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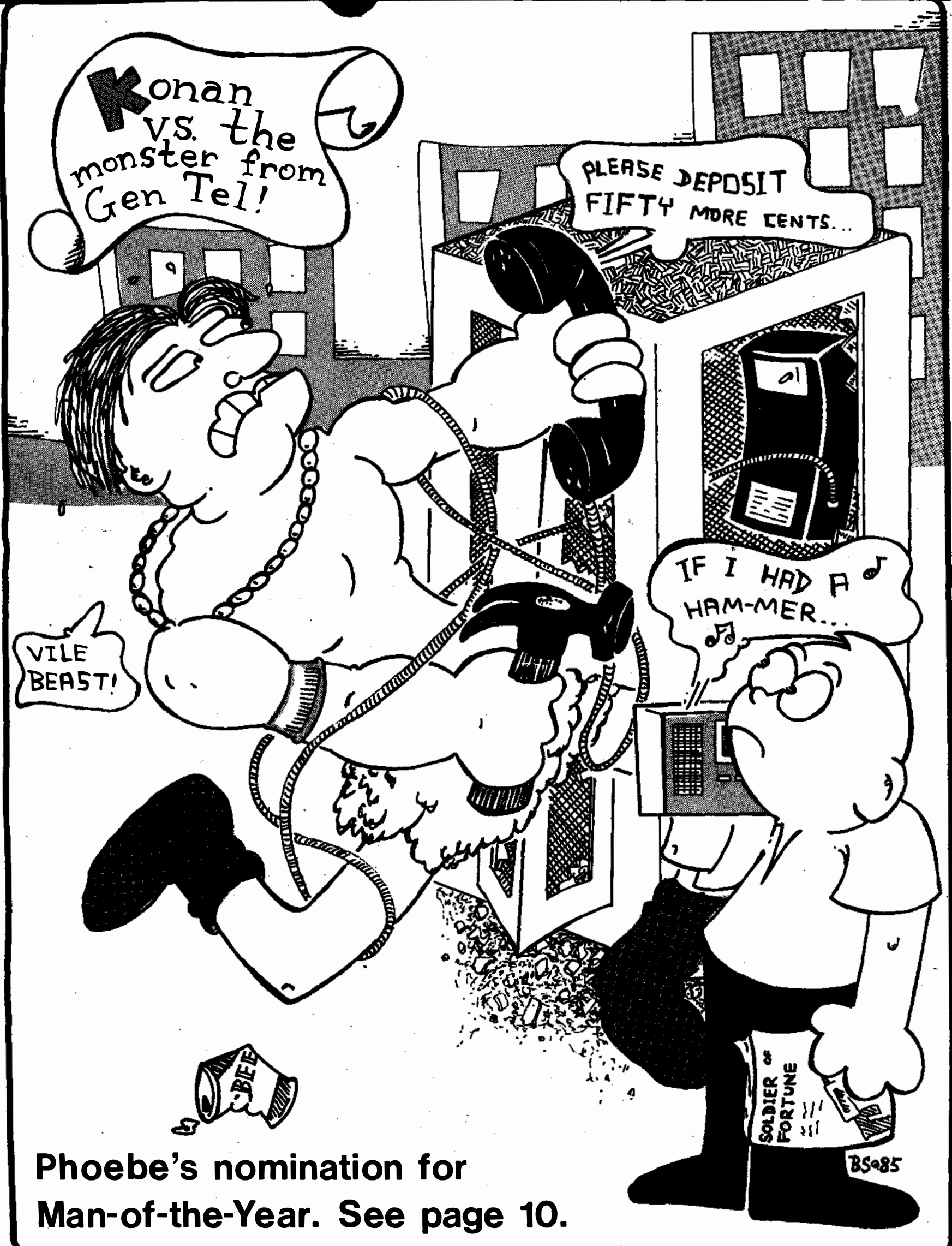
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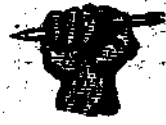
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We put out nine issues a year. Staff members take turns as "coordinator." All writing, typing, editing, photography, graphics, pasteup, and distribution are done on a volunteer basis. You are invited to volunteer your talents.

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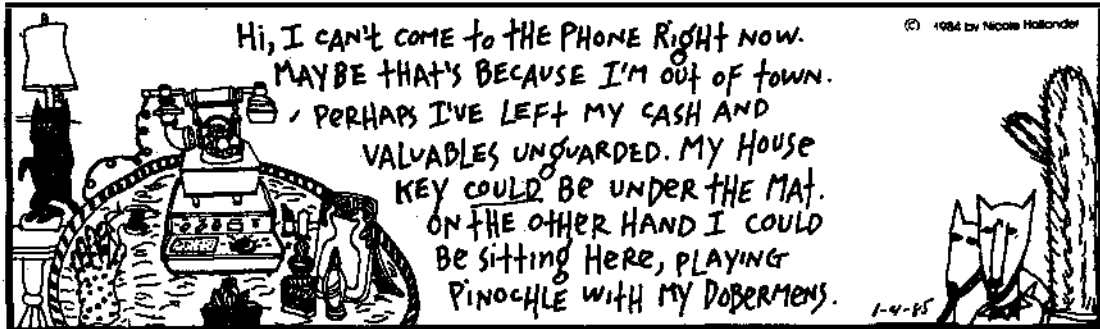
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# The Underground Barfly



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 YY so-so  
 YYY some fun  
 YYYY groovy  
 YYYYY pure alpha

## Meat market special

Rocky's II and Rudy's Too

Who said disco is dead?

Anyone who's happened to be in downtown Normal at night has surely seen the ever-present line outside Rocky's II. Some might have wondered what the attraction was. Those who have contact with college students have heard the name mentioned often--eagerly, reverently, wistfully. "Oh, god, it's finally Friday! I haven't been to Rocky's all week!!" "You mean you've never been to Rocky's?" (registering shock) "Oh, jeez, I wish I could blow off this paper and go down to Rocky's (\*sigh\*)."

However, we had some preconceptions about \*sigh\* Rocky's that we, as responsible yellow journalists, had to take into account. See, it had this reputation as a meat market where people standing in line hurl insults at passersby and get into fights in the parking lot while they're p'ssing on each other's cars. Gosh, were we nervous about going in such a place. But these were all things which happened outside the bar itself, and, who knows, once inside, maybe the customers were transformed by the mesmerizing disco beat into groovin' guys and gals who live to dance and love to live. We had to find out for ourselves.

U.S.D.A. Choice Beef  
**Boneless Bottom Round** **1.99**  
 or Rump Roast lb.

First we stood in line with all of the well-dressed, cleancut, conservative middle-class college students and prayed that no one walking by would recognize us. The wait lasted about half an hour, but in the first ten minutes, we had our suspicions about the mentality of the clientele confirmed. We're embarrassed to tarnish our fair sex by reporting this incident, but it was started by a woman who began, "Oh GOD! It's a QUEER!" (She was referring to someone in the line, within earshot, perhaps one of us.) "That guy over there! He's QUEER, I tell ya, I've seen him with another guy and he's QUEER! I'm not goin' in the bar with a QUEER!" Her companion attempted to close the subject by saying, "Oh, well, maybe he's happy." This only inflamed the conversation. "Hell, no, he ain't happy. How can he be happy if he's queer? He's got no understanding of his sexuality if he's never had a woman! If he's fuckin' a woman, he's happy; if he's fuckin' a guy, he's QUEER!" A couple of men walking by a few minutes later were treated to the more than audible statement, "There go a couple more queers!" We were a



mini-review

ROCKY'S

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**FRESH \$1.49**  
**BRATS** lb.

Home made and delicious

RUDY'S

U.S.D.A. Choice Beef  
**Top Loin Bone-In Strip Steak**  
**3.99** lb.

little steamed by the time we got inside, but we were determined to see this thing through. And there was a mesmerizing disco beat, a very loud Madonna blaring from the dance floor, but we finally figured out it was a convenience measure to keep patrons from hearing their own insipid conversations.

### QUALITY MEATS... THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Rocky's was all we'd hoped for and more! The decor could best be described as aspiring yuppie, with its Leroy Neiman sports posters, pseudo-chic art posters, beer signs and liquor mirrors. Drink prices were average--75 cent drafts and regular specials. Above the writhing dance floor was an electronic message board, you know, the kind where you're required to read only one word at a time, which plugged the bar's upcoming specials. The bathrooms were uneventful, but we might mention that the ladies' room had no toilet paper and the seat was, well, wet. Left over from its days as Josie's Pizza Kitchen are the tomato stained-glass windows, which take on new meaning at Rocky's "cheap squeeze" II. There are also plenty of games at Rocky's; if you tire of the kind which abound upstairs, you can turn to the video arcade downstairs.

