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October 20, 1997

Regis Extends Beyond Classroom



Photo by Amy Lewis

Anonymous Regis student, sophomore, discusses plans for Halloween and other social events outside of the classroom with the Wicked Witch of the East.

Time with the Folks!

Help our elderly neighbors with a few household needs.

Grocery Shopping **Gardening**

Saturday, October 25
9:00 to 12:00 A.M.

Sign up in Loyola 12 or call 458-3550.
Breakfast provided!

★ Trick or Treat

This year's annual Safe Halloween Trick or Treating will take place on Halloween from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors:

As a number of students have implied, the issue surrounding Dr. Maly is broader than the details involved. Regis claims, in written context, to support the motto "Men And Women In Service of Others." Many students have taken an active role in support of Dr. Maly, and consequently, they have been told that they are wrong. Are these students not utilizing their knowledge of Dr. Maly's achievements, most notably Faculty Member of the Year last year, in service of Dr. Maly, or is Regis simply stating that students should act in service of others so long as it does not pose opposition to the politics of the university?

Furthermore, as a student at Regis, I constantly hear professors discuss the need of students to learn how to support their opinions and not merely state their beliefs. On the other hand, these students, in service of another, have without objection, supported their arguments with information the university has given (at least in rhetoric) importance to, specifically, Dr. Maly's teacher evaluations, and more importantly, their experiences with Dr. Maly. These students have been criticized, by members of the faculty and staff, for their actions. Fine, but why? The students have supported their claims, it's time for the university to support its claims.

I have not had any association with Dr. Maly, but do understand what it feels like to have a teacher that cares, as I'm sure most of you do. This letter is for those professors.

Thank You,
Sean Cronin, Senior

Editors' Beat

Safe Places to Talk

Nicole Haas & Deryk Standing

As a follow up to last weeks issue on National Coming Out Month, the Highlander staff wanted to provide some resources for students who have questions or issues about their own or others sexuality. The following is a brief list of people and organizations that will offer support and dialogue about homosexuality:

- Dr. Karen Adkins - Philosophy x4954
Campus Ministry - x4153
- Dr. Kevin Maly - Communications x4970
- Dr. Sharon Nepstad - Sociology x4913
Personal Counseling - x3507
- Dr. Alice Reich - Sociology x3551

Each of the above sources is more than willing to speak with students on issues of concern or curiosity surrounding homosexuality. With that said, the invitation to discussion of issues on campus remains continually open.

R.A.G.S.

Film Night:

Beautiful Thing
Wednesday, Oct. 22
at 8:00 P.M.

in Coors Life Direction Center

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Questions, concerns, or comments should be directed to Nicole Haas and/or Deryk Standing, Editors-In-Chief, at 964-5391 or at 3333 Regis Boulevard, Mail Stop 1-8, Denver, Colorado 80221.

Alpha Sigma Nu

Kristina Schnur

Alpha Sigma Nu is the Jesuit National Honor Society. The name Alpha Sigma Nu is a derivation of Aselphotes Scholastikon Nikephron—Greek for “the company of honor students.” Currently, there are 30 chapters in the United States and one at Sonang University in Korea. Only 4 percent of a university’s student body is admitted in an academic year.

Therefore, acceptance into Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors a student at a Jesuit university can receive.

Alpha Sigma Nu identifies students who exemplify the Jesuit ideals of scholarship, loyalty, and service. Candidates for acceptance are not chosen solely on the basis of their GPA. Members are chosen on how well they articulate an understanding of the Jesuit educational philosophy and mission, and furthermore, how well they integrate or apply


this philosophy and mission in their individual lives through service to others.

Regis uses a democratic selection method. All juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or above received a letter of invitation and application. Ten Regis professors will blindly grade and critique the submitted essays. Next, the Alpha Sigma Nu officers and members, along with Fr. Dunphy, the college advisor, will select the top 4 percent of the essays.

Alpha Sigma Nu applications and essays

may be turned in to the President’s Office by 5:00 PM on October 27th. If you are a junior or a senior with a GPA of 3.5 or above and have not received an invitation, please check with Patti Schoeninger in the President’s Office. Patti will have the list from the Registrar’s Office; if you are on it, she will have the materials you need to apply for membership. Best wishes to those who apply. We look forward to your company.

