

# The Tower

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## Beaver celebrates cultures and the symbols of the season

by Susan Logan  
ALA instructor

Students, faculty, and staff grabbed their passports and visited the and visited the landing, Rose, and Mirror Rooms and set out on a journey around the world.

These passports were available in The Castle, Monday evening, Dec. 9 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. when American Language Academy and Beaver College hosted an exciting evening which featured food from 15 countries, interactive table displays (including two computers), traditional costumes, and musical sounds from around the world.

It was a night for savoring the rich cultural diversity represented at Beaver College.

The several hundred people in attendance enjoyed a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and tastes provided by the 28 groups who participated.

The "passports," clever booklets designed by Heather Goodman, had questions about different traditions or countries.

When passport holders discovered the answers by questioning the appropriate country, their passports were stamped.

At the back of each passport was a raffle ticket. After the evening's entertainment, a drawing was held and prizes donated by nine local merchants and several campus groups were awarded.

Entertainment highlights included: Korean dance by Hee Sook Lee Yoo; Korean band with traditional instruments; Gun Woo Pyo, Korean operatic tenor, singing; Living Nativity Scene by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; Vietnam song by Mui Ngo; dance by a Cambodian children's group; sing-a-long with Larry Hoeltzel dancing by the Venezuelans; presentation on Kwanzaa. (See photos.)



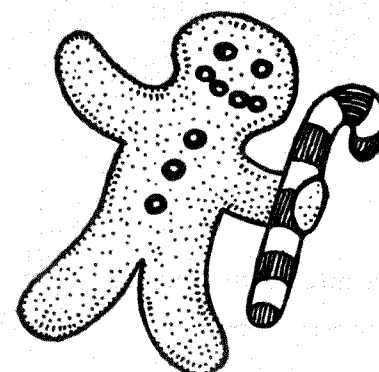
Top left: Cambodian children's group entertain the visitors with a dance. Top right: Students from the Gulf States surround the table of food they prepared for the evening's festivities. Left: A member of the Korean band dances to the beat of his own drum. Above: Everyone claps along as Gun Woo-Pyo joins Larry Hoeltzel in singing a traditional holiday song, Jingle Bells.

## Decking the halls of Grey Towers



Student organizations were invited to deck the halls of Grey Towers on Monday, December 2 in an evening sponsored by the Society for Castle Restoration. Each organization bought and decorated their own Christmas tree any way they wished. Decorations from all faiths and holidays will be on display until the end of the semester. Stop by the castle to get into the holiday spirit.

photo by Laurie Ray



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## Helping others to help ourselves

by Amanda Fuhrman  
Contributing writer

Thinking back to my childhood days, one of my favorite things was the time I spent with others reading to me. I had my favorite dog-eared books, and ones I never looked at twice. Nevertheless, I always loved it when someone took time out of their day to read me a book or two. In a quest to relive my childhood, I discovered the Literacy Corps here on campus.

What is the Literacy Corps? Well, it is an organization that caters to young children as well as adults who wish to improve their reading skills. They offer tutoring, literacy training, and assist teachers at local Head Start programs. Volunteers are solicited from the student body here at Beaver College, and also residents of surrounding communities.

Volunteers go to the Children's Center here on campus, and to Head Start programs in Montgomery County to read to the children. Volunteers are needed because teachers do not have the extra time to help the kids. They are often busy helping take care of other duties, since Head Start programs serve as preschools, many other activities are incorporated into their schedule.

Volunteers also help tutor adults. Parents of preschool-age children often want to read to their own children, however they are not aware of the do's and don'ts of reading to a small child.

This is where the Literacy Corps programs step in. They teach adults how to read to their children and assist adults who learned English as second language to become more fluent.

The Literacy Corps program was started five years ago by Dr. Tom

Hemmeter. He was interested in ways to teach writing through tutoring.

Through past experiences he saw that by helping others, often time people improved their own writing and reading skills. Both sides benefit and come out with a sense of accomplishment.

Nola Strauss works closely with Hemmeter, and she acts as the office manager of the Literacy Corps. As a grad student with a master's degree and certificate in Elementary Education, the experience she gains through the program will help her in the future.

Another student, Lucha Alforque conceded, adding that the confidence gained by being able to read well and the knowledge that she is helping others are added incentives.

The benefits of becoming a volunteer are endless. The most obvious is the community service that is performed. Any type of volunteer work makes a person feel good about themselves by simply helping the rest of the community. Most people agree that life-long friendships often develop from such experiences.

Students in education related fields find this kind of work helpful, as do those with younger brothers and sisters, or even nieces and nephews.

People are very enthusiastic about the Literacy Corps. They enjoy working with the children and other people. Whether they volunteer for the sake of others or themselves, everyone benefits in one way or another.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, or want more information about the program, contact Dr. Hemmeter at x2962, or Nola Strauss in the Writing Center/Literacy Corps office at x2335.

## Dancing at Lughnasa lights up Little Theater

by Adriana Pelosi  
Contributing Writer

If you missed the performance of *Dancing at Lughnasa* here at Beaver College, you will be sure to regret it.

This play was full of fun-loving characters and the brutal realities of life. The performance of each actor and actress brought the stage of the Little Theater to life.

The setting of the play was in the mind of a man, Michael, whose childhood was spent in the lovely country of Ireland. As he looks back on his childhood days, he has many memories that he seems to want to hold on to.

However, his mother's heart was constantly getting broken by his father. He left her with Michael for a year, came running back and proposed, only to leave her once again.

Despite these tensions, both of them managed to dance together in perfect harmony, wherever they went.

The plot centers on four sisters. The oldest sister being the mother figure. Although she seemed mean and condescending, later she reveals how she carries all the fears and worries of the future.

Michael's father had a secret attraction to Rose which caused his mother to become jealous. At one point, Angus ran off with an unfavorable

lover. This seemed to symbolize both youth and rebellion.

When the girls talked about going to the harvest -moon dance, their hopes were shot down by their oldest sister. But, this did not stop them from dancing joyously about the house to their half-broken radio.

Dancing seemed to make them forget about their worries for a little while. At times, the girls received visits from a dear friend, but he seemed to have trouble expressing certain words and phrases.

At the end he regained much of his memory. This symbolized a kind of victory over a deteriorating mind and old age.

Finally, Michael describes what happens to each character as his or her life progresses. Each went their separate ways.

