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PERVERSE, MAYBE, BUT CHEERFUL NONETHELESS

Here assembled in a merry group is the cast and director of David Mamet's "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," which will be presented tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Philipsburg Performance Center of the Natali Student Center. In the front row are Sarah Taylor, Chris Kunicki, Carla Pignoli and Eric Hess. Behind them are director Richard Magagnotti, Chris Ann Wivagg and Rachael Wilson. Most unperversely, the show is free. Photograph by Edward Dunlevy.

AIDS Update 1992: The Choice Is Yours

by J.E. Novak

Dr. Richard P. Keeling, M.D. and Lauren Burk, one of the longest surviving HIV infected women, addressed California University students, faculty and staff at AIDS Update 92 on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

CU President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr., discussed the AIDS issue before introducing Keeling.

"As you know, there is an epidemic afoot, not just in America, but throughout the world. And I'm glad to see that our students are here to learn more about this epidemic," Armenti said.

Keeling, consultant on AIDS to colleges and universities, and public and private secondary schools, is the director of the Department of Student Health and associate professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia-Charlottesville. He described the HIV virus as "invincible."

"If you read the news magazine articles which talk about HIV and AIDS in the rest of the world," Keeling said, "if you read the projections from the public health service about the American experience of AIDS in the coming couple of decades, it's easy to feel that it's

become so overwhelming that somehow we as individuals don't seem to have anything to do."

Keeling commended CU for its HIV education programs and noted that Lynn Surrey, a counselor at CU, has worked on the Task Force on HIV/AIDS for the American College and Health Association for more than 10 years.

In his lecture, Keeling did not discuss the biological factors associated with AIDS or provide statistics on the epidemic. Instead, he illustrated the decisions people make that might lead to HIV infection.

"It's certainly safe to say that no-

body ever intended to have HIV," Keeling said.

"And people didn't get HIV or another sexually transmitted disease because they didn't care or because they didn't think about it. They didn't get HIV because somehow they weren't clear in their own mind about things. People did get HIV because of something wrong that they did."

The major problem, according to Keeling, is that people have trouble making choices. People know about the virus, but they have trouble connecting what they know to the behaviors they practice. Statis-

tics show that 95 percent of American college students know the facts about AIDS; however, they put themselves at risk because they do not use that knowledge to prevent HIV infection.

"Condoms really aren't what happens," Keeling said. The *Journal of Science* recently published a study which said only a small percent of minorities in America use condoms continuously in sexual relationships. However, several other issues have led to the spread of AIDS. Acquaintance rape is one factor in the epidemic, but, accord-

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Shakespeare Never Did This

What a Waste

Kevin Dolenz

Has it really come to this? Has the human animal evolved (de-evolved?) into nothing more than a brainless, self-absorbed, lummock that is incapable of forethought, void of foresight, and unwilling to show concern towards the future of it's own kind?

Why has this supposedly superior species resigned itself to throwaway consumerism? Does possessing an opposable thumb give man the right to slovenly gorge himself while leaving a trail of eventually toxic waste in his wake?

It appears that we desperately need a higher, more aware, collective social consciousness. Unfortunately, it also appears that this must be forced on those who need it the worst.

In other words, if people can't see the tragic situation that their wasteful ways are hurting us towards, than I suggest beating it into them. If they refuse to change their ways then they should be denied the access to throwaway items.

Why are some of you so childish that you literally stomp your feet, whine, and pout if you are denied the right to commit ridiculously wasteful acts, or if you are made to clean up after your trash an area with more senseless waste than anyone needs to create?

Why must you stubbornly insist that your ketchup (only half of which you will use) go into a plastic cup that will sit on your plate? Will it cause you trauma if the ketchup touches your fries before you can dunk them in it?

Why must your side dish (battered corn, or mashed potatoes) go into a separate, invariably styrofoam container which will also sit on your plate and be discarded immediately after your quick meal? Is it really so awful if the gravy from the potatoes touches the bread of your sandwich?

Grow up already. Why can't you realize that nearly

everything you throw away has to be put somewhere for at least the next eight thousand years? Is it really too difficult for you to understand that all of this waste is gathering together, festering into a toxic sludge, and poisoning the only planet capable of supporting our form of life?

