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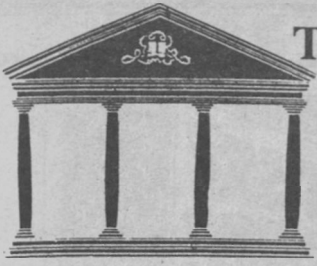
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The INKWELL

Armstrong State College Student Voice

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The campus security problem: plenty of questions - few answers

by Lisa Gunderson

Hey! Have you heard the one about how to get a campus security guard if you're in trouble? Park in a faculty spot or stay 31 minutes in a 30 minute parking zone.

Unfortunately, this joke is quite popular on campus and it seems to have a ring of truth to it.

Or does it? Since 1 January 1988 there have been 33 security incidences, ranging from breaking and entering and theft by taking to vandalism and battery. The security guards usually come into play after the crime has been committed, and necessarily, the majority of the preventative steps to avoid a crime rests in our hands. All students and faculty must become aware of Armstrong's security crisis, for a crisis does exist.

Myths must be dispelled, facts made available, and, most important, action must be taken by administration, faculty and students to rectify security problems. With Savannah growing around the college, Armstrong is no longer isolated, and it must adapt to the rapid changes happening around the school.

The administration has launched a three-year security plan to update ASC's campus security. This plan, initiated by the vice president of business and finance, John Stegall, targeted six specific areas for improvement. Of the six objectives, four have been met.

First on the agenda was to provide better mobility for the security guards and this was accomplished by replacing the scooters with two small pick-up trucks. This action should allow the guards to patrol campus more quickly and cover more ground.

The second objective was to improve communication by providing walkie-talkies. Before the implementation of the radios, you would go to the security office to find a guard and they were usually not there. You would then call the library, request a guard and wait for one to be dispatched (the library had a radio and could send a guard where needed). Hopefully, you were not direly in need of help.

The new system works like this: you may now call the security office, where a student assistant who mans the phone from 5:00pm to 10:00pm will relay the message to a guard on duty. This process should speed things along and get the guard on the scene faster.

The third item on the agenda was to do

something about the lack of lighting on campus. Being a commuter college, Armstrong has a large night attendance and many students complain that the campus is poorly lit.

Stegall says strides have been made in that area, but administration is limited in what can be done about the situation. The back parking lot cannot have lights installed, according to Stegall, because of the expense involved. And while the lights along the walkways do not shed enough light, the expense is too great to increase their wattage, for this would involve replacing the whole fixture.

The solution to campus lighting has taken the form of mounting lights on the buildings. Lights have been installed on Victor, Gamble, and Jenkins halls, allowing you to see the way to the building. The walkway between Fine Arts and Health Professions buildings were targeted for lighting and this action was completed.

Another item on the agenda of upgrading security, to be started next year, is the rekeying of the locks in the buildings. Armstrong has too many unaccounted-for keys floating around — nothing unusual for a college in operation for so many years. What Stegall finds amazing is this lack of key control and the ways the situation has been handled.

Stegall says the main problem in getting better lighting and implementing other security falls on the shoulders of the Board of Regents. The Board will not allocate funds for the

purpose of upgrading security. Comparing Armstrong's security budget to comparable colleges like Augusta, Columbus, Clayton, and Kennesaw finds Armstrong's budget fourth in the five colleges listed. Since the budget is limited, you must rely on existing measures like the additional lighting, security guards, and your own common sense to avoid becoming a victim of crime on campus.

The security guards play an important part in crime prevention. ASC employs seven security guards, three of which have been with the school for a number of years and four new people. The four new guards must conform and meet the same standards that Savannah police officers must meet.

These standards are passing the police academy, meeting the physical standards, background checks, and mental capabilities set for officers of the Savannah Police Force. These four security officers have arrest powers of regular officers. Usually there is one watchman and one one officer on duty together.



photo by Lisa Gunderson

Armstrong security performing their most noticeable task on campus

The visibility of the guards play an important part in thwarting crimes, for a criminal will think twice if they see the campus well patrolled. Of the 33 security incidents, 20 of the crimes are theft by taking.

One victim of a theft involving a purse had a mixed view on security's handling of the situation. After receiving the report of the incident, the guards said they would search the trash cans for the purse, this was the last the person heard from the guards. They never got back to the victim to give the person the results of the search or any type of follow-up report. The changes made by better communication and better mobility may help the guards attain better visibility and curb the thefts on campus.

The individual can do more than the guards and many security implementations in reducing crime on campus. Common sense would dictate locking up one's valuables, not just in a locked office, but also a locked drawer, but for the majority of people this is impractical. These precautions do not always work so the guards must perform their duties by making regular checks and patrols of the buildings and grounds in order to thwart criminals.

The importance of guard visibility can-

not be overstated, not just in their trucks but on foot in the buildings and on the grounds. When you're on campus at night, always move in packs of at least three because there is safety in numbers. The administration has made use of expert speakers who have come and lectured on safety and security for the individual.

Stegall prepared a special security and safety program for the staff, but no one showed up. Dr. Buck of Student Affairs would be in charge in setting up classes for students and if enough interest could be generated then classes could possibly be set up.

With the growing enrollment of Armstrong and the development around the college, crime is not expected to decrease or fade away. Stegall sees college campuses as "microcosms of society which reflect its changes." He says "society has become totally lawless and Armstrong does not have the fortune of living in a vacuum. This lawless nature will touch and affect the school." How much the way the school will be affected lies not only with administrative measures and security guards but ultimately in our hands. ❖

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EDITORIAL

by Ron Speir, Jr.

I was all prepared to write about the fallacies of the American legal system. I mean only in America does a murderer get parole while a speeder gets the death penalty. But...

Look how efficient our system of law enforcement on the road is. If you go to downtown Savannah and park in a no parking zone for a nanosecond, you will be virtually assured of receiving a parking ticket. Or if you happen to be pushing the bounds of Abercorn's speed limit by ten miles per hour, you may be able to donate funds to the city of Savannah. What a country!

Not only are violaters found with great efficiency, but they are treated with a contempt from the compassionate law enforcement officers that is totally uncalled for. Talk about giving someone an inch! Give a person a badge, and he thinks he owns the world. Or at least the microscopic version that he lives in.

As you may be able to tell, I recently received a speeding ticket. The officer who gave me the ticket spoke about 11 words to me - "Get out of the car" and "You will owe fifty-five dollars." He didn't even ask for my excuse.

Actually, I was furious about the way I was caught. I had just come over a hill, somewhere between here and Redneckville, when a car whizzed by. Fearing the worst, I glanced in my rearview mirror. My

heart sunk as I watched the law enforcement officer execute a beautiful 360 and fly up to my rear bumper.

It was one of those new fangled cars that can clock you while they are heading the opposite way on the same road. The car also had those new sleek blue lights that are virtually invisible to the naked eye until they are turned on.

I simply felt entrapped. You don't see cops hanging around people's houses waiting for a murder or robbery with the same gleam in their eyes that they have when they nail somebody with a radar gun, or the excitement a meter maid feels when she spots a car parked in the wrong direction of a one way street (another ticket I got on a rare venture downtown).

BUT what I really wanted to attack was the duality of the law. Once you get a ticket, you are doomed to verbal brutality and condensing tones, while murderers and drug pushers plea bargain their way out of the charges against them. Second and third time offenders slip through the fingers of justice with consistency.

They do catch those pesky speeders and parking violaters, who are real menaces to society. Those are the criminals who need the millions of dollars wasted spent to nail them, while Ted Bundys of the world waste \$6 million when they are actually punished.

I got out of my speeding ticket. So I still believe in American justice. ❖



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paglia clarifies quote on swimming controversy

Dear Editor,

In reference to the article written by Ron Speir regarding the termination of the swim team I feel I was misquoted. It states that I was "aware that (my) request to terminate the community program could be interpreted as a resignation from (my) position at the school."

I was only "aware" that there was the possibility that my request not to coach SST could jeopardize my position at ASC. I felt my rapport with Armstrong was strong and that if any arrangements could not be made to alleviate the stress in that area I

would be told so before any final decisions were made and that my input would be considered in any alternate proposals.

The circumstances and the way they were handled are unfortunate. But I believe Dr. Burnett and Dr. Brewer did not view this situation lightly and kept Armstrong's best interests at heart. I truly appreciate all the support the Armstrong community has given me and will miss everything about ASC.

Marc P. Paglia
Athletic Department

Even newspapers need to check their zippers

Dear Editor,

A number of years ago, when I was about to embark upon my teaching career, I asked a faculty member whom I admired for the secret of success in the teaching profession. His answer was to be sure your fly is closed before entering the classroom. I did not realize how far ahead of the times my advisor was until I was recently struck by the similarity between his recommendation [sic] to me and the advice given by "image consultant" Donald Kaufman, who was quoted in a recent Inkwell article as warning people that: "If anything sticks out, or calls attention to itself in any way, that can detract from the overall impression."

Don't worry, I didn't take the imaginary Mr. Kaufman's advice seriously - I recognized, as I'm sure anyone would who had an IQ above the level a medium pizza, the satirical nature of your two-page spread on image maintenance and making a good first impression. However, as much as I enjoyed your lighthearted attempt to poke fun at the kind of person so lacking in substance that they would slavishly conform to the dictates of an "image consultant's" recommendations on everything from facial hair to laced shoes, I think that in several respects your anonymous author succumbed to the temptation to merely burlesque his subject. After all, could even the most airheaded yuppie be expected to believe that "wear-

ing a watch conveys an impression of reliability" (unless it's a pocket watch, in which case you'd probably just give the impression that you were glad to see someone), or that "white, cotton, long-sleeved shirts are the most appropriate because they're more powerful and authoritative?" And don't you think it was a little heavy-handed for you to include, in a two-page spread on image, six separate references to polishing, shining, and caring for your shoes, and then to represent the Image Index as having been copyrighted by Kiwi Brands USA, a manufacturer of shoe care products, whose Kiwi logo you also prominently displayed at the top of the Index? If you want to write a good satire, you should at least write something reasonably within the realm of possibility, and certainly no one is going to believe that a prominent American manufacturer would attempt to subtly influence demand for its products in such a sleazy manner!

I must, however, compliment the author on his/her decision to publish this humorous piece in a college newspaper. What a nice ironic touch to publish articles satirizing attempts to encourage mindless conformity and a fixation on superficialities in a newspaper read by college students who are constantly struggling to learn the value of independent thinking!