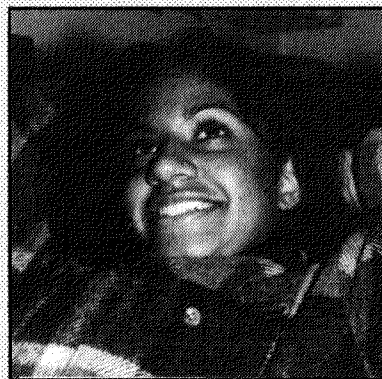
Michael reveals that his father sent him a letter confessing that he had another family. Then he finds out that he passed away. Michael decides to withhold this information from his mother. Angus and Rose die tragically after losing their jobs.

Clearly this play emphasizes the preciousness and brevity of life. Michael wishes to hold on to the wonderful memories of his childhood.

It was a time when his family was united, and *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

## Q & A

"What message would you like the Beaver College community to remember over the holidays?"



TJ Jay  
Freshman

"Drink, but don't drive."



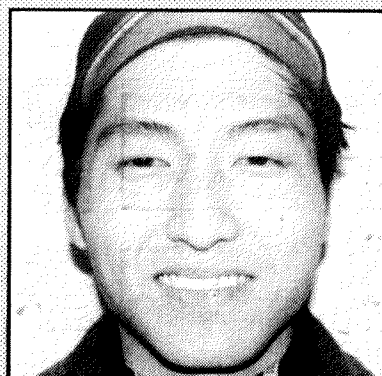
Megan McCormick  
Junior

"Have a happy holiday, and of course, the dining hall won't be ready when we get back!"



Marisa Kitsock  
Sophomore

"Don't get sick."



Shyr-Tzan Wang  
Sophomore

"Happy Holidays, and please have more concern for international students next semester."

**orientation 1997  
is coming.....**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# Aaron Stallworth: Improving himself through involvement

by Dana Giangreco  
Editor-in-chief

When you change, it's always good to change for the better. That's exactly what Aaron Stallworth did since he's been here at Beaver.

"I am a totally different person than I was when I first entered Beaver," said Stallworth.

This sophomore, Early Childhood Education major is involved in a number of activities here on campus.

He is the co-chair of the gospel choir, the announcer for the men's and women's basketball teams; a DJ on WBVR; a member of the Black Awareness Society.

Each of these activities, in their own way, have given him the opportunity to improve himself, and make him well-rounded.

"Involvement is very important," he said. "It's easier to get involved here, and it's more likely to have an impact on you."

Stallworth along with other students are responsible for the rebirth of the gospel choir. He said, he took interest in the choir, and had an interest meeting for any one who would like to be involved. After bringing the proposal for the gospel choir before SGO, the choir was brought back to life.

The Black Awareness Society was the first organization Stallworth was involved in.

"Involvement helps me. The support of other African American students is a good outlet," said Stallworth.

WBVR Jams is the name of the radio show that Stallworth hosts. He said, it was the first thing that he took full interest in because it gave him a chance to be who he was on the air.

He said he has received positive feedback about his show, and plans to continue with it next semester.

Life here at Beaver has given him a broader perspective, as well as making him more cultured and well-rounded.

"I won't have a one track mind anymore. I have a broader view," he said.

Aside from the extracurricular activities, Stallworth is also the RA for First East Dillworth.

Guys, just to let you know Aaron thinks very highly of you. He said, "You won't find a better group of guys." (Please don't get big heads about this!)

Stallworth also has desk-sitting jobs on campus, and when he goes home, he works on the weekends. We should all have this much energy and motivation.

Stallworth said that he is crazy

about computers and he lives off E-mail.

So, why is he an Early Childhood Education major?

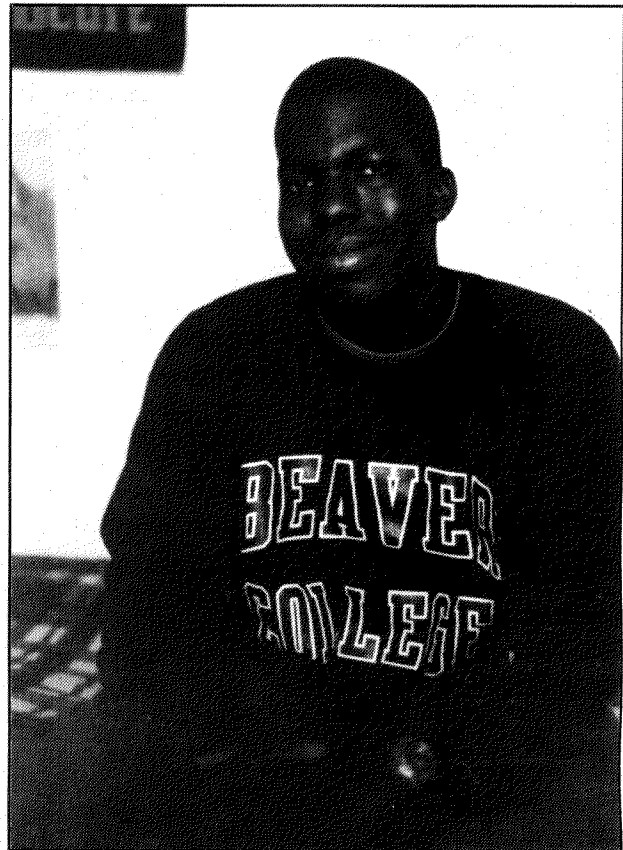
His choice of major was influenced by the job he had working at the Discovery Zone at home. Although, he does hold a minor in Business Administration. For now computers are something he use to fall back on.

Stallworth's main goal is to graduate, and whatever happens he'll go from there. After he graduates from Beaver he plans to go to graduate school. He has been looking into Beaver's grad program for Education, and he may stay here. (Guess he likes it here.)

"It's hard not to like it[Beaver]," he said.

He's made a lot of friends since he has been here, people you wouldn't find any place else, he said.

Some words of wisdom from Mr. Stallworth himself, "Change begins



Through his involvement in numerous campus activities, Stallworth has seen a change in himself, and believes he is a different person than he was a year ago.

photo by Maura Gleeson

from within. If you see something that needs to be done do it yourself. In doing that you will improve."



