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American Idle debuts at the Poohhill

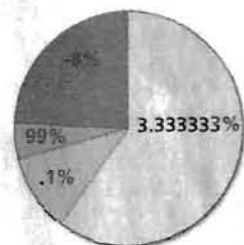
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ON THE WEB

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Web poll results:

Do you think SAGA president Cryin Goers should have resigned?



Hell yes! Nick Lachegie would never have done that.

Yes, he got caught.

No, it's UNFAIR! I do that stuff all the time!

Who is Cryin Goers?

This week's question:

What do you think of corn movies and the corn industry?

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Scandal causes SAGA president to resign

By PAULA ABDUL-JABAAR

Editor-in-Grief

Cryin Goers, president of the Sucky Ass Goers Association, has tendered his resignation after investigators exposed a scandal involving Goers in a call girl ring of some sorts.

Goers admitted during a press conference that he paid more than seven dollars, 53 cents and a piece of Juicy Fruit bubble gum on hookers from a local adult club, Hustler-Dollywood, to help him pick out his clothes to wear to school over the course of six months during his reign as president.

Hidden recorders from The Stagnant caught a telephone call between Goers known as Client 3.14 confirm-

Make Me Sick Read

What is with that Paula Abdul-Jabaar? Why does he like to dress in women's clothing so much? Seriously, this is the third year he has dressed in women's clothes. It makes me sick.

ing a hotel reservation for himself and an unidentified woman.

"I was just reserving a room to lay out my possible outfits for the coming week. I had no idea," Goers said. "I guess all of their whore makeup should have been a tip off, but I just needed help so badly!"

While his faithful vice president Candance Rip-a-tutu was missing by his side at the announcement, Goers instead brought his hooker Ru-Paul Hackysack, who stood by his

side adoringly throughout his entire speech.

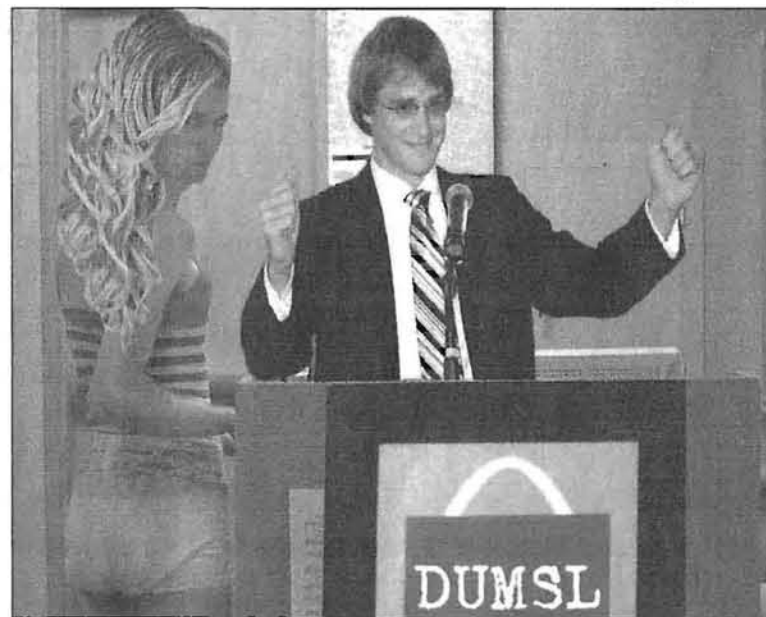
"It's a private matter and I acted wrongly and I apologize sincerely and deeply and I'm just a bad person and I need to leave my post," Goers lamented.

"I wouldn't call you bad, Cryin, more like *naughty*," Hackysack chimed in with a wink.

Goers responded to questions by local reporters. One reporter asked, "Mr. President, are the clothes you are wearing right now picked out by one of your 'lady-friends'?"

"No, my mom picked these out for me," he answered.

See CRYIN GOERS, page 11



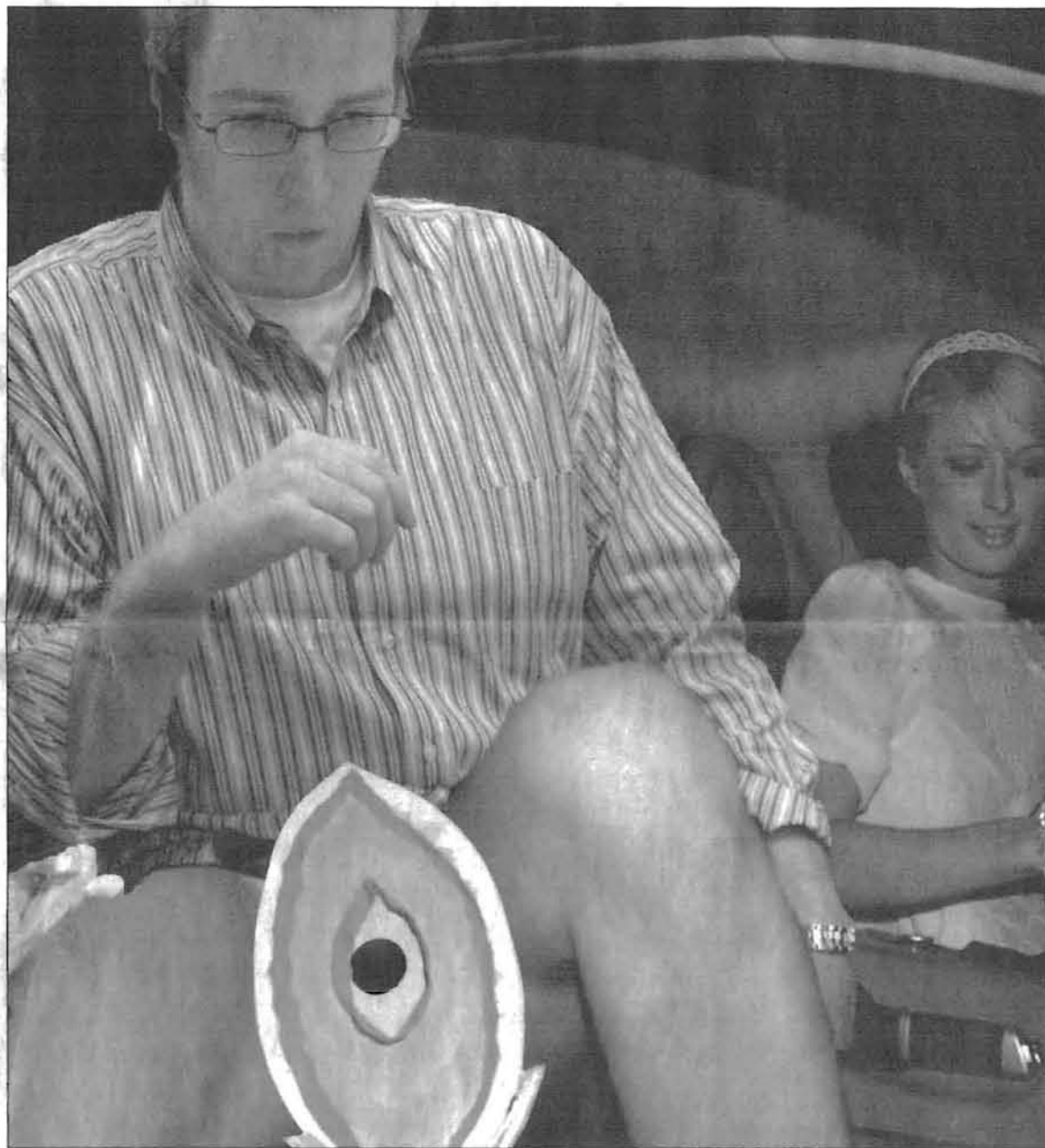
Caraoke Fiasco • Swiss Army Knife

Cryin Goers (RIGHT) stands next to his hooker, RuPaul Hackysack.

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN WITH PARIS HOLIDAY INN

Editor-in-Grief Paula Abdul-Jabaar of The Stagnant shows up in a stretch limousine with close friend Paris Holiday Inn at the debut of the 'Vagina Dialogues' Wednesday, March 33. Abdul-Jabaar has been noted as not being very 'vagina-friendly' in the past, yet as he steps out of the limo, he seems to have no problem exposing himself for the cameras. Can you say hypocrite?

Reise's Pieces • Assistant to the Soul Stealer



Jolly Green Midget and Ron Jeronimo debate corn

By ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Apostle-in-Chief

Friends, DUMSLites, countrymen, lend me your ears for a tale that will surely seem a bit corny.

The king of porn and the king of corn came together at DUMSL last week for a debate that brought out a crowd so big that the event left staff dumbfounded.

"We usually only see on average four to five students at events, but this debate brought out at least seven or eight," said Merriam-Webster, ass director of the Office of Student Half-Life. "Who knew so many people were interested in a debate about corn?"

Part of the large draw was Ron Jeronimo, noted director of over 10,000 films and movies.

The Hicks Usurping Sexy Kick-boxing Indigo Elephant Students group brought Jeronimo and the

Jolly Green Midget, noted pastor of the questionable Church of Corn with its headquarters in Iowa to hold a heated debate about something very dear to everyone: corn.

"Ho, ho, ho, you are a ho, Ron Jeronimo!" is how the Jolly Green Midget started off the debate.

"Whoa, hold on a minute. I thought I was here to talk about porn, but my peeps must have got things mixed up, but it's okay. I'll stay and talk about...corn?" Jeronimo said.

"Well, good, because I got a lot of issues with you," Midget said. "For example, your use of minors in your movie 'Children of the Corn.' And what about all those corncobs you use in your movies without their husks on? Have you ever heard of the term *demeaning*? It's a *maize*-ing you haven't been arrested yet!"

"Oh yeah?" Jeronimo replied. "Well, first of all, you know there are laws in place like the Sweet Corn Protection Act of 1989, so don't go there sista! Besides, maybe you'd like to explain to the audience here why you drive a 'Shrimp' Utility Vehicle that does not use the friendly corn E-85 jabillion ethanol fuel?"

See CORN DEBATE, page 3

More like *Expand Strips*, am I right?

By C3-PAULO

Protocol Droid

When DUMSL Chancellor Curious George and Gorge Pez, CEO of XXXpress Strips, signed their souls and first-born children over to create a partnership, neither one imagined the outcome that the collaboration would have. Until now, that is.

XXXpress Strips, where customers can get a lap dance in five seconds or less, is in talks of constructing their 53rd building on campus after popularity of their services called for the need for more buildings.

"XXXpress Strips is growing so fast. We can't help but support them in their efforts," Curious George said. "I mean, those strippers need to earn that money to go to college, so we thought, hey, we're a college. Maybe if we give them this land, they will take classes here."

The Stagnant was able to obtain blueprints for the expansion project. The building will consist of only steel beams and girders, just the framework to allow makeshift and easily accessible poles for the strippers.



McLovin • Hawaii Organ Donor

Strippers perform on girders and beams at the latest addition to the XXXpress Scripts expansion.

See XXXPRESS, page 5

Stay Stagnant
with this
week's weather

Monday

Hi/Low: 127/126
Precip: 0%

Tuesday

Hi/Low: 132/124
Precip: 0%

Wednesday

Hi/Low: 122/120
Precip: 0%

Thursday

Hi/Low: 157/155
Precip: 0%

Friday

Hi/Low: 148/144
Precip: 0%

Saturday

Hi/Low: 17/14
Precip: 0.5%

Sunday

Hi/Low: 135/133
Precip: 0%

Weather
predictions made
by Lucifer's Realm
of Darkness
Weather Team

CAMPUS CRIMELINE

VIERNES

CRIMINALS

On Monday, the campus Triton was trampled by a group of mad cows. DUMSL officials are quiet about the story, but sources close to *The Stagnant* say the Triton was trying to milk the cows for cream for his White Russian. Apparently the Triton thought he was milking a cow, but it turns out it was a bull. The bull was spooked and scared the rest of the heard, resulting in the stampede

MIERCOLES

ATTEMPTED THEFT
HEART INMISC

The victim reported that her heart was stolen in the Posh around lunchtime. The bastard who stole it was reportedly just not that into her. DUMSL police are investigating the matter, as numerous hearts have been reported stolen by the same perpetrator.

VANDALISM-
"EAT PUPPIES" ERASED

The statement of the ages, "Eat Puppies" was viciously destroyed by Mother Nature. The message, carved in the snow in a daring grass roots movement, was lost to the lawn when Nature took it upon herself to raise the temperature. Her ex-husband and arch nemesis, Jack Frost, will be planning a mourning period for half of spring, summer and the first half of fall. DUMSL police have made numerous attempts to capture Nature, but she disappears like dust in the wind.

SABADO

INDECENT EXPOSURE-
VA-JAY-JAY'S REVEALED

During the last Unmystery Bus event, it was reported that a members of the Chi Chi Chi sorority (XXX) were exiting the bus in a way that revealed a mild concussion, two and a half broken ribs, a cracked vertebrae and several bruises and cuts. The student organization, LAZY FKERS, is leading a lawsuit against the perpetrator who committed the assault. DUMSL police do have the person in custody and are subjecting them to hourly tickle torture.

MARTES

ASSAULT-
ROLLING BOOK BAG
RUNS OVER STUDENT

Yet another student was injured when a mad crazy person ran them over with their rolling book bag. The victim suffered a mild concussion, two and a half broken ribs, a cracked vertebrae and several bruises and cuts. The student organization, LAZY FKERS, is leading a lawsuit against the perpetrator who committed the assault. DUMSL police do have the person in custody and are subjecting them to hourly tickle torture.

The Stagnant would like to point out that none of these crimes actually happened and if you had actually for one second thought they were factual, you should be taken out back and have hot sauce dumped in your eye.

However, it is sad to say that real crimes do occur and if you see or have information actual campus incidents you should contact campus police at 516-5155.

CORRECTIONS

We make no mistakes. None.

THIS IS A STICK UP!



Reise's Pieces • Assistant to the Soul Stealer

The DUMSL campus bookstore was robbed last week by two masked henchman. Bookstore officials are still unsure what was taken. In the background, campus police watch with excitement as the thieves robbed the two employees.

What's Stagnant

Your only calendar of campus crud

TUESDAY, MARCH 32

Hermit Awareness

This event will be held in the abandoned shack out back and will feature a concert by The Chanting Monks, a hermit crab derby and a hermit defense training course to help keep hermits away. For more information, spend some time alone.

