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## Columbia expands with purchase of new Dance Center

By Benjamin Treeroci  
Executive Editor

Columbia announced last Thursday that it has purchased a 33,000 sq. ft building at 1306 S. Michigan that will become the new home of the Dance Center.

The new center will provide twice the space of the current Dance Center (located at 4730 N. Sheridan) and will include a 275-seat black box performance space with stadium seating, seven studios, rehearsal studio, a student lounge and office space.

The move is "part of the college ongoing commitment as an anchor presence in the dynamic growth of the South Loop," said Bert Gall, Columbia's Executive Vice-President and Provost in a press release.

"Moving the Dance Center here will also provide a first-rate amenity for this burgeoning residential neighborhood," said Gall.

Columbia also announced the appointment of Phillip M. Reynolds as Executive Director of the Dance Center.

Reynolds comes from the Catamount Film and Arts Company in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where he has been a director in 1991. Previously he held positions as executive director of the Nicolais and Louis Foundation for Dance and as director of government grants at The Brooklyn Academy of Music. He replaces Julie Simpson, who left the Dance Center to become director of the office of Community Arts Partnerships.

Renovation of the new building will begin this year and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1999.



The future home of the Columbia Dance Center, located at 1306 S. Michigan.

William Manley/Special to the Chronicle

## The quest to capture youth voters' imagination continues

By Elizabeth Nendick  
Correspondent

Alex Heiden is a 24-year old, single man. He moonlights as a bartender and is looking at a promising career on the emergency repair team with a local electrical company. Like everyone else, he drives on public streets and pays a sales tax. Heiden doesn't vote, however, expressing disgust with the political system and distrust in politicians.

"When there is a candidate worth voting for, I'll do it," he said. Many young Americans, 33 percent in 1996, don't believe the leaders elected to run their country and determine some of the most pressing aspects of their lives are honest. What they may not realize, however, is that each vote carries with it the innate ability to forever alter America's future.

It's not that the next generation doesn't care or has given up hope. According to an MTV survey, the growing number of young volunteers sheds light on the fact that 18-24 year olds are taking stock in their communities. Nonetheless, there appears to be an ironic shortage of young voters turning up at the polls, an act that some experts attribute to this growing cynicism toward politicians. It may reflect the media's unrelenting urge to uncover political scandal and a politician's own weapon to win - attack advertising.

Though they were never a major force in determining an election outcome, young voters are moving closer to extinction. In the presidential election of 1996, only 17 percent of voters were under 30 years old, according to a Rock The Vote survey. In fact, they only represented 30 percent of their age bracket, a difference of two million people from 1992. A 1997 UCLA study has reported that youth interest in politics is at an all-time low, a factor that may be due to a change in cultural influences.

The League of Women Voters, Common Cause, Alliance for Better Campaigns, Rock the Vote, Kids Voting USA and dozens of other organizations are on the Internet and on the streets trying to get the word to new voters that their vote counts.

"We want to teach young people about the political process," says Pamela Case, public relations coordinator for Kids Voting USA. "When they turn 18, we want voting to be less of a decision and more of a habit. It will be a way of life. We try to teach that voting does make a difference."

The network of Kids Voting USA reaches 40 states and the District of Columbia. Illinois is included, and a program for Chicago schools is being implemented for the 2000 Presidential election.

Cook County Clerk David Orr believes that young adults are most strongly swayed by popular cultural opinion, which does not promote a sophisticated understanding of politics. In relating youth of the 90s to those in generations past, Orr noted that youth issues, such as the Vietnam War, are no longer readily applicable.

"There is not a lot today that is an overwhelming cultural influence," he said. Youth of the 90s are "a totally different generation than just 25 years ago ... the political spectrum now is just so narrow.

"One specific vote may or may not have affect on a particular election, but it is the act that it symbolizes," added Orr. "Politicians pay attention to how much registration there is and who's voting."

Orr lobbied for the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, also known as "Motor Voter," and won the battle to get it properly implemented in Illinois.

Another factor excluding young people from the polls is the recent phenomenon of attack advertising. In the weeks before an election, air waves may seem crowded with candidates airing their opponent's dirty laundry. Money and technology, Orr said, has given every candidate the ability to run a facade for voters.

"You can make anyone look bad," he explained. "And you can take anyone, even Hitler, and make that guy look good."

The media seems to have jumped on the campaign bandwagon as well, questioning candidate funding ethics on the evening news. Whether the allegations for each candidate are proved true or not, Orr said the system has become prostituted with big business trading money for favors.

Perhaps the most poignant reason why young Americans don't vote is because they simply don't have a firm grasp of the political process. To combat this, the Illinois Women's League of Voters has initiated a Student Vote program. It focuses on elementary and high school students to ensure they are politically informed when they turn 18. Teachers are encouraged to host a mock election with forums and debates among the students. The program, according to League member Marcia McConnell, works for "providing a better opportunity for students to learn about the process."

Young Americans also don't hold a stake in local government or major political reforms concerning issues such as child care or

## Blood drive makes key pit stop before holidays

By Kelly Woyan  
Staff Writer

Nearly 40 people showed up in the South Loop Oct. 24 to give their time and blood. Life Source Blood Services sponsored a blood drive at 637 S. Dearborn Street in order to stock up on their supply of blood before the holiday season.

"The blood drive produced enough blood to serve 102 patients. Blood drives like these provide the nation's supply," said Life Source Public Relations Manager Amy Gardner-Nummer. She said they only had to turn away seven people because of medical ineligibility.

Life Source Blood Services is a not-for-profit organization that is the largest full blood service in Illinois. They provide over 400,000 pints of blood and blood components to over 100 hospitals and health agencies every year.

In order to qualify, a donor must be between the ages of 17-80, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy. A potential donor is initially screened and interviewed to determine whether he or she qualifies. Illnesses, such as diabetes or hepatitis, will disqualify donation.

The city of Chicago alone needs an average of 1,500 blood donors in order to fulfill the needs of area hospitals. Gardner-Nummer says many hospitals will not make it through the holidays based on the scarce number of scheduled mobile drive events. Life Source currently imports blood from other U.S. sites, but donor numbers are down on a national level as well. Blood shortage is the reason people should get out and donate their blood. "You never know when you're going to cross that line between donor and recipient," says

Gardner-Nummer.

Blood drive coordinator John McGuire says there are many good reasons to get poked with a needle. Each pint of blood donated can help save the lives of up to three different people. Men are encouraged to donate because of health benefits—two recent studies indicate that donating blood three times a year reduces the buildup of iron. Men are especially susceptible to clots in their arteries and veins, and these types of conditions can lead to more serious problems such as heart disease.

Also, each pint of blood donated is tested for syphilis, AIDS/HIV, hepatitis and other viruses. Donors are notified if any of these test results turn out positive, and all results are kept strictly confidential.

Columbia junior Jennifer Hellwig said this was her fourth time donating blood. "I have no problems with being poked and prodded. It's not nearly as painful as people make it out to be."

People should eat and drink something before and especially after donating. They also should avoid all strenuous exercise and heavy lifting 24 hours after the procedure. The only side effect donors may suffer is a little bruising.

If you missed the blood drive, Life Source has 22 other permanent locations in the Chicago area. The process only takes about 30 minutes from start to finish and people can call for an appointment ahead of time. The two closest locations to Columbia are the Daley Donor Center at Clark and Randolph and the Thompson Donor Center at 100 W. Randolph. To find a location closest to you or to set up an appointment, call Life Source at 800-486-0680 or 847-803-7869.

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

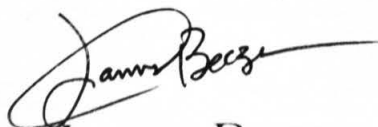
## THE COLUMBIA CHRONICLE

**Monday, November 2, 1998**

In last week's issue, the front page story entitled: "Duff tops list of highest paid private college presidents" mistakenly stated that John B. Duff, president of Columbia College was the highest paid private college president. Dr. Duff didn't top the list [conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education (TCHE)] overall and was listed as the top college president in the category of Master's Universities and Colleges I and II.

We deeply regret any confusion this may have caused and we're working toward preventing such an incident from happening again.

Sincerely,



James Boozer  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

# Student Escort Program means more piece of mind for students

By Bruno VanderVelde  
Copy Editor

The Security Department at Columbia College is looking for student applicants to act as part-time security escorts at night. These escorts would accompany other students, faculty, and staff to their vehicles, train stations, or other campus buildings after dark.

With the continued expansion of the Columbia College campus comes additional distances students and staff must traverse to get to these sites. Though the Chicago Police District that encompasses this area of the South Loop has a very low crime rate, the perception of some of the underdeveloped areas south of the main campus and the greater distances that newer campus buildings at 1415 S. Wabash, 72 E. 11th St., and 33 E. Congress entail have given greater legitimacy to such a service.

This service is designed to involve students in the South Loop community and promote a campus atmosphere, according to Martha Meegan-Linchan, Director of Administrative Services at Columbia College. "This is a

joint venture with the Chicago Police Department to build on community policing," said Meegan-Linchan. Escorts would wear special, highly visible jackets and carry radios linked with the main security command post at 623 S. Wabash. This visibility would enable police officers in the area to identify the escorts more easily. A new security vehicle operated by Columbia College would also be on patrol for sensitive incidents. "There's safety in numbers," noted Columbia College Security Director Jose Gallegos.

These escorts, however, need not have a bodyguard's physique. "We're just looking for students who have a flexible schedule, a clean background, and are customer-service oriented," said Meegan-Linchan. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Gallegos also said that of the 25 Chicago Police Districts, the 1st District, which covers most of the Columbia College campus, has the lowest crime rate. "We see the area getting even better," added Meegan-Linchan, noting the continued urban development of points south in recent years. She noted that the College has had several calls from parents regarding their concerns about stu-

dents' late classes, and that a band of student escorts would definitely serve to allay those fears. "As the school grows, the security for the school should grow with it," said Gallegos.

Escort wannabes would undergo a training workshop conducted by a private security firm in conjunction with the CPD, teaching the students street awareness, attentiveness techniques, "and common sense," said Meegan-Linchan. Escorts would be compensated monetarily through the work-aide program and would be available free of charge to all students, faculty, and staff between 5 and 11 p.m. The escorts would utilize the best available routes between the campus and train stations, said Gallegos.

The problem? Not enough applicants, said Meegan-Linchan. "We need a minimum of four students working per evening. Last year alone [when the program was first introduced] we had a total of two applicants," she said.

Applications for student escorts can be found at the Career Planning and Placement Office on the third floor, 623 S. Wabash.

## Voting

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property tax changes.

"The younger you are, the less effect you see," said Orr.

To magnify this, politicians tend to ignore youth issues. It's simply a matter of proper politics; they would rather focus on concerns regarding demographic groups that consistently vote, such as the elderly.

"Politicians are going to focus on the voters they can rely on," McConnell said.

"Every day our local, state and federal government representatives make decisions that directly affect our lives and our livelihoods," said State Board of Elections Project Director Yvonne M. Smith. "Many of us complain about the results of these decisions, yet we don't speak out and tell our elected officials what we think."

"Far too often, Americans go unheard because they fail to exercise their most fundamental means of speaking out — their constitutional right to vote," Smith added.

Though most of his efforts have impacted older generations, Illinois Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-3) has been working to benefit young voters as well. He recently voted to increase Pell Grant maximums, an act that was approved by Congress in early October. Now students will be able to obtain up to \$4,500 annually for college tuition, a difference of more than \$2,000. Congress's movement also ensured that the grant maximum will increase again in five years, to \$5,800.

According to Lipinski's Communications Director, Jason Tai, the Congressman also pushed for and gained Senate approval, in lowering Stafford loan rates by approximately one percent and would like to offer par-

ents a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for each year their child is in college.

"[Congressman Lipinski] is for an increase in educational funding and an increase in the amount of time needed to pay it back," Tai said.

Keeping in time with his Democratic counterparts, Tai said the Congressman would also like to see the budget surplus be used to ensure Social Security for young people instead of re-distributing it back to taxpayers. Doing this, Tai said, would assist young voters because it is "protecting the next generation."

A common misconception among youth is that "my vote doesn't count." In an effort to combat this, McConnell is trying to spread the word that it does.