Going Home?



Cheap tickets. Great advice. Nice people.

Council Travel

CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange

1138 13th St. Boulder	(303) 447-8101
University Memorial Center, Rm 164, University of Colorado Boulder	(303) 444-3232
900 Auraria Parkway, Tivoli Bldg., Ste. 203, Denver	(303) 571-0630

Don't Be a Victim

Alma Meeker

In case you haven't heard, Personal Safety Awareness week at Regis starts October 26th and ends October 30th. I would like to personally invite everyone to attend two events in particular, “Ending the Silence: Women and Violence” and “Seeing the Signs: Gang Violence”.

In the last five years, rape has increased by five percent, yet, it is still the most underreported crime. It's estimated that as many as ten rapes occur for every one reported. It's time to stop being victims and start speaking out. We must make it known that Regis is not a place where rape will be tolerated or covered up. “Ending the Silence: Women and Violence” will take place Monday, October 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. It will feature a candlelight vigil from the Coors Life Directions Center to west Hall as well as information concerning rape, battery, patterns of violence in relationships, and what you can do if a friend is a victim. The program is free and open to all students, faculty, and staff. Bring some friends, a candle, and lunch.

The Regis community is no stranger to gang activity. It's ugly and it's intimidating. Do you feel safe walking or running alone after dark in this neighborhood? If you answered no or even if you hesitated, there's a problem. The problem is fear and violence. How do we as a community (or a nation for that matter) stop senseless violence from becoming our reality? “Seeing the Signs: Gang Violence” takes place on Wednesday, October 29 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the Faculty Lounge. The Regis community will host the Gang Rescue and Support Project (GRASP), a non-profit group comprised of former gang members. GRASP will present an informational workshop on the identification and prevention of gang violence. Learn how not to be a victim from former victimizers. Help stop violence before it stops us.

If you have been the victim of violence, be it rape or physical assault, please call Personal Counseling at 458-3507. You can also call 1-800-656-HOPE for help.

Monday Night

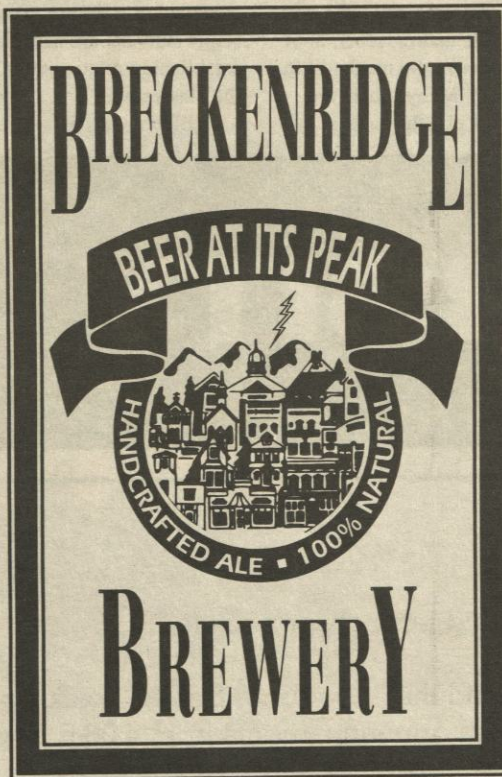
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Night

\$1.00 for 10 oz.

9:00 p.m. to Close



Late Night

Happy

Hour

Everynight

\$2.00 Pints

9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Avalanche Games

\$2.00 pints

\$.50 ten oz. every time they score

Door and Raffle Prizes

Faculty & Staff Forum

Students Do Make a Difference

Megan Mahoney

The presence of Regis students at Skinner Middle School is making a significant difference in the education of middle school students in Northwest Denver. If you enter Skinner Middle School, chances are you will run into a Regis student, faculty, or staff member. Skinner is fastly becoming one of the strongest partnerships that Regis has in the Center for Service Learning, Athletic, and Education departments.

