

Financial Aid Undergoes Change

by Brian Mulally

Okay. So you've been in college awhile and you're experienced with that bureaucratic demon known as the Financial Aid Form and you think you know how to handle yourself.

Guess again. When you go to fill out your financial aid forms this year, they will be different. As a matter of fact, there have been quite a few changes in the financial aid rules and regulations for this year.

The information presented in this article was gathered at a seminar presented at Daemen by the New York State Financial and Administrative Association, Region I. So, if any of this stuff is wrong, blame them.

First, some general provisions.

To some people, the criteria used to establish financial need seemed unfair. As an example, equity in a house was considered an asset. If you owned an expensive house, you were considered to have less need and so received less money. But you can't eat an expensive house so, if it is considered part of your equity, you're in trouble.

Now, in the hopes of making things fairer, a new set of criteria of establishing eligibility for federal campus based aid has been introduced.

The new criteria eliminates equity in a house as part of a family's assets and allows the deduction of federal, state, local and certain business and farm taxes from family income. It also states that a family with less than a \$25,000 annual income will not have to target more than 14 percent of its income for an educational contribution.

For those with more than a \$25,000 annual income, the bill authorizes the Secretary of Education to establish the percentage of income that must be contributed to a college education.

Furthermore, the bill states that, in the calculation of financial need, independent students with dependents must be treated the same as independent student families.

Now, down to specifics.

The basic Education Opportunity Grants have been renamed Pell Grants after Con. Claymore Pell, who was instrumental in passing the new legislation. The new name will be used on the 82-83 forms. On the 81-82 forms, the name will appear as the BEOG (Pell) Grant.

For all you Zonker Harris types, the new bill abolishes the four-year limit on eligibility for grants. A student can receive aid for as long as it takes him to get a degree. So, all you kids who are here at Daemen on the five, six, seven or eight-year plan, stand up and say "Yippie!"



The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is keeping its name but is raising its maximum award from \$1500 to \$2000. The \$4000 dollar cumulative limitation has been abolished; this grant, too, is extended for as long as it takes a student to graduate, provided the student makes good academic progress.

Also eliminated is the stipulation that SEOG grants must be matched by other forms of student aid, and, further, students attending college less than half time can receive aid, too.

The major change in SEOG comes in the wording. Previously, to be eligible, a student had to show "exceptional need." The word "exceptional" has been dropped; from now on, eligibility will be based solely on need. This means that some students are eligible now who were not eligible before.

However, it is important to remember that SEOG funds are limited. Funds will probably be parceled out on the basis of who has the **greatest** need. That means, even if you are eligible, you may not receive aid.

The next area of change concerns the NDSL, the National Direct Student Loan. The annual ceiling on these loans has been raised to \$3000, but cannot exceed \$3000 during the first two years of undergraduate study and the cumulative

limit has been raised to \$12,000.

Now for the bad news. The interest rate on the NDSL has been raised from 3% to 4%; and, where previously students were allowed a nine month grace period, as of Oct. 1, 1980, they are allowed only a six month grace period.

Deferrals for the loan payments under the new regulations are as follows:

CARD Urges Reagan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — The Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD) urged President-elect Reagan last week to abide by his campaign position and work for an end to President Carter's peacetime registration program.

CARD called upon Reagan to "fully implement your strong opposition to peacetime draft registration by having your transition team negotiate an end to Carter administration plans to register young men born in 1962 during the first week in January."

Since Reagan will not assume power until Jan. 20 — two weeks after the scheduled beginning of the second phase of registration — the final authority will still be in the hands of Jimmy Carter, CARD chairperson, Rev. Barry Lynn explained.

"Thus, Reagan must have his staff either convince Carter to end registration," he says, "or have the president postpone its implementation until Reagan takes over."

Lynn says he is encouraged that Reagan "has made it abundantly clear that he favors a strong defense to preserve our freedoms without subverting individual

—Being a volunteer for a non-profit organization, such as the Peace Corps or a full time volunteer for any non-taxable organization as defined by section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

—Being an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health service.

—Being temporarily totally disabled or being unemployable because you must care for a spouse who is totally disabled.

—Serving an internship needed to begin a profession, such as medicine.

All students must repay the loan within ten years except low income students who can take twenty.

As for the Guaranteed Student Loan, the interest rate has been raised from 7% to 9% for first time borrowers, effective as of Jan. 1, 1981.

However, students who have borrowed at 7% and still owe on their loans can get additional loans at the same interest rate. It is also possible for someone enrolled to get a 7% rate provided the loan is for the 1980 Fall semester.

The new loan limits are:

—For a dependent undergraduate, the annual limit is \$2,500; the cumulative, \$12,500. For an independent undergraduate, as defined by the Basic Grant Program, the annual limit is \$3,000; the cumulative, \$15,000, for a graduate student, the annual limit is \$5,000, and the cumulative, which includes undergraduate loans, is \$25,000. The loan deferments outlined for the National Direct Student Loan also hold for the Guaranteed Student Loans.

Now a new twist has been added

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freedom by a peacetime draft or draft registration."

Lynn cited campaign speeches in which Reagan said peacetime draft registration "destroys the very values that our society is committed to defending."

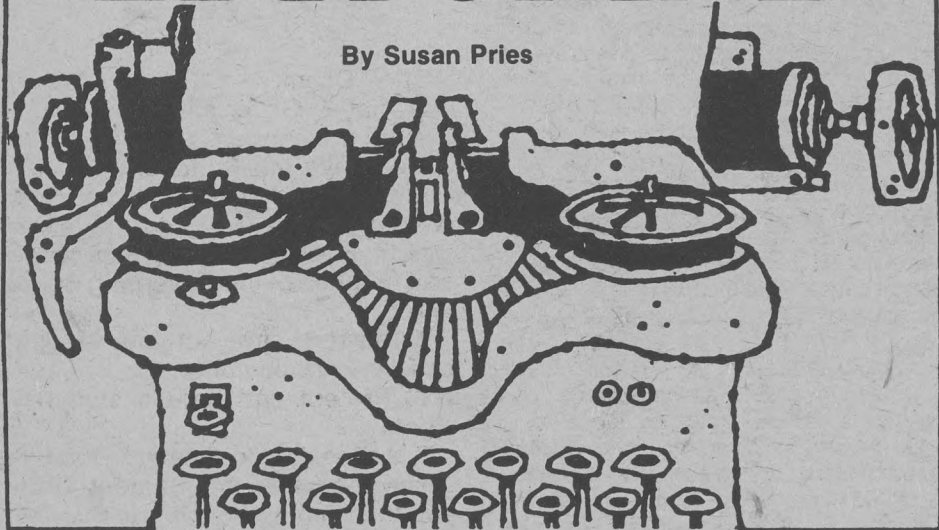
Asked if he had received any preliminary indications from Reagan's staff on the matter, Lynn said "nothing has happened yet, either way." He adds he cannot discount the possibility that a hardline Pentagon could change the president-elect's mind.