"The system is going to make more of an impact on the individual than the individual will make on the system," McConnell said. She explained that Americans who do not take the time to vote will be affected through their jobs, finances and educational opportunities. In addition, she noted several historical instances where one vote made all the difference.

In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, one vote, cast by a Senate member so ill he was carried into the Chamber on a stretcher, saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1941, one vote kept selective service from becoming a reality.

In 1960, President John F. Kennedy won the Presidential election over Richard Nixon by less than one vote per precinct.

For some people, the historical significance is interesting but bears no value on their decision to vote. For others, voting is purely a part of patriotic obligation.

"It's having a right that many other people in this

world don't have. I vote because I am an American citizen and it's a freedom that my forefathers fought for," said Hannah Mitter, 22. Mitter is a college student whose mother was born in Korea during its wartime struggle against communism. Realizing that her ancestors were faced with this type of dictatorship, Mitter sees voting as a freedom not to be taken lightly.

"The threat of communism is very close to my family," she explained. "I will not take advantage of what people put their sweat and tears into to give me what I have today. If I don't vote, I don't feel I have the right to complain about what our government is doing."

Orr says people should vote simply because those in power are hoping they won't. With fewer voters, a small number of people will rule the election and determine the outcome. Orr slammed incumbent candidate for Governor, George Ryan, saying that Ryan's new legislation prohibiting one-punch, straight-ticket voting was an attempt to restrict the number of voters.

Orr reported that 40% of voters used the one-punch option in the last election, taking less than a minute apiece to do so. Without that option this year, Orr said the Cook County ballot, with at least 107 punches, will take voters 10-12 minutes to complete.

"Fewer people will vote," he predicted, saying that longer lines may inhibit first-time voters from casting a ballot. "There is a good possibility people won't endure the long lines."

"That's why we have this law," Orr alleged. "Because they [politicians] don't want people to vote... That, by the way, is why people should vote. Because powerful people don't want you to."

When people throw out government by not voting, he added, "sometimes they don't realize they are throwing

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## FIRST FIRE ALARM OF THE YEAR



Rob Hart/Chronicle

Students walk down the staircase of the Residence Center Wednesday night at 12:30 AM. For many new to the building, it was their first night they had to wake up and stand outside in the cold.

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for continuing students (only) begins November 30, 1998 and ends December 11, 1998. Early Registration packets will be mailed out to all students within the first two weeks of November.

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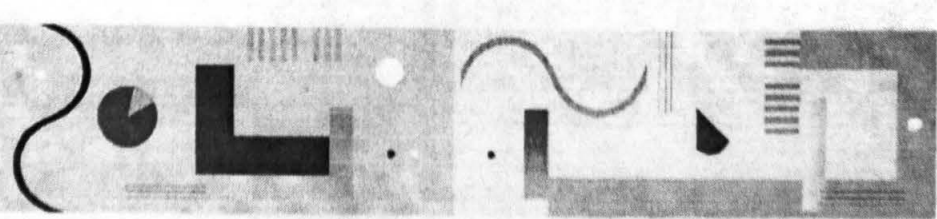
If you have changed your address or if you are not sure that the address on file is correct, you should go to the records office and inquire or correct the address on file. This will ensure that the Early Registration letters get mailed to the correct address.

To qualify for **EARLY REGISTRATION**, you must be a continuing student (currently enrolled)

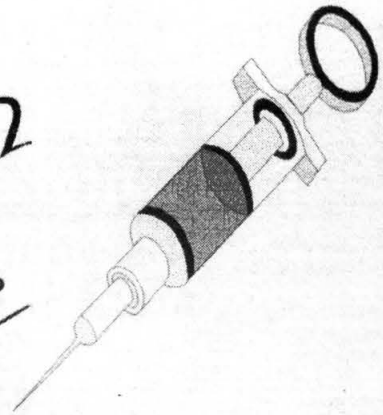
New Students do not qualify for Early Registration.

The **VOID DATE** for Students who have Early Registered and have not signed their contracts in the Bursar's office is December 18, 1998.

If the student does not sign the bursar contract by this deadline his/her classes will be dropped.



# Immunization Deadline



The Immunization Deadline is NOVEMBER 20, 1998:

Students must be in full compliance by this deadline. Once this deadline passes a \$50 fine will be applied to the student's account. Documentation must be submitted to the Records Office by this deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: A \$50 fine will be assessed each semester the student does not comply with the state's law on immunizations.

Students must have the following documentation submitted to the Record's Office:

- 1 Tetanus Diphtheria (within the last ten years)
- 2 shots of Measles (primary and secondary)
- 1 dose of Rubella
- 1 dose Mumps

Once the \$50 dollar fine has been enforced, the student may participate in a program that will help them become compliant by next semester.

IMMUNIZATION DAYS ON CAMPUS will be held:

- November 30, 1998 from 2pm to 6pm
- December 1, 1998 from 10am to 3 pm
- December 2, 1998 from 10 am to 3pm
- December 3, 1998 from 10 am to 3 pm

If you have any questions please call the Records office:  
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Editorial

### It's your vote, so make it count

In case you didn't know, Nov. 3rd is Election Day. And while you may not know who is running for what or care about their platform, you should exercise your right to vote. Too often people (especially people our age) take their right to vote for granted, and in most cases, choose not to vote.

We can give you a lot of reasons why you should vote, but we know that the decision is yours to make. The only thing we ask is that you take into consideration the long struggles that African-Americans, women and others had to endure in order to gain the right to vote. Remember that regardless of how long the voting process may take or whether or not your vote will make a difference, you as a citizen of the United States have the right to vote. So on Nov. 3rd, don't sit around doing nothing. Go to your voting place and make a difference. VOTE.

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Billy O'Keefe



## Letters to the Editor



### Smokers: Deal with 'em

Dear Heather and Co.:

I read your opinions in a letter to The Columbia Chronicle while having a cigarette. First off, I understand how you feel. Smoking is nasty and causes cancer. It smells. It pollutes our air. It increases heart rates, damages nerves, ages our skin, adds carbon monoxide to our blood streams... shall I go on?

I agree that smokers at Columbia should not violate the air "in" the school at all, or even stand too close to the doorway. I can't speak for everyone.

But before you attack 9,000 puffin' students, I think you should get a little irate with your parents. After all, they polluted your home for several decades, causing you to get asthma. If you haven't noticed, we do not live in a perfect world.

Do you go to bars or clubs? Do you stand on the street waiting for the bus? Do you drive? Do you live in Chicago? Do you hang out in the darkroom? Do you eat red meat? Do you drink the water? How many germs do you think you pick up in one day at Columbia? You have to touch several handles -- either bathroom or classroom ones. ATMs? Payphones? These are many more additives that suck in this city, in this world.

But unfortunately, they're there.

I'm not condoning smoking (killing ourselves), or saying it's ok to puff near the school, but I think for the smokers who respect the rules and do keep it outside, give them a break. It could be a lot worse.

Smoking is an addiction. It's hard to quit. I bet half (or more) of the smokers will tell you the same.

I smoked for nine years. I quit for seven months, and started again about a month ago. Smoking or non-smoking, I have always felt the same way. I don't even like smelling my own smoke. But soon again, I'll attempt to rid myself of this habit.

I truly don't know what is worse -- walking through a cloud of smoke or being

harassed by panhandlers on the way into class.

What do you think?  
So, when you decide to get on your soapbox again, either buy yourself a plastic bubble or try to get the American Lung Association to distribute literature in our school. And for those trying to quit: get them to put some Nicorette in the vending machines.

Not part of the solution -- part of the pollution...

Sincerely,

A Human

### In Support of the Senior Seminar

I took the SenSem in the fall of '97, with Doreen. At first I thought the class was silly and that it would have been better if I had never taken it. But in the end, it was the single best class in my education. Yes, some of the exercises seemed pointless and weird but the class did everything it had set out to do.

We formed a sense of community and I made good friendships in ways that other classes couldn't offer. Truth be told, I would have hated the class if it had only been interview skills and things of that sort. You don't seem to understand that not everybody will need these skills as not everyone has plans to pursue a professional-type job. I graduated from Columbia with the intention to be an artist, not to sit in an office. What is resume writing and job searching activities to me? Where would a class that specialized in that leave me?

I agree that the class is not for everybody. But I don't think it's fair to come down on a class that is trying to offer a shred of "Self" to a bunch of jaded seniors. Yes, I think that the only way to solve this is to offer a second class of the type you

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# Make your point, and leave a mark

The following is an excerpt from *Billy Who?: The Unauthorized, Unnecessary Autobiography of Billy O'Keefe*:

November 3, 1998 - Just as my local polling place was about to be locked down, I kicked open the door and with my final breath, bellowed, "I'm here to VOTE!" Frozen, the little old lady working the desk handed me a ballot.

**Billy O'Keefe**

But this was no ordinary Election Day, as I would learn. Somehow, the votes had been counted already and every single race had turned up a tie. My vote, the final vote of the evening, didn't count -- it would decide the whole thing. Take THAT, Carol Moseley-Braun!

TV cameras lit the scene and every politician dropped in. After inking a book deal, I whipped out my lucky pencil for sharpening. When I lifted the ballot for all to see, the crowd of thousands roared.

With every punch of a slot came shrieks of pain and cheers of joy. I winked at the winners and laughed boisterously at the losers. Like a bride with the bouquet, I threw my pencil into the crowd. And as millions of people around the state of Illinois chanted my name, I walked away into the sunset. Of course the sun had set about two hours before, but nobody seemed to care.

Unfortunately, Election Day is never this exciting. It tailgates Halloween, falls smack in the middle of the Christmas shopping season (which officially replaced autumn back in 1988), and there isn't even a pumpkin pie involved. And no day off from school! In the words of my heavily stereotyped generation, whatever!

In all seriousness, I won't insult your intelligence in telling you what Election Day is or why it holds importance. If you don't know, then you probably aren't reading this anyway (most likely because you can't read). More importantly, I won't preach the virtues of voting, why you should "Get out and vote!", or why your vote is the most important service you can provide for your country. It's not.

Just the same, however, I won't sulk around and tell you your vote means nothing, that voting's for chumps or that Democracy in America sucks. It doesn't.

You're probably saying to yourself, "Idiot! What are you going to tell us?"

Well, nothing. Election Day is tomorrow, and you're either set to vote or you're not. You've heard it all before and if you're at all like me, you don't want to hear any more. The commercials are ludicrous balls of confusion. The candidates all sound the same (read: ineffective). Someone somewhere has to be lying.

With all this support it would be very easy to dismiss

tomorrow's election as just another Tuesday; after all, a low voter turnout sets off just as many alarms as the largest of landslides. But there is a fine line between not voting and being completely ineffective, and most people cross that line.

No one can argue with you if you pass because you just don't care. But we all know someone who skips the elections for different reasons. Most of the time, it's because people feel that their vote doesn't mean anything or that the candidates are identical. Again, that's not so terrible. The terrible part is when people continually feel frustrated under the belief that the only power they wield is at the polls, and that the electricity we generate with this power couldn't even ignite a grease fire.

If you vote, do yourself a service and back it up. If you don't vote, do yourself an even bigger service and back it up as well. The power and influence of the American people is strong enough to take any government down to its knees, and is the sole reason why America is one of the best examples of liberation, prosperity and opportunity in the world. Whether you want to oil the political wheels or rage against the entire machine, there is always room for your opinion, and no matter how much cash you pull down or whether people call you sir, ma'am or "Hey you!", you can *always* influence someone. Your voice is as good as anybody's. Use it.

## Political enthusiasts, spare your cars

Politics and I don't mix. This has nothing to do with the fact that every politician is slimy in his or her own way. That's obvious. Politicians are just actors trying to play the role of hero to the basically clueless general public. Once elected, they can't be trusted to do what they say in their campaigns.

It's not because I am trying to rebel against my blatantly Republican father. Sure, he is

**Lawrence Benedetto**

adamant about watching a television show unless there is a panel. That's not the reason.

It's not that I don't care about what is going on in the real world. I admit, I'm definitely immersed in my college experience and my future is still up in the air. But June is coming up pretty quickly and the politicians we elect this week will shape our future.

