce only resentment, hate, blasphemy, and more egoism. They are the real problem.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters*, 1954

❑ “That suffering is not *always* sent as a punishment is clearly established for believers by the book of Job and by John 9:1-4. That it *sometimes* is, is suggested by parts of the Old Testament and Revelation.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters*, 1952

❑ “Wildlife officials in Sri Lanka said yesterday that although thousands of people perished in the quake and tidal wave catastrophe, no dead animals had been found on the island nation.

“A photographer who flew over Sri Lanka’s Yala National Park spotted ‘abundant wildlife,’ but not one carcass.

“Almost 23,000 people are thought to have died in the country, but H.D. Ratnayake, deputy director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation Sri Lanka, said it appeared that the animals had sensed danger and headed to safety.

“ ‘The strange thing is, we have not recorded any dead ani-

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

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	Session 2	July 24 - Aug 5

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mals. No elephants are dead, not even a dead hare or rabbit. I think animals can sense disaster. They know when things are happening in nature,' he said.

"Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne, who runs a hotel in the park, said, 'I am finding bodies of humans, but I have yet to see a dead animal.'

"Yala, Sri Lanka's largest wildest reserve, is home to 200 Asian elephants, crocodiles, wild boars, water buffaloes and gray langur monkeys. The park also has Asia's highest concentration of leopards. The Yala reserve covers 391 square miles, but only 56 square miles are open to tourists.

"Rupert Sheldrake, biologist and author of *The Sense of Being Stared At*, a book about unexplained human and animal abilities, said animals 'seem to sense when a disaster or catastrophe is about to occur.'

"The most striking examples concern earthquakes,' he said.

"In some instances, cats have been said to go into hiding up to 12 hours before an earthquake, while dogs would bark 'frantically' shortly before it struck, he said.

"Roger Tabor, an animal behaviorist, said initial reports from Sri Lanka about the miraculous escape of the animal population were 'intriguing,' but would need to be investigated further.

"In these situations, he said, dead animals often are ignored or not even noticed because of the scale of the human tragedy.

"A French official coordinating European aid to Sri Lanka told the French government by telephone yesterday that almost 23,000 were killed in that country in the weekend tsunami disaster.

"Col. Philippe Nardin, of the national civil emergency service, told French Interior Minister Dominique de Villepin in a telephone briefing from Sri Lanka that 'we can expect 40,000 to 50,000 dead' in the end, officials said."

—*The Washington Times*, December 30, 2004, p. A 12

□ The militant Wahhabi sect of Islam controls most of the Muslim organizations in America, including most mosques and cleric appointments to our jails and armed forces. Their true "shocking" 5th column teachings to American Muslims was exposed by minister chaplain Rick Mathes when he attended his annual training session at the Fulton (Missouri) reception and diagnostic center prison:

"Last month I [Chaplain Rick Mathes] attended my annual training session that's required for maintaining my state prison security clearance. During the training session there was a presentation by three speakers representing the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim faiths, who explained each of their belief systems.

"I was particularly interested in what the Islamic Imam had to say. The Imam gave a great presentation of the basics of Islam, complete with a video.

"After the presentations, time was provided for questions and answers. When it was my turn, I directed my question to the Imam and asked: 'Please, correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that most Imams and clerics of Islam have declared a holy jihad [Holy war] against the infidels of the world. And, that by killing an infidel, which is a command to all Muslims, they are assured of a place in heaven. If that's the case, can you give me the definition of an infidel?'

"There was no disagreement with my statements and, with-

out hesitation, he replied, 'Nonbelievers!'

"I responded, 'So, let me make sure I have this straight. All followers of Allah have been commanded to kill everyone who is not of your faith so they can go to Heaven. Is that correct?'

"The expression on his face changed from one of authority and command to that of a little boy who had just gotten caught with his hand in the cookie jar. He sheepishly replied, 'Yes.'

"I then stated, 'Well, sir, I have a real problem trying to imagine Pope John Paul commanding all Catholics to kill those of your faith or Dr. Stanley ordering Protestants to do the same in order to go to Heaven!'

"The Imam was speechless.

"I continued, 'I also have a problem with being your friend when you and your brother clerics are telling your followers to kill me. Let me ask you a question. Would you rather have your Allah who tells you to kill me in order to go to Heaven or my Jesus who tells me to love you because I am going to Heaven and He wants you to be with me?'

"You could have heard a pin drop as the Imam hung his head in shame.