Yet by far, the cruising action at Rocky's is its most prevalent feature. "That one has nice titties" and "There's another one over there" were just a couple of the nice things people had to chat about. Let's not forget the whole vocabulary of non-verbal gestures which made the place look like a convention for the hearing impaired.

In spite of all this (and more), a basically good time was seemingly, surprisingly, being had by most of the smiling, laughing, cruising patrons,

except, that is, for the oh-so-pompous, oh-so-disgusted Barflies. An air of fun, excitement, sexuality, and perhaps even some ill-conceived notion of romance pervaded the scene, and if a blatant game of meat-market roulette played by sexists, racists, homophobes and unwitting, horny college students is what you're looking for, this is the place for you.

Gov't Inspected Fresh  
**Pork Neckbones, Feet or Tails** **49¢** lb.

In a similar but somewhat less repulsive vein, is Rudy's II. Rudy's appears to be populated by some of the same people as Rocky's, but here they manage to keep their libidos in check. There are also a lot of customers exhibiting group identification through a particular and limited fashion statement--namely, identical shirts with numerical symbols on the backs. We guessed (we hope) that this must be the hangout for softball teams and such, and Rudy's pervasive sports decor supported this theory. Every inch of available wall space is covered with sports propaganda, from caricatures of Big Rudy himself engaging in feats of athletic endeavor, to a shrine to Larry Bird and Magic Johnson. This is also the place for sports video action, with several television sets blaring different games simultaneously (along with the ever-present jukebox), and a satellite dish for those really special events not available to home viewers. A large selection of video and other bar games are there for the more participant-minded.

Basically, Rudy's is an okay place, if you don't mind the noise and distractions. Prices were decent, with regular specials, the bathrooms were clean, and the service good--in fact, on our first visit, we were waited on before we had even decided where to sit. However, the cliquish, guys-being-guys atmosphere might leave unescorted females or sensitive males a little uncomfortable. Rudy's also features an electronic message board which not only announces drink specials but advertises the supposed proclivities of the bartenders and waitresses.

### Breed with confidence

To sum things up, then, if you aren't particular about atmosphere and you're just looking to score (or just looking to look), then Rocky's II is just the place. But if you get tired of standing in line (this isn't exactly Studio 54, after all), then head down the street to Rudy's. Best to change into a softball uniform and spikes if you really want to fit in.

A postscript to this night on the town: As we tried to make good our escape from Rocky's parking lot, we found our car nearly blocked in by other patrons who had indulged in a creative use of the right-of-way. As we slowly inched and wiggled the car free, three different males stopped and relieved themselves on Rocky's outer wall, using the light thrown by our headlights for accuracy. The perfect end to a perfect evening.

--Stella & Blanche

Vine Ripe  
**Tomatoes**

# AIDS in B-N — the stigma

On August 17, 1985, the Pantagraph reported the first McLean County death from AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). While AIDS may have been a strange New York and California disease before, AIDS has become a threat in and to middle Amerika.

The Pantagraph responded to Herman Simon's death from AIDS complications with a page one article and a 3-inch headline. The article talked about who had died and from what, what AIDS does, how the diagnosis was made, and how Mennonite Hospital handled the situation.

On August 18, the Pantagraph devoted a half page on page 3 to AIDS: warnings from the health department; the anxiety in the gay business community; and a chart of what to do if your test is positive, whom to call for information, and a nice (if watered down) version of safe sex.

Then on August 25, the Pantagraph printed three letters dealing with the coverage, all condemning the paper for printing the name and address of the

AIDS victim. Two of the letters compared the coverage with the National Enquirer.

The Pantagraph responded with a boxed article titled "Why we printed AIDS victim's name." It stated that the decision was not made lightly, that the privacy of the family had been considered, and that it was not irresponsible journalism. "This is not a question of press rights vs. privacy . . . . This was a question of privacy vs. public health," the article stated.

### Good decision

I think the Pantagraph's decision to print the name and address of an AIDS victim was a good one. I do not often agree with anything the Pantagraph does, but I cannot disagree with this decision.

I cannot help but feel that the community outcry against the decision to print the name, address, and place of employment of the victim was more than a normal concern for the privacy

of a grieving out-of-town family (Simon's parents and brothers all live in Louisiana).

All three letters carried the same message: "To publish the name of an AIDS victim . . . can do more harm to the public than good;" "It was sad to see the Pantagraph disclose the family name and victim's employment without the slightest concern for the possible ramifications of such information in print;" "How is the public good served by your reporting the name of the victim?"

AIDS is a deadly disease without known cause or cure. 49% of all people who contract AIDS die from it. 73% of the people who get AIDS are gay or bisexual men. Herein, I believe, is the basic problem.

If Herman Simon had AIDS, there exists a great possibility that he was gay. And that awful secret is what people were objecting to. Not only is a man dead, but by printing the cause of death together with his name, the Pantagraph was, indirectly or directly, labelling the man a homosexual.

An even death, it seems, cannot release us from that most deadly of all diseases--homophobia.

### How about typhoid?

What was the "glare and pain of media coverage" that concerned one letter writer? The fact that a man died, or the fact that a gay man died?

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HELP OTHERS - HELP YOURSELF

## Rock Hudson:

The newest image being mainlined into the popular American consciousness about AIDS is undeniably the front pages: 6 o'clock TV news specials concerning a famous Hollywood movie star who has been diagnosed with the syndrome. It had to happen sooner or later. This is the sort of news that everyone is interested in. It's more sensational than the hostages in Beirut and more personal than the arms talks. And for better or worse, it's probably a turning point in both the news media's perception and public understanding of AIDS.

It is ironic that Rock Hudson should be the first public person to come to the forefront with an AIDS diagnosis. Since the early 1950s he had been viewed as the ultimate romantic, heterosexual leading man in movies.

Concurrent with Hudson's public image were the never-ending rumors of the actor's homosexuality. The story that he and actor Jim (Gomer Pyle) Nabors were not only lovers, but had had a (gasp) marriage ceremony, appeared not only on the gay vine, but in Sunday supplements.

News of Hudson's illness broke fast and was full of contradictions. He had inoperable liver cancer; he had AIDS; he definitely did not have AIDS; he was tired; he was in for a checkup. All that was certain was that he had checked in the Louis Pasteur Institute in Paris--known for its AIDS work. Most TV news reports gave Hudson the reverential star treatment: his celebrity status automatically making his illness more tragic, more poignant than the situation of anyone else who may have the malady.

But what was conspicuously absent from all of the television--and most of the newspaper--reports was any mention of Hudson's homosexuality. In fact, many of the news shows followed the Hudson report with a tag about AIDS spreading and becoming a concern of heterosexuals, a sentiment which reflects only a partial truth about the AIDS epidemic.

Always more than willing to expose the private lives of those out of favor--



# as bad as the disease

Let's test the theory. Suppose Herman Simon had not died from AIDS. Suppose he had died from typhoid fever. And suppose the Pantagraph had printed that news story the way the letter writers would have liked the AIDS article printed.

Suppose you picked up your paper and read that a person had just died from typhoid fever in an unnamed local hospital. Acknowledging the grief the victim's family was feeling, the paper would not release any other information. The article could go on to talk about typhoid and how it was spread. It could end with some stats about typhoid across the country, death rates, and the like. But nowhere would any information about the victim appear.

You wanna talk about panic and community outcry?

But the social stigma is not connected to typhoid as it is with AIDS. Anybody can get typhoid. It is certainly sad when someone in your community dies from typhoid, but the public wants to know who, if they knew the person, if they could have come in contact with the typhus. But AIDS? Not on your life.

AIDS is seen as a "gay" disease-- something not just everybody gets. "Normal" people don't have to worry about AIDS. It can remain a hidden problem, just like the majority of its victims remain hidden people.

As long as AIDS is not considered a true health threat, the social stigma of being labelled a homosexual will be the syndrome's biggest tragedy. And the tragedy is not to the victim, but to the family who survives--who must survive the tragedy of admitting to having a gay son, brother, or father.

Because the concern about a person's sexual preference is more important than a concern about public health.

### Right to know

What good can it serve? Well, to answer the letter writers, sometimes gay men do not bother to get all the deeply personal information about a sexual contact that they could--like a name. Sometimes all they know is where he lives, or that he said something about working at ISU. What good? It could give members of the gay community a reason to get checked at a health facility. Members who might otherwise not know or have reason to suspect if the victim's personal information were not made available.

I have a friend who does not want to get checked. He does not want to know. At this time there is no cure, no immunization. The incubation is 3 to 5 years. He says if he finds out he has the AIDS antibody, he will worry about it for 5 years and then he'll either die or he won't. But if he never finds out, he'll live his life, and in 5 years he'll die. Or he

won't. But he won't have worried about it every day of those five years.

