

Melvyl Knows Books – On

As I've travailed towards my current status as a graduating senior, I've often asked myself exactly why I have spent the last threeand-a-half years struggling, fighting, and failing to make sense out of these so-called classes I have attended between weekends. I have watched fellow students fall by the wayside, as they flunked out, quit school, took leaves of absence and, on rare occasions, graduated, only to be hit by var-ious types of motor vehicles a few days after going through ceremonies. If such ghastly ends are in store for many of us, why do we bother? Why do we con-tinue to juggle jobs, parties, and other extracurricular activities, all in order to gain little more knowledge than what we brought here in the first place, and a tiny scrap of paper which we won't receive for six months after graduating? I knew, as I pondered

these questions recently, that I would not be able to deduce the answers myself, since I've yet to take any classes that show me how to think. Therefore, I consulted UCSB's own oracle, Melvyl, who hangs out on the second floor of the library. I approached His beneficent Presence cautiously, as he is often cranky, since many other students come to him with philosophical queries similar to mine.

"O, most circuitous one," I cried, "wouldst thou please tell me why, for God's sake, my fellow students and I torture

ourselves thus?" "----," Melvyl replied, offering me that curiously popular two-word directive known and utilized in all areas of the university, "I'm not going to tell you anything until you quit using that ridiculous archaic language. Do I look like Shakespeare to you?"

"I apologize, Melvyl. I just didn't want to bother you....

"Well, you did already, since I was philosophizing about my stock portfolio when you came along. Oh, well. In answer to your question, let me it make clear what you are not here for. You are not here to get an education; anyone could tell you that. Neither are you here to get to know your professors, nor to study in spite of the fact that it would be more fun to carouse with your friends, nor to attempt to understand any culture aside from the one which you grew up in, nor to challenge those ideas and persons that you consider ludicrous, nor to become a mature, well-developed human being. If you have such notions in your head, you're obviously completely out of touch with the realities of this society, and should move to a country where college does serve a purpose outside of preparing you to get a job.

"What you are here for is to make flaccid attempts at completing and com-prehending the work assigned to you. It is absolutely necessary that you spit up, with endless vigor, everything that the profes-

sor tells you, so you'll be able to get a passing grade. Don't try to rouse your potentially ingenious intellect and be original: only fools go against the grain; only

chickens stick their necks out; only bureaucrats support laughably inadequate development plans. Rather, trudge through your work just long enough to get a vague understanding of what you're supposed to be doing, and when the weekend comes, obliterate said understanding by ingesting voluminous quantities of toxic substances until you are, for all intents and purposes, brain-dead.

"It is completely imperative that you stand by quietly as teaching assis-tants continually belittle your work, in spite of the fact that they hardly did any better than you when they were undergraduates. By all means, never protest when you're told you are academically incompetent, because chances are that whoever told you is right on the mark. Always keep in mind that you are a slave to the UC system; it is your master, and it owns your soul, regardless of the fact that you (or your wonderful parents) are paying a considerable

sum to send you here. I know that the "Powers That Be" tell you that UC is one of the least expensive university systems in the country. However, I also know that you get what you pay for.

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"Rather, concentrate on the fact that once you leave this university, you are required to pursue a path in life that will ensure continuous mediocrity, irrelevancy, and apathy on your part. Once you begin to accept the utility of your work here, only then will you find your purpose."

I stood agape as I listened to these words of wisdom, unable to believe their import. Yet one thing still bothered me. "Melvyl," I said, "I already consider my work here futile, yet I still don't see my purpose, and I'm about to graduate." Melvyl responded, "If that is so, you will never find your purpose."

"Then what shall I do?" "Simple. Go to graduate school, where you will have the opportunity to prevent others from finding their respective purposes. After all, none of you are important anyway, so who'll know the difference?"



Do Liberal Arts Majors Eat?

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Computer Science. The good news is that computers are making greater inroads into every aspect of life. The bad news is that every twelve year old with a mouse is a 'hacker.' Do something else.

Anthropology. Even though European Imperialism has converted most cultures into one huge Chicken McNugget market, there are still many diverse cultures existing all over the world. Anthropologists specialize in those cultures near the equator where the clothes are optional. Senior anthropologists study culture in the Bahamas and on the French

may be behind this field. The outlook is good.

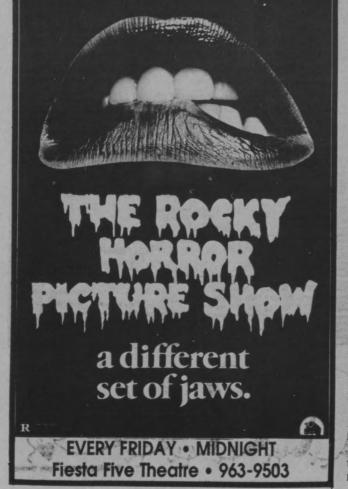
Film Studies. We watch more TV and movies daily, it's about time someone taught us to do it safely.