Lecture Lecture

Some dude will be lecturing about how to lecture. It will be boring. Complementary pillows will be handed out. For more inspiration, go to class.

Full mooning

The Astronomical Astronomers Anonymous will be celebrating the full moon by randomly mooning passers by.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 33

Sunscreen Wrestling

The University Mimes are inviting the long legged and the beautiful to Sunscreen wrestling held outside in kiddie pools around campus. Random wrestling is encouraged this spring to help students keep their winter pale. Wrestle at your own risk. For more information call a mime, they will point you in the right direction.

Running of the Geese

It is spring time and you know what that means. Horny geese. The geese will be chasing you all over campus this week in order to get it on. DUMSL aviary control advises not to give in, no matter how suave they may be. There is also a biting warning in effect until 8 p.m. every day. To treat a goose bite, the DUMSL aviary control suggests biting them back and then seeking medical attention.

Clot h in gDive

Chi Chi Chi co-ed fraternity will be hosting their fourth annual "Anything but clothes" party. XXX will be holding a clothing drive and are asking for donations as you walk in. The no-pants dance will be held at 7 p.m..

THURSDAY, MARCH 34

Student Staff Showdown

At high noon, there will be a duel on the dirt road between the students and staff. The first 100 injured will be given free T-shirts and sent to the on site spiritual healer. For more information contact the sheriff in town.

Left Sock Memorial

A memorial will be held for all left socks that were lost during the Great Dryer War. The memorial is sponsored by students against the lost cause and will be held in the corner laundromat at 2:35 a.m. Bringing single socks is encouraged. For more information, ask your mom.

Colonic Day

With the purchase of a meal at the Posh, students, faculty and staff will receive a free colonic at the health and wellness center. Stool softener will be included as an ingredient in the daily dessert.

THURSDAY, MARCH 35

Blowing Concert

The DUMSL music department will be blowing into their instruments at an overpriced and boring concert at 3:63 a.m. some place on campus. The program will also feature a tutorial portion where the proper methods of blowing into instruments are demonstrated.

"What's Stagnant" is a free service for robots, zombies, pirates and ninjas. We do not care what you are doing next week. Deadline for What's Stagnant was May 25, 2004. Since space is a consideration, we suggest you bring us your third born puppy or any other bribes you might think we would like.

All of these events are fake and will not actually happen.



File Photo

The student/staff showdown will begin at high noon on Thursday. Show up to duel with your least favorite staff member.

Dictionaries and Thesauruses

The Stagnant will sponsor a News at Midnight on west campus at 1:30 p.m. The topic this week is "Dictionaries and Thesauruses: Are They Really Necessary?" The presentation will feature speakers discussing why it is not necessary to print dictionaries and thesauruses anymore since student can simply click on them while typing a paper.

Global Warming Day

In honor of Global Warming Day, DUMSL staff are encouraged to drive around all day, burning as much gas as possible. People should also brush their teeth with the water running and flush the toilet for fun.

FRIDAY, MARCH 36

Hurricane Drill Day

DUMSL will hold a hurricane drill and informational seminar to discuss the consequences to not being properly prepared for a hurricane in St. Louis. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend so they are properly prepared on how to stay safe should a hurricane wash up on the shores of the Mississippi.

SATURDAY, MARCH 37

Daredevil Stare

The Residence Hall Association will hold a staring contest outside one of the residence halls. No blinking is allowed. Winner will receive a bottle of eye drops.

Unmystery Bus

The Unmystery Bus will be picking up students somewhere on campus at 7:39 p.m. Student will be taken on a driving tour of DUMSL and be provided a small snack lunch to share with three others. To round out the night, students will compete in a scavenger hunt around east and west campus. The scavenger hunt is a clothing optional event.

Corn Husking Party

The campus greek organizations will be holding the first annual corn husking party in the Posh. There will be husking demonstrations, tricks and face painting. Experts will be available to show participants the proper ways to eat corn with three teeth. Professional chefs will also show people how to make corn on the cob, sweet corn, corn muffins, creamed corn, corn bread, corn dogs, corn chowder, corned beef, cornmeal, corn oil and high fructose corn syrup.

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YEAH, WE KNOW 'EM



The Stagnant Rocks!

Who's your *real* baby's daddy?

Morrie Povish's paternity tests get to the bottom of it

By PHALANGIE
Pro-Thumb Wrestler

A long, long time ago, four siblings (like the four friends in Hairy Plopper) started four different college campuses: DUMSL, University of Mizzpoop-Christopher Columbia, UM-Cholerolla and U Must b Kidding College.

DUMSL specialized in the studies of the unknown worlds. Mizzpoop claimed the newspaper biz and the art of medicine. Cholerolla took the challenge of teaching how to properly extract valuable things from within the earth and other smart people things that have to do with technology. U Must b Kidding College decided to teach its students the beauty of the melodies and harmonies.

After many a year went by, one of the schools, let us call it Slytherin, became the home of what many would call the powerful students. Here at Mizzpoop, ahem...Slytherin, they eventually decided to take over what their brothers and sisters had.

So they began to teach the art of technological advances, the signing and playing of the instrumental accoutrement and business tactics. Eventually, the newspapering and magazining became the dark arts.

Sometime in the year 2007, UM-Cholerolla changed its name to MUST, better known to the UM system as Misery University for System Traitors. Not to be outdone, the University of Mizzpoop wanted to drop the Christopher Columbia.

DUMSL, being the Gryffindor of the system, valiantly fought the name

change of Mizzpoop like lions and Tritons and bears, oh my, but did not succeed.

With all of these name changes, questions of identity began to circulate throughout the system. Who were these siblings? Where did they come from? But most importantly, *who* did they come from?

With all of the chaos and confusion, the Bored of Curators of the system called for a paternity test to figure it all out, and who better host it then TV show host Morrie Povish. After an extensive search, a list of possible fathers were narrowed down to four possibilities: Nelson "Pink" Floyd, Terry Cloth Sutter, Jeff Gordon Lamb Chop and Gory Foreplay.

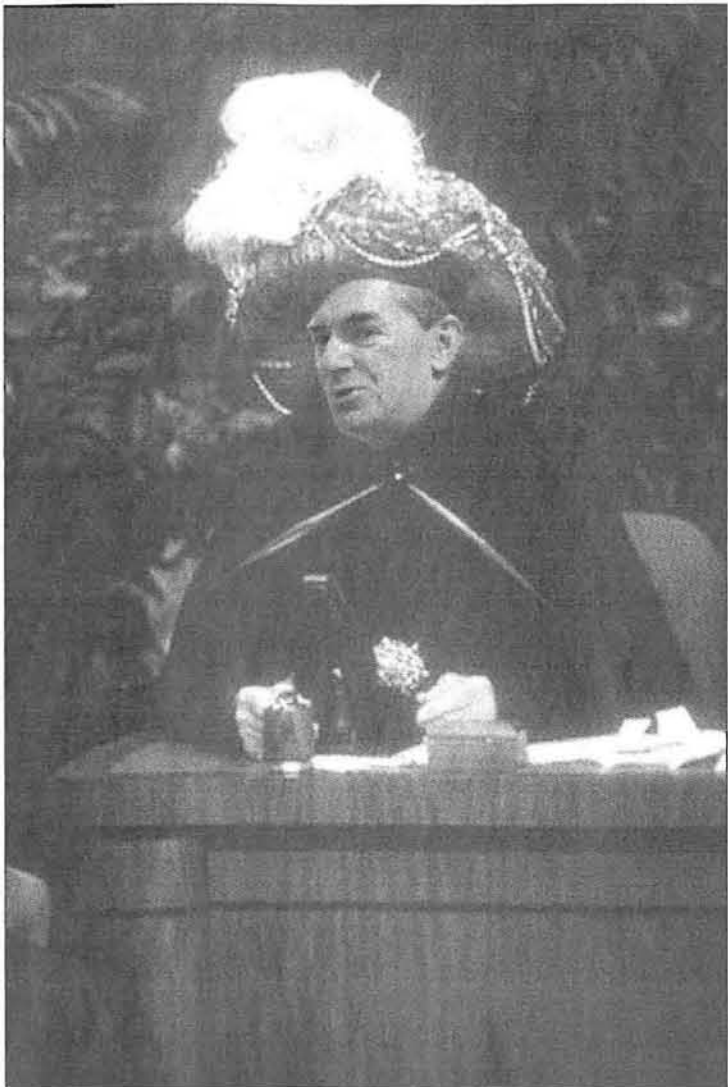
After further research and investigation, Nelson "Pink" Floyd announced he was not the father of these four siblings because he was the father of another campus and stepped down out of the paternity race.

Terry Cloth Sutter was determined to be the father at one point, but it turned out he was just a real sticky male relative. Jeff Gordon Lamb Chop was found to be more of a father figure of the four campuses and was given custody until...

While Gory Foreplay was hard to track down, the true results were not obtained until early 2008 when it turned out that Foreplay was indeed the father of the four, and in a Dumbledore like blaze of glory, he swept into the system for an overhaul to reclaim the true title.

Now the hunt is on for their mother. If you have any leads, please call the DUMSL police at 1-800-YUM-FOOD.

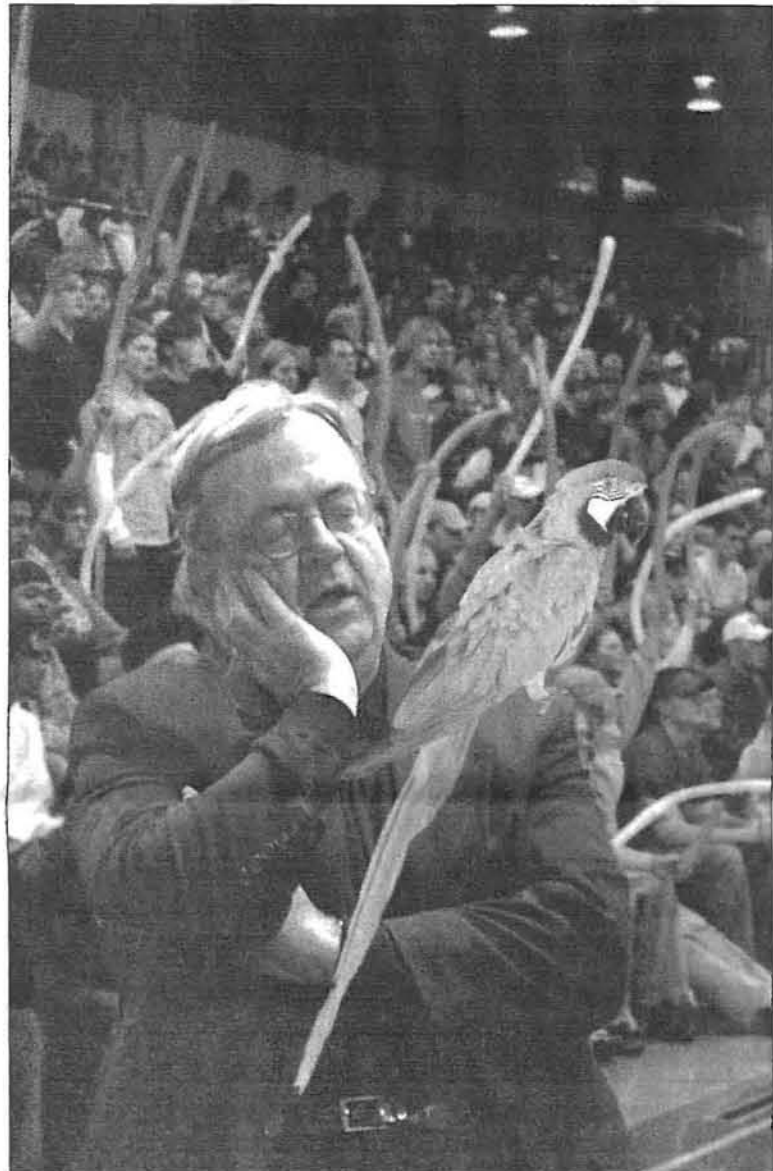
WHAT DO YOU FORSEE?



Dirt McGurk • Soul Stealer

University of Misery President Gory Foreplay predicts the future on his late night talk show. The answer: Random wild bear attacks. The question: What is the most pressing issue plaguing the University of Misery system?

Wake up, Rhino Shooter, wake up!



Caraoke Fiasco • Suits Army Knife

Rhino Shooter, WAKE UP! There is a rare African macaw-parrot hybrid on your shoulder and you are missing it. It is really cool and really rare. How can you sleep, sleepyhead, when there are exciting things going on around you?

By ANASTACIA BYERHOUSEN
Dam Specialist

Rhino Shooter, Advisory Associate Assistant Dintor of All Things Managerial and Technological and Important and Athletic and Academic of the Paranormal Sciences department, had been treated with an undisclosed medicine at an undisclosed location in an undisclosed country in an undisclosed continent.

Sources close to Shooter said medicine would be given at a specialized location by specialized physicians.

However a rare side effect of the treatment Shooter received from the treatment is become prevalent. In recent fudions, Shooter has fallen asleep while standing, speaking and eating mashed potatoes with extra gravy.

"We're currently working on methods to help Shooter stay awake at important functions," said Curious George DUMSL chancellor. "We are purchasing a supply of water guns and a device that would administer a slight shock should he enter REM sleep."

In order to help Shooter sleep more, DUMSL plans to install a bedroom chamber in his office. The chamber will be complete with a California king sized bed, 10,000 thread count sheets, and pillows sewn and stuffed by the hand of the Nepalese monks. The chamber will be complete with a rug made from bunnies.

"We are calling in the best feng shui artists around the world to help design a room that will be soothing to the director. We are also flying in a Japanese Zen gardener so the director has a space to peacefully meditate," said Anita Decorate, head of the

DUMSL interior and exterior designing team.

The Zen garden will be replacing the current location of the baseball fields and will cover over 83 acres of lands. The new location of the baseball fields will be close to the van down by the river.

Doctors are concerned that Shooter is feeling stressed out from all of the boring work he has to complete, which is intensifying the narcoleptic side effect.

In order to help the director feel less stressed out, DUMSL has decided to purchase and move Neverland Ranch to campus.