In its letter to Reagan, which CARD released during a news conference, the anti-draft group said failure to end registration "will cost the American taxpayers more than \$5 billion, followed by needless social trauma and law enforcement problems."

CARD, a coalition of 55 national religious, peace, civil rights, student, and women's organizations, also announced the results of its "Register Against the Draft" campaign by producing over 100,000 anti-registration letters and postcards mailed to the group over the past four months.

EDITORIAL

By Susan Pries



The idea of an athletic facility at Daemen College seems great. It would give our basketball teams a place to practice and enable them to play an actual home game. The facility would also offer such possibilities as intramurals, sports' nights, and various other activities. And having our teams play here might even stir up a little school spirit.

But, is a new athletic facility the best thing for Daemen College at this point in time? Only a little more than half of the money needed for the gym has been pledged. But once the total sum is raised, where will the money to maintain the facility in the future come from? Our tuition.

Take a look at some of the buildings on campus now, and consider the condition they are in.

The Daemen Little Theatre could also use a little work. If only a few coats of paint and some new curtains — something should be done. It is a shame that such a fine performance as *The Miracle Worker* has to play in such surroundings.

Because of heat, it is often difficult to study on the second floor of the library during the winter months. The first floor of the library will be fine, but nothing can be done to

adjust excessive heat on the second floor. And students are forced to open windows in the middle of the winter to let in cool air.

Walking down the halls of Duns Scotus in the winter, you can experience major climate changes. Classrooms at one end of the corridor are warm, while others at the other end are cold.

What kind of attention will the maintenance of an athletic facility receive at Daemen if this is the state of our academic buildings?

It is true that it is easier to obtain money for building than repairing. But is it worth the initial cost to construct a building if it can't be properly maintained?

A gym is a definite asset for admission counselors trying to entice students to Daemen. And the lack of a gym may discourage people from coming here. But Daemen has a large enrollment this year — despite the lack of a gym.

Daemen is still a growing school, and the needs of future students should be considered. But in a time of economic uncertainty, can Daemen afford to start construction without overlooking the needs of the students who are here now?

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Dear Editor,

In an article in your last issue, entitled "Eating Cheap," you did not mention anything for those who don't have a car or the desire to go to a bar/restaurant. Well, right here at Daemen College is the "Rat," which gives the same, if not better, bargains than any bar in Western N.Y.

As far as food goes, we have "Hero Haven" located in the Rat's snackbar. It offers a variety of subs and sodas at very reasonable prices. They also deliver on campus, for free. So let's have people patronize right here at Daemen College. True, it's not like wining and dining at the Waldorf, but it's convenient and the best place around here.

W.F.W.

Dear Editor:

Daemen soccer closed out its season with an exciting but unfortunate loss. Unfortunate, not so much because of the loss, but more so because the score was no indication of the play. The Demons outplayed the visiting team continuously throughout the contest.

The team is comprised of young spirited men who are not so much out there to try and annihilate the opposing team, but rather to represent their school and show their pride in it, as well as to have some fun in an activity which they thoroughly enjoy.

Soccer is a fairly new sport to the area and in particular to Daemen College. It is an exhilarating and enthusiastic sport to watch as well as to play. As in all organizations, in order for it to survive, it consumes valuable time and support. As an outside observer and a lover of the game, I have taken the opportunity to give recognition to those who deserve it most, for they sacrificed their time and efforts to support such a worthwhile endeavor.

Thanks goes out to Daemen's Athletic Director, Ken Murray, who took over as the acting coach in the midseason, although not totally familiar with the game. Keeping the primary interests of the players at heart, that of representing the school and having a good time, he made it possible for the season to continue.

The loss of the coach posed somewhat of a problem although this was quickly resolved. The team incorporated what is known as a player-coach. This person not only had the responsibility of participating in the games, but also played the major role in the team's performance. It was his duty to point out what a player was doing wrong and aid him/her in correcting it. He also had to provide the all-important praise and encouragement for the right actions. Without hesitation, this position was filled by Dennis O'Keefe. He was consistently able to maintain a positive attitude throughout the team, and maintain a good team morale. Dennis was closely aided in this responsibility by a veteran player, Tom Collins. Tom

was recently voted the most dedicated player. The team would like to thank these two gentlemen for their outstanding quality of leadership.

The team would also like to thank Pete Starson and Art Christy for their generous contributions and support of the team.

The team would like to thank most of all, the fans who supported and encouraged them throughout the season. A special thanks to the young ladies of fourth floor Lourdes, and 59 East who were cheering no matter what the conditions.

The team may not have had a good record when you look at it on paper, but I know I am speaking for the team when I say that they had a lot of fun playing. And isn't that what counts? A congratulations to the players on the Daemen soccer team and their most loyal fans. They truly know the meanings of the words sports and sportsmanship.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Dear Editor,

There are many interests which are supported on the Daemen campus such as the Ski Club, Psychology Club, and so on. But one group of people which are not given consideration is the small minority of non-drinkers. The thought may not have occurred to the Student Life Office yet, but there are still people in this world who do not drink.

The students are constantly bombarded by posters advertising various parties such as Beer Blasts with the added line of "All you can drink for whatever price." (usually \$2.50 or \$3.00) These drinking parties indirectly encourage students who possibly failed a test on Friday (or whenever) to go out and get "wasted" on a Friday or Saturday night as a solution to their problems. Getting drunk does not solve anything. The memory of failure will still be there when the individual sobers up the next morning.

There certainly is nothing wrong with having a few drinks to be sociable if a person chooses to, but there is something wrong when many students go to parties with but one goal in mind: TO GET TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY DRUNK!

There is so much more to life than just drinking and getting drunk. If the Student Life Office and certain students cannot think of something more creative to do on a Saturday night than go out drinking, then I think they do not have much imagination or perspective on the many possibilities open to them as human beings.

I hope the future will show more representation and consideration for those students, who for personal reasons, choose not to drink and for all those who perhaps only go to drinking parties because of peer pressure they cannot resist.

Mary Cooney '83

Student Leaders React to Reagan

By Michael Arkush

(CPS) — Long before most Americans have sorted out the meanings of Ronald Reagan's landslide victory, some student leaders and activists are predicting the next four years will include a re-awakening of the era of campus protest.

"I'm optimistic about students and their ability to change the world," says Janis Fine, vice president of the Student Association of State Universities in New York. "The Reagan victory may be the unifying factor which makes students become active again."

Fine notes that at a recent association meeting "people were scared out of their wits at the results of the election." She thinks the fear will reveal a "need to get together."