Geography. Every American citizen knows they are in the First World. Other than that they don't care much for this field. Buy a globe.

Geological Sciences. Think of something funny to say about geology, send it to us, and we will send you a dollar. We reserve the right to reject any entries with the word 'geology", that don't strike us as funny, or that threaten to make us exert effort.

Global Peace and Security. This is one of those fields which would eliminate itself if its goal was ever achieved. Good career field.

History. If you are stuffy about things like facts, you



Art Studio. This department will provide you with a note telling your parents you are in pre-med. Once you graduate, you can either become rich, famous, and disliked, or you can become impoverished, obscure, and dislike mankind. There is no in-between, you will never work again.

Biology. Study biology and learn to alter genes. Maybe you could come up with something that likes the taste of pampers.

Classics. Every few hundred years, there is a wave of interest in classical literature, written in Greek and Latin. When this happens, Classics majors are bound to clean up. However, this could happen tomorrow, or it could happen in four hundred years.

Communication Studies. Communication is the buzzword of our age, you'd think that anyone majoring in the subject would have a lock on corporate America. However, examine this actual passage from the catalog, "with particular attention to role enactment, social exchange, dimensions of interpersonal communication ... and communicative competence." Did that communicate anything to you?

Dance. Learn to move your body to the beat, learn to catch the rhythm, learn to flip burgers during the daytime.

Dramatic Art. Learn to act. Learn to paint sets. Learn to direct. Learn to fill out unemployment forms.

Economics. Economics is a field which has transcended the need for accurate predictions or interesting theories. Economists are now wedded to political rhetoric, a marriage which relieves both partners of responsibility for the results of their theories.

English. The good thing about looking for work with an English degree is that you will never make your supervisor feel insecure.

Environmental Studies. Anthropology began when certain Imperialists thought that someday they would want a record of the cultures they wiped out. The same motivation

could possibly rise in the crowded halls of academia. If, on the other hand, you don't mind fudging a little, you could be a docu-drama consultant and pull down TV bucks.

Linguistics. If they can sell economics as a science, you'd think they could do the same with linguistics. Maybe someday they will, in the mean time minor in something marketable.

Mathematics. You'll have the future locked if you can price yourself below a calculator.

Military Science. This field will continue to decline until we can find someone else our own size to pick on.

Music. Famous music majors, Mick Jagger, Michael Jackson, Prince ... sorry, wrong list, those are the guys who made money at it.

Philosophy. Plato - DesCartes - Aristotle - Kant - St. Augustine - Confucius. These people have two things in common, first they all made big names in philosophy, second they all died a long time ago.

Physical Activities. This is a good field if you love to sweat, or if you like to watch other people sweat.

Physics. Understanding how the universe works is important, and it pays well. It pays especially well if you can work the universe in ways that could destroy designated human beings

Political Science. Think about it. Have you ever heard of a politician who got elected because he had a poli sci Degree?

Psychology. A lot of people have money and feel guilty about it. Psychologists are best at handling this problem.

Religious Studies. This would be a good double major with communications, especially communication through television. Also, pre-law.

Sociology. Sort of like anthropology for non-ethnic people.

- D. Jeffers

The Archetypes Of Good and Evil On TV

Since time began, one theory which has been used to examine our role in life is the part we play in the eternal struggle between good and evil, order and chaos. The modern university, with its anthropology, sociology and political science, can no longer handle this fundamental struggle. So society has had to find other methods of passing on its considerable mass of knowledge to the subject. The obvious way is the use of children's educational television.

Ernie and Bert; the icons of modern truth, these are more than harmless puppets teaching numbers and letters to our children, they are actually channels for the conflicting powers whose immortality lets our youngsters learn of both eternal opposition and eventual compromise.

Consider first how they appear. Bert is tall and regal; golden, the color of light; the stripes of his shirt reach heavenward, striving to sit with God; his head is triangular, representative of the Trinity; his hair is neatly styled, demonstrating his confidence of self; and though he has only one eyebrow, perhaps a disturbing trait, it symbolizes the internal consistency he embodies. Ernie, on the other hand, is short and squat; he is orange, the unrhymed color, that of flames; his stripes stretch across, meaning that there are upward barriers when trying to follow his path; his round head, the vicious circle of damnation; his hair is wild and unkempt; and he has no brows at all!

