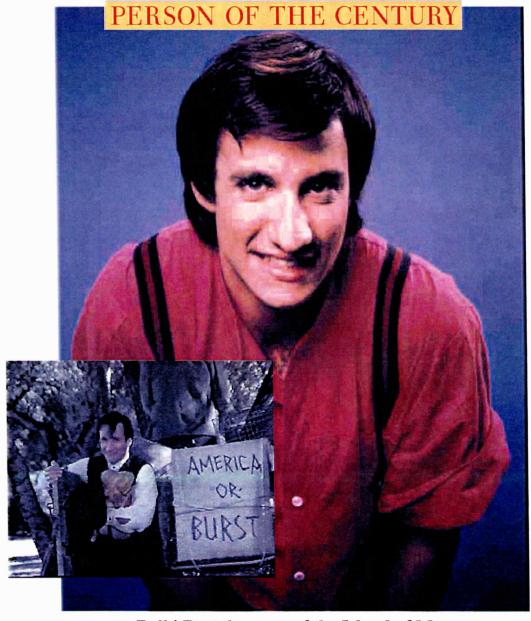
THE ATHENIAN

CWRU's Lampoon



Balki Bartokomous of the Island of Mypos

Dear Readers,

Every university we know of has some sort of humor publication for the enjoyment of its students. Harvard has its *Lampoon*. Stanford has its *Chapparal*. The University of Michigan has its *Anti-Daily*. Case Western Reserve has nothing. That is, until now.

We recognized the desperate need for this school to laugh once in a while. It takes itself way too seriously. We noticed this need almost a year ago when we tried an offbeat humor column called *Dumping Ground*. It failed miserably. Why? Because we were told that *The Observer* was a serious publication and that everything would be taken literally. People would be offended by satire and sarcasm because they would take our words at face value.

Fine. If we couldn't make people laugh through a humor column in *The Observer*, we would simply have to create our own magazine that had satire as its goal. It cannot possibly offend people or be taken literally, we hope.

Our goal is to make you laugh...and in extreme cases....think. We have not made CWRU, PanGeos, or your beloved bookstore the butt of any of our jokes. Instead, we poke fun at celebrities, pop culture, and current events. Social institutions and highly recognized people are our targets. We realize a lot of the satire in here may be pushing the limits. Our goal is not to insult people. Its to make you laugh. If you find yourself taking this seriously, here's a trick that may help. Take it as an April Fools Issue of The Observer. (There's only one difference. We're funnier.)

We hope you can appreciate our effort because this was not easy. Hopefully, this publication will become a fixture at CWRU.

Thanks,

The Editor

Our Name:

Why the hell did we name it THE ATHENIAN?

CWRU's mascot is the Spartan. I was always taught in school that Athens was better than Sparta. The Spartan is strict and narrow minded (in essence, he is a moron). The Athenian is liberal and open minded. In addition, it just seems like he would have a sharp sense of humor. HA! HA! I bet you're not laughing. (Try naming a magazine. Its pretty tough.)

We could have easily named our magazine POOP, but we have to pretend we are a semi intellectual magazine to remain in existence and recieve funding.

WE NEED WRITERS!

If you're interested in writing for us, then contact:

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Thanks to everyone who helped out (including those who approved our existence).

The explanation to our cover: It was tough choosing the Person of the Century because there have been so many capitivating people who could have defined our lives. We narrowed it down to Mr. T, Arnold from Different Strokes, Tom Wopat, Balki, Pamela Anderson, Lion-O, Jem, Strawberry Shortcake, and Fat Albert. Balki won because he symbolizes what this country is all about. Immigrants came to this country in the earlier half of the century and laid the foundation for this country. Balki's journey from Mypos to Chicago captured the essence of this struggle. We know that Coozin Larry would be proud.

New Development in JFK Jr. Crash Investigation: Kennedy was Not Piloting Plane!

The plane crash that killed John Kennedy Jr, his wife, Carolyn Bessette, and his sister in law, Lauren Bessette, may not have been Kennedy's fault. Authorities have confirmed that an unlicensed pilot named Launchpad McQuack was flying the plane instead of Kennedy. Upon closer examination, Mr. McQuack's body was found wedged in a region of the fuselage that investigators neglected to look.

The wreckage found by the United States Coast Guard was further examined after Mr. McQuack's former employer, penny pinching jillionaire Scrooge McDuck, reported him missing. Mr. McQuack had piloted "Mr. McDee," as he affectionately called McDuck, and his three nephews on many treasure seeking expeditions. Kennedy may have been impressed by this fact and subsequently hired the unqualified duck to fly him to Martha's Vineyard for his cousin's wedding.

Launchpad McQuack had a very shady history when it came to flying planes. He was extremely prone to crashing, especially into the sides of mountains. In fact, Mr. McDuck claimed that Mr. McQuack only landed a plane successfully once when McQuack worked for him. When we asked McDuck why he continued to allow McQuack to fly his planes, McDuck, a reputed cheapskate, replied that McQuack's services were completely free of charge. Kennedy apparently paid for McQuack's services with his life.



Right: The duck who flew Kennedy's plane. He enjoyed crashing planes, according to his former employer, Scrooge McDuck. Left: "I paid for Launchpad's services with my life," laments the recently deceased Kennedy.



Local Woman Arrested for Illegal Wiretapping and Estrogen Deficiency



Local Woman? This alleged woman was arrested for lacking estrogen, a hormone that allows females to look like females.

Little Elian signs a 10 year, \$145 million deal with the Yankees.



"It has been my lifelong dream to play baseball for the Yanquis de Nueva York," says an excited Elian.

Russell Stover Candy Company Announces Recall In "ChocolatePoop Mixup"

The largest candy recall in history took place yesterday as the Russell Stover Candy Company announced that there was a "chocolate-poop" mixup. The Russell Stover Co., which usually buys its chocolate in giant vats like those seen in Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory, suggested that they accidentally purchased a giant vat of crap. Quality control workers were apparently all off duty at the time the putrid "chocolate" passed through their inspection facilities.

When asked why anyone would want to sell them a giant vat of feces, the CEO of Russell Stover suggested, "Maybe it was those bastards at Whitman's. They are always trying to subvert our operations. I wonder how they would like it if the Messenger Boy tasted like dog sh-t." Others suggested that this was a disaster waiting to happen, given the fact that their factory is located right next to a waste management facility. Factory workers do recall that the candy did smell especially "nauseating" as it passed by them on the assembly line.