## Bon Voyage, Jeff!!!

### Have fun in California.

### We'll all miss you!

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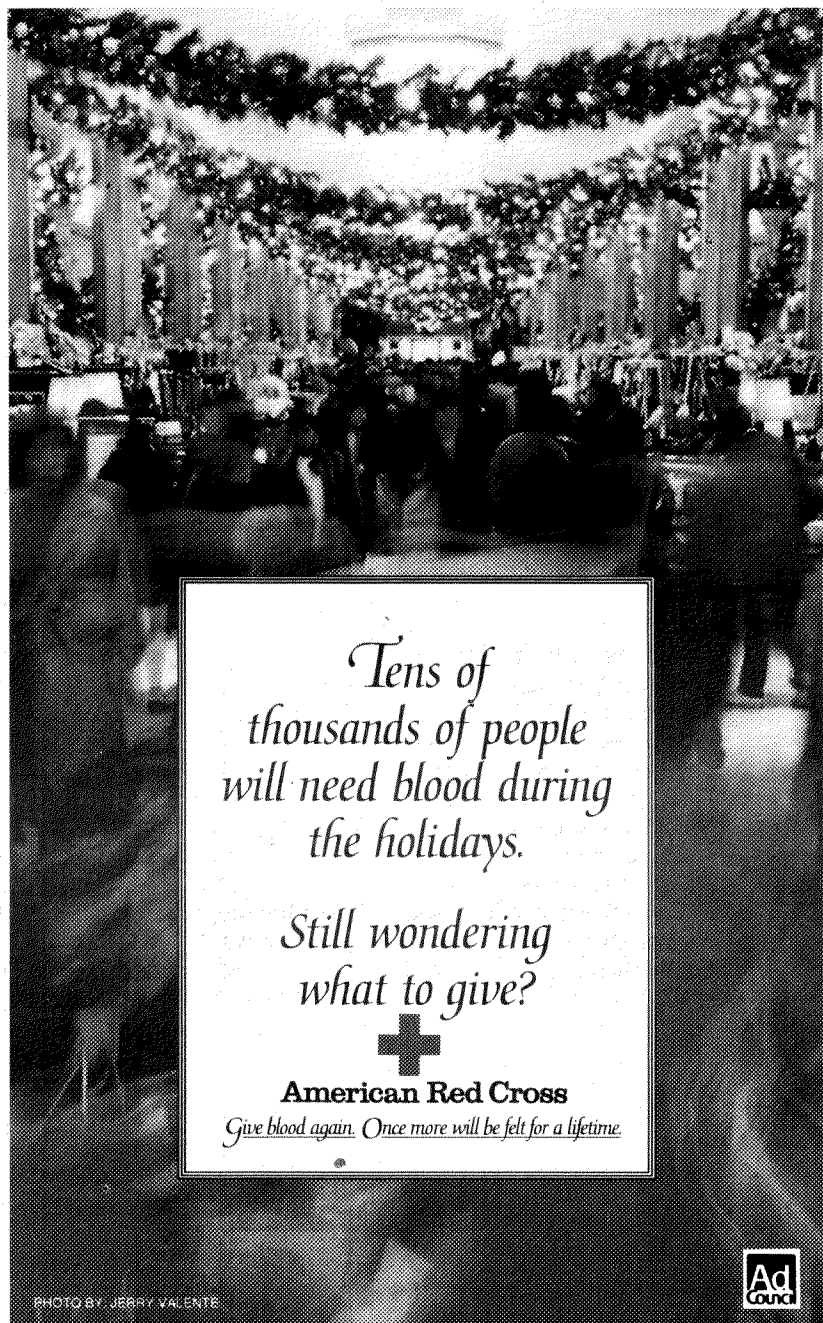
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## COMPANION

by Laura Sanda

I sit in my cushy, upholstered arm chair  
 Behind the large desk, face  
 squashed in concentration  
 "Cor-o-nary heart fail-ure" I spell out  
 As I painstakingly print it under  
 "Cause of death" in block letters  
 The room is silent, except for my  
 voice, which  
 Echoes off the caskets proudly dis-  
 played  
 In the showroom, which double as  
 my office  
 "Tickle, tickle," I sing-song to Mr.  
 Johnson  
 My feet don't quite reach the floor,  
 so  
 My nylon covered toes use him as a  
 Resting place, much like a child  
 uses telephone books  
 "I really hope you don't mind," I  
 Aimlessly say, wondering if some-  
 where on the  
 Astral plane he feel a jabbing in his  
 rib cage  
 "If your cholesterol hadn't been so  
 high, this  
 Would not have happened," I chas-  
 tise,  
 Waving the certificate at the box  
 under my feet.  
 The buzzer interrupts my conversa-  
 tion, signalling  
 "Good night," I whisper, as I slide my  
 Human footstool into his spot on the  
 "To be picked up" shelf of the book-  
 case  
 "See you tomorrow, Mr. Johnson."

## The Old Man is Snoring

by Robyn Clow

He chokes,  
 Her cold hands surrounding his flesh  
 Her thumbs press hard against his larynx  
 His breathing fails him.  
 The clouds grow dark.

He struggles  
 His hands grip her sleeves  
 His read throat straining for a voice  
 Her cold eyes betray the presence of the enemy  
 The thunder rolls.

She screams  
 Her vomitous curses and accusations  
 Her words muddy the foul air  
 Her lies hang like stalactites on his mind.  
 The thunder crashes.

She presses in deeper  
 Her thick hands gaining skin  
 Her hatred capable of murder  
 He fights to control his temper as she pushes his tears out.  
 It rains.

She wins.  
 She loosens her grip.  
 Her power eternally secure  
 He looses.  
 His breathing returns  
 At the price of his dignity  
 It pours.

He prays for the rainbow.

## Attention Poets

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$48,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest.

The deadline for the contest is **December 31, 1996.**

The contest is open to everyone and is **FREE.**

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Poets from the Glenside area have successfully competed in past competitions. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

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The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