"Needless to say, the organizers and/or promoters of the 'Diversification' training seminar were not happy with Rick's way of dealing with the Islamic Imam and exposing the truth about the Muslim beliefs."

—submitted by Melvin C., Boynton Beach, FL

□ "I was shocked to find the articles in the November *Journal* that a fox has infiltrated the once hallowed halls and classrooms of Point Loma Nazarene University. We know the name of the fox and where he lays his evolutionistic eggs. It is time for all Godly Nazarenes to openly demand his ouster. As you know I am referring to Professor Darrel R. Falk.

"As much as I believe the people called Nazarenes are opposed to theistic evolution and to the Darwinian view of evolution there are a few things that trouble me deeply. I list them as the following: 1. I believe 99.5 percent of all Nazarenes disagree with Darwinism. 2. Sadly, I believe that 99 percent of Nazarenes see Darwinism as no threat and are content to stay silent on the issue. 3. I fear that there are more foxes than just Professor Darrel Falk in the classrooms of our Nazarene Colleges and Universities. 4. I fear that many of our esteemed leaders do not see them as a threat to the teachings of God and to the many young people that they currently have an influence on and the ones they will influence in the future.

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Of all the responses I received from our November *Journal* regarding Darwin and Point Loma Nazarene University, the saddest correspondence came from a Nazarene minister. "I was attempting to live a peaceful life as a pastor," he writes. "However, there was such a blatant attack on me from the theologians for having a creation conference, that I felt I needed to respond. I am under unbelievable pressure and have been effectively blackballed from getting another decent Nazarene Church." And this for merely having a creation conference in a Nazarene Church!

But for those who wonder what is truly going on at Point Loma the following letter will illuminate some pretty dark spots. Here is the letter:

"I read with great amazement the November issue of the *Journal* with its focus on Dr. Falk's new book, *Coming to Peace With Science: Bridging the Worlds Between Faith and Biology*. You asked to hear from Nazarene readers and so I thought I would write to you about my experience. I, and only a few others, were very alarmed by Dr. Falk's indoctrination of students in evolutionary theory at our denomination's school. But I have to tell you that you are wrong about 95% of Nazarenes not even caring about this. It is much higher, at least 98%. And I can guarantee that 100% of the pastors in the pulpits do not care at all, if what you mean by 'caring' is that they would speak out against any of this.

"It was 5 years ago this month that I was given a copy of the manuscript *Creation And The Church: Coming to Peace With Biology* that was the basis of this book. An upset student from Dr. Falk's biology class gave me a copy of this manuscript which was distributed to students in Dr. Falk's classes for their review. I was angered by what I read and challenged Dr. Falk and PLNU, spending the next year and a half in a letter writing campaign with Dr. Falk, the President of PLNU, and the General Superintendents of the Nazarene church. I also had numerous personal meetings with fellow Nazarenes, my pastor, and other pastors in an attempt to generate some kind of response to this problem. The response I received from these individuals was one of almost complete apathy. This was certainly true of my fellow Nazarenes, but was more cleverly disguised by the pastors and other leaders in the denomination. Their response was one of feigned alarm and shock and assurance that something would be done. Of course, nothing is ever done, but this is the response used to pacify and silence those of us who complained. However, as some of us persisted in seeking some kind of response leadership realized we would not go away so easily. We began to be identified as trouble makers and tagged as a group of vigilantes from Bakersfield [CA].

"What was our extreme request? We simply wanted PLNU to present the creationist point of view at our Christian university. Is it not revealing that San Diego State University allows the

Creationists to present their point of view to SDSU students but PLNU, the local Christian university, refuses to allow any kind of Creationist presentation on campus? The response to our request was vigorous and strong; PLNU would lose all credibility if it allowed any creationism on campus. Most shocking of all was that our friends in the pew and in the pulpit who had children at PLNU could care less. We were met with complete and total apathy among virtually every single Nazarene we knew. Many of these people are people I have great respect for and can personally attest to their faith and devotion to God, and so it was very disturbing to me that they had been so completely lulled to sleep on such issues. I was angry that our church continued to promote PLNU as a bastion of conservatism and that my friends continued to send their children there. I began to ask that full disclosure be made concerning what is really taught and to quit promoting this school as conservative.

