

## Columnist Safire defends recession

By JAMES EDWIN HARRIS
Assistant Managing Editor

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"The recession has been a blessing," saffre said at the Center for the Artis last night, "what this country needed was a good year-solute, and the political scene and recommended extensively on the American political scene and recommended extensively on the American political scene and recommended was a good year-solute that Reagan's efforts in bringing inflation from an annual rate of 12 percent down to around three percent at the expense of high unemployment have been necessary."

"It's the pain of secretary the pain of the pain of the president in the warned they and they out take those hurt by inflation from a party, saffre said." When you take those hurt by inflation from a party is the pain of the president was the warned they and they would be those the president was the warned the president was the president w

# Potential of education legislation unclear

Editor's note: the following is an analysis of legislation by this year's General Assembly that will affect higher education.
With the close of the 1982 regular session of the General Assembly, Gov John's Brown called education the "number one winner" in terms of influential loadistation specials on the second of the control of the co

tell if higher education can be included in that analysis.

The most influential piece of legislation passed doesn't directly deal with higher education. The governor's controversial truck tax, apparently dead some weeks ago, surfaced at the end of the session and was approved. The measure, which would bring the state some \$45 million in new money for road repairs of the programs of the programs is the construction of a building to house the University's mining engineering programs. Shool officials were elated by the governor's decision to finance the \$8 million in debt service the new school will accrue.

Brown's action may ensure the school is accredited sometime in the future by the only group which can do so nationwide. Currently, graduates of UK's mining engineering school cannot be licensed as mining engineering school cannot be licensed as mining engineers because the school lacks certification by

the national Engineers' Council for Professional Development.

House Speaker Bobby Richardson had previously called that situation "disgraceful" in light of mining's place in the state's economy, and said the House would remedy it in this session. With passage of truck tax, a remedy appears closer in for certain.

The truck tax package also made possible the real-location of an extra \$1.98 million in new money for seven of the eight state-supported universities. Early in the session, Brown told the Council on Higher Education its plan for spending new money in the 1982-34 was unacceptable and demanded it come up with a new proposal.

A revised proposal met with resistance from the regional universities presidents and their legislators, and their regional universities are stated the lobbying Feb. 5 with a final compromise plan for the universities. It used the Council's basic compromise, but added the lobbying Feb. 5 with a final compromise and the presional universities. It used the Council's basic compromise, but added the lobbying Feb. 5 with a final compromise and the regional universities budgets in 1982-83. It also fully funded UK and the University of Louville in 1982-84, and set as adde another \$1.2 million in 1983-84 for the two schools.

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The clause of the bill dealing with university graduate, is currently a UK law student.

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"I think the council works only when it's fair to all the institutions," Richards told *The Courier-Journal*. "This (amendment) will give each institution better representation."

rms amendment win give each institution better representation. Council's membership includes five graduates from UK, two from Murray State and one from Morehead State. The amendment mandates the nomination of at least one graduate from Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Kentucky, Sethucky, State and Northern Kentucky Universities and UL.

The Council's makeup will not be affected by the congressional district residency clause. Three Council members are from the 4th and 6th districts, two are from the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th districts, and one is from the 2nd district.

The governor said he believes he can keep the Council basically intact with the use of dual appointments by having certain members represent both a congressional district and a university. The bill also contained a clause mandating the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate each nominate one person to sit on the panel.

Two financial aid bills were passed to the gover-nor's desk. Senate Bill 119, which would favor those students enrolling in the health professions, authorizes the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Cor-poration to make loans to parents whose children are enrolled in beath professions.

# SA senate meeting adjourned abruptly in "political move"

# 1982-83 Kentuckian editors chosen



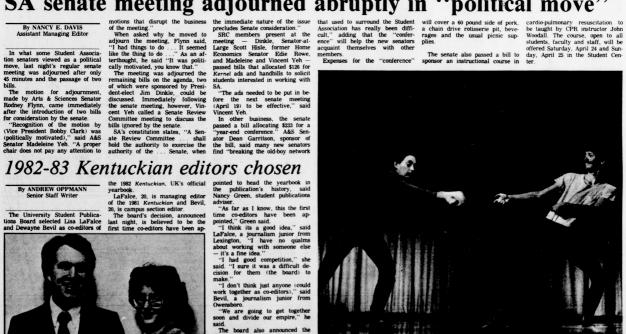
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make."
"I don't think just anyone (could work together as co-editors)," said Bevil, a journalism junior from Owensboro.

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The board also announced the appointment of Andy Saulsbury, a pournalism junior, as the year-book's managing editor.

Salisbury, 20, served as people saitor for the 1981 Kentuck-



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Jean St. John and Steve Roenker perform "My Nosa a mine presentation at Student Center Theatre lass ie performance was part of "Humor '82," the 15th adult and children's librarian workshop sponsored of Library Science.

# ersuasion

# Mandatory military service is not a bad idea

Let's not take a half-hearted attitude to-ward our selective services system. If we need a military, guarantee it; if we don't, forget registration. Recently, President Reagan decided to go through with the prosecution of all eligible young people who have failed to register for the draft. Reagan came out against draft registra-

the draft.

Reagan came out against draft registration during the campaign and during the
early part of his term but later changed his
mind, claiming he did not realize the severe
trouble the armed forces are in. Also, with
the crisis in Poland going on he claimed that
dropping registration would send a bad signal to the Soviets and to our allies

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Since former President Carter reinstated
registration in 1979, hundreds of thousands of
people have refused to sign up. Only 79 percent of those eligible did sign up.
Reagan gave these people a grace period,
claiming that many were uninformed that
they had to sign up or face the consequences. Apparently this worked since there
is now a 93 percent rate of sign-ups.
The grace period is now up and the State
Department is trying to track down those
who still have not signed up. If caught, a
person can be fined \$10,000 and/or jailed for
a maximum of five years.
The idea of the government chasing 18year-olds because they refused to let them
k now who and where they are is ludicrous.
Putting 18-year-olds in jail for not signing
up does not make much sense. Presently, we
do not have enough jail space to house murderers, rapists or robbers. But our illustrious
government wants to throw in these teenage
threats to the country into the clinker. threats to the country into the clinker.

Admittedly, there is a problem with manpower in our armed forces. But draft registration is not an answer to solving it. As it is
now, it is only showing the Soviet Union that
nobody will show up for the next war.

Some people propose raising the salaries
of people in the armed forces.

This is not a bad idea, but it leaves open
the possibility of having a professional
army, such as those in El Salvador, Guatemala and many Third World countries. This
has not worked very well and has caused
problems in many areas.

A better idea would be for everybody to
serve a mandatory two years in the service
of their choice after they finish their education. This would solve the problem of an untrained armed forces and the lack in manpower.

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The person would either go directly from
high school, or if they decide to go to college,
they would be exempt for that time but
would still have to serve two years once they
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The main problem behind the past draft is the vast majority were too poor to avoid being sent to fight. The rich would enter college and avoid having to do their duty to the country.

The United States should not be fussing with the difficult process of registration. Instead, it should take the initiative and implement a program designed to include everyone in the military. Such a step should not discriminate against the poor — include women and eliminate any possibility of "buying your way" out of the services. Mandatory service would be a good step in the right direction. right direction.



'But that's democracy'

# Review of Legislative session is in - with mixed results

With the legislative session over, xcept for its three-day veto session n mid-April, journalists and poli-cians are busy passing judgment on the results. (The three-day session, to in mio-aprii, journaists and poi-ticians are busy passing judgment on the results. (The three-day session, to permit overriding of vetos, might possibly take last minute action on other bills, but major changes are un-likely.)



Evaluating the legislature is a sub-jective process, based on whether you like or dislike the bills that were passed and defeated, and for most

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Late in the session, the governor recognized the need and proposed new taxes and increased fees. The legislature legislature legislature legislature legislature legislature legislature legislature defers, with considerable difficulty, hammered out a tax pack-

age that was somewhat different from the governor's budget which in the man that the production of the possibility were prepared to increase taxes on the coal industry.

In the field of higher education, the legislative leadership and the governor more than the production of the common of the production of the producti

than most of his predecessors did. His batting average was not impressive, perhaps because he never seemed to learn the technique of effective negotiations with legislators.

At the end of the session, the governor's evaluation included this remark: "I wouldn't call it a waste of time, but three months is such a long period of time to go through his process. But that's democracy." Although others may share this view of the legislature ended to the legislature only misting modern the length of the session, it is a short-sighted one. A more valide cannination, and probably the most valid criticism of the legislature only minded through" and left unsolved some of the major issues facing the commonwealth.

Most observers recognize that there is a need for a fundamental and the most of the states and there is a need for a fundamental to the states and there is a need for a fundamental to the states and the coal most of the producing states.

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obligation on the part of any group to participate.

All of the foreign student organizations will be taking part in this year's committee that the exception of the African Student Association. These were committenest that had been made by all these groups before Mr. Ndefru's letter appeared in the Kernel.

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#### Warsaw Pact's fate discussed

# Roundup

#### Local

LEXINGTON — One-fourth of the blacks seeking apartments in Lexington last year encountered some form of discrimination, which was half the rate of 1977, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights said in a report released yesterday. The report was based on 93 audits of the local rental market by teams of black and white staff members. Commissioner Galen Martin said at a news conference.

In each case, black and white staffers made separate inquiries about the same vacancies. The responses they received were compared by a third auditor, Martin said.

Most incidents of discrimination involved rental agents who "steered" blacks to predominantly black areas of the city or who gave conflicting information to blacks and whites about apartment availability.

As in 1977, Martin said, more than half the cidents of discrimination involved availabil-

"Basically, there is a tendency to say to the black person. We don't have anything available now. But for the whites, they will say, 'We will have something available to-morrow or next week,' " Martin said. Discrimination was often "fairly subtle," Martin said. "Many times, the black auditors were not aware they were being discrimi-nated against."

#### World

gentina's seizure of the islands.

After Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said, "We have to regain the islands." the

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By ANDREW OPPMANN
Senior Staff Writer

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The carriers will lead an armada of 40 warships in a bid to reclaim the remote collinal outpost inhabited by 1,800 British sheep herders. The South Atlantic Islands were sized Friday by an Argentine military force sized Friday by an Argentine military force sized Friday by an Argentine military force in the three years in office, rejected the resignation of Defense Secretary. John Nott, saying he is needed "as our forces prepare for the possibility of armed action" to write back the islands Britain has held for 149 years. She accepted the resignations of two Carrington's top aides, deputy Humphrey Atkins and junior foreign minister Richard Luce, who had been in charge of negotiations with Argentina before the invasion.

Warsh Pact A. Walkewiecki said the members of the where well appeared to lack "coherence" and are experiencing a "growing influence of the military force that in the Soviet Union Imered dearethip before the solid limits of the Marsaw Pact in the solid limits of the Commonly felt opinions believe that the Warsaw Pact is a relative the solid limits of the Warsaw Pact is a relative the solid limits of the Warsaw Pact is a relative to the country's system of socialism. "Timotte, noting the title of the leavest policy to the pact, he was a point of the pact, he military force in the country is an accepted to the was a point of the pact, he was a point of the pact, he military force in the pact of the country is a point of the

# Feminist writers see brighter future for minorities in letters Kolodny said the aim of the Women's studies programs is to answer questions such as why men's narratives become adoptive, unlike women's. Currently, Kolodny is working on a project that will after college American Liferature courses made aware of the fact that blacks or ethnic minorities, women and working class writers contributed in significant ways to our literature, said Kolodny, is and reversia men interview after her lecture. Women's Kulden's working on a project that will after college American Liferature courses made aware of the fact that blacks or ethnic minorities, women and working class writers contributed in significant ways to our literature, said Kolodny is not interview after her lecture. Women's Kulden's working on a project that will after course at the University of New Hampshire, and she said such courses offer insight into male and female relationships. Studies give insights into male and female relationships between men and wormen and working of Funds for the Improvement for Post Secondary Education. Recently, Kolodny work on a large set themen out of court when the University of New Hampshire fired her from an assistant professorship without giving any course of the course of the course of the proposed and reversity and political structure. "To not a good writer," she said. "There have been no working content of the withchen works of the soult works of the soult works of the soult works of the soult works of the said works by momen of course will be subjected at publish works by women of working from the introduction for the English Departicut works of the English Departicut with the said up to the English Departicut works of the English Departicut with the course of the English Departicut works of t

By KATHIE MILLION Staff Writer

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The major aim of the fourth annual Women Writers Conference is to let the public hear the "voices of first generation women writers" that might otherwise go unheard, according to conference director Linda Pannill.