I mean, sure, all of this is part of why I'm not a political pundit, but it's not the real reason. I can't stand election years because of the bumper stickers. That's right. I hate those damn bumper stickers that pop up everywhere as election day gets closer. They show up on telephone poles, bathroom walls, highway overpasses, garbage cans, traffic signs, sides of buildings and the list goes on and on. I've seen political bumper stickers posted over billboards that are advertising the same candidate!

The problem I have with placing these bumper stickers everywhere is that they are time-specific, yet they have lasting effects. When a bumper sticker is slapped up on a light pole or on a car, it does just that; it sticks. What happens after Nov. 3rd when the elections are over? The bumper stickers don't peel themselves off traffic signs. They continue to stick there.

Over the past two years, I've gotten

quite annoyed by one particular bumper sticker which I continue to see all over the city and suburbs. It's retina-damage orange in color and it reads vertically in



big, block letters. That's right -- "HOFFA." Why is it that I am still forced to look at those every time I drive into the city on the Eisenhower? I'm beginning to think they ought to bury him next to his father in the Meadowlands.

Another of my least favorites are the "Dole-Kemp '96" stickers which I still see. They lost, but I still have to look at their stickers two years later. Or how about the rusted-out Buick I saw a few weeks back that had a "Tsongas '92" sticker still displayed proudly on its bumper? I feel somewhat sorry for that guy.

I just don't understand the point of putting a political sticker on the bumper of your car. Is that your way of advertising to fellow motorists that you support Carol Moseley-Braun (even though she can't pronounce Chicago Cub hero Sammy Sosa's last name, among other things)? Well, after getting stuck behind you while you drive 50 miles per hour in the far left lane, who do you think I'm going to vote for? Why deface the bumper of your Lexus with a "George Ryan for Governor" sticker? After Tuesday, your \$50,000 automobile has a scar for life.

Sure, I believe in the democratic process and I believe that everyone should vote this Tuesday. I just don't ever want to see another political bumper sticker on a stop sign. So to promote my campaign against bumper stickers, I've come up with a great advertising concept. Anyone interested can pick up a free bumper sticker at the Chronicle office.

## Letters

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suggested. But all I know is that I would have missed a wonderful opportunity if the class had been something completely different. Something that I could never put on a resume anyway.

**Michael Scalise  
Columbia Student**

Editor of the Columbia Chronicle,

I would like to thank the unidentified writer for the letter critiquing the current Senior Seminar Program for their concern to help create a truly meaningful capstone experience for our graduating seniors.

The title of the course is "Senior Seminar: Voice, Values and Vision," and the writer shared their voice and values in offering their vision of what the seminar ought to be. There is, however, a different vision informing the current seminar. The writer focuses primarily on helping the students land jobs and gain work-related skills, i.e.

resume preparation and interview techniques.

Although some of these issues will come up in the "work" portion of the seminar, the vision of the seminar itself is broader. It includes the relationship of work to other sources of life meaning such as family, community, creative self-expression, quality of life and overall purpose. What the writer refers to as "show-and-tell" are actually carefully considered exercises inviting students to articulate their core values and begin prioritizing the key elements necessary to construct a future life with true depth and purpose.

Once again, it comes down to a question of vision. The writer's vision focuses primarily on work and economic issues. Our current seminar focuses on a broader vision of self-reflection, overall life meaning, service to the communities which have supported and created us, in addition to career choices. This semester, for the first time, the Senior Seminar is working with Career Planning and Placement in offering their workshops on work-related techniques as optional supplements of the course.

## Targeted Advertising Misses the Point

By Steve Stanis  
Staff Writer

College students are constantly targeted by credit card companies, phone companies, and travel agencies as new customers. Now United Airlines is trying to establish itself with college students.

United is marketing United College Plus, a frequent flyer program for college students. United, joined by MCI Worldcom Inc. and First Card, will reward students with miles for using the two companies. If this program is successful many other airlines may follow suit.

United rewards students bonus miles for their first and third trips, purchasing tickets on-line, and signing up bonuses for MCI Calling Cards and First Card

Visa. Travelers earn five miles for every dollar spent using the MCI card and one mile for every two dollars spent using the First Card. United is also offering bonus miles for student referrals. This along with actual miles flown are all added together. When a student reaches 25,000 miles they receive a free round trip in the United States.

United College Plus is also offering many of the same benefits of the regular frequent flyer programs: group rates, discounts on flights, and special dollar discounts on certain flights. After graduation, the program will transfer to the Mileage Plus plan which currently has over 23 million members.

This does not really seem to help Columbia students with their travel plans. Less than twenty percent of Columbia stu-

dents are from out of state. This program could be useful to students who do travel a lot, but most other students are better off looking for low ticket prices.

Students would need to travel at least three times a year and earn all the bonus miles possible to get the free trip. What it does mean for Columbia students is more annoying advertising being handed out and stuffed into



Text-books.

The First Card has no annual fee which is a good deal, but unless you charge more than \$125 a month, the benefits of the program do not pay off. The MCI card seems to be the only useful part of the program for the majority of Columbia students. Many students who do not live at home use calling cards for everyday calls.

American Airlines offers "College SAAver" discount fares that are more in line with Columbia students' needs. They provide flight discounts and zone fares. Students who travel once or twice a year are better off looking for these deals than going after a frequent flyer program.

Another option for Columbia students is to contact their local travel agent. Many agencies offer package deals for airfare and accommodation during priced airline ticket that is ideal for the once-a-year traveler.

Frequent-flyer programs are everywhere today and it makes sense to target college students. Most Columbia College students will just have to deal with bulk advertising for programs that do not benefit them while they are in school.

The majority of seniors having taken this seminar seem to value this broader perspective. Journalism major Tracy Jenkins writes, "This is a support group for seniors, just so we know that we are not alone. We all have similar fears. It's cool to watch people grow and eventually go their separate ways. If you want Senior Seminar to work for you, it will."

Liberal Education major Carla Mutone writes, "Senior Seminar is a valuable tool to help each individual focus on what is important personally in a fast-paced world... to keep a sense of yourself."

I wish to thank the writer for their honest expression of voice, values and vision. Your suggestions will be carefully discussed and considered by the staff and fellow students. Hopefully we can co-create the best possible seminar for our Columbia students. This, after all, is what we are seeking.

**Bill Hayashi  
Director, Senior Seminar**



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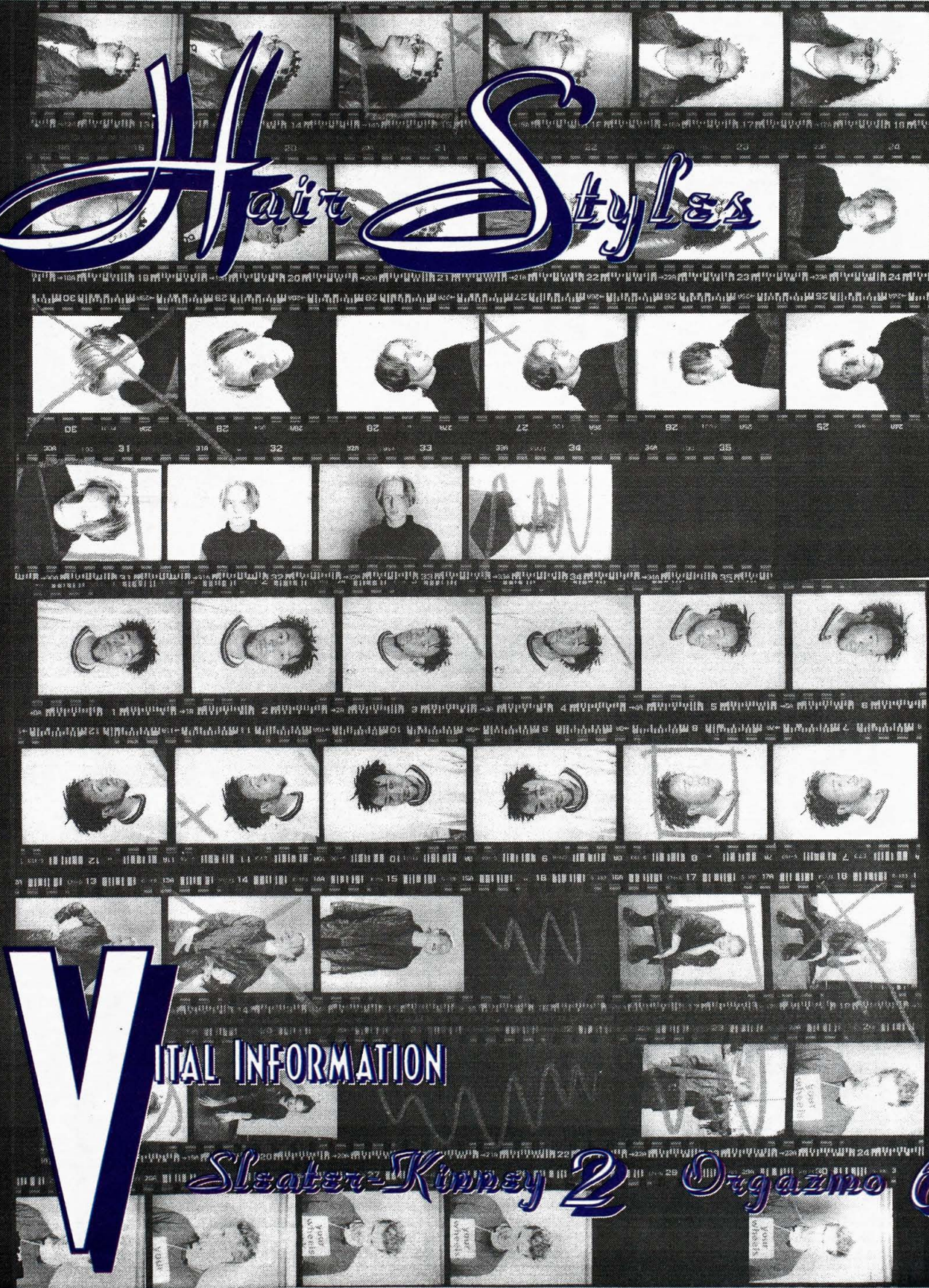
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## Hair Styles



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VITAL INFORMATION

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**vitality** *n.* 1. The characteristic that distinguishes the living from the nonliving. 2. The capacity to grow or develop. 3. Physical or intellectual vigor; energy.

## Sleater-Kinney: READY TO ROCK

By Michael O'Brien  
Staff Writer

Saturday night. Date night. Wrigleyville. Pretty girls and handsome guys holding hands, drifting in and out of cute little yuppie bars. Inside the Metro, the crowd was quietly chatting and the whole place was covered in shiny gold foil. Everything was civilized and passionless. Corin Tucker, Sleater-Kinney's leader, walked on stage wearing a burgundy skirt and a pretty little necklace. She avoided looking at the crowd and she seemed uncomfortable. She knelt down very ladylike, plugged her guitar into her amp and took a drink of her bottled water.

A few minutes later the house lights went down and the stage lit up. Tucker closed her eyes as Carrie Brownstein's guitar ripped into the opening notes of "I'm Not Waiting." Then, Tucker was ready, as uninhibited as a fifteen-year-old girl with her bedroom door closed and the stereo blasting. She opened her eyes, chanting "I'm not waiting 'til I grow up, I'm not waiting 'til I throw up to be a woman. Screams of recognition came from the crowd and Tucker's chainsaw yelp of a voice quickened its pace, reaching a frantic high at the end of the song's chorus: "your words are sticky, stupid, running down my legs." In a matter of minutes, three girls and two guitars had transformed peaceful Wrigleyville into the site of a punishing, ear-splitting onslaught.

Simply put, Sleater-Kinney's music is an attack. There is no bass guitar; bass would be too comforting. The dual lead guitars of Brownstein and Tucker shred through Janet

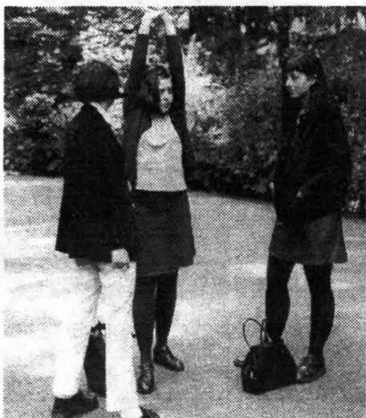
Weiss' rapid-fire drumming and Tucker's shrill voice, filled with warnings to possible lovers and advice to her fellow women, somehow manages to be the band's most dangerous weapon. Since Sleater-Kinney's music is so tight and so focused, Tucker is able to take as many vocal risks as she wants. Tucker has a good conventional singing voice when she chooses to use it, but she favors the howling wail that makes her so distinctive. The sold out crowd hung on Tucker's every word throughout the show, relishing the moments when her voice would reach its breaking point on a punishing, machine-gun chorus.