This semester, almost 100 students from Regis are volunteering time for personal fulfillment as well as to satisfy course requirements in service learning or education at Skinner Middle School. Although most students are involved as teacher assistants or tutors, many are involved in a variety of activities which we hope to expand in our continuing relationship with Skinner.

This semester, close to 65 students are working at Skinner or with students from Skinner through the Center for Service Learning. Together, the students have contributed over 320 hours to be trained to assist teachers, tutor students in reading with "Skinners Great Kids" tutoring program, and to reflect on their experiences in group meetings. The Mens Basketball team contributes a large amount of time and expertise in conducting basketball clinics at Skinner.

The Cascade Project is a mentoring program in which students spend each Tuesday afternoon with a group of Skinner students in group activities. Rollerblading and visits to Chucky Cheese describe a couple of

afternoons that the Cascade group has experienced thus far. When asked what motivates him to spend a Tuesday afternoon with middle school students at Chucky Cheese, Mark Ware answered, "I look at it as a chance for me to be a kid and it gives the Skinner students a chance to build a relationship with someone they ordinarily would not have had contact." "Skinners Great Kids" is an after school tutoring program designed to promote the reading levels of Skinner students. Tutoring takes place at the Boys & Girls Club, 1/2 block south of Skinner.

A couple of students are working with Peg O'Malley, the school social worker, observing her office, assisting with paperwork, and accompanying her on home visits. Mary McCafferty, a sociology student, finds Ms. O'Malley's office fascinating as she observes her relationships with students and the problems they are experiencing. Brett Kramer is working with Ms. Ramirez, the school nurse, in talking with "sick" students to figure out if they just want to go home to escape classes. His role, in part, is to emphasize the importance of staying in school. Brett also experiences a lot of one-on-one contact with students in a special ed classroom "reclaiming what I take for granted by teaching the students how to write in cursive or look up a word in the dictionary." Several students assist Kate Shaffer, seventh grade math teacher, after school in tutoring individuals who need a little extra help with their work. Many others are working in Maria Solano's eighth grade

literacy class.

The "Skinners Great Kids" program is designed to promote students' reading levels with one on one tutoring throughout the year. Skinner students and Regis tutors meet once a week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday after school. The connections between the students and their tutors have been great. A couple of Regis tutors took their students home to bake brownies. One Skinner student asked me if he could come to the Boys & Girls club every night for tutoring. When I encouraged him to do so and told him that I would find other tutors for him on other nights, he answered "No. I want to work with my tutor!"

The presence of Regis students at Skinner is proving to be a very positive and powerful one. It is an essential relationship in terms of considering the current dropout rate of Hispanic students. According to the October 20, 1997 issue of U.S. News & World Report, "The dropout rate for Hispanic students nationwide is 30 percent-nearly three times the rate for whites and twice the rate for blacks...the greater problem is the handicap to learning in any language. One third of Hispanic children live in poverty, and like many inner-city children, they start school at a substantial disadvantage: They rarely attend pre-school, and their parents, often ill-educated or illiterate, cannot read to them." Regis students are addressing the problem by establishing relationships that extend beyond the classroom.

Elaborating on addressing the dropout

crisis, the U. S. News reports, "...a solution is likely to come from the schools. The black dropout rate plummeted once schools focused on it; to have a similar impact on Hispanics, teachers must go beyond the classroom to counsel at-risk students and thir families." Regis students can influence these middle school students in a way that older adults cannot.

With an age difference of only a few years, the middle school student sees a college student as a person with whom it is easy to relate and who has an understanding and acceptance of who they are. Many children of Skinner Middle School may not live in situations that emphasize the importance of education or encourage the possibility of attending college. The opportunity to connect with and relate to a college student can have a dramatic influence on the choices a middle school student may make concerning the educational direction of his/her future.

LIMITED ENROLLMENT!