Indeed, a variety of activists contacted by College Press Service expressed rising expectations that there will be more campus protest in the immediate future. As proof, they point to stirrings of half-articulated resentment of the re-emergence of a figure who evoked so much student wrath in the late sixties.

At the University of California-Berkeley, just moments after Reagan was declared the winner, about 3000 students staged a sit-in. Speakers exhorted students to "make sure Reagan can do as little as possible to hinder human rights." Fifty-two protesters were arrested.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens

Point, a school not known for activism, seven students greeted the election news with anti-Reagan chants. Within minutes, the number swelled to about 600. Greg Ludke, one of the original screamers, says the demonstration was entirely spontaneous.

Mike Pucci, vice president of the student government, says the rally was "the first time we've had any kind of student protest against anything on this campus."

Just what students were protesting is open to question. At Berkeley, anti-Reagan slogans evolved into anti-ROTC chants. At Stevens Point, students shouted "Reagan sucks."

Most leaders interviewed think harder issues — like a new military draft — will be needed to sustain these stirrings.

"Students won't have to wait for a draft or anything like that," Fine says. "Reagan will cut financial aid and abortion benefits. That alone should be enough to get students out of their shells."

"If he (Reagan) starts messing up with aid to students," adds Eduardo Wolle, legislative director of the U.S. Student Association, "the liberal and conservative students will be brought together to fight it. This hits at their very ability to continue to go to school."

Kim Kachelmyer, director of the United Council, a Wisconsin student association, agrees. "I am sure it would be very easy to mobilize students over this cause (financial aid) if anyone in Washington harms it."

A Reagan policy statement on education released during the campaign promised the

Reagan administration will re-make funds earmarked for specific financial aid programs into "block grants," which states can use as they see fit. Also, states will be encharged with paying for certain unspecified aid programs Reagan plans to abolish on the federal level.

There are other issues leaders expect students to pursue. Barbara Kiser of the Students for a Non-Nuclear Future predicts students will have to "triple our efforts" if only because she expects "Reagan will put a clamp on any kind of progressive legislation."

David Landau of the American Civil Liberties Union sees student help on civil liberties issues as "a big plus for us."

Dr. Howard Kornfeld of Physicians for Social Responsibility thinks the Reagan landslide puts anti-nuclear proliferation groups on the defensive, and a premium on activism. He says his groups think students will be especially responsive recruits during the Reagan era.

Later this month a meeting at Kent State will be held to organize the Progressive Students Network, which some student leaders privately hope will become "the next SDS." David Statt, a group spokesman, says a PSN rally on inauguration day in Washington Jan. 20 will only be the beginning.

"We're going to attack the Republican platform and the stated policies of the Reagan administration," he says. "If those words become bills, then we will really get involved."

Governing Board

The Daemen College Student Association Governing Board would like to announce that it has been quite active in all student policies and concerns this semester. The Governing Board will continue this practice from now on. The purpose and function of the Governing Board is to:

1. Listen and act on student complaints and concerns.
2. Protect and defend students' rights.
3. Act as the legitimate and active gadfly between the Student Body and the Administration and Faculty.

The Governing Board is acting on your behalf... So utilize its presence so that problems can be averted from escalating. We will act on the issues as soon as we receive them. It is up to you the student to let us know of your feelings, concerns, and complaints of all policy that occurs on this campus. Don't be lethargic; get involved and feel concerned of what occurs at Daemen. If you have any questions concerning the Governing Board and want to get involved, contact a member of the Governing Board. The Daemen College Student Association Governing Board consists of:

Greg Borden, Chairman; Chet Migdalski, Ann Ackermann, Joe Lein, Betty Boyd, Sheila Jones, Theresa Simmons, John Tigue, Vice-Chairman; Mark Masterson, Parliamentarian; Sandi Ditttrich, Itherine Cameron, Lorna Bigby, Vanessa Frith, Andrea Smith.

We will print another announcement in the first issue of the ASCENT next semester.

Enjoy Your Vacation!

Bombing for Grades

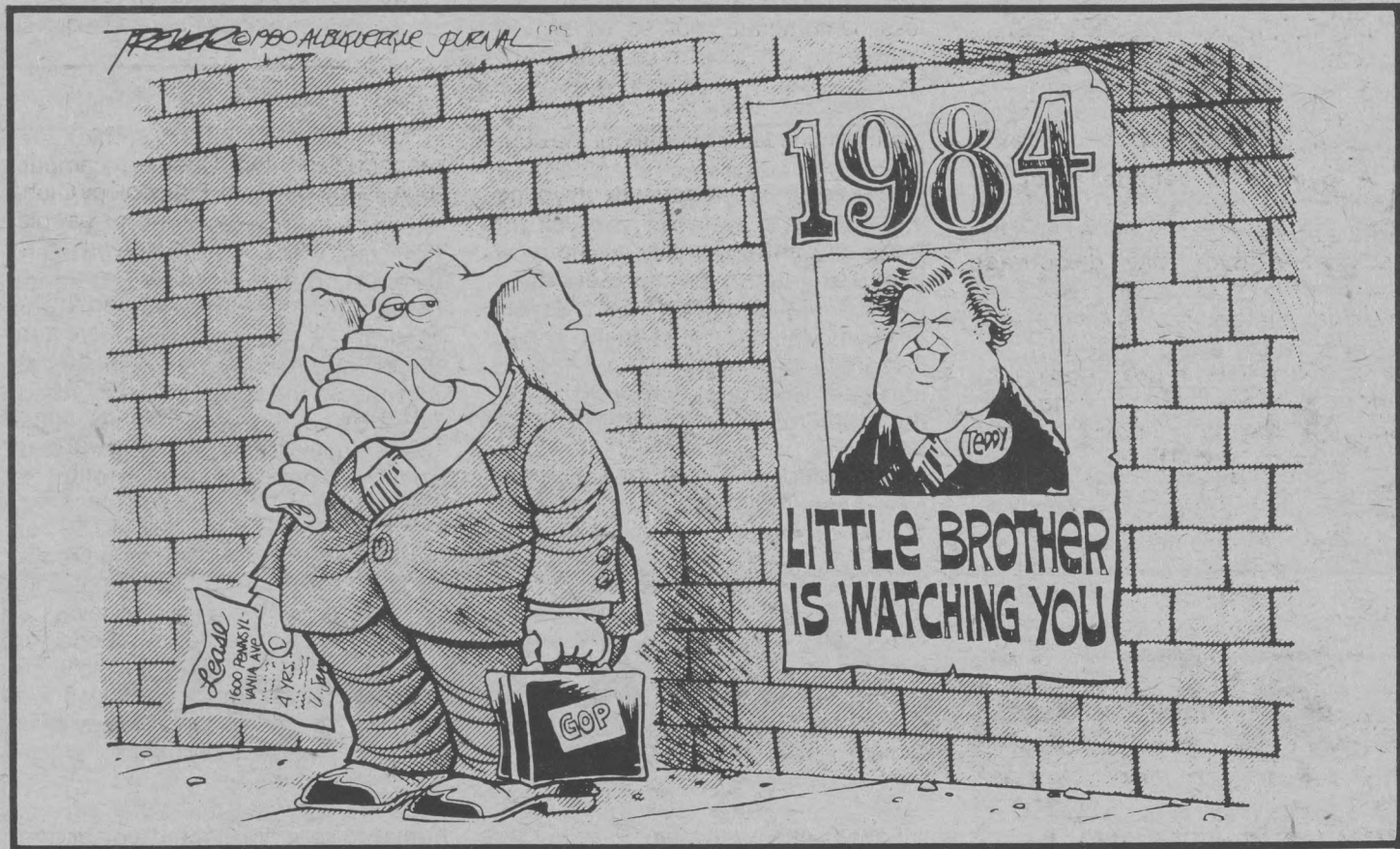
BOULDER, Colo. (CH) — They stormed the classroom, wearing black masks and carrying a bomb. Describing themselves as student-power militants, they took half the class and the professor as hostages, carting them away in a truck and shooting one student who refused to go.