W. Keith Douglass
Professor of Psychology

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Extra credit: too much of a good thing for college students?

by Stacy Hooks and CPS

Do you have a credit card? If so, do you remember the thrill of saying "charge it" for the first time? Is it still exciting to lug home loads of stuff you really wanted and found on sale (or not on sale), go out of town on a whim, or charge concert tickets over the telephone? Do you feel like you'd rather take that 201 English final over again rather than pay the bill? You're not alone.

Credit card companies are now making it easier for college students—previously thought to be bad credit risks—to obtain plastic these days. Recently, a table was set up in the cafeteria here at ASC, where the representatives offered students the opportunity to apply for up to five different credit cards at once. All

Students are acquiring credit at a time when they are poorly suited to use it wisely

the students needed was a photocopy of his ID, and proof of some sort of support.

The result is that any students now have more cards and higher lines of credit than before. Although credit cards are lifesavers for emergencies such as expensive car repairs, medical bills, and unexpected trips home, many consumer advocates are, according to CPS, worried that the credit card companies' invasion of college campuses is not a good idea.

"Students are acquiring credit at a time when they are poorly suited to use it wisely," said Mike Heffer of Consumer Action, a San Francisco lobbying group.

Kit Miller, of C&S Bank of Savannah, says that five credit cards are too many, and that all most people need is "one gas card and one all-purpose card," adding that any more than that and a college student is "asking for trouble." She says that it's hard for students, partly because they haven't had to manage a family budget before and find it hard to keep up with five different ac-

counts.

Yet the credit card companies don't necessarily see students as poor risks—they are "as good as any other cardholders" at paying their monthly balances, said Celine Gallo of American Express.

"People say the current generation is so much more mature. Giving them credit cards is a test," and will show whether they really are mature, said Dr. John McCarthy, economics professor at ASC.

"You shouldn't make a blanket statement [about the fitness of students to cope with credit]. It depends on the student. Many can't handle it -- many [older] adults can't," said McCarthy.

Susan Clevenger of the Bank of America, which issues VI-SAs to students, says that student defaults on their credit card payments (estimated at about four percent) are

actually "lower than the normal credit card base," and that students in "became more responsible" in 1986.

While their confidence in students may be flattering, it is not, according to many, well-grounded. Student default rates on Stafford Loans—until recently called Guaranteed Student Loans—are much higher, some studies showing this default rate as high as 20%. But most students who get credit cards, are, according to Fritz Elmen-dorf of the Consumers Banking Association in Washington, D.C., from higher income families and don't take out Stafford Loans in the first place.

And nothing magical happened in 1986 that suddenly changed students into more responsible adults, observed University of Florida finance professor Arnold Heggestad. His belief is that more college students are receiving credit cards nowadays because there are fewer credit-worthy adults to be wooed. He further stated that "If the economy is strong, it's a safe bet that sen-

iors will get jobs when they graduate," and be able to maintain and raise their lines of credit.

So who's telling the truth? Probably everybody, at least indirectly. Perhaps as the importance of having a credit card increases, some students are using their cards with more discretion—it is after all, nearly impossible to cash a check or make reservations without backup plastic. Credit cards are undeniably an excellent source of identification.

It's also impossible to know exactly who makes the credit card payment. Many parents may make their children's monthly credit card payments, or bail them occasionally to protect the student's credit record, which should be squeaky clean at graduation—most companies do run routine credit checks on prospective employees, and are hesitant to hire people who have a history of not paying their bills.

Also, some students take advantage of financial aid to help with their credit card bills. According to UCLA counselor John Hoyt, 35% of the students at his campus who asked for extra financial aid from 1986 to 1988 did so in order to repay credit card debts.

And this has happened here at ASC, according to Dawn Ford, assistant director of Financial Aid. "Some students have been clever enough to figure out that they can take out a low interest (eight percent) loan as a student, and use it to pay their credit card bills. Since the loan is deferred until after college graduation, it's like free money to them. They don't even think about paying it back."

Ford further said that since schools cannot presently monitor what the money is spent for, nothing can be done. She advises students who do have credit cards to be careful, set a budget, and stick to it.

Credit card abuse has become so common at some campuses that the University of Southern Maine holds a session about students and credit cards at its freshman orientation. Indiana University hosts budget planning workshops in its dorms. University of Texas students get a written warning about incurring credit card debts when they pick up their financial aid applications.

This is not to say that students are, as a whole, bad risks, or the only ones to charge too much or default on credit card payments. "Only 40% of credit card holders nationally pay their monthly bill. The other 60% have an average monthly balance of \$1,600," said Ann Swift, Iowa State University financial counselor.

Kit Miller says that while no one can accurately classify good and bad cardholders by age, senior citizens are probably the safest credit risk, and that young married couples in their childbearing years, because of the expenses involved in buying and furnishing new homes and starting families, are the greatest credit risk.

Generally, local banks are more conservative about issuing credit cards. Millie Tharle, of Trust Company Bank of Savannah, says that although "students are responsible," Trust Co. only issues credit cards to students when the parents cosign. C&S, too, rarely issues cards to students without a cosigner, and then with a relatively small line of credit.

Both Miller and Tharle disagreed with Mike Heffer's comment that "As soon as they [college students] graduate, it's harder to obtain a

Some students have figured out that they can take out a low interest loan and use it to pay their credit card bills.

credit card even if the person is working." Miller says that "establishing credit initially is hard, whether you're in school or out," adding that many companies are recognizing the dilemma of many new college graduate and have begun to offer special credit programs and first-time car buyer deals—for people who have a full-time job, something most college students don't have.

Tharle feels that it may actually be easier for a working college graduate to establish credit if he has no previous unresolved credit problems and is working. Furthermore, she said that "absence of bad credit," a college degree, and a full-time job are all pluses for someone wishing to establish credit.

McCarthy advises students to shop around when getting credit cards. Different cards, or even different banks that offer the same card, will have different annual fees and interest rates.

So the best thing to do as an undergraduate is either postpone getting your first plastics until you graduate, or just use one or two--on a limited basis. There's no such thing as quick, easy money, so watch what you spend, and avoid damaging your credit record while you still have the chance.

Editor's note: Look for tips on how to rebuild your credit record in next issue.



Exploring the planets

"Exploring the Planets," an exhibition of photographs and videos supplemented by models from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, opened 15 April at the Savannah Science Museum. It will be on view through 28 May.

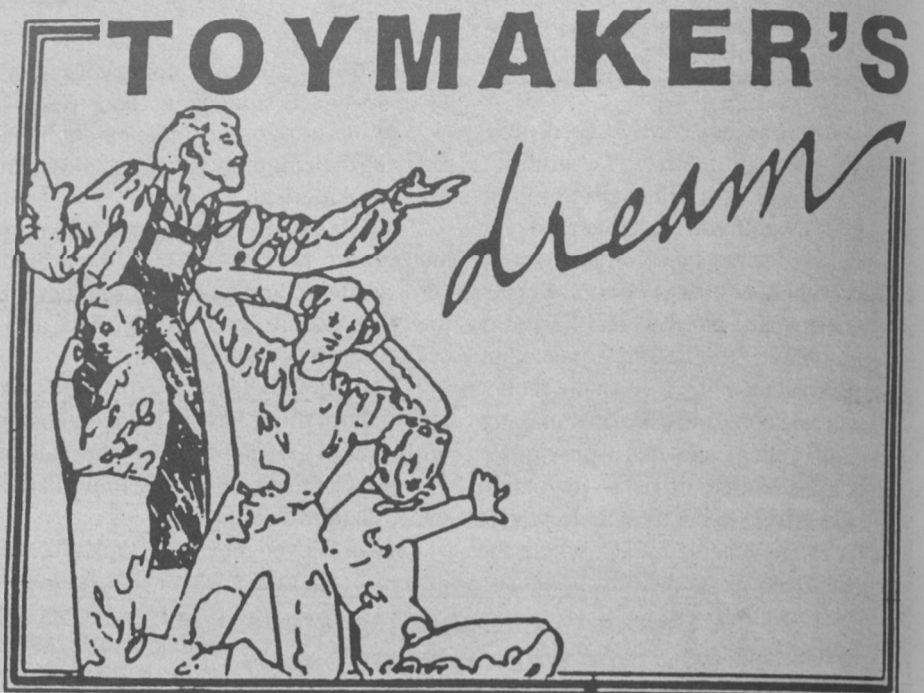
This exhibit is witness to the nation's infatuation with space. It provides public access to a national treasure trove of information heretofore accessible only to scientists.

The exhibition will travel nationally through September 1991 under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Ted Maxwell, chairman of the center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution, is the exhibition curator.

"Exploring the Planets" examines the nine planets and the moons, rings, and atmospheric conditions surrounding them through the extensive collection of image data obtained over 25 years of interplanetary exploration. Some of the spacecraft responsible for the explorations, such as Voyager, Ranger, and Viking, are also featured in the exhibit.

The past 25 years have witnessed a remarkable increase in information — both visual and analytical — gathered about the solar system. In a third of a lifetime, space exploration has taken man and his instruments beyond the bounds of the atmosphere and relayed more about our solar system and universe than was known by all preceding generations.

For more information call the Savannah Science Museum at 355-6705. ❖



The world-travelling cast of *Toymaker's Dream* will perform at the Savannah Civic Center 23, 24, 25 April..

The epic account of the most powerful rebellion in history, the greatest love story of the universe and the most daring rescue plan ever conceived, *The Toymaker's Dream* explodes to life onstage complete with pyrotechnical effects, dramatic choreography and costuming, dance, pantomime, and acrobatics.

Performed around the globe, this allegory of a toymaker and his son has captivated young and old in its world of dreams,

romance, rebellion, and rescue.

The production is enhanced by a digitally mastered original soundtrack featuring such artists as Matthew Ward, Greg Volz, Kelly Willard, Farrell & Farrell, Sherman Andrus, Joe English, and Jeff Rindt. The fantasy is full of colorful toys, energetic "Kats," a wicked "Dream-Hater," and of course, the tender, lovable Toymaker and everyone's hero, his son.

Call the ASC bookstore or Jane Barnard in the Math department for more information. ❖

The *Inkwell* entrance exam:

1. Do you know where ASC's campus is located?
2. Do you enjoy playing strip poker with security at 3am?
3. Do you watch Geraldo Rivera to broaden your social consciousness?
4. Do you think that Donny Osmond is the anti-christ?
5. Do you use two #1 pencils instead of a #2?
6. Have you watched *Ishtar* more than 10 times?
7. Do you like to stand right next to Dr. Burnett at instant teller machines?
8. Do you play Amy Grant records backwards?
9. Do you enjoy eating leftover pizza at 7:48am?
10. Can you read *The Inkwell* and drive at the same time?

