## Affected by fowl individuals

"The Compleat Turkey," by Sandra Boynton, Little, Brown, and Co., \$3.95, 64 pages.

#### By STUART AUSTIN

Daily Collegian Staff Writer There seems to be a continuum of trivia (and a continuous flow of trivia books, incidentally) with one end representing almost worthwhile knowledge.

Along with much of your undergraduate gains in knowledge, this category contains such gems as: "There are more turkeys in politics than any other profession," "75 per cent of all licenced drivers are turkeys," and "Turkeys account for at rules, its beliefs are determined not by principles but least half the population of Los Angeles." Worthwhile? "The Compleat Turkey," by Sandra Boynton, goes beyond these mere cocktail-party-conversation-worthy succinities to best never to argue with a turkey. Turkeys are absolutely give the reader an in-depth look at just how much are lives are convinced of their intellectual acumen and absolutely inaffected by these fowl individuals. "There are turkeys in every walk of life. They are in your neighborhood, your school, your

So what are we to do about this infiltration of Melegrian giving thanks for.



situation, and a turkey never gives up." Also priceless is the chapter on arguing with a turkey: "It is capable of sustaining logical thought."

"The Compleat Turkey" also relates knowledge worthwhile to those keen on self-preservation when forced to deal with | Connecticut set. business, perhaps even in your home. It is not a pleasant professional turkeys, turkeys at parties, and turkeys in love. How Boynton managed to infiltrate the turkey ranks sufmorals into our society? "The Compleat Turkey" gives us", ficiently to gather such a compendium as "The Compleat invaluable information, a coop-wise scoop, a battle plan worth Turkey" is not known. Nor is it known how she avoided the seemingly inevitable conversion to turkeyhood, being around The book gives us five rules of identification of turkeys: "A them so long. What we can say for sure is that anyone who rarely present famous faces. Since they turkey spends a great deal of time improving others, it takes wishes to keep their tail feathers out of turkey business should are one-shot deals, they cannot rely on its work very seriously, it considers itself exempt from any read "The Compleat Turkey.



"More How to Speak Southern," by Steve Mitchell, cartoons by Scrawls, Bantam, \$1.95.

By P.J. PLATZ Daily Collegian Staff Writer Didj'all eveh notice how funny them Suthan-lack folk tawk? Yew hain't? Wahl, hit's high tyhme yew did. Steve Mitchell, with some raht ribticklin' cartewns by some'un named

All done up in a alphabit style (ta An' vew'll ennjoy it shure 'nuff zmuch as make lookin' the wawrds up more easier), this heah lil' gem uva book may come in handy nixt tyhme yew go down Saoth fer the winner er whateveh. Dezaynd as a seequ'll to "How to Speak Southern," which mo' than a million of yew good ol' boys and gals went out and boat, "More. . ." covas th' wawrds neva befo' understanable to Damyankees Wawrds lack:

pack of beer."
Youtny: Do you want any. "Youtny more combread?" Chekatawlfarya?: An expression that is rapidly disappearing because of the An' this heah's the perfick book ta larn stations in small Southern towns. It ya: "More How to Speak Southern," by translates "Check that oil for you?" Deppity: A county law enforcement officer, "Bob's a depoity shurf." Yessuh, yew, tew, cin speak Suthan!



#### Thumbing pan-galactic highway

Retard: No longer employed. "He's

by Douglas Adams, Harmony Books,

**By STUART AUSTIN** Daily Collegian Staff Writer The most important piece of information needed for trans-galactic

hitchhiking is the phrase emblazoned on the cover (at least of the extraterrestrial edition) of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy:" DON'T PANIC. The Earth edition, authored by one Douglas Adams, former "Monty Python" writer, radio producer and chicken shed cleaner, is a chapter in the

life of one Ford Prefect, correspondent for the galactic edition (revised). Prefect, who is travelling across the galaxy by thumb, stops on Earth to

update the "Guide" 's entry, planning to stay for a few weeks, but getting stuck without a lift for 15 years. In the interim, he meets Arthur Dent, basically a charming fellow who moved out of London because it made him "nervous and irritable." Poor Mr. Dent is about to have his house knocked down to make way for an

expressway. Prefect steps in, not to stop Dent's house from being demolished, but to pluck him from the planet moments before it is demolished by the Vogons, an intersteller construction crew who are building a pan-galactic expressway. So now Prefect is again on his way across the galaxy, accompanied by a confused Dent. To help Dent understand the Universe into which he has been unwittingly thrust, Prefect provides him