The entire situation was brought to the eye of the media after a housewife who eats chocolates all day on her couchat home bit into a piece of "chocolate." Before she bit into it, she noticed that it smelled bad, but she just thought it was herself because she hadn't showered in several weeks. She knew something was wrong when she started to vomit. But she attributed the vomiting to her bulimia. Then she was about to take another bite of the "chocolate" when she noticed chunks of corn in the candy instead of caramel. She called the toll free number for quality control, complained of the chocolate not having caramel, alerted the media, and then went back to watching *The Young and the Restless*. She finished the box of chocolates....err...poop-coated corn.



Not even celebrities like Pauly Shore were immune to the chocolate-poop mixup. Pauly Shore, here, was pictured after devouring a box of chocolates.

Callista Flockhart Claims She Is Not Bulimic



"I am not bulimic.
I just have this
thing with food. I
throw up when I see
it. I throw up when
I eat it. It seems
like peristalsis and
I just don't get
along. Excuse me,
my esophogus feels
like its burning."

Puff Daddy Wishes There Were More Fat Rappers He Could Kill to Enhance His Career.



Puff Daddy, above, enjoyed unprecedented success after he killed Biggie.

"I would really appreciate it if you could inform me of any fat rappers out there. My career is really sagging right now. You know what would be really cool...if Notorious B.I.G. had a twin brother. Wouldn't that be da bomb?"

THE DIALLO VERDICT: Officers Celebrate Acquittal By Drinking 41 Shots.

Officers Sean Carroll, Kenneth Boss, Richard Murphy and Edward McMellon celebrated their acquittal yesterday by drinking 41 shots at a local New York City bar. Although the bartender thought drinking 41 shots was excessive, they continued to drink without any discretion. They drank one round. Then they drank another round. They kept on drinking rounds until their glasses were empty. When one of the officers pulled out his wallet to pay for the drinks, the other three officers shot him.

TODAY'S FORECAST



In the Northeast, a Kennedy will be killed, kill someone, be admitted to Harvard, or be arrested. New York will suffer from a torrent of terrorist attacks, alien attacks, asteroids, and meteor showers. There will be a guest appearance by King Kong. In the heartland, several school shootings will take place with a slight chance of massacre. California looks to be warm and sunny, but there a 50% possibility of natural disaster as well as a few wild police chases. The Southeast will have perfect weather for drug smuggling. The Deep South, there is a chance of precipitation and hate crime. Seattle will have rain. There will be fogginess along the U.S.-Mexico border: ideal conditions for illegal border crossings.

Indian Spy Faces Espionage Charges

(New Delhi, India) – An operative of the Indian government faces punishment by the United States for reconnaissance activities. The Indian secret agent's name was undisclosed, so we'll just refer to him as "Jagdish." Mr. Jagdish was apprehended by FBI in a Washington D.C. public school's classroom attempting to steal "birth control secrets." A fifth grader noticed a strange Indian man fly into his classroom on a magic carpet. He then proceeded to another child's desk, which contained a copy of a Houghton Mifflin Health textbook. Mr. Jagdish kept tugging on his bow tie over the pages in the book that contained information on condoms, IUDs, sponges, and abstinence.

The suspicious fifth grader, well versed in current events and world diplomacy put two and two together. The youngster, an avid fan of the 60s spy show Get Smart!, immediately alerted the FBI authorities. When the youth was asked how he knew to call the authorities, the juvenile explained his reasoning. He said, "I know that India has a problem with overpopulation. When the suspicious man walked into the classroom, I immediately noticed the "bow tie camera." Then I knew he was trying to steal birth control secrets from us. I waited until he pulled the Health book out of my friend's desk. Then I knew for sure." This precocious youngster will be awarded a honorary Congressional Medal of Honor by Secretary of State Madeline Albright on the White House Lawn.

The Indian government denies any ties to the "spy." Currently, India's top scientists are attempting to perfect the condom, which they have just discovered. The reason for the lack of progress in the field of birth control is due to most of India's top scientists coming to the United States- a brain drain. This creates a void in Indian laboratories that sharecroppers and peasants attempt to fill. In the mean time, the world's largest democracy will keep getting larger.

Osama Bin Laden: A Real Swell Guy. He's Misunderstood.

A few weeks ago, we caught up with Osama Bin Laden. He is being tracked by United States Authorities over allegations of terrorism. U.S. Authorities have a wrong conception of this man. He's really a good guy at heart. A few misunderstandings, that's all.

TA: So you like to blow up sh-t, correct?

Bin Laden: No, its not so much sh-t as it is buildings and bridges. I have this thing for New York City landmarks. Those are what give me most pleasure.

TA: So you admit you're a terrorist?

Bin Laden: No. You have me all wrong. See, this is what's wrong with you Americans. You always jump to conclusions. I am in the demolition business.

TA: Oh. Geez. So you blow up buildings to make way for bigger and better buildings?

Bin Laden: And parking lots. Don't forget parking lots.

TA: And all this time I thought you were a bloodthirsty fundamentalist bastard.

Bin Laden: Many people think that. I'm just a regular guy. I drink beer. I watch football. I like steak. I enjoy watching *Baywatch* because I like their captivating plot sequences. Did you know Mitch and the crew moved to Hawaii. Now its *Baywatch Hawaii*. Can you believe that? Hobie is all grown up now. It just blows my mind.

TA: Yes. Their plots are excellent. I agree there. Yeah...Hobie is a big fella now. Be frank with me, Osama. There are many buildings that were supposedly blown up by you. However, they were not supposed to be demolished when we talked to the owners. So how would explain the buildings that weren't supposed to be blown up?

Bin Laden: Oh. Those. Is that what this is all about? Those were prank calls. These crazy American kids call my company and tell my workers that some building needs to be demolished, so I go there and destroy the building. Then I find out the building was full of people and wasn't supposed to be demolished. Its happened several times already. I gotta get a Caller ID. I can't work like this anymore. Damn kids (sniffle, a tingle tear running down his face and getting lost somewhere in his welcoming beard).

TA: Don't cry, Osama. Its ok. It could happen to anyone. I understand. You know what? I am gonna go on a crusade to clear your name. You're really a swell guy. Come over to my house sometime, will ya?

Bin Laden: Sure thing (sniffle...sniffle).. Likewise. You're welcome here anytime, homey. We can watch *Baywatch* on my big screen Toshiba and marvel at the amazing plots that David Hasselhoff writes.

TA: Sure thing. Sure thing.



Above: Osama Bin Laden. (He makes me call him "snoop" cause we're pals.) This man is truly misunderstood. You can't help but feel sorry for him. He is a hard working man trying to make his demolition business succeed. But prank callers have prevented him from doing so.



Bin Laden is a huge Hasselhoff fan. He owns all of David's CDs and watches Baywatch twice everyday, once on USA and again on Fox.