If you answered any of the above questions, then you may be eligible to join the *Inkwell* staff.

See page 14 for meeting notice.



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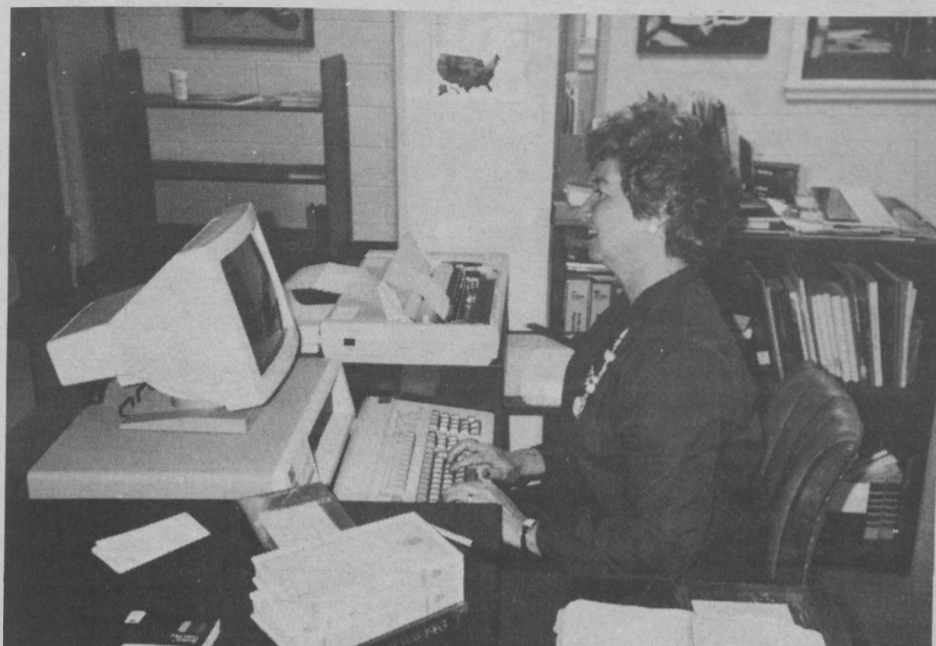


photo by Ron Speir

Tech services worker Shirley Goodson catalogs another library book

Red Cross blood drive at ASC

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Armstrong State College on Tuesday, 2 May, from 10am to 3pm. The Red Cross self-contained mobile unit will be parked in front of Lane Library in the center of campus.

The Student Government Association is sponsoring the bloodmobile. "The goal for the upcoming blood drive is 60 units of blood," said Al Harris, student activities director. "We would like to have the full support of the faculty and other staff members as well as from the students." SGA members will be handing out flyers and signing up donors to make sure Arm-

strong reaches its goal. People interested in donating can also sign up in the student activities office located in MCC.

Anyone who is between the ages of 17 and 66 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds, and is healthy is eligible to donate blood. People can donate blood every eight weeks. The complete donation process takes approximately 20-45 minutes, and the donation itself takes only 6-8 minutes. The process includes registration, a brief medical history, a mini-physical (blood pressure, hemoglobin and temperature), the donation, and refreshments. ❖

Smith wins Bond scholarship

H. Garth Smith, a chemistry sophomore here at Armstrong, was recently named the 1988-89 recipient of the Billy Bond Memorial Scholarship.

Smith, originally from Eugene, Oregon, has become involved in the ASC College Bowl team, the American Chemical Society, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. After completing his B.S. in chemistry, he plans to attend medical school.

A former summa cum laude of ASC, Billy Bond later graduated with honors from the University of Georgia Law School. He was active not only on campus, but throughout the community as well. Following his tragic death at the age of 28, the scholarship fund was organized in his memory. The annual award is given to the student who best exemplifies the traits of Billy Bond. ❖

by Caroline Hopkinson

Few library users get a chance to see the technical services department of Lane Library in action. Located behind the doors marked "staff only" technical services is sometimes called the kitchen of the library where materials (books, journals, videos, etc.) are selected and prepared for consumption by library users.

Before you go to the shelf to find the item you need the technical services librarian and staff has overseen its selection, ordered, and cataloged the item.

Everyone at Armstrong can be involved in the exciting and important process of selecting material to add to the library's collection. The criteria for selection is that the item support ASC's curriculum.

Faculty members, as subject specialist, select items for their subject area. Each department has a budget used to buy materials in its discipline.

Library faculty select materials which are interdisciplinary and reference items. Suggestions are always welcome! If you know of an item which would help you with your work at Armstrong, fill out an order form and drop it into the suggestion box, located near the circulation desk.

Technical services orders and catalogs

the selected items. Computers are used to help accomplish the tasks quickly and efficiently.

The library has recently purchased MICROLINX, a software program which can be used to order books and other materials.

In the past 20 years libraries have taken advantage of computer technology to create large computerized information networks. Lane Library belongs to one of these national networks, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center).

The time it takes to catalog a book has gone from a few hours to minutes thanks to computer networks. Efficiency is important in technical services; last year 4,200 items were ordered and cataloged for the library.

Imagine 800 subscriptions to magazines and journals periodically arriving in your doorstep. That is how many arrive at the technical services department, which keeps track of these subscriptions and takes care of binding the journals.

When the library has received several issues of a journal the issues are sent to a bindery to be made into a book, which will preserve them for years of use.

A peek at our kitchen will reveal all the effort it takes to put a library book (or journal, videotape, etc.) on the shelf. ❖

Do you know faculty members who should be recognized for outstanding performance???

* Why not nominate them for the H. Dean Propst Award by having them submit their resumes by 24 April to the student activities office.

The recipient will be announced during spring commencement

Pass the Regents' Test

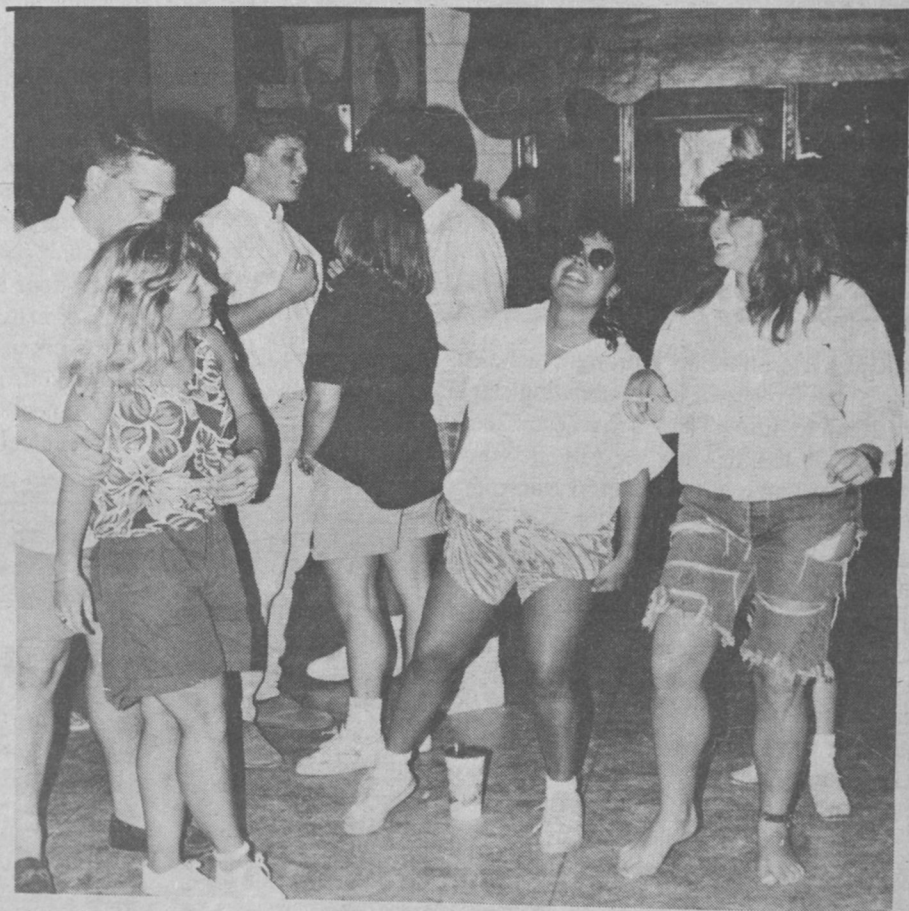
visit the writing center in Gamble 109 for a tips sheet and sample topics

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BEACH PARTY '89



It's the same story every year. The warm weather indicates the coming of spring (or winter), and ASC students celebrate the coming of spring at an old fashioned indoor beach party.

pictures clockwise from upper left: The gals competed in the classic best legs contest (won by Stephanie Chandler, second from right); While the guys squared off in the best buns contest (won by Steve Lenderman, far right); Bacchanalian revelers celebrate the rites of spring with great fervency; and The crowd is engrossed with the best legs and buns evaluations.

all photos by Jeff Jackson, SPS

Budget cuts hamper higher education

(CPS) Six hundred angry collegians converged on the Massachusetts legislature in Boston 7 March to protest proposed cuts in the amount of money the state gives its public campuses.

"Some seniors can't graduate on time because they can't get the courses they need," said John Theriault, a senior at Southeastern Massachusetts University and a student member of the state Board of Regents of Higher Education. We're beginning to see the effects of lower (state) funding."

An uncomfortably large number of states, in fact, are threatening to cut or level off college funding as they settle their annual or two-year budgets this spring.

"This year there are fewer states with an absolute decline," said Ed Hines, an Illinois State University professor who monitors state higher education funding around the country. "There are more small states that did better, and many larger states have leveled off their higher education funding."

Steve Gold of the National Conference of State Legislatures, which tracks state government activities, added that "will lead to greater higher education funding this year."

Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, New York and Arizona legislators are debating whether to balance their state budgets by giving their public colleges less money, Hines said.

States, of course, get their money from taxes they collect from residents and businesses, but when local economies suffer, people buy and sell less. Consequently, states collect less tax money, and have less to give to state agencies, including campuses.

States in depressed energy and agricultural areas have had the hardest economic

times in recent years. This time around, some industrial and service economies are having trouble, too.

To students, such budget cuts usually mean higher tuition and fewer courses to choose from in the fall.

Many legislators, Hines said, seem to see students as a good source of money to run campuses. When tax revenues don't cover the costs, students can.

"Student tuition has become a revenue source, not a user fee," he charged. "It remains to be seen how long this will go on until accessibility to an education is seriously limited."

