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Police chief proposes DPS powers expansion

Story by I Sansanee L. Suwaratana

A proposal between the Truman State University Department of Public Safety and Kirksville Police Department may soon allow Truman officers to have off-campus jurisdiction. "We've discussed the pros and cons [of the proposal] and most of the major points have already been decided on. It's been submitted to the City Council," Chief Police Jim Hughes said Thursday in an interview with *The Monitor*. If the City Council passes the proposal, DPS officers would be allowed the same rights and access that Kirksville police officers currently have. As part of the proposal, DPS officers would have the right to make off-campus arrests, both of students and of Kirksville residents. Councilman Richard Scott said that the Council was not discussing the proposal at the moment. "There are a lot of questions that need to be answered yet," Scott said in a phone interview. "For example, who's going to respond to calls near campus - DPS or KPD? What exactly will be DPS' procedures for off-campus offenders?" Scott said. Hughes said that commissioning DPS officers would not affect the way police officers would handle calls and arrests. "Most times, people can't tell the difference between a KPD, DPS, or county sheriff officer," he said. Some Kirksville residents are concerned with liabil-

ity and chain of command issues that might arise. Councilman Tim Crist said that city-commissioned DPS officers working with the Kirksville police department would have the same powers as KPD officers but Truman State University would be liable for their conduct. "My concern is that it's hard to control someone who's not working for you," Crist said. Police Chief Hughes said that he and DPS director, Tom Johnson, would have full rights to immediately revoke the license of any commissioned DPS officer if the need arose. Another concern is that DPS officers will not have had the same training as Kirksville police. Hughes said that any officer receiving a commission from the police department must undergo the same field exercises and training.

A recent article in the *Daily Express* stated that the department "would need six more officers, two more supervisors, four more clerical positions, and six more vehicles to equal the average of 12 communities [similar to Kirksville]." The same article pointed out that Kirksville has a crime rate that is 20 percent lower than the national average. Hughes said that the low crime rate did not take into account the number of calls made for domestic disturbances such as loud parties or other minor offenses that Kirksville

police must respond to. He hopes that the new proposal will allow DPS officers to handle some cases that occur off-campus but close to the university.

"I'm not asking for any new officers," Hughes said, citing the lean budget and the economy as reasons for not installing new KPD officers. Hughes said he reviewed the Department when he was installed as police chief in March of 2003 and was convinced then of insufficient staffing in the department. Kirksville currently has 26 total commissioned police officers, but only 19 are free to actually police the town 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Hughes said. "At this very moment, only three police officers are out patrolling the town. If any major emergency would come up, three officers would be barely sufficient to respond to the situation," Hughes said.

Councilman Scott said that he did not know when the Council would vote on the proposal. City Council meetings are open to the public and are held every fourth Monday of the month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

We would love to hear what you have to say about the proposal. Send emails to monitortrm@hotmail.com

Friendly terrorists pardoned; US silent

Story by I Marc Becker

In 1976, terrorists planted a bomb on a commercial airplane before it left Caracas, Venezuela. In mid-air the bomb exploded, killing all 73 people on board. This has been recorded as one of the worst cases of international terrorism.

On August 26 of this year, outgoing Panamanian president Mireya Moscoso pardoned four men who have been implicated in this and other terrorist attacks. Three of the men flew to Miami on a private jet, and the fourth reportedly traveled to Honduras on a false U.S. passport. The Bush administration, in an attempt to shore up electoral support in Florida, silently condoned the release of the terrorists.

The four men (Luis Posada Carriles, Guillermo Novo, Gaspar Jiménez and Pedro Remón) were right-wing Cuban exiles who had been sentenced to prison in Panama for their role in a 2000 assassination attempt on the life of Cuban President Fidel Castro. Moscoso released the four so that a subsequent government would not permit their extradition to Cuba

or Venezuela where they face pending criminal charges for their terrorist actions. Moscoso's justification for the release that the terrorists would "surely be killed" if extradited set off a storm of protest in Caracas. Venezuela does not have the death penalty. Vice President José Vicente Rangel stated that he did not "see any difference between Posada Carriles and al-Qaida." Posada, the chief terrorist leader, escaped a Venezuelan prison in 1985 while facing charges in the airline bombing. Many in Venezuela suspected that the U.S. State Department urged the pardon so that he would not face a new trial.

In response to the release, the Cuban Foreign Ministry declared that "those governments allowing passage or offering refuge to these terrorists will become accomplices in the actions." The pardon led to an immediate break in diplomatic relations between Cuba and Panama. The incoming president Martín Torrijos immediately normalized relations between the two countries. "For me, there are not two classes of terrorism," Torrijos stated, "one that is condemned and another that is par-

doned."

Posada was the most notorious of the four terrorists. He left Cuba in 1961, joined the U.S. army, and subsequently received training in terrorist tactics from the CIA. In addition to masterminding the bombing of the 1976 Cubana Airlines flight, he organized bombings against tourism facilities in Cuba that killed an Italian and injured various others. He has also engaged in numerous other assassination attempts on the life of the Cuban president. Had the 2000 attempt succeeded, hundreds of Panamanian students would have died in the university building where Castro was speaking.

In an unrelated development, *The Monitor* reported on August 30 that the FBI was investigating three Kirksville residents on charges of domestic terrorism. The three non-violent activists had not received CIA training, nor had they planned or carried out any assassination attempts of political leaders or bombings of civilian targets. They do not face criminal charges in other countries, nor is the U.S. government providing them with protection.

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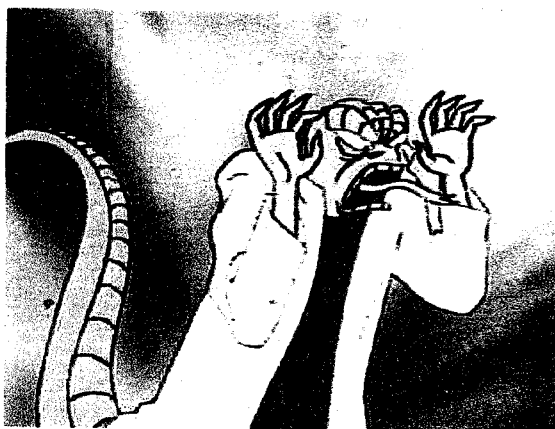
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Among people who have learned something from the 18th century (say, Voltaire) it is a truism, hardly deserving discussion, that the defense of the right of free expression is not restricted to ideas one approves of, and that it is precisely in the 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

The Editors' Box



This second issue of The Monitor is marked by the return of the Editors' Box, the space we use to provide some commentary on the conglomeration before you.

Ms. President, Members of Student Senate, I am happy to report to you that in its 10th year, the state of The Monitor is good. Our contributors are better able than ever before to meet the needs of the American people, and to give them their fair chance in the pursuit of happiness. As you will find in reading the following pages, the creative energy and social responsibility of this community has led to the submission of many well-developed pieces: important news stories, carefully reasoned and contextually framed opinions, and a liberal dose of frivolity as well.

Issues like these fulfill the Monitor ideal; our contributors aren't paid or otherwise coerced to produce "just a piece, any piece," for the issue. They themselves decided that they had a story worth the effort of pursuing, so be assured that you aren't reading filler.

If The Monitor is a driving call and response song, respond in our next issue, which will be smashing, by emailing monitortrm@hotmail.com, or attending the informational meeting Wednesday the 22nd at 8:30, or our regular meeting time every Thursday night at 8:30 in Baldwin 346. Everyone is welcome.

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Cost of academic volumes violates student

I think that the mottoes of Truman's and Kennedy's Bookstores should both be changed to "Bend Over." Do you agree with me?

-Arthur

Plasma perfidy

Do the people who pay tuition here know that Centennial Hall has a brand new widescreen plasma TV mounted to the wall of their lounge behind a glass case? Next to it is the unplugged big screen TV they used to use. I understand spending some down time to relax, but there's the SUB, as well as the TV's already in place in each of their lounges with cable, why the expense of a new plasma TV? I can think of a couple of good books our library could use before a new TV. Fuck Centennial.

-Justin Anderson

Moore criticism disturbing, ill-timed

I have to say that I find Jon Lawinger's (henceforth JL) attack on mischaracterized "manipulative" documentarian, writer Michael Moore in the current new semester Monitor issue deeply, troublingly naive. Not the least, pre-November, ill-timed! Because a JL himself concedes he is himself a man "of the Left... liberal America," yet one himself publicly disliking what he admits to be America and the "global" Left's proven box-office, all-time record favorite, anti-Bush junior filmmaker. And, too, because, JL also grants Moore great virtuosity of having genuine film techniques expertise. As if the two aspects of MM's character - intention and method - can be thus, artificially and falsely, split totally apart, as JL ends up doing the whole weighty persona of the

man. Far from this kind of critique being some kind of proteanly Monitor healthily anarchistic, far-left "check" process, it strikes me as typically US middle upper class! TSU stylistically purist CONSERVATIVE perfectionist in yes, eloquent-seeming, reads-well analysis, I grant you Jon; but alas, thereby politically and artistically sterile! Indeed, uncreative at a time when we should all be doing our "manipulative," creative hardest! Doing our hardest to support all such critics against the huge PRO Bush-Cheney MULTI-millionaire money-driven US television, self-loving circus. One circus, itself, grotesquely assailing, hypocritically, MM's by comparison tiny, such "fortune" earned by "hitting it" amongst alas usually too uninformed, non-voting youth voters!