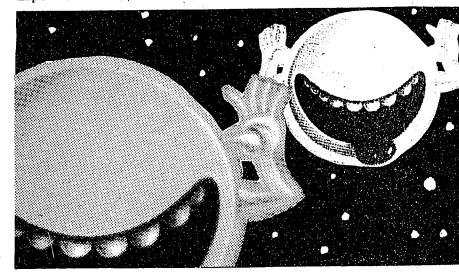
with the "Guide." The "Guide" contains almost everything one needs to know when traveling cross-galaxy on less than 30 Altarian dollars per day. It mentions alcohol: "The best drink in existance is the Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster. . . the

"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," brains smashed out by a slice of lemon Galaxy, who has just stolen the most wrapped round a large gold brick." revolutionary spaceship ever made, and It talks about art. "Vogon poetry is of is cruising the galaxy looking for course the third worst in the Universe. something. Precisely what is, of course, The second worst is that of the Azgoths unknown even to him. of Kria. During a recitation by their Poet Master Grunthos the Flatulent of his' whom Dent had tried to pick up at a poem 'Ode to a Small Lump of Green cocktail party in Islington just weeks Putty I Found in My Armpit One Mid-before, and Marvin, a chronically

> died of internal hemorrhaging, and the driod," and two very significant white President of the Mid-Galactic Arts mice in the company of Trillium. Nobbling Council survived by gnawing one of his own legs off. "Grunthos is reported to have been answer to Life, the Universe, and disappointed' by the poem's reception, Everything. He also learns what was the and was about to embark on a reading of purpose of Earth (until it was his twelve-book epic entitled 'My destroyed). He also finds out that even Favorite Bathtime Gurgles' when his with astronomical odds against, some own major intestine, in a desperate coincidences will still happen. attempt to save life and civilization, leaped straight up through his neck and chhiking out near Betelgeuse, if you

throttled his brain." Earth: "Mostly harmless." still feels terribly lost about the whole "Breakfast of Champions," pick up thing. Eventually he gets to meet "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy." Zaphod Beeblebrox, President of the Andremember: Don't Panic.

On board are Trillium, a young lady summer Morning' four of his audience depressed robot, the "paranoid an-What may be some consolation to Dent is the fact that he eventually learns the So if you're planning to do any hitwant to find the Answer/the meaning of The "Guide" also has an entry about Earth, if you believe in incredible coincidences, or even if you just want to This is little consolation to Dent, who read one of the funniest sci-fi books since



#### Koren's cocktail-party platitudes

socially committed radical.

behind me with these feelings?

of oh-so-earnest pop-psych jargon.

If you can recognize this kind of talk.

carefully groomed image of myself as a wine, no doubt.)

Well now that my cover is blown, now wit can come through where

that I'm out of the closet, I can continue "Platitudes" can lounge in midair next

with the review. I hope my being up- to "Truisms," where a "Banality" can

front with you is helpful. Can you get fight it out with a "Commonplace," as

you'll get along just fine with Koren. His many wonderfully revealing scenes like

cocktail parties are filled with this kind that particular party. It will make you

Koren's characters are most com- Koren let's us glow with satisfaction at

"Well, there's your problem," by Ed- bitter pill to swallow! There goes my without their little glasses (of white ward Koren, Pantheon, \$8.95. By JOHN PROTEVI **Daily Collegian Staff Writer** 