I respect his decision. But he has to be able to decide. It's not up to me, or Mennonite Hospital, or the Pantagraph to withhold pertinent information on a public health issue so that the people at risk have no choice in their decisions. It simply does not matter whether or not the men who knew Herman Simon get checked. What matters is that they know they are at risk.

AIDS seems to pick its victims indiscriminately--these three will get it, this one won't; this one will live, this one won't. There seems to be no discernable pattern to the disease.

Not so homophobia. It affects all the people the same. It is a disease which follows us every moment we live and, it seems, even after we die. The AIDS that Herman Simon had and the pneumocystis that he died from killed him rather quickly. But the homophobia from his community killed him a little bit every day.

--Deborah Wiatt

## Best hope for AIDS awareness

including printing the names and addresses of anyone charged with a sex crime--they have been more than willing to distort and hide the truth about those with whom they have sympathy. (Hudson in this case is in their good graces.)

The press notion of "privacy" is clearly regulated by homophobic assumptions that gay equals bad, and that it is preferable to "protect" someone, even on his deathbed, than to discuss his sexuality, however pertinent it may be.

But what effect has Hudson's illness had upon the news coverage of AIDS in general? It was clear that within the first week of the reports there had been more TV and newspaper space given to the topic (and Hudson) than in the entire past year.

Hudson personalized, for the news media and many Americans, a malady that most people refused to talk about, or when they did, presumed was restricted to self-inflicted and deserving victims.

Given the tenor and the lack of news reporting on AIDS over the past three years, any increase in coverage would be an improvement. After the Hudson news, many of the stations began running updates, or backtracks, on AIDS news, and ABC's 20/20 rushed an almost completed special on AIDS to the air. The tone of most of the shows has changed from the usual "This is a bizarre disease which strikes 'those people'" to a more serious "AIDS is spreading and is of concern to everyone" attitude.

Even the language being used is improving. Entertainment Tonight has gradually been changing the phrase "AIDS victim" to "AIDS patient." Several of the reports on fundraising have made it quite clear that the work which was being done by the gay community was helping everyone. And other celebrities have been more open in discussing the disease. Actor Stephen Stucker (he played the ditzy queen air controller in *Airplane!*) has announced that he has had AIDS for five years and has spoken about his health struggles and working in the

industry. Such publicity can only help inform the public, on any number of levels, about AIDS and its effects upon people's lives. Such luminaries as Bette Midler and Liz Taylor have announced large fundraisers to help raise money both for research and for treatment programs.


AIDS is not only a physical reality. On another level it is an indicator of

social attitudes towards disease, gay people and other minorities. The revelations about Rock Hudson have changed the way the news media report on AIDS. Things had to get better. Now it is up to us, as viewers, to demand that they remain so.

--from Michael Bronski, Gay Community News, Aug. 24, 1985

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Hey, teen parents --

# Take a bite of the APPLES



Every year in McLean County over 600 teenagers have babies and begin families. Sometimes they do not have the whole-hearted support of their friends and relatives for this decision. Teen parents often do not know about or have trouble getting the services and information that will help them feel competent as parents.

Planned Parenthood of Mid Central Illinois has a program designed to serve these teen parents in McLean County. APPLES is the program that provides the information and support that teen parents need to build healthy and strong families. APPLES is an Ounce of Prevention Program funded under the Parents Too Soon Initiative with the support of over sixteen youth-serving agencies and professionals.

APPLES offers Home Visitors to teens who are or will soon be parents. The Home Visitors provide education, care and support in the home. In addition, they help with the problems of securing adequate housing, finding child care, getting family planning services, applying for financial assistance and finding transportation.

APPLES includes a teen mother's support group called Time Out. The mothers get together weekly to meet other teen moms and take "time out" for themselves to have fun. Depending on each group's needs, educational programs and information sessions are provided along with lots of activities and loads of fun. In order for the Time Out moms to have the time and energy to devote to the support group, volunteers give free child care, transportation, and a snack for the meetings.

APPLES can help connect teen parents

with day care experts to help identify and encourage the developmental milestones of their children. And each week while teen moms enjoy Time Out, the child care volunteers (under the



direction of specialists) create and adapt activities for each child.

Grandparents Too Soon is another service of APPLES for the parents of teen parents. By offering counseling, information and support, Grandparents Too Soon helps the families to help

the teen parents.

The final component of APPLES is ADAM, the Adolescent Dads Awareness Movement--a prevention, education, and support program especially for teen fathers. Programs which try to address the issues relating to teen parenting and pregnancy often ignore the young men. APPLES is unique in offering teen fathers the opportunity to explore their role. Speakers give presentations to the community focusing on men's roles in family planning and parenting. ADAM has sponsored activities including weekly gym nights, breakdancing contests, a boxing clinic, a Father's Day Essay Contest, and a workshop on counseling young men and boys.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an APPLES participant or volunteer or if you would like more information, please call Cathy Ahart at 827-4368 (Planned Parenthood).

--APPLES

## YWCA slacks off, loses grant

Jackie Macy, director of the McLean County YWCA, got blasted in the March, 1985, Post-American for her mismanagement of the Countering Domestic and Sexual Violence program. She was accused by program volunteers and clients of neglecting the clients' best interests, routinely abusing volunteers, and playing fast and loose with the funding.

We suggested that Macy's handling of the other programs she commanded would not bear scrutiny, either.

The Sept. 5 Pantagraph reports that

the Area Agency on Aging has taken away a \$14,000 grant from Macy's bailiwick. The Agency's community services manager said that "people just are not getting the services response from the Y that we initially expected," according to the newspaper.

'Surprise, surprise.

The grant will go to Personal Assistance Telephone Help. Macy says that she will appeal the decision.

--Phoebe Caulfield



# Miscellaneous outrages you may have missed

by Mark Silverstein



## Rust in saddle, has tickets

After State Farm President Edward B. Rust died in mid-August, the flag at Bloomington City Hall was lowered to half mast.

Edward B. Rust Jr. immediately assumed the position his father and grandfather, Adlai Rust, had occupied before him.

In language usually used for reporting power shifts in Third World countries, the Pantagraph described the younger Rust's ascension as an "orderly succession" which, according to VP Bruce Callis, "was a reflection of the stability of State Farm."

The Pantagraph quoted an unnamed "longtime associate" of the deceased executive, who said that this third generation of the dynasty was "such a composite" of his father and his grandfather "that he'll be right in the saddle--he's got all the tickets."

## Scabs picked with care

When Teamster car haulers went out on strike in late July, Brad Barker Honda hired its own scabs to drive new cars from a rail distribution center in Naperville.

The scabs were selected carefully, according to an Aug. 16 Pantagraph story.

"The Honda dealership used mostly retirees and high school and college students to do the driving," the Pantagraph said, "hoping those people would be less likely to draw violence."

## You are 'ignorant' -- Godfrey

Have you worried that the construction of a 2500-worker Mitsubishi auto plant might strain Bloomington-Normal's resources? Might require too many tax give-aways for the benefits received? Might require expensive construction of new landfills, new water supplies, new schools, new roads? Might require expensive expansion of police, fire, and other departments of local government?

Have you worried that the plant's construction could produce a substantial population increase whose ramifications no city officials are fully considering?

Then you are ignorant, according to former Normal Mayor Richard Godfrey.

According to an Aug. 22 Pantagraph article, Godfrey said that people who don't support the new auto plant "are not aware of the economic realities of this community."

As chairman of the Bloomington-Normal Area Economic Development Council, Godfrey knows what is best for our town.

Those who disagree with him are "a vocal and ignorant minority who display their ignorance in public," Godfrey told the Pantagraph.

## Good = white, middle class

Unit 5 School District Superintendent George Evans revealed his preference for white middle class students in a June 30 Pantagraph article.

Evans was quoted in a small sidebar printed along with a wire service analysis of national trends in school-age populations. The news service article reported that birth rates of poor people and racial minorities are much higher than those of affluent whites. Administrators of public

schools are preparing for a "baby boomlet" of low-income, black and hispanic students, the article said.

But Unit 5 Superintendent Evans told the Pantagraph that the national trend wouldn't be reflected in his Normal and suburban Bloomington schools.

"We get pretty good material to work with here," Evans said, according to the Pantagraph article.



## Job satisfaction

Sometimes the non-material rewards one derives from a job make up for the dismal pay.

"It's a real psychological boost putting criminals away and making the community safe," State's Attorney Ron Dozier said, according to an August 25 article.

## Hell, it won't hurt ya

Even the federal government (which believes in Agent Orange and "safe" radiation levels) admits that asbestos fibers in the ceilings of public buildings is a dangerous health hazard.