MEXICO TRIP

RS 350: Introduction to Christian Service: Mexico Project

Application packet available in Loyola 12
Due by 5:00 P.M., Nov. 4, 1997

UNIVERSITY DATES

October 97

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- October 24, 1997, fall mid-term grades mailed.
- November 3, 1997, attend the "Graduate Salute", pick up cap and gowns, order class rings and personalized graduation announcements from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center in the Mountain View Room.
- November 11, 1997, attend the "Graduate Salute", pick up cap and gowns, order class rings and personalized graduation announcements from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center in the Mountain View Room.
- November 10, 1997, 1998 Spring preregistration for Regis College begins.
- November 14, 1997, Degrees posted for summer graduates.
- November 19, 1997, 1998 Spring preregistration for Regis College ends.
- December 8, 1997, finals week begins for Regis College.
- December 14, 1997, Baccalaureate Mass, 9:30 a.m. in the Coors Life Direction Center.
- December 14, 1997, 1997 Winter Commencement Ceremony, at 1:30 p.m. in the Regis Fieldhouse.
- December 16, 1997, final grades mailed out.

Faculty & Staff Forum

**The Role of Athletics
in an Academic
Institution**

Thomas A. Duggan, Ph.D.

We have lost our innocence. The classical ideal of *mens sana in corpore sano*, a healthy mind in a healthy body, so fervently espoused in Greek and Roman literature and handed down through the centuries to be embodied in the study halls and playing fields of Eton, gambolings on the greenswards at Oxford and Cambridge, and ultimately enshrined in the proud universities of the New World that inherited that tradition, has been put to shame if not thoroughly and enthusiastically laid to rest. The "healthy mind" has for some time become the precocious brain enlisted by lucrative government and corporate grants as the hired gun in the service of industrial and military eco-terrorists promising to make the world safe for freedom and markets. The "healthy body" has evolved into the not-too-civilized sports entertainment barbarian, agent and lawyer in tow, able to turn miracles of biology and anatomy into commercial spectacles for identity deprived consumers. Yes, we have lost our innocence. Perhaps it was nostalgia for an imaginary innocence. Perhaps we were never really touched by grace. Perhaps it is time to rip the masks off those false fathers who pretended to be stirred by the mock ideal, wear our badge proudly, and admit that university education is, and frankly, always was thoroughly tough-minded; an all-too-brief, intense preparation for the serious business of

commerce, success, and smart consumption.

And yet, somehow, the ideal is still legible through all its heavy-handed erasures. There is something in us that the ideal gives voice to, something that wants to say, "Life is too serious to take any of its single parts too seriously." Let us play! Let us play together! If we have not learned to play exuberantly and with exhilaratingly consuming passion before, the university is the place where we should be so schooled. To play with ideas in wild, laughing, wondering abandon, back and forth, exploring the boundaries of our multiverse in this universe of embodied texts and intertexts: that is "leading-us-out," that is education. And to let our bodies play with the limits of our world, risking immersion into joyously strange, unconventional, non-serious forms of life and practices, calling each other into the dance of grown-up children: Dionysius cavorts with Apollo, only in the university where the ideal still beckons.

Only in the university? No. If Dionysius is permitted to make Apollo romp and Apollo is permitted to design ever fresh schemes on which to expend Dionysian energy, if the academy and athletics can call human beings into their full, playful, dialogical, social humanity, there is a chance that the excellence and beauty of that humanistic tradition, ever ancient, ever new, may be recovered and see fulfilment even in this time, the only one that is genuinely ours. There is a chance that we can become new beings with a new sense of health and new tastes, the likes of which, that world, which gravely believed we were intently preparing to fit into it, may find itself surprised to receive. This will happen only if the academy and athletics can suspend their separate seriousness and attend to the health of emerging human beings, with the hope of humanizing in turn the dollar that pays for them.

Get Over It Gena

Are You Out There?

Gena Gaumer

SWF into watching obscene amounts of TV, sitting on her butt, eating tons of crap covered with artificial cheese flavored powder, prone to being bitchy, with a mean sense of humor, seeks gorgeous male who has a strong desire to serve and who doesn't mind paying. No psychos, please.

We've all seen them and some of us have even responded to them: those modern match-makers called personal ads. As though Denver's most attractive, intelligent, and sane singles are really going to be found in the same part of the newspaper in which one would find a '77 Pinto for sale. Call me a cynic, but you know the ads where people go on about what beautiful, attractive people they are, and how all they want is a Pamela Anderson look-alike?