It is said that books cannot be judged by their covers, neither then can emissaries of spiritual powers. But their actions too shed light upon their true beings. Bert always has been kind and tolerant toward his nemesis' shenanigans, while Ernie acts on ways mischievous and, at times, subtly cruel. Bert is the member of the pair who supplies the answers, while Ernie constantly asks questions. An example from one episode: Bert was away vacationing and Ernie, perhaps lost in his aloneness, could not sleep. He called upon Bert in the middle of the night for refuge, and in his wisdom Bert suggested that Ernie count sheep. Could Ernie have conceived of this alone, given time? Perhaps. But Bert, with virtue and patience, gave aid.

From another episode, we see how the two need to put away their toys. In order to split the work fairly, Ernie offers to store all the toys which are red, large, and that have wheels and ladders; he puts away only one fire truck, leaving the rest for Bert. Ernie, then, is the archetype for Chaos; he leaves toys strewn about the house, and he cackles in his brilliance for making Bert replace them. Bert, by the same token, is Order. He is forced to align the debris of Ernie's wake, and though he sighs, he keeps his temper.

Bert is content, at peace with himself. The only discord in his life is caused by Ernie's roguish japes. Ernie is a tormented



soul, forced to mock and wag those around him for surrogate relief from his own miseries. By lowering them, he feels that he is higher.

Before you laugh this off as a joke, consider how the righteous and the selfish around you act. Is cruelty a fiction? Who is more noble, who more scurrilous? I cannot supply an answer for which is more powerful; I only report what I witness in the world about me. There are saints and there are demons; often they are paired, like two sides of the same coin. Yet, like the Yin and the Yang, there is always potential for one within the other; with effort, perhaps it can be called out to overpower its foe, or perhaps the struggle will never end. But consider, reader, which is more like you? Are you a Bert? Or are you an Ernie?

- Chris Blunt

Life is Propagation

One of the traditional methods of achieving meaning in life is to have lots of kids, and hope one of them turns out like Gary Coleman (well almost like Gary Coleman). Say you think that the meaning of life is to become a doctor, save lives, and make big bucks, but you also know that becoming a doctor is a lot of work. Well, just have a couple kids and drive them day and night to succeed in fulfilling your dreams.

Purpose through kids does, after all, meet the ultimate criteria of (social) Darwinism. According to him, success includes competition for scarce resources and survival until you reproduce.

It also, coincidentally, meets the requirements of many religious groups. For instance, raising a passel of pious, contributing Episcopalians makes up for a lot of Sunday football.

Of course, if children are your ultimate mode of selfexpression, then you have to raise them as such. Teach them to respond to you as a person, teach them to be responsible, to do chores, to take out the garbage, to bring in the paper, to roll over, to play dead.

Being a parent is a well quantified role, one which is fully equipped with both comedy, a la Steve Martin, and tragedy, a la Oedipus Rex. Not only do you become a person, you get lower insurance rates, better credit, and a solid tax deduction.

Children may also be the key to immortality; having children is one way to carry on your name and memory. Obviously, you have to keep the kids off pot, otherwise your memories will be merged into a faint haze, competing constantly with Grateful Dead concerts. Without the kids, you have to try to be remembered by nephews and nieces and such. The best way to do this is to play "Will, will, whose in the will?"

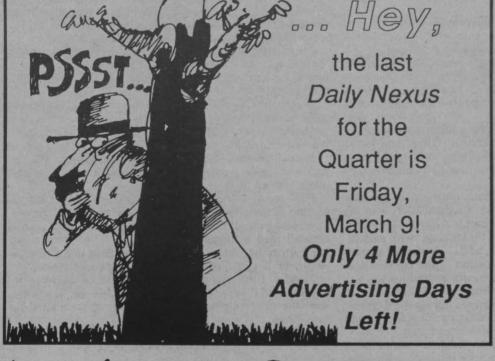
Even if you have your own kids, long term immortality could remain elusive, after all, how many of your ancestors do you remember? If you have kids so that you will be immortal, then do you only exist for your g r e a t - g r e a t - g r e a tgrandfather/grandmother? What if the population declines and more and more of us have to live on through the same descendants?

Can you imagine one survivor, the last human, trying to remember all his or her ancestors, who would otherwise pass away into nothingness?

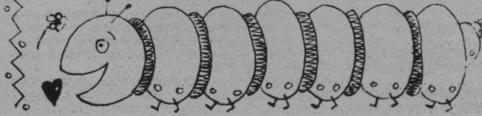
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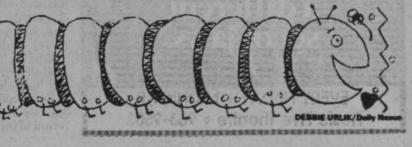
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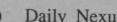








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The Low Road of the Spirit - Materialism



Eastern philosophies pursue perfection in terms which we of the West would probably have trouble understanding. For example, a Buddhist sect in Japan believes that perfection, inner and outer, should be manifested through the mastery of one of twelve disciplines, which include archery, sword-fighting, and tea service.