University of Colorado officials were upset at these activities on their campus — though not for the obvious reasons.

The "militants" were, in fact, students in a sociology course on leadership; their hostage-taking was part of a class project designed to show the dynamics of leadership within small groups — in this case, the hostage group and the militant group.

The bomb was made of wax, and both the gun and the blood it appeared to draw were phony. But the surprise of the hostages was real — far too real, say university officials.

They have instructed Daryl Evans, the visiting professor who teaches the class, to limit future similar projects. Evans himself has admitted that the students, while achieving the realism needed for the project, violated class rules by not clearing the takeover with him and the university police, who could have misunderstood the "instructive" nature of the apparent kidnapping.



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to the program. If you violate your agreement, the institution you borrowed the money from can now hire a credit bureau to collect. So, if you try to stiff them, a big, hangman will tear down your door and confiscate your piggy bank.

Another twist, more welcome than the above, is a program that lends money to the parents of college students. The details are not yet available, but this is what is so far known.

Parents can borrow up to \$3,000 a year for each dependent child, up to a limit of \$15,000. Payment begins 60

days after the loan is received. Interest is 9% and might drop to 8% if interest paid on the U.S. treasury bills drops below 9% — but don't count on it.

The program will probably go into effect in January, 1981. However, state regulations must be amended; so loans will most likely not be available until the 81-82 academic year.

Now, there are a number of implications in all of these changes.

The first is that these are only **authorizations**. If Congress fails to appropriate the necessary funds, there will be no program.

Second, all the aid programs differentiate among the types of resident students. Previously, students were divided into two groups:

Students who lived on campus and students who did not live on campus. Now there are recognized divisions of students who live in separate housing, such as apartments, and students who live at home.

Third, and perhaps most exciting, is that campus-based and Pell (BEOG) grants can now be used for students who wish to study abroad. Anyone at Daemen interested in this possibility should speak with either Ms. Merrill in the Spanish department or Ms. Hennin in the French department.

These changes are in effect for the next five years.

If you're confused, imagine what it will be like for your little brother.

Opinions: *The Rejection of Jimmy Carter*

By Dr. Kempe R. Hope

On November 4, 1980, the American electorate elected Ronald Reagan over Jimmy Carter as President of the United States. Reagan's victory was not only a resounding one; but, in the vernacular of the National Press, a massive landslide of unparalleled proportions since 1932. Why were Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party so convincingly defeated by Ronald Reagan and his conservative Republicans?

Of course, there are a great many reasons. However, what I see as the fundamental factors contributing to the rejection of Jimmy Carter and, perhaps the temporary demise of the Democratic Party, are discussed below.

Jimmy Carter's rejection began in 1976 when, as a relatively obscure ex-Governor, he managed to win the Democratic nomination for President. He won the nomination because the Democratic establishment was unable to agree on a viable candidate.

By the time California Governor Jerry Brown made up his mind to run it was too late. Carter went on to win the Presidency, barely squeaking by Jerry Ford, whose pardoning of Richard Nixon was still fresh in the minds of the American electorate.

Carter arrived in Washington in 1977 promoting the fact that he was an outsider who had come to tame Washington. This was a serious error in judgement. The Washington establishment dislikes outsiders.

Carter also brought with him a staff which had mediocre qualifications, a lack of Washington experience and were basically inept. The result was significant friction with Congress and very little and much diluted legislation which made Carter look incompetent.

During his term in office Carter seemed to be primarily concerned with being re-elected. He virtually ignored the problems of unemployment and inflation in the economy which had soared to chronic proportions by the second quarter of 1980. When he finally attempted to cure our economic ills he adopted policies which were counter-cyclical. He never seemed to have a grasp of basic macro-economics.

This became particularly clear with his emotional aversion to wage-price controls. Things were not helped either when his trusted advisor, fellow Georgian and Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Bert Lance, resigned over charges of bank fraud and maladministration.

In the Fall of 1979 Carter embarked on this re-election campaign. His primary opponent was Senator Kennedy, whom Carter and his Georgia Mafia had disliked from the inception of their administration, since the Senator represented the Congressional Democratic establishment; and all indications were that he would challenge Carter in 1980.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Democratic National Convention. The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, and Americans were taken as hostages in Iran. Carter negated his earlier promise to debate Senator Kennedy and remained in the White House attempting to look Presidential. The ploy worked. The interests of Americans were diverted from Carter's dismal record to that of patriotism.

The end result was Carter's victory in the early primaries. After losing some of the later primaries, despite his character assassination of Senator Kennedy, Carter was successful in changing the rules at the Democratic National Convention and became the party's nominee to run against Ronald Reagan. The rest is now history.

Carter found himself against a formidable opponent. His somewhat successful character assassination tactic used against Senator Kennedy was unsuccessful against Reagan. He painted Reagan as a racist, an extremist, a hawk, a warmonger. The voters not only disbelieved him but they saw that Carter was again attempting to conceal his dismal record and the real issues by engaging in a dirty political campaign.

Ronald Reagan, on the other hand, rose above it all. He stuck with the issues. He portrayed himself as statesman-like. He campaigned on the theme that "The Time is Now" for a change. The electorate agreed and Carter will use up the return portion of his round-trip ticket back to Plains next January. It's poetic justice, I guess.

In summary, Carter was rejected because the electorate perceived



him as inept; as a weak President; as a President who gave the external impression of being a very moral Bible-clutching individual, but who would engage in degrading activity just to gain re-election; as a President who lacked the ability to speak forcefully and mobilize the nation; and as a President whose wife and daughter made and influenced his decisions.

