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Nine of 10 city council candidates respond to student issues

Story by | Derek Spellman

Whoever doubted the appeal of public service apparently never heard of Kirksville.

Ten candidates will appear on the ballot at the City Council primary election on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Voters will be allowed to cast their ballot for four of the ten candidates. The top four will then appear on the municipal election ballot on April 2, when voters will elect two city council representatives to three-year terms.

Over the course of the last week, *The Monitor* interviewed nine of the ten candidates. What follows is drawn from those interviews. Each interview followed the same format: candidates were asked to provide a brief introduction and the reason why they chose to run for city council. Each candidate was then asked the same five questions:

1. Should the city collect a half-cent sales tax to fund the widening of Highway 63 to four lanes between Kirksville and Macon?
2. How would you attract new businesses to Kirksville?
3. What do you think of the quality and availability of housing in Kirksville? If you feel changes should be effected, what changes would you propose?
4. How would you renovate downtown Kirksville?
5. Do you feel University students should be considered citizens of Kirksville with full voting privileges?

Candidates are listed in the same order they will appear on the ballot on Feb. 5.

Derik Shields

Shields works at the Kirksville Regional Center, where he works with individuals with disabilities. He has also been active in the Boy Scouts for 23 years. His activism with the Kirksville Scouts for ten years led him to join the city's Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission.

Shields said that his bid for city council stemmed from his experiences on that commission.

"From that involvement," he said, "I came to appreciate the amount of work that the City

Council puts in, and that is what got me interested in seeing how I could serve the community. It's the level of community involvement that the City Council has in promoting growth in the city of Kirksville."

Shields said that the half-cent tax is a difficult issue.

"I am in favor of safer roads and job development," he said, "which are offshoots of the highway."

"Unfortunately," he added, "the only way we are going to get it [a four-lane highway] is to pay for it ourselves, and so, reluctantly, I am in favor of the tax. I believe that we, as taxpayers, however, were promised a four-lane highway years ago. This was done in the 1992 plan [Kirksville's Fifteen Year Plan]. Unfortunately, these were empty promises."

Shields said that businesses are "attracted to a community that has a good reputation and an educated workforce and which also offers them more tangible incentives such as tax breaks. I would like to review the plan from the City Council and see what we have in terms of incentives and investigate whether they would be incentives to the development of an industrial park. I would also like to further explore those businesses that expressed an interest in coming to Kirksville."

Shields said that the "aesthetics of the downtown area have been addressed by the City Council and local businesses. I think we are making progress in this regard. I'm in favor of a revitalized downtown area, and I think there is room for growth. The development of the movie theater has really given the area a shot in the arm. Many local business owners have seen it as a place to begin."

Shields said "all students who satisfy the residency requirements of the city should be encouraged to participate in the elections. I absolutely support [students'] right to vote in city elections. Student involvement and participation gives the community balance; it gives the community a youthful perspective and brings to light those needs that never would be addressed."

Kevin Alm

Alm works at Buck's Auto Shop and as a handyman. He has run for Kirksville City Council four times before.

Alm said he is running because "Our local government has been so screwed up over the last few years and it's about time for someone to step in and clean it up. The taxation over the years has been outrageous and people don't realize how they're being taxed."

Alm said he opposes the half-cent tax.

"I'm against it because the state already has the money to fund [the four-lane highway]. The city might end up [passing the tax increase], but the state might take that money away and spend it on some other project like they did before."

Alm said he would attract new businesses by erecting a mall on the property adjacent to the old shoe factory. Alm said this addition would enhance the city's image and revitalize its economy.

"It might bring more businesses and more jobs," he said. "It may get people to move back to Kirksville. We are losing a lot of people to restrictions and tax problems."

Alm said that one of his concerns with housing is the surge in the number of student-owned duplexes. "[These duplexes] are making people in our neighborhood mad. A lot of the duplexes are taken over by college students; but that's low income housing, and it's not for students."

Alm also said that college parties are a source of concern because they pose a public disturbance.

"Our police department has not been putting this under control, and neither has our city council" he said.

Alm said he would like to keep historic buildings in the downtown area from being leveled or falling into disrepair.

"It would be nice if people could bring these old buildings back, because there is a part of our history in them."

Alm said he opposed student-voting privileges.

"[Students] are here for four years and then they are gone. We end up paying their part

when they're gone."

Richard Fleak

Fleak was unavailable for comment.

Martha Rowe

Rowe, a University graduate, works part-time for the Larry Gardner accounting firm after working as a fulltime accountant for 28 years.

Rowe said she is running because "two very capable people [are] leaving the City Council. I'm interested in the continuing progress of the city and in pursuing economic development."

Rowe said she supports the tax.

"I think it is an innovative idea, and I certainly hope it passes. I think it's important to our whole area that we have strong transportation."

Rowe said that she could attract businesses by pointing out that Kirksville has "a real selling point with our water, our educational system, and our schools. One of the things I like about a town this size is that I am rarely in traffic jams. I think it is a friendly town to businesses and we certainly have a strong work ethic with our people that can provide a good labor market."

Rowe said she feels that there "is a problem with affordable student housing and affordable housing in this city. I think there have been great improvements in housing, but we do have problems with the affordability of good houses."

Rowe said that the square "looks very nice. I think during this Christmas season the square has looked the best it has in a long time."

Rowe said she supports student-voting privileges.

"If students want to be a part of this community and express their opinion in the election, then they should have a right to participate. The students are certainly paying sales tax."

Vance Myers

Myers, a University graduate, is the owner of Airco Heating and Cooling. He has

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Tweak this guy's mind on page 7 and what he thinks about the hairlip!



BE SURE TO VOTE

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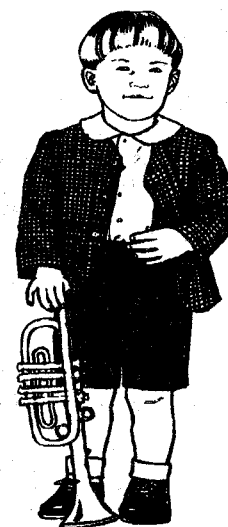
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Among people who have learned something from the 18th century (say, Voltaire) it is a truism, hardly deserving discussion, that the defense of the right of free expression is not restricted to ideas one approves of, and that it is precisely in the case of ideas found most offensive that this right must be vigorously defended. Advocacy of the right to express ideas that are generally approved of is, quite obviously, a matter of no significance."

— Noam Chomsky



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Guess which of these dudes wants you to rock out with him.

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U.S. war on terrorism is an atrocity against humanity

Last semester, it will be recalled, I had the pleasure of being one of many such addressing the excellent, feminist majority-TSU Free-thinkers Society anti-patriot act and its civil liberties protection on the quad! One of the questions I focused upon was, not unnaturally, since I am one myself, the protection of "aliens' rights." In a USA paranoid about loyalty and conformity to an internationally "ILLEGAL" so-called "WAR" against all things conveniently, to just its own white male, unjust corporate-rich interests, labeled McCarthyite style "terrorism."

Well, in a new semester "update" from here in Europe, it is heartening to be able to "report back" to the hundreds who attended the quad rally or the preceding business hall "teach-in" that, literally, the whole rest of the world's media, unlike big corporate 5 US white male "patriotic" television domestically, is NOT accepting the Bush-Ashcroft-Rumsfeld blatant demonization of all categories of resistance to its politicized Enron energy-bought corruption of the USA itself, and, more crucially, our NON-WHITE female and children victimized, whole planet, by this depraved US flag-waving slavery to one of the dumbest, least traveled presidents, even by the low standards of such history of that office!

Not only like the 1,000 aliens detained I denounced Ashcroft for holding in my quad are these people being held without even, yes, a PRETENSE of justice, as even Mr. Walker, the US Taliban fighter, is at least in Al-Pacino-like SEMBLANCE being accorded. They are, fictitiously, not being called they really are! SUR-RENDERED PRISONERS OF WAR in a supposedly toppled regime, neither of whose own leaders are even, verifiably, dead, and so on. And which lost 4,000 at least of its citizens due to US/UK aerial bombing it was too poor to resist, at all, in high-level, Vietnam style of bombing atrocities on defenseless villagers, rurally.

In conclusion, WHITE MALE CORPORATE "USA" PLC FASCISM IS VIOLATING THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND IS EXPECTING YOU, MONITOR READER, TO MISBEHAVE LIKE DISGRACEFULLY TUS POL SCI PROFESSOR RANDY HAGGERTY DID AROUND THE DECEMBER TIME OF THE QUAD, INDEX-UNREPORTED RALLY! Namely, as he told the same paper, to slavishly accept that "THE COURTS" will protect such peoples detained arbitrarily "liberties" in the end, complacently, anyway! Well these Cuban US base "detention" conditions and the scoffing play-to-the-home gallery "dismissal" of our foreign "parliamentarians" prisoner concerns, by US PLC rich-boy "Rumsfeld" tell us! Surely, how useless Dr. Haggerty's misplaced faith is in shattered brutal reality the whole, wide world is now watching.

Remember, too, it was the BUSH admin lot who FIRST itself released some of these cruel pictures to feed the sheer armchair sadism

of, say, self-righteous "patriotic" newspapers like our own Journal of KIRKSVILLE DAILY REGRESS. And, most of all, do, also, recollect that the wealthy "MA" AND "PA" AMERICA WHOM YOU MIGHT GIVE YOUR 2002 MONITOR MOST MIND-OPENINGLY TO in progress—raising effort of consciousness, should think about Bush's big con job. THE NATION WHOSE "TERRORIST" NATIONALS, MOST OF ALL, DID THE INDEED SEPT. 11 NYC "OUTRAGE," OIL-SOAKED SAUDI ARABIA, 15 OF THE 19, HAS NOT BEEN ONCE USA (OR ANYONE ELSE) PUNISHED, IN REAL NATURAL "JUSTICE." IF YOU, REALLY, BELIEVE VENGEANCE MUST RULE, REGARDLESS OF THE STUPIDEST FUTURE ATROCITIES YOU WILL REAP BY SUCH US-ALONE UNREFLECTIVE COUNTER TERROR!

Sincerely,
Larry Iles

"Demagogue" should not be tossed around so lightly

I was very disappointed to pick up your last issue and see John Hilton attacking Ill. Sen. Dick Durbin as a "demagogue-at-large" for wanting to abolish the Electoral College ("Keep Electoral College, republic," 12 December). Hilton tries to justify the name by implying that Durbin has introduced this measure as a cheap vote-getter after the 2000 presidential election, yet nothing could be further from the truth. Durbin introduced an identical measure the year before the election, and held to it even when many pollsters projected Gore winning the electoral vote but losing the popular vote. Durbin stuck by his beliefs even when they made him unpopular in his own party, and were ignored by the general public. It's hardly fair to call him a demagogue for continuing to fight for his beliefs now.

Demagogues are notorious for distorting the truth for their own political gain. Next time, Hilton should think twice before tossing the name around so lightly.

Dave Yost

University should be renamed after Josephine Baker

The year 2001 ended on a positive rebellion note at Total Slavery Unit (TSU)! With despite it being crushed by conservatives like Mormon Spanish Professor Roy Tanner sending round a public letter of his "support" for Magruder's little faculty or student consultation meaningful governance regime, the astonishing historian-led Robinson-Zoumaras dissent from your summer school education right erosion.