"We feel this is the best decision to keep Shooter comfortable. He has already bonded with a macaw on the ranch named Bear and seems to enjoy the carousel although he may have just fallen asleep with a smile on his face. I would too if I got to ride on the dragons back," Decorate said.

The University will also be providing additional transportation to Shooter. Currently, Shooter drives a 2020 Chevy Downlander. To decrease stress that can be caused by driving and traffic, DUMSL is buying a new stretch Hummer limo and hiring a personal on-call chauffeur.

"We are equipping the new vehicle with a wet bar, full-size bed, plasma television and celebration area which will have room for Bear's cage. I am really excited about the disco ball and activity pole being installed in the celebration area," said Bull Shite, DUMSL luxury car engineer.

All the amenities to help Shooter become more comfortable are being funded by a 1,048 percent increase in tuition. In addition, DUMSL will be implementing a \$10 toll to cross the Millennium Stupid Center Bridge.

The Stagnant is better than sex

CORN DEBATE from page 1

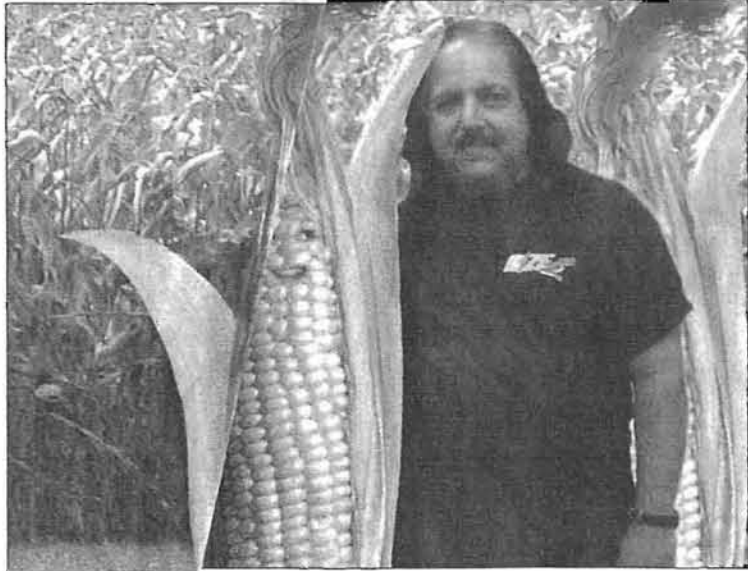
Sounds like you're a hypocrite."

"I see, making short jokes now, are we? You don't have to rub it in with your 11-inch cob," Midget said, which got a stir from the crowd. "Look I choose not to use ethanol because it still is not efficient as gasoline, and because of the demand for ethanol, we are running out of the grain for other purposes like feeding livestock."

Jeronimo responded, "But isn't E-85 jabillion a cleaner, more reliable energy source? I thought you were all about 'going green' and stuff."

Midget mumbled in frustration and finally said, "Look, I'm not the bad guy here. You have to admit, Ron, your use of corn in your movies is simply degrading and it's spreading. I mean, every movie people go to now, they cannot sit through it without eating some popcorn? How do you respond?"

"Well, it's like I always say: Corn allows couples to fulfill their fantasies together and is by no means degrading. Most corn actors and actresses go on to live very fulfilling lives as cornmeal, corn syrup and candy corn," Jeronimo said.



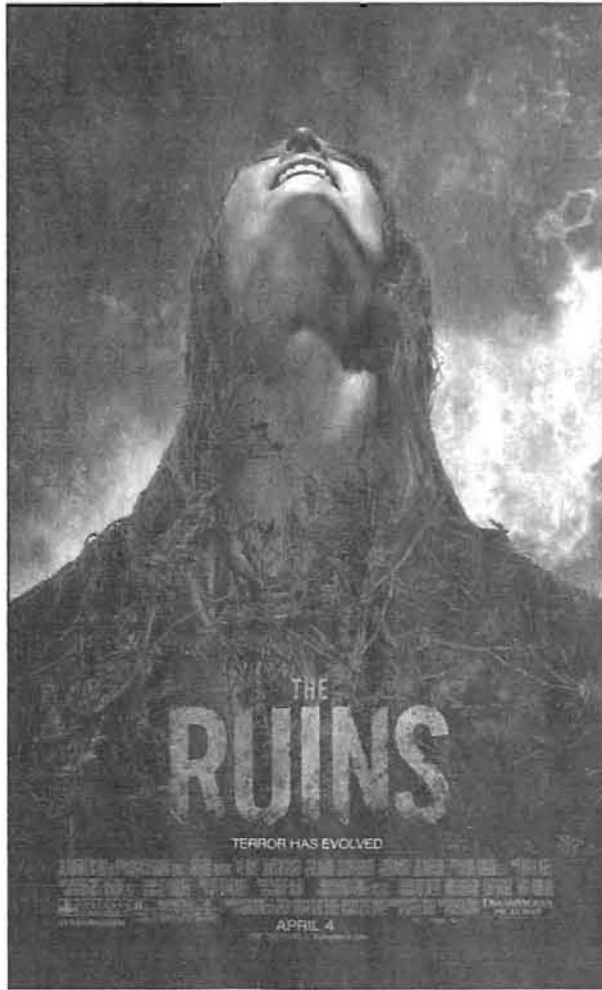
Dirt McGurk • Soul Stealer

Ron Jeronimo, town director of over 10,000 corn movies, stands with one of his corn actresses shedding her husks. Jeronimo and his 11-inch cob debated corn with the Jolly Green Midget. Sounds corny, huh?

"That last one does not even use corn," Midget said. "Nevertheless, I am not afraid to admit that sometimes when I am alone, I love to pop in a movie like 'Carnal Kernal' and crank the juke, and it's very healthy and it has good plot."

Unfortunately, that is where the debate had to end due to time constraints, but the two will be touring at other universities around the Corn Belt.

Keep your ears open for more information.



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the left is false.

OPINION

OUR OPINION

The Current should be like other student dubs

While *The Current* works on gathering information and facts and spends all Sunday night on production, we at *The Stagnant* do not worry about such things. *The Current* needs to chill the shizzle out.

We at *The Stagnant* are thankful we are not like the other boring student clubs on campus that have all sorts of rules and mission statements. At *The Stagnant*, we have only one mission. To put out this paper once a year.

We are thankful that we do not have to throw sexy legs parties and a kegger every weekend. We feel that drinking should not be so much work. We prefer to just open the 24-pack and have at it.

Thankfully we do not have to hold boring meetings every other Friday that nobody wants to go to and thankful we do not have to follow Roberts Rules of Order and vote on resolutions that say thanks to Janitor Moe for his five days of service (he slipped on a wet spot he was mopping and is now in the hospital). We would just write thanks on a sticky note and put it on a mop.

Spankfully we do not have to put on drag shows, but sometimes we do in our office when we think no one is looking. And without the clothes.

Thankfully, we do not have to have secret initiation rituals. As long as you can put two words together (they don't even have to make sense, like "monkey fudge"), we'll hire you. And even lately with our lack of staff writers, if you have a pulse, you are in.

Thankfully, we do not have to deal with legislators about bills that affect students and textbooks and such. We do not give a flying fart in space what happens to students. And we certainly do not give a rat's tushie about textbooks. Frankly, they are an overpriced rip off anyway.

News Flash! We do not have to work around a strict budget. We have ads to pay for most of our crap. Notice we said most, not all. Do not cut our funding. We don't want to go through the same process that *The Current* went through when their funding was cut.

Thankfully, we do not have to bring in famous speakers that only

five people are going to show up to anyway. Bluntly, we really don't care about anyone except ourselves. We are kind of important: we win awards. In fact, you all should feel special that we are even taking our precious time to write for you people.

Hells! We do not have to volunteer to do things for other people we don't even know. We don't want to make crap for people, instead we would rather make some tea, preferably a long and iced tea. We don't want to cook for anyone, rather we want to be cooked for. For free.

Thankfully we do not have to have a recruiting fair to get people to join our organization. We just do our thing once a year. If people do not want to write for us, that is their loss. We will just see *The Current's* editors at our own disposal.

So in a nut shell, we are pretty dang thankful. Giddy about our blatant laziness. Overjoyed for our unwillingness to care. Respond to this if you must, but we probably will not read it nor will we care about it. That is just how we roll.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

So there you have it folks: Balls of Fury

Many of you probably turned this page week after week and have seen this spot reserved for the editor-in-chief for that other newspaper on campus, *The Current*.



By PAULA ABDUL-JABAAR
Editor-in-Grief

What an arrogant jerk, that Paul. Always writing about crap he does not know anything about, like how on-line classes suck and how the school should never close for snow. And even worse, he thinks a woman cannot be president.

Well, I am here writing in his place, not by choice, but because something heartbreaking has happened to him.

Through a very reliable source, (something on Wiccapedia) I have discovered that Paul is trapped in a ball pit at Smackdowns down the street from campus and is under investigation after he was caught with a few of the plastic balls trying to leave the ball pit.

Paul is being held against his will by Seamus McShake, the Jamburgler and Mayor McCheese because of a rare code hidden in the restaurant's rules and regulations that states no balls, under any circumstances, may be taken out of the pit.

Now, normally, I would not take up so much of your valuable time, energy and space in this newspaper with a story like this, especially week after week. I mean, there are much more important things going on like professors' winning awards and student organizations holding "really cool" events.

Paul claims he was unaware of this

law that makes the acquisition of official Smackdowns balls and exporting them out of the pit illegal and punishable through means of tickle torture, or even worse, riding the shuttle bus.

Paul will go to trial in front of that one judge from Divorce Court on March 32. Paul's lawyers are expected to bring up other cases where people caught with their balls out of the pit usually have just been given a slap on the wrist and told to put the balls back in the pit.

In response, prosecutors for Smackdowns threatened Paul's attorney with stricter punishment, saying "Your client is already facing the highest form of reprimand for such a distasteful crime. Do you really want to add fries and an apple pie to that order?"

Students, faculty and administrators from all over campus will be writing letters in support of Paul, once they find someone who knows how to write.

A pep rally was held last night with protestors waving signs that read "Lay the Smack Down on Smackdowns," "Don't be stingy with your balls" and "Who are we holding this pep rally for, again?"

So, there you have it, folks. The same editor you have grown to love and hate for his commentaries needs your support now more than ever.

But then again, his editorials are usually just filler, so maybe we should just leave him in the ball pit.

Henceforth he shall be left in the pit.

RANTINGS TO THE EDITOR

What happened to all of the letters?

Dear *The Current*,

What ever happened to the discussion about the Delmar Lung and Rest'n'rant? I miss your weekly coverage of this fine dining restaurant that is not ghetto at all, but classy and sophisticated as the restaurant critic on your paper that I bribed into writing her to write in her review.

Please bring back the discussion. Business has been so slow since you have stopped talking about the establishment here. I had so many customers come in during those times when you were writing about the place. Please bring the letters back! Pretty please with sugar and a cherry and sprinkles on top! I will do anything, and I mean ANYTHING!

The Owner
Delmar Lung and
Rest'n'rant

I hate movie passes!

To Paula Abdul-Jabaar:

Could you please stop handing out movie passes every week? I freakin' hate the things.

Why on earth would anyone want to go see a stupid movie about dead people or torture people or vampires or loveless crap that is

in every movie these days? Why would movie people give these movies away for free? Do they not want their money? Fine then...give me the money! I am a poor, deprived college student who pretty much would do anything for money and here they are just giving shit away for free?

Yeah, you would think I would like this free stuff, but I want some money too! Do you know how much money I could get for each ticket per month they give away for free? Like \$800! Do you even know what I could do with \$800? I could buy two new cars. I could go ride the train at the zoo 80 times! 80 times!

Do you even know how sweet that train is? It is pretty effing awesome. I could ride the MetroStink one-way 400 times! That is a freakin' amazing trip the MetroStink takes! You cannot go to Illinois for \$2 driving in your car. Not with gas as expensive as it is! You see, there is a whole big world out there to explore.

I need the money to go and explore it! So give me the money! Stop handing out those stupid pieces of card stock with some fancified picture on the front and give the money to the poor underprivileged college student like me.

I like to bitch about every little thing you do in your newspaper!

INKSLINGER VIEWPOINT

True origins of *The Stagnant*

What ever happened to the days when going to school only entailed studying, test taking and minimal social interaction?

As I walk around the DUMSL campus, I can barely keep my head from spinning around in circles, as though the Blue Angels air squadron is flying around me and I am frantically trying to keep track of each jet.

I simply cannot believe how many activities DUMSL students are involved in.

The new student organization Students of DUMSL, or SOD, had to turn down 186 individuals last semester alone from joining its club.

The Markie Mark Center was recently forced to extend its hours late into the morning to accommodate the influx of individuals signed up for intramural sports.

Construction workers cannot build the new fraternity and sorority houses fast enough. Students who have pledged to the "Geek" Life have also pledged to the great outdoor life, as they are surrounding the current "Geek" houses every night, sleeping outside in sleeping bags and tents.

The libraries are so overbooked with students congregating in large study groups that it has placed tables and chairs on its roof to accommodate students' needs.

I used to think this substantial involvement in school activities was a noble characteristic of DUMSL. However, that notion quickly depart-



By B-B-BENNY & THE JETS GILLHAM
Ink Slinger

ed my mind as some major problems and conflicts have begun to appear.

First of all, the bleachers at 90 percent of DUMSL sporting events are overcrowded. This continuous packing of the stands has caused the bleachers to show significant signs of deterioration.

Secondly, I recently witnessed a staff writer for that other newspaper *The Current* being simultaneously grabbed by the shirt, terrorized with a pink highlighter and hit in the head with a paper airplane, while the tormenter screamed, "You have been on the newspaper staff long enough. Give other students an opportunity to write!"

Finally, the competition for funds among clubs has instigated numerous threats. For example, an anonymous note was left on the front door of the Donors College that read, "WARNING: If the Donors College does not

discontinue its financial requests for new books, members may subject to a paintball drive-by!"

The students at DUMSL have clearly become too involved in activities on campus.

Do these individuals have anything better to do with their time? That happened to just sitting at home and watching television, or perhaps spending some quality time with family and friends?

Apparently that notion simply does not exist in the minds of DUMSL students.