So what now? The Republicans have been given a mandate. I expect

the following from a Reagan Presidency: a strong and healthy economy with low unemployment and inflation; major tax reform; a consistent foreign policy; increased defense expenditure; a reduction in the growth of government; no new major social programs; and an increase in the speed limit. What is of importance, though, is the impact of these goals on various segments of society. That I will not attempt to project here.

A Plea for Animals

By John Tigue

Humans evolved on the planet Earth in the same manner as other life on the planet evolved: natural selection, mutations, "survival of the fittest." Humans have taken their places as "Masters of the Earth" by evolving into intellectually superior mammals.

Long before humans evolved, other species were developing brains which would have given them "human" intelligence. Because of unfavorable mutations of genes, they became extinct. I wonder what the Educational Philosophy of a Saurornithoide would have been?

Humans with vast intellectual prowess have allowed birds to breathe smog, instead of oxygen, fish to swim in expensive oil, instead

of free water and deer to enjoy the delicacy of black ash flavored on their partially green leaves. What other wonders will humans provide their planet with?

There are at this very moment, chimpanzees using sign language to communicate with other chimpanzees and humans. They would speak, except evolution didn't favor them with appropriate vocal organs.

Dolphins can communicate to other dolphins about sea objects which are not even present to their senses. This is something a human takes pride in boasting of regarding themselves. If the dolphins' communication system is the way scientists think it is, then humans may take the silver medal for complexity of language.

It would be an abomination if a

human were dissected or killed because it hunts in the same forest as another human. Why should chimpanzees and dolphins, producing intelligence greater than that of some humans, not also be protected from violence? Hopefully they are not being slaughtered because of the ignorance of some humans.

Remember, humans, you hold your own destiny in your hands and the destiny of all life forms on Earth. These life forms may hold the key to your questions. Further their development to further your own.

For information on what is being done to protect the dolphin, write: Greenpeace Foundation of America, 240 Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123.

Talking About The Heads

by Stephanie Doyle

The Talking Heads have once again displayed their unique talents in their newly released **Remain in Light** album. Brian Eno is now a permanent member of the band. Along with his usual duties of producing their albums, he now composes, and plays guitar, bass, and keyboards.

All of the selections on the album were composed by Eno and David Byrne. Byrne's progressive lyric style and fast-paced musical accompaniments are characteristic of the Talking Heads.

The new album is a perfect example of what the future holds for us in contemporary music. The new music is New Wave, and **Remain in Light** possesses all the qualities of a successful New Wave album.

The album must be judged by its artistic value, and the Heads are masters in their field. Too often pieces of music are not considered "good music" solely because they are "different." The difference can sometimes show creative imagination in the work. Some people don't understand New

Wave music. Maybe they take it too seriously. All of the songs on **Remain in Light** imply humor, but most have a serious basic theme or have a statement to make. The Heads often take a serious theme and treat it in a ridiculous manner.

Despite Brian Eno's significant influence, the new album is similar in style to **Fear of Music**, the band's previous album. The noticeable difference is the addition of four new members and the use of horns and trumpets on this album.

Remain in Light, however, isn't "better" than **Fear of Music**. The two albums are equal in quality, but the new release leans toward the extreme and is more descriptive of New Wave music.

Generally, the album is an imaginative, artistic creation that is absurd, repetitious, irregular in verse, rebellious, and even obnoxious; but it reflects an attitude and, in doing so, is artistically successful. The Talking Heads have become increasingly successful with each album they put out. They are far from their peak of success in the music industry, and they will surely remain in light for a long time.

A Life in the Day



Illustration by Jamie Kubala

By Brian Mulally

My father used to complain that kids today wore their hair too long. John Lennon contributed to that.

Lennon contributed greatly to what kids today do. Their dress, their expressions, their politics. His influence on our culture was enormous.

To tell the history of Lennon is to chronicle the obvious. Most people know all they need to about his life. What is more important is his music.

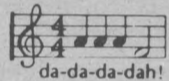
Lennon was a prophet of the ideals that so changed our society in the sixties and seventies. His songs were anthems to the best that lies within us, visions, not of what we are, but

of what we could be. He asked us to close our eyes and imagine.

But now John Lennon is dead. The worst part is the manner of his death. He wasn't found in a bathtub in Paris. He didn't overdose in a London hotel room. He was gunned down, coldly, violently, by a man he didn't even know.

The best part is the celebration of his life, not that he died at forty, but that he ever lived, that he sang and let us touch his genius.

No gunshots can still that genius. It will live as long as we have our visions, our anthems; it will live as long as we can hear the words and the music and close our eyes — and imagine.



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Beethoven's

Pianist to Appear at Daemen

Pianist Claudia Hoca will present a Daemen College faculty recital on January tenth at three p.m. in the auditorium of the Buffalo and Erie County Library, Lafayette Square, Buffalo.

The Saturday afternoon recital, which is sponsored jointly by the Daemen College Department of Music and the Grosvenor society, is free and open to the public.

Miss Hoca will perform the Sonata in A, Op. 120, of Schubert, the B-flat Minor Sonata of Chopin, three Etudes by Debussy and Schumann's Symphonic Etudes.

Claudia Hoca, a native of Buffalo, has appeared with the Boston Pops, New York Philharmonic, Philadel-

phia, Buffalo Philharmonic and other orchestras. Her awards have included the Chopin Yolung Pianist Competition (first prize) and the J.S. Bach International Competition in Washington, D.C. (second prize). She is a graduate of the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, where she studied with Eleanor Sokoloff and Mieczyslaw Horszowski, and completed studies for a master's degree at SUNY at Buffalo with Leo Smit. A Fulbright Scholarship to Vienna permitted additional work with Bruno Seidelhofer.

Miss Hoca is Adjunct Performance Instructor of Piano at Daemen College.

The Daemen College Resident Council and Student Association are sponsoring an

Urban Cowboy Night

on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. in

Wick Center. Activities include a Broncing Bull Contest and all the beer you can drink.

Admission: \$5.00

How to Write "Good" for Fun and Profit

By Jay Santini, B.S.D. and
Chet X., S.J.

Since the time of the Attic Greeks, the art of good writing has been an invaluable asset to those who have mastered it. Written language, in the hands of such men as Homer, Horace, Dante, Shakespeare, Goethe, Shaw, et al, purrs like a gentle, fluffy, playful kitten; in the hands of an amateur, it clinks and rattles like six Soviet armored divisions clamoring across the Polish frontier.

Today, a man's character, potential, and worth are oftentimes evaluated solely upon his oral and written skills. Such insolent and barbaric phrases as "Hey, baby, what's shakin'" interjected into a semiformal conversation and "Ain't never been into no kinds of trouble with nobody" scribbled across an employment application make no better an impression today than in the times of Caesar and Cicero.