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"The aim of an event like the UK's Women Writers Conference is to try to alter these silences, "said Pannill.

The highlights of Friday's conference were a lecture by Annette Kolodny and a reading by Alice Walker.

Kolodny's lecture, entitlied "Captive in Paradise: Women's voices from the American Frontiers," was attended by approximately 125 people, most whom were women writers from the local community. "Kolodny demonstrated in her lecture how to reinterpret the evidence of owners tudies perspective and to so hear new things revealed." said Pannill.

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# The Police, Joan Jett meet

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To begin with, Jett and the Blackhearts played a brand of music that Could best be described as no frils, shearts played a brand of music that could best be described as no frils, shearts played a brand of music that could best be described as no frils, she started enjoying herself as much straight on rock in "roll. Jett, the opening act for the Police, began her 45 minute set with "Bad Reputation," which is also the tule of her album released before her current album released her arbum released her arb





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Saddle in the Rain" and "Helio in There."

Accompanied by Phillip Donnelly on electric guitar, Prine presented other famous songs like "Chinatown," "Don't Bury Me" and Sam Stone" which were greeted with loud cheers and whistles.

Prine played "Fish and Whistle"

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Which was "are a flated to both a congression of the explained that the rest, is a song poem written with real feel-join there is a master of observation and explanation, the does to music what George Carlin used to do to come-town." "Don't Bury Me" and the crowd was very uppreciative and the crowd was very uppreciative already gone for the sold-out performances on Anyli Sa.

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## New wave not in on FM air

New wave music is, in many ways, bust coming of age.

Who would have thought that had an and the Ants would be nominated for best new artists at this year's Grammy Awards, along with The Go Go's, an all-girl group with the No. 1 LP in the country. The album, Beauty and the Beast, took six months to reach the top position. Still, some new wave bands were overnight sensations. The Cars are the best example, with four platinum LFs under their wheels. While many bands had become boring, The Cars' debut LP, titled The Cars, raced up the charts. A fresh, new sound was just what we needed.

The Police, another one of the first sound was just what we needed.

The Police, another one of the first successful new wave bands remain unnoticed How many bends that the form on this, with their latest LP Ghost in the Mochine. Unlike many rock bards remain unnoticed How many bends that the control of the successful, when ye wave bands remain unnoticed How many people are familiar with The Psychether to receiving practically successful, many good base bend in the top let of an "Invisible Sun" that gives us bop, when the whole day's done.

A more fast-paced new wave sound is also popular, and this evident on some of the long-established rock groups' records. "Rage in the Cage," on J. Geils' Freeze Frame LP, is an example of how lother bands are beginning to adapt to newer sounds. Often, older rock groups must change to keep from fading.

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### Shock of the New

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JOHN GRIFFIN Arts Writer

A program of elevator music probably reminds some people of the masty sounds that are in a dentist's obby covering up the screams that rome from inside.

In actuality, the program was part of the Fourth Annual Contemporary Music Festival sponsored by the Maria Denarthment of the Courth of the Courthment of the Courthme

of the Fourth Annual Contemporary Music Festival sponsored by the Music Department. Several hundred people crowded into the corridor of the Patterson Office Tower last Friday afternoon for a trip into the new. Once aboard the elevator, the conductor stopped at various floors at random to see and hear a tap dancing violinist or a percussionist who layed on the elevator doors. This type of music is the idea of Elliott Schwartz, the guest composer of the festival. Besides the elevator music, several other of his pieces will be performed during the week. All performances are to be held in the Recital Hall of the Center for thus Aug's performance will be held in the Concert Hall of the Will be held in the Concert Hall feres a rundown of this weeks events, all of which are free and open to the public.

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Today
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12:30 p.m. — There will be a student recital.

8 p.m. — Among the selections at tonight's Faculty Chamber Music Recital will be Elliott Schwartz's Music for Audience and Soloist.

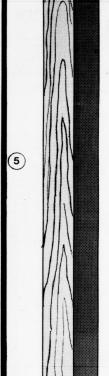
Tomorrow

8 p.m. — This Faculty Chamber Music Recital will feature more lections by Schwartz.

Thursday

8 p.m. — The Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Choristers will perform several works by Stravinsky in honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Works will include The Symphony of Psalms, Regtime and The Firebird Sute. Also featured will be Elliott's Textures. This will be performed in the Concert Hall.

1 p.m. — A selection of pop tunes will be presented by the Percussion Ensemble.



# $The\ Police.$

great effect when they were used; once again "Secret Journey" comes to mind as a good example.

As good as Sting and Andy Summers were, without Stuart Copeland's drums.

The most unbelievable part of the concert was the transitions the band clutter.

Without You" and "Bring she bear were or pressible and full of joy. "Every land's drumning, the band would not have been as tight. The beat was often odd, but handled sow ellt was unbelievable. Sting was the lead singer, but the band followed the lead of Copeland's drums.

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Without You" and "Bring she was the early and the Black-bears seemed an odd combination.

But it was satisfying, in fact, both bands were enthralling. It was a good show fully comprised of tall-enter people who gave solid performances. Avesome.

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# **Sports**

# Homers lift Cubs past Reds in NL opener; Orioles win

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added a solo homer yesterday to
power the visiting Chicago Custo to a
Ragers, lined the second pitch of
3-2 eight-inning victory over the Cin-

our home runs, including a d slam by Eddie Murray, pow-l the Baltimore Orioles to a 13-5 over the Kansas City Royals. victory over the Kansas City Royals. Sammy Stewart, the winner in re-lief, choked off a bases-loaded threat in the fifth inning. He preserved the triumph after the Royals had battled back from a 7-1 deficit and pulled to Moreland also singled to score Larry Bowa in the eighth inning, fol-lowing a 46-minute rain delay, the first of two rain-forced halts. The game was delayed by rain for 51 minutes after eight innings before the game was called.

A three-run homer by Orioles newcomer Dan Ford capped a six-run
leader with 78 runs batted in dur
rally in the bottom of the seventh off
relievers Paul Spittorff and Grant
lackson and helped up Baltimore's
hit total to 16.
The game, played in 46-degree
weather, drew a record Baltimore
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Gus goes 2-for-2

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ith reference to your January/February issue of Ampersand, your article, "Tim Hutton America's Best Young Actor?" was both insightful and interessing. However, on page 21, column 4, you make reference to the biography American Caesar which you claim to be the life story of General George S. Patton. In fact, American Caesar, writerb by William Manchester, is the biography of another great military man, General Douglas MacArthur. I have just completed a lengthy history term completed a lengthy history term paper on the life and times of Mac Arthur in which I used Manchester's book extensively as a source of infor-mation. I felt obliged to call your attention to this error

I feel that your magazine is one of the best in its genre

Music Editor Laursen rechecked bis copy, beared a sigh of relief, and replies: "What was taken to be an appositive is actually two elements in a list." American Caesar, [and] a biography of General George S. Patton ..." While Laursen admits bis sentence wasn't entrely clear, be refuses to confess any wait.

→ hree cheers for your cover story on Timothy Hutton. He deserves all the recognition he can get America's best young actor? Probably. My favorite? Definitely! Naomi Wender

University of Maryland

Ye been an Ampersand reader for almost two years, and I really enjoy it.

For the past four or five months I've been watching this late night comedy show that's on Saturday night on ABC

It's from the "Thames" network in England. It's "The Kenny Everett Video

Show."

He does some wild stuff with video, and has music stars performing their own video songs.
I'd like to see something in your magazine about him, and what makes his show tick.

An Avid Reader Mark

Send letters to In One Ear, 1680 North Vine, Suite 900, Hollywood, CA 90028.

#### **New Contributors**

JODY EVE GRANT (On Screen) toils in the CMPS division of Alan Weston Communications, Inc., studied film at UCAL (graduated when she was 20) and is a twin.
DARLENE GUILDINER (On Screen) attended Long Beach State and proved she's a better proofreader than anyone on our blind staff. But did it get her a job? Are you kidding?

Travel Section

BUDDY BASCH has his own Travel Feature Syndicate out of New York, which sounds like a not unpleasant way to earn a living. BONNY CHRISTINA CRINE once worked at summerfest and is now pursuing a writing career in Milwaukee.

DREMENT LEVEL of former addings rider as

career in Milwaukee.

DEBORAH LEVIN, a former airlines pilot, pires to start a Polynesian-style hand laund on the banks of the Los Angeles River.

DAN ROBERS's, in real life, is an editor of Oregon-based wildlife magazine, and low to toy with alliteration, hyperbole, litotoxymoron, you name it.

#### News from Lucasville

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Respect of the jed will feature Alec
Guinness as Obi Wan Kenobi after
all; in the land of Lucas, death isn't
quite so permanent. When Jedi. (which
will reportedly tie up all loose ends
from the previous pix) is finished,
work will begin on the next trilogy—
parts 1, 2 and 3. As every Staw Wars fan
must know, Staw Wars, The Empire
Strikes Back and Revenge of the Jedi
comprise the middle three of nine
parts—4, 5 and 6. However—there
may yet be a way to put youthful versions of Princess Leia, Han Solo and
Luke Skywalker in the next trilogy, in
'prequel' form.

"prequel" form.

Bad news: there won't be a sequel to Raiders of the Lost Ark until 1984.

#### Deals, Schmeals

L OUIS MALLE AND JOHN GUARE, director and writer, respectively, of Academy Award-nominated Atlantic City, will next collaborate on a film version of the ABSCAM scandals, to star Belushi and Aykroyd.

B ELUSHI AND AYKROYD, meanwhile, are still being investigated by the Writers Guild disciplinary committee; they've been charged with "scabbing" while filming Neighbors during last year's writers strike. Aykroyd admitted, its ne integriew with the Helburged. year's writers strine. Ayrkoyd admitted, in an interview with the Hollywood Reporter, that the changes made were in the "improvisational role of actors, not writers." Perhaps this case will lead to a clearer definition of what constitutes writing. It isn't, apparently, just a typewriter and some paper.

S TEVEN SPIELBERG has announced plans to remake A Guy Called Joe, an undistinguished fantasy that starred Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson and World War II. The title will be changed to Always

PRODUCER ALLAN CARR (Don't Stop the Music, Grease) has offered Elton John the lead in the Broadway revival of Anthony Newley's The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd.

The bobby darin story, based on Al Di Orio's book On Borrowed Time, will get its star from open auditions held in New York. Though the film will be dramatic, not a musical there will be a soundtrack album on verly Hills Records (through RCA).

D AND GEFFEN just signed a five-year deal with Warner Bros. films (he once worked there as a top exec). The studio will fully finance and distribute the pictures, but Geffen and company will have artistic control. Geffen is cur early listed as executive producer of rently listed as executive producer of Personal Best, but he claims he won't Personal Best, but he claims he won't be involved in any future pictures as a producer. This year Geffen plans to make two films: one to be announced, the other Man Trouble, written by Carol Eastman (who, using the alias Adrian Joyce, wrote Five Easy Pieces) Dreamgirls, currently on Broadway and coproduced by Geffen, will not necessarily be part of this deal, but it will be filmed eventually. Dreamgirls is the story of a black female singing trio a la the Supremes.

C resources for promotional purposes — a \$1 million merchandising campaign, based on a contest running ugh April 15, with 13 million gam cards with hidden symbols distributed to 45,000, 7-Up outlets around the country. Winners redeem their cards

through the mail and get CBS records in return. Wouldn't it be easier to just buy them?

H AND MADE FILMS, the outfit that gave us Time Bandits, is planning three more for our amazement. The Missionary, written by and starring Monty Python Mischa Palin, will also, if they're lucky, star John Gielgud and Alec Guinness; John Cleese, also a Python, will star in the film version of a play called Privares on Parade, and the first to see the light of production will be Scrubbers, about women in prison, directed by Mai Zetterling. Yelloubeard, written by Python Graham Chapman, is still in limbo.