Most recently, I heard about a group of students trying to form a club that helps other students organize new clubs. This over-involvement in extracurricular activities is relentless.

We must get students to stop joining clubs and being so involved. If we are not successful in slowing down this craze, bleachers may break, the real purpose of highlighters will be forgotten and drive-by paintings will become a common occurrence.

I believe so strongly that we must halt the over-involvement in DUMSL activities that I have started a publication for it, as well as a club, in which everyone is welcome to join!

Both the club and publication are referred to as "S.T.A.G.N.A.N.T.," which stands for "Stopping The Activities Groups Nullifying All Nonchalant Tasks."

Sphincter says what?

- I just observed a flock of geese flying in a "V" shape. Is that the only letter they know?
- If fish could sneeze, and a whole school of fish sneezed at once, how big of a wave would it create?

UNDERSTAGNANT

By Reise's Pieces • Assistant to the Soul Stealer

You know the phrase,
"That's what she said."
Well, what did she say?



Betty Humpter
Ewok Underwater Knitting

"This is too hard for me to handle."



Ben Dover
Wookiee Hair Styling

"I think we can fit that in with the rest of them."



Fonda Dix
Vader's Vixen Brothel Studies

"I don't want the smaller one; I want the bigger one."



Olivia Clothesoff
Protocol Droid Mallurgy

"Did you see that big piece of wood he is carrying?"



Drew Peacock
Jar Jar Binks Speech Pathology

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

EDITORIAL BORED

Paula Abdul-Jabaar
Caraoke Fiasco
Movie Marquis
Iguana Fuse
Tommy Boy
McLovin
Dirt McGirk
Anastacia Beaverhousen
Jessica Bile
Phalangie

"Our Opinion" reflects all of our collective brains together which is 10 times smarter than all of yours combined.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOUR MOM

As a forum for public expression on campus, *The Stagnant* does not welcome letters to the editor and guest commentaries from students, faculty, staff members except that one person, you know who you are, and others concerned with issues relevant to DUMSL.

Letters to the editor should be brief because we do not like to read for very long and have short attention spans, hey, look a sandwich. We edit letters for clarity, length but not dialect, correctness intent or grammar. Actually, that's a lie. We change everything. All letters must be signed in blood and include your daytime phone number so we can call you at 4 a.m. and wake you up. Students must include their student ID numbers so we can steal your identity. Ha ha ha! The Editor-in-Grief reserves the right to respond to letters and he is going to be rude and obnoxious when he does. *The Stagnant* reserves the right to deny letters, which we always do! Letters and commentaries will also be printed online at www.thecurrentonline.com.

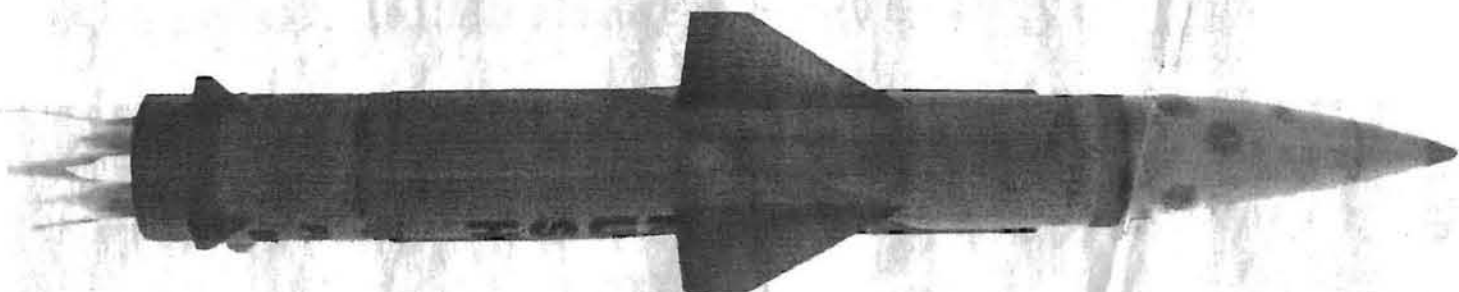
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SCIENCE CRAP



Congress repeals Laws of Physics to clear way for Missile Defense: physicists worried

This week, Congress repealed the Laws of Physics, clearing the way for the Missile Defense program, over the objections of physicists.

Congress and the program's lead military contractor, Boeing-Boing Co., had been at a loss at what to do about a problem with a key feature of the Missile Defense program after a group of physicists pointed out that the launch phase interception essential to making the system work was not possible without repealing the laws of physics.

After much debate, Congress decided that that was the exact step needed to move forward with the program.

Many physicists claimed that Congress lacked the power to banish the Laws of Physics, but Congressional supporters disagreed.

"They are laws. Of course, we can repeal them," the bill's sponsor Congressman Pete "Pork" Barel said.

Congressman Barel has headed up the effort to rid the country of the troublesome Laws of Physics. "Did those physicists consult even one major corporation before they came up with those laws? I doubt it," Barel said.

The Association of Physicists for Facts, a group of renowned physi-

cists, replied that the Laws of Physics are based on years of observations and repeated testing of hypotheses, and that the facts were certain to a very high degree.

Again, Barel dismissed the information, saying he could find an equal number of scientists working for the Boing-Boing Co. and other fine corporations, who disagreed. "Even the respected think tank Institute of Higher Executive Pay agrees with me," Barel said.

Despite the scientists' objections, Barel argued that Missile Defense was an essential program, which had to be launched at all costs.

It was originally designed to fight the old Soviet Union back in the 1980s by intercepting and destroying incoming nuclear missiles. The program has been bogged down by minor details, such as the disappearance of the Soviet Union, for decades.

One of the troubling issues with



By CAGEY MICROSCOPE
Cate Swirl the Science Girl

the Miss Defense program was that, to be meaningful, it had to interfere nuclear warheads 100 percent of the time.

It's with known time and place of target missiles had only 60 percent success rate, until they decided to keep results secret. What's a nuke for two any way," Barel said.

Lobbyists, the Pentagon and Congressional committees have been working feverishly for years, searching for a new purpose and enemy for the system. They think they may have found a potential adversary, but the case is delicate. They need to launch the stem quickly in order to push the her country into a new, lucrative arms race.

There is a larger issue, according to Barel.

"The program is essential for the survival of the Boing-Boing Co, which has become increasingly dependent on corporate welfare pro-

grams from the government. To cut them off now would be cruel. We are not that kind of nation," he said.

Some critics have noted that Missile Defense is useless against modern threat like terrorists, who do not have missile silos, and actually drain money from real defense uses. Congressman Barel disagreed. "We must be prepared against all potential threats, not just terrorists. What if Poland goes rogue? Or France?"

When asked about the other government programs whose funding would be cut to pay for Missile Defense, Congressman Barel bristled. "Boing-Boing Co. has done so much for me personally, and even the nation.

Name one re-election campaign that has benefited from those people who want to drink clear water or have their food inspected for safety?"

Congressman Barel said he sees the Missile Defense program as part of a greater service to the taxpayers. "Taxpayers depend on us to take their money and redistribute it to large private corporations.

It keeps our essential military industry humming, arming the whole world, so we never have to worry about where the next war is coming from," said Congressman Barel.

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XXXpress, from page 1

The building will also be constructed where Parking Garage X now stands.

When asked about the effect this might have on parking, Leo the Lion, director of Barking and Transportation said, "It was really a toss up. You have parking on one hand and then you have strippers on the other. There's really no contest," he said.

Because of the expansion so far, many buildings like Cluck Hall, Weezy Jefferson Library and the Millennium Stupid Center have faced the fate of the wrecking ball to allow XXXpress Strips to expand.

XXXpress Strips has been named in the Unfortunate 500 company list for five years in a row and is the first company to build strip clubs on a public university's property.

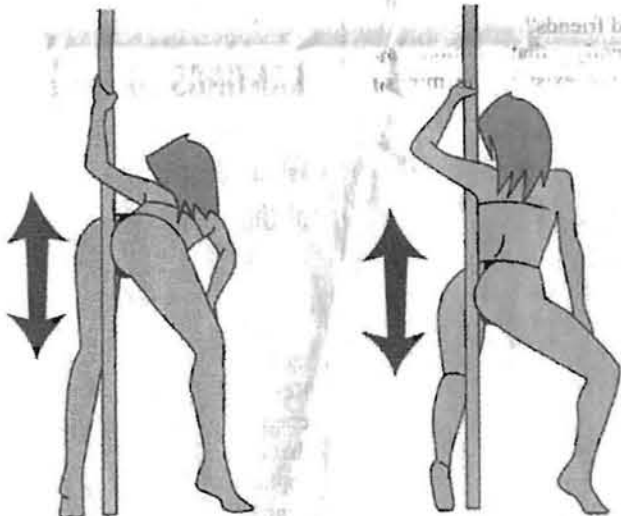
"We hope more universities follow the example set by DUMSL. This is really the best move that a university can make," Pez said.

The company's partnerships are also expanding with DUMSL, including co-sponsorships with the gender awareness and studies program, the Anatomical Society student organization and the Vagina Dialogues.

"I'm glad to see someone on campus has a favorable attitude toward women and vaginas," said an anonymous representative of the Associated Nincompoops of University Students.

Pez noted that the company would

XXXpress Strips how-to guide



1. Keeping all your weight on your feet, bend your knee forward so that your butt lightly touching the pole
2. With the pole as a guide, work your butt up and down to the beat of the music. Work it, girlfriend, work it!

also bring over 900 male strippers from its former headquarters work on campus as well. "We do not want to seem to be favoring gender over another," he said. "We are equal opportunity employers here."

However, it is not just grins and giggles as some professors in the science labs are upset as money from the MO-HOLLA sale have been diverted to build a home for all of the

strippers.

"We need that money!" yelled Krypt O'Nite, lecturer in quantum quilting. "We have been asking for that money for renovations for over twenty years and now. They're just giving that money away to...wait, you said they'll be more strippers on campus? Why didn't you say so earlier? Heck yeah, they can take all the money they want!"

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Why can't there be a Stagnant every week?

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ATHLETE
OF THE WEEK



Mr. Baseball

No one gives any credit to the real winner of any game, the ball. This ball was created three and a half months ago in a factory near Des Moines.

The red threads were lovingly stitched into the his purest white leather, only to be bullied into this threadbare mess after 20 practices. 20 practices that helped bring DUMSL's team to a level of play suitable for their season.

UPCOMING GAMES

Softball

April 1 at Dreary
Noon

April 1 at Stonehurts
Noon

Baseball

April 1 at Middle Mis-
souri 2:30 p.m.

April 1 at Saint Jo's
Noon

April 1 at Saint Jo's
Noon

Men's Tennis

April 1 at Near the
Middle Missouri State
10 a.m.

Women's Tennis

April 1 vs. MO Down
Under 1 p.m.

April 1 vs. Near the
Middle Missouri State
10 a.m.

April 1 vs. Cowardly
County CC 2 p.m.

The Great Goetz-Bee buzzes into action

By PAULA ABDUL-JABAAR
Editor-in-Grief

To bee or not to bee, that is the question.

I always heed the advice that my rich father once told me. I avoid judg- ing people, but this habit of mine has become a problem, as of late, espe- cially since I met The Great Goetz- Bee.

She was my next-door neighbor in the quiet community of West Om- elet, and she was always known for her lavish soirées held in the Debbie Does Dallas Field.

I was invited to one of her parties on the evening when her team was headed to the championship. One thing seemed odd, however, in that no one at the party had ever met the mysterious Goetz-Bee.

However, during the course of the party, I started talking with a lovely young lady who told me stories of the birds and the bees, and it turned out that this woman who seemed to know so much about balls and "no hands" was in fact Coach Great Goetz-Bee.

"Buzz-buzz-buzz! buzz-buzz- buzz-buzz!" were the first words she spoke to me. "Just joking around. I can really talk," she said.

"So you're the Great Goetz-Bee?" I said in astonishment. "Wow, it's so great to meet you. I've heard so much about you, but no one seems to know who you really are. How come you don't make yourself known at your own parties?"

"Well, we bees have a rule: 'Never talk to a human' and I've just broken it," she said in shame.

"Why can't you talk to humans?" I asked.

"Because there was this incident. I sued the human race one time be- cause one team, Dreary University,



File Photo

The Great Goetz-Bee took the Mermaids to the spelling e championship, but her stinger just wasn't sharp enough to pierce the Dreary team. Not this time, anyway.

was stocking up with all of the honey from our hard-working honeybees before their games," Goetz-Bee re- sponded.

"After they gave us all of the hon- ey back, we had to find new jobs, so I took this coaching job of the Mer- maids spelling bee team at DUMSL," she added.

I listened on as she continued her

sad tale.

"The spelling bee championship is tomorrow against Dreary Univer- sity, and I feel I've made a terrible mistake. Since all of the honees ours now and the bees do not ha jobs, they don't need to pollinate t field and it looks horrible. There is way it will be ready in time for the spelling championship tomorrow."

"Well, what can we do about it? Let me help. I'm sure we can come up with something!" I exclaimed. "Wait a minute, I have a third cousin, Daisy, who can help. She works at a flower shop and has tons of bee-gonias we can all plant on the field in time for tomorrow's game."

And so the two got to work in time for the big game tomorrow and

the Debbie Does Dallas Field never looked prettier, like a Pablo Bee-cas- so painting.

Coach Great Goetz-Bee led her Mermaids onto the newly pollinated field against Dreary University, but in the end they were no match for Dreary, so the team just stung the players all the way back to...where is Dreary anyway?



Are college sports going green?

By CARAOKE FIASCO
Swiss Army Knife

John Godzilla, director of jock straps, announced during a special press conference held last week in the Markie Mark Fitness Center that all athletics players would undergo ran- dom spinacia oleracea testing.

The press conference was held in response to the now famous Popeye Report, which listed the names of col- lege athletes that are known to have taken spinacia oleracea.

Spinacia oleracea, also known as spinach, is becoming a popular won- der drug among student athletes be- cause of its high amounts of vitamin K and iron.

The Popeye Report did not cite any DUMSL students, however, the Jock Straps Department is establishing a no tolerance policy against spinach that will go into effect in the summer of 2008.

"We will not have any of our play- ers abusing any kind of substances, especially something so green and yucky," Godzilla said.