Sleater-Kinney's last record, "Dig Me Out," was one of 1997's best. They managed to retain the passion displayed on their second album, "Call The Doctor," and expand things musically. The startling guitar play and inventive melodies on songs like "Words and Guitar" and "Little Babies" elevated Sleater-Kinney from a riot girl band into the rarest of all things a band that matters.

The late 90s will be remembered as the "Lilith Fair" years. Just watch

VH-1 for a few minutes and they'll tell you all about "Women in Rock." Sarah McLachlan, Jewel, Alanis Morissette and Fiona Apple are women selling records today. Tori Amos and Ani DiFranco have provided some of the most passionate, inventive music of the 90s. However, they are all primarily vocalists.

Saturday night at Metro, Sleater-Kinney proved why they are more important to the future of rock than all the VH-1 women combined. They can plug in their electric guitars and blow away everything in sight. They're a female band that provides a tight, emotional assault more powerful than most of their male peers, and that's a first.



Sleater-Kinney (L-R): Carrie Brownstein, Corin Tucker and Janet Weiss.

## LOOKING AHEAD....

Concerts in Chicago this week

Cake  
Monday November 2  
Vic Theater

Dub Narcotic Sound System  
with The Bangs  
Tuesday November 3  
Metro

Violent Femmes  
with Smoking Popes  
Tuesday November 3  
Riviera Theater

Cypress Hill  
with Incubus  
Wednesday November 4  
House of Blues

Shudder to Think  
Thursday November 5  
Empty Bottle



The Cardigans  
Friday November 6  
Double Door

Squirrel Nut Zippers  
with Cigar Store Indians & T-Model Ford  
Friday November 6  
House of Blues

Phish  
Saturday/Sunday/Monday  
November 7-9  
UIC Pavilion

## Home cookin' at Blackie's

By Maria Ferrari  
Staff Writer

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Quick service, low prices, and a taste of home cooking: this is the best way to describe what Blackie's offers to the Chicago area. As I walked into this small bar and eatery I was waiting for someone suddenly to sing the "Cheers" theme, but to my surprise Norm was not at the end of the bar raising his glass. Above the bar a picture of the original owner, Alex De Milio, sits between what appears to be about twenty ceramic hands raising a toast to his accomplishments. Each hand held a different bottle of beer to add to the diverse atmosphere of this small haven. At the back of the bar sat an older gentleman consumed in his thoughts. In the front of the bar sat a young woman staring at her menu. Both people represented the two generations, young and old, that this bar called to its doorstep.

A welcoming smile led us to one of the fifteen round wooden tables in the room. This table was surrounded by stained-glass windows that captured the sun. The orange and green rays seemed to be exclusively arranged for our dining. As I opened the brown tablet that was handed to me by the waitress, the menu was revealed. It offered a large selection that ranged from hamburgers to steaks. The most expensive dish was \$8, which was the steak, and the least expensive was the grilled cheese at \$3.95.

I was not very hungry, but I had to order a chicken sandwich after viewing my neighbor's plate. The kitchen was located to the left of the room for the public's viewing. As the waitress ran to and from the kitchen, her passing sent a sweet smell of aroma from the room. After finishing the sandwich I complemented the plate with an order of cherry pie. Both plates were received steaming hot, which is more than many restaurants can offer. Also, the cherry pie was delivered in a generous portion.

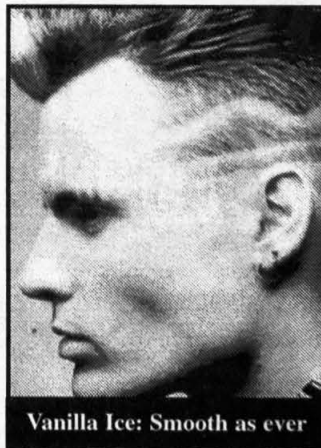
See Blackie's page 6

## Vital Pick of the Week

Are you kidding me? The Iceman is back! That's right, Robert Van Winkle, better known

as Vanilla Ice, is back with a new album. Even cooler, he is currently on tour to support his new record, "Hard to Swallow."

Friday, Nov. 6, Vanilla Ice will debut his new material at the Rave in Milwaukee,



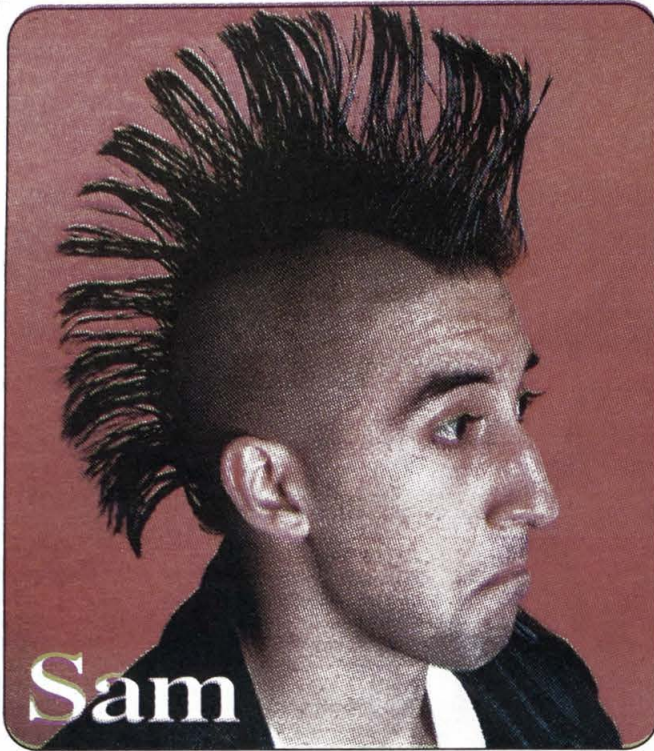
Vanilla Ice: Smooth as ever

WI. We here at Vitality realize that Milwaukee is two hours away, but we think the trip will be worth it. "Hard to Swallow" contains sure hits like "F\*\*k Me," "Stompin' Through the Bayou" and "The Horny Song." With titles like that, it sounds like the Iceman cometh back to stay. Word to your mothers! "Ice, ice, baby Too cold ..."



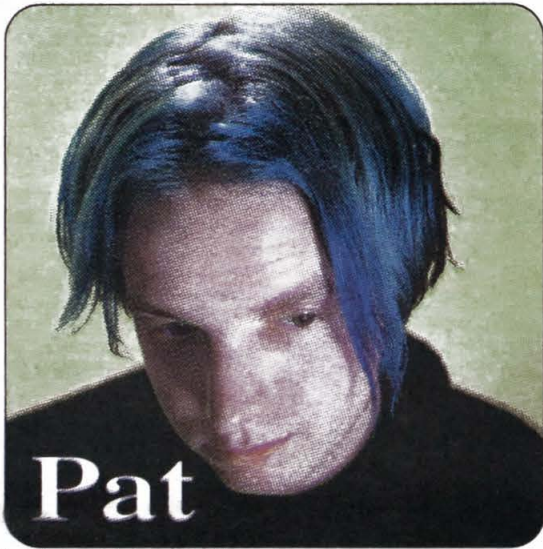
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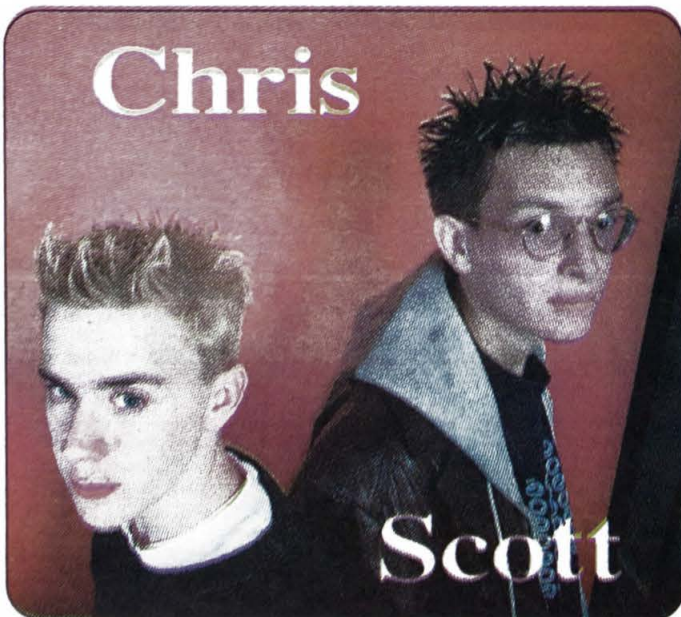
Sam

Hair Style: Fin  
 Why: "I was a big Mad Max fan growing up."  
 How: "Freeze It hair spray or Knox gelitan."



Pat

Hair Style: Colored Blue  
 Why: "I've had different hair colors for the last 2 years. The blue is kind of a theme now for the band I'm in."

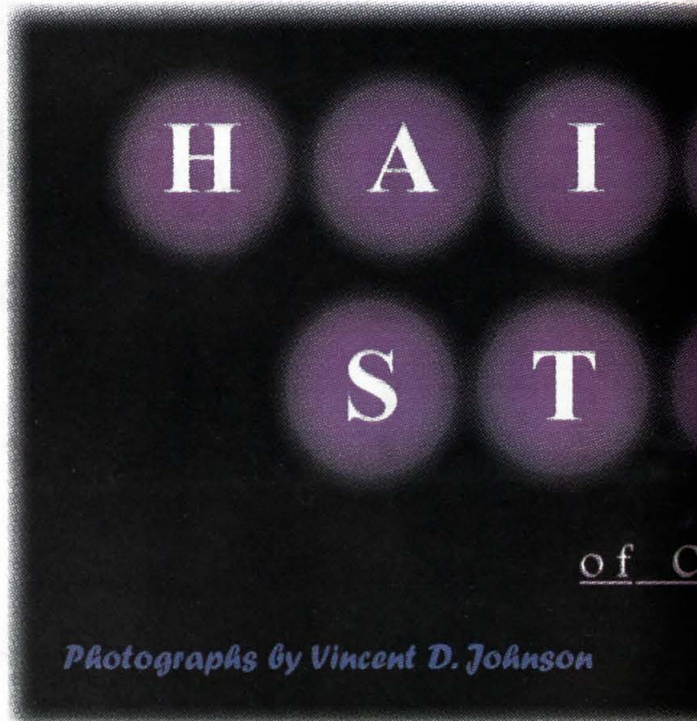
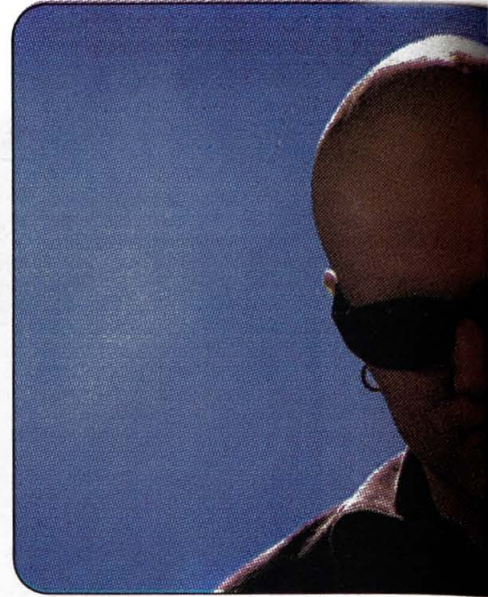