While we in the West admire these abstract manifestations of internal and external perfection, our material approach to the world leaves us little time to pursue these grand but financially worthless goals. So we at Friday Magazine have devised a philosophy which will combine the best of both possible worlds: rampant western materialism and tranquil eastern mystical holistic pursuit of perfection.

There will be Doubting Thomases, and even Apathetic Eddies (there's nothing worse than an eddy that goes nowhere) who question. Jump back, Dissenting Dale! We have reports of women experiencing material universal oneness with the aid of their credit cards at Nordstrom on several occasions! Yes! It can be done!

Would be money mongering monks must prepare themselves for the pain which is an intricate part of this philosophy. The pain of which I speak, Grass'opper, is experienced when carrying large amounts of packages from the mall.

A good start on the Nautilus circuit and acquaintance with those who are material masters (behemoth idiots), prepares the acolyte for the initial phase of training. Pick a mantra. This mantra will be repeated over and over during meditation in a droning nasal throb.

Acolytes should not aim too high with their mantras, Easterners might choose stylish-yet simple name brands, such as Levis, Gap, or perhaps L.L. Bean. West Coast devotees could start out with a low-key mantra such as G&S.

After mantras, one should move on to visualization and holistic imagery. Picture yourself in your favorite store buying an outfit or item of clothing that looks smashing on you, (your ladyfriends do this all the time, while you're picturing them in nothing, looking dashing). Price tags should never be present in holistic images because it is important to separate yourself from anything which may interfere with your material idealism.

Visualization is one of the most effective ways of tapping into the infinite amount of positive energy mystics tell us exists in the world; we merely have to tap into this energy to become what we desire.

Of course, visualization can get out of control (don't visualize anything that leads to masturbation too often). Be sure not to visualize yourself in items of clothing which someone else is wearing at the time. Our offices have been informed already of two instances in which visualizations resulted in telekinetic clothing removals which left the visualizee naked and in one instance led to the incarceration of the visualizer. Incarceration, you see, is the ultimate form of anti-material-mysticism; a state where one is physically denied access to material goods. The other case of clothing removal resulted in a pregnancy, but the visualizer was cleared of all involvement.

Once you have mastered the art of visualization, you are ready to combine the mystical with the material; you are ready to go shopping! As with the mantra, start simply at a stylish but not too financially crippling store. Stand in front of the store and visualize yourself entering the store and finding the perfect clothes for you in the store. You must become one with the store in order to experience the complete internal and external satisfaction of material mysticism.

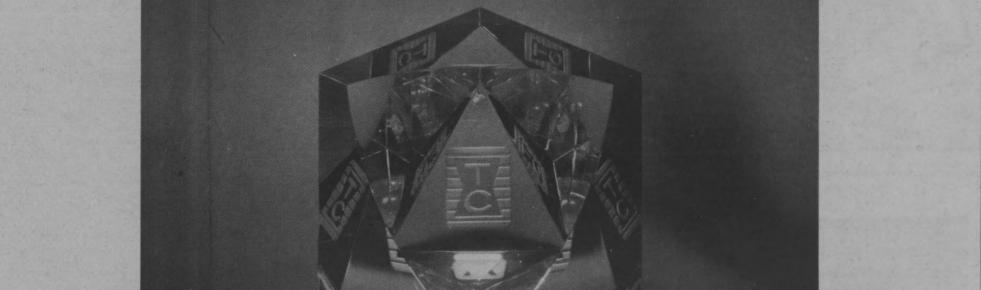
Once again, starting with stores that are too expensive and trendy can interrupt your progress to the upper planes of material mysticism. Excessive trendy visualization can result in a malignant phenomenon which we call Nouveau Riche.

The key to material-mysticism, in a nutshell, is to be greedy and not care, but at the same time be stylish.

One last key word. Never worry about money in the long run. While at first you may not have the financial resources necessary to achieve material mystical bliss, if your visualizations are strong enough, money will have a way of falling into your pockets. And if not, there is always crime.

- Alex Salkever and Max Donnelly





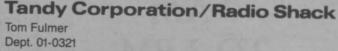
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Express Yourself says Madonna, wearing very little, and putting her potential men through gladi torial trials. Selfexpression, the motto of the eighties, the hallmark of the "me" generation. Is this it? Is self expression the key to self justification?

First off, it isn't so easy to go out and do it. How do you know when you are doing something that is really you, or if you are just doing something that would impress others? What if the real you just wants to impress everyone?

