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Landesberg captivates full house

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The University Concert Committee proved by sponsoring Steve Landesberg that comedians can be just as entertaining as rock groups.

Landesberg captivated a nearly full house in Eisenhower Auditorium Saturday night, leaving them with a lasting impression of his uncanny wit and charm.

Landesberg got an ironic chuckle from the crowd when he referred to State College as one of the biggest college towns he's been to. At one small-town school, he said, they pointed out to him, "There's our Jew over there." I didn't know if I should pick him up and squeeze him, or what," he said.

In an abstract prejudice joke, Land-

esberg got an enormous response when he said "Liberal arts... that's kind of like majoring in nothing, isn't it?"

He also got chuckles when he compared Paris to Pittsburgh, and took a few jabs at Altoona, as well.

In the few quiet moments of the show, Landesberg's facial expressions (especially when he jokingly posed for the cameras) were as effective as any funny line in the monologue.

Landesberg imitated gravel-voiced Barry White, using some of his "creative" verses: "Oh baby, baby. Don't leave me, baby. Right on, right on." In a request for Gregory Peck as Joe Paterno, he told the football team to "go out and hurt somebody... except for the Italian kids." He even paraded around the stage like the Vi-

lage People.

A substantial part of Landesberg's material dealt with being Jewish. He said he had once commented on TV that there were no Jewish farmers, and then the only Jewish farmer in America, "some schmuck with a bb gun," wrote and complained.

Landesberg proved through audience participation that he could be just as funny spontaneously as he could with written material. When someone asked him what it was like to use cocaine, Landesberg thought a moment and then responded that when you do too much cocaine... "you get brain damage, like you have."

When asked to say something dirty, he coolly replied, "No." He didn't want to offend anyone just to get a laugh. But, when Landesberg was talking about a show he once did, and a fan

yelled, "You were good," Landesberg couldn't resist. "Thank you...so were you." It was enough to satisfy the crowd.

Landesberg didn't hurt anyone's feelings; he didn't defame anyone's character. He just had some fun with the crowd and made them laugh about things they could relate to—it got him an overwhelming ovation at the end of the show.

No one can describe the type of humor Landesberg has. It's not just his material; it's a combination of stage personality, intelligence and a need to be funny and to communicate with your audience at the same time. Maybe someone else couldn't have pulled this off, but Landesberg had no trouble. He had the audience in the palm of his hand, and they loved it.



Steve Landesberg seems to be having as much fun during his performance as the audience was. It wasn't hard to enjoy Landesberg's cool, subtle humor.

Cartoon:

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The local band Cartoon will be giving a farewell performance for their many ardent fans at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the HUB Ballroom.

Known for an acoustically based sound dubbed "new folk music," the band members—Randy Hughes, Jon Rounds, Kevin Dremel and Glenn Kidder—have been campus favorites for much of their three-year

existence.

Formed for the Arts Festival three years ago, the original group consisted of Kidder, Hughes and Dremel. The response was so good that they decided to play together regularly at the local bars. Guitar player Rounds joined the group after he heard them do a cover of his song, "Carolina One Time" and invited them to record in the studio. In their short existence they have accumulated quite a local and statewide following, being voted

the most popular band at Penn State in a recent poll.

The reasons for the breakup are varied, but a clash of personalities is not one of them. "We're going out basically with smiles on our faces and pats on each other's backs," Kidder explained.

Rather, as Hughes pointed out, it was a conflict of musical styles and expectations of both the band members and the music business itself. As Dremel explained, "with one person

you have one opinion, with two people you have three opinions and it just exponentially increases from there."

"Now that there are six people actually involved with the band, I think we have 403 opinions," Kidder added.

Kidder felt that he could put up with the somewhat bizarre and grinding life of the band if he saw some payoff in the future. However, the group found that their music has been given the fatal label of "non-commercial"

by the music industry. As a result, the group has had trouble getting extensive radio play and club dates from other than local or regional sources.