Coincidentally, just before I read JL's piece, which will be misused by the local Right with, already, their pre-Freshers fare "stall" for the College Republicans, I had just finished reading a UK Conservative The Spectator old review; of an early praised "Life" of an early last century MM of his day, the pacifist, self-publishing former Labour cabinet minister father of US actress Angela, George Lansbury, by his popular historian son-in-law, fawningly, R. Postgate! For sure, this journal, correctly, accused RP of over-play of Lansbury elder's "saintliness," he to the last moment, was even trying to, personally, plea with a met-Hitler to "forbear" on WWII and had his ashes scattered "peace-symbolically" over my Eastbourne UK Beach Head cliffs where I, 11 less dangerously soon myself be in over-whiff! Such as JL castigates MM with being too, in fanaticism! But, and here's the rub vis a vis JL, just as much on MM too, The Spectator additionally conceded, that it is in their own words GL's such strategic "artfulness" of publicity against their war interests that made him legitimately effective! It was not malevolence that motivated GL or "equivalence" as shockingly judge JL tries to tar MM "with" Bush junior with today.

So JL extracts from MMs Bowling for Columbine first masterpiece, the "artful" fact that strictly unhistorically therein MM, deliberately conflates the present NRA pro-gun lobby with the original KKK. Strictly accurately, JL contends, that post-civil war Union General President Grant did not

favor the KKK (me: he even endorsed Congressional laws, ineffectively, from the North agin' it) yet, Grant did favor the NRA. Thus MM distorts the "true" evidential unlike, says JL!

Sorry, as while in over-artfulness Moore can be so classroom charged with, yes, not enough strict minute historical context, since Grant as a pre-war small drunken shopkeeper failure would have livelihood tolerant of guns for food, this is emphatically, not MM being "evil" and "self-righteous" in words JL then blows up. As in fact today JL is ignoring MMs own such documentary, more recent historical judgmental contextualism.

You see what JL palliates is what Bowling for Columbine brings out in the unfortunate power of history, as gun "rights" mythology shows, to grip the US excusist violence psychology (plastic dolls in Army recruitment tv ads laughable by any other "modest" country's realistic standards, for instance, in bloodless fantasy, "be-all-you-wanna-be," yeah flesh, yours fragments!). The NRA and KKK in joint gun-free "rights" credo have, and do, 2004 historically condone racist, sexist violence. Put artfully, but truthfully, guns kill African-American TSU neighborhood home students even in suburban Columbia, KC and St. Louis disproportionately more, in their folks that JL's comfortable vicinities white, we-Yanks!

Not only do we know this for Flint, Michigan and Missouri statistically, but, indentifiably sadly, nearly any of Andrés' front-page TSU African-american students even in suburbia today will tell you, as they do MM style documentarians, of such "friends" gun deaths. Yet, former WHITE SOUTHERN democrat Congressman, Harold Volkmer, for this area, stretching in gerrymandered, odd rural vastness over to ST Charles and incorporating urban Columbia, is still a "gun-righter." Given to "statement-issuing" to the effect, blaming blacks by saying "our people's" values "up here" are "superior." Because guns are handled "responsibly," innocently, in code by whites, MM ARTFULLY has to, vehemently, contrast! Statistically, as lawyer-novelist Scott Turow has shown, this is nonsense: as when they do get the guns in US rural WHITE counties such folks homicide WORSE than African Americans by far! But, oh no, Mr. JL thinks

it purely unfair for MM to strict history contrast or "juxtapose" this contrast, as, closely, it cannot be easily dramatically evidenced, even though it, historically, is all-to-graphically real!

Conclusively, we are thus back to MM's point centrally in his BOWLING low-budget movie classic, as tentatively has to be his House of Saud-Bush oil dynasty "tie-in" point in the more expensive Fahrenheit now web-free magnificence work, that guns as "safe vessels for USA liberty" are primarily white, rich NRA male fantasy, racistly. Yet for over 30 years this is what the NRA purchases in US TV ads and in biggest spending lobbying, bribingly in both your Congress and Statehouse. When MM exposes it all at last, to at least a million strong audience in its first week, yet, JL slays a mild measure of contrast as strictly, not fully "evidential." Come on, are you unartfully, for real yourselves on the US Left in reproaching "evil equivalence," MM with Bush, monied everyday lies, as JL does rhetorically is insulting to his own, let alone we readers' intelligence! Getting rid of both US internal gun profligacy in flagrant racist effect mythology history, hot herstory or ethnic history, is as laudable in MM as his trying to stop Bush-Saud oil wars abroad by every Freedom of Information Act "connections" he can get, pre-this November. For JL, to, on both counts, say his "connections" are evidentially not enough is impotent classroom fussiness, which is impossible to defend at this stage. The proof ought not await the TSU classroom twenty years after if Bush is defeated! "History" accurately is a dynamic, ongoing process and I think MM understands this more than JL yet does in how progressives have to operate for any meaning in a Bush-Media dominated bought outside, real-world environment.

In response urgent to a very disturbing piece,

Fraternally and sisterly,

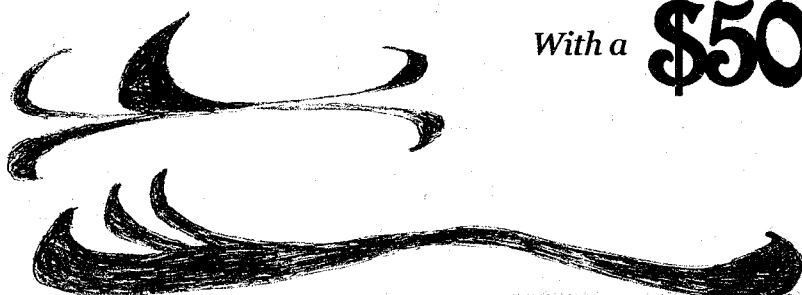
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OPINIONS

Amnesty International decries murder in Mexico

Story by | Ian Florida

Last year another atrocity was brought to the attention of the world. Over the past ten years hundreds of young women have been murdered in and around the Mexican city of Juarez. Many young women, ages 15 to 22, went missing. Some corpses were found in the surrounding countryside, but for many, the families would have no body to bury. Over the course of ten years the investigation was passed from hand to hand, but no matter who handled it, it was almost always mishandled, even while more young women were disappearing. Some have said that "there exists a lax attitude in investigating crimes against women." Many have called it the grossest violation of human rights in recent Mexican history. The failure to protect the women, or at the very least prosecute the offenders, resulted in the indictment of 81 Mexican municipal and federal police officers and 81 convictions.

If it seems to you that there is a violation of human rights occurring, then it would also seem appropriate for Amnesty International to become involved. Amnesty International (AI) is an organization that spans the globe. In it, people of many nations join together to protect the rights guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. There are nearly two million members of AI working in one hundred and fifty countries to stop and prevent human rights violations. Amnesty offers assistance to all who need it, working beyond and separate from any single country, government, political party, or religion. Their mission strives towards the impartial protection of human rights. Some of AI's goals include: end slavery, end terrorism, end torture, end poverty and starvation, protect freedom of speech, protect the right to gather, protect our right to own land, pursue happiness, have

security and maintain free thought. We may take many of these things for granted, but AI strives to ensure we enjoy those freedoms and that repressive Third World countries may someday enjoy those freedoms as well.

If the situation in Juarez seems to you like a cause Amnesty might be interested in, you're right. Amnesty took action, but the first thing is to get the issue attention, and that is up to all the tiny local chapters that make up the giant worldwide network. Even the chapter here at TSU was involved in raising awareness of these mass murders taking place in our neighbor to the south, literally directly adjacent to our border. Would we have stood for it if these murders were taking place 100 feet on the other side of the border? Would we have stood for it if corpses were showing up in Texan desert, not Mexican desert?

In order to raise awareness of this

issue, Truman's AI chapter held an event where they placed animal bones around the quad to represent the bones of hundreds of women showing up in the desert. For this demonstration, AI Truman was sanctioned by Truman State University and several students had charges levied against them, as many as 33 different violations were set against the human rights organization and its participants. This year AI Truman has big plans and hopes that it can make a difference. It hopes to impact the community in a positive fashion and maybe raise awareness, and hopefully a little cash, for the millions of people living in substandard or dangerous conditions. If you are interested in Amnesty International of working to help ensure human rights here at home and abroad you can email the organization at amnesty.truman.edu, or visit their website at amnesty.truman.edu.

Separation of Church, State threatened by new Amendment

Opinion by | Amanda Barr

When Amendment 2 passed, I found myself thinking one thought I never expected. "I am ashamed to call myself an American." This is supposed to be the Land of the Free. Where is this so called freedom then, when we can allow and support the government going after a specific group of people based upon a personal bigotry against them? Bush claims that he wants to "protect the sanctity of marriage". Has he ever looked at the divorce rate in this country? At the adultery? I think that those defile the institution of marriage far more than allowing two people who are in love, and happen to be of the same sex, to join together. But that must just be me I suppose, since most Missourians decided they won't let that happen here. Not only does Bush disregard the rights of an entire demographic, but let's not forget a little detail called Separation of Church and State. The ban on gay marriage is so far over the line on this I cannot believe there has not been a word said about it. Bush has spent most of his term in office dancing across the line between church values and states rights time and time again, and we do nothing about it. Never mind that I am Christian, when I see the President of the United States being an evangelist on national television, I am offended for every non-Christian.