O.K. Try this. The next time you buy a soda in a styrofoam cup, think of that cup not as the small portion of foamed plastic that fits in your hand, but as the three foot square cases of cups that the food-service distributes at each meal.

Now ask yourself "What am I going to do with this big, bulky thing for the next eight thousand years? Where can I put it that it won't be in my way?"

Now, imagine everyone in line around you carrying a box that size and trying to put it somewhere out of the way.

Having found nowhere to dispose of your trash, you exit the Student Union, still burdened with the bulk of your waste and find that—"Gasp"—everyone outside is lugging around as much as you. Many are even struggling with more. Some are carrying cases stacked on top of one another. Those more adept at waste management are balancing the excess on their heads. Still others are hauling carts with numerous cases of various shapes and sizes.

Every one of them is looking for somewhere to put their trash for the next millenium. Hopefully somewhere that they won't have to look at it.

Pardon the Dr. Seuss imagery but maybe it will help your juvenile mind understand. The simple fact is we are running out of to put all of the things that we we throw away. As if that isn't enough to scare the bejeezus out of you, we're running out of resources to supply you with new.

Well, what are we going to do? The answer sounds almost like

the moral of our Dr. Seuss episode.

Reduce—Reuse—Recycle
Reduce: Stop using so many throw away items. Don't waste ketchup cups and napkins. Napkins used to be trees. We need trees.

Reuse: Purchase and use a reusable mug. Most businesses offer refills at a lower price. It's a start.

Recycle: Buy recyclable goods, recycle them, buy more. Califor-

LETTERS...

We are not "dirt that should be avoided." We are hard-working, honest people who within the past year have quit our regular jobs and have put everything we own on the line to open up our own business in Brownsville, hoping to realize our "American Dream."

Brownsville is a proud community, full of history and heritage of our country's past and a real hope for its future.

Brownsville has a great resource in its people, willing to work hard for their community. Brownsville has other resources—namely the river and the railroad.

We have vast quantities of land for residential commercial and industrial use. The only element missing is a limited access highway or expressway.

We hope that the editorial "Golden Dreams, Dad" is not the opinion that California University or the Times has of Brownsville.

The editorial staff and faculty in charge of daily operation of the Times should be more responsible for what is written for their newspaper.

The article is fiction, pure and simple with a sensationalistic description of Brownsville and its residents that should have never been published.

We believe the educated staff and faculty in charge of the Times owes the community of Brownsville and its residents an apology and hope they will publish positive articles on Brownsville and surrounding communities in the future. We would like to see less sensationalism and more factual reporting in all newspapers.

Thomas M. Shaneburger
Justine Shaneburger,
Owners of the Brownsville
Hotel Bar and Restaurant

nia University staff offices recycle paper but do they buy and use recycled?

Why can't you see that by throwing it all away, You are-in the big picture- throwing it ALL away?

So maybe I am suffering from an Oedipal complex with Mother Nature, is that really so bad?

What if there is other life in the universe? Pretend that there are intelligent beings watching us from

other planets. Suppose there is a God. Wouldn't it be embarrassing to have them look at this once blue-green orb that floated through space, teeming with life, showing such great promise and see that we, through greed and carelessness, have reduced it to a smoldering, toxic heap of waste?

How could we not feel humiliated to have them look at what we did and sigh "What a Waste"?

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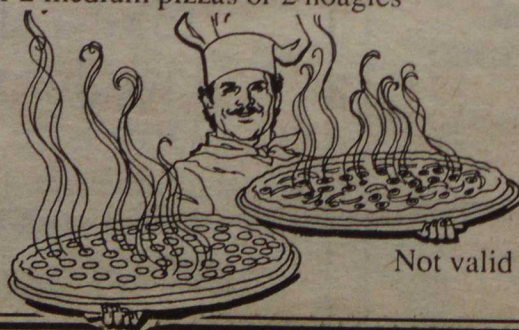
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California Petition Drive Protests Expressway Cancellation

by Jeremy Workman

The decision to cancel the Mon/Fayette Expressway Project link between Uniontown and Brownsville has been made, but the California University community is showing its disappointment by petitioning to have the project reinstated.