The year 2002 should "compliment"

their dissent-building effort by student-led efforts to construct not just negative protest against things Magruder and his "good ole boys" pretend are powerless fait accompli you illiberal non-arts have to mindlessly business male "economy" accept. As if you are all "family" nursery school members to their monetarily privileged non-teaching selves!

Rather, it should be, with Martin Luther King Day coming up, in just appropriateness: a full scale advocacy of change-of-name away from their militarist do-that-or-we-nuke-and-government-job-blacklist-you Truman misname. To JOSEPHINE BAKER GLOBAL AND NORTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL UNIVERSITY, new and restored locality name, with a drastic 2002 reform program in demands attached. All of which radical bodies like Coalition for African-American Women, College Greens/Democrats, Amnesty International, ACLU, Women's Resource Center, Freethinkers could "pool" campaigning efforts to symbolically embrace!

The case for Baker, besides the old townspeople identity restoration, is that that NOT ONE BLACK WOMAN HISTORY. FIGURE has a public monument in this state, with only Scott Joplin among fellow African American musicians having his "home" state protected! Truman, on the other hand, not only ha his library in his proper hometown, already, and the eternal shame of the massively civilian-killing, racist Atom bombs. But nothing like Baker's now three biographed, to say nothing of memorable interviews, and films record of globally esteemed accomplishment, contrastingly!

At the cost of her US career as singer and dancer being momentarily dfeetroyed by the infamous male chauvinist white newspaper columnist, Winchell, in the fifties, Baker refused to accept white male restaurant non-service to her as a woman of color in New York. She fought with the French resistance in the 40s by smuggling messages of escape and Allies' sabotage against the occupiers of Fascism of her preferred East St. Louis relatives later in life despite their early disapproval prudishly of her semi-nude Afro dancing career in both Broadway and Paris to near end of her days. Finally, she made her early "talkie" pioneer films that still defy white male USA's attempts to "Amos and Andie" pigeonhole all of America and the world's colored women and children non-violent majority. ZOU ZOU, in the early thirties, for exemplification, satirizes to this our 2002 day, white male US politicians (and administrators) love of sounding and reading grammatically, if floridly "good;" while in fact doing sweet "A" by the standards of more productively the rest of us. Instead, under the guise of the popular "musical" format of her white peers' day, Baker has an all-black US Senate, with obviously working class not lawyer personnel, in social justice tongue-in-cheek subversion! Just as in real life, she made herself near destitute (despite winning France's highest awards of honor) by being an early single mum, in adopting "mixed-race" orphans no one else would take but her chateau, and embracing the now 2002 "Green" cause of "animal rights" in shelters she set up.

In short, let's be constructive dissidents and put forward a program for a century anew that lives up to MLK's famous anti-Vietnam and corporate war speech goals in his own Unitarian New York riverside sermon and Memphis female sanitation workers rights orations TSU, also, tries to ignore. Faculty governance

with departmental with departmental salary heads, proper TA recognition instead of existing sweated student aides, and a new Baker honoring name; now folks, there's a package of change for Kirksville council and students to truly change, and grow on!

Sincerely,
Larry Iles, AM, MA, BA, PGCE, ABD



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monitor opinions

Share your gift with community

Opinion by | Ed Jenkins

Everybody should register to vote. And everybody should take an interest in their community. For now, the University is your community, and Kirksville is your community.

Community is important because our environment directly and indirectly affects our lives. It is also important because other members of our community deserve our contributions. If you share your gift with the community and everybody in the community shares her/his respective gift with you, then the quality of life for all members of this community will improve. If you keep your gift to yourself then you are depriving others of it, and if you are not taking the gifts of the community then you are depriving yourself of those. If you have not identified your own particular gifts, the community will support you until you do.

Of course, regional and national policies affect us, too, but not as directly as local conditions. So here are some things that you can do within the community that can enrich the lives of you, your sisters and your brothers:

-Students at this and other universities always complain about problems, but rather than try to understand or solve these problems, they remain passive. Well, if you are both concerned and responsible, then you can participate in the January Conference today by registering online at <http://saffairs.truman.edu>. If you don't go then you can't complain. Captain Monitor, Matthew Webber, went last year and reported in "Students Blow Chance to Plan" that when it came time for the January Conference at which we could finally tell "The Man"

what we thought, "students slept."

-Register to vote before March 1 so you will be able to vote on April 2. On this day we will be able to vote on the widening of Highway 63 by means of a half-cent sales tax. This obviously affects students. The ballot will also appoint two new City Council members. This affects you, too. At least it will, if you choose to vote for somebody who is concerned about the University and its students. And if you're already registered to vote, then you can do so in the City Council primary on Feb. 5, which will narrow the field from 10 to four. If you're registered to vote in Kansas City or St. Louis, you can change your address and vote here, where your vote comprises a larger percentage of the population.

-Or just take some time to spend helping members of the community. If you are a student at this university, then you are fortunate. Most people do not have the same opportunities that you do. You can stop by the SERVE Center in the upstairs of the SUB to find out about a variety of service projects.

-There is tons of fun to be had in the community. If you can't find it, then look harder. If you still can't find it, then create it. If you ever think that there is nothing to do in Kirksville, email me at c2352@truman.edu and I will share with you a list of really cool things to do. Seriously.

-And of course just be respectful and kind towards members of any community. If you love others, they are more likely to return the affection.

Walker learns hard way

Opinion by | John Hilton

Republicans are almost as fond of boasting that our philosophy is the one of individual responsibility as we are of telling Hillary where she and her precious village can go. Indeed, the tired "I-had-a-bad-childhood" defense lately popular in court is offensive to clear-thinking people for the same reason: it absolves the criminal of any blame on the propositions that immorality is nonexistent and that all human behavior is the direct result of environmental influences.

Likewise, I am just as eager as anyone to see individuals take full responsibility for their decisions. But something about the case of young John Walker (the American citizen caught fighting for the Taliban) gives me pause. Now, this column is in no sense a defense of Walker. He is an adult and should have to live with the consequences of the several poor choices he has made. Those consequences are not going to be pleasant. Blame it on a bit of residual holiday spirit, but a small part of me feels genuinely sorry for Walker because, like so many other members of his generation, John Walker was lied to: by his parents, by his peers, and by society in general.

Somewhere along the way, John Walker got the impression that there are no absolutes in life and that words like "right" and "wrong" are nothing more than constructs of language, a terrible falsehood. Given this extreme form of moral relativism prevalent nowadays, Walker wrongly concluded that no single belief system is any more valid than another. When Walker embraced

fundamentalist Islam in the 10th grade, his parents certainly didn't make things any better by telling him that whatever religion he wanted to follow was fine and that they would support him no matter what. Walker's parents were trying to avoid being judgmental, the one mortal sin of moral relativism, and they succeeded.

Ultimately, the well-intentioned Walkers entered the world as a young man with an intellectually neglected mind and a spiritually neglected soul, a man who was desperate to believe in something, *anything*, to fill the void that accompanies the relativistic philosophy he learned from an early age. Unfortunately for Walker, the Taliban took advantage of the opportunity to stuff his empty head full of visions of paradise gained by martyrdom in a holy war. The rest is history.

Parents aren't doing their children any favors by preaching relativism and telling them that they'll support them regardless of what they choose to do or believe. There are absolute truths in this world, eternal and inflexible. Among these truths is the commandment *Thou Shall Not Murder*, an absolute somewhat at odds with the Taliban's goals.

Everyone needs to believe in something, and if children aren't given the proper moral compass to guide them through life, then parents may not be pleased with where their offspring end up. That John Walker now has to answer for his mistakes is not tragic. On the contrary, it's just. The tragedy is that John Walker is learning these truths the hard way.

POINT, COUNTERPOINT

Opinion by | Matt Brooker

To most students, the question of whether we should jointly elect the president and vice president of Student Senate probably seems unimportant, insignificant, and quite frankly a load of petty bullshit. This question is probably about as interesting as the 7:30 a.m. class that you are required to take and that was offered at a time that no normal student is even halfway functional. With this in mind, I will risk boring you to death by urging you to **Vote YES on Proposition A.**

Why vote? Well, one reason is because some of your Student Senators said that you wouldn't. Some Senators have given up on you and have already discounted you as lazy, apathetic drones that don't care about anything going on around you. If 300 students don't vote in this election, its results won't be binding. By voting, you can show these Senators that they, not you, are the ones with the warped perception.

Why Vote YES on Proposition A?

- 1) Ensures clear direction for Senate
- 2) Increases Accountability and Forces Improved Planning
- 3) Better Execution of Ideas

Joint election will lead to a clearer direction for Student Senate. If the president and vice president are not on the same page, Senate will be extremely ineffective and inefficient. If the president has any issues at all (and she/he should), then she/he will need to have a vice

president who can work to implement them. Joint election at least insures that Senate will have a clear direction that you can reward or punish in the next election.

Joint election will make Senate more accountable to you because you will be able to determine, more than you currently can, whether Senate is effective or not. In addition, joint election forces students seeking high office to plan and map out not only what ideas to promote but also to decide how to implement them. With joint election, you vote for a team to get it done rather than a bunch of individuals with an individual focus and absolutely no collaboration.

Joint election increases the likelihood that ideas will be effectively executed. The team that is elected to represent you will have the resources and the ability to put the issues that receive the most student support first on the agenda. They will have a mandate from the students to pursue a certain set of issues. Even if I felt the winning issues were not as important as others, I would prefer Senate to fully work towards something or some idea than to jack around with no direction and to act in a way that students have come to despise.

Don't be alarmed! This will not turn Senate into a popularity contest; most of you probably already think it is. At worst, joint election puts a focus on what the presidential candidate wants to do and how she/he will work with the vice president to talk less talk and walk more walk. With this in mind, **Vote Yes on Proposition A.**

Opinion by | Justin Kempf

The best of intentions often produce the worst legislation. While proponents of Proposition A may have good intentions, their intentions will not be realized in practice. It is essential that we, as students, vote no on Proposition A because the joint election of the president and vice president will be unable to accomplish the objectives of its proponents; will lead to elections based even more on personalities; and will harm campus democracy.

The purpose of joint elections will not accomplish the objectives of its proponents. Those supporting Proposition A have claimed the vice president would be able to better support and encourage the president's agenda. The concern has been that the president has not always been able to direct the Student Senate to pursue the issues he/she had campaigned on.

However, the vice presidential candidate is oftentimes unclear as to how he will perform once taking office. The former vice president, for instance, was not always supportive of the president's ideas despite running on the same ticket. This may have hindered the effectiveness of the president and possibly Student Senate; however, this amendment would not have affected this problem since the vice president in question was the president's running mate. The truth is that presidents rarely choose vice presidents that consistently agree with them, and any hope that this will change ignores the stark reality.

Secondly, Proposition A will result in Student Senate elections based even more on personalities and popularity than on issues. Al-

though there are still notable exceptions, generally it seems that Student Senate elections are already merely popularity contests. However, this proposition would only help elect personable and popular vice presidential running mates over competent and professional ones. Currently, most executive officers run for election on a ticket where names are associated with one another. This amendment would result in the vice presidential candidate's votes being linked to their presidential running mate. If a person wanted to insure a friend was elected vice president, a vote would be cast for a president they might not have otherwise picked. The result will be that presidential candidates will find running mates that will maximize their own vote count rather than ones that will carry out their agenda. Regardless of the intentions, the reality will be that this proposition will result in presidents and vice presidents who are not united behind a common agenda but rather are united because of their electability as a pair.