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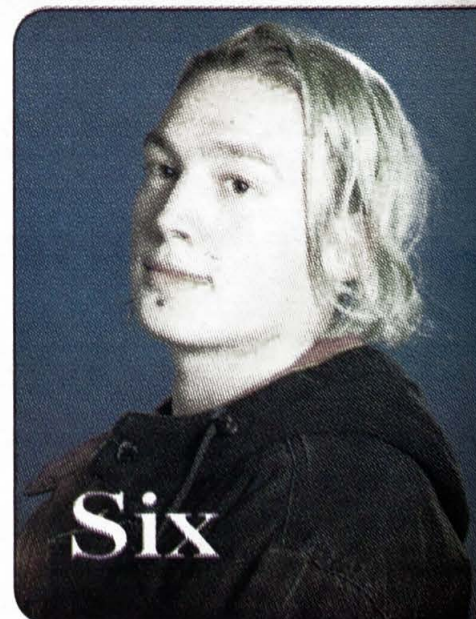
Scott

Hair Style: Colored  
 Blonde  
 Why: "It was black then blue then red then I bleached it & this is what I got now." (Chris)

Hair style: ?  
 Why: "I don't want society to hold me down with its conformist views." (Scott)

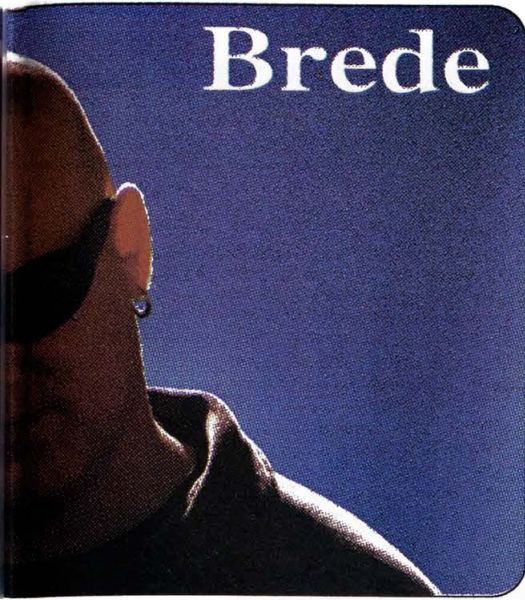


Sometimes while covering events and following leads we try writing or photographing for a college paper, we can forget that style but what is going on around campus. I set out for a week and a half to document the styles of the students, mainly their hair styles. This section takes a look at a few styles.

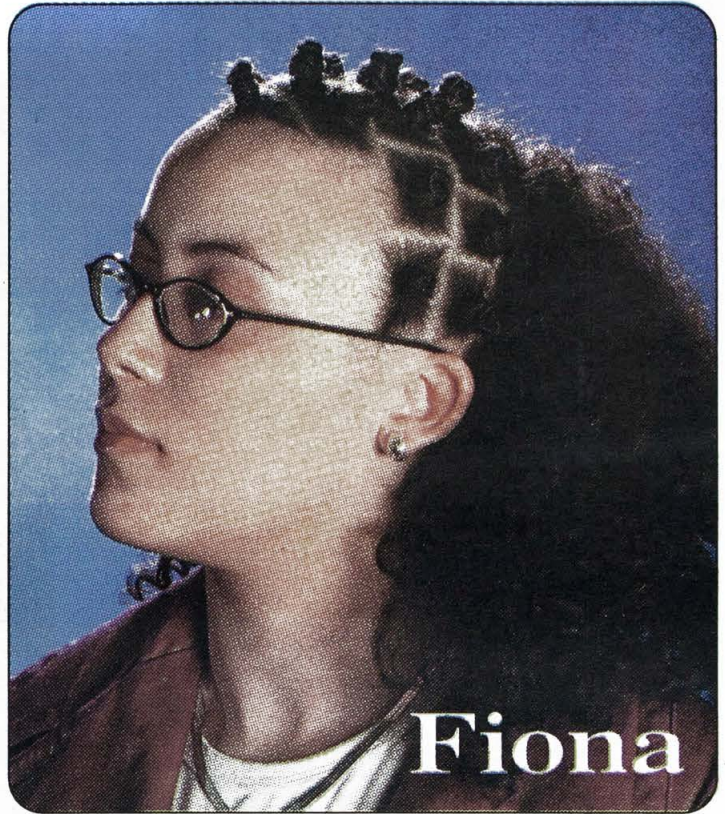


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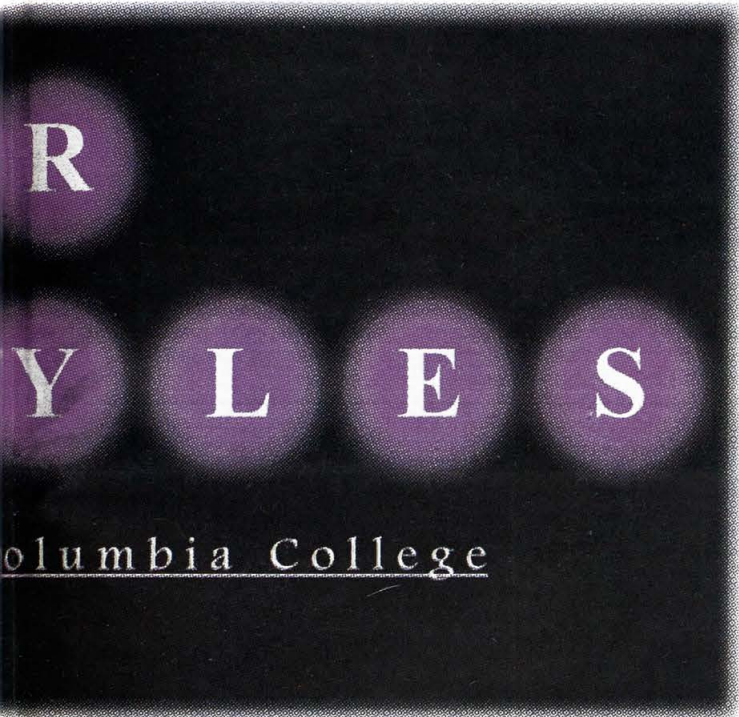


Hair Style: Shaved  
 Why: "I have a hair illness and it only grows in spots, so I shave it."

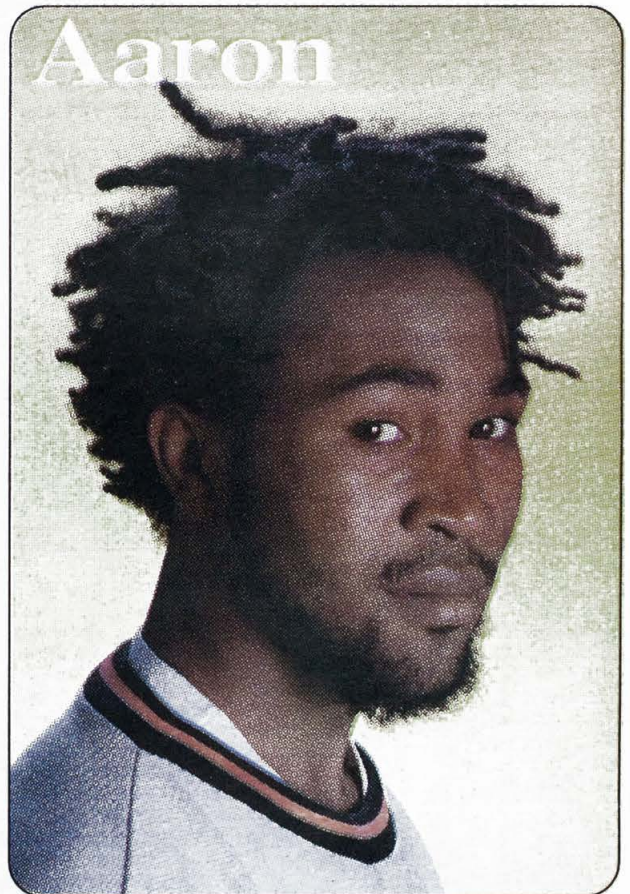


Fiona

Hair Style: African style hair rolls  
 Why: "I've had my hair like this on and off since I was a kid when my mom use to do it."

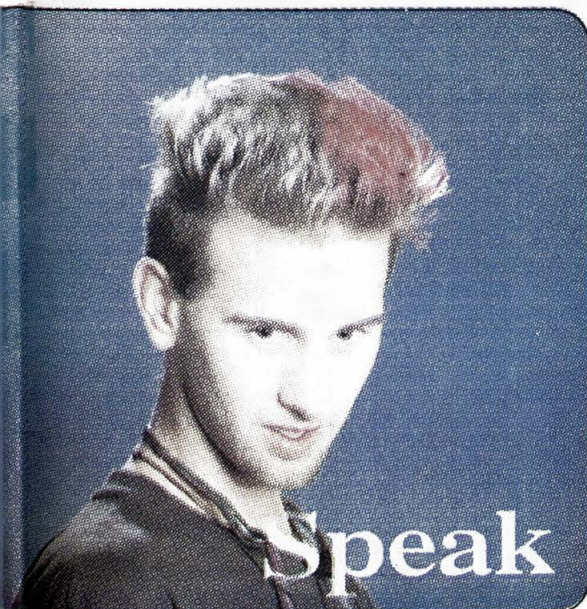


and to overlook the things that are going on around us. Though we're students pick up that paper to find out not what is going on in the world, half to photograph some of the more unique things about Columbia students with standout styles and what makes them tick or stick.



Aaron

Hair Style: Colored  
 Green  
 Why: "I wanted something different & green is my favorite color. It makes me happy."  
 (Six)



Speak

Hair Style: Mixed  
 Color  
 Why: "I was bored."  
 (Speak)

Hair Style: Locks "There's nothing dreadful about them if you know the history."  
 Why: "I like not having to worry about doing my hair."

# "Orgazmo" fails to perform



By Troy Pottgen  
Correspondent

Trey Parker, co-creator of cable television show "South Park", and friends are out to offend and entertain once again, this time in theaters with the sci-fi comedy "Orgazmo." Written and directed by Parker, who also stars in the title role, "Orgazmo" is an assault on morality and a salute to sex, greed, and all that's bad (or good), thinly veiled by a ridiculous and off-beat storyline.

Trey Parker is Joe Young, the naive Mormon missionary who comes to Hollywood in search of converts for Jesus. Joe has two weeks left of missionary work, after which he will return to wed his beloved Lisa (Robyn Lynne Raab) in Utah. But Joe has a problem. Lisa wants to marry in the expensive Mormon temple, a wish Joe cannot afford. He has faith that Jesus will eventually provide a solution, however.

True, God may work in mysterious ways, but the events that unfold next can hardly be considered divine intervention. During a series of door-to-door rejections from would-be converts, Joe happens upon the set of a Maxxx Orbison (Michael Dean Jacobs) pornographic movie and is quickly attacked by Orbison's guards. Joe fights off the thugs with incredible martial arts moves, and Orbison is impressed. He offers Joe thousands of dollars to play Captain Orgazmo, a virile superhero who combats sex villains. Joe reluctantly agrees to take the part after convincing himself that this is what he must do to wed his true love properly.

Joe Young, now Joe Hung, pairs up with MIT graduate Ben Chapelski (Dian Bachar) to fight on-screen crime as Orgazmo and Choda-Boy, a twisted dynamic duo that uses their "Orgazmorator" and various sex toys as weapons against their foes. The team hits gold—their first video does so well that Joe soon finds himself accepting more money than he can imag-

ine to star in "Orgazmo" sequels, even though he longs to be back with Lisa. Trouble ensues when Lisa arrives unexpectedly in Los Angeles and discovers the truth about his acting career. Lisa demands that Joe leave, but when he tries, Orbison vows to stop him. Joe, Lisa and Ben find life imitating art when they are forced to use Ben's real Orgazmorator invention to save them all from the evil Orbison.

"Orgazmo" is another check-your-brain-at-the-door comedy that relies simply on sex jokes and gross-out humor. Unfortunately, I found much of the sophomoric comedy that pervades "Orgazmo" rudimentary and unoriginal. It just does not work as well as its "midnight movie" predecessors ("Rocky Horror Picture Show") or even some of its contemporaries ("Something About Mary," "Wayne's World"). But the film does have redeeming qualities besides the occasional laugh it manages to provide.