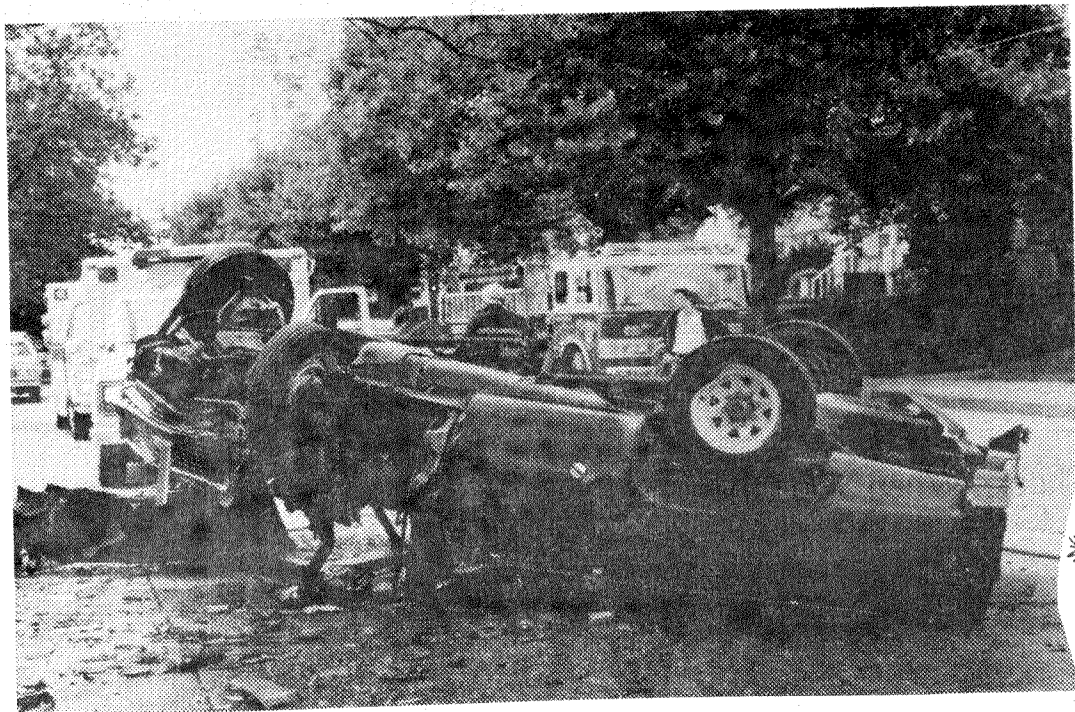
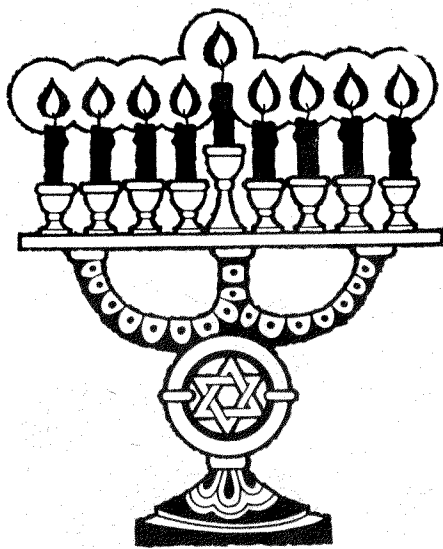
Entries must postmarked by **December 31, 1996.**  
 A new contest will open



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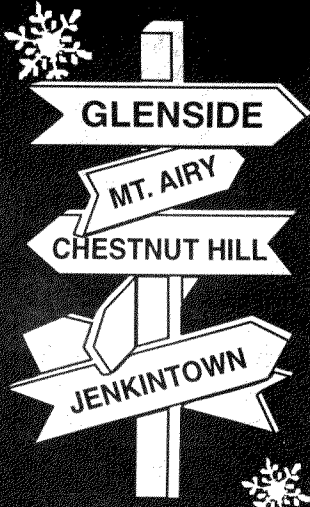
by Kitty Baker

My cutaneous system is a water proof container.  
 Yards of skin conveniently hold everything in,  
 pretty muck like a lumpy casing of opaque saran.  
 My handy intestinal tubing stretches thirty feet.  
 Pulled out straight, if I had no otherwise need of it,  
 a garden hose it could be, to water the lawn.  
 My two hundred bones, if laid neatly end to end,  
 would gird in awkward style a small back yard.  
 Of water, I am sixty percent, give or take a cupful.  
 Pumped dry, all of me would fill a bucket or two.  
 Be assured, dear friend, that's not my present intention.



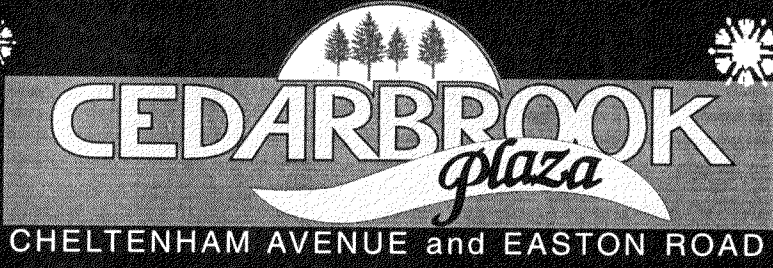
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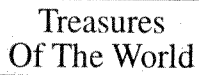
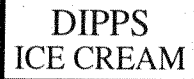


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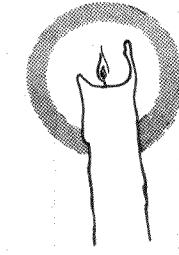
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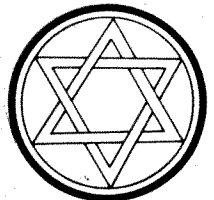
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## BOOK REVIEW

**Crime and Punishment: A holiday novel?**

by Beth Ann Wrable  
Contributing writer

*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky is a tale of love, guilt, and betrayal. The story takes place in Russia, but it is a tale to which we can all relate. It deals with friends, enemies, criminals, and innocent bystanders.

There is a double plot seen in the story, fluctuating between the ideas of complete control and extreme meekness. The reader can see the problems facing the main character, Rodion Romanovitch Raskolnikov.

Raskolnikov is faced with a major dilemma. Being a student, he is hard-up for money, and pawns many of his possessions. He sees himself as being an extraordinary man of the world, and can therefore do what he pleases.

He kills his pawnbroker and her step-sister, and then steals most of their possessions. He feels extremely guilty about this afterwards and becomes severely ill for a few days.

A little while later, he meets a young girl named Sofya Semyonovna Marmeladov, also known as Sonia.

Raskolnikov helped her father, who was killed by a carriage; that is how they met. He feels deeply sorry for Sonia, and gets rid of his guilt by telling her that he killed the pawnbroker. With her help, he is able to confess his crime and begin to rebuild his life.

Although this book had a very good plot, it was very long and drawn out. What could have been said in two parts or 15 chapters, was done in six parts and at least 50 chapters.

Also, being that this book was written by a Russian author, all the names are Russian, and they are almost all basically the same. The story itself was cut and dry, but the language was difficult and confusing.

I would recommend reading *Crime and Punishment*, even though it is so long. The book was written so long ago, but some parts reflect today's society. The story is set in different place and a different time, but the principles are the same.

It is still wrong to kill someone, no matter who you are. This story not only deals with the crime committed, but also with the emotions that come out of it. This is definitely a book to read over the winter break.

**At the movies**

with  
Colleen Mackle

**First Contact: Not just for Trekkies**

If you like *Star Trek*, you'll love *Star Trek: First Contact*. Even if you don't necessarily like *Star Trek*, but you like good action movies with a good plot, you'll like *First Contact*. This movie is a futuristic version of *Moby Dick*.

Captain Jean Luc Picard is equivalent to Captain Ahab, but instead of chasing a white whale through the seas, he is chasing white-skinned, cyborg aliens—the Borg—through time and space.

