

# Perspectives

## Cephalo Gesticulus Discovered

by Jeff Drinnen

The discovery of an uncommon member of homo sapiens, Cephalo Gesticulus, is indubitably the key to understanding how man has developed an intelligence far above any other species of the animal kingdom. Pseudoscientist Norman Nuclear said this anthropological find is "the greatest insight into the supreme communication skills used by the human race ever witnessed by modern man.

Anthropologists trace Cephalo Gesticulus to the Quaternary geological era and pinpoint him to the Recent geologic period (it's a recent discovery). He has been found in many environments including Western bars, bars filled with sailors, gambling casinos, and even boxing matches. Upon entering these places, he addresses a member of his species, uttering "Slitz light". In response to the two words, the man gives Cephalo Gesticulus a container of a certain liquid. Then another

man asks, "Is that what he always orders?" Being told, "yes, that's his brand," he repeats Cephalo Gesticulus' words. Cephalo then looks squarely into the eyes of the man whose words echo his, nods his head, and leaves.

Pseudoscientists are investigating why Cephalo nods his head in response to others mimicking his favorite words. Dr. Nuclear has a few theories on this matter. Sometime during their evolution, the Cephalo Gesticulus community developed two words for a hop and herb fortified drink. Members of this isolated community began uttering these words to identify the substance and nodded to confirm it was fit for human consumption. A Recent member of this community, perhaps the last survivor of an endangered species, has retained this habit and maintains it due to some sort of reinforcement, perhaps a paycheck.

The great movement West

was on. Cephalo began migrating from Western bars to boxing matches and to many more environments, jerking his head at other homo sapiens to signal what is good for them. More recently, Cephalo has been seen on airplanes, enjoying the company of Texas gentlemen, and has frequented Chinese restaurants.

Another theory says that, like Pavlov's dogs, who involuntarily salivated when a bell rang due to an antecedent presentment of a steak with the bell, Cephalo Gesticulus involuntarily nods his head because of past associations of a man uttering the two words with a beer.

The probable importance of this unique way of communicating is that of leadership in the homo sapien community. Dr. Nuclear has a few hypotheses to establish the purpose of this rare breed of man. Cephalo may be using his head to lead men in a complex

technological world, much like a shepherd used a staff to lead sheep. Or, this ubiquitous cowboys' purpose may be to visit bars and suddenly leave to ride off into the sunset to go wherever humans are endangered. While his identity may escape the scientific community, it is possible he is well-known to more informed people as the lone ranger.

Although Norman Nuclear isn't exactly sure what Cephalo is trying to say, he has concluded that head nodding is an evolutionary adaptation which has assured the survival of the human race. Many organisms, such as dinosaurs, have not been so fortunate and have become extinct, since they had no guiding Light like Cephalo Gesticulus.

Most puzzling to Nuclear is why Cephalo takes flight immediately after his gesture. One source has suggested that he leaves to take a tinkle, since his tank is probably full from all

his other migratory stops and finding no mens' room after the trip across the desert, where he may have wandered for 40 days and 40 nights. Or he could leave a particular place simply because his task is done. It is known that nature, being very efficient, does no more than necessary.

One observation Nuclear has made is that Cephalo is around when a sporting event takes place. This could mean Cephalo may very well be some sort of secret agent, who, disguised as a cowboy, is watching for any plot to take away his fellow man's hook shot or steal a slam dunk. The training this watchdog of Western Civilization has undergone would make even Pavlov proud. For as he knows what would logically follow the furtive hook shot and slam dunk heist, Cephalo Gesticulus stands guard, ready to bark at and bite anyone who would dare to take away our gusto.

## SGA News

The Student Government Association held its first meeting of the term on September 26th. Income for the past week was \$434.

Two major issues were brought before the Senate. For some time there has been a traffic problem behind the Main Building when Freuhauf employees are leaving work. Students departing from the rear parking lot simultaneously with the Freuhauf workers, find that there is a considerable delay. If you have suggestions on the alleviation of this problem please share them with us.

Because of the burglary in Meade Heights, we remind you to please let security know if your house will be vacant for any length of time.

During the summer the COBSG (Council of Branch Campuses Student Government) Leadership Conference was hosted by Capitol Campus.

There are three University wide positions opened to students: University Council, Board of Trustees, and Advisory Board. If you are interested and would like more information stop in at the SGA office.

The Provost/Dean Search Committee has narrowed the margin to ten candidates. Interviews will begin this weekend in Washington D.C. After all the interviews the list will be narrowed to five candidates and then submitted to University Park. University Park will pick one. The final five candidates will be here next week for interviews which students are invited to attend. For information on times and places stop in the SGA office.

SGA is currently looking for a new advisor. If you would like to recommend a faculty person do so at the SGA office.

Vice-chairperson of the Faculty Council, Clem Gilpin, gave a presentation of the Faculty Council Committees. Students are needed to serve on these committees. More information on the specialties of each committee appears in the Student Handbook. If you are interested drop your name and phone number in my mailbox.

The only action the SGA took dealt with the guidelines of President Council: their meetings will be held once a week; attendance will be mandatory, one representative per club; failure to show will result in freezing of the budget of that club for a period of two weeks.

If you have a problem, suggestion, or if you're just lonely, drop by the SGA. We're in the people business.

Sandy Mancuso  
SGA Secretary

## Student Elections

Graduate and junior students who are interested in running for Senatorial positions on the SGA can pick up petitions beginning Monday, October 2 in the SGA office (W-110). The deadline for submission of petitions is October 13.

One junior senator will be elected from each academic division (Business, Education,

Engineering, Humanities, Math Science, and Social Science) and one graduate senator will be elected.

The powers of the Senate include enacting or revising the laws of SGA, advising and consenting to the President, the creation of standing committees and appointment of chairpeople to these committees and conducting all other

business referred to it.

Senators must be registered full-time, undergraduate students for the term of his/her office and maintain a cumulative average of 2.33.

Election advertising will begin October 2. The elections will take place on Friday, October 27 and the new senators will be sworn in on Tuesday, October 31.

# Stealing a phone call isn't a game.

Most students play by the rules when placing a long distance call. They take advantage of bargain rates and make their calls during the discount periods. If you're not sure when you can call at discount rates, check your phone book.

A few students think it's O.K. to break the rules by stealing their telephone calls. They're not beating the system, they're taking advantage of all of us, because it drives up the cost of providing telephone service.

Students who break the rules also run the risk of paying a large fine. Spending time in jail. And getting themselves a permanent police record.

It's just not worth it!

XGI Presents:

Fall Quarter  
KICKOFF KEGGAR

Friday Sept. 29  
8:00 P.M.  
Student Center

Live Music by:  
GRAND SLAM

Free Beer  
I.D. Required  
Admission \$3.00

Our Motto:  
We never run out of  
beer!!!



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