Do you have a secret passiod for the cartoons in "New Yorker" magazine? If you are like me, you look forward to doctor appointments just so you can read them in the waiting room. If you do share this admittedly rather strange fancy, Edward Koren's new book "Well, there's your problem" should be much to your liking. A collection of Koren's "New Yorker"

1980, "Problem" examines the uppermiddle classes of the Manhattan-The reason mine remains a secret passion is due to the peculiar nature of magazine cartoons Magazine cartoons are a different breed. Unlike political cartoons, they

that should be instantly identifiable. If this identification does not occur a cartoon is just a drawing, just as a misunderstood joke is just words. "Stop by the Sebmlebm and get me a six-So what I'm confessing is some kind of hidden identification with the those trendy and self-conscious urbanites. Sort of a closet bourgeois fixation. What a

fortable mingling at cocktail parties, seeing through the cliches of these which seem to be their native habitat. people, he also makes us ruefully admit cartoons from the years 1976 through We also meet them on the sidewalk or in he has caught some of our own

"Well, there's your problem" has

laugh, but also squirm, for as often as

## gasoline shortage, but one that still may be heard by baffled Yankees at service stations in small Southern towns. It

"The Whole Whog Catalog" by Victor highly recommend that you do what I cosmically sarcastic to the for-the-man-Langer, Leslie Anderson and Bob Ross did. Go to the bookstore and leaf through who-has-everthingish type stuff, all with preface by Chevy Chase, New York the book. Times Books, \$6.95, 128 pages.

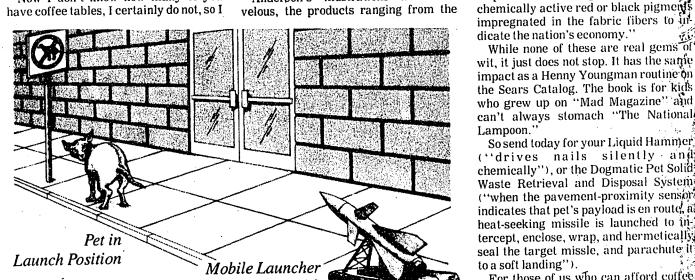
Daily Collegian Staff Writer preface in the front and that's it. masterpiece" that he claims it to be.

You'll get a half-hour of giggly en- Whole Whog tips and piggish puns. tertainment and still have seven bucks "Save water by putting a canned ham left over to take a date to the movies. To in your toilet tank. Depending on the size By BRIAN GAMERMAN quote Chevy's preface again, "Money of your ham, you'll save up to two Chevy Chase has nothing to do with the talks." Funny books do not. "The Whole Whog Catalog." Someone This is a one shot funny book. It is not cool until you're ready to open and glued his face on the cover and stuck his quite chock-full of visual puns, satirical serve." preface in the front and that's it.

Even though it is in no way connected

consumerisms, word plays and some
stuff that strangely resembles that page

The book's apparel section features such items as the Bible Belt, the with Chase, it is still the "coffee table" in Popular Workbench or whatever. The Suburban Turban and The Executive. "products we'd like to see" page. Anderson's illustrations are mar- chips woven throughout tie electron 'Now I don't know how many of you



Heat-seeking Missile

dicate the nation's economy." While none of these are real gems of wit, it just does not stop. It has the same impact as a Henny Youngman routine on the Sears Catalog. The book is for kids who grew up on "Mad Magazine" and i can't always stomach "The National Lampoon.' So send today for your Liquid Hammer ("drives nails silently and chemically"), or the Dogmatic Pet Solid Waste Retrieval and Disposal Systems, ("when the pavement-proximity sensor? indicates that pet's payload is en route, at heat-seeking missile is launched to intercept, enclose, wrap, and hermetically seal the target missle, and parachute it? to a soft landing"). For those of us who can afford coffee tables, it's a real treat. Otherwise, wait

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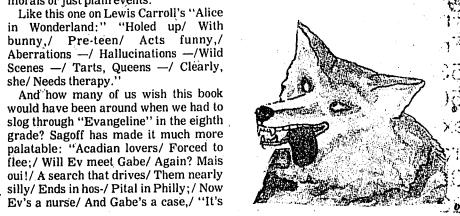
Workman Publishing, \$3.95, 111 pages.