The acting in "Orgazmo" is surprisingly strong, and Parker is particularly effective as the fish-out-of-water porn star. He portrays Joe with the innocence and reluctance required without resorting to stereotypical characterization. Although Joe is an easy target because of his wholesomeness, audiences will find themselves rooting for him more than laughing at him because of Parker's adept performance. His comic timing with Bachar is near-perfect as well, rivaling that of an equally cheesy yet endearing tag team, television's "Batman and Robin." Raab, as Lisa, follows Parker's lead, creating a character that reminds me of

June Cleaver on speed. Matt Stone (co-creator of "South Park" and producer of "Orgazmo") compliments the comedic assembly as dim-witted "Dave the Lighting Guy" and is generally amusing with classic South Parkian commentary. Unfamiliar faces round out the cast, though real-life porn stars Ron Jeremy, The Fat Lady Stripper and others appear in cameo roles.

"Orgazmo" largely aims (and succeeds) to be crude, rude and downright uncouth. One could argue that its NC-17 rating is because of the subject matter alone, but



"A-Cup" (David Dunn, left) and "Joe Young" (Trey Parker) duke it out in "Orgazmo."

"Boogie Nights" managed to avoid that inevitable box office kiss-of-death with similar material. While no scene is truly graphic, many are indeed over-the-top tasteless and thus probably deserving of NC-17. But audiences have come to expect such things in the name of comedy from Parker and Stone. In this respect, they won't be disappointed. However, they also have come to expect non-stop, knock-down hilarious comedy, which "Orgazmo"

mostly fails to provide. Granted, it does have its moments: Parker's prayer to God and Bachar's "hamster" technique are not to be missed, and the film's opening song is a riot. Overall, though, the film is just another average parody with lowbrow humor, distinguished only by decent performances from relatively new faces.

You can't blame Parker and Stone for trying to do on film what they have mastered on cable TV: irreverent and addictive comedy. But with such a high bar set for them by past success, it is no surprise that, here, they fall a little short.

## Blackie's

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As I glanced around the room, I noticed that although the room was renovated in 1970 by Alex De Milio's grandson, a trace of history was lecounter top by the window, cracked floors remained illuminated, air ducts were visibly portrayed, and old pictures of the stock exchange hung on the walls. The finishing touch was a sports wall that not only had the Cubs and Sox pictures, but a homemade styrofoam Sammy Sosa homerun meter. Blackie's also offers three television sets for the customer's viewing. For those of you who are not into watching much television at a bar, Blackie's also offers some video games including Pac-man and Golf.

This small bar is adjoined by a larger room. This room is used almost exclusively for banquets. As I entered this room it was like walking into a small palace. The floors were lined with marble and the long wooden tables that were located against the walls shined. This room was large enough to fit over 100 people. I was also told this room once served many stars like Rocky Marciano and the Harlem Globetrotters.

Blackie's is definitely the small eatery that noon talks about but should. It is the treasure that is waiting to be found. Blackie's has many things to offer, an accessible location, plenty of parking, and great service. The ownership surpasses its goals, as the menu reads: "of being committed to the Chicago neighborhood and providing a friendly atmosphere which is free of snobbery and excessive prices." I would definitely recommend this small haven.

## Welcome back dance makes a comeback

By Kimberly A. Brehm  
Staff Writer

It had the look and sound of a wedding reception in an elegant banquet room, complete with chandeliers, where people danced to upbeat music. Glasses were clinking and people were engaging in animated conversations. But there was not a bride in sight nor alcoholic beverages in the glasses. This was the Welcome Back Dance, sponsored by Columbia's Student Life and Development Department.

According to Student Life and Development's Madeline Roman-Vargas, this year's dance had the "most diverse and energetic group of students ever." So energetic that the dance floor was full all night. "Approximately 500 to 600 students attended compared to 400 students last year, said Gloria Difino, assistant to Roman-Vargas.

Normally, at Columbia, students are segregated in different buildings based on their majors. But at the Welcome Back Dance students of different departments were able to mingle with one another, getting to know new faces. Opportunities for the student body to come together as a complete group are at Columbia. Roman-Vargas said, "There is no other event like this at Columbia and we are pleased that so many students were able to attend."

Roman-Vargas believes that the actual attendance and participants from the students exceeded the department's expectations. She said, "There are two goals for the Welcome Back Dance. The first is to provide an opportunity for new students to make new acquaintances in a social setting. In addition, we make students aware of all the extra curricular activities available at Columbia." Roman-Vargas said she believes the department was successful in achieving its goals.

Fourteen of Columbia's extra circular organizations were represented at the dance this year. (There are 18 organizations acknowledged by Columbia's

Student Organizational League). Each organization had its own table where it could present its literature to entice new students to join. Roman-Vargas said, "I was impressed that all the students set up early this year. They were eager to get started." The Marketing Club even went so far as to display a neon-lit presentation board advertising its opportunities.

According to Roman-Vargas, this was the biggest showing ever from student organizations. Many had never participated in Welcome Back Dance before. For example she said, "The Dance Club and the Residence Center sent representatives for the first time." It's a reflection, she believes, on the continued growth of the Welcome Back Dance. Each year more and more students attend and individual organizations are realizing the great opportunity to gather more support.

The Welcome Back Dance was relocated from the Wilford Room at the Chicago Hilton and Towers to the Continental Room. Roman-Vargas believes that, "Many students cannot afford the Hilton any other way than a school-sponsored event. Most students do not have the opportunity to visit their neighborhood and I like providing an experience that may normally be unobtainable." The Chicago Hilton catered the event with hors d'oeuvres and tortillas. In addition, soft drinks were available all at no charge.

Some students of the Welcome Back Dance committee would like to relocate the dance next year. According to Roman-Vargas said, "They would like to be able to offer a more diverse ethnic menu, such as Asian and African dishes, so as to reflect the diversity of Columbia's students."

Another charge for next year's dance may be the music. Difino said the dance committee is considering offering students who are studying radio and music an opportunity to perform for their classmates.

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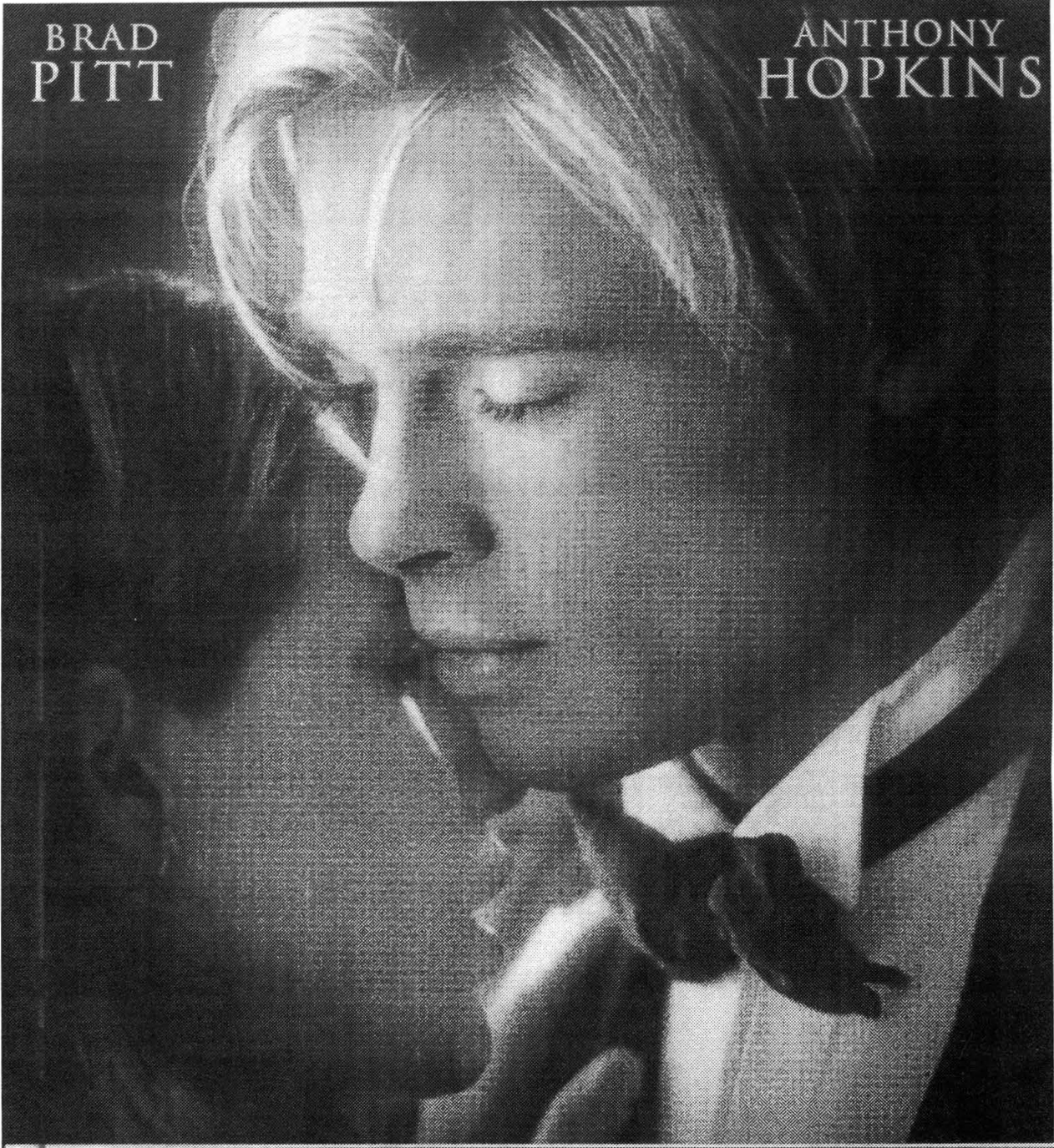
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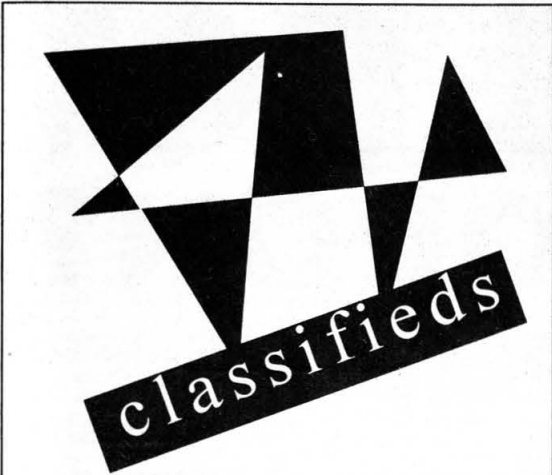
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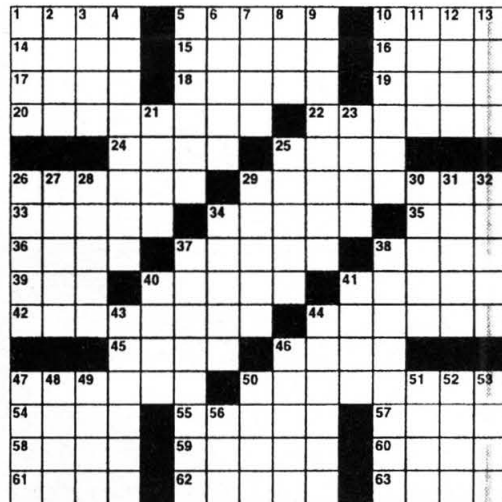
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# Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
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**Aries (March 21-April 19).** Put in the extra effort to hold your temper on Monday. Although you're itching to tell the truth, you don't need to tell it in anger. That could do more harm than good. Something you do might not be taken into consideration. Let the dust clear before you figure out your next move. Decisions made on Tuesday and Wednesday could influence your pocketbook. Protect your own future by keeping more of what you earn. You're extra smart on Thursday and Friday, but the biggest lesson may be one gained through experience. Do things by the book. You'll understand why later. This weekend is good for having family over to your house. Something you were worried about may seem to resolve itself.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20).** Panic on Monday may be caused by another person's impatience. Be calm, but firm, especially if your partner is advising you to wait. Don't let someone else's emergency cause a problem for you. Just the opposite would be more effective. You calm them down, and the emergency will solve itself. Be careful with the choices you make on Tuesday and Wednesday. You may have to live with them for quite a long time. You're setting an example for the others, though. Through compromise, you can all build a trustworthy foundation. The money is available on Thursday and Friday, but it's already spoken for. In fact, it may be spent before you get it. You hate it when that happens, so take care. A brilliant idea you come up with on Saturday makes it possible to gather with friends on Sunday. A person you haven't seen in ages might be able to make it, so go ahead and ask.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Don't let yourself get all stirred up over a work-related conflict on Monday. If you go ahead and let your partner know how you feel, that ought to be enough. Keep the others out of it for now, especially if you're angry. You may not have all the facts yet. Reach a compromise on Tuesday that supports your most cherished beliefs. Don't sacrifice one to gain another. That's not necessary, and it's not a good idea, either. Decide to make a domestic change on Wednesday, and proceed to carry it through on Thursday and Friday. You may not be able to take action before then. If you've been tossing things out, congratulations. This weekend is perfect for buying new stuff to fill up the empty spaces.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Anticipate agitation from higher up on Monday, and maybe even an outburst of bad temper. Keep your head down, especially if controversial subjects are being discussed. You already have your mind pretty well made up, but do listen to the facts. Make sure your friends are really headed in the direction you want to go before you say you'll go along for the ride. Make a practical decision on Tuesday, one you can live with, and prosper. Your best friend is the one you know you can trust. A conflict on Wednesday can be resolved by using skills you've recently learned. You might be a little nervous, but try them out anyway. It looks like it'll be easier to do a difficult task than you thought. You're distracted on Thursday and Friday, so try not to be cranky as well. Your sweetheart and loved ones don't know what's on your mind, and you don't feel you can tell them. That's OK. By the weekend, your worries will have faded anyway, so if a difficult subject is crying not to be discussed, go ahead and keep quiet about it. Sometimes not talking is even more beneficial than talking, at least when you're in a tizzy.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Let a friend break through your crusty exterior on Monday and give you a little information. You wouldn't have thought of this ordinarily, because you had your mind made up. You're something you need to consider, however, that's a little confronting. Don't resist an angry tone of voice. Let the information penetrate your defenses. You could cast the deciding vote on Tuesday. Others feel strongly about it all different ways, but you could be a little more objective. You'll see the puzzle piece that needs to be added, and once you put that in, the structure will be strong. Make minor corrections on Wednesday, but don't try to make any big changes until Thursday or Friday. Stay home most of the weekend and clear up an old misunderstanding with someone you love.