Second, once you do it, what then? What if you express yourself, and there is no one there to hear it, did you make a noise?

Finally, there you are, pouring yourself out to the universe, and then it's over. You're poured out, the universe failed to register your presence, since you did not bother to use a known, conventional language, and it's time to go back to your job, which is selling insurance.



So you don't know what to do with your life, some people would say it doesn't really matter. What you do was determined at the beginning of time. Either God has already thought everything out, or the chain of causation goes all the way back to the beginning of time. We here at FM believe that humans must be free, because they have an infi-nite capacity for stupidity.

However, we don't feel that we should impose this point of view without at least looking at some of the alternatives.

· According to B.F. Skinner, everything you do is determined by the conditioning which sets up your behavior. Just as a rat can be taught to press a lever, humans are taught to open doors, flush toilets, and perform elementary brain surgery According to Calvinism, a

certain number of human beings were picked out before they were even born to live good lives and be saved afterwards. The rest of us are condemned to hell after a brief fling with sin, guilt, and degradation.

St. Augustine said that God knows what will happen to us, yet we are free to do what he knows we are going to do. This is like everybody knowing that UNLV would win the game. God becomes the universal, "Didn't I tell you that would happen?"

· Einstein said that God's dice are always loaded. While a few people interpreted this comment as an ethical evaluation of God (Like the computer, God cheats), the more standard interpretation is that God did not allow any chance in the universe, only the ap-pearance thereof. However, if God predicted everything, did he know about Einstein's hair?

• Pure fatalism suggests that the causes for everything, including Einstein's hair,

existed at the beginning of the universe, the already discussed big bang. According to this theory, the origi-nal cosmic egg contained not only the song, "Ina-Godda-Davida," but all of the variations people have thought of while trying to make sense of the lyrics. • Some believe that we are free because of Quantum physics. According to this theory, anything random could happen at any moment on a very small scale. However, when dealing with large groups the results become predictable. Think about it though, which is more predictable, the residents of Itoka, Iowa, or a large mass of New Yorkers? If, however, we are truly free, then we must be capable of action that is not dependent on the preceding conditions, in other words we must be able to do things that make no sense. Hanging around the Daily Nexus proves this to be the case. - D. Jeffers

There was a point in humankind's existence that his purpose in life was to procreate, to make a smaller version of him or herself that would carry on his or her traditions and roots. Those days are gone. No longer are we like the mighty salmon, fighting Mother Nature, swimming up stream, only to kick the bucket after spawning.

We still like sex, mind you. It's just that our perspective has changed. Quick algebra will clarify this. Goal of life = Make Babies = Sex + Conception.

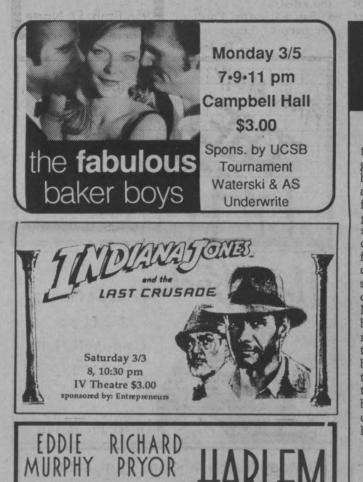
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As this formula clearly indicates, in 1990 we are here to hump. This message is backed up by the media, the one true bellwether (whatever that is) of society.

- Denis Faye

"A foolish consistency is the hob-goblin of small minds." -Raiph Waldo Emerson, (Dead)





Fake Letters To FM's Amy

Dear Amy,

I dreamt that my mother was staring down upon me at the kitchen table repeatedly preaching the necessity of a good breakfast to start my day. She stood there with this bottomless pan of raisin oatmeal scooping and scooping. I awoke in my sleep a driven man, realizing that the downfalls of modern civilization, poverty, wealth, disease, irregularity, all of them, stemmed from our break with the institution of breakfast. This understanding reached the core of my being. The very next week I started a job with a food development company in their cereal department. I came in on the ground floor, affixing bar codes to the left side of the boxes. My sheer passion for the business soon catapulted me to the upper echelon of cereal engineering. My team went on to launch such cereal successes as Barbie cereal, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Cereal, and our newest super-hero, Batman Cereal. I hold at least 50% of the market with those products alone, but I cannot help but feel that success has led me astray from my convictions. I am a socially conscious person at heart. I give to the arts, sponsor children in other countries, I even bought tickets to the Farm Aid Concerts. I know that cereal is my calling, but I feel as if I have bitten the very hand I feed.

Help! I am a prostitute to cereal prestige. Ralston J. Purina.