"I struggled with this apparent hypocrisy for a long time and constantly sought for pastors and others in leadership who would speak out against PLNU. Dr. Noebel, I could not find a single pastor that was willing to challenge Dr. Falk or PLNU in any but a token way with the exception of one lone individual and he paid the ultimate price for it. Not only was he blacklisted and purposely passed over for any new assignment to larger churches, even though his church was growing and dynamic, the District Superintendent was finally successful in forcing him out of his church. Of course, he was never to be given another church to pastor.

"The complete apathy I found within the Nazarene church was the beginning of the end for me. The final blow came when I received a definitive response from the General Superintendents to my inquiries regarding their position on not only the issue of evolution but on scriptural authority. They were very reluctant to answer me, but when they did they came out in full support of Dr. Falk and PLNU. I have enclosed a copy of the letter from the General Superintendent for your information. You will find it very interesting. You see, I discovered that the issues at PLNU and within the denomination are actually much deeper than the debate over creationism/evolution. While the leadership is very careful in its responses to any inquiries on what the church believes, when pressed to answer any controversial issue the position they take is that the church chooses not to take a position. This general attitude seems to have filtered down into the pews. For instance, here is the response from a General Superintendent on the question of scriptural authority: 'The minimum that the church claims is that the Holy Scriptures are inspired by God, they are reliable and authoritative, and they contain all things necessary for our salvation. If one chooses to believe that the Bible is "inerrant" from "cover to cover" one is free to do so. If another chooses to restrict this "inerrancy" only to the subject of salvation, one is free to do so. Neither should be labeled "unor-

thodox” by the other camp.’

“So even on the issue of scriptural authority you are free to choose as you like. However, despite all the carefully chosen words and well-articulated position of the leadership, the telltale fact is that while officially all “points of view” are to be tolerated and they will not choose sides, only one point of view is ever found in the classrooms or in positions of authority within the Nazarene denomination. Actually there is a token conservative or two left over from days gone past but new assignments are only filled by those who hold to the same left-leaning, low view of scripture. Where are the conservative theologians at PLNU? There no longer are any. I can back that up from their own writings, if there are any Nazarenes who care enough to want to know. Officially, PLNU allows both points of view. In practice only one point of view is heard and even worse, the traditional Chris-

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contin “I also have hope that Darrel Falk has sent a wakeup call to our Nazarene leaders in Kansas City, Kansas and the leaders of our colleges and universities. In answering the wakeup call they need to: 1. Go into the chicken house and throw the foxes out. 2. Reaffirm in our Nazarene Churches and our schools that we as a denomination still believe in, and still teach, and still preach creation as God has laid it out in the Holy Scriptures. 3. We need to faithfully seek out men and women that are in agreement with God as to how he told us that the universe came into existence.

“I sincerely believe that the great majority of Nazarenes believe in the literal interpretation of the Bible. However I am deeply bothered by those who show so little or no concern about what goes on in our places of higher education. I hope that our leaders have the courage and faith to clean house so that my faith in the church I have chosen to be a part of will be renewed.

“I do have one consolation and it is that Darrel Falk is not of Nazarene persuasion. He also said that when he came to Point Loma to teach he came to a Christian College because, ‘He wanted to teach young people and that the Christian faith had become central in his life.’ He did not say that the Christian faith had become central in his heart and his teachings. Maybe there is a message here, for even ‘Satan’ believes that there is a God, but ‘he’ does not know God! May God save us Nazarenes from our complacencies.” Jim P. Pueblo, CO

□ “I have been raised in Nazarene Churches since 1927. I have never heard anyone who believes in evolution that said they were a Christian.

“I was raised in Newberg, Oregon most of my life. George Fox College was there with a large Friends Church, also a large Christian Church. We associated with both of these churches and I never remember hearing any teaching about evolution in school even in the 2 years I went to High School there after my father died.

“In 1943, my mother moved us to Nampa, ID so my sister and I could go to the high school at Northwest Nazarene College, now University. I took Chemistry two years, one year as a provisional freshman, then as a student nurse at Samaritan Hospital. I never remember in those years of hearing anything on the teaching of evolution.

tian perspective is not only gone, it is purposely ridiculed.

“The result of all this appears to be that those who still are conservative find that the easiest response on any issue is to say nothing. This translates into a general apathy among conservatives and provides an unchallenged bully pulpit for the liberals. Unless some courageous leaders rise up and speak out, the Nazarene denomination will become one more prize for the liberals in their take-over of mainstream denominations.