Get a clue, for God's sake, because I guarantee, if they look like Pamela Anderson, they are probably not searching through the

singles ads looking for a Saturday night date. I mean, I am not exactly the Queen of Social Life, but you stand a better chance of finding a winner in the Marv Albert fan club chatroom. Not to mention, if you're so hot, what are you doing reading a newspaper? Shouldn't you be able to find dates in normal places like tasteful bars and dance clubs?

As a final point, I don't really believe that many people really like to work out so much or are really that outdoorsy. Let's be honest now, you don't really want the type of person who would respond to that ad. Do you really want to go out with someone with whom you will spent your first date doing extreme mud hiking or playing Australian rules rugby? Dates are fun, but severely injuring yourself doesn't need to be a part of the equation.

One more thing: Any parties with an interest in the above mentioned SWF can contact me through the Highlander office.

And Then There's Brewski's

Jeff Audino & Sean Gordon

What can we truly say about the pub? Well, for starters, it ain't no Disneyland. But the sights and attractions are very worthwhile. It's where the people are nice, with coffee on ice, KRCX playing tunes. There's a large T.V. screen, and a pool table of green; where we relieve our stress between classes of duress. The bar is open from six to ten, Monday through Thursday, if you've money to spend. This is where the brew is 3.2, for me and for you, on tap or in a glass; the taste is out-classed. Though you won't get drunk, you'll have a blast. So go down to the pub (say hi to Vic and Don), you'll enjoy the coffee—its a bomb. We'll see ya there!

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Regis Recognized

Stats That Speak for Themselves

Darcy Fehringer

It is impossible to say what's good about Regis without pointing out that, as of Thursday, October 16, the women's volleyball team has a 19-2 record overall, and is 10-1 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Thirteen of the team's wins were scored in just three matches. (Volleyball FYI: the winner of the game is the team which wins three of the possible five matches.) Their other six wins took just one more match.

And the players themselves? Head Coach Frank Lavrisha said, "We have experienced players, good athletes, and a great team chemistry. There's definitely a camaraderie, and they're working toward a common goal, which helps."

Junior outside hitter Shannon Nelson leads the team in kills with 317 for the season and 4.594 per game, and leads with 25 service aces. Junior setter Melinda Almazan averages 12.397 assists per game, clocking in a whopping 843 total for the season. (Almazan has also already earned the #5 rank in Regis' career statistical leaders with 2,440 assists in her college career.) Junior middle hitter Jeanine Dwyer comes in second in kills, with 244 for the season and 3.536 per game, followed by senior outside hitter Sarah Sharpe, who has 213 in the season and 3.179 per game. Sophomore outside hitter Nikki Van

Reusen pulls in after Nelson with 21 service aces for the season. Dwyer and sophomore middle hitter Merian Middleton lead in blocks with .783 and .700 per game.

These stats speak for themselves. Lavrisha simply stated, "We're on the same page, we're working hard, and we're competing well." The team set a goal at the beginning of the season: to do at least as well as last year, which was a 20-12 record, finishing 3rd in the division. However, they also decided to approach the season one match at a time, instead of getting lost in a big goal (like going to the Elite 8 in Orlando or winning the national tournament).

The accomplishment of the season that Lavrisha is the most pleased with is that "we've combined being a good team with being consistent. We've beaten some great teams." And, he adds, "It's a great group of people. It's been fun, not only to win, but to spend time together."

What's good about Regis? A winning volleyball team that aims high but takes their season one step at a time. A winning volleyball team made of team players. A winning volleyball team which has not lost at home this season. So go see what's good about Regis—make your way to a game—you'll see amazing teamwork, intense ball, and most likely, you'll see them win.

Sport Clips

Women's Volleyball

RECORD: 19-2; 10-1 RMAC PLAY

CONFERENCE PLAY

REGIS def CHADRON	3-0	REGIS def METRO STATE	0-3
REGIS def C.C.U	3-0	REGIS def CO MINES	3-0

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

REGIS def N. CO	3-0	REGIS def CHAMINADE	3-1
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- SHANNON NELSON LEADS TEAM KILLS WITH 317.
- MELINDA ALMAZAN LEADS TEAM DIGS WITH 258.
- SHANNON NELSON IS IN CLOSE SECOND IN TEAM DIGS WITH 254
- JEANINE DWYER LEADS TEAM BLOCKS WITH 18.
- REGIS HAD A 17 MATCH WINNING STREAK; ITS LONGEST WINNING STREAK SINCE 1991.
- REGIS IS RANKED FOURTH BY THE AVCA.