Has anyone else stopped to think why, all of a sudden, Bush is focusing so hard on the issue of gay marriage? Particularly during a very close campaign,

where he needs to take the focus off some other, more rocky issues that don't exactly endear him to the American public. If we're all up in arms over this hot issue, none of us are looking at the economic troubles, the unemployment rate, and the war in Iraq. No, because hey, Bush protected marriage! Don't worry that we have soldiers dying in Iraq, that the friends and family that have been sent there are being told that instead of getting to come home, they have to stay for approximately ten more years. That's not what's really important here. What is important is protecting traditional values. What's important is forgetting a little regulation called Separation of Church and State. Because that's what the driving force is behind the call for banning same sex marriages. The Church does not approve of it, therefore it is morally wrong and society as a whole buys into that. Yet I have heard not a word said, even by the Kerry/Edwards campaign, about the issue. And the reason why is because we are a predominately Christian nation, and to bring up that issue would cause serious detriment to their campaign, not to Bush's.

This entire year in political history has been one embarrassment after another. The mistakes that have been made, and the bad decisions based on the wrong ideas are astounding. How can we, the United States, supposedly the world's greatest nation, the land of the free, sit by and watch freedom after freedom be taken from us?

Clearcut to stop forest fires

Opinion by | Eric Null

Earlier this year raging wildfires in California and other states caused damage of great proportions. Hundreds of dwellings were destroyed and thousands of acres of forests were charred to ashes. This senseless waste of our forests brings great sadness to my heart. Why couldn't these forests have been previously turned into multimillion dollar housing for the rich of California? We must do everything we can to ensure that every tree is cut down and turned into two story columns for the mansions of the stars.

The benefits of clear cutting are very obvious. Not only will clear cutting prevent forest fires, but the wood from these trees can be used for meaningful projects. (I don't know about you, but I could use some redwood paneling in my basement.)

The simplicity of the way in which clear cutting prevents forest fires is beautiful. When all of the trees are cut down, there are no forests to burn, hence, no forest fires. This simple logic has escaped us for so many years. We must now make up for lost time.

As Smokey the bear said, "Only you can prevent forest fires." Only with the help of the average citizen and his or her hatchet can all of the trees be cleared before the forest fire season begins next year. Clearing our nation's forests will be a massive undertaking. The great acreage of Yellowstone alone will take countless citizens many days to clear cut. This monumental task can only be accomplished if we grab our axes and take to the forest. Take a lesson from George Washington and chop down that cherry tree!

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The politics of identification

guide to political tactics of the 2004 election

Opinion by I Cameron Moore

Holy crap! The political season is underway and the over-zealous inundation of political mudslinging has kicked into high gear. For anybody who follows politics with any amount of regularity, it has become an almost impossible task to wade through the onslaught of information and attacks by and from each party. And for those who don't really follow politics, this whole mess is quite intimidating and really discouraging to potential voters. With this in mind, I hope to be able to provide some insight for those still on the fence for this upcoming presidential election, arguably the most important election of a generation.

First and foremost, we must remember that we are dealing with politicians here. This may seem a bit obvious, but it is easy to forget. Politicians are, especially during election season, concerned with maintaining their jobs. They obviously think that they are better at their jobs than that "other guy," and being reelected is of primary importance. This is all pretty clear. But what tactics do politicians use to become reelected, and what does this have to do with their trustworthiness and character in office?

This election we have seen both parties try to use the tactics of divide and conquer to capture the presidency, although it seems that the leaders of the Republican Party are more organized and better at this. The primary ingredient in this deplorable display of disregard for the interests of the American people is *identification*. In fact, this is the primary ingredient of politics in general, but this election season has brought out its ugliest face.

The idea is simple, and really isn't much of a secret. People like to identify themselves with things. In fact, most of our identity (who we think we are as a person) is a complex web of identification with the objects and people around us. Most often, we identify ourselves by listing likes and dislikes: things with which we identify and things with which we do not. "I like peanut butter. I do not like mushrooms." These are the things that come to mind when we try to describe ourselves to somebody else, differentiating our own self from others by identifying our tastes, whether it be food, music, or anything else.

In effect, the things with which we identify become a part of us, as welcome as a close friend, and those things with which we do not identify ourselves are considered foreign and unwelcome.

Now, this is just how people tend to work. And politicians are quite aware of this. Politicians want, more than anything else, for you to identify with them. This is how they get votes. This is why George W. Bush pretends to be some regular-Joe ranch-hand from Texas, even though he attended Harvard and was raised in an obviously elite family. And also, for that matter, why John Kerry has appeared on late-night talk shows, looking pretty stupid trying to look hip with a guitar. This is just how politicians work. These tactics, however, are becoming increasingly used with no conscience and no moral accountability to the people being manipulated in the tug-of-war.

Take for instance Bush's stance on gay marriage. Clearly, there was no chance of

passing a bill that would lead to an amendment to the Constitution to ban gay marriage with the required two-thirds majority of the Senate this past summer. Yet, with a war in Iraq in the crapper while troops die every day, a sluggish economy, and a prisoner abuse scandal snagging headlines, somehow gay marriage is portrayed as the most frightening and terrible thing to threaten this country's very existence since terrorism. And this just seems to be a textbook play for this administration.

Politicians (especially desperate incumbents) are looking for votes. Now, it is a lot easier to get blocs of votes than it is to work for them one-by-one, so politicians look for people who tend to identify with each other, and then they work to try and get all of those people to identify with them also. In this way, politicians look for the largest fault lines in our societal identification fabric, stick a spike in it, and hit it with a hammer. It ends up just being a big game where, as each party chips off pieces of the populace, they collect them in a basket, and the one with the most pieces of the public in their basket on Election Day wins.

This current administration has thus far displayed no fear in picking hot and divisive political issues as a diversion from addressing the real problems in this country and the world-at-large, including our own mistakes. People who relentlessly use these means to reach a self-serving end (getting re-elected to the most powerful political position on the planet), should really have their motives questioned and tactics shunned by most reasonable people. Representatives of a population should not use an entire group of people who share similar lifestyles (read: gay people) to induce fear and hatred into other people who share similar lifestyles (read: social conservatives and religious fundamentalists) to try and garner more votes from people who identify with them. This is indeed one of the ugliest faces of politics.

Now, it would be unfair to say that these types of tactics are practiced by only one political party. Democratic leaders also tend to pick hot issues like abortion, gun control and health care which are considered important by the people with which they wish to identify so as to gain more votes. The difference is, though, that the Democratic leaders don't seem to be as good at this as the Republican leaders, and they certainly don't seem to be as good at using these issues to drive wedges in the public's perception of them. The main difference here seems to be religion.

Republicans have really got a stranglehold on the politics of religion in this country. By identifying themselves with fundamentalist Christianity, they have effectively identified those against their agenda as being evil and against God's will. This is how they gathered support for the war and occupation in Iraq, along with scare tactics based on information that was known to be false and inaccurate. I might be wrong here, but using God as a political tool, a device to divide people and acquire votes, in addition to lying and fabricating fear is contradictory and sacrilegious at best, and callous, malicious and punishable by law at worst.

Now, I must be clear on what I mean by "Republicans" and "Democrats". The very foundation of this identification game is that, when you identify yourself with somebody and they are attacked, you also feel attacked. The leadership of both political parties in this country wants nothing more than the supporters of those parties to feel attacked whenever their policies and actions are questioned and criticized. This way, a sense of victimization is created, and the

identification is further sealed and cemented within a nearly impenetrable cage of fear. The Bush Administration is even trying to get people to identify John Kerry with terrorists by claiming that terrorists want Bush to be defeated.

My point is this: when I talk about "Republicans" and "Democrats," I refer to those who constitute that party's leadership, and not those who identify with those people. I am not talking about you, reader, only the people who are trying to get your vote.

With all that being said, it seems to me that it is quite clear that the current administration's tactics for shoring up votes are indicative of a disgusting disregard for any actual problem solving pertaining to this country's problems, both at home and abroad. (They were certainly more interested in divisive politics than fostering the political and social unity that followed September 11.) Having these people in charge of the world's largest military force at a time when such subtle and intricate problems exist in the Middle East is both irresponsible and dangerous, for other nations as well as our own. They have repeatedly proven themselves untrustworthy.

Kerry, on the other hand, just doesn't seem to be that great of a politician, stumbling through the Bush administration's clever and manipulative political traps. But with what's just been discussed in this article in mind, is this really all that bad of a thing?

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REVIEWS

Hives 2, Strokes 0



The Hives
Tyrannosaurus Hives

Review by | Tom Usated

Time it was and what a time it was, it was, when I thought the Hives were the clear leaders of the three-chord renaissance of garage nouveau that burst upon our pop-glop-coated ears sometime around late 2001 or early 2002. I was but a confused born-too-late proto-punk, having little to which I could reasonably compare these loudnrambunctious Swedes. I'd heard a little of the White Stripes and the Strokes album was okay. Hadn't discovered the Vines yet. I went out and bought *Veni Vidi Vicious* and became the most vocal Hives supporter I knew. Really the only one. Everyone else liked the Stripes or the Strokes. Puhshaw, said I, the Hives are where it's at, cat! In their short but satisfying record my discerning Sherlock Holmes ears detected the influence of the *Nuggets* bands, the Ramones, the Stooges and, in "Find Another Girl," something like Mick Jagger ripping off the bastard child of "Take Time to Know Her" and "Shop Around" above a Ben E. King-era Drifters arrangement. It all seemed to add up to the record most likely to cleanse our collective palate of several years of cotton candy.