Athletes around the country have been taking spinach pills with their morning protein shakes because spin- ach has been shown to help absorb protein. It is also a source of folic acid that helps create new red blood cells, which is essential for delivering oxy- gen to the body.

"It has become an epidemic around the nation. I personally don't need the pills because these biceps are home- made, but playing against these teams who are strung up on spinach isn't fair play," said Adam Adamson, pitcher for the DUMSL wiffle ball team.

Side effects from taking spinach can

include increased energy, cold flashes, foot aches, chronic goosebumps, snor- ing and on rare occurrences, green tint- ing of the skin.

"It is important for athletes to un- derstand that in moderation, spinach is very healthy for you. I prefer my spinach steamed with a pinch of cur- ry, however, too much of anything is never good. There are many serious side effects that should be considered before ingesting that much spinach," Kathy Strausenberg, medical practitio- ner said.

Each player will be tested during their respective seasons. The players will be chosen at random and asked to report to the Markie Mark Fitness Center to complete the test within 24 hours.

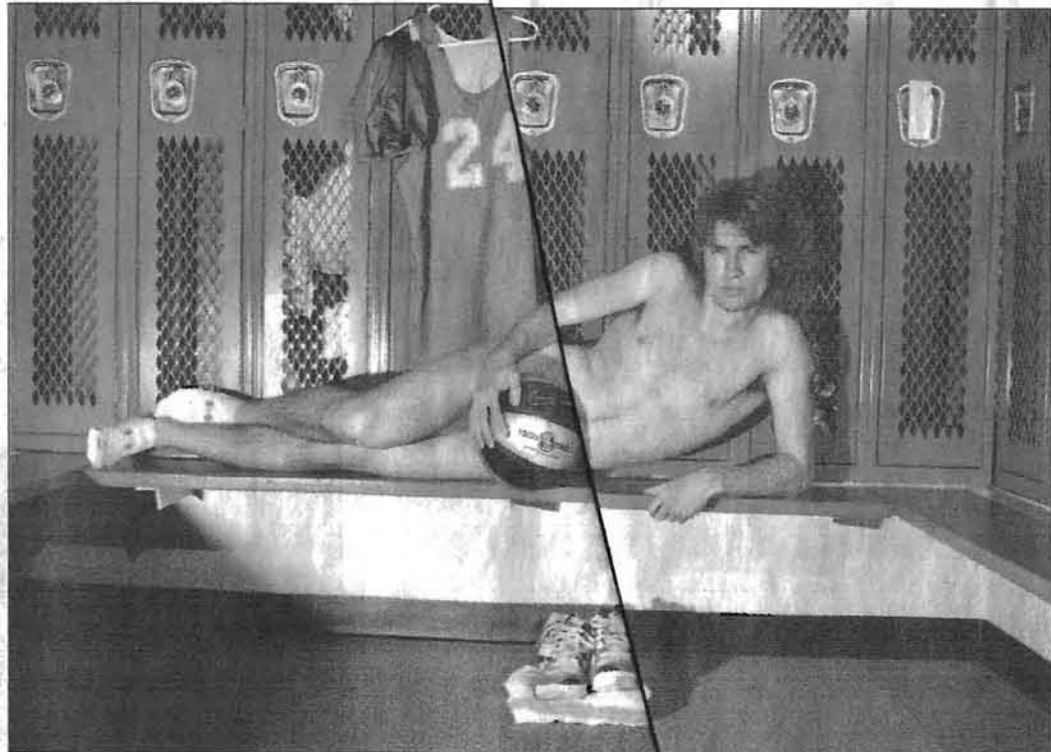
Spinach abuse is detected by a mag- netic test. The student will be asked to lay on their back while a horseshoe shaped magnet is placed on their bare stomach. If the magnet turns to face the north, acting like a compass, the student is positive for high levels of spinach. If it points south, well, they are positive for feeding scraps to their dogs under the table.

No consequences have been of- ficially set by the department of jock straps. During the press conference, Godzilla mentioned that there were talks of first offense warnings, which could include tickling the athlete until he or she urinated to rid the student of this substance.

As for second offense warnings, well, you don't want to go there.

When Popeye the sailor man, the number one advocate for spinacia o- leracea was contacted for questioning, he merely replied, "I'm strong to the finish 'cuz I eats me spinach. I'm Pop- eye the sailor man. Toot toot (pipe)!"

DUMSL'S OWN SEMI-PRO



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By CARAOKE FIASCO • SWISS ARMY KNIFE

Robbie Moon, new center, forward, punter and water boy for the DUMSL Tritons basketball team, has fan attendance reaching as high as his one hit song, "Hate Me Ugly."

After quitting his pop star day job, Moon wanted to follow his adult dream of playing college bas- ketball. After much consideration, Moon chose DUMSL.

"I spun my gargantuan globe and pointed with

my left pink finger and it landed on DUMSL," Moon said.

Since becomg a Triton, there has been an in- crease in prospts in attendance during games. The young girls sinry swoon over him.

The basket team has tripled its ticket sales, which allows th to spend money on the most im- portant thing: Hime. The halftime now features Moon singing his song under 100 disco balls.

Shady loses millions, but plans to sue again

By Scoot Livestock
Freeballer

Slim Jim Shady, tee-ball coach for DUMSL, did not keep the earnings from his lawsuit against DUMSL for very long. The school's head tee-ball coach is no longer a millionaire after blowing nearly all of his money on one spin of the roulette wheel at Hurrah's Casino.

Shady put \$1.1 million on the number 18, his jersey number, but the gamble did not pay off.

"There is a black cloud hanging over my head!" Shady said. "So, I figured, if I would have won, I would

have multiplied my winnings by about 30 times over. I thought it was a smart move. I mean, I got a [freaking] 32 on the ACT."

Shady continued to talk about how smart he is.

"I took this online IQ test and scored a 144. No way Rhino Shooter can do that," he said.

The coach, going on his 23rd year, seems unconcerned, however, with his lack of funds.

"Look at my ring!" Shady said of his gold ring, which commemorates DUMSL's 1996 College World Series appearance. "Does it look like I'm [freaking] poor?"

Not only is he definitely not poor,

Shady has a plan to get back all of the money he lost and then some. He wants to sue the University again, this time over the school's mascot change that he believes was made simply to spite him.

"So, they [freaking] changed the mascot name from Rivermen to Tritons," Shady said. "We had a deal. The new Rivermen logo was going to look like me. The mascot, the basketball court design at the center circle, everything. So now, we're what? The mermen? I am not a [freaking] merman."

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Likely happenings in the next year

By Scoot Livestock
Freeballer

Well folks, you are going to have to go a long time without another April Fools issue of *The Stagnant*. Actually it will be, uh, one year. So, until then, here are some things I predict will happen that you can look forward to:

April 8- Tiger Woods retires just before The Masters. He explains: "I just want to sit around and play the Wii all day."

April 12- Tony Stewart starts developing a rash whenever he stays in his car for at least 100 laps, so Monistat purchases the sponsorship on his car for the rest of the NASCAR season.

April 14/15- DUMSL Baseball plays four home games on the moon, causing the school to temporarily change its name to the University of Misery - St. Louis at The Sea of Tranquility.

April 19- At cagefighting extravaganza "UFC 83", Tennessee woman's basketball coach Peppermint Pat Summit beats Ken Four-Leaf-

Clover's ass.

April 26- Raiders owner Al Davis says he will actually leave the coach alone and draft talented players.

May 3- El Perro Malo wins the Kentucky Derby, but tests positive for drugs. Jose Can-you-seco then admits that he introduced the horse to a known steroids distributor.

May 4- The Orioles are all set to intentionally walk Vladimir Guerra of the Angels, so he goes up to the plate with a wiffleball bat. Vlad swings anyway, at a pitch three feet outside, and hits a 450-foot opposite field home run.

May 21- Celery Clinton drops out of the presidential race after news breaks of her affair with Spike Tyson.

June 13- The International Olympic Committee makes a last minute change to the 2008 Beijing Games, making Guitar Hero an official sport.

July 5- David Beckham gets deported for sucking.

July 23- Barack Obama throws the ceremonial first pitch at a Cubs game and burns in a 92 MPH fastball, so the Cubs decide to let him

pitch. The game is scoreless until the 9th, when Arizona sends up John McCain's daughter Megahand to pinch hit. She singles, then promptly removes one piece of her uniform for every base she steals. Obama balks after the jersey comes off, bringing in the winning run.

July 27- Ricepatty Halgand wins the Tour de France, but his drug test contains urine that consists of 98 percent cattle growth hormone. When asked for an explanation, the Frenchman says, "Moo."

August 11- At the Olympics, Team USA loses to Team Papua New Guinea, whose average player is 5'2". The Americans make 36 dunks but no other field goals.

August 20- In a shocking turn of events, Pope Benedict XVI wins the gold medal in Guitar Hero, although Kim Jong Il convinces the North Korean people that he was actually the champion.

August 22- The DUMSL jock strap department actually allows students to enter through all the doors at the Markie Mark Center.

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'Holey War' in DUMSL jock strap department

By Scoot Livestock
Freeballer

The DUMSL jock strap department has been conducting a massive investigation in recent weeks over the mysterious appearance of numerous holes in the Markie Mark Center bleachers.

Over two dozen holes litter the outside of the basketball arena's seating area, which presents a huge problem for a department that has already tapped out its budget on the new "Misery - St. Lewis" fluorescent sign outside the building.

"We will have to spend three times the amount of the jock straps budget to fix these holes," said director of jock straps John Godzilla. "This cannot be afforded by our department, so basically we are going to have to find someone else to blame."

Godzilla quickly formed a committee to name the members of a new committee, which would investigate the matter. The latter committee's first idea was that massive throngs of fans that packed the gym for every DUMSL basketball game this season caused the damage to the bleachers.

It was later discovered that former Tennessee Titans cornerback Ms. Packman Jonas threw a massive party at the Markie Mark Center, complete with his usual entourage of thugs and strippers. This was a red flag to committee member Joe Decker.

"We decided it was likely that the holes in the bleachers could be attributed to gunshots, since people are always getting shot when Ms. Packman is around," Decker said.

This idea was also discounted, however, because Ms. Packman was actually unable to attend his own party because he was too busy visiting the troops in Afghanistan and campaigning to end the genocide in Darfur.

"Dawg, it hardly ever rains in the Middle East," Ms. Packman said. "I had to go over and make it rain."

Godzilla agrees that Ms. Packman had nothing to do with the holes.

"Ms. Packman is an angel. He wouldn't have done it," Lombardo said. "But the idea of gunshots or other explosives got me thinking."

He noticed the holes were as big around as sticks of dynamite, and be-

cause the DUMSL teeball team is a group of known pyromaniacs, they became likely suspects.

"Well, well...I love fire," said DUMSL right fielder Ric Coontz. "That's what we want!"

All this deductive reasoning by Godzilla led to the accusation of several team members in the incident, and first year player Dusty Huggonson was taken aback.

"He talks about deductive reasoning, how about some inductive reasoning?" Huggonson said. "Hold on...dammit...I don't know the difference between deductive and inductive reasoning. Whatever it is, though, it's legit."

Godzilla continued to back up his accusations against the baseball team because Jose Can-you-seco's new book states that he introduced the team to dynamite at a party years ago. Other details surfaced as well.

"DUMSL left fielder Otto Ichabod would not quit hitting on my wife," Can-you-seco said. "So I distracted him by introducing him to a known steroids distributor, and the next year he broke the DUMSL record for sac bunts in a season. Coincidence? I think not."

Ichabod's teammate, third baseman Rocco Undersheets, insists these accusations are false.

"He ate five plates of macaroni and cheese at the buffet last week and didn't gain a single pound," Undersheets said. "Do you honestly think he's on steroids? I've proven two things tonight: that Otto Ichabod is not on steroids...and that dinosaurs never existed."

Ichabod says other statements made by Can-you-seco are untrue.

"I would never hit on Can-you-seco's wife," Ichabod said. "She's ugly. The gap between her two front teeth is so wide, when she smiles I don't know whether to smile back or kick a field goal."

These vehement denials have left the committee with only one choice: to do nothing. The members felt they would not fit in with the other committees at DUMSL unless they did nothing.

So, Godzilla came to the conclusion that the only appropriate action is to blame Orange Julius Simpson.

No one seems to have a problem with this.

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Time: Mon 6:45-9pm

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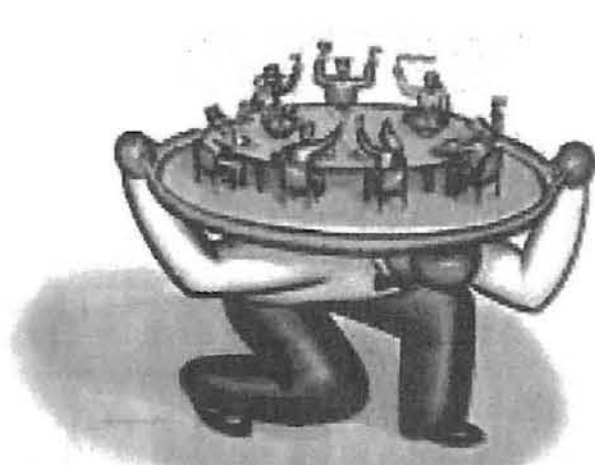
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Jan Propmaker's one-man comedy show about his experiences as a pilot for a drug cartel, soon to be an off-off-off Broadway show. Performances on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m.

"M a d a m e Butterworth" opera
The Endlessly Touring Opera Company production of their adaptation of the opera classic, presented with all members dressed as bottles of pancake syrup. Performance is Sunday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

Gallery 109:
Rusty Exhibit by artist and former brewer Archie Scotty Getty, who works only in the medium of rusty metal. Opening reception Wednesday, April 1 at 5 p.m. in nearby park. Bring your own bottle.

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8. Peace Out Crocodile - Billy's Daughter



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10. Contigo - Chris Blue

AT THE POOHILL

American Idle judges rate singers at Poohhill

Singers duke it out for glory and fame alllll night long

By **MOVIE MARQUIS**
Entertainment Guru

"American Idle" judges Simon, Paula and Randy swooped down on the campus' Poohhill Performing Arts Center for a very special version of the popular TV show, the first ever opera singing contest.