Women's Soccer

RECORD: 6-6-1; 4-2-1 RMAC PLAY

REGIS def S. COLO.	5-0
REGIS def NEW MEX.	3-1
REGIS tied C.C.U	1-1
REGIS def N. CO	0-3

- DANIELLE THORN LEADS TEAM SCORING WITH 11 GOALS.
- BROOKE HEID LEADS TEAM WITH 4 ASSISTS.
- DANIELLE THORN LEADS TEAM POINT TOTALS WITH 11 GOALS AND 1 ASSIST FOR A TOTAL OF 23 POINTS.
- GOALIE SHAKIRA ANDERSON HAS 53 SAVES.

Men's Soccer

RECORD: 10-4; 6-3 RMAC PLAY

REGIS def W. TX A&M	4-3
REGIS def C.C.U.	2-1
FT. LEWIS def REGIS	1-0
UCCS def REGIS	3-1

- MALTE FISCHER LEADS TEAM SCORING WITH 9 GOALS.
- JIM VAN NATTER LEADS TEAM WITH 6 ASSISTS.
- GOALIE SEAN RICH HAS 62 SAVES.
- MALTE FISCHER LEADS TEAM POINT TOTALS WITH 9 GOALS AND 5 ASSISTS FOR A TOTAL OF 23 POINTS.
- JIM VAN NATTER IS IN CLOSE SECOND FOR TEAM POINT TOTALS WITH 8 GOALS AND 6 ASSISTS FOR A TOTAL OF 22.

Ones to Watch

NAME: Shannon Nelson
YEAR: Junior
SPORT: Volleyball
POSITION: Outside Hitter
NUMBER: 9

PERSONAL: Shannon comes to Regis from San Diego, California. In the '96 season she played in all 33 matches. For this '97 season, Shannon is an All-Region candidate. She has lead the team in kills all season. She adds great athletic ability and volleyball experience to our Regis squad.

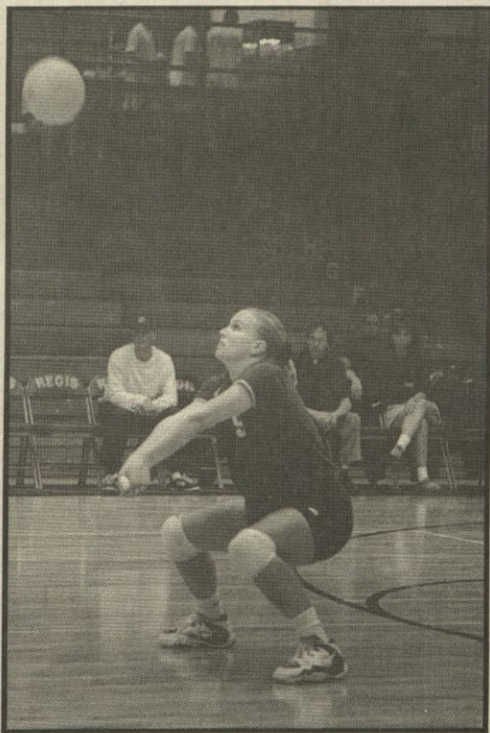


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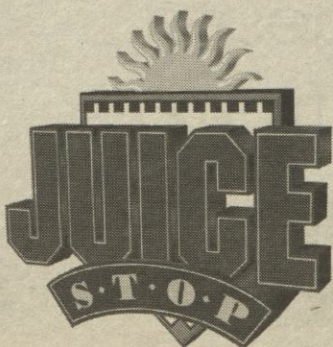
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Cirque Wows

Brian Andrews
 There is no way to give Cirque du Soleil's performance of Quidam an appropriate write up. The performance leaves everyone speechless throughout--only once it is over does anyone say a word. The audience is held in perpetual awe at each new act. The stage flashes with various dances and spectacular music that add to the show. No matter what anyone tells you about this show it will be an understatement. For close to three hours, scarcely anyone in the audience can find his or her voice; all that is heard is thunderous applause and whistles.