If the Hives were certainly not the latest cavity, it was only evident to me in hindsight that they weren't pure fluoride either, perhaps most notably after witnessing the White Stripes do whatever it is they do live and in person a month later. But I think I was at least correct about the Strokes, who are the Talking Heads to their less cerebral but far more interesting and fun contemporaries, even though they sound kind of like the Buzzcocks and occasionally like New Order when New Order played guitars. They're good but nothing better, competent but nothing special. And I still don't care about the Vines, a condition that couldn't even be rectified by my listening to their schizophrenic sub-Cobainist debut for the first time less than a month ago. Which at least puts the Hives in the unenviable but unembarrassing runner-up slot.

What I like about the Hives is the complete and utter lack of pretension they use to counter their massive arrogance. They represent every last iota of what I hate about the Strokes, who, try as they

might to fuck our hearts with their regular-guys persona-crafting, come across as a bunch of pompous whales content to merely recycle not even the Buzzcocks but just their own metronomic brainfart riffs ad infinitum. Ah, but those Hives, with their matching suits, just like them Silver Beatles, eh? They look all manufactured-like, but listen to those *songs*, people! They're all the same but boy, are they all different. "Declare Guerre Nucleaire" threatens to roll straight off the tracks into some canyon riddled with cow skeletons, in fact it probably *does*, and maybe that's why the thing crashes to a shattering halt so quickly. And everything else on *Veni Vidi Vicious* is just as wild, except the aforementioned stab at Swedish Stax. It all fits the loud-n-fast credo by which the most devoted purveyors of garage nouveau create and live their music. So it ended up being the most solid album in the movement, save *White Blood Cells*, but of course too many people were off worshipping at the feet of the most holy and blessed Strokes to realize it.

Since *Room on Fire* really blew when it came out last fall—not long before Ryan Adams' rip-off-the-rock-stars album, what a great time for the sacred cows to

moo and trot around in their own shit!—the time is ripe for the Hives, and *Tyrannosaurus Hives* should at the very least make people realize that this is the band of the hour, the only group working in the garage vein that can hold a candle to the White Stripes, and certainly the most purely trashy (popular) band of our era.

Howlin' Pelle sounds like he had his vocal cords ripped out and tossed in a blender and someone turned the thing on "high" and mixed what was left with a bottle of whiskey before they stuck it all back in his throat, whereas Julian Casablancas always has this singing-into-a-megaphone sound, which only makes you wish the megaphone had been a plastic bag covering his wasted skull. On *Veni Vidi Vicious* most of the bona fide singing was done by the rest of 'em as backup, which had a tendency to soften the impact of Howlin' Pelle. But on *Tyrannosaurus Hives*, the frontman has grown as a vocalist to the point that he doesn't just yell anymore, which would have been just fine by me, and now he truly sings, albeit like Joe Strummer and Mick Jones would sing, meaning with plenty of good yelling hurled into the maelstrom.

When the Hives steal, which is often, they do it from the best. "Diabolic

Scheme" has strings that sound like between Paul Buckmaster's arrangement on early Elton John records and synthy dizzifier on Britney Spears' "Toxic." "Two-Timing Touch and Honesty" lifts the chords of "I'm Not Steppin' Stone" so immediately, tently and obviously that it seems a direct challenge to whoever the fuck that song to run out and snatch a la "Walk Idiot Walk" smacks of a well-spent dissecting the Keith Richards chord oeuvre and the Jaggerized voice it nicely. "A Little More for Little" is "Marquee Moon" sped up and given a reggae touch—listen and learn—during the verses. And really, even else is your standard basic garage noise but that's neither good nor bad, it's

I think it's great that most of us don't suck the Hives' dicks like the Strokes', who have to be pretty fucking sore by now and are letting it in their flaccid music. The complete lack of attention has enabled the Hives to grow musically rather than exist in a vacuum of critical fellatio, wherein they can do no wrong, even if they did not particularly right in the first place.

Get election facts right with these web sites

Reviews by | Jon Lawinger

With the presidential election fast approaching, here are some election-related sites that are worth checking out.

FactCheck.org – Annenberg Political Fact Check (<http://www.factcheck.org>)

This site, run by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, fittingly begins with this quote from Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan: "Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but not their own facts." The site's purpose is to evaluate the quality of information distributed in TV and radio advertisements regarding the upcoming election, and it lives up to the task quite impressively.

The FactCheck.org staff willingly and effectively points out the abundance of inaccurate and misleading claims present not only in the ads produced by the candidates themselves, but also the (usually much worse) ads produced by groups not officially affiliated with a specific candidate, such as MoveOn.org and Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. The site occasionally responds to notable claims made elsewhere as well, such as on a party's website or in a convention speech. In addressing claims, the site provides counterevidence for inaccurate or misleading facts presented, and gives context to quotes or claims about a candidate's past policy record. In effect, it dismantles and exposes nearly every ad run to be either directly factually inaccurate, reliant on misleading suggestions, hypocritical, lacking proper context, or grossly exaggerated.

Best of all, FactCheck.org not only claims to be non-partisan and unbiased;

they actually pull it off. I can't think of a single more evenhanded political site on the net. While there may be more articles discrediting claims by either Bush or Kerry at any given time, that is simply a representation of which candidate is running more ads at the time. The articles themselves are equally aggressive towards false claims by either Bush or Kerry. I don't want you to trust me on that, though. Take a look for yourself. In addition, the site refuses to accept any private donations in order to maintain its objectivity.

It's sad that this type of propaganda analysis is hidden away in some relatively unknown corner of the web. The country would be a better place if FactCheck.org's articles were being read on the evening news every night, or even better, during prime-time commercial breaks. Sadly, most Americans don't have the attention span for a legitimate analysis of the facts behind the issues politicians raise, preferring to allow themselves to be manipulated by the 30 second campaign spots slipped into their entertainment time. Don't let yourself be one of them. Keep an eye on www.factcheck.org during the rest of the election season and stay informed.

Race 2004 (<http://www.race2004.net>)

As Al Gore and hopefully everyone here at the university knows, winning the U.S. presidential election is not as simple as getting the most people to vote for you on election day. It really all comes down to the electoral college. So instead of paying attention to those national polls that pop up in the news every couple of days, you should really have your eye on what's

going on in each of the 50 states. That's what Race2004.net is for. By tracking daily polling data, the site keeps a running tally of how many electoral votes each candidate is likely to receive, and often presents that data in a brightly colored map indicating that each state is for strong Bush, weak Bush, undecided, Kerry, or strong Kerry.

While this type of a running tally of electoral votes can be found at several locations on the net, Race2004.net is the I've found. It features an advanced methodology which averages polls from



ent sources and takes into account margins of error. Also, states are assigned to a candidate when they have established a statistically significant lead. The result is a statistical analysis that changes slowly and so tends to lag behind current events by a week or so, but it tends to be more consistent, accurate, and significant. If you want to get a real feel for who is likely to win this election, this is probably the best place to go.

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Jon's picks for rental flicks

Review by | Jon Lawinger

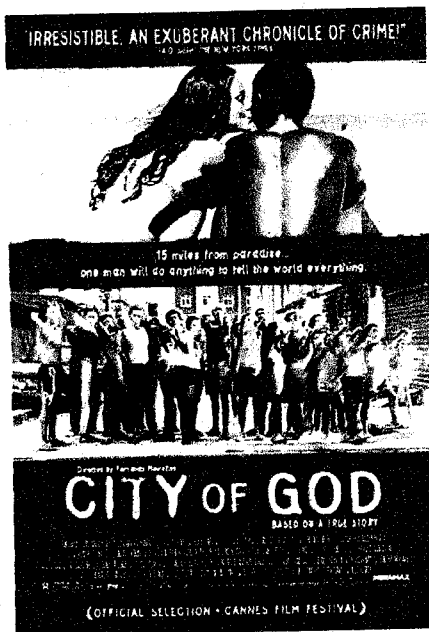
When you decide to head to Downtown Cinema 8 for an evening of silver screen entertainment, odds are you can pretty accurately guess which of your eight options will be most worth your time. If you're the indecisive type, you can rely on dozens of freshly penned critical reviews to guide your choice. But if you're like most college students, you're a lot more likely to grab a couple of your friends and pool funds for a three dollar rental than shell out seven bucks a piece for the latest flick. However, wandering into your local movie rental locale is not so simple an affair, as you'll be faced with thousands of films from which to choose. Walking through the new releases, only noticing the boxes allotted seven shelves of space, is not the way to a fulfilling film experience. Not at the theater, but here amid this labyrinth of VHS and DVD is where you need movie selection guidance. So that's what I'm here for. I don't fancy myself a film expert of any sort, but I do think I can recommend some worthwhile rental options that most of you wouldn't have otherwise considered. So each issue this year I'll offer a few short reviews and recommendations, along with what formats are available to rent, and where.