Kent Halstead of Research Associates in Washington, D.C., figured students' tuition paid for about 24% of the total of what it actually cost to educate them this year, up four percent from 1978.

Despite the increase, Halstead maintained public higher education is a great deal. "What else can you get for only one-fourth of the cost?"

Many Massachusetts students, though, weren't so sure. Coping with big deficits, legislators have cut the state higher ed budget four times during the past two years.

"All across campus the extra electives needed to graduate just aren't there," complained Bridgewater State College senior John Burns.

More cuts may be coming if some legislators execute their plan to slash \$31 million from Gov. Michael Dukakis's \$698.5 million budget request.

If they do, Mount Holyoke Community College officials say they might have to shut down the library on weekends and hold classes only four days a week to save money.

Even if they don't, Dukakis's original request will require student service cut-

backs. "We're simply looking at the lesser of two evils," said Jeff Heberling of North Adams State College.

The problems are similar elsewhere.

In Arizona, Gov. Rose Mofford proposed in late January to spend \$61 million less on colleges, funneling the money to pay for state prisons and health care programs for the poor.

If Mofford gets her way, the University of Arizona's medical school—which would get an increase of \$560,000, instead of the requested \$5.8 million—would have to table some research studies and diminish its library services, med school dean James Dalen predicted.

But whole departments—and 650 campus jobs—would have to be carved out of the five State University of New York campuses if Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposed \$47 million college cuts are approved, warned SUNY chancellor Dr. Bruce Johnstone.

New Mexico State University students have two fewer English courses to take because of an \$84,000 department budget cut.

In New Jersey, a \$2.5 million loss in state funds forced the Camden campus of Rutgers University to eliminate 41 courses this semester.

Yet, said Mark Musick of the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, "there are some good things happening in higher education."

Witness Maryland. Riding a windfall of several million dollars, the state is considering giving \$647.5 million—a 17.4% increase from last year—to four year campuses next year.

But Musick added, "no one is ever satisfied. Schools would always like more money." ♦

Dartmouth didn't discriminate, rules federal judge

(CPS) A federal judge ruled 23 March that Dartmouth did not discriminate against three white students.

The students—Christopher Baldwin, John Sutter and John Quilhot—had charged Dartmouth president James Freedman was biased against them as white people, and thus favored suspending them for their role in a February, 1988, confrontation with music prof. William Cole.

U.S. District court Judge Shane Devine dismissed their accusation, saying they were "not entitled to relief under any set of facts they could prove."

The three students were staffers of the *Dartmouth Review*, the first and most flamboyant of three conservative newspapers set up by a Washington, D.C., foundation on at least 34 campuses since 1980.

After publishing several articles critical of Cole, a black man whom the *Review* had called "incompetent" and a "Brillo-head," the three got in a fight with Cole outside his classroom. A campus disciplinary board found the three guilty of "harassing" Cole, and Dartmouth suspended them.

In response, the students filed three suits.

In the first one, decided in January, state Judge Bruce Mohl ruled a member of the disciplinary board had in fact been biased against the *Review*, and ordered the students reinstated.

Mohl, however, added he had found "no persuasive evidence" the school was discriminating against them because they were politically conservative.

Devine settled the second suit—which charged Dartmouth had singled them out because they are white males and which campus attorney Sean Gorman derided as "a publicity stunt"—by dismissing it 23 March.

The third suit—which claims Freedman violated the Reviewers' First Amendment rights—is pending in state court.

"The focus of our efforts," said Art Ruegger, the student's attorney, "has always been the First Amendment claim. We're looking forward to a trial in front of a jury on those claims." ♦

Lawsuit will challenge 'Hazelwood Decision'

(CPS) The former publisher of California State University - Los Angeles' student newspaper said 24 March she would sue the school, claiming she had been fired for running stories that criticized campus president James Rosser.

In what promises to be the first major court test of 1988's landmark "Hazelwood decision," Joan Zyda, fired last April, said she would file suit for damages and to get her job back.

The school fired Zyda after months of squabbling, set off by a 1987 award-winning story in the *University Times* of the death of a CSULA student in a campus building wrecked by an earthquake.

The dead student's parents, using facts from the *University Times*' story filed a \$5 million wrongful death suit against the school, claiming the administration was negligent in not quake-proofing the building.

"Pressure on Zyda increased with the lawsuit. They (the administration) accused her of 'negative journalism,' of everything but what was really on their minds," said

Barry Fisher, Zyda's lawyer.

Administrators also objected to "editorials and cartoons criticizing CSULA president James Rosser and his aides for impeding the free flow of information," Zyda conjectured.

[University] administrators objected to "editorials and cartoons criticizing ... the free flow of information."

"When I suggested that the university buy ads (to support both the newspaper and the mission of the university), Rosser declined unless he was given certain controls over the paper's content," Zyda said.

She maintained Rosser wanted to control the paper, if only to minimize CSULA's legal liability for what it published.

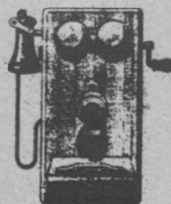
In the weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court's January 1988 "Hazelwood" ruling, which gave high school principals the right to control the editorial content of papers run

as for-credit classroom "laboratories," CSULA officials announced they were changing the *University Times* into a "laboratory newspaper" and demoting Zyda.

Zyda's well-publicized resistance ended with her firing three months later.

"The essence of the suit is the retaliatory firing of Zyda for her stories on the earthquake and the questions about the administration's culpability (in the death of a student)," Fisher said.

CSULA vice president and general counsel Mayer Chapman would not comment on the lawsuit because "We haven't been served. We think there's some manipulation of the media going on." ♦



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Passing the Regents' Test -- the Lubby Juggins way

by Lubby Juggins

Why do so many Americans keep household pets?

How have your eating habits changed since you first entered college?

Which do you prefer, a car or a pick-up?

What is your favorite piece of furniture in the entire world?

No, boys and girls, these are not brain-teasers from Socrates or tidbits from the latest hormone quiz in *Cosmo*. Rather, these little mind-stretchers are the sorts of banal topics that hundreds of ASC students will be taunted with next week on the Regents' Test. Huddled like refugees in the Fine Arts building, with blobs of ink on their fingertips and beads of blood on their foreheads, panicky sophomores will scribble moronic five-paragraph themes on subjects that would bore even a college dean to salty tears

Fortunately, I can say that I've passed the damn test — the proof is there on my transcript. But there's no honor or glory in it. Passing the Regents' Test, as everybody knows, is like passing a urine test: no wit or wisdom required. In fact, it's a lot like passing a peach pit — all pain, no fruit.

Still, by telling the story of how I successfully discharged my colonic duty, just maybe I can spare you a little bit of the pain.

It all started outside the testing room in the hallway, where a few hundred of us were lined up like groupies at a Kissinger lecture.

All at once this jerk invaded my air space as I was minding my own business, sucking on a number two pencil and crossing my legs to hide the pee stains on my jeans. You know the kind. Big smiley button for a face, a loud phony preacher's laugh in all the wrong the places. Lots of noise and teeth.

"Your first time?" he said, laughing horribly. Like this was a mixer at the prison and his dance card wasn't full.

I grunted a "yeah" and ducked down to tie the laces on my loafers. Please, please, please go away.

But the jerk knelt down beside me.

"Third time lucky for me," he said, and then laughed so hard he blew a corn kernel through his cuspids.

Oh, jeez.

"I got it all figured out," he said. "Here's what you gotta do." And then, between volleys of laughter, Mr. Wizard proceeded to explain how to pass the Regents': keep it short, no big words, use lots of semicolons, and at the end of the paper write "Have a nice day."

I felt a terrible urge to skewer him with my number two pencil. But then the line started to move, and a few minutes later I was slumped over a desk staring at the

exam booklet.

Chill out, I told myself. Just remember the advice you got from the dolly bird in the writing center. Think about topics, rehearse the introduction, use specific examples, don't repeat yourself. For godsake, a child of six could pass this thing.

So, get me a six year old! Or a college dean.

I could smell breakfast leaking out of my pores as I copied down my social security number and then read the first topic:

"Discuss the position of the worker in the Soviet Union as it corresponds to the 'association of free producers' envisaged by Marx and the 'Soviet democracy' imagined by Lenin."

Instantly, I felt a red rubber ball grow-ing around my nose. A great conical hat springing up on my head. Baggy pants, big floppy shoes, and my Spirit pen turning into a bicycle horn.

I tried to write — honk, honk. The room shushed me. I had to write — honk, honk, honk, honk.

Shhhhhhh!

Calm down, I told myself. So, you've hit the hit the one unmoronic topic ever given on a Regents' Test. Just remember what the dolly bird said: "On every test, there's always one topic you'll know enough about to write a decent, passing essay."

And so, wiping the greasepaint off cheeks, I turned to the second topic:

"If you learned that you had only six month left to live, how would you change your life?"