M ICK JAGGER NEEDS \$15 MILLION (don't M call us) in order to launch filming of Gore Vidal's Kalki. Allegedly Alec Guinnese (his third mention in this column, if anyone's counting) has agreed to play the diabolical scientist, while director Hal Ashby is still committed, and Vidal himself wrote the screenplay. We're waiting .

#### Knacksters on Track

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M ICHAEL DES BARRES, formerly with
Detective, has been cutting
demo tracks for a new LP, to be produced by formerly hot ("Heart of
Glass," "Hot Child in the City") wasmaster Mike Chapman. Helping out
are Bruce Gary, Berton Averre and
Prescott Niles, former members of
the Knack Officially, the Knack is parting "temporarily." The group tried for
an image makeover with the release of
their third Capitol LP, to counter the
snotty reputation earned in their onehit wonder days. But, since post-"My
Sharona" album-sales have been slack,
and since (rumor has it) the rest of the and since (rumor has it) the rest of the band totally loathes headman Doug Fieger, temporary probably means forever. Feiger, meanwhile, is at work on a solo album.

#### Brassy Women Sought

I vy and the Elegants, who plan to be the best all-woman R&B band in Los Angeles (and that's just for starters), are auditioning horn players. Applicants must be female, funky, and willing to display their embouchure.

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#### Three Down, Five to Go

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ROLING STONE EDITION, PURILISHER JANN
Wenner's deal with Paramount,
made in the aftermath of Animal
House's success — possibly Paramount
thought Wenner had his pinkie on the
pulse of youthful America — died
quietly, with no films ever produced.
At least one was written, by former
Rolling Stone senior editor Ben
Fong-Torres: Somebody to Lore, about
San Francisco in the Sixties. Two
others were planned, one "an old
Hunter Thompson project," and one
"about high school" by Stone feature
writer Cameron Crowe. (Crowe in-

stead wrote a book and teleplay with-out Wenner. Fast Times at Bidgemont High.) According to a report in New York magazine, Wenner received \$1000 a week during the 2-1/2-year deal. Paramount sez they may still someday make a Wenner film, but it will have to be developed with some-one else's money.

one else's money.

FIVE LAMPOON PROJECTS are in the works. We keep mentioning this because so many people (3 or 4, at least) insist that college students care desperately about anything named Lampoon. Class Reunion, detailed here last issue, is due September 1 from 20th Century-Fox: Vacation '82 starts filming at Warner Bros. this spring; Joy of Sex at Paramount is still waiting for a director to replace departing Bill Norton Jr. (Penny Marshall, Lawerne herself, has been offered the job); and the once-axed National Lampoon Goes to the Mories has been re-edited by Matry Simmons, head of Lampoon and no film editor; this one threatens to emerge sometime this Lampoon and no nimeditor; this one threatens to emerge sometime this year from United Artists. And to make it almost universal, Universal is "considering" a script of Animal House 2.

MGM and Columbia do not have any Lampoon projects. They have all the luck.

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Ten Years Late, but Who's Counting?

The concert for bangladesh, organized by George Harrison in
1971 to benefit the starving children of
that country, has finally had an official
tally of money (all proceeds donated
to UNICEF; \$10,750,000. The concert,
film and album of same starred Harrison, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Eric Clapton, Leon Russell and Ravi Shankar.
The first two years after the concert, \$2,250,000 was handed over to
UNICEF; in the ensuing 8 years,
\$8,500,000 trickled in. The U.S. Committee for UNICEF decided to honor
Harrison for his part in all this; Hugh
Downs is the chairman of the U.S.
Committee for UNICEF, which explains most of the photo above. HE CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH, OF

Clive Revill. What's more, the remaining seven Gilbert & Sullivan operetta: will be produced for the same outfit.

#### Iosie, Are You Obscene?

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A N UNUSUAL POP TUNE entitled
"Johnny, Are You Queet?." a standout of past stage shows by the Go-Go's, was recently recorded by Josie Cotton for a local L.A. label named Bomp Records. The song's popularity, particularly on KROQ, a Pasadena FMer, led Ms. Cotton to a contract with Elektra/Kaylum Records. But the lyric, in which Ms. Cotton questions the virility of a guy who's disinterested in scaling her Mount of Venus, has spawned a backlash. A re-

cent gathering of several placard-carriers outside KROQ's studio, identified as People Against Obscenity, paraded slogans like "Think Straight and "Hell No, We Won't Blow." KROQ reciprocated by playing the song twice for the protesters.

#### Personals

**B** ILL HUDSON, former husband to Goldie Hawn and father of her two children, will next marry Cindy Williams of *Laverne & Shirley*.

GILDA RADNER AND GENE WILDER UNG while making Hanky Panky, and they're still together. Her husband, the rock guitarist, is out in the cold.

#### Tuneful News & Looney Tunes

David bowie & Glorgio Moroder have collaborated on the sound-track for *Cat People* (see feature this issue). It will be released on Backstreet Records.

B UCOLIC FOLK/PUNK ROCKER Neil Young may actually be headed from serene Burbank to nasty Hollywood, RCA is reportedly coaxing Lonesome Neil with tall offers to split from Warner-Reprise, the Warner Brossubsidiary whose only other current artist is Frank Sinatra. "However," says a Warners spokesman, 'under the a Warners spokesman, "under the terms of his contract, he owes us one more album. So talk of his departure is a little premature.

THE SOUNDERACK FOR One from the Heart, with masterful songs by Tom Waits and moody singing by Crystal Gayle and Waits, may not be picked up by Columbia Records. (They have first crack at it because Gayle records for them, presumably). Dumb move.

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DAVID BYRNE Songs from the Broadway fuction of The Catherine Wheel

(SIRE) David Byrne's sometimes stark sometimes sonorous compositions for modern-dance maven Twyla Tharp's Catherine Wheel project represent a logical extension for the head Talking Head's recorded work to date. At various times on this ambitious effort, Byrne recalls the wire-dright anxiety of his early Heads songs, the strident Afro-rock rhythms of Fear of Music and Remain in the Light and the spacey minimalist doodling that mark his many collaborations with Brian Eno (Eno, along with Heads keyboardist Jerry Harrison, guitarist Adrian Belew and percussionist John Chernoff, are the core of Byrne's Catherine Wheel ensemble ) A handful of tunes here feature the wailing, worried trademark Byrne warble: "His Wife Refused, probably the LP's most Talking Headsish track; the emphatic, repetitive "What a Day That Was", "Big Business, with its "fierce and high" and "galloping" guitars (Byrne's liner note descriptions), and "Big Blue Plymouth (Eyes Wide Open)." Others are rich, aural abstracts: the Byrne/Eño piece, "Two Soldiers, "The Red House" and the ethereal "Light Bath." Through it all, Catherine Wheel resonates with sometimes sonorous compositions for modern-dance maven Twyla Tharp's Two Soldiers," "The Red House" and the ethereal "Light Bath." Through it all, Catherine Wheel resonates with fast, fluid movements and an almost sensual ambience. There's a vibrant sense of the physical at play here, a physicalness that Byrne explores with vit and intellig

Steven X. Rea

#### JOHNNY OTIS

(ALLIGATOR) If the history of rock & roll is the blending of white and black styles (and it is), then Johnny Otis is one of its greatest exemplars. The son of Greek immigrants, he grew up in the black gheto of Berkeley, California and went on to lead a mostly black swing band at the Club Alabam in Warts in the late Forties. His 1988 hit, Willie and the Hand Jive, is as much a favorite of musicians (Eric Clapton is one of many who've covered it) as his moody late Forties waxing. "Harlem moody late Forties waxing, "Harlem Nocturne," is of choreographers and strip-tease dancers. Anchored with a cross of Bo Diddley and cha-cha rhythms, "Willie and the Hand Jive" is still a treat - either a nonsensical re song or a rebellious nonse song, it's hard to say which.

The New Johnny Otis Show, from Chicago's independent Alligator label,



echoes the old days when Otis led a band and a passel of eager young

singers in a touring revue.
Kicking off with the New Orleans
warhorse "Drinkin' Wine Spo-Dee-ODee," Otis fades the tune out with
some characters talking about merging Dee," Onis fades the tune out with some characters talking about merging their loose change for loose wine. One thinks he spies a dime on the pavement; "That ain't no dime, man, that's spit," instructs his companion. After this rhythmic silliness, guest vocalist Charles Williams makes it lovely with a version of "Every Beat of My Hear," Otis backing him on the vibraphone. Then comedy returns with "Jonella and Jack," a war-of-the-sexes duet backed by a vamp similar to that on Otis Redding and Carla Thomas." Tramp." Jack says he plans to leave Jonella, citing her "evil right cross: and her big feet that deliver a kick "like a Clydesdale horse." Jonella hips Jack that he isn't going anywhere, and that he'd better "Pay some attention/ To all that I mention/ Cause boy, I'll snatch you right outra your shoes." All the tracks, which were recorded in May of 1981, have a live feel to them—skillfully, but not painstakingly laid down, witty, but loose. Worth plenty of note is the guitar playing of Shuggie Otis, Johnny's son by a marriage to a black woman.

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Otis fils knows several tasty fills Otis file knows several tasty fills, mostly pentatonic and subtle, sybistically somewhere between B.B. King and T-Bone Walker. With all the change-ups of rhythm, song style and vocalist in The New Johnny Otis Shou; Shuggie Otis guitar work is the need the and thread that sews together one of the best party-and blues records in many years.

Byron Laursen

#### Ocean Drive

(BEACH BEAT RECORDS) The authe (BEACH BEAL RECORDS) The guttern tic Carolina coastal tiern is an infectious kind of easygoing soul music that two generations of Southeasterners have danced and romanced to on their waterfront holidays. It's largely black music and its chief trait is its all-en compassing tolerance rather than its exclusivity. As featured on *Ocean Drive*, beach music includes every thing from rutting Fifties rockers (Joe Turner's "Wee Baby Blues") to early

thing from rutting Fifties rockers (Joe Turner's "Wee Baby Blues") to early Sixties pop cookers (Doris Troy's "Just One Look") to the subtle soul of "Ms. Grace" by the Tymes (1974). The common characteristic is an inviting, loping gait that seems to pop up in most of these tracks; relaxation and unrushed energy seem to be the keys. Since the beach music scene is a phenomenon unto itself, it has built its own raditions, sired its own stars and charted its own hits. Some of them you'll recognize instantly — Vol. I features the Drifters" "Up on the Roof" and the Trammps" "Hold Back the Night" among others; Vol. II offers Bruce Channels" "Hey Baby" and the O'Kaysions" "Girl Watcher" while Vol. III includes Mary Wells "My Guy" and Archie Bells "I Can't Stop Dancing."

But the series" real joy is that it presents plenty of opportunities for discovery. Edwin Starr's incredibly 'up' "So.S." and William Bell 8, Judy Clay's "Private Number" turn up on Vol. III, and Vol. II gives us the chance to hear Arthur Alexander's original "Anna," covered by the Beatles on their Veejay Ip. And, as the TV mail order ads say,

there's more, much more.

Whether for a cost-efficient way to corral several solid R&B hits in one place, or discovering lost gems from a regional music scene remarkable for its vitality and variety, Ocean Drive is a great avenue. You can cruise past or park, meet old friends or make new ones. There's always something going on down there. Gene Sculatti

A BBA
The Visitors

(ATIANTIC) Times must be getting hard if even a band like Abba, the heretofore-carefree Swedish pop rockers, releases an LP of heavy sentiments. Yet that's what the foursome's new album, The Visitors, apparently is meant to be; a serious look at broken romances, parental guilt and other less-than-upbeat themes. There's a bit-

tersweet taste to Abba's current brand of bubblegum here. "The Winner Takes It All," the group's fatalistic single of last year, was the tip-off that Abba was changing di-rection. Building its remarkable inter-national success upon jowus hits like the tip-off that Abba was changing direction. Building its remarkable international success upon joyous hits like "Waterloo" and "Dancing Queen," the Scandinavian quartet in the past excelled in creating sugary but irresistibly catchy pop songs. Critics disdained their lightweight lyrics and cheerful manner, but the public world-wide responded to Abba's easy appeal again and again.