The City of Bloomington is spending \$333,000 to get rid of the asbestos ceilings in City Hall.

But Alderman George Kroutil is not convinced, according to an August 13 Pantagraph article.

"I've been a plasterer for 35 years," Kroutil was quoted. "We put this stuff up. How many plasterers in this area have died from it? None, they die of old age."

## Pantagraph's garbage coverage

Most people think there's already enough garbage coverage in the Pantagraph, but last Aug. 1 I was wishing for more.

Reporting that the McLean County landfill has almost reached capacity, the paper said that the landfill owners have asked for approval to expand.

The landfill operators want to expand up--not out. By building a 15-foot high earth wall around the area, the paper said, landfill operators could make the garbage dump last another three and a half years.

In three separate places, the article mentioned that landfill owners have encountered opposition during previous attempts to expand. But the reporter didn't include any details.

So the landfill's almost full, there has been apparently significant (and effective) opposition preventing its expansion, but city officials are zooming full speed ahead to lure a 2500-worker auto plant to the city.

Where are they going to put the garbage?

## What's in a name?

Last spring, Bloomington City Hall was packed with residents objecting to a proposed renaming of Hershey Road. The Human Relations Commission had proposed renaming the street after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Few objectors actually said anything about race. They were concerned with their stationery, their business cards, the inconvenience of dealing with an address change.

City officials were very understanding. Hershey Road kept its name.

Only a few months later, in late July, city officials renamed a block of Arrowhead Road without consulting or notifying the residents in advance.

Residents of the newly-renamed Brennan Drive were outraged. They organized a petition drive and got themselves a front-page story in the Pantagraph.

City officials claimed to be dumbfounded.

"We didn't realize there would be a controversy," City Engineer George Dye told the Pantagraph. "We sent someone out there to personally contact people (before the meeting), but no one was home."

City officials were much more careful with residents' opinions when the Hershey Road renaming was proposed.

But that was different.



# Racism hits local bar

According to two former employees, one of Bloomington's bars has very questionable hiring practices, as well as some interesting customer relations policies.

John and Ethel, who worked as bartender and waitress for this West Locust St. establishment, both asked that the *Post* not use their names or the name of the bar. "We're afraid he'll sue," said Ethel. "We can back it all up, so I know he can't win, but he can cost us a lot trying."

The bar/restaurant complex ran a help wanted ad in the *Pentagraph* recently, so John wanted to describe the hiring process to prospective employees.

"They don't have applications, so you just write the information--name, phone number, and address--on a piece of paper," said John. After the applicant leaves, the application gets a one-word recommendation/condemnation from the employee taking the application. Hiring is done solely on the basis of these comments, says John.

## Recommendations

These comments are not exactly professional, considered opinions. The remarks often consist of words like "Bitch," "Sleazy," or other personal, slanderous comments.

Here's the topper, though: all applications turned in by blacks get "Nigger" written across them.

All applications with an unfavorable comment are thrown away by the owner (need I add that "nigger" is not a favorable comment?), regardless of other shining, outstanding qualifications.

John said that in the three years he has worked at the bar, the owner didn't call one reference or check one person's qualifications. All hiring was done on the basis of these pithy comments.

## Probation

Once hired, the employee goes through an indeterminate probation period, usually lasting about three months, depending on whether or not the owner feels he can trust the new person.

During the first few weeks of this period, the new employee is watched ceaselessly. John said the owner and the manager often spent most of John's shift watching him from the bar. He could see their heads turn to follow him as he walked from one end of the bar to the other.

Once employees are trusted, they learn more interesting things than how to mix a screwdriver or make correct change.

## Company policy

Trusted employees are given specific rules concerning the treatment of customers. Bartenders and door personnel are expected to use a more stern and forbidding tone when carding blacks. All blacks must be carded, regardless of previous patronage or obvious evidence of age. The person carding customers further discourages groups of young blacks from entering by using an especially authoritarian tone, and a detailed and skeptical examination of each i.d.

Once in the bar, blacks may wait a long time for service. Bartenders are told outright not to wait on blacks until all whites have been served. John said the owner reprimanded him for offering a black customer a second drink without being asked. The owner also told him to watch any black constantly, since everyone knows they all steal.

The worst crime seemed to be being friends with a black person. When the owner of the bar found John talking to a black friend, he was told to stop. The owner then said, "Don't bring no niggers in here."

Ethel, who is John's wife as well as a former waitress at the bar, came in on her night off and sat talking to a black friend. During the three hours

she talked to this young man, customers and other employees continually tried to "rescue" her. Some even said, "Do you need rescued?" and, "John don't want you talkin' to him." John, who was standing just behind the bar talking to Ethel and the young man, said he had no such objections.

## Proper behavior

Ethel said women are also discriminated against at this West Locust bar/restaurant, in a more subtle manner. Proper, ladylike dress and behavior are required if a woman wants good service. A woman who dresses unconventionally (tube top and shorts) will have trouble getting service. A woman who comes in alone or drinks too much will be the subject of bets concerning whom she'll go home with and when.

Should an employee be unable to continue working under these rules, and give the customary two weeks notice, she/he will likely be harassed into leaving before the two weeks are up.

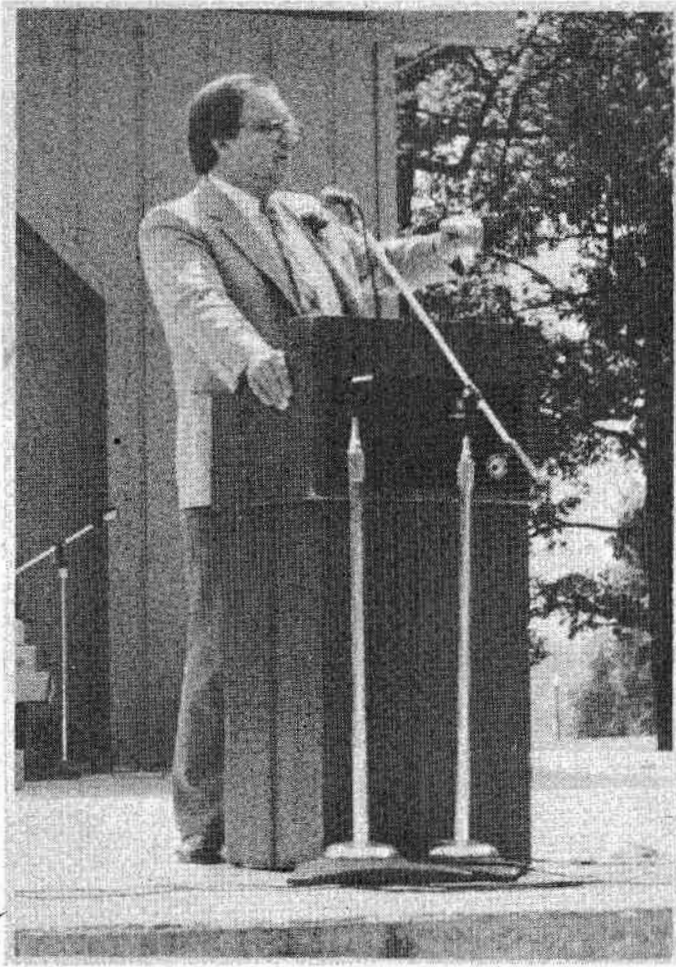
When John gave his notice, the owner accused him of writing bad checks to the bar, even calling John and Ethel's landlord with this information. John and Ethel's bankbook and monthly statements, however, show no bad checks to anyone.

Some employees who've given notice simply find their names taken off the schedule. Most people just get so angry with the verbal abuse that they leave without notice. John said the turnover is so high it's hard to remember who worked when, much less remember individual cases.

It's probably true that questionable practices like these go on in most businesses in our city. That doesn't mean John and Ethel's story is any less disgusting.

The fact that racism and sexism are rampant doesn't lessen the outrage.

--Hildegard



Bloomington Mayor Jesse Smart-- "...God is on our side."