Student Government is circulating petitions asking for the reinstatement of the section of the for-

CHOICES Provides Peer Educators

by Jodi Solito

The CHOICES office, the drug and alcohol intervention/prevention program on campus, is expanding their services to include peer education.

So, what is peer education? It is students educating other students about topics and issues which impact their lives.

Peer education has been effective, especially concerning health and social issues. Students tend to be more receptive to their peers than to "teachers" because their peers share similar tasks and experiences.

In addition, the methods used to disseminate the information are creative, non-threatening, and often times unconventional. Board games, role playing, informal discussions, and even theatrical presentations are used to convey information.

CHOICES is currently seeking volunteers who would like to be a part of the peer education team. Interested students are asked to contact Jodi Solito, Peer Education Coordinator, at 938-5856, or stop by the CHOICES office.

mer expressway between Uniontown and Route 51.

Student Congress President Bill Fink said that Dr. Paul Burd, dean of student affairs, came to him with the idea of starting a letter-writing campaign.

Fink believed a petition drive would engage more students than a letter writing campaign, so he presented the idea to Student Congress, which accepted it.

This creates an informal, relaxed atmosphere which is conducive to communication and learning.

The objective of CHOICES Peer Education Program is to address the issues surrounding the use of alcohol and other drugs through the creative programming efforts of fellow students.

In addition to providing factual information about substance use/abuse, these programs address the driving forces behind the behaviors.

Students are encouraged to examine their own behaviors in light of the social environment which surrounds them.

CHOICES is currently seeking volunteers who would like to be a part of the peer education team.

Interested students are asked to contact Jodi Solito, Peer Education Coordinator, at 938-5856, or stop by the CHOICES office.

He and Dave Smith, SAI operations manager, then developed the petition and 90 to 100 petitions are being circulated with the help of Student Development, Commuter Council, and members of the Student Congress class.

Bill Behrendt, dean of resident life, is handling the distribution of the petitions in dormitories.

Fink believes the cancellation of the section between Uniontown and Brownsville only hurts the university because two-thirds of the students at CU are commuters.

CU President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr. also believes the decision is a detriment to the university.

"It's clear that that's going to be a serious handicap, a serious problem to the people who use that road. It's a concern to us at the university because many of our students come from that direction, come from Fayette County, and as a result they'll continue to use Route 40 which, as you know, is a fine historic road, but as you know, it is heavily traveled; it's two lane, and it's dangerous," Armenti said.

Fink said he would like to have 3,000 to 5,000 signatures on the petitions.

"As of right now, I have around 600 signatures, but that's a long way from my goal," he said.

The petitions will be collected on Monday, Dec. 3. They will then be sent to the Governor Robert Casey,

the Office of Transportation, the Turnpike Commission and the State Senate and House of Representatives.

If the petitions drive fails, Fink then plans on starting a letter-writing campaign.

Armenti thinks a letter-writing campaign would be a good idea: "My advice would be to all of our students, faculty, and staff that they should write carefully reasoned letters of a personal nature to their representatives and senators and that they should send copies of that to the governor and the head of PennDOT. I think the more such letters are sent, the better the chances are that the link between Brownsville and Uniontown will be built."

Armenti said legislators take letters more seriously than petitions because of the time and thought put into writing a letter.

Although the section from Uniontown to Brownsville has been abandoned, Armenti believes there is hope that the project will be reinstated in the future.

Armenti said that once the other sections are built, the need for the section between Uniontown and Brownsville might increase, and the decision could be reversed.

The other sections of the Mon/Fayette Transportation Project are: a section from Morgantown to Uniontown; a section from Interstate

70 to Route 51; and a section from State Route 51 to Pittsburgh.

Armenti said not only the university, but the surrounding communities are affected by the decision.

Brownsville Mayor Rob Bakewell said that the people of Brownsville are very upset by the decision.

"A lot of people are mad. Of course they're mad; they took away our road," he said.