Ralston,

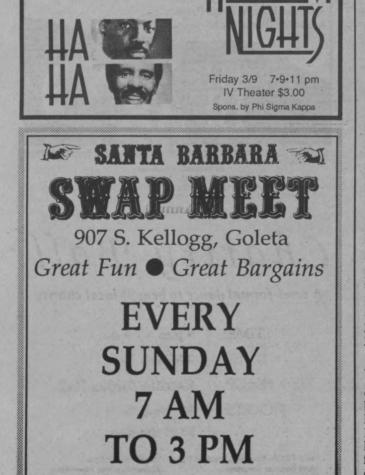
Your story became all too common in the late 80s. A well meaning professional steps into the marketplace and somewhere on the escalator ride to the top, the glare of success and the opportunity to acquire a greater share of the market blinds the poor soul and they forget their roc and run rampant through the industry poisoning children with sugared cereals. But, these are the 90s, the age of capitalizing on your conscience. You can have the best of both worlds my misguided little cereal magnet. Just polarize yourself in another direction. Leave the kiddle accounts to the young guys and move on to a more enlightened market. There are a multitude of concerned cereal consumers out there and I am sure the numbers are growing every day. Tap their market and reconcile your estranged convictions with your desire for wealth and power. A few cereal smashes just waiting to happen: Ecological Earth Cereal with blue granola earths and oat bran rain forests (just right for George Bush, the environmental president), Amnesty International Cereal with sugar-free, no-salt figures of Sting, Tracy Chapman, and current political prisoners. The slogan could read "Free the prisoners from injustice — Free your body from indigestion with sugar-free, salt-free AIC."), and Dead Poet's Society cereal with corn puff letters that spell out "Carpe Diem." Concisely, Mr. Purina, you should not waste your gift, but neither should you waste your guilt. Make them both work together, for you! (...And try to stop whining.)

sters chat of their disgust with our lifestyle, they don't seem to have tired of watching Al Bundy and family going through life with a cheap beer in hand and nothing much on the brain. So why don't they get off their high exercycles and admit that Keystone is a better beer "calorie for calorie" than Heineken any day.

Norm

Norman, Why do I sense that you were the type of student who, when given a topic for a paper, would take a long hard look at your professor and pick the subject that would most displease them? To your credit, you have managed to prod me in a sore spot. But seeing as I'm not feeling too terribly unbiased today, I believe that I shall introduce you to a higher source of discredit to your argument, one Emanual Kant. Kant was a practicing philosopher who developed a little theory on the justness of one's actions. For Kant it all revolved around contradiction.

If you act one way, assume that everyone will follow suit and there will be a world of people doing your thing. If in their doing this, your original purpose is defeated, then you have a contradiction. It is a simple idea and a quick test. Let us envision for a moment, a Norm World, one with everyone just as unmotivated as you. One large scale version of Normal Illinois with eight pro-wrestling channels on cable. But television would only air for two hours a day because the wrestlers would have to avoid exertion, and nobody would want to install the cable and ... well Norm, I'm afraid we have a contradiction here. My advice to the Stratalounger Hounds of the world is to "Stop scoffing and start appreciating what 'active folk' have done for ou." Who do you think invented cheap beer



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Amy, I want to speak up for we the people who choose to exercise our right to be lazy. We've been receiving a slew of bad publicity lately from the active folks out there and I'd like to rebut. I swear if I hear the word couch potato again I'll be forced to buy a stratalounger just to challenge the little suckers to get more creative with their slang. I am fairly tired of seeing aerobic addicts jumping around everywhere in their g-string leotards, butts flapping, checking the labels of everything they eat. But do I resort to name calling? And as much as the naturally high hipAmy

Dear Amy,

I am appalled at the level of apathy that the students of UCSB have reached. With the recent passing of the twentieth anniversary of the bank burning one is made sorely aware of the lack of verve with which current Isla Vista residents lead their contemptuous lives. They are all spoiled little pre-yuppies destined to follow the dollar down whatever path it leads them, never once considering following their convictions (what convictions?) I suppose there is little hope for them getting out there and raising some hell when they can't even pull off a decent hunger strike?! **Timothy Leary**

Amy

Obviously you were not on the 6600 block of Del Playa on Monday night after the UNLV game. The students united and took over the streets gathering around blazing dumpsters filled with flammables symbolic of the injustices they face. They discarded their material treasures in a display of their distaste for modern morality.

Beds were burned in protest of the removal of the condom row at Student Health Services, and fences in a symbolic gesture of unity and fraternity. Couches were set ab-laze to show that the students will get out of their living rooms and into the streets to light for what is dearest to their hearts, basketball.

Young men and women were observed throwing their Automated Teller Machine cards into the blaze, an act mirroring closely the events of those twenty years ago. The youth of today is as volatile as any generation of college students. Given the proper provocation, nothing will keep them from disturbing contemporary banking practices. Amy

velop a corn husk sanitizer?