Finally, this amendment takes away our right to choose whomever we believe would be best as the Student Senate vice president. The student body currently has the right to pick who they believe is the best president and the best vice president regardless of party affiliation. Sometimes the best choice may not involve two individuals in the same party.

It should be up to the students to make these decisions. A desire for efficiency above the right of the students to decide for themselves falls into the trap of elitism. I call upon the student body to prevent the spread of this elitism. **Vote no on Proposition A.**

Underpaid, hardworking University employees deserve pay raise

Opinion by | Dr. Linda Seidel

A wise teacher I had in high school told us one day, looking at our bright young faces, that we should go to college and enter a profession: our earning power would increase because we would be paid not just for what we did but, even more, for what we *knew*. I would like to believe that formula: that I earn my relatively comfortable salary because of what I know. But then I look at some of the most knowledgeable people I can think of, the University's college-educated secretaries, and I can see that the formula does not always apply. The old adage that it's the secretaries who keep any university running—doling out institutional information to less organized faculty, students, and (even at times) administrators—is not accompanied by the recognition that secretaries need to be adequately paid.

When a highly competent, long-term secretary resigned her post with a large University division a couple of years ago, she was earning little more than \$17,000 a year. Her replacement, being new, started at around \$16,000. What does that mean? Let's try a couple of scenarios. If she is married to a partner earning substantially more than she, this "second" income might seem adequate—unfair, but adequate. However, if she is single, widowed, or divorced, and if, in addition, she has children to support, she may come perilously close to the poverty line (which was \$17,524 for a family of four in 2000, according to the U.S. Census).

Why is it that college-educated women who know a lot and do important work are so woefully underpaid? Do those of us who benefit from their labor think they are like our mothers, serving us out of "love?" Do we believe that if "market forces" allow low wages for secretaries, there's nothing we can do about it? If we're faculty members, do we fear that raises for secretaries (and other underpaid members of the staff) will decrease our share of the pie? If we're students, do we worry that raises will

mean tuition increases for us?

We have all heard the common description of the university as an "ivory tower" remote from the "real world." But if the university's world is not real, it is nonetheless stunningly like the corporate sphere it has deliberately begun to emulate. For the University students, the university is the place where they learn that administrators are overwhelmingly white and male; that male tenure-track professors outnumber their female counterparts two to one; that service positions of all kinds, still dominated by women, remain undervalued and underpaid.

I am reminded of the candid business student who, on being introduced to the concept of privilege in my Race, Class and Gender course, wrote that he hadn't known about race, class, or gender privilege before, but now that he could see it, he knew he would exploit it in his business dealings. After all, he was brought up to make money. Of course, I might note, he would have exploited that privilege in any case, wittingly or not. If we would prefer to live in a different world—where race and gender privilege cannot be taken for granted and where important work is rewarded by good pay—then we need to send the members of our community different kinds of signals. A pay raise for an underpaid and hardworking group is a powerful signal.

Now, you might object that, with the ongoing state budget crisis, no one will get a raise any time soon—so why even talk about it? But we also know that raises will be reinstated eventually, just as, one day, the library will again be able to purchase books. What will be our priorities when that day comes? The strategic planning now occurring on campus should take into account the needs and contributions of *all* the members of the University community. Fairness is not a value that can be taught by precept alone, in the absence of right action.

U.S. government should return Guantanamo Bay to Cuba

Opinion by | Dr. Marc Becker

One of the weirdest legacies of the Cold War has to be the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba. The U.S. maintains and pays for this base in a 117.6 square kilometer area of country with which it has not had formal diplomatic relations for about 40 years.

To understand this irony, we have to go back more than 100 years. Although most European powers had lost their American colonies by the end of the 19th century, Spain still held tight to its remaining possessions in Cuba and Puerto Rico. A booming sugar economy brought on by the collapse of sugar production in Haiti after their successful slave revolt meant that Cuba did not gain its independence in the 1820s like most of Latin America.

In 1895, José Martí returned from exile to fight for Cuban independence. Cuban nationalists were on the verge of victory when the U.S., in an unabashed act of imperialism, intervened in 1898 to claim victory for itself. In a thin facade designed to veil its imperial intentions, the U.S. congress passed the Teller Amendment, which disavowed intentions to annex the island as it had done to half of Mexico 50 years earlier. No mention, however, was made of neighboring Puerto Rico, which was annexed and remains to this day a U.S. colony.

The Teller Amendment, however, did not prevent the U.S. from intervening in order to control Cuba politically and economically. The infamous Platt Amendment, which President McKinley forced on Cuba in 1901 while militarily occupying the country, stipulated "that the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty." The U.S. would determine what an adequate government was.

In 1903, Havana and Washington signed an Agreement on Coaling and Naval Stations that granted the U.S. access to Guantanamo and Bahía Honda (although the later was never used) to do "all that is necessary to outfit those

places so they can be used exclusively as coaling or naval stations, and for no other purpose."

In compensation for one of the best bays in Cuba, the U.S. agreed to pay Cuba \$2,000 annually (later increased to \$4,085). In surely what must be a violation of the U.S. treasury ban on trade with Cuba, Washington continues to send a check every year to the Treasurer General of the Republic of Cuba (an office that disappeared years ago) for use of the island. The checks probably remain in Fidel Castro's desk drawer (Cuba refuses to cash the checks as a moral opposition).

Before the 1959 Cuban Revolution, thousands of Cubans worked on the base. After the revolution, they were fired and now only about 10 work there, having to daily navigate a Berlin Wall-type border of barbed wire and land mines. The U.S. continues to put the base to multiple uses (most recently the detention of Taliban prisoners of war), but most of these are violations of the treaty that allows the U.S. to use the base. Havana continues to demand that "The illegally occupied territory of Guantanamo should be returned to Cuba."

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Cuba expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the North American people. An official government statement declared that Cuba could identify with this grief because they too have been victims of terrorist attacks, most of these carried out from U.S. territory resulting in the deaths of hundreds of people. The two countries share a desire to end the scourge of terrorism, but they hold different positions as to the most efficient way to eradicate it. The Cuban government believes that bombing Afghanistan will only escalate a cycle of violence and do little to address the underlying causes of terrorism.

Meanwhile, Cuban and U.S. soldiers stand facing each other over one of the last remaining militarized borders of the Cold War. Cuba wishes that Washington would consult with its government over the use of the Guantanamo naval base. And, more than anything, it wants the bay back.

Elephasses, assephants dominate political sphere

Opinion by | Cameron Moore

Republicans and Democrats. These are the two parties that dominate our political system. Elephants and asses. While it is arguable that elephants aren't all that stupid, there isn't much question about asses. Regardless, our political system is run by these animals, which are solely concerned about survival (or, in this analogy, reelection). They really should be just one animal: an elephass. Or perhaps an assephant. Either way, both parties are full of bloodsucking politicians.

Even though I support more Democratic principles than Republican, I will start with Democrats first so that there are no hard feelings from Republicans. Democrats, or asses if you prefer, are intern-banging, double-talking idiots. They're full of talk of social reform and stuff that sounds pretty good if you aren't completely self-absorbed and care about your fellow humans. But really, they only care about getting themselves re-elected. Hey, at least they pretend to care.

Plus, as any Republican will be sure to

point out, they love to spend money on all kinds of programs. This isn't inherently a horrible act, as government programs should be looked at case-by-case; but excessive spending really is a problem, especially when it comes to special vacations and other goodies that politicians love to take at the expense of taxpayers.

Republicans, on the other hand, are intern-banging, double-talking idiots. They talk about small government and demonizing welfare, while at the same time handing out millions in corporate welfare to those who need and deserve it the least. They claim that a smaller government is needed so as to allow more freedom for the regular Joe. What this translates into, however, is more freedom for the rich to become richer, while regular Joe stays regular, or maybe gets laid-off and becomes poor Joe. This further translates into larger campaign contributions for Mr. "Cares About Regular Joe" Republican.

Another funny thing about Republicans is their belief that a small government is somehow less corrupt than a large one. I mean, with

all that power and money, some people are sure to take the bait. So, the less people there are running things, the fewer will become corrupt, right? Naturally, we just need to get rid of all the Democrats talking big government, and things will be fixed. Republicans never think, though, that if a corrupt politician is in a position to have power that they might be willing to lie and say they are a Republican for a smaller government less susceptible to corruption, reaping both the votes of those naïve enough to believe them and the money of those waiting to pay him off.

Republicans are also full of all kinds of "family values" talk. Then, when the press reports that one of the good ol' boys has been caught giving hot beef injections to his interns, their only defense is that the media is liberal and that if it were a Democrat, they wouldn't make such a big deal about it. Well, if Republicans wouldn't talk about how much they stress "family values" just to get votes, then it probably wouldn't be an ironic headline story.

Well, now that both parties are really just one big intern-banging, double-talking blob

of lies and bribes, we have nowhere to turn. I mean, this country practices a two-party system, so we are stuck choosing the lesser of two evils, right? Contrary to this popular opinion, third-party candidates are not a way to throw away your vote; they are a way to put your vote where your heart is. But fear is a persistent thing, especially when it comes to new ideas.

Are we so afraid of something new and better that we would rather suffer through the status quo just to avoid change? Sadly, I think many of us are. But only with the leadership of the few that are bold enough to stand for what they believe in will any of us ever see drastic change in our lifetime.

For those of us that think no change is needed, I trust that they will see things differently, whether it be in this life or the next. For those of us that have found something better and worth striving for, keep on shining the light for the rest to follow; with knowledge comes the responsibility of helping others to find it for themselves.

TEAR YOUR BLIND

What do you
think of my
moustache?



"You look like you have a hard drive
full of kiddie porn"

-Rory Rhorerton
Freshman



"Oh, I remember junior high."

-Nicole Rainey
Freshman



"You look like a tampon salesman."

-Julie Ferdman
Sophomore

Unity luncheon brings students, faculty, local residents together, celebrates life of Dr. King

Story by | Andr s Delgado

Bob Reed, 80, was among the attendees at the second annual Unity Luncheon on Jan. 22 in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building. A manager of Kirksville Savings and Loan during the heyday of the Civil Rights Movement, Reed recalled a town in which minorities were "almost extinct."

"It was progressive," Reed said of Kirksville, though it was home to a mere three or four minority families.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. City-wide Committee planned the luncheon "to bring together people from all segments of Kirksville to remember and reflect on the life of Dr. King." Bertha Thomas, member of the 2002 MLK, Jr. City-wide Committee and area representative to the 2002 MLK, Jr. State Celebration Commission, said.

Reed's demographic was well represented at the luncheon, which was attended in large numbers by students and professors, as well as young children and many area residents old enough to remember the era of segregation.

"Keep the Dream Alive Day"

Emcee April Warren-Grice '00 addressed a full crowd in the Georgian Room at noon,

soon giving the floor over to Thomas. Thomas called on the audience to continue Dr. King's ideal in the present by volunteering to aid children, the elderly, and the economically disadvantaged.

Kirksville Mayor Pro Tem Rex Meneely then presented to the crowd a proclamation on behalf of Mayor William Murray declaring the day "Keep the Dream Alive Day."

"Have not our weary feet\ Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?"

The singing of the National Anthem and Negro National Anthem followed. The heading of this section comes from the Negro National Anthem, sung Monday by Cherayla Davis and written by James Weldon Johnson in 1900, over 60 years before the end of segregation.

Grice then moved on to recognize the winners of the K-12 MLK, Jr. Contest, in which students submitted posters, essays, or three-dimensional projects that addressed the teachings of Dr. King. The audience listened attentively as Tyler Perrachione, first prize recipient in the high school division of the contest, read his winning essay aloud.

