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## Sheep's Rights

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When was the last time you asked yourself where the clothes on your back came from? Just what went in to making that favorite sweater in your closet? If the answer is wool, then that sweater may be the byproduct of the mistreatment of an innocent lamb.

Worldwide, sheep are being treated as second-class citizens. They are not being guaranteed the fundamental

rights of the countries they inhabit. Why? What gives humans the right to mistreat the rest of earth's creatures, especially those that are unable to protest? Why should the rights of sheep not also be protected under the U.S. Constitution?

Each year, massive numbers of sheep endure poor living conditions, including overcrowded pens, starvation, polluted drinking water, neglect, and tail removal. These hardships are widespread, yet unnecessary. Sheep herders

should be obligated by law to maintain humane conditions for their animals. Measures, such as minimum water provisions, food inspections, proper monetary wages, and adequate pin facilities, should be enforced. During the winter months, sheep should also be provided with electrical heating blankets between the hours of dusk and sunrise. Labor laws would be another excellent advance—limiting the amount of wool a sheep can produce without adequate compensation. Unfortunately, few advances are being made on the issue of sheep's

rights.

There is something you can do! Make Tuesday, April 7, 2009 Sheep's Rights Awareness Day. Pin a single cotton ball to the front of your shirt to show your commitment to this most important issue. In addition, consumers should boycott wool products until our woolly friends are given better living conditions. In the event that these measures fall short, call your local state representative and voice your opinion for the need of a Constitutional Amendment to protect the rights of sheep. Sheep having feelings, too!



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## Bulldog Classic 5K

By Stefanie Huskey  
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The Exercise & Sports Sciences Department will be hosting the 11th Annual Bulldog Classic 5k and Fun Run on April 4th. This event attracts alumni, faculty, staff, students, and local residents while providing hands-on experience for the Administration & Organization of P.E. and Sport course. Students in this class are responsible for organizing the entire event. Any funds raised will go directly to the Exercise & Sport Sciences De-

partment for lab equipment.

Please come out and participate this year. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. behind the gymnasium. The Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration fees are \$10 for the Fun Run and \$20 for the 5k. Everyone who participates will receive a free t-shirt! Please go to <http://www.twcnet.edu/Academics/academics5krun.htm> to register.

Also, if you would like to help the Exercise & Sport Sciences Department, but do

not plan to participate in the race, you may purchase a 5k t-shirt for \$12. Please contact Stephanie Huskey at 746-5274 or [shuskey@twcnet.edu](mailto:shuskey@twcnet.edu) for more information. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!



## Reminder

The Career Center and the Business Department will host its second Career/Job Fair on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in Elliott Hall.

Junior and Senior Business students are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Vibbert (746-5224) in Townsend Hall or Mrs. Kathy Mashburn (746-5211) in Elliott Hall.



## The Facts About 4/20

**By Jawan Abong  
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For centuries, the marijuana plant has been cross-bred and altered to become the popular seven leafed plant we all know as 'pot'. Described as a psychoactive drug from the Cannabis sativa plant, marijuana is primarily used as a recreational substance millions of people around the country. Coming in 3rd place, marijuana, usually referred to as weed, is one of the top recreational drugs in the world, coming in right behind tobacco and alcohol.

Dr. Allen Moore, Botanist and Professor at TWC, describes the hemp plant as an important plant in human culture. "Hemp has been used for ropes, clothes, and religious ceremonies for thousands of years," explained Moore. "Hemp may have even been one of the first plants ever cultivated by a society."

There are three different kinds of hemp plants, but the one that is typically smoked is derived from the hemp plant, Cannabis sativa subspecies indica. This version of hemp contains the most THC, or delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, for those who understand such big words. THC is the chemical that produces the feeling of near unconsciousness. When the chemical enters the blood

stream, it increases heart rate, lowers blood pressure, and impairment of concentration, which includes a loss of short-term memory. A regular marijuana smoker may exhibit these symptoms far longer than an occasional user, and it may even cause the daily user to operate with a lower intellectual level.

When using marijuana, the thing to remember is trichomes are best, while seeds and stems are the worst. Female leaves are better than male leaves, but either leaf produces the same high. If smoking is your thing, you probably know most of the possible ways to smoke it. Most smokers prefer using bowls, bongs, or joints. All three have their advantages and disadvantages. Green Dragon may also be produced, which is a lot like alcohol, except in the form of marijuana, where the leaves have been dehydrated and are made into a liquid form.

While deaths from the use of marijuana are rare, smokers may make bad decisions, such as driving, which can lead to death or serious injury. Smoking marijuana is much worse on the lungs than tobacco is, mainly because there are twenty times more toxins in marijuana smoke than there is in tobacco smoke. Despite the higher levels of toxins, there have been no true links to marijuana use and lung cancer, though marijuana smokers do experience more respiratory problems than

tobacco smokers.

Often, users wonder why the day 4/20 is so important in the marijuana user's life. No, 420 is not a police code. 4/20 simply began with a couple of high school students in California who would meet behind the school at exactly 4:20 pm. Detention was dismissed at 4:20, so the students would meet out behind the school to smoke. This tradition has traveled across the country and has become so popular, April 20th has become the national day to celebrate the use of cannabis all while consuming it with a smile upon their face!

Whatever your choice may

be, always remember to be safe and careful. Even though there are activist groups, such as NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), marijuana is illegal and should be used and purchased with caution. If you wish to support local activist groups, check out the NORML website for more info. You never know, your voice may help change the future of marijuana use for personal pleasure. Keep your mind open and free and have a great 4/20!

