

FEATURES

ASK DR. ORLOV

Dr. Orlov,

We have heard all kinds of things about the new building on campus, but, we have no real idea of what it is. Could you please fill us in on the name of the new building and its "multi-purpose" purposes?

Curious -

Dear "Curious":

To eliminate the confusion many students may feel regarding the multiple purposes of the new building on our campus, here's some detailed information: named (at least for now) the "Commons and Athletic Center" and scheduled (hopefully) to be completed and open by autumn, 1988, the new structure will offer all of the following facilities: a main gymnasium; an auxiliary gym; a weight training room; an indoor running track; the campus book store; a full cafeteria; students lounges; probably one or more student activity offices (such as for S. G. A.); and all of the offices of our campus Continuing Education division. (In addition to serving all of these purposes, by the way, rumor has it that the building may even occasionally have another function - that of giving students a pleasant new site for studying.)

Dear Dr. Orlov,

I am having trouble with one of my professor and I think that this teacher may fail me. The basis for my reasoning is that during the first week of classes, we had a bit of a falling out. I do my work, but I don't think that I am doing as well as I could if I got along with this professor. What do you suggest?

Worried -

Dear "Worried":

While I am sympathetic to your sense of "trouble" with one of your professors, I strongly suspect that you have not tried to keep the lines of communication with him/her open. And in the relationship between any prof. and student, as in all human relationships, communication is crucial. Whatever the nature of the "falling out" you say you had with the professor at the semester's start, he or she-if a true professional-will surely not fail you (as you fear) out of some kind of personal grudge. Meantime, I fear that the barrier between the two of you - whether actual or simply a grim notion in your own mind- has made you anxious and uncomfortable in the course-hardly an atmosphere conducive to any student's best efforts and achievements. Although only a few weeks remain in the semester, I urgently suggest that you make an appointment to talk with the professor: hopefully, doing so will "clear the air" and reassure you about both the prof.'s attitude toward you and your own potential for success in the course (assuming you put forth full effort to meet course requirements and to make a good impression in the way that is most important, ultimately, for any student-through hard work). Since our campus faculty are generally caring, dedicated teachers, your attempt to talk with the prof. and show your desire to be a good student should surely have the kind of results you want. Good luck with this problem - which is probably not as complex as your distressed imagination has made it seem.

Dr. Orlov,

I have a problem. I do and say things to my

parents (who are considerably older) that really hurt them. I am a walking time bomb when it comes to any members of my family. I love them dearly and I can't figure out why I am not like this with anyone else outside of my family. I need help before I hurt someone, or myself.

Guilty -

Dear "Guilty":

Your letter greatly concerns me and deserves a warmer, more detailed response than this printed column allows me to offer. However, within the brief space available, let me share these thoughts with you. First, you need to know that it is far from unusual for individuals your age (who are, also, college students - under great external pressure - still living at home) to feel anger toward their parents. Within reasonable limits, in fact, such feelings are very common and quite understandable - arising out of your becoming increasingly "your own" person, needing more freedom, etc. Please, first of all, do not consider yourself a terrible person for having the emotions toward your family that you express here. Ironically, if you feel a strong measure of guilt and self-reproach in the first place because of your anger at home, those feelings will not only hurt you further, but may also - in turn - make you even more angry (at moments of mental self-justification). Still, your sense that you are constantly hurting your parents and that you are "a walking time bomb" of angry feelings toward your family must be taken very seriously - for your sake and for their's. Whatever the causes of your anger may be, it is certainly crucial for you to communicate your feelings to your parents (rather than at them) in some constructive, therapeutic dialogue. In order to make this possible, you may need to seek professional counseling. (Such

counseling might be arranged through our campus' Student Services office, in the main building. It might be beneficial for you to talk with a counselor alone at first, and then in a group with your family included. But you should consult a professional to explore the best procedure.) Or, if you can do so at a time of calmness and with your parents' co-operation, you may make a constructive start toward improving your relations with your family - and relieving the anger that is festering within you unexpressed - by approaching them to arrange a lengthy discussion at home. Either way, I urge you to take action at once to communicate openly what you are feeling and to seek understanding of it that will allow you to regain closeness with those you love. Only in this way can you safely avoid what you admit fearing - hurting yourself and/or someone else. Seek to free yourself of the emotional trap you seem to be in at present; and take care of yourself.

Dear Dr. Orlov,

You may know the answer to this. What is Tiny Tim's real name?

... and now, to end on a lighter note...

Dear "K. J." (& Pop Music Nostalgia Fans Everywhere):

Not only can I tell you "Tiny Tim's" real name, but I can take many of us down memory lane to that time - now twenty years ago - when he enjoyed his moment of musical glory. Born with the actual name Herbert Khaury, the son of a Lebanese immigrant (as far as we know, in 1922), "Tiny Tim" struggled for years to gain fame through performances in small clubs. Before his discovery, he had appeared under other pseudonyms, including (are you ready for this?) "Larry Love," "Derry Dover," and "Sir Timothy Thames." At last, as "Tiny Tim," this

unique figure (who in fact isn't "Tiny" at all, but quite tall and skinny, with long hair as well) emerged dramatically into the spotlight of celebrity in 1968 with his sensational "smash" hit song, "Tip-toe Through the Tulips." Singing this ditty in his remarkably high falsetto voice as he strummed his absurdly small ukulele [everybody prepare that word for a spelling test in our next English class], Tiny Tim became an overnight superstar; in its first 15 weeks alone, his blockbuster hit sold over 150,000 copies - in all, perhaps millions. So great was his celebrity, that it was a major media/news event when Tiny Tim married Miss Vicki, a diminutive, dimpled blonde from (where else?) New Jersey, on the Tonight show (no doubt, before throngs of emotion-choked viewers), in 1969. In 1971, a daughter - fittingly named Tulip - was born to this dynamic duo; alas, however, they were divorced in 1977. Today, having remarried and living (in a New York hotel) with his mother as well as his second wife. Tiny Tim occasionally still performs, but mostly lives in obscurity; life has taught him, among others, how fleeting fame can be. (As both Kurt Vonnegut and Linda Ellerbee might say, sighingly, "So it goes.") But to leave all Tiny Tim Fans (God bless you everyone) with two more souvenirs of this long-age star, here are two astonishing facts about him: (1) according to reports, he uses pale Elizabeth Arden foundation make-up; and (2) to protect his toothy smile - which was a key part of his stage presence - Tiny Tim (in his prime) used to brush his teeth six times per day, three times with toothpaste and thrice (look it up) with papaya powder! Need we say more?

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names? Not many, that's for sure." "All we can hope for is that student opinion will be taken into consideration," Perry said.

Student opinion is certainly important, and the students of Delco have not given up on the cafeteria staff. The bidding for the

lease is still going on. Students have turned in a petition with over 500 signatures in the fight to keep the three at Delco. With the support of the ROTC, many students are hoping that the petition will aid the present cafeteria staff in keeping their jobs.

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