Picard wants revenge from previous encounters with the Borg when he was made into Locutus of Borg. His mission this time is to prevent them from assimilating the Earth, and he follows them back in time in order to do this.

The Borg's goal is to prevent Earth's first contact alien life by killing Zeffram Cochrane, the inventor of warp travel, before he can make his first warp driven excursion into the stars.

When they get to the Earth of the past, instead of finding a great man of science, the crew of the USS Enterprise finds a reluctant drunk who is interested in nothing but his own personal gain.

This only adds to the crew's problem with the Borg, who are simultaneously assimilating the Enterprise and her crew. To make matters even more interesting, we meet the queen of the Borg, who has captured and seduced everyone's favorite android, Data.

The movie was excellent. The writing, acting, and directing by Jonathan Frakes all came together to make the best *Star Trek* movie yet.

★★★★★

**Never was there a tale of such woe, than that of Juliet and her Romeo**

The famous tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare lives on in this modern revival. This tale kept true to the story, with minor changes here and there.

The language was in its original form, and the actors portrayed the parts well, overcoming the boundaries of modern language. However, if you are a purist, that is you must see a play in its absolute original form, than this is not a movie for you. Though the characters were basically the same, the modern era put a new twist on the play.

*Romeo*, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, and *Juliet*, played by Claire Danes are still the star-crossed lovers who fall in love under grave circumstances. Tybalt is still the hot-headed cousin, Benvolio tries to keep the peace, and Mercutio is still wild, maybe a little more so in this version.

The farthest fetched characters were the parents, especially Juliet's parents, who were portrayed by mob bosses. Her mother was shallow, crazy and cold; and her father was depicted as a drunk. My personal favorite was the tattooed priest.

Despite my poking fun, it was an excellent movie and well acted on all sides. The language did not hinder the actors, nor did the actors hinder the language.

If you like the story, you'll like this version, especially since the modernization helps our generation relate to and understand the story.

★★★★★

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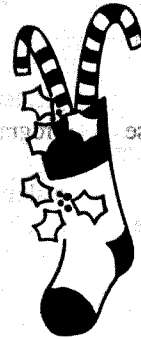
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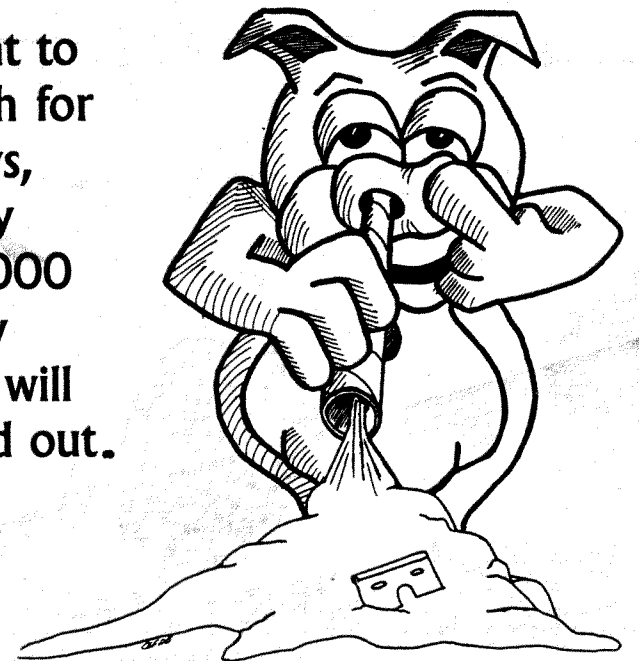
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December 13-29  
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**"Endings and Beginnings"**  
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This ought to  
be enough for  
a few days,  
and I only  
paid 50,000  
for it. My  
girlfriend will  
never find out.



First-time users, and even those who have used cocaine before, can get an exaggerated reaction, far beyond what might normally occur or beyond what they've experienced in the past. This is partially due to the phenomenon known as "inverse tolerance" or "kindling."

Experimentation with heroin usually begins about the age of 20. Generally, it takes an average of a year of sporadic use for someone to develop a daily habit, although some users with a predisposition to opioid addiction might jump up to daily use within 10 days.

\*\*From *Uppers, Downers, All Arounders* (3rd ed.). Darryl S. Inhaba, et al. Oregon

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## "I want results NOW!!!"

Statistics indicate about 50% of health club members initially motivated enough to start exercise programs drop out within the first six months. This is certainly a shocking statistic!

One key reason is that the drop-out member has overly optimistic expectations of the time it takes to achieve his/her fitness goals.

Most often, steps toward achieving your fitness goals are gradual. While every member responds to exercise differently, new members should generally feel stronger, with more energy, after the first month of exercise.

Typically, during the next two months, you should begin to notice changes in your body composition. By the end of the three months, you should be well on your way to becoming fit.

Once you complete the crucial first three months of an exercise program, and have experienced noticeable results, you are much less likely to drop out in the ensuing months.

I believe other common reasons for not continuing with an exercise program, such as lack of motivation or time constraints, all emanate from not seeing positive results from an exercise program.

If people understand that the effects of exercise may often be subtle and require a gestation period of about three months before noticeable physical changes occur, the drop-out rate would decrease dramatically.

So you ask, how does the new member survive the critical first three months of an exercise program and begin to experience the many benefits of exercise?

**Be patient.** Recognize that noticeable changes take time.

Emphasize the gains that you are making through exercise. Look for progress and celebrate any improvements; feeling better, looking better, more energy, weight loss, etc.

**Train with a friend.** While being self-motivated enough to continue with a training program is always ideal, it is less likely to miss workouts if your partner is expecting you. A friend will offer both encouragement and social interaction.

**Keep exercising even if you miss a day.** Everyone misses a workout once in a while. If you miss a day, don't beat yourself up or feel it would be too difficult to train on your next scheduled workout day. If you miss a day, just get started again.

**Keep track of your exercise program.** Knowing exactly how much exercise you are getting as well as how often, makes it harder to slack off. Also, seeing evidence of your progress either by increasing the reps/weight you use or by learning new exercises gives you greater confidence that your exercise program is working!

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## EDITORIAL

## A lesson for the holidays

by Dana Giangreco  
Editor-in-chief

Yes, it's that time of the year again folks! The holidays are here, and you know what that means...The semester is almost over.

We're coming into the home stretch now, only one more week, and we can say bye, bye to good old Beaver for a few weeks, and say hello to some much needed rest.

I am really looking forward to the holidays this year. This is my favorite time of the year. This is when the child inside of me really gets to shine.

Of course, I won't be opening any "Tickle Me Elmo" dolls, or some grand video game station, but it doesn't matter.