City of God (Cidade de Deus) – 2003

Yeah, my first pick is a foreign film, but I swear I'm not just being pretentious; it's worth reading subtitles for this one. This epic-styled Brazilian film is set in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, and based off of a true story. The narrator, a young man hoping his photography talents might offer him a better life, not only tells us his own story of growing up in a world of drugs, crime, and violence, but also guides us through the stories of a variety of characters from his past and present. While not especially experimental or elaborately stylized in an attention-getting manner, the film is masterfully composed.

It offers all the appeals of a gritty American urban crime drama in a drastically different setting and with unusually compelling characters driven by a unique

storytelling style. It provides a harsh portrait of an area controlled by street gangs who bring terror to the chaotic city but also provide order and stability that the corrupt police cannot offer. The violence that is depicted both frequently and brutally isn't presented as either frivolous or glorified. It is simply an expected part of these characters' lives. The narrator, always avoiding involvement with the gangs



but never far from the middle of things, compassionately yet unflatteringly depicts how each character struggles (often unsuccessfully) to survive in such a threatening environment. The film's many vivid characters are probably its greatest asset. They have a way of often feeling larger than life while being convincingly realistic at the same time.

At 2 hours and 10 minutes long, the story never drags on, and I always found myself intensely interested and unsure of what would come next. I confidently recommend this movie to anyone interested in a beautifully executed and compelling piece of storytelling.

Movie Gallery: Available on DVD
Hastings: Available on DVD and VHS

Website urges a vote for the lesser of two douchebags

Review by | Cameron Moore

When it comes time to vote in this country, it often seems that we are faced with choosing the lesser of two evils. And while it might be trite to say that, it definitely seems like there is a high percentage of people who are planning on voting for John Kerry just because they do not want George W. Bush in office any longer. Well now there is a website for all you passive aggressive voters out there: www.johnkerryisadouchebagbutimvotingforhimanyway.com.

Now, you might be thinking right now "I don't think calling John Kerry a douchebag is indicative of a website with much credibility in politics." And you might be right about that. But for some reason, using the word douche (and other derivatives of the word such as "doucheitude") to describe John Kerry is pretty funny in much the same way *The*

Onion is funny (the article "Holy Shit! Man Lands on Fucking Moon" comes to mind). For those not too stiff to laugh at the absurd immaturity of it, all the douche talk introduces a much-needed breath of fresh comedic air into our overly-stoic political arena.

The creator and maintainer of the website is Alan Blevins, a 21 year-old computer science major at Texas A&M. He states on the site: "The purpose of this website is to convince people who may find John Kerry to be a not-so-desirable candidate to vote for him anyway. In many of his public appearances and especially in news coverage, Kerry often comes across as stiff, disconnected and devoid of charisma. My goal is to put some perspective on these glimpses of the candidate and, more importantly, emphasize the importance of removing Bush from office."

Blevins also states that it isn't so

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much that he thinks Kerry is a douchebag, so much as he thought that Kerry was a douche until he found out that "most of these occurrences could be explained as lies, deception, media excess, or simply poor campaigning strategy." In an attempt to achieve his goal of debunking accusations of douchey behavior, Blevins has posted several essays that try to counter the media's representation of Kerry as a douche.

He does so by breaking most of these instances into three categories: times when Kerry actually did seem like a douche, times when media excess due to high demand for breaking news stories contributed to Kerry looking like a douche, and times when Bush lied or misled people into thinking that Kerry is a big ol' douche.

Some of the issues he addresses are the perception of Kerry as a flip-flopping douche ("Indeed, for a person to change

his stance on important issues in order to win an election would make him a verifiable, grade-A douchebag.") and the perception of Kerry as a medal-throwing, America-hating douchebag (he provides a link to a firsthand account of Kerry's "medal-throwing," in which the witness recounts Kerry saying "There is no violent reason for this; I'm doing this for peace and justice and to try to help this country wake up once and for all.")

All in all, this website provides for an interesting read, and it is peppered with just enough curse words to make the 14 year-old in us giggle. It also does a pretty good job at recognizing the truth that John Kerry riding a Harley on *The Tonight Show* is a total douchebag thing to do. But most importantly, it does an alright job presenting evidence for why this doesn't matter, and why John Kerry certainly can't be more of a douche than George W. Bush.

FEATURES

THE MONITOR

She

Feature by | Go_Roke

You have caught glimpses of her when you look in the mirror. She is the one who gives you the extra breath to blow every seed of a dandelion wish. She is the one who sweeps out your shame and hangs up delight. You have felt her, sitting silently into the early hours of the morning, rocking in the chair of your ribs while she mends the hole in your heart. By daylight she weaves small silver threads of magic into the coarser yarn of your routine and sometimes she naps with your cat in mid-afternoon. She is the one who flies to the moon to deliver your prayers and to bring you back messages too small to read clearly over such a distance. You may recognize her in the light of your friends' eyes and in the fingertips of your lovers. She is the one who made sure the word sacred started with the letter S, S is for she. You have wondered who she is, and she has shown herself in arcs of color across dripping skies, in spider webs strung gleaming with dew, in paw prints across your kitchen floor. She is the one you looked for in others until you learned to love yourself. You have asked her to be more precise; who is she exactly? - but she is imprecise as well as imperfect.

She is many things. She escapes definition. Like you, she is plural. Her title is not Amazing, although she is amazing in many ways. It is her navigation through moments which is most amazing, which best tells her story. It is through the small things - like you - that she is miraculous, and creates miracles. Some people call her magic, but she is only natural. She does not try to be so impressive, or magical, or noticed, she simply is.

And sometimes she disappears, sometimes for days or weeks at a time, and you feel empty without her. You wonder at first where she has gone, and then you notice her presence in you sisters and brothers and feel abandoned, neglected, unchosen. Why has she left you? You begin to become angry and your anger builds upon itself. You become so swollen that you do not realize that the small door into your heart has swollen shut. You chase her with curses and she becomes even more frightened and runs away. But she has also left herself inside of you. Like you, he is plural. There is enough of her to reside in everyone. She has never left you. She will never stop loving you. She has simply become trapped behind that swollen door of our heart, but she is there. You will not let her out, but she is there. She is still at first, but soon she resumes her mending and weaving. From the inside, she knits and sews and sings. You struggle not to dance, even though our feet are begging you. You pretend that you can't hear her. You refuse to sing with her, even though it is your own song she sings. But you cannot escape her. The moon holds you for locking her up; your friends ask after her whereabouts. Even your cat refuses to play with you until you let her out. Life is in solitary with her. By now the singing within you is so loud that you can't concentrate on anything but holding it back. And suddenly, in a burst of strength it rushes forth. It spins out the swollen door in your heart. It is your strength it rides on. It is your freedom you grant her.

Paranoid ponderings: the case for the camera

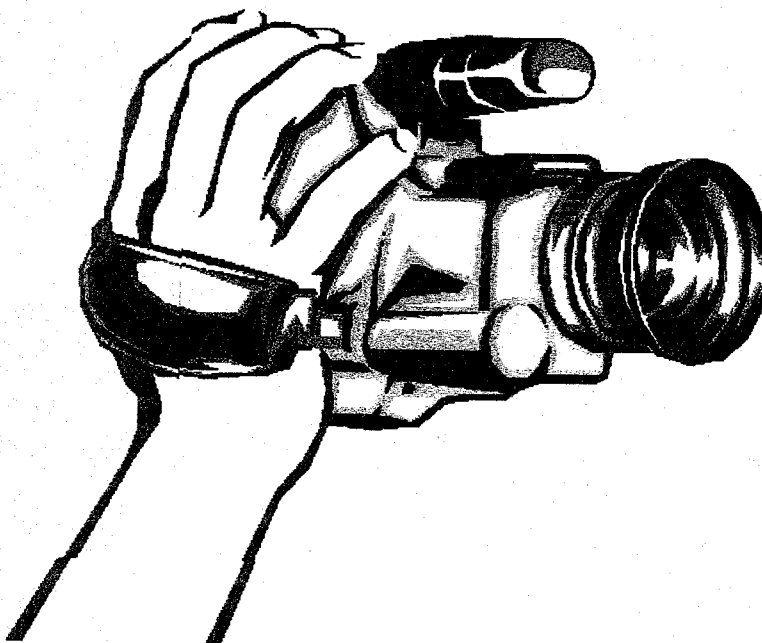
Feature by | Ian Florida

It has come to my attention that Truman State has a little known program set in operation to view anything and everything you do. They want to know how much you eat, how many bites per minute you take. They want to know the rate at which you swallow and how many shots you can do before you kneel to the porcelain god. They want to know what makes you tick. Is it so they may better help you, or harm you? Are they tearing through every piece of personal data so that they may better cater to the needs of each student? Or is it so they can play on our personal fears and rend us asunder one by one by one?

Fist let me tell you how they gather the information. There is a floating camera here at Truman State University. By floating I mean that it passes freely through the community, not that it is hovering. It was first given to Kevin Harrison, a freshman student, and he in turn will pass it on. This digital camcorder was given to him by Marty Eisenberg, the director of the Residential College program. It was given to him so that he may capture interesting bits of information on tape and hand it over to the man. This game of hot potato will last throughout the year, with different students receiving the camera every two weeks or so.