“I have enclosed some selected correspondence from a student, from Dr. Bower (PLNU’s President) who clearly established the school’s position issues, as well as other very enlightening letters. Please feel free to use as much of this as you like in any of your newsletters or other communications. Thank you for bringing this problem to the attention of your readers. Sincerely, Dave F., Bakersfield, CA”

“We were taught from the scripture that God created the world, always disagreeing with evolution. How anyone could believe that theory is more than I could understand.

“My mother had a teacher who told their students they came from apes, but she told them you may have but God created me. My oldest daughter had the same experience with one of her Biology teachers and she told them the same thing.

“I can not understand a man who claims to be a Christian can believe what he wrote. I didn’t find any of the men who you quoted agreeing with Mr. Falk except Francis S. Collins.

“I agree with you, I’d like to hear a debate between Dr. Falk and Stephen Meyer. Dr. James Dobson would be a great man to arrange it.” Grace M., Watertown, SD

□ “At the University of North Carolina, three incoming freshmen sued over a reading assignment they say offends their Christian beliefs.

“In Colorado and Indiana, a national conservative group publicized student accusations of left-wing bias by professors. Faculty get hate mail and are pictured in mock ‘wanted’ posters.

“The episodes differ in important ways, but all touch on an issue of growing prominence on college campuses.

“Traditionally, clashes over academic freedom have pitted politicians or administrators against instructors who wanted to express their opinions and teach as they saw fit. But increasingly, it is students who are invoking academic freedom. They say biased professors are violating their right to a classroom free from indoctrination.

“To many professors, there is a new and deeply troubling aspect to this latest chapter in the debate over academic freedom: Students are trying to dictate what they don’t want to be taught.

“ ‘Even the most contentious or disaffected of students in the ‘60s or early ‘70s never really pressed this kind of issue,’ said Robert O’Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and former president of the University of Virginia.

“Those behind the trend call it an antidote to the overwhelming liberal views of university faculties. But many educators worry that students just want to avoid exposure to ideas that challenge their core beliefs—an essential part of education.

“Some also fear teachers will shy away from sensitive topics, or fend off criticism by ‘balancing’ their syllabuses with opposing viewpoints, even if they represent inferior scholarship.

“ ‘Faculty retrench. They are less willing to discuss contemporary problems, and I think everyone loses out,’ said Joe Losco, a professor of political science at Ball State University in Indiana, who has supported two colleagues targeted for purported bias. ‘It puts a chill in the air,’ he said.

“Conservatives say a chill is in order.

“A recent study by Santa Clara University researcher Daniel Klein estimated that among social science and humanities faculty members nationwide, Democrats outnumber Republicans by at least 7-to-1; in some fields the ratio is as high as 30-to-1.

“Leading the latest movement is the group Students for Academic Freedom, with chapters on 135 campuses and close ties to David Horowitz, a one-time liberal campus activist turned conservative commentator.

“Instructors ‘need to make students aware of the spectrum of scholarly opinion,’ Mr. Horowitz said. ‘You can’t get a good education if you’re only getting half the story.’

“Conservatives say they are discouraged from expressing their views in class, and blackballed from graduate school slots and jobs.

“ ‘I feel like [faculty] are so disconnected from students that they do these things and they can just get away with them,’ said Kris Wampler, who recently identified himself as one of the students who sued the University of North Carolina. Now a junior, he objected when all incoming students were assigned to read a book about the Koran before they got to campus.

“Efforts by him and others are having mixed results. At UNC, the students lost their legal case, but the university no longer uses the word ‘required’ in describing the reading program for incoming students.

“In Colorado, conservatives withdrew a legislative proposal for an ‘academic bill of rights,’ backed by Mr. Horowitz, but only after state universities agreed to adopt its principles.”

—*The Washington Times*, December 27, 2004, p. A8

□ “College freshmen taking Philosophy 101, in which the professor is trying to challenge Christianity, have likely encountered the writings of Antony Flew. Mr. Flew has been called the most influential atheist philosopher in the world, and his arguments against the existence of God are staples of many college anthologies and textbooks. Now he says that he believes there is a God.

“Mr. Flew still does not accept any revealed religion, including Christianity. He has simply become a ‘theist,’ or, as he says, a ‘deist,’ believing that God created the world but no longer has a personal relationship with it. Nevertheless, as philosopher Angus Menuge says, for ‘one of the 20th century’s most famous atheist philosophers’ to become a theist is ‘huge news in philosophy.’