Friday Magazine Writer Psych Test

When you decide what to do with your life to give meaning to your existence, to make your mark on the world, don't forget about writing for Friday Magazine. Of course, you must have the correct psychologi-cal balance, not too healthy, not too psychotic, just sort

C. A huge fallacy D. The Washington monument and circumcision

2. During a lecture on health habits, the instructor refers to "mastication", some people giggle because: A. They thought he said

B. One of the TA's is mak-

ing a gesture which means

he is mastering a baton.

C. The instructor has some-

D. They are really laughing

at you because everyone

3. When FM gets nasty let-ters about the "objectifica-tion" of women, your first,

A. I don't object to women.

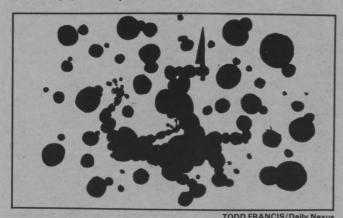
At least not good looking

B. I guess I'll stick to objec-

uncensored thought is:

thing between his teeth.

knows you masticate.



See anything violent!

of nuetrally neurotic. Try the following quick quiz.

Sexual sensitivity. FM writers have been known to laugh at double and even triple entenderes that sail over (or under) less enlight-ened people. This section will tell us how many jokes you will get.

1. Everytime you see Storke Tower, you think of: A. White Imperialism B. A big goofy bird with a

long neck and funny beak

"matriculation".

tifying salt and pepper shakers.

C. Is subjectification the opposite of objectification? D. Whose idea was it to give women dictionaries? Sensitivity to the pain and suffering of others.

1. A UCSB student, who is in your physics discussion section gets drunk an falls to his death while trying to scale Storke Tower. Before grief overcomes you, you have a quick flashing thought, which you immediately suppress. The thought is:

A. I wonder if his term paper was almost done, I wonder where it is. B. Let's see, 60 feet at 32 feet

per second squared.... C. What does it sound like when you throw a waterme-

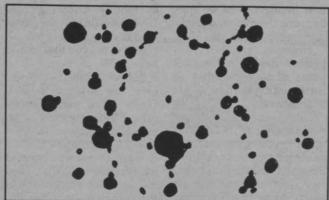
lon off a ladder? D. Why did they end Storke with an E? Is it like when they add an E to Shoppe?

2. A close personal friend of yours is handing out flyers in front of the UCen. When you walk up, he/she turns a little red, and you grab a flyer which advertises a support group for one of the old fashioned "social diseases." To alleviate his/her obvious embarrassment you say:

A. It's a good thing I never objectified you (with you?). B. I knew someone who had big boils all over his/her C. Don't you know to put those round paper things on the toilet seat first? D. That's what happened to

everyone who voted for the UCen/RecCen. 3. You've finally managed to

dump that neurotic lover,



Don't squint at this!

when suddenly, at three in the morning, he/she calls up and says he/she has a gun in her mouth and she/ he will pull the trigger unless you take her/him/it back. To calm him/her/ what down, you say:

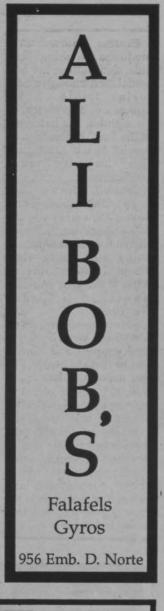
A. I'm sorry, you must have a wrong number. B. Your just going through a

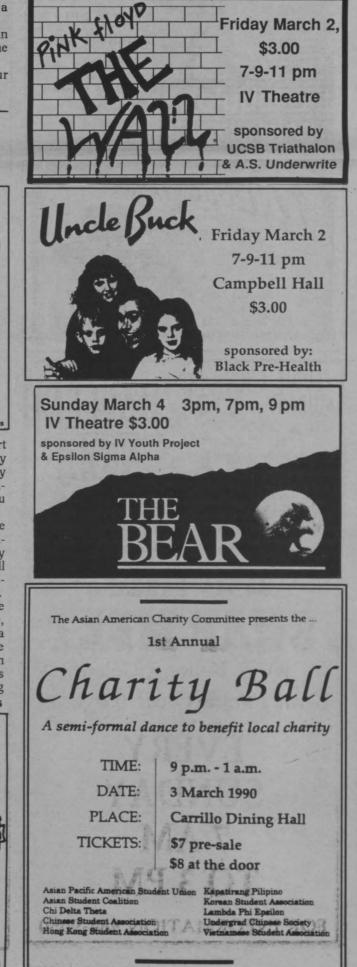
phase. C. Can you call me back in about an hour, I'm in the middle of something. D. Don't talk with your

mouth full.

open end in the direction of the artist. D. Say "Excuse me, I'm dou-

ble parked." Leave. **D.** Jeffers





Where The New Bucks Are

If you want to mark off your little spot in the universe, leave a lingering aftertaste of your existence in the historical record of mankind, the simplest and most accepted method is through a career.

ones.

