

READER REVIEWS

Comedy in Disorder

Currently playing at one local theatre or another is the Ernest Borgnine-Carroll O'Connor comedy, Law and Disorder. Rather, it's ostensibly a comedy. Mainly it's just a frightening look at New York City and how powerless its average citizens are.

If this is Ivan Passer's idea of comedy, I'd hate to see one of his tragedies. But it is true that there are some funny episodes in the picture, but on the whole, Passer seems to be desperately begging for laughs thru most of the film, and he never seems to succeed more than half-way.

The TV ads had me expecting to see a real knee-slapping funny-picture starring two of TV's top comedian-actors. And the opening half-hour almost lived up to the billing, but then things started to get too serious: like when O'Connor's daughter is attacked and Borgnine's son's bike is stolen in a couple of scenes that belonged

"Dirty Harry" than in a supposedly "fun" comedy. Mind serious social commentary in a comedy, as long as it doesn't interfere with the comedy and, as it does in this picture, actually kill the comedy, and the audience's very urge to laugh. By the time this picture began winding-up, I felt self-conscious about laughing at anything, even the funny parts, mainly because the underlying purpose of the film (to provide some kind of commentary on the Big City vs. the Little Man) got in the way of the superficial purpose of the film (ostensibly to provide entertainment).

This is a picture which you can't really enjoy, mainly because it's all too true. And there's nothing funny about life these days.

- Jim Bollinger

Grad student represents Capitol at Conference

Mr. Craig Zumbrum, a graduate student in the humanities program at Penn State-Capitol Campus recently represented the University at the annual conference of the Association of College Unions-International held at Frostburg State College in Frostburg, Maryland. Zumbrum is a resident of Middletown and is the representative for Central Pennsylvania to the ACUI Arts Committee.

The conference was comprised of colleges and universities from Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. In total 284 delegates represented 84 schools.

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development of college unions as functioning tools for the betterment of educational services in general.

Dr. William Bierbaum, President of the Staten Island Community College, New York, was the keynote speaker at the annual banquet. Dr. Bierbaum recently returned from a tour of Red China. His message focused on his observations of China, primarily the responsibility and pride exhibited by the students and workers, acting for the betterment of the people of China. Bierbaum urged for a renewed commitment to others, to follow the example of the Chinese.

WZAP AM's Love Radio

Anyone interested in joining the radio station staff for winter term may do so! All you have to do is fill out an application as soon as you get your winter schedule. Stop by the station for further details.

TOP 15 SINGLES

1. Whatever Gets You Through The Night - John Lennon
2. Tin Man - America
3. Back Home Again - John Denver
4. Longfellow Serenade - Neil Diamond
5. Jazzman - Carole King
6. You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet - BTO
7. Overnight Sensation - Raspberries
8. Can't Get Enough of Your Love - Bad Company
9. I've Seen The Saucers - Elton John
10. Carefree Highway - Gordon Lightfoot
11. Pretzel Logic - Steely Dan
12. Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd
13. It's Only Rock and Roll - The Rolling Stones
14. Pure and Easy - The Who
15. Bungle in The Jungle - Jethro Tull

TOP 12 ALBUMS

1. Walls and Bridges - John Lennon
2. Photographs and Memories; His Greatest Hits - Jim Croce
3. It's Only Rock and Roll - The Rolling Stones
4. Holiday - America
5. Not Fragile - BTO
6. Wedding Album - Cheech and Chong
7. Wrap Around Joy - Carole King
8. When The Eagle Flies - Traffic
9. War Child - Jethro Tull
10. Serenade - Neil Diamond
11. Second Helping - Lynyrd Skynyrd
12. Odds and Sods - The Who

By - ARCH

CORRECTION

In last week's "Reader Asks", we made an error in quoting Mr. Gary Sheffer. The Reader extends its apologies, and would like to print the correct quote, as it should have appeared: "Really I'm kind of hesitant about the present Congress. For Democracy to work, there should be a balance of both parties with equal power."

To A Friend

You're not the only one this world knows
There're lots of other way-out shows,
But all you eat is what you bake
You can't stomach my piece of cake.

We all try to show that we're all right,
But you're too busy shinin' in your own light;
Yet you seem to think it's all so fine,
As long as it's yours instead of mine.

Now I'm not sayin' that I'm too cool,
But I sure as hell ain't no fool;
And I stay off of your ten toes
While you don't look where anybody goes.

For once, try openin' up to see
There's more to here than just "dear old Me",
For when you splice your rope and I splice mine,
All the world will feel just fine.

-Romeo Trajanus

September Wind

-Jeff Steinfurth

September wind,
The highway's breath
Song of diesels
(throats of black smoke)

Early morning road
Black coffee and truck stops
And the golden thrill
of sunburst gone
to idle on
the asphalt dawn

(Grey shadowy)
Smear of September skies,
A dirty watercolor
My face is as
Long as the wind

Brush of fall,
Bristling wind
Coats summer with
a stroke
Dying leaves
And frozen trees
(Autumn breeze), the sweep
of seasons
Packs my bags
And blows me down
with leaves
Blows me down the
path

The road beckons,
And yet I hesitate
And yet I wait . . .

Pulling up the roots
Of twenty years,
Warm faces that
Will cool with time,
Friends that will
Become strangers,
A love that turns to
Frost
(Ice cold souls in
the winter wind)

The end is a beginning
(When seen by older eyes)
When seen by colder eyes
The eyes of time
and wind



First Coffeehouse Succeeds

On Friday, Nov. 8, Capitol Campus experienced the first of a series of Coffeehouses, sponsored jointly by Head Shop, Cultural Committee, Social Committee, and the Meade Heights Board of Governors.

Featured guests were Dick and Anne Albin, recording artists from Anchorage Kentucky, who played a variety of their own material based on their experiences and feelings. They were so well received by the crowd of 200, that they got a standing ovation, and did three encores.

Also featured was the Cumberland County Bluegrass Band, a local bluegrass band which includes Capitollite Mark Sherman. They really got the crowd into the right mood with some well-played, good, old-fashioned bluegrass music.

The Coffeehouse, besides providing some good entertainment for the people that came, also proved that you don't have to serve booze at a function to get people to come.

One final note: remember ... Tuesday, Nov. 26 is the Communal Dinner, put on every year by the Head Shop. There's a lot of food and a lot of fun for everyone. Sign up in Vendorville any time this week. Donation is a dollar. It is really worth going to.

SGA Parking Proposal

Having listened to the concerns of students over the past year, it seems as though one of the main tensions on campus is the parking situation. It is obvious that we cannot eliminate the \$7.50 parking fee and as Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death!" All joking aside though, the \$7.50 does go into a fund for the construction and upkeep of parking facilities at all commonwealth campuses.

It is obvious that many students participate in school activities which occur on the athletic fields or in the Athletic Building and Placement Center. In order to alleviate tension and bring about a more harmonious campus community, we propose the following:

We propose that there be offered an alternative sticker for those students who wish to use these areas but do not park in the school parking lot. This alternative sticker would cost \$1.00 and would be in effect after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and for the entire period beginning 3:00 p.m. Friday until Monday at 9:00 a.m. It would be available to commuters who do not otherwise register their cars and to residents who have restricted stickers.

In addition, we feel that the 15 minute parking zone in front of the Main Building should be available to all vehicles regardless of the sticker they display. People that have pressing business or emergency situations and will only be in the building for less than 15 minutes should have the RIGHT to park in front of their own school.

Respectfully,

Michael McAllister, SGA President
Russell Hogg, Vice-President