They use one of our own because

they are better able to infiltrate our culture and document it unobserved. It is doubtful we would act in the same manner around Mr. Eisenberg as we would around Joe Fro. However, whoever it is aiming the lens, there are several helpful hints I can give you so you do not look like one of those poor rednecks caught on Cops.



* No matter if you are just walking from the community shower to your room, wear pants. Pants are an invaluable ally in the struggle of life. If at some point you find yourself staring down the barrel of a loaded camcorder, and you are in fact NOT wearing pants, make use of some of the lush foliage adorning the campus, we have many varieties of flora that are perfect for your predicament.

* Remember, talking into this camera is like looking into the face of God, or the man who has the ability to expel your sorry ass from Truman State University and keep that \$500 you had to put down.

* If you feel the need to call yourself Rick James, you have bigger issues than I can handle in this article, like Disassociative Personality Disorder. Get yourself some help.

* If you feel that these rules are too complicated or you simply cannot remember them, I would suggest printing them out on a standard business card and keeping it in your wallet or purse. Use a clear legible 10 point font, do not use windings. yeah I know it looks cool, but in the hour of need you will probably end up wetting yourself from embarrassment as you desperately try to decipher the characters.

If you see the camera, and you follow these simple guidelines you will be just fine.

* Do not try to do any gymnastics and/or dance moves, as the law of show-off idiots states: "You can do it one hundred times in front of the mirror, but will only bite pavement in front of the camera."

* Don't say anything your momma or your girlfriend would smack you for.

Austin: quadraphonic rock jock

Interview by | Ian Florida

He opened his watch with the song "Gates of Steel" by Devo, or, rather, he opened the steel gates of fabulous music and let loose a tsunami of super-rock magnificence. It's 8:15pm on Monday night and I'm listening to 107.5 fm, Austin's Quadraphonic Rock Bloc, but I'm not listening through the regular channels. I'm inside the booth on the fourth floor of Dobson Hall. Sitting in front of me is Austin Johnson, a man of grand musical tastes, a young man sitting in a ripped, red, swivel chair shuffling through piles of burned CDs looking for the next piece to play. In between songs and public announcements he shares a few words with me on the music and how he came to Truman.

Monitor: So Austin, how does it feel to have just lost your radio virginity?
Austin: I don't think that I screwed up too badly.

His shaggy blonde hair is framed between two posters: Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix. After listing the two songs he just played and foretelling the next, he talks to his audience.

"If you have any requests or ponies you would like to donate to my person, just go ahead and call me at 785-5405 and I'll take them off of your hands."

Monitor: So Austin, what called you to DJ?

Austin: I want to spread, share, what I think is the most amazing music in the world.

We get taken off subject for a moment and informs me that he recently attended the faculty art exhibit, he also said "they have some really cool stuff with quilts."

He does one full turn of the chair and the big black block letters spelling out "Epworth" on his chest flash by.

Monitor: So Austin, you're from Tucson, what's the musical difference between Tucson and Kirksville, or Missouri for that fact?

Austin: There's much more of an Indie Rock scene back home, an overwhelming Indie Rock scene that everyone and their mother is part of. Also, too many kids with Vulcan hair and girlic jeans.

He debriefs us on the last band as he introduces the next.

"That last group was from Iceland, as all good music is. Plead with me to play something more logical."

Austin seems to really love what he does out there on Monday nights. I ask him to give me a good quote to go out on.

"There's nothing like sharing something you love with people you don't know."

So if you're yearning from some great post-rock music on a Monday night, check out Austin's Quadrophonic Rock Bloc from 8pm-10pm.

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Anar - can't tell me what to do!

Story by I "Paid" Paul Kingston

All right, folks, it's me again. As promised, I "Paid" Paul Kingston have returned to tell ya'll a bit more about why you should write me in for House of Representatives. Well I figure, now's as good a time as any for me to explain what I mean when I say I'm an anarchist. So let's get 'er done.

First, and foremost, I would like to reiterate that I am not the violent, blow-things-up type of anarchist. To me, anarchy is about the peaceful cooperation of people on an individual basis, *not* the violent tearing down of what I might consider to be a bad system of government. Essentially, when I say I'm an anarchist, I mean that I feel that if humanity was not forced to filter their interactions through the net of law and order, but allowed to act on our own convictions and ethics, then the world would be a much better place.

"So what's so bad about law and order?" you might ask. After all, without laws, what would stop people from becoming thieves, murders, and rapists? For starters, I'd say government seems to be doing a piss-poor job of eradicating thievery, murder, and rape. But I imagine I should probably have more of a case for its end than that. So let me explain.

As I see it, we each have our own individual path to follow, and we, as individuals, are the only ones who can truly know what that path is. I also believe that, while we all have some flaws and selfish desires, we also all have a very powerful drive to overcome these flaws and desires and make ourselves into better people.

The problem is that we all live in a system of laws. And those laws inevitably serve to restrain some of us from our individual paths. This is the inescapable consequence of the way law attempts to universally establish right and wrong. When restrained, the natural response is anger, which serves only to exacerbate our flaws and create more anger in others. It is a downward spiral, as more discord only creates more law, and the cycle goes on.

Law is a form of violence against the individual spirit. And violence can only beget more violence.

You see when you think about it (NO really, dude, think about it... dude), all the best of the human experiences are anarchist in nature. The family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas (or Hannuka, Kwanza, or Ramadan), discussions of art, philosophy, and theology with friends, lovers in each others' arms, parents playing with their children, these things aren't bound by any laws.

Sure, the hierarchy of family relations may still exist at Thanksgiving dinner, but those are as varied and unique as the families celebrating. As I see it, the vast majority of these occasions are ruled only by the social customs of the family. That's why it's okay for Lil' Jimmy to have a sip of wine at a toast, even though he's only eight years old. And that's why Uncle Eddie, the cop, Pretends not to notice that cousin Starfire, the hippie, was just out in the garage getting baked outta her gourd. There might be social conventions when families gather to celebrate, but they're flexible and they're definitely not laws.

Or when two lovers are in the throes of passion, what they do is guided only by what feels right. Not law. They could care less what a bunch of people in some chamber in Washington think of what they're doing. In fact, if their passion includes anything other than simple coitus, in some states, what they're doing is illegal.

These things are anarchy. They happen all the time. And they make life beautiful.

One last note. You might wonder why an anarchist would run for government. Well, the thing is, we have a government. And as I see it, we have to do what we can with the world we're given. So if I can make the world a better place as part of an institution that I don't think should exist (which I do believe I would be able to do), then I might as well try and do that. I thank you for your time, and remember vote "Paid" Paul Kingston for the House of Representatives.

Miss Marquis

Hello there, all of you bitty bugs, how's your semester going so far? Or are you too busy focusing on sex to worry about your classes yet? Yes, that's right. Sex. Chances are that if you aren't having it, you're thinking about it. And that's perfectly natural, my darlings. Sex is one of the great drives of humanity. Sex is what makes life possible. But there's one teensy problem: while everyone wants it, no one knows quite as much about it as they should. That's where I come in. I'm Sadie Marquis. That's Miss Marquis to you, of course, and I'm here to answer all of your questions about sex. Whether you're wondering about hand-starting the one-eyed yogurt thrower, or how you'd go about your first foray into the backdoor, I can give you a little help. Just send me your questions at TheMissMarquis@hotmail.com, and look for your answers in the next issue of The Monitor. And now, onto the letters!

Dear Miss Marquis,

My girlfriend and I have been together for four years. I plan on marrying her as soon as we've finished college. We're very much in love, get along well, and share a lot of the same interests. Lately, though, her sex drive has been declining. We're both young and both, I think, happy. Yet, in the last month we've had sex only once and it wasn't nearly as exciting as the sex we had when we first got together. I know the honeymoon can last only so long, but this sexual drought has me worried. Any suggestions?

Signed, Tired Right Arm

My poor dear. Well, as you know, people have very different sex drives - and the honeymoon period does wear off. But there are a lot of reasons for someone's interest in sex to wane. If this bedroom loneliness is a sudden, recent development, it could be related to anything from stress to depression. Has she been doing a lot of class work? Has she been blue? Has she been fighting

off a persistent cold? All of these things can contribute to a shrinking sex drive. Even just being tired can be a killer. It's even possible that the two of you are just bored. Do you put an effort into spicing it up? Trying new things? Try talking to your girl about the lack of hanky-panky. Find out if she's as confused as you are as to the dry spell. And then see if she'll go talk to the doc. First you two dollies need to find out if it's related to an illness, or something else. But your best weapon against this sort of thing is communication. Good luck!

Dear Miss Marquis,

I was wondering, not for myself, but for a friend. If there is a line that you should draw at when masturbation has gone too far. I mean she's at it like five times a day. Shouldn't there be like a once a week clause? I don't understand the need to do that all the time and when I'm in the room! It's just wrong, isn't it?

~ Vocally Upset

Well, poppet, the truth is that people masturbate, and they do it as often (or infrequently) as they feel the need to. It's not considered unhealthy to do it once a day, or more than that if inspiration strikes. In fact, there have been studies that point out that orgasms are actually good for you. Having said that, it is possible to have an unhealthy pattern of self-love. If it interferes with normal life, or if (heaven forbid) she feels it necessary to paddle the pink canoe in public, then she might have a problem and should see a counselor. You, unfortunately, have to share an apartment with an exhibitionist, and that is not at all okay. Why don't you try getting a spray bottle, and giving her a nice spritz in the face every time she tries to visit with Rosy Palm and her five sisters in front of you? If it works with cats, it should work with roommates.