“The news broke when a forthcoming interview with Mr. Flew in the Christian philosophy journal *Philosophia Christi* was posted on the internet. The interview is a conversation between Mr. Flew and Gary Habermas, a philosophy professor at Liberty University whom Mr. Flew credits with helping him change his mind. Mr. Flew has also announced his new position in letters to philosophy journals and in an upcoming introduction to a new

edition of his classic book on the subject, *God and Philosophy*.

“Key to his conviction that there must be an intelligent mind behind the universe is the nature of DNA. As Nancy Pearcey, author of *Total Truth*, explains it, ‘At the heart of life, at the center of each cell in every living thing, is a language, a code, or what we would call information. There is no known natural process capable of producing information. A message or information is diagnostic of an intelligent source.’

“Mr. Habermas has debated Mr. Flew several times, and the two had become friends. He told *WORLD* that the first inkling he had that Mr. Flew was changing his thinking came after their nationally televised debate in 2000. In their ensuing correspondence, Mr. Flew conceded some of Mr. Habermas’s arguments. Mr. Flew vacillated, sometimes saying that he though he was becoming a theist but then concluding, ‘I’m, an atheist with big questions.’

“Mr. Flew asked for titles of books on Intelligent Design. He wrote Mr. Habermas that he was finding William Dembski’s mathematics in *The Design Inference* over his head but that Michael Behe’s *Darwin’s Black Box* is an ‘incredible book.’ That title argues that the minimal cellular and biochemical requirements for life display an ‘irreducible complexity’ that cannot be random but must have been designed. In January 2004, Mr. Flew told Mr. Habermas that he had definitely become a theist.

“Mr. Habermas says the impact on the atheist movement is similar to what would happen in the evangelical world if Billy Graham or J.I. Packer renounced Christianity. Atheists have gone into damage-control mode, insisting that Mr. Flew is just proposing a hypothesis or that he is accepting only a very minimal God so that the change is no big deal. But, as Mr. Habermas told *WORLD*, for a leading atheist spokesman to believe in a Creator who he calls God is a very big deal indeed.

“For the 81-year-old Mr. Flew, renouncing his life’s work and the reason for his fame is a matter of intellectual honesty. ‘My whole life has been guided by the principle of Plato’s Socrates,’ he says. ‘Follow the evidence, wherever it leads.’

“What holds him back from Christianity? Mr. Flew cannot believe in a God who would consign anyone to hell. Nor does he believe in an afterlife. But Mr. Habermas says Mr. Flew now concedes that the accounts of Jesus’ resurrection constitute better evidence than that presented for most miracles. He also appreciates the Bible and is attracted to the person of Jesus.

“Mr. Menuge, the author of *Agents Under Fire*, which applies Intelligent Design to the field of philosophy, points out that C.S. Lewis too started as a theist and ended as a Christian. ‘Flew is a truly remarkable man with a mind as clear and severe as sunlight, and we can hope that although he says he is only a theist, God is continuing his alien work and drawing him to faith.’”

—Gene Edward Veith, *WORLD* magazine, December 25, 2004, p. 22

□ “The Inaugural Committee for President Bush is being hit with calls protesting the news that obscene rock-rapper Kid Rock will be headlining an inauguration youth concert hosted by presidential daughters Jenna and Barbara Bush.

“First reported by *WorldNetDaily*, the story is generating outrage around the nation, given Kid Rock’s pedigree as ‘Sluttiest

Male Celebrity' at the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards. His lyrics include graphic, f-word studded depictions of rape and a stanza about 'pimping' Barbara Bush, the president's mother. At last year's Super Bowl halftime show, Kid Rock appeared in a poncho made from a cut-up American flag and did a sexually suggestive dance.

"The 540,000 complaints Americans made to the FCC about last year's Super Bowl halftime show weren't limited to Janet Jackson. Many were outraged by Kid Rock's performance too," said Jan LaRue, CWA's chief counsel. "This guy ought to be inaugurated into jail life for violating obscenity laws."

"Others agree.

"I hope this is not someone's idea of the Bush administration reaching out to the 'center,'" said a longtime political commentator. "Whatever he does, the President's not likely to get support from the MTV crowd. The fact that the conservative community has to launch a campaign to stop this kind of filth from being embraced by the administration is depressing and mind boggling."

"Kid Rock has also appeared in pornographic videos, according to American Family Association (AFA) President Don Wildmon, who told us today that AFA has placed calls to high-level Republicans on Capitol Hill alerting them of this outrage.