Collected Lives, "evocative portraits of
see Unity, page 13

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Prepare to be shocked: this timeline says it all

omitted by I Rich Smoker

Although mainstream news outlets like and MSNBC continue to run 24-hour coverage of *Operation Enduring Freedom*, they usually fail to connect any of the dots (which are right in front of their eyes) for the millions of Americans who don't have the time or desire to find the truth for themselves. The facts as to what really lead up to the death of 6,000 innocent people, and the devastation of the lives of their families, are there to be found for anyone who dares to doubt the [?] word of The Government. There are plenty out there that, when considered in light of the other, can point to only one possible conclusion. These facts are available to everyone. No one seeks them out because they've already been provided with answers to their questions.

It is the goal of this article to expose as much of the truth as is possible in such a small amount of available space. All the facts presented will be accompanied by sources, for the part from major media outlets, both foreign and domestic. Although mainstream media tries to put the puzzle together, they have missed the pieces, which, when considered as a whole, point to an unbelievably horrible conclusion.

These facts were originally compiled and published in a story by Michael C. Ruppert, available at www.copvicia.com. They are ordered chronologically to provide a timeline leading up to Sept. 11 and continuing into October of this year. Prepare to be shocked.

1998 and 2000 - Former President George W. Bush travels to Saudi Arabia on behalf of privately owned Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defense contractor in the U.S. There he

meets privately with the Saudi royal family and the bin Laden family. [Source: *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 27, 2001.]

January, 2001 - The Bush Administration orders the FBI and intelligence agencies to "back off" investigations involving the bin Laden family, including two of Osama bin Laden's relatives (Abdullah and Omar) who were living in Falls Church, Va. - right next to CIA headquarters. This followed previous orders dating back to 1996, frustrating efforts to investigate the bin Laden family. [Source: *BBC Newsnight*, Correspondent Gregg Palast - Nov. 7, 2001].

May 2001 - Secretary of State Colin Powell gives \$43 million in aid to the Taliban regime, purportedly to assist hungry farmers who are starving since the destruction of their opium crop in January on orders of the Taliban regime. [Source: *The Los Angeles Times*, May 22, 2001].

May, 2001 - Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, a career covert operative and former Navy SEAL, travels to India on a publicized tour while CIA Director George Tenet makes a quiet visit to Pakistan to meet with Pakistani leader General Pervez Musharraf. Armitage has long and deep Pakistani intelligence connections and he is the recipient of the highest civil decoration awarded by Pakistan. It would be reasonable to assume that while in Islamabad, Tenet, in what was described as "an unusually long meeting," also met with his Pa-

kistani counterpart, Lt. General Mahmud Ahmad, head of the ISI. [Source: *The Indian SAPRA news agency*, May 22, 2001.]

June 2001 - German intelligence, the BND, warns the CIA and Israel that Middle Eastern terrorists are "planning to hijack commercial aircraft to use as weapons to attack im-

portant symbols of American and Israeli culture." [Source: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, September 14, 2001.]

July, 2001 - Three American officials: Tom Simmons (former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan), Karl Inderfurth (former Assistant Secretary of State

for South Asian affairs) and Lee Coldren (former State Department expert on South Asia), meet with Pakistani and Russian intelligence officers in Berlin and tell them that the U.S. is planning military strikes against Afghanistan in October. A French book released in November, *Bin Laden - La Verite Interdite*, discloses that Taliban representatives often sat in on the meetings. British papers confirm that the Pakistani ISI relayed the threats to the Taliban. [Source: *The Guardian*, Sept. 22, 2001; the BBC, Sept. 18, 2001; The Inter Press Service, Nov. 16, 2001]

Summer 2001 (est.) - Pakistani ISI Chief General Mahmud (see above) orders an aide to wire transfer \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta, who was, according to the FBI, the lead terrorist in the suicide hijackings. Mahmud recently resigned after the transfer was disclosed in India and confirmed by the FBI. [Source: *The Times of India*, Oct. 11, 2001.]

Summer 2001 - An Iranian man phones U.S. law enforcement to warn of an imminent attack on the World Trade Center in the week of Sept. 9. German police confirm the calls but state that the U.S. Secret Service would not reveal any further information. [Source: German news agency "online.ie," Sept. 14, 2001.]

August 2001 - The FBI arrests an Islamic militant linked to bin Laden in Boston. French intelligence sources confirm that the man is a key member of bin Laden's network and the FBI learns that he has been taking flying lessons. At the time of his arrest the man is in possession of technical information on Boeing aircraft and flight manuals. [Source: Reuters, September 13.]

July 4-14, 2001 - Osama bin Laden receives treatments for kidney disease at the American hospital in Dubai and meets with a CIA official who returns to CIA headquarters on July 15. The story states that, "Throughout his stay in the hospital, Osama bin Laden received visits from many family members [black sheep?] and Saudi Arabian Emirate personalities of status. During this time the local representative of the CIA was seen by many people taking the elevator and going to bin Laden's room." [Source: *Le Figaro*, Oct. 31, 2001.]

August 2001 - Russian President Vladimir Putin orders Russian intelligence to warn the U.S. government "in the strongest possible terms" of imminent attacks on airports and government buildings. [Source: MSNBC interview with Putin, Sept. 15.]

August/September, 2001 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average drops nearly 900 points in the three weeks prior to the attack. A major stock market crash is imminent.

Sept. 3-10, 2001 - MSNBC reports on Sept. 16 that a caller to a Cayman Islands radio see Timeline, page 14

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country... Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed."

-Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 21, 1864

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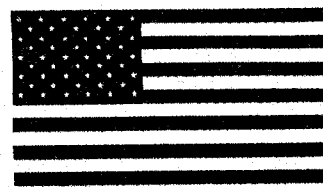
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Girls, boys alike play games

Feature by | Jami Burns

Games I like to play with boys: Monopoly; hide-and-come-find-me; go fish; quarters; Chutes and Ladders; and circle of death. Games I hate to play with boys: "give me your number so I can lose it;" "by the way, meet my girlfriend of two years;" and "you intimidate me when I'm sober." Girls and guys are usually equal in the amount of game playing, but in the end it all seems pretty ridiculous. Some games are necessary, however, just to get a relationship going when it involves members of the opposite sex.

Some games that start a relationship can be fun: like when a guy surprises the girl he likes with a sweet gesture, such as a note slipped under her door. Something sappy and heart-grabbing like that. Other games can be downright bastardly, like leading a girl on. What kind of crap is that? Be honest from the start for Christ's sake.

Let's go into a fun little scenario of games that guys play that piss most girls off, myself included. You're at a party, and a girl (let's name her Dianne) is dressed to kill or get hit on, whichever happens first. Then we have Jack, who is interested in Dianne. Right away the game plan starts. He can be a man and just go talk to her; or he can be a boy and start talking to people around her in hope of getting introduced; or he can be a boy and just dance his way over and get her; or he can be the cocky nerd that just stands on the wall expecting her to notice him. Whatever method Jack chooses, he gets Dianne's phone number. Once again, another round of games: the "call/don't call" game. So let's say everything goes great for these two kids growing up in the heartland, and Jack gets the girl. What new games can he pull out of

his sleeve?

Don't get me wrong. Some games can be fun and get a girl's attention; but being straightforward is the best way to go until you are in a relationship. Then the sweet sappy stuff and surprises are the most fun. So Jack and Dianne date for a while, and then they part ways (hey, it happens). Now come the mean games in full force. Even though I have done it myself, I have never understood the point of spreading lies or getting friends to hate an ex. I've found myself in the midst of these, too, and for some reason guys can be even more brutal because they spread more lies about sexual stuff than girls tend to. Something that needs to be considered, in the opinion of my good friends and I, is the fact that this is a SMALL campus and everyone knows someone who can tell them the latest gossip. Here, we don't have the luxury of six degrees of separation. It's more like two degrees. So if your Dianne isn't "the one" for you anymore, don't let all of your friends or fraternity brothers know the intimate details of your monopoly playing. Let what happens happen; and what doesn't, don't make-believe that it did.

Feature by | Adam IX

When dealing with the question of what games girls play in relationships, you must understand that what guys consider to be games are regarded by the fairer sex as necessary for a relationship. Before any possible relationship can happen between you and a female, she will no doubt want to find out a great deal about you and what others think of you. Her friends don't necessarily have to like you, and she

doesn't necessarily have to hear only the best things in order for her to be interested. It all depends on what kind of girl she is. Also, (and this might be the most important information for picking up girls) she must be the first interested party. You might be interested in her first, but showing interest in her will cause her to edge away from you and become less inclined to go out. In fact, possibly the biggest game girls can play involves rejection and flirting. A girl will thrive on the attention you give her and will flirt enough

to keep you coming back to hang out and have fun, but only up to the point where you want to date her. Then, she will begin to back off, possibly flirting with other guys in the meantime. Just when you're pissed off enough to stay away from her, she will begin to flirt with you again, thus beginning the vicious cycle anew.

Once you're actually in the relationship, however, everything changes. Whereas before she was trying to discover who you

were and to a certain extent kept her distance, committing to a relationship shows that she trusts you and gives you an extreme amount of leeway, especially in the first stages. The first major game that's played is making you happy, meaning that she will say and do almost anything (within reason that is) if she thinks it is what you want. Although this most definitely seems like a good thing, it can, and will, become the basis for future resentment. The best way to handle the situation is not to take advantage of her kindnesses in any way but to tell her she doesn't need to do or say those things in order to make you stay or keep you happy. Later on in the relationship, after things have calmed down sufficiently, she will begin asking you impossible questions such as, "Do you think I'm fat?" "Why do you love me?" "Would you ever go out with anyone else?" "Is _____ better looking than me?" I used to believe these questions were asked specifically to instigate an argument that would lead to a potential breakup, but now I understand that girls need to ask these questions to satisfy an inner need. In any case, these questions are easily spotted because they have no right answer. The only way to deal with them is to call them out as questions that don't make any difference.

If the worst happens and a breakup does occur, the best thing you can do (unless it was a rare mutual breakup) is just sever all ties. Staying friends with her will give her the wrong idea if you broke it off, and it will just be harder on you if she broke it off. Handling the breakup publicly is a more delicate matter; the bigger a deal you make of the breakup, the bigger a deal it becomes. Just don't talk about it (except to close friends), and any outside talk (and there's always outside talk) will die down fast. Although I can't promise that she won't do anything to antagonize you (the most obvious ways being talking badly about you behind your back or getting involved with someone else quickly), I can promise that reacting to the situation will only make it that much worse.

She said, He said



A two-sided look at relationships

Discover nature at Gatorland

Feature by | Aaron Baker

While vacationing in Florida, I heard a tale about a great outdoorsman who journeyed through the swamps of Old Florida, capturing and taming the wildlife. I knew I had to travel to Orlando to see the swamps for myself. The legends are all true: the wildlife is still there for all to see! And now, 50 years later, Gatorland has evolved into a rare and exciting adventure known internationally as the "Alligator Capital of the World." With no long lines to wade through, Gatorland is an exciting journey through wooden boardwalks hovering over 110 acres of Florida swamp.

I saw birds by the thousands! Wild and free, they came and went as they pleased. With no nets to prevent their flight, they nested within arm's reach. Egrets, herons, ibis and more call this native bird rookery home!