The Visitors is something else again. The title track is a slice of modern-day paranoia set to a chilly synthesizer line, kicking off the LP in a disquieting manner. A sombre tone likewise is found in "Soldiers" (a look at impending war) and "One of Us" (a self-condemning lament). The melodies for most of the songs are moody Europop pieces, huffing and puffing to

a singsong beat that's more unsettling than infectious. Abba has taken its trademark syle and reworked it into dark, oversentimental cabaret music, full of regret and foreboding. When they were an effervescent escapist group, Abba could be appreciated as good clean fun, if nothing more. The Visitors doesn't offer any such quick highs, yet fails to emertain

such quick highs, yet fails to entertain on a more intellectual level.

Barry Alfonso

## JOAN JETT I Love Rock n' Roll

(BOARDWALK RECORDS) Power (BOARDWALK RECORDS) Power chords attack us right off the bat and then, enter The Tough Attitude — a must accessory for any heavy rocker worth his or her salt. The title track is reminiscent of Leslie West and Mountain, a heavy metal pop band from the

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#### Joan Armatrading WARFIELD THEATRE, SAN FRANCISCO

UST outside the Warfield the main drag was jammed with a frenetic scene: cars paraded up and down, horns blared, passengers leaned out flashing "We're Number One" signs while pedestrians swarmed onto the street to contribute their own whooping and hollering in celebration of the San Francisco Forty-Niners' Super Bowl victory that affernoon.

Inside the classy, old-fashioned Warfield, the atmosphere was equally festive, but for a different reason, Joan Armatrading, the vital West Indies-born British singer-songwriter, was provident to the street was provided to the street was provid

British singer-songwriter, was provid ing the audience a stirring, stunning ninute set.

Armatrading, dressed head to toe white, opened the show just-like the new record: simple, heavy synthesizer lines gathered attention to frame the singer chanting "I'm lucky, I'm lucky. I'm lucky..." From "I'm Lucky" she and her backing band moved into "Down to Zero," then "I Wanna Hold You"

and "Rosie."

While the set emphasized songs from Ladders, Armatrading drew from all stages of her career, which, ultimately, was both a blessing and a curse. This range of material afforded an opportunity to trace her steady progress as a songwriter; it also lent considerable musical diversity to the proceedings — a jazz-tinged passage here, some folk-based tenderness there, mixed in with the Jamaican strains and snappy rock she currently favors.

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But a few times the blend of styles chipped away at the cohesion and pacing of the performance, particularly toward the end when Joan, playing acoustic guitar, and her superb band — guitarist Gary Sanford, bass and Stick player Jeremy Meeks, kevboardist Dean Kluzate, drummer Justin Hilderth, multi-instrumentalist Julian Digglet — locked into a long, pointless jazzy-jam.

However, this was an isolated flaw However, this was an isolated haw within a triumphant presentation. Ar-matrading's vocals were forceful and marelously expressive, whether belt-ing out a sinewy rocker like "Is it Tomorrow Yet," or crooning the gentle, poignant "The Weakness in Me."

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She rendered these and other numbers with sufficient clarity and emotion that even those audience members un familiar with some compositions found it easy to connect with her lyrical themes, which can convey vulnerability one moment ("And I need you") and independence the next ("I sit here by myself/And you know I love it")—somehow avoiding a stumble into con tradiction. As acutely as any active tradiction. As acutely as any active songwriter, Armatrading understands the quirks of romance and everyday emotions.

Duncan Strauss

## Nathan Milstein

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One of the most striking phenomena of musical performance in this century has been the dominance of classical violin playing by a handful of Jewish vitusoos who were born and given their early training in Tsarist Russia. But although their influence can still be felt in the playing of some of today's younger violinists (Itzhak Perlman, for one), the masters themselves are now mostly silent, the most famous of these, Jasch Heffezt, is now past 80 and has not played in public for nearly a decade.

Nathan Milstein is the last of this school to hold the concert stage, and he continues to hold it like a vise. At 77, his technique shows little sign of the deterioration that normally besets colleagues who are 15 to 20 years younger, and his phrasings are more thoughtful and elegant than ever. That elegance, coupled with the sheer joine de trive that he brings to his playing, still makes for a unique listening experience.

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was Bach's solo Sonata in G minor, which he seemed to dash off with the greatest of ease even while striving to project as many of the mysteries of Bach's musical thought as one man can. I think his interpretation has become subtler and more understanding than even the one included in his prize-winning mid-Seventies album of the Bach solo works. Brahm's D minor sonata, by contrast, gave him the opportunity to show that he is still capable of high drama as well as high musicianship. which he seemed to dash off with the

ble of high drama as well as high musicianship. After intermission, fireworks. Seen-ingly effortless renditions of two of Paganin's man-killing Caprices were followed by Milstein's own brilliant reworking of Liszt's thoroughly pianis-tic Mephisto Waltz into a solo-violin showpiece. Two Tchaikovsky pieces closed the program, the Meditation providing a bit of repose with a clos-ing high D which seemed to float to infinity before the Vales-Scherzo. infinity before the Valse-Scherzo brought it to a rousing finish. There were two encores, by Bach and Liszt. audience had had its way there would have been more.

Sol Louis Siegel

#### laco Pastorius DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION, LA

ACO PASTORIUS' rather formidable reputation (Weather Report, Joni Mitchell) as a bassist and composer preceded him. But no one attending his two-night stand at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic) was quite prepared for the phenomenally musical performances he generated there. On the first leg of a brief national tour (which included shows in Chicago and NYC) to promote his new Warner Bros. album. Word of Mouth, Pastorius gathered a dozen of LA 5 top studio and jazz men — trumpeters Snooky Young and Chuck Findley, trombonis Bill Reichenbach and reedplayers Marry Krystall and Gene Cipriano among them — in addition to friends among them — in addition to friends from Florida (steel drummer Othello

late Sixties. The story line finds Joan hitting on a younger guy: to celebrate this meeting of the minds they put another dime in the jukebox to celebrate rock n' roll. The song is contagious but easy to hate.

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easy to hate.

Most of the material on this LP is too heavy handed to be fun. There is no hint of humor or any other emotion displayed in these ten tracks. Even "Nag," a tune that is supposed to be funny, recieves Jett's blase treatment. There are three remakes on this album. None of them stands up to the original or adds anything to enhance the song or brings out anything worthwhile in Jetts' performance. "Crimson and Clover" is a bad rehash, "Bits and Piecces' falls flat on its face, and the piecc de resistance in bad ideas is "Little Drummer Boy"—how's that for a remake? Jet has a very hard time singing this, she can't seem to stay on the melody line.

\*\*Donna Ross\*\*

Molineaux was a particular standout) and the "Word of Mouth band"—Randy Brecker, trumpet; Bobo Mintzer, reeds; Don Alias, congas, percussion; Peter Erskine, drums; Dave Bargeron, trombone, tuba; Peter Gordon, French horn—to play a program that was as diverse as it was grandly exciting.

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On Monday, "Invitation," the Bronoslav Kaper movie theme that has become a jazz standard, was given a brisk reading, and behind potent solos from Brecker and Mintzer, Pastorius took charge, playing swift, repeating phrases, walking those notes with a high-pitched tone, or playing chorded smears of the melody followed by single ringing notes that stood out like shimmering stars.

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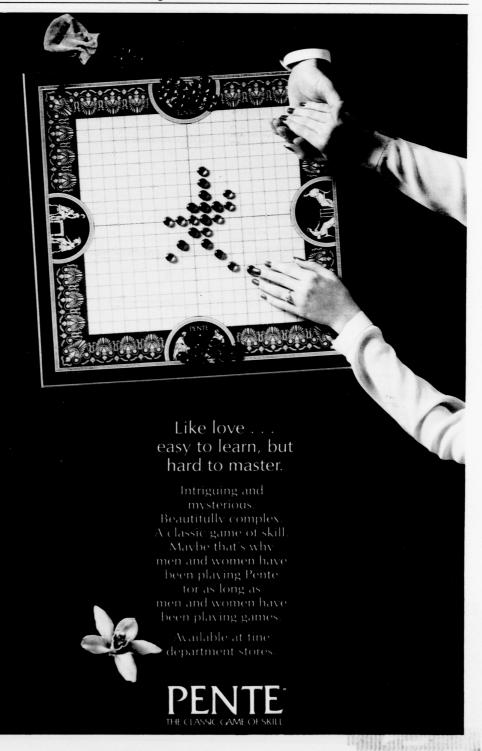
The 1945 Miles Davis classic, "Donna Lee," served as the bebop opus of the night. Opening with Bargeron's multiphonic tuba solo, where he would play one note while simultaneously humming another to produce yet a third tone, the very complex melody was then played by Mintzer (bass clarinet). Brecker, Bargeron and the leader. Mintzer's solo was exotic, as he had attached a digital delay device which repeated what he had just played in a cascading manner, creating a fuzzy sound as if he were playing underwater.

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Perhaps the two pieces from the Word of Mouth album — "Liberty Cig" and "Three Views of a Secret" — best indicated Pastorius 'promise as a composer and arranger. "City" is a cousin of "Teen Town," a number featured with Weather Report, a zippy little tune that builds and builds, with melody lines from the full band interweaving splendidly. During the shout chorus, the whole ensemble rocked, filling the 5000-seat hall with wave after wave of bright orchestral sound, achieving a Basie-like glow.

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Pastorius closed with "Fannie Mae. Pastorius closed with Fannie Mae, recalling the days he spent on the rock circuit with Wayne Cochran and the C.C. Riders. Though his vocal wasn't strong, it was delivered with the same bubbling spirit that had made the con-cert spectacular.



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#### BY DALE WHITE

A fat lady with her dog stands in front of the Evanshire Drug Store chatting with a gentleman who has just purchased cigarettes and a newspaper. She glances down the block at the opening of an alley, from which has emerged a little boy, heavily bundled in a cap and coat

"Here comes that Wilson boy — all alone as usual," she comments. Although the little Wilson boy ap

pears to be quite alone to her, around him are all kinds of lurid creatures of his imagination — a cloaked ghoul, prehistoric bird, a mammoth monste

prehistoric bird, a mammont monster with tentacle legs. They saunter along like faithful puppies.

The fat lady, the drug store, the man with the cigarettes, the boy and his imaginary creatures are all parts of a Gahan Wilson cartoon, one of the numerous drawings in his 1978 collection And Then We'll Get Him.

What makes the picture so frighteningly funny is its element of truth. Wilson, 52, grew up in Evanston, Ill. (not quite Evanshire, but close)—and although he was not truly considered to be an odd fellow, he did seclude himself (with the assistance of his trusty pen) in a world of demonic and hideous creatures.

A painter rendering a tree on his canvas with an assortment of non-existent spiders and serpents in another of his comics tells a little girl, "I paint what I see, child."

And that's exactly what Gahan Wilson does. His sense of humor is amazingly perverse, shiveringly morbid. He thuds something to laugh about in all sorts of wicked and uncommon thingshoptial patients connected to iv.s., hanging judges, mad scientists, fallen angels, emotionless business executives, man-eating plants.

"Well, I always wanted to be a cartoonist," Wilson says. His voice on the telephone is deep, even and precise—rather like Vincent Price's. "Forever and ever. At my mom's place recently she came across something that I once did. It was a comic book with stuff similar to what I do now—monsters, rockets, that sort of thing. There were past scrawls. It was sort of pre-literate. I tried commercial schools but I found them to be very superficial. I wanted someone to teach me to draw as well as I could. I knew no one could teach me to be funny. I was the only carroonist who was admitted at the lasting CAT to sning of Chicaroon. the Institute (Art Institute of Chicago at that time (1948-1952). Wheneve someone came in requesting a car toonist, they sent him to me. Now I've toonist, they sent film to me. Now I've heard the whole place has gone to hell and they've even got a cartoonists course in the curriculum."

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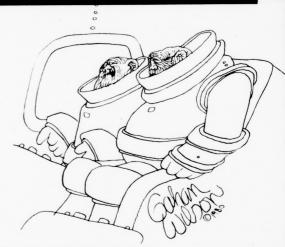
Although he is tall, sandy-haired and blue-eyed, Wilson suspects the public pictures him as "little, wrinkled and green ... Or they think I'm English and evil, a Dr. Moriarty. That's okay with me. In time, I'll probably turn

A descendant of P. T. Barnum and A descendant of P. T. Barnum and William Jennings Bryan, Wilson insists he "was not born, although people keep asking me that. I always tell them, I was constructed during the 12th century by a mad scientist, and sent forward in time and placed in the body of a cartroonist."