"If the administration doesn't drop Kid Rock from the program, 'this will hurt them bad, really bad,' Wildmon said.

"A spokeswoman at the Inaugural Committee's entertainment section told Concerned Women for America's (CWA's) Culture & Family Institute today that they were beginning to get calls about Kid Rock, and that the matter was under discussion. One source at the Inaugural Committee told us that '[Kid Rock] is not confirmed.' "

—Robert Knight, Concerned Women of America, January 6, 2005

□ "The history of politics—more, the history of human thinking—is the history of words. Consider what happened to the word liberal in the United States.

"It has become a Bad Word for millions of Americans. ...

"In the year 1951, no less a demagogue than Sen. Joseph McCarthy still used liberal positively, at least on one occasion. ...In that very year Sen. Robert A. Taft, idol of recent American conservatives, thought it necessary to state that he was not a conservative but an old-fashioned liberal....

"In 1950, the cultural critic Lionel Trilling declared that the only dominant philosophy in America was the liberal one. In 1955, a Harvard professor, Louis Hartz, wrote that the perennial and prevalent American creed was liberalism.

"They were wrong. ...Right before their eyes, antiliberalism was rising fast. ...In 1955, the first self-described conservative weekly of opinion appeared, the *National Review*, edited and directed by William F. Buckley Jr. It had few subscribers. Twenty-five years later, its circulation was larger than that of the *Nation* and the *New Republic* combined."

—*The Washington Times*, December 10, 2004, p. A2

□ "Laura Ingraham, Ann Coulter, Michelle Malkin, Dinesh D'Souza, Rich Lowry—the alumni list of the Collegiate Network

reads like a who's who of spirited conservative thought.

"Established 25 years ago, the Delaware-based CN was founded to counter the politicization of American campuses and to support conservative student journalists intent on making their voices heard.

"The organization has fostered 85 independent publications at such liberal strongholds as Harvard, Yale and the University of California at Berkeley—furnishing operational grants, journalistic training, editorial resources, internships and mentoring.

"The rise of a conservative media counterestablishment and today's dominance of conservatism in the broader American society is no accident," said CN spokeswoman Sarah Longwell. "It came about because of the vision and dedication of those who labored over the past quarter century to win the hearts and minds of an entire generation."

"Indeed, talk-radio host Miss Ingraham and book author Mr. D'Souza were both former editors of the *Dartmouth Review*, founded in 1980 by disaffected staffers from the university's liberal student publication.

"*National Review* editor Mr. Lowry, meanwhile, was the former editor of the *Virginia Advocate*, a monthly journal that promotes conservative values at the University of Virginia. Author and commentator Miss Coulter once edited the *Cornell Review*, another conservative student paper.

"Now, the next generation has arrived.

"Student-run or not, CN publications routinely play hardball these days, sounding the alarm about liberal bias in the media, excruciating political correctness and questionable academic offerings."

—*The Washington Times*, November 28, 2004, p. A2

□ "Tasked by her teacher with writing a Thanksgiving poem, fifth-grader Kaeley Hay of the Lincoln-Franklin Elementary School in Garwood, NJ, came up with this charming little idyll: 'Leaves are falling out of the air,/Piles of leaves everywhere./ Scarecrows standing high up with the corn./ Farmers harvest in the early morn./ Pilgrims thank God for what they were given,/ Everybody say...happy Thanksgiving!' Kaeley's classmates liked her work so much they voted to display it on the school's bulletin board November 10, just in time for parent-teacher night. The poem was fully posted...but not before a vigilant staff member, sensing danger to the Republic, had struck out the word 'God.' The child's mother complained. After consulting their attorneys, the school board reinstated the offending word. Another constitutional crisis narrowly averted! Thank *goodness* we have attorneys to tell us what we may do."

—*National Review*, December 27, 2004, p. 12

□ "Cuban Americans are angry at the Burlington Coat Factory for marketing a line of Che Guevara T-shirts, just in time for Christmas. Why only Cuban Americans? The Argentine-born Guevara was a violent thug who cruised around Latin America looking for countries to revolutionize (the recent biopic about him, *The Motorcycle Diaries*, is soft-core Communism, nothing else). He died trying to conquer Bolivia. Hey, Burlington—how about Osama sweaters? Zargawi scarves? Himmler would look cool on leather."

—*National Review*, December 27, 2004, p. 12