Quite frankly, unless a person can communicate well (which naturally implies an uncanny proficiency in both writing ability and agility), he should never expect to rise above the employment level of butcher's apprentice at a local B-Kwik market.

So how can one become a good writer? Or better still: How can I, John Q. Public, become an internationally famous writer of poetry and prose, a celebrity with "carte blanche" over all the elegant and chic dinner parties on the Continent and in the States, an upper-class snob rubbing shoulders with the great and near-great of our time?

It will take a tremendous amount of time, patience and practice; it will take days and nights of hard toil before the keyboard of your typewriter; it will take a relative in the printing business who is willing to risk his neck to publish your work for a mere 98% of the profits. Yes, the trials and tribulations are many, the monetary endowments few. However, strict adherence to the following suggestions should help launch your career and keep your pocketbook full.

The first point to remember as you embark upon your career as a writer is this: every good writer — or should I say every SMART writer — has had a wealthy benefactor to help him deal with the trivial, day to day problems such as eating, paying rent, sleeping in a comfortable bed and, of course, having a solid mahogany, roll-top desk to work upon in a well-heated, well-lighted study.

Many lesser writers failed to accomplish this and subsequently lived and died in poverty; don't let this miserable end happen to you. Therefore, target a person who is president of some multinational corporation (Exxon, IT&T, AT&T, etc.) or is a member of a wealthy, aristocratic family and who has an estate with mansion near the ocean (Cape Cod, Long Island, West Palm Beach) for the honor of "benefactorship"; then write a flattering poem about him or his family, always remembering that the amount of financial aid you receive is directly proportional to how much of his posterior you kiss.

For instance, here is an example of a

poem you should never use, as I discovered while attempting to gain monetary support from a certain aristocratic American family:

The boys from Hyannisport, Mass.
Had a penchant for well-rounded
(censored).

To D.C. they traveled
While stories unraveled
Of their "sexploits" in beds made of
brass.

The lesson which every young writer should learn from this example: never use a pentastich (limerick) stanza when writing a serious poem, unless you happen to be writing it on the walls of a Howard Johnson's rest room. The same exact content could have been expressed just as tastefully and with more dignity by using either a quatrain or a sestet stanza.

After you acquire a benefactor, the next order of business is to buy a writer's wardrobe. This may consist of some or all of the following: anything made by LaCoste; original Brook's Bros. Oxford-cloth shirts (no polyblend Sears Men's Store imitations, please); Tattersal blazer (natural shoulders); J-Press cuffed chino pants; Bass Weejuns (Sperry's Topsiders may be substituted in a pinch); the Bill Blass collection of European-cut, designer undergarments; no socks LaCoste's may be used during periods of inclement weather); Burberry raincoat; Donegal walking cap; and an imported Briar pipe.

One word of caution concerning your new wardrobe: never wear it in public. Whenever even a slight chance of being seen in public exists (excluding formal

dinner engagements), wear mid-1930, depression-vintage clothing — this is what all the really good writers wear to impress upon their reading public that they are too absorbed in their work to notice what they are wearing.

Experimentation is advised: checks, plaids and stripes go very well with each other; unusual color coordinatibns which mix pink, lavender, orange, pea-soup green and urea brown will bowl over even your most faithful cult followers every time.

The last thing to be mentioned is the importance of having a good writing environment and good writing materials. A library of no less than 10,000 volumes is a must for any writer seeking recognition and wealth. Books to include: anything written between 500 B.C. and 1945 A.D. in English, French, German, Italian, Latin or Greek which lists for more than \$19 hardcover or \$6 paperback at Walden Books.

Your mahogany roll-top desk should sit in the middle of the room and face the window, so you are able to have a pleasant view of the rolling dunes and waves while you contemplate life and the cosmos. And last, remember to write with a 14 karat gold Cross pen on only monogrammed Bond's linen paper; for it is not the idea which is important, but only the way, manner and style in which you express it.

In conclusion, I wish you luck in your career as a writer. And may "nihil obstat" you in becoming a person who can write "good."

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the ASCENT



The College of the Future

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CH) — The college of the future should combine high school and college level courses to accommodate the students of the future, according to a new report by the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education.

The report, "Academic Adaptations: Higher Education Prepares for the 1980s and the 1990s," says such "middle" schools could serve a variety of students. These could include: those who need a general education before specializing in professional schools; students needing basic skills for college studies; those re-entering higher education; and the exceptionally talented high school student.

The report was compiled from surveys of various college administrators. Its ideas are not new, but they are timely, says study author Verne Stadtman, vice president of the Carnegie Foundation of Teaching. If current trends continue, his report says, "certain functions of higher education are in danger of going unserved or disserved in the future."

The Carnegie report also recommends establishing a federal agency, modeled after the Small Business Administration, to help colleges adapt to the changing enrollment picture and to provide loans to schools in financial trouble. Smaller schools are a special concern and may need special treatment from federal student aid programs and state assistance efforts.

The diversity of higher education is threatened by tight economic times, says Stadtman's report. Religious-affiliated schools, single-sex institutions and small experimental colleges are already disappearing, he says.

Commuter Council

The Commuter Council held a wine and cheese party on December 3rd. Although attendance was low, everyone who came had a good time.

The council will be meeting again in January. All commuters are urged to attend. Besides sponsoring social functions on campus, Commuter Council also provides a place for commuters to take their problems and concerns.

So, come on, commuters, get involved and come to a Commuter Council meeting.

VETERANS

You are required to report to the Registrar's Office, 1st floor of Duns Scotus, on any one of the last five official school days in January to sign the statement of intent for educational benefits. Failure to do so will result in loss of check.

Bonzo Speaks

By Jan Ptak

The Ascent's private Lear Jet lightly touched down in Southern California. In a matter of minutes, the waiting limousine had sped me through the streets of suburbia to a stunning palatial mansion. Nervously I rang the doorbell. This was the big interview that would make or break my non-existent reporting career.

The huge door swung open. Before me stood a pettily snarled chimpanzee. "How do you do, Mr. Bonzo?" Surprise registered in the beast's eyes. "I'm not Bonzo. I'm



Cheetah." I apologized profusely for the mistaken identity.

"Gee, I loved you in those Tarzan movies. I was one of your biggest fans. Say, I didn't know you and old Bonzo tied the knot."

"We didn't," she replied icily. "We're living together. This way, please."

I followed the ambling primate down a long corridor. Paintings of Magilla Gorilla adorned the walls. A life-size poster of King Kong on the Empire State Building hung at one end of the hall. A candle burned reverently beneath it.

I entered the dimly-lit, leafy room. The floor was made of packed earth. I advanced cautiously. Suddenly, a tire-swing creaked, and I glimpsed a hairy form swaying gently above me. It was he — Bonzo the Chim! My exclusive interview was about to begin.