Cultural Fest, '85

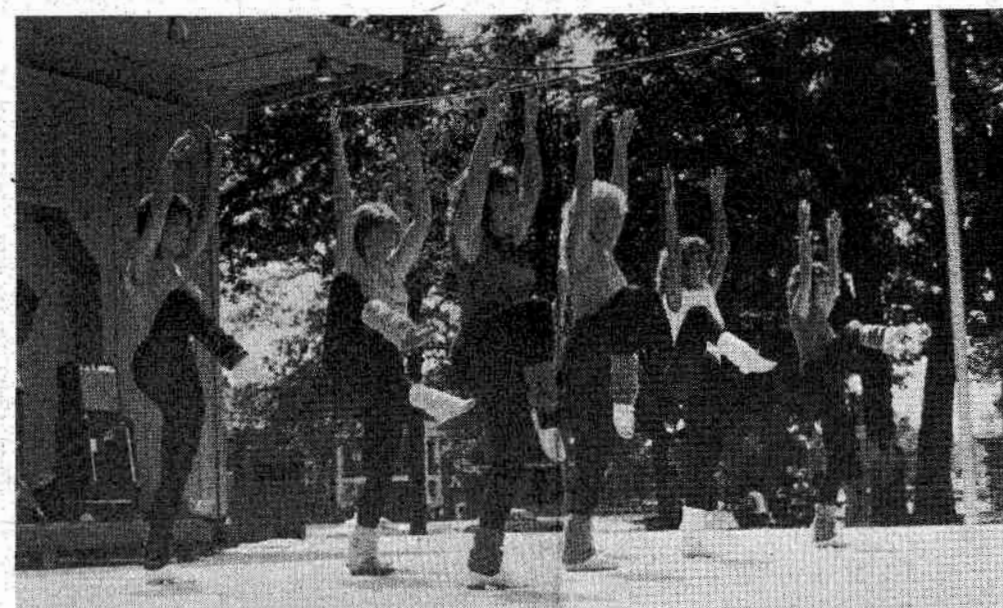
# Message in the Music

"...hope is worth all this pain,  
I'll take with me the memories to be my sunshine in the rain."  
--Reggie Brown,  
"Its So Hard To Say Goodbye"

Bloomington-Normal's Sixth Annual Cultural Fest, held August 24 in Miller Park, started small but gained momentum as the day wore on. By evening, the energies of the performers and the audience were indistinguishable. Founded in 1980 by Gary Gaston and Lee Otis Brewer, Cultural Fest provides an outlet for local artists and musicians, as well as local social service agencies. This year's festival was dedicated to the memory of Rev. James Butcher.



"Delivered and Free" gospel music



"Synergy" from the McLean County Dance Association

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# EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT!

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Big Mountain relocation

# Another "Trail of Tears"

You may have thought, as I did, that our government was through persecuting Native Americans, no longer driving them from their lands into cities where their culture dies and many of them along with it. Then Marilyn James visited Los Angeles to build support for the people of Big Mountain.

Big Mountain in Arizona is part of the Four Corners area where energy companies are increasingly tearing up the land for coal, uranium, and oil. Some 10,000 Navaho people are supposed to be relocated by July, 1986, from this part of Arizona, where they have lived for 500 years, into nearby cities, which are utterly strange and hostile to them.

The Navahos live by sheep and cattle herding and gardening. Their dwellings, housing extended families, are spread out over a wide area into which, until recently, there were no paved roads. Many do not speak English, have never seen a telephone or paid a bill. Their land, to them, is sacred; a living being that supplies their needs and last resting place, that they use as stewards, passing it along to future generations.

Many features of the land have religious significance to the Navahos and to the neighboring Hopis, who until 1974, shared the area with the Navahos. Both depend on local herbs for medicine and religious rituals.

In 1974 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law (PL) 93-531, which divided the former Joint Use Area into Hopi and Navaho portions, because of a supposed land dispute between the two tribes. Actually, the dispute was and is between traditional Indians of both tribes and their government-sponsored Tribal Councils, which are pushing for "development" against the wishes of both peoples and their elders.

If the people are removed, the Tribal Councils can more easily lease the land to energy corporations. Strip-mining for coal and conventional mining for uranium are occurring nearby, utterly destroying the delicate desert ecology and leaving hills of radioactive mine tailings to pollute the air and water sources.

PL 93-531 mandated that a 300-mile fence be built between the Hopi and Navaho areas. That was started, then stopped by the resistance mainly of Navaho women, whose responsibility it is in their matrilineal society to pass on the land and herds to future generations.

PL 93-531 put a moratorium on building or repair of buildings, so that families have outgrown their dwellings and family members entitled by Navaho custom to share the land have had to leave it.

PL 93-531 called for a 90% reduction of herds, supposedly to avoid overgrazing. Herds have been confiscated or killed, leaving less than 10%, too little to feed and clothe the families dependent on them. Formerly self-sufficient families have scattered or become dependent on government and private aid. No amount of overgrazing could damage the land as the mining will if it is not prevented.

Because the Navaho and Hopi have lived for centuries in the Big Mountain area, both tribes are among the most culturally intact anywhere in America. The devastation facing this area and the dispersal of its people will destroy forever an irreplaceable culture with values that might teach us something about the relationship of people to other living things and to the earth itself.

In nearby cities where a few thousand Navahos have been resettled, many have already lost their new homes through fraud or simple ignorance of our society's ways. They have high rates of suicide and death from other causes. Some have fled back to the land, becoming refugees in their own homeland.

The cost of the relocation program, originally estimated at \$30 million, is now expected to be \$500 million. Even so, in January, 1982, the Executive Director of the Relocation Commission resigned, saying that relocation was a "tragedy" and "would not work." That May, one of the three Relocation Commissioners resigned, saying the Commission was "as bad as the people who ran the concentration camps in World War II."

Ten thousand Navahos are determined to stay, to resist what they know will be cultural genocide. They need our help. We should write to our Congressmembers urging them to vote against the implementation of PL 93-531 and for its repeal. Make your letter personal and heartfelt, and ask your Representative to convey your concern to the Chair of the House Interior Committee, Morris Udall.

Contributions to the legal defense/offense committee, staffed by members of the National Lawyers Guild, are tax-deductible. Make checks out to "Big Mountain Defense/Offense Committee" and mail to Capp Street Foundation, 294 Page St., San Francisco, California, 94102.

Both the Navaho and Hopi tribes have legends that say they live at and tend a central pole of the earth's balance. If they disappear, the legends say, so will we all. Whether we believe in legends or not, in this case we had better act as though we do.

--John Haag,  
from the Free Venice  
Beachhead, August 1985



Art happened not only on the Culture Fest stage, but on the faces of the children in the audience.



If I had a hammer. . .

## Phoebe finds a hero

Downhearted and cynical, growling over a new mysterious \$33.56 charge on my GTE bill, glowering at the extra bucks that Usage Sensitive Service will cost me, I was really just about ready to give up. Yes--ready to stop collecting complaints about the bizarre habits of the phone company, ready to forsake ranting and raving in the Post, ready to open my checkbook and dumbly write large checks every month even when I thought I didn't make any lengthy calls to Perth, Australia. There I'd been, all this time, all alone, tilting at windmills, while everyone else was having fun chatting with their distant cousins.

Then came the Aug. 22 Pantagraph, and my zeal revived. I found a hero.

This bold fellow, on finding a pay phone out of order, did not just skulk passively out and make his way through the exhaust fumes to the next (possibly out of order) pay phone.

First he ripped the receiver from the phone. "He then went home, returned with a hammer and broke nine windows in the booth," the Pantagraph reported.

Though I'm not a violent person myself, I can still appreciate the violence of others.

Way to go, pal. You gave me a reason to go on griping.

--Phoebe Caulfield

## Bloomington 7 charges dismissed

After waiting almost three months for arraignment and pre-trial, the seven members of the Bloomington-Normal Pledge of Resistance arrested in June for an act of civil disobedience (see P.A., Vol. 14, #4), found themselves free on Sept. 3rd. Charges of criminal trespass against the group were dropped when the complaining witness, Larry Hundmann, failed to appear in court.

The group's response to the dismissal of charges was decidedly a mixture of relief and regret. We had all done a lot of soul-searching about the possible repercussions of getting arrested, and after it happened, we were still thinking about those repercussions.

So our first response was one of congratulations and relief at being able to just get on with our lives, especially for those of us who now live or will soon be living out of town. But during those three months while we were waiting, we also did a lot of planning.

We saw our decision to use the necessity defense and request a jury trial as a very direct and effective means of further educating the public about the situation in Central America and our reasons for opposition to United States policy there. I think we were all disappointed not to have that opportunity.

However, I don't think any of us feel that the dismissal of charges against us was any kind of an end to our activism. I myself am happy not to have an arrest record because this frees me to do direct action again when it is called for. And with the continued aid to the Contras, and the upcoming vote on a Central America aid packet, the call to renewed civil disobedience cannot be too far off.

--Diane Perris

## Post-ers review Thieves

The Tricycle Thieves



Ken Callahan

James McManus

Michael Goodrich

Kenny and Michael are slandered by association--they're too cute and cuddly to steal tricycles. But McManus' eyes gleam with ominous maniacal possession.

--Fig Newton

New! Bright! Makes you jump, but just as much fun to sit & listen, too. I should have expected as much from these three sharp musicians.