By P.J. PLATZ Daily Collegian Staff Writer There are so many damned good books n this world to be read for leisure, pleasure, or class that it's infinitely difficult to find the time even to get through one of them. You know the ones: 'Moby Dick," "Jane Eyre," "War and Peace," "Lolita," "The Joy of Sex." (Well, there are some you don't really need for class. . .) If this sort of thing has become a

perennial problem with you, then may I suggest Maurice Sagoff's "ShrinkLits," a handy little book containing "70 of the world's towering classics cut down to grade? Sagoff has made it much more Here we have not only a delightful

slog through "Evangeline" in the eighth palatable: "Acadian lovers/ Forced to flee; / Will Ev meet Gabe/ Again? Mais little fun thing to be read before beddy- oui! / A search that drives / Them nearly bye time, but a useful compedium of a silly/ Ends in hos-/ Pital in Philly;/ Now terary information, quick Ev's a nurse/ And Gabe's a case,/ "It's

'ShrinkLits,'' by Maurice Sagoff, title/author/character references, and a you!" (Who else?)/ A brief embrace illustrations by Roslyn Schwartz, good guide to cocktail party chatter as Ere each must die/ Bereft of spouse well. There are also lots of cute little There's not a dry/eye in the house." What fun! Now you can put away notes and your novels the base of t pictures by Roslyn Schwartz accompanying many of these cute little tidpoint in your sixties), but your Cliff's Shrinklits themselves are little poemy Notes as well. Besides, the Cliffs don't things that give the jist of all that's needed concerning either characters,



#### 'Somewhere' in Never-Never Land of love

Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Did you ever dream about love? Was it i filmy-eyed fantasy-world of pastels and penny candy, smiles and soft words, and kisses on a warm summer night? that world of perfect love, back to a dismal reality, knowing that those soft, warm bodies of your Never-Never Land are gone forever? Is there anything

more frustrating? In "Somewhere In Time" that frustration is taken to the extreme, an infinitely recursive pattern of simultaneous existence in the dream world of vestervear and the not-sodreamy world of today. Christopher Reeve is a playwright

who, on the opening night of his first

production, is given a beautiful pocket watch by an old woman who tells him, "Come back and find me." Eight years later, still puzzled by the incident, he finds out that the woman was an actress who reached her heyday in 1912, and who went into decline after a production at the Grand Hotel. Coincidentally, Reeve finds this out while staying at the Grand Hotel. He

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Seymour) and instantly falls in love. story. Time is his only obstacle. that, it's about average for a love story, "Somewhere In Time" is an enwith an enjoyable touch of tasty Somehow Reeve overcomes this joyable enough love story, and has hurdle, and imbarks on a wonderfully hidden in it an enchanting logical Then did you wake up from that dream, sweet romance back in 1912. How he paradox with respect to time, if you care The acting, like the plot, is okay: Reeve made a great "Superman," but

Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve

discovers an antique photo of the actress does this is not the mainstream point of to think about it. It has an unexpected (played by the incredibly beautiful Jane the film; this is a love story, not a sci-fi twist of fate which has horrifying (but fascinating) consequences. Other than

> here he can't fly. Seymour, apart from being stunningly attractive, actually can act with feeling (and all that other good stuff). One thing that is not just okay is the cinematography.

The camera technique is characterised by frequent split-screen shots with the focus largely off-center, some jumpy, rapid shots, and some anguishinly slow pans. Why such daring camera work was used in an otherwise ordinary film is not clear, since its effect was pleasing though minimal. Some scenes seemed too drawn out; whatever the desired effect was, it got lost. So it worked out to an overall average of just

There is, of course, a way out for the perfect lovers in "Somewhere In Time," who live only in a timeless dream world. There is that one dream from which you

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