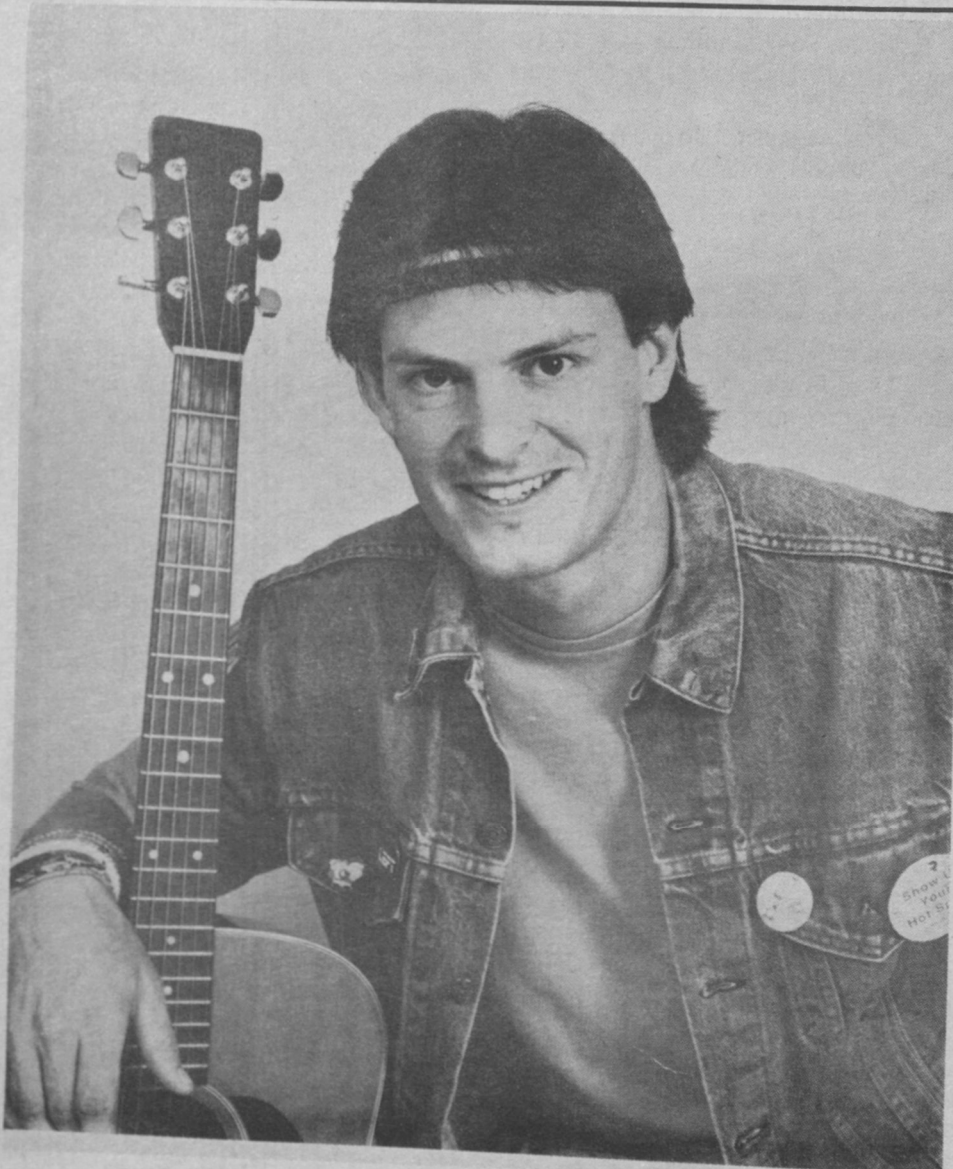
Six months to live . . . change my life. All at once, the room, the Fine Arts building, the entire campus vanished. Now the sundown sky was like honey, and a dusky native girl was dampening my brow with her tears and cloaking me with her long black hair.

Sipping Scotch malt, watching the waves retreat, listening to the music of the spheres, I felt for one heart-wrenching moment so utterly, so terribly, so wonder-fully alive. All the dreck and disaster of my boring little existence had been leading up to this one incredible moment.

"Darling," I whispered to my native girl, gently stroking her hip, "please take a message."

And thus, at my request, she began to write: "Having been given just six months to live, I have decided not to complete the Regents' Test. Instead, I shall spend these last precious days embracing my loved ones in the South Pacific . . ."

And so, you see, that's how I passed the Regents'. By the skin of my teeth (a score or two), but, really, who gives a damn? Only Mr. Wizard, I suppose, who's now on his fifth or sixth attempt. But as I said, it's like passing a urine test — or a peach pit. Just ask that dolly bird in the writing center. ❖



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Go jump out a plane

by William Hearn

It was the summer of 1975. One Saturday morning the phone rang and the voice informed me that we were going skydiving. As I had always wanted to give it a try, I readily agreed. About an hour later I found myself with the owner of the voice in Newington, Georgia. It was here we were to be initiated.

Initiation took a couple of hours. We were taught how to get into and out of our parachute rigs. We were taught emergency procedures: how to get into and out of the airplane, how to steer the rigs, and how to hit an arch. The arch is the all-stabilizing position that all skydivers must assume. In an arch skydivers have control of their direction of flight and rate of descent.

Then we were taught the very important Parachute Landing Fall (PLF). This was most important because, as students, we were jumping military T-10 rigs. The T-10 likes to land you like a sack of potatoes. If you could not get a PLF right, you would be sore the next day. Sometimes you would be sore even if you did get it right.

My first jump came that same day. We went up with four students. One student was a girl. She went out of the plane and did a spectacular scream as she fell away from the plane. The jumpmaster explained that they liked girls because of their tendency to scream on the first couple of jumps.

Then it was my turn. The jumpmaster aligned the plane properly then opened the door for me to get out. This was the moment of truth. And if the truth be known I would have rather been somewhere else.

At a mere 3500 feet things on the ground are readily recognizable. I could see my car and had thoughts about how nice it would be to be there instead of where I was.

But I went out, hit an arch, and felt the chute open above me. Whew! The hard part was over. I checked the canopy and began to steer towards the landing area. Then I realized how quiet it was. How good the wind felt. How far I could see. How much fun this actually was. Then I hit like a ton of bricks.

That summer I made ten jumps and got off of student status and began free-falls. Toward the end of the summer, still jumping T-10s, I injured my knee.

After a year of therapy, I finally went under the knife and now my knee is fine. I gave up skydiving. I like my knees.

About three months ago I heard about Billy Carter from a friend of mine. This friend has nearly 1000 jumps. She jumped with an all-woman team and established a world record in Dalton. She told me that Billy ran a really good school and that things had changed in ten years. I decided to check it out. She was right.

Billy's school is located at the airport in Walterboro, South Carolina, about an hour's drive from Savannah. Once there, I was met by my instructor and jumpmaster, Bill Welborn.

Bill took us through the paces and thoroughly drilled us on procedures. The ground school lasted about four hours. By the end of ground school I felt confident about handling the new equipment. I had also learned about many improvements that student skydivers have benefitted from over the years.

The students no longer jump military parachutes. We used new, state of the art 9-cell square rigs. These rigs have two additional air cells that sport parachutes do not have. The additional cells provide better steering and maneuverability.

In the old days, three separate actions were required to deploy the reserve. The reserve was worn across your stomach. No longer. The new reserves are worn on your back in the same harness as the main chute, and only one action is required to deploy the reserve.

Also, students wear radios. There is a person on the ground that watches the student and relays information from the moment of exit from the plane to the final moment of touchdown. You never feel alone.

In addition, the rigs are equipped with automatic deployment devices which put out the reserve in case the student is unable to do so. I felt quite confident as I strapped on my new gear and headed for the plane. This time, however, there were no girls to give us a good scream.

As the plane slowly climbed to altitude, final checks were made of the equipment. The big moment came all too soon.

Bill signalled the pilot and opened the door. I went out and assumed the position on the wing strut. Bill signalled to me and I fell free from the plane. I remember his smile as the plane climbed away from me. I guess I had that classic "I can't believe I'm doing this" look.

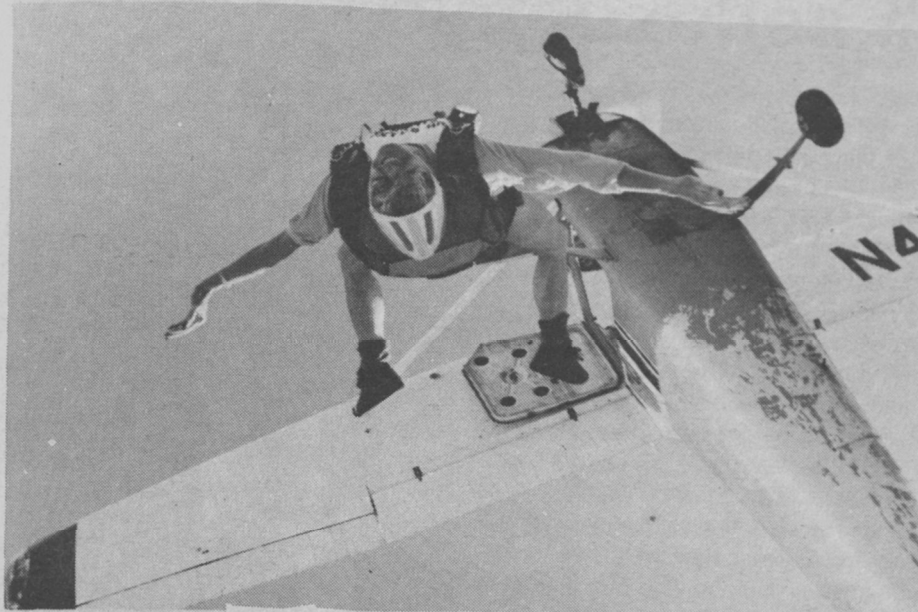
The chute quickly opened. I checked the canopy and the radio came to life with the voice of the ground controller. After a few minutes of flying the rig around undisturbed, the ground controller gave me directions for my final approach and landing. This was the part I was most concerned about.

The controller brought me expertly in and gave the command to stall and I settled to the ground so gently I could not believe it. It was amazing.

There was no need for the famed PLF as I was standing up and hit the ground as easily as if I were taking a long leisurely stroll. It was a piece of cake. Skydiving has truly come an awfully long way toward providing everything necessary for the student to have the experience of a lifetime.

I talked to Billy about returning to Walterboro now that the weather has warmed up a bit and making more jumps. He agreed to reduce the first time fees for Armstrong students.

Is skydiving fun? Yep. Is it exciting? Yep. It's the second most exciting sport. You guess the first. ❖



The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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- 4 List of candidates
- 9 Prohibit
- 12 DDE
- 13 Ardent
- 14 Rubber tree
- 15 Pill
- 17 Eat in small bits
- 19 Eagle's nest
- 21 Cry
- 22 Surfeit
- 24 Scold
- 26 Shine brightly
- 29 Declares
- 31 Hindu cymbals
- 33 Period of time
- 34 Earth goddess
- 35 Still
- 37 Speck
- 39 Exists
- 40 Branch
- 42 Emerge victorious

- 44 Brimless cap
- 46 Portico
- 48 Vessel
- 50 Part in play
- 51 Southern blackbird
- 53 Most unpleasant
- 55 Country of Central America
- 58 Seesaw
- 61 White House nickname
- 62 Fairy in "The Tempest"
- 64 Guido's high note
- 65 Small lump
- 66 Untidy
- 67 Pinch

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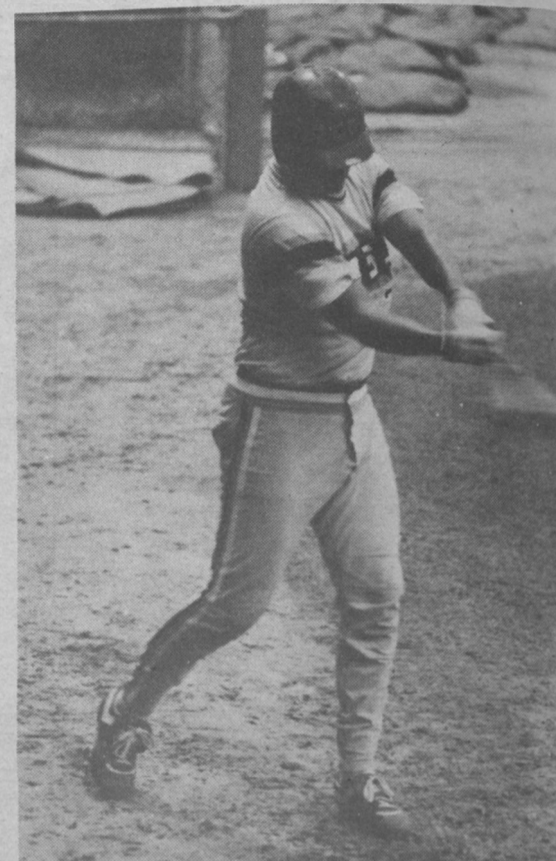
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- 20 Dine
- 22 Epic sea tales
- 23 Ward off
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- 27 Bay window
- 28 Devastate
- 30 Stitch
- 32 Tennis stroke
- 36 Gratuity
- 38 Brief
- 41 Groaned
- 43 At present
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Pirates score one of their 15 runs against the Savannah Cardinals.



