

Entertainment

'Aeon Flux' Stimulates America's Bored Minds

By Nicholas Felici

Just what is this "Aeon Flux?" Maybe a violent and sexual revolution in the animation world.

Mickey's dead, now get on with your meaningless self-righteous, pitiful lives and try to do something useful. Just the words Aeon herself would probably mutter in a low tone before lashing out with a round-house kick and leaping and flipping away.

"Aeon Flux" is the latest guest on MTV's "Oddities," a program featuring a different animation series every few months. Those who were fans of the earlier program, *Liquid Television*, might recognize the short, two-minute clips in which there was no dialogue, only intrigue. A somewhat censored and diluted *Liquid Television* form has been established as a half-hour long miniseries, airing every Tuesday night at ten. The glorified dominatrix also wears a little more clothing now that she's moved from late-night to prime time.

Peter Chung, the writer and creator of the eerie futuristic fantasy epic, uses complicated and twisted characters along with abstract animation. Although, his storylines and conflicts revolve around a relatively simple plot.

Aeon Flux cleverly strives to battle her rival and lover, Trevor Goodchild, who deliberately conceives schemes to wake up his tired and dreamless world of which he rules.

Trevor intends no harm to his people, and he presumes he is always correct in his attempts, no matter how futile or corrupt his policies are. The world which he watches over has fallen into an almost comatose state. No one cares anymore, nothing is done any longer, and people kill themselves with the realization and sudden disappointment of a paper cut.

Will is a lost element and desire is all but eliminated. All that exists is a missionary, an agent if you will, called Aeon Flux, a woman scorned and vengeful, trying to do anything in her capacity to overthrow Trevor and have intercourse with him. Usually her attempts at either one end up in violent skirmishes involving physical combat.

Chung's series is dynamic and incredibly original. He incorporates high-speed, high-definition dialogue which comes across very firmly and coherently.

His characters are structured as pieces of a grand puzzle. Each person is peculiar and sometimes nonsensical in their own framework, but symbolic and important in macro terms of our own world. This is made clear when especially concerning governments and their relationship with the people, and leadership towards the future.

Chung will most certainly have a bright future in the world of surrealistic animation.

We are not in Disneyland anymore. We are in *Flux*.

'Dead Presidents' Rises To Awaken Moviegoers

By Tim McLaughlin

The Hughes brothers have once again struck it rich in Hollywood with *Dead Presidents*, a hair-raising mixture of action, thriller, war story, and family saga.

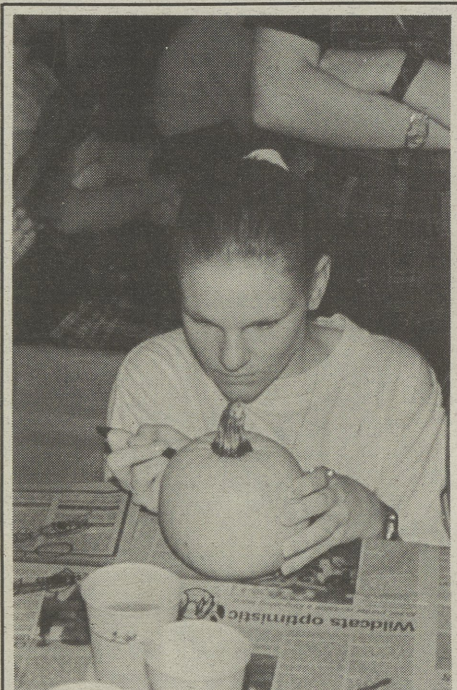
Dead Presidents follows the story of Anthony Curtis, a lower middle

class African American from the South Bronx, played magnificently by Larenz Tate. The movie follows his life, starting as a teenage numbers runner, through his four year tour of duty in Vietnam, and on to his eventual hardships after the war.

The film follows a feverish pace, beginning with a quick series of appalling and sometimes nightmarish Vietnam scenes and ending with an armored truck heist scene that would make Quentin Tarantino proud.

Several supporting actors turn in some memorable performances. Keith David gives a riveting portrayal of Kirby, a local numbers runner who takes Anthony under his wing. David steals one of the movie's funniest and ironically scariest scenes when he takes off his own artificial leg and threatens to beat someone with it. Stand-up comic Chris Tucker also turns in a subtle performance as Skip, a local heroin addict.

I recommend this film to anyone who believes \$6.50 is a reasonable price to pay to be thoroughly entertained. If you have a PSU ID card, then price shouldn't be a problem and you should definitely go to see this film. I strongly recommend *Dead Presidents* especially to those who were fans of the Hughes brothers' first film *Menace II Society*.



A Delco cheerleader decorates her pumpkin for the pumpkin painting contest. Photo by Janine Furillo



Athletic Director Tiz Griffith keeps her throwing arm warm at the pie-throwing contest. Photo by Pete Howawrd

Tall Blonde Helicopter Propels to New Heights

By Bernard F. Mount

Twenty-eight year old Irish singer-songwriter and guitarist Francis Dunnery is quickly making a name for himself with his second solo project.

Tall Blonde Helicopter is a quaint collection of fifteen well-written and enjoyable songs. Dunnery, through the use of his distinctive guitar playing, has managed to successfully incorporate rock, jazz, blues, and even the otherwise drab Irish folk influences into his music.

In songs like "Too Much Saturn," which Dunnery jokingly introduces as a song about "severe emotional problems," and "In My Dreams," which is written about his dog Colin, Dunnery's droll sense of humor surfaces.

Then there are Dunnery's clever lyrics. He asks for the meaning of his life and his emotions in the guitar-driven "The Way Things Are." Dunnery then wrestles with self-obsession in "The Johnny Podell Song."

Dunnery orchestrates his music with equal grace. Jazz influences ring through in the soft "Rain or Shine," while folk influences are apparent in "Sunshine." Dunnery plays almost every instrument at one time or another on *Helicopter*.

Between his interesting lyrics and his distinctive sound, Dunnery has developed a *Helicopter* that is a pleasant surprise compared to the generic-sounding music that tends to crowd most air waves.

Students Get Trapped Inside World Wide Web

By Melissa Patrizio

Would you like to view the newest videos, read the latest movie reviews and collect entertaining and educational information using your computer?

This and a lot more information is located on the World Wide Web (WWW), a division of the Internet. This network has a communications protocol called hypertext. When you enter a Website, simply click on the highlighted word which will transfer you to more sections of the same Website or to another anywhere in the world. Once you enter the WWW enter the address of the location (homepage) you want.

Some interesting WWW page addresses include Delaware Valley (<http://libertynet.org>): here you can read about activities taking place in the Delaware Valley, such as

movie times, the weather and good restaurants in the area. The Career Web (<http://www.cweb.com>) is a page where you can receive information on a number of different careers. This page is very useful if you are undecided about a major. MTV (<http://www.mtv.com/>) is a top music link on the Web. You can expect to find much of what you watch on MTV.

Perhaps one of the most widely used pages is Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>). This page includes information on states, entertainment, news, education and many more topics. This page also includes a word search engine which allows you to electronically search its list of 75,000 Websites containing the word of your choice.

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