Letters from the Underground



Feature by I Rory Rhorerton

Greetings all! This semester I am writing you from the land of the rising sun. That's what they call Japan. Which is where I am. In Japan. Anyways, for those of you who are new to Truman this semester, and those who don't save all their old monitor issues in little plastic folders that are then place in fireproof safes, if you want to send me a letter, go ahead and send it to roryrhorerterton@hotmail.com. In fact, please do, because if no one needs help then I can't give advice, can I? So let's get to it!

Dear Rory,

Why is it not wrong to date a 22 year old who looks 14, but it is wrong to date a 14 year old who looks 22?

Signed,

Konfused in Kirksville

Dear Konfused,

Wrong? Illegal, yes, but not necessarily "wrong." You see, its going against the way of nature to wait for a woman to turn 17 or 18. Women are in their prime when they are about 14; by the time we males are allowed to get at them they are practically old maids. But I have been assuming you to be male when in fact you might be female. Sure, a 14 year old guy might not be at his sexual prime yet, but trust me he isn't going to mind some attention from an experienced woman. In fact, I think that having sex with a college girl is better than almost anything for a 14 year old male.

So my advice is this: don't date any underage kids, that's fucking sick. Jesus.

Sincerely,

Rory

Dear Rory,

I hear that you are in Japan. This makes me

very sad because I think you are very sexy and funny and I will miss seeing you around campus. So my question is, where do babies come from?

Signed,

A Hot Chick

Dear Hot,

I'm not sure, but I *can* tell you where babies *don't* come from, and that's me! I mean, I haven't had any surgeries or anything, but if you have a random baby, it's not mine. I swear.

Sincerely,

Rory

Dera rory,

Ithink I havr a cfoncussion oore I hav e beceewn druggedd or somgethign. wHenn ltry to talk ore typew it doedsn't come out trifght. ASlo, I am vergh tiredddd for no reasohn. VCan yhou thealp me???

SAigned,

WEhere am I?

Dear WEhere,

My advice is to seek medical attention immediately and under no circumstances go to sleep. Hopefully you have been doing that yourself as this

issue has been going to the printers. I guess the printed word isn't the best medium for medical emergencies.....

Sincerely,

Rory

Dear Rory,

I am a foreign exchange student and one night I brought home a girl. It was then I learned a surprising thing about America. You need to buy your condoms at the store and the government doesn't give them to you for free. What is the reason for that?

Signed,

Foreign Man

Dear Foreign,

Why are you so worried about picking up girls anyways? Here I am in Japan and you don't see me doing it with every girl who walks by. Hell, I don't think I can even get non Japanese sized (if you know what I'm saying) condoms. Not that I need to buy them, because I am not the horn dog that you obviously are. Get a hold of yourself, man. Freaking pervert.

Sincerely,

Rory

NOTE TO READERS: Don't forget—roryrhorerterton@hotmail.com!!!

In today's *Point/Counterpoint*, inspired by the summer (almost) blockbuster of the same name, we examine the theoretical battle to the death that will determine the fate of the world as we know it: *Aliens vs. Predators*. Phil Spear argues that aliens will prevail, while Rory Rhorernton favors predators.

POINT

Aliens will destroy the predators

Point by I Phil Spear

Frankly, I don't see how anyone could think that predators even have a chance. Aliens, illegal and legal alike, will easily defeat the predator menace. Aliens from several countries have already proven themselves capable of winning the battle in their home countries. Many countries have already passed legislation to get rid of sexual predators. In fact, often times the predator problem is worse in other countries than in the US. Therefore, some immigrants to the US will already have a lot of experience in that battle.

Furthermore, many aliens have special skills in other areas that can be applied to fighting sexual predators. Would any pervert stand a chance against a ninja, for example? What, you thought we wouldn't include ninjas in this little battle? Sorry, Rory, ninjas want to be a part of the land of freedom too. A predator would come bumbling along looking for porn or something, and would see a naughty magazine on the ground. While the perv is distracted the ninja would tighten the wire noose and snap his neck. I've seen it like a million times in *Tenchu: Wrath of Heaven*. Well, I guess they might not have been sexual predators in that videogame, but the principle is still the same. Also, come to think about it, that was also not a ninja but a mercenary vigilante doctor. But I digress, the point remains that ninjas and/or rogue doctors could easily distract pedophiles and then garrote them.

Another example: Johnny Depp moved to France because he was tired of the paparazzi or something. Yeah, yeah, I know, poor rich ass Johnny Depp can't get any privacy, boo-hoo. But that's not the point. Have you ever seen *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Yes, you have, you ALL have. The way you talk about it, it sounds as if watching it was the defining moment in most of your lives, Truman students. But I digress yet again. So Johnny Depp, a sort of alien or at least immigrant to France (I think that's good enough to count him in the ranks of the aliens. I mean, he probably hates sexual predators too, cause he's not that bad of a guy) versus predators doesn't strike you as kind of an extremely one sided battle? He defeated an assload of pirates! ZOMBIE pirates! Perverts ain't nothin' to Cap Jack. And did you see "The Ninth Gate"? Yeah, didn't think so, but it wasn't a TERRIBLE movie really. Not relevant to our discussion, but I thought I'd bring it up. And then there was "Edward Scissorhands." Eh, what about that classic piece of cinema, Rory? In it, JD finely showcases his skills at dispatching rapists and shrubbery even when encumbered with scissors for fingers. Wow, you go, boyee!!!

I haven't even mentioned Jet Li. Hailing from China, or Hong Kong (I'm not exactly sure, I mean I like his movies but I don't know that much about the guy as a person) he is definitely on the alien side. I shouldn't have to even mention that predators have no chance in that particular battle. Go educate yourself with "Kiss of the Dragon." He dispatches a French pimp with just a needle. Even if the sex predators shot a bunch of arrows at him, he could dodge them like he did in "Hero." What if he teamed up with Jackie Chan? That would probably be pretty cool for approximately 3 seconds before every sexual predator in America was dead. My styles and skills be phat like elephants, you need to step back before you wet your pants.

And lets look at the predator side. Michael Jackson might be playing on this team, but what has he done recently anyway? He sure as hell hasn't beaten up Jackie Chan. He would head to some country like Cambodia for illegal plastic surgery, and then BAM, Chan kicks him in the neck. This scene will become commonplace, predators getting their heads kicked off by aliens. I'm not saying it will be a complete landslide, one of the predators might manage to grab Johnny Depp's butt or something, but aliens would still win. The End.

COUNTERPOINT

Aliens will destroy the predators

Counterpoint by I Rory Rhorernton

A predator is a menacing foe indeed. There could be one right behind you and you would never know it. Hell, one might live next door to you. And he will not come after his prey with brute force; he is much more devious than this. He will use his cunning and guile to lure his victims and strike only when the time is right.

Illegal aliens are especially at risk. In the risky venture of crossing the border, families will often get separated. Children with no parents to protect them have almost no chance of escaping from a predator. Women traveling alone can also fall victim easily. After being attacked, many illegal aliens will fear going to the police because they might get deported. It seems that in almost every way, illegal aliens are the ideal targets for sexual predators.

Here's a little logical progression for you non-believers. Do you know what the largest population of illegal immigrants in the U.S. is? (No, I'm not counting the people who took this land from its original inhabitants, because if there was no law against stealing their land it wasn't technically "illegal") That's right, Mexicans. This isn't an article about how I hate illegal immigrants or something, I'm just stating facts so don't think I'm insulting you if you're Mexican. So anyways, what is a popular attraction for Mexican children at birthday parties? If you guessed piñatas, you are correct. While colorful, piñatas aren't much fun in themselves; smashing them to pieces to get what's inside is the real fun. Now, what are piñatas filled with that makes them so desired? Candy! Now, what is one of the most common ways you hear of on the news that sexual predators use to entice children to go with them? Yup, they offer them candy! Now, instead of bludgeoning a paper maché animal to pieces, a child simply need to enter the car of the nice man who has it in his pocket, if only the kid will reach in and grab it. Only it's not actually candy, it's his penis. And there's a reason they don't fill piñatas with penises; kids don't like them.

Also, um, uh, ok enough of this. Yeah this sounded like a really good point/counterpoint in theory, but what exactly am I supposed to write? It's a good pun for the concept, but how is one actually supposed to make rapists and child molesters funny? Well, I mean, I could just get ridiculous with this but even I have some sense of decency. Wait, no I don't. Well, I do, but I also have the ability to ignore it for a while. Back to the article then...

Do you know who was arrested for rape? Mike Tyson. Do you really think that someone who's tired from escaping from immigration could take on Mike Tyson? Even if he's really tough, I doubt he's as tough as Mike Tyson. I mean, he bit a dude's ear off. That's hardcore.

And let's not forget R. Kelly. He can piss on underage AMERICAN CITIZENS and still get away with it. What chance does someone who's illegally in this country have? (Side note: I'm not saying that R. Kelly peed on that girl. I'm just saying even if he did, he would get away with it.) Also, who would be able to resist being peed on by a famous musician? I know I couldn't.