Actually, Wilson was stillborn. "They were about ready to drop me and forget the whole thing when the G.P. rushed in and dipped me in hot and



"I just don't understand it, Captain. Equal sbares of food and water to all, yet tbose two tbrive wbile we witber away."



"Well, it won't be long,

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ing away at me and got me breathing Wilson explains. "There must have

Wilson explains. "There must have been brain damage."
A devotee of Carl Jung, Wilson be lieves there is little difference between existing and imaginary monsters. He considers fast food stores and self-service gas stations parts of "a massive plot to prepare us to live on space ships." He says he has "no idea" why nobody has sent him to a psychiatrist and happily disclaims rumors that he spends two months each year in a psychiatric ward.

sychiatric ward.
But why is he so—different?
"I don't know what to say."
Well, then—what led to his style of mic art?

comic art?
"I don't know what to say. Dick
Tracy impressed me when I was a
child. I never could figure out how
that cartoonist did it. Those faces were inst crawls but he could get such ex-pression out of those scrawls. It's the best comic strip that ever happened. Krazy Kat also impressed me. In the movies, W. C. Fields. In fine arts, Goya It's an endless list.

Isn't his humor close to that of Charles Addams

We're coming from the same "We're coming from the same area. Addams was more influenced by the movies of Karloff and Lugosi. because of the Sixties we're pooled together. I was influenced by Frankenstein and Dracula also—but more often, most of my material comes from Tv news. The news itself is so grotesque and bizarre. It gives me material that is much more productive, stimulating." His humor also has been compared to that of Jonathan Swift, Mark Twain and Woody Allen — and such diverse publications as Playboy, The New York Times, Fantasy and Science Fiction, New Yorker, Collier's, Look, Punch, Esquire, Paris Match, Audubon and Gourner call on him to add a little life (if that is the correct word) to their 1900cs.

"When I started out I had a lot of "When I started out I had a lot of "When I started out I had a lot of trouble. Editors thought my stuff was funny and they'd laugh. But they'd say that their readers wouldn't understand it. There are still some old stuffy mag azines that won't buy it. But most pub izines that won't buy it. But most publications respect their readers' intelligence more now and I'm able to give trip best shot... I keep in mind the intended magazine before drawing something because each one's different. Each one has a different voice and the different way of life. The New York Times has a certain image and then planking has another image. Like when

Weird World of Gaban Wilson, First World Fantasy Collection Anthology, Nats, and his latest, is Nothing Sacred? He has written several volumes for children, such as Harry, the Fat Bear Spy, The Bang Bang Family, and Harry and the Sea Serpent.

"You fool! there's no more of me! That's it! I'm the last of my species!"

and the sea serpent.

"Tve been getting into short stories.
I'm in radio too. I do a regular commentary, sort of like Alfred Hitchcock, on National Public Radio's All Things Considered.

ent. Each one has a different voice and a different way of life. The New York Times has a certain image and then Playboy has another image. Like when 1 do something for National Lampoon. I make sure it's in bad taste."

He drew a daily newspaper strip "for a brief time. It was a sort of comic page. I got into editing it myself too But I kept softening it up so I wouldn't offend all the little old ladies and I wrecked it. I got tired of doing a continuing thing every day and having to watch the thing."

His books include Gabam Wilson's Graveyard Manner, The Man in the Cannibal Pot, I Paint What I See, The His comic "Nuts

Wilson's gags must be approved by a final authority before they meet the public's eye. "The only person whose opinion I value is my wife, Nancy Winters, the novelist (The Girl on the Coca-Cola Tray, Duddy). She's a very good editor and has a good sense of humor. I'll give one to her routinely and if she says it's not funny I listen to her and ignore the idea. She's a swell writer. We both work all the time. We don't have regular jobs. We have our own jobs. We're our own supervisors so I think we work harder than people who work at regular jobs. We get up at who work at regular jobs. We get up at 9:30 at the latest, take a half-hour break for lunch, and then get back to it until about 5 or 5:30. Actually, calling it about 5 or 5:30. Actually, calling it work is not honest because we enjoy what we do so much. We have a little joke in the morning where we kiss each other good-bye and wish the other a good day at the office—before

other a good day at the office—before retreating into our separate rooms."

Then Wilson sits alone in his studio in front of his blank drawing board. The imaginary creatures surface once again and the cartoonist starts to draw what he sees.

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# Summer Sneakers



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plained about the lecherous proprietor of an Italian pensione that had been recommended by a male researcher.

One of the changes we've made over the years has been more of a consciousness of women travelling alone," said Assistant Editor of let's Go Europe. Chris Billy.

Other changes revolve around the increased costs of travelling in Europe. The Let's Go staff says that it's still possible for the budget conscious to travel in Europe, despite the fact that travel costs have skyrocketed.

"Europe isn't considered such a 'bargain basement' anymore, but people shouldn't be going there just because it's cheap," said McCord. When I figure my expenditures. I always think of it as a matter of time spent in a place versus the amount of money I'm spending. I think anyone would prefer to give up a private bathroom if it meant adding another day to your trip. Good planning is the key."

"Now that Europe isn't so cheap, it's important that people determine their style of travel before going over there," advises Haverty, who spent the summer researching in the more expensive Scandinavian countries and Germany.

"Camping is still cheap, even free in most parts of Scandinavian, where pensions are expensive."

Camping is still cheap, even free in most parts of Scandinavia, where pensions are expensive But in Italy, pensiones are cheaper. If you know how you want to travel, and you're willing to sac rifice some comforts, you can make the trip last

longer."
She also recommends Mark Twain's Innocents
Abroad as pre-departure reading for young

travelers.

Knowing a bit of the language is important too, says Haverty. "On this trip I sensed more impatience with people who made no effort to speak the language. You'll probably be able to find someone who speaks English, but always as

first, and never assume."

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Researchers head for their assigned countr in mid-May, and in July the first reports filter in the HSA offices. The editing and organizing cess then begins, and the pace picks up until the frantic week before the publisher's deadline in

You should have seen it." said one research

early September.
"You should have seen it," said one researcher of last summer's preparations. "There were people here around the clock, working, bodies on the floor asleep... it was pretty incredible."

No sooner are the let's Go 1982 guides on the bookstore shelves than work begins on let's Go 1983, between term papers and mid-year exams. Students sometimes have a hard time juggling schoolwork around their let's Go schedules, and the HSA office always has at least one person who must leave to write a paper that's due the next day. But the researcher's position appears to be the perfect summer job. Roundrip airfare is paid for by HSA, and researchers receive a salary while they're travelling.
Linda Haverty sets the record straight: for all the excitement, there is hard work, frustration, and occasional depression." It's really a strenuous job' she says. "We should have had to lift weights to get in shape for it. I went to Italy for a few weeks before coming lack... after all that travelling, I really needed a vacation!"

#### Carnival in Trinidad

#### BY DEBORAH LEVIN

e a national newspaper whose headlines "ETHEL, TUN-TUN IN FIGHT TO 'NO ICE FOR CARNIVAL." Ima

Most of the mail received from readers is favorable, but sometimes there are complaints. A recent letter from two women travellers complained about the lecherous proprietor of an the land persione that had been recommended by a male researcher.

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American ghetto than a resort paradise. The cap tal city of Port-of-Spain, crowded with people cars and dogs, is host to the second largest street celebration in the world, surpassed only by th Brazilian festival in Rio. Just about all o Trinidad's million-plus people participate; a quar ter of them outfit themselves in brilliant cos nes, some of which require nearly a year to design and construct. In a country where phon seldom work, roads aren't serviceable, and people are accused of being inherently lazy Trinidadians suddenly prove they are hard working, efficient and productive when it comes to something they care about. It takes enormous offort to make a good carnival, and carnival in Trinidad is as good as it gets. No violent incidents were reported in 1981, compared to seven deaths in Rio de Janeiro.

in Rio de Janeiro.

It is the music of "Mas" (Carnival) that makes
Trinindad's event unique. It provides rhythm and
people play with the energy and enthusiasm that
seems like celebrating a victory. Carnival music is
planned, rehearsed and labored over. Steel bands
—whose members number up to 100—are now
among the most successful aspect of the carnival.
What started out as banging on garbage pail lids
and empty cans has grown into a sophisticated,
sensitive sound. Some ensembles bolster their
songlists with European classical pieces.
Carnival occurs during the two days before
Lent, but the buildup to Mas starts in September
when early "feets" (parties) begin. By December,
calypso music replaces all other forms. The first
official event planned by the Carnival Development Committee is scheduled by January. On any
given night there are dozens of "feets" going on.
It's a 24-hour public orgy that takes place day
after day after day ... and it's all subsidized by
the government! It is the music of "Mas" (Carnival) that make

#### The Plunt Festival of Sweinheim

#### BY KEITH WALLAN

he sightseer looking for a little extra local flavor in the grand tradition of Iron Age Germany would do well not to miss the quaint Plant Festival of Sweinbeim.

At the beginning of the festival, which comes ten nights after the last potato of the season has been dug, the children of Sweinheim dress up liber.

like twigs and rocks, and wake their parents at four in the morning by running into the bedroom with burning brooms held in their

bedroom with burning brooms held in their mouths.

After the parents have extinguished the brooms with their Oofils, or asbestos quilts, the Breakfast for Plunt may begin. A large pot of Sweetgrunt, or potato pudding, is prepared by the mother while the children stand in the sink balancing firewood on their heads. The father is busy at this time making the traditional Schlapp, or dung wreath, for the family's doorway. When the sweetgrunt is ready it is dumped in a pile on the floor, and the whole family enjoys fighting for all they can stuff in their faces, the same way their ancestors did over a thousand years ago.

When the Sweetgrunt has been finished, the family enters their cellar carrying several gaily decorated Pissaks, or goat bladders, filled with small magnets, old buttons, and bits of string, it is the ancient belief that this mystical combination will give free nose jobs to the Ugly of Sweinheim —but only if it is kept in a dark, loud place. Thus,

the family locks the cellar doors and dances in the dark while making fessoopoos, or loud, de

the dark while making fessoopoos, or loud, de-plorable noises.
While the family units are performing the root cellar dance, the bachelors and street scrubbers of Sweinheim (all unmarried females over 18 are tradition-bound to be the street scrubbers of Sweinheim) begin the Ritual of the Folding Chairs. The ritual of the Folding Chairs was once celebrated as the Arthschlitt, or the beheading of the cleft-palate babies, until more civilized Sweinheimians petitioned to have it changed in 1799 to the unfolding and arrangement of Sweinheim's impressive collection of folding metal chairs. The tradition-conscious Unmarried Sweinheimians still hold on to the old ways, however, and usually manage to behead some symbolic inanimate object. One year it was the town's civil defense siren. Another time they used orty pounds of black powder to blow the spir off a neighboring village's cathedral.

It is now midday, and time for the Reaffirm on of the Plunt. There is a large stone structur ion of the Plunt. There is a large stone structure, in the middle of the village square which measures ten meters by ten meters at the base, is ten neters high, and has no measurement at the top sures ten meters by ten meters at the base, is ten meters high, and has no measurement at the top because nobody ever bothered to get a ladder. This structure is said to contain the Plunt. The entire population of Sweinheim dresses like the person next door and forms a triangle around the stones while chanting the time-honored words: "Gat zipher Schtukinme shurt." Historians have roughly translated this as meaning. "My trousers seem to have become entangled in my shirt," but this is a matter of heated debate in academic circles.

When the Reaffirmation of the Plunt is complete, the village runs backward through the streets to a large meadow by the river Oo. They then begin pulling up large handfuls of grass for the construction of the Thing, or thing. The Thing is made up entirely of the wet meadow grasses, and moulded to resemble Jerry Ford's football helmet. The youth of Sweinheim are put in charge of guarding the Thing and throwing anyone who means it harm into the nearby river Oo. The sun is beginning to disappear behind the mountains as the rest of the village leave the youth with the Thing and fill their underclothing with bits of dry tree bark for the Zupidztunt, or uncomfortable walk, back to the village. Once there, they will take their places on the assembled Folding Metal Chairs and spend the night dancing and sucking Schlingers, or oversize popsicles of potato schnapps, until they fall down.