While it is difficult to single out particular performances, Statue Vis Versa, Isabelle Vaudelle, the Diabolos, and Banquine, stand out as the most spectacular of all.

Statue Vis Versa consists of two individuals who balance themselves on top of each other in various poses that seem only possible in plaster or some other fixed medium. This act is the most spellbinding of all. Throughout their whole performance you could hear a pin drop. Just how do you balance a person's shoulders upon your own shoulders? Sounds impossible? It can be done along with other miraculous ways to balance one body on another.

Isabelle Vaudelle performs aerial contortion in silk." Two large drapes that are hanging from the five tracks that are suspended 120 feet above the stage. The tracks allow for the quick and easy removal of performers while your attention is turned to the next performance on the stage. Vaudelle, wrapped in a cocoon of silk, makes moves that any gymnast would be proud of.

"Diabolo" is the Chinese term for yo-yo. It is a juggling art form that involves holding two sticks attached to a string. On the string, performers slide and toss a musical wooden spool. The Diabolos are the youngest performers at Cirque. They are four young Chinese girls whose skills continue to amaze the audience.

Banquine is an amazing conclusion to the show by fifteen Slavic men who perform unreal acrobatics. These acrobats build pyramids and leap through maneuvers that seem impossible. One man jumps from the top of a pyramid onto the hands of two others and lands standing on his feet. In another move, an acrobat jumps from the shoulders of one performer onto the top of another making a four man column that looks as if it will touch the top of the tent.

It is almost impossible to describe the feats these performers accomplish. There is only one thing to do and that is to go see this show and applaud wildly with everyone else.

Going All the Way Goes Half Way

Brian Andrews
 Going All the Way focuses on Sonny Burns (Jeremy Davies) and Gunner Casselman (Ben Affleck) as they return home from the Korean war in 1954. Gunner and Sonny attended high school and college together. Both are from different sides of the track, therefore, they rarely spoke before Gunner spotted Sonny on the train ride home. Gunner was the quintessential jock in high school who got a college scholarship. Sonny was the nerd. While stationed in Japan, Gunner gains a new perspective on life.

Now that Gunner has new priorities, he sees Sonny as a good person and, much to our surprise, strikes up a conversation with Sonny when he notices him on the train. With his new outlook on life, Gunner reminds me of Trent from *Swingers*. He is an all-around good guy who, after the war, looks out for Sonny back home in Indianapolis. Sonny reminds me of Mike, the one who needs a little direction, although he is more dependent on Gunner than Mike was on Trent.

In the beginning, Sonny is questioning the friendship because he is not sure whether or not he can trust Gunner yet. Gunner's past popularity makes Sonny question his reasons for hanging out with him. This questioning is quickly put to rest when Gunner's old clique from high school surfaces. Sonny feels out of place and wants to leave, but Gunner instead leaves with Sonny, ignoring the old friends.

Some of the funniest parts of the movie come from Sonny's parents, best described as "God fearing." That may be an understatement. His mother continually talks about God and decides that Gunner is a bad influence on her son. Mom is not afraid to tell Sonny this. She even brings a reformed convict into their home to preach to Sonny. One night, the preacher is sleeping in Sonny's top bunk and catches Sonny masturbating.

This film is about Sonny finding himself with the help of Gunner who pushes him to do things that were unacceptable in the fifties. Sonny eventually gets to do as he wishes and we like him all the better for it.

Although there are some funny parts, the movie seems to move slowly at times. This does not detract from the movie in the end though. This movie is something you will enjoy if you enjoy this type of coming-of-age movie where a character tries to find himself.