"The people in radio, in the music business in general, aren't willing to take risks anymore," explained Dremel. "They want everything in a formula."

"It really goes against you not to sound like SuperREUSpeedrampwagon," Hughes, who is also Cartoon's manager, joked.

Now that the band is breaking up, Dremel said he plans to do a solo tape. After completing that project, he promised himself that he would put away his guitar for six months and get involved in other things.

Kidder hopes to write a book that will deal with some of his experiences as a social worker. Hughes hopes to go to Europe and investigate its music community for possible jobs, while Rounds will probably stay in the area.

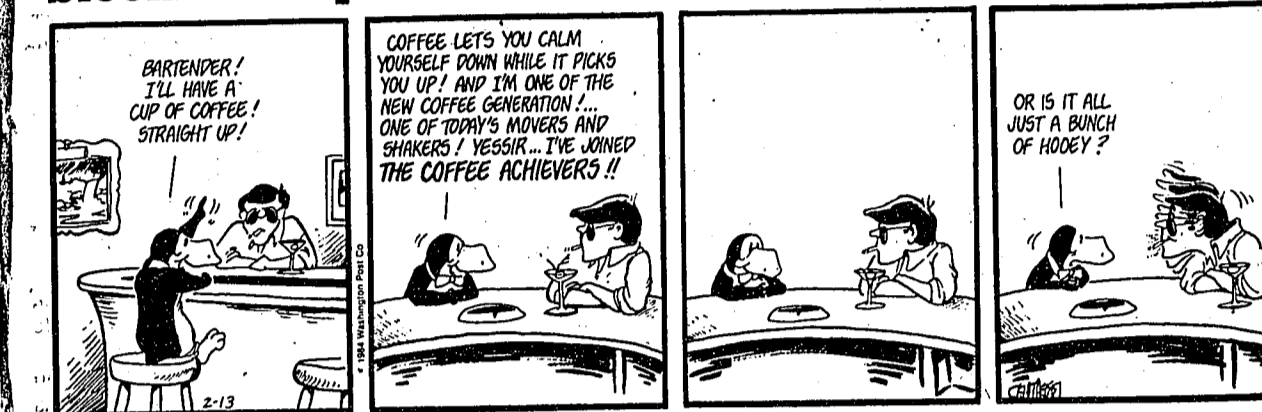
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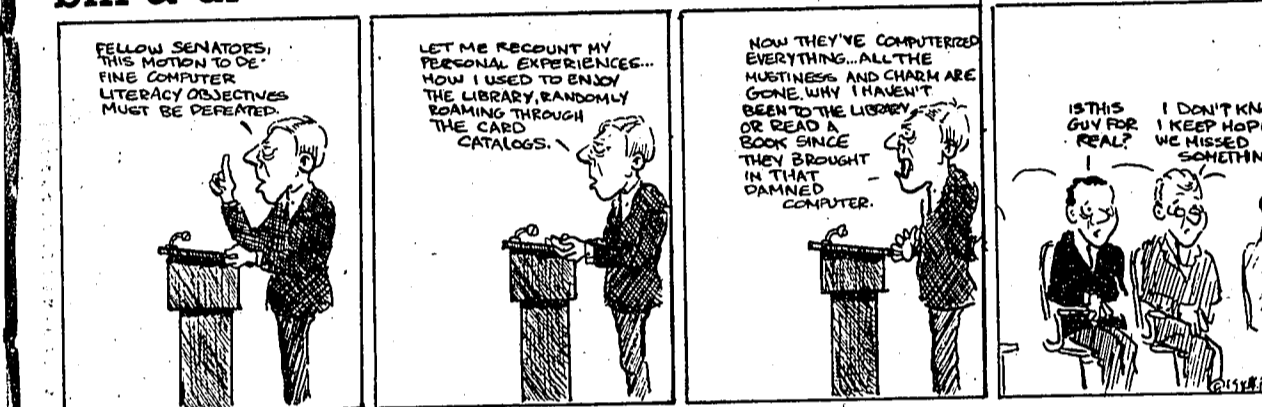
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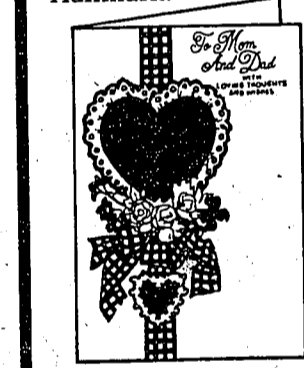