He turned his wizened visage toward me and then warmly grasped my hand in his leathery paw. He was a genial host. He offered me a mango, and then we proceeded to smoke some bananas.

First, I complimented Bonzo on his appearance. His cheeks were remarkably ruddy; his hair was thick and inky-black.

"Well," Bonzo said candidly, "I have ... 12 facelifts in the last year. Without the operations, people would have confused me with a prune. My rosy cheeks — why, I thank housepaint for them. I'm not going to promote a particular brand, but the product I use holds up in all kinds of weather. My hair — no, it's not the Masterline Look. It's genuine Arabian horsehair; it's held on with that super-glue — you know the stuff; it can support the weight of an elephant. A dear friend of mine gave me these beauty hints."

I next asked Bonzo if his age gave him any problems. "I'm not sure how old I am; somewhere around the 70's. Others hint that I'm senile. Maybe they're right. So what? A good buddy of mine never let it stop him."

Thinking people could benefit from the wisdom of the aged, I asked the chimp if he had any advice to offer. "Relax, relax. Everything you say and do doesn't have to make sense. Don't worry about the future. Yep, that's what my old friend and I believe." I scribbled furiously in my notebook.

Bonzo's eyes narrowed in suspicion. "Now I get it. You're not here to talk about me at all, are you? You want to know about my friend. Aha! He's the one you're interested in."

"Well, uh, now that you mention it ..."

The monkey sighed and crossed his rheumatic knees. I gazed patiently over his shoulder at a picture of him astride a motorcycle. It was titled "The Bonz."

"O.k., o.k., what would you like to know? I'm too old to turn somersaults anymore. The only way I can get any attention nowadays is by leeching off of my former co-star's name."

I had the monkey where I wanted him. "Tell me about your relationship with Ronald," I demanded.

"I have nothing to hide. Ronnie and I were and still are very close. There was and is nothing abnormal about our relationship. I know that movie still, the one with Ron and me in bed together, was all over the papers. That was just for publicity. I'm not like one of those Washington kiss-and-tell secretaries; I'm not going to write a book about it. Besides, if there was anything between us, it's none of the public's ... business anyway. **Bedtime For Bonzo** was a fun movie. Through it a beautiful friendship was born. People are jealous of our closeness; that's why they try to make something dirty out of it." I nodded in understanding.

"What do you think of Ron as an actor?" I inquired.

"I taught him everything I know," Bonzo confessed. "He wasn't great, but I've seen worse; funny I just can't think of any names now ..."

"Did you campaign for him?" "Publicly, no. But I was the money-mind behind the scene. My show business earnings paid the way for Ronnie. I fully intended to be his running mate."

"Do you believe in the 20-year curse?" "No comment," Bonzo snarled, "but I bet George believes in the 20-year curse!"

"What do you think of your friend's foreign policy, his potential power, etc.?"

"Frankly, I envy Ronnie. The world is a jungle, and he's king of it. Plus, look at all the pretty buttons he gets to play with. It's going to be a fun four years for Ron, once he gets around to cutting down all those air-polluting trees."

"It has been said that R.R. would have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into the 20th century. In your opinion, will Ron make a good President?"

"Sure," Bonzo replied vehemently. "I have confidence in him. I told him I know he could handle the job, because I know I could. Having Ronnie as The Prez will be more fun than a barrel of Iranians. Besides, he's got at least one good thing going for him already."

"Oh, what's that?" I was almost afraid to ask.

"Once an actor, always an actor. How do you think he got elected?"

The Admissions Office is looking for students to return to their High School, to visit with their guidance counselors, January 12-16th.

We need your help.

If you are interested, please call ext. 225 or come to the Admissions Office and ask for Lyn Roth. If Lyn is out, please leave your name and extension number with Stephanie Edward.

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SPORTS

by Dennis O'Keeffe

Girls Lose in O.T.

The women's basketball team lost to Eisenhower College 63-60 in overtime. It was a vast improvement from last year's score when they lost by 27 points. It was a tight game with Eisenhower leading by no more than 5 points at any point. Winnie Sullivan and Ann Marie Hauptner played very well for Daemen.

The girls were down by 6 points with 1:54 left in the game when Daemen battled back to tie the score

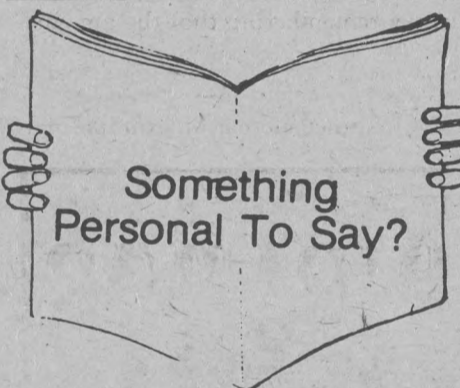
when Ann Marie Hauptner scored with 5 seconds remaining.

Eisenhower went ahead by four points and Daemen wasn't able to overcome that deficit. Sue Mack scored all three points in overtime. Coach Brendon Komenda said "It was the best game I've seen the girls play all season." The girls hope to see some fans out for the next home game.

Fraternity Games

Sigma Phi Epsilon played Phi Beta Gamma in the first annual Snow Bowl to be played every Winter Weekend. The final score was 27-13, with Sig Phi Epsilon scoring three touchdowns in the second half. Sig Ep scored the first touchdown on the first play of the game on a pass from Berthiaume to O'Keeffe. PBG came right back when Billy Hole caught a long pass from Jim Huckleberry and the half ended tied 6-6.

Sig Ep opened the scoring with fine pass plays to Chris Snyder and Lee Sammon. The defensive line of Sweeney, Koulistian, and Ackley continually sacked Huckleberry to set up the touchdowns. With Sig Ep ahead 27-6, Huckleberry sent Vinnie Marino long and hit him alone in the end zone for the final score. Thanks to all those who came out to the game and a special thanks to Dave Terra and Rich Duttweiler.



To the individual who left the note on my door last week — The maneuvers you recommended we execute are not possible without the equipment acquired from the local department store, drug store, or at the very least, one of those fancy new shops advertised in the back pages of the Free Press. I'll get them as soon as I can. — F. Zappa

Who's angrier, George C. Scott or Kirk Douglas?

PERSONALS

Personals:

Russ, how's this for mediocre? Love, The Editors

Koochy koochy koo sweetheart

Frodo Lives!

Quick, name a famous horse.

To the blond in the Rat — Meet me same time same place and we'll go to my dorm and play cowboy. Ya hoo! — Scoop

Chet — We're all going to miss you. Come back and visit us but don't dress like a Sears Men's Department Manikin. — History & Government & Friends

Brooks Brothers, Please!

Congratulations Peter! We hope you like the award.

To Dr. Robert — I should've taken your advice. — G. Gordon Liddy

Jamie — I know you want to remain anonymous but, Peter never looked better!