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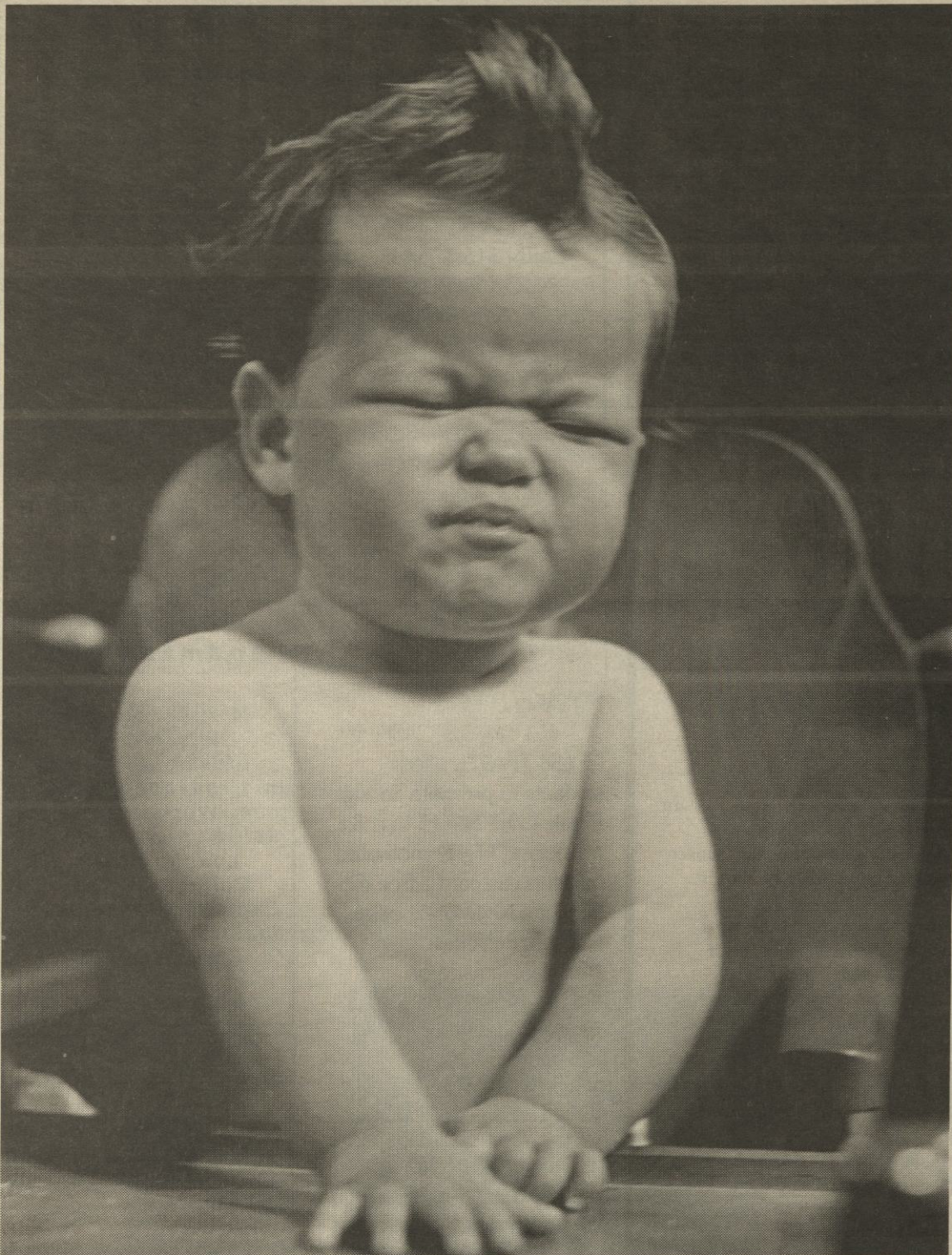
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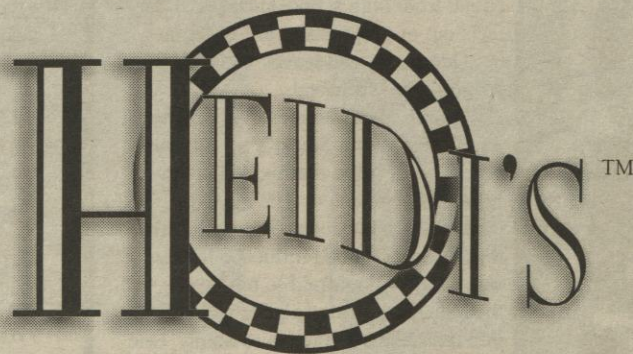
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