## Did You Ever Wonder?

**By Lonnie Mays  
Watchful Eye**

Why gang activity has increased in local stores? Anita Helper with K-Mart said that her store has been attacked by young biker groups coming into the store. "They go to the toy department, grab a bike, and ride it through the store. It is hard for us to keep up with them, to make them stop, even with the training wheels."

One of the local convenience stores has been vandalized by the graffiti artists of one gang. Artwork so shocking it cannot be retold in this newspaper. In those same restrooms were some apparent publications from the Hell's Angels. They told of the death and destruction of the world.

Drive-by's are up at Wal-

mart. A drive by is where the gang drives by a department picks up a bunch of items and drops the whole buggy load in another part of the store. This hit and run activity has shocked local shoppers beyond belief.

Gang violins are increasing also. The Athens Symphony has noticed a lot more of this activity. More are tuning up every day.

Could drugs be a reason for all these gang activities? Phil Moore of Walgreen's said drug sales were very profitable this past quarter and are continuing to soar.


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# Going Green

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Out of the many hot-but-ton issues one may see when glancing on CNN or across the pages of Newsweek or National Geographic, by far the most important is how global warming and pollution are affecting our environment. This issue is especially relevant considering Earth Day is on its way (April 22nd).

I know we hear these things so much. Some conservatives say we don't have enough evidence, while some liberals want to do too much to fix it and not in the right manner. Then, there are those that are at least somewhat concerned. Let me tell you, this is an issue that we cannot ignore for much longer before

it smacks us in the face like a sledgehammer.

We are killing our environment, and few seem to notice or care. Conservation biologists are begging the masses to start caring, and the only ones responding are greedy governments wanting to put caps on carbon emissions by charging a tax. Where will the taxed money go? Most likely, it will not go into research and development for fixing the problem – just to the pockets of those who already have too much.

“What’s the worry about the environment?”

“Is it really as bad as they say?”

“I think it’s too cold as it is; we could use a few extra degrees.”

If you say things like this,

I just want you to be aware of how foolish you are. What you fail to realize is that the earth is a delicate bubble protecting us, and it is ALL we have! There is no alternative as of yet. We do not have the option of destroying our planet; if it goes we go with it! Yet, I know most will not believe me without at least a bit of evidence. Read ahead.

Environmental already is and will continue to make a huge impact on humans. There will be less available food. The fresh water will have evaporated significantly from the increased heat. In addition, the population just keeps going up and up. We may be able to sustain a large population right now, but nature could have something else in store for us in the future.

If things are in such bad shape, what are some alter-

natives we should consider in order to reduce our impact on the environment? Read as follows.

First and fore mostly, reduce, reuse and recycle. I mean EVERYTHING, not just paper, plastic, and glass. Recycle metal, old computer or car parts, wood. Resell books or clothes. Not only do you earn money by reselling things, but items placed in dumps release methane as they decompose - which is not good for the environment.

Buy vehicles that are hybrids, use fuel cells, or charge up on electricity. It's not impossible; they are becoming cheaper every day. In India, the Nano was just released for a retail value of \$2500. They are cheaper and save money on fuel.

Adopt children. Have one child of your own if that's a

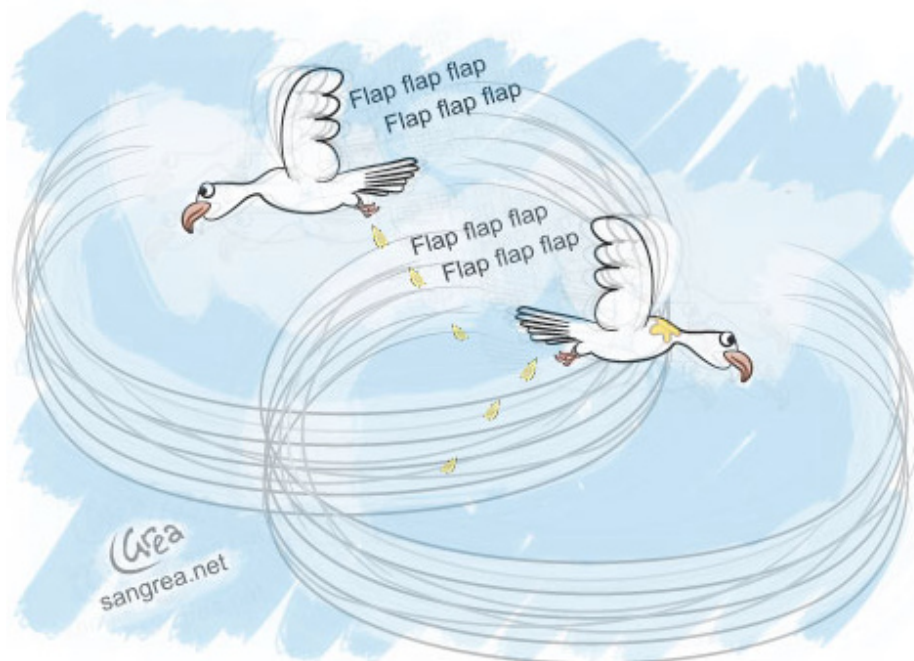
goal, but adding to our population is not a smart idea. Do more than just consider this.

Turn off electrical devices when not in use (i.e. lights, stereos, etc.) Also, turn your air conditioning a few degrees higher in the summer and a few degrees lower in the winter. This even saves you money. Use energy efficient devices – which can also save you money. Carpool. Carpool. Carpool.

Guys, this is no joke. If you want humanity to survive, you have to make the difference – not just wait on someone else to do it. Do you want your children and their children to remember your generation as the one that didn't give a damn? Get off your rear and celebrate Earth Day this year!



Global warming solution #3,876 - utilisation of noxious bovine inert gases for green transport purposes.



Right wingers and left wingers going nowhere