Despite all of the commercialization that surrounds this holiday season, somehow I have been able to see through, and discover the true meaning of this time of year.

It didn't come easily, and it wasn't all that long ago, but I have learned that the gifts, and everything else are not what define this holiday.

About three years ago, only six days before Christmas, I lost someone who was very special to me. In 1993, my grandfather died of lung cancer. The funeral was the day before Christmas Eve.

That year I realized that there was nothing more important than having people to love that love you back, unconditionally.

Gramps was one person who knew how to love unconditionally, I wish there were more people like him.

This time of the year I think about him especially, and how much I miss him.

It always seems that the most valuable lessons to learn come at an unreasonable expense.

It took the death of my grandfather just before Christmas, for me to open my eyes and see that the material stuff doesn't matter at all.

I still buy gifts and receive them, but they are not the central part of my day.

After all the shopping is done, and the last gift unwrapped, I sit back and think about the year and all that it has given me, and realize just how good I've got it.

My whole family is together, and it's the best feeling in the world to be surrounded by people that you love. I still wish that my grandfather could be here, but I know that he's with me in spirit everyday of my life, and I have that to be thankful for.

A wise woman once told me that people are irreplaceable, but there is always someone there to fill the gaps. She was right.

This year I have a niece. A brand new person to love. Hopefully, one day I can teach her the true meaning of Christmas.

So, what ever this holiday season may bring, just remember that nothing is more important than being with the people you love.

And remember when life tries to teach you a lesson, keep your eyes and ears open, because it must be important.

Well folks, what can I say?  
Seasons Greetings!

Have a fun and safe winter break. I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Also, I would like to wish Jeff Ewing well as he leaves the East Coast for the California sun. Good luck, Jeff. You will surely be missed!!



## Election '96: Clinton's return

by Jennifer Moyer  
Contributing writer

As the country anxiously awaits the approach of the 21st century, the 1996 presidential election proved pivotal in shaping the future of our nation.

Pre-electoral poles showed incumbent President Bill Clinton comfortably in the lead, the influence of former Senator Bob Dole could not be ruled out.

Despite the fact that the total electoral votes seemed to warrant a sizeable margin of victory for Clinton, the relatively narrow margin could be demonstrated in the percentage of popular votes.

The Nov. 18 issue of *Time Magazine* said, Clinton received 50% of the popular vote; Dole received 41%, and third party candidate, Ross Perot, received 9%.

Dole won many of the mid-western states, as well as southern states. Taking many of the same states Bush won in his 1992 battle with Clinton.

The numerical data proved Bill Clinton to be victorious, but the issues are of central importance. After all, they are the basis upon which the voters decided who to vote for.

It seems that the issues remain the same from campaign to campaign, and are never resolved.

Abortion, gun control, and welfare are discussed, but permanent solutions are never found.

Clinton believes in limiting government control and influence in areas where bipartisan committees could be more effective.

Also, Clinton generally has less party spirit and devotion. He doesn't think his party should spend money on activities which promote the party and build up its power, rather they should focus on solving the nation's problems.

He and many of his ideas may seem strictly liberal, but at times Clinton leans toward moderate ways. He is obviously a supporter of his party, but does not put the Democratic party before his agenda.

It is the opinion of many American that in order for Clinton and the Republican majority Congress to accomplish anything, the two parties must unite and begin to compromise on some issues. This resolution would be more beneficial to the nation.

The union of the two parties must happen soon, it Clinton's second term begins with parties split as they presently are, the chance of successful

## Dear Lane,

Dear Lane,

I'm in a state of dilemma. There's this girl that I liked and hooked up with a few times at the beginning of the year, but she told me things wouldn't work out for us because she was already seeing someone back home. I've been with a couple of other girls since then, but I still think about her a lot, and every time I see her, I start to feel sad. I have reason to believe that she is no longer involved with someone back home, but I'm not sure if I should approach her and ask her out. What should I do?

sincerely,  
"Confused boy"

Dear "Confused",

Perhaps you can break down

your "dilemma" into two parts. The first step involves finding out if she is still currently involved with someone at home. The second step is the more anxiety producing part! This involves using this information in making your decision about whether or not you want to take the risk to ask her out. Unfortunately, there are not assurances as to the outcome in this situation which is why it is so anxiety producing.

Initiating a new relationship always involves taking a risk. No one likes to feel rejected or to be turned down. On the other hand, if one never takes these risks, one will never know if something might have worked out. Ask yourself what is the worst thing that could happen if you approach this girl and she turns you down. Then ask if you could live with that. If the answer is yes, then go for it!!

reform developing from his administration becomes slight.

Clinton has several themes he supports and would like to adopt legislation upon. A few have already been implemented in some form, while others are still on the discussion table.

His most talked about ideas became the central issues of his campaign platform.

The Family Leave Act which would enable parents to attend a child's school function without fear of losing their jobs has become one his central attractions for support.

Clinton would also like to fortify the Brady Bill to increase gun control. Along the same lines, he would like to increase the number of police on patrol.

He wants to provide health insurance for all citizens, but realizes this goal may be best accomplished is done gradually. Lastly, welfare reform or repair is at the foreground of Clinton's agenda.

Instead of focusing on the entire picture of reform and change as

he did in 1992, he must focus on reforming small chunks of the larger issues at hand.

Clinton believes, instead of a sweeping change, the nation will better respond to slow, intermediate changes.

A sweep of change could be on the horizon, which would include balancing the budget, fixing Medicare, welfare reform, and improvements in education. However, to reach this horizon, we must take small steps at first.

By analyzing the results of the election, one can conclude the American public does not have a devout sense of faith in either political party.

Perhaps this explains the Democratic president in the Oval Office, and the Republican majority in Congress, which illustrates the "checks and balances" idea that the founding fathers spoke of in the Constitution.

The American public chose Bill Clinton to carry them into the next millennium. Now, the two opposing political forces must work together to promote the prosperity of the citizens.

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## ...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

# If it please the court: Who is responsible for the U.S. judicial system?

by Kristin Weand  
Contributing writer

In recent times, the American justice system has become a highly visible fixture in our daily lives.

The media has transported the legal process from the courtroom to our living rooms, publicizing it to an unprecedented degree.

Infamous names such as O.J. Simpson, the Menendez brothers, and Lorena Bobbit reverberated around our dinner tables, replacing mundane discussions over "What did you do at school today?" with passionate arguments over controversial issues.

Along with this heightened awareness of the justice system, a trend of skepticism has emerged.

People have grown discouraged with the courts. Most feel that they no longer reflect the concerns of the American public. Lady Justice is now a traitor to us, for this blindfolded symbol no longer impartially protects us from the evils of the world.