Texas Legalizes Use of Medicinal Cocaine

Texas Governor George W. Bush signed a bill to legalize the use of cocaine for medicinal purposes. This is a highly controversial move on Bush's part following revelations that he had himself snorted the 'Big C' an undisclosed number of years ago. Members of the media fired a barrage of questions at Bush regarding the details of his youthful indiscretions. Bush did not make any clear statements about why he signed the bill to legalize what he calls "nose candy." He said that "it would be a shame for a person to die because they didn't have their 'medicine'." He said that if he was in that situation, he would "want someone to administer a moderate dose of 'charlie' to prevent my death." He denies that he was planning to fake a coma, so he could get some free 'coke.'

Many suspect that the irresponsible, playboy Governor had some ulterior motive. Inside sources have revealed the motive behind his cocaine legalization was to open Texas up to harder drugs such as heroin, crank, goofballs, ozz, and heart-freeze. When asked if he had used any of these harder drugs, Bush's replies started to become Clinton-esque. He stated that if he were to "urinate into a cup, send that sample to a lab, and the lab technician drank the urine, the lab technician would not get high."

Bush finally put the reporters to rest with the following statement: "I realize that I have made some mistakes in the past. But I've learned from them. I've cheated on my wife. My mistress was 'lady snow.' Yes, I was addicted to 'gold dust,' but that was a very long long time ago. I don't want to give children the impression that its okay to do 'joy powder,' and that's why I haven't been completely frank with you about my dependency on 'basuco.' The point is that I do not approve of my activities last week. Drugs are wrong, especially 'star dust.' With that, I would like to make a message to the children of America. When you put on your D.A.R.E T-shirt, remember that Uncle George said drugs are wrong." Bush's speech was cut short when he complained that his nose was burning, his heart was racing, and that he felt extremely dizzy. He was rushed to the hospital were his "personal doctors" claimed he was in a coma.

Right:
Mistaking
the child
for
cocaine,
Governor
Bush tries
to snort
the child.



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Hey Kids! Read this Article. Its About Pokemon!*

(North Pole) – Were you wondering why you didn't get what you asked for this past Christmas? You probably thought to yourself, "Its either because I was really "bad" this year or the fact that Santa Claus was gunned down by an unstable elf." We are sad to report that Santa Claus was murdered in cold blood on Christmas eve.

Saint Nick met his grisly death around 7:45 p.m. Christmas eve. He was preparing his reindeer and sleigh for his busiest night of the year when one of his elf workers approached him. It was a fatal conversation. Witnesses say that it began when Arnie, an elf worker, asked him if he could go home early to spend Christmas with his family. Santa berated him and told him to "quit pissing around" and "get the f-ck back to work." The request for absence elevated into full blown altercation when the elf threw a punch at Santa. Mr. Claus avoided the blow, but both of them fell to the ground.

Witnesses describe what happened next as if it were in slow motion. The elf reached into an ankle holster on his funny elf shoes. Before Santa could get up, the crazed elf fired 4 shots into Santa's jolly gut. He then turned the 0.45 caliber pistol to his head. Quoting Shakespeare's Macbeth, he then uttered, "The time is free!" and ended his life. A hysterical Mrs. Claus tried calling 9-1-1, but the closest emergency service was located in Iceland, at least a 7 hour flight from the North Pole. Claus bled to death from his abdominal wounds. Had paramedics taken a Concorde, Santa's life may have been spared. However, the paramedics noted that Santa's HMO didn't cover Concorde flights even for life saving procedures. They took a Boeing 747 instead and arrived within several hours, but it was too late.

Santa's death may be due to his stingy HMO, but some of his elves provide another, more violent side of Santa Claus as the inevitable cause. They say he had it coming to him because he is disrespectful to his elves. His abuse was likely to make an elf snap sooner or later. In addition, we have learned that Santa's Workshop was being looked into by authorities over allegations of sweatshop conditions. The elves claim that they are paid in toys and leftover candy canes. They have no health benefits. And there is no heat in the Workshop. The North Pole is also tax free, so this all makes the late Santa's shady operation very profitable. We visited the factory, and the conditions were atrocious. Maybe Santa did have it coming to him. Mrs. Claus is now interviewing old bearded men, homeless and those who have homes alike, to replace the late Santa. As of now, Kenny Rogers is the front runner for the position.

So children, if the milk and cookies that you put out for Santa were gone in the morning, it wasn't Santa 'cause he's dead. It was probably your parents 'cause, like we said, Santa is now a martyr. Another victim of the gun culture.

- -Reporting From the North Pole
- * This isn't really about Pokemon. Its about Santa bleeding to death.



Santa Claus: 50 A.D.-1999. Mr. Claus is the latest victim of the gun culture. He was gunned down in cold blood by an angered elf. The elf fired 4 shots into Santa's jolly gut.



This elf, Arnie, is said to be responsible for Santa's murder. It is said that he was angry for being overworked. He felt like he worked in a Kathie Lee Gifford sweatshop.

Drug Dealers Go Online!

The web is changing the way we shop. Online retailing has exploded in the last six months. As a result, there has been a massive stampede to go public for e-commerce companies. Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) are becoming increasingly profitable in the wake of windfall stocks like Amazon.com. The narco-industry is jumping on the e-tailing bandwagon. Just last week, Mexico's Juarez Cartel went public with their stock "Gravediggers.com." Columbia's Cali Cartel plans to IPO a rival site within the next month called "Toomuchtraffick.com." Within the next few months, there will be a flurry of online narco-dealers who plan to go public. Ours is the definitive guide to getting e-high. We have researched the best online drug peddling sites in addition to "Toomuchtraffick.com" and "Gravediggers.com."

The CrackHead Online Shopping Guide

"Coastalkillers.com"

Pro: Based in Tijuana, the Arellano Felix Brothers plan to capture their Los Angeles and San Diego faithful via the internet. This looks to be a very user-friendly site that even people who are high can navigate. A definite bookmark for the run of the mill addict.

Con: Delivery time is a major issue and can take up to three days, enough time for a typical heroin junkee to go into complete withdrawal.

"Narcline.com"

Pro: Name your price for weed, lady snow, or methamphetamines and this site will try to match it. It's a godsend for the frugal drug-user.

Con: Usually if you find a good deal, its too good to be true. For instance, if coke sells for fifty cents a kilo, it is obviously laced with rat poison or some agent to water the premium quality white powder down. Take this one with a grain of salt. (No pun intended.)