Rain fell and the tin roofs kept me dry. The swamp absorbed the falling waters and the sparkling sun brought nature humming back to life. This half-day journey was like no other I had experienced. This theme park is worthy of exploring for many hours—and I did!

A massive gator exploded three feet from the water for his lunch. These ferocious predators demonstrated their awesome power in sudden mighty blasts. Calm one second, chaos the next! Then I traveled down the boarded walkway into the Land of the Crocs. As I wandered, I could hear the legend in the pines. I discovered four exotic and exciting species lurking in the

waters.

The fear in his eyes was matched by the force of his grip! Gator wrestling! Man vs. Reptile! I had my photo taken riding the ornery gator at the wrestling station. It should be done by all—if you dare!

Animals everywhere! Tortoises, iguanas, emus, fish, baby chicks, goats and more. Lorie-keets landed on my shoulder. Lambs nibbled from my hands. The deer were spry and playful. Just beyond the llama with the smile, I met Judy the Bear! Hungry from the journey, I stopped to try the Gator Nuggets at Pearl's Smokehouse. They had hot dogs, burgers and other all-American favorites on the menu, but I was in the mood for adventure! I actually saw other travelers wrap a python around their neck and hold a gator in their arms! Still others rode on the back of a gator! When it comes to exciting photo-ops, there really is no place like the Alligator Capital of the World!

The laughter of children drew me closer! Cool water drenched and tickled their souls. Next time I'll bring my bathing suit! What a great place for birthday parties! Youngsters of all ages splashed and let off steam at Lilly's Pad while Mom and Dad sipped lemonade in the shade! That's family fun!

Anybody who loves to explore nature needs to visit Gatorland to discover the low-tech side of Orlando. This is definitely Orlando's best half-day attraction—and affordable, too!

Verbosity

Feature by | JJ Pionke and RC Smith

Welcome to the first edition of Verbosity! We took it upon ourselves to broaden the vocabulary of this campus after a rather torrid discussion in which words were flung about like Frisbees. In this edition, we look at words associated with the upcoming winter Olympics.

Luge—a sledge of Swiss origin, of the bobsleigh type. It dates back to the 16th century and is a traditional winter sport in Austria, Poland, and Germany. Luge was first included in the 1964 Winter Olympics.

Nordic Combined—a competitive ski event consisting of both ski jumping and cross country racing. Points awarded for performance in both ski jumping and cross-country racing determine the winner. Nordic Combined was first included in the 1924 Winter Olympics.

Curling—a game developed in Scotland in which two teams of four men each send

stones spinning about forty-two yards long towards a target circle in an attempt to place a stone nearest the center. Curling was developed in the 17th century.

Bobsleigh—a short sled usually used as one of a pair joined by a coupling. This event originated in the United States around 1839. Women will be competing in Utah for the first time.

Biathlon—an athletic even consisting of skiing and shooting performed by the same contestants. It is a 20-kilometer course with contestants stopping and shooting every five kilometers into targets roughly 150 yards away. This event was first added in 1960.

Skeleton—also called Cresta Sledding. The sled has steel runners and is ridden head first in prone position. This sport is practiced exclusively on a Cresta run in Sankt Moritz, Switzerland. So far only included in the Winter Olympics of 1928 and 1948, each time in Sankt Moritz. This event is being held in Utah with a women's division as well.

Anybody care what really ticks me off?

Feature by | the Finger

It never leaves you at a loss for consternation. It is good for cleaning up after your dog, or, in rolled up form, for disciplining the *Finger*'s reporters. It is portable and combustible. It is what makes *The Monitor* so comparatively great. "Yeah," you say, "that shameful campus-sponsored sheet, the *Finger*. So what?"

One of the features of living in Kirksville is a profound lack of distractions. This can lead many people to develop petty hatreds. Sometimes, if you're really bored, you'll write a story about petty hatreds. Or maybe read a story about them. If you so desire, the first place to check should be the *Finger*.

Servers secretly hate you. Zookeepers have their own collection of complaints about visitors, while many monkeys play with their own genitals. Like zookeepers and servers, students have developed pet peeves. One of the biggest pet peeves with school is the *Finger*. Freshman Random McStudent has been subjected to its inanities repeatedly.

"Quit talking to me," McStudent said. "The day will come when the inexorable *Monitor*'s emblem shall hang in triumph from the offices of the *Finger*." One time, there was a story that discussed the popular sentiment toward walking on nerd-passes, the non-

paved paths worn through the grass by nerds.

Also, it discussed the potato.

"The only thing sadder than the potato is the way in which my hatred for it rules my life," a red-eyed McStudent said. "The week before finals I jump up and down on it for hours, invoking the names of the college founders and various saints. Quit following me."

Indeed, what was I saying? Something about the -

"I am allergic to grass, too," McStudent interrupted. "Consequently, walking around large groups of people side-by-side is not an option available to me. So I hate them, too."

"The *Finger* is time consuming, and it can ruin your whole day," McStudent said.

"The fact that I did this interview and had to think about it will probably ruin my soufflé."

The voices in my head had the following advice to offer annoyed students: the next time you're faced with an issue of our regrettable rag, cross out the title and write in block letters *The Monitor*. Then pretend it's all written sarcastically and laugh, laugh, laugh.

Ha ha.

Opinion by | the Finger

Last week, Americans were in the mood for Chinese food, but have of late shunned that craving in favor of racial profiling.

This one guy who was removed from a plane had a funny, though not hilarious, name, darker skin, a gun and a history book on the Middle East. The pilot insists he removed Walied Shater, a Secret Service agent, from the plane because he was hostile. Fellow passengers who have spoken to the press said Shater was not hostile but he did have a powerful gun.

President Bush supported Shater in saying he would "tell his brother" if Shater had been racially profiled. After all, Shater's reason for boarding the plane was to fly to Texas to

Shater's intended seatmate, Mark Pueschel, 31, reported on CNN that a flight attendant discovered Shater's book, *The Crusades Through Arab Eyes*, in Shater's seat pocket and shook her hand as though she had touched something sticky. Sadly, she had.

Maybe pilots should take their precautionary measures to their illogical conclusions and ban all human beings from airplanes. After all, those people might be reading the *Finger*, which could possibly enlighten them, and outrage them, and lead them to protest the harassment of armed passengers, and cause them to fall asleep or make use of their air sickness bag.

On my next flight, I will, in protest, pick up some cheap Arab pornography through which to thumb. That'll be a progressive gesture on my part, and should give me an opportunity to verbally abuse the flight staff if they ask me about it, which I hope they do. It will also be a comparatively safe thing to do, unless someone takes my coaster for a baby head, which it will, in fact, be.

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY fINGER

pick up the president from his Magic the Gathering tournament.

Armed man unreasonably removed from flight

Opinion by | Afro Mike

It's been said that we all play a part: in life, in social organization, and in face-to-face interactions, each one of us is undertaking an established role and following an established script. Thousands before you have played the part of the student, the professor, the frat guy, the party girl, etc., and thousands, even millions, after you will continue to do so with little or no variation.

"Why," America's Youth secretly ask, "should I waste time and effort trying to develop a character possessing depth and originality when I can just pick a stereotype and go with it? Of course," they say, "I will not be an exact copy of those who have gone before me; I will play a discriminating, dynamic role. Perhaps I will be an individual, one who is a healthy combination of the culturally approved stereotypes. After all, there are so many decisions to make. What kind of person do I want to be?"

Shall I listen to Blink 182 or Kid Rock? Nelly or Missy Elliot? Will I wear a skirt with boots to my social function or jeans and a sequined shirt? Baggy jeans and a polo shirt or action

khakis and a t-shirt? Should I eat chicken or beef? Car or SUV? *Maxim* or *Sports Illustrated*, *YM* or *People*? Will I make a lot of money as an advertising graphic designer or as a corporate software engineer? So many choices.

If the world were a movie, would you want to play you? How interesting would a movie about you be? Would it be a waste of celluloid like *American Pie 2*, full of scatological humor and semi-humorous sexual situations, ending with some kind of contrived feel-good joke?

Chances are, if you're reading this, it wouldn't be an adventure movie. Or a drama, really, unless you count trite girl/boy troubles

and the occasional MIP or DUI as drama. And it wouldn't be a comedy, either, unless you think attending classes, writing papers, and attending one or two parties a week until you graduate, getting a job, paying off your loans, retiring at 65, and having a heart attack at 72 is funny.

When you die, will anyone write a biography detailing the events of your life? If not, what will they write on your gravestone? "Joe/Jane Doe was a virtually nameless and indiscriminate cog that contributed somewhat to the maintenance of the status quo and eventual exhaustion of the planet's resources, although their individual impact was negligible at best."

If you're completely satisfied by your bland, tasteless existence, fine. Just don't forget your lines. But if you do, that's okay. Just listen to the person standing next to you and repeat what they say, except a little bit different. No one will notice.

Opinion by | Afro Mike

Tired of being a walking American cliché? Try these "alternative" roles on for size:

The Punk Rocker

Wear a lot of black. Rip up a pair of jeans in a "rebel" fashion. Get patches of obscure bands and affix them to your punk-type jacket or backpack. Wear combat boots or Converse All-Stars. Skateboard, or pretend you do. Dye your hair an unnatural color to outwardly express your counter-cultural ideals, or get a mohawk. Guys and girls, shave your head if you're hardcore. Intimidate others with your complete indulgence in/abstention from drugs and alcohol.

The Deeply Misunderstood Poet

Wear a lot of black. Avoid eye contact, or make so much eye contact that people feel uncomfortable. Act as though you don't

care about anyone or anything and you could commit suicide at any moment, and no one would care. Write poetry in a secret notebook that you "accidentally" leave out all the time. Produce a lot of artwork involving angels/devils. Listen to dark/heavy/death metal. Guys: grow a goatee. Girls: Lots of eyeliner. Piercings for all!

The Big Pretentious Artist

Wear lots of costumes. Act like an ass all the time. Yell real loud. Get drunk, go to frat parties, dance like a buffoon and get kicked out. Run for Student Senate every year. Make big artworks that are way too complicated for the bourgeois to understand. Keep odd hours and sleep in public places. Read a lot of pretentious German poetry in the library for fun.

The Drama Major

Make a big deal about everything. Watch a lot of musicals. Don't pay attention to any art form other than theater. Drown in the mainstream.

The Afro Mike

Become "too cool for school." Get mad at Radioshack employees because they don't know the difference between a LED and an Op Amp. Wear a disco ball helmet around like you're some kind of cool rock star or something. Dye your hair blue and grow big scraggly sideburns. Listen to things only in Quadraphonic sound because you claim that "once you've had Hi-Fi, you never go back." Pretend you're Michael Jackson when you dance. Go dumpster diving for electronics. Always make it look like you're doing something important and interesting, even if you just rode your bike to campus to scrounge for change in dorm couches. Word.

I said, Me said



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Bitterness surfaces on *Boogaloo*

Electric Boogaloo

Five Iron Frenzy

Chordant Music Group

Review by I W. Aaron Wilson

Despite the fact that Five Iron Frenzy is one of the few ska bands that haven't tried to reinvent themselves, their latest album *Electric Boogaloo* marks a drastic departure from the normal lighthearted, fun-loving ska the band started out with. In fact, the new album seems to be some kind of mood swing for the normally upbeat group.

The best way to show this kind of change comes from a comparison of two songs: "You Can't Handle This" and "Suckerpunch." "You Can't Handle This" is basically a rehash of the earlier "Suckerpunch." They're both songs about a stereotypical "nerd" persecuted by his peers.