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**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're worried about money on Monday, but don't get

into a panic. By putting a method you already know into effect, you'll be able to shut off a leak and protect your resources. A practical decision you make on Tuesday will bring rewards in the future, and on Wednesday, you can find a way to buy your loved one something special. Don't let somebody else's anxiety put you into a tailspin on Thursday or Friday. You're the practical one in the group, so don't you forget it. Relax over the weekend in the company of friends you love to learn with.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A rather surprising confrontation on Monday could lead to a new friendship. A rule you don't want to obey could turn out to be good for you and help you achieve your lifelong ambitions. So, don't resist one who's trying to give you coaching, even if you don't like what you're hearing. Vote to protect your financial interests on Tuesday. You could have more money if you show you're responsible enough to manage it. The more you have, the more jobs you help create. Don't fret about shortages on Wednesday. You can access a hidden source. Contact distant friends on Thursday and Friday and set up something special for this weekend. A visit to an older, wise woman is an excellent choice. You could benefit greatly, both emotionally and financially.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Put up with an irritating co-worker on Monday. He or she may have a couple of good points, so don't throw those out with generalizations. Just because this person is insensitive in some areas doesn't mean you should ignore his or her advice. The opposition is tough on Tuesday and Wednesday, but you can carry the day. It will require compromise on your part, however. If you're too rigid, you could cause results opposite from the ones you intended. Be careful with your money on Thursday and Friday. It'll have a tendency to slip away. Plan a very romantic weekend, and then relax into it.

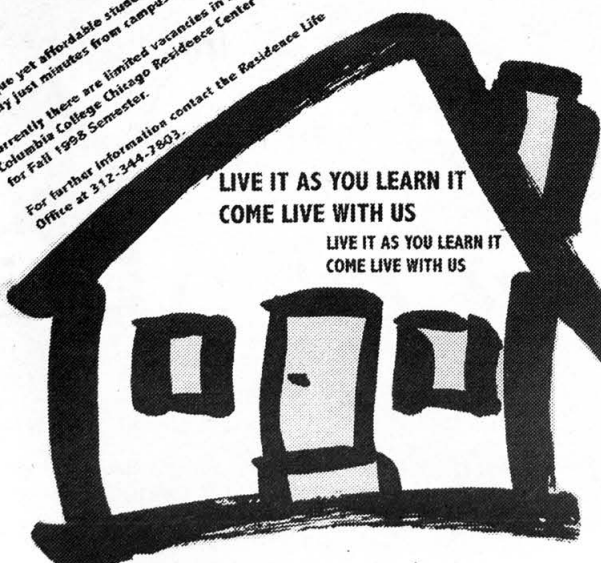
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'd rather goof off than work on Monday, even more than usual. Follow through with old leads instead of making new contacts. Use your restlessness to push yourself to try something you've been thinking about. There's plenty of work on Tuesday and Wednesday, and some of it is kind of frustrating. It's going much more slowly than you'd hoped, and possibly veering in a direction you don't like. Keep telling the truth and you'll help things stay on track. Controversies that arise on Thursday and Friday could be even more annoying. Be patient with one who doesn't seem to get it. This is good practice for you. You'll be learning how to explain things clearly. It's a good weekend to spend money on items for your home, including the home itself, actually. Real estate is a good investment.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're still cleaning up the mess from this weekend, but that's OK. Make some changes you've been thinking about while you're at it. Once things are disrupted thoroughly, as they seem to be, it's a good excuse to put them the way you wanted them in the first place. This is a good time for it, because structures you build on Tuesday and Wednesday should be quite solid. That goes for romantic relationship as well as household projects, by the way. Get all that wrapped up before Thursday, because the workload increases then. On Thursday and Friday you'll be hustling just to keep up. Be patient. You may have to do some things over. You can find time to party with your favorite partner and your favorite friends over the weekend. For a really great time, do something you used to love doing.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're especially intelligent on Monday, and that's good. You'll need the extra brainpower and quick wit to outmaneuver a tough competitor. Get your two cents' worth in early, and you'll shift the way things are decided on Tuesday. If you don't speak up at all, you could lose an important benefit. By Wednesday, your environment will have settled down. You'll be pretty well exhausted by then, too, so rest. Schedule consultations with loved ones on Thursday and Friday to decide on your next course of action. There's still a problem to be solved, but together you can do it. It might involve working over the weekend, however.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).** Financial worries Monday spur you to study the issues. There's something you can do to improve your lot in life, but you won't get there by accident. This is going to take planning, and a decision on your part by Tuesday. You'll also need to make up your mind on Wednesday in another situation. You're using skills you've recently learned, and that's important. You're trying things you haven't done before, so you might be a little nervous, but following a strong leader helps. Don't go on fantasy in this situation. Make sure you're following someone you can trust. Your house may be in a turmoil Thursday and Friday, but that's OK. You can pretty much leave the mess there and take off on a trip this weekend. Don't worry. It'll be there when you get home relaxed and ready to take on new challenges.

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By Eugene Spivak  
Staff Writer

Remember the days when the older, more traditional-rich NFC would dominate its sister the AFC? Remember the dominance of the NFC winning every Super Bowl from 1983 until last year? The reputation of the NFC having the tougher and more playoff experienced teams is now a myth. The AFC has shot back with two of the NFC mainstays, the running game and defense. The balance of power has shifted in football with the junior conference possessing the stronger teams and the toughest conference in football.

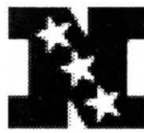
The AFC also boasts far and away the best team in football, the Denver Broncos. Through seven weeks the Broncos remain unbeaten and have scored 240 points, which is well ahead of a 15-year-old record.

The running game is by far the strongest in football, with Terrell Davis becoming only the fourth man ever to rush for over 1,000 yards in just seven games. More importantly, the Denver offense is the most balanced in the NFL. Going into the game against Jacksonville, Denver had amassed 1,093 yards on the ground and 1,290 in the air. The only thing that could stand in the way of an undefeated season for Denver is their defense. They are currently ranked eighth in the AFC in yards allowed. As the play-offs approach, watch for Bill Romanowski and co. to step up just like they did during last year's championship run. Right now the NFC does not have a team that is playing of the level that Green Bay did last year at this time. With this being true, it could mean another championship for the Broncos. If the Broncos do win the Super Bowl they would become the first team since Dallas in 1992 and 1993 to repeat as champs. With John Elway not slowing down at all, and the core of the team being relatively young, the word "dynasty" may be used in reference to this team. This could be great news for the AFC, who has not had a powerhouse team since the Steelers of the late 1970s.



The AFC is the current home of the toughest division in football. Only two playoff spots could be available to the four solid teams that make up the AFC East. Jimmy Johnson Ball in Miami is really flying high, as the Dolphins are in first place. The defense has been spectacular. Zach Thomas and the boys have given up just over 11 points per game, the lowest in the league since the Super Bowl Champion team of the 1985 Bears.

The Patriots are playoff-tested and have the second best rushing defense in the AFC. They are the only team in the league to have held Terrell Davis to less than one



hundred yards. However the two hottest teams in the division could be the Jets and Bills. The Jets went on the road to win at New

England and followed that with a win at home against a solid Atlanta team. With veteran Vinny Testaverde throwing 10 touchdowns and only one interception, the Jets finally seem to have some stability at the quarterback position. After starting out 0-3, no team in the NFL has been hotter than the Buffalo Bills. Under the leadership of Doug Flutie, the Bills have won four straight, including wins against San Francisco and Jacksonville.

The old traditionalists of the NFC can look at three teams that have a chance to win the Super Bowl. The first being Minnesota, who have opened up undefeated at 7-0. The Vikings sport the best wide receiving core in the league and have put up more points than the Broncos. When the play-offs approach, the Vikings will be done in by their defense that is ranked only tenth in the NFC.

The second contender out of the NFC is San Francisco. The offense, as usual, is outstanding with Steve Young already throwing for an eye-popping twenty touchdowns. The Niners defense is even worse than the Vikings. San Francisco is ranked eleventh in yards given up and their cornerbacks have looked more like turnstiles. The one team that could maintain the NFC's stability in the Super Bowl is, once again, those hated Green Bay Packers. The defense is still solid, ranking fourth in the NFC. Brett Favre is the three-time league MVP and is still the premiere quarterback in the game. The Packers hopes all rest with one player, Dorsey Levens. If the all-pro running back can come back healthy and spark the Packers running game, the Cheeseheads could be heading to their third straight Super Bowl.

# Hungry Wolves seek repeat

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Do you want to see a championship hockey team play live for the low cost of just \$9 per ticket? This year you have the opportunity to as the Chicago Wolves defend their Turner Cup.

This year's team includes ten returning players from last years. Head coach John Anderson returns for his first full season after joining midway during the season last year. The Wolves will be lead by sniper Steve Maltais. Maltais has been with the team since they started in 1994 and has emerged as one of the IHL's premiere goal scorers. Last year he tallied 50 goals for the Wolves. Another key player for the Wolves is goalie Wendell Young. Young is in his sixteenth season of professional hockey, and has also been with the wolves since '94. Last year Young became the first player in history to win the Stanley Cup, Turner Cup, Calder Cup, and Memorial Cup. Young enters this season with a record nine playoff appearances, and currently ranks seventh



all-time in the playoffs with a 2.79 goals against average. Joining the team this year are two former Blackhawks, James Black, who is on loan, and Craig Mills, who was part of the

Roenick/Zhamnov trade. Another newcomer is veteran goalie Pat Jablonski. The Skokie native was drafted by the St. Louis Blues in 1985. His lengthy NHL experience will enable coach Anderson to rest Young in certain situations.

After winning the Turner Cup last season the Wolves popularity has soared. The have switched radio stations from WCBR, 927 FM to WIDB 950 AM. The move will benefit the team as WIDB reaches more of the Chicagoland area as opposed to WCBR. The Wolves will also be televised as local cable stations of Media One, Time Warner,

Jones Intercable, Prime Cable of Chicago and all TCI systems will carry over twenty games this season. With fan interest a quality team and the Turner Cup in their locker room the Wolves are a sure bet to be hungry for a repeat this season.