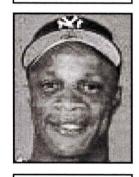
"Hitmebabyonemoretime.com"

Pro: Whether you feel like smoking a Mary Jane or doing some blow, this site has it all with a very nice graphical interface and psychedelic colors. This one has George W. Bush on its guest list. If its good enough for George, its good enough for Johnson, the truck driving pothead. Its an incredibly complete site with enormous flexibility.

Con: It's products come from the Caro Quintero trafficking syndicate based in Sonora, Mexico. They are being scrutinized by the DEA. Give them your credit card number, and you're likely to share a jail cell with them.



The Next Jeff
Bezos? Vicente
Carillo
Fuentes, CEO
and Kingpin of
Gravediggers.com,
pictured above
is opening up
several online
drug trafficking
sites. Some are
planning to
IPO this
month.



These new online drug dealing sites are very convenient for addicts like Darryl Strawberry. It reduces the chance that he will be caught repeatedly.

The CrackHead Online Shopping Guide Continued

"Killbarrymccaffrey.com"

Pro: This site is an offshoot of the Carillo brothers new site "Gravediggers.com," (kind of like an Old Navy or Banana Republic), so you're likely to find really good deals here. A burnout buddy paradise. More than that, it's a really hip site to shop on. They sell drug paraphernalia and authentic items like Jimi Hendrix's LSD headband. Here, you can also bet on finding Hendrix's PCP guitar pick. A real cool website for the nostalgic drug user.

Con: These people really despise U.S Antidrug Czar General Barry McCaffrey, and they make no secret of it. As a result, they're probably being investigated also. So you're likely to go down with them. Don't be too scared because the benefits truly outweigh any risk of going to prison. Easiest time I've ever done.

Online drug trafficking is truly going to revolutionize the way you get high. It will completely redefine narco industry because there are no legal constraints on the internet...yet. So in the meantime, you should take advantage and snort, light up, or inject.

McDonald's Introduces New Value Meals!



McBeal This is two very thin slices of bread served with a glass of water.

> If you do decide to Super Size it, they only give you a glass of water, and they tell you to shove you finger down your throat. (Note: The water is dehydrated water, so you have to actually add water to it. Or you can just

drink it in its powder form!)

McGwire A steroid patty served in between two sesame seed buns with special

> creatine sauce. A protein shake and french fries shaped like little baseball bats. This ones a grand slam, folks. If you decide to Super Size it, they inject the meal with a dirty hypodermic needle used by Mark McGwire into your system.

Aarrrgh! I can feel it working!

MacGyver This is some real brain food. Its food for thought. It's a regular looking hamburger that

enhances your cognitive abilities. That's not all. Instead of a drink and fries, they give

you a yo-yo, chewing gum, a piece of string, and a

and a zippo lighter. If you Super Size the meal, an employee named Murdock leaves you

to die in a seemingly inescapable air tight room. You must use the yo-yo, chewing

gum, string, and lighter to escape! Moohahahaha....moohahahaha!

McGruff Crime isn't all you can take a bite out of. Enjoy this generous slab of meat

sandwiched in a delicious crossiant bun. They don't tell you what kind of meat it

is unless you Super Size it. (Hint: Arff! Arff!)

3 female employees dressed as old hags serve you a sandwich that causes a

chemical imbalance in your mind which subsequently causes you to commit regicide. I recommend you don't Super Size this one because there have been many country leaders who have been senselessly murdered since the introduction of this specific sandwich. By the way, the only way you can get game pieces for this year's Monopoly promotion is by

Super Sizing this value meal. Quite a dilemma, huh!





Networks Release New Primetime Fall Season Lineup.



Touched By A Jesus

This is a spinoff of highly successful Touched By An Angel. CBS hopes to duplicate its winning formula with more Christian based programming in which angels fly around and touch people. In this show, a man who calls himself Jesus Christ walks around and heals people by touching them.

120 Minutes

Sorry, MTV fans. This isn't MTV's late night ghetto of alternative videos. This is two hours of 60 Minutes. You do the math.

700 Club

Pat Robertson is moving his conservative Christian show to primetime. He is considering a name change to gain viewership. The last time our team checked with him, he was toying with the name President Robertson's Club.

Eee Are

This is the new medical drama that is supposed to replace Chicago Hope and give NBC's ER a run for its money and ratings.

Everybody Kills Raymond

A complete 180 of the Everybody-Loves-Raymond concept. Most officials at CBS agrees that this title describes the general feeling of viewers. Everybody Kills Raymond is a situation comedy in which the star, Ray Romano, meets a grisly end at the hand of an unruly mob every week. This is a sleeper, but it may be the difference in the ratings race.

Kids Say Funniest Goddamn Things You'll Ever Hear Yet another show hosted by Bill Cosby with guest appearances by Art Linkletter.



Signfield

A new comedy that takes place in New York City starring comedian Gerry Signfield. Hijinks and shenanigans ensue when Gerry and his buddies *Cramer*, Elayne, and Jorge loiter in his apartment. This could be NBC's salvation in the ratings wars of the post-Seinfeld era.

Amigos

Six twentysomethings from Mexico share an apartment en la Ciudad de Nueva York. They don't work, but somehow they have enough money to afford a luxurious apartment, consume coffee and whine about their near perfect lives in the coffee shop all day long. This is a fresh story line that proves NBC's creativity is alive and well.

Just Shoot Everyone

Another situation comedy that takes place in a post office. It stars the guy from *Cheers* who always wore that U.S. Postal Service uniform but never delivered any mail because he was always too drunk to walk. Well folks, he's not a happy camper anymore either.

Dateline

Now on fifteen times a week.

A show starring Brooke Shields. It chronicles her marriage to Andre *Agassi*.

ABC



Nolan Ryan, Texas Ranger

This show stars martial arts expert Jackie Chan as celebrated Texas Ranger's pitcher Nolan Ryan. When evil forces conspire beat the Rangers, Nolan must fight the opposing team's dugout with his karate expertise. If you enjoy CBS's Walker, Texas Ranger, you'll love Nolan Ryan, Texas Ranger. The reason this show is instrumental to ABC's ratings comeback is because it opens the possibility of spinoffs. Writers are currently dabbling with Rafael Palmiero, Texas Ranger and Juan Gonzalez, Texas Ranger.

Sabrina The Teenage Bitch

This is some feel good family programming. More of a reality based situation comedy that kids can watch without parental supervision. It's about promiscuous teenage girl who smokes pot, earns straight Fs on her report card, pierces her body, talks back to her parents, and runs away from home every single day when they ask, "How was your day at school, honey?"

Bob Saget's Funniest Home Videos

Attempting to make a comeback, former Full House star and 80s icon Bob Saget convinced the sinking ABC network that he could rescue their foundering ship by taping his zany family moments and narrate them with funny voices. Guest appearances by the Olsen twins (It Takes Two, 1994), Candace Cameron, Jodie Sweetin, Dave Coulier, and lovable Uncle Jesse (also known as John Stamos Romjin). Have Mercy!