The difference between the two songs is that "Suckerpunch" has a feeling of tongue-in-cheek self-deprecation, and carries the hopeful message that Jesus stood up for the little guys. "You Can't Handle This," on the other hand, meshes with bitter sarcasm.

This kind of bitterness surfaces at other times in the lyrics of *Electric Boogaloo*, especially when it is directed at the superficiality and gross consumerism of present American culture. "Juggernaut," as its name implies, rails against an intangible juggernaut of an institution, while "Blue Mixes" attacks the corrupt greed of the record industry, especially those labels that claim to be "Christian."

The sardonic "Vultures" uses flat, monotonous vocals to mock people who look to products and profit for fulfillment. The greatest moment of the album, however, comes from the heavy hitting "The Day We Killed," which speaks out against the systematic oppression and enslavement practiced by our government in order to provide the privileged lifestyle of the average American. There are moments in it that could have been taken straight from



some lost Rage Against the Machine album.

This change has not only affected the lyrics of the album, but the music as well. Except for a few tracks such as "Plan B," the band has exchanged their bright horn melodies for ominous, explosive blasts of brass. At the same time, most of the string and percussion parts have become heavier. Even Reese Roper's usually boyish vocals exhibit a bit more angst than enthusiasm.

Also, for a band renowned for never giving up, the album ends with a theme of defeat. In "Eulogy," people described only as "they" give up on the people who haven't "understood a word they've said." "They are tired / Write the eulogy," sings Roper. One can only hope that this doesn't mean that the band has finally given up. After years of fighting the established Christian music industry, one can only hope that *Electric Boogaloo's* eulogy is not also Five Iron Frenzy's.

CD at a Glance

The Good: "Plan B," "Blue Mix," "Vultures," "Car" (a loving tribute to Leonor "Jeff the Girl" Ortega's brother Carlos); "The Day We Killed," and the reading of *Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee* within that song.

The Bad: "You Can't Handle This," "Farsighted," and "Juggernaut," mainly because they sound so blah and YCHT is no "Suckerpunch."

The Strange: I'm sorry, why does the cover say Five Iron Frenzy 2? Is this to mark their new musical style? Is the band breaking up? I don't understand, and it's driving me crazy.

Shrek lampoons Disney, fairy tales with wit, aplomb

Shrek

Directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jensen

Starring Cameron Diaz, John

Lithgow, Mike Meyers

Review by I JJ Pionke

Shrek is a parody of practically every single fable and fairy tale that is known to young children. In typical fashion there are many parodies of Disney characters and theme parks. It is a tremendous help to be familiar with these fairy tales and Disney culture. There is a great deal of body humor as well. While young children would understand many of the jokes, there are certainly many aspects of the film that only teenagers and adults would get. All that aside, what is this movie about?

Basically, it is about an ogre, Shrek, who involuntarily teams up with Donkey to rescue Princess Fiona for Lord Farquaad, which will help Shrek get the fairy tale creatures that are squatting on his land off of it. I'll leave the ending up to your own curiosity, but you can pretty much guess what is going to happen. What makes this film so interesting and very funny are the parodies. For instance Fiona, as a Princess, is supposed to be innocent and sheltered, and she has expectations of being rescued in the normal princess-like fashion. However, we find that she has an affinity for roasted weed rats. Cameron Diaz plays Fiona. Many people will remember Diaz from her previous film, *Charlie's Angels*. At one point in the film Diaz beats up Robin Hood and his Merry Men and in a classic moment recreates a martial arts sequence from *Charlie's Angels*.

As a work of CGI, the film is at the top of the food chain. The actors and actresses give great performances, and the interaction between



them is excellent. The film is also very progressive in its unorthodox treatment of the traditional love story.

If you are interested in the DVD, there are tons of extras included, which make for an interesting time. There are plenty of goodies for everyone, from children to adults. There are games to be played and documentaries to watch on the making of *Shrek*.

I liked this film and recommend it to just about anyone. It's funny and a good time. Personally I could have used less of the body humor and more of the parodies and ironies, but that is okay. The film is meant to be funny in a gross kind of way. A good watch on your own or with friends.

SPOILER ALERT! Don't read farther if you don't want to be spoiled! At the end of the film Fiona must choose between the ogre and being an ogress or being married to Farquaad and human. Fiona chooses to be a large ogress. Personally, I think this was the right choice, and so does basically everyone who sees the film. But what really impressed me about the end is that the princess is portrayed as an attractive larger woman and furthermore she chooses to be that way. There are so few films out there that portray larger women as attractive, much less self-confident and capable of romance.

Kid Rock gets *Cocky* about bad rhymes, tired formula

Cocky

Kid Rock

WEA/Atlantic

Review by I Zach Lechner

Kid Rock likes to view himself as a musical savior, providing the masses with an alternative to the teen dance groups that dominate pop radio. He's a bad ass (of the American variety). He drinks beer, smokes weed, and has sex with porn stars (albeit sometimes reluctant porn stars, i.e. Pamela Anderson). He also has an impressive collection of wife-beaters. And then there is the fact that he is "straight out of the trailer," as he proclaimed on his 1999 hit "Cowboy." Never mind that he hails from Detroit.

Okay, so Kid Rock's got the image, but what about the music, you ask? Kid Rock had

enormous success with his blend of hip-hop, metal and classic rock on his 1998 commercial breakthrough, *Devil Without a Cause*. His latest effort, *Cocky* (with emphasis on "effort"), is largely a continuation of this formula.

Many of the album's songs, including the first single "Forever," are closely structured on the "Bawitaba"—"American Bad Ass" formula. It is evident from the crunching riffs of "Forever" that the Kid is up to his old tricks. "I'm back, the fog is lifted," he boasts. Apparently, this is good because it allows us to distinguish his brand of crap from other pop artists.

"Forever" is god-awful to be sure, not only because of the bombastically predictable music, but also because of the horrible lyrics. A sample: "I make punk rock" (huh?) and "I mix it with the hip-hop. I get ya higher than a tree-top. You wanna roll with the Kid Rock?" Hmm...let me think about that one for a second. Mmm...no. And the whole album is like that. It's nauseating. What is really sickening, though, is that there are still 11 tracks, and the requisite cock and rock star indulgence refer-

ences are too numerous to repeat here.

Cocky would not be nearly as bad if it were filled solely with rap-rock retreads. Kid Rock insists on going country! Is this a joke? No, it just sounds that way. Perhaps you remember his exclamation on 2000's "American Bad Ass": He likes Johnny Cash just as much as Grandmaster Flash. When informed of his famous fan's admiration, Cash is rumored/reported to have returned to his 1960s pill-popping habit.

The country of *Devil's* "Only God Knows Why" was not a one-off affair unfortunately. (Notably, none of the country tunes here features the voice-distorting effects used on that track, as well as on Cher's smash hit, "Believe.") Hank Williams Kid Rock ain't. These songs are so embarrassing they are hilarious, which means that Grammy may have erred in not giving *Cocky* a nomination for Best Comedy Album of 2001.

Perhaps the most puzzling track on *Cocky* is a "tear-in-my-beer" number entitled "Picture," featuring a Sheryl Crow-Kid Rock

duet. Sheryl, what were you thinking? Were you in full command of your faculties when you recorded this? Being an item with Kid Rock was bad enough. You didn't have to preserve your mistake in wax.

It's really difficult to describe how terrible *Cocky* is. It's an album where I wish I could transport myself back into Kid Rock's mind as he listened to the tracks' playbacks. Did he nod his head yeah like Rick James in Eddie Murphy's "Party All the Time" video?

Kid Rock is totally inauthentic, and he probably knows it. But, hey, the white suburban kids like it. The irony of his following words of wisdom in the liner notes is clear: "If it looks good, you'll see it; if it sounds good, you'll hear it, if it's marketed right, you'll buy it; but...if it's real, you'll feel it." Ugh!

Bob Ritchie will tell you that he will "forever be the Kid Rock," but he'll neglect to mention that he'll forever suck, too. The worst thing about all this is that Uncle Kracker will now be available to begin work on a new solo album. Keep your heads down, folks.

Destiny reveals genius

Ship of Destiny

Written by Robin Hobb

Review by I.W. Aaron Wilson

I don't think there is any greater praise that can be given to this book other than the fact that I could not put it down. The characters crawled inside my mind and distracted me with their lives until I had read every last page and found their problems resolved. In *Ship of Destiny*, Hobb provides a powerful and entrancing conclusion to her Liveship Traders trilogy.

In this way, *Ship of Destiny* continues Hobb's pattern of concluding meandering and unfocused trilogies with masterfully written books that make sense of the jumbled confusion in the first two books.

In *Ship of Magic*, Hobb did a pretty fair job of setting the stage for things to come, but that's all she accomplished (after several hundred pages). In *Mad Ship*, Hobb marred a book that should have been as good as or better than *Ship of Destiny* by deciding near the end of the book to drastically alter the characterization of two of her main characters without warning.

So in many ways, *Ship of Destiny* had to repair the damage caused by the previous two books. Hobb does this in typical fantasy author fashion: dragons. Almost a side note in the first and the second book of the trilogy, the fate of dragons suddenly takes center stage in *Ship of Destiny*. This provides some unifying purpose to not just the trilogy but also to all the characters in the story.

Moreover, the character of Tintaglia, the newly awakened dragon queen, provides a clever addition to an already colorful cast. Her obvious disdain for humanity provides brilliant comic relief in a novel that often threatens to slip into a quagmire of melodrama (as attested by the cover, which wouldn't have seemed out of place on a cheap fantasy romance novel).

This book also shows Hobb entering a more belligerent stage of her writing. She has always had an enormous strength in creating strong female characters that are so often lacking in typical cheap fantasy novels. However, in *Ship of Destiny* it is difficult to find a female



character that is not strong. All the characters that had previously been weak or flighty end the trilogy strong and self-assured.

Furthermore, of the four male characters, two are mainly characterized by their love for strong females; one comes close to being the same way; and the fourth is just a heartless psychotic. The book also brings into sharper focus the trilogy's theme of women trying to gain respect in a patriarchal society. While this new aspect to Hobb's writing is not by any means a bad thing, it is a departure from her earlier works and threatens to overwhelm the subtleties of character that can make a novel great.

Overall, *Ship of Destiny* does for the Liveship Traders trilogy what *Assassin's Quest* did for the Farseer trilogy: It shores up the entire series and reveals the literary genius that is often obscured by Hobb's confusion and unclear purpose.

Book at a Glance (Contains spoilers)

The Good: Mockingly imperious dragons melting people with acid; portrayal of a ship's power structure; the character carried over from previous novels; and pirates. Pirates are always good.

The Bad: The character that became a pedophilic rapist out of nowhere (well, he was a heartless bastard to begin with, but still); the sudden awe-inspiring power wielded by the Vestrits by the end of the book.

The Strange: (For those who have read all *Liveship* and *Farseer* books) when did Amber fall in love with FitzChivalry? Was I asleep (always a possibility with the Farseer books) during that foreshadowing? Where the Hell did that come from?

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Candidates, from page 1

been a Kirksville businessman for 28 years.

Myers said he is running because he "felt that my business background could help improve the business of running the city."

Myers said he has mixed emotions about the tax.

"On the one hand, there have been a lot of accidents on the highway and it is a source of concern," he said. "The problem I have is that the state is in such a budget crunch that there is no guarantee that it will be able to follow through with the funding [if the tax passes]."

Myers said there are "a number of business approaches" to attracting new businesses.