# Best and worst of times for '98 White Sox.

By John Gelsomino  
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It was a tale of two seasons for the Chicago White Sox this year, as new direction brought many positive results in the second half. The first half brought optimism to the fans as Terry Bevington, the great third base coach, turned unqualified manager was fired after a dismal 1997 campaign. The White Sox found their leader in Jerry Manuel, protege of successful managers; Felipe Alou and Jim Leyland. Manuel's positive personality and patience was exactly what General Manager Ron Schueler and President Jerry Reinsdorf wanted. The White Sox found out early that winning would take more than a patient manager and a healthy Robin Ventura.

The pitching staff was the second worst in the American League, ahead only of the lowly Detroit Tigers. Veterans who the Sox needed to come through failed to do so and the team opted to go with a complete youth movement. Starting pitcher James Baldwin was sent to the bullpen in May. Jason Bere was released in June and Jamie Navarro, the staff ace, gave up more hits than outs. The bullpen suffered from lack of consistency as Tony Castillo, Matt Karchner and Tom Fordham were shady all year.

The White Sox promotional "Line Shot" trio of Robin Ventura, Frank Thomas and Albert Belle were more like "Ground Out." The three failed to live up to their expected potential. The Sox went in to the All-Star break nearly 20 games below .500. Schueler realized that changes had to be made in order to avoid a 100-loss season. The "Pale Hose" appeared to be a new team from July to Sept. Pitching was solid, the defense stepped up and Albert Belle revived the offense. Belle broke the club record for home runs, runs-batted-in and runs scored. He became the first player in White Sox history to hit 50 home runs in a single season. The club's most consistent play came from the double play combination of Ray Durham and Mike Caruso. Durham lived up to high expectations by hitting a solid .280 and by improving his glove, earning All-Star honors. Caruso, who was acquired in the debatable late-season trade with San Francisco last year, shocked Sox fans

everywhere. At the tender age of 21, Caruso hit near .300 all year. His glove improved from the first half to the second half. He looks to be the mainstay at shortstop for the Sox.

The pitching staff that was so awful in the beginning turned solid as Mike Sirotko emerged as the staff ace. Youngsters John Snyder and Jim Parque showed flashes of brilliance and Baldwin bounced back to produce numbers equal to his best year, 1996.

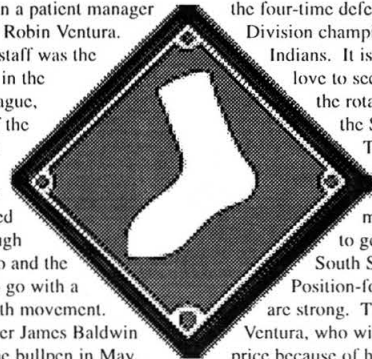
The club finished 80-82, not outstanding, but if you followed the club from beginning to end you saw consistent improvement and hustle. They compiled a 45-31 second half record. Despite the strong ending, additions are necessary to make a serious run against the four-time defending Central

Division champions, the Cleveland Indians. It is true that fans would love to see Kevin Brown join the rotation as he could put the Sox atop the division.

That is only if Reinsdorf is willing to shell out the \$11 million that would take to get Brown on the South Side.

Position-for-position the Sox are strong. They need to re-sign Ventura, who will come at a bargain price because of his insufficient year. He did win another Gold Glove, which will help his stock. But don't forget that the best third baseman available is San Diego's Ken Caminiti. Caminiti will no doubt receive the best offers, which could drop Ventura's stock even more. Many baseball experts believe Ventura's bat hasn't been the same since breaking his foot in 1997, as statistics would support.

Around the horn, the Sox are set with Caruso at short, Durham at second and either Thomas, Greg Norton or Mario Valdez at first. Catching is still a question as management will either test the free agency market or use their minor league system. The club has depth in the outfield. Belle will most likely return, although a clause in his contract stating that he has to be one of the top three paid players in the league, could force him to free agency. Magglio Ordonez looks to be the right fielder, and center field is up for grabs after a disappointing year by Mike Cameron. The play of the Sox in the second half gave needed optimism to Sox fans. With the appropriate additions the White Sox could take their late season momentum and turn the 1999 season into a memorable one for the city of Chicago.



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## Start spreading the news: Yanks were great but not the best ever

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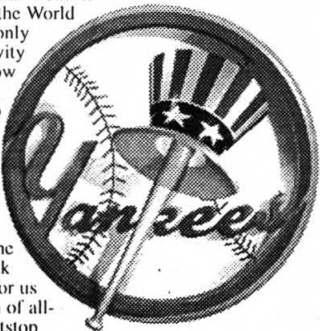
After completing the 1998 season with a 125-50 record and a World Series championship, the Yankees are the greatest team the game has ever seen. They were good — great in fact — but not the best ever. They lack the standout superstar and the shoo-in Hall of Famer. They have no Babe, Lou, Joe, Mickey, Yogi, or Reggie. Even outspoken Yankee owner George Steinbrenner was skeptical, saying, "I won't say anything about us being the greatest." Perhaps Steinbrenner realizes that there is no fair way to compare today's team with the '27 Yankees, the '39 Yankees, the '72-'74 Athletics, the '76 Reds or any other dominant team of the past.

Players today are stronger, bigger and faster. Until 1947, when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier, baseball was only available to white athletes. His impact had an immediate effect on the caliber of play. Imagine the laundry list of players that the Yankees would have been without if the color barrier still existed: Bernie Williams, Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Tino Martinez, Darryl Strawberry, and Hideki Irabu to name a few. It's obvious that without these players the Yankees would not have been in the World Series, much less won it. Expansion of the league has diluted the quality of players and competition as well.

It used to be that the World Series was the only postseason activity of baseball. Now teams have to get through two rounds of play-offs just to get to the Series. "We went 125-50. I don't know about teams back in the 1900s but I think you can argue for us as the best team of all-time," said shortstop Derek Jeter. Perhaps Jeter needs to crack open the baseball Bible and study up. Somehow I think the Babe should have opposing viewpoints!

It is evident that the game has changed. However, if the standard for determining the greatest team ever is based on win total, then the Yankees are the best ever. Since the wonderful world of hypothetical situations enables us to argue, would the '98 Yankees defeat the '27 Yankees of Ruth and Gehrig or the '76 Reds of Morgan, Rose and Bench in a seven-game series? Doubtful.

Perhaps if they had won last year, maintained the same nucleus, and been in pursuit of a three-peat, the title of "greatest team ever" would be more valid. Greatest team or not, the Yankees won despite the hardships of real-life situations that plagued their locker room all season long. Health and tragedy were a mainstay for New York. Whether it was Andy Pettitte's father having heart surgery, Darryl Strawberry fighting cancer, David Cone's mother being treated for lung cancer, Chuck Knoblauch's father suffering from Alzheimer's, or the legendary Joe DiMaggio being diagnosed with pneumonia, the Yankees won not only for themselves but for others. "I've never been around a more courageous group, more determined group," said coach Joe Torre. They put the finishing touches on baseball's most memorable season and aided in reuniting fans with the game.



## A Fool's Paradise: Fantasy football

By Patrick M. Walsh  
Sports Correspondent

America has immersed itself into another mind-altering phenomenon. It's a form of escapism that has engulfed people into the actions of others. No, this is not another urban drug that has been smuggled into the heartland, but on some levels it is something much worse: Fantasy football.

It's a game that can be played by friends, family or co-workers alike. This game does not discriminate. It is open to all who dare enter this Mintaur's labyrinth.

It's rules and strategies are as easy to understand as a Sophomore Calculus book. Points can be scored from quarterback sacks to rushes. From interceptions to points after touchdowns. Had enough already? We haven't even begun to scratch the surface.

Now before I upset "true" fantasy fans, I have a confession to make. My name is Patrick Walsh, I am 24 years old and I am a fantasy football junkie.

The week of a junkie starts on Thursday when one reads over the obituaries (or injury reports as those of less knowledge know them). After one observes the carnage of their hobbled teams, an end less waiting game begins. It seems like an eternity of purgatory where one is waiting for anything to happen, and then at the strike of noon the madness ensues. High noon has approached. Let the games begin.

From that point on, no one will answer the phone because from that simple device invented over 100 years ago, only bad news will come. Thrashing from your best friends becomes a ritual. Calling to tell you that the rookie they just started scored a touchdown on a

"statue of liberty" play. Anything but that. The dagger just entered your heart and turned sideways so the wound will not close.

Now for those who are wondering why exactly I would compare watching sports to a drug, I pose to you one question: Who would watch the entirety of a New Orleans Saints vs.

Indianapolis Colts game out of their own free will and accord? Case closed.

The rest of the day complies as a waiting game for that darn endless sports ticker to pop up and give one a glimpse of the impending future. There one sits like Pavlov's dog salivating at the sole extra point booted by your place kicker.

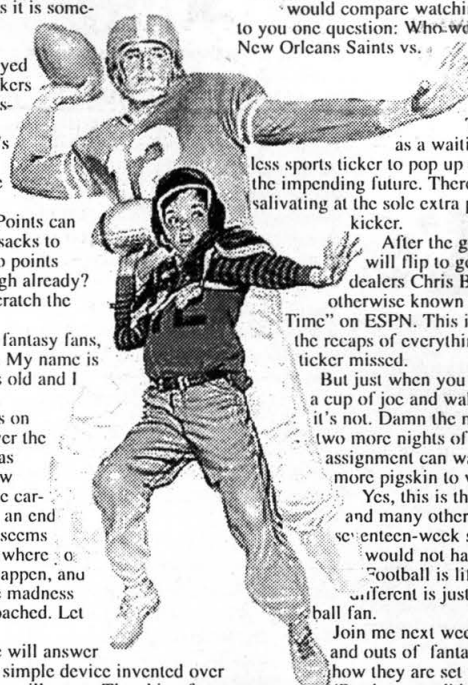
After the games are over, the "junkies" will flip to get the "smack" straight from dealers Chris Berman and Tom Jackson, otherwise known as the gurus of "Prime Time" on ESPN. This is where one can get all of the recaps of everything that darn little sports ticker missed.

But just when you thought it was time to grab a cup of joe and wake up to football sobriety, it's not. Damn the morals of television. Still two more nights of football left. That reading assignment can wait until Tuesday, I've got more pigskin to watch.

Yes, this is the life that this columnist and many others endure through a cruel seventeen-week season. Sad but true. But I would not have it any other way.

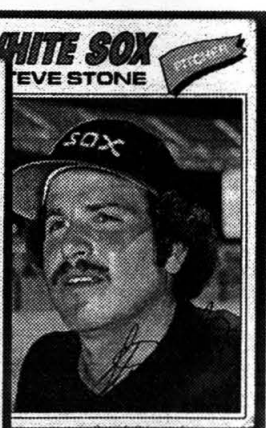
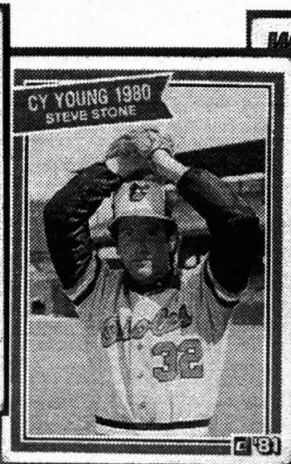
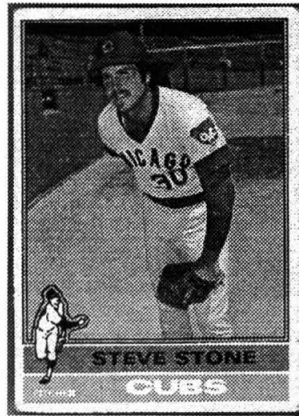
Football is life. Anyone who tells you different is just another disgruntled basketball fan.

Join me next week when I explain the ins and outs of fantasy football leagues, from how they are set up to how to score points. (By the way, did anyone read the assignment for Broadcast News Writing II last week? For some reason I am a little bit behind in my reading.)



## Retro Fact

**Cubs broadcaster Steve Stone was drafted by the Giants as the #4 pick in the February 1969 draft. He played for both the Cubs and White Sox. Stone also won the Cy Young award in 1980 with a 25-7 record, 149 K's and a 3.23 ERA for the Orioles.**



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