Bakewell was looking forward to the progress the road presented. "Anytime you have access to roads, you have growth in one way or another. Roads are progress; there is no doubt about that."

Representatives from Redstone, Luzerne, Jefferson, Menallen and Brownsville townships, Centerville and Brownsville boroughs, and the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday night to discuss the decision and possible plans of action.

Frank Ricco, president of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, has already spoken to state Senator Barry Stout, chairman of transportation, about the decision, Bakewell said.

"All you can do is stay on the legislators because they are the ones appropriating the money," Bakewell said.

Another meeting with the community representatives is planned for sometime after January 1.

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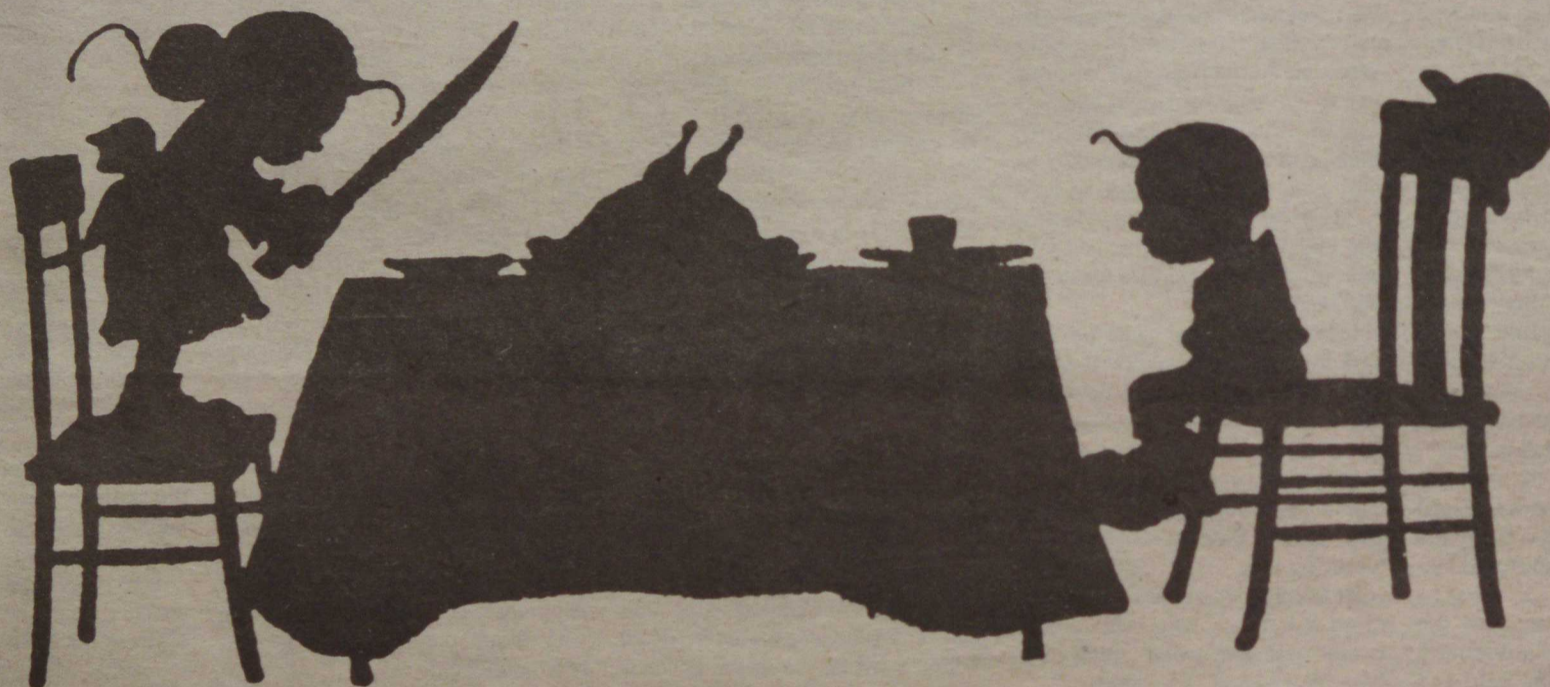
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