--dave n.

It was a hip scene, it was a gassy gig, with no toes left untapped and no ankles left unturned and only the unraised questions left unanswered--just what is with these guys' hair?

--Isaac Newtown

"I liked what I heard, but I didn't hear much of it. But that wasn't because of the band." (cryptic smile)

--Juice Newton

The usual oblique sonic references to obscure Italian film, but this time with a passionate intensity of pace and meaning designed to make us question the very heartroots of reality in all its eerie untuned brutality of motion. About time, too.

--Phoebe Caulfield

We danced 'til we dropped. The hospital bill will be in the mail.

--Wayne Newtown


I thought they were super--and I haven't liked any group since Peter, Paul, and Mary broke up; I don't know what that says about them--perhaps they should consider massive changes immediately.

--Huey Newton

"I didn't make it to see them but I hear they're really great. Wish I could have made it."

--Red Herring

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# God's plan for humanity - heterosexuality

My friend (and fellow Post staffer) Ferdydurke is an avowed atheist. I am an avowed christian. But despite this extreme difference, we love each other and get along famously. We generally don't talk about our one big fundamental difference. Which helps a lot.

But when christians take on the issue of homosexuality, Ferdydurke and I have some problems. "How can you?" he sometimes screams at me. "They are all out to destroy us."

And he's right--and he's not. And there's the rub. I can write off Jerry Falwell easily enough. He's not a christian. I'm not even sure he's human. Same thing for old Anita Bryant and the Florida-made "kill a queer for christ" bumper stickers. Merely a sick, perverted statement coined by sick, perverted people. (Sick, perverted christians, I can hear Ferdydurke shouting.)

## Same old cure

Most christians really don't want gay people killed. Most of them do not, however, want gay people around. The latest solution (and one of the oldest as well) is to turn gay people into straight people. No killing, no bloodshed, no mess--no gays.

Exodus International is a coalition formed in 1976. It now has over 50 ministries in the US and Canada. It's mission: to help practicing homosexuals become heterosexuals.

Exodus believes that homosexuality is a learned behavior and that it can, therefore, be unlearned. No-where does Exodus attempt to tell us how the behavior was learned or who teaches it. I recall nothing in the books, magazines, and newspapers I read as a child, nothing on tv in the 50s and early 60s, nothing in

my Baptist Sunday School or church, nothing in elementary or high school that taught me to be gay.

(I did learn not to wear green on Thursdays because that meant you were queer, but it was not until years later that I found out what being queer meant.)

I did learn, somewhere along the way, the mechanics of how to make love to a woman. And I also learned, much, much later, that I was still a worthwhile and valuable person--that I was gay and it was okay.

It is probably that last part--that I'm okay--that I could unlearn with the help of Exodus International. I'm not sure I want to do that to myself. And I'm not sure that unlearning that very hard-fought lesson would make me stop being gay; it would just make me feel bad about it.

And although I could probably not unlearn how to make love to a woman,



I could probably, if I set my mind to it, learn how to make love to a man, I hear it's not that tough.

But would having sex with a man make me any less a lesbian? I don't think so. Just because I can, doesn't mean I'd want to. I know too many lesbian mothers and gay fathers to believe that.

## Same old theory

Exodus International uses the same, tired old view of homosexuality that has been around for centuries--"a state of incomplete development," according to Exodus psychologist Elizabeth Moberly. The cause of homosexuality is, according to Moberly, aborted development in same-sex relationships, especially between parent and child. With the help of a good therapist, therefore, homosexuals can gradually "grow" into heterosexuality.

Pardon me while I roll my eyes.

This is the view, if you'll recall, that says that if a woman had a domineering father and a passive mother, she'll turn into a dyke because of identification with her father. If she had an abusive father (especially a sexually abusive father) she'll become a dyke because she won't want to have sex with men. If she had a passive father and a domineering mother, she'll become a dyke because she won't want to relate to such a non-entity like her dad. And if her parents are divorced she'll become a dyke because she won't want to risk a marriage with a man not working. If she's raised by her mother she'll become one because there are either no male role models around or, conversely, because her mom sleeps with everything in pants and she will reject that behavior.

But if a woman had two kind, con-



siderate, loving parents in a relatively equal partnership, she could still become a dyke out of deeply held resentment toward one or both parents, an act of rebellion, bad experiences with men other than the father, positive experiences with women other than her mother...The list is endless.

Men turn into faggots under this theory by reversing all of the above situations except one. Men who are sexually abused as children by their fathers or other male adults become faggots because they were exposed to gay sex so early. (And yes, I am aware that saying that a sexually abused girl will turn into a dyke because she will reject sex with men and that a sexually abused boy will turn into a faggot because he will accept sex with men make no sense and seem to be strangely contradictory. I didn't make up the theory.)

What the arrested development theory says, at bottom, is that any child who had parents could come out queer. And that's pretty hard to argue.

## No improvement

The danger of groups like Exodus International is not one of loss of life but rather loss of the quality of life. It takes lonely, unhappy, frightened gay people and promises them that they can be healthy and happy if they concentrate on learning to be heterosexuals. What you end up with most of the time is an unhappy, lonely, frightened homosexual trying to be a heterosexual, which I can't see as much of an improvement.

Will an Exodus chapter open its doors in Bloomington-Normal? Probably not. But as long as I can't go out to eat without picking up a tract from a local Christian businessmen's organization none of us are safe. The last one I saw told about an Exodus board member, an ex-homosexual, ex-transvestite, who, thanks to christ and some loving christian people is now married and is going to be a dad any day now. What a guy.

Exodus International, instead of spending its time trying to lead us poor queers out of homosexuality and into heterosexuality, would do a better service to themselves, to christianity and to gays if they would just concentrate on leading other christians out of the desert of fear and bigotry and into the promised land of love and mutual respect.

--Deborah Wiatt

Source: Christianity Today, August 9, 1985.

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# Community News

## Health screening

The McLean County Health Department will be conducting a health screening clinic for senior citizens at the Towanda Community Building, Towanda, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 11, 1985 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hematocrit, glucose, urine and blood pressure testing will be provided to senior citizens sixty years of age or older.

For more information regarding testing, please call the McLean County Health Department at 454-1161.

## Depressive and manic depressive support group

A depressive and manic depressive support group will sponsor a special "Basic Information" meeting for anyone interested in learning basic facts on Wednesday, September 11 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 108 North Fell, Normal. For more information about either of these meetings, please call 309/454-2740 or 309/452-7665.

## Training funds available

A half-million dollars in training funds is now available to central Illinois businesses to help them defray expenses associated with newly-hired workers.

The funding, which became available this month, will be used to reimburse employers for one-half of new employees' wages during training, in addition to paying for work-related amenities such as tools and uniforms.

Norm Hill, UPIC Executive Director, announced "Our agency is committed not only to preparing individuals for high-potential occupations, but also to helping employers with the costs of absorbing new workers needed for business expansion.

"Training funding is an important element in the successful development of our area. By bringing workers' skills in line with labor market needs, we enhance the climate for job retention, as well as new job creation."

Hill, whose agency serves Fulton, Mason, McLean, and Tazewell counties, is confident an additional \$200,000 in training funds would be available should a major plant location occur in the central Illinois area. The money would come from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

"If the Bloomington or Morton areas are chosen as new plant sites, we'll have the resources, with the help of DCCA, to respond to the firm's hiring and training needs."

Hill is responsible for administering over \$3 million in job training funds annually.

Hill's agency also assists small and medium-sized businesses by regularly providing funds to area chambers of commerce and economic development agencies for special projects.

## Operation Recycle's project for young people

It isn't easy to earn money if you are under 16, but Operation Recycle, through its Neighborhood Recycling Team, has a way kids can earn money, win special prizes, and help the environment, too.

Young people who bring recyclables to sell at the Operation Recycle buyback will receive a special certificate making them team members. Those reaching a goal of 200 lbs. of materials will receive a special NRT button, and when 600lbs. has been reached, the participant will earn a free t-shirt.

Newspapers, bi-metal cans, aluminum cans, and container glass can all be counted toward this goal. These materials must be brought in on O.R. buyback days, Wednesdays, and Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon, to the recycle warehouse, 1100 W. Market, Bloomington.

The Neighborhood Recycling Team is being cosponsored by the Coca Cola Bottling Company.

## Boycott Jewel

Last year, Jewel raised its chairperson's salary from \$624,000 to \$900,000, and CUT its workers' pay by 16% despite a union contract. (Under a court order, most of these funds have since been restored.)

Now Jewel Stores is stealing from farmworkers. Jewel buys its lettuce from Bruce Church, Inc., which has been found guilty by the state of California of refusing to negotiate in good faith with the United Farm Workers. These farmworkers overwhelmingly voted for UFW representation, tired of pesticide poisoning, sexual harassment, intolerable working conditions and low pay.