'Bye 'bye Gonzo. Make sure to write. — 56

There will be a meeting of the Pants Down Republican Party in the History and Government office on April 1, 1981. All members please bring Blondie albums, martinis and quaaludes.

To the "Gang of Four" — Sincerest congratulations on your recent Christmas Party — it was just fab! Ned-Chi Cuddyson's punch had a real kick to it; Jay Santini's music was boss; and every man, woman and child (esp. Gary A.) was bombed worse than the U.S.S. Arizona! Keep up the good work — I'm just dying to see what the Easter Party next semester will be like! — Love & Kisses, J.L.

P.S. Democracy Wall is a bit barren — better start beefin' it up or you'll lose your "radical" label. — J.L.

Happy Birthday, Devil Doherty.

How do you like it, Lorraine?

Anyone wishing to apply for membership in the Immoral Minority please leave name address and telephone number in the ASCENT office.

To Rae and Nancy — Thanks for the help. If I can ever do the same for you, let me know — The Editor.

The Semi-Serious, Semi-Annual ASCENT DART BOARD AWARD

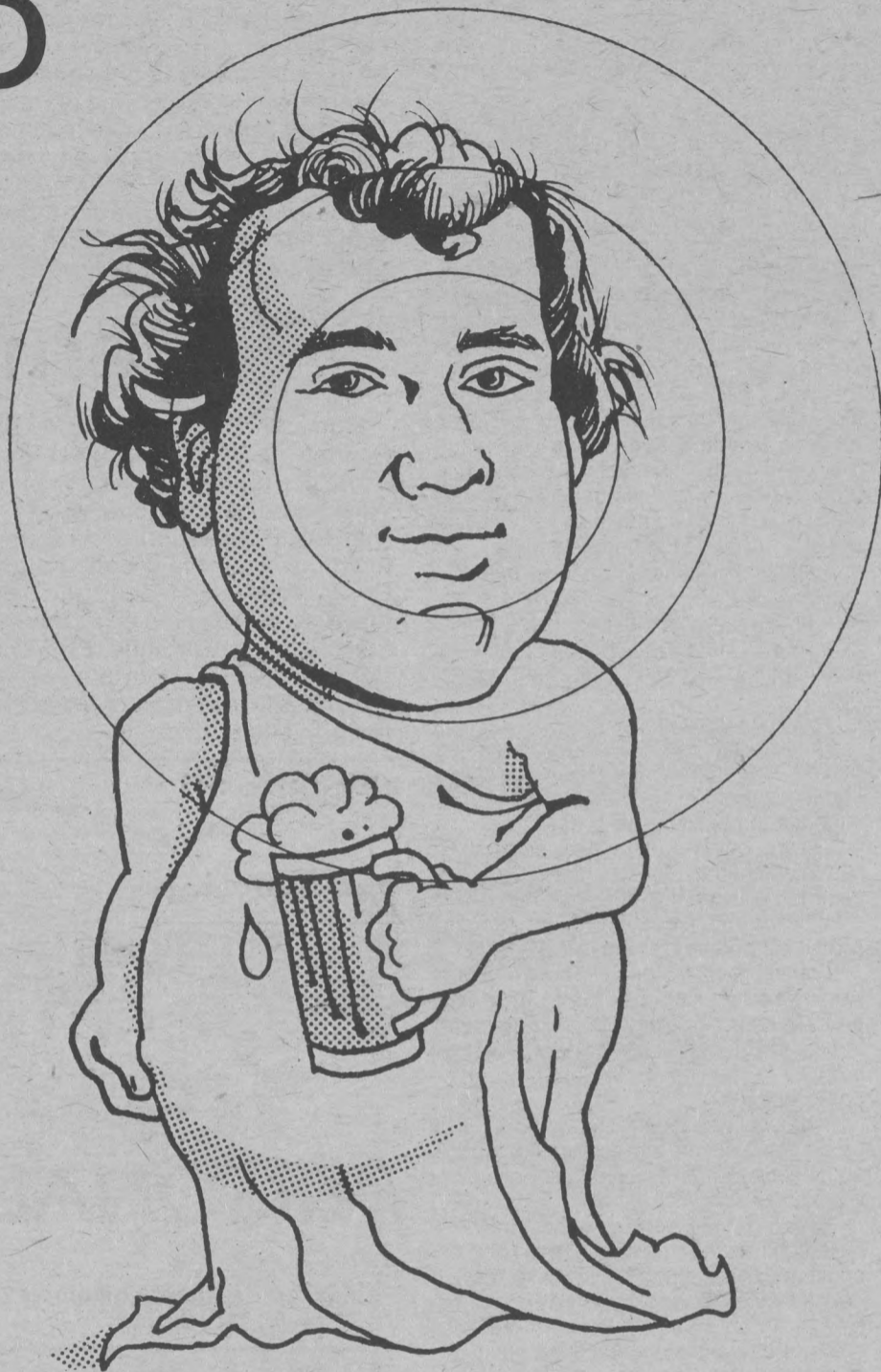
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CONGRATULATIONS
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When **The Ascent** decided to make Peter Starson the recipient of this semester's dartboard award, I don't think they realized the gold mine of jokes this opened up.

First off, Pete is short, which is good for a dozen or so wisecracks at least.

Second, he looks funny in a suit.

Third, and most important, he looks like John Belushi. Ever wonder why people watch him so closely in the lunch line? (shades of Animal House)

With all this fresh in your minds, here is a collection of "Pete Starson Jokes To Tell at the Dinner Table." Read 'em and weep, Pete.

1. Pete's dog is a strange breed, "a Belgian Airhead." It took Pete two years to teach it to sit . . . now the thing has forgotten how to stand up.

2. A talent scout once told Pete he'd be a smash on the road . . . Two weeks later he fell out of his Camero.

3. When it comes to virile, manly sex symbols, Pete has met several.

4. Pete used to be a mean little kid (used to?). He would tape worms to the sidewalk and watch birds get hernias.

5. One of Pete's ancestors, "Tombstone" Starson, used to breed horses, 'til he discovered they could do it themselves.

6. Not that Pete is dull or anything but

A. If he were a cork, he'd bob to the bottom.

B. He's the kind of guy who would go to an orgy and complain about the dip.

C. Even the electric doors at supermarkets don't open for him.

7. Pete's thoughts on sex:

A. "I'm sick of all this sex on television. I keep falling off."

B. "I don't believe in sex over 65. They should slow down and pull off the road first."

8. When Pete was younger, he had the honor of being Rolaid's Poster Boy for Acid Indigestion.

9. There is no truth to the rumor that Pete isn't allowed into airports because his head keeps setting off the metal detector.

10. Pete once dated Siamese twins. When asked if he had a good time, he said, "Well . . . yes and no."

Article written and jokes compiled by Charles Obscure

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