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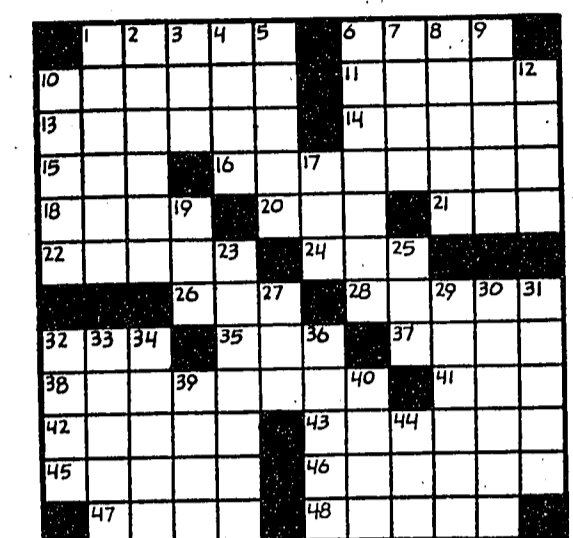
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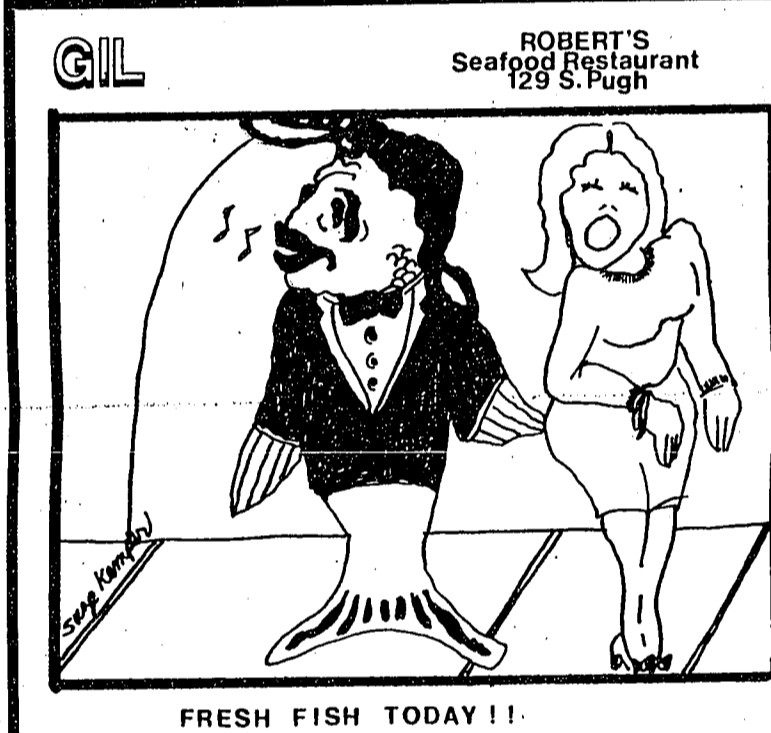
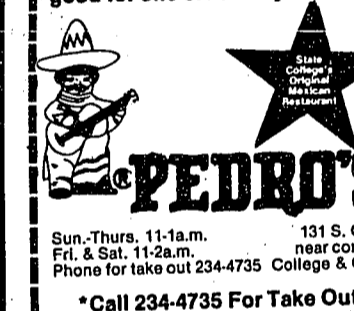
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