"One way," he said, "is to use local resource people to lobby Jefferson City. We can take a business approach to sell our local resources rather than a governmental approach."

"We can also be more aggressive in looking for small manufacturing plants that might be tied in with the facilities of our airport," he added.

Myers said that in housing issues "life and safety issues are extremely important. Any problems with those issues should be aggressively pursued. I feel like the codes administration has done a good job enforcing the codes. I always felt the city inspections department has always been strongly concerned with life and safety issues. Our city is unique in that we do have a large number of off-campus residents and their needs should be addressed."

Myers said that any renovations of the downtown area "should be done under the town merchants. They know what is the best way to revitalize downtown and how it can be done."

Myers also said that, "I think there are some concerns among local businesses that the city is not meeting their needs. But their needs should coincide with the interests of the public."

Myers said he would "vigorously defend" students' right to vote in city elections.

"If they vote, they have an obligation to be an informed voter," he said. "But I will not deny their right to vote. We have a tremendous resource in the students at the university. These resources could possibly be used in the marketing operations of our community."

Alan Thomas

Thomas is the owner of One World, a small shop that rents videos, sells "funky gifts" and left-wing political memorabilia. He also works at the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens, where he works with developmentally disabled adults.

Thomas said he is running for city council because "I would like to bring a more progressive, more left-wing voice to city council than Kirksville has seen in the past."

He also said that, "I would like to see the city make more of an effort to reach out to the college and operate as an integrated unit. I just feel there has been too much mistrust and antipathy on both sides."

Thomas said that the tax is "a tough issue for me."

"I want to explain that I don't like the general sales taxes because they hit people the hardest who are struggling the most," he said. "Most sales taxes are regressive sales taxes. I would rather see it done as a gasoline tax or a tax on new cars. I also wonder how a state can find \$23 million for a new stadium but they can't pay for a highway that doesn't benefit just Kirksville but the entire state. But I want people to know that I have driven down that stretch and it would be nice to have a four-lane highway. If there is no other way to fund it, I guess

I would support [the sales tax]."

Thomas said that he would be selective in attracting new businesses.

"I know the City Council puts a lot of emphasis on attracting new businesses and keeping them here by offering incentives such as tax breaks," he said. "But what I think is important is not just getting any businesses here, but really being selective in trying to get businesses that offer jobs with wages that people can live on and benefits, particularly medical care. I would favor conditional tax incentives that are based on the quality of the jobs that come to the community."

Thomas said that property maintenance is one of his concerns.

"There is a slang phrase, 'student slum,' that goes around," he said, "which is kind of funny, but which is also a sad comment on the state of affairs in student housing. I don't want to say that all landlords renting to students are slumlords, but there are too many, and the city needs to crack down on them."

He added, "While the appearance of the apartment is something students know going in, there is no excuse for landlords who refuse to fix plumbing or electrical problems or make other repairs that become necessary during the time of tenancy."

Thomas said that the "downtown area could use a lot of renovation."

"The kind of things they should do is restore the historical condition of the buildings instead of giving them a new character. I think there is potential in a lot of those buildings, and the owners should be given carrot-stick prodding by the city to renovate the buildings. A lot of plans by the architectural firm the city hired are good ideas, but they lack funding. I would make them a higher priority."

Thomas supports student-voting privileges.

"Despite the fact that most students say, 'I live in St. Charles' or 'I live in West County, I just go to school at Truman,' the reality is that they live here ¾ of the year, and as such, they should have those [voting] privileges and they ought to exercise those privileges. A lot of people here complain about aspects of the city life that affect them, but they have the power to exert influence over the makeup of the city government, and I encourage them to do so."

Ralph Cupelli

Cupelli has worked at the University since 1992 and presently serves as assistant to the vice-president for academic affairs.

Cupelli said he is running for city council because "A lot of people in town asked me to consider it because I am pretty good at getting things done. I'm a good listener, and I don't have any special agendas. I think I have good leadership management skills in making Kirksville a better place."

Cupelli said he is in favor of the tax.

"There have been promises from MODOT for a long time, Cupelli said, "but there is no guarantee that we will see a four-lane highway in the foreseeable future. It is a way to guarantee a four-lane highway for Kirksville. We are the largest city in the state of Missouri without access to a four-lane highway. Companies looking to relocate will often relocate to cities with strong transportation. It's also vital to safety and economic development."

Cupelli said Kirksville has "improved a little" in attracting new businesses.

He also said that, "We still have to convince employers we have a good stable workforce. We have to show the advantages Kirksville businesses can offer. I think the [sales] tax, if it passes, is a good way to attract businesses, too."

Cupelli said that while Kirksville "has

recently built low-income housing" the "housing market for medium family houses is bad right now."

"For codes," he added, "I think we need to make sure that the landlords are abiding by the city codes and ensure that there is a way to get money for housing. I'm sure there is money out there; we just have to look for it. I have had landlords complaining that they did not get enough students. I think they need to invest a little more in their property."

Cupelli said that one way to improve the downtown area would be to forge better relations between merchants and the student body.

"Since I have been here, I have felt that the merchants have made a good contact with the student body," he said. "I feel you have a large market of students, as well as the community, and we need to take a look at what people would like to shop for."

Cupelli said he supports student-voting privileges.

"Students should not be a different class," he said. "They pay taxes, they use facilities, they're spending money, they're paying rent, they're paying for city utilities, so I think they should vote. In fact, I think it is important to get them involved in the democratic process."

Kris Palmer

Palmer is an associate pastor at Covenant Life Fellowship. A University graduate, he is married with four children.

Palmer said he is running for city council because "I really like the city and I think it has a lot to offer. I believe it can progress, and Kirksville can be a real asset to northeast Missouri. I think I can help the process and help the city become all it is supposed to be."

Palmer said he is "very much in favor" of the tax.

"I think a lack of adequate transportation in Kirksville has been an issue in business and industry relocating here," he said. "I think for safety reasons, it would also be an improvement. It is the right thing for us to do as citizens in this area."

Palmer said that transportation is vital to attracting businesses.

"I think the four-lane highway will be a major addition to this community," he said. "There are always opportunities in tax breaks. We also have a viable and readily available workforce that can attract businesses."

Of housing, Palmer said, "I think it has always been an issue. I think there have been several additional apartment complexes built in recent years; still, there are a whole lot of substandard houses available to students, and I think we can continue making more improvements towards better housing."

Palmer said that the city is refining plans for downtown renovations.

"I think there are plans in the works," Palmer said, "in terms of sidewalk renovation, changing some roads to improve the traffic flow, and stores being open later to attract more customers. When you lose your downtown, your city is in trouble. So we need to continue making improvements."

Palmer said he supports students' right to vote in city elections.

"Students that are here in the community are living in the community and therefore should be able to have a say in what's going on."

Patty "Pink" Bolz

Bolz is the owner of Patty's Bookstore and is a fourth generation business owner in Kirksville. She also works in apartment management in Kirksville. She has also established a website, www.pattybolz.com, which details her issues of concern, her experience, and her objec-

tives as a candidate.

Bolz said she is running for city council because "Rather than just be a member of the City Council I want to be a representative of the people. I want people to know that I am approachable and that I will listen to what they have to say."

Bolz said of the tax "It's now or never. The state has ignored us for so long. North Missouri has to take the initiative."

She added, "If this tax issue passes, the City Council and the state highway department MUST get on the same page. The state recently purchased land east of Kirksville to build a bypass, but obviously northeast Missouri wants 63 to be 4 lanes first."

Bolz said that in trying to attract new businesses "We need to see what other products and services can be offered to the Kirksville community. We can't make it difficult for new businesses and industries to come to town. We must make them feel welcome. We also need to promote the qualities of Kirksville."

Bolz said that, "There is adequate housing real estate here."

Bolz said that the city "has done a good job renovating the square and implementing the TIF [Tax Increment Finance]. Now the businesses need to keep doing what they are doing, like with late Friday night business hours and so forth. We are on the right track. It's just going to take a little while."

Bolz said that she supports student-voting privileges.

"Students are citizens of Kirksville just like anyone else," she said. "It's also the law."

Danny McDowell

McDowell was "born and raised in Kirksville" and works as the building manager at the University's recreational center.

McDowell said he is running for city council because "I feel it's time that the input of the citizens is brought into the Council. I think it's time we are heard and we know what is happening in the City Council."

McDowell said that he is "still studying the question" of whether the city should pass the sales tax. He said, "There are still too many 'ifs' and unanswered questions about the issue."

McDowell said that "our city need to work harder" in attracting new businesses. He said, "We need to do a better job promoting our area to new businesses. I think to get some businesses here, we may need to give them some tax breaks and incentives to come to Kirksville."

McDowell said, "I think the housing in a lot of areas can be improved. I think we need more regulations on some of the older rentals."

McDowell said that to renovate the downtown area the city needs to "upgrade some of the curbs, streets and sidewalks. I think that would be an improvement."

McDowell said that he supports the students' right to vote in city elections.

"Students spend a lot of money here in town," he said, "and they should have a say in city government. They are a part of our community. The students are an important part of Kirksville, and they can give important input to the city."

Be sure to vote in the Kirksville City Council Primaries on Tuesday, Feb. 5

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ordinary people's memories," followed. It consisted of seven students reciting the Civil Rights Movement-Era recollections of a cross section of 1960s America. Most of the recollectors addressed their own and the nation's reactions to the charismatic Dr. King. The audience was rapt as the cast's words evoked a time when the hiring of black assistant coaches at certain colleges was a momentous event and when school integration was non-mandatory to lessen the shock of the change. A constant theme was the importance of television in dispersing powerful images of marches and speeches around the country.

"We all have stories."

The MLK, Jr. Statewide Commission, on which Thomas serves, has helped to fund the luncheon since its inception last year. It was born when President Magruder mentioned Tho-

mas to Gov. Carnahan as a candidate to sit on the Statewide Commission.

Last year's luncheon was memorable for its keynote speaker: Negro league baseball player Buck O'Neil. "He was very interesting," remembered Reed. Indeed, Thomas confessed she was hard-put to devise a luncheon centerpiece to follow O'Neil.

Collected Lives was conceived under the idea that "we all have stories," oftentimes with powerful images. A cast of seven students under the direction of Dr. Becky Becker began in early December to interview different members of various communities. From the 35-40 minutes of material they garnered from each individual, the cast culled three to five minutes of the most poignant images to dramatize at the luncheon. The last of this year's MLK, Jr. day events was a symposium that took place Tuesday, Jan. 23.

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Aries (March 21-April 20)

You will become addicted to HBO's *Sex and the City* and anxiously look forward to all the promiscuous sex you are going to have when you are over 30 and still single.

Taurus (April 21-May 22)

You will meet your future love interest next week after he hits your car in the parking lot. Don't get too excited though, you will only date for three weeks before he breaks it off and tells you he only dated you because he felt really bad about scratching your car.

Gemini (May 23- June 21)

You will be horrified to learn that Soyent Green is actually made out of people.

Cancer (June 22-July 24)

Avoid Geminis. Twins have a tendency to work together. One might distract you while the other kneels on the ground behind you. Then the one distracting you will push you so you trip and fall over the one on the ground. Then they will laugh and walk away. Boy will you feel like an ass. In college and still falling for that trick.