The occasion was the performance of "Madame Butterfly" by the Teeny Tiny Traveling Opera Company last Thursday, March 40.

The "American Idle" producers had become aware of the Poohhill as a premier venue for struggling would-be opera singers looking for their first big break.

"The show needed to branch out to different forms of music, to stay fresh," said judge Paula Abdomen.

The judges were set up at a table at the front of the Any-Brew Performance Hall, with a packed house of American Idle fans to vote the singer off after each scene.

Each scene featured solos by soprano Sophie Singer, toney soprano Pauline Walnuts, tenor Luciano Lessons and baritone Tony Tonsils.

The singers' abilities were mixed. The judging phase began with the second act, with the first act being a warm-up and demonstration of the troupe's abilities.

Soprano Sophie Singer quickly advanced to the next round after singing a wonderful aria, despite the collapse of a piece of scenery behind her, which produced guffaws from the audience.

Tenor Luciano Lessons, also a part-time stagehand for the Teeny Tiny Traveling Opera Company, did less well, garnering cracks from Simon about sticking with the scenery, which clearly needed some help, but managed to squeak by to the next round/act of the opera.

Toney soprano Pauline Walnuts and baritone Tony Tonsils engaged in a dueling duet after their solos, which did not go well.

The pair's performance involved so much eye rolling and arm waving that the audience kept breaking out in giggles.

Walnuts seemed to have trained as a singer by listening to Broadway tunes and imitating Ethel Merman, with occasional random outbursts of "There's No Business Like Show Business" in her aria.

When it came to the judging, a confused Paula had to ask, "Isn't 'Madame Butterfly' supposed to be a tragedy, not comedy?" Simon was



American Idle judges Simon, Paula and Randy are notorius for their tough love, which they dished out by the spoonful when they came to the Poohhill.

unable to even comment, sitting with his hand over his eyes.

In the end, the audience voted Pauline Walnuts off the stage.

The next singer voted off the stage was baritone Tony Tonsils, whom Simon describes as having the fine sound of gargled gravel. Randy commented that the baritone had a bit of drill sergeant to his vocal delivery, which was perhaps not suited

to opera.

The final showdown began in the fourth act, with soprano Sophie Singer going toe to toe with tenor Luciano Lessons.

The tenor seemed to have a little trouble finding the right key. His stage hand friends may have decided to help shift the odds against the more talented soprano by tipping over another piece of the flimsy set,

almost bringing down a piece with a high balcony window on her head.

The soprano kept her cool, and continued singing, even as the flat fell, with the window passing harmlessly over her.

With Sophie Singer as the last opera singer standing, the American Idle judges fled at the first opportunity, with Simon heard to say, "Whose bright idea was this?"

REST AND RANT REVIEW

Lay the smack down at Smackdownald's

By **PHALANGIE**
Pro-Thumb Wrestler

In a land where those sparkly golden arches used to lie is this new gem of a joint known as Smack-Downalds.

The five-star restaurant serves up the meanest pile drive-thrus, 2-on-1 to a double cheeseburgers, lateral cinnamon twists, Inside Step Single cheeseburgers, Over-tie Shuck nuggets and Leg Hook turnovers.

Staffed with the top wrestlers like good ole Mr. Hogan and his mustache, The Rock and Stone Cold, you know you are in for a treat. Do not worry about entertainment because all of the acting escapades of the aforementioned are shown on a repeat cycle. It is pretty much amazing.

What used to be booths are now tiny little family sized wrestling rings. Feel free to take out your aggravation on your little brother, your husband or even your grandma!

The exterior has changed as well. No longer is there a nice shiny play place where all the fun plastic slides and ball pit used to be.

Now there is a freakin' cage fighting ring! Beware though; this is not for the faint of heart. You gotta whack like you have never whacked before.

However, this cage fight is done

in American Gladiator glory with the padded jousting poles to knock people's lights out. If you do not like that option, feel free to exchange the poles out for giganticly huge boxing gloves.

For the little ones, Smack-Downalds provides an inflatable bouncy ring and the cutest little pair of jousting poles. Bring your cameras ... it is a sight to be seen.

Instead of tile floors, there is nothing better than the blue gymnastics mats. So throw down or get down, but just make sure you hit the mat! After the place closes, there is a little kids gymnastics class, but be sure to sign up early since spots fill up fast.

When pulling through the pile drive-thru, do not be alarmed if it talks back to you, since it is Candy Savage's head sticking out of a hole in the wall.

There is a also Bloodbox, which provides patrons the chance to rent the newest, bestest, most fantastical wrestling attire including the most infamous of outfits, Nacho Libre's (Dios, was that not the biggest waste of money?)

At the end of the night, around 6

p.m. (because the workers are a bunch of old softies) sit back and enjoy your delectable wrestler-cooked nuggets of goodness and watch the daily semi-celebrity death match. Woot!

It is televised on local stations, so be sure to tune in at 6 p.m sharp.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Brittany's dreams of Oscar gold may be dimmed by lackluster movie debut

By **MOVIE MARQUIS**
Entertainment Guru

Former teen pop music princess Brittany Spaniels is hoping to follow the path of so many fading music stars by launching a new career as a movie star, but her debut movie "Look At Me" opened to scathing reviews and lackluster ticket sales.

Envisioned as a Hollywood version of a Bollywood movie, the colorful extravaganza "Look At Me" has colorful costumes, a cast of thousands, all singing and dancing, in the star-produced tale of an all-American girl who discovers she is really an Indian princess. Not a Native American but a South Asian Indian princess.

"Look At Me" was shot on three continents, took a year to film (including time out for rehab and emotional breakdowns) and cost close to a trillion dollars. Spaniels' saris alone cost a million.

Friends tried to urge caution as the budget soared but Spaniels expressed confidence that her fans would pack the theaters. "What little girl doesn't want to be an Indian princess?" said Spaniels about the story she helped script, in a pre-release interview. "After all, I have already been a pop princess." In the same widely reported interview, the pop princess hinted that her performance was so good, that her assistants were telling her she might even be nominated for an Oscar.

"Look At Me," which opened last Friday, can best be described as a colorful, expensive-looking mess, perhaps destined to rival "Sparkle," Bore-iah Carey's ill-fated foray into movie stardom, as the worst movie of all time.

Fans initially did rush out to see Brittany Spaniels' move debut but since then, ticket sales have dwindled. Many of Spaniels' devoted fans said they had trouble accepting the bare-bellied star in a sari, singing Bollywood hits of the past. A few remarked that her Indian accent, which the star insisted on using, made her dialog incomprehensible.

The stars use of tigers in some scenes also got her in trouble with animal right activists but Spaniels defended her choice. "If I was going to re-create the scene from 'Flashdance' so essential to the story, then the water had to be dumped on both me and the tigers," said Spaniels.

Spaniels highly-hyped acting performance left much to be desired. Not only was her accent distracting but it varied from scene to scene. Her dramatic scenes were over the top and for her few comic lines, the timing was off. Spaniels did best in the singing and dancing numbers but the sight of the sari-wrapped blonde princess still seemed jarring.

The plot in "Look At Me" is nearly absent, serving only to carry one from one song to another.

Overall, "Look At Me" is a complete waste of time and money. However, like many pop stars making the move to movies, the quality of the movie is not a barrier to career advancement, and Spaniels is working on a host of new film projects. Old pop stars never die, they just switch to making movies.

Artist's MFA changes crass film into art

By **MOVIE MARQUIS**
Entertainment Guru

Envious of all the interest among students in filmmaking, a group of prominent artists, the Video Artists Inventing Novelty (VAIN), have decided to convert lowly film into an art form by making movies themselves.

Buffy McMansion, one of the artists of VAIN, is participating in an exhibition of video art at the campus Gallery 210,000 BC.

"All we are trying to do is elevate this crass commercial medium by experimentation with filmmaking," said McMansion about the efforts of VAIN. "Films have never been works of art and experimentation is something filmmakers have never done, as far as I know. Video art is all completely new, and it is art because it is made by people with Master of Fine Arts degrees."

Many film scholars pointed out that McMansion was mistaken in her assertion about a lack of experimentation in cinema. They also noted that cinema has been called an art form since the silent era, and classic films were part of the collection of such museums as the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art. McMansion and the group dismissed the objections.

"There is no need for any video artist to know anything about film history and the so-called 'art of film,'" said Buffy McMansion, the group's spokesperson. "Clearly, it is not art unless someone with a MFA creates it. Anything created by someone with an MFA is by definition art. Therefore, if the filmmaker did not have an MFA, it is not art."

When asked about famous filmmakers, such as Charlie Chaplin, Akira Kurosawa and Orson Welles, whose work is considered to be art by authorities around the world, McMansion said "Who?" She was unfamiliar with acclaimed films such as "The General," "City Lights," "Citizen Kane," "Rashomon" and "The Seventh Seal." She volunteered that she indeed had seen "some old movies,"



Simone Mareuil plays a young girl in "Un Chien Andalou." McMansion, a self-proclaimed artist and filmmaker, had never heard of Mareuil or "Un Chien Andalou."

and gave as examples "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Titanic."

The new art organization is being backed by McMansion's prominent family, the McMansions of Dallas, who are helping finance the project along her personal art gallery. The McMansion Gallery of Video Art will feature only the works of Buffy McMansion and other VAIN artists.

The McMansion family is setting up a public relations group to promote the art works as good investments to wealthy buyers, especially those unsure about other more controversial or challenging modern artwork. "Buying one of my little girl's pieces of art is a real fine investment," said Big Daddy McMansion, the artist's father.

One of McMansion's projects is a long, unedited film sequence of workers leaving a factory. While film historians have pointed out that she is actually re-creating the Lumiere Brothers' famous early film, "Workers Leaving a Factory," the artist dismissed the objections, saying the fact that she in-

tended it as art, and her MFA, made it something entirely new and groundbreaking.

McMansion had similar comments on her recreation Edison's early film "The Sneezee," but added that the fact that she projected the sequence on a box surrounded by lace made the work significant. "When Edison made his film, he was just demonstrating what his camera and projector could do," she said. I meant this to be art, so it is completely original."

For one of her other video projects, McMansion spliced together scenes from various Hollywood movies and then projected the finished film on a bare wall. "The recombination of various snippets of film is a revolutionary idea that has never been done in the world of commercial film," McMansion said.

Several Oscar-winning film editors immediately raised objections to her claims. Film scholars noted that what McMansion had done was create a "found footage" film, a com-

mon technique used in filmmaking classes.

Film historians displeased by VAIN's stance on the artistic value of cinema commented that not only was artistic experimentation an essential part of the history of filmmaking, but some famous early twentieth century artists were involved.

The 1928 silent experimental film "Un Chien Andalou" by Salvador Dali and Luis Brunel is a prime example of recognized artists dabbling in early filmmaking. McMansion conceded that she had never heard of the film and was unaware that there was ever any artistic involvement in filmmaking.

"While I recognize that Dali and Brunel are famous names in the art world, one has to acknowledge that it was an earlier time," McMansion said. "Now, one must have an MFA to be called an artist. If they did not have MFAs, it may not really be art. One must have standards, you know."

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Artist Sarah Oppenheimer will discuss her work and the installation she created for *Currents 102: Sarah Oppenheimer*, which will be on view from April 11 through July 6, 2008 in Gallery 337.

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THE BATHROOM

Ghost that haunts bathroom enjoys Sudoku, world issues

By ANASTACIA BEAVERHOUSEN
Dam Specialist

The student flings open the door as he hurriedly makes his way into the bathroom.

Quickly walking across the room, he suddenly stops as a toilet flushes next to him. Startled, he looks around for another occupant, only to find no feet under the stalls.

Suddenly, a beeping sound fills the room. Finally spooked, he turns on his heels and races through the door deciding to hold it rather endure another moment in the eerie space.

As the door closes behind him, he swears he could hear a faint giggle echoing from the lavatory.

This situation is faced by many DUMSL students who risk their sanity by using the third floor bathrooms

of the Millennium Stupid Center.

DUMSL paranormal scientists have been investigating the activity in the lavatory since strange happenings were first reported during the construction of the stupid center.

“Ever since a lonely plumber reported his tools missing and always felt a faint presence when he was in the room, we started placing video cameras in the bathroom,” said He B. Geebies, head of the paranormal sciences department of DUMSL.

It was the placement of these cameras, which are situated above every stall in both the men’s and women’s potty, which helped capture the image of what seems to be a girl that frequents the lavatories.

“After we saw the image of the being, a solution to communicate with her became very clear,” said Ima Fraud, senior, paranormal sciences.

“We used an instrument relatively new to the field called a Ouija board.”

The paranormal sciences department has made contact numerous times with the being, who prefers to go by Dolly. Geebies said, “She is very cooperative aside from the spooking of students.”

Dolly said she enjoys the hospitality of the MSC. She hints, however, to some downsides to being the only ghost on the third floor.

“As a ghost, it is very difficult to relate to others,” Dolly said. “I’m not allowed to leave the confines of the bathrooms. Sure, it’s fun to scare students, but I wish there was another ghost to talk with. Or at least someone to have water cooler chat with.”

Dolly amuses herself much of the time by scaring students, but also enjoys reading newspapers left in the bathrooms and Sudoku.

“Mostly the school rag *The Current* is left in here, which is extremely dull to read,” Dolly said. “But sometimes there is an occasional reputable magazine left in one of the stalls. I just can’t get enough of those Sudokus though. They are amazing for killing time at night.”

The paranormal sciences department currently is working on installing a computer in the bathrooms for Dolly.

Geebies said “Dolly wants to watch some network television shows, plus also surf the Web.”

“I really want to watch *Ugly Betty*,” Dolly said. “I am into fashion and comedies, so when I read a review of the television show, I immediately wanted to see what all the fuss was about. I am also concerned about the violence in the Middle East and want to always have up-to-date coverage of

what is going on here.”

Dolly has also expressed interest in finding a mate. She plans on getting involved on <http://www.InvisibleMatch.com>.

“I know it may sound kind of unusual to meet a dating partner online, but it’s kind of the new trendy thing to do. I am not expecting anything to happen, but it would be nice to have a free wandering ghost to spend time with,” Dolly said.

Students interested in the paranormal sciences at DUMSL should visit their offices in the FAKE building on west campus. Geebies said he is always “looking for fresh and motivated students.”