#### Summerfest

#### BY BONNY CHRISTINA CELINE

t's no secret that Milwaukee, Wisconsin is not considered one of the nation's major music markets, and it isn't—354 days each year. But or eleven days in early summer (twelve in 1982), dilwaukee's beautiful lakefront becomes Summerfest. And Summerfest offers more music, ood and fun than any other single place from ast coast to west.

Summerfest began in 1967 as a summer festival lesigned to cool off the hot scene of urban disorder that disrupted most large cities in the Six-sic. But in the fifteen years that followed, Summerfest has become a not-for-profit civic-ponsored organization and Wisconsin's major summer tourist attraction. The reason for its conimuing popularity is simple: it offers eight stages of musical talent (plus a children's stage) for welve hours every day of the event, all going consecutively. It also offers food served up by some of Milwaukee's finer restaurants (not mere air food), as well as Mr. Summerfest, weight-ufting contests, fishing contests, a children's art contest, and enough non-musical activities to muse everyone, from children through senior titizens.

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Most Milwaukeeans consider Summerfest to be the most important event of their summer season (800,000 people passed through its gates during its run in 1981). For one thing, it is amazingly in-

expensive. The \$5 gate admission fee entitles the fairgoer to enter the manicured grounds and enjoy a choice of musical entertainment with no additional charge. (Of course, food and other concessions are not included.)

The Summerfest grounds are more like a garden than a fairground — minimal cement maximum greenery. A cool evening breeze drifts off Lake Michigan. You may decide to start the evening with some quieter, acoustic music, so you head for the TV-6 sponsored Folk Stage, and spend some time listening to national acts like Tom Paxton, Robin & Linda Williams or Gamble Rogers or perhaps Milwaukee-based talent like Bill Camplin, Gil Plotkin or the Early Sisters.

Bill Camplin, Gil Plotkin or the Early Sisters. Suddenly you're hungry, a stop at Monreal's, perhaps, for Mexican food, and dessert at Shorewood Village Bakery. Perhaps just a wine cooler with a slice of lemon? You pass by Pabst-sponsored International Stage and catch a few songs from someone like Chubby Checker or Rick Nelson & the Stone Canyon Band. There is little sound carry-over from the other stages. Eight different music presentations on 50 acres of lakefront land would seem to be excessive, but the engineers who designed the sound

stages. Eight different music presentations on 50 acres of lakefront land would seem to be excessive, but the engineers who designed the sound systems planned for that, and sound leakage is not a problem.

At the Dance Pavillion, many couples dance to swing music under the cheery, yellow-and-white tent. The bartenders serving at the wine counter are wearing old-fashioned white shirts and arm garters. The Tommy Dorsey Band is playing. One of the nicest things about Summerfest is that it is not for young people only. It is the intention of Entertainment Director Bob Babisch to provide quality musical entertainment for all ages.

On the Schlitz Country Stage you may be treated to Roseanne Cash and her excellent Nashville band. Time to drink some beer (or time coolers, if you prefer) and then walk over to the Comedy-Variety Stage and check out comedians like Pat Paulsen and Joe Piscopo (or hear the space rock tunes of Milwaukee's own Snopek).

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Snopek).

By now, you want rock & roll. The Rock Stage is at one end of the grounds and the Main Stage (tonight featuring the Marshall Tucker Band) is opposite. Can you see Billy Squier on the Rock Stage and still catch some of the Tucker Band's set? Sure, Just hop on the Sky Gilder and get whisked above the grounds, from end to end, for proc. 51.

set? Sure. Just hop on the sky Glider and get whisked above the grounds, from end to end, for just \$1.

It's pretty crowded at the Tucker show — the Main Stage has a seating capacity of 18,000 — but you manage to squeeze in and carch the encores. Over at the Miller Jazz Stage, artists like Pat Metheny cast a low key spell.

General Manger Kris Martinsek feels that the high quality of entertainment, food and vendors will keep Summerfets several quality steps above its imitators. "We're very lucky to have this lakefront," she says, "and we want the Festival to remain in keeping with the original intent. But we will continue to ofter safety and beauty, too." Ms. Martinsek turns to the community for their help — for example, when the Dance Pavilion was built in 1981, the Festival asked students at the Milwaukee Trade and Technical Institute to hand-forge the graceful wrought-iron archway crowning its entrance.

In 1982, Summerfest will run from June 24 through July 5 tone extra day because of the July 4th holiday). The entertainment line-up is no confirmed until the beginning of June so that the Festival can get the pick of the current-on-theroad music crop.

"There is nothing like Summerfest," says Festival President Rod Lanser. "Milwaukee is very proud of it. And you have to admit that the price is right. For about 35s per listening hour, there is no finer entertainment bargain anywhere."

There is a mailing list for brochures at SUM-MERFEST, 200. N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin \$3202 (414/273-2680). Tickets can be purchased in advance for only \$44, and are \$5 per day at the gate once the festival opens.

Housing and camping information can be obtained by writing the Greater Milwaukee Visitors.

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# N SCREEN

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women set out to be world-beating track performers in the first place

It's not hard to figure out why Towne chose the topic, though. Besides the inherent drama unexplored, taboo territory, the filmmaker obvi-ously has an aesthetic/erotic attraction to these ously has an aesthetic/erotic attraction to these particular women. It's betrayed by his camera's lavish attention to muscles, by one-too-many crotch shots, and by a comment that Moore's character—in Towne's voice, perhaps?—makes to Hemingway. "What do you think of that?" asks Hemingway warily, after learning Moore knows of her lesbian affair.

"I think we both like great-looking girls," he replies.

#### **Death Valley**

starring Paul Le Mat, Catherine Hicks, Stephen McHattie; uritten by Richard Rothstein; directed by Dick Richards.

Death Valley is not a bad film; it is four bad films a boy's view of his parent's divorce, a conflict between technology and cowboy life, a pseudo-psychological study of twins, and a horror movie. Death Valley has been backed by the bucks of Universal, has beautiful cinematograpy and a not unknown cast, but it fails to achieve even the satisfying campiness of a B movie. Stephen McHattie plays a set of twins who murder people for no particular reason (there is some vague reference to the fact that their father was a goldminer —?) Vagueness whips through the film like a sandstorm, tearing gaping holes in the plot. There is no basis for the previous marriage of Sally (Catherine Hicks), an airhead country girl, to Paul Stanton (Edward Herrman), a college professor. And their son Billy, the protagonist, turns from boy genius discussing electronics to little brat playing cowboy; even though he hates his mother's boyfriend (Paul Le Mat), he seems to want to please them.

Death Valley's only suspense relies on the murders, and the twin(s) attempt to catch up with Billy; but we don't care about the victims (five slobs and slobbettes), and there is no reason to chase after Billy since he had no personal interest in the murders. He just wanted to get to the Grand Canyon (they're on vacation, see?). Neither fun, nor campy, nor scary, Death Valley is itself a fall down the Grand Canyon: it hits rock bottom.

Jody Eve Grant

#### Urgh!

with 30 rock groups, produced by Micbeal White, directed by Derek Burbidge.

Urgbt is to movies what sampler albums are to music: a little taste of many flavors with no garnish, no spicy interviews, no salty social commentary. Just live music, neatly packaged, with minimal production costs.

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The groups, in order of appearance (with one song each) are Police, Wall of Voodoo, Toyah Wilcox, Orchestral Manouevres in the Dark, Chelsea, Olingo Bonigo, Echo and the Bunnymen, Jools Holland, XTC, Klaus Nomi, Go-Go's, Dead Kennedys, Steel Pulse, Gary Numan, Joan Jett, Magazine, Surf Punks, Au Pairs, Cramps, Invisible Sex, Pere Ubu, Devo, Alley Cats, Gang of Four, 1999, Fleshtones, X, Skafsh, UB40, and Police again. Much of the music is simple-minded, some simply awful, with an occasionally fascinating group that stays in the mind long after the movie ends. Klaus Nomi is outrageous, in white face, black lipstick, patent leather tuxedo and bombastic falsetto. My personal favorite. The Cramps, alas, are just ludicrous; the most interesting thing about their performance is wondering whether singer Lux Interior will lose his pants or gag on the microphone.

Unlike most films, Urgh! has a practical function: for those who have not yet embraced this

music, Urgh! lets them decide which artists the

never want to see again, pursue further, And besides, it's relatively painless fun; just when I was ready to heave my seat (or my guts) at the screen, along came another group to distract, amuse, enrage or impress.

Judith Sims

starring Robert Carradine and Linda Hamilton and introducing Bruce Abbott. Written and di rected by Nick Castle.

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A group of UCIA students embark on another focund of extermination by rubber dart. Predictably, one student cracks under the pressure to win the popular campus assassination game and becomes a real murderer— a music major with a cache of decaying bodies in his dorm room. Left at that, 7AG would be a passable movie of the week, but writer-director Castle adds depth, playing the drama against some very funny material. Hamilton plays a jaded but not yet cynical Beverly Hills cupcake who tries hard to be torchy, practicing steamy stares meant to fry male circuitry. And she succeeds! She is a Chandler female, confounding, pneumatic and vulnerable. Carradine is appealingly awkward with an occasionally stiff delivery.

The fun is that the characterizations aren't taken too seriously. From the game director, who fancies himself a G-man; to the campus news editor, a downy cherub as crusty as Walter Matthau, the laughs are there. Castle does miss on a few minor points. There apparently is not a locked door on the whole of the UCIA campus, a glaring assumption in this security-conscious

locked door on the whole of the UCIA campus, a glaring assumption in this security-conscious time. Also, the students have a curious penchant for tossing textbooks into hedges when they are finished with them. His major offense, however, is the romantic clinch following the murderer's grisly death. They find it arousting? Better they should hug each other in relief. But despite occasional awkwardness, the film is entertaining, truly suspenseful, genuinely funny.

\*\*Darlene Guildner\*\*

#### Missing

starring Jack Lemmon and Sissy Spacek; written by Costa-Gavras and Donald Stewart; directed by Costa-Gavras.

Costa-Gavras' previous political films — Z. Spe-cial Section and Stage of Siege — combine the rage and commitment of his political point of view with the wham-bam technique of a cine-matic thriller. These three films almost created a genre of their own, based in fact but exe-cuted like fiction.

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Missing, like these earlier films, is based on a true story: as a result of the U.S. CIA's involvement in the 1973 assassination of Chile's Marxist president Allende and the subsequent military coup, an American citizen was killed, his father sued the U.S. government for complicity in his son's death, but the suit was eventually thrown out of court. Missing deals with the father's search for his son, and his eventual realization of the circumstances of his death.

Lemmon plays the stalwart America-right-or-wrong businessman who travels to the unidentified Latin country to find his son. The son's wife, Sissy Spacek, is, like her husband, a hippie of sorts, estranged from Lemmon. Most of the film is taken up with useless Lemmon-Spacek arguments and their equally useless attempts to find the son/husband — who is, of course, dead, presumably murdered because he was privy to CIA secrets babbled by an agent in a restaurant.

While I readily concede that it's better to see even this relatively timid (compared to Costa-Gavras' previous credits) expose of our shameful Chilean episode than to see nothing at all, Missing is still disappointing. It should have been tougher. It should have hit us with a slam, not a dull thud. Missing, like these earlier films, is based on a

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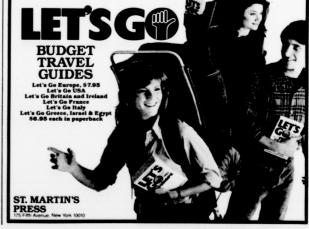
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#### BY STEVEN X. REA

ASTASSIA KINSKI doesn't like what she's been reading about herself lately, particularly the business that began after Tess regarding her "uncanny," eerie" and remarkable" resemble to the young Ingrid Bergman. "I really don't look like her at all," insists the 21-year-old Berlin-born actress about the sad-eyed screen star of Casablanca, Spellbound and Notorious. Still, as she ambles idly through the cold, stoney, Gothic set of a 1901 New Orleans zoo on Stage 27 at Universal Studios, kicking the toe of one penny loafer against the heel of her other, dressed in a simple skirt-and-sweater combo, her hair cropped short and straight, the similarities are hard to ig. ASTASSIA KINSKI

Fifties Horror Classic Mutates Anew

nore. Amidst the zoo's ominous dreamscape of bas-relief animal scenes, giant statues of perched panthers and urine-stained cages with real live babboons and cats nervously pacing within, Nastassia Kinski exudes something of the same quiet, innocent sexuality that became such a box office boon for the Swedish actress in the Forties (but which Nastassia uses to minimal advantage in One from the Heart).