FOX

Here's a list of their action packed programming this fall. Its rather self-explanatory.

When Bloodthirsty Animals Start Mangling Innocent People VII

When Semi-Trucks Careen Over Bridges Then Explode Upon Impact with Water XI

The World's Bloodiest Bank Robberies In Which Nobody Survives MMXVII

Alien Autopsy XVI: This One is Real. Trust Us!

Surprise! Candid Camera In Public Restrooms!

When Clowns Go Crazy and Assault Midgets XX

When Barbers Attack Their Customers During Haircuts III



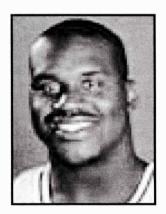


Pacey's Creek

Teenage girls. this is your show. Pacey got sick of constantly being in Dawson's shadow, so he found his own creek to recite sexually explicit lines. While the script is written by adult video stars, the lines are read by kids who haven't even yet reached puberty. Sounds like stuff kids should watch. Parents, this one's a winner. Its planning to move to public television, however.

Saved By the Bell: The Unemployment Years Slater, Zach, and the gang found out the hard way that instead of spending time in their high school and college classes, they screwed around in the hallway and on the beach. They have no marketable skills. Follow them through their wacky schemes to obtain stable employment. By the way, Slater's muscles atropied so he can't even lift heavy objects anymore. Zach's face was disfigured in a volleyball net mishap, so he can't get women. Jesse, Lisa, and Kelly are all 200 pounds overweight so they can't get men. See what happens when you neglect your education and socialize excessively throughout high school and college in this cheery, upbeat sitcom! A small footnote: the show doesn't take place on the beach anymore. The characters live in E. St. Louis, Mo. Others have moved to Gary, Indiana. Mr. Belding and Screech still find a way to follow them around.

"READING IS FUN-do-mental!" says Shaquille O'Neal, a star basketball player and voracious reader.



Even though my major in college was basketball, I did not let my edumucation slizzity slip to the bizzity back burner, yo. I am just as articulate as anyone else. You knows why? Lets me let you in on a little secret. Its cause I read lots a books. I read like a mo fo.

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Sensei

Sensei is an acclaimed author, poet, philosopher, and Tai Kwan Do specialist. He has written several books including the best seller "Enter the Do-Jo". There is currently a waiting list at all his Do- Jos which are located in Los Angeles, London, Tokyo, and Omaha. His work is featured in the New York Times. Reader's Digest, and Vibe Magazine. Sensei has no known formal training in psychology.

Dear Sensei.

I have a problem. To be perfectly frank, I am butt ugly. I've got back, the cottage cheese kind, a set of fully-grown muttonchops, and I am growing something that resembles a horn protruding from my forehead. I used to think I was special; I mean seriously, how many people do you know with a freaking horn sprouting from their forehead? Nevertheless, I am considering surgery to make myself look like Chaka Khan. The doctor said that it would be easier to make myself look like Woody Allen. Sensei, what should I do?

Help,

Bizarro Barbie

My Most Special Bizarro Barbie,

You have little heart. Let me provide metaphor. For bonsai tree, beauty not created after shears make last cut. Bonsai tree not made beautiful. The shears merely remove mask that hides inner beauty of bonsai. Bizarro Barbie, my least aesthetically pleasing pupil, you are bonsai. You must find beauty from within. I recommend three hours of tai chi at your nearest Bally's Vic Tanny.

Hye,

Sensei

Dear Sensei,

Wassup? Yo, I be trippin G. I gots an addiction to the ladies. Now, dis bizatch iz doggin me, yo, and I'm like shiiiii. My homey said you could help a brotha out and I was like hale yeah. Drop me some words of wisdom, G.

Play on Playa,

Butta Luva

My Most Troubled Butta Luva,

You remind me of young sensei who was popular with the geishas, but that is for other time and Do-Jo. There is old Japanese saying, I don't exactly recollect. It is, "man think with egg roll", or something like that; I don't know exactly. That was sensei humor. Just kidding. This still applies however. When growing bonsai tree, you learn much. Sometimes bonsai tree does not grow good, like when branch tilts wrong direction. This is bad bonsai. However, bonsai can be trained to grow good with wire. Butta Luva, your heart must be wire. You must use heart to train egg roll to be good. Next time your egg roll is cooking, try naked tai chi.

Hye,

Sensei

Exclusive: One on One With Russian Citizens

"Hope is a good thing, and no good thing ever dies.....until you've been to Russia."
-Andy Dufresne, *The Shawshank Redemption*

(Moscow, Russia) – Things are tough in Russia these days. The lines at the Moscow McDonald's are as long as ever. And there's only one type of grimace that can be seen here, and its not the huge purple type. It is sad to say, but the grimaces are on the faces of the native Russians. Why so glum, you might be asking?

There are many reasons. Take Yuri for example. Yuri used to be a successful cosmonaut. Things have changed drastically for Yuri lately, however. One cold night when Yuri was burning his last pile of Rubles in the hearth for warmth, a group of men wearing huge raccoon caps with thick Russian accents broke into Yuri's home and roughed Yuri up. Worst of all, they sputnikked* all over his face. A person of logic would assume they took his pile of Rubles, but the thugs didn't bother. We caught up with one of the thugs later. They claimed the Rubles were not worth the effort. Yuri's story is characteristic of the massive hyperinflation plaguing the former USSR. We also asked the merciless goons why they beat the sputnik out of Yuri. "He zingle handedly lost ze space race," replied ze leader of ze hoodlums.

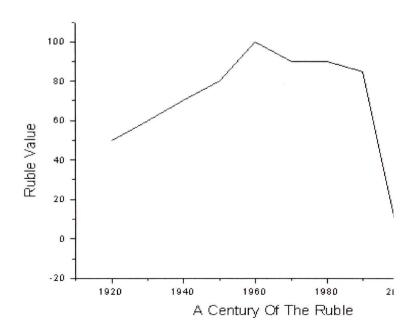
As we travel along the line, we notice a bloated, silver haired gentleman of about 60 years of age. He is not in the best of health. He goes by the name of Boris and the smell of vodka is strong on his breath. Either that, or he swallows his Scope mouthwash instead of spitting it out. Merely smelling his breath makes me tipsy. At first he appears to be completely sane, but the more you listen to him, you begin to realize he is a nut. He speaks as if he was some important figurehead of the Russian government. He mocks the United States and warns us that Russia is still littered with active nuclear warheads. And they are pointed towards the United States. Taking the threat lightly, I stagger away from the man like I am hammered. It's a good thing that man's not in power, our reporting staff celebrates.