“We have a great time,” he said. “There are a ton of research possibilities on campus, and now with Dolly we are in need of some great new students.”



Sofi Bonaparte • Scouter of Souls

Vandals stomped out the words “EAT PUPPIES” across the snow near the MSC lakes. Investigations have been called off, and it is unclear if the phrase was part of a longer message. The perpetrators faced no punishment for their crime, save suffering the melted snow in their footwear.

Protesters protest being protested

By DIRT MCGURK
Soul Stealer

Campus police have decided to drop the search for the vandals that wrote “EAT PUPPIES” in the snow in front of the MSC lakes, due to the fact that the snow has melted.

“Yeah we just didn’t feel that we could carry on the case since all the evidence we collected also melted in the evidence locker,” officer Jon Baker of the DUMSL police department said about the February 30th incident.

“We think that this was an isolated incident, but we are sure to be on the lookout for anymore snow graffiti for the next few months,” officer Francis Poncherello said. “We’ll be working in shifts well into the summer on this one.”

This does not sit well with members of the animal rights group PETARD who frequently hand out their propaganda on the bridge overlooking the MSC lakes.

They believe that they were the targets of the elaborate snow calligraphy.

The perpetrators of the prank perturbed DUMSL student Camby Cambridge, junior, political correctness, who is also assistant to the Regional Supervisor of PETARD.

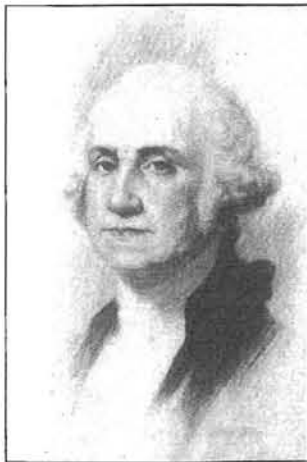
“If these people really wanted to convince me that eating puppies had any benefit at all, they should really stick to telling people the positive benefits of their cause and not resort to blunt negativity and sensationalism,” Cambridge said as she handed out pictures of baby seals being clubbed to death to students on the bridge.

“College students are very impressionable and are easily susceptible to do what others tell them to do.” Cambridge barked. “This is just a small group of people out to provoke a response, it’s nothing more then simple shock value”.

“This would be like me going out and writing “EAT SHIT” in the snow,” Cambridge growled. “It has been proven that the feces of animals that are fed an all-organic diet are found to be high in protein, especially cat feces.”

“Now that’s some good shit.”

- TOP TEN
- Rejected Top Ten Lists
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 - 9. Top ten sex positions.
 - 8. Top ten boy bands of the 90’s.
 - 7. Top ten state-shaped corn flakes.
 - 6. Top ten *Stagnant* staff members.
 - 5. Top ten rejected top ten lists.
 - 4. Top ten ways to fill up space in newspaper layout.
 - 3. Top ten numbers.
 - 2. Top ten days of the week.
 - 1. Top ten phrases that should have been drawn into the snow.



Stagnant Mad Lips!

The *Stagnant*, in an endless quest to entertain, has provided mad lips. Fill in the blanks, and turn to page 11 to fill in your answers. Then turn them in (fo really realz).

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New club gaining support

By ANASTACIA BEAVERHOUSEN
Dam Specialist

A new student organization has formed on the DUMSL campus called the League And Zealous Yuppies For Kaputing and Eliminating Rolling Sacks (LAZY FKERS). LAZY FKERS’s President Bea Strong sophomore, drama, says she started the organization after she had a run in with someone who was using a roller book bag.

“I was walking across campus when a Neanderthal with a rolling sack zoomed by and trampled me,” said Strong. “After that I knew I had to do something.”

Strong formed the organization three months ago with only a group of 11 students. However since then LAZY FKERS has grown to 76 students with seven faculty sponsors. Strong attributes the popularity of LAZY FKERS to others being in the same situation she was.

“It is just a nuisance to allow those contraptions on campus. I have seen numerous students injured from crazy rolling book bag drivers. This organization allows students to band together to stop the insanity,” said Strong.

According to DUMSL records, there have been 46 incidents this year alone involving rolling book bags. Ivana Cure, pseudo nurse at the campus clinic, says she has treated everything from sprained ankles to broken bones.

“The worst incident was when a faculty member with a wheeled book bag rolled in front of a student, causing him to trip. Unfortunately, the incident occurred in front of flight of stairs and he fell down them,” said Cure.

Cure said she was skeptical of LAZY FKERS when she first heard of the organization. However after the incident with student and the stairs, she has since been a staff sponsor and has donated a month’s salary to further the cause of eliminating rolling book bags on DUMSL campus.

N. O. Wheels, junior, anti-political science major, was the student who fell down the stairs because of the rolling sacks. Since the incident, Wheels was elected as LAZY FKERS’ bill writer-er and is currently coming up with a request for funding to install spikes around campus to flatten wheels on rolling book bags.

“This is our first push to stop the injuries caused by rolling sacks. We are very excited and hopeful to see what can happen with this piece of legislation,” said Wheels. “Unfortunately my twin sister uses a rolling book bag and she is fighting for the right to use one of the rolling bags.”

His twin sister, Anita Wheels, junior, wheeled engineering major, is the main opponent for anti-wheeled-book-bag legislation. She plans on starting her own organization for students who have been outcast by the new anti-wheeled-book-bag grass-roots campaign.

“It is just sad that we cannot all exist and play together. But I am prepared to fight for my right to wheel,” said Wheels (the girl one).

It is going to be a steep uphill battle for girl Wheels. A recent Web survey of DUMSL students finds 84.945783974 percent of students support some type of anti-wheeled-book-bag legislation.

“This survey shows the stupid body is behind us. We are going to hold a rally in the coming weeks to further gather support for our cause,” said Strong.

LAZY FKERS meets every sixth Sunday at 10:49 a.m. in building HZQ on the East campus.

GODZILLAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!



John Godzilla, director of Jock Straps, makes renovations to the Markie Mark Center on Friday, March 38. Godzilla has many plans for the building, including heated pools where Godzilla will breathe fire on swimmers, and new exhibition wrestling matches between himself and rival Rodan.

Students soul searching

By CARAOKE FIASCO
Swiss Army Knife

"We wanted to do something different, students are always selling magazines or candy to raise money, but that's not for us," said Adrienne Smithenhausen, president of Dementors of DUMSL.

DD, a new organization on campus, is holding its first Soulfest fundraiser next week to help raise money for the high cost of school textbooks.

Textbooks at DUMSL cost an average of \$326.95 each. "Multiply that by four or five classes and you'll go bankrupt," said Nigel Nelson, freshman, androgenic alopecia.

Dementors will be selling their souls during the Soulfest yard sale. Held in the creepy courtyard, each member will be selling their soul to the highest bidder.

The bidding will begin at \$350, enough for one textbook. Saint Louis McGee will be the event's guest auctioneer and will be bringing his own gavel.

"I am looking into leasing my soul out into timeshare agreements,"

said Maurice Davis, junior, conservative arts. "If I sell my soul for each semester, I can afford to buy books for that term. I don't need my soul over spring break anyway."

The Dementors will be selling gizzards, frog legs, fried catfish and other soul food during the yard sale. Soul singer Stevie Ponder will be performing live during the event and it is rumored he might be looking to buy some souls.

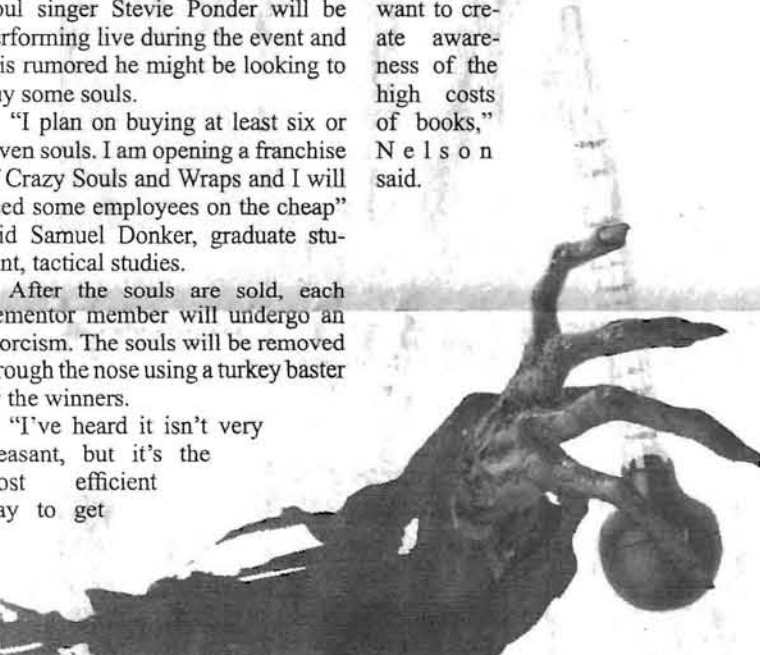
"I plan on buying at least six or seven souls. I am opening a franchise of Crazy Souls and Wraps and I will need some employees on the cheap" said Samuel Donker, graduate student, tactical studies.

After the souls are sold, each Dementor member will undergo an exorcism. The souls will be removed through the nose using a turkey baster by the winners.

"I've heard it isn't very pleasant, but it's the most efficient way to get

the entire soul out. There are horror stories of people losing half a soul or those that have a tiny bit left over. We want this to be quick and easy, just like me," Smithenhausen said.

"Even if you aren't looking to buy one of our sensational souls, we want to create awareness of the high costs of books," Nelson said.



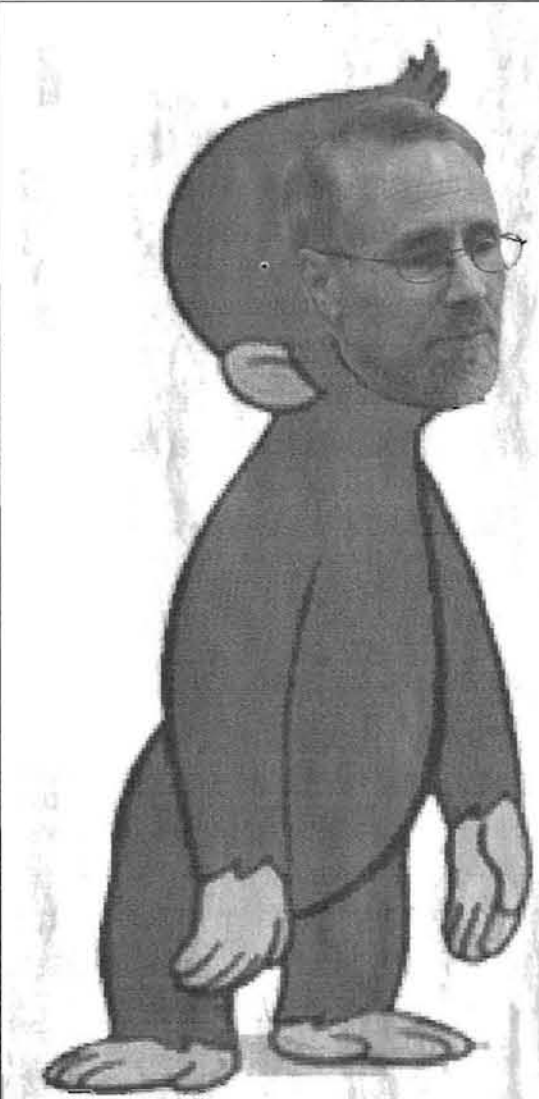
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SHADY, from page 7

This lawsuit will be for \$18.18 million, over 10 times the amount of Shady's first suit against DUMSL. He will use these winnings to build a massive indoor stadium for DUMSL's tee-ball team. The facility, which will be known as The Shadydome, will have all the finest amenities.

"So, we're gonna have an Olympic-size hot tub," Shady said.

The old coach also wants to use his winnings to hire Roger Clemin-tines' former trainer, Brian McLamee, and bring in large shipments of anabolic steroids and human growth hormones for the team.

"We're gonna be real tee-ball players," Shady said. "In fact, so, all the tee-ball players will have to

PREDICTIONS, from page 7

September 1- Cowboys quarter-back Tony Slowmo asks manage-ment if they will put Lisaca Simpson on the offensive line, specifically at center. This way they can be a little closer during the games.

September 7- DUMSL's volley-ball team makes a uniform change, adding a picture of Slim Jim Shady to each side of their spandex shorts.

October 24- Reebok gives Cleveland Cavalier center Zydrunas Ilgauskas his own shoe deal. Kids in the inner cities all across America are seen with their "Big Z's."

November 9- In a SportsCenter preview, Stuart Scott asks Dick Vi-tale who he thinks will be the college basketball player of the year. Vitale mumbles, "I don't have an opinion on that."

SEMI-PRO, from page 6

The Chipmunk dancers jazz up the event by shaking their booties to the beat, dressed in their glow-in-the-dark thongs.

"My song has won the hearts of this nation, I can't keep it from them," Moon said. "The way the light bounces off the disco balls and makes my eyes sparkle is just fabu-lous."

The fans are not trampling in drones just to see Robbie Moon sing. They come to watch him punt basketballs as well.

Since becoming one of the gang, Moon has taught the team a new play: The Oopsie Daisy. During the play, reverse quarterback, Chester Williams passes the ball to Anton Feldson who throws it under his

wear tee-ball pants everywhere they go on campus, so, from now on."

Unlike most people, Shady does not think this policy on wearing tee-ball pants all the time is too much to ask.

"I'm a [freaking] millionaire," Shady said. "I can do whatever the [heck] I want."

Coach Shady is convinced that all of this will return the DUMSL tee-ball team back to its glory years, so look for a lot of winning in the next few seasons.

"We are gonna be the best team in the nation in bunt defense and first and third situations," Shady said. "So, if we play LSU, we win. *We win.*"

December 12- While in prison, Michael Pick produces a rap album entitled, "99 Problems but a Female Dog Ain't One." The success of the record lands Pick a role in the movie "Longest Yard 2."

January 8- On ESPN First Take, Skip Bayless admits that something he said was actually wrong.

February 16- DUMSL sells out three consecutive basketball games after deciding to give out free park-ing permits to all students at the games.