But Bruce Church would rather spend his money on lawyers, scab-herders and union-busters than on treating his workers like human beings. And Jewel would rather earn an extra 1/4 or 1/2 cent profit than buy lettuce picked by workers who have won union conditions.

For years, farmworkers have been talking to the growers, and to stores that buy scab lettuce. But the bosses will only listen when they're forced to--when their union-busting techniques and exploitation costs them money.

So boycott Jewel stores. Let them know you won't stop at Jewel until they begin stocking union lettuce. Farmworkers' lives depend on it. And ultimately, an injury to one group of farmers is an injury to all of us.

--IWW newsletter

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## Volunteer Organization for Literacy

The General and Basic Educational Development Program has received a grant of \$500.00 from the B. Dalton Bookseller National Literacy Initiative, Dee Goyen, Literacy Coordinator of the Volunteer Organization for Literacy (VOLT) announced today.

"The grant will help support our volunteer tutoring program," said Dee Goyen. The organization provides literacy tutoring to area adults who want to learn to read, write and compute.

"B. Dalton is providing financial support to local adult literacy organizations so they can expand their programs to the adults of our community who are seeking help to learn to read," Michael Johns, Manager of the Bloomington B. Dalton Bookseller, Eastland Mall, reported.

VOLT, the Volunteer Organization for Literacy, was able to place 40 volunteers in the first six months of organization from January-June of 1985. Many of our volunteers work as part of an established class under the supervision of a certified teacher. Every volunteer is given the opportunity to work individually or in small groups with his or her own students. A very close relationship develops among lead teachers, volunteers and students. VOLT has already assisted 161 native and foreign born adult students with almost 2000 hours of tutoring to achieve some reading.

Anyone interested in giving or receiving reading assistance may call the GED office at 828-3309.



## GPA begins semester

ISU's Gay People's Alliance began the semester last week, meeting at the traditional time and place (8:00 p.m. Wednesdays in 112 Fairchild Hall). Although a schedule has not been drawn up for the semester, several new ideas were discussed by the group.

The bi-annual Gay-Straight Rap will be held in October or November, near the middle of the semester. The Speaker's Bureau, GPA's public education branch, will continue to operate, speaking to classes and other meetings.

Anyone interested in attending meetings or speaking for the bureau is welcome to come to the meetings. All meetings will be announced in the *Vidette* and by posters on campus.

## Immunization clinic

The McLean County Health Department will be conducting a child immunization clinic on Tuesday, September 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Sunnyside Neighborhood Center, 1612 W. Olive St., Bloomington. The Illinois School Code requires children entering an Illinois school to be immunized against: diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles and rubella. All immunizations will be given free of charge to school age children and younger. Parents or guardians must accompany their children and are encouraged to bring previous immunization records.

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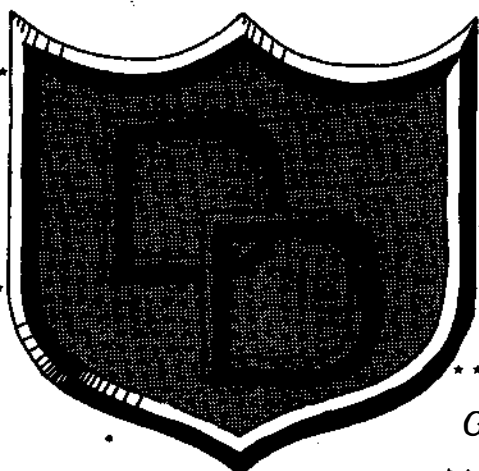
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Dear Post Amerikan,

We are three guys who just moved here to Illinois State. We took one look at a copy of your paper and said, in a resounding chorus, "We need a subscription to this paper!!!" So that is the purpose of this letter. We would like to begin receiving your newspaper. You will find the \$4 subscription enclosed.

Thank you,

Pat, Steve and Larry

## Long time, no see

Dear Post Amerikan,

It's been a long time since I've seen "Amerikan." I'm glad to see that an "underground" newspaper survived the 70's. A friend sent me a copy, and I had to subscribe.

Thanks for hanging in there.

Sincerely,  
Robert Warren Cassity

## Thanks, Post

To the Post Amerikan,

Thank you for the two past issues of your magazine, most welcome and sorely needed in a society grown stagnant with archaic ideas and anachronistic government. Anarchy is truly the only way to go, although my friend took it a little too far by letting the S.W.A.T. team blow him away. I prefer moderation in some places and preferred to give myself up. So here I am with six years. Could you please put me on your subscription list so I can benefit from your most inspiring articles?

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## Free markets possible, preferable

Post Amerikan:

Your newspaper offers alternative viewpoints, and that is much needed in this community. I enjoyed reading it. However, in your article on the Rock Island Arsenal, you suggest that profits and the free market insure that what is needed in the world cannot be made.

First of all, there are no free markets in the world that I know of. Secondly, any market, free or not, operates on the basis of exchange. A hippie commune does, and so does a Russian commune, or what have you.

The reason that so many people in the world have little to exchange is that oppressive governments take it away or create a situation in which little production can take place. I cannot think of one situation in the world where oppression takes place in which government isn't a root cause, including South Africa.

Finally, don't confuse conservatives here or abroad with advocates for a free market. Conservatives pay lip service to freedom and free markets, while in reality they seek a plutocracy. There will be an end to oppression and poverty when enough people realize that all governments are based on force and theft, and that any individual who committed the acts that government bureaucrats and politicians take for granted would be locked up and probably declared insane. A truly free market would mean the peaceful exchange of goods and services, and it would be open to experiments in all types of communal living for those who wished to join them.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Johnston

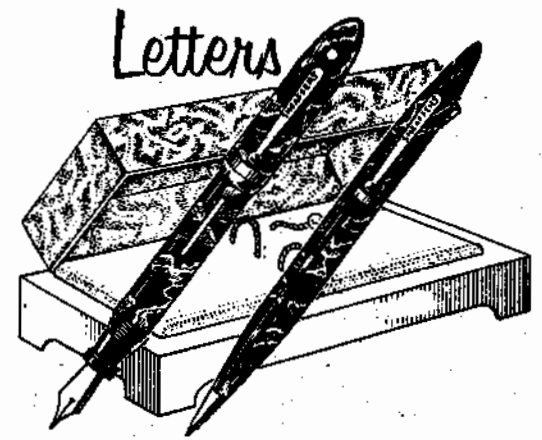
## Thanks from Project Disarm

Dear Friends at the Post Amerikan,

We received a note from someone in Philly who read about the Oct. 21 Shut Down of Rock Island Arsenal in the Post Amerikan. Thanks for spreading the word! Would you send us a copy of the issue that carried this? Many thanks.

Neil D.  
for Project Disarm

--Anonymous



## New funding source

Dear Post Amerikan,

I have a great idea how you can raise money for the newspaper. Have your readers feed an extra quarter or two into the Little Red Vending Machine. Just have them think of it as a funny looking piggy bank or a TIP for the writers.

This way a person could contribute to the paper without all the fuss with postage, etc. and help out and say thank you.

--Post Amerikan Reader

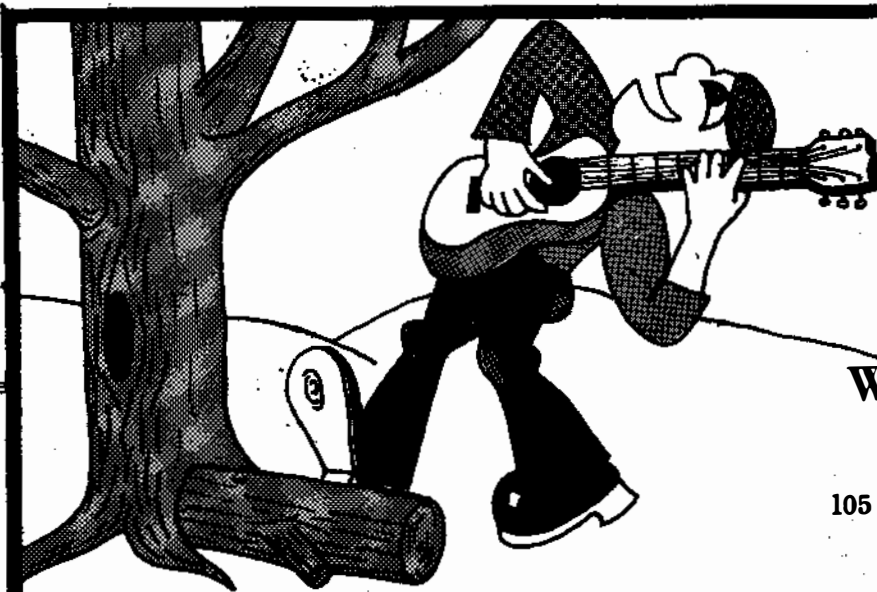
## Anonymity where it's at

Dear Post Amerikan:

I have found a simple way of preventing the State from investigating me in ways that are outrageous. I am becoming anonymous. I have simply stopped telling people where I am. The process of making yourself invisible is a lengthy one if you intend to keep your identity to yourself rather than change it.