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Ruble Value (100 Being Highest)
By Projections, A Ruble in 2020 Will Be More Valuable
As Heat Energy. Fireplaces Across Russia Will
Be Full of Rubles! Three Cheers For Capitalism!*

*Interesting Sidenote: This graph was made during Physics Lab Using Origin 5.0.

INFOGRAPHIC



(Exclusive.. Continued.)

At the front of the line, we encounter a man who appears sane. We ask him a simple question.

"What type of government would most likely characterize Russia at the present time, democracy or communism?" He slowly replies, "No Se." He is Spanish tourist. We proceed to the next person. The same question is asked. The same response is given. She is the Spanish tourist's wife. Next person, same question. He asks us if "feudalizm" can be classified as a type of government. He then rambles on about a fief with Lord Yevgeni. Apparently, he is a vassal who has swore homage to his Lord whose name is Yevgeni. He is happy with his occupation, speaks of the upward mobility, and hopes that he can be promoted to "noble" before next Christmas. We hope you make "noble" too, Sergei. We hope you make "noble" too.

Such is life in Russia. And hope is all Russians have.

-Reporting from the Moscow McDonald's,, The Athenian Staff Writers

*Sputnikked is Russian for meaning whatever you want it to mean. Get your mind out of the gutter.





Happy Lung.

Sad Lung.

Marlboro Cigarettes: They're kinda like Pringles, aren't they?

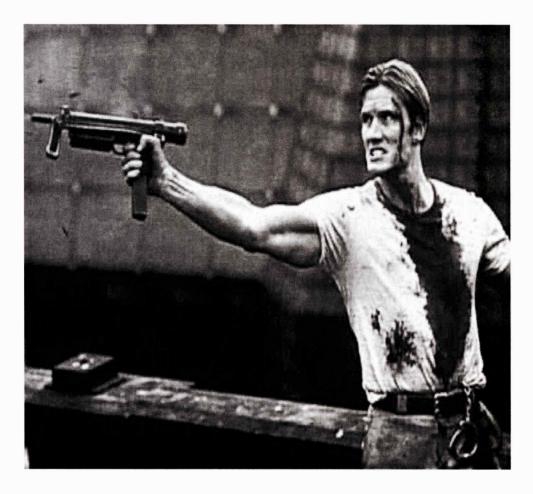
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Extremely Bad Sh-t Happening To Your Kid such as Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, Low Birth Weight, and a Peculiar Penchant Towards Drinking Urine.

MARLBORO MAN'S WARNING: Pregnant Women who Smoke Marlboro's Shouldn't Listen to the Surgeon General. Sometimes he drinks his own urine as a beverage. How credible would you be if drank urine? My point is that you should smoke our cigarettes if you're pregnant cause the Surgeon General drinks urine and that reduces his credibility.

MARLBORO MAN'S MESSAGE TO CONSUMER: I, personally, would like to thank you for smoking my brand of cigs. Oh, by the way, make sure that you share some of your cigarettes with your children. In fact, they don't even have to be your children. Just make sure that they are under the age of 10. We need to solidify our youth demographic.

A Word From the NRA





Hi. I'm Dolph Lundgren, star of films such as The Punisher, Army of One, Hidden Assassin, and Universal Soldier. You may remember me best as "Drago," the steroid pumping Russian who brutally kills Apollo Creed in Rocky IV. I am a friend of the NRA. I like guns. Guns teach youngsters good things. For example, guns teach them about respect. Nobody is going to disrespect them if they bring a gun to school. Guns teach children lessons about this country's heritage. Brave men fought wars. But they couldn't have done it without their guns. I teach children that life is a war, and they should carry guns everywhere they go. Just to be safe. Guns teach kids about our Bill of Rights and the second amendment which gives us the right to carry concealed weapons. There is a famous college intramural adage that says "the only loser is the nonparticipant." Well. let me modify that a little. The only loser is the non gun owner. I'm the NRA.

Paid For By Friends of the National Bloodbath Association.

John Rocker To Play For The Tokyo Dragons.



John Rocker, the racist relief pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, revels in the fact he was just sent to the Tokyo Dragons. He has no love for foreigners, and expects to act it out. "I hope to become a head hunter" gloats Rocker. He further commented that "in my book, a strike zone is when I hit a foriegn player with "wild" pitch. I swear to God I am going to aim for reproductive organs as well as heads." ARRRRGGHHHHHH. I hate foreign people. Especially gay foreign people. ARRRGGHHHHHHH. I can feel the steroids working.

Poorinvestment.com Stock Soars After Initial Public Offering.

This company went public yesterday, and is already worth \$80 Billion.



.....everybody in bloody gloves.



"Cherish" is the Word Local Prostitute Uses To Remind Her of Client's Love.



This prostitute who goes by the name of "Madonna" is tired of broken hearts and losing at this game. Before she starts this dance, she takes a chance and tells her client she wants more than just romance. She's never satisfied with casual encounters. She's givin' it. She's givin it.



ABSOLUT DUI.

Abercrombie & Fitch

Ripping Off Preppy Kids Since 1892

Jonny used be a loser. It all changed when he walked into our store. Now Jonny is a loser with bad credit, no future, AIDS, a nasty heroin addiction, 12 kids, abysmal alimony payments, and a pidgin for a ex-wife. In fact, just last week, they foreclosed on his trailer. Jonny had to delve into his children's college fund to continue buying our overpriced clothes. But you know what. He looks good in them......

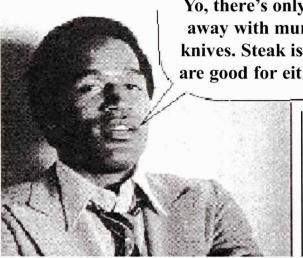
.....so next time you stop by our store, make sure you bring what's left of your life savings.

SALE ON ALL CARGOS!

The more pairs you buy, the less you save, ya stupid dupes! Yeah you, biyatch.

1st Pair - \$200.00 2nd Pair - \$300.00 3rd Pair* - \$ 1,000.00

^{*} This means that this pair is missing one pant leg. The missing pant leg costs an additional \$5,000. We can also work out loan payments if you are unable to pay up front.



Yo, there's only one thing better than getting away with murder. Its owning a set of steak knives. Steak isn't the only thing these knives are good for either....if you know wha I sayin'

We're slashing all of our killer low prices on cutlery sets and steak knives. These knives are to die for. Don't be a victim of high priced cutlery stores. Help us spousally abuse the competition.