Scott Ellis goes through his warm-up rituals

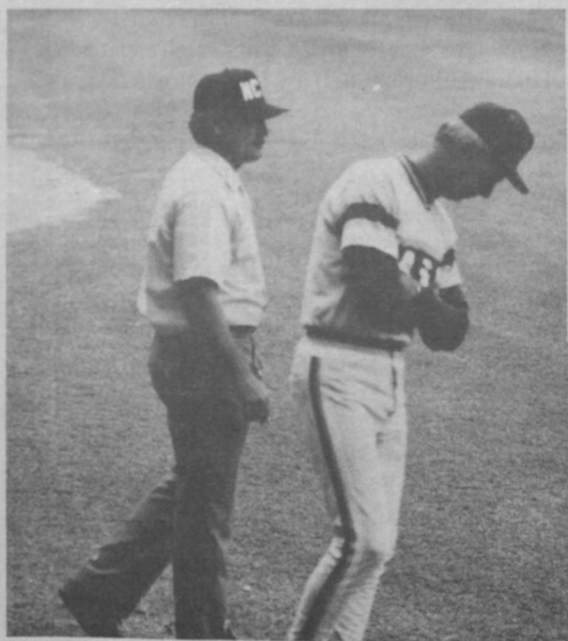


A Cardinal batter squares to bunt against ASC's Paul Krafft during the early innings.

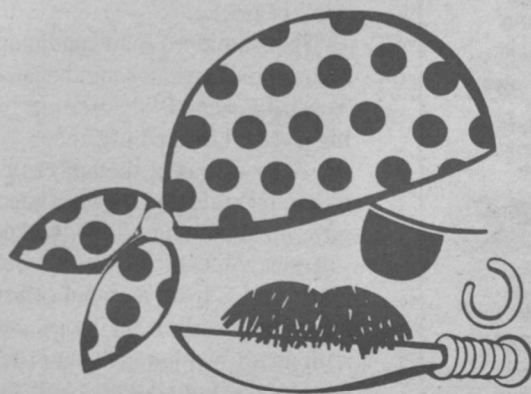
Pirates vs Cards

On 5 April ASC got some break time from defeating their college foes and took the time off to defeat the Savannah Cardinals 15-3. at Grayson Stadium.

All photos by Ron Speir



Coach Joe Roberts points out some finer points of the game to an acquaintance.



Mark Wagenhauser looks on from the pirate dugout.

ASC baseball reaches # 1 plateau for first time

by Ron Speir, Jr.

Did you think last year's version of the Armstrong State College Pirates baseball team was good? Well then you had better look around because this year's squad has done what no other Armstrong team has ever done - be ranked number one in the nation.

In the 10 April poll of *Colligate Baseball Magazine* for NCAA division II schools, ASC made its debut at the top of the mound. ASC received 480 votes, which includes being placed number one on every regional ballot, compared to Tampa's, the number two team, 464 votes.

Along the road to the top ASC has ran up a 33-7 record against teams from several different divisions. Armstrong has gone 3-5 against Division I clubs, 15-2 versus division II teams, 6-0 against Division III, and 9-0 over NAIA schools.

The team had placed together a 12 game winning streak before losing to Shippensburg. Then the team picked up the pace again, building a 13 game win streak,

snapped by a 6-2 loss to The Citadel. Since the last loss, the team has beaten the Savannah Cardinals in an exhibition game 13-5 and swept Tuskegee 18-1 and 17-0.

Taking a quick glance down the stat sheet for the team, it is difficult to single out one player for great accomplishments. Many of the stats look nearly identical with an average of almost six wins per starting pitcher plus a slew of players with RBI counts in the 21-37 range. It becomes readily apparent that this year's team is indeed putting together a team effort.

The batting statistics read like the winning percentage of the Atlanta Braves. Seven players are well above the magical .300 mark and only one player below the infamous Mendoza line. Steve Russell leads the team with a .393 batting average (better than the Braves). He is followed in suit by Mark Wagenhauser (.363), David Bone (.352), John Middlebrooks (.348), Danny Moore (.348), Chad Armstrong (.346), Brad Squibb (.345), and Brian Kracik (.319).

The run production is in a similar state of similarity. John Middlebrooks leads the

team in homeruns and RBIs with 5 homers and 37 RBIs. Squibb, Scott Ellis, and Moore have chipped in with 4 dingers apiece, followed by Bone, Kracik, and Wagenhauser with 3 round trippers. Squibb also trails Middlebrooks by 1 in the RBI category with 36 RBIs, and again a crew of pirates follow close behind the pace: Russell (34), Armstrong (32), Bone (32), Moore (28), Kracik (28), Brent Korn (25), Ellis (23), and Wagenhauser (21).

The team has also lived up to a past moniker by "runnin'." The team has compiled a total of 126 stolen bases in 152 attempts. The plundering pirates are keeping pace with Danny Moore's 20 stolen bases in 26 tries, followed by Russell (19/25), Armstrong (16/17), and Kracik (14/16).

The pitching side of the team has performed with equal effectiveness. The staff of starters are lead by Chuck Thompson's 7-0 record and 1.17 ERA. The rest of the starters follow Thompson's buccaneering with comparable stats: Rick Sawyer (6-2, 1.89 ERA), Paul Krafft (6-3, 3.61 ERA), Larry Owens (5-1, 2.13 ERA), and Bill Schmidt (5-1, 2.21 ERA). The strong start-

ing rotation is backed up from the bullpen by Jeff Pasquale and Mike Ewing. The two key relievers have tallied 14 saves between them (Pasquale 8, Ewing 6). Pasquale also leads the team with a miniscule ERA of 1.08 in 25 innings of work. Altogether the staff has achieved a 2.18 ERA, which is great for a team that averages 9.6 runs per game.

Probably the worst stat that the team has posted is men left on base. The team has stranded a total of 355 pirates on bases, which can be looked at in several ways. One, they've gotten a lot of men on base, so a few are bound to be marooned. Two, they've left a lot of men hanging around first base when an inning ends. Finally, they have done just enough to win with big margins, which could be bigger. It's hard to tell from the stats where the men were when stranded, but when the tournament comes around, every possible run must be scored to assure a possible national championship that eluded last year's squad.

Come support the pirates in their game against Georgia Southern on 19 April at 7:00pm at Grayson Stadium. ♦

Baseball schedule

19 April	Georgia Southern	Grayson	(7:00pm)
22 April	At Columbus	CC	(2:00pm)
23 April	Albany State	ASC	(2:00pm)
25 April	Valdosta State	ASC	(2:00pm)
29 April	Columbus	Grayson	(2:00pm)
2 May	At Georgia Southern	GSC	(7:00pm)
4 May	Georgia Southern	Grayson	(7:00pm)
6 May	At Georgia Southern	GSC	(7:00pm)
10 May	At Valdosta State	VSC	(7:00pm)

NCAA tourny predictable

It was a red letter day in sports journalism. In the 8 March issue of *The Inkwell*, Ron Speir made his predictions for the upcoming NCAA basketball tournament. As it turned out, he was right.

In the final analysis Speir warned readers to be wary of darkhorse teams for they are "always the team to watch out for, and this year that team has the best chance to take it all." The paragraph went on to pontificate upon the "jugular" feat which the University of Michigan was about to embark on.

Unfortunately, as an acquaintance noted, Speir didn't make any money. He wasn't wise enough to put his money where his mouth was. The team that he did intrust lost to Duke.

This year's tourny had all the character of those in the past if not more. Once the brackets came out, Speir picked the entire tourny, start to finish, beforehand.

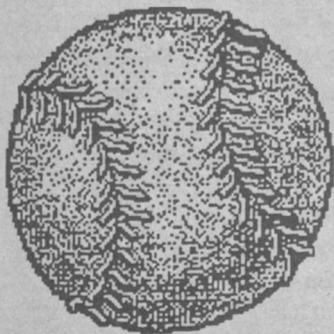
In the sweet sixteen round Speir picked 13 of the 16 teams who were still alive. But from that round on it was upset city. Only two of his picks survived until the round of eight, and for the first time in four years Speir did not pick at least two of the final four teams. In fact, he picked none of them, another first.

Speir vows he "will never let his printed prediction of Michigan stunning the basketball world be forgotten" by those who called him crazy. Especially a distinguished colleague who picked Michigan to lose to Xavier in the first round. ♦

Armstrong Day!

Sat. April 29th, Grayson Stadium

Admission Free to ASC Students, Alumni, Faculty and Staff



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ASC vs. Columbus

5:00 p.m.

Student, Alumni, Faculty
and Staff Picnic
(\$4.50 advance, see reverse)

7:00 p.m.

Savannah Cardinals vs.
the Sumter Braves

New women's basketball coach named

Armstrong State College announced 11 April that Lenny Passink will undertake the duty of coaching the women's basketball team next season.

While serving as head coach at Savannah High from 1979-82, Passink compiled a 56-16 record, which is also his career record as a head coach. Passink's experience includes two years as assistant coach with the Savannah Spirits of the CBA from 1986-1988.

Passink will try to pull the lady pirates out of an 8-38 slump over the last two seasons. ♦

Major League : just inside the line

by Ron Speir, Jr.

Another summer, another baseball movie. The predictability of the plots increases with each new baseball movie that is released. While *Major League* borrows from *Bull Durham*, which seems to be the head of the class, there is still a stylized niche which *Major League* has earned itself, and with a cast that includes Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsten, and, of course, Bob Uecker, it is easy to understand why the movie does work, barely.