Many perceive a fair trial as a virtual impossibility, undermined by the corrupting influences of money, prejudice, and publicity.

While these forces have surely had some impact on the disintegration of an effective judicial system, I feel

these are only minor contributors. If we really want to isolate the force which brought this deterioration, we should look to ourselves as the main offenders.

At its inception, the government was assumed a body of both "by the people and for the people." In accordance with this Constitutional statement, the judicial system should accurately reflect the sensibilities of American citizens.

Its mores and rules should be those of the society, and its main purpose defined as the defense of the needs and interests of the people. In both letter and application, the judicial process should exist for the ordinary citizen; when he is served fairly, the judicial system works toward its intended ends.

The democratic process by which our country operates depends upon this close relationship between government and citizen. Therefore, if the judicial process does not serve our purposes, it is our civic responsibility to effect the necessary change.

As citizens, we are obligated to maintain the well-being and efficacy of the system. Societal values are apt to change as time progresses.

Thus, each generation of Americans inherits the task of keeping judicial precepts up to date. The laws of the land must be in accord with the con-

cerns of the citizens in order to serve them adequately.

If there is not correlation between government and the society it represents, the best interests of the citizens are jeopardized.

In this case, the judicial system inhibits the growth and change necessary to the moral evolution of a society.

If the judicial process is not an accurate representation of the society, it is morally irresponsible for citizens to suffer the consequences of the objectionable laws. If a law is unjust or outdated, it ought to be changed.

It is both cowardly and legally disrespectful to uphold such a law in the interest of maintaining a defunct status quo.

Is there not such a thing as an unjust law? If citizens do not check laws for their societal appropriateness, does not the government become a dictatorial, power-hungry battering ram?

The best way for citizens to ensure their time sensitive rights is to question the validity of the judicial process by rejecting unjust laws.

Historically, the most significant societal contributions have been made by this very tactic. In the span of human history there have been a plethora of unjust laws which have immorally oppressed the human spirit, namely dis-

crimination based on race, ethnicity, and gender.

From Socrates to Martin Luther King, Jr. to Gandhi, people have made strides toward improving their situation, no matter how devastating, by imposing the needs of society on the judicial process. When the concerns of society are defended by the government, it operates "by the people and for the people," as was initially intended.

Therefore, shouting complaints at "Court TV" will not fix the problems of the judicial system. We must take active roles in the governmental process if we want the courts to work for us.

We are obligated to civic duty to make our opinions known to our legislators. Elected by us, they are our most direct means of effecting the necessary change.

The Constitution is a living document, able to be amended as we deem appropriate. Like a molten piece of metal, it remains malleable to the hammers of time.

We must each think of ourselves as metal smith's, individually responsible for the "shape" of our country. If we devote ourselves to this process, we can uphold the sanctity of justice by tempering it with the sensibilities of the people it is meant to serve.

## Angels among us

by Brian Paul Baker  
Contributing Writer

Well, the month of December is upon us, and everyone's thoughts turn the upcoming religious holidays. Hanukkah has just ended. Christmas is in two weeks, and so forth.

Being Catholic, my thoughts turn to Christmas, obviously, and angels. My mind stops on one angel in particular.

He is not a well known angel, officially I don't even think he's considered an angel.

But, to those who knew him, the late Peter McKay was not only an angel, but a saint.

Mr. McKay was born on Jan. 7, 1943. I don't know much about him until the late 1980's when I met. My grandmother watched his three boys ever since they had moved next door to each other in Colts Neck, New Jersey, during the 70's.

For her services, my grandmothers was paid \$200 a week, whether she worked one hour or 40.

But, this was not the only way he "paid" my grandmother. In 1986 my grandmother was in some financial trouble. Her old station wagon had died, and she could not afford a new car. Mr. McKay went with my grandmother and co-signed for a new Buick Century.

Two years later he hired a contractor to install a central air-conditioning system in her house and to rebuild the back porch. During this he refused all attempts by my grandmother to repay him.

Mr. McKay's generosity was not limited solely to my grandmother. Around 1990 Mr. McKay was having renovations done to his house, at the same time a company he managed in New Hampshire closed down.

This left Mr. McKay with several company cars. Within a week Mr. McKay

GAVE one of the construction workers the keys to a car because he was sick of seeing the man's wife drive him to work every day. It has been said that Mr. McKay "did not believe in starter sets."

His final act of generosity touched me directly. Around the Christmas of 1990, I had expressed interest in going to Space Camp in Florida over the summer. However, tuition ran around \$1,000 plus airfare from Connecticut, and frankly my parents couldn't afford it.

Mr. McKay never said a word about the cost of the trip. Unfortunately, even if he wanted to, he never got the chance.

On July 13, 1991 Peter McKay suffered a severe brain stem stroke and slipped into a coma. After three months he was removed from the ICU, but his condition never improved. On July 17, 1992, after a dreadfully long year, Mr. McKay died. It seems cruel to say, but the news of his death was a relief.

Mr. McKay's suffering was over. I can still remember the funeral clearly, and the disbelief that such a great man could have been taken from us when we knew that he could have done so much more.

At the cemetery the priest told us to place our flowers one at a time on the casket and quietly leave. Everyone there quietly placed their flowers and moved away, but no one left until the last flower was placed. Who could say good bye to such a great man?

To know Peter McKay was to know a true saint. I am sure that many of you wonder why I speak so highly of him. Unfortunately, to know his graciousness you had to have met him. However, once you saw how kind he was you realized that his heart had no boundaries. He was willing to help anyone who needed it, no matter how much it cost.

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# Horoscopes

by Cynthia Wilson

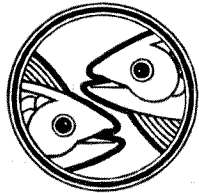
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## Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Using creativity and your imagination will help you with your present dilemma. Friends are also a good source of reference. There will be happiness for the holidays.



## Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Patience is required in order to see your plans come to fruition. Be generous with your creativity. Don't worry, good things are coming.



## Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

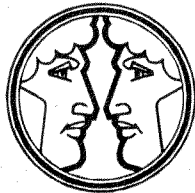
You will receive kindness from others. Develop your artistic abilities. Exciting new is on its way to you.



## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

Pleasant memories will be stirred over this holiday season. Let the happiness from the past shed light on the future. Be open to new experiences.



## Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

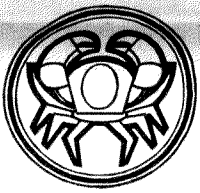
Everything takes time, some things more than others. Patience is required in all things. You will soon hear good news of a loved one.



## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Take that journey because it will be profitable. You are going through a process of material and spiritual growth. New beginnings are around.



## Cancer

(June 22-July 22)

You are standing on solid ground. All that energy was worth it. It's time for a little romance and a celebration.



## Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Use all of your senses to appreciate what the world has given you. Spiritually, you will be enlightened. Watch the goodness start to blossom around you.



## Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your future well-being is guaranteed. What you wish for will be yours, so be careful of what you wish for. You will be satisfied with your success.



## Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

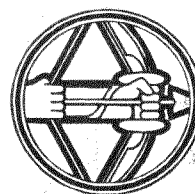
Balance your emotions so that you can make better decisions. You need to remove the blindfold before you can see where you are going. Expand your horizons.



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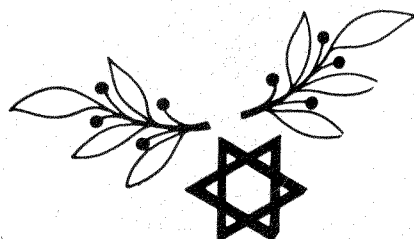
Be prepared to be the recipient of gifts. Share what you receive with others. You will get what is due to you, material and otherwise.



## Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Take the time to get to know yourself before you rush into anything. You have potentially good leadership skills and you shouldn't let others take advantage of you. Use your common sense.



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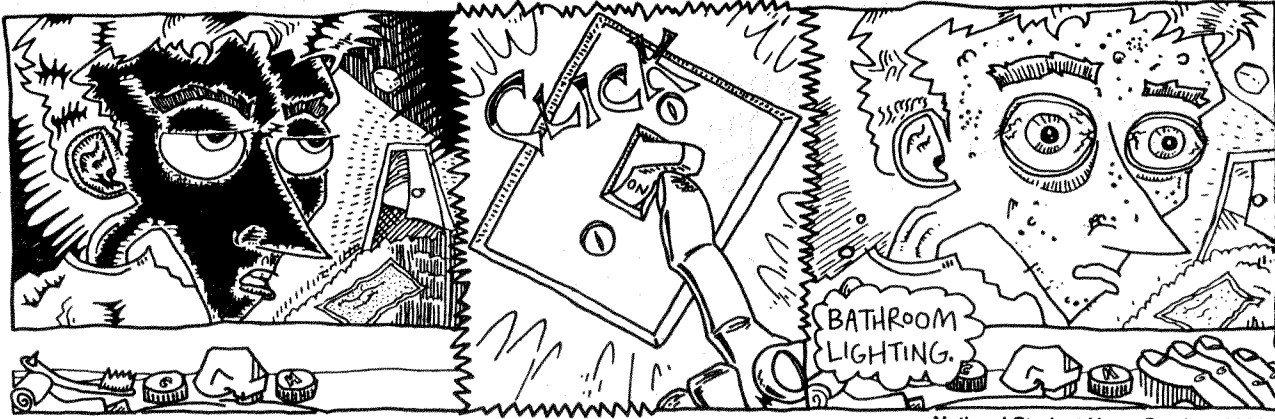
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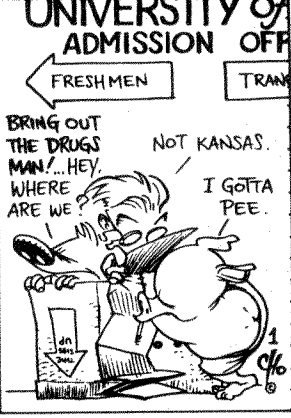
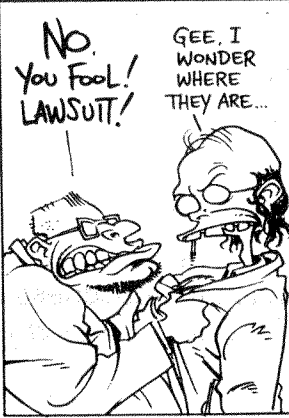
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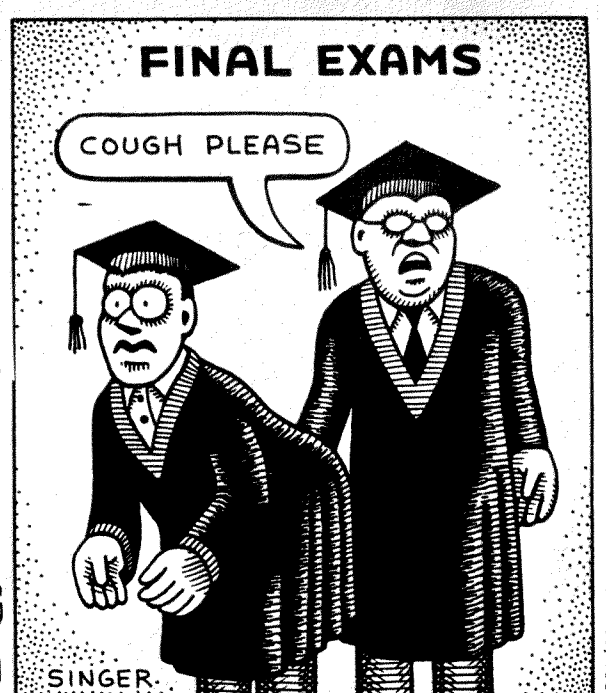
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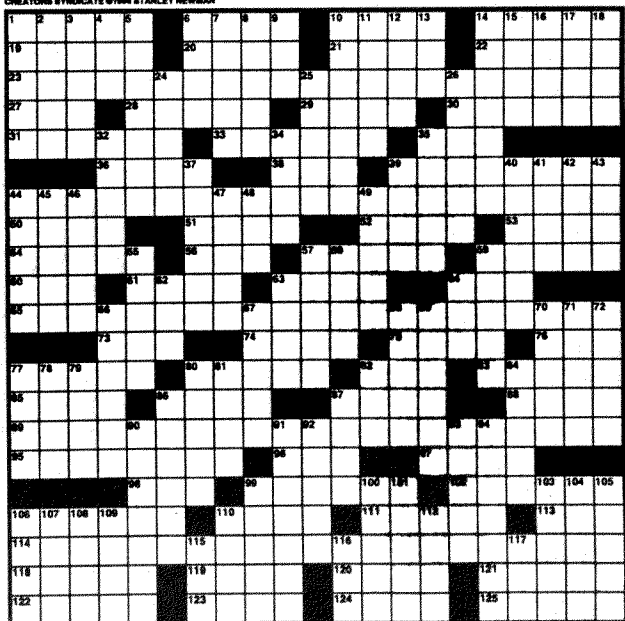
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