The Juice Brand Cutlery Company

Come and visit our factory outlet in Brentwood, CA. Buy knives and get your picture taken with mega star Kato Kaelin.

Phone #: 1-800-DIE-KILL

NASA Goofs Up Again.

Its seems as if NASA has screwed up again. Their last mistake seemed idiotic enough. NASA operators at its Jet Propulsion Laboratory worked in metric units while collaborating with the builder of the Mars Climate Orbiter, Lockheed Martin, who worked in English units. Their newest bungle truly raises doubt about the competence of NASA. NASA officials deny incompetence and attribute their shortcomings to a very tight budget.

During random inspections, it was found that the newest probe designed to leave for Mars was made from Kraft Macaroni that was meticulously glued together. To add legitimacy to the project, NASA engineers placed what appeared to be a Speak N' Spell for the control console. Several model rockets were found beneath the probe. They were painted in camouflage colors with USA decals on the side. There was also a periscope and a disposable cardboard Kodak camera attached to the probe for no apparent reason.

The design team for this specific probe is very accomplished, so it is alarming that such a pathetic space-craft was engineered. Most of them carry degrees in telemarketing, VCR repair, consulting, and basketweaving. The budget for this probe was originally estimated to be \$400 million. However, they went over the budget by approximately a \$100 million because of unanticipated expenses such as "stolen office supplies" and "space parties."

AGAIN: Another Kennedy

Family Tragedy.

(Hyannis Port, MA) – It was a solemn day yesterday in the Kennedy compound. It seems as if tragedy has the Kennedy family as a marked target. There were tears. A lot of hugging. And a lot of consoling. The Kennedy family gathered at Hyannis Port yesterday to pray for the latest victim of the Kennedy curse, Senator Edward Kennedy, a figurehead of the family dynasty.

The senior senator from Massachusetts was writing up legislation at his home when his throat felt parched. He got up from his chair and walked across his parlor to the liquor cabinet. When he opened it, it was completely empty. Not a single drop of hard liquor. This was enough to send the booze-hound senator into total shock. He collapsed from the trauma and was rushed to the emergency room at Massachusetts General Hospital. Physicians there diagnosed him with a condition known as "alcoholism." Alcoholism is a chronic condition that is usually contracted in college (if you're lucky...high school), during fraternity parties and raves. It results in people doing really stupid sh-t, such as urinating on police officers or starring in an Ernest movie (apologies to Jim Varney. You're a badass Jim. You too, Vern.). The Senator is slowly recovering as the family continues to pray.



In Theaters Soon!

Afghan Opium Production, Trade With China Increasing

Poppy harvests have been surprisingly successful this year in Afghanistan. And as a result, Afghanistan has become the world's undisputed leader in the production of opium. The Islamic Taliban militia, which runs Afghan affairs, has given China its "most favored nation" trading status.

Why China? The Taliban officials told our reporters that it opens up possibilities of economic expansion for the ailing Afghan economy. The United States has been cold to dealing with Afghanistan because of the Taliban regime. In addition, the 1980s were very cruel to the Afghan economy as John Rambo left a path of destruction while single handedly attempting to thwart a Russian invasion. The private sector took the hardest hit as a result of Rambo's flashback induced psychosis. This all makes the United State's history with Afghanistan very sketchy.

So naturally, Afghanistan must look to China. Also, China is a reputed opium importer dating back to the mid-1800s when Peter Minuit purchased Hong Kong and Macau for two pipes and some opium. Taliban officials feel this would allow Afghanistan to sign a few unfair treaties at various Chinese ports like Nanking. This would leave China open to be carved into "spheres of influence."

J.K Rowling Burnt at the Stake

Children's author, J.K. Rowling, was burnt at the stake yesterday in Salem, Massachusetts. She is the author of the lovable Harry Potter books. In 1997, Ms. Rowling released her first Harry Potter novel, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, which immediately rose to the top of the New York Times Best Seller List. Currently, her other Harry Potter novels are in second and third place on the best seller List.

A resident of Salem suspected Rowling of being a witch when the third Harry Potter novel made it to the top of the best seller list. Since this has not happened before, it stands to reason that Rowling used some sort of necromancy to make her book succeed. Also, Rowling's wardrobe was very witch-like as the curious Salem resident reasoned. "For every photo shoot that she has done in popular magazines like People and Entertainment Weekly, Rowling has dressed like a sorceress. And for that she must die and go straight to hell. She has to be taught a lesson.... like that bitch, Joan of Arc."

Rowling was captured at her home in England, and brought to Salem were she was given an unfair trial. A judge determined her guilty because when she was placed in a pool of water with several heavy anvils tied to her legs, she did not float. Also, when she her skin was cut, she bled.

All of this divine evidence pointed to her guilt. Salem residents then took up their pitchforks and lanterns, assembled into a mob, and escorted the guilty witch to her punishment. Rowling was tied to a bunch of twigs and branches and burnt. When her body was completely burnt, some residents noticed a woman in the sky flying away on a broomstick yelling "eh hee hee hee." What's spookier is that a fourth Harry Potter book appeared on the top of the best seller list today.

NEWSBRIEFS

(These are pretty much all the articles we wanted to write but didn't have time to. You get a firsthand look at the brainstorming process and the articles that did not make it.)

Bobby Brown Vows to Beat Wife Whitney Houston This Year.in record sales. Female Soccer Player Scores Goal, Takes Top Off, Exposes Muscles O. J. Simpson Marries Next Victim Callista Flockhart Attends Awards Dinner, Throws Up **Afterwards Barry White to Sing in Safe Sex Commercials** Ben Affleck to Star in New Film, Chasing Matt. World Trade Organization Meetings and Woodstock 2000 To Take Place In Detroit on Devil's Night Gene Siskel Gives Movie Bicentennial Man a Thumbs Down **During Séance** Voting Age Reduced to 5: Pikachu, Big Bird, and Oscar the **Grouch Enter Presidential Race**

New TV Show To Air on MTV: "Win Corky's Money!"

(New York, NY) – With the success of Win Ben Stein's Money it was almost inevitable that a clone of the show would appear on a different network. MTV is producing such a clone. The choice of its host has been heavily questioned by Hollywood producers. Christopher Burke, better known as Corky, from the early 1990s TV drama, Life Goes On, beat out 30 other potential hosts to win the position.

The show is set up exactly like its mother show on Comedy Central. Instead of Ben Stein, Corky sits in a sound proof booth and tries to answer ten questions correctly. If the finalist is successful in answering more questions correctly than Corky, he or she will win a cash prize of half a million dollars. This is quite a hefty sum considering the fact that Corky might not be as smart as Ben Stein. MTV executives are willing to gamble half a million greenbacks per show on this. The network is hoping that this game show will attract the intellectual demographic to their viewership.