Leo (July 25-Aug. 23)

I stole your bike.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Seasons don't fear the reaper. Nor do the wind, the summer or the rain. Come on baby.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You will come to the delightful realization that sometimes it remains fun and games when someone gets hurt.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Dumpster-dive every chance you get.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

While cleaning out your closet you will find all of your old No Fear and Coed Naked shirts and laugh for a second, then feel embarrassed because you actually wore them once.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Secrets don't make friends, but money can buy them. Join a fraternity or sorority.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

It's only a matter of time before people will begin to catch on to your "I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today" scheme.

Pisces (Feb. 20- March 20)

You will be paralyzed from the crotch down after you fall from your high horse.

Timeline, from page 7

talk show gave several warnings of an imminent attack on the U.S. by bin Laden in the week prior to 9/11.

September 1-10, 2001 – In an exercise, Operation "Swift Sword" planned for four years, 23,000 British troops are streaming toward Oman. Although the 9/11 attacks caused a hiccup in the deployment, the massive operation was implemented as planned. At the same time, two U.S. carrier battle groups arrive on station in the Gulf of Arabia, just off the Pakistani coast. Simultaneously, some 17,000 U.S. troops join more than 23,000 NATO troops in Egypt for Operation "Bright Star." All of these forces are in place before the first plane hits the World Trade Center. [Sources: *The Guardian*, CNN, FOX, *The Observer*, International Law Professor Francis Boyle, the University of Illinois.]

September 6-7, 2001 – Nearly 5,000 put options (a speculation that the stock will go down) are purchased on United Air Lines stock as opposed to only 396 call options (speculation that the stock will go up). This is a dramatic and abnormal increase in sales of put options. Many of the UAL puts are purchased through Deutschebank/AB Brown, a firm managed until 1998 by the current Executive Director of the CIA, A.B. "Buzzy" Krongard. [Source: The Herzliya International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism, <http://www.ict.org.il/>, Sept. 21; *The New York Times*; *The Wall Street Journal*.]

September 10, 2001 – 4,516 put options are purchased on American Airlines as compared to 748 call options. [Source: ICT – above]

September 6-11, 2001 – No other airlines show any similar trading patterns to those ex-

perienced by UAL and American. The put option purchases on both airlines were 600 percent above normal. This is at a time when Reuters (Sept. 10) issues a business report stating, "Airline stocks may be poised to take off."

September 6-10, 2001 – Highly abnormal levels of put options are purchased in Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, AXA Re (insurance), which owns 25 percent of American Airlines, and Munich Re. All of these companies are directly impacted by the Sept. 11 attacks. [Source: ICT, above]

It has been documented that the CIA, the Israeli Mossad and many other intelligence agencies monitor stock trading in real time using highly advanced programs, reported to be descended from Promis software. This is to alert national intelligence services of just such kinds of attacks. Promis was reported, as recently as June, 2001, to be in Osama bin Laden's possession and, as a result of recent stories by FOX, both the FBI and the Justice Department have confirmed its use for U.S. intelligence gathering through at least this summer. This would confirm that CIA had additional advance warning of imminent attacks. [Sources: *The Washington Times*, June 15, 2001; FOX News, Oct. 16, 2000.]

September 11, 2001 – Gen Mahmud of the ISI (see above), friend of Mohammed Atta, is visiting Washington on behalf of the Taliban. [Source: MSNBC, Oct. 7.]

September 11, 2001, For 35 minutes, from 8:15 a.m. until 9:05 a.m., with it widely known within the FAA and the military that four planes have been simultaneously hijacked and taken off course, no one notifies the President of the United States. It is not until 9:30 that any Air Force planes are scrambled to intercept, but by then it is too late. This means

that the National Command Authority waited for 75 minutes before scrambling aircraft, even though it was known that four simultaneous hijackings had occurred – an event that has never happened in history. [Sources: CNN, ABC, MSNBC, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*.]

September 13, 2001 – China is quickly admitted to the World Trade Organization after 15 years of unsuccessful attempts. [Source: *The New York Times*, Sept. 30, 2001.]

September 15, 2001 – *The New York Times* reports that Mayo Shattuck III has resigned, effective immediately, as head of the Alex (A.B.) Brown unit of Deutschebank.

September 29, 2001 – *The San Francisco Chronicle* reports that \$2.5 million in put options on American Airlines and United Airlines are unclaimed. This is likely the result of the suspension in trading on the NYSE after the attacks, which gave the Securities and Exchange Commission time to be waiting when the owners showed up to redeem their put options.

October 10, 2001 – The Pakistani newspaper *The Frontier Post* reports that U.S. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain has paid a call on the Pakistani oil minister. A previously abandoned Unocal pipeline from Turkmenistan, across Afghanistan, to the Pakistani coast, for the purpose of selling oil and gas to China, is now back on the table "in view of recent geopolitical developments."

This brief overview is not even the tip of the iceberg. To fully understand how those involved could be capable of such malice one must dig deeper into the events surrounding the attack, which, if you are brave enough to swallow your American pride and seek out the truth for yourself, you will find are sometimes more un-

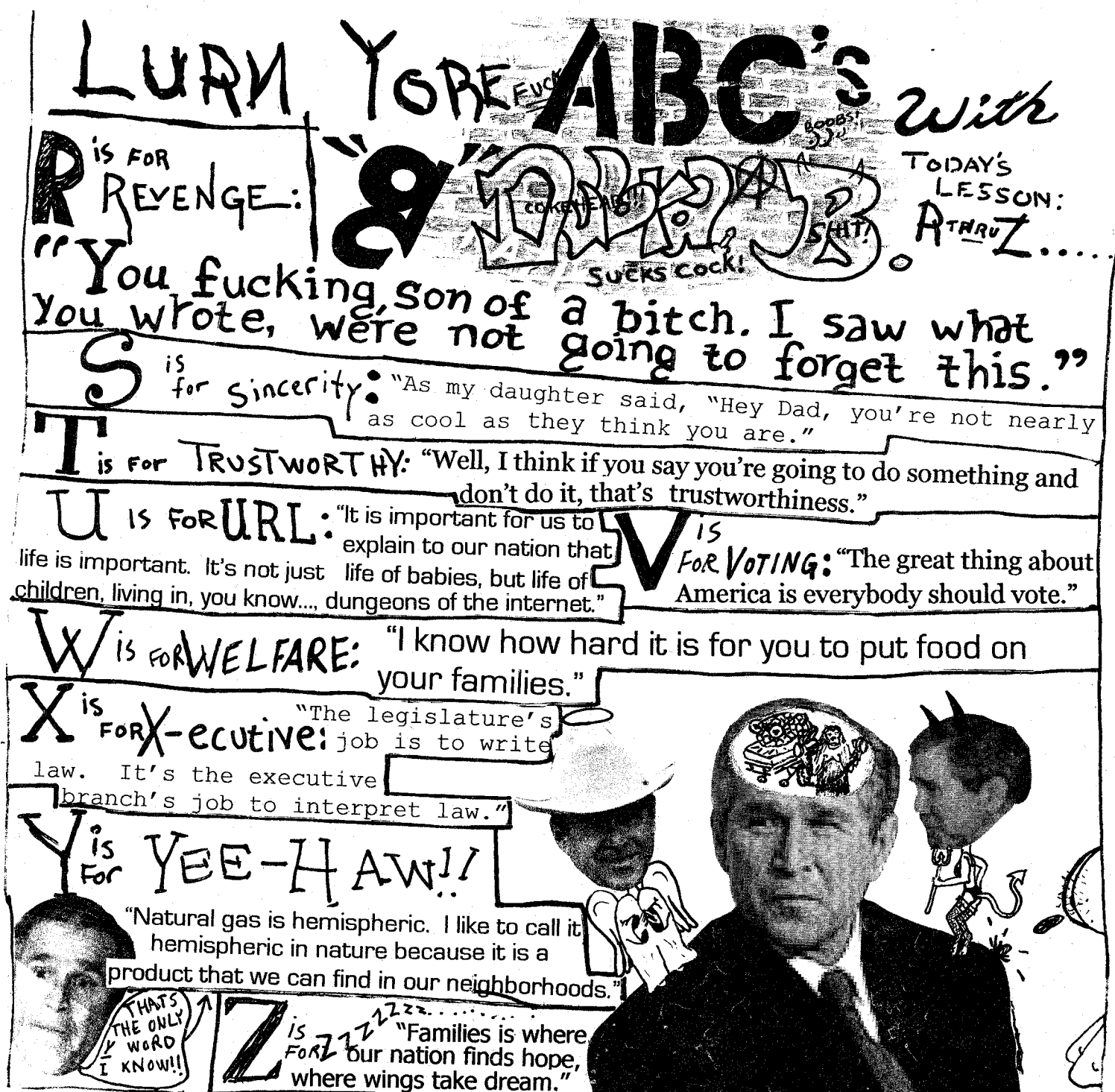
believable than what you just read.

Although the CIA (and the Bushes, and the Clintons, and Olie North, etc.) got caught for their involvement in Iran-Contra, in the end they got away with it because the vast majority of America has no idea what happened. The Government paid lip service; but in the end they pushed it under the mat and the CIA went right back into the drug dealing business, and to this day our economy is supported by the sale of heroin, coke and weapons of mass destruction. Now before you open your mouth (John Hilton), go do some homework. I'm not throwing out conspiracy theories. These are facts that you can find if you try, but you won't find them on NBC News.

For more in-depth information about this topic, browse through the archives at www.copvicia.com. But don't stop there. If you put some effort into it, you could probably find many other websites with relevant information. Carry a copy of this article (or the original at copvicia.com) with you and have people that you are discussing the war with read it. Don't try to explain it in your own words; trust me, they won't believe you. Most people stop listening as soon as you start telling them something that they don't want to believe.

Don't let these people get away with this just because they represent the government. They don't represent the government that you're waving your flag for; they represent *murder, lies and greed*. Is that what your patriotism means to you? If you have pride in your country it is YOUR responsibility to make sure it is something to be proud of. If you think that maintaining a stable economy is worth killing 6,000 people (and that doesn't even include Afghani civilians and many other groups), then you may remain indifferent.





MY BACK PAGES

Have a poem or piece of beautiful text that doesn't resemble anything on this page? Or at least not gross? If you do, send it to y096@truman.edu (and that's a zero in there). Also coming soon...the poetic revolution, starting with an mbp party and word-bomb-building at my house. Date, time, and place soon to be revealed.

Amazing Grace,
Come ist on my face!
Don't make me cry,
I need your pie.

-from *Halloween II*

A Man

I am a man.

I don't smell like all of that fu-fu crap
that all the girls wear.

I smell like hard work, hot sweat,
and cold steel.

I like sitting on the front porch
drinkin' beer with my buddies in the
evening ing and afternoon and
morning.

I am a man.

PS - I like horsies.

-Mikey

Wanted:

One farmhand willing to pitchfork my pink hay mound.
Must not be afraid of rough anal sex! Are you man
enough for the job, buddy? First, I want you to peel
my cut-offs off my body. Then eat me out. Really
bury your face between my thighs. Be sure to tickle
my ass with your tongue, too. That drives my wild!
Next, plow me with you dick tractor. Ever notice how
an erect cock looks like a tractor. [Hint: the balls are
the wheels.] Fill my cunt-silo with your drooling stick
of beef. Keep going, farmhand! Bang me, farmhand,
fuck me good! Yah, mule!

-Ben Garret

There once was a bucket from Nantucket
That was so big I could fuck it
Cuz my dick is so big, it hangs between my knees
And it only flutters in a hurricane's breeze.

-Logan Peckosh

...or, what can happen when people don't turn in poems.