Of course the choice of career is important. After all, the contributions of even the most successful certified public accountants have not been etched in the annals of time. Some of the most promising career paths for the next decade are as follows:

Vote checker - Look at Jimmy Carter. After a high profile career which seemed destined to mark him down in history as the hick of capital hill, Jimmy has risen back to the top by watching people vote in Central America. If he gets good enough, they may send him to Chicago.

Sidewalk chalk artist — More and more movements are utilizing chalk outlines to represent people who have died from various causes. With a world population in the neighborhood of 5 billion, all of whom are expected to die, the market outlook is exceptional.

Duck washer - After every oil spill, one of the first tasks



Total service — Some of the drugged out, concert deafened masses are bound to grow up and get rich. Why should these people wear unsightly hearing aids when they can hire you to shout in their ears? Why should they continue to take life-threatening drugs when they can hire you to do it for them? Stand-up accuser — The nineties will continue to be guilt ridden and religion is losing some of its fire and brimstone pull. In all likelihood, the stand-up comic will slowly give way to the stand-up accuser who can yell at us and tell us how bad we are. This trend is already showing in the humor of Sam Kinneson, Howie Mandel, and Gallagher. Media reader - Why should network anchors have to be able to read? They certainly don't understand. In the future, anchorpeople will become even better looking, with just a touch of respectability, while slowly losing basic skills like reading. Teleprompters will be replaced by little receivers in the ear. If the anchors forget how to talk, we can always used computer animated lip-synching with readers doing voice over. D. Jeffers

DEBBIE URLIK/Daily Nexus the seat in front of you. B. Applaud politely. C. Plug an extension cord into the wall, and wave the

/A

Cultural Awareness

you should:

1)You are watching a noted

performance artist. Sud-

denly, apparently as part of his act, he begins urinating

on the audience. If you are a

real insider, you know that

A. Yell "fire", and urinate on



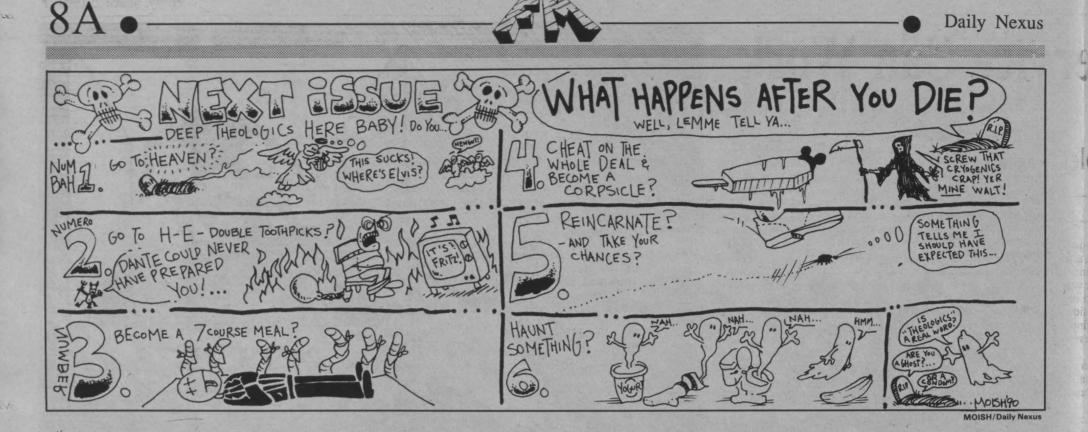
is to scrub the beaches, coastlines, and wildlife. America shows ever greater reverence for independence through automobiles, so the oil prospects should hold out.

Vegetable counselor — Don't laugh, everyone knows that plants grow better when certain types of music are played or when they are spoken to affectionately. What about the plants that get the wrong music, or the abusive lan-guage? You can start a special clinic for plants of Metallica fans.

Animal lawyer - Face it, animals are gaining more rights daily. They can already expect the law to protect them from cruel owners, and they can even inherit. Soon, the final step will be taken, and the law will attempt to regulate inter-species relations. Lawyers will make millions ham-mering out who has the right to eat whom and with what level of cruelty.

Recycling engineer --- Recycling is the only way to go, but many of the really difficult problems have to be solved. Can we come up with a recyclable toilet paper or should we develop a corn husk sanitizer?





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