The plot is standard. In fact, the movie could nearly be re-titled *The Bad News Bears Grow-up in Cleveland*. Yes, another last-chance-for-a-bunch-of-losers-and-has-beens-to-win type of movie. The catch here is they're supposed to lose.

The widow of the Cleveland Indians team takes control of the traditional horrible baseball team, who the Atlanta Braves are beginning to look like every day. The new owner decides she would like to move the team to Miami, but the only way she can do this is if the team has less than 800,000 in attendance for the year. Hence, the team must lose to move.

Instead of relying on the usual bad season, she decides to be extra sure by composing a team of absolutely the worst players and coaches she can find. The players are so excited about being in the Bigs that they actually try and win a few games, which is not allowed. The displeased owner begins to take away a few luxuries that baseball teams take for granted like hot

water et al. Finally, the team catches onto the plot and decides to win to spite the owner and to taste the fruits of victory for the first time.

Believe it or not this is the part of the movie that works.

The part of the plot that does not work is Tom Berenger's love sub-plot. This unoriginal sideshow just is too much like a bad version of *Bull Durham*. Except this version has ballplayer chasing ex-lover, who is engaged, trying to rekindle their past romance, and unfortunately it never happens to any great extent.

The one night stand that Charlie Sheen has with another player's wife would have made a much more interesting focus for a love plot. It is really a shame that this little highlight is crammed into a one minute segment towards the end of the movie.

I won't spoil the ending, which actually isn't quite as clearcut as the foreshadowing sets it up to be. While the ending situation can be figured out halfway through the movie, the actual result of the situation is in a slight cloud of doubt. Ever since I saw the movie version of *The Natural*, where the hero hits a homerun instead of striking out as he does in the novel, I never try to out-guess Hollywood's "improvements."

The serious baseball fan will probably appreciate the movie, and those who couldn't figure out if *Bull Durham* was a sex movie or a baseball movie will not face the same problem in this movie. While a slight baseball knowledge helps a few laughs, the movie is funny for all. To put it in baseball terminology, *Major League* lands just fair for a hit.



ASC students wait in line for McCorkle's debut album

McCorkle's record a smash

by J.J. Rutland
staff/ex-con

SATIRE

Finally. A day on the outside. I haven't been writing for the *Inkwell* lately, mainly because of a long prison term. It must be said that, yes, I have been spending my days and nights for the past few months in CCI, and yes, I am guilty of stuffing the ballot box during last year's Homecoming elections. However, I feel like I was wronged in my sentencing. After all, I did write-in Robert McCorkle for ASC's Homecoming Queen last year, and McCorkle can't even hold down the job of County Commissioner, much less the ever-demanding task of ASC Homecoming Queen. Plus, I was told that he entered kind of late, so people in power told me he wouldn't be allowed to enter. But I stuffed it anyway. So they give me a couple of measley months in 'da slamma.' However, the time wasn't all wasted; I made several new friends - they're real sweet.

So, in a way, I guess I'm kind of responsible for the County Commission and its present condition. You see, when Babs (my boyhood nickname for Mr. McCorkle; we grew up together on Dutch Island) lost the Homecoming race last year, he returned to his political roots, opting for the Commissioner's seat instead of further embarrassing himself in races that expose and exploit his being.

But the word I received last week is that Babs is breaking away from the political scene and crossing into the music business. Following in the footsteps of such career-swappers/megastars like Don Johnson, David Soul, Dennis Quaid and Yoko Ono, he has recently completed tapes for his first album. Yours truly has gotten an earful of them months before they will hit the record stores, or the bargain "Rack O' Music" at Sam's Wholesale, whichever.

All I Need is My Own Car and Some New Shag Carpet for my Office, McCorkle's first attempt at music, is nothing short of brilliant. I haven't heard anything like this, not since *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. The acoustics, the harmonies, the melodies all rival those of the Beach Boys. The messages, the deep, meaning-

ful, philosophical "make me stop what the hell I'm doing and THINK" lyrics make U2 look like George Michael. McCorkle's music career is off to a roaring start.

The lyrics, based on true-life incidences, elevate McCorkle to Springsteen-esque heights. The rhythmic poetry, the driving beats behind each and every syllable - Man! The guy's got as much charisma as Hitler.

*Man, if I don't get them things,
Them things that really mean a lot
I'm gonna buy me a gun
And make sure you get shot.*

*So gimme my cadillac, cadillac
Gimme new furniture for my flo'
And I won't throw a tantrum
I won't bother you no mo'.*

William Wordsworth, eat your heart out. These lyrics come from the title-track, a seven and-a-half minute hit, complete with backward-masking and all kinds of neat stuff.

Other sure-fire, top-ten hits include "Mama, I Shoulda Been a Kennedy (Or At Least Just Married One)," "I'm Drug-Free, Ugly and Want More Power," "I Dig Me (So What if Everyone Else Hates Me)," "I Buried Roberts and His Dumb Rules of Procedure," "The 'I Don't Like the County Attorney, So I'm Gonna Fire 'im' Blues" (on which he is backed up by fellow Savannahian Pervis Ellison), "Let's Do Something Really Stupid and Can the Swim Team (a ditty written by friends of his in power at ASC) plus several other covers of hits by the New Kids on the Block, Tiffany, George Michael and the Violent Femmes.

When this one hits the record stores, it's a must for your CD collection. Babs' new career move is a brilliant one that will make him richer and more powerful than he ever wants to be (even right now). Put in the rack above your Beatles CD's, above your Rolling Stones CD's, above your Whitney Houston - okay, maybe I wouldn't go that far. But it is good! Good? Hell, it's the best collection of the best sounds and lyrics ever put together on one album. It's the greatest ever!

R. E. M.

at the Savannah Civic Center

April 26
8:00 pm





photo by Jeff Jackson, SPS

Members of the new ASC fraternity, Phi Sigma Chi, at Bandemonium

Phi Sigma Chi blasts off to a great start

The recently formed ASC fraternity, Phi Sigma Chi, has pledged six new members: Cory Bosarge, Alfie Boyett, Billy Christian, Winn Hobby, Chip Lane, and Carter Napier.

The fraternity worked as stagehands, security, and concessions helpers at Bandemonium. They've also had an oyster roast with Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Mu, a beach party, and a barbeque. Other events include Walk America for March of Dimes and an upcoming charity basketball game

with the Chatham County police officers.

The fraternity officers are Greg Friday, president; Steve Lenderman, vice president; John Bayides, pledge trainer; Glen Moscoso, historian; Steve Smith, sergeant-at-arms; Michael Shin, interim treasurer; George Conlin, treasurer-elect; and Tom McGalliard, secretary.

The fraternity, which is interested in going national, is planning a midterm dance with a live band. ❖

ASC nursing association: the sequel

by Marsha Godzinski

They're Back!!!

The Armstrong State College Student Nurses Association has been rejuvenated!

The ASC SNA was originally formed in 1979. Unfortunately, since that time, the association has never really gotten much further than the conceptual stage. This more than likely was due to the hectic and heavy class and clinical schedule that nursing students have traditionally carried as they diligently traveled on their journey toward the coveted BSN or ADN degree.

As more nursing students are becoming aware of the importance of building a professional career well before graduation as well as the acute need for active participation in a national association that is geared towards shaping the future of nursing, membership interest and chapter growth is on the rise.

Professional and personal growth are greatly enhanced when experiences are shared between persons having common goals. Being a member provides a terrific opportunity for practicing networking skills as well as polishing leadership skills should you choose to become involved as an officer or committee member. Invaluable experiences are awaiting us all!

The national association alluded to in the preceding paragraph is the National

Student Nurses Association.

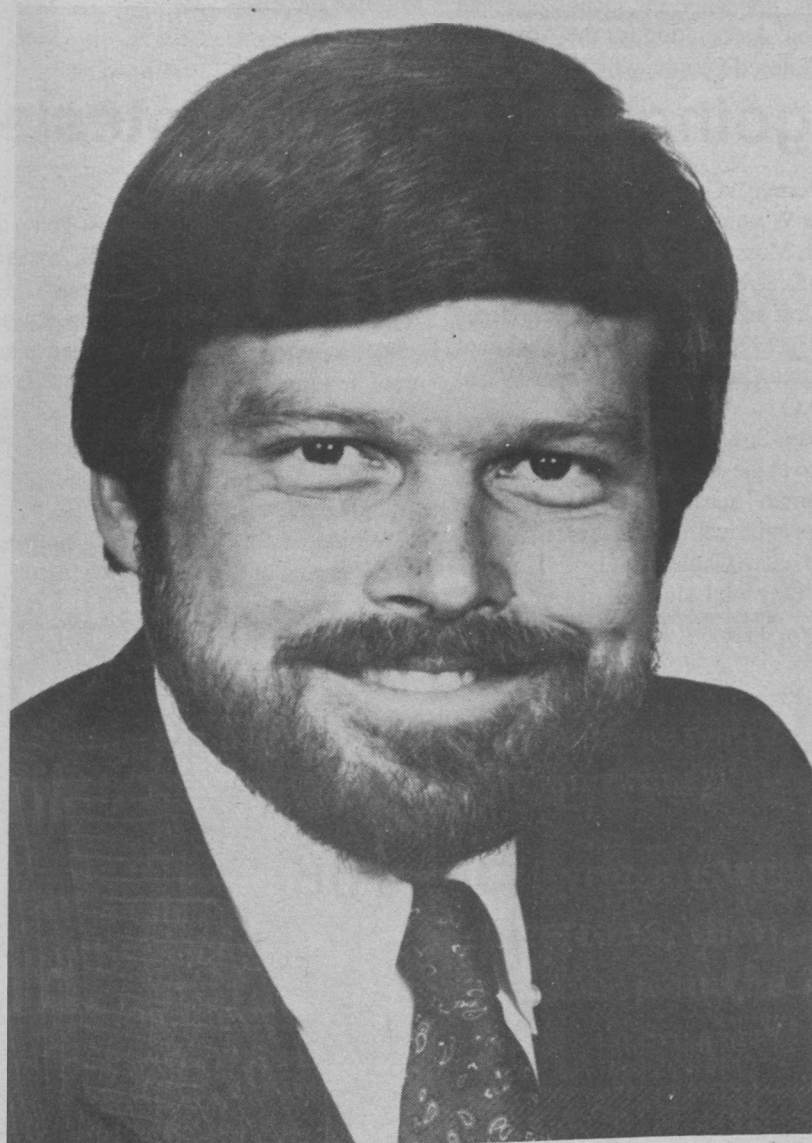
The NSNA is the largest independent health professional student organization in the U.S. and is the only one for nursing students. Membership in the NSNA and membership in the Georgia Association for Nursing Students (GANS) and the ASC Student Nurses Association fall under one umbrella and one membership fee.