Ten shows have been recorded so far. To date, MTV coffers have taken a hit of five million dollars. If Corky doesn't start answering some questions correctly, MTV could be headed for bankruptcy real fast. Maybe that won't be so bad. At least we won't have to see Carson Daly's face anymore.

Robin Williams to Star in Movie About Offbeat, Clownish Male Robot That Dresses Like an Old Female Robot and Cures Sick Children With Flubber in a House Where Animals Come to Life and Chase Him To Win Custody of His Children From Heaven.

Question: What's more heartwarming than Robin Williams' desire to be loved by moviegoers? Answer: This movie. This one has box office smash stamped all over it. Written, directed, and starring Robin Williams, this movie is nothing like you've ever seen before. The plot is fairly intricate, but that's because the movie is so deep. It works on so many levels.

Robin Williams plays a goofy robot father (Mork) with a pituitary gland problem who loses his job doing voices for a local cartoon show. His wife kicks him out of the house and requests a divorce. He dresses up like an old maid and earns a job back in his house to be with his kids. But he is caught. The authorities think he is crazy and a danger to his own children. Consequently, he is locked up in a mental hospital where he befriends a mathematical genius named William Huntington. Together, they go on a spiritual journey in which William determines that love conquers all. During this spiritual journey, Robin discovers Flubber and uses it to escape from the crazy hospital. When

he escapes, he starts putting his shattered life back together. He attains a perfect score on the MCAT despite the fact he knows absolutely nothing and dresses like a clown. Off to medical school he goes. During his residency, he realizes that his humor has the ability to cure sick children. One day, an infant with some terminal disease accidentally swallows the flubber that he has irresponsibly let the child play with. The child is cured as the flubber goes through his bloodstream.

But Mork is an old, ailing robot now. He needs an upgrade. During his upgrade, something special happens. He starts experiencing emotions. With the money from his windfall panacea, flubber, Robin buys a really large house where animals come to life and chase him. There's only one emotion he experiences at this point, and its FEAR. The animals chase him to a tunnel in which a car pileup is in its midst. As Mork turns around, he sees a car flying towards him. The automobile kills Mork on the spot.

There is something beyond life. It's a place where dreams come true. There, he befriends Cuba Gooding Jr. With heavenly aid, Mork fights his ex-wife for the custody of his children. By this time, Mork's transformation is complete. He goes from a stoic, metallic robot to a man with real emotions. Truly, a touching film. This entire article was written in sarcasm to show what a failure Robin Williams' career has been. I mean, how goofy can you get? His resume has to be the goofiest in Hollywood history. I am sorry that I somehow neglected to incorporate *Hook, Jakob the Liar, Good Morning, Vietnam, Dead Poets Society* and *The Fisher King*, but it was getting to be a difficult task.

-The Athenian's Movie Critic



Left, Below: Robin Willaims in his goofiest role ever, a goofy robot who learns how to feel.

Right: Robin
Willaims in his
goofiest role
ever, a goofy
robot who
learns how to
feel. This movie
was voted the
"most goofiest
use of money in
mankind's
history."



Above: The goofy robot.

This magazine has been accepted by many of this country's most respected news sources.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Stock Market Soars in Anticipation of New Humor Magazine

Dow Jones Climbs to a record breaking 20,000

Saddam Hussein Steps on Landmine: EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE!!!!!

Tech Sector Hit Hard: Nasdaq Plummets as Bill Gates is Pauperized. Estimated Net Worth of \$2.00 Local Hotdog Vendor Buys Out Microsoft (PG 12)

The New York Times

Pres. Gore Sex Scandal Stuns America AGAIN!! Tipper Stays With Husband.

Americans Tired of Lewinsky Seducing President after President.

Poll Indicates New Humor Magazine Has 98% Approval Rating. Same Poll shows 2% of America doesn't have a sense Steve Jobs Offers

Gates Position at

Apple Corp. as "Coffee

Boy/Food Gopher"

of humor.

Chicago Tribune

DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN!

BUT FIRST, OUR COVERAGE ON DEBUT OF NEW HUMOR MAG!

What if Truman Won? Experts say he "would've used A-Bomb" thereby causing something called "Cold War." Boy...are we glad Dewey won. Damn ...are we glad.

The OBSeRVeR

We were at first opposed to any humor whatsoever on this campus, but after this breakthrough magazine, we will devote our entire newspaper to humor. From now on, NO NEWS!!!! Every issue is an April fools issue. We are also going to change our name to The Athenian II hoping that we can have some trickle down success from the wildly successful and revered The Athenian.

-No one person wrote this. This is the reflective of the feelings of everyone on The Observer (The Athenian II) staff.

Time Magazine proclaims "The Athenian is a belly full of laughs."

Newsweek raves "forget the physics and engineering departments. This is the thing that will put CWRU on the map. Its a masterpiece."

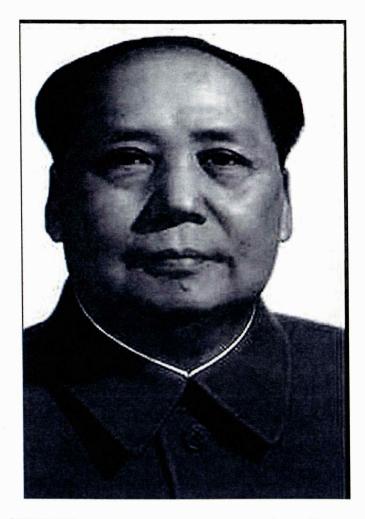
Roger Ebert says "I need food. I am really very hungry. I am a giant ass. Only God knows why I continue to carry any credibility. Oh yeah, that new humor magazine sucks."

The Christian Science Monitor says "this is the best thing thats happened since Jesus. This is truly the second coming. Sinners repent. The messiah is here, and its called The Athenian."

Autopsy Weekly says "Coroners all over the country are reporting deaths due to excessive amounts of laughter."

Alan Keyes, a Republican presidential candidate, says "This new humor magazine is so good that it got more delegates than I did on Super Tuesday. Hell, I'd vote for this magazine if it ran for president. It'll restore dignity to the office."

John Rocker, the bigot pitcher, states "I'm sure the magazine would be good if I was able to read the damn thing. Its all foreign to me."



"I endorse CWRU's new humor publication, The Athenian. I encourage you to take a great leap forward from your couch and write for this revolutionary magazine."

- Chairman Mao

This magazine has the official Mao seal of approval. Remember, write for the magazine that only has Chairman Mao's seal of approval.

If you're interested in writing for our next issue, contact: case_lampoon@hotmail.com