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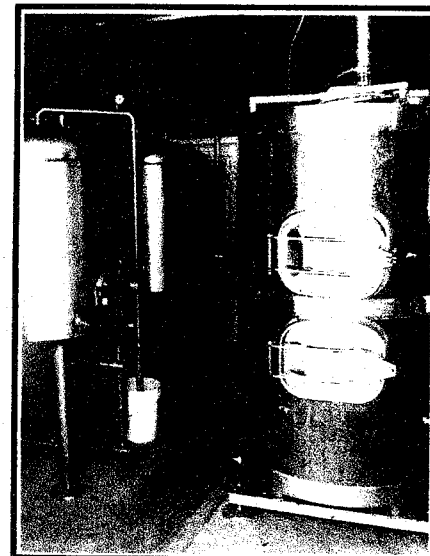
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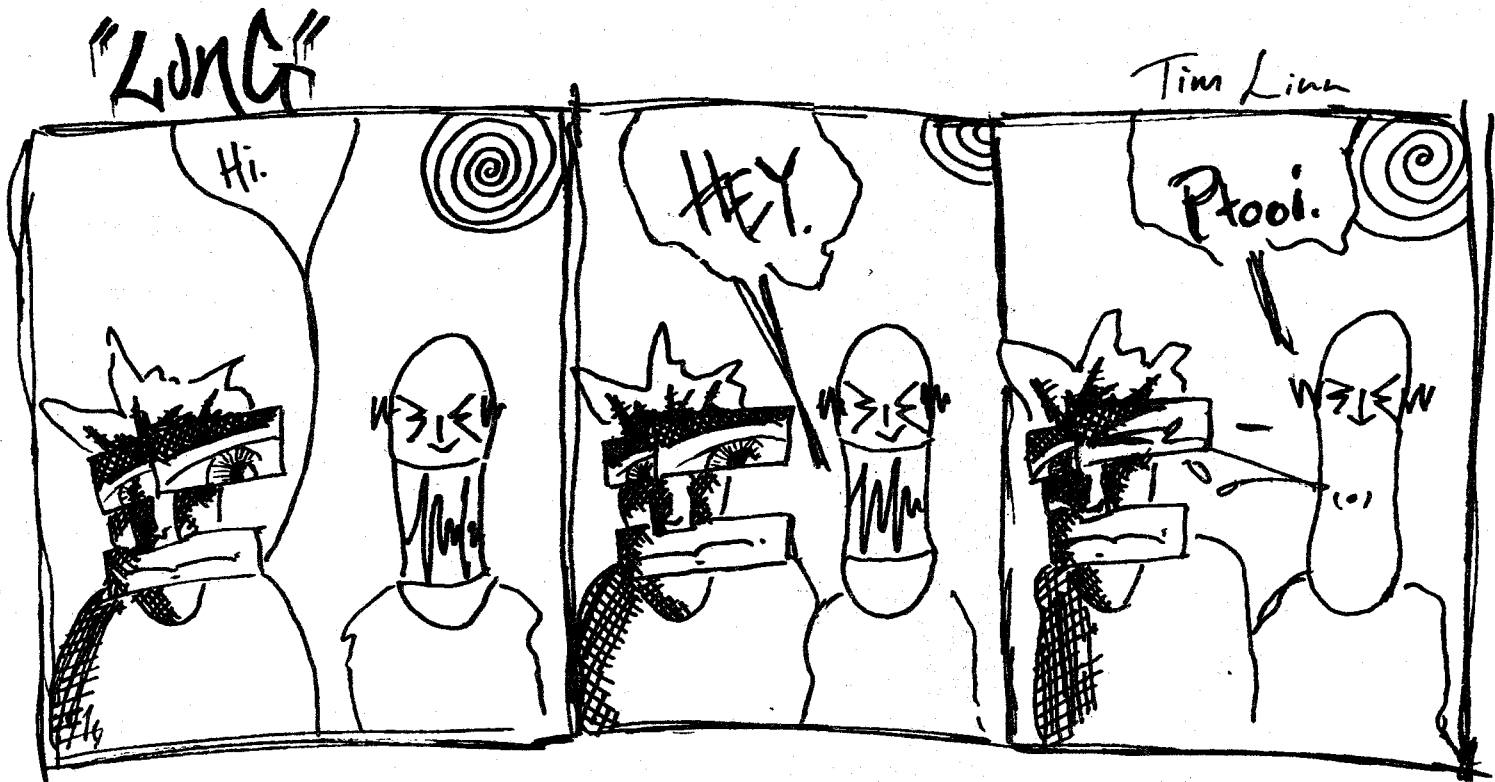


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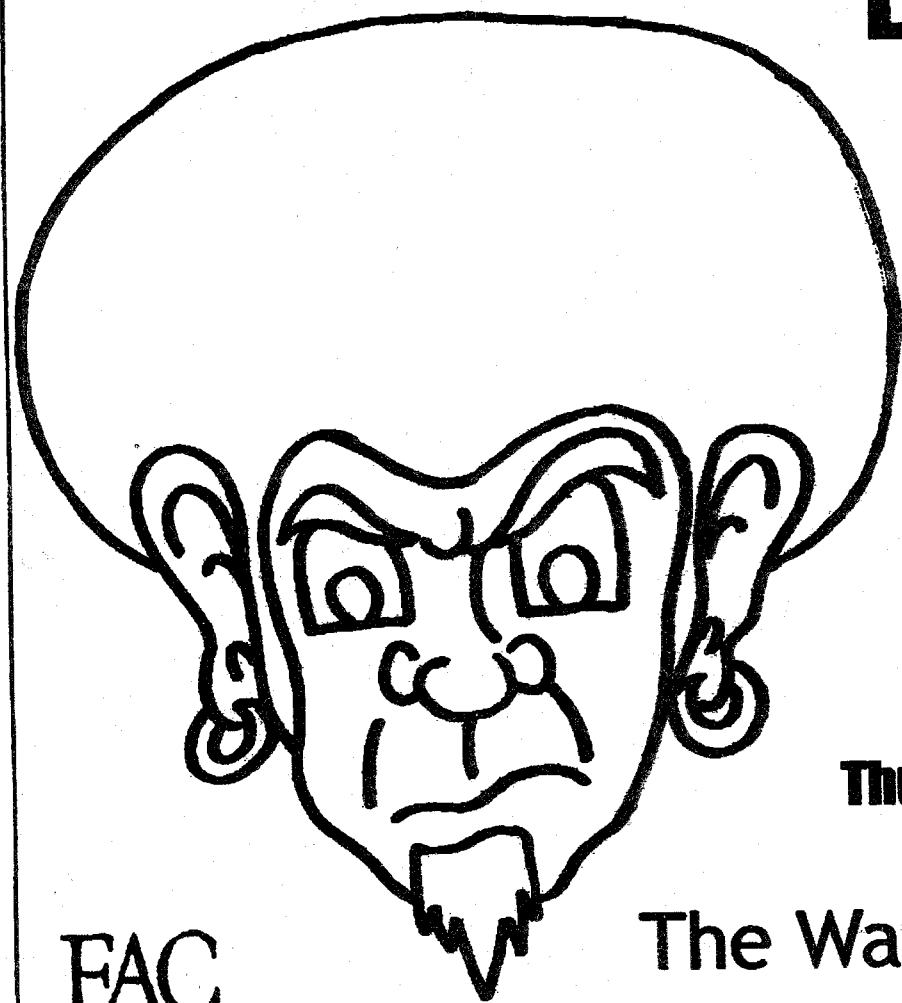
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My Back Pages . . .

Okay. So obviously The War is on everyones' collective mind but I say we gotta focus on The Love in the face of War. Bombs or no bombs, today is the First Day of Spring, so Celebrate Life! If nothing else, speak your peace to me at countzachula@hotmail.com or send any sorts of stuff to the Monitor mailbox in the SUB basement. Don't hold back. zach.

Ode To Virtue
By Ian Florida

"O virtue! I have followed thee all through life, and find thee at last, but a shade."
-Euripides

I see forms and figures in books and in my mind.
I see persons whom society says to mime.
But never have I looked into virtue's face.
Of many things, but virtue not, have these lips a taste.
Vice-ah-I know vice, passion I know as well.
Deep inside my soul I feel them both, they dwell.
Prayers I've seen and heard, heard them sung and yelled
But to me and you, virtues will a word

Girlfriends
She won't hug me
and I'm glad.
Cuz you can talk
and you can laugh.
But you can't cry
and you can't hug.
Cuz once you hug 'em
(Well, you gotta mean it too)
They're in.
And they got you.
Strong women—
we don't need that.
Cuz we already
let one too many
in
and we're still
payin.
—mostanybody@hotmail.com

I'm sorry.

you drew me in
and I tried to push you away,
but I couldn't push hard enough
with my heart in the way

and now we're farther away,
than we both thought we'd be,
and I can't see you,
and you can't see me.

we can't even talk,
we can't even write,
all because of what we did,
what we did that night.

-lisa suzanne

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Divinely casted bodily beauty
Serves as tainted inspiration
Of impure intentions
And desperate desires.
Awe yields to aggression.
Deference to degradation.
Against my weak will.

The stirrings have long since arrived.
I want my fucking pill.

-not jonas