And it's that look of innocent sex And it's that look of innocent sex-uality — whether it recalls Ingrid Bergman or not — that is what Nastas-sia Kinski's character in Cai People is all about. Directed by Paul Schrader (American Gigolo, Hardcore, Blue Col-lar) and co-starring Malcolm McDowell, John Heard, Annette O'Toole and Ruby Dee, Cai People draws its inspiration from Val New-ton's 1942 yarn of the same name, a low-budget scarie about a woman (Simone Simon) who could turn her-self into a panther. But, as Schrader is (Simone Simon) who could turn her-self into a panther. But, as Schrader is quick to point out, his version is any-thing but a remake. In fact, only one scene—the dark, creepy swimming bath episode—remains from the original.

Kinski is Irena, a bright, lonely girl, an orphan whose family history is shrouded in mystery. She discovers that she has a brother in New Orleans — Paul (McDowell), a minister for some vague pentecostal sect — and travels there to live with him and his housekeeper (Ruby Dee). McDowell, as it turns out, is a cat person with strong sexual urges towards his young sister; John Heard, who plays Oliver, an official at the zoo, falls in love with Nastassia; while Nastassia, attracted to Heard, discovers that she's a cat person as well. The upshot of all this being that the transformation from human to ferocious feline is sparked - Paul (McDowell), a minister fo

being that the transformation from human to ferocious feline is sparked by sexual desire, the metamorphosis is some sort of symbolic manifestation of a fearsome primeval passion—sex that literally turns man into an animal. As Paul, trying to seduce his viginal sib-ling, tells Irena: "Each time it happens you tell yourself it's love, but it isn't. It's blood. It's death. And you can't be free from the nightmare, except with free from the nightmare, except with me. And I with you. I've waited so long for you."

Pretty silly stuff, all right, but the way

Nastassia Kinski sees it, it's also a disarmingly simple "love story," As she waits between takes for Schrader and cinematographer John Bailey (American Gigolo, Ordinary People) to work out the move of an elaborate tracking shot, Kinski leans against one of the empty 200 cages and tails about the empty and the shadow the empty and the shadow of the empty and about true love. About bringing out the cat in us all," she says. As for Schrader—an intensely serious film critic turned-filmmaker whose worldview has been shaped by a strict Calvinist upbringing and years immersed in the flickering, shadowy recesses of movie theaters—he likes to refer to Cat People as his "fun" movie. Not fun in terms of a movie like Arburi," Schrader explains, sitting in his Prowler trailer (the Prowler logo, coincidentally, is a cat), "but fun like a play can be fun. We're not dealing with terribly important issues here—I mean, they are terribly important but we're not making a 'statement' that has to be dealt with"

Schrader confesses that he's not exactly sure how to categorize Cat People. "To tell you the truth, I don't quite know what genre Im working in at this point. Certainly it's not a horror genre because it fulfills none of the needs and has very tew of the premises of that. It's not a monster genre because it doesn't intend to work at that level. So, it's more on a level of erotic fantasy, with a few elements of horror and monstorisy thrown in, but not to the extent where they define the movie.

"It's nothing terribly profound," he continues, "it's just an exploration into sexual fantasy shold sway over us — you know, white horses and black panthers — that Jungian stuff. These images and feelings that seem to be inbred into the race. Cat People just has fun playing people via a tribal sacrifice of a Syear-lod gril. Schrader's "fun" includes a prologue set in a surreally orange desert that establishes the legend of the cat people via a tribal sacrifice of a Syear-lod gril. Schrader's "fun" includes a prologue set in a surreall

pussycar's about to have Begies for lunch.

Certainly, Cat People is a departure for Schrader. For one thing, it's the first film he's directed that isn't based on his own screenplay. Alan Ormsby (My Bodiguard) gets the credit for the Cat People writing job, though Schrader reports that the movic he's finishing up is "80 percent or more different than the script I was first handed." (Schrader says that both he and Ormsby handled the rewrites.) As for just being the hired-on director, "Initially it was liberating," he explains,

"because I didn't feel like it was my story or that I was a participant in the film. But as I became more involved in the story and found that in fact I was as participant, I began to rewrite it more. I began to relate to John Heard's character, so I expanded his role tremendously. Now I feel quite proprietary, quite personal about the film in a way I didn't when I began."

Can People also marks a major departure in style and mood for the filmmaker. Gone is the hyper- psychotic energy that permeated his script of Martin Scorses's Taxal Drawer Gone is the downbeat, dour realism of Blue Collar, the languid high-tech tones of American Gigolo Along with cinematographer Bailey and famed production designer Ferdinando Scarhotti (The Conformist, Death in Venice). Schrader has shaped a rich, illusory vision that resonates like some come to-life symbolist painting.

"It's far more non-verbal than anything I've done before," says Schrader." It is not realistic, it is not street-oriented. It finds its truth in sexual fable and myth and fantasy. It's more magical, more stylized. The narrative is defined within a kind of dream logic. Scarflotti, who designed the spectacular vine-tangled Victorian zoo and who, according to Schrader, practically authored the opening desert scene and Nastassia Kinskis dream sequence, was in fact essential to Schrader's character concept. "He was in my con-

and Nastassia Kinski's dream sequence was in fact essential to Schrader's character concept. He was in my con-tract. When I agreed to do the movie I put in a clause saying that if they didn't have him I didn't have to do the movie.

"I don't know what film buffs are "I don't know what film buffs are going to make of this movie," muses Schrader as he puts on a blue blazer and heads back to the soundstage. "It's going to be very hard for them to make comparisons because there are different characters, different settings, different sectings, different settings, different plot. But the title's the same," he laughs. "All of which is fine by me, since I never had any intention of remaking the original

Probably because he is one himself. Schrader seems especially concerned with "film buffs" and critics and their various reactions to his efforts. At Universal's Alfred Hitchcock theater versal's Alfred Hitchcock theater, where Schrader was overseeing the dubbing of some last minute scenes, prints of some new matte effects for the desert prologue were screened. Joked Schrader, as he studied the exo-Joked Schrader, as he studied the exo-tic panorama on screen: "Now I have to think of some horrible story for the press. How it took us two long, terri-ble weeks in Morocco to get this se-quence. How the Assistant Director was kidnapped and we were trapped in the mountains by a band of guerilla soldiers."

Whatever the press and the public's reaction to Cat People. Schrader is

whatever the press and the public's reaction to Cat People, Schrader is proud of his \$13 million erotic fantasy. The used this opportunity to heighten to improve my ability to tell stories visually rather than literarily. And I think I've got a winning hand."

Nastassia Kinski and Malcolm McDowell (left) as brother and si with more than the usual sibling



# Zydeco King His Hold Post Ulitton Chenier Louisiana Bana

The story's the same wherever Clifton Chenier & His Red Hot Lousiana Band are playing, but my first encounter with him was at a club frequented by college stu dents, in the hills outside of Santa Cruz, Cal

The Club Zayante was alive. The walls were pulsating, and the shadows cast on the steamed-up windows - in summer showed packed-in bodies dancing wildly to strange, heavy-beat, foreign-but-familiar music

I turned to the guy next to me and said Who is this?

He grinned and slapped me on the back like it was a fraternity initiation, removed the beer bottle from his mouth and looked at me like I was the one from Mars and said "Just the world's greatest rock & roll band, that's all."

I soon realized I had been leading an in complete life before that night. When I got inside I could hear this sweet *umusual* music better, but I couldn't understand the words. And what was that instrument carry-ing the melody? I squeezed up front and got the answer: the room was under the control of a gold-toothed black man playing an accordion and singing in French! from Louisiana." he boomed out between

You don't hear much about rock & roll accordions today. In fact, you never did. In the history of rock & roll no instrument has

been as scorned as the lowly squeeze-box.

Put one in the hands of Clifton Chenier, though, and it's obvious that the problem hasn't been the instrument — it's been who's playing it. (Accordions apeared in the bands of Bill Haley in the 1950's, and Gary Lewis & the Playboys in the 1960's but it wasn't until the Seventies that musicians like the Band, Ry Cooder, and Ponty Bone f the Joe Ely band returned a semblance of respect to it.)

When Clifton plays, it's a little of this and a little of that — swamp music, rhythm & blues, country blues, Cajun — all so dis-tinctly Rock & Roll with a capital R that none other than Mick Jagger (of the other world's greatest rock & roll band") recently oked him into Carnegie Hall in New

He knew Clifton was great: Jagger has been seen digging Chenier performances in the Watts district of Los Angeles. He figured it was time other people did too.

overnight success. The Clifton was no ennobling hand of Jagger was late in com

Clifton Chenier was born in 1925 in Ope lousas, Louisiana. His childhood accor dion-playing was influenced by his white Cajun neighbors, as well as by pioneering black accordionist Amade Ardoin. Incor-porating these sounds with the new, emerg ing style of rhythm & blues, he was instru ntal in developing a new music called

The word, like Cajun, is a simplification like many coined by Louisianans. Cajun is short for "Acadian," the area from which

the Cajuns emigrated. Zydeco is taken from a popular French folk song

whose first words were "les haricots." Musically, Zydeco is French-Cajun American rock & roll and rhythm & blues, sung by blacks. Although its origin is the swamplands of the American south, its popularity ex-tends around the world, and that popularity goes double for Clifton, who bills himself The King of the

A normal year's concertizing will take him to 3 areas: a route be-tween Lafayette, Louisana, New Or-leans, and Central Texas; the California coastline, especially the San Francisco area; and Italy, France, or Switzerland!

To Europeans, the sight of this proud, weathered, mystical black man with a crown and a gold tooth singing rhythm & blues in French is, well ... remarkable.

As it is here.

"Put on your dancing shoes Chenier warns at the start of a set. Indeed, so many rhythms run irresistible crossing patterns, Zydeco makes sitting still impossible. Once heard, Zydeco isn't easily forgotten.

In Chenier's group, the Red Hot Louisiana Band, there's the massive, unrelenting drumming of massive Robert St. Judy. Coupled to it are the hypnotic, indescribable rhythms of Clifton's brother Cleveland Chenier, playing a self-designed neck-held metal washboard, stroked by a handful of bottle-openers(!) And then there's the man himself, who for many years stood and bobbed to the music but today is sitting, pre siding regally over the proceedings, singing as his fingers dance up and down his upright key-board.

Other band members vary, but there's usually a saxophone, a guitar and a bass, and perhaps an organ. Although the Chenier brothers occa-sionally perform as a duo, it is important to see him with his whole band.

Chenier's road work has been cut down after he fell seriously ill last year from complications brought on by dia-betes. "Don't worry about me," Chenier

But since most of us can't live there, there are ample Clifton

recent operation, "I'll be out playing soon. Ain't no little thing like this gonna p me down." He now plays an

electric accordion that doesn't need

electric accordion that doesn't need squeezing. The band now takes a break after 2 hours instead of playing 4 hours straight through. All this points, also, to a reduced touring schedule which may make seeing him difficult, except for those who live in the Louisiana bayous, California, or

keep me down.

n described by the L.A. Times as a "rockabilly activist." Maybe that explains the crazy t-shirt be wears around Hollywood — Free the Tennessee Three

live there, there are ample Clifton
Chenier records to choose from. He's
recorded for a lot of labels, but we'd recommend these: Clifton Chenier "Itre"
(Arhoolie 1059) — Recorded at a Zydeco
dance in Richmond, California in 1971. Play
it for your friends and see if they can figure
out what it is — if they'll stop dancing to
talk. Black Snake Blues — (Arhoolie 1038)—
One of his best studio efforts, with powerful
drumming by St. Judk Barous Blues — (Spedrumming by St. Judy. *Bayou Blues* — (Specialty SPS 2139) — Recorded back in 1957 when someone at the label must have figured "Little Richard's a star — this guy with

the accordion is weird too."