The dues for membership in all three associations is usually \$33 per year. A special discount coupon which has been obtained provides membership for only \$23 at the present time. This fee covers the NSNA and GANS dues. There are no fees associated with membership in the ASC SNA.

All nursing or pre-nursing students in either the BSN or ADN program at ASC are eligible for membership. For additional information, please contact Marsha Godzinski at 233-0883 or the BSN department's secretary. Membership information, application forms, and discount coupons are available.

The next meeting of the ASC SNA will take place on Thursday, 20 April at 11:00am in the faculty dining room (on the first floor of the MMC).

The speaker for this meeting will be a registered nurse who is employed by a travelling nurse organization. The topic is "Flying Nurses." Dessert and soft drinks will be provided. ❖



Violence in Sports

with
Attorney
Richard Horrow

Wednesday, 26 April
at 12:30pm
in Jenkins Auditorium

admission is free

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted: Looking for a fraternity, sorority or student organization that would like to make \$500-1000 for a one week on-campus marketing project. Must be organized and hard-working. Call Jill or Corine at 1-800-592-2121.

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*Apply to Chatham County Human Resources Department, 133 Montgomery St., Rm. 605, Savannah, Ga. 31401. Job Line 234-6671.
 * Apply to City Personnel Office, 10 East Bay St., Savannah, Ga. 31401

Spring breakers "beached" in Columbus

(CPS) A company that offers spring break trips to students at about 100 college campuses may be investigated by the Ohio attorney general after it left 500 Ohio State University students "beached" in Columbus.

"Nothing like this has happened before," said Jan Berry, regional manager for Campus Marketing Inc. (CMI), the Lincolnwood, Ill., firm that initially signed the 500 OSU students up to go to Daytona Beach, Fla., in March.

"There's no easy way to say this: it was a total fraud," chaged Dan Connors, one of the two OSU students hired by CMI to sell spring break travel packages on campus.

"We have received complaints," confirmed Julie Graham of the state Attorney General's office. She added she could not comment on an ongoing probe.

OSU's student newspaper, *The Lantern*, learned the company could face a fine of up to \$10,000 if it was doing business in Ohio illegally.

As CMI's campus representatives, OSU students Connors and Nick Minardo signed students up for the ill-starred trip.

Minardo said CMI had told him students would stay at two hotels on the beach, but that Berry told him at the last minute they would have to stay at a hotel four miles off the beach.

Minardo claimed Berry told him not to tell students of the switch until they were ready to embark.

"It was a bait-and-switch," Minardo contends. "Students don't like to be lied to." When he learned of the change in hotels, he decided to give the money back to students instead of sending it to CMI.

Berry says CMI cancelled the Ohio State tour because she never got any of the money from Minardo.

CMI president Harold Vander Veen then "cancelled the trip. We had to have the reservations by the 24 (February). None were sent by Ohio State."

Minardo says he had been in daily contact with Berry, and that she knew he had the reservations.

Berry admits talking with Minardo. "I asked him to Federal Express the reservation in. He never sent them."

"CMI has a history of doing this," charged Connors. "They did the same thing in 1986 when they promised people at rooms at a certain hotel then switched them to one 15 miles from the center of town."

Berry denied it had happened previously. ❖

Kindergartener uncovers racist jokes from SIU

(CPS) While some campuses debate driving joke boards off their computer systems, a list of racist jokes illicitly stored in Southern Illinois University's computer system ended up in a local kindergarten class.

"Although the university per se did not have any direct involvement, the individuals represent the university and we cannot condone this matter," SIU president John Guyon said upon releasing a report of the incident.

The problem began in November, when an unnamed SIU student slipped a huge, 30-page-long joke file into the campus's computer system.

While purging it, someone at SIU's central computer facility printed the file, and then discarded the used computer paper, the report said. But SIU regularly donates materials of all kinds to area schools, and the used computer paper was plucked from the Carbondale, Illinois trash and given to Glendale School.

There a five-year-old kindergartener used the back side of the paper for a drawing, took it home to show his mother who, in turn, angrily read the "Racist, demeaning" jokes. She contacted the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which then asked

SIU to investigate, Guyon explained.

Guyon said the undergrad who entered the joke file into the system may face campus disciplinary charges, but declined to release the student's name.

Computer joke files also have been a problem at Stanford University and the University of Washington. On 1 February, Stanford officials purged a joke file which contained references that some people thought offensive. At Washington, a separate computer "room" was created for those who like the jokes. ❖

Women's colleges going co-ed amid protests

(CPS) About 100 students at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire protested the possibility of having to share their campus with men.

The school's Board of Trustees is considering admitting men for the first time in the school's history to stave off expected enrollment declines. The board is set to vote on the matter 1 April.

Students at many of the women's colleges around the country that have gone co-ed during the eighties have reacted with anger and resentment. In recent years, such protest marked the conversion of Randolph-

Macon Women's College, Mississippi University for Women, and, in 1988, Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Colby-Sawyer is one of 95 all-women's colleges left in the United States, down from 140 in 1970, said Peter Mirijanian of the Womens College Coalition in Washington, D.C.

At Colby-Sawyer, about a fourth of the population at the 450 - student school sang "I am Woman" at a sit-in, and then met for four hours with campus President Peggy Stock and board Chairman Peter Danforth, claiming they had shut them out of the

decision-making process.

"A lot of people are against going co-ed," said student Janice Johnson, "and a lot more need to be more vocal about it."

While the trustees consider opening the school to men, Mirijanian reported enrollment at women's colleges nationwide has increased 15 percent since 1970.

He said Colby-Sawyer's problems are more typical of those facing small, private colleges, not women's colleges.

"Women's colleges are doing quite well, and we're encouraged about the future," he said. ❖

The Inkwell staff meets every Thursday

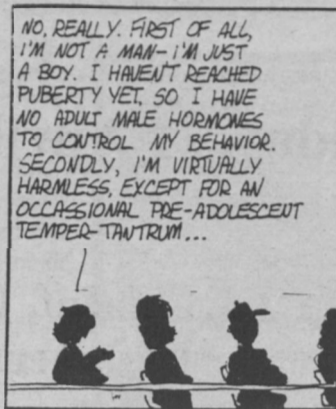
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15 minute meeting

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ARM-IN-ARM

by Michael West

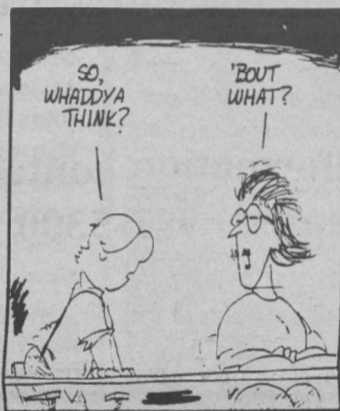


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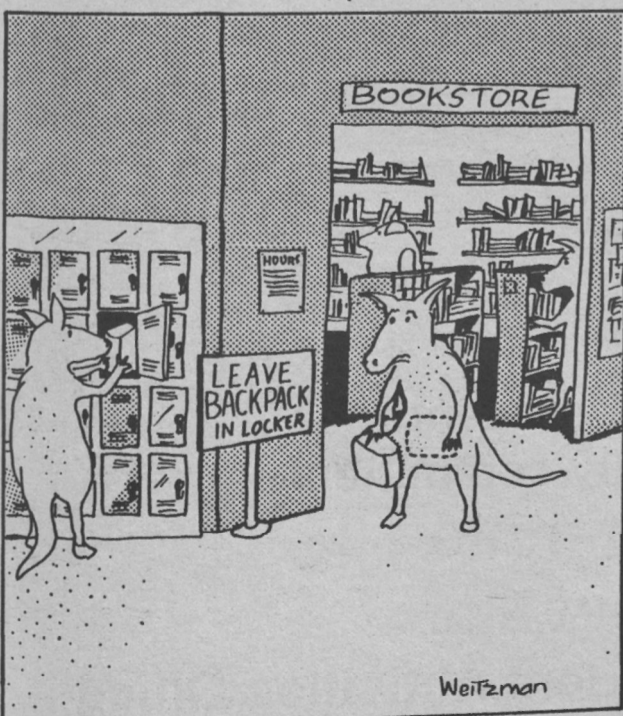
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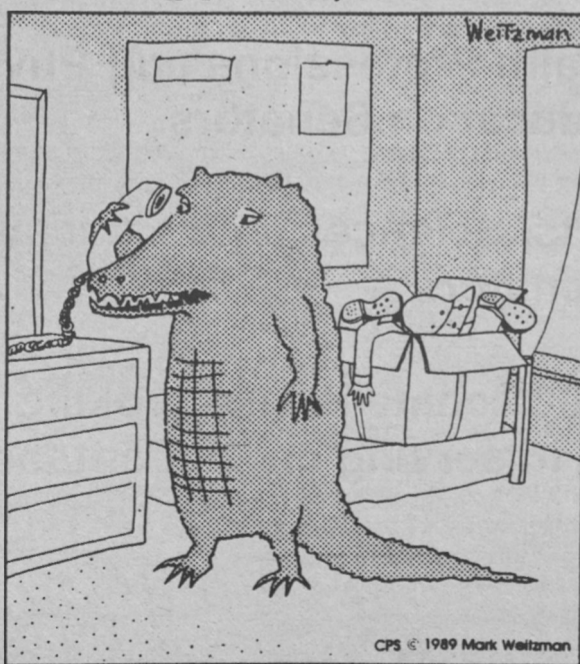
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"Thanks for the snacks, mom."

ZOO U.

by Mark Weitzman



"Which one's mine?"

CHAOS

Applications due by Friday, 21 April, Student Activities Office

CHAOS (Communications, Help, Advisement, Orientation, and Services) is Armstrong's peer advisement program for freshmen and transfer students. Applicants must be willing to devote one day per week to the CHAOS program (6 July - 17 August) and participate in the CHAOS leader training sessions (including mandatory overnight retreat). Academic advising, registration, campus facilities, student activities, and college policies and procedures are some of the topics included in the training sessions.

For an application or more information contact Al Harris, Director of Student Activities, Memorial College Center. 927-5300

STUDENT SENATE POSITIONS STILL OPEN:

- * Sophomore Senator
- * Health Professions and Physical Education Senators
- * Arts, Sciences, and Education Senators

The 1989-90 senate is also looking for students interested in serving on student/faculty committees

If interested in any positions - stop by the Student Activities Office