In requesting his files from the State, R.D. Sutherland insured that all of those files be opened and looked upon with the scrutiny of censorship. My suggestion is that if you intend to ask for these papers, think of how little information will be uncensored, how outraged you'll be knowing that you have exposed your existence to the monster, and instead have a cup of chamomile tea and forget the whole thing.

In putting that mechanism in motion, you are also giving it reason for being, and I've no doubt that none of it has any business being. Please print this as I believe it is an important consideration.

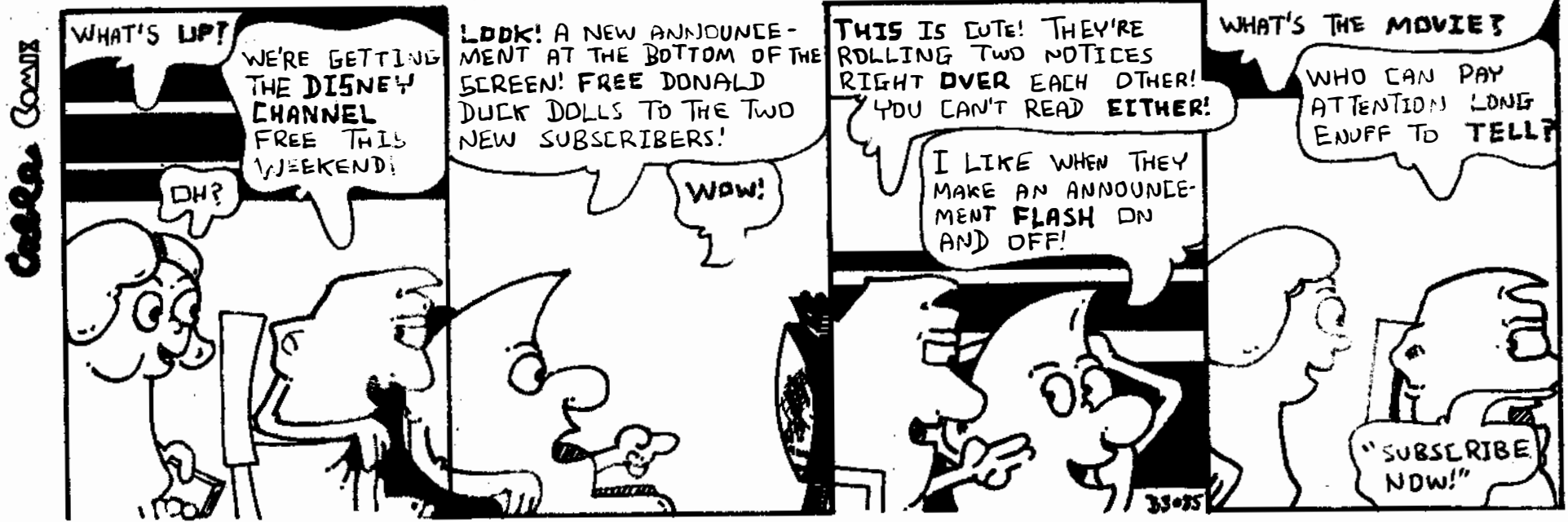


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# WESN back in business

In spite of Illinois Wesleyan's much publicized decision to deny WESN access to the air waves in May, work has not slowed down at the station. The station will return to the air in September. On May 1st, the executive staff for 1985-86 was announced. J.D. Thomas will take full control of the station, since former co-manager, James Gungor, has left for parts unknown (it is rumored, an existence on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive while he joins the ranks of the unemployed and the over-qualified).

Second in command will be Don Burns, in programming. Burns has held positions in management consulting firms and several loan companies. In addition, he has taped several interviews for WESN in the past year which were well received by the public.

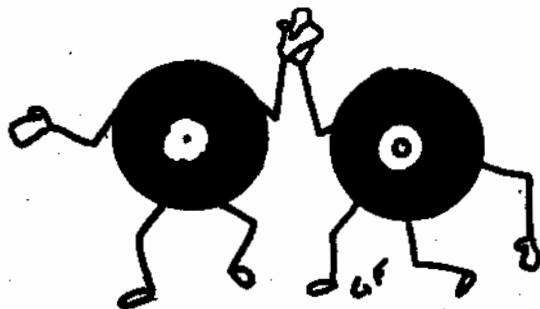
The music selection and policies will be drawn up by Jonnell Simpson. News is to be directed by Kurt Berglund, and Steve Pickering will stay on as the Production Director.

This year, Thomas has taken the bold move of rearranging several positions and adding new ones. The Business Manager, Mick Brown, will be responsible for income and the Public Relations Director, Ellen Joyce, will arrange and direct public appearances. These two positions were formerly under one person's direction. Also, Thomas has created three new Continuity positions. Chosen for these were: Nicky Panagiottis, Elan Stevens and Monica Kelbley. All are IWU students.

New by-laws assure the format of WESN as a progressive-alternative station. The station expects to have a more consistent, coherent sound this fall.

WESN, as are many listeners, is still plagued by financial troubles.

Hoping to save money, the management is cancelling its subscription to the Associate Press Wire Service from November through March. This move is expected to save WESN over \$1,100 which will be used to purchase



new equipment and maybe improvements on the station's quarters.

In the place of the AP, WESN plans to upgrade its news department, while also taking a participant angle to its reporting. Also the management is considering a subscription to the Pacifica Radio News Network--an alternative news source, supported the Pacifica Foundation.

Late in August, WESN received a donation of one reel-to-reel tape machine, a cassette deck and a six-channel stereo mixing board. "This equipment should greatly improve our production capability," Thomas said. "Perhaps someday soon, we'll be able to produce our own radio plays." In addition, Greg Stephens, the eternal engineer, is realigning all of the tape decks and cartridge machines, hoping to add a consistent stereo signal to the station's broadcast.

This year WESN is encouraging community interaction with the station. "We're looking for some good local DJs and reporters," Thomas said. With a significant percentage of local people working at the station,

the management hopes to avoid having to close down when IWU students leave campus. "Also, with the upgrading of the news team, we'll be needing lots of people to report and write stories," he said. The pay is nothing and the work is frustrating, but anyone interested in becoming world famous and loved by the entire listening area should contact Thomas at 827-8941. An audition will be scheduled.

WESN plant to go on the air with all 100 watts on the evening of September 21. On-air positions will probably be available until early October.

--J.D.

## WESN sounds off

WESN was founded as a non-commercial radio station in 1971. So far, it is the only student-managed and -operated radio station anywhere.

As a non-commercial station, WESN is freed from the constraints of profit making and can devote its efforts entirely to exploring subjects and society in a way not permitted in corporate commercial media. WESN will continue to broadcast news and current events in an alternative format. In this way, we will fulfill our obligation as an educational station.

In addition to educational broadcasting, WESN will broadcast progressive/alternative musical entertainment of a type not heard anywhere else in this area. WESN will work to synthesize liberal and fine arts, incorporating such things as poetry, personal opinions, and alternative sources of information in an attempt to raise the consciousness of Bloomington-Normal area listeners.

As a non-commercial station, WESN feels no obligation to limit speech in any way, although WESN does not take responsibility for opinions expressed on our frequency--that responsibility must be borne by the announcer. WESN encourages the cultivation of independent thought.

As an educational, non-commercial station, WESN invites the public to become involved with the station and its operations in an effort to inform and educate not only WESN listeners but the staff as well.

WESN strives for critical examination of conditions within society (i.e. drugs, sexuality, etc.). WESN seeks to explore the personal and the political. It shall be used for instigating and organizing community action. There shall be maintained an active rather than a passive relationship with the listeners.

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This is perfectly legal--Section 16A-7 of the Illinois Statutes clearly says so. Its constitutionality, I think, is shaky, since you're not supposed to be deprived of property without due process of law. It's morally sleazy, in that the state and the business use the parents' wrath to fulfill their own purposes.

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--Phoebe Caulfield

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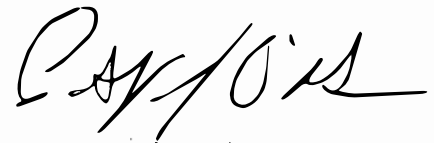
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