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# The Low Budget Hustle

Three independent film distributors market their wares carefully, innovatively . . . and successfully.

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When the independently produced Return of the Socaucus 7 was first released last year, it did the kind of business that any lomm feature (blown up to 35) about a reunion of Sixties activists would do—disastrous. Rather than let it die a quiet death, however, independent distributor Specialty Films pulled Socaucus out of circulation, revamped its ad campaign and launched the film a second time. Socaucus went on to gross more than \$350,000 in Seattle alone and broke house records at two out of four theaters where it opened in the U.S. Shot on a miniscule budget of \$60,000 by director/writer John Sayles, who'd never looked through a camera before. Secaucus is well on its way to earning \$2 million.

Indie film distributors are the unsung heroes of the movie business. They've saved from oblivion many a film like Socaucus which lack big budgets, name actors and showbiz hoopla. It is the indie distributor who maintains virtually the only channels for these smaller, forgotten films that still possess the passion, intimacy and attention to matters of heart and mind that the big Hollywood films like Scar Wars sadly lack.

And the indie distributors control the release of those films made out-side studios, often saving them from certain box office death. The majority of indie distributors are small operations living by their wits; like guerilla fighters, they are often forced to employ unoversed to making Films has built a reputation making Films has built a reputation making When the independently produced Re

memory unconventional tactics simply to survive.

Working out of Seattle, Specialty Films has built a reputation making profitable propositions out of cult films like King of Hearts (starring Alan Battes), Harld & Maude (Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon) and Allegro Non Troppo (a spoof of Fantasia). The philosophy at Specialty, says manager Robert Bogue, is 'to distribute films that would normally not get seen but deserve to be seen for a particular reason." For example, Bogue says 'King of Hearts was an anti-war film really, but its sentiments weren't overt. We felt it was more effective that way." But, not all independent films are worth seeing. "Some distributors think hey can sell an indie feature film but often they're films no one wants to see except the people who made them. There's a lot of junk out there that doesn't deserve to be seen. Our films are marketable. And also have something to say. We are definitely capitalists—our job is to make money for our producers and a profit for our selves."



usually get about 30 percent of the profits after expenses are recouped—that may take a century," Bogue says. "We're usually after a 50-50 split after expenses are met. That's unusual. We don't always get that. We're also willing to take a lower split on a 'special' film."

film."

In the case of Secaucus, Specialty Ingreed to distribute the film in 10 major cities over the course of a year and spend a minimum of \$100,000 on prints, advertising and promotion. "A major studio would never make a commitment like that," Bogue argues. Secaucus was considered a tough sell because it lacked name actors, strabile. commitment like that," Bogue argues. Secaucus was considered a tough sell because it lacked name actors, graphic violence, sex and car chases and was concerned with aging Sisties radicals, not exactly a topic teenagers could relate to. "Studios just don't devote that kind of attention to any one film, not even in the special classics division at UA. If a film falls flat on its face after it opens, they'll pull it, cut their losses and move on to the next. They're handling 15-20 films at a time, as opposed to our one or two." Bogue estimated a distributor today needs a minimum of \$250,000 to cover costs of launching a film "wide"— in about 200 theaters. With such astronomic costs, studios often have no other choice but to drop a film after a poor showing. "We work very carefully and thoughtfully on every film we distribute. We don't abandon it just because it doesn't do well at first."

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abandon it just because it doesn't do well at first.

Specialty employs a carefullyorchestrated three-pronged approach to garner box office receipts. This consists of building word of mouth among youthful moviegoers, name familiarity and critical-acclaim. "When you've got all those, you've got amsaive success on your hands," adds Bogue. The method has worked even with documentaries, considered by Bogue and his contemporaries to be "the kiss of death in movie theatres." Yet Specialty was able to turn a profit on the 90-minute documentary The Man Who Skied Down Everest, about a Japanese fellow who did just that. "We made it seem like an event, an exciting prospect with a limit to its availability."

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Specially's next project is Spreet Mussic, a 90-minute feature about a street musician and a burnt-out social street musician and a burnt-out social

cisco Tenderloin hotel where they live. Screenwriter Jennie Bowen was inspired to write Street Music while working for Zoetrope Studios in San Francisco, located across the street from the International Hotel, a residence hotel for Asian immigrants. Scheduled for demolition by its Asian businessmen owners the Hotel became a cause celebre in the Bay Area. Like Specialty. First Run Features Like Specialty, First Run Features handles indie films for distribution

primarily to first-run theaters.

A New York firm, it's another to in troduce new concepts to the art of dis-tribution. Established and run by a tribution. Established and run by a cooperative of young filmmakers working under the aegis of Frank Spielman, an outspoken, silver-haired veteran of the film booking business, First Run strives to present what it terms "the finest in independently-produced American film." Its roster includes such highly touted films as Northern Lights (about turn-of-the-century South Dakota farmers fighting oppressive businessmen). Best Boy (a

includes such ingain douced mins as Northern Lights (about turn-of-the-century South Dakota farmers fighting oppressive businessmen). Best Boy (a loving portrait of the filmmaker's mentally-handicapped uncle). Adambrista (a true story from the point-of-view of an illegal Mexican immigrant by Rich Kids director Robert Young). Rosie the Riveter (on women workers contributing to the war effort) and Tree War at Home (studying the effects of the Vietnam War on the community of Madison, Wisconsin). First Run's films typify the wide spectrum of themes and styles that comprise independent films today—from documentaries of a political for historic nature to personality profiles and dramatic features. Though many of First Run's films have won prestigious film festival awards and even an Academy Award (Best Boy), engagements in first-run movie houses have eluded them, simply because they're outside the mainstream of Hollywood product. Indie films are usually relegated to the limited, "non-theatrical" market of colleges, museums and art houses. But First Run is one of the few distributors to aim for the commercial market of first-run theaters. It does this in an unconventional way. Traditionally, distributors pick up the tab for prints, advertising and promo, in exchange for a large fee and a cut of the profits. First Run, for a small fee (17-25 per cent), acts as a booker on behalf of

a film's producer who pays for prints and promo himself. With the enorm-ous overhead studios must maintain to distribute films, First Run, like Spe-cialty, has the luxury of not shelving a film if it performs badly. It can and often does try again to release a film until it goes into the black. In less than two years since its for-

often does try again to release a film until it goes into the black. In less than two years since its formation, First Run has scored a few distribution successes. Spielman locked The Wobblies, a film about the I'RW, into a Cambridge, Mass. theater for one week. The film performed so well at the box office that the theater owner ran it for four weeks. The Warr At Home has grossed more than \$100,000 around the country. First Run also broke into the the tough New York market with an imaginative strategy—it arranged for 17 of its films to be run over a three-month period at a Greenwich Village theater, thus dividing costs of advertising, promo and theater guarantees 17 ways, with hopes that interest culled by one film would spill over to another in the series. The plan worked to some degree—the films broke attendance records and grossed a total of \$126,000.

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films broke attendance records and grossed a total of \$125,000.

First Run's success is due to a grassroots approach to promotion, utilizing local groups and press rather than TV and radio ads to reach viewers. We have to do that because we can't afford to just throw a picture into a theater like the majors," said Spielman. "We're not looking for great amounts of money so much as we're looking for exposure. We're trying to raise the consciousness of people — let them know it's not a crazy thing to do—to go see these kinds of movies, and to show exhibitors that these films are commercial, and can make money."

San Francisco's Clark Communications is also experimenting with an innovative distribution method. Christende' Cinema Circuit, the plan is to distribute to colleges short topical films grouped into feature-length package, consisting of four award-winning documentaries: Workplace Hustle (a didactic docu-drama on sexual harassment, narrated by Ed Asner); Marathon Woman, a coolly objective potrtait of a 42-year-old Japanese runner. One Year Among the Many, an ephemeral but visually stunning memoir of a recently widowed elderly

woman, and Little Boxes, with folksinger Malvina Reynolds shot against Daly City's colorful rowhouses. The celebrated documentary Quills in Women's Lives, once part of the package, was eliminated due to allegedly unreasonable demands by its maker. In business since 1978, indie filmmaker Clark Communications of the color of the c

filmmaker Clark Communications came to national attention in May 1981, when a story on sexual harassment, appearing on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, mentioned its 1979 production Workplace Hustle The timing couldn't have been more perfect. Sexual harassment was a controversial issue spurring lawsuits affecting the pockets of American business. As a result, Clark was inundated with requests for Workplace from Fortune 500 companies. It has thus far sold a phenomenal 700 prints in five months. A film like Workplace ordinarily takes about 10 years to rent that illy takes about 10 years to rent that number of prints. Inspired by the windfall, Clark decided to create a dis windfall, Clark decided to create a dis-tribution network for indie filmmakers believing there might at last be some money in it for them too. Clark selected college campuses as its first target because colleges hadri't been approached with packages before, said Joseph Vogt, director of special proj-ects, himself a, recent college graduate in film.

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Many colleges, Vogt pointed out, are losing money on the blockbuster and not-so-blockbuster Hollywood features they screen. 'These films are usually paid for out of student activity fees,' said Vogt. Schools like UCA charge a nominal 75° or \$1 for admission but seldom are houses packed at these screenings because "everyone's already seen 'em at the theatres or on HBO or something like that.'

With Cinema Circuit, Vogt emphasized, 'we're giving schools a

phasized, "we're giving schools a chance to make money and also offer-ing our services in promotion, which no one else is really doing. Since

no one else is really doing. Since we're helping to get the press out, the posters, everything to make it come off, I can almost guarantee that if we work with them, we can make money."

The company is arranging to get films screened in "nicer" campus theaters rather than "in gymnasiums or in a room where a movie screen's been set up. That way, they can invite the community, who will maybe pay a buck more than the students do, to get involved with the school and also see the films."

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the films."

For the present, the fate of Cinema Circuit is uncertain as groundwork is still being laid, but Clark Communications continues to sell Workplace at the incredible rate of about 40 prints per month. "Woman Being" has been test marketed in the Bay Area to good results, said Vogt, who is hard at work contacting some 300 colleges nation-wide. Upcoming packages from the Circuit will focus on subjects like "Natural Highs" (on ballooning, hang gliding, other kinds of "natural" flying), natural healing (specifically, Norman Cousins' laughter therapy) and modern animation. The latter entails a package of slick commercials and rock & roll promo films with computer-generated graphics whose exposure has been limited for economic reasons. As for the future, Clark is attempting to hoe another tough row. "We're trying to get into the theatrical market, too" said Vogt.

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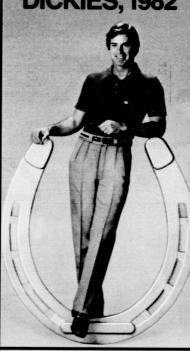
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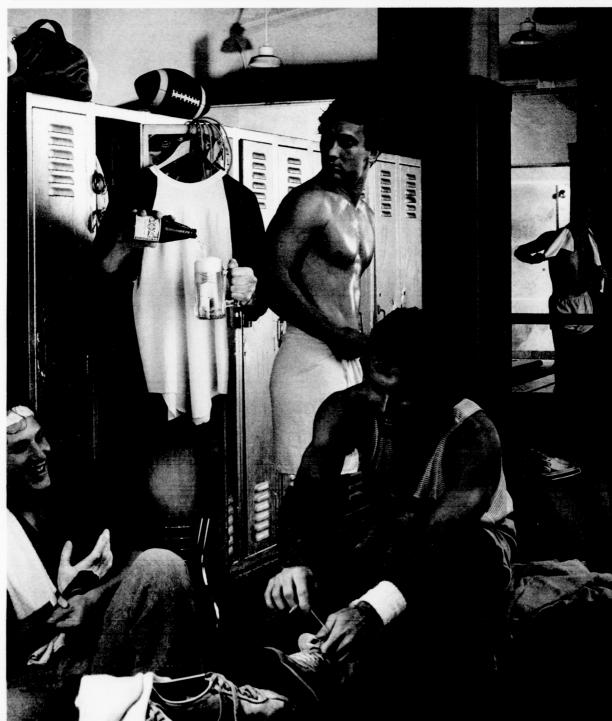
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