March 26- As Mike Krzyzewski approaches Bob Knight-in-shining-armor's career wins record, Coach Knight-in-shining-armor coinciden-tally decides to go bird hunting out-side Krzyzewski's house. You can decide what happens next.

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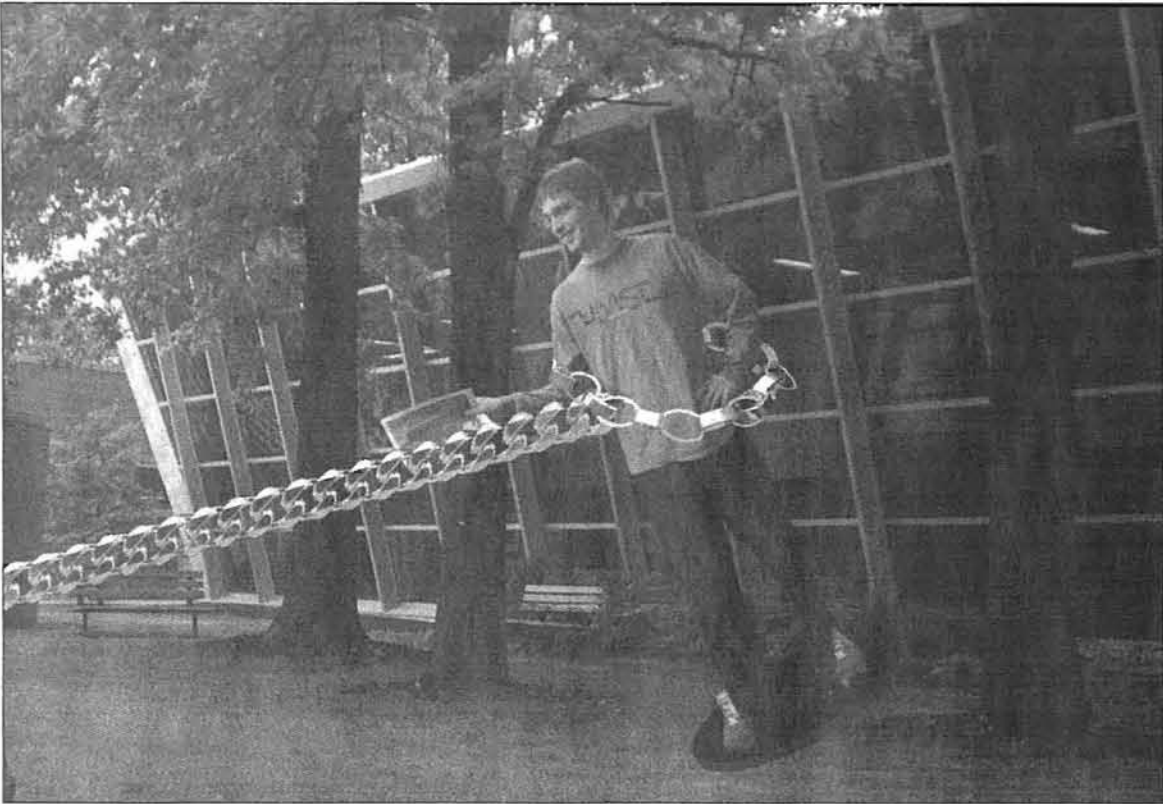
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A statue of SAGA president Cryin Goers is being pulled down during a rally on the DUMSL campus. The event was a celebration of Goers' resignation.

CRYIN GOERS, from page 1

"Mr. Goers, how much did you pay these women for their services?" Another reporter asked.

"Well, this one over here to my right cost only 42 cents," Goers said.

"That's pretty cheap," the reporter replied.

Hacksack was taken aback. "Who you calling cheap?"

Just then a shout was heard from the crowd. It was Rip-a-tutu, who yelled, "That's fine! The closet meant nothing to me, either!" She then stormed out.

Further investigation uncovered that money allocated to the SAGA was used to pay the pretty ladies that helped Goers pick out his clothes.

Authorities of DUMSL approached SAGA bean counter Katie Less, who said she was unaware of such misuse of funds and apologized on Goers' behalf.

"I had noticed lately that Cryin has been dressing a lot nicer lately, but I thought he just picked up some tips from Fashist Week held here last week. I never would've have thought

he needed help picking out clothes," Less said.

While Goers announced he would resign from his position immediately, opponents of Goers back on the DUMSL campus rejoiced at the announcement with the toppling of a life-like statue of the president.

No announcement has been made who will replace Goers, but word has it that whoever loses the Democratic nomination in the nationwide primaries will take his place a.k.a Celery-Clinton.

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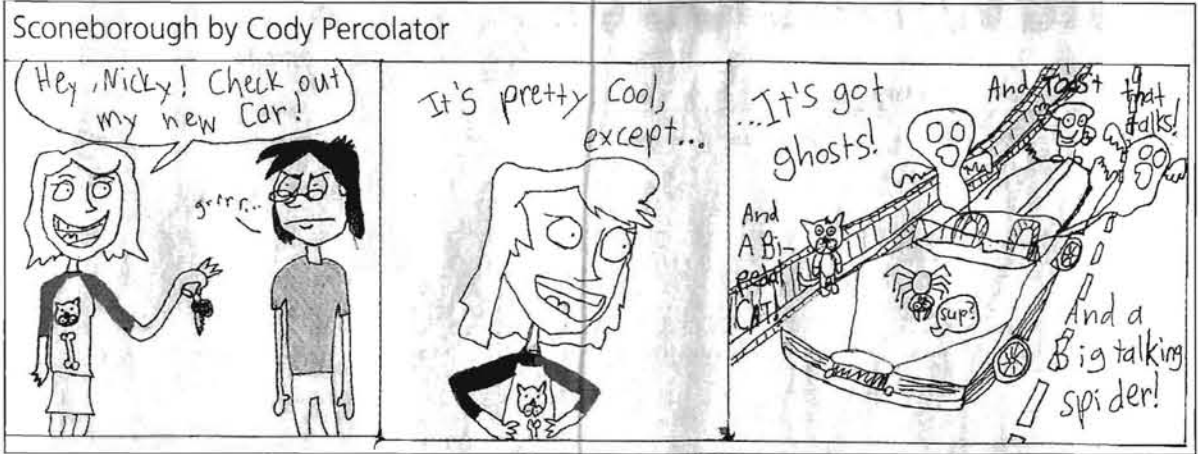
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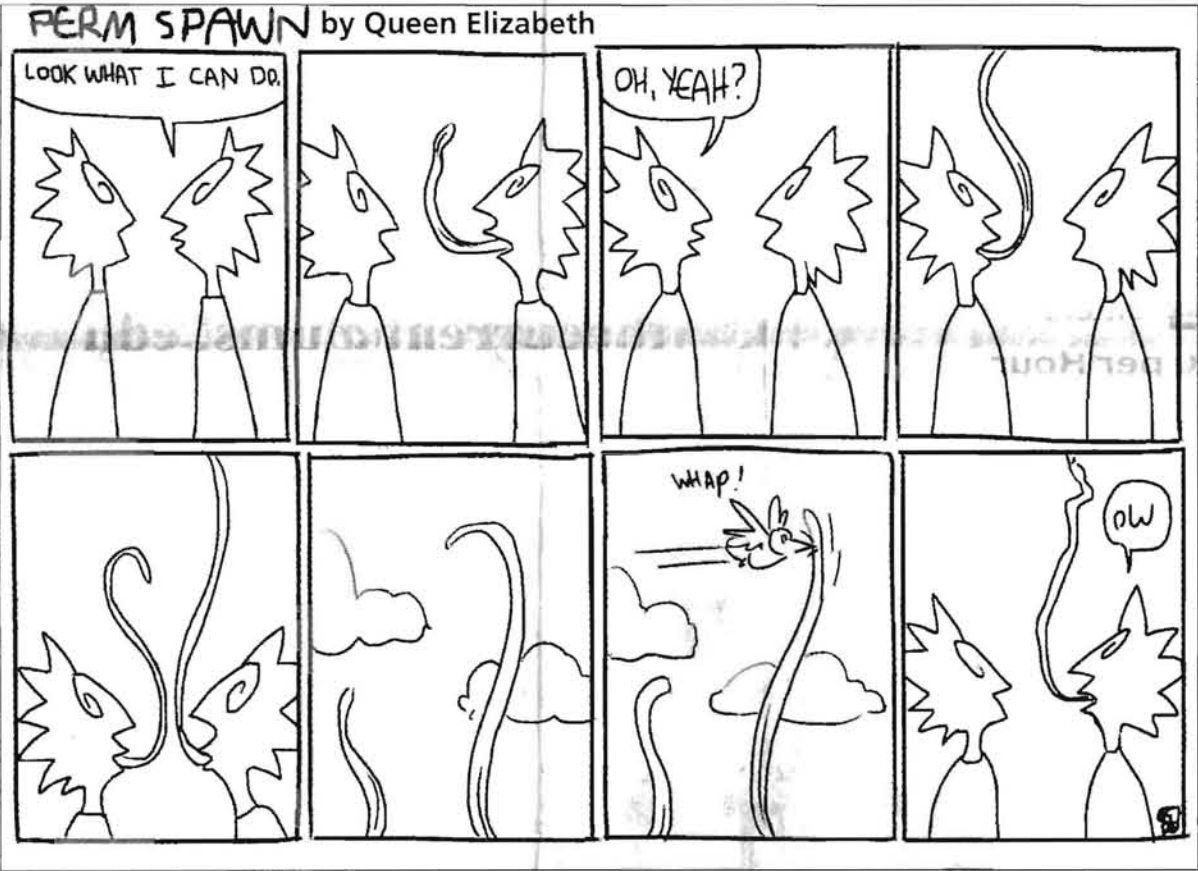
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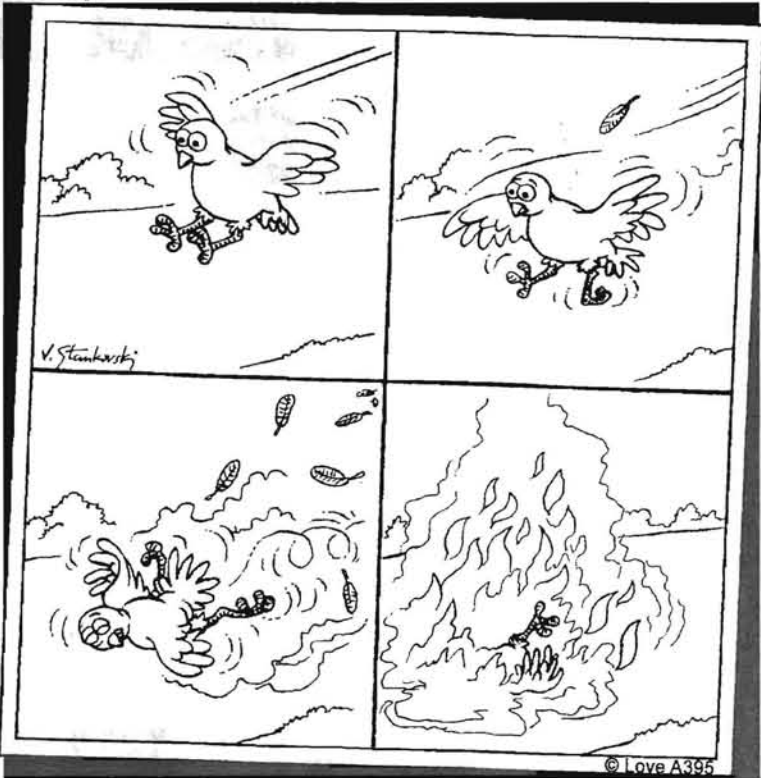


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12 Sandwich cookie

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20 Wimbledon game

21 Ahab or Kirk (Abbr.)

23 Humor

24 Wood-shop tool

28 Ace or joker

31 Greek mountain

32 Credit's opposite

34 Rink surface

35 Slave of old

37 Boaz, to Naomi

39 Ocean

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42 Head Hun

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51 Memorization method

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53 Time of your life?

54 Highland hillside

55 Sans siblings

56 Scepter

57 Shrill bark

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Stupid Sam

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:★★★★

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This week's crossword puzzle has been left unaltered. Find the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and Sudoku at

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Stupid Horizons

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

The choice you made to go swimming in the Highway 141 flood waters was not such a good idea. You wake up this week pruned as can be and have to be rushed to the hospital because of it.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

This month something may or may not happen in your love life. You may or may not meet the man or woman or whatever of your dreams. You could have a romantic night with your future partner. Or you may have a sad night with just you and TV dinners.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

You are due for a promotion. That does not mean you will get one, just that you are due for one. Most likely it will go to the brown-nosing twit in the cubicle next to you. Yep. It just did and you will be arrested for punching him in the face.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

You are going to wander around aimlessly for awhile and then realize that you are trapped in an alternate universe.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You may win the lottery this month. You actually have to play it to win it, but if you play it, you might win it. Someone has to win it right? Maybe it will be you. Most likely it won't, but you won't know unless you play.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your mom finds out she is pregnant. The The Great Goetz-bee team attacks you and you swell up like a balloon. Too bad because you were going to be asked out on a date. Better luck next time mate.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You will be reading a newspaper at this exact minute. You will be confused at how I know so much. You will agree that I am amazing. Then you will find \$5.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A family situation will occur. Not sure what it is yet. It will just involve a family. Not necessarily your family. Just a family in general. It will probably be good since it is not your family. How do you like dem apples?

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

So you are going to have a bad day at work this week. The only good part is that you can go home and kick a dog or shave a cat. Pick your poison.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

This week you will find yourself in a conundrum. 10 points to the person who can tell me what a conundrum is. It is a good word to have in your vocabulary. Kinda of like lederhosen. They are just fun to say.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

This week watch out for typhoons and monsoons. I hear they are going to be a bitch this year. All that rain and spinning and stuff makes me dizzy.....oooo rainbows are pretty though.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

You will get caught on one of those pesky red light cameras picking your nose. Then, on Thursday, you will eat something bad and spend the rest of your weekend puking up colors you have never thought existed.

BORN THIS WEEK:

Your birthday is this week! Woop-de-freakin-dol! Do you think that entitles you to cake or something? Do not look at me for cake. I hate cake. I actually hate all sweets. Go to the